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Chamber Recruits Experienced Economic Development Expert

Bibb County Chamber of Commerce Announces New Leadership

BY MIKE HOBSON
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The Bibb County Chamber of Commerce announced today the appointment of a new Executive Director, following an extensive search process for experienced and seasoned leadership. Chamber President Joseph Marchant announced today that the Chamber Board of Directors authorized the appointment of Brian Hilson to the post in their most recent meeting.

Hilson, a current resident of Vestavia Hills, will assume his new duties this week and will develop an economic growth & recruitment strategy for Bibb County in co-ordination with the Bibb County Industrial Development Authority.

The Executive Director job description holds him accountable to the Chamber Board of Directors for the promotion of Bibb County's local businesses, economic development, and tourism. The Executive Director will coordinate county-wide economic development activities and manage the business affairs of the Chamber of Commerce. His duties include formulation of long and short-term goals, conducting research and analyzing information, developing

promotional materials, acting as liaison between the Chamber, prospective industry, existing industry, local governments and boards, and state agencies to encourage the location and expansion of industry and the economy of Bibb County.

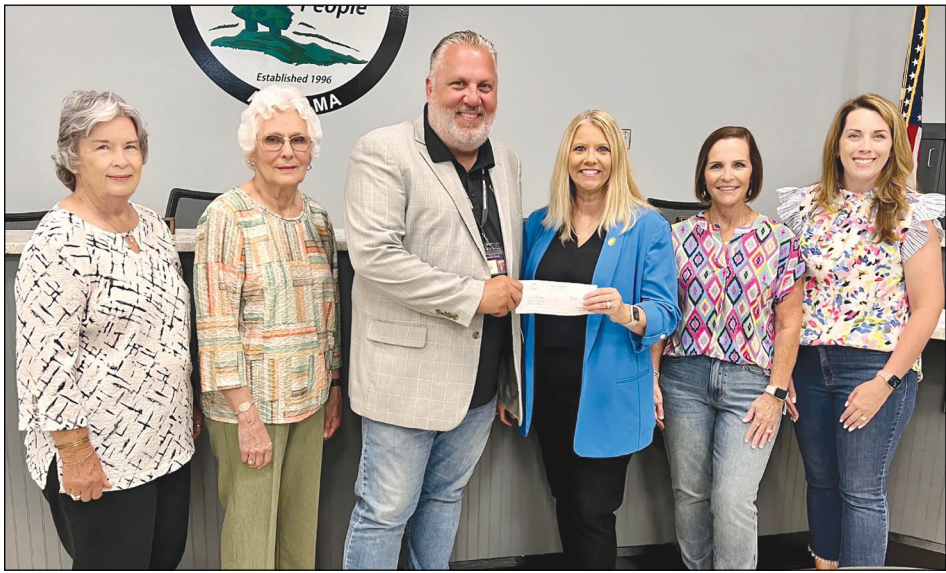
Hilson recently served the Florida West Economic Alliance in Escambia County, Florida. Before leaving Alabama for North Florida Hilson served as President and CEO of the Birmingham Business Alliance from 2011 to 2019, which included a re-

cord year in 2018 for the seven-county Birmingham region for both announced jobs and capital investment. Prior to his role with the BBA, he was President and CEO of the Chamber of Commerce of Huntsville/Madison County, where between 1992 and 2011 the community announced over 65,000 jobs, consistently leading Alabama in job growth and attaining many national rankings and recognitions for the community and the Chamber.

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Brian Hilson



Senator April Weaver Awards \$50,000 Legislative Grant to Woodstock Community Library Building Fund

SPECIAL TO THE PRESS

Senator April Weaver has awarded a \$50,000 legislative grant to the Woodstock Community Library building fund. The grant presentation was attended by Mayor Jeff Dodson, Woodstock Library board members Billie Daily, Mary Price, Anne Kornegay, Emily Ellison, and Library Director Michele Baucom Dickey.

Dodson said, "This

grant is a significant step towards moving the Woodstock Community Library into a centralized location, and enhancing its capacity to serve the expanding community as the Town of Woodstock grows. We are grateful for Senator Weaver's pivotal support for literacy and the Woodstock Community Library, and we look forward to seeing the positive impact this grant will have here in Woodstock."

Senator Weaver shared, "Libraries are cornerstones of our communities. They provide a safe and welcoming space for individuals of all ages to learn about freedom, civic engagement, and connect with community. This grant is an investment in our future, ensuring that the Woodstock Community Library can continue to serve and enrich our region for generations to come."

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LILLI TURNER NAMED WINNER OF THE 2025 DISTINGUISHED YOUNG WOMAN COMPETITION

By Kristin McGee and Sheila Duncan

The 2025 Distinguished Young Woman (DYW) competition was a night filled with talent, grace, and exemplary young women showcasing their achievements. The event, held in Bibb County at the Board of Education Auditorium, celebrated the outstanding accomplishments of participants in various categories.

This past Saturday, Lilli Turner clinched the title of Bibb County's Distinguished Young Woman 2025. Her incredible performance, both on and off the stage, distinguished her from the rest of the competition. In addition to winning the overall title, she also placed in the Interview, Scholastic, Talent, Fitness and Self Expression categories. She also received a scholarship for her Be Your Best Self Essay and received the Spirit of DYW Award which is voted on by the participants as the individual who best embodies the essence and values of the program. As the winner, Lilli will proudly represent Bibb County in the upcoming DYW of Alabama program, scheduled to be held in Montgomery in January.

This year seven beau-

tiful and talented young ladies filled the stage: Demi Smith – West Blocton High School, parents are Rhonda Steele and David Steele and the late Brian Smith (little sisters Emily Putman and Maycie Eaton); Tessa Hanson – Hope Christian School, parents are Mike and Traci Hanson (little sisters Abbie Grace Downs and Savannah Gibson); Anna Johnston – Bibb County High School, parents are Brian and Kelly Johnston (little sisters Karleigh Bolding, Ava Pierson and Makenna Watkins); Lillian Grace Turner – Bibb County High School, parents are Jennifer Carey and Chris Turner (little sisters Tawyla Pewee, Dakayla Jackson and Shyanne Crim); Hannah Elizabeth Dellinger – Bibb County High School, parents are Stewart and Christina Dellinger; (little sisters Sarah Dellinger, Abbie Dellinger and Hannah Franklin) Alyssa Peak – West Blocton High School, parents are Kristie Peak and Ezekiel Peak (little sisters Lydia Allen and Ella Morris); Maggie Brundage – West Blocton High School, parents are Kim and Greg Brundage (little sisters Ellas Jones, Millie Wiginton and Emily Carden).

Tessa Hanson was

named the 1st Alternate. She was the overall Talent and Fitness winner and also placed in Self Expression.

Alyssa Peak was named 2nd Alternate. She was the overall Self Expression winner and also placed in Interview, Scholastic, Talent, and Fitness categories.

Demi Smith and Hannah Dellinger were the 4th and 5th Finalists, respectively. Demi placed in Interview, Scholastic, Talent, Fitness and Self Expression. Demi also received a scholarship for her Be Your Best Self Essay and was awarded a Has Been scholarship. Hannah was the overall winner in Interview and Scholastic categories. She was also a place winner in Self Expression and received a Has Been scholarship.

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Lilli Turner

Fun and Fellowship Found on Saturday, July 13 at Celebration on the Green

BY SHEILA DUNCAN
REPORTER

The Celebration on the Green event, held on Saturday, July 13, 2024, united the community for an unforgettable evening of fun and fellowship. The green buzzed with excitement as residents and visitors gathered to enjoy a variety of activities and entertainment.

A variety of food stalls offered delicious treats for all tastes, ensuring there was something for everyone. Live music perfor-

mances provided the perfect soundtrack for the evening, keeping the crowd dancing and singing along, and creating a vibrant and joyous environment. The car show featured an array of different cars, adding to the fun, and the Cahaba Medical 5K run brought additional excitement. One of the highlights of the celebration was the Children's Patriotic Parade.

The evening ended with a spectacular fireworks display. The night sky lit up with brilliant colors and

patterns, leaving the crowd gazing in awe at the dazzling show. The fireworks were a fitting conclusion to a day filled with joy and camaraderie.

The Celebration on the Green was a resounding success, bringing together the community for a day of fun, food, music, parades, and fireworks. It was a reminder of the strong bonds and vibrant spirit that make the community special.

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NEWS



Bibb County High School and H.D. Davison Reunion

Chamber Director



Mercedes groundbreaking 2017. From left to right: Bibb County Commissioner Ricky Hubbard; Deputy Secretary of Commerce Angela Till; Jason Hoff, president and CEO of Mercedes-Benz U.S. International; Lee Smith, East Region Executive with BBVA Compass and incoming 2018 BBA Chairman; and Brian Hilson, president and CEO of Birmingham Business Alliance.

Chamber Director from page 1

He began his career in economic development in 1980, working his first 11 years in Birmingham plus one year with the Mobile Chamber before moving to Huntsville in 1992. He has worked on a wide variety of national and international corporate projects, such as Toyota, the Hudson Alpha Institute for Biotechnology, Adtran, Cinram, Del Monte, Autocar, Benjamin Moore Paints, Verizon, Delta Air Lines and Mercedes.

He was involved in several rounds of U.S. Army Base Realignment, including the 2005 BRAC that brought over 4,700 jobs to north Alabama. He has been involved in projects for new, expanding and early-stage employers that total over 100,000 Alabama jobs, and in 2011 was commended by the Alabama State Legislature for his work in growing the State's economy.

He serves as Executive Director of the Japan-America Society, an organization he has been part of since 1989. He has also worked as Rural Development Strategist on behalf of the Economic Development Association of Alabama, guiding the development of regional strategic plans involving 17 rural Alabama counties.

Chamber President Joseph Marchant said that Hilson is no stranger to Bibb County, has already been involved in key past projects here, and sees Bibb as fertile ground for future investment and the development of industrial and commercial clients. In his former role with the Birmingham Business Alliance Hilson was instrumental in developments that made significant impact on our area and boosted our economy.

Hilson's connections to

Bibb County reach back as far as 2012 when he was part of the announcement of the Thyssen-Krupp launch in Bibb County. At the time Hilson was CEO of the Birmingham Business Alliance that was responsible for the company choosing Bibb County for an expansion. At the time Hilson was quoted saying "This project is extremely important for the Birmingham region and Alabama. ThyssenKrupp Materials is an internationally recognized company and is especially recognizable here in Alabama," said Brian Hilson, CEO of the Birmingham Business Alliance. "It's also significant because of the jobs and capital investment and because this development is in Bibb County. This can generate more attention for Bibb County as a future business location for other companies."

Hilson was later instrumental in the development and groundbreaking for the Mercedes Global Logistics Center now located and operating at the Scott Davis Industrial Park in North Bibb. Hilson also played an important role in the recruitment and decision to locate the Moller Tech plant in the Scott Davis Industrial Park.

Marchant said "we look forward to Brian's leadership and working together with him to move the Chamber and our county forward."

Bibb County Probate Judge Stephanie Kemmer, also a member of the Industrial Development Authority board of directors said this about the hire: "Mr. Hilson brings with him experience and relationships within the economic development community that will benefit Bibb County immensely. I am excited that he will be leading the efforts of the Chamber and the Economic and Industrial Development Authority

and look forward to working with him.

A native of Huntsville, Brian is a graduate of Auburn University and the University of Oklahoma Economic Development Institute. He is a graduate of Leadership Alabama, Leadership Huntsville/Madison County and Leadership Birmingham. He is the immediate past chairman of the Alabama Germany Partnership, and is a past chair of the Economic Development Association of Alabama, the Chamber of Commerce Association of Alabama, and the Japan-America Society of Alabama.

Other previous leadership positions include the Alabama Sports Hall of Fame selection committee, and the boards of directors of the Business Council of Alabama, the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute and the North Alabama International Trade Association. He is a recipient of the Rainer Bauer Award from the Alabama Germany Partnership and the Samuel Ullman Award from the Japan-America Society of Alabama. In 2017 he was named one of the Top 50 Economic Developers in North America.

Having spent his entire career in economic development, Hilson is a strong believer that employment opportunities are the best way to help communities prosper and improve people's lives. Growing up in Huntsville, where his father was a career Army and NASA employee, he lived in a part of the community where many Germans and NASA engineers resided. Both of his grandfathers were small business owners, and one was also the mayor of Madison when it was a small town.

Brian and his wife, Windy, reside in Jefferson County, and they have two married children. Their son, Carlton, is an attorney with Burr Forman in Birmingham, and their daughter, Abby, is a high school math teacher in Decatur. Between them they have four grandchildren.



The Winegards: Loving Pet Care at Tabernacle Farms

BY SHEILA DUNCAN REPORTER

If you drive down Tabernacle Road in Brent, you will come across a charming place called Tabernacle Farm, run by Cynthia and Jerry Winegard. I had the privilege of speaking with Cynthia and asking her some questions. Let's see what she had to say.

Tell Us about Yourself:

My husband Jerry and I have 5 adult children, their spouses and 11 grandchildren. While I grew up here in Bibb County, Jerry did not. He was born in Florida but has lived in many different states with his parents and his brother. We lived in Jemison for a few years before we started an RV Ministry. We lived in our RV and traveled all over the United States. We returned to Alabama and Bibb County in 2012. We built our home in 2018 in Brent with Tabernacle Farm Pet Boarding following in 2019. We have since added onto the business to double the size.

Did you have any pets growing up that influenced your career choice? And What inspired you to start your animal pet service?

While Jerry and I both had lots of pets growing up that really wasn't our inspiration to start Tabernacle Farm Pet Boarding business.

The pet boarding business was 100% Jerry's vision. He realized after we had a bad experience with a pet boarder for our Miniature Schnauzer, Roosevelt, that there were no pet boarding businesses in our area with a higher quality of facilities and care. We knew that we loved our pets and would be willing to pay extra for them to be well cared for and treated like family, so we assumed others felt the same way.

Jerry built the first kennel building from the ground up and it opened officially in June of 2019 with 7 kennels. It didn't take long to realize that this was a much-needed service. In July of 2022 we purchased a building, modified it and made the exact number of kennels as the original building had. We exactly doubled our boarding ability for dogs. We have also added doggy day care. We found that this was a much-needed service in our area also.

Not to leave out anyone's kitty, we purchased a separate building and Jerry modified the inside with 4 cat condos. The new facility opened in January of 2020.

All our buildings are climate controlled with heating and cooling as needed. We have a total of 10 - 4x4 kennels with a doggy door leading out to each kennel's own private run area. There are also 4 smaller kennels that also have a doggy door and their own private run area. These kennels are for smaller pups. We do have some 2x3 crates for special

needs dogs (blind, walking issues, etc....). As a general rule they are rarely used. We have 4 large, fenced in play areas that the dogs play in multiple times a day.

What's a typical day like for you running an animal pet service and how do you handle pet owners might be nervous about leaving their pets with you?

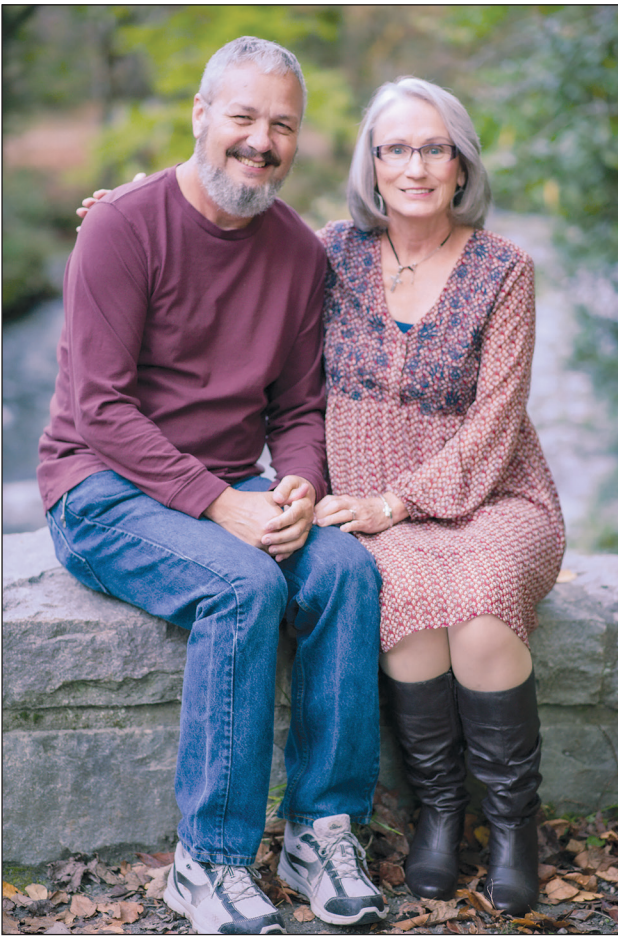
The day-to-day routine of our business rarely changes. Key word, RARELY. Occasionally there is a bump in the road. Our business hours are 8 am - 6 pm so I generally start the day between 6-7 am depending on the number of dogs we have boarded at the time. I rotate each dog into the play areas. While they are outside, I clean anything that is in their run area. I then go inside and check to see if their kennels needs attending to. Sometime their blanket may have gotten wet, or they have gotten food on the floor. On occasion someone may have gotten restless in the night and chewed their blanket or toy so that has to be cleaned up. I then feed and water each pet. Then out I go to rotate the next set of dogs out until I have done this for each one. The building itself is cleaned everyday so I do that in the morning. I make an effort to have this all finished before 8 am. Drop offs for doggy day care usually come first, then if we have anyone picking up their pet that also happens in the morning. Once pets are picked up then that particular kennel has to be cleaned and prepared for the next drop off. Drop offs are usually in the afternoon and we want to be sure to be ready. Throughout the day the dogs are let out in the play

areas to get some extra running and play time.

If we have cats in the cat condos, they are also taken care of in the morning. They, of course, are never let outside but they do come out into the building while I am feeding them and cleaning their litter box. The cats are in a 4-level cat condo with their litter on the bottom, a scratching pad on the wall of another level, food and water bowls attached on another level and their nice, comfy beds on the 4th level.

It can be stressful for pet owners to leave their dogs and cats for an extended amount of time. Imagine dropping your child off for day care. We try to reassure them by allowing them to come into the boarding facility to see where their pet will be spending it's time with us. We also point out to them that both kennel buildings are equipped with cameras that we can see from our home office and on an app on our phones. We also let them know they may call or check on their pets during regular business hours. There have been times when a dog was particularly scared, not eating and staying crouched in the corner. Jerry will get in the kennel with the dog, talk to them, pet them, and sit there with them to try to calm and relax them. We want every pet that stays with us to have a good experience.

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Jerry & Cynthia Winegard

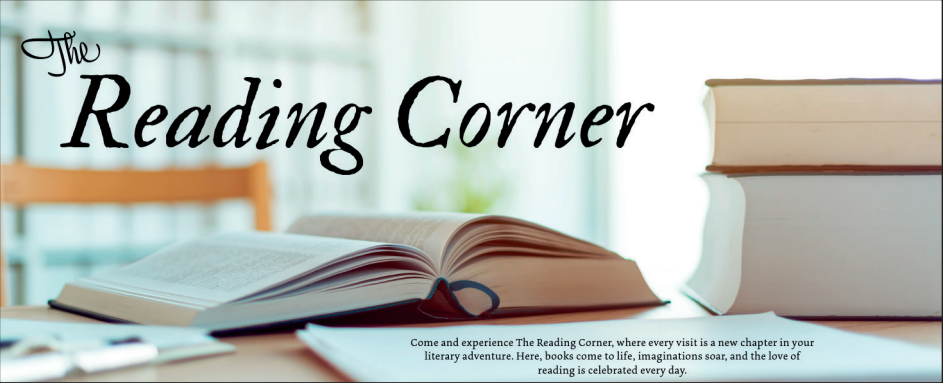
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NEWS/CALENDAR



The Housemaid by Freida McFadden

BY WHITNEY BUZBEE
CP STAFF

If you want a good, clean, thrilling read *The Housemaid* is the book for you. Millie needs a job and a place to live,

the listing for The Winchesters Housemaid seems like the perfect opportunity. Hired on the spot by Nina, the wife, Millie moves into their mansion, living in

the attic bedroom. For Millie, who is homeless, this job signifies a fresh start. However, Millie harbors secrets of her own — secrets that the Winchesters

are unaware of, including her recent release from jail. The job just seems too good to be true.. a roof over her head, decent pay. Nina Winchester seems lovely...but...something niggles, is it too good to be true? When Millie starts there's a shift to Nina straight away and you'd be forgiven for thinking she was a little crazy. And, to top it off, Millie sleeps in an attic room that's more of a closet. Despite this, Millie makes the most of things.. it's still

by far better than the alternative. As the story progresses we learn the marriage between Nina and Andrew is far from perfect; there's tension and a lot of history simmering. Millie continues to try to get on with her job and ignore the erratic behavior of Nina but in doing so she sees something in Andrew. She feels sorry for him, after all Nina can't be making him happy.. but she could. But, she's the maid and he's married. Things start to take a

dark turn. I'm certainly not one for spoilers but it's safe to say the twists come and while I had some inkling, the events that played out were so much better and more terrifying than I could have imagined. As tensions escalate and the family's hidden truths emerge, no one is safe. The Housemaid is a thoroughly enjoyable story to keep the reader guessing what will happen next. I read this book in three days, it is definitely one that is hard to put down!

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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.
- 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.
- Singing at Cedar Grove Church August 3rd starting at 6pm guest singers will be Forgiven Heart and more.
- Homecoming at Antioch Baptist Church (in Antioch) on July 28th. Preacher will be Sidney Cottingham, lunch to follow. Guest singers will be The Revelators Quartet.
- Come and see what God can do for you at Cedar Grove Church in West Blocton July 21 starting at 11 am . Guest preacher is Jimmy Channell from Northport come on out and worship with us you won't regret it.

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 last Monday of each month at 7pm at Station 1 located at 18756 AL-139. For more information, call the Station at 205-665-3060. We welcome volunteers!
- Green Pond Fire & Rescue holds its monthly meetings every first Tuesday of the month at 6:00 pm at Station 1, located at 19629 Eastern Valley Road in Woodstock. These meetings are open to the public and everyone is invited and encouraged to attend. For more information, call GPFR at 205-938-9991 or visit greenpondfire.com
- The Bibb County Bee Keepers Association August meeting will be at The Cahaba Lily Center in West Blocton. For more info call the BC Extension Office at 205-926-4310 or mdh0007@aces.edu or Chuck Allen 205-202-0501. Find us on FB at Bibb Co. Beekeepers.
- Bama Carry of Bibb County meets on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at the Sawmeal Restaurant. For more info contact Danny Jones 928-2455.

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

LIBRARY HOURS

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

PRAYER & SUPPORT GROUPS

- Join us at the Celebrate Recovery support group each Tuesday at 7pm in the Fellowship Hall at Brent Bible Methodist Church. For more information contact Dwight Crosley at 812-675-1543.
- Cancer Support Group Startup for Bibb County. Anyone interested - please call and provide your contact information 205-926-5803 or 205-316-8741.
- Group One, a Bibb County Cancer Support groups meets at BMC, AOB meeting room the fourth Thursday of each month. For information call 205-316-8970.
- If you need help, call 2-1-1 for community services to get assistance. United Way of West AL.
- Is your church or civic organization interested in starting a "Home Delivery Meal Ministry (Program)"? At the core of the pro-grams is a nutritious meal, companionship and a watchful eye on the health and safety of our senior adults who have trouble getting around. For more information call (205-926-3968).
- Helping Other People Excel (HOPE) in Bibb County is a group of stakeholders within the Bibb County Community who have a vested interest in ensuring that all residents have the knowledge, skills, and abilities to obtain available resources that will equip them to thrive. Whether you (or someone you know) is in need of food, clothes, or other resources, our coalition works to either provide or help identify resources to meet your needs. Please contact John Skinner at 205-876-6931 or via email at compassion-andhopefoodbasket@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 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.

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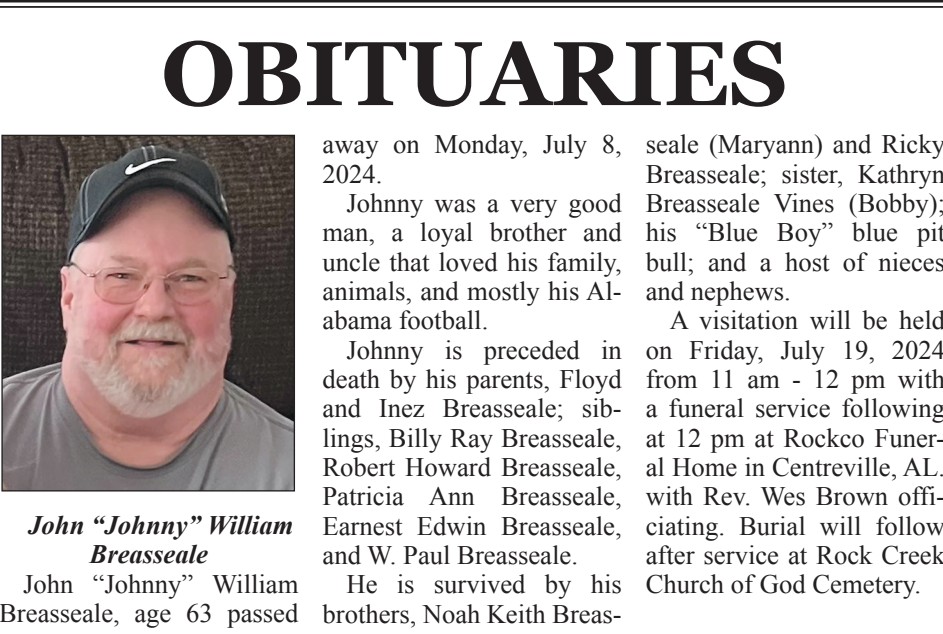
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OBITUARIES

away on Monday, July 8, 2024.

Johnny was a very good man, a loyal brother and uncle that loved his family, animals, and mostly his Alabama football.

Johnny is preceded in death by his parents, Floyd and Inez Breasseale; siblings, Billy Ray Breasseale, Robert Howard Breasseale, Patricia Ann Breasseale, Earnest Edwin Breasseale, and W. Paul Breasseale.

He is survived by his brothers, Noah Keith Breas-

seale (Maryann) and Ricky Breasseale; sister, Kathryn Breasseale Vines (Bobby); his “Blue Boy” blue pit bull; and a host of nieces and nephews.

A visitation will be held on Friday, July 19, 2024 from 11 am - 12 pm with a funeral service following at 12 pm at Rockco Funeral Home in Centreville, AL. with Rev. Wes Brown officiating. Burial will follow after service at Rock Creek Church of God Cemetery.



Hymn History

By: Savannah Logan

All Things Bright and Beautiful

There’s just something about being in nature, isn’t there – well, at least there is for me. No matter what season of life I have found myself in, one of the most consistent aspects of my life has been being able to feel the spirit of the Lord just a bit more closely when I am surrounded by the grass, trees, sky, and everything in between. Being something that God created myself, feeling kinship with other aspects of God’s creation resonates in my soul in a special way when it comes to feeling God’s love in a more complete way. Sometimes I’m baffled by it all – you mean to tell me that the God who created a stunning sunset, the intricacies of how all plants grow, and each and every creature that flies, walks, and crawls, and the sun warming my soul created little old me too? It’s a thought with a certain gravitas, and I hope I never cease to feel it in its entirety each time I walk out of my door.

“All Things Bright and Beautiful” is a beloved hymn written by Cecil F. Alexander, who was born in 1818 at Ballykean House, Redcross, Wicklow, Ireland, and passed away on October 12, 1895, at The Palace, Londonderry. As a child, Cecil

had a talent for poetry, which her parents initially did not take seriously. Her father discovered her poems hidden under a carpet and began reading them aloud every Saturday. As she grew older, Cecil channeled her love for teaching children through poetry. Before her marriage, she published “Verses for Holy Seasons” and “Hymns for Little Children” (1848), the latter including her most famous work, “All Things Bright and Beautiful.”

Cecil married the Reverend William Alexander, who later became a bishop in Ireland and the Primate of All Ireland. Despite his significant ecclesiastical accomplishments, William humbly acknowledged that he would be remembered primarily as the husband of the poet who wrote “There Is a Green Hill Far Away,” another of Cecil’s well-known hymns. Over her lifetime, Mrs. Alexander wrote more than four hundred hymns and was deeply committed to charitable work. She founded a school for the deaf with her older sister and established the Girls Friendly Society, an Episcopal Church organization that continues to operate worldwide.

“All Things Bright and Beautiful” was written to

help children understand the opening line of the Apostles’ Creed: “I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.” It is believed that Cecil composed this hymn at Markree Castle in Ireland. The tune associated with the hymn is an English melody dating back to the seventeenth century, which first appeared in “The Dancing Master” (1686). Martin Shaw, an English musician and church organist at St. Martin-in-the-Fields, adapted the melody to fit Cecil’s words.

The hymn’s vivid language evokes images of animals, birds, and nature, making listeners feel as though they can smell the flowers, hear the river, and feel the wind. It reminds Christians of their connection to the Creator through Jesus and encourages them to express their awe and gratitude for the beauty of creation by singing, “All things bright and beautiful, O Lord, You made it all!”

Do you have hymn you would like to know more about? Well, you know the drill – please feel free to send in a request by email at savannah.pearce@bibbcommunitymedia.com or by giving the office a call. I would love to hear from you!

COMMUNITY NEWS



Centreville News

From The Pen Of Brenda Hubbard

Our deepest sympathy goes out to the McMillan family in the recent loss of a loved one.

Among those having Birthdays in July are Jimmy Suttle, Ed Lightsey, Anne Deason, Rosalyn Adams, Cindy Suggs, Marti Watts, Quince McCoy, Jacob Pipher, Jacob Pipher, Matt Hartzell, Derrick Thomp-

son, Londa Sticher, Teresa Murphy, Weston Duncan, Sheila Duncan, Braylin Buzbee and Paige Hubbard.

Celebration on the Green was celebrated this year from 5:00 p.m. til 9:00 p.m. in Centreville on July 13, 2024.

WMU of Brent Baptist Church met recently.

Ridgeville Church of the

Nazarene will have Homecoming on July 28, 2024 at 11:00 A.M. Guest singer will be Bob Sellers, former lead singer of The Kingsmen Quartet. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

Anniversary wishes go out to Keith and Lisa Booth, who recently celebrated their 42nd Wedding Anniversary.



West Eoline News

From The Pen Of Jane Hannah

CORRECTION- I reported Kaydie Joelle Kinney ‘s birth last week, which is true but the correct spelling is Kaydi. Grandmother (GiGi) Jera Fortne stayed several Monday thru Friday with LaShelle, Ronnie & Geneva; helping with baby Kaydi and helping others as allowed. Tracey Holladay and Ruth Deason visited 7-10 and Mommy & Daddy took Kaydi for a quick visit with Uncle Wayne; bringing preemie gifts. Shelby and Nanny Jo visited Friday and this Nana was in and out all week taking food and holding the tiny bundle.

NEIGHBORLY -- Jacki McMurry had a flat tire last Friday and pulled off West Eoline Road at the Little Hope Road juncture. George Marchant was on scene when her called ride picked her up and kept an eye on her car. Ronnie Kinney volunteered to handle getting the tire fixed and replaced. That makes this Nana proud. .. He continued being neighborly by cutting my grass!

THANKS RONNIE.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY this week to my brother C H Deason 7-21, Great-great nephew Link Perez 7-22, Teresa Suttle 7-23, and Peggy Simmons 7-24.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY Sammy & Donna Kornegay 7-24 and many many more.

UPLIFTED SPIRITS ... As I left home last Thursday afternoon, I noticed the grass on the right-of-way had been cut and that made me SMILE!

Wayne Deason enjoyed a long weekend at Navarre Beach with his daughters Ruth Deason, Cindy Garner, Janet Fancher and Carolyn Caddis.

PRAYERS for Glenda Boothe of Woodstock, home Sunday from Hospital under Hospice care. She is Stacey Thompson’s Mother.

PRAYERS for Peggy Marchant as she starts treatment this week.

During this crazy time, I am comforted by a devotional I read July 15th from Jesus Call-

ing which says : “Do not worry about tomorrow! This is not a suggestion but a command. I divided time into days and nights so that you would have manageable portions of life to handle. My grace is sufficient for you, but it’s sufficiency is for only one day at a time. When you worry about the future, you heap day upon day of troubles onto your flimsy frame. You stagger under this heavy load, which I never intended you to carry. Throw off this oppressive burden with one quick thrust of trust. Anxious thoughts meander about and crisscross in your brain, but trusting Me brings you directly into My presence. As you thus affirm your faith, shackles of worry fall off instantly. Enjoy My presence continually by trusting me at all times. Matthew 6:34, Corinthians 12:9 , Psalms 62:8 NKJ “ God is Bigger!

Call 478-396-2513 to share your news. Have a wonderful week.



Brent News

From The Pen of Dorothy Clark

Covid is back on the rise, so be careful when you’re out and about.

Trash is back on the side of the road on Bear Creek. Let’s all help keep the roads clean and our environment healthy.

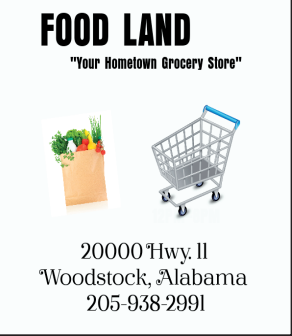
Happy Birthday to Willie Clark.

There has been so much going on lately; but Thank God for his goodness that he stores upon us daily. Just can’t thank him enough. We are all

blessed. You can lean on him as well as count on him. He watches over all of us.

No matter what you’re going through, Don’t Give Up!

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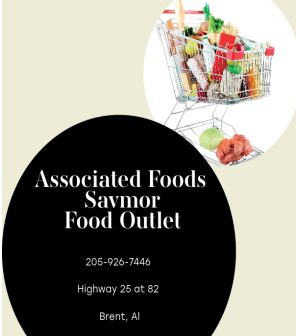
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against said estate are required to present the same within the time allowed by the law of the same will be forever barred.
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Tuscaloosa, AL 35406
Attorney for Karen Strachan
Personal Representative of the Estate of
Sharon Alford, deceased
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In the Probate Court of Bibb County, Alabama In the matter of the estate of
Jean S. Goodson, deceased Case No. PC2024 Notice
Letters Testamentary upon the last will and testament of Jean S. Goodson, deceased, having this the 25th day of June, 2024, been granted to the undersigned Michael D. Smith, by the Honorable

Stephanie Kemmer, Judge of Probate Court of Bibb County, Alabama, all persons having claims against the estate of the said decedent are hereby notified to present the same within the time allowed by law, or the same shall be forever barred.
Clay Staggs, Esq.
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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
The Water Works and Sewer Board of the City of Centreville, Alabama will conduct a Public Meeting to review the proposed Lead Service Line Inventory and Replacement project. This project includes preparation of a lead service line inventory and replacement of any water service lines identified as lead. This project will be funded with BIL grant monies through the Alabama Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Program.
This Public Meeting will be held at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 13, 2024,

at the Centreville Water Works and Sewer Board office located at 1270 Walnut Street, Centreville, Alabama 35042.
Officials representing the Water Works and Sewer Board of the City of Centreville, Alabama will be on hand to answer questions and address public concerns. The Environmental Information Document for this project is available for review at the Centreville Water Works and Sewer Board office located at 1270 Walnut Street, Centreville, Alabama 35042.
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VOICES

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The election year promises of free stuff are in full swing. Democrats and Republicans alike make campaign promises. But with Democrats the promises are often filled with the allure of getting something for nothing.

Free medical care, free wage increases, free Obamaphone, free housing, and most recently the promise to wipe out student loans regardless of how useless the degree that it purchased. In recent days the Biden plan to wipe out student loans was given a partial reprieve by a federal appeals court, meaning that the Supreme Court will likely hear the issue at some point. Thanks to President Biden a brand-new entitlement class has sprung up: the liberal arts student loan recipient class.

A Democrat congressional staffer recently crowed on social media that he received word his student loan had been paid off. The young beneficiary of Biden's largesse said "elections have consequences!" and posted an image of the notice he received in the mail which said in part, "Congratulations! The Biden-Harris Administration has forgiven your federal student loans listed below with Nelnet in full."

That same staffer makes over \$80,000 a year. He is paid with tax dollars and his loan was paid off with tax dollars. Journalist Doug Powers responded,

"Always fun when somebody who works in government thanks somebody else in government for saddling others who didn't agree to the debt for paying the loans off. My son who works 12 hours a day installing metal roofs will be impressed with how his tax dollars are being spent,"

Well said.

Ostensibly the Biden administration believes those who knowingly entered into a contract shouldn't be held accountable to their contractual obligations because.....well, because its "hard?".....or something equally insulting.

This plan is wrong on an epic scale - legally, ethically, mentally and morally.

From a legal standpoint, Biden has no privity

of contract. The loan agreement governs the terms between the parties. It was freely entered into, consideration given, services received, payment due. Show me another contract in the world that can be written off outside of Bankruptcy without the lender having a say-so. The legal world does not work this way. Try it with your mortgage and see what happens.

Secondly, the payoff is ethically wrong. How can a President with fiduciary responsibility to the American public-at-large justify lightening the contractual obligations of some citizens without consideration to those who carry similar burdens? Picking winners and losers is not the role of government. Can Joe Biden decide to pay off a \$50,000 loan used to earn a degree in underwater basket weaving for one citizen, while at the same time offer no relief to another citizen who borrowed \$50,000 to start his own company? An ethical dilemma, no doubt.

What about the mental consideration?

What thought processes must go into the determination to spend someone else's money to pay off another person's contract? What are we to think of the thinking of a President who says on the one hand he must use billions of tax dollars to pay off student loans because of hard economic times, while at the same time declaring emphatically that his economy is great and there are no hard times? The mental machination eludes most people and the only conclusion is that he is lying, or deluded. The same brain cannot conjure such conflicting expressions without one of those two conclusions.

But there is another argument that bears equal discussion. Can the student loan program be defended morally? It is unreasonable to tell an entire generation debts are really not their fault, contracts have no meaning, and they shouldn't have to bear such responsibility. The Biden Administration is immorally perpetrating the growth of a welfare mentality in the next layer of our societal evolution. The kind of mentality that says "I'm a victim and therefore I should be

rescued" is what keeps otherwise strong and healthy members of society from learning the value of taking calculated risks. An expectant society has no need to press through adversity. They expect reward regardless of personal productivity. Biden is working to raise our kids to believe that there is no hope of success without someone else's benevolence.

A healthy society cannot survive on the notion that no one should be held accountable for their own actions. Millions and millions of productive citizens are making a go of it, contributing to their communities. Americans who take the great risks, and know the great failures, but also know the great achievements, are the ones now being called upon to pat the poor souls on the head that have borne the ignominy, the burden, the pain of being asked to pay their own debts.

Longtime Southern Baptist Pastor Adrian Rogers was spot on when he said:

"You cannot legislate the poor into freedom by legislating the wealthy out of freedom. What one person receives without working for, another person must work for without receiving. The government cannot give to anybody anything that the government does not first take from somebody else. When half of the people get the idea that they do not have to work because the other half is going to take care of them, and when the other half gets the idea that it does no good to work because somebody else is going to get what they work for, that my dear friend, is about the end of any nation. You cannot multiply wealth by dividing it."

Legally, ethically, mentally, and morally, the Biden student loan payoff plan fails to meet muster. There is no free lunch.

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PHIL WILLIAMS

Attorney General Marshall Opposes Latest Costly Regulatory Overreach by the Biden Administration

Alabama Attorney General Steve Marshall joined a coalition of 24 state attorneys general in opposing the Biden administration's latest overreach into the laundry rooms of middle-class Americans. The administration's new rule attempts to further the left's radical energy agenda by imposing harmful and costly standards on washing machines. Biden's regulations will continue to drive inflation and make it harder for Americans to make ends meet.

"Whether it is your car, kitchen, or laundry room, the Biden-Harris administration is going to find ways to hike our bills in the name of the radical left's climate agenda," said Attorney General Marshall. "Too often 'high efficiency' just means the machine is terrible at washing clothes. If consumers want to choose a more expensive and less effective washing machine, let them. However, we believe the White House should not be making those decisions for all of us. People are having a hard enough time affording the basics in this economy, yet this administration keeps piling on the costs."

The action comes in the wake of a newly released direct final rule regulating residential clothes washers that does not consider the economic impact on American consumers who will face appliance cost hikes due to the new regulations. The attorneys general, in a letter to the United States Department of Energy (DOE) Secretary Jennifer Granholm have asked the Department to abandon the rule or, at a minimum, allow notice and comment rulemaking before enacting the standards.

As the attorneys general highlight, don't just take their word for it; several appliance companies as well as the Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers (AHAM), had major concerns with the standards proposed by DOE, "AHAM's comment stressed that the proposed rule would 'eliminate consumer features, reduces choice, significantly increases cost, and/or negatively impacts product performance.'... Whirlpool, another one of AHAM's members, wrote separately to further emphasize that the proposed rule was not economically justified. Research conducted by Whirlpool showed a 25% increase cost for consumers and a potential 31% loss in industry net present value, which could result in more than 8,000 American job losses."

AHAM, advocacy groups, and a select group of states, after reaching an impasse, did eventually consent to the new rule in a

joint statement. However, as the attorneys general note that statement "was the result of administrative arm-twisting and did not address issues raised by important stakeholders during the period for comments on the proposed rule... The joint statement also relies largely on the support of several advocacy groups, including the Alliance for Water Efficiency, the Northwest Energy Efficiency Alliance, the Natural Resource Defense Council, Earthjustice, and the National Consumer Law Center. These niche advocacy groups do not represent the interests of everyday consumers, and their input should not be given significant weight by DOE."

Additionally, the attorneys general continue, argue that by law DOE cannot issue this rule without agreement from across the ideological spectrum. By statute, this type of rule "must come from 'interested persons that are fairly representative of the relevant points of view.'" Massachusetts and California may agree with the Biden Administration, but many states do not. As the attorneys general note, "[a] handful of States favor DOE's proposal, while a much larger group of States strongly oppose it. DOE cannot cherry pick the States with which it is politically aligned to circumvent the ordinary rulemaking process."

The attorneys general call on the Department of Energy to allow the public a chance to comment on this regulation as it will "reach its way into homes". Florida, and the coalition, urge DOE to seriously reevaluate its direct final rule in light of all this information.

Attorney General Marshall and Attorney General Moody were joined on the letter by the attorneys general from: Arkansas, Georgia, Idaho, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, Oklahoma, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Virginia, West Virginia.



Steve Marshall

Alabama should follow Louisiana's Lead in Special Session Addressing Violent Crime

Violent crime in our state continues to get worse. In Birmingham, alone homicides are up by 15 percent after the first six months of the year. And look at Montgomery, where homicides have increased by 93 percent over the past five years.

There is no question public safety has become the number one problem in this state and is not being addressed at the local level. Thus, it will be up to state leaders to strengthen the Alabama's criminal justice system.

This past Spring Louisiana Governor Jeff Landry called a special session to address the horrific crime rates that has made some of the cities in his state some of the most dangerous places to live in the country. State leaders understood that they could not

wait any longer to address the problem, as it was just creating more crime victims. Louisiana lawmakers successfully passed legislation that gave more tools to law enforcement and prosecutors to go after the bad guys.

Alabama should follow suit. Governor Kay Ivey should work with Attorney General Steve Marshall and Alabama legislators to approve new laws to deter crime and punish those that wound endanger the public. Now is the time to bring the stakeholders in the criminal justice system together to study entire system from crime, to arrest, to sentencing and incarceration. Then those recommendations should be the basis of bills to propose to take on the violent crime in the state. Most importantly, there should be truth in

sentencing implemented in this state.

Just as in Louisiana, Alabama leadership should address crime and public safety sooner rather than later.

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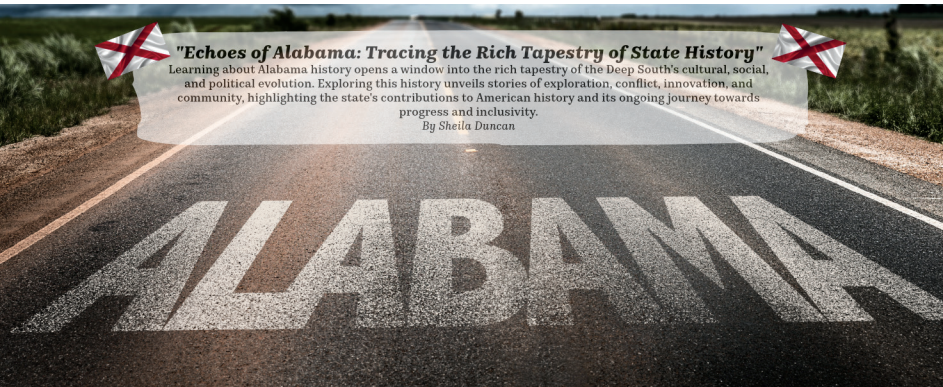
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LIFESTYLE



Major Uriah Blue: Forgotten Legend of the Creek War and the War 1812

BY SHEILA DUNCAN
REPORTER

Major Uriah Blue, a notable figure in the United States Army, played a significant role in the Creek War, the early Seminole Wars, and the War of 1812. Much like Forrest Gump, he seemed to be present at every crucial event of that period. Despite his remarkable contributions, he remains largely unknown to both the general public and many historians.

Around the turn of the 19th century, a young Blue in his twenties joined the regular Army as a lieutenant, anticipating a possible war with France. Like many unmarried young officers of the time, he moved in and out of military service until around 1812, when he was stationed at Fort Stoddert in what is now Mount Vernon, Alabama. We first hear about Uriah Blue in connection with the Fort Mims massacre. Around the time Blue took his position at Fort Stoddert, General Ferdinand Leigh had withdrawn most of his soldiers, leaving only 40 sick and injured troops. In early September, Blue was put in command of a unit of Regulars, reinforced by 100 troops from the 7th Infantry Regiment. During this time, he was supported by Mississippi Territory Militia Captain and Brevet Brigade Major Joseph Pulaski Kennedy, an Ivy-league educated lawyer who led Alabama in the failed West Florida Revolution of 1810.

When news of the Fort Mims Massacre broke, Claiborne waited for Kennedy to conduct a makeshift funeral for the deceased before finally sending Blue, Kennedy, and 10 men to the fort by flatboat to assess the extent of the bloodshed and properly bury the dead. They arrived to a horrifying scene of hundreds of dead, mangled, burned, and scalped bodies. A report on the destruction was filed the following day but remained unpublished and largely unseen until 2006.

More than three weeks after the initial discovery, Blue and Kennedy returned to Fort Mims with Dr. Thomas G. Holmes and 300 of their

best men to bury the dead. Holmes was interviewed by one of Alabama's first historians, Albert James Pickett, who preserved the doctor's gruesome notes on the condition of the bodies and the funerals held in their honor. Holmes reported that they counted 247 slaughtered men, women and children, including whites, slaves and allies from nearby Creek Red Stick tribes. Just six months later, after the American victory at the Battle of Horseshoe Bend and subsequent signing of the Treaty of Fort Jackson which gave U.S. lands to "friendly Indians", the remaining Creek Red Stick holdouts retreated south and then east. Most congregated in what is now the western Florida panhandle, which Spain then owned but was struggling to maintain. Napoleon had conquered the now-bankrupt country and placed his brother on the throne. In pursuit of the Red Sticks, General Andrew Jackson marched part of his army down to the Mobile Bay area and sent another part down the Alabama River via flatboat. They encamped with the few supplies they had at Fort Deposit. Blue and his adjutant, Kennedy, had established the base of the 39th Regiment of Regulars at Fort Montgomery, a largely empty supply dump and gathering site near Fort Mims in the Tensaw Lake area. Their forces — regulars and militia as well as some Chickasaws and Choctaws — moved southeast from there into Florida. Nine hundred Red Sticks took refuge in Pensacola, an area with which they were familiar due to a sustained trading relationship with John Forbes & Co. A sign reading "Muscogee Wharf" marks the site of the camp today. The Indians needed food, supplies and protection, and they thought they'd find refuge in Spanish territory. The Pensacola Spaniards, for their part, were generally overwhelmed by a lack of Spanish support.

While the War of 1812 officially began when the US declared war on Great Britain on June 18, 1812, a subsidiary conflict Alabamians call "The Creek Indian War" was incited by the Massacre of Fort

Mims on August 30, 1813. Creek Indians were named by the British in Savannah, who identified a Muskogean tribe living on a particular creek. At the end of the Creek Indian War in Alabama, those Red Stick Indians who did not want to surrender fled South and East into Florida where they came to be called Seminoles, from the Spanish word meaning "fleeing".

In mid-September of 1814, the British attacked Fort Bowyer, the predecessor of Fort Morgan on the spit of the southeastern side of Mobile Bay. In this first attack, the British used four ships and a diversionary land force of Royal Marines. Their biggest ship, the HMS Hermes, caught fire and exploded when it ran aground at musket range and was riddled by the fort's guns. The British moved on to New Orleans after the American victory. Meanwhile in Apalachicola and Pensacola, the British relieved the Spanish of some pressure by equipping Red Sticks and slaves to fight American troops. Jackson was in command of a "mop-up operation," a commonly used military phrase of the time marking a conquest in capturing or killing remaining enemy troops. He marched his army into Florida where British forces, Creeks and a battalion of escaped slaves were billeted. Jackson, otherwise known by the moniker "Old Hickory" and never one to stand on arcane legal principles like the neutrality of Spain, captured Pensacola on November 7, 1814. The British fell back to their secondary base at Prospect Point in Apalachicola.

Early that winter, Jackson learned that the British were assembling ships and soldiers in Jamaica for an attack on the Gulf Coast, likely targeting New Orleans. He split his army and marched the main troops through Mobile to Louisiana for the Battle of New Orleans campaign, in which we all know Jackson won (if only because those of us with a little age can still sing Johnny Horton's song, The Battle of New Orleans). The American victory in the Crescent City galvanized Jackson's resolve to conquer

the Red Sticks in the Florida panhandle, and he placed Blue at the helm of the operation.

Just after the massacre at Fort Mims, a call for militia from Tennessee and Kentucky brought Jackson a slew of sharpshooting militiamen to the Mobile area, including Major William Russell's battalion of Tennessee Mounted Gunmen and a large faction of John Coffee's brigade. They were augmented by Blue's large force of mounted men and by Chickasaw and Choctaw warriors, including Tishomingo, James Brown, Coahoma, Tuscumby and Chief Pushmataha. Davy Crockett himself later joined the outfit and enlisted as a scout with a Tennessee company of mounted riflemen. The forces returned to Fort Montgomery to restock their supplies for their mission, but they were dismayed to find that the supplies at the hold were delayed and scarce. Blue and his troops then departed Fort Montgomery, carrying only 20 days' worth of supplies. They crossed many river swamps on foot during the coldest, rainiest season of the year because their horses and wagons couldn't traverse the muddy terrain. Crockett later wrote that he and the men "just put in like so many spaniels, and waded on, sometimes up to our armpits." They finally reached Turvin's Bluff on the Escambia River north of Pensacola, where they managed to secure a boat and supplies. Soon after their arrival, the Americans got into a skirmish with a nearby Red Stick encampment. They killed 20 warriors and captured 150 of their family members, who were then marched back across the Escambia River with a detachment to Fort Montgomery.

Word broke that some Indians were stationed at Garcon Point. Blue sent a detachment to Garcon Point to capture an escaped slave who was accused of giving the Red Sticks intelligence about the defenses of Fort Mims. Three captains sent to track other enemy tribes who had escaped by canoe to Pensacola followed a trail to the tanning house of a man named John Innerarity. Though Innerarity, owner of the John Forbes & Co., traveled frequently with the Creeks, he denied having knowledge about the Indians. The captains broke down the man's door and found and caught 10 Indians and some runaway slaves. The captives were taken back to Blue and Kennedy at Garcon Point, who sent them with yet another detachment to Fort Montgomery.

A week later, Blue and his men regrouped near present-day Floridatown after learning of enemy tribes near the Choctawhatchee River. The Americans and Chickasaws found and killed 30 Creeks near the Yellow River, including their chief known as "the Alabama King." Another 75 were captured and sent with a detachment back to Fort Montgomery. The Treaty of Ghent was signed on Christmas Eve in 1814, ending the War of 1812. But nobody around here knew about that until later, so the war carried on locally. By Christmas, Blue and his men

were freezing, exhausted and mostly out of food. Crockett wrote, "I remember well that I had not tasted bread but twice in 19 days. I had bought a pretty good supply of coffee from the boat that had reached us from Pensacola, on the Scamby, and on that we chiefly subsisted." But that Christmas Day, Blue heard that scouts located the main Red Stick camp at present-day Vernon on Holmes Creek. They marched frozen and hungry all night, but found the place deserted upon an attempted attack at dawn. With promised food and reinforcements from the Georgia militia and allied Indians having never arrived, he could not proceed to attack the British and their native al-

The force of approximately 1,100 men was sent to "the vicinity of Fort Bowyer after it had been surrendered to the enemy." Blue halted just east of the Fort, but he sent Kennedy ahead in his stead. Having earlier surveyed the coast, Kennedy was "of opinion that we could cross the Bayou which empties into Navy Cove, which is fordable, supposing that the enemy had not occupied that position." After discovering that the British had erected a battery of cannon at the Bayou, he recommended leaving a small group to watch the British, while occupying a small neck of land between the Bayou and the Gulf of Mexico. The maneuver proved to have



lies in Apalachicola.

Blue split his forces. Major Russell and 500 starving Tennessee Volunteers — including Davy Crockett — were sent up the Tallapoosa to Fort Jackson. Crockett later wrote, "We all began to get nearly ready to give up the ghost and lie down and die. I hunted every day, and would kill every hawk, bird and squirrel that I could find. Others did the same; and it was a rule with us, that when we stop'd at night, the hunters would throw all they killed in a pile, and then we would make a general division among all the men." The other half of Blue's men were led back to Fort Montgomery. Blue wrote to Jackson, then in the midst of the New Orleans campaign, that his outfit was "without provisions of any kind; the horses are unable to go any farther." They narrowly made it back to the fort on January 9, 1815, officially ending their operation. Blue's respite was short-lived. General James Winchester summoned the exhausted major and the 100 Creeks he managed to recruit to Mobile to assist in defending the city from the British. Their intelligence informed them of Jackson's victory in New Orleans and a second British attack on Fort Bowyer. Winchester sent Blue, Kennedy and about 1000 of his own troops to Mobile to relieve the siege.

Later in life, when Kennedy was accused of "losing Mobile Point" back in 1815, he explained that Blue was in command of the 39th regiment and that he was his Adjutant and in command of Indians.

Blue and Kennedy "repeatedly applied to General Winchester for a command of men in addition to the Indians to be sent to the relief of Lieutenant Colonel Lawrence" at Fort Bowyer until their request "was after some time, complied with."

merit. Though an attempt to capture a British picket to get intelligence was unsuccessful, they managed to capture a British barge the following day. Learning from their conquest that Fort Bowyer had fallen and anticipating a British attack on Mobile, the outfit returned to the Port City. Instead of an attack, the HMS Brazen arrived on February 13 with the news that the Treaty of Ghent had been signed on Christmas Eve, ending the war. The Brits left Alabama and took their fight out to the battlefields of Waterloo.

The war over, Blue wrote Jackson asking for a furlough, saying that in his 12 years of service he had "never had a furlough for two days at a time in my life." He was honorably discharged on June 15, 1815. He returned to service in the 8th Infantry after a six-month sabbatical, but the siren call of retirement was too enticing to resist. He laid down his arms and returned to civilian life one year later. He lived out his days on his farm on the Eastern Shore.

Once lost to the annals of history, Major Uriah Blue's military exploits proved pivotal in shaping the trajectory of the War of 1812. Let us never again forget his strategic acumen and unwavering dedication on the battlefield that altered the course of history and left an indelible mark on the conflict's outcome. The "final" victory of General Jackson over the Creek Red Sticks was at Horseshoe Bend, on the Tallapoosa River south of present Lake Martin. The Red Stick Creek chief William Weatherford [never in his life called Red Eagle] soon after that battle surrendered to Jackson's Army at a rough fort called Fort Jackson, and the Creeks and Jackson concluded a treaty called "The Treaty of Fort Jackson," which also gave U.S. lands to the "friendly Creeks".



Welcome to our historical journey, where we delve into the rich tapestry of our past through the pages of The Centreville Press. Below, you will find articles from what we call the "morque" – a collection of past articles that once graced our newspaper. These narratives provide a fascinating glimpse into the events, stories, and voices that shaped our community. So, let's embark on a journey through the narratives that once filled our pages, preserving the legacy and memories of yesteryears capturing the essence of bygone eras with vivid detail.

BRENT BALL TEAM DEFEATS ROSEDALE
July 20, 1933
Brent baseball team won their eighth victory by defeating Rosedale 8-7. It was the second game played between these two clubs; Rosedale won the first game. Belcher for Brent allowed seven runs and 3 hits in 4 innings. Crider went to the mound for Brent in the 5th inning and allowed only one hit and no runs and struck out 5 men. Caldwell for Rosedale allowed 11 hits and 8 runs. Rosedale was leading Brent up until the 4th inning by 7 runs. Brent came from behind beautifully to tie the score in the eighth and in the 9th McCown singled, stole second and went to 3rd on an infield out and scored on

Narramore's bunt. Steele led Brent in hitting, getting 3 for 5. One triple, double and a single. Caldwell and McClusky; Belcher, Crider and McCown. One out when winning run scored.
July 16, 1936
West Blocton- Work has begun on the project to build a new Methodist Church, South, in the town. The new building will be much nearer to the center of the town and completely modern in every detail. P.P. Pritchett, a steward, is in charge of grading and landscaping the church site.

July 16, 1936
We have all desired for it to rain and the past week we have had plenty of it in this section, accompanied by electrical storms. No se-

vere damage has been reported in the County. We understand that the wind blew off some house tops in the River Bend section Sunday. Mr. Doss Fondren of Centreville, Rt. 1 reports that a tree was blown across his pig pen and one of his hogs was instantly killed.

MILITARY NEWS

July 13, 1988
Gregory Reed Stone of West Blocton left June 6th for Basic Training at Ft. McClellan, Alabama. He is part of the Alabama Army National Guard's Buddy Platoon.

Sean Lynch of West Blocton left June 6th for Basic Training at Ft. McClellan, Alabama. He is part of the Alabama Army National Guard's Buddy Platoon.

Plain & Simple

"Slow down and enjoy the simple pleasures in life"

By: Sheila Duncan

Southern Baked Yellow Squash

Ingredients:
3 pounds yellow summer squash, cut into 1-inch cubes
¾ cup dry breadcrumbs
½ cup chopped onion
2 large eggs
½ cup butter, melted
1 tablespoon white sugar
1 teaspoon salt
½ teaspoon black pepper
Directions:
Preheat the oven to 375 degrees F (190 degrees C). Grease a 2-quart baking dish.
Place squash into a large saucepan, cover with water, and bring to a boil. Boil until soft, 10 to 15 minutes.
Drain squash well, transfer to a large mix-

ing bowl, and mash until slightly chunky.
Stir in 1/2 cup breadcrumbs, onion, eggs, 1/4 cup melted butter, sugar, salt, and pepper until thoroughly combined.
Spread mixture into the prepared baking dish.

Drizzle remaining 1/4 cup melted butter over top, then sprinkle with remaining 1/4 cup breadcrumbs.
Bake in the preheated oven until cooked through and golden brown on top, about 1 hour.



NEWS

BIBB COUNTY COMMISSION

Meeting Date: July 8, 2024

by Lynn Hamric

Commission Chair Corbell called the meeting to order at five o'clock.

Public Comment: Chair Corbell recognized Mr. Walt Williams who addressed the commission with his continued concern on the open border policy; his belief that President Biden has committed treason; that the President and Vice-President are both using Airforce 1 and 2 for campaign purposes. He believes the critical date of our downfall is January 30,2021. His solution to the nations ills would be to have all elected congressional members sworn in with no recognition of party lines or salary and the sole purpose being to reverse these policies that are the current downfall of the USA. He urged each of the commissioners to contact their congressional delegation. Chair Cobell thanked Mr. Williams.

Public Comment From Other Elected Officials: None

Roll Call: Present – Lightsey, Caddell, Downs Corbell and Stabler.

Information Items: Accounts Payable Check Runs (5)

Kirk Smith led in prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consent Agenda: None New Business:

A motion to approve the June 24, 2024 minutes was made (Caddell) and seconded (Stabler). Motion carried.

Tax Assessor: At the request of the Tax Assessor, a motion was made (Lightsey) and seconded (Stabler) to approve a \$40,000 Tangible Personal Property Exemption. Motion carried.

Sherriff: A request for \$21,041.20 was made to

outfit a K9 Unit. An increase in cost would go into effect July 1, 2024 so pre-approval was obtained. Pro Logistics for Tahoe came in with the lowest price. A motion to approve was made (Stabler) and seconded (Caddell). Motion carried.

County Administrator: Brian Davis recommended the approval of the application of the State of Alabama cybersecurity Grant Program. A motion to approve was made (Stabler) and seconded (Downs). Motion carried.

Brian Davis recommended immediate repairs to the sewage system at the Rock Building in the amount of (approximately) \$28,000.00. The sewage back-up is constant and attempted resolutions have failed. extensive concrete removal, new pipes and pump to digest and discharge up an incline is required. Reach Plumbing (West Blocton) will conduct repairs. A motion to approve was made (Stabler) and seconded (Downs). Motion carried.

Brian requested the purchase and installation of Welcome to Bibb County signs from Vulcan, Inc. in the amount of \$495.00/ea. These would be placed on major highways. 41,980.00. A motion to approve was made (Downs) and seconded (Caddell). Motion carried.

County Engineer:

Jeff McKinney requested total replacement of the roof ridge at the county shop paid for from the Capital Improvement Funds. A 20 yr material and 10 yr labor warranty for \$9,780.00. This is needed as CRS has written up the damaged ceiling tiles. A motion to

approve was made (Stabler) seconded (Downs). Motion carried.

Request approval ADEM Wastewater Grant Project not to exceed \$185,000. This would be for 8 large pipe for 7 sites. Work will be conducted in every district. Two-cent funds will be used. Motion to approve (Lightsey) seconded (Stabler). Motion carried.

Jeff recommended utilizing the Unshielded Bridge Grant to add guard rails. This is a 90/10 cost share. A motion to approve was made (Stabler) and seconded (Downs). Motion carried.

Jeff reported that he is filing a third time for the Unshielded Bridge Grant for the Chaba River Drive.

County EMA Director:

Kirk smith recommended the approval of J&L Tree Service to remove trees from the Pondville Community Storm Shelter site in the amount of \$1,500. A motion to approve was made (Lightsey) seconded (Stabler). Motion carried.

County Attorney:

Anthony Johnson recommended the commission go into executive session. A motion to approve was made (Stabler) and seconded (Caddell). Motion carried.

Old Business:

Anthony Johnson, County Attorney, recommended the acceptance of the Kroger Opioid Settlement. A motion to approve was made (Stabler) and seconded (Caddell). Motion carried.

Discussion Items By commissioners: None

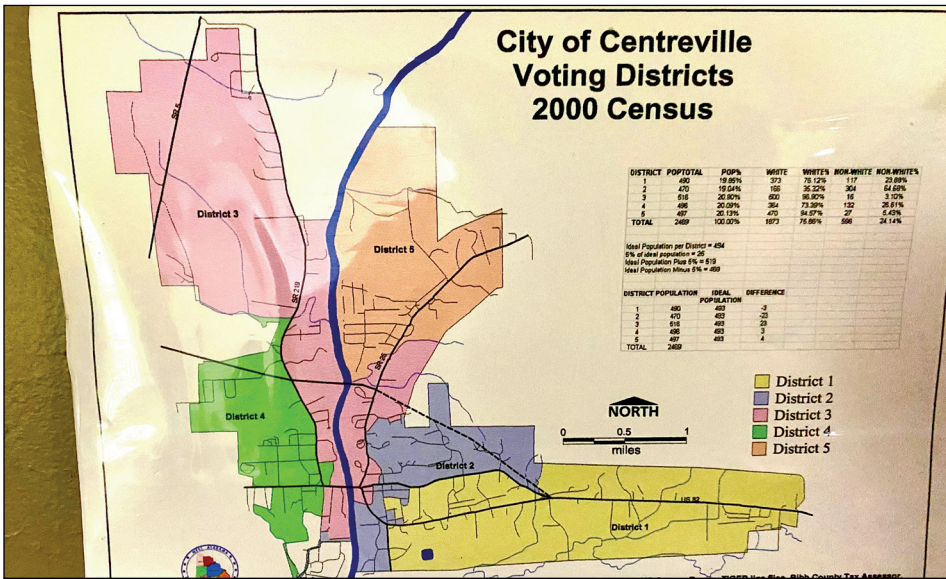
A motion to adjourn was made (Caddell) seconded by (Downs). Motion carried.

Centreville District 2 Councilman recognized two longtime, outstanding Community Leaders posthumously with Proclamations



Centreville City Councilman Don Mack, District 2, presents proclamation posthumously to Phyllis Johnson (wife of Mike Johnson Community Leader), son Brandon Johnson and grandson Asa.

Centreville City Councilman District 2 Don Mack presents Proclamation posthumously to Janice Deviner for (Community Sam Deviner) and son Michael. Not shown Jennifer & Daryl



Community Connect

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Can you share a heartwarming story about a pet and its owner?

One of the most heartwarming things that has happened in our time pet boarding was when an owner dropped off their daughter's dachshund and told us that it absolutely did not like men! Well one hour later he was laying on Jerry's shoulder loving on him.

What's the most rewarding feedback you've received from a client?

We get almost daily comments from our clients about their dog's experience at Tabernacle Farm. One of our regular doggy day care pups, Buddy was dropped off just this week by his owner. She said, "Buddy isn't feeling too great. He has been laying around all weekend and hasn't eaten much." The next day when I spoke to her, I let her know that Buddy ate all of his canned food she brought him and some of the dry. She said, "I think Buddy missed being here." I consider that a complaint to the care we provide. We have another dog, Jericho that his people say that at home they don't say the word "Tabernacle" unless they are about to walk out the door to bring him here because he gets so excited and runs to the door. When they drop him off, I take his leash from the owners and Jericho never looks back.

What are some of the biggest challenges you face in your business?

Having a business on the same property as your home can sometimes be a challenge. Setting regular business hours and sticking to them is the key to keeping a work/home balance. The second challenge is having to tell someone "Sorry, but we don't have availability during the time you need."

How do you handle difficult or aggressive dogs?

We have been blessed with boarding mostly easy, non-aggressive dogs and cats. There have been a few that are more difficult than others. Each of the 14 kennels have food and water bowls that are attached to a mechanism that swings out of the kennel. So as far as food and water, if a dog is aggressive, I never have to go inside the kennel. Cleaning the outside run is a little more difficult. One person usually lets the dog in the play area while another does any necessary cleaning in the run. We board a few dogs that their owner has told us just to feed and water the dog and don't let it out ever. Of course, this is not ideal, but we do honor their request.

What are some unique services you offer that set you apart from other pet services?

The most unique service that we offer that really sets us apart from other pet boarders is the kennels with the dog having a doggy door to go out to its own private run area. When we were making plans to build the facility for our business we checked around and you would be surprised how few facilities like Tabernacle Farm that are available. We have clients that bring their dogs from Birmingham and Montgomery because of that one thing.

What's your favorite part of working with animals?

There are so many great things that come from working with other people's pets. You get to become a part of their life. They recognize you and know that they will be well taken care of while they are at the Farm.

If you could be any animal for a day, what would you be and why?

If I could be an animal for a day, of course it would be a cat. And you guessed my reasoning behind my choice. A cat has nine lives, and I am still on number one!

What's the funniest thing a pet has done while under your care?

The most unusual thing a dog has done while it was in our care was to jump/climb a six-foot fence. Once you are over the fear that they escaped it does become funny. No one has ever escaped or been lost from Tabernacle Farm.

Do you have a favorite movie or book? Why?

Jerry has a fond, yet sad memory of the classic book "Old Yeller". He read that as a child, and it has stuck with him all these years. I on the other hand really don't have a favorite.

"Exploring your community allows you to uncover its hidden gems and forge meaningful connections with your neighbors." Thank you, Cynthia and Jerry, for taking the time to answer our questions so that we may get to know you and your family on a more personal level.

WOODSTOCK TOWN COUNCIL

Meeting Date: July 1, 2024

The Town Council of the Town of Woodstock, Alabama met in a Regular Council Meeting at the Town Hall on Monday, July 1, 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. Police Chief Len Price was present. Town Attorney Boozier Downs was also present. Various Public were in attendance.

I. COUNCIL APPROVAL:

Council Member Ronnie Kinard made the motion to approve the June 17, 2024 minutes as previously submitted by email. Motion was seconded by Council Member

Ernestine Johnson and motion so carried.

Council Member Don Bowling made the motion to approve the May, 2024 financials as previously submitted by email. Motion was seconded by Council Member

Lee Mears and motion so carried.

Council Member Don Bowling made the motion to approve the following donation:

West Blocton High School Football Booster Club Donation \$300.00

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

Council Member Don Bowling made the motion not to participate in the South Bibb 6U Gold – World Series Sponsorship Advertisment

Motion was seconded by Council Member Lee Mears and motion so carried.

Council Member Kellie Parks made the motion to approve the following invoice for the Police Department:

EVS – 2024 Tahoe Stalker Radar \$1,846.26

Motion was seconded by Council Member Don Bowling and motion so carried.

Council Member Lee Mears made the motion to approve the following invoice for

the Sewer Department: George Septic Services –

Emergency Sewer Line Repair \$650.00

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

II. MAYOR'S REPORT:

A. Resolution #2024-07-01 – Unneeded Property

A motion was made by Council Member Don Bowling to adopt Resolution #2024-07-01, listing the 2014 Chevrolet Tahoe (unneeded property) on govdeals.com with a minimum bid set at \$2,500.00. The motion was seconded by Council Member Ronnie Kinard and the motion was carried unanimously.

B. Departmental Reports

Departmental Reports were distributed.

Public Comments: Public comments were heard.

There being no further business to come before the Town Council at this time, Council Member Don Bowling made the motion to adjourn at 5:21 P.M. The motion was seconded by Council Member Ronnie Kinard and upon being put to a vote, the motion was carried unanimously.

Library Grant

Library Grant from page 1

The Woodstock Community Library, although modest in size, serves patrons from Bibb, Tuscaloosa, Jefferson, and Shelby Counties. It offers access to books, computer and printing services, and free 24/7 parking lot Wi-Fi. Children's story time takes place every Tuesday at 2:00 PM, and two computers are available for learning new skills.

The library also allocates a small office space to the 501(c)(3) Alabama Suicide Prevention and Resources Coalition and a regional West Alabama

Works Job Bank Kiosk. Library Director Michele Baucom Director Michele Dickey expressed her gratitude to Senator Weaver for her long-standing community engagement at the Woodstock Community Library. "This new building will be a testament to what can be achieved when we come together with a shared vision, The Woodstock Community Library building fund project highlights the importance of service and volunteerism as well and we want to take this opportunity to thank and acknowledge the contributions of Mrs. Linda Deloach, Mrs.

Diane Chesser, and Mrs. Nell Sansing Mathews for their long-time and continued support as volunteers at the library, leading the Genealogy Class and Basket Class, respectively," said Director Michele Dickey.

Thanks, was also given to WBHS graduate Dauton Moore, the library's faithful Tuesday volunteer. This collaborative effort underscores the power of community partnerships and the shared commitment to improving the quality of life for all residents.

Woodstock extended a, "Thank you, Senator April Weaver!"

NEWS

DYW

DYW from page 1
Hannah Dellinger, Anna Johnston, and Lilli Turner demonstrated their remarkable fundraising abilities by raising over \$1000 each in the Signature Contest. Their commitment to their communities and philanthropy is truly commendable.
Maggie Brundage was a place winner in Interview and Fitness. Anna Johnston was a place winner in the talent category.
The following contestants received scholarships based on their outstanding performances:
· Demi Smith: \$2700

cash tuition scholarship
· Tessa Hanson: \$2800
cash tuition scholarship
· Anna Johnston: \$200 cash tuition scholarship and \$200 Amazon Gift Card for the Signature Contest
· Lilli Turner: \$4150 cash tuition scholarship and \$200 Amazon Gift Card for the Signature Contest
· Hannah Dellinger: \$2500 cash tuition scholarship and \$200 Amazon Gift Card for the Signature Contest
· Alyssa Peak: \$2,950 cash tuition scholarship
· Maggie Brundage: \$600 cash tuition scholarship
The success of the DYW program would not be possible without the generous support of sponsors and scholarship donations. The following individuals, organizations, and businesses contributed to the 2024 program scholarships:
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· Alabama Power
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· Trustmark Bank
· McKinney Wrecker
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· Bibb County Courthouse Officials (Kayla Cooner-Circuit Clerk, Craig Cargile-District Judge, Stephanie Kemmer-Probate Judge, Angie Langston-Tax Assessor/Collector)
· Brent Civitan Club
· Craig Cargile
· Dina and Jerry Pow
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· David Whitetails
· Darold Matthews
· Don and Priscilla Mack
· Jim Oakley
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· Sonya Scott Young
· Alex Lightsey
· Hannah Griffin
· Mattie Alston
· Summer Wirmsberger
· Sherri Locke Thrasher
· Ashley Brown Foster
· Kelley Brown Davis
· Angela Owens
· Kristin McGee Lowery
· Kinsley McGee Fowler
· Allie Moody Pridmore
· Kaitlyn Howard
· Amy Makaya
The 2025 Distinguished Young Woman competition showcased the remarkable talents, achievements, and community spirit of the contestants. The event celebrated the participants' accomplishments, recognized their dedication to various categories, and provided scholarships to support their educational journeys. With Lilli set to represent Bibb County in the DYW of Alabama program, the future looks bright for these exceptional young women.
Congratulations Young Women!



Lovestock Music Festival 2024

BY SHEILA DUNCAN
REPORTER

On July 13th, 2024, friends, neighbors and family came out for the 1st Annual Lovestock Music Festival at Brierfield Ironworks Historical Park! Inspired by two men and their desire to see such unity become a standard for

humanity, this festival was conceived from their hearts and minds. These two wonderful men got together with a team of individuals to put on the 1ST ANNUAL LOVESTOCK MUSIC FESTIVAL at Brierfield Ironworks Park.
Local entertainment and vendors, plus lots of activities for the kids were there for all to enjoy. It was a

great day to join together with some wonderful Gospel music. No better way to enjoy a Saturday and establish a new paradigm for viewing others without judgment and prejudice. What a Blessed feeling!!
(photos by Fulton Prevost - Centreville My Hometown)

CELEBRATION ON THE GREEN



NEWS

West Blocton Tigers have joint practice with Cordova

By Jake Vick
The West Blocton Tigers were very appreciative of the cooler weather Tuesday morning as they traveled to

Cordova for a joint practice. The Tigers were eager to compete against another team as they continue to prepare for the 2024 season. With

Coach Chris Wilson entering his first year as head coach, there will be several different returning players that are expected to have an im-

pact this fall. Senior running back Nate Barron is set up for a big season behind an offensive line lead by Senior guard Carson Champion. Levi

Carey is returning to lead the defensive side of the ball with support from guys like Evan Pearson, Cooper Deerman and Gavin Foreman. The

West Blocton football team will close out phase 2 of summer and prepare for their season opener against Northside on August 23.


ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Advertisement for Bids
Sealed bids will be received by the Town of West Blocton at West Blocton Town Hall, located at 1139 Main Street, West Blocton, AL 35184, until Tuesday, August 6, 2024, at 1:00 P.M. CST, and then publicly opened and read aloud for furnishing all labor and materials, and performing all work described as follows: The project consists of Contract A: Bishop Ridge Road Water Main Replacement; Contract B: Vernon Town Road Water Main Replacement; Contract C: Frog Level Road and Spring Water Source Valve Replacement & Flushing Assembly Installation; Contract D: County Road 9 District Water Meter Installation; Contract E: Town Tank and Smith Hill Tank Upgrades; Contract F: Spring Generator Replacement. There is one set of plans and specifications. The bid form is divided into separate contracts based on the type of work to be performed. Bidders have the option to bid on one contract, multiple contracts, or all contracts.
A non-mandatory pre-bid conference will be held virtually on Tuesday, July 23, 2024, at 1:00 P.M. CST. Instructions for attending the virtual pre-bid conference are included in the contract specifications. The Town of West Blocton seeks to improve the water system and has obtained funding through the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF #FS010192-02) American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) through the Alabama Department of Environmen-

tal Management (ADEM). Compliance with all applicable Federal, State, and local laws, rules, and regulations are required.
Bid documents may be examined at West Blocton Town Hall, located at 1139 Main Street, West Blocton, AL 35184. 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 half size plans and specifications. 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 the Town of West Blocton will be required at the signing of the contract. In addition, the Contractor must furnish to the Town of West Blocton 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 qualified 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.
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