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Strengthening Local Healthcare: Bibb Medical Center and Shelton State Celebrate Nursing Program Graduates

BY SAVANNAH LOGAN
REPORTER

A highlight of a successful partnership with Bibb Medical Center, Shelton State Community College's Bibb Campus recently celebrated the achievements of its Practical Nursing Program students with two significant events. On August 6, 2024, the Nurse Pinning Ceremony took place at Shelton State Community College, where the fourteen graduates were honored for their dedication and hard work over the past year. The following day,

August 7, 2024, the graduates participated in the official Graduation Ceremony, also held at Shelton State Community College. The fourteen students who completed the Practical Nursing Program dedicated a year to intensive study, beginning in August 2023 and concluding in August 2024. During this time, they not only attended classes but also completed clinical rotations at Bibb Medical Center Hospital and Nursing Home, gaining hands-on experience in their field. The program was led by two distinguished instructors,

Kandace Shoults, CRNP, and Fradonna Hall, MSN, RN, who guided the students through the rigorous curriculum. Their leadership helped ensure that the graduates were well-prepared for their future careers. Post-graduation, six of the graduates were awarded scholarships from Bibb Medical Center (BMC) and have committed to working there for a minimum of two years. In addition, all the graduates received full-time job offers at various healthcare facilities throughout West Alabama. The next step

for these newly minted Practical Nurses is to take the NCLEX-PN exam, which will officially certify them as Licensed Practical Nurses. The names of the graduates are as follows: Kendi Bell, Tianna Brubeck, Amber Dixon, Carson Gibbs, Takyla Harris, Kendra Hoskins, Shania Lewis, Bria Maddox, Jakeria McRand, Kamolyut Mengumpun, Adelina Navarrete-Aguilar, Angel Riley, Emily Shattuck, and Nadia Smith. During the ceremonies, several graduates were recognized with special

awards for their outstanding achievements. Emily Shattuck received the Excellence in Nursing Practice award, Kendra Hoskins was honored with the Outstanding PN Nurse Award, and Kamolyut Mengumpun was given the Spirit of Nursing Award. These ceremonies marked the culmination of a year of hard work and dedication for the graduates, and they are now prepared to take the next step in their nursing careers. The partnership between Bibb Medical Center and Shelton State

Community College has proven to be a significant asset to both institutions and the local community. This partnership not only ensured that students were well-prepared for their future roles as nurses but also helped address the local healthcare needs by retaining skilled graduates in the area. By offering scholarships and employment opportunities, Bibb Medical Center has reinforced its commitment to supporting the next generation of healthcare professionals and strengthening the quality of care available in West Alabama.

Cahaba Industrial Machine and Supply: A Legacy of Precision and Innovation

BY SHEILA DUNCAN
REPORTER

In the heart of Centreville lies a small business with a big impact. Cahaba Industrial Machine and Supply, established in March 1983, has been a cornerstone of the precision machine parts industry in the Southeast. Now under the ownership of Ruben Pate, the company has grown from its humble beginnings into a modern powerhouse of precision manufacturing.

A Journey Through Time: Ruben Pate's journey in the industry began in the mid-90s with Burkes Mechanical. "I started my career with Burkes Mechanical and worked my way up, learning various trades throughout the business," Pate recalls. This extensive experience eventually led him to join forces with his uncle Alvin George and Wayne Tinsley at Cahaba Industrial Machine. Over the years, as Wayne retired and now Alvin retiring, Pate has taken the reins as the sole owner of the company.

Precision at Its Best: Cahaba Industrial Machine was initially established to serve the sawmill industry, focusing on precision machine work with limited capabilities. However, the dedication and expertise of its employees have propelled the company forward. "With the help of our outstanding employees, we now have the most modern machine technology needed to perform almost any precision work," Pate explains.

Diverse Industry Service: The company primarily serves the forestry, automotive, and equipment manufacturing

industries across the Southeast. Additionally, Cahaba Industrial Machine & Supply has a significant presence in the mining and construction industries. This diversity in service highlights the company's adaptability and broad expertise.

Custom Solutions for Unique Needs: Handling custom orders and unique specifications is a hallmark of Cahaba Industrial Machine's approach. "Whether we receive hand-drawn parts on a napkin or CAD files, we approach each project the same," says Pate. The company collaborates closely with clients to ensure parts are manufactured to the correct specifications, guaranteeing quality and precision.

Materials and Innovation: Cahaba Industrial Machine works with a variety of materials, including steel, stainless steel, aluminum, bronze, cast iron, and plastics. They also handle more complex materials like titanium and Inconel. This versatility allows the company to tackle a wide range of projects and challenges.

Pate recounts a recent success story: "We completed a project for a forestry industry client experiencing premature sprocket failure. By manufacturing their assembly of sprockets from a different type of wear-resistant material suggested by a metallurgy resource, we significantly improved their product's performance."

Clear Communication and Future Growth: Effective communication is key to Cahaba Industrial Machine's operations. "No matter the size of the project, we communicate

on a personal level to ensure that we produce quality parts in a timely manner," Pate emphasizes. Looking to the future, Pate is optimistic about growth and expansion. "We plan to keep pressing forward, treating our customers like they are the only one, and see where this journey takes us," he says.

Embracing Technology and Innovation: Over the past three years, Cahaba Industrial Machine has made significant investments in new CNC machines, enhancing their capabilities. These investments have allowed for immediate growth and better support for clients.

As the precision machine parts industry evolves, Pate is preparing the company to stay ahead. "Continuous advancements in technology are improving manufacturing equipment with more capabilities, higher production rates, automation, etc. Over the past 10 years, we have gradually increased our manufacturing capabilities by investing in capable machines, software, and personnel – as needed for growth and customer support. These investments, coupled with over 100 years of manufacturing knowledge and experience, have equipped us for our evolving industry."

A Bright Future: With a strong foundation, a commitment to quality, and a vision for the future, Cahaba Industrial Machine and Supply is poised to continue its legacy of precision and innovation in the small town of Centreville, AL, and beyond.

Alvin George Honored For Dedication to Cahaba

Industrial Machine and Supply. Cahaba Industrial Machine was founded in March of 1983 by Alvin George and Wayne Tinsley. Alvin has a machinist degree from Wallace in Selma and worked around through several machine shops over the years. Wayne had a fabrication and welding background, the two of them worked a job together and decided to go out on their own. After about a year or so they decided to let another good friend Billy Fountain buy in, but he died in the late 90's. As the years went on, I hired in with the agreement to take over when the time came to carry on the business

legacy. Wayne eventually retired in 2017 leaving Alvin as the sole owner, So Alvin and I continued to grow the business with the help of our team of guys out in the shop. Alvin finally decided to retire in July of 2024 so now I with the help our guys will carry out this family business. We had a

small gathering of family and employees to honor Alvin for all his years and dedication to this company to lay the foundation to make it what it is today. Thank you to all who made this possible and to our brothers and sisters at Four Points Baptist Church for letting us use their facility.



Back Row- L-R: Josh Colburn, Dusty Young, Derek Duncan, Tyler Shirley, Wayne Tinsley, Larry Hall, Alvin George, Ruben Pate, Amanda Pate, Miles Hardy, Danny McMillian, Hayden Webb, Marc Fike, Jason Thompson. Front Row-L-R: Taylor Barnette, Tammy Foley, Becky Tinsley, Deborah George, Sharon George, Robin Patridge, Robert Burt and Louise Burt.



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LIFESTYLE



City water works and street employees are currently addressing a water leak uptown. This week, the city has documented 40 separate leaks across its extensive water system.



Brian Logan, Chief of Cedar Grove Volunteer Fire Department and Bibb County Volunteer Association President

BY SAVANNAH LOGAN
REPORTER

Brian Logan is a familiar face in Bibb County, known not just for his service as a volunteer fire chief but also for his passion for classic cars. With a commitment to his community and a keen eye for restoring vintage vehicles, Brian embodies the spirit of dedication both on and off duty. Brian's blend of leadership and love for his hobbies makes him a standout figure in the community. His story is one of service, skill, and an enduring connection to the people and places that make Bibb County special.

(He also happens to be my dad who very kindly filled out these questions last minute when my planned feature this week fell through.)

How long have you volunteered with the Cedar Grove Volunteer Fire Department?

"To be honest I'm not sure., about 30 years now I think. Have served as chief for the last 10."

How long have you served as the Bibb County Volunteer Association President?

"Two years I think."

What do you find most rewarding about volunteering in this capacity?

"To me it's about giving back

to the community. It seems as a society we have lost any sense of responsibility or giving back or serving our community, and I think we need to regain that."

How has the role of a volunteer fire department changed over the years, and what challenges do you foresee in the future?

"Haven't really seen a change in the role, I like to think of the fire dept as the center of the community. One of the biggest challenges facing all volunteer fire depts is the lack of younger volunteers. Unless we find some way to turn this trend around there will be much of the state without adequate fire coverage in the coming years."

What are some of the things you have accomplished as Cedar Grove Chief to impact your community?

"Not taking any credit for myself, but in the last few years we have been able to upgrade our equipment to include a much-needed tanker, a newer pumper, and a UTV for fighting brush fires. We have also been able to install storm shelters at the station for weather emergencies."

What do you like to do in your free time?

"Anyone that knows me

knows all my free time is occupied with cars, but since my grandson was born, being with him takes most of my free time."

How did you first get into classic cars, and what drew you to this particular hobby?

"Interesting, I think I was just born with the love of cars. I remember as a kid knowing where every 'old' car was sitting on all the roads that we traveled the most. We drug an old d1949 Chevrolet truck that was my dad's out of the weeds when I was about 14.. and it's only gotten worse as I got older."

What is your dream car to own?

"I'd say a 1934 Ford 3-window Coupe hotrod is still one I'd like to build one day."

Do you have a favorite classic car in your collection? What makes it special to you?

"I'd say my 1952 Chevrolet sedan is probably my favorite, it was the first one I built from the ground up. All my kids have childhood memories (or nightmares) of riding all over the country in it... from Texas to Kansas to Ohio and points in between..."

What is your favorite music to listen to?

"James McMurtry and 80's music."

How do you like to unwind after a long week?

"Go to the shop and work on a project."

What is your favorite thing to do with your grandson?

"Pretty much whatever he decides we need to do on a given day. I've often said that when you are a parent in your 20s, things you want to do seem the most important. When you become a grandparent.. whatever you thought you 'needed' to do today takes a backseat to what the grandchild wants to do.. be it 'zombie hunting in the zombie forest' or watching Looney Tunes."

What is your favorite meal?

Home cooked vegetables and fried chicken cooked like Mrs. Delphia Ware always cooked it for homecoming at Haysop, and fried apple pies."

If you see Brian out and about or cruising around, be sure to stop and say hi to thank him for all that he does for the Bibb



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Join The Miracle League of Bibb County: Registration Now Open

BY SAVANNAH LOGAN
REPORTER

The Miracle League of Bibb County is happy to announce that registration for the Fall 2024 season is now open! This program offers a unique opportunity for children of all abilities to experience the joy of playing baseball. With a mission rooted in the belief that every kid deserves to play, the Miracle League ensures a supportive and inclusive environment for all participants.

Parents and guardians should note that the last day to register is August 16th, 2024, and there is a \$40 registration fee. For those interested in sponsoring a child, or if your child requires a sponsorship to participate, the league encourages you to contact them directly at miracleleaguebc@gmail.com. Sponsorships help ensure that every child has the chance to play, regardless of financial circumstances.

In addition to player registration, the Miracle League is also seeking individuals to volunteer as buddies for the Fall 2024 season. Each player is paired with a buddy who assists them throughout the game, helping with tasks like running bases, hitting, and fielding the ball. Buddies are expected to provide support and encouragement, all while ensuring the safety of their assigned player. This volunteer role involves attending the team's games each Saturday for one hour, with buddies asked to arrive 30 minutes before the game begins. It's a season-long commitment, and volunteers will need to sign the "Buddy Pledge," committing to their role for the entire season.

Volunteering as a buddy offers a rewarding experience, fostering a special relationship between the volunteer and their player, while also providing the opportunity to earn communi-

ty service hours. To become a buddy, you must be at least 12 years old. However, volunteers under the age of 12 are welcome to participate, provided they have adult supervision on the field.

To register as a player or a buddy, you can scan the QR codes provided on the promotional flyer or visit the Miracle League's registration page directly. This is a fantastic opportunity to be part of a program that makes a significant impact in the community. Whether you're signing up your child to play or volunteering as a buddy, your involvement will contribute to a memorable and enriching experience for everyone involved.

For more information, or if you have any questions, please contact the Miracle League of Bibb County at miracleleaguebc@gmail.com. Let's work together to ensure that every child has the chance to enjoy the magic of baseball this season!

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- Attend the team's games each Saturday for one hour & to arrive 30 minutes prior to game
- Season-long commitment, sign the "Buddy Pledge" and receive community service hours
- Develop a very special, rewarding relationship
- Must be at least 12 years old (Under 12 will require adult supervision on the field)

SCAN FOR BUDDY REGISTRATION

City of Centreville Declares August 20th as "Sandra Lockett Day"

BY SHEILA DUNCAN
REPORTER

On a Sunday in October 26, 2014, Sandra Lockett, 56, was found dead behind her mobile home of her Fair Avenue mobile home in Centreville after church services. She had been stabbed several times.

District Attorney Michael Jackson described the crime scene as "grisly," in a news report published in the days after her body was discovered.

In fact, as of 2021, Sandra's death was the only reported homicide in the small town since her death in 2014.

The life of this compassionate woman was tragically cut short, leaving her family with haunting questions: Who killed her and why? The Centreville Police Department believes that Lockett's case can be solved, but they need people to come forward with any information they have to make that possible.

In honor of Sandra, the City of Centreville declares August 20th as Sandra Lockett Remem-

brance Day. This day serves as a reminder of Sandra's life and spirit, as she remains dearly remembered in our community.

We will commemorate Sandra's memory by reflecting on the joy

she brought and the deep loss we feel from her untimely passing. We stand united with her family and friends, offering our heartfelt condolences and unwavering support as they seek closure and justice.

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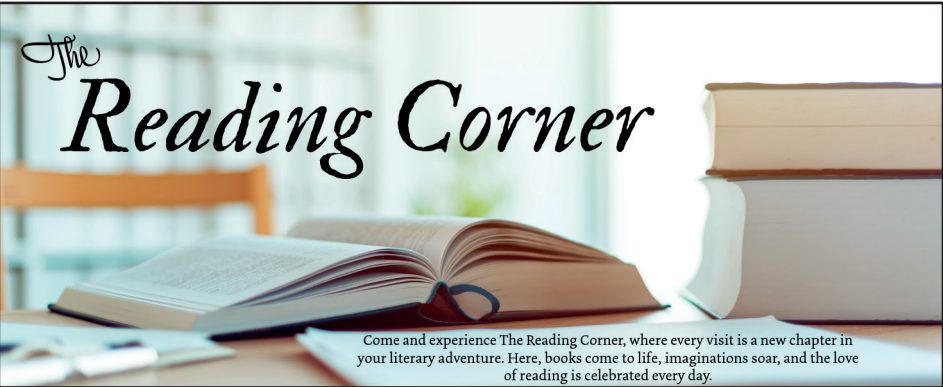
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NEWS/CALENDAR



Little Women by Louisa May Alcott

BY WHITNEY BUZBEE
CP STAFF

This one is a little different than the genre I’ve been writing about. It is more of a classic and while many of you

may have seen the movie as a new version was released in 2019, the book is always better! Four sisters: Meg, Jo, Beth and Amy March, are part of a poor but loving family. With their

father off to war they have only their mother left to encourage them to be the best version of themselves at all times. As they go through love and loss they truly do learn to become ‘little

women’. It is a wonderful read for a coming of age woman, with feelings that are relatable in many ways to the experiences of young women today. I found myself, after reading the last line twice over just to check, satisfied yet in want of more. It was a refreshing read that made me care for the sisters and left me wanting to know what led Alcott to write this simple masterpiece. As all well-known books do, it had a few morals that, although made the characters seem a bit too perfect to be real, were reasonable and made me want to make up for my

faults (of which there are many). Alcott’s writing was elegant yet poignant and haunting at moments, and perfect for the era it was set in, whilst the sister’s personalities were intricately described throughout the whole book. It gave you a sense of what it was like to be a normal family in the 1800’s and subtly showed the feelings of each character. There aren’t many exciting events to keep the reader hooked throughout, which is what I am used to with all of the thrillers that I read. I also at times found the characters annoyingly perfect and would have

liked just a couple more arguments. But, it was a nice break from the psychological warfare I tend to put myself through. I found myself missing the March sisters after they had gone as I loved their spirit and felt as if I was almost one of them, which is a clear sign of this book’s greatness. I experienced joy, sadness and love as I read through the pages. I know I will remember this book for years to come and it will always feel as if it were almost yesterday that I read it, as it is a book to treasure and keep on a dusty bookshelf to pass on for generations.

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.
- » The Treasure Forest association, a stewardship and land ethic program, for and by timberland owners (present or aspiring) meets the fourth Thursday at the B/C library (downstairs) 7:00 to 8:00 pm. Visit us on FB. Search for “Treasure Forest of Bibb county” and join to learn more.

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.
- » GED classes are offered free of charge to Bibb Co. residents at Brent Elem. School, 4 nights wkly, Mon.-Thur. Classes begin at 5:00 p.m. Vouchers are available to help pay the cost of the GED test for class participants. More info, call 205-260-0041.
- » The new Genealogy Class will be held monthly the 2nd and 4th Wednesday at 10:00 a.m at the Woodstock Community Library. Dianne Chesser returns as our master genealogist and patrons will have free access to Ancestry.com during class time. Those interested may call 938-0008 or check our Facebook for more information. www.facebook.com/woodstockcommunitylibrary

QUARTERLY MEETINGS

- » The Bibb County Chapter of the Alabama Treasure Forest hold quarterly meetings. For info. call 926-9765 or 926-4917.

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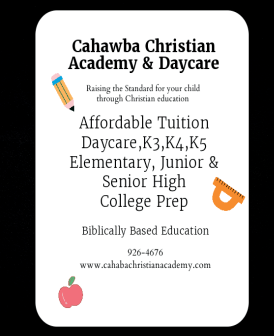
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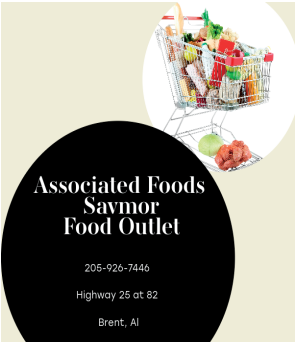
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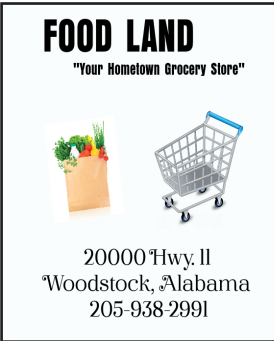
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From The Pen Of Brenda Hubbard

Among those having birthdays the later last of July were Kelsey Lightsey Dunn, Thomas Norris, Steve Allen, Hays Webb, Lindsey Stallings, Kyle Felts, Wanda Whaley, Lisa Brooks and Will Blakely.

Charlotte Lovelady West recently enjoyed lunch with friends at Main Street Tavern, Lisa Clark, Peggy McCullough and Payge Murphy. So goof to

all be together again. Anniversary wishes go out to Paul and LaDonna Johnson who recently celebrated their 39th wedding anniversary. Get well wishes and prayers go out to Betty Shoults.

Rhonda Levert of New York recently spent two weeks with her parents George and Margaret Levert.

Jonah Brewer celebrated his

4th birthday with a party with a large attendance.

Our deepest sympathy goes out to the family of Hugh Edwards Jr. who passed away. Services were held on Sunday, August 4, 2023. He will be missed greatly by his family and many friends.

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

West Blocton News

From The Pen Of Monette Woodruff

School has started and our roads and streets are busy. Be sure to watch for pedestrians, be patient at the 4-way stop, and please stop for school buses. It is shocking that every year we have to be reminded to watch for our children loading and unloading school busses.

Ricky Bearden is home re-

cuperating from a long illness. We wish him continued get well wishes.

Myrtle Jones enjoyed a brief visit last Saturday with grand nieces Angela and Bella Mize. While there grand niece Melissa Knight and favorite grand nephew named Leyton, came by. Everyone enjoyed the vis-

it very much. It's always nice when family comes by.

Congratulations to Heather Lenseigne on a recent accomplishment. She has worked very hard and persevered when it would have been so easy to give up and forget about it. Heather we are proud for you and of you!

West Eoline News

From The Pen Of Jane Hannah

Covid has kept me from visiting Luther & Tracey Holladay but the contagious period has passed. Looking forward to spending time with them. Finally saw Tracey on Saturday, yippee. Hopefully, the repair shop will soon return Luther's work truck, looking and running like new.

It was a joy to see Chad & Stacey Thompson one evening last week. We enjoyed dinner together and talked about some future excursions. Later in the week, we celebrated Ed Todd's birthday with him and sweet wife Robbie at Juan's.

Mimi Jo Kitchen was delighted to celebrate great grandson Judah's 2nd birthday on August 7th. The dinner celebration by parents Carley & Scott Garcia also included grandmother Donna Glidewell. After her overnight stay, she made a stop to visit Jo Ann

Kitchen in Columbiana.

SISTAS Cindy Fowler, Betty Rainwater, Jo Kitchen, Geneva Mullins, Bonnie LeVert, Pennie Mitchell and Jane Hannah celebrated Jane & Pennie's Birthday at Olive Garden in Prattville last Saturday.

Betty and Jane made the high step in and out of that 3rd row seat to enjoy being chauffeured by Cindy. It wasn't pretty, but we made it. haha

LaShelle, Ronnie & Kaydi Kinney had a virus lasting several days last week. I pray that germ is long gone. I'm ready for some Kaydi love. I had a peek at her (from 6 ft) Saturday morning and she had changed a lot in a week. She weighed a little over 7 pounds on 8-8, and 5 weeks old.

Trey Deason, Michael Garner and a friend moved the heavy items Saturday for Amy Ellison's move to the neigh-

borhood. This, after Amy and Ruth Deason had made about 16 or so loads with their car. Maybe its closet cleanup time!

HEALING PRAYERS for Amy Ellison. A cracked collarbone and shoulder is not a good start in her new apartment. That is the result of her fall while working to unpack when tired. So sorry Amy.

Wayne Deason was HAPPY to be with all (except 2) of his children, grands and great grandchildren Saturday. The family gathered to celebrate Myla Kate's birthday.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY this week to Sista Pennie Mitchell 8-16, Lynn Ellinghausen 8-17, Ruth Deason, Dennis Freeman, & Melanie Wallace 8-19, and Courtney Dowdle 8-22.

Have a BLESSED WEEK, call 478-396-2513 to share your news.

Brent News

From The Pen Of Dorothy Clark

Last week my grandson and family came to spend the day with me. I was so glad to see them. My grandson told his wife he had not eaten Grandmas cooking in a long time so I cooked him a ham and cheese omelet and my baby wanted pancakes. For dinner they wanted McDonald's. I really enjoyed them and getting to see my grandson.

August 25, 2024 Pine Grove Baptist Church will have their Missions and Matrons Day Program. The Pastor is Rev. Thomas Hill and the guest speaker will be Rev. Tracy Sanders, Pastor of Friendship Baptist Church, Duncanville, AL.

Our deepest sympathy goes out to the family of Janice Oaks. Happy Birthday Roger Sheppard, Dorian Parker, Bruce Coleman and many more.

Little Star District had their 134th annual session and their 134th annual Women's Auxiliary was July 28-30, 2024. Children of all ages memorized Psalms, John and other books of the Bible. It was wonderful.

I've seen on the news, so many children being left in cars. It's not good and not safe.

Welcome back to school all staff, students and bus drivers.

The grass grows real fast when it rains. My niece and nephew cut my yard, thank God, it needed it.

Do what you can while you can. Time brings about change.

There is trash back on the side of the roads, it looks so bad. If people would just put it in a bag in their car our roads would stay clean and look good. Bear creek

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claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.
James Lester Dudley, Jr.
B. Boozer Downs, Jr.
Downs & Davis Law, LLC
Attorney for Petitioner
P.O. Box 65
Woodstock, AL 35188
Centreville Press
August 16, 23 & 30, 2024

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.
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Centreville Press
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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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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF BIBB COUNTY, ALABAMA
CASE NUMBER 2024PC053
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STEPHANIE W. KEMMER of Probate of Bibb County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are Hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.
Kirtley W. Brown
215 Washington Street
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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

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David G. Belcher, Esquire
Attorney for Petitioner, Inez Rutledge
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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
Centreville Press
July 26, August 2, 9 & 16, 2024

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, detainue and seeking a declaratory judgment by September 30, 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.
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
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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 September 30, 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.
KAYLA COONER, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Bibb County.
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NOTICE OF SALE

Notice of Sale
Storage Units to be auctioned on August 16, 2024 online 2:00pm for cash only.

Paul Calhoun, unit 507, 12769 Edgewood Dr. Lake View, AL 35111
Centreville Press
August 9 & 16, 2024

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE
Hometown Towing and Recovery, LLC gives notice of foreclosure of lien and intent to sell these vehicles on September 28, 2024 at 10:00am at 54 Norman Dr. Woodstock, AL 35188-3941, pursuant to

subsection 32.13.3 of the Alabama Statutes. Hometown Towing and Recovery LLC reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids.
5NPEU46FX6H0381151
2006 Hyundai Sonata
Centreville Press
August 16 & 23, 2023

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 comments 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.
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Email legal notices to
Arline Duncan at
arline.duncan@centrevillepress.com or call **205.926.9769**

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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NOTICE OF COMPLETION

Advertisement for Completion – Legal Notice
In accordance with Chapter 1, Title 39, Code of Alabama, 1975, notice is hereby given that CENTRAL ALABAMA ASPHALT & CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, LLC has completed the CONTRACT for CONSTRUCTION of the MILLING, PAVING, ROAD REPAIRS, AND RESURFACING OF TWO RESIDENTIAL STREETS WITHIN THE TOWN OF WOODSTOCK: GA-

BRIELLE DRIVE AND LAURA LANE (PROJECT), for THE TOWN OF WOODSTOCK, ALABAMA and have made request for final settlement of said CONTRACT. All persons having any claim for labor, materials, or otherwise in connection with this PROJECT should immediately be filed at P.O. Box 20766, Tuscaloosa, AL 35402, or Call Marcus Barr 205-349-0910.
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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. ST-PNU-HSIP-0025(565) Bibb County, 5.851 mi. Micro-Milling, Resurfacing (Scrub Seal), Bridge Guardrail Retrofit, Guardrail Installation, Safety Scoring and Traffic 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.*
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NEWS



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 1936
WEST BLOCTON NEWS

Mrs. Powell and Battle McElroy of Birmingham are guest of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar McElroy.

Mr. and Mrs. J.R. Duncan of Oneonta, Mr. and Mrs. Terry Barnette of Bessemer were the Sunday gift of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Seals.

Mr. Rock Country and children of Birmingham visited Mr. and Mr. Frank Schellelli on Smith Hill on Sunday afternoon.

August 1988
JOHNTOWN NEWS

Little Cory Colburn spent Thursday until Saturday

in Druid City Hospital for tests. Corey is the son of Jeanetta and Randy Colburn of Brent.

Mrs. Robert Gibson and Mr. Keith Hudson attended her 25th anniversary of Mrs. Gibson’s sister, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Lawley, last Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. R.L. Stewart has been sick. She has been going to the doctor and to the hospital for tests. Hope she is feeling much better now.

August 2014
STRIKE OUT
CANCER SOFTBALL
TOURNEY RAISES
\$1,100
The Bibb County

Relay for Life’s Strike out Cancer Coed softball took place Saturday August 9th at the Stewart Wheeler Park. The event raised over 1,100 toward the Bibb County Relay for Life’s goal donation.

Six teams participated in the tournament. First place went to Better Luck Next Time in second place was Pain Train, followed by six-mile, Bibb Medical Center, Smith Team and Misfits.

Cancer survivors Suzie Kornegay and Letisha Wilkerson Anderson threw out first pitches after Jenna Consley sang the National Anthem.

Building a Life in a World No Longer Built to Last

BY SAVANNAH LOGAN
REPORTER

My grandparents have a General Electric dryer that has been in their laundry room for my whole life. I’ve always been able to tell that it is older, with the faux wood paneling and the style of the knobs. In my childhood, I never put thought into it – it was always just there. But now that I am an adult, I take notice of a lot more from a whole new perspective.

My son and I were playing outside one afternoon last week, and he asked “if we could go see Maw Maw.” Unless we have somewhere else to be, I never deny this type of request from him. On our way there, he stopped to pick her out a rock for her growing collection of rocks that she has kept from him, and he knocked on the back door after we had stepped on the porch.

When my grandmother opened the door, I was greeted with the smell of the fabric softener that they have always used. It is a smell that really does recall summer afternoons where my sister and I would visit, my grandmother getting out her fry daddy to cook us some chicken fingers while we played “Animal Mummy” (an old rummy card set that had circus animals on them). The dryer was running, and I finally decided to ask how old it was.

My grandmother thought about it and replied that they had gotten it sometime around the time my dad graduated high school and started college, though she was unsure of the exact year. It was a close enough answer for me – that told me what I suspected, that this dryer was well over 35 years old. I asked her if it had ever malfunctioned, had ever had to be serviced. She told me that no, it had always worked just fine for them.

Can you think of any product in your life that is built of the quality to last 35 years? I can’t, either.

My entire adult life, trying to navigate a fluctuating economy has been incredibly difficult, and I am not alone in this struggle. We are all feeling it. But as my generation, Millennials and Gen Z, struggles in particular ways, we often face a great deal of backlash from the generations who came before us, critiquing our best efforts.

35 years ago, I would have been able to go out,

buy a dryer for a few hundred dollars, and be able to put trust in the investment I was making for me and my family – that it was built to do the job as promised and advertised. Today, a cheaper model will run you about \$500 for a new dryer, while one of supposed higher quality costs anywhere from \$800-\$1,200.

I personally have a Speed Queen washer and dryer set, whose brand boasts that they are “built to last 25 years.” The MSRP of my particular washer is \$1,479. When faced with the question of if I wanted to spend less money on a washer I would have to replace in 5-7 years (if I was lucky), making the investment towards a higher quality model seemed wise, even if the upfront cost was more.

Using this washer as directed, the lid lock malfunctioned in ways that called for a full replacement of the lid lock, right inside the 5-year warranty. A few months later, it began making an awful racket during the spin cycle. Upon a diagnosis from a service technician, he declared that the balance ring had worn out and needed replacement – just a few months outside of the 5-year warranty, meaning that neither parts nor labor would be covered. I asked the technician if he thought it had been user error in any way (because if I had been overfilling the washer, I am a humble human, willing to admit faults and learn to do better moving forward) and after showing him exactly how I used it, he replied no, that it didn’t seem like I had. “Just cheap parts, made to wear out,” he told me. With the cost of the part and labor required, the repair cost me a little over \$300. Half the cost of a new washer itself.

I tried to make the decision to be wise with my money, spending more on the front end, following the “rules” and taking no shortcuts – and it did not pay off. Right outside of the “guaranteed” window, it failed.

A lot of my friends have been experiencing many similar struggles in their adult life. Following the preset formula, doing it “right” - getting a college degree, searching for a career to establish themselves in, working hard for their futures.

But here’s the thing – in this late-stage capitalistic society we live in, people are just as expendable as cheap parts to more

companies and businesses than there are employers who see people as the human beings that they are, giving an even deeper meaning to “just being another cog in the machine” than ever before. We live in a society of profit over people being the norm.

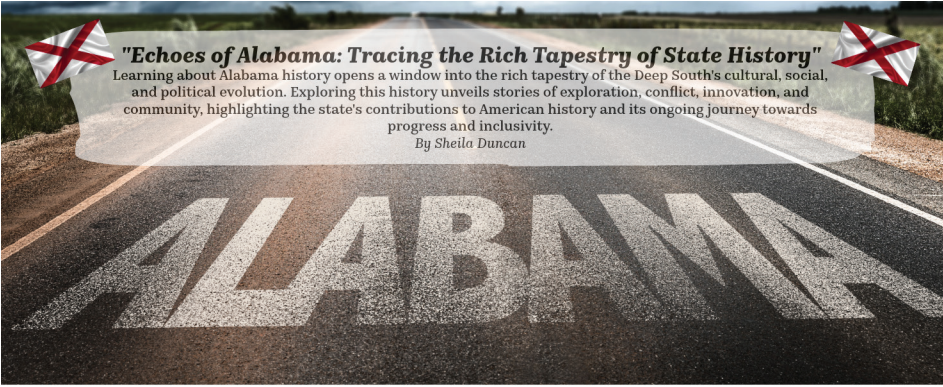
Just like with my grandmother’s dryer, in decades past, things of quality were invested in. People of quality were invested in. Companies, upon hire, committed to the employee just as much as the employee committed to them. Is this true across the board? No, of course not – very few things are. But when was the last time you heard of a company offering a pension plan? Though my personal knowledge is limited, my understanding that a pension is typically far better than a 401k, which is now more widely offered. Upon research, I learned that only about 15% of workers have access to a traditional pension plan these days, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Why? Because as I’m sure the company who is still paying my friend’s late-90 something year old grandmother, the widow of her grandfather who committed to work for this company for decades, a monthly sum per his pension plan, can attest that it is no longer financially advantageous for them to offer them.

But what kind of market does that leave us in, as both employers and employees? Employers who are seeking those who will do the most work for the least overall compensation, and employees who are just seeking livable, sustainable compensation and to be regarded as the human being they are.

It’s discouraging to hear from older generations how our best efforts are so often being discredited over “iced coffee and avocado toast.” It’s much, much more than that, something I could likely have enough to say to write a book over. Rising, uncapped costs of education, transportation, housing, healthcare, childcare, utilities, and food have everyone scrambling. Imagine what it’s like to get your start today compared to what it was decades ago.

Millennials and Gen Z are trying to build a life in a world that is increasingly not built to last – and we are doing our best. “Best” just doesn’t go as far as it used to.



The Story of Trey Wilbourn, Casualty of Desert Storm

BY SHEILA DUNCAN
REPORTER

James W. (Trey) Wilbourn, III, born in 1962 in Huntsville, Alabama, is the only son of Joyce and J.N. Wilbourn. His mother describes him as “thoughtful, compassionate, caring – just a very good son.” She fondly recalls an incident from Trey’s childhood during a shopping trip to the local mall. Somehow, Trey got separated from her in JCPenney’s. Frantic, Joyce searched everywhere but couldn’t find him. It was as if he had vanished. In a final attempt, she ran out to the parking lot, and there he was, standing patiently by the family car, knowing she would come there. He was always that responsible.

As he grew older, Trey developed a love for hunting in North Alabama’s Appalachian foothills. In high school, he distinguished himself by playing both offense and defense on the football team, a rare accomplishment for his generation. However, unlike most of his teammates, Trey’s ultimate ambition was not football but to become an aviator in the United States Marine Corps. When he first shared this dream with his mother, her immediate concern was for his safety. She knew that flight school could be perilous and that serving as a Marine aviator was risky, even in peacetime. Despite her fears, she vowed to support him and provide the encouragement he needed to achieve his dream.

Trey attended Auburn University, where he successfully completed the ROTC program

and earned a degree in aviation management. After graduation, he followed his plan and joined the Marine Corps. He completed Technical Basic School at Quantico, Virginia, and then attended Marine Flight School, where he earned his wings as a Marine aviator.

Trey initially flew the A-6 Intruder before transitioning to the Harrier in 1990. While he was perfecting his skills as a pilot, tensions were rising in the deserts along the Persian Gulf. Unbeknownst to him, his life’s path was about to change dramatically. In 1990, Iraqi forces invaded and occupied Kuwait, prompting a response from the U.S. and its allies to repel the aggression. When Operation Desert Shield began, Trey Wilbourn was among the thousands of Marines deployed to the region. As the operation escalated into Operation Desert Storm, marked by intensive U.S. bombing missions over Iraq, Captain Wilbourn flew thirty-eight missions, averaging two to three sorties per day.

While stationed in the

Persian Gulf, Wilbourn frequently wrote to his parents and his sister back home, often signing his letters: “Love, Trey, pilot, patriot, and defender of freedom.” In one poignant letter, he wrote, “Mom, I don’t like dropping bombs on people.”

On Saturday, February 23, 1991, the Wilbourn family, like many others, had been closely following updates on the Gulf War via CNN when their doorbell rang. Joyce Wilbourn went to answer and found two Marines and a Navy Corpsman standing on her doorstep. They brought the devastating news that Wilbourn’s AV-8B Harrier had been shot down over central Kuwait during a night attack. His jet had been struck by anti-aircraft fire. Trey was 28 years old when he was killed.

For his exceptional skill, courage, and dedication to duty under hazardous flying conditions, Captain Wilbourn was posthumously awarded the Air Medal, Third Strike Flight Award, and the Navy Commendation Medal with Combat Distinguishing Device.



LEGALS

PUBLIC MEETING

In the Circuit Court of Bibb County, Alabama
Anderson Bell, Plaintiff Vs.

James Bell, Pamela Bell, et al, Defendants
Notice of Petition Related to Real Property of Jane Anderson and Richard Anderson

A notice of default related to a case for the real property of Jane Anderson and Richard Anderson, deceased, has been filed in the Circuit Court of Bibb County, Alabama, and set for a hearing on or about the 9th day of September, 2024. Notice is hereby given to Kelly Bell, Lisa Bell, Sharon Bell, Angela Anderson, and Carol Anderson, persons with possible interests in the real property of Jane Anderson and Richard Anderson, deceased, that the date set for the hearing of said Petition and determination of interests in the real property of Jane Anderson and Richard Anderson is the 9th day of September, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

Honorable Donald L. McMillan
Circuit Court Judge
Bibb County, Alabama
In the Circuit Court of Bibb County, Alabama
Anderson Bell, Plaintiff

Vs.
James Bell, Pamela Bell, et al, Defendants
Affidavit to Obtain Service by Publication

The State of Alabama
County of Tuscaloosa

Before me, the undersigned, a notary public in and for said county in the state, personally appeared Petitioner, Anderson Bell, who, being by me first duly sworn, deposes and says an oath as follows:

That he is the Plaintiff in the above-styled case related to real property located in Bibb County, Alabama titled to Jane Anderson and Richard Anderson, both are deceased;

That the names of persons with a possible interest in the land that have not signed deeds conveying their interests or been served with the necessary notice are Kelly Bell, Lisa Bell, Sharon Bell, Angela Anderson, and Carol Anderson;

That the Plaintiff has made a thorough and diligent search for the address and location of Kelly Bell, Lisa Bell, Sharon Bell, Angela Anderson, and Carol Anderson and has been unsuccessful in finding an address or location of Kelly Bell, Lisa Bell,

Sharon Bell, Angela Anderson, and Carol Anderson and their whereabouts are unknown;

That notice by Publication is the only way to give notice of this action to Kelly Bell, Lisa Bell, Sharon Bell, Angela Anderson and Carol Anderson;

That the Affiant makes this Affidavit on Personal knowledge for the purposes of obtaining service by publication on Kelly Bell, Lisa Bell, Sharon Bell, Angela Anderson, and Carol Anderson, as possible persons with an interest in the property of Jane Anderson and Richard Anderson.

Order for Service by Publication

Upon Consideration of Plaintiff, Anderson Bell’s Petition for Service by Publication and Affidavit to obtain service by publication, it is ordered that the Clerk of this Court cause a notice of service by publication to be published in the Centreville Press.

Done and ordered this the 25th day of July, 2024.

Honorable Donald L. McMillan

Circuit Court Judge
Bibb County, Alabama
Centreville Press
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Bibb County Sav-A -Life Holds Charity Yard Sale

They have been taking donations. If you have items, you would like to donate you can call to pick up or drop them off at the Bibb Family Connections Building. 334-590-2802.



By: Lynn Hamric

Operations Reports:
Police: Chief Rodney Smith reported he is obtaining the requested additional quotes on the side-by-side he would like to purchase for the police department.

tion, the old police car was a donation from the City of Brookwood and the remainder is being inventoried. JW Woods Auction Co. is working with the city for disposal. He will have a report at the next council

There being no further business a motion to adjourn was made (Epperson) and seconded (Nichols). Motion approved.

WOODSTOCK TOWN COUNCIL
Meeting Date: August 5, 2024

A motion was made

There being no further business to come before the Town Council at this time, Council Member

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



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NEWS

First Annual Touch-A-Truck

SPECIAL TO THE PRESS
This is the and hope to have many more of these events. Plans are already underway for next year. The Centreville Volunteer Fire Department spearheaded this event. Also had Life Saver 4 from Sylacauga, AL to fly in for events. Listed are all volunteers and staff

involved in bringing this event on Saturday: Centreville Volunteer Fire Department, Brent Volunteer Fire Department, Brierfield Volunteer Fire Department, Centreville My Hometown, Centreville Main Street, Centreville City Hall, Centreville Police Department and BMC Wellness Center.

Photos by Centreville My Hometown



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ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- Advising
- Tutoring
- Meet with an SSCC representative

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FALL 2024 CLASSES AT BMC

BIO 103
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ENG 101
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Mondays and Wednesdays
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MTH 100
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Mondays and Wednesdays
5:30 p.m. - 6:50 p.m.

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>

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Rebekah Sims, MSN, CPNP-PC, CPN

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

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