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From Farm to Field: Ashton Cottingham, Your Local Farmer and Hometown Agent

BY SHEILA DUNCAN
REPORTER

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

Most of you should know Ashton Cottingham. I have known Ashton for years and have worked with him on several events, and he is a great person to work alongside. I have had the pleasure of asking Ashton some fun questions about himself so we can get to know him a little better. Let's take a closer look into Ashton's life as a Cattleman and Agent.

Ashton Cottingham. — Cattleman and Alfa Insurance Agent

Can you tell us about yourself?

My name is Ashton Cottingham. I'm 34 years old and a graduate of Bibb County High School class of 2007 and Auburn University class of 2014. I have served as Bibb County Cattleman's Association president, Bibb County Farmers Federation President, and I am currently the treasurer of the Centreville Main Street organization. I sell Alfa Insurance, and I also raise beef cattle and sell USDA beef here in Centreville.

If you could insure anything in the world, no matter how unusual, what would it be and why?

I'd want to insure the Biltmore Estate just to say I did.

What's the most interesting or unique claim you've ever processed?

That's hard to talk about. Can you explain how Alfa's community involvement benefits local customers?

We are deeply rooted in our community. Our local ALFA Farmers Federation Board gives back thousands of dollars into our county every year as well as our agents. We are here for our customers night and day and are willing to go the extra mile to satisfy our customers.

What's one piece of advice you would give to someone looking to bundle their insurance policies?

The more you bundle the more you save with ALFA.

If Alfa Insurance had a mascot, what do you think it should be and why?

Alfa's mascot would definitely be the farmer. We are a part of American Farm Bureau, and we are an organization started by farmers and led by farmers.

What's the most rewarding part of being an insurance agent with Alfa?

I live to serve people and I try to help everyone I come in contact within some capacity. This job allows me to do that. If you know me, you know that you can call me anytime and I will do everything within my power to help you.

If your cows could talk, what do you think they'd say about their daily routine?

We eat before the eats every day.

What's the funniest thing you've ever seen a cow do?

Watching the milk cow lay down when she is done milking so she can't be milked anymore.

If you could give your favorite cow a superpower, what would it be and why?

To read my mind so they would do what I need them to do.

What's the most unusual name you've ever given to a cow?

No names, just numbers.

Have you ever had a cow with a quirky habit or unique personality?

Yes, cows have a mind of their own. Cows turning over feed buckets before you can get them out irritates me the worst.

If cows could compete in the Olympics, which event do you think they would excel in?

Swimming for sure.

What's the best piece of advice you've received from another cattleman?

Strive to be at least 1% better every year in your operation. Over a lifetime look at what you will accomplish. This is the same in our daily lives.

If you could have any historical figure, come help you on the farm for a day, who would you choose and what would you have them do?

George Washington for sure. He must have had a dream and a vision and been crazy enough to chase it. That's my kind of people. We would talk about sustainability. We are going to have to focus on sustainability again one day and I can't think of a better person to talk about it with.

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



On August 1st Friendship Lodge 83 celebrated the birthday of Brother Jim Oakley. We would like to thank Masison Cook for the wonderful cake she baked for us.

Woodstock Elementary School Introduces Teachers' Lounge

BY SAVANNAH LOGAN
REPORTER

Under the leadership of Principal Kristin Lightsey, Woodstock Elementary School has added a wonderful addition to their hallways.

Teachers work tirelessly towards the goal of their students' success, spending hours upon hours in their classrooms with little to no breaks on most days. Now, at WES, they will have a space to retreat to when they need a moment to reset.

The concept of a teachers'

lounge has been well known in past decades and even in media such as television shows and movies, but few schools seem to make it a priority to provide such a space for their teachers.

Thanks to generous donations, the teachers' lounge has been supplied with the necessary furnishings for a space where educators can take a step back and take a deep breath when needed, away from the well-known spaces of their classrooms. Whether it is to eat lunch, grab a snack, collaborate and

build into the camaraderie with fellow educators, this space promises to be particularly beneficial.

Teachers deserve more recognition and appreciation than could ever be expressed, but the gesture of creating a teachers' lounge at Woodstock Elementary School speaks volumes.

If you or someone you know would like to donate, you can check out their Amazon Wishlist by searching "PTO WES" on Amazon or by clicking the following link: <https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/CNS-JA5IQ1RGT...>

Centreville Police Respond to Shots Fired Call

SPECIAL TO THE PRESS

City of Centreville on duty officers responded to a report of shots being fired around midnight on Saturday night August 3rd. The shooting occurred near the Chevron station in Four Points.

The details of the shooting are still under investigation by the police. Upon arrival, officers observed vehicles leaving the scene and a suspect fleeing in a white vehicle, identified by a witness. A Centreville Police officer pursued the suspect. However, near the intersection of U.S. Highway 82 and Alabama Highway 219, the Centreville police cruiser lost control and rolled multiple times. The officer driving the cruiser was treated and released from Bibb Medical Center following the accident.

According to Centreville Police Chief Rod-

ney Smith, shots were fired from two separate vehicles for reasons that remain unclear. The investigation suggests that none of the shooters were local residents; they may have been in the area for a social event. It is currently unknown whether the shots were fired into the air or aimed at another vehicle. Fortunately, no one was reported hit by the gunfire. Police have identified several suspects, and the investigation is ongoing.

Alabama State Troopers are investi-

gating the cause of the police cruiser roll over. Events like the senseless gunfire reported here put the lives of police officers and innocent citizens at risk of injury or death. Officers face unpredictable and dangerous circumstances when responding to emergency calls. Any motor vehicle accident can result in death or permanent injury to officers or nearby motorists. When guns are fired, even if aimed at the sky, serious injuries can occur from the falling projectiles.





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LIFESTYLE

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 sea-

son, 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.



Travel Advisory: U.S. Urges Caution for Visitors to Popular Caribbean Destination

BY SHEILA DUNCAN REPORTER

Dreaming of a Caribbean getaway? I know some of my friends and I would like to go on one for sure!! Imagine pristine beaches, turquoise waters, and vibrant cultures waiting to be explored. Whether you’re looking to relax on sun-soaked shores, dive into crystal-clear seas, or experience the rich local traditions, a Caribbean trip offers endless fun and adventure. However, before you set sail for paradise, it’s important to be aware of some key considerations to ensure a smooth and enjoyable journey. From understanding travel requirements to staying safe and healthy.

Tat this time, the U.S. State Department has updated its travel warning, advising people to avoid a popular Caribbean destination. The update, issued on July 25, recommends reconsidering travel to Jamaica due to crime and inadequate medical services. The initial alert in February highlighted a rise in home invasions, armed robberies, sexual assaults, and murders, some of which occurred at popular all-inclusive resorts.

“The U.S. Embassy routinely receives reports of sexual assaults, including from U.S. citizen tourists at resorts. U.S. citizens report slow or unsatisfactory responses to serious criminal incidents. When arrests are made, cases are infrequently prosecuted to a final verdict and sentence,” the notice stated.

The update emphasized that while tourist areas typically have lower rates of violent crime compared to

other regions, incidents can still happen throughout Jamaica, which has one of the highest homicide rates in the Western Hemisphere.

Jamaica is now under a level three advisory, indicating that people should “reconsider travel” there. Other countries with this advisory level include Egypt, Pakistan, Lebanon, El Salvador, Guatemala, and Saudi Arabia. Certain areas of Jamaica are also under a “do not travel” advisory for embassy personnel. Over 206,000 Americans visited Jamaica last year.

Adding to the travel issues in Jamaica are significant healthcare concerns, officials said. Emergency service response times are slow, and routine care for illnesses or injuries is limited. Private hospitals require upfront payment before admitting patients, and specialized care is scarce. Ambulance services are not always staffed with trained EMTs and may not be readily available, particularly in rural areas. U.S. citizens traveling to Jamaica are advised to bring their own prescription medications, especially items like insulin which can be difficult to obtain and citizens are strongly encouraged to obtain traveler’s insurance, including medical evacuation insurance, before traveling,” the alert noted.

If you do travel to Jamaica, the State Department recommends:

Do not attempt to bring firearms or ammunition, including stray rounds, shells, or empty casings. The penalties for carrying firearms or ammunition, even inadvertently, are severe and can include lengthy prison

sentences.

Avoid walking or driving at night.

Avoid public buses.

Avoid secluded places or situations.

Do not physically resist any robbery attempt.

Be aware of your surroundings and keep a low profile.

Enroll in the Smart Traveler Enrollment Program at www.step.state.gov to receive alerts and make it easier to be located in an emergency.

Follow the Department of State on Facebook and X/ Twitter.

If you are planning on taking a trip no matter the location, please stay alert on your surroundings. Be safe and have fun! (source US Travel Advisory)



Supporting Mental Health and Wellbeing During the Back-to-School Transition

SPECIAL TO THE PRESS

As the new school year approaches, both parents and children can experience a mix of excitement and anxiety. The transition back to school is a significant event, and it’s essential to prioritize mental health and wellbeing during this time. Here are some practical tips for parents and children to navigate this period with resilience and positivity.

1. Establish a Routine Early

For Parents: Begin setting a consistent daily schedule a few weeks before school starts. This includes regular wake-up times, meals, and bedtimes. A stable routine helps children adjust more easily to the school schedule and reduces anxiety.

For Children: Practice following the new schedule. This includes waking up and going to bed at the same times each day, even on weekends. Consistency can help regulate your body’s internal clock and make mornings less stressful.

2. Open Communication is Key

For Parents: Encourage open conversations about any fears or concerns your child may have. Listen without judgment and validate their feelings. Share your own experiences of starting a new school year and how you managed any worries.

For Children: Don’t hesitate to talk to your parents or guardians about how you feel. It’s okay to be nervous or excited. Sharing your thoughts can help

you feel supported and understood.

3. Set Realistic Expectations

For Parents: It’s normal for children to need time to adjust to a new school year, especially if they are entering a new school or grade level. Set realistic expectations and be patient as they settle in. Avoid pressuring them with high expectations, especially if they are already feeling anxious.

For Children: Understand that it’s okay to make mistakes or feel overwhelmed at first. Give yourself time to adapt to new routines, teachers, and classmates. Remember, it’s all part of the learning experience.

4. Prioritize Sleep and Nutrition

For Parents: Ensure your child gets enough sleep and eats a balanced diet. Lack of sleep and poor nutrition can significantly impact mood and cognitive function. Create a calming bedtime routine and encourage healthy eating habits.

For Children: Try to get at least 8-10 hours of sleep each night and eat nutritious meals. Avoid too much caffeine and sugar, as they can affect your mood and energy levels. Staying hydrated is also important!

5. Encourage Healthy Coping Mechanisms

For Parents: Teach and model healthy coping mechanisms for stress. This could include deep breathing exercises, mindfulness, or physical activity. Encourage hobbies that your child enjoys and finds relaxing.

For Children: Find activities that help you relax and unwind, whether it’s reading, drawing, playing sports, or practicing mindfulness. Learn some basic stress management techniques, like deep breathing or progressive muscle relaxation.

6. Stay Connected with the School

For Parents: Maintain open lines of communication with teachers and school counselors. They can provide valuable insights into your child’s progress and wellbeing. Attend parent-teacher meetings and stay informed about school events and resources.

For Children: Get to know your teachers and school counselors. They are there to help you succeed and can be great resources if you’re struggling with schoolwork or social issues.

7. Monitor Screen Time and Social Media

For Parents: Set guidelines for screen time, especially during school nights. Monitor your child’s social media use, as it can sometimes contribute to stress and anxiety. Encourage offline activities and face-to-face interactions.

For Children: Be mindful of how much time you spend on screens and social media. It’s easy to get caught up in what’s happening online, but taking breaks and engaging in offline activities can be more beneficial for your mental health.

8. Seek Professional Help if Needed

For Parents: If you notice significant changes in your child’s behavior, mood, or academic performance, consider seeking help from a mental health professional. Early intervention can make a big difference in managing mental health issues.

For Children: If you’re feeling persistently sad, anxious, or overwhelmed, don’t hesitate to

reach out for help. Talking to a counselor, therapist, or trusted adult can provide support and guidance.

9. Model Self-Care

For Parents: Children often mirror their parents’ behaviors and attitudes. By modeling self-care and positive coping strategies, you can teach your child the importance of looking after their mental health. Show them that it’s okay to take breaks and prioritize wellbeing.

For Children: Remember that it’s okay to take time for yourself. Engage in activities that make you happy and relaxed. Taking care of your mental health is just as important as looking after your physical health.

10. Celebrate Small Wins

For Parents and Children: Recognize and celebrate achievements, no matter how small. Whether it’s mastering a new skill, making a new friend, or simply getting through a tough day, acknowledging these moments can boost confidence and motivation.

Conclusion

The back-to-school transition can be challenging, but with the right strategies and support, parents and children can navigate this period smoothly. Prioritizing mental health and wellbeing is crucial for a successful and fulfilling school year. Remember, it’s a journey, and taking it one step at a time is perfectly okay.



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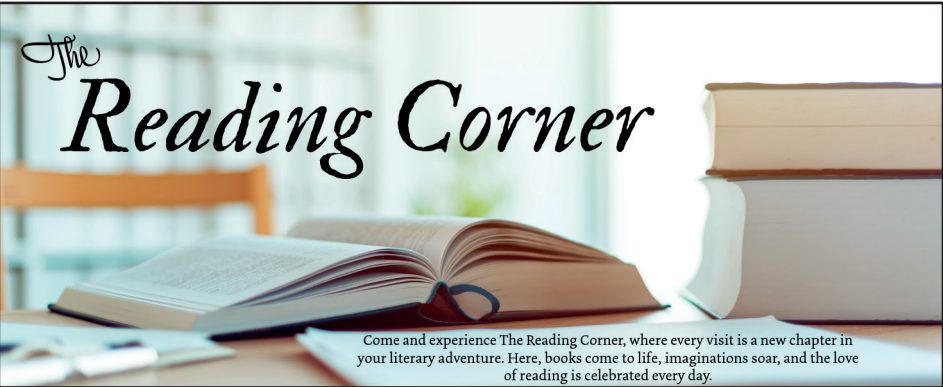
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NEWS/CALENDAR



Reading Corner: The Horse and His Boy by C.S. Lewis

BY SAVANNAH LOGAN REPORTER

C.S. Lewis’s The Horse and His Boy is a tale of adventure,

courage, and self-discovery set in the enchanting world of Narnia. This third installment in the Chronicles of Narnia series stands out with its unique story-

line and compelling characters, making it a delightful read for both young and adult audiences.

The story follows a young boy named Shasta, who escapes

a life of servitude in Calormen with a talking horse named Bree. Together, they embark on a perilous journey to the free lands of Narnia and the North. Along the way, they encounter Aravis, a nobleman’s daughter fleeing an arranged marriage, and her talking horse, Hwin. The quartet faces numerous challenges, including treacherous deserts, political intrigue, and the menacing pursuit of Prince Rabadash’s army.

Their journey is not only a physical quest but also a profound exploration of identity and destiny. Shasta discovers his true heritage and the courage within himself, while Bree and Aravis also undergo significant personal growth. Their adventures culminate in a thrilling climax where their bravery

and unity play a crucial role in thwarting a major threat to Narnia.

The Horse and His Boy is a remarkable blend of fantasy and reality, with C.S. Lewis’s vivid descriptions bringing the landscapes and characters to life. The book’s pacing is perfect, with enough action to keep readers on the edge of their seats, balanced with moments of introspection and character development.

Lewis’s storytelling is imbued with his signature wit and wisdom. Themes of friendship, loyalty, and the search for one’s true path are woven seamlessly into the narrative, making it both entertaining and thought-provoking. The characters are richly developed, each with their own distinct personalities

and arcs that resonate deeply with readers.

One of the book’s greatest strengths is its accessibility. While part of a larger series, it stands alone perfectly, allowing new readers to dive into the world of Narnia without any prior knowledge. For longtime fans, it provides additional depth and context to the Narnian lore, enhancing the overall experience of the series.

The Horse and His Boy is a captivating tale that exemplifies C.S. Lewis’s literary genius. It’s a book that transports readers to a magical world while imparting timeless lessons about bravery, identity, and the importance of following one’s heart. Whether you’re a fan of fantasy or simply enjoy a well-told story, this book is a great read.

EVENINGS

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.

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 compassionandhopefoodbasket@gmail.com or H.O.P.E. in Bibb County at hopeinbibbco@gmail.com.

FREE CLASSES

- » Bibb Family Connections offers free Parenting Classes on the 2nd and 4th Thur. of each month at 10:00 am. The Earn While You Learn class offers opportunities for those with infants and toddlers to earn baby supplies and needs while attending classes. For more info call 205-926-3170 or come by Mon. mornings from 9-1 to sign up. Email, bibbsavealife@gmail.com. 48 University Way, Brent, AL.
- » Bibb Family Connections is always looking for volunteers and donations. Please call 205-926-3170 to find out how to help.
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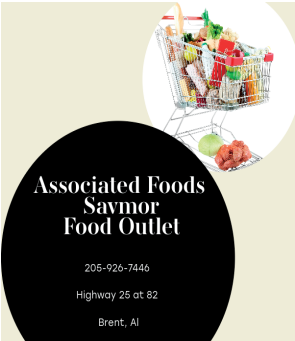
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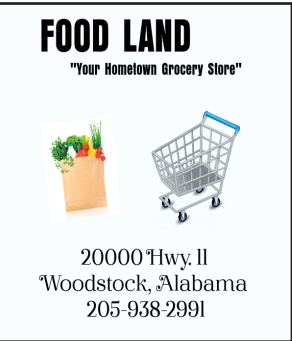
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OBITUARIES



Laurence Meigs Olliff

Laurence Meigs Olliff of Centreville unexpectedly entered rest on July 16 in at Druid City Hospital in Tuscaloosa. He had been in Tuscaloosa for medical treatment for the previous month.

Larry, as he was known, was a lifelong resident of Centreville, who was born in Selma March 16, 1952, the son of Laura Jean Meigs Olliff and Martin Tanner Olliff, both of whom were deceased at the time of Larry's passing.

Larry attended Alexander Consolidated School in Centreville and graduated from Bibb County High School, Class of 1970. He attended University of Montevallo, after which he returned to Centreville, where he was engaged in a number pursuits for many years. For the past ten years he had been retired.

He is survived by several first cousins, Gail Sparks Clark, Sandi Meigs Horsley, Debbie Meigs Manis, Danny Meigs of Georgetown, Texas, Judge Jack Meigs, and Dr. John Meigs, and a number of half brothers and sisters.

Hymn History

By: Savannah Legan

I'll Fly Away

The author of "I'll Fly Away," which is arguably one of the most widely well-known hymns ever written, is one that we have already learned about before with the history of the hymn "Jesus, Hold my Hand" - Albert E. Brumley. With over 600 published songs, it's no wonder he had so many rise in popularity like they did. However, few know that "I'll Fly Away" was actually the very first song that he submitted to a publisher - and it was only at the encouragement of his wife, Goldie Edith Schell, that he did so.

Finally mustering up the courage to send it off, "I'll Fly Away" quickly rose in popularity and was sent throughout the soundwaves to the nation by radio. Gospel quartets also quickly adopted an affinity for singing it during their travels across the country. As it was a song that was written during the Great Depression, it renewed hope within many as they listened to the lyrics.

The words came to him one day while he was out in the hot fields picking cotton. What was exactly on his mind will never be known, but it is recorded that he later said that he was dreaming of flying away from that cotton field after singing to himself the song, "If I Had the Wings of an Angel." Whether he was dealing with something in his heart that made him long for the ultimate deliverance of eternal life with the Savior, or if he was simply wishing to be out of that hot cotton field, or a mixture of both - we may never know. Regardless of the roots of his ruminations that led to the writing of "I'll Fly Away," his words have resonated with millions over the years.

Psalm 55:6 says, "Oh that I had wings like a dove! For then would I fly away and be at rest." Do you ever find yourselves in seasons of life where your body, mind, and soul long for rest, yet life (as relentless as it can be this side of heaven) refuses it? As much as we want to run away from the things, the circumstances that cause us to suffer, we would do ourselves the disservice of the opportunity God has given us to grow in our faith of being able to trust in His own faithfulness to us if we did. We are unfortunately promised trials and tribulations as believers, but even still, we are not without hope. As Romans 5:3-5 reminds us: "Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us."

Christ is our eternal hope, embedded into our very hearts through the power of the Holy Spirit - is He not? To be raised with Christ after our earthly sufferings are brought to completion, to take hold of the eternal life of love and peace to "a land where joy shall never end" - the place that by Christ's own suffering and sacrifice, we now through grace alone have access to? Isn't that the point of it all? Even when our hearts are aching beyond belief, wondering if earthly deliverance may never come - may we remember that Jesus can intimately relate to our hearts in the ways that He also suffered during his time in humanity on earth. If you long to feel understood, to feel seen - I encourage you to turn to Him and ask Him to show you how dearly He truly does understand. God sees you, right where you are. He sees your hurts, and He longs to hold you through them if you'll allow Him.

Like David in the Psalms, may we pray these words from our own hearts: "Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long" (Psalm 25:5). A truth that we can rely on, no matter what we face - we are safe and secure in the love of the Father. He has not forgotten us - and He is with us through the fire and the flood, no matter what we may face. Take heart, friend, in the One who has overcome the world - and find peace and hope in that "some glad morning, when this life is over - [we'll] fly away" to be with our Savior if we place our dearest hurts, hopes, and trust safely in Him.

Do you have a hymn you would like to learn more about? Feel free to call in a request or email me at savannah.pearce@bibbcommunitymedia.com. I would love to hear from you!

COMMUNITY NEWS



Centreville News

From The Pen Of Brenda Hubbard

The BCHS Class of "69 had a great get-together on Friday, July 19, 2024 at Simply Delicious in Demopolis. Allan Wyatt hosted it. All had so much fun as they always do.

Homecoming held at Ridgeville Church of the Nazarene on July 28, 2024 with Bob Sellers as Guest singer

Among those having Birthdays in July include Teresa Suttle, Peggy Simmons, Tish Bamberg Patton, Kipton McGee, Linda King, Kitty Hollis, Gena Caffee Dowdle, Hollie Rowland, Hilary West, Perry and Jim Garner.

Our deepest sympathy to the family of Dot McGee who passed away recently. Dot will be missed by her family and many friends.

The Joyful Hearts of Brent Baptist Church met on Monday, July 22, 2024.

Charlotte Lovelady West enjoyed lunch recently at PF Chang's with school friends Karen Jackson and Pam Worrell. A good visit and laughs.

Birthday wishes go out to Florence and Cindy Elam, hope your July birthdays were full of fun and gaiety.

Birthday wishes go out to Catherine Bowman who recently celebrated her 17th Birthday. Happy Birthday, Amy Watts Boykin, August 3rd.

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

Pennie Mitchell, Ruth Deason, Jane Hannah & Jo Kitchen played Hand & Foot one evening last week hosted by Jo. After snacks and one game, Carol Schladerbach joined the group for Hunts Supreme Pizza and much laughter. The second game continued with the same teams; Jo & Ruth against Pennie & Jane. Everyone enjoyed the games so much it really didn't matter who won.

Tanner and Alana Caddis welcomed their son Shepherd Wayne into the world Tuesday afternoon, July 30, 2024. That makes six grandchildren for Gene & Carolyn Caddis with one more expected in January. This precious great grandchild gift to Wayne Deason now numbers eight with two on the way.

SYMPATHY for the family of Glenda Boothe from West Blocton. Services were held August 1st at Woodstock Chapel. Stacey Thompson said her Mother was now at peace after her many years of life changes as a result of dementia.

NEIGHBOR NEWS - Amy Ellison is moving back to our area ... Welcome Amy! She and Ruth Deason have made several moving trips with clothes and dishes before the guys do the heavy lifting.

Sherry Rylee visited her Mom Carol Schladerbach one day last week and they joined Ruth Deason, Jane Hannah and Jo Kitchen for a late lunch.

Avery & Addison Roper stayed several days last week with LaShelle Kinney. At age 12, they were a great help with baby Kaydi. They rode with me Friday to Tuscaloosa. With Chick-fil-A in their laps, we traveled the Interstate and after a stop at Kohl's, we met their Mother Brittney in Fultondale. I returned to meet Jo Kitchen for a meal and stopped to get Geneva Mullins for a little TV time and Rummikub. Sister time is always good.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY this week to Jo Ann Medders 8-9, Candice Carter & Christopher Green 8-10, Quinley Petty 8-12, Myla Nickelson & Jane Hannah 8-15, Pennie Mitchell 8-16.

FUNDAY SUNDAY: Church, lunch, and then Amy Ellis, Ruth Deason, and Jo Kitchen visited Jane Hannah for an afternoon of games.

UPDATE ON LITTLE HOPE CEMETERY by WD.

Due to a resent storm that had very gusty winds, a lot of the flowers that had been placed on loved ones graves were blown all over the graveyard and church grounds. The grass was cut on Saturday and we had to pick-up the flowers. We had no way of knowing what grave the flowers were from so they were discarded. Most of which were older and faded but a few that were very nice. So if you are missing flowers that is what happened. Our apologies but we did the best we could. If you would like to help financially with the up keep of the cemetery it would be greatly appreciated. You may SEND DONATIONS to: "Little Hope Cemetery Fund", C/O William Deason, 262 Grover Ln., Centreville, AL 35042.

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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. Centreville Press July 19, 26, August 2 & 9, 2024

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LEGAL NOTICE

Wiregrass Construction Co, Inc hereby gives notice of completion of contract with The Alabama Department of Transportation, for construction of Project No: **Project No. STPNU-HSIP-0025(565) Bibb County, 5.851 mi. Micro-Milling, Resurfacing (Scrub Seal), Bridge Guardrail Retrofit, Guardrail Installation, Safety Scoring and Traf-**

fic Stripe on SR-25 from the Junction of CR-67 to the Shelby County Line. This notice will appear for four consecutive weeks beginning on 07/30/2024 and ending 08/20/2024. All claims should be filed at: *Wiregrass Construction Co, 1342 Carmichael Way, Montgomery, Alabama 36106 during this period.* Centreville Press August 2, 9 & 16, 2024

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE 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

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
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File No. 22-04075AL
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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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PROBATE NOTICE

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 s hereby given that all persons having claims against said

estate are Hereby required to present the same within the same time within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

J.C. CHISM Administrator
Kacey D. Davis (DAV205) DOWNS & DAVIS LAW, LLC Attorney for Petitioners
Post Office Box 65 20038 US Highway 11 Woodstock, Alabama 35188
Telephone: (205) 938-2024
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July 26, August 2 & 9, 2024

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
Centreville Press
August 2, 9 & 16, 2024

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
Centreville Press
August 2, 9 & 16, 2024

LEGALS

PROBATE NOTICE

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF BIBB COUNTY, ALABAMA
CASE NUMBER 2024PC053
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: JACKIE W. NICHOLS, DECEASED
LETTERS OF ADMIN-

ISTRATON of said deceased having been granted to Patsy Ann Nichols on the 29th 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.
Kirtley W. Brown
215 Washington Street
Marion, AL 36756
Centreville Press
August 9, 16 & 23, 2024

In the Probate Court of Bibb County, Alabama
In the matter of the estate of Joseph Lee Rutledge, Sr. Deceased
Case No: 2024PC038
Publication Notice
Notice to Creditors
Letters of Administration of said Joseph Lee Rutledge, Sr. deceased, having been granted to

Inez Rutledge, as Administrator/Personal Representative in and for the estate of Joseph Lee Rutledge, Sr. deceased, on the 8th day of July, 2024 by the Honorable Stephanie W. Kemmer, Judge of Probate Court of Bibb County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against

said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law of the same will be barred.
David G. Belcher, Esquire
Attorney for Petitioner, Inez Rutledge
265 Birmingham Rd.
Centreville, AL 35042
Centreville Press
August 9, 16 & 23, 2024

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 declarato-

ry judgment by September 15, 2024, 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

NOTICE OF DECLARATORY JUDGMENT ACTION
Over Easy Number XXXIV LLC, whose location is unknown, must answer Plaintiff First Bank of the Lake's Complaint alleging, among other things, detinue and seeking a declarato-

ry judgment by September 15, 2024, 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
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PUBLIC MEETING

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
The Town of Woodstock will host a public meeting on Tuesday, September 3, 2024, at 6:00 P.M., at Woodstock Town Hall located at 28513 Hwy 5, Woodstock, AL 35188. The public meeting will be held to provide detailed project information and receive public com-

ments regarding the Town of Woodstock's Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) project (CS010865-02). The project objective is to perform improvements to the sanitary sewer collection and conveyance system. The Environmental Information Document (EID)

describing the project in detail is available for public viewing during regular business hours of Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. at Woodstock Town Hall. For more information, contact the Town of Woodstock at (205) 938-9790.
Centreville Press
August 9, 16, 23 & 30, 2024

NOTICE OF SALE

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
August 2, August 9, 2024
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YEAR 2015
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MODEL Dart
COLOR Black

Notice of Sale
Storage Units to be auctioned on August 16, 2024 on-

line 2:00pm for cash only.
Paul Calhoun, unit 507, 12769 Edge-

wood Dr. Lake View, AL 35111
Centreville Press
August 9 & 16, 2024

NEWS

Trouble with USPS: Newspapers Facing Delays

BY SHEILA DUNCAN REPORTER
Along with the Centreville Press, other local newspapers across the country are grappling with significant delays in postal deliveries, leaving subscribers frustrated and uninformed. The United States Postal Service (USPS), which has long been a reliable partner for timely newspaper deliveries, is facing a series of challenges that have disrupted its services.
For years, the USPS has been a critical distribution channel for newspapers, ensuring that subscribers receive their daily or weekly editions on time. However, recently, newspapers have reported increasing difficulties in getting their deliveries out on schedule. These delays have led to a surge in complaints from subscribers who rely on their newspapers for timely news and information.
Several factors are contributing to these postal delays. **Operational Strain:** The USPS is dealing with an unprecedented strain on its operations. The rise in online shopping has significantly increased the volume of packages, which has diverted resources and attention from

other types of mail, including newspapers. **Staff Shortages:** Like many other sectors, the USPS is experiencing staff shortages. The COVID-19 pandemic exacerbated this issue, with many employees either falling ill or retiring early. The remaining workforce is struggling to keep up with the increased demand. **Budget Constraints:** Chronic underfunding has left the USPS with limited resources to invest in necessary infrastructure and technology upgrades. This has hampered its ability to efficiently process and deliver mail.
The impact on newspapers has been profound. Many publishers have had to field numerous complaints from irate subscribers and issue refunds or extensions to subscriptions. Some smaller newspapers, which depend heavily on timely deliveries to retain their readership, are particularly vulnerable. The delays threaten their financial viability and their ability to serve their communities with up-to-date news.
In conclusion, the current postal delays are a significant challenge for newspapers and their subscribers.

While the USPS works to overcome these hurdles, newspapers must adapt and find innovative solutions to continue delivering timely news to their readers. Collaboration and advocacy will be key to success.



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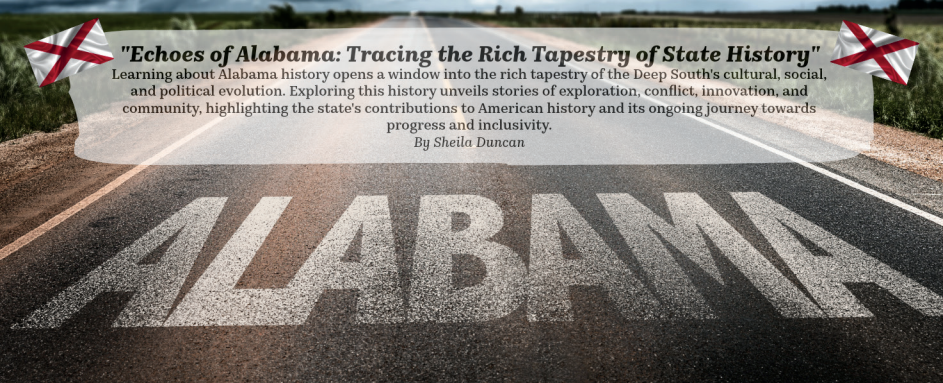
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LIFESTYLE



The Relay House

BY SHEILA DUNCAN
REPORTER

The Relay House was a 37-room, two-story, “L”-shaped wood-frame hotel built by the Elyton Land Company in 1871. It was located at the corner of Morris Avenue and 19th Street North, adjacent to the Louisville & Nashville Railroad’s first passenger depot at Birmingham’s Railroad Reservation.

James Powell, the president of the company, successfully lobbied the directors to impose a 5% assessment on its shares of stock to finance the construction of the hotel, which had been anticipated in the company’s articles of incorporation. Powell chose the name to reflect its use as a station for the mail coach he operated.

Mr. Masterson was engaged to oversee its construction. Although the charter specified that construction costs were not to exceed \$10,000, the final bill amounted to \$13,974.08. The building’s exterior featured deep verandas that served as waiting and greeting areas for trains. The hotel includ-

ed gas fixtures, earth closets, and a large cistern for water, equipped with pumps to pressurize a fire hose if necessary. Bells in each room sounded in the office. A garden on the property provided space for raising chickens and hogs for the kitchen, which was equipped with a spacious brick oven.

The Relay House was actually the new city’s second hotel. It opened under the management of William Ketchum on December 15, 1871, and quickly became the social center of the young city. It served as a train station and a gathering place for people conducting business. Ketchum was assisted by his wife Jane, his daughter Margaret, and his son-in-law George R. Ward, who were the parents of future mayor George Ward. Mrs. Ward hosted many of the city’s early social events at the hotel.

On May 13, 1873, the Relay House became the first building served by the Birmingham Water Works Company’s municipal water system. Ketchum planted a garden of eight parterres,

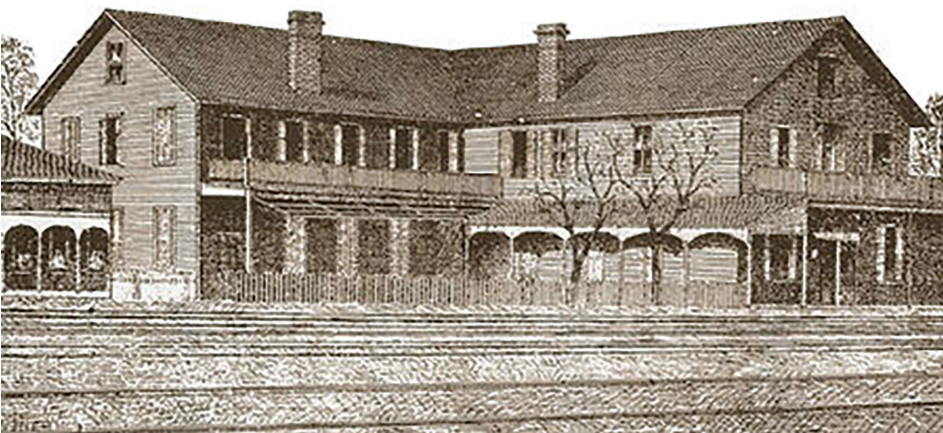
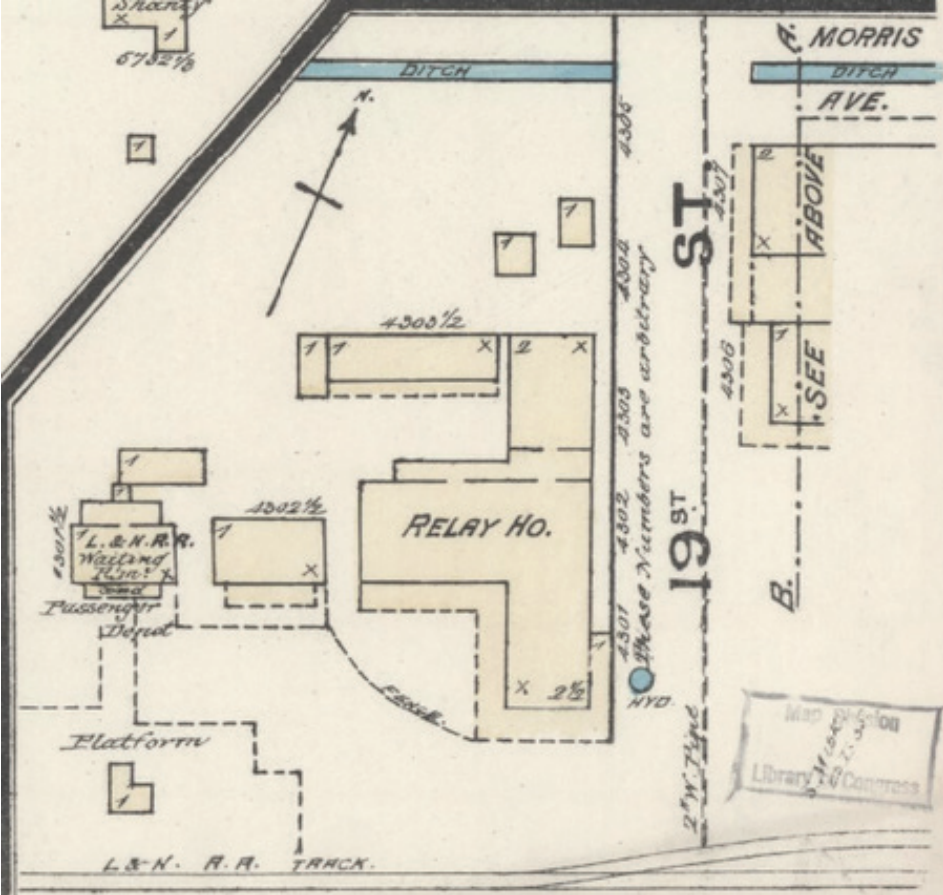
each with a different variety of grass. At the center of the garden was an “ever-playing fountain, surrounded by a basin, and the basin by a circle of plants springing up between rocks.”

In August of that year, the Ketchums put the business, including its “lease, furniture, fixtures, and goodwill,” up for sale but remained as resident landlords of the property.

On the evening of August 19, 1877, a kerosene lantern hanging in the second-floor hallway of the hotel exploded. Fortunately, the fire was discovered early by a watchman of the South and North Railroad and was extinguished before any irreparable damage was done.

On November 15, 1883, the hotel hosted hearings of the United States Senate Committee on Relations Between Labor and Capital, with Mrs. Ward serving as a star witness.

The Relay House was demolished in 1886 to make room for the new Union Passenger Station.



Plain & Simple

“Slow down and enjoy the simple pleasures in life”

By: Sheila Duncan

Corn Fritters

Ingredients:

- 3/4 c. all-purpose flour
- 1 Tbsp. sugar
- 1 tsp. baking powder
- 2 whole eggs
- 1/2 c. milk, more to thin if necessary
- 1 tsp. kosher salt
- 1/2 tsp. cayenne pepper
- 4 c. (generous) corn kernels: fresh, frozen, or canned
- 3 tsp. chopped fresh chives
- canola oil, for frying
- powdered sugar (optional)
- maple syrup (optional)

Directions:

Mix flour, sugar, and baking powder. Add eggs, milk, salt, and cayenne pepper. Stir together to make a batter. Add corn and chives

to batter. Fold together to combine.

Heat canola oil to 365°. When oil is heated, drop spoonfuls of batter (about 1 1/2 tablespoons each) into the oil and cook, flipping to the other side, until golden

brown, 1 1/2 to 2 1/2 minutes.

Drain on a paper towel-lined plate. Serve alone, with dipping sauces, or sprinkled with powdered sugar or drizzled with maple syrup. Divine!



Grilled Stuffed Peppers

Ingredients

- 2 Tbsp. extra-virgin olive oil, plus more for drizzling
- 1 medium yellow onion, chopped
- 3 cloves garlic, finely chopped
- 2 Tbsp. tomato paste
- 1 lb. lean ground beef
- Kosher salt
- Freshly ground black pepper
- 1 (14.5-oz.) can diced fire-roasted tomatoes
- 1 Tbsp. Italian seasoning
- 1 tsp. Worcestershire sauce
- 1 1/2 c. cooked white or brown rice
- 6 medium any color bell peppers (about 7 oz. each)
- 1 c. shredded Mexican blend cheese
- Chopped fresh parsley, for serving

Instructions:

In a large skillet over medium-high heat, heat oil. Add onion and cook, stirring occasionally, until softened and just starting to turn golden, about 5 minutes. Stir in garlic and tomato paste and cook, stirring, until fragrant, about 1 minute more. Add beef; season with salt and pepper. Cook, breaking up meat with a wooden spoon, until no longer pink, about 5 minutes. Drain excess fat, if needed.

Step 2Add tomatoes, Italian seasoning, and Worces-

tershire to beef mixture and cook, stirring, until liquid is slightly reduced, about 2 minutes. Remove from heat and stir in rice; season with salt and pepper. Keep warm.

Step 3Prepare a grill for medium heat; preheat 5 minutes. Cut tops off peppers and remove cores and seeds; reserve tops and discard cores and seeds. On a sheet tray, drizzle peppers and pepper tops with oil and rub to coat.

Step 4Grill peppers and pepper tops, covered and turning whole peppers occasionally and tops halfway through, until lightly charred and crisp tender, about 2

minutes per side for whole peppers and about 4 minutes per side for pepper tops.

Step 5Transfer pepper tops to a plate. Return peppers to sheet tray, arranging cut side up. Spoon beef mixture into each pepper. Generously pile cheese on top of beef mixture.

Step 6Arrange stuffed peppers next to each other, cheese side up, on grill, wrapping with foil but keeping cheese exposed if desired so peppers stay upright. Grill, covered, until cheese is melted, 8 to 10 minutes.

Step 7Arrange peppers and pepper tops on a platter. Top with parsley.



“Looking Back On the Furrows”

at Bibb County’s Rich History

By Sheila Duncan

“Any man who doesn’t understand where he comes from, has little hope of understanding where he may be going.”

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 10, 1933

DOG HAS MONEY IN BANK TO PAY FINES AND SO ON

New York - Mrs. Minnie Fontaine, thirty years old, given a suspended sentence in court on a charge of having her little dog, Frenchy, in the street unmuzzled, was told by Magistrate Casey: “If you come into court again on this charge, I’ll have to impose a fine.”

“Oh, that’s all right,” she replied. “My dog has money in the bank.” Mrs. Fontaine explained she has no children, but she keeps a small iron bank in her home marked “Frenchy,” in which she drops coins occasionally to provide sweetmeats for the dog.

Store Robbed 45 Times

Austin Texas - Owners of the Checker Front Store were pained when they found recently that burglaries had paid them a visit, but they were not surprised. The store has been burglarized 45 times and hijacked twice in seven years, according to Arthur Smith, proprietor.

Cat Adopts Bulldog

Abilene Texas - They took away her kittens when they were born, so Patty, Persian cat adopted Boots, a two week old Boston bull dog. The cat gives the bulldog baths regularly and performs the other duties of motherhood.

August 10, 1988

CENTREVILLE PRESS SOLD FRIDAY

The Centreville Press was sold Friday to Trib Publications of Manchester, GA.

Since being sold by the Oakley family in 1985, the Centreville Press has been owned by Specht Newspaper, Inc. headquarters in Minden, LA.

Robert Tribble, president of Trib Publi-

cations, said he is very pleased to acquire the Centreville Press. Tribbles company owns several weekly community newspapers in Georgia and Alabama, and he says many of them are very similar in situation to the one here in Bibb County. The corporate name Tribble has selected for his new property will be Bibb Publications, but the paper will continue to be known as the Centreville Press.

“I am very pleased to become a part of the community here.” Said Tribble. I would like to assure people that we’ll continue the fine tradition established by the Oakley’s. We feel we can also inject some new thoughts and ideas to make the Centreville Press an even better community paper.

August 6, 2008

RETIRES AFTER TWENTY YEARS WITH BC LAW ENFORCEMENT

After 20 years of service with the Bibb County Law Enforcement Sadie M. Ledlow decided to retire. Her last day working with E911 was June 20, 2008.

Ledlow began her career with Law Enforcement in 1988 while the late Sheriff Harry Johnson was in office. She also proudly served with the Fraternal Order of Police and served as a reserve deputy in 1990. Ledlow also worked with Sheriff Keith Hannah and remains good friends with him.

Ledlow said, “I miss working with all the County and City Police Officers. They helped me through 20 years of service.”

Ledlow lives in Montevallo, Alabama with her husband Charles Ledlow and her plans are to adopt a son in the future.

Ledlow thanks everyone in Bibb County that helped her career along the way. She said, “I ended my journey working with a great supervisor Wanda Jones.”

NEWS

Karleigh Foster Named New 2024 Junior Miss Alabama

SPECIAL TO THE PRESS
The 2024 Junior Miss Alabama State pageant was held at the Center of Arts in Pell City, Alabama on July 28, 2024. Representing Bibb County in the state competition was Karleigh Foster. Your new 2024 Junior Miss Alabama Junior Miss.

Karleigh is the daughter of Erica Pope & Jessie Foster. She is a freshman at WBHS, and resides in Bibb County, Alabama. Karleigh competed and won the 2024 State title, Junior Miss Alabama. She was also awarded the Junior

Miss Alabama Ambassador title that spoke on her platform of Mental Health Awareness. She was also awarded, Most Beautiful, Best Interview, Best OOC, & the Social Media Platform Award.

The Junior Miss Alabama Pageant is a scholarship program designed to foster a fun and educational environment, encouraging young ladies to give back to their communities with their time, talent, and heartfelt efforts. This pageant system aims to build self-confidence, self-esteem, and

academic recognition, while also promoting the formation of new friendships and the joy of participation.

The new title holders will meet Governor Kay Ivy along with a host of other public and community appearances & events. Karleigh would like to thank all of her family, friends, and her community for all of their love & support throughout her journey in becoming the new 2024 Junior Miss Alabama.



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Questions/Information: bibb@sheltonstate.edu

DEADLINES & CALENDAR	
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

For more information: <https://www.sheltonstate.edu/shelton-events/graduation-ceremonies-sl>

Congratulations!
We are excited to see graduates from Bibb Medical Center added to the workforce.

BACK TO SCHOOL

"Preparing for a new school year can be stressful. Let us help lighten your stress load. If your child requires medical forms to be completed, **now** is the best time to request those from your provider. Also, consider if your child will need refills on medications given at school, such as inhalers, epi-pens, etc."

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Contact **Bibb Medical Associates** with any questions regarding your child's immunization status.

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