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The local FOP recently sold Boston Butts for a fundraiser for the local law enforcement. They not only “Protect” but serve up great BBQ! Photo by Centreville My Hometown

Shots Fired During School Class Event on Duff Road

BY SHEILA DUNCAN
REPORTER

During a friendly gathering of school classmates on Saturday, August 24th, at C & J Farms along Duff Road, an argument broke out, leading to gunfire. Around 10:13 PM, calls were made to dispatch, prompting a rapid response from law enforcement.

We spoke with Bibb County Sheriff Jody Wade, and he responded “The

Bibb County Sheriff’s office was dispatched Saturday night to the area of Duff Meadows in Brent where there was a class reunion event. My Deputies as well as multiple other in county agencies responded including West Blocton, Woodstock, Brent and Centreville. Upon arrival multiple vehicles were found to have been shot and 2 gunshot victims. One victim was shot in the arm another

shot in the head. Both victims are recovering at home. At this time one arrest has been made in connection with the shooting. Local resident, Tarrance Griffin has been charged with attempted murder. The investigation is still ongoing at this time. Anyone with information is asked to contact the Bibb County Sheriff’s office.”

Bibb County Sheriff’s Office (205) 926-4683.

Join Woodstock in Supporting the 20th Annual SouthernCare New Beacon Food Drive

BY SAVANNAH LOGAN
REPORTER

The Town of Woodstock is excited to announce its participation in SouthernCare New Beacon’s 20th annual food drive in support of Bibb County’s Compassion & Hope Food Basket. This initiative aims to tackle hunger in our community and strengthen our bonds, one meal at a time.

You can contribute to this important cause by making online donations

through the Compassion and Hope Food Basket website at <https://www.compassionandhopefoodbasket.com/donate>.

If you prefer to donate physical items, non-perishable food and paper products are being collected at Woodstock Town Hall until Friday, September 27th. Every contribution, no matter how small, can have a significant impact.

For any questions or to arrange a pickup, please contact Maleia Owen at

205-821-3490. All donations will directly benefit the Compassion and Hope Food Basket Soup Kitchen, which is in need of items such as green beans, corn, Veg-All, baked beans, chili, diced tomatoes, spaghetti sauce, Alfredo sauce, spaghetti noodles, fruit cocktail, and either season field peas or black-eyed peas.

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Bibb County Parents Voice Concerns Over Upcoming Closure of Special Needs Program

BY SHEILA DUNCAN
REPORTER

Some parents in Bibb County are concerned after learning that a special program for their children is set to close. Indian Rivers Behavioral Health in Brent announced that its program for individuals with special needs will be shutting down on September 27th.

Parents like Becky Davis are left wondering why the program is closing. The facility sent out notices

informing families of the closure of the Lighthouse Program but provided no explanation.

“He needed to be around other people. He needed socialization. He needs friends,” Davis explained.

The initial notice, sent in mid-August, indicated the program would end on August 30. However, the closure date has now been extended to September 27, without any explanation for the delay.

“It’s very upsetting.

These are his friends,” said Davis.

Efforts to reach the executive director of Indian Rivers Behavioral Health and the Alabama Department of Mental Health in Montgomery have been unsuccessful.

Now, Becky Davis is searching for an alternative program for her child, with just 30 days remaining. She says at least 12 families are affected by the impending closure of the Lighthouse Program.

Share What You Would Like to See in Our Community:

Centreville Main Street Market Study

BY SHEILA DUNCAN
REPORTER

As a designated Main Street Community in our second year of operation, we will be participating in a market study with help from MainStreet Alabama and Downtown Professionals Network. The results from this survey will help us better understand the economic opportunities of our city and what people want to see in our Historic Business District. This will be a great resource for our organization’s future strategic planning and for the city as a whole. This will also show us what people truly want to see in our community. If you live

or work in or around Centreville and have a vested interest in the future of Centreville’s economic development, please take 5 minutes to take this survey.

<https://www.research.net/r/centreville-al>



City of Centreville List Rules for Trash Pickup

BY SHEILA DUNCAN
REPORTER

Trash pickup rules might seem like a hassle, but they are in place for good reasons. These guidelines help ensure that waste is collected efficiently, safely, and in an environmentally responsible manner.

Trash pickup schedules and rules help garbage collectors work quickly and methodically. When everyone follows the same guidelines, it makes their routes predictable and manageable, reducing the time trucks spend on the road. Certain items, like hazardous materials, need special handling to protect both workers and the community. Rules about how to dispose of these items help prevent accidents and ensure proper processing. Adhering to trash pickup rules helps keep neighborhoods clean and tidy. When trash is put out properly and at the right

times, it prevents littering, pest problems, and unpleasant odors.

In summary, trash pickup rules are essential for maintaining a clean, safe, and environmentally friendly community. By following them, we all contribute to a better living environment.

If you received your bill from the City of Centreville, you may notice the Centreville Trash Rules posted for your convenience on the back of your bill. To ensure your garbage gets picked up properly please adhere

to the rules as follows:

- Containers must be out by 6:00 a.m.
- Place your container within 4 ft. from road
- House number must be visible on trash can
- Trash can must be 5 ft from other objects
- All trash cans must be bagged and inside container
- No furniture, appliances, or construction debris

If you have any concerns or questions regarding trash pickup rules you can contact the City of Centreville.





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NEWS



Vickie Brown, Donna Cook and Fran Kornegay represented Bibb County at the District 3 meeting of the Alabama Education Retiree's Association. They are seen with Cynthia Peebles, District 3 Director. Club members learned about upcoming legislation and issues affecting education retirees in Alabama. The Bibb County ERA meets monthly on the first Tuesday of each month.



Reconnecting with a Native of Our CommunityBill Oakley

BY SHEILA DUNCAN
REPORTER

If you're from Bibb County, you likely either know or have heard of Bill Oakley. Like many of us, Bill grew up here, with strong ties to the community. He is the son of Mr. Jim Oakley and the late Mrs. Shirley Oakley. He graduated from Bibb County High School in 1977 and then signed a scholarship to play baseball at the University of Alabama. While there, he became the third player in school history to hit a Home Run in his first official at bat which came in Baton Rouge, LA, against Southeastern Conference rival LSU. In 1982, Bill married Glenda, the daughter of Mrs. Sara Lightsey and the late Tom Lightsey of Brent and also a Bibb County High School and University of Alabama graduate. Now, let's look at what Bill has been up to since leaving our community.

He began his career at the University of Alabama where he worked on special projects in the Office of University Relations. Later, he became the Public Relations Director for the Hall of Fame Bowl (now the Outback Bowl), in Birmingham, AL, an NCAA football postseason event. In this role, Bill received several awards for managing the Souvenir Game Day Program, Ticket Sales, Business Development, Sponsorships, Game Day Operations, and Volunteer Coordination.

While living in Birmingham, Bill took on additional responsibilities with other major sporting events that were played in Birmingham including working for the NFL's Washington Redskins



to handle the advance promotion and public relations for one of their games at Legion Field. Additionally, he volunteered to work as a member of the organizing committee for the highly-successful 1984 PGA Championship and the 1986 US Amateur Championship, both held at Shoal Creek.

In 1989, Bill was hired by the PGA TOUR, where his responsibilities were in Business Development, Sponsorships, Branding, Media, and Public Relations. His role focused on building strategic partnerships with Media, Title Sponsors, Business and Community Leaders, and Corporations. He helped launch and manage events in five different countries, including the U.S., Canada, Mexico, Panama, and the Dominican Republic. Bill played a key role in securing numerous sponsorships, including Nike, BMW and General Motors. For his efforts, he was recognized as PGA TOUR's Outstanding Employee in Fall 2000.

In 2007, Bill was appointed to a senior leadership role with the PGA TOUR Champions, formerly the Senior PGA TOUR, to improve its financial stability and add new tournaments. He is credited with bringing major championship golf back to Birmingham, by partnering with Shoal Creek and securing Regions as the title sponsor of a new event, The Regions Tradition. Bill also secured the support of Bass Pro Shops' Founder & CEO Johnny Morris to sponsor the Legends of Golf, the first PGA TOUR event to be played on both an 18-hole course and a Par 3 course.

While with the PGA TOUR, Bill also served as Project Manager for the PGA TOUR's renovation of the Founders Course at Greystone Golf & Country Club in Birmingham to prepare it for hosting The Regions Tradition.

Bill also made a significant impact on his Ponte Vedra community by volunteering to assist Nease High School, where he was the catalyst for improving the men's and women's athletic programs. In 2005, he successfully negoti-

ated with ESPN to nationally televise a high school football game between Nease and Hoover High School in Alabama, which became the highest-rated high school football game in ESPN's history.

After a 30-year career with the PGA TOUR, Bill used his business development and sports marketing experience to launch his own consulting and management company, specializing in special event production. He brought the President of NBC Sports and the Founder of Bass Pro Shops together to create the Payne Stewart Cup, featuring stars Tiger Woods, Justin Thomas, Rory McIlroy, and Justin Rose. The event honored Payne Stewart's legacy and marked the opening of Tiger Woods' first public golf course.

He used his golf course construction experience gained with the PGA TOUR to launch a successful synthetic turf company in Northeast Florida. Today, Bill's company now builds and installs putting greens for residential customers, in addition to using synthetic turf in a variety of other applications. In July, Bill worked with Chip Burkes, President of the Choctaw Booster Club, and Head Football Coach Matt Geohagan to install synthetic turf on the sideline of the football field at Bibb County High School to help offset erosion issues.

Bill and Glenda have three children and seven grandchildren and currently live in Ponte Vedra Beach, FL. Glenda, a retired high school math teacher, co-owns Lighthouse Christian Preschool in Atlantic Beach, a Five-Star rated preschool in the state of Florida.

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

Tuscaloosa VA Medical Center Hosts Motorcycle Ride and Wellness Day to Combat PTSD

BY SHEILA DUNCAN
REPORTER

On Saturday, September 14th, Tuscaloosa VA Medical Center, in collaboration with a local non-profit and the cities of Brent and Centerville, is organizing a special event to raise awareness and support for PTSD.

The ride will start at 9:00 am, with riders gathering at the Tuscaloosa VA Medical Center from 8:00 am. The route will take participants to Bibb County. Starting at 10:00 am

at Heritage Park in Brent, AL, this event will feature remarks from city and VA officials, a performance by Casey Thrasher, a former American Idol contestant, and more. The day will also include wellness resources for Service Members, Veterans, and their families, along with fun family activities and food trucks.

To join the motorcycle ride, you can register online at or sign up in person on the day of the event at 8:00 am at the Tuscaloosa VA

Medical Center (3701 Loop Road East). The Wellness Day is open to everyone and will be held at Heritage Park (684 Heritage Park Drive, Brent, AL 35034).

www.motorcycletherapy.org/ride



Alabama Invests Millions to Expand Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure

SPECIAL TO THE PRESS

Alabama is taking significant steps to bolster its electric vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure, a move aimed at supporting both the needs of EV owners and the state's growing automotive industry. The state is investing millions of dollars to expand this critical network, ensuring that Alabama remains a key player in the rapidly evolving automotive landscape.

"We are invested in the automotive industry here in the state of Alabama, with 45,000 workers all throughout the state," said Kenneth Boswell, director of the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA). ADECA has been tasked by Governor Kay Ivey with leading the state's efforts to build out EV infrastructure. "We want to make sure that we do everything to solidify those jobs," Boswell added, highlighting the importance of this initiative for the state's economy.

Both Mercedes-Benz U.S. International and Hyundai Motor Manufacturing Alabama have introduced electric vehicles to their assembly lines in Alabama. Notably, Mercedes-Benz also produces EV batteries at a dedicated plant in Bibb County. The expansion of EV charging stations is not only vital for current EV

owners in Alabama but also for those traveling through the state, addressing concerns such as "range anxiety"—the fear of running out of power before reaching a charging station.

Since 2020, ADECA has awarded 44 grants for the installation of EV charging stations, with 30 of these stations already operational. Cities like Leeds, Montgomery, and Phenix City each have two stations, while numerous other cities across Alabama have one, including Birmingham, Tuscaloosa, and Decatur.

On July 1, Governor Ivey and ADECA announced 14 new projects under the state's National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) Formula Program, totaling \$11.2 million. Thirteen of these projects will bring fast-charging stations to major travel corridors, with cities like Atmore, Clanton, and Montgomery among the beneficiaries.

The Alabama Clean Fuels Coalition and Alabama Power have been instrumental in helping ADECA identify key locations for these stations as part of the broader Alabama Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Plan. Additionally, private developers are increasingly incorporating EV chargers into projects like large gas stations and shopping centers, further expanding the network.

Alabama is also believed

to be the only state utilizing the NEVI program to support a trained workforce for installing, operating, and maintaining EV charging infrastructure. This training program will be based at Beville State Community College in Jasper, positioning Alabama at the forefront of EV infrastructure development.

Boswell acknowledged that while Alabamians have been slow to adopt EVs, the trend toward electric transportation is inevitable. "All of us are different," he said. "All of us look and view things differently, but with the automotive industry heading in that direction, we need to do everything we can to support it."

To further advance the state's EV initiatives, Drive Electric Alabama and the Alabama Automotive Manufacturers Association are hosting the Alabama EV Summit on August 14-15 at the Birmingham-Jefferson Convention Complex. The summit will feature presentations from manufacturers, owners, and officials, all contributing to the growth of electric transportation in Alabama.

This comprehensive effort underscores Alabama's commitment to ensuring a robust and accessible EV infrastructure, vital for both the state's economy and its residents.

Plain & Simple

"Slow down and enjoy the simple pleasures in life"

By: Sheila Duncan

Cheese Boat

Ingredients
1 loaf French or Italian bread
Two 8-ounce packages cream cheese, at room temperature
10 ounces sharp Cheddar, grated (about 2 1/2 cups)
6 ounces corned beef, such as Carl Budding, finely chopped
1 bunch green onions, finely chopped
1 medium tomato, finely chopped
1/2 red bell pepper, cored, seeded and finely chopped
1/2 teaspoon hot sauce, such as Tabasco

1/2 teaspoon chili powder
Large corn chips, for serving
Directions
1. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F.
2. Cut an oval in the top of the loaf of bread, scooping out the bread in the center and make a "bread boat." Place the bread on a cooking sheet.

3. In a large bowl, mix the cream cheese, Cheddar, beef, green onions, tomatoes, bell peppers, hot sauce and chili powder until fully combined. Spoon the mixture into the hollow center of the bread loaf. Bake for 30 minutes, until bubbling, and serve warm with corn chips.

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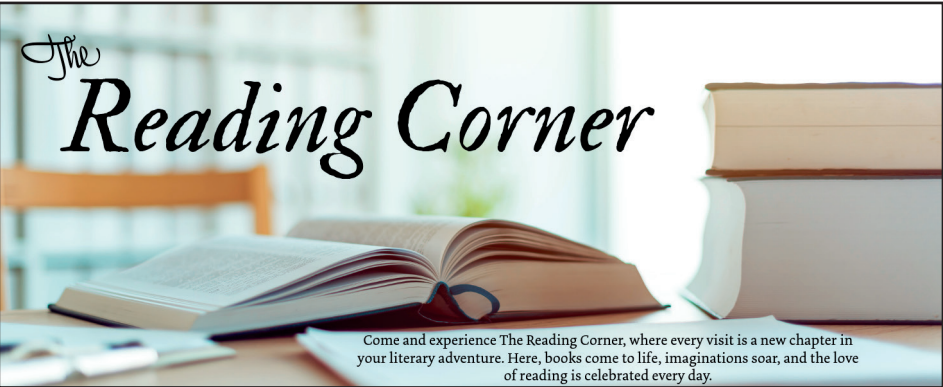
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NEWS/CALENDAR



The Last Battle by C.S. Lewis

BY SAVANNAH LOGAN
REPORTER

The Last Battle, the seventh and final installment of C.S. Lewis’s Chronicles of Narnia series, is a profound and deeply moving conclusion that brings the saga of Narnia to a powerful close. In this book, Lewis masterfully explores themes of truth, loyalty, and the eternal struggle between

good and evil, presenting them in a way that resonates with both young readers and adults alike. The story begins with a sense of foreboding, as Narnia faces its darkest hour. An ape named Shift, driven by greed and cunning, deceives a simple-minded donkey named Puzzle into wearing a lion’s skin, thus impersonating the great Aslan. This deception leads to a chain of events that plunges

Narnia into confusion and despair. Shift, taking advantage of Puzzle’s disguise, manipulates the Narnians into believing that Aslan has returned and that he supports the alliance with the Calormenes, a neighboring nation with a dubious reputation. The once-peaceful land of Narnia is thrown into chaos, as tyranny and injustice take hold. Amidst this turmoil, we are

reintroduced to King Tirian, the last king of Narnia, who is both brave and noble, embodying the virtues that have long been associated with the true rulers of Narnia. With the help of Eustace Scrubb and Jill Pole, two children from our world who had previously visited Narnia, Tirian sets out to uncover the truth and rally those who remain loyal to Aslan. Their journey is fraught with danger, betrayal, and heartbreak, as they face enemies both known and hidden. The narrative builds toward the titular “last battle,” a confrontation that will determine the fate of Narnia forever. What makes The Last Battle stand out is not just its engaging plot but also its philosophical and theological undertones. Lewis delves into the nature of belief and deception, highlighting how easily truth can be twisted and manipulated. The presence of false prophets, the challenge of discerning genuine faith, and the importance of staying true to one’s principles, even in the face of overwhelming opposition,

are central themes that resonate throughout the book. The characters are well-developed, with King Tirian standing out as a tragic yet heroic figure, embodying the spirit of Narnia’s past glories. Eustace and Jill, who have matured since their last adventures, play crucial roles, demonstrating courage, loyalty, and resourcefulness. Even the villains, such as Shift and the Calormene leader Rishda Tarkaan, are portrayed with a complexity that adds depth to the narrative, making the conflict more compelling. The climax of the book is both breathtaking and poignant, as Narnia is brought to its ultimate end. Lewis does not shy away from depicting the sorrow and loss that accompany such an end, yet he simultaneously offers a vision of hope and renewal. The final chapters, set in Aslan’s Country, provide a powerful allegory for the afterlife and the Christian belief in the promise of a new creation. Here, Lewis’s narrative reaches its emotional zenith, offering readers a vision

of a world where joy is eternal, and where the trials and tribulations of the old world are left behind. The Last Battle is a fitting conclusion to the Chronicles of Narnia, encapsulating the series’ core messages of faith, redemption, and the ultimate triumph of good over evil. It is a book that challenges readers to reflect on their own beliefs, the nature of truth, and the power of hope. While the story is set in a fantastical world, its themes are universal and timeless, making it a valuable read for anyone, regardless of age. In the end, The Last Battle leaves a lasting impression, not only as the closing chapter of a beloved series but as a profound exploration of the human condition and the eternal battle between darkness and light. C.S. Lewis’s masterful storytelling, combined with his deep philosophical insights, ensures that The Last Battle will remain a cherished classic for generations to come.

EVENING

GOVERNMENTAL MEETINGS

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

SPECIAL WEEKLY HAPPENINGS

- Come join us for The Masters Kitchen at the First Baptist Church of Woodstock, Coldwater Rd. on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month at 6 p.m. Free meal along with a great message through the word or a song.
- 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.
- Come join us at Cedar Grove 9/8/24 at 11am. Guest speaker will be Donna Shannon. Come and See

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 Heiberg-er) 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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Rickey Lane Colburn
Rickey Lane Colburn, 62, of Cottondale, AL passed away peacefully at his home on August 16, 2024.

He is survived by his wife Sharon Colburn, daughters Scarlett Chesser (Daniel), Amanda Hill (Tommy) Dealie Colburn, stepdaugh-

ters Christy Duncan (Paul), Melissa Grammer; Granddaughter Sierra Hernandez (Manny), step granddaughter Lauren McDaniel; Great Granddaughters Stella Chesser, Lily Hernandez; Great Grandson Abel Hernandez; Nieces Angela Herron (Paul), Ann Sexton (Rod), Misty Shuttlesworth (Kevin) and Kristi Morris, Nephews Adam Colburn and Allen Colburn.

He is preceded by Grandparents Dolan Colburn and Lola Colburn, Don Wallace and Nolie Wallace, Parents Richard C. Colburn and Dealie A Colburn, Brothers Richard Dale Colburn, Thomas Allen "Benny" Colburn, Bruce Colburn and Sister Janey Colburn.

Rickey worked many years operating equipment at Cahaba Veneer. In his free time he enjoyed watching Westerns, Alabama Football, attending Historical Parks, Indian Festivals and collecting items to add to his Indian Collection and traveling.

A special thanks goes to the doctors, aides, nurses, social worker and Brother Tim Webb all of Alabama Hospice Care.

A celebration of Rickey's life will be held on September 14th at Woodland Forrest Baptist Church 6701 Hargrove Road East Tuscaloosa, AL 35405 from 1:00 to 3:00pm. All who knew and loved Rickey are welcome to attend.

COMMUNITY NEWS



Centreville News

From The Pen Of Brenda Hubbard



Mt. Carmel Women's Conference will be held at Mt. Carmel Baptist Church, West Blocton, Alabama on September 14, 2024. Among those having birthdays in August are Debbie McCool Perry, Mikayla Hannah, Ruth Deason, Jane Hannah, Pen-nie Mitchell, Crystal Thompson Nelson, Mary Nell Hallman, Melanie Wallace and Whitney Buzbee. Kandle Watts of Clanton visited with relatives here on Tuesday recently.

Get-well wishes and prayers go out to Betty Shoults who will soon undergo surgery.

Related birthday wishes go out to Lorie Deason, August 23, 2024. Sincere sympathy goes out to the family of Ruth Watts who passed away on August 21, 2024.

Funeral services were held on August 23, 2024 at Brent Methodist Church with burial in Pineland. Ruth will be missed by her family and many friends.

Belated birthday wishes go out to Emma Shofner Porter and Shane Spiller, O.V. Garner II and Candice Deason Carter.

Anniversary wishes go out to Pat and April Farris who recently celebrated their wedding Anniversary and Anniversary wishes go out to John and Molly Meigs who recently celebrated their 44th Wedding Anniversary.

A speedy recovery goes out to Tony Hobson who has returned home from the hospital.

Call your news in at 205-316-1181 – Take Care-God Bless!



Brent News

From the Pen of Dorothy Clark



Hope everyone had a wonderful week-end/ Oh, we already having some hot hot days this week. It's in the 90's so be careful when you go out and about. Summer is about over and covid is out again so be careful when you out at events.

My grandson had covid the other week, he's up and going now.

August birthdays, Jackie Stacy, Dreya Kalevia, Sonya Rutledge, Alma Conwell, Donny Cottingham, Latonya Conwell, Assie Daniel, Jermain Kidd, Annie Rutledge, Linda Marsh, Rev. King Underwood.

Autumn is September 22; summer is about gone.

Prayer goes out to Wilkerson Family that everything went well on Monday.

I pray everyone ok at Event Saturday night that those who got hurt is doing well. And cars and trucks get fixed as well.

Saturday night about 10 I was in bed when car pulls in my driveway, set there a while, I flashed my flashlight, it backed up turned car lights on my front porch. I got out my bed, went on my porch, they pulled off real fast. You do not park in someone's yard at night when their lights are off and they are in bed. I started to call the police. Makes me think you are up to something.

On Sunday, Pine Grove Baptist Church Mission Matron Program, Pastor Tracy Sanders set our soul on fire hearing of God. Left joy in our hearts. Have a Blessed Labor Day.

Let GOD LEAD YOU.



West Eoline News

From The Pen Of Jane Hannah





SYMPATHY to the family of Ricky Dailey. He was a very quiet but active man, keeping everything neat and tidy around their home. Prayers for Diana and the family. Graveside services were Friday at Evergreen Cemetery in Vance.

While in Navarre last week, we enjoyed dinner at The Porch in Destin on Wednesday. The Red Snapper was expensive but wonderful. Tuesday's dinner of garlic butter filet beef steaks, baked potato, salad and toasted bread made at home couldn't be beat. Also mighty good Sunday was Chicken Won Ton Tacos, made at home. Cousin Linda Burke joined Ruth Deason, Amy Ellison, Jo Kitchen and Jane Hannah for cards and dinner Sunday and Wednesday. She also visited for more cards on Thursday. We returned home Friday.

Sharing a FUNNY life sign I saw ... "Don't blame others for the road you are on. It's your own asphalt."

Jera Fortner was in baby Heaven all last week while staying with LaShelle Kinney taking care of Kaydi.

Ronnie, LaShelle & Kaydi Kinney were Saturday

evening guests of Tracey & Luther Holladay. "Water baby" Kaydi enjoyed the pool.

Thanks to Tracey & Luther Holladay who cooked a delicious steak dinner Monday evening to celebrate my birthday. Covid postponed several invitations, so this was rescheduled from mid-August.

Mike & Brenda Vessels visited Jo Kitchen over Labor Day Weekend. Saturday morning Mike breakfasted with Uncle Wayne Deason and cousins Del, Trevor & Trey Deason. Mimi Jo was also blessed to have baby Judah Garcia all day Saturday through the night. Steak dinner was the birthday fare Sunday in celebration of Donna Glidewell and Mike's birthdays.

Geneva Mullins had a visit Sunday from Mike, Brenda and Jo. They also

got to visit with LaShelle and Kaydi.

Wayne Deason took Mike & Brenda Vessels and Jo Kitchen for lunch at Juan's on Monday.

It was a joy to meet Tina & David Rosetta on Monday. They drove from Trussville to pick up an antique dry sink that was gifted to me by the late Bill Hubbard. Tina is his niece and was happy to have it given to her.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY this week to Ashton Passeri 9-6.

HAPPY 60th ANNIVERSARY September 11th Stan & Barbara Deason!!!!

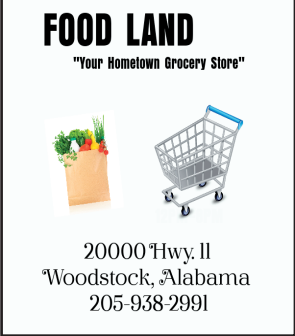
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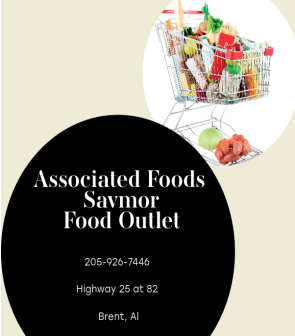


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that the 24th day of September 2024, at 10:00 am be and the same hereby is fixed by the Court as the day and time for the hearing on said application. It is further ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECEASED by the Court that notice of the filing of the application in this cause and of the day set for hearing same be given as required by law to the heirs of said decedent of the filing of the said application and of the day and time fixed by the Court for the hearing thereon.

Done this the 23rd day of August 2024
STEPHANIE KEMMER
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OF COUNSEL: John C. Calame
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Notice is hereby given that a Petition for Summary Distribution has been filed by Michael W. Jones, on August 27, 2024, 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 and that thir-

ty (30) days after the Notice of Publication hereof, and pursuant to the law of Alabama, the Court shall be requested to enter an order directing summary distribution of the estate of William C. Jones, Sr.

This the 27th day of August, 2024.
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Judge of Probate of Bibb County
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Attorney for Petitioner
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September 6, 13 & 20, 2024

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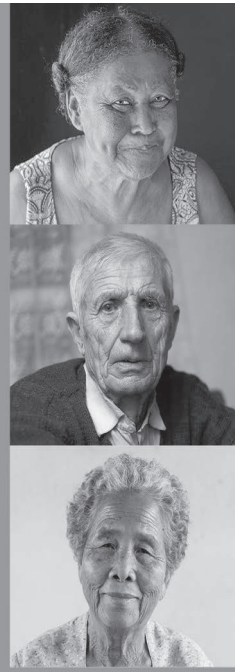
In the Probate Court of Bibb County, Alabama In Re: The estate of Ella Dean Moses, Deceased Case No. PR2023-087 Notice of Appointment to be Published by Personal Representative
Letters Testamentary of said deceased have been granted to Jeral Wade Moses, Personal Representative, on the 30th day of August, 2024 by the Honorable Stephanie

Kemmer, Judge of Probate Court, Bibb County, Alabama. Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against the said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.
Stephanie Kemmer, Judge of Probate
W. Eric Pitts
Attorney for Petitioner
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Sept. 6, 13 & 20, 2024

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Public Notice
To: Anthony James Norton
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You are requested to respond to a divorce pending in Bibb County Circuit Court. Please contact the Circuit Court Clerk, Kayla Cooner, at 35 Court Square East, Centreville, AL 35042,

phone 205-926-3103. The notice needs to run for 4 consecutive weeks,
Allen Perkins
Attorney At Law
A. Perkins Law Firm, LLC
4000 Eagle Point Corporate Drive
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August 23, 30, September 6 & 13, 2024

Notice of Divorce Action
Codi H. Wallace, also known as Codi Dailey, whose whereabouts are unknown, must answer Michael D. Wallace's petition for divorce and other relief by November 1, 2024, or thirty (30) days after the last publication, or thereafter, a judgment by default my rendered against her in the Circuit Court of Bibb County,

Alabama, Case No. DR-2022-900044.
Done this the 28th day of August, 2024
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Circuit Court of Bibb County, Alabama
Angela Morrison, Attorney for Plaintiff
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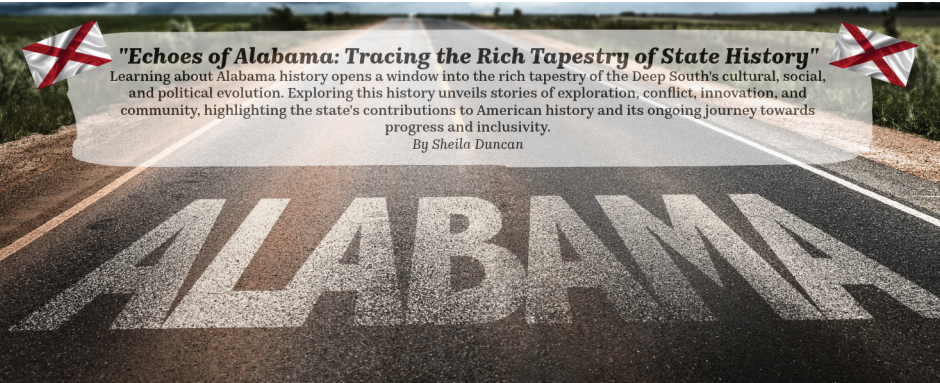
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LIFESTYLE



Hassinger Castle

BY SHEILA DUNCAN
REPORTER

Hassinger Castle, completed in 1929, is a grand limestone mansion located at 2930 Carlisle Road, near the intersection with Wellington Road in Birmingham's Redmont Park neighborhood. The house was designed by Hungarian-born architect Sigmund Nesselroth for William and Virginia Hassinger, who relocated from their previous Victorian home at 2028 Highland Avenue. Perched on a hilltop, the sturdy yet compact structure was modeled after English country houses, familiar to Hassinger. The mansion's tall, arched front terrace overlooks an elliptical front garden, with the house's symmetrical wings angling back. The exterior

combines elements of the English Tudor and Early English Renaissance styles, clad in Indiana limestone, with gutters and conductors crafted from imported English lead. The interior design draws inspiration from the diverse styles seen at Hampton Court Palace in London. The living room is Jacobean, while the dining room is Elizabethan. Interior paneling and cabinets, made from English oak, walnut, and crotch-veneered birch, are secured with hidden fasteners. The principal stairway and other details feature Swedish forged iron. Local sandstone was used in the garden walls, which include a fishpond in the rose garden, modeled after one at Hestercombe Gardens in Somerset. A

stone grotto arch displays a bust of the Norse god Frey in the keystone. The Hassinger family owned the home until it was sold to Mr. and Mrs. F. G. McConnell in the 1950s, likely for less than \$50,000, after being vacant for several years. Before the sale, Hill Ferguson had tried to persuade the family to donate the property to UAB for a vice president's residence or to the city of Birmingham for a children's museum, but these efforts were unsuccessful. The home was later purchased by Carey and Doris Phillips. After Carey's death, Doris married Bill Wayman and continued living in the house. Currently, the house is owned by Elise Durbin, who has undertaken extensive restoration work.



Hymn History

By: Savannah Legan

If We Never Meet Again

Connections in life come and go, sometimes without rhyme or reason. Whether it is your dear childhood friend you drift apart from over time, or even a stranger you strike up a meaningful conversation with in the grocery store line before parting ways, there is never a promise that we will see those we love again. At some point in his life, hymnwriter Albert E. Brumley must have been stricken with this same thought, and in turn penned the hymn "If We Never Meet Again" to offer comfort to those who hold their faith with a hope for heaven. Albert E. Brumley, the esteemed American songwriter, was born near Spiro, Oklahoma, in 1905. Growing up in a rural agricultural community, Brumley spent his formative years working on the family farm, where he developed a deep appreciation for the simple joys of life and the solace found in faith while picking cotton. If hard work develops character, Brumley certainly had some to spare - and he shared it with the world through his hymn writing. Brumley's musical journey began to take shape when he studied at the Hartford Musical Institute. Later, in 1948, he purchased the Hart-

ford Music Company, a significant milestone in his career that allowed him to further his passion for composing and publishing gospel music. In 1931, Brumley married Goldie Edith Schell, and together they raised six children in Powell, Missouri, where he found both inspiration and contentment for his songwriting endeavors. Brumley's songwriting produced over 800 compositions, many of which have become cherished, well-sung classics. Hits such as "I'll Fly Away," "Turn Your Radio On," "If We Never Meet Again (This Side of Heaven)," "I'll Meet You In The Morning," and "He Set Me Free" have left a lasting, transformative mark on the landscape of gospel music. His influence and talent were widely recognized during his lifetime, leading to inductions into prestigious halls of fame, including the Nashville Songwriters Hall of Fame, Gospel Music Hall of Fame, and Oklahoma Music Hall of Fame. Brumley's song "If We Never Meet Again" gained further prominence when it was recorded by Elvis Presley for his 1960 album "His Hand in Mine," solidifying Brumley's status as a prolific and influential

songwriter to even those who might not hear his hymns in a church. On November 15, 1977, Albert Edward Brumley passed away, leaving behind a lasting musical legacy that continues to inspire and uplift generations. He was laid to rest at Fox Church of Christ Cemetery near Powell, Missouri, where his memory lives on through his timeless compositions and contributions to gospel music. In the chorus, believers can come back to the promise of being able to meet once more with their loved ones beyond this life: "If we never meet again this side of Heaven, as we struggle through this world and its strife, there's another meeting place somewhere in Heaven, by the side of the river of life, where the charming roses bloom forever, and where separations come no more, if we never meet again this side of Heaven, I will meet you on that beautiful shore." Another great request from my sweet Anne Murphy! Do you have a hymn you'd like to know more about? Feel free to send me a request at savannah.pearce@bibbcommunitymedia.com or by giving me a call at the Press office. I would love to hear from you!



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.



SEPTEMBER 1933
ASHBY- BRIERFIELD
NEWS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Burnett, a fine boy, whom they have named Van Claoborn. Mr. and Mrs. Lige McMillian, Nellie McMillian, Mrs. Price and daughter Hattie Ann of Brent spent Saturday afternoon with Mrs. M. C. Litton. Mr. and Mrs. Leroy McKinney of Six Mile spent the week end with her mother, Mrs. Lucy Woods. Mrs. Erby Garner of Selma is spending a few days with her father, Mr. C. T. Hughes. Mrs. A. P. Smitherman of Wilton spent a few days last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Barron. Mrs. Christiebelle Baird of Texas has returned home after a pleasant visit to her sister, Miss Adelaide Mahan. Miss Daisy Lee Champion is spending a few days in Enslley with her cousin. Mr. and Mrs. Clem Causey and daughter Annie and Irene of Ashby have returned home after spending a few days with relatives of South Alabama.

GEN. JOHNSON'S
FUTURE

News that Gen. Hugh S. Johnson will probably resign from his position as recovery administrator some-time late this fall is likely to provide the ordinary citizen with conflicting emotions. It is highly gratifying, of course, to learn that the general expects the program to be so complete and well- established that he will not be needed more than a few weeks longer. The mere fact that he is looking ahead to retirement indicates that a great amount of success has crowned his efforts. But most Americans, undoubtedly, will be sorry to see him step down. He has been a tremendously useful public servant; he seems, besides, to be one of the most likeable men the government has ever employed. It won't seem quite right, somehow, not to have breezy Gen. Johnson on the job at Washington.

WEST BLOCTON TO
GET NEW POSTMASTER

U.S. Civil Service Examination To Be Held At Request Of Post-master General The United States Civil Service Commission, at the request of the Postmaster General, announces a competitive examination for Post-master in West Blocton, Ala. Receipt of applications to close September 8th, 1933.

Competitors will not be required to report for examination at place, but will be rated upon their education and training, business experience, and fitness. All persons are warned against offering, promising, paying, soliciting, or receiving any money or other valuable things as a political contribution or otherwise for use of influence, support, or promise of support in obtaining appointment. Any such act is a violation of law, and offenders will be prosecuted. The Postoffice at West Blocton pays a salary of \$1500 a year. Mr. R. M. Bearden was Postmaster at that place until a few months ago, when Mr. Jack Gentry was appointed as temporary Postmaster. We understand there are several applicants and a big fight will be made for the appointment.

SEPTEMBER 2008
BIBB COUNTY CHAMBER SPONSERS SUCCESSFUL E-CYCLING
EVENT

Bibb County Chamber of Commerce held a successful E-Cycling event. Pick up day las August 27. All kinds of used electronics were dropped off at the Chamber of Commerce Office and the Okmulgee District of the Talladega National Forest. All electronic equipment the Talladega

National Forest had collected at their drop off was wrapped and loaded onto a truck and they proceeded to pick up the Bibb County Chamber's electronic items to deliver to Tuscaloosa, behind the University Mall. E-Cycling conserves natural resources by recovering valuable materials from old electronics that will be used to make new products. This is a safe way of recycling items that are outdated and helps to promote sound management of toxic chemicals such as the lead and mercury that are in many of the items being collected. By donating used electronics, it benefits your community by helping to pass on refurbished equipment to many of those who are in need. The Bibb County Chamber of Commerce, Tuscaloosa Chamber of Commerce and Talladega National Forest are all in partnership with one another in the E-Cycling Program. Executive Director Nancy Lightsey stated in the future there would be other E-Cycling days scheduled because of the great success of this event. To plan for future donations, save extra boxes to store items needing to be discarded. As they are gathered, place them in these boxes. When you hear of the next e-Cycling dates, bring the box to the drop off point. Happy E-Cycling.

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WBHS VS. FOOTBALL

PHOTOS BY KANDI SMITH

Tigers victorious in week two against rival Brookwood

By Brent Buckner
The West Blocton Tigers won big in week two with a 39-7 victory over rival Brookwood. The Tiger offense relied heavily on a three headed ground attack led by quarterback Ca-

den Fancher scoring multiple touchdowns on the ground. Running backs Nate Barron and Charles Graham also had big nights on the ground, breaking off on several long runs and scoring several touchdowns. Other offensive contributors this

week included wide receivers Hiler Spencer, Evan Pearson, and Kash Morris hauling in catches that helped keep the offense moving down the field. The offensive line played well all night opening up good run lanes and protecting the quarterback.

Defensively, the Tigers played well, not allowing Brookwood a first down until their second drive of the third quarter. The Ti-

gers defense played three quarters of shut-out ball, only giving up a touchdown late when the game was already well decided. The defensive line and linebackers shut down Brookwood's run game and created multiple three and out series. The secondary allowed only a few completed passes and came up big in run support plus added some big hits on the Brookwood receivers.

This week, the Ti-

gers (1-1) will travel to ACA to begin region play. ACA is 0-2 on the

season losing to Tuscaloosa Academy and Northridge.



Demi Smith performing during halftime of the Brookwood game.



Kaden Flynn performing during halftime for the Tigers.



Carson Champion with a powerful block for the Tigers.



Nate Barron breaks loose for the Tigers.



Levi Carey with a tackle for a loss for the Tigers.



Palmer Milligan, Nick Kelly and Jasper Lightsey with a stop for the Tigers.



McCord Sloan with a tackle against Brookwood.



West Blocton cheerleaders during the 39-7 Tiger victory over Brookwood.



#30 Charles Graham with touchdown for the Tigers.



John Lee Crim with a fumble recovery for the Tigers.

Go Tigers!

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