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Sav-a-Life Golf Tournament Success at Cahaba Falls Country Club

BY SHEILA DUNCAN
REPORTER

On July 27th, the Cahaba Falls Country Club hosted the annual Sav-a-Life Golf Tournament, a significant fundraising event for the Bibb Family Connections Pregnancy Resource Center. This year, the tournament saw an impressive turnout with 22 teams participating. The Bibb Belles, a dedicated group of volunteers, were on hand to assist with various tasks and ensure the event ran smoothly. Their commitment and willingness to help with projects and fundraisers are invaluable to Sav-a-Life's mission.

A special thank you goes to Bethel Baptist Church and Four Points Baptist Church for generously donating lunch for the players. Matthew Thomas played a crucial role in organizing the event, ensuring everything was in place for a

successful day of golf and fundraising.

Tournament Winners and Highlights

First Place: Will Dunn, Matthew Thomas, Russell Cox

Second Place: Mike Allen, Matthew Allen, Derrick Pickett

Third Place: Mark Stephens, Evan Dunn, Tyler Hudson

Closest to the Pin: Colin Moore and Jason Vasser
Longest Drive: Braydon Batte

These participants showcased exceptional skills and sportsmanship, contributing to a memorable event.

Funds raised from the Sav-a-Life Golf Tournament are vital for continuing the work at the Bibb Family Connections Pregnancy Resource Center. This center offers a range of essential services, including parenting classes, free pregnancy testing, medical assistance referrals, and free diapers

and supplies for babies and mothers. The support from donors and participants enables the center to provide much-needed assistance to the community.

The success of the Sav-a-Life Golf Tournament would not have been possible without the generous contributions of donors and the hard work of volunteers. Sav-a-Life extends heartfelt thanks to everyone involved, emphasizing that their continued support is crucial for sustaining these essential community services.

By coming together for events like this, the community ensures that vital resources and support remain available for those in need. The Sav-a-Life Golf Tournament not only brings people together for a day of fun and competition but also strengthens the bonds within the community, making a lasting impact on countless lives.

Cahawba Christian Academy Kicks Off the Year with Dynamic New Staff Additions

BY SHEILA DUNCAN
REPORTER

Head Cheer Coach – Melissa Manning

Cahawba Christian School is thrilled to announce the start of a new academic year with the addition of new staff member, Head Coach John Harris.

This year's hire brings experience, innovative ideas, and a shared passion for fostering academic excellence and spiritual growth within the student body.

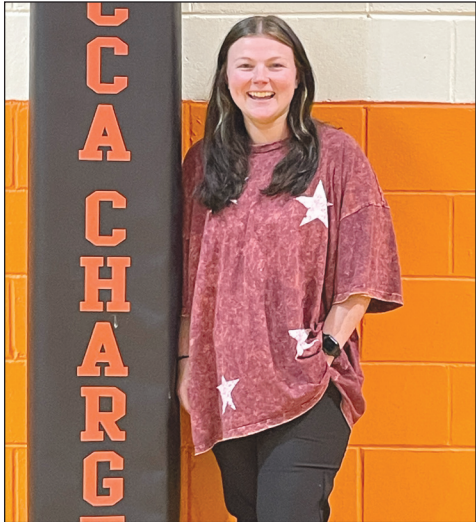
This new staff member joins an already dedicated team, enhancing Cahawba Christian's commitment

to providing a nurturing and challenging educational environment. Each new hire brings unique skills and fresh perspectives that will undoubtedly contribute to the school's mission of cultivating well-rounded, Christ-centered individuals.

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Cheer Coach Melissa Manning



Asst Cheer Coach
Hannah Gibson

West Blocton Police Department Offers Friendly Reminder Regarding House Numbers

BY SAVANNAH LOGAN
REPORTER

Whether or not we ever plan to, reaching out to law enforcement for whatever reason for help can be inevitable at some point in one's life. Whether for aid in safety from a dangerous threat, medical assistance, or in the case of a fire, having your house number in a place that is easy to identify could be lifesaving.

In a post on Facebook, The West Blocton Police Department reminded all residents how important it is to be sure that your house number is clearly marked and visible on your home.

Not just a matter of convenience, the West Blocton Police Department noted that it is crucial to the wellbeing and safety of the whole community. In a situation that requires an

emergency response, quick identification of one's address is crucial.

Not only is it important for public safety, but it is also required by town ordinance that all residential and business properties have visible street numbers.

To ensure that your home or business is in compliance with this requirement, the West Blocton

Police Department is ready to help. If you or someone you know is in need of new or updated numbers, they are happy to provide them to you. For more information or assistance, reach out to the West Blocton Police Department at 205-938-7622.

As Chief Pete Hicks wishes to remind everyone at every opportunity he can – they are here to help!



Brent Fire Chief James Murphy

BY SHEILA DUNCAN
REPORTER

This week we are going to hear from someone most all of us in the community know, this man keeps himself involved in the community as well as his family. I have asked James Murphy a few questions, let's see what he had to share:

Tell us about you, your family and what you are involved with in the community.

"I am married to Melanie Oakley Murphy, and we have 4 children and 14 grandchildren with another on the way early next year. I am the fire chief for Brent Fire Department. I am a member of Bethel Baptist Church where I serve as the treasurer. I am the treasurer for Bibb County Choctaw Booster Club. I am also a member of the Bibb County Firefighter Association."

What inspired you to get involved in the Bibb County Booster Club?

"I joined because I enjoy helping the young people in our community. We raise money to help fund the football operations at the high school and middle school. We pay to feed the teams on away games and before the games. I wish more people would get involved."

Can you share a memorable story during your time as Fire Chief that really impacted you?

"I think anytime you have to work a fire or wreck

where someone dies it really works on you. Often you wonder why a person makes a choice or decision that cost them their life. Just a moment and life is gone, especially when a young person is involved."

What would be a perfect meal for Melanie to cook for you?

"I like her crockpot pot roast, potatoes, green beans and macaroni. She also makes really good cornbread."

What's the most unexpected hobby or interest you have outside of work?

"We enjoy keeping up with grandchildren. We watch them play ball and other activities that they are involved in. We pray for their safety in this crazy world. I read every day and try to learn something new every day."

Can you describe a typical evening at home for

you?

"I enjoy reading and also watching the news. We go to the little league park a lot to watch the grandkids. And usually have one or two grandchildren at the house during the week."

What's the most surprising thing you've learned through your involvement With the Fire Dept?

"When your alarm goes off you never know what you are going to need to do. First responders are more than a fire, we are also medical responses, lift assist. There are weather related things to deal with such as trees and debris in the roads after storms. You have to be ready 24/7, 7 days a week for any call that comes in. I work with some great people in the Brent Fire Department as well as others in the county."

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NEWS

UA Athletes Compete at 2024 Summer Olympics in Paris

BY SAVANNAH LOGAN
REPORTER

The world is abuzz with excitement as the 2024 Summer Olympics have commenced in the city of Paris, France. This year's games are being held from Friday, July 26, 2024, to Sunday, August 11, 2024, and mark a historic return of the Olympics to Paris after a 100-year hiatus, as the last games were held in Paris was in 1924. The French capital is set to provide a spectacular backdrop for the athletes as they compete in various disciplines, showcasing their dedication and skill. The city, known for its rich cultural heritage and iconic landmarks, promises to offer a unique and memorable experience for both athletes and spectators.

The Alabama Crimson Tide is proudly represented at the 2024 Paris Olympics, with 15 alumni and 2 current athletes competing across a variety of sports. The participation of these athletes is a testament to the strength and versatility of Alabama's sports programs. Here's a look at the talented individuals flying the Crimson Tide flag on the global stage:

Kalia Antoniou (Cyprus, Swimming and Diving): Competing in the swimming events, Kalia is set to showcase her prowess in the pool, representing Cyprus.

Luisa Blanco (Colombia, Women's Gymnastics): A dynamic gymnast, Luisa aims to bring her artistry and athleticism to the Colombian team.

Kristian Gkolomeev

(Greece, Swimming and Diving): A seasoned swimmer, Kristian will be competing for Greece, looking to make waves in the pool.

Daniel Haugh (USA, Men's Hammer Throw): As a hammer thrower, Daniel represents the USA, demonstrating power and precision in this challenging event.

Victor Johansson (Sweden, Swimming and Diving): Victor dives into competition for Sweden, aiming to make a splash in the swimming events.

Shelby McEwen (USA, Men's High Jump): Shelby will be leaping for new heights in the men's high jump, representing the USA.

Anton McKee (Iceland, Swimming and Diving): Competing for Iceland, Anton will be taking on the world's best in the swimming events.

Stephanie Meadow (Ireland, Women's Golf): On the golf course, Stephanie will represent Ireland, aiming for precision and excellence.

Kyle Micallef (Malta, Swimming and Diving): As a swimmer for Malta, Kyle is set to compete with the best in the world.

Samuel Ogazi (Nigeria, Track and Field): Samuel will showcase his sprinting prowess in track and field events, representing Nigeria.

Shallon Olsen (Canada, Women's Gymnastics): A talented gymnast, Shallon represents Canada with grace and power.

Tarsis Orogot (Uganda, Track and Field): Competing for Uganda, Tarsis brings speed and determination to the track.

Jareem Richards (Trinidad & Tobago, Track and Field): Jareem will be sprinting for Trinidad & Tobago, aiming for top finishes in track events.

Erin Routliffe (New Zealand, Women's Tennis): As a tennis player, Erin will represent New Zealand, showcasing skill and strategy on the court.

Portious Warren (Trinidad & Tobago, Women's Shot Put): Competing in the shot put, Portious brings strength and technique to the field for Trinidad & Tobago.

Kirani James (Grenada, Track & Field): An accomplished sprinter, Kirani represents Grenada, aiming for glory in track events.

Olivia Fotopoulou (Cyprus, Track & Field): Olivia will compete for Cyprus, demonstrating speed and agility on the track.

These athletes embody the spirit of excellence and determination, carrying the Crimson Tide's legacy onto the international stage. As they compete, they bring honor not only to their respective countries but also to the University of Alabama community. Let's give them a big "Roll Tide" as they strive for Olympic glory!



Bibb County School System Open House Schedules

BY SHEILA DUNCAN
REPORTER

The Bibb County School System has announced the open house schedules for the upcoming school year. This is an opportunity for students and parents to meet teachers, explore the schools, and prepare for the new academic year. Here are the details for each school:

Bibb County High School

- August 6th: Orientation for 10th and 11th grades at 5:00 p.m.

Brent Elementary School

- August 1st: 1st and 2nd grades from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- August 4th: PreK and Kindergarten from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- August 5th: 3rd and 4th

grades from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

- Class Rolls: Will be posted on the back of the building on July 26th.

Cahawba Christian Academy

- August 8th:
 - K-3 and K4 at 6:00 p.m.
 - K5 - 4th grades at 7:00 p.m.
 - August 9th: 5th - 12th grades at 7:00 p.m.
 - First Day of School: Monday, August 12th

Centreville Middle School

- August 5th: Open House Back to School Bash from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Randolph Elementary

- August 4th: All grades from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

West Blocton High School

- No Open House scheduled.

West Blocton Elementary

- August 1st: Pre-K from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
- August 5th: 1st - 4th grades from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

West Blocton Middle

- August 5th:
 - Open House for grades 5 and 7 from 3:00 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.
 - Title I Meeting: 3:45 p.m. to 4:15 p.m.
 - Grades 6 and 8 from 4:15 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Woodstock Elementary

- August 5th: K - 4th Grade from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

These events are a great way for families to get acquainted with the school staff and environment before the start of the new school year.

James Murphy

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We are truly blessed to have some great men and women in our fire services in Bibb County. Never let anyone talk bad about Bibb County. This is a great place to live and raise a family."

Can you share a moment when you saw a direct impact of your work on someone's life?

"Watching young men grow up and become good men and great fathers. I love to see men spending quality time working and learning to help others. There really are some great men in Bibb County. We have some coaches at Bibb County High School who really help our young men grow and learn. They are the only role models some of these players see."

What's one piece of advice you would give to someone looking to get involved in their community?

"Sign up, get involved and if you see a need go for it. You might not always do it right but just start showing up and caring will go a long way."

What's the funniest or most unexpected thing that's happened during a community event?

"A fourth of July event turned into a swift water rescue when a young man got caught on the Cahaba River when the river was rising. He was rescued and brought to safety."

What's the most valuable lesson you've learned from a challenging work experience?

"Keep learning. You will change jobs many times and life will throw you some curves. God will put you where he wants you to be. You may not understand it at the time, but one day you will look back and know God put you there. Always be willing to be of service."

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

CCA

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Extracurricular activities like cheering in a Christian school play a crucial role in fostering teamwork, discipline, and school spirit while providing students with opportunities to express their faith and build a strong community.

Cahawba Christian Academy has appointed Melissa Manning as the new Cheer Coach for the young ladies at Cahawba Christian, where she will also be teaching the 5K class. At 33 years old, Melissa is married to Zachery Manning, and together

they have four children and live in Vance, AL. She is enthusiastic about starting her new role and getting involved with the students.

Melissa will be assisted by Hannah Gibson, a day-care staff member who will serve as the Assistant Cheer Coach. The cheer team will comprise young ladies from preschool to senior ages, with the younger girls forming the pep squad and the older girls joining the cheer squad.

Melissa aims to increase interest and participation in cheerleading and football among the girls. She is eager to engage in

community events that will allow the girls to build character, have fun, and serve as role models. Future plans include organizing fundraisers and seeking sponsorships to help cover the costs of uniforms and other necessities for the cheer squad.

Melissa shared, "These girls are the Hands and Feet of Jesus, and I want to help them grow with modesty, prayer, and involve Christ in their daily lives."



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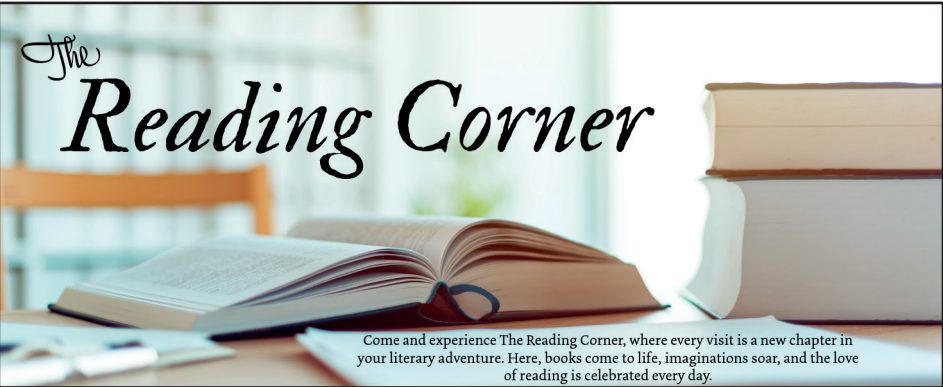
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NEWS/CALENDAR



One By One By Frieda McFadden
BY WHITNEY BUZBEE
CP STAFF

This book is a page-turner. I found myself not wanting to set the book down and as a result, I read this in just two days. If you are easily triggered, be aware that McFadden does explore top-

ics such as infidelity, suicide and child abuse. There’s definitely some moments in this novel that I am taken aback that there are human beings in this world, who actually treat their children this way and that gives me lots of pause. I found myself speaking

to a colleague about this book and making the statement “How does Freida come up with this stuff?” Some incidents related in the novel left me completely shocked and appalled that this could actually occur. This may be McFadden’s attempt to remind us

that child abuse continues to exist and needs our attention. The story is mostly told from Claire’s perspective, so we get a very detailed look at her life and her thoughts. Claire’s story line seems very relatable and if you aren’t careful you may find yourself taking sides in this relationship dynamic. I was very intrigued by the relationship dynamic of each couple. It really made me ponder how well do you ever know someone that you’ve known for years? After all, we only know the parts of people that they show us, and nothing more. Do we ever get to fully know someone? What are the secrets close, loved ones are keeping from us? Are they protecting us in doing so? Or should they be transparent and give us the opportunity to decide whether we want to deal with what’s revealed or not? I would have enjoyed this novel

even more had Freida allowed the other characters to share their story from their perspective leading up to the hike in the woods. That way, we would have gotten a better understanding of how each character felt about their significant other and a deeper understanding of their relationship dynamic and lives in general. I think that would’ve added some more depth to the plot. Reading Freida McFadden’s novels are becoming myryptonite because they’re addictive. Like a good streaming series, I just want to continue reading to find out what is going to happen next. At this point, whenever I read a novel penned by McFadden, like Scooby-Doo and the gang, I always try to solve the mystery. However, Freida always manages a plot twist so twisty that it leaves me stunned without fail yet pleased that she did it again. Like... I see

what you did there Freids (yes, I’d like to think Freida and I are at that nick-namey level in our relationship). I wouldn’t recommend getting this book before planning a hiking trip though. Admittedly, I may be embarking on a small hiking trip coming up here soon and now I can’t confirm or deny that I may be on the fence. Thanks to this read, the anxiety is real. Freida — this side-eye is for you. You bet your Aunt Fanny, if I do decide to go, I’ll be over preparing for this one. After reading several McFadden novels, I can confidently say her books are easy reads. If you are into suspense, psychological thrillers, mysteries, or just juiciness this is an option for you. I attempted to solve this one and I can proudly say that I somewhat had it figured out. I’m on to you Freida. I’m becoming your neighborhood Nancy Drew over here. Lol.



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.
- Bro John Skinner will be giving the word Sunday August 4th at Cedar Grove Church. Service starts at 11:00 am you don’t won’t to miss 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. Bee-keepers.
- Bama Carry of Bibb County meets on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at the Sawmeal Restaurant. For more info contact Danny Jones 928-2455.
- Women for Sobriety meets every Tues. at 5:30pm. For info call Karen 205-718-4097.
- F. O. P. meets the 3rd Mon. of each month at Rock Building.
- Bibb County Soil & Water meets at 9:00 a.m. on the 3rd Tue. of each month at 183 S. W. Davidson Dr., Centreville. 926-4360.
- Bibb County GOP will hold quarterly meetings in January,

- April, July and October. Next meeting will be Thursday, July 3.
- Bibb County Chamber of Commerce holds monthly meetings on the 2nd Thurs. of the month at 5pm. at the chamber building.
- Friendship Lodge #83 F & AM in Centreville meets on 1st and 3rd Thur. at 7pm. at 28 Ct. Sq. All members are encouraged to attend.
- The Bibb Co. Airport Authority meets on the 1st Thursday of each month at 5pm. at Bibb County Airport.
- The Centreville Historic Preservation Commission now meets on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 5 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall.
- American Legion Post 47 West Blocton meets 7pm on the 4th Tues. of each month at 195 Rose Lane in West Blocton. Veterans are encouraged to attend. For more info call Jimmy Fitts 938-3713 or Gary Monk 938-0621. American Legion Auxiliary & Sons of American Legion are accepting members. Call Jan Fitts 938-3713 or Cathy Atchison 938-7617.
- The Brent Cemetery Committee reminds the community of its policy of periodically removing old & faded flowers from cemetery. We welcome flowers, but ask you to remove flowers when faded.

LIBRARY HOURS

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

PRAYER & SUPPORT GROUPS

- 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 programs is a nutritious meal, companionship and a watchful eye on the health and safety of our senior adults who have trouble getting around. For more information call (205-926-3968).
- Helping Other People Excel (HOPE) in Bibb County is a group of stakeholders within the Bibb County Community who have a vested interest in ensuring that all residents have the knowledge, skills, and abilities to obtain available resources that will equip them to thrive. Whether you (or someone you know) is in need of food, clothes, or other resources, our coalition works to either provide or help identify resources to meet your needs. Please contact John Skinner at 205-876-6931 or via email at 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.
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Hymn History

By: Savannah Logan

Jesus Paid It All

Has your mind ever wandered during a church service? Don't worry, you're not alone. The author of the well-known and beloved hymn "Jesus Paid It All" penned the lyrics while sitting in her normal spot up in the choir loft of Monument Methodist Episcopal Church in Baltimore, Maryland on a hot summer day in the year 1865.

During a lengthy prayer that the pastor seemed to have no intention of ending any time soon, Elvina M. Hall began pondering the beauty in the meaning behind what Jesus did on the cross and our dearest need for salvation. As her mind wandered, words began to flow from her mind so quickly that she had to write them down immediately before they left her. Without paper on hand, she scribbled them into the back of her hymnal. The words she wrote were: "Jesus paid it all. All to Him, I owe, Sin had left a crimson stain; He washed it white as snow. He washed away, and when before the throne I stand in him complete. Jesus died my soul to save. My lips shall still repeat."

After the service, Hall took the lyrics she had just penned and showed them to her pastor, Rev. George W. Schreck. Coincidentally, the church organist, John Grape, had approached Rev. Schreck with a new melody he had written that he titled "All to Christ I Owe." Thinking that this tune paired with Hall's lyrics could make a great song, Rev. Schreck brought the two together to collaborate. After completing the hymn together, they then sent the completed hymn to Professor Theodore Perkins, who was a publisher of the Sabbath Carols Periodical. Once the song received its first publication, the rest is history.

Growing up in a small, Southern Baptist church, hymns were all I knew until I was a teenager. While my friends always thought the hymns were boring and hard to understand, I always adored how poetic they were. Like Hall, when I found my mind wandering during a service (because hey, it happens), usually I would reach forward to flip through the hymnal and read the lyrics to my favorites, mulling over the words' reverence to my God. I still believe there is just something so beautiful about the ebbs and flows of these many melodies and verses within these beloved hymns a good deal of us know and love.

Just like God can use the Scriptures to speak to our hearts, I have found that God can use the lyrics to hymns and songs, too. I have a toddler who is just entering his "terrible twos", so some weeks have been more trying than others – and last week was one of those weeks. Exhausted, I reached out for help so I could get a good night's sleep, albeit reluctantly. That night, as I was walking to bed, I found myself praying: "God, I'm so sorry I'm not strong enough to handle the greatest blessing you've ever given me. Please see that I'm trying my very best. I love you." After a few more steps towards my bed, feet dragging, heart heavy, I heard myself quietly sing familiar words that my ears had not heard in years: "I hear the Savior say, 'Thy strength indeed is small; child of weakness watch and pray, find in Me thine all in all.'" I stopped dead in my tracks, stunned. That song hadn't been on my mind whatsoever, but God brought it back to the surface from the depths of my heart to speak to me that night.

What a mighty God we serve. Indeed, it is "all to Him [we] owe."

(Hey, you – yes, you, holding this week's paper – do you have a favorite hymn you'd like to learn more about? Call in a request at 205-926-9769 or email me at savannah.pearce@bibb-communitymedia.com)

COMMUNITY NEWS

Centreville News

From The Pen Of Brenda Hubbard

Our deepest sympathy goes out to the family of Joyce Young who recently passed away. Joyce will be greatly missed by her family and many friends.

Belated Birthday wishes go out to those celebrating Birthdays in July; Julie Elam, Margaret Lecroy Dowdle, Marilyn Bamberg, Michael Hartzell, Megan Young, Wayne Deason, Ashton Cottingham, Andy Cox, Amy Graves and Cal Goodson.

Get Well wishes and prayers go out to Carol Willbanks who recently spent several days in the hospital.

Sincere Sympathy goes out to the family of James Roy Kornegay who passed away recently services were held on Tuesday,

July 16, 2024. James Roy will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

Friends from Suttle school days enjoying lunch in Millbrook were Charlotte Lovelady West, Nancy Carlee, Melanie Harrison and Harriet Deason. After lunch all went to Melanie's home on the Alabama River for desserts. Always so happy to be together and desserts were scrumptious.

Happy Birthday Dedra Clinker, July 27, 2024.

Congratulations to Lillie Turner the 2025 Distinguished Young Woman.

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

West Eoline News

From The Pen Of Jane Hannah



My Tuesday last week seems to be a typical day two or three times a month. I try to combine appointments to reduce travel, but it makes me tired. In six hours I made 8 stops that included ENT, Audiologist, Dentist, Car Wash, Ollies, TJX, Druggist, Grocery Store and then home!

Jera Fortner came back Monday last week to help LaShelle. She stayed through Friday. I popped in several times and was so blessed to hold Kaydi for almost two hours on Wednesday the 24th. She was 3 weeks old on the 25th when the photo was taken.

SHAIRON'S -- With Every visit I get to see some friends. Naturally I count the beautiful Melinda, Rhonda, and Tina as friends but I got to see their clients Faye Johnson, Mary Owens and Betty Beam. I love our small town!

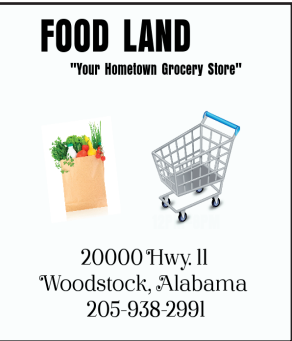
I enjoyed an afternoon dinner on Thursday with Geneva Mullins, Jo Kitchen and Ruth Deason.

Jo Kitchen went with me to Birmingham on Friday to hear my "Healthy Heart" results from tests. Whoopee, Praise God! Naturally, we wanted to "eat out" soo, we drove to Jefferson's in Hoover. The Double Dipped Wings and Jalapeno Burger were both delicious.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY this week Joe Owings 8-2, Tim Carter 8-6, Jerry Snipes & Judah Garcia 8-7, Alan Fortner & Kesley Petty 8-8.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY 8-2 Jonathan & Bianca Hannah.

PRAYERS for: Glenda Boothe resting in Hospice Care as of Monday morning with family around her. A neighbor diagnosed with Covid and feeling awful. Call 478-396-2513 to share your news. Have a GREAT week .



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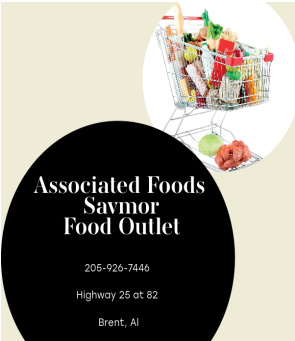
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This Public Meeting will be held at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 13, 2024,

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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Advertisement for Completion

In accordance with Chapter 1, Title 39, Code of Alabama, 1975, as amended, notice is hereby given that K & A Builders, Inc., Contractors, has completed the contract for construction of Shade Structure at West Blocton Elementary School at 826 Cahaba River Dr. West Blocton, AL 35184 for the State of Alabama in Bibb County. The owner(s) have

made request for final settlement of said contract. All persons having any claims for labor, materials, or otherwise in connection with this project should immediately notify Ward Scott Morris architecture, Inc. at 1606 Paul W. Bryant Dr. Tuscaloosa, AL 35401. K&A Builders, Inc. 2601 Kaulton Rd. Tuscaloosa, AL 35401 Centreville Press July 12, 19, 26 & August 2, 2024

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CLOSURE ALABAMA COUNTY OF BIBB
Default having been made of the terms of the loan documents secured by that certain mortgage executed by Keith L Ward A Married Man to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for HomeTown Mortgage Services, Inc., its successors and assigns dated February 28, 2014; said mortgage being recorded on March 4, 2014, in Book 290, Page 398 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Bibb County, Alabama. Said Mortgage was last sold, assigned and transferred to Stearns Lending, LLC by assignment recorded in Deed Book 301, Page 306 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Bibb County, ALABAMA.

The undersigned, Guaranteed Rate, Inc., under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the main entrance of the Court House in Bibb County, Alabama during the legal hours of sale (between 11am and 4pm), on the 4th day of September, 2024 the following property, situated in Bibb County, Alabama, to-wit:

A parcel of land located in the West 1/2 of the NE 1/4, Section 9, Township 22 South, Range 6 West, Bibb County; Alabama described as follows: Commence at the Northeast corner of the NW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 and run South 89 degrees 30 minutes West along the North boundary of said 1/4-1/4 section 653.71 feet; thence run South 01 degrees 59 minutes 41 seconds West 646.91 feet; thence run South 89 degrees 38 minutes 31 seconds East 207.51 feet; thence run South 01 degrees 05 minutes 15 seconds East 428.31 feet to an angle iron; thence run South 89 degrees 45 minutes West 99.64 feet to an iron, said point being the point of beginning; thence run South 0 degrees 29 minutes 17 seconds West 708.64 feet to an iron at the intersection of the North right of way of Frog Level Road; thence run Northerly along said right or way the following bearings and distances: North 76 degrees 48 minutes 49 seconds West 132.16 feet; North 63 degrees 25 minutes 12 seconds West 67.09 feet; North 52 degrees 50 minutes 51 seconds West 87.15 feet; North 46 degrees 36 minutes 19 seconds West 83.20 feet; North 45 degrees 24 minutes 27 seconds

PUBLICATION NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BIBB COUNTY, ALABAMA
SAMUEL LARRY SMITHERMAN & CAROLYN DENISE SMITHERMAN,
Plaintiffs,

v.
ANGELA TABB,
Defendant
CASE NO. CV-2024-900039
PUBLICATION NOTICE
Angela Tabb, whose whereabouts are unknown, is hereby Ordered to answer the Complaint which has been filed by Samuel and Carolyn Smitherman on or before the 16th day of September 2024, or otherwise, a judgment by default may be taken against her.

This Notice is published pursuant to an Order of the Circuit Court of Bibb County dated this 18th day of September 2024.

Kayla Cooner
Circuit Clerk
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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

TOWN OF WOODSTOCK
PUBLIC NOTICE
SEEKING BIDS

The Town of Woodstock is seeking sealed bids for Professional Janitorial Services at two locations:

The Woodstock Town Hall 28513 Highway 5 Woodstock, AL

The Woodstock Senior Center 28515 Highway 5 Woodstock, AL

Awarded bidder to provide all supervision, labor, equipment and services required to perform the duties described in the bid specifications.

Sealed bids will be received by the Town of Woodstock 28513 Highway 5 Woodstock,

AL. 35188 until August 19, 2024 at 5:00 pm at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud.

Bid specifications for this project will be available at the Town Hall 28513 Highway 5 Woodstock, AL. 35188 or by contacting the Town Clerk at

205-938-9790 or by email: townclerk@townofwoodstockal.com.

The Town of Woodstock reserves the right to reject any or all bids. For more information, please call Woodstock Town Hall at 205-938-9790.

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West 103.45 feet; North 40 degrees 39 minutes 44 seconds West 63.76 feet; North 34 degrees 04 minutes 25 seconds West 50.97 feet; North 26 degrees 25 minutes 18 seconds West 51.0 feet; North 19 degrees 29 minutes 11 seconds West 25.44 feet; North 16 degrees 18 minutes 29 seconds West 29.88 feet; North 10 degrees 11 minutes 40 seconds West 48.84 feet; North 04 degrees 50 minutes 43 seconds West 58.57 feet; North 07 degrees 35 minutes 57 seconds West 52.26 feet; North 17 degrees 48 minutes 57 seconds West 122.80 feet to an iron pin; thence run North 89 degrees 46 minutes 39 seconds East 299.91 feet to an iron pin; thence run North 89 degrees 49 minutes 44 seconds East 266.14 feet to the point of beginning.

Said property is commonly known as 1518 Frog Level Rd, West Blocton, AL 35184.

Should a conflict arise between the property address and the legal description the legal description will control.

Said property will be sold subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), the right of redemption of any taxing authority, all outstanding liens for public utilities which constitute liens upon the property, any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, any assessments, liens, encumbrances, easements, rights-of-way, zoning ordinances, restrictions, special assessments, cove-

nants, the statutory right of redemption pursuant to Alabama law, and any matters of record including, but not limited to, those superior to said Mortgage first set out above. Said property will be sold on an "as-is" basis without any representation, warranty or recourse against the above-named or the undersigned. The successful bidder must present certified funds in the amount of the winning bid at the time and place of sale.

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

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

GUARANTEED RATE, INC., SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO STEARNS LENDING, LLC

as holder of said mortgage

McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC
505 20th Street North, Suite 1775
Birmingham, AL 35203
(205) 216-4238
FT21@mccalla.com
File No. 22-04075AL
www.foreclosurehotline.net

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PROBATE NOTICE

In the Probate Court of Bibb County Alabama

In Re the estate of Alice Mae Hill, deceased

Case No: 2024PC063
Notice of Appointment of personal Representative

Letters of Administration of the said deceased having been granted to Raley L. Wiggins on the 26th day of July, 2024 by the Honorable Stephanie Kem-

mer, Probate Judge of Bibb County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Raley L. Wiggins
Capell & Howard, PC
150 S. Perry St.
Montgomery, AL 36104

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In the Probate Court of Bibb County, Alabama

In Re: The estate of Marchant, Russell Lambuth, Deceased
Case No. 2024PC064
Notice to Creditors

Take notice that Letters Testamentary have been granted to Melanie M. Wallace, as Executor of the estate of Russell Lambuth Marchant, deceased on the 26th day of July, 2024.

Notice is hereby given

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

Richard M. Kemmer, Jr.

Attorney for the Executor

PO Box 282
1124 Walnut St.
Centreville, AL 35042
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LEGALS

PUBLIC NOTICE

Early Notice and Public Review of a Proposed Activity in a 100-Year/500-year Floodplain

To: All interested Agencies, Groups and Individuals

This is to give notice that the City of Centreville has determined that the following proposed action under Centreville CDBG Drainage Rehabilitation Project No. SM-CM-PF-23-009 is located in the 100-year/500-year floodplain, and the City will be identifying and evaluating practicable alternatives to locating the action in the floodplain and the potential impacts on the floodplain from the proposed action, as required by Executive Order 11988, in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management and Protection of Wetlands.

The proposed project is located within incorporated City limits on the west side of the City of Centreville (Bibb County, AL), along Maple Street and Mill Street. The project will involve rehabilitation of the Mill Street drainage ditch, replacement of inadequate storm sewer and install

inlets, redirection of drainage away from back ditch area, and clearing of downstream ditches to restore the structural integrity of the system and eliminate problems. The project area includes 53 occupied homes.

A designated FEMA Flood Zone (Zone A) is located within the project area. Rehabilitation measures will involve the rehabilitation only of the existing drainage system. The implementation of the project will result in improvements to the public drainage system which will provide potential benefits to public health and the environment. All construction will take place within the previously disturbed easements and right-of-way maintained by the City of Centreville. All necessary grassing, clean-up and erosion control measures will take place in accordance with Best Management Practices. Impacts will be temporary in nature only during construction.

There are three primary purposes for this notice. First, people who may be affected by activities in floodplains and those who have an interest in the protection of the

natural environment should be given an opportunity to express their concerns and provide information about these areas. Commenters are encouraged to offer alternative sites outside of the floodplain, alternative methods to serve the same project purpose, and methods to minimize and mitigate impacts. Second, an adequate public notice program can be an important public educational tool. The dissemination of information and request for public comment about floodplains can facilitate and enhance Federal efforts to reduce the risks and impacts associated with the occupancy and modification of these special areas. Third, as a matter of fairness, when the Federal government determines it will participate in actions taking place in floodplains, it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk.

Written comments must be received by the City of Centreville at the following address on or before August 19, 2024: City of Centreville, 1270 Walnut Street, Centreville, Alabama 35042, (251) 974-0773, Attention: Megan Batte, City Clerk. A full

description of the project may also be reviewed from Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. at same address as above. Comments may also be submitted via email at megan@cityof-centreville.com.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF BIBB COUNTY, ALABAMA

CASE NUMBER 2024PC035

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: JENNIFER CHISM JONES, DECEASED

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 22nd day of July 2024, by the HONORABLE JUDGE STEPHANIE W. KEMMER of Probate of Bibb County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are Hereby required to present the same within the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

J.C. CHISM

ry judgment by (30 DAYS AFTER LAST PUBLICATION], or thereafter, a judgment by default may be rendered against it in Case No. 07-CV-2024-900019.00, Circuit Court of Bibb County. Done this 23rd day of July, 2024.

KAYLA COONER, Clerk

of the Circuit Court of Bibb County. Madison T. Field 1901 Sixth Avenue North Suite 1500 Birmingham, Alabama Attorney for First Bank of the Lake Centreville Press July 26, August 2, 9 & 16, 2024

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PROBATE NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF DECLARATORY JUDGMENT ACTION

Ritch Foods Corp., whose location is unknown, must answer Plaintiff First Bank of the Lake's Complaint alleging, among other things, breach of loan agreement and seeking a declaratory judgment

by [30 DAYS AFTER LAST PUBLICATION], or thereafter, a judgment by default may be rendered against it in Case No. 07-CV-2024-900019.00, Circuit Court of Bibb County. Done this 23rd day of July, 2024.

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NOTICE OF DECLARATORY JUDGMENT ACTION

Over Easy Number XXX-IV LLC, whose location is unknown, must answer Plaintiff First Bank of the Lake's Complaint alleging, among other things, detainee and seeking a declaratory judgment

by [30 DAYS AFTER LAST PUBLICATION], or thereafter, a judgment by default may be rendered against it in Case No. 07-CV-2024-900019.00, Circuit Court of Bibb County. Done this 23rd day of July, 2024.

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VOICES

Alabama Medical Cannabis Commission

The time has come for the Alabama Medical Cannabis Commission (AMCC) to fulfill its promise and deliver medical cannabis to the patients in Alabama who have been waiting far too long. This delay is not just an administrative failure but a critical issue impacting the health and well-being of countless individuals in our state.

In 2021, legislation was enacted to provide medical cannabis to Alabamians suffering from a range of serious conditions, including cancer, glaucoma, and chronic pain. The AMCC was entrusted with the responsibility of developing a comprehensive application process, evaluating applicants across various categories—from cultivation to dispensing—and awarding licenses to the most qualified candidates.

The expectation was clear: by the end of 2023, or at the latest 2024, medical cannabis would be available to those in need.

However, as we approach the middle of 2024, medical cannabis remains inaccessible. The question is, what went wrong?

The AMCC failed suffering Alabamians in numerous ways. Here are a few critical issues:

Failure to adhere to statutory guidelines: The AMCC did not follow the strict guidelines outlined in Alabama Code 20-2A-50, which we was passed in the State Legislature.

Technology failures: The commission's system could not accept application materials larger than 10MB, and applicants were not informed of this limitation. Moreover, workaround solutions were inconsistently provided.

Ignoring initial

requirements: The AMCC allowed all applicants to advance to the next stage of the licensing process, regardless of whether they met the initial pass/fail criteria.

Lack of transparency: The AMCC has frequently violated the Open Meetings Act, holding closed-door sessions and disregarding the Alabama Administrative Procedure Act, as highlighted in recent court filings.

These issues have led to a protracted judicial process, including multiple hearings and temporary restraining orders. Applicants are now demanding transparency and accountability, seeking discovery to uncover the commission's operational shortcomings. Numerous applicants have joined forces in legal actions, insisting that the AMCC rectify its mistakes and restart the process correctly.

At the heart of this issue is the AMCC's failure to comply with the statute that we set forth in the Legislature and the regulations outlined in the Alabama Administrative Procedure Act. The commission must recognize that it has a legal and moral obligation to follow these guidelines. The members and staff don't get to pick and choose which rules to follow and

operate under the mantra of "rules for thee and not for me."

This issue is personal to me. Over my 22 years of service in the Legislature, I've often spoken about my father who is a real-life American hero, a wheelchair-bound disabled veteran who fought in Desert Storm I. My dad lives every single day in chronic pain! I see the pain in his eyes. I hear the grimaces of discomfort. I, like many other daughters, sons, mothers and fathers in Alabama wish that something was available to give him some type of relief so that he could live the quality of life that he deserves after fighting for the freedoms that many Americans take for granted.

So for my father and the countless other Alabamians with these debilitating ailments, I say directly to the Commission, right this wrong, and right this wrong NOW!

The AMCC has the opportunity to correct its course and deliver on its promise. By adhering to Alabama law, the commission can ensure that medical cannabis reaches the patients in Alabama who desperately need it. The path forward is clear—now is the time for the AMCC to listen and act.

Alabama State Sen. Merika Coleman represents the 19th district.



Inside the Statehouse

Donald J. Trump Probably Will Be The 47th President of the United States

I was watching the Trump rally on television the late Saturday afternoon of July 13, and saw the horrific assassination attempt on President Donald Trump. I followed the aftermath and discussions for the next 48 hours and knew that I was watching the revelation of history. The scenes of the horrific incident will be seen for years in historic documents and films. The reaction by President Trump, rising above the Secret Service detail and heroically pumping his fist into the air shouting to the immense throng of worshippers, "Fight! Fight! Fight!" will be seen millions of times between now and November 5.

The mere fact that Trump had the strength and presence of mind to get up and react was amazing after being hit by a bullet and tackled by five Secret Service agents. He actually wanted to continue his speech to the tremendous Pennsylvania audience. He revealed a resilience that I do not believe even his most ardent followers thought he had. That picture of him with blood on his face, defiantly pumping his fist, and saying, "Fight!", will be an indelible iconic image forever in the annals of presidential politics.

The Secret Service did a good job of getting to Trump and covering the President. However, the Secret Service and its director became villainized by the inexplicable inability to secure the rally surroundings from a person carrying a rifle onto the top of a building with a clear view less than 150 yards from where the President was delivering his address.

The most remarkable unfolding of the event was the fact that if President Trump had not turned his head to the right at that exact moment, the bullet would have hit him right in the head and killed him rather than simply grazing his ear. That was without question, divine intervention.

It was obvious when Trump appeared at the GOP Convention on Monday night, a mere 51 hours after almost being murdered, he had a quiet, calm redemptive composure. He had the same mellow demeanor as he gave his acceptance speech on Thursday night. He looks and sounds presidential. He realizes that God spared his life. A mere millimeter difference in the bullet's trajectory, caused by the exact timing of his turning his head, saved his life. The



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former and probably next President had a Damascus Road experience.

The entire country, including Republicans, Independents, and even Democrats, have seen the cognitive decline of current President Joe Biden over the last three years. It has accelerated over the last three months, and it will not improve. Even the most ardent Democratic politicians and pundits have overtly acknowledged that he cannot lead the country for four more months, much less four more years.

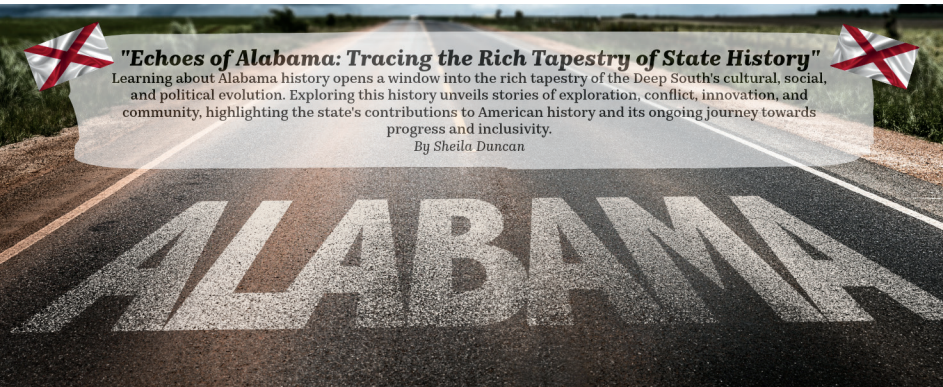
Lights are out on the reelection of Joe Biden. His reluctance to leave the race revealed that a small insular group of close advisors, including his wife Jill, were keeping him isolated because they liked running the White House and remaining in the limelight.

There is complete discord and disarray within the Democratic Party. Democratic leaders in the Senate and House have been urging Biden's handlers to allow him to step aside as their presidential candidate. Their fear was that Biden's name atop the ticket would not only assure the loss of the White House but would cause the Democrats to lose the House of Representatives and U.S. Senate.

Biden's recent departure from the race will allow the Democrats to field a potentially viable presidential candidate, probably Vice President Kamala Harris. However, regardless of whoever is selected to be the Democratic nominee, the assassination attempt on the life of President Trump and his iconic fist pump has galvanized the Republican Party base and probably made Donald J. Trump the 47th President of the United States.

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

LIFESTYLE



The Hanging of Bill Sketoe

BY SHEILA DUNCAN
REPORTER

William Sketoe, SR., Son of John and Anna Sketoe, born June 8th 1818 and died Dec. 3rd, 1864.

One frigid December night in 1864, ailing Mrs. Sarah Sketoe awaited her husband's return, only to be confronted with a harsh reality: her husband was dead, betrayed by those sworn to protect the county's citizens.

William Sketoe Sr., known as Bill, was a Methodist preacher from the small town of Newton, AL. The circumstances of his death have become one of Alabama's most well-known ghost stories.

The minister, it turns out, was charged with desertion from the Confederate Army. During the Civil War, Dale County descended into lawlessness, and the people became ruthless. Although

hard to imagine now, the nearby forests were filled with deserters and Unionists. In response, citizens formed their own guard to protect themselves from these invaders. The Home Guard was led by Captain Joseph Breare, a local lawyer. He had served in the 15th Alabama Infantry and was even captured at Gettysburg. After returning home, he continued his service as the commander of the Home Guard—known locally as the Buttermilk Rangers.

There are two versions of Sketoe's encounter with the Guard. One version suggests that Sketoe presented papers claiming he had hired someone to serve in his place, but they didn't believe him. After all, he was a minister, not a wealthy member of society. Moreover, the Confederacy had repealed its sub-

stitution laws in early 1864. To further complicate matters, some argue that no records have ever surfaced proving Bill Sketoe served in the Confederate or state military. However, the memorial sign currently at the site claims he served for three years.

The other version of the story, presented by historian David Williams in his book Rich Man's War: Caste, Class, and Confederate Defeat in the Lower Chattahoochee Valley, suggests that Sketoe was aiding a man named John Ward, the leader of a group of deserters and pro-Unionists.

Ward was a wanted man, having killed a Confederate officer and shot a member of the Home Guard. Breare, the Guard's leader, was determined to exact retribution and eliminate all traitors among the people of New-

ton. Although no concrete evidence ever linked Sketoe to the riot, he was fated to face the wrath of the Home Guard.

According to legend, Bill was detained on December 3rd, 1864, while crossing the bridge over the Choctawhatchee River in North Newton, rumored to be on his way to purchase medicine for his ailing wife. The Home Guard dragged him to the nearby woods and beat him. The men then threw a rope over a post oak limb and slowly tightened the noose around Bill Sketoe's neck. A friend pleaded for the minister's life, but to no avail. Breare asked Sketoe for his last words, and the minister requested to pray. Instead of praying for himself, he prayed for the people who were killing him, echoing the passage in Luke 23:34 where Jesus says, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do."

It's said that Sketoe warned the men that if they killed him, they'd never forget this day or this spot. This only further ignited Breare's rage, and he tightened the noose, sending Sketoe's body into the air. But Sketoe was a large man—both in stature and weight. The tree limb bent, and his feet still touched the ground. The men hurriedly dug a hole around his feet to hang him properly. Sketoe eventually succumbed to the strangulation.

Since that fateful day, the hole has become the real mystery. I first heard the story of the hole that wouldn't stay covered when I was around eight years old. While visiting the site, I decided to have lunch with my parents and asked my mom, a Dale County native, when she first heard the story. She said she was very young. I've heard several renditions of the tale over the

years, but the gist is always the same: the hole that the Home Guard dug to account for Bill Sketoe's height has never gone away. For years, this thirty-inch wide and eight-inch-deep hole resisted all efforts to be filled. Locals have tried to cover it with everything from trash and dirt to debris, but the hole refused to be covered. It was as if a member of the Home Guard was cursed to re-dig it repeatedly, sometimes completely re-dug within hours of being covered up.

There was a natural explanation, though. Mary Fleming, a Newton local, knew all the about the hole, having seen in on numerous occasions. She said that after the war, one of Sketoe's friends by the name of Wash Reynolds secretly kept the hole cleared but blamed a supernatural force. Possibly to put fear in the still-living

men who had killed Bill or maybe to just keep Bill's memory alive.

In 1979 a bridge was constructed over the site of Bill's lynching, and later in 1990, after flooding concerns, Bill's hole was finally covered with tons of rock. Now, this site is gone, and no one can see the infamous hole. But the site is still talked about amongst curious youngsters. Sketoe family members and Newton officials have erected a monument there.

People are still wondering about the truth behind the legend and it is still a popular place for visitors and paranormal investigators. Ask the locals about the story, and they'll tell you about the Methodist preacher. They'll tell you how he came home from the war to take care of his beloved wife and ended up paying the ultimate price.



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 "morgue"—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.

August 3, 1933
MR. VERNON HARRIS WINS FIRST PRIZE IN CONTEST
Bibb County's largest watermelon weighed 70 pounds and was raised by Mr. Vernon Harris on his farm below Brent. Mr. Harris also entered a 60-pound melon which won the third prize. Mr. Vernon Hicks of Randolph entered a 62 pound melon that won the second prize. Mrs. Fay R. Stewart of below Brent entered a melon that weighed 56 3-8 pounds. Mr. K.U. Lawrence, Centreville, Rt. entered a 41 pound melon, and Mr. H.H. Bracknell of Duncanville, Rt. Entered a 57 ½ pound melon. Mr. Vernon Harris wins a three-year subscription by having entered the largest melon, also a one-year subscription for entering the third largest melon. Mr. Vernon Hicks of Randolph, Rt. Entered the second largest melon, weighing 62 pounds. Mr. Hicks will receive a two-year subscription to The Press. Due to the fact that the farmers cooperated to the fullest extent in determining the raiser of the largest melon in Bibb County, the Press has decided to issue a one-year subscription to the contestants that entered a melon but did

not win a prize.

August 6, 1936
THE EDITORS COLUMN – BY JIM OAKLEY
We have had some cold days in July, but the weather is really warming up again. The farmers on the river were beginning to fear for their corn for a while. They have about the best crop of corn in years.

The Infantile Paralysis Epidem is over the state seems to be on a decline. Very few new cases are being reported. The people of Bibb County are continuing to use the spray as a preventative.

We have received numbers of open cotton bolls which we are unable to acknowledge. Mr. Burl Hubbard of Brent, Rt., brought in the first open boll on Saturday morning, July 25th and has been awarded the one year prize subscription.

August 3, 1988
ARREST MADE IN
ARSON CASE
The Bibb County Sheriff's Office made some important arrest this week, capturing. The men responsible for a fire that destroyed a 130-year old Centreville church. The five men were also arrested

in connection with a rash of burglaries in the county. Jeffery Lee Bush, 19, of Montevallo, Clyde Franklin Helton, Jr., 19, of Brent and Glenn Dennis McCormick, 37 of Brent were arrested for arson. They were held responsible for the fire that destroyed the Good Hope Baptist Church in Centreville on the night of June 21 and the morning of June 22, 1988. Two juveniles were also taken into custody for the arson, but their names cannot be released because of their age. The men arrested for the church blaze had also been involved in a series of burglaries. Two other juveniles were involved in the burglaries, but not in the arson. Bush was arrested for the arson and for marijuana possession. Three of the burglaries took place between June 27 and JULY 3. Two of the burglaries involved car speakers and radios—one from Cecil Crews car lot and the other from Mayfield Service Center. Lymom Young's Grocery Store in Harrisburg and Roy's Truck Stop in Centreville were also burglarized. All of three adults, except Bush, were released on bond. Bush is still being held in the County Jail on \$35,000 bond.

Plain & Simple
"Slow down and enjoy the simple pleasures in life"
By: Sheila Duncan

Pillsbury Biscuit Garlic Butter Cheese Bomb

Ingredients:
1 can of Pillsbury Grands! Biscuits
1 cup of mozzarella cheese, cut into small cubes
4 tablespoons of unsalted butter, melted
2 cloves of garlic, minced
1 tablespoon of fresh parsley, finely chopped
1/4 cup of grated Parmesan cheese
Marinara sauce for dipping (optional)
Directions:
Preheat your oven to 375°F (190°C). Line a baking sheet with parchment paper or lightly grease it to prevent the biscuits from sticking.
Open the can of Pillsbury Grands! Biscuits and separate them. Flatten each biscuit slightly with your hands or a rolling pin.
Place a cube of mozzarella cheese in the center of each flattened biscuit. Carefully fold the edges of the

biscuit around the cheese, ensuring it is fully enclosed. In a small bowl, combine the melted butter, minced garlic, and chopped parsley. Mix well to ensure the garlic and parsley are evenly distributed. Pinch the seams to seal the cheese inside.
Dip each cheese-filled biscuit into the garlic butter mixture, ensuring it is well-coated. Place the coated biscuits on the prepared baking sheet, seam side down.

Sprinkle the grated Parmesan cheese over the top of each biscuit. Bake in the preheated oven for 12-15 minutes, or until the biscuits are golden brown and the cheese is melted and bubbly.
Remove the cheese bombs from the oven and let them cool slightly before serving. For an extra touch, you can garnish them with a bit fresher parsley. Serve warm with marinara sauce on the side for dipping.



Easy Peasy Field Peas

INGREDIENTS:
3 cups fresh shelled field peas with or without snaps
3 cups water
1 smoked ham hock can substitute ¼ lb salt pork or leftover ham
½ cup onion minced
2 cloves garlic minced
1 tablespoon bacon grease can substitute olive oil
½ teaspoon kosher salt
¼ teaspoon ground black pepper
Optional fresh parsley chopped for garnish

DIRECTIONS
Add bacon grease or olive oil to a medium-size saucepan over medium-

low heat. Once the pan is hot, add the onion and saute for about six minutes. Add the garlic and saute for another minute. Watch the garlic carefully to make sure it doesn't burn.
Add the ham hock, the peas, water, kosher salt, and pepper. Add more water, if necessary, to cover the peas by at least an inch and turn the heat up until the liquid comes to a boil.
Reduce the heat to low and let the mixture simmer uncovered for about 20 minutes. At about 15 minutes, taste a few to check for seasoning and to see if they are done.

If not, continue cooking for a few more minutes. The fresher the peas are, and the smaller they are, the less time they will need to cook.
Garnish with fresh parsley if desired and serve immediately!



NEWS

Brierfield Fire and Rescue Responds to Medical Call and Subsequent Traffic Incident

BY SAVANNAH LOGAN REPORTER

In a release on their Facebook page, Brierfield Fire and Rescue informed the community about a critical medical call they responded to on the morning of July 29, 2024.

During the transport to a local hospital, the ambulance, accompanied by the EMS provider and AmServ

crew, was involved in a traffic incident. The EMS provider sustained non-life-threatening injuries and was transported to UAB Hospital for treatment. The AmServ crew and the original medical patient were also taken to a local hospital for evaluation.

They asked for thoughts and prayers for the recovery of these crewmembers

and the patient. They also expressed their deep gratitude to Montevallo Fire and Rescue, Southeast Shelby Rescue, and the Montevallo Police Department for their swift response and assistance throughout the difficult situation. Per Brierfield Fire and Rescue's post, no further information will be released at this time.

LEGAL PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE In accordance with Section 32-13-1, Code of Alabama 1975, notice is hereby given to the owners, lien holders and other interested parties that the following described

abandoned vehicle will be sold at public auction for cash to the highest bidder on 09/3/2024 at 9 a.m. Location T & S Quality Auto, 85 Melton Lane, Marion, AL 36756. Centreville Press

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BC BOARD OF EDUCATION

Meeting Date: July 23, 2024

1. Call to order
2. Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
4. Approval of Agenda
5. Approval of the Minutes
6. Financial Report and Bank Reconciliations
 - A. Receive Financials and Bank Reconciliations for June 2024.
 - B. Request to approve Bills and Payroll for June 2024.
7. Consent Agenda Items-Contracted Services, Bids, Trips, etc.
 - A. Request to allow Barnett Jones Wilson, LLC. to claim 100% of the tax exemption for the West Blocton High School practice facility, per section 179D of the Internal Revenue Code.
 - B. Request to approve the Professional Services Agreement with Cahaba Medical Care Foundation for providing athletic trainers for the 2024-2025 school year.
 - C. Request to approve the following as concession workers for all home Varsity, JV, Middle School and Youth football games, as needed, West Blocton High School. Payment of \$200 per game day and \$50 per concession purchase trip to the supervisor and \$75 per game day to concession workers will be made from WBHS local school funds.
8. Consent Agenda Items-Personnel
 - A. Request to approve the resignation of Tammy Morgan, CNP Manager, Brent Elementary School, effective May 23, 2024.
 - B. Request to approve the resignation of Tina Brown, Educational Interpreter, effective May 24, 2024.
 - C. Request to approve the employment of William Frank Mitchell, Maintenance Worker with HVAC, effective August 5, 2024.
 - D. Request to approve John Simmer from Teacher,

- Bibb County High School to Counselor, Centreville Middle School, effective 2024-2025 school year.
- E. Request to approve the employment of Valorie Smith as Special Education Paraprofessional Aide, Brent Elementary School, effective 2024-2025 school year.
 - F. Request to approve the employment of Kimberly Bailey as Special Education Paraprofessional Aide, Brent Elementary School, effective 2024-2025 school year.
 - G. Request to approve the employment of Kinnley Easterling as Teacher, Brent Elementary School, effective 2024-2025 school year.
 - H. Request to approve the employment of Ashley Jones as PE Teacher, West Blocton Middle School, effective 2024-2025 school year.
 - I. Request to approve the employment of Adley Elkins as Science Teacher, West Blocton Middle School, effective 2024-2025 school year.
 - J. Request to approve the employment of Simon Carbone as Elementary Teacher, Centreville Middle School, effective 2024-2025 school year.
 - K. Request to approve the employment of Monisha Ramsey as Special Education Teacher, West Blocton High School, effective 2024-2025 school year.
 - L. Request to approve the employment of Evie Simmons as English Language Arts Teacher, West Blocton High School, effective 2024-2025 school year.
 - M. Request to approve the employment of Heather Tibbs as Elementary Teacher, West Blocton Middle School, effective 2024-2025 school year.
 - N. Request to approve Sarah Gurley from Special Education Paraprofessional Aide, Brent Elementary

- School to Counselor, Randolph Elementary School, effective 2024-2025 school year.
- O. Request to approve Taylor Alsop from Custodian, West Blocton High School to Special Education Paraprofessional Aide, West Blocton Elementary School, effective 2024-2025 school year.
 - P. Request to approve Timothy Stringer as School Based Technology Coordinator, West Blocton High School, effective 2024-2025 school year.
 - Q. Request to approve Shavarus James as Assistant Softball Coach, Centreville Middle School.
 - R. Request to approve the following for 21st Century CAST, Brent Elementary School:
 - S. Request to approve the following substitutes: Valeria Brooks-classroom substitute; Glenda Carter-classroom substitute; Katrina Turner-classroom substitute
 - T. Request to approve the following volunteers: Eric Hiott-volunteer football coach-Bibb County High School; Hannah Griffin-volunteer girls basketball coach-West Blocton High School
9. Regular Agenda Items
- A. Request to approve Claudia Danielle Elam from CNP Worker, West Blocton Middle School to CNP Manager, Brent Elementary School, effective 2024-2025 school year.
 - 10. Executive Session: Student Discipline (2)
 - 11. Information Items
 - A. Called Board Meeting: Thursday, August 1, 2024 at 12:30 PM
 - B. Board Work Session: Thursday, August 8, 2024 at 2:00 PM
 - C. Board Meeting: Tuesday, August 13, 2024 at 5:00 PM
 - 12. Superintendent Remarks
 - 13. Request to adjourn

WEST BLOCTON CITY COUNCIL

Meeting Date: July 1, 2024

The Town Council of the Town of West Blocton, Alabama met in a Regular Council Meeting at the Municipal Building on Monday, July 1, 2024, at 7:00 P.M. A quorum being present. Mayor Daniel Sims called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. Prayer led by Glenn Johnson. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Holly Barnett. Roll was called by Town Clerk Brandy Fancher. Fred Lynch-Absent, Glenn Johnson-President, Holly Barnett-Present, Blane Sherron-Present, Kristen Nash-Absent

Mayors Notes:

- 4th of July Update-Looking forward to our 4th of July Celebration. The set up for the event will start between 2pm and 3pm. There are many activities and food vendors lined up for the community to enjoy.
- The Town and Building Inspector Darryl Aldrich has decided not to renew our contract at this time.
- The Town of West Blocton will follow the County Commission schedule and close Town Hall July 5, 2024.

I. Council Approval Council Meeting Minutes June 17, 2024

Council Member Blane Sherron made the motion to approve the previous Council Meeting Minutes from June 17, 2024. Motion was seconded by Council Member Glenn Johnson. All in favor and motion so carried.

Approval to Pay Monthly Bills

Council Member Holly Barnett made the motion to approve payment of monthly bills. Motion was seconded by Council Member Glenn Johnson. All in favor and motion so carried.

May Financials

Roll Call Vote was used to approve May 2024 Financials. Council Member Glenn Johnson-Yes Council Member Holly Barnett-Yes Council Member Blane Sherron-Yes 3-Yes 0-No Motion passes unanimously.

Hiring of Police Officer Stephen Kaylor

Roll Call Vote was used to approve the hire of Stephen Kaylor part time not to exceed 38 hours per week. He will be provided single coverage insurance and pay rate of \$18.50 per hour. Council Member Glenn Johnson-Yes Council Member

Holly Barnett-Yes Council Member Blane Sherron-Yes 3-Yes 0-No Motion passes unanimously.

Council Meeting 07-15-2024 to 07-22-2024

Council Member Holly Barnett made the motion to move the Council Meeting 07/15/24 to 07/22/24. Motion was seconded by Council Member Blane Sherron. All in favor and motion so carried.

District 2 Report: Council Member Glenn Johnson reports he has received complaints about speeding on Main Street. Also, complaints about an aggressive dog at Tiger Hut and near Town Park.

District 3 Report: Council Member Holly Barnett has received complaints about the trees at Hills Mine Road.

District 4 Report: No Report

Citizen Request to Speak: None

There being no further business to come before the Town Council at this time, Council Member Blane Sherron made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Council Member Holly Barnett. All in favor and motion so carried.

Alabama Residents Gain Early Access to State Park Reservations

BY SHEILA DUNCAN REPORTER

Alabama residents will soon have the advantage of making reservations for traditional campground accommodations (RV, modern, and primitive camping) at Alabama State Parks a month earlier than other travelers.

Starting August 1, 2024, Alabamians can make online reservations 13 months in advance, a month before out-of-state residents. This initiative, termed the "Alabama Residents Advanced Reservation Window," offers state residents greater flexibility in pricing, location, and date options.

"Alabamians consistently support our 21 State Parks, and this is a way we can show our appreciation," said Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources Commissioner Chris Blankenship. "Allowing Alabama residents to book earlier gives our neighbors expanded opportunities to stay, play, and explore throughout our State Parks."

For example, Alabamians will be able to book Labor Day 2025 as early as August 1, 2024. Destinations like Cheaha State Park, known for its peak fall foliage season, have seen reservations sell out within hours a year in advance. The new advanced reservation window aims to make it easier for residents to secure such high-demand bookings.

Reservations can be made online through the Plan Your Adventure Online portal at alapark.com. Users will be prompted to provide a zip

code when accessing the online reservation system. Alabama zip codes will enable residents to make reservations 13 months in advance, while out-of-state zip codes will allow reservations 12 months in advance.

To ensure that only Alabama residents use the 13-month booking window, the zip code attached to the credit card for the reservation must match the Alabama zip code provided at the start. This added security feature helps maintain the exclusivity of the early booking privilege for state residents.

"In recent years, we have heard from Alabama residents inquiring about some form of reservation option that is unique to our state's residents. With changes in our reservations system, we

now have that technological capability and have made this happen," State Parks Director Greg Lein said. "We encourage guests to make reservations early and often through our Plan Your Adventure Online portal available on our website at alapark.com. We truly appreciate all the support Alabamians give our State Parks."

Whether guests come for a day on the trails or weeks of scenic park views, the Alabama State Parks system offers park-specific events, interpretive programming, rest, relaxation, and adventure. Park leadership encourages guests to plan ahead at alapark.com for the most flexible dates, rates, and location opportunities at Alabama's 21 state parks.

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NEWS

It Takes a Village to Raise a Child

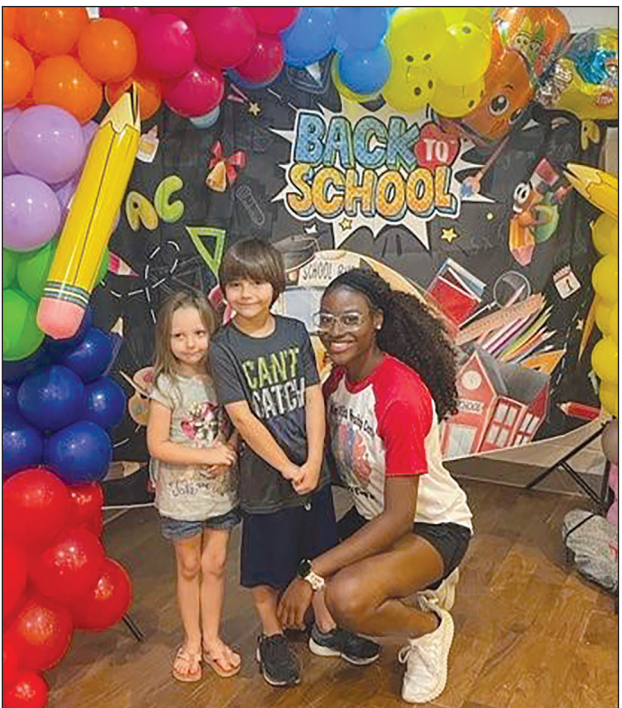
BY LYNN HAMRIC
REPORTER

In a few days area children will be returning to school. Many will be lacking necessary school supplies to support their learning experience. In an effort to bridge that gap, on July 13, 2024, members of Word of Faith Church gathered in the church fellowship hall for the distribution of over 200 backpacks filled with school supplies. This exciting event was organized by the Youth Department and Church Administrator.

The excitement was indeed palpable. The children (and parents) were grateful for this assistance in a time when finances can be stretched thin. The photos are evidence of that with the bright, smiling faces and that annual excitement that getting ready for school brings.

Word of Faith (formerly Purity Holiness Church of God), has been a viable part of our community for over 47 years. With an active membership of approximately 50, Pastor Dr. Bernard Steele, ably assisted by Co-Pastor, Dr. Alice Steele; Assistant Pastor, Elder Larry Lilly; Youth Minister, Elder Greg Robertson; and Youth Director, Sister Pam Moore work together to “walk the walk”. These dedicated folks take the response Jesus gave in Matthew 25:40 seriously when said to His followers: “The King will answer them, ‘Truly I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.’”

For these children there will be a bright beginning for their school year. For these church members they will hear, “Well done, my good and faithful servant”.



Right in the Middle of Things: Centreville Field Office

By Matthew Estes, Communications Director

It’s a fresh start of the Centreville Field Office in Bibb County, which recently moved from Market Street to 1055 Birmingham Road right off U.S. Highway 82, the main bypass through the town and neighboring Brent. With the move, the newer, more functional building was better able to match pace with an already talented staff. “This is a great upgrade for them,” said District 3A Manager Lamanda Thomas, praising the office camaraderie, organizational skills, and team atmosphere.

Indeed, the Centreville staff is surprisingly productive and organized, with a staff of only four: Officer-in-Charge Stewart Dellinger, Officer Eli Smith, Specialist Senior Katlin King, and Administrative Support Assistant III Kim Ray. While most field offices serve only their own home county, Centreville is in the unique position of serving three: Bibb, Hale, and Perry. While the combined population isn’t much different than a mid-sized Alabama County, it takes a lot of planning for a small staff to cover one of the largest geographic areas of any field office.

To mitigate challenges for probationers and parolees, the office conducts monthly off-site reporting in Greensboro, 40 miles away in Hale County. Fortunately, the office can rely on more than 40 years of combined experience to keep things moving and get the job done. “Scheduling is what keeps us going. Generally, we look a month ahead,” said OIC Dellinger, with more than 20 years of experience in the field of probation.

Dellinger shouted out the organizational skills of his staff, particularly Kim Ray who also has more than 20 years in her role: “I don’t know what I’d do without her.” They’ve been working together in Centreville since 2011, and Ray has the know-how to keep everyone on track with their busy schedules. A unique feature in Ray’s reception area is a typewriter – something not found in most modern offices. Ray has excellent computer skills because of her duties, but if she needs to do something quickly like address an envelope or add text to a document, she will slide over to the typewriter to avoid dealing with the fuss of a word processor.

Officer Eli Smith loves “being able to help in [clients’] rehabilitation process.” He uses his background as a pastor to guide and edify, talking to people with empathy while still being highly effective at his job. Senior Specialist Katlin King is a logistical expert and calming presence, able to develop a one-on-one rapport with probationers and parolees and get them much-needed help and resources. These four talented employees are right in the middle of things, serving the surrounding

communities with distinction and using their combined strengths to become more than the sum of their parts.

The Bureau has 62 field offices, serving all Alabama counties. Field offices function as a local base of operations for Probation and Parole Officers, specialists and other support staff. Officers are required to make various contacts with probationers and parolees based on their risk level. These contacts range from a monthly office visit for lower risk individuals to weekly office, home, employment and curfew checks for higher risk individuals. In addition, officers are tasked with various types of investigations requested by the Bureau or courts, as well as assisting other law enforcement agencies when needed.



Old Centreville Field Office



District 3A Manager Lamanda Thomas, Specialist Senior Katlin King, Officer-in-Charge Stewart Dellinger, Administrative Support Assistant III Kim Ray, Officer Eli Smith.



Administrative Support Assistant III Kim Ray

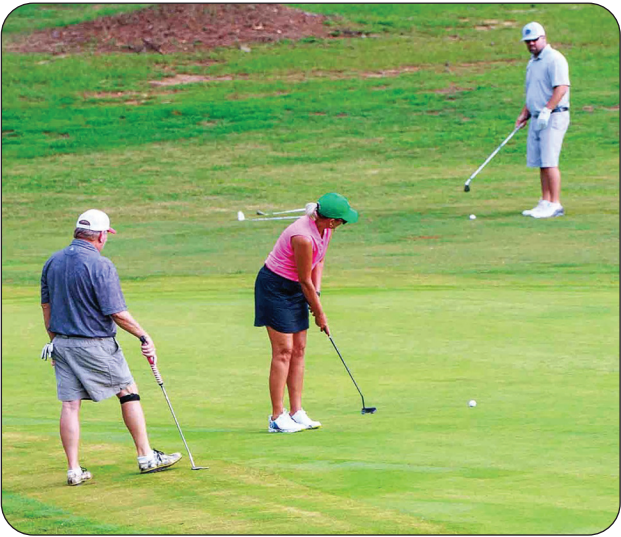


Officer-in-Charge Stewart Dellinger



Specialist Senior Katlin King

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| DEADLINES & CALENDAR | |
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| FALL 2024 REGISTRATION BEGINS | Friday, April 5 at 8:00 a.m. |
| Full Term Registration | Friday, April 5 – Friday, August 23 at noon |
| Fall Dual Enrollment Application Deadline | Wednesday, July 31 |
| International Student Application Deadline | Friday, August 2 at noon |
| Financial Aid Priority Deadline | Monday, August 5 |
| Financial Aid Bookstore Charge Period | August 12 – August 26 at 5:30 p.m. |
| Freshman Application Priority Deadline | Monday, August 12 |
| Testing and Placement Priority Deadline | Wednesday, August 14 |
| Classes Begin | Monday, August 19 |
| Drop/Add and Late Registration | Monday, August 19 – Friday, August 23 at noon |
| Financial Aid Freeze Date | Tuesday, August 27 |
| Financial Aid Disbursement | Wednesday, August 28 |
| Holiday (College Closed) | Monday, September 2 |
| WOW/Remote Learning Days | Wednesday, October 2 – Thursday, October 3 |
| Financial Aid 60% Point – Full Term | Friday, October 25 |
| Spring 2025 Registration Opens | Friday, November 1 at 8:00 a.m. |
| Veteran's Day Holiday (College Closed) | Monday, November 11 |
| Last Day to Withdraw from Classes | Tuesday, November 26 |
| Thanksgiving Holiday (College Closed) | Wednesday, November 27 – Friday, November 29 |
| Last Day of Classes | Friday, December 6 |
| Final Exams | Monday, December 9 – Thursday, December 12 |
| Fall Graduation | Friday, December 13 at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. |
| Holiday Break (College Closed) | Monday, December 23 – Wednesday, January 1 |

UPCOMING EVENTS

Shelton State GRADUATIONS & PINNING CEREMONY
August 6th, 7th, 8th

Shelton State Community College
9500 Old Greensboro Rd, Tuscaloosa, AL 35405

Nurse Pinning Ceremony - 6:00PM
August 6th, 2024

Shelton State Graduation Ceremony - 11:00 AM
August 7th, 2024

Shelton State Workforce Graduation - 6:00 PM
August 8th, 2024

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Rebekah Sims, MSN, CPNP-PC, CPN

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