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Chief of Police Carl McMillan

BY SHEILA DUNCAN
REPORTER

In the hustle and bustle of daily life, it's easy to become disconnected from the heartbeat of your community. Yet, encouraging the growth of strong connections with local officials, leaders, and neighbors is not just a good idea—it's vital for fostering a sense of belonging and building a resilient, supportive community. Here's how you can get to know the people who shape your community:

Let us get to know our Chief of Police for the City of Brent, Carl McMillan is a Graduate of Baldwin County High School Class of 1982. He is also a single father with 2 daughters. He has served in the National Guard for 28 years and is now the City of Brent Chief of Police and has been since September 1, 2023.

I asked Chief McMillan if he would be willing to answer a few fun and relative questions and he nicely agreed so let's see what he has to say:

Share a quote or mantra that inspires you in your personal and professional life. Answer: People normally ask me daily how I am doing. I tell them I am living the dream. I tell them to ask me what the dream is: my dream is to be a better me tomorrow than I am today so if I wake up the next day I am living the dream.

Share with us a funny or embarrassing moment from your career that taught you something valuable. Answer: Years ago, my brother was killed on December 25th of 1987. Years later I got into law enforcement and the detective that was over my brother's case used my brother's death situation in class.

If you were given a chance to switch careers for a week, what would you choose to do? Answer: Go back to driving trucks which I had done for 10 years prior to getting into policing.

If you were to organize a crime-fighting flash mob, what would be your go-to-dance move to intimidate the bad guys? Answer M.C. Hammer, "Can't Touch This".

What are your hobbies or interests outside of work that help you unwind and recharge? Answer: I like to fish or just travel.

How do you approach diversity and inclusion within your department, and what strategies do you employ to ensure fair treatment and opportunities for all officers and community members alike? Answer: We treat people like we want to be treated.

If you could magically solve one problem in your community or industry overnight, what would it be? Answer: To improve relationships between the community and the police. Describe your leader-

ship style using a movie title. Answer: "Major Payne"

If you could give your younger self one piece of advice, what would it be? Answer: If in it for the money this job's not for you.

Thank you, Chief McMillan, for your openness in sharing with us. It helps us to better understand you!

Asking questions is much more than a simple task; it's a gateway to deeper connections and a richer understanding of our communities. Through genuine curiosity and thoughtful inquiry, we open doors to a wealth of knowledge, perspectives, and stories that might otherwise remain hidden. Whether the questions are lighthearted or intense, they serve as bridges between individuals, encouraging empathy and strengthening the bonds within our communities. So, let's continue to ask, to listen, and to learn, for in that place lies the true essence of community building.



Join the Autism Support Group for a Special Event!

BY SAVANNAH LOGAN
REPORTER

The Autism Support Group invites everyone on the autism spectrum to a special gathering at the BMC Recreational Fields on Saturday, June

22, 2024, from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

This event promises a morning of fun and camaraderie. Participants will enjoy a friendly ball game with local celebrities, providing a great opportunity for social-

izing, physical activity, and creating lasting memories.

To join, please register with Kaye Culp at culpkaye@gmail.com. Don't miss out on this exciting and inclusive event!



Offset Print Presses Make Way For The Digital Age

BY MIKE HOBSON
REPORTER

The Centreville Press has been producing a rural community newspaper in Bibb County, Alabama since the 19th century and remains one of the oldest continuous publications in the State. History dates the first publication to 1880. The Alabama Department of Archives and History reveals that there were multiple newspapers being printed in Bibb County in that historic era. Some of the publication names that you may have never heard of included the Bibb County News, the Blocton Reflector, the County Press, State Central Express, the Eoline Messenger, the Central Enquirer, and the Bibb Blade.

The best contemporary remembrance of these defunct publications was the Bibb Blade. In 1936 Mr. Frank Gist wrote about his newspaper experiences in a letter to the Centreville Press editor. Gist recalled that he and his father published the Bibb Blade in Six Mile beginning in 1881. He said the Blade was founded by Frank P. Glass and operated originally from the Glass Store in Six Mile, then was purchased by Pratt and Suttle and published from the rear of their Six Mile store. The publication was moved to Centreville in 1888 and moved again to Blocton under new owners in 1892, according to Gist. Eventually, the Bibb Blade would be acquired by the owners of the Centreville Press. Some orig-

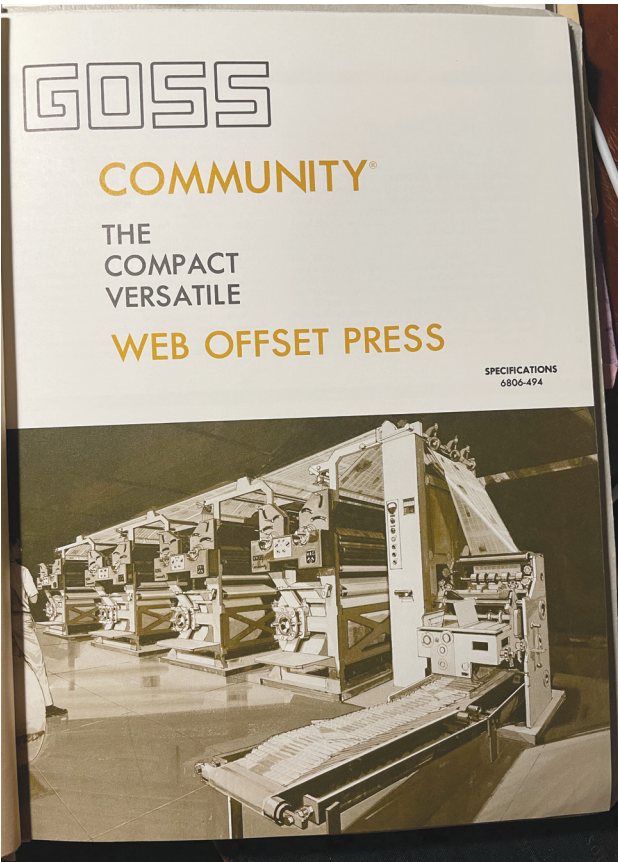
inal copies of the Bibb Blade are still preserved today in Centreville Press archives.

In a memorandum found among his possessions by his grand daughter Melanie, James W. Oakley Sr. wrote of his sudden introduction to the newspaper business when his father, O.C. Oakley, purchased the Centreville Press from Mrs. L.H. Nunnelee. The year was 1927 and Oakley was still in high school, having reached the tender age of 16 years. The Oakley family took over the operation of the newspaper on July 1 of that year and Jim Sr.

packed off to a training class in New Orleans. He journeyed to learn the Linotype process while his mother ran the business office and produced the newspaper.

Oakley (James W. Oakley Sr.-1911-1972) wrote that the Press had acquired a Mergenthaler linotype machine two years earlier. After 7 months of training Oakley returned to Centreville in 1928 and plunged into operating the newspaper, only to face the stock market crash and the Great Depression less than a year later.

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J & S Drug Reopens Deli for Summer Season

BY SHEILA DUNCAN
REPORTER

Local favorite J & S Drug announces the return of their beloved deli, serving up delicious meals every Wednesday through Friday from 10:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

As the summer season kicks into gear, J & S Drug is excited to reopen their deli, offering a delightful menu that is sure to tantalize the taste buds of locals and visitors alike. Beginning this week, the deli will operate from 10:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. every Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, giving patrons the perfect opportunity to enjoy a leisurely lunch or a quick bite during their busy day.

The Summer Deli Menu at J & S Drug is thoughtfully curated, featuring a variety of classic and refreshing options

that highlight the best of seasonal flavors. Here's a sneak peek at what's on offer: Chicken Salad Plates, Pimento Cheese Plates, Chicken Salad Cup, Pimento Cheese Cup, Pasta Salad Cup, Chicken Salad Sandwich, Pimento Cheese Sandwich, Fresh Homemade Lemonade: Wash down your meal with a glass of their signature homemade lemonade, the perfect

thirst-quencher for a hot summer day.

The reopening of the deli marks a special time for J & S Drug, as they continue their tradition of serving the community not just as a pharmacy, but as a gathering spot for friends, families, and food lovers. The deli's emphasis on fresh, homemade ingredients ensures that every bite is bursting with flavor and quality.



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GUARANTEED JOB AT BMC

Certified Pharmacy Technician and Nursing Assistant Classes Offered this Summer at BMC

BY SAVANNAH LOGAN
REPORTER

Starting June 2024, Bibb Medical Center (BMC) is thrilled to offer the following educational opportunities through a partnership with Shelton State Community College that have the potential to launch you straight into a career!

Certified Pharmacy Technician Program
Program Duration: June 17 - August 8, Summer Semester
Class Schedule: Tuesdays and Thursdays
Location: BMC Bibb

Campus
Participants will gain the knowledge, skills, and certification necessary to jumpstart their careers as Certified Pharmacy Technicians without ever having to leave the community.

Certified Nursing Assistant Program
Program Details: Earn your certification as a Nursing Assistant
Class Start Date: June 17
Incentives: Free classes and free books
Guaranteed Job: Secure employment at BMC upon completion

Eligibility: GED or High School Diploma required

For more information and to apply for either program, visit the BMC Careers page on their website (<https://www.bibbmed.com/careers>)

For questions, contact bmchr@bibbmedicalcenter.com. BMC is on stand-by, ready to answer your questions and help you figure out the next steps.

Secure your spot to become a Certified Nursing Assistant or Certified Pharmacy Technician by completing an online application today!

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Meeting Date: May 20, 2024

1. Call to order

2. Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call

4. Approval of Agenda

5. Regular Agenda Items

A. Request to approve Kristin Lightsey as Principal, Woodstock Elementary School, effective July 1, 2024.

B. Request to approve Farrah Daniel from 12 month Counselor, Bibb County Career Academy, to 11 month Student Information System Manager, effective July 1, 2024.

C. Request to approve the employment of Cami Hammond as Science Teacher, Centreville Middle School, effective 2024-2025 school year.

D. Request to approve the employment of Taylor Alsop as 9 month Custodian, West Blocton High School, effective 2024-2025 school year.

E. Request to approve the following for 21st Century CAST, Bibb County High School:

F. Request to approve the following summer workers:

G. Request to approve Russell Wallace as Head Volleyball Coach, Bibb County High School.

H. Request to approve payment to Vickie Brown for interpreter services for students qualifying for services, as needed for the 2024-2025 school year. Payment of \$50 per hour, not to exceed \$5,000, will be made from IDEA funds.

I. Request to approve payment to Angela Chesser to administer achievement tests, complete eligibility reports, and enter data for the 2024-2025 school year. Payment of \$35 per hour, up to 15 hours per week, will be made from IDEA funds.
- J. Request to approve payment to Rebecca Brown for speech services for ESY students, testing initial referrals and reevaluations for speech therapy, administering hearing and vision screenings, as needed for May, June, and July 2024. Payment of \$40 per hour will be made from IDEA funds.

K. Request to approve the following for Math/Reading Camp, Randolph Elementary School:

6. Executive Session: Personnel
- A. Request to approve the Superintendent's recommended Personnel Action List.

7. Information Items

A. Board Work Session: Thursday, June 6, 2024 at 2:00 PM

B. Board Meeting: Tuesday, June 11, 2024 at 5:00 PM

C. The Superintendent, based on the recommendation of the local school Principal, has made the following reassignments for the 2024-2025 school year:

8. Superintendent Remarks

9. Request to adjourn

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- Registration Deadline: June 21, 2024
- Program Performance: July 13, 2024
- Practice Dates: July 7, 2024 (4PM-5:15PM @Bibb County BOE) and July 11, 2024 (5PM-5:30 *optional practice)
- To register or for more information, contact Ashlynn Partridge at ashlynnpartridge12@gmail.com or 205-928-2233



Distinguished Young Women of Bibb County Presents: High Heel Boot Camp

BY SHEILA DUNCAN
REPORTER

In an effort to blend poise, confidence, and practical skills, the Distinguished Young Women of Bibb County organization has launched a unique program known as the "High Heel Boot Camp." It is an outreach program for young girls who have completed grades K-6 to get them interested and involved in the program while it also helps equip young girls with the skills they need to navigate various life scenarios with grace and self-assurance. It also serves as a fundraiser for DYW scholarships. The boot camp has been met with enthusiasm and participation from young girls eager to participate. Participants learn a short dance routine choreographed by Allie Pridmore and Ashlynn Partridge and perform it onstage during the DYW program.

Distinguished Young Women (DYW) is a national scholarship program that promotes and rewards scholarship, leadership, and talent in young women and has empowered thousands of high school girls across the United States by providing life-changing experiences and scholarship opportunities. The High Heel Boot Camp is an extension of DYW's mission to foster confidence and leadership in young girls.

The High Heel Boot Camp has received overwhelmingly positive feedback from participants,

parents, and community leaders. Parents appreciate the interconnected approach to personal development that combines practical skills with confidence building.

The High Heel Boot Camp by Distinguished Young Women is a testament to the organization's commitment to empowering young girls. By combining elegance with practical life skills, the boot camp not only teaches participants how to navigate the world with poise and confidence, but this also sets the initiative to continue inspiring young girls across the nation, helping them to step into their futures with grace and assurance.

The last date for registration is June 21, 2024. Practice dates are July 7th from 4:00-5:15 p.m. and July 11th from 5:00-5:30 p.m. The program performance will be on July 13th at 4:00 p.m. The is a small fee and participants will receive a t-shirt to wear for the performance. Anyone interested in participating can contact Ashlynn Partridge at ashlynnpartridge12@gmail.com or call 205-928-2233.

Now Hiring!

Probate Clerk I
Woodstock Town Hall

The Bibb County Probate Office is seeking qualified applicants to fill a full-time Probate Clerk I position in the satellite office located at the Woodstock Town Hall. This individual will perform various office tasks as well as assisting the public. This position requires knowledge and/or experience in general office related tasks as well as handling and balancing a cash drawer. This position is classified as a Grade III and pay ranges from \$12.33 to \$15.16 per hour. Applications will be accepted at the Bibb County Probate Office, 8 Court Square West, Centreville, AL 35042, or from the Probate Clerk at the Woodstock Town Hall, 28513 AL-5, Woodstock, AL 35188 until 2:00 on June 14, 2024, or until position is filled. Applications may be picked up and returned to the above addresses. Subsequent vacancies will be filled from an eligibility list prepared from qualified applicants. This list will remain active for one year from the closing date.

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NEWS/CALENDAR

City of Centreville Updates Communication Service

SPECIAL TO THE PRESS

The City of Centreville has updated their phone lines to better assist you and ensure seamless communication. As of now these lines are open.

Water Department: 205-340-7465
City Offices: 205-340-7456
Court Services: 205-340-7464

Please make a note of these updated numbers for your convenience. The City

of Centreville is dedicated to offering you the highest quality service and ensuring that your needs are addressed promptly and efficiently.



WOODSTOCK ELEMENTARY ATTENDANCE AWARDS

School attendance is important for a child for many reasons. When they are at school, they are more likely to learn than if they stayed home. They also learn social interactions skills as well as the character trait of being responsible and having a good work ethic. Woodstock Elementary would like to recognize the following students for being at school everyday during the Fourth Quarter of the 2023-2024 school year without any tardies or check outs (Perfect Attendance): Jax Brasher,

Tucker Brasher, Jahneva Brown, Addy Dunn, Emerey Gatlin-Brown, Emmitt Granger, Gustavo Hernandez Cruz, Trey Hubbard, Scarlet Lawley, Eli Lewis, Adrean Maxey, Antonio Maxey, Bennett Perdue, Bradley Roose, Wyatt Roose, Cohen Rylas, Jhan Ruiz Torres, Molly Kate Whitley, and Sapphira Willis.

Woodstock Elementary School would also like to recognize students who were at school every day of the Fourth Quarter and had only 3 or less tardies or check-

outs (Outstanding Attendance): Leo Aleman, Sophia Bovell, Owen Bunn, Ryleigh Bunn, Lucas Corbell, Camden Cowart, Dax Cox, Paul Weston Edwards, Daniella Estrada Marroquin, Gabriel Greene, Ashley Hernandez, Yahir Hernandez Cruz, Bailey Junkins, Raelyn Lambert, Pedro Lopez Vasquez, Audrey Lucas, Arya McRee, Grayson Parker, Emma Phipps, Will Phipps, Bennett Rogers, David Scott, Kaleb Staggs, Issy Tan, and Zeke Tan.

EVENING

GOVERNMENTAL MEETINGS

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

SPECIAL WEEKLY HAPPENINGS

- ▶ Come join us for The Masters Kitchen at the First Baptist Church of Woodstock, Coldwater Rd. on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month at 6 p.m. Free meal along with a great message through the word or a song.
- ▶ Birmingham Quilters Guild is holding a Quiltfest on June 21 and June 22, 2024. Location: Bessemer Civic Center, 1130 Ninth Ave. SW, Bessemer, AL. 10 - 5 pm daily. This will be a Judged Quilt Show and will include a Special Exhibit of Riley Center Quilts.
- ▶ Attention Bibb County Landowners- Would you like to get the most usage out of your property? If so, come to the Alabama Treasurer Forest-Bibb County Chapter meetings held on the 4th Thursday of each month at the Daily Grind in Centreville from 6-7pm.
- ▶ Come join us June 9 at 11am at Cedar Grove Church Co Rd 9 Evangelist and President of the IOU Ministries Christopher Hylton will be bringing the morning word. Come get blessed.

WEEKLY CHURCH SERVICES

- ▶ Green Pond Presbyterian Church, Service at 10 a.m. every Sunday. Pastor, Bev Dodson.
- ▶ Enon Baptist Church 5286 Montevallo Rd. Centreville, AL 35042. Sunday worship 10:30am, Sunday School 9:30am, contact info 205-928-9421 or 205-490-4830.
- ▶ Woodstock United Methodist Church services begin Sunday School at 10am Worship at 11.
- ▶ Sandy Chapel Church services start at 9 am for preaching 10 am for Sunday School.
- ▶ Scottsville Union Church, Co. Rd. 9., Sun. School-10 a.m., Worship-11 a.m., Sun. eve. Bible Study 5 p.m., Wed. service 6 p.m, Bro. J. R. Keeton, Pastor. Info, 205-340-1864.
- ▶ New Life West Blocton a revival oriented church. Sunday Service at 11am, Wed. night service at 7pm. Pastor Greg Brock 205.441.2809
- ▶ Little Hope Primitive Baptist Church holds services on Sat. before 3rd Sun. of each month at 10am. Elder Scott Sexton-Pastor. For info 205-225-4341.
- ▶ Scottsville Baptist Church holds church service on Tue. at 7pm. with a different speaker each week.
- ▶ God's House of Prayer 489 Co. Rd 162 Marion, AL (in Heiberger) hold services every Sunday at 11am.
- ▶ Centreville Church of Christ, 824 Montevallo Rd., Centreville. 926-5683. Assembly times-Sun. a.m. Bible Study-9:30, a.m. Worship-10:30, p.m. Worship-5:00 p.m.; Wed. night-6:30.
- ▶ Six Mile Baptist Church: Sunday School on Sun. at 10am, Worship at 11am. Wed. Bible Study at 6 pm.
- ▶ 1st United Pentecostal Church of Centreville has weekly services. Pastor Marilyn Belcher, Asst. Pastor Murray Nichols. For info, call 205-225-0007.
- ▶ New Jerusalem Holiness Church holds services in the Woodstock Plaza on Sun. at 10:30 am and 6:30 pm, and Wed. at 7:30pm.
- ▶ Apostolic Revival Center holds services on Sunday: Sunday School 2pm. and Worship 3pm.; Wed. Bible Study 7pm.
- ▶ West Blocton Bible Methodist Church holds services on: Sunday School 10am, Worship Service 11am, Sunday Night 5pm & Wednesday night 6pm. The Bible Methodist Church meeting every second Tues. of each month at 10:30, lunch provided.
- ▶ Randolph Baptist Church Sunday School 9am, preaching 10am. Wednesday night teen kids & youth 6:15pm, supper provided at 6pm.

MONTHLY MEETINGS & REMINDERS

- ▶ The Bibb County Planning Commission is an organization involving county landowners and forestry groups. We meet the third Tuesday of each month at 1PM in the Alabama Forestry Commission Office located at 9712 Highway 5, Brent, AL.
- ▶ Car Tag Renewal Months: (Alphabet indicates the first letter of last name) January-A/D, February-B, March-C/E, April-F/G/N, May-H/O, June-M/I, July-P/L, August-J/K/R, September-Q/S/T, October-U-Z and November-Commercial.
- ▶ Brierfield Fire & Rescue meets on the 1st 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. Bee-keepers.
- ▶ Bama Carry of Bibb County meets on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at the Sawmeal Restaurant. For more info contact Danny Jones 928-2455.

- ▶ Women for Sobriety meets every Tues. at 5:30pm. For info call Karen 205-718-4097.
- ▶ F. O. P. meets the 3rd Mon. of each month at Rock Building.
- ▶ Bibb County Soil & Water meets at 9:00 a.m. on the 3rd Tue. of each month at 183 S. W. Davidson Dr., Centreville. 926-4360.
- ▶ Bibb County GOP will hold quarterly meetings in January, April, July and October. Next meeting will be Thursday, July 3.
- ▶ Bibb County Chamber of Commerce holds monthly meetings on the 2nd Thurs. of the month at 5pm. at the chamber building.
- ▶ Friendship Lodge #83 F & AM in Centreville meets on 1st and 3rd Thur. at 7pm. at 28 Ct. Sq. All members are encouraged to attend.
- ▶ The Bibb Co. Airport Authority meets on the 1st Thursday of each month at 5pm. at Bibb County Airport.
- ▶ The Centreville Historic Preservation Commission now meets on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 5 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall.
- ▶ American Legion Post 47 West Blocton meets 7pm on the 4th Tues. of each month at 195 Rose Lane in West Blocton. Veterans are encouraged to attend. For more info call Jimmy Fitts 938-3713 or Gary Monk 938-0621. American Legion Auxiliary & Sons of American Legion are accepting members. Call Jan Fitts 938-3713 or Cathy Atchison 938-7617.
- ▶ The Brent Cemetery Committee reminds the community of its policy of periodically removing old & faded flowers from cemetery. We welcome flowers, but ask you to remove flowers when faded.

LIBRARY HOURS

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

PRAYER & SUPPORT GROUPS

- ▶ Cancer Support Group Startup for Bibb County. Anyone interested - please call and provide your contact information 205-926-5803 or 205-316-8741.
- ▶ Group One, a Bibb County Cancer Support groups meets at BMC, AOB meeting room the fourth Thursday of each month. For information call 205-316-8970.
- ▶ If you need help, call 2-1-1 for community services to get assistance. United Way of West AL.
- ▶ Is your church or civic organization interested in starting a "Home Delivery Meal Ministry (Program)"? At the core of the programs is a nutritious meal, companionship and a watchful eye on the health and safety of our senior adults who have trouble getting around. For more information call (205-926-3968).
- ▶ Helping Other People Excel (HOPE) in Bibb County is a group of stakeholders within the Bibb County Community who have a vested interest in ensuring that all residents have the knowledge, skills, and abilities to obtain available resources that will equip them to thrive. Whether you (or someone you know) is in need of food, clothes, or other resources, our coalition works to either provide or help identify resources to meet your needs. Please contact John Skinner at 205-876-6931 or via email at compassionandhopefoodbasket@gmail.com or H.O.P.E. in Bibb County at hopeinbibbco@gmail.com.

FREE CLASSES

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

QUARTERLY MEETINGS

- ▶ The Bibb County Chapter of the Alabama Treasure Forest hold

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COMMUNITY NEWS



Centreville News

From The Pen Of Brenda Hubbard

Anniversary wishes go out to Jason and Julie Givens who recently celebrated their wedding anniversary.

Belated Birthday wishes go out to Debbie Spencer Grammar, June Long and Dutch Nelson who celebrated their birthdays on May 18th, celebrating on May 19th were Alan Wyatt and Allen Foster.

Charlotte Lovelady West, Dot Tidwell and Pam Long recently enjoyed lunch at J. Alexanders in Hoover. They had a delicious lunch and fun fellowship.

The Joyful Hearts of Brent Baptist Church met on Monday May 20, 2024.

Patricia Caddis celebrated her birthday on May 19th. We want to send out belated Birthday wishes to Nellie Peak who celebrated her 88th Birthday on May 20, 2024. We wish her many many more.

Kristie Pipher, Jacob Pipher and friends David, Bruce and Betsy Graham and daughter, of Texas, visited with Odie and Doris Newman over the weekend.

Lily Fernandez celebrated her 5th Birthday on Friday, May 24, 2024. Saturday, May 25th, Lily was celebrated with a Birthday party with family and friends. Happy Birthday Lily!

Larry and Vicki Speights celebrated their 44th Wedding Anniversary with a luncheon at the Olive Tree.

Birthday wishes go out to Ken Kinard on June 3, 2024.

If you have news call it in at 205.316.1181. Take Care and God Bless!



West Blocton News

From The Pen Of Monette Woodruff

Sympathy to the family of Pam Wright Canterbury Naugher. Pam was the most gentle, sweet and kind person you would ever meet. Our love and prayers go out to her daughters and family. She will be greatly missed.

The Town of West Blocton is getting ready for an awesome, fun filled, July 4th celebration. The West Blocton Town Park will be full of assorted food trucks,

vendors, music, bounce houses, and water slides. There is something for all ages to enjoy. The fun will begin at 4:00pm and continue till 9:00pm July 4th. This years celebration is going to be extra special. Entertainment will be a concert put on by Casey Thrasher and Taylor Bagi. This is going to be a real treat for all! Of course the night will end with a wonderful dis-

play of fireworks! So, mark your calendar and come out to the park for a fantastic 4th of July Celebration.

The Town of West Blocton welcomes our new Chief of Police, Pete Hicks. Chief Hicks has an impressive resume and has been in law enforcement for over twenty years. Our town is fortunate to have him. We welcome him and support him.



West Eoline News

From The Pen Of Jane Hannah

NEWS FOR 5-31:
WELCOME BABY MICAH DOSS FONDREN -- He is another Deason/Creel descendant from Ganus & Ressie Deason. Parents Watson & Caroline thanked Jesus for giving them this precious gift to disciple through life. Micah was born May 21, 2024. The Deason/Creel genealogy tree branches to Wayne (Betty) Deason to Janet (Lance) Sanford to Caroline (Watson) Fondren, to Micah Fondren. We have PROUD grandparents (Janet & Tony Fancher) and great grandfather (Wayne Deason) living in West Eoline. The extended family looks forward to loving on Micah at the July Independence Celebration. There are three more babies with 2024 arrival dates!!!

Jo Kitchen was packed for a family beach vacation when she was sickened with a digestive disorder. Her daughter Donna and family left Thursday, last week for a Laguna Beach vacation. Grandson Zane (stationed in Jacksonville) was to join them. Jo was very disappointed to not have this special time together.

MEMORIAL DAY: BEACH TRIP

Del, Lisa & Trey Deason and John Garner were chaperones of Centreville Baptist Youth Group.

Most of Wayne Deason's family were "beaching it" in different locations.

HELPERS & VISITORS: Friday, I was delighted to have great granddaughters Alyssa, Addison & Avery spend the night. They first visited with LaShelle & Ronnie and arrived at my house in time for their requested dinner (Veg-all Casserole - Nana style).

Sunday, Alan & Jera came to cut grass for me and install an air conditioner in LaShelle's car.

Luke & Tracey Holladay were blessed to have Trevor and the girls for an all day pool-fun-food day visit.

Ruth Deason, Jo Kitchen, Carol Schladerbach

and Jane Hannah enjoyed an outing to Jefferson's in Hoover last Saturday. Ruth and Carol's wings were wonderful and Jo and Jane's burgers were fantastic. Wendy's in Brent served up Frosties for dessert.

BELATED BIRTHDAY WISHES Rhonda Massengale 5-24, & Talon Kitchen-Perez 5-29....HAPPY BIRTHDAY this week Truett Caddis & Judy Meigs 3-31, Liam Marchant 6-1, Karen Hannah 6-2, Alvin George 6-3, Tripp Kitchen 6-4, Joe Mathis 6-5, Alayna Passeri & Ruben Pate 6-6.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY Trey & Kara Hamilton 6-4.

CREEL REUNION 6-2. After church, the grandchildren of Hadie Creel & Edos Thompson Creel will have their annual reunion at Centreville Assembly of God Worship Center.

NEWS FOR 6-7

SYMPATHY: Prayers and sympathy to the family of Phillip Wayne Pate Sr. of Marion, AL. Tracey Holladay (Luther) was his oldest daughter and lives in West Eoline. A visitation was held May 31st at Rocko's in Centreville followed by burial after graveside service at Bethlehem Methodist Cemetery in Marion.

PRAYERS:

Please pray for Dezi Franklin. She is the 25 year old daughter of Stacey Thompson who has some MAJOR health issues with her lungs and heart. She has been diagnosed with Primary Pulmonary Hypertension and may require transplant of lungs and heart! Mama needs prayer also.

Please pray for Peggy Marchant and her team of doctors for diagnosis and treatment after surgery June 5th. Ricky Daily's latest test showed concern for cancer growth.

CREEL REUNION NOTES: Linda Creel Burke (from Navarre Beach, FL) arrived Friday and stayed several days with Wayne & Ruth Deason. I enjoyed

dinner with her and Ruth Friday night at Juan's. Jo Hinson and her granddaughter Giada (FROM Nevada, IA) arrived Saturday and also stayed with Wayne.

Mike & Brenda Vessels drove from Jacksonville, FL Friday; staying with his Mother, Jo Kitchen. Jo was blessed by their car shopping for her Saturday morning. Danny & Karen Mullins drove from Northwest Mississippi Saturday for an overnight visit with his Mom, Geneva Mullins.I was super blessed by my daughter Jera Fortner who stayed with me several days; performing tasks (washed outside of my house, trimmed bushes and trees, cut grass, used the weed eater in the ditch and all around my property, painted stain blocker where needed inside the house, plus cleaned one room inside).Talma Clark & Sonya O'Neal came from Ringgold, GA Saturday and stayed until Monday with me.....

Geneva Mullins hosted cousins for a Porch & Pizza event Saturday evening. Twenty of us enjoyed a cool evening of food and fellowship....

Sunday morning some of us attended the singing at Little Hope in memory of our forefather Barney Thompson. Afterwards, we met at Centreville Assembly of God Worship Center for lunch and fellowship. We enjoyed Ham, Pork Tenderloin, Boston Butt, Chicken Dressing, Potato Salad, Slaw, Butter Beans, Carrots, Waldorf Salad, Salad, Pasta Salad, Marinated Salad, Potatoes, Peas, Greens, Cakes, Pies and more. Sunday evening we enjoyed tall tales, cards, more food and fun at my home.

Have a blessed week and HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Kara Hamilton & Emma Vessels 6-8, Ronnie Cearlock 6-9, and Dina Pow 6-11.

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Brent News

From The Pen of Dorothy Clark

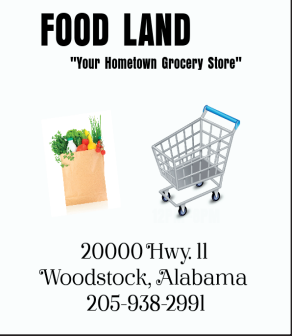
A young lady in Irondale, AL made and designed her own prom dress. It looks like a princess dress. Young people stay encouraged and you can do anything you set your mind to. The dress was a green and yellow dress, it was so beautiful. The young lady did a wonderful job.

Prayers go out the family of Jessica Billingsley. In our prayers are also Mt. Ebell Baptist Church Pastor Dumas and wife Tameko Dumas. Appreciation day was this past Sunday. His years

of preaching and teaching his family and friends were all there. We had a joyous time. The guest speaker was Pastor Schmitt Moore of Bethel Baptist Church in Tuscaloosa, AL.

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Town of Woodstock
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Woodstock, AL 35188
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Centreville Press
May 17, 24, 31 & June 7, 2024

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Part of the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 22, Township 21 South, Range 5 West, Bibb County, Alabama and being more particularly described as follows:

As the point of Beginning, start at an axle being accepted as the southeast corner of the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of said Section 22; thence run along

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Said parcel contained 19.41 acres, more or less, less and except any rights-of-way and/or easements of record.

This Notice is published pursuant to an Order of the Circuit Court of Bibb County, Alabama.

Hon. Marvin W. Wiggins
Circuit Judge

Roger Dale Parks, Sr.,
Plaintiff

Richard M. Kemmer, Jr.
Attorney for Plaintiff
Richard M. Kemmer Jr.,
P.C.

P.O. Box 282
1124 Walnut Street
Centreville, Alabama 35042
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NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER FORECLOSURE NOTICE

WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms and conditions of a mortgage from VALARI KRYSTINE HUMPHRES, UNMARRIED WOMAN to MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS INC. AS MORTGAGEE, AS NOMINEE FOR HOMETOWN LENDERS INC., on the 2nd day of August, 2021, said mortgage recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Bibb County, Alabama, on August 3, 2021, in Deed/Mortgage Book 384, Page 550, Bibb County, Alabama Records, said Mortgage having subsequently been transferred and assigned to PennyMac Loan Services, LLC, by instrument recorded in the aforesaid Probate Office; notice is hereby given that the undersigned PennyMac Loan Services, LLC, as Mortgagee/Transferee, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry

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

PETITION FOR FINAL SETTLEMENT UPON THE ESTATE of said decedent, having been filed by the Undersigned on the

In the Probate Court of
Bibb County, Alabama
In Re: The estate of
Kenneth White,
Deceased
Case no. 2024PC043
Take notice that Letters

to the highest bidder for cash at the front steps of the Bibb County Courthouse located at 35 Court Square East, Centreville, AL 35042 in Centreville, Bibb County, Alabama, on **July 30, 2024**, during the legal hours of sale, all of its right, title, and interest in and to the following described real estate, situated in Bibb County, Alabama, to-wit:

A CERTAIN PART OF LOT NUMBER ELEVEN AS DESCRIBED BY MAP OF THE COUNTY SURVEYOR AS A PART OF THE NORTH-EAST QUARTER OF THE NORTH-EAST QUARTER OF SECTION 14, TOWNSHIP 22 SOUTH, RANGE 6 WEST; SAID CERTAIN PART OF THE LOT NUMBER ELEVEN BEING MORE FULLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGIN AT THE NORTH-EAST CORNER OF LOT NUMBER ELEVEN AND RUN WEST 80 FEET, THEN SOUTH 174 FEET, THEN EAST 80 FEET, THEN NORTH 174 FEET TO POINT OF BEGINNING.

15th day of May, 2024 with the HONORABLE STEPHANIE W. KEMMER, Judge of the Court of Probate of Bibb County, Alabama, and the aforesaid appointing JUNE 13, 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 Es-

Said legal description being controlling, however the property is more commonly known as **1118 HICKORY ST, WEST BLOCTON, AL 35184**.

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

This property will be sold on an "as is, where is" basis, subject to any easements, encumbrances, and exceptions reflected in the mortgage and those contained in the records of the Office of the Judge of Probate in the county where the above-described property is situated. This property will be sold subject to the right of redemption of all parties entitled thereto and subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, whether or not now due and payable).

This sale is made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by said mortgage, as well as the expenses of foreclosure. 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.

PennyMac Loan Services, LLC, Mortgagee/Transferee

THE BELOW LAW FIRM MAY BE HELD TO BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR, UNDER FEDERAL LAW. IF SO, ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Rubin Lublin, LLC, Attorney for Mortgagee/Transferee

3145 Avalon Ridge Place, Suite 100, Peachtree Corners, GA 30071

Telephone Number: (877) 813-0992 Case No. PNY-23-06368-2

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tate that a hearing is set on the Petition for Final Settlement for JUNE 13, 2024 at 10:00 am CDT and any objection to said Final Settlement should be filed in writing prior to said date or otherwise made at said hearing date, otherwise said objections will be barred and the Estate closed.

TERA LINDSEY WINFREY PULLEN,

Personal Representative.

Jon David Terry (TERO24)

Bains & Terry

1813 3rd Ave. N.

Bessemer, AL 35020

Tel: (205)425-1606

Fax: (205)426-3200

Email: jdterry@bainsterry.com

Atty. for P.R., Tera L. W. Pullen

May 24, 31 & June 7, 2024

Testamentary have been granted to Sara A. White, as Executor of the estate of Kenneth White, deceased, on the 16th day of May, 2024.

Notice is hereby given

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

Richard M. Kemmer, Jr.

Attorney for the Executor
PO Box 282
1124 Walnut St.
Centreville, AL 35042
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PUBLIC NOTICE

LEGAL NOTICE

Pursuant to Section 9-16-70 et seq., Alabama Code, 1975, Camellia Met Mining, LLC, Gholson Mine, hereby gives notice that it has filed a Phase II and III bond release application with the Alabama Surface mining Commission for release of performance bond for Permit P-3663-58-26-U, Increment No. 5. The area of land for which bond release is requested consists of 39 acres in Increment 5 all located in: SW/SE, NW/SE, NE/SW of Section 29, NE/NE, SE/NE, SW/NE, NE/SE, NW/SE of Section 31, Township 21 South, Range 4 West, Shelby County, Alabama. The permittee maintains that as of 4/30/2024, all the re-

quirements involving replacing all topsoil or its approved substitute, revegetation, planting, and growing times of the area have been completed in compliance with State Law and Regulations and the approved reclamation plan. The permittee, there-

fore, is requesting release of \$76,738.00 of the performance bond \$76,738.00 for Increment No. 5. Any objections to the release or request for informal conference must be sent in writing to: Alabama Surface Mining

Commission
P.O. Box 2390
Jasper, AL 35502-2390
Such request must be received no later than July 8, 2024.
Western Star
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PROBATE NOTICE

In the Probate Court for Bibb County, Alabama In the matter of the estate of Joseph Marshall Jackson, deceased Publication Notice

Letters of Administration for said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on

the 23rd day of May, 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.

Brittany Jackson, Administrator

Brad J. Latta

Attorney at Law, LLC

Attorney for Petitioner

1 Chase Corporate Dr. Suite 400

Birmingham, AL 35244

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LEGALS

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE. Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage executed by Maximillion Travis Duncan, a married man, originally in favor of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Movement Mortgage, LLC, on March 24, 2023, said mortgage recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Bibb County, Alabama, in RPB Book 407 Page 764; the undersigned Movement Mortgage, LLC, 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 July 24, 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: All that certain parcel of land situated in the County of Bibb, State of Alabama, being known and designated as follows: Commence at the Southwest corner of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 10, Township 21 South, Range 5 West; thence North 89 degrees 14 minutes 45 seconds East along the South line thereof for a distance of 399.35 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence North 89 degrees 14 minutes 45 seconds East for distance of 460.00 feet; thence North 00 degrees 38 minutes 04 seconds West for

a distance of 1108.24 feet; thence South 89 degrees 43 minutes 08 seconds West for a distance of 34.01 feet to the beginning of a curve tangent to said line; thence Westerly a distance of 75.68 feet along the curve concave to the North having a radius of 1025.00 feet and a central angle of 4 degrees 13 minutes 50 seconds; thence North 86 degrees 03 minutes 02 seconds West tangent to said curve, a distance of 104.78 feet to the beginning of a curve tangent to said line; thence westerly a distance of 51.44 feet along the curve concave to the South, having a radius of 475.00 feet and a central angle of 6 degrees 12 minutes 17 seconds; thence South 87 degrees 38 minutes 04 seconds West

for a distance of 194.84 feet; thence South 00 degrees 38 minutes 04 seconds East for distance of 1116.50 feet to the Point of Beginning.. Property street address for informational purposes: 220 Mountain-side Dr , West Blocton, AL 35184. THIS PROPERTY WILL BE SOLD ON AN "AS IS, WHERE IS" BASIS, WITHOUT WARRANTY OR RECOURSE, EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED AS TO TITLE, USE AND/OR ENJOYMENT AND WILL BE SOLD SUBJECT TO THE RIGHT OF REDEMPTION OF ALL PARTIES ENTITLED THERE-TO. Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may

also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as a part of the foreclosure 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. Movement Mortgage, LLC, ("Transferee") Tiffany & Bosco, P.A., 2501 20th Place South, Suite 300, Homewood, AL 35223 www.tblaw.com TB File Number: 24-04224-SC-AL 05/31/2024, 06/07/2024, 06/14/2024 Centreville Press May 31, June 7 & 14, 2024

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE
Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage executed on January 28, 2009 by Mickey Bryan Barton and Tammy J. Barton, husband and wife, originally in favor of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Colonial Bank, and recorded in RPB 226 at Page 627 on February 5, 2009, and modified in and modified by agreement recorded July 10, 2018 in Book 342, Page 530, in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Bibb County, Alabama, and secured indebtedness having been transferred to Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, as Trustee for the benefit of the Freddie Mac Seasoned Loans Structured Transaction Trust, Series 2021-2. LOGS Legal Group LLP, as counsel for Mortgagee or Transferee and under and by virtue of power of sale

contained in the said mortgage will, on July 24, 2024, sell at public outcry to the highest bidder at the main entrance of the Bibb County, Alabama, Courthouse in the City of Centreville, during the legal hours of sale, the following real estate situated in Bibb County, Alabama, to wit: A parcel of land containing 2.00 acres, located in the NE 1/4 of the NE 1/4, Section 22, Township 23 North, Range 9 East, Bibb County, Alabama, described as follows: Commence at the Northeast corner of the SW 1/4 of the SW 1/4, Section 14, Township 23 North, Range 9 East and run South 84 degrees 17 minutes 12 seconds West along a fence line 1439.97 feet to a fence corner; thence run South 03 degrees 57 minutes 40 seconds East along a fence line 600.47 feet; thence run South 04 degrees 54 minutes 31 seconds East along said fence 999.65 feet; thence run south 02

degrees 13 minutes 06 seconds East along said fence 495.97 feet to the intersection of the North right of way of Bibb County Highway No., 28; thence run North 67 degrees 03 minutes 52 seconds West along said right of way 382.45 feet thence run North 67 degrees 17 minutes 31 seconds West along said right of way 317.55 feet to an iron pin, said point being the point of beginning; thence run North 66 degrees 38 minutes 55 seconds West along said right of way 156.78 feet to an iron pin; thence run North 23 degrees 31 minutes 29 seconds East 163.58 feet to an iron pin; thence run North 64 degrees 01 minutes 35 seconds West 153.12 feet to an iron pin; thence run North 51 degrees 48 minutes 17 seconds East 188.19 feet to an iron pin; thence run South 84 degrees 44 minutes 30 seconds East 197.41 feet to an iron pin; thence run South 18 degrees 45 minutes 22

seconds West 398.63 feet to the point of beginning. For informational purposes only, the property address is: 573 Dry Hollow Rd, 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 sale is made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by said mortgage, as well as the expenses of foreclosure. Furthermore, the property to be offered pursuant to this notice of sale is being offered for sale, transfer and conveyance AS IS, WHERE IS. Neither the mortgagee, nor the officers, directors, attorneys, employees, agents or authorized representative of the mortgagee make any representation or warranty relating to the title or any physical, environmental, health or safety conditions existing in, on, at or relating

to the property offered for sale. Any and all responsibilities or liabilities arising out of or in any way relating to any such condition, including those suggested by Code of Ala. (1975) § 35-4-271, expressly are disclaimed. This sale is subject to all prior liens and encumbrances and unpaid taxes and assessments including any transfer tax associated with the foreclosure. The successful bidder must tender a non-refundable deposit of Five Thousand Dollars and no/100 (\$5,000.00) in certified or cash funds at the time and place of the sale. The balance of the purchase price must be paid in certified funds by close of business on the next business day thereafter at the Law Office of LOGS Legal Group LLP at the address indicated below. LOGS Legal Group LLP reserves the right to award the bid to the next highest bidder, or to reschedule the sale, should the highest bidder

fail to timely tender the total amount due. Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as a part of the foreclosure process. Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, as Trustee for the benefit of the Freddie Mac Seasoned Loans Structured Transaction Trust, Series 2021-2, and its successors and assigns Mortgagee or Transferee LOGS LEGAL GROUP LLP 10130 Perimeter Parkway, Suite 400 Charlotte, NC 28216 23-023419 Attorneys for Mortgagee or Transferee Centreville Press June 7, 14 & 21, 2024

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

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Sealed bids will be received for ALDOT Project No. BR-0005(565) by Greenpond Water System, located at 19639 Eastern Valley Road, Woodstock, AL 35074, until Thursday, June 27, 2024, at 1:00 P.M. CST, and then publicly opened and read aloud for performing all work described as follows. Greenpond Water System US-11 Utility Relocation: The project consists of 8" PVC water main relocation along US Highway 11 between Chamblee Avenue and Giles Road. A non-mandatory pre-bid conference will be held in person on Thursday, June

13, 2024, at 3:00 P.M. CST, at Woodstock Town Hall, located at 28513 HWY 5, Woodstock, AL 35188. An optional site visit will follow the pre-bid meeting. Bid documents may be examined at Greenpond Water System's office, located at 19639 Eastern Valley Road, Woodstock, AL 35074. Bid documents may be purchased ONLY from Alabama Graphics online plan room at www.algraphicsplanroom.com or by calling (205) 252-8505. Project engineering firm is The Kelley Group, LLC, (256) 248-7030. General contractors who bid must purchase at minimum the digital plans and spec-

ifications. Documents are available at reproduction cost with no refunds available. Plans and specifications will not be issued to contractors less than forty-eight (48) hours prior to the time indicated above for receiving bids. Performance and Labor and Material Payment Bonds, proof of insurance, and a complete list of subcontractors and suppliers will be required prior to the signing of the Contract. A Performance Bond in an amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the contract costs and Labor and Material Payment Bond in an amount of one hundred percent

(100%) of the contract cost in the form and terms approved by Greenpond Water System will be required at the signing of the contract. In addition, the Contractor must furnish to Greenpond Water System at the time of the signing of the contract a certificate of insurance coverage as provided in the specifications. The right is reserved to reject any and/or all bids and to waive informalities and to furnish any item of material or work to change the amount of said Contract. No bids will be considered unless the bidder, whether resident or non-resident of Alabama, is properly qual-

ified to submit a bid for this construction in accordance with all applicable laws of the State of Alabama. This shall include evidence of holding a current license from the State Licensing Board for General Contractors, Montgomery, Alabama, as required by Chapter 8 of Title 34, of the Code of Alabama, 1975. In addition, non-residents of the State, if a corporation, shall show evidence of having qualified with the Secretary of State to do business in the State of Alabama. The bidder shall show evidence by clearly displaying the current license number on the outside of the sealed envelope in which the bid is

delivered. In addition, bids shall be clearly identified on the exterior of the package with the bidder's name, address, the name of the project being bid, and time and place of the bid opening. No bid may be withdrawn after the scheduled closing time for receipt of bids for a period of sixty (60) days. The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive technical errors if the best interest of the Owner will thereby be promoted. All bids received after the date and time of the bid opening noted above will be returned unopened. Centreville Press June 7, 2024

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
Sealed bids will be received for ALDOT Project No. BR-0005(565) by the Town of Woodstock, located at 28513 HWY 5, Woodstock, AL 35188, until Thursday, June 27, 2024, at 1:30 P.M. CST, and then publicly opened and read aloud for performing all work described as follows. Town of Woodstock US-11 Utility Relocation: The project consists of 8" PVC sewer force main relocation and air release valve replacement along US Highway 11 between Chamblee Avenue and Giles Road. A non-mandatory pre-bid conference will be held in

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hundred percent (100%) of the contract cost in the form and terms approved by Town of Woodstock will be required at the signing of the contract. In addition, the Contractor must furnish to Town of Woodstock at the time of the signing of the contract a certificate of insurance coverage as provided in the specifications. The right is reserved to reject any and/or all bids and to waive informalities and to furnish any item of material or work to change the amount of said Contract. No bids will be considered unless the bidder, whether resident or non-resident of Alabama, is properly qual-

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PROBATE NOTICE

Notice to Creditors Probate Court of Bibb County Estate of Tristan Sheppard, Deceased
Take notice that Letters of Administration of said deceased having been granted to Ann Sheppard on the

17th day of May, 2024, by the Honorable Stephanie Kemmer, Judge of probate of Bibb County, Alabama. Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present by law of the same will

be barred. D. Haskins, Esq. Attorney for Administratrix 1918 3rd Ave. North Birmingham, AL 35205 Centreville Press May 24, 31 & June 7, 2024

In the matter of the estate of Eula Mae Abbott Connell, deceased Notice of Appointment of Personal Representative
Letters Testamentary having been granted to Leah Connell Brown on

the 17th day of May, 2024 by the Bibb County, Alabama Judge of Probate, notice is hereby given that all persons having lawful claims against the estate are required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be

barred. H. Emmanuel Scozzaro, Jr. Scazzaro Law, LLC 600 Creekside Court PO Box 548 Helena, AL 35080 Centreville Press May 24, 31 & June 7, 2024

In the Probate Court of Bibb County, Alabama In Re: The estate of Thomas Edward Hendrix, a/k/a Thomas Eddie Hendrix, deceased Case No.: 2024PC042 Publication Notice
Letters Testamentary of said deceased having

been granted to the undersigned on the 17th day of May, 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. B. Boozer Downs, Jr. Executor Downs & Davis Law, LLC Attorney for Petitioner PO Box 65 Woodstock, AL 35188 Centreville Press May 24, 31 & June 7, 2024

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BIBB COUNTY, ALABAMA ROGER DALE PARKS, SR., Plaintiff, VS. Real property located in Bibb County, Alabama as described on Exhibit "A"; Heirs of G.W. GRAY, and Fictitious Defendants, A, B, and C, who are those individuals, who are otherwise unknown but whose names will be added by way of amendment, when ascertained, Defendants. CASE NO.: CV-2024-900038.00 PUBLICATION NOTICE
Any person claiming an interest in the real property described below is hereby ordered to answer the Complaint for Quiet Title and for Declaratory Judgment which has been filed by Roger Dale Parks, Sr. on or before

July 28, 2024, or otherwise, a judgment by default may be taken against him. Part of the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 22, Township 21 South, Range 5 West, Bibb County, Alabama and being more particularly described as follows: As the point of Beginning, start at an axle being accepted as the southeast corner of the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of said Section 22; thence run along the accepted south line of the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of said Section 22 South 89 degrees, 52 minutes, 57 seconds, West 886.74 feet to a ½ inch capped rebar (CA-965-LS); thence run North 00 degrees, 17 minutes, 50 seconds, West 957.73 feet to a ½ inch capped rebar (Roger Moore); thence run North 89 degrees, 55 minutes, 21 seconds, East 879.49 feet to a ½ capped rebar (CA-965-

LS) on the accepted east line of the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of said Section 22; thence run along said east line South 00 degrees, 43 minutes, 54 seconds, East 957.16 feet to the Point of Beginning. Said parcel contained 19.41 acres, more or less, less and except any rights-of-way and/or easements of record. This Notice is published pursuant to an Order of the Circuit Court of Bibb County, Alabama. Hon. Marvin W. Wiggins Circuit Judge Roger Dale Parks, Sr., Plaintiff Richard M. Kemmer, Jr. Attorney for Plaintiff Richard M. Kemmer Jr., P.C. P.O. Box 282 1124 Walnut Street Centreville, Alabama 35042 (205) 926-5304 Centreville Press June 7, 14, 21 & 28, 2024

VOICES

Send the Alabamians

There is a story that too many Alabamians don't know about young men from every county, corner, cornerrib and country road who answered a call that changed the State of Alabama forever.

A bronze statue of a WWI soldier stands in front of Union Station in Montgomery. Wearing a doughboy helmet and carrying his dead comrade, the somber giant stands in honor of the men of Alabama's 167th Infantry who entered the lines during the first war to end all wars. Their story is remarkable.

Mustered in 1836 the men of Alabama's militia were designated the "4th Alabama". When the American Civil War began they were fully constituted as the 4th Alabama Infantry and fought at Seven Pines, Chickamauga, Manassas and lost 87 men at Gettysburg's Little Round Top.

During reconstruction the unit was reformed as a state militia. But in 1916 Mexican Bandit Pancho Villa crossed the border and raided American towns. Rebranded as the 167th Infantry they spent the better part of a year guarding and patrolling the border region.

When the US joined the war in Europe a young Brigadier General Douglas MacArthur was tasked with forming a new Infantry Division from various Guard units. MacArthur handpicked the men of Alabama and cobbled them together with units from other states. The amalgam of units represented a huge swath of America and their multi-state flavor earned the new 42nd Division the nickname, the Rainbow Division.

The Alabamians were right in the middle of it all. Young men who had never been outside their home counties sailed to Europe as key members of the Allied Expeditionary Force. The Alabama boys became legends. Not because they said so, but because everybody else said so. Because history says so.

The men had a rowdy reputation. Just what was needed. American General Edward Plummer said of them, "In time of war

send me all the Alabamians you can get, but in time of peace for Lord's sake send them to somebody else!"

The unit was bloodied early on. But in July, 1918, they made themselves known in the Champagne. After lying in wait for ten days F Company (Gadsden) and E Company (Decatur) positioned on the left flank. G Company (Ozark) and H Company (Alexander City) dug in on the right. The 167th fought a bloody fight against a German onslaught during which Private Brock Hill of Attalla became the first ground soldier to shoot down an enemy plane. They fought. They held. They gave back far more than they got.

The battle was regarded by some as the turning point of the war with the 167th suffering 83 dead and 212 wounded. Despite the Division being made up of men from many states, the battle at Champagne became identified with Alabama's 167th Infantry. France's Marshall Foch dubbed the men "The Tigers" and it was said that the French learned to love "the Alabams". Company F (Gadsden) distinguished itself and was awarded the French Croix de Guerre with one Palm.

But their legacy came just days later at Croix Rouge Farm. With little rest the Division moved to the Chateau-Thierry to conduct a relief in place. The story goes that 167th Commander, Colonel William Screws of Montgomery, was seen marching with his men and chomping a cigar. He was asked "Where are you going Bill?" He replied, "Damn if I know but I'm on my way." The fighting was fierce with the 167th in the middle with fixed bayonets. What happened became something that was taught at the Infantry School for years thereafter.

Rainbow Division History says, "The capture of the Croix Rouge Farm and clearing belongs to that list of military exploits which cannot fail to excite the admiration of those who hear the tale, because of the determination and gallantry displayed." Father Francis P. Duffy of the 165th (New York) Regiment said, "There was no more gallant and sustained attack during the entire war than the taking of Croix Rouge Farm". In continued fighting former Auburn football player Edward

"Shorty" Wren of Talladega earned the Distinguished Service Cross and Corporal Sidney Manning of Flomaton earned the Medal of Honor.

Today, a twin of the statue in Montgomery stands on the battlefield at Croix Rouge in France as a testament to the men of Alabama who turned the tide of battle. By wars end 616 soldiers from Alabama's 167th Infantry had died in Europe. The Rainbow Division patch was officially and forever cut in half in honor of those they left behind.

The men returned home to parades and celebrations. An arch was built across Dexter Avenue in Montgomery and women lined the street with flowers. Rainbow City, Alabama is named for the Rainbow Division. Birmingham's Rainbow Division Viaduct spans the tracks at 21st Street.

The boys from Alabama changed the state. Many of them had no prior experience outside of their hometowns and no more than a modicum of education. They came from every walk of life and volunteered to go to places they had never seen or heard of. They saw the world. And the world saw them.

Many of them returned to Alabama with a new outlook on life. They became captains of industry, leaders of communities, ranchers and farmers. They brought a bigger picture of the world to their small communities and they put their experiences to work. The men of the 167th were part of the driving force that took Alabama into the modern era.

The 1-167th Infantry Regiment continues today as a part of Alabama's National Guard, descendants of the 4th Alabama. They earned a place in history and as we spend time remembering those who gave their all for this country it is fitting to remember that there is a unit that not only gave their all, but who represented us as an entire state.

167th Infantry.....4th Alabama.....Signa Infere-mus! Drive Forward!

Inside the Statehouse
Legislative Session Fails to Let Alabamians Vote on a Lottery

The regular Legislative Session ended on May 9, with final passage of both budgets, which is the only constitutionally mandated requirement of the legislature during its annual legislative session.

However, there was another constitutional question that dominated the session – the perennial issue of whether Alabamians will ever be allowed to purchase lottery tickets in Alabama and keep Alabamians money within our state. This money could help educate Alabama children, pave Alabama roads, and remedy the closing of our rural hospitals. However, these Alabama dollars currently are going to our four surrounding states of Florida, Georgia, Tennessee, and Mississippi, who all allow the purchase of lottery tickets.

Alabama is now one of only four states in America that do not have a lottery. It comes as no surprise that most Alabamians – both Republicans and Democrats – find this absurd. In fact, 80% of Alabamians, when polled, say they adamantly want their legislators to vote in favor of simply giving Alabamians the right to vote on whether to keep their lottery dollars at home. This same reliable polling reveals that the Alabamians in favor of a state lottery, also attend church up to two times a week and already gamble on sporting events and drive out of state to purchase lottery tickets. This is especially true of people under 50.

Today, most Alabamians see nothing irreverent or wrong, much less sinful, about buying a lottery ticket or betting on a football game. What they do find appalling is that their children, grandchildren, nieces, and nephews, who are successful in

school, could go to college tuition free if they lived next door in Georgia.

Georgia's Hope Scholarship Program, created 25 years ago through a statewide lottery bill, provides free college education for their students. At this point, Alabamians have educated untold numbers of Georgia students. It is no coincidence the largest outlets for purchasing lottery tickets are located along Georgia's Alabama border.

The same holds true along Florida's Alabama border. The people in Dothan and the Wiregrass, alone, have probably paved most of the roads throughout the panhandle of Florida.

Therefore, the question remains, if 80% of Alabamians want the right to vote on a lottery and our state leaders are fully aware that unregulated and untaxed gaming already exists in our state, why did the lottery vote fail yet again during this year's annual legislative session? Because Special Interests got involved.

Unfortunately, most of the 140 members of the legislature are being falsely accused. The vast majority voted in favor of allowing Alabamians the right to vote on whether to keep gaming/lottery dollars in Alabama. However, because the creation of a lottery requires a constitutional amendment, a three-fifths vote is needed for the measure to pass. That means 63 votes are needed in the House and 21 votes in the Senate. The bill passed the House comfortably with a 72 to 29 vote but failed in the Senate with a final vote of 20 to 15. While most Senators voted in favor of the bill, it needed one more vote to pass.

Based on these numbers, 92 of our legislators voted to let Ala-

bamians vote. Only 44 voted to thumb their nose at their constituents. That is a tough vote to defend, and I suppose most of these legislators are being met by irate constituents. These 44 legislators will have to defend their "no" vote in less than two years. Some of these legislators are veterans, who are entrenched for reelection. However, many of the "no" votes came from newly elected first termers, who now run the risk of not being reelected over this indefensible vote.

Governor Kay Ivey could decide to give these 44 legislators a chance to redeem themselves by calling a Special Session and spotlighting the lottery/gaming vote. However, at this point, I suspect Gov. Ivey is fed up and frustrated with this issue. If that is the case, she could step aside and let the lion of the legislature, Speaker Nathaniel Ledbetter, take the bull by the horns. It is possible. Only one vote is needed in the Senate. Believe you me, there are three or four freshman, back-bench senators, who are feeling the heat at home for their "no" vote.

Gov. Ivey and Speaker Ledbetter are listening to the outcry from Alabamians. Neither are being deterred by special interests. Kay Ivey has built her legacy by being one of the most honest governors in my lifetime. She has always sided with and acted on what is in the best interests of her fellow Alabamians.

Hopefully, for Alabama's sake, you have not heard the last of this issue.

Steve Flowers is Alabama's leading political columnist. His weekly column appears in over 60 Alabama newspapers. He served 16 years in the state legislature. Steve may be reached at steve@steveflowers.us.

Alabama Tourism Set for Another Record Year with Summer Months Ahead

When we think of what is the backbone of the Alabama economy, you might think of both agriculture and auto manufacturing. Yet, as we move into June and the summer months, one of Alabama's other economic engines is tourism

Whether it is the Gulf of Mexico, the rivers and lakes or the southernmost hills of the Appalachian Mountains, few states have the diversity of topography that Alabama has to offer outdoor enthusiasts.

Tourism in Alabama brought in some \$23.5 billion in the year 2023. And out of the past five years, four of those years have risen by \$1 billion from the increase in tourism. What generated the record dollars?

It is estimated that some 28 million visitors came to enjoy what Alabama has to offer.

Of course, with hot weather, Orange Beach, Gulf Shores and Dauphin Island attract even more visitors from throughout the country. With the announcement by Governor Kay Ivey of the purchase of the Foley Beach Express Bridge, removal of the tolls and a new bridge coming trips to the beach even be easier with less traffic congestion and better access to the Gulf.

There is also a new emphasis on improving Alabama's trails which draw hikers to some of the most diverse topography in the country. With better signage, maintenance and exten-

sions of current off road trails the state's reputation as a back-country mecca is growing.

Add in hunting, fishing, golfing and agri-tourism, 2024 looks to beat records for the number of both in-state and out of state tourist who will take advance of what Alabama has to offer.

So as folks start making their way to Alabama to visit, it will continue to benefit the citizens with the revenue produced for state government and businesses.

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SCHOOL NEWS/LIFESTYLE

Ben Stewart graduates from Marion Military Institute on Dean’s List

SPECIAL TO THE PRESS

Ben Stewart of Centreville, AL, a graduate of Bibb County High School, completed the Marion Military Institute Spring 2024 semester on the college’s Dean’s

List. This academic achievement requires a GPA of 3.5 or above. Enrolled in the civilian Leadership Education Program (with no military obligation), Stewart is now a Marion Made alumnus, earning an associate’s degree on May 11.

Educating leaders since 1842, and a proud member of the Alabama Community College System, MMI enrolls a diverse population of both civilian and military-track students in an immersive leadership environment.

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Alabama Encouraging Schools Statewide to Apply for the Be Healthy School Grant Program

SPECIAL TO THE PRESS

In our ongoing commitment to help prevent childhood obesity, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Alabama is proud to continue its Be Healthy School Grant Program. For the 2024 -2025 school year, Blue Cross will make available \$300,000 and award grants up to \$10,000 to 30 schools across the state that enroll students in grades K through 12. Since 2012, Blue Cross has awarded more than \$2.9 million in

320 Be Healthy School Grants statewide impacting over 151,600 students.

“We are proud to make this grant opportunity available for schools across the state,” said Tim King, Community Relations Manager, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Alabama. “This program provides schools additional funding for the resources they need to help teach their students healthy lifestyle habits that will hopefully last a lifetime.”

The grants are for the

implementation of school-based health and wellness programs that emphasize increased exercise and nutrition education involvement during the school year. Applications can now be completed on the Blue Cross website at community.bcbsal.org/what-we-do/be-healthy-school-grants. The deadline to apply is Friday, July 19, 2024. Each selected school will receive a grant of up to \$10,000, and a Blue Cross Be Healthy School banner.

Markel Kidd named to Troy University Chancellor’s List

SPECIAL TO THE PRESS

Markel Kidd of West Blocton, AL has been named to the Chancellor’s List at Troy University for

the spring semester/Term 4 of the 2023-2024 academic year.

The Chancellor’s List honors full-time under-

graduate students who are registered for at least 12 semester hours and who earn a grade point average of 4.0.

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Plain & Simple

“Slow down and enjoy the simple pleasures in life”

By: Sheila Duncan

Smoked Pig Bombs

Ingredients:
1 smoked kielbasa sausage
1 lb. bacon
Pimento Cheese Directions:
1 cup grated cheddar cheese
2 tbsp. mayonnaise
1 tbsp. pimentos
1 tsp. smoked paprika
¼ tsp. onion powder
¼ tsp. granulated garlic

Grilling Directions:
Temp: 400°F (Medium Heat)

When you’re at temp, put cooking oil on a folded paper towel. Grab the oiled paper towel with long-handled tongs and oil the grate thoroughly.

Place the bacon-wrapped sausage sections on the cooler side of the grill and cover the grill.

Allow the sausage to cook for about 45 minutes, until the bacon is crisp and brown,

and the kielbasa reaches an internal temperature of 160°F on a digital meat thermometer.

Remove the bacon-wrapped sausage sections and use a fork to gently remove the upper ¼” section from the stack, while keeping the bacon wrap intact to create a bowl.

Stuff the top of each pig bomb with a generous helping of the pimento cheese.

Place the ¼” section back

on top of each pig bomb.

Chill until ready to serve.

DID YOU KNOW: Pig shots, or pork shots, are bite-sized appetizers made from thick-cut bacon wrapped around a smoked sausage slice, forming an edible cup that gets filled with a savory cream cheese or pimento and cheese mixture. Popular at parties, these treats can be customized in many ways, including different filling ingredients and seasonings.



Bacon Ranch Pasta Salad

Ingredients:
2 tsp. kosher salt, plus more for pasta water and to taste
1 (12-oz.) package bacon
1 lb. cavatappi pasta
1/2 c. mayonnaise
1/2 c. sour cream
1/2 c. buttermilk
1/4 c. flat-leaf parsley, chopped
1/4 c. fresh dill, chopped, plus more for topping
1 1/2 Tbsp. fresh lemon juice
1 garlic clove, grated
1 tsp. ground black pepper, plus more to taste
1 pt. grape tomatoes, halved
6 oz. sharp cheddar cheese, cut into 1/2-inch cubes
1 frozen peas thawed
1 (4-oz.) container pimentos, drained
1 (3.8-oz.) can sliced black olives, drained
4 green onions, thinly sliced
Directions:

Bring a large pot of salted water to a boil over high heat.

In a large skillet, cook the bacon over medium heat, turning as needed, until the fat has rendered, and the bacon is golden and crispy, 8 to 10 minutes. (You may need to

cook the bacon in 2 batches, draining the rendered fat from the skillet between batches.) Let the bacon cool to room temperature, then crumble up into bite-sized pieces.

Cook the pasta 1 minute longer than package directions. Drain, rinse with cold water, and let cool.

Meanwhile, in a large bowl, combine the mayonnaise, sour cream, buttermilk, parsley, dill, lemon juice, garlic, salt, and pepper. Add the

pasta, tomatoes, cheese, peas, pimentos, olives, green onion, and half of the bacon, tossing until well combined. Add salt and pepper, to taste. Top the salad with the remaining bacon and more dill and serve.

DID YOU KNOW: Pasta Originated in China Not Italy. It is a Cultural Legacy. There Are More Than 600 Shapes. There’s a Shape for Every Sauce. Spaghetti Bolognese is Not Traditional Italian. Pasta is Healthy.



Hymn History

By: Savannah Logan

What a Day that Will Be

The hymn “What a Day That Will Be” was penned by James Hill in 1955, inspired by two poignant figures in his life: an orphan girl and his mother-in-law. The seed for this beloved hymn was planted years earlier when an orphan girl sang at Hill’s Baptist church. She concluded her song with the words, “What a day that will be,” a phrase that resonated deeply with Hill and stayed with him over the years.

However, the immediate catalyst for writing the hymn came from a personal family tragedy. Hill’s mother-in-law suffered a debilitating stroke at the age of 50, leaving her paralyzed. As a new Christian, Hill struggled to comprehend why such a terrible thing would happen to such a kind and devout woman. One day, while reflecting on his mother-in-law’s suffering and the trials she faced, Hill found himself on his porch, and the words to the hymn began to flow into his mind.

Despite having never written a song before, Hill felt compelled to put his thoughts and feelings into words. Unsure of its quality, he decided to share it with his family. On their next visit to his mother-in-law, Hill, his wife, and his

sister-in-law sang the new hymn all the way to her home. When they arrived, they sang it again, and miraculously, for the first time in three years, Hill’s mother-in-law smiled and showed signs of joy and excitement.

To Hill, this reaction was a divine confirmation that his song was blessed by God. “What a Day That Will Be” has since become an anthem of encouragement and hope for countless people, resonating deeply with its message of a future without sorrow, pain, or death. The hymn draws on the comforting promise found in Revelation 21:4: “And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.”

Recorded by over 1,000 singing groups and individuals, “What a Day That Will Be” continues to inspire and uplift, providing solace and a reminder of the eternal peace promised to believers.

Verse 1

There is coming a day
When no heartaches shall come
No more clouds in the sky
No more tears to dim the

eye

All is peace forevermore
On that happy golden shore

What a day, glorious day
that will be

Chorus

What a day that will be
When my Jesus I shall see
When I look upon His face

The One who saved me
by His grace

Then He’ll take me by the hand

And lead me through the Promise Land

Oh what a day, glorious day
that will be

Verse 2

They’ll be no sorrow there

No more burdens to bear
No more sickness and no more pain

No more parting over there

And forever I will be
With the One who died for me

Oh what a day, glorious day
that will be

Thank you, Anne Murphy, for my sweet birthday card that had this week’s request from Bill Murphy jotted down as a note in it! Do you have a hymn you would like to know more about?

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NEWS

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Presses from page 1

Jim Oakley Sr. welcomed his son Jim Oakley Jr. into the newspaper business when he graduated from the University of Alabama and returned to Bibb County in 1958 at the age of 23. He was soon in charge of the newspaper and ran it successfully for the next three decades.

In 1969 the Oakley's erected a metal building addition to the Centreville Press operation and purchased a three unit Goss Community Press with a mechanical folder, from the Goss Company of Chicago, IL. The first edition of the paper to roll off of these new offset presses arrived on August 21, 1969. A native of Germany worked for Goss and stayed in Centreville for months to install and calibrate the new printing presses. These huge printing presses would stay in operation over a span of 46 years. Local print production came to a halt in 2015 as the costs of maintenance and production finally brought local printing to a close.

After nearly 10 years of mechanical silence the current Centreville Press owners have removed the last vestiges of the Goss printing presses from the metal building where newspapers were last produced. The Goss Community Press machinery has been removed to

reclaim building space and is destined for metal recyclers. As the cost of print production continued to climb the newspaper reached a point that local production was no longer economically feasible and contracted with another print house to produce the weekly editions.

Still in place and operable the Centreville Press retains a historic Heidelberg Press that was used for job printing or custom print jobs. The Heidelberg Press holds a significant place in the history of the newspaper print industry, particularly in the context of offset printing technology. Developed by the German company Heidelberger Druckmaschinen AG, the Heidelberg Press revolutionized the newspaper printing process and played a crucial role in the mass production of newspapers worldwide.

Before the advent of offset printing, newspapers were primarily printed using letterpress or other manual methods, which were time-consuming and limited in their efficiency. Offset printing, which the Heidelberg Press specialized in, introduced a more streamlined and cost-effective printing process.

CHANGING TIMES IN THE NEWSPAPER INDUSTRY

The decline of newspaper print publishing in the United

States has been a significant trend over the past few decades, marked by a myriad of factors that have reshaped the media landscape. While newspapers once held a central role in informing the public and shaping public opinion, their dominance has steadily eroded, giving way to digital alternatives and changing consumer behaviors.

One of the primary drivers of this decline is the advent of the internet and digital technology. With the rise of online news sources and social media platforms, consumers now have instant access to a vast array of information at their fingertips. This accessibility has led to a shift in how people consume news, with many opting for free online content over traditional print newspapers. As a result, newspaper circulation and advertising revenues have plummeted, putting immense financial pressure on print publications.

Furthermore, the rise of digital advertising has further exacerbated the decline of print newspapers. Advertisers increasingly favor online platforms due to their ability to target specific demographics and measure the effectiveness of their campaigns in real-time. This has led to a decline in advertising revenue for print newspapers, which historically relied heavily on advertising to sustain their operations.

Consolidation within the newspaper industry has also played a role in the decline of print publishing. Many newspapers have been forced to merge



or shutter their operations altogether in response to declining revenues. This consolidation has led to fewer options for consumers and reduced competition within the industry, further accelerating the decline of print newspapers.

Changing demographics and consumer preferences have also contributed to the decline of print publishing. Younger generations, in particular, are less likely to subscribe to print newspapers, preferring to get their news from digital sources. Additionally, as more people move to urban areas, newspapers in rural communities have struggled to maintain readership and relevance.

- According to the University of North Carolina School of Journalism's research, more than 2,100 newspapers have closed since 2004, with many of these closures occurring in rural areas.
- The Pew Research Center reports that newspaper circulation in the United States has declined by over 30% since 1990,

with rural newspapers experiencing similar or even greater declines.

- A study by Penelope Muse Abernathy at the University of North Carolina found that more than 1,300 communities have lost local news coverage altogether, often leaving rural areas particularly underserved.
- The decline of rural newspapers has been exacerbated by the loss of advertising revenue, with many local businesses shifting their advertising budgets to digital platforms or larger regional newspapers.
- Pew Research Center: Pew has conducted extensive research on the decline of newspapers in the United States. Their report titled "The Decline of Newspapers and the Rise of Digital Media" provides valuable insights into the factors contributing to the decline of rural newspapers.

The decline of print newspapers has had far-reaching implications for society as a whole. With fewer resources dedicated to investigative journalism and local news coverage, there is a risk of a decline in accountability and transparency at both the local and national levels. Furthermore, the loss of print newspapers has led to job losses within the industry, impacting journalists, editors, and other newspaper staff.

Despite the challenges facing print newspapers, some publications have managed to adapt to the changing landscape by embracing digital technologies and diversifying their revenue

streams. Many newspapers now offer digital subscriptions and have invested in online platforms to reach new audiences. However, the transition from print to digital has not been without its challenges, and many newspapers continue to struggle to find a sustainable business model in the digital age.

In the face of challenges of the industry the Centreville Press continues to provide a weekly printed news edition for its loyal readers. At the same time, the Press engages a website for digital news and utilizes social media platforms to announce breaking news and full article availability. After 144 years of continuous publication, the owners of the Centreville Press plan to continue publishing a community newspaper, in print and digital formats, as long as the community continues to support the product.

If you would like to see a video interview of James W. Oakley Jr. talking about his recollections of publishing a newspaper for over 30 years you can find it on our website. We will publish the link below.

https://youtu.be/e_VMN5KAXTc

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The Centreville Press
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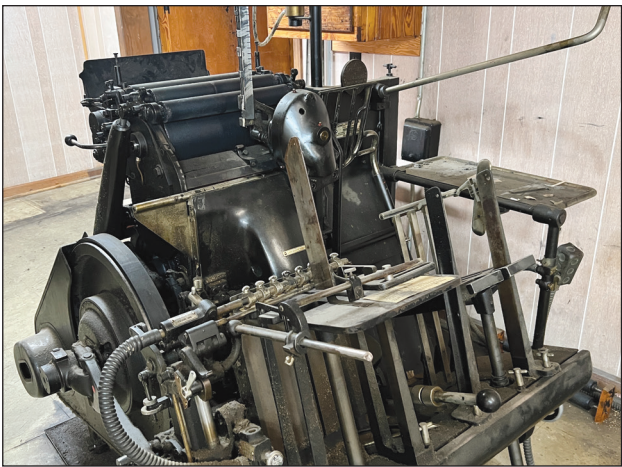
Your first offset edition just looks great! The photos are outstanding and the ad color is most appealing.

Please accept our sincerest congratulations for once again providing sound and progressive leadership for the newspapers of Alabama.

We look forward to being of service, and we wish you the best of everything.

Yours very truly,
JIM HALL,
Secretary-Manager

Mr. Hall is Secretary-Manager of the Alabama Press Association. He has been following our progress very closely in converting to offset printing. A large number of newspapers in Alabama have now made this change, and they are producing much better papers. Mr. Hall has made an outstanding record as Secretary-Manager of the Alabama Press Association. He has supplied the newspapers with good leadership and service.





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