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BCHS Homecoming Special inside this weeks edition!



The Daily Grind Coffee Shop, Samira Massey

BY SHEILA DUNCAN REPORTER

Nestled in the heart of a charming neighborhood of Centreville, "The Daily Grind" coffee shop on Hazel Street is a cozy retreat that effortlessly combines a vintage aesthetic with modern comforts. This hidden gem is more than just a place to grab a cup of coffee; it's a haven for those seeking a serene environment, a sense of community, and exceptional brews.

Stepping into the coffee shop feels like walking into a warm and inviting space. The scent of freshly brewed coffee mingles with the faint aroma of baked goods, enveloping visitors in a comforting embrace. Regular patrons can often be found engaged in animated discussions. In a world where the pace of life can often feel overwhelming, the coffee shop offers a refreshing respite. It's a place where time seems to slow down, allowing you to savor the simple pleasures of a well-brewed cup of coffee and the joy of good

Owner Samira Massey has been open since 2021 and earned her Barista Degree from Raleigh, North Carolina. Samira and her husband, Kenny are the proud parents of 3 and grandparents of nine, Florida was their home before relocating to Centreville. I had the chance to get Samira to answer a few questions for us so we can get to know her better. Let's hear what she had to

What inspired you to start your own coffee shop? "I'm very social and I saw a niche that needed to be filled."

I heard you don't like coffee so; can you recall the first time you fell in love with the smoothies and the teas? "I knew there were others like me who do not like coffee so I decided to make alternative drinks that anyone will

Cherry Busy teas are my favorite."

How do you create a welcoming atmosphere for your customers? "Service with a smile and lots of conversation."

What's the most memorable customer interaction you've had? "I enjoy getting to know people and seeing my regulars who have become friends is also a highlight."

What's your favorite coffee-making technique and why? "Iced lattes are my favorite to make."

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Forestry Awareness Week Now (FAWN): Educating Bibb County's Youth on Conservation and Environmental Stewardship

BY SAVANNAH LOGAN REPORTER

2024 Forestry The Awareness Week Now (FAWN) event, held on October 9 at Brierfield Ironworks Historical State Park, continued its mission of fostering environmental awareness among Bibb County's 5th and 6th graders. This annual event is a collaborative effort spearheaded by the Alabama Extension, bringing together local schools and various organizations to provide students with hands-on learning experiences centered around forestry, conservation, and outdoor safety.

FAWN 2024 featured 16 engaging educational stations, with the goal of inspiring a sense of responsibility and stewardship for Alabama's natural resources. The event was attended by students from Bibb County schools, including West Blocton Middle School, Centreville Middle

tary School, and Cahawba Christian Academy. FAWN has grown into a hallmark event for environmental education, thanks to the support of organizations like the Bibb County Soil and Water Conservation District, the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), the Bibb County Natural Resource Council, and numerous volunteers.

Michelle Giddens, the Bibb County Extension Coordinator, oversaw the event, ensuring that the students had a diverse and enriching educational experience. Volunteers and professionals from agencies such as the US Forest Service, the Alabama Forestry Commission, and the Brieffield Fire and Rescue were integral to FAWN's success, providing expert knowledge across a variety of topics.

The FAWN stations were designed to cater to the interests of both 5th and 6th-grade students,

each group. The 5th-grade stations and 6th-grade stations each offered a deep dive into specific areas of forestry, conservation, and outdoor safety.

At the Bibb County FAWN event, 5th graders were introduced to a variety of interactive and educational stations that provided hands-on learning about nature, sustainability, and safety. One popular stop was "Nobody Lives Here" led by Lynn Dickinson, where students explored the importance of habitat preservation and protecting natural environments. At "Oh Deer!", Marshall Colburn used the game Red Rover to teach students about deer populations and the critical role ethical hunting plays in maintaining ecological balance. Another station, "Rethink Your Drink" with Sherry Carter, delved into the environmental and personal impacts of sugary beverages, encouraging healthier and more sustain-

able choices. See FAWN on page 10



2024 West Blocton High School Homecoming Court & Maids



2024 West Blocton High School Homecoming Court & Maids are 9th grade representative - Jacey Register, 10th grade representative - Koli Hobson, 11th grade representative - Madilyn Carroll, 12th grade court - Ava Bamberg, Jada Washington, Madelyn Wiginton & Makynli Kidd. The winner will be announced during the football game against Tarrant on October 25th.

Bibb Medical Center Offers Free Medicare Counseling for Open Enrollment

BY SAVANNAH LOGAN **REPORTER**

With the 2025 Medicare open enrollment period just around the corner, Bibb Medical Center (BMC) is providing a valuable service to the community by offering free Medicare counseling. Beginning October 16, BMC will host counseling sessions every Wednesday from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM, ensuring that Medicare beneficiaries are equipped with the knowledge to choose the best plan suited to their medical needs.

The counseling sessions are available to individuals and couples and

cover various aspects of Medicare enrollment, including plan comparisons and individualized recommendations. The goal is to help participants avoid getting stuck with a plan that may not align with their healthcare needs for the

coming year.

Molly Averette, LBSW, Director of Social Services at BMC, emphasizes the importance of seeking professional guidance during the Medicare open enrollment period, which runs from October 15 to December 7. With a large amount of information distributed during this time, making the right choice can be overwhelming. BMC's

counselors are prepared to simplify the process by providing personalized as-

sistance. Interested individuals can make an appointment by calling 205-926-3360 or visiting BMC's Medicare counseling website www.bmcwellness. com/medicarecounseling. In-person appointments will be held at Bibb Medical Center, located at 285 Hospital Drive, Centreville, AL 35034.

This free service offers a critical resource for Medicare recipients to ensure they are enrolled in the best possible plan for 2025, and that they may be eligible for additional benefits.



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NEWS



Small Church, Big Heart: Ridgeville Church of the Nazarene's Compassionate Response

BY SHEILA DUNCAN

In times of crisis, it's often the smallest gestures of kindness that have the biggest impact. Ridgeville Church of the Nazarene, though modest in size, demonstrated this beautifully with their recent outreach effort. When Hurricane Helene left many in North Carolina displaced and struggling to meet basic needs, this humble congregation stepped up in a mighty way.

With hearts full of compassion and hands ready

to serve, Pastor Sam Ev- to the North Carolina dis-North Carolina.

may be a small church, its heart is enormous. It's not about the spirit of love and service that radiates outhands and feet of Christ has touched lives far beyond their own doors.

As the truck made its way difference.

ans and the members of trict, it was more than just Ridgeville Church sent a a delivery of goods. It was truckload of essentials to a message of hope, solidartheir neighboring district in ity, and God's love in action—reminding everyone This act of kindness involved that even in the shows that while Ridgeville darkest times, there are always people who care.

In moments like these, just about the number of Ridgeville Church of the people in the pews, but Nazarene proves that faith, compassion, and a shared mission can move mounward. Their unwavering tains. Their outreach is a commitment to being the reminder to us all that no matter how small we might feel, we each have the power to make a meaningful



The Bibb County Education Retiree's Association held their October meeting at the Bibb Wellness Center. Members brought supplies for the Bibb County Sav- A- Life to be delivered for their October service project. Members also brought supplies for gift bags for the new teacher mentoring program and tips were shared in each packet how to organize their classroom for success. Beth Downs, Senior Fitness Instructor at BWC, Karen Murphy, Virginia Brand, Peggy Hubbard, Elaine Jones and Phyllis Johnson presented an excellent demonstration of stretching and balance exercises for seniors. Members and guest present were: Avis Huey, Suzanne Jones, Judy Elliott, Vickie Brown, Mary Beth Sansing, JoAnn Medders, Sarah Lunceford, Lynn Wilson, Katie Crumpler, Bibb Wellness Center Director, Linda Cottingham, Donna Cook, Phyllis Johnson, Faye Johnson, Beth Downs, Virginia Brand, Karen Murphy, Peggy Hubbard, Fran Kornegay and Elaine Jones.

Lommunity Connect

Community

from page 1 How do you come up with new and unique drinks for your menu? "Most new ideas come from customer request. The Jada is the most popular. It's an iced coffee with hot shots of espresso, caramel drizzle and white chocolate, with homemade vanilla cold foam top-

ping." What's a day in the life of a barista owner like? "An early start, a busy morning, a hectic lunch time, an afternoon pickme-up, then repeat. Wednesday through Friday 7 am-2 pm."

Is there a particular drink or recipe that holds a special place in your heart? "The chicken salad is my signature dish. I make it every week and it sells out. We included into lunch every day. The biggest challenge is figuring out what the people want to eat."

How do you ensure highquality service and drinks? "I do everything myself."

How do you engage with your local community? "Friendly atmosphere, various dinner theaters and steak dinners plus I use local honey in the coffees sourced from George Jay in Pondville and Tom's Bees in Marion. We sell

their honey in the shop too." Are there any local events or causes your coffee shop supports? "The Colors on the Cahaba in support of the Bibb County Sav-A-Life, BC Booster Club supporter, Bibb County Chamber member and board member. The shop has hosted club dinners, baby showers, Mother's Day tea parties. We carry handmade gifts made by Cahaba Create turned by Melissa Thompson and other colorful gifts, bags and shirts."

What coffee trends are you most excited about right now? "Fall always brings in Pump-

Connect kin lovers."

What has been the biggest challenge you've faced as a coffee shop owner? "We had to close for 5 months after a pipe burst and flooded the shop. We were able to renovate and make lots of upgrades."

If you could only drink one type of coffee, smoothie or tea for the rest of your life, what would it be? "That would be Blueberry Tea with honey."

If your coffee shop had a signature catchphrase or motto, what would it be? "But first, coffee!"

The Daily Grind offers a multitude of different coffee varieties, smoothies, teas, lunch, desserts, bagels and pastries, as well as special events such as steak dinner nights and murder mystery nights.

And a surprise! Samira doesn't even drink coffee, but she loves the smoothies and especially the teas! But that doesn't stop her from making some of the best coffee around!

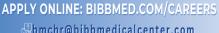
Stop in and get some coffee and some friendly conversation while you look at the local goods from vendors and local

Special, unique, and inviting ...that's what you'll get from The Daily Grind!

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







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The Bibb County Board of Education Special Education Department were awarded a State Personnel Development Grant (SPDG). The purpose of the grant is to provide staff professional development and resources to provide effective Transition school and community work experiences for students to improve post high school employment outcomes for students with disabilities. The competitive grants are awarded to selected LEA's by Special Education Services, Alabama State Department of Education. The Bibb County Transition team consist of team members from Centreville Middle School, Bibb County High School, West Blocton Middle School, West Blocton High School and Central Office. The team recently attended a training conducted by the National Technical Assistance Center on Transitions (NTACT) where they gained knowledge to help support effective Transition programs in Bibb County. Team members seen with Dr. Kyle Reardon, Trainer are Jennifer Downs, Bibb County Special Education Coordinator; Amy Hatter, Angela Lint, Julie McKinney, Brenda McRee, Clinton Riner, Katie Williams and Gregory Dumas. The team's Instructional Coach from the Alabama SDE(part- time RSA) is Vickie Brown of Brent, Alabama.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR CONCESSION CONTRACT AT BIBB COUNTY PUBLIC FISHING LAKE

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Deadline to apply is October 20, 2024

BIBB COUNTY ELECTION WORKERS

2024 GENERAL ELECTION • NOVEMBER 5, 2024

All trainings will be held at the Probate Office in the Bibb County Courthouse Annex, 8 Court Square W., Centreville, AL on dates listed below according to polling place

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MONDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2024 AT 2 PM

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MONDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2024 AT 10 AM ANDERSON, BRENDA **BLACK DARLENE** CLERK CARTER, GLENDA CLERK

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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2024 AT 2 PM BOOTHE, MARCIE INSPECTOR ATKINSON, CONNIE CLERK STEELE, MYRA CLERK SIMMONS, JEANETTE CLERK MACK, KATHLEEN **CLERK**

GREENPOND FIRE DEPARTMENT TRAINING:

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2024 AT 2 PM BROADHEAD. LINDA CLERK LAWRENCE. (ALLEN) SAHARAH INSPECTOR HUMPHREY, CRYSTAL CLERK MCVEY, BRENDA CLERK NELSON, LYNN **CLERK** WYATT, JEAN **CLERK**

LAWLEY COMMUNITY CENTER TRAINING:

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2024 AT 10 AM BATES, MARJORY CLERK CLERK LAWLEY, ELIZABETH CLERK **CLERK INSPECTOR**

NATIONAL GUARD ARMORY TRAINING:

THOMPSON, GWENDOLYN CLERK

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2024 AT 10 AM ELLIOTT, JUDY **CLERK** EPPERSON, DIANE **CLERK** LAWRENCE, DAVIS **CLERK** CLERK LAWRENCE, LINDA **CLERK** MITCHELL, SARA **INSPECTOR** MANN, ANNIE **CLERK** VALENTINE, GWEN **CLERK**

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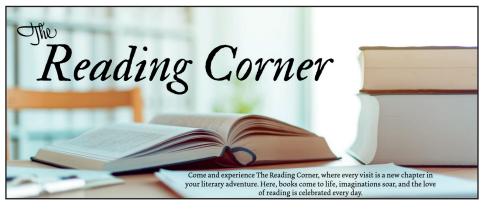
ROCK BUILDING TRAINING:

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2024 AT 10 AM BILLINGSLEY, JEANETTE CLERK JAMISON, JAN **INSPECTOR** LAWRENCE, ROBERTA CLERK **CLERK** BROTHERS, DONNA TUCKER, SHARON J **CLERK**

SIX MILE COMMUNITY CENTER **TRAINING:**

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2024 AT 10 AM CARLEE, TOMMIE **CLERK** HARBISON, STACEY **CLERK** HOBSON, BRIDGETT INSPECTOR MCGEE, CANDICE **CLERK** TUCKER, J.W. **CLERK**

NEWS/CALENDAR



The Lightning Thief by Rick Riordan

BY SAVANNAH LOGAN

REPORTER

Rick Riordan's The Lightning Thief, the first

book in the *Percy Jackson* lenges in the most exciting and the Olympians series, is an unforgettable adventure Percy Jackson as he discovthat blends Greek mythology with modern-day chal-

way. Following 12-year-old ers he's no ordinary kid but a demigod, this book is a action, humor, and heartwarming friendships.

What makes The Lightning Thief truly special is how it taps into the struggles that school-age kids often face—feeling different, finding your place in the world, and learning about personal strengths. Percy's journey from being a boy with ADHD and dyslexia to becoming a hero who battles monsters and gods alike is not only relatable but inspiring. The adventure unfolds at a breakneck pace, with Riordan expertly weaving in Greek myths in a way that's both educa-

thrilling rollercoaster of tional and wildly entertain-

Riordan's clever use of mythology makes this series a perfect way for kids to learn about ancient stories without even realizing it. The humorous tone, quick wit, and endearing characters like Grover and Annabeth make the book easy to fall in love with, and Percy's voice is so genuine that readers will feel like they've gained a new friend.

The Lightning Thief is the kind of book that will ignite the imaginations of young readers. If you know any school-age kids, this series is a must-suggest. It not only encourages reading but also fosters curiosity about history, mythology, and the idea that even the most unlikely heroes have great destinies. Percy Jackson's world is a place where kids will want to linger, and as they grow alongside him through the series, they'll learn powerful lessons about friendship, courage, and self-acceptance.

I highly recommend *The* Lightning Thief as a great gift for any young reader. It's the start of a magical adventure they won't want to miss!

GOVERNMENTAL MEETINGS

▶ Bibb County Commission meets the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month at 5 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.
- >> Brush Arbor Homecoming at Cedar Grove Church on October 18-20. October 18 & 19 6pm, 20 at 10:30am. Lunch afterwards, for more information call 645-201-0274.
- The Bruce Rutledge Outreach Ministry will be having a Men & Women in Black event on Sun. Nov. 3 at 3pm-until at the Lillie Star District Building in Brent.
- ▶ Singing at Hubbard Springs Church on October 26 at 7pm. Guest singers will be Donna & Marty Weaver. Come enjoy.

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
- ▶ 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 vol-
- **▶** 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-
- **▶** Bibb County GOP will hold quarterly meetings on the third Thursday at 7pm at the Sawmeal Restaurant.
- **▶** 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 meets in alternate months or at the call of the Chairman on the third Thursday beginning January 2025 at the Centreville Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall at 5pm.
- Mamerican 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-
- >> 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 voluenteers 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

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QUARTERLY MEETINGS

- >> The Bibb County Chapter of the Alabama Treasure Forest hold quarterly meetings. For info. call 926-9765 or 926-4917. Private landowners interested in good stewardship of property are needed.
- >> West Blocton Lunch Bunch, 1st Wed. of Feb., Apr., Aug., and Oct. More info, 938-2622.

CEMETERY FUNDING

- ▶ If you have loved ones buried at any of the following cemeteries and would like to make a donation for upkeep and etc., please send check (made payable to "(Church or Cemetery Name) Cemetery Fund" to the name and address listed below:
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- ▶ Shady Grove II Cemetery: Shady Grove II Baptist, 7247 Grey Hill Rd., West Blocton, AL 35184 → Pleasant Hill Church cemetery 2827 Ingate Pass, Centreville,
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- "Mt. Carmel Cemetery Fund Account #00-1870" ▶ Pondville Perpetual Cemetery: Larry Watkins 8490 Payne
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- 35034. ▶ Little Hope Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery (West Eoline): C/O William Deason 262 Grover Lane Centreville, AL 35042-5562
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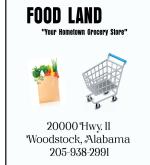
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Pastor Wayne Keeton

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COMMUNITY NEWS

West Eoline News

THANKS cousin Jo Hinson (in Iowa)

for a most THOUGHTFUL gift. She

knows how much we love playing cards

and how difficult it is for some to shuffle. She made six special card holders, and

sent with a card shuffler, swivel rack, six

decks cards, notebook and pen. These will

girls card trip in November. LOVE LOVE

Last Friday, Robbie Todd, Stacey

Thompson, Cindy Fowler & Jane Hannah

enjoyed a day of fun together. A great

seafood lunch was the center focus,

time. Stacey starts a new job this week

Jera Fortner stayed several days with

Rhonda Massengale returned last week

from an extended visit with her babies in

California. There is no better feeling on

earth than those wide open arms running

to hug you. Looks like future visits will be

LaShelle & Ronnie and having a little baby

to play during her next visit.

in Las Vegas.

From The Pen Of Jane Hannah



Judy Cearlock 10-20. Brody Boothe 10-21. and Kenneth Hubbard 10-22. HAPPY ANNIVERSARY Ronnie &

HAPPY BIRTHDAY this week Sista

Carol Schladerbach, Travis Cottingham

& Danny Hale 10-18, Jace Ingram 10-19,

be the first thing I pack for our upcoming LaShelle Kinney 10-21. Welcome home Jo Kitchen who has been this. Hopefully they will be in good shape visiting her son and family in Jacksonville, FL. Her great grandson Owen walked in one day, asking Mimi to make him some Peanut Butter Balls. Off to the store they went to purchase what was needed. While there, they were blessed to avoid difficul-

with some shopping and lots of girl ties from Milton. Thinking of Hurricanes, many family with training in Cedar Rapids, IA. She and friends would certainly benefit from was not looking forward to the plane your prayers for good weather for the next trip Sunday, especially after getting sick few weeks; counting down the days for an upcoming Western Caribbean Cruise.

PRAYERS for my brother in law, Bob Hannah and his wife Joan. They both have health issues and are separated at this time. Prayers for their children, Paula and Phil as they make hard decisions and care

Have a BLESSED week. Please call or text 478-396-2513 to share your news.



time with Kayti.

Centreville News

The BCHS Class of 1961 met for break-

fast recently. A speedy recovery goes out to Doris Newman who recently underwent hand surgery. A speedy recovery goes out to Lar-

ry Speights who had surgery on Friday. Charlotte West enjoyed lunch with class of 69 friend Nance Nicholson Stroud at

Red Lobster in Vestavia recently. Enjoying lunch at Main Street Tavern in Montevallo recently on Thursday were Nancy Scott, Glenda Kane, Judy Brantley, Lee Belcher, Patricia Hubbard and Charlotte West. All reporting a great time.

Those enjoying lunch at Bright Star recently were Sandy Jackson, Judy Brantley, Nancy Scott, Glenda Kane, Patricia Hubbard, Charlotte West and Peggy Langford.

who recently underwent surgery. Get well wishes and prayers continue to go out to Betty Shoults.

Get well wishes go out to Larry Speights

Among those having birthdays in October, Jeff Rinehart, Ruby Jean Calhoun, Betty Shoults, Louise Elam, Bethany Watts, Tabitha Weinschreider, Larry Elam, Reu- celebrated their wedding anniversary reben Compere, Patricia Hubbard, Louise cently. Burt, Marie Hobson, Faye McAfee, Chris

Brasfield, Dawn Randolph, Whitney Clinner, Judy Elliott, Amanda O'Neal, Sherry Murphy, Terri Mayfield and Rachel Smith.

From The Pen Of Brenda Hubbard

Birthday wishes go out to Scottie Watts of Clanton on October 23 and Bobb Watts on October 31st. Nancy Evans Hubbard celebrated her birthday on Monday, September 30th. Happy Birthday, Nancy! Sympathy goes out to the family of Lo-

retta Greer who passed away on October 1, 2024. She will be missed greatly by family and friends. Sympathy goes out to the family of Alan Hubbard who passed away on October 9, 2024. Graveside services were held on Oc-

tober 14, 2024, at Haysop Baptist Church Cemetery. Alan will be missed greatly by his family and friends. Anniversary wishes go out to Jeff and Julie McKinney who recently celebrated their 28th. Wedding Anniversary. Anniversary wishes go out to Frankie and Lisa Brooks who recently celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary. Anniversary wishes go out to

If you have news call it in at 205-316-

Les and Susan (Parker) Williams who also

Womack, Kathleen Owens Johnson, Helen 1181. Take Care-God Bless! **ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS**

Notice to Contractors Federal Aid Project No. STPAA-HSIP-0025(570) **BIBB COUNTY. ALA-**

BAMA Sealed bids will be received by the Director of Transportation at the office of the Alabama Department of Transportation, Montgomery, Alabama until 10:00 AM on November 08, 2024 and at that time publicly opened for constructing the Planing, Resurfacing (Scrub Seal), Bridge Guardrail Retrofit, Guardrail Installation, and Traffic Stripe on SR-25 from 0.280 mile north of the junction of SR-6 (US-82) in Centreville to the junction of CR-67.

Length 9.217 mi. The total amount of uncompleted work under contract to a contractor must not exceed the amount of his or her

qualification certificate. The Entire Project Shall Be Completed In Seventy (70) Working Days. A 3.00% DBE Contract Obligation Is Required.

A Bidding Proposal may be purchased for \$5.00. Plans may be purchased for \$6.00 per set. Plans and Proposals are available at the Alabama Department of Transportation, 1409 Coliseum Boulevard, Room E-108, Montgomery, AL 36110. Checks should be made payable to the Alabama Department of Transportation. Plans and Proposals will be mailed only upon receipt of remittance. No refunds will be

made. Minimum wage rates for this project have been pre-determined by the Secretary of Labor and are set forth in the advertised specifications. This project is subject to the contract work hours Safety Standards

Act and its implementing regulations.

Cashier's check or bid bond for 5% of bid (maximum - \$50,000.00) made payable to the Alabama Department of Transportation must accompany each bid as evidence of

good faith. The bracket range is shown only to provide general financial information to contractors and bonding companies concerning the project's complexity and size. This Bracket should not be used in preparing a bid, nor will this bracket have any bearing on the decision to award this con-

tract. The Bracket Estimate On This Project Is From \$3,334,340 To \$4,075,304

The proposed work shall be performed in conformity with the rules and regulations for carrying out the Federal Highway Act.

Plans and Specifications are on file in Room E-108 of the Alabama Department of Transportation at Montgomery, Alabama 36110. In accordance with the

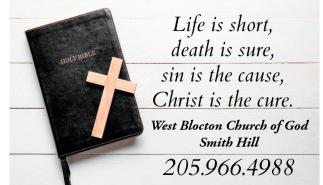
rules and regulations of The Alabama Department of Transportation, proposals will be issued only to prequalified contractors or their authorized representatives, upon requests that are received before 10 AM., on the day previous to the day of opening of

bids. The bidder's proposal must be submitted on the complete original proposal furnished him or her by the Alabama Department of Transportation.

The Alabama Department of Transportation. in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 78 Stat. 252, 42 U.S.C. 2000D TO 2000D-4 and Title 49 code of Federal Regulations, Department of Transportation, Subtitle A, Office of The Secretary, Part 21, nondiscrimination in federallyassisted programs of the Department of Transportation issued pursuant to such act, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively insure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin in consideration for an award.

The right to reject any or all bids is reserved. JOHN R. COOPER

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PROBATE NOTICE

Estate of James F. Jackson, deceased **Probate Court**

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 2nd day of October, 2024 by Stephanie Kemmer, Judge of the Probate Court of Bibb County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the

Dorothy Frost Jackson

Frank C. Ellis Jr. Esq. PO Box 587 Columbiana, AL 35051

2024

same will be barred.

Personal Representative of the estate of James F. Jackson, deceased Case No. 2024PC070

Centreville Press

October 11, 18 & 25,

PUBLICATION NOTICE

In the Juvenile Court of Bibb County, Alabama In the matter of Callen Jakaylan Monique Case No: JU-2023-000099.03

Order of Publication In this cause it is made to appear to the Court by the Affidavit of the Petitioner, Dottie Smith, that the whereabouts of the above-named child's father is unknown. It further appears that the Petition alleges the said child to be dependent and in need of the protection of the State of Alabama. Therefore, the Petitioner is requesting the Parental Rights be terminated and permanent custody of said child be vested in Peti-

It is therefore, ordered that publication be made in the Centreville Press, a newsnaner of general publication published in Bibb County, in the State of Alabama for four (4) consecutive weeks requiring the father of the child Jallen Lee Callen, to appear and plead to, and answer to the Petition of Parental Rights, which is set for Final Hearing before this Court on January 28, 2025.

Done this 18th day of September, 2024.

Craig A. Cargile Juvenile Judge Centreville Press

NOTICE OF TIMBER SALE

The University of Alabama will offer for sale merchantable timber, as designated by the University Forester, on tracts located in Bibb, Jefferson, and Tuscaloosa Counties. If relevant, these tracts can be 100% FSC Certified, upon request of the Purchaser. The timber will be sold by sealed bids which will be publicly opened at the Office of University Lands and Real Estate Services, on the University of Alabama campus, 1115 14th Street. Tuscaloosa, AL 35401, at 10:00 a.m. on October 24, 2024. Bids should be delivered to that office on or before that time, sent by email to bmfox@ua.edu, or sent by mail to The University of Alabama, Attn: University Lands and Real Estate Services, P.O. Box 870176, Tuscaloosa, Alabama 35487-0176. Only bids which are submitted on the bid form prepared by the Office of University Lands and Real Estate Services will be considered. No verbal or phone bids will be accepted. If a bid is mailed, the bid should be posted in sufficient time to ensure its receipt prior to the bid submission deadline of 10:00 a.m., October 24, 2024. Mailed bids should be marked "TIMBER BID, 10-24-24" in the lower lefthand corner to ensure bid

security. A Performance Deposit in the amount of \$3,500 will be required of the successful bidder to guarantee its fulfillment of the terms of

September 27, October 4, 11 & 18, 2024 NOTICE OF TIMBER SALE the sale contract deposits will be required at the time of execution of timber contract. Con-

sideration and approval of

the successful bid will be done October 24, 2024, by

the University of Alabama

Forester, to ensure the

bids meet the proposed

estimates approved by

the University of Alabama Board of Trustees. Purchaser of the timber and logging contractor (if not the same) must carry workman's compensation insurance and both vehicular and general liability insurance in amounts of not less than \$1,000,000 personal damage and \$1,000,000 property damage. Purchaser and logger (if not the same) will add University as additional named insured on insurance. A certificate of insurance will be required upon the execution of the contract of sale.

It shall be the responsibility of the bidder to determine to his own satisfaction the volume of the timber offered for sale.

The University reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids and to waive any informalities.

For a bid package, call the University Office of University Lands and Real Estate Services at 205-348-3510 during office hours. All information on these tracts can also be found online at the following address: http://universitylands.ua.edu/university-lands-bids/.

Centreville Press September 27, October 4, 11 & 18, 2024

STATE OF ALABAMA PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR WHEREAS the

Alabama Legislature at its 2024 Regular Session enacted Act No. 2024-301 (HB302), proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 2022;

WHEREAS, in conformity with Section 284 of the Constitution of Alabama of 2022, as amended, the Legislature has ordered an election by the qualified electors of the state upon such proposed amendment; and

WHEREAS of this election, together with the proposed amendment, is required by law to be given by proclamation of the Governor, which shall be published once a week for at least four successive weeks immediately preceding the day appointed for the election:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, as Governor of the State of Alabama,

do hereby give notice, direct, and proclaim that on Tuesday, November 5, 2024, an election will be held in the State of Alabama in the manner and form provided by law upon the following proposed amendment to the Constitution of 2022 of the State of Alabama: AMENDMENT PRO-

POSED BY ACT NO. 2024-301 (a) All sixteenth section and indemnity school

land that is owned in fee simple by the Franklin County School System, is located in Fayette County and Walker County, and is for the exclusive use of schools in the Franklin County School System is vested in the Franklin County Board of Education. The board may manage,

the land and any timber, minerals, or other natural resource of the land.

AMENDMENTS

(b) Any proceeds generated from the sale of timber, minerals, or other natural resource of the land, or from the lease or sale of the land or its natural resources, shall be paid to the Franklin County Board of Education and deposited into the Franklin County Board of Education General Fund.

(c) It is the intent of the Legislature that this amendment supersede any other provision of this constitution that may be construed as conflicting with this amendment as it relates to the land and the rights, power, and control thereof and to the sale, lease, or other disposition of the land and timber, minerals, or other natural resource of the land, and any proceeds and interest earned therefrom.

(d) Upon ratification of this amendment, all proceeds realized from the sale, lease, or other disposition of the land or the sale of timber, minerals, or other natural resource of the land occurring before ratification of this amendment, and held in trust by the State of Alabama, shall continue to be held in trust, and any proceeds and interest derived from those transactions shall be paid to the Franklin County Board of Education.

FURTHER, I proclaim and direct that this proclamation shall be published once a week for the four successive weeks immediately preceding Tuesday, November 5, 2024, in every county as required by law.

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FOR THE BIBB COUN-TY BOARD OF EDUCA-**TION CENTREVILLE, ALA-**

BAMA PROJECT NO.: 2020-214

Sealed proposals shall be received by Mr. Kevin Cotner, Superintendent, Bibb County School District, 721 Walnut Street, Centreville, AL 35042 | 205-926-9881, until 2:00 PM Central Time, Tuesday, November 5, 2024, then

opened and read aloud. All Bidders shall have general liability and workman's compensation insurance. The project shall be bid excluding taxes. Bids must be submitted on proposal forms furnished by the Architect or copies thereof. No bid may be withdrawn after scheduled closing for receipt of bids for a period of ninety (90) days. The Owner reserves the right to re-

ject any or all proposals and to waive technical errors if, in the Owners judgment, the best interests of the Owner will thereby be promoted.

sell, lease, and control

A certified check or Bid Bond payable to Bibb County School District in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the amount of the bid, but in no event more than \$10,000,00 must accompany the bidder's sealed proposal. Performance and statutory labor and material payment bonds will be required at

the signing of the Contract. All bidders bidding in amounts exceeding that established by the State Licensing Board for General Contractors must be licensed under the provisions of Title 34, Chapter 8, Code of Alabama, 1975 and must show evidence of license before bidding or bid will not be received or considered by the Architect. All bidders shall show such evidence by clearly displaying their current license number on the outside of sealed envelope in which the proposal is delivered.

PDFs of the project can be reviewed by going to the McKee website @ www. mckeeassoc.com and selecting "Project Bid List". Also, if you are not receiving NOTIFICATIONS from us, please register on our website, "Project Bid List" by selecting manage your bid list profile. The documents may be viewed online and printed by

General Contractors, Sub-Contractors and Suppliers. Documents published through this procedure are the only documents endorsed by the Architect. The Architect is unable to monitor, confirm and maintain other websites that provide documents. Addendums will be provided to entities that have CONFIRMED bidding for this particular project. The Architect retains ownership and copyrights of the documents. If bidders require printed sets, please submit request to the Architect at mckeeplans@gmail.com

name, company name, address, phone number and the project name.

All RFIs and RFAs regarding the bid documents shall be sent and addressed through emails found on the RFI and RFA forms in the project manual. NOTE: ONLY THE RFI AND RFA FORMS IN THE PROJECT MANUAL WILL BE AC-CEPTED. The Architect will not accept inquiries via telephone or fax.

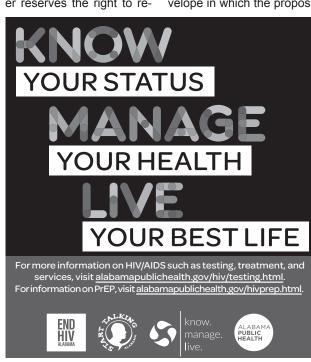
Completion Time: See Scope of Work in Project Manual.

Supervision: Contractor to ensure proper supervision of all work.

Owner: Mr. Kevin Cotner, Superintendent, Bibb County School District, 721 Walnut Street, Centreville, AL 35042 | 205-926-9881

Architect: McKee and Associates Architects, Inc., 631 South Hull Street, Alabama Montgomery, 36104 | Phone: 334-834-9933

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LEGALS

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE

MORTGAGE FORE-**CLOSURE SALE**

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage executed on August 15, 2005 by William C. Sloan and Sandra L. Sloan, husband and wife, originally in favor of Ameriquest Mortgage Company, and recorded in 158 at 232 on August 29, 2005, in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Bibb County, Alabama, and secured indebtedness having been transferred to DLJ Mortgage Capital, Inc., LOGS Legal Group LLP, as counsel for Mortgagee or Transferee and under and by virtue of power of sale contained in the said mortgage will, on November 13, 2024, sell at public outcry to the highest bidder at the main entrance of the Bibb County, Alabama, Courthouse in the City of Centreville, during the legal hours of sale, the following real estate situated in Bibb County,

Alabama, to wit: ALL THAT PARCEL OF LAND IN TOWNSHIP OF BIBB COUNTY, BIBB COUNTY, STATE OF ALABAMA, AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN DEED BOOK 87, PAGE 87, ID# N/A, BEING KNOWN AND DESIG-NATED AS METES AND BOUNDS PROPERTY. **LEGAL DESCRIP-EXHIBIT** "A" TION: I, ROGER MOORE, A REGISTERED LAND

SURVEYOR IN SAID COUNTY AND STATE, **HEREBY CERTIFY** THE FOLLOWING, TO BE A TRUE AND AC-**CURATE DESCRIP-**TION OF THE ABOVE MAP OR PLAT TO WIT: A PARCEL OF LAND CONTAINING, ACRES, MORE OR LESS. LOCATED IN THE NW 1/4 OF THE NW 1/4, SECTION 15, TOWNSHIP 22 SOUTH, RANGE 6 WEST, BIBB COUNTY, ALABAMA, DESCRIBED AS FOL-LOWS: COMMENCE AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID 1/4-1/4 SECTION AND RUN NORTH 0 DEGREES 17 MINUTES 30 SEC-ONDS WEST ALONG THE WEST BOUNDARY 204.75 FEET: THENCE RUN NORTH 90 DE-GREES EAST 357.29 FEET TO A POINT IN THE CENTERLINE OF A GRAVEL ROAD, SAID BEING POINT THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE RUN NORTH 21 DEGREES 15 MIN-UTES EAST ALONG SAID CENTERLINE 91.4 FEET; THENCE RUN NORTH 0 DEGREES 27 MINUTES 34 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID CENTERLINE 101.45 FEET; THENCE RUN NORTH 05 DEGREES 23 MINUTES 01 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID CENTERLINE 101.27 FEET; THENCE RUN NORTH 03 DEGREES 24 MINUTES 24 SECONDS

CENTERLINE 35.78 FEET; THENCE RUN NORTH 90 DEGREES EAST 270.03 FEET; THENCE RUN SOUTH 0 **DEGREES 0 MINUTES** WEST 323.36 FEET; THENCE RUN SOUTH 90 DEGREES WEST 295.0 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. ALSO THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED RIGHT OF WAY: A RIGHT OF WAY 25 FEET IN WIDTH, THE C/L DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COM-MENCE AT THE NORTH-WEST CORNER OF THE **DESCRIBED** ABOVE TRACT. SAID POINT BEING IN THE CEN-TERLINE OF A GRAVEL ROAD; THENCE RUN NORTH 07 DEGREES 22 MINUTES 01 SECONDS ALONG SAID EAST CENTERLINE 166.27 FEET; THENCE RUN NORTH 25 DEGREES 45 MINUTES 11 SECONDS EAST ALONG SAID **CENTERLINE** 119.12 FEET; THENCE RUN NORTH 08 DEGREES 15 MINUTES 39 SECONDS EAST ALONG SAID CENTERLINE 101.63 FEET; THENCE RUN NORTH 67 DEGREES 20 MINUTES 39 SECONDS ALONG SAID EAST CENTERLINE 272.40 FEET; THENCE RUN NORTH 59 DEGREES 31 MINUTES 39 SEC-ONDS EAST ALONG SAID **CENTERLINE** 722.0 FEET TO THE IN-

SAID POINT BEING THE TERMINATION OF SAID RIGHT OF WAY. I FURTHER CERTIFY THAT THE BUILDING SHOWN IS LOCATED WITH RESPECT TO LOT BOUNDARIES AS SHOWN, THAT THERE ARE NO RIGHT OF WAYS, EASEMENTS, OR JOINT DRIVES OVER OR **ACROSS** SAID PREMISES EX-CEPT AS SHOWN, THAT THE PREMISES SURVEYED DOES NOT ENCROACH ON AD-PROPERTY, JOINING AND THAT I HAVE CON-SULTED THE AVAIL-ABLE FLOOD HAZARD **BOUNDARY** MAPS AND FOUND THAT THE **ABOVE** DESCRIBED PROPERTY IS NOT LO-CATED IN A SPECIAL FLOOD HAZARD AREA. HEREBY CERTIFY THAT ALL PARTS OF SURVEY AND THIS DRAWING HAVE BEEN COMPLETED IN AC-CORDANCE WITH THE CURRENT REQUIRE-MENTS OF THE STAN-DARDS OF PRACTICE FOR LAND SURVEYING IN THE STATE OF AL-ABAMA TO THE BEST OF MY INFORMATION, KNOWLEDGE AND BE-LIEF

For informational purposes only, the property address is: 301 Stormi Lane, West Blocton, AL 35184.

Any property address provided is not part of

the legal description of the property sold herein persons avoid or delay

cess. This sale is made for the purpose of realizing the mortgage debt, together with all expenses of the sale, including a reasonable attorney's fee. Capell & Howard, P.C.

Montgomery, Alabama

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and in the event of any discrepancy, the legal description referenced

herein shall control. This sale is made for the purpose of paying indebtedness secured by said mortgage, as well as the expenses of foreclosure. Furthermore, the property to be offered pursuant to this notice of sale is being offered for sale, transfer and conveyance AS IS, WHERE IS. Neither the mortgagee, nor the officers, directors, attorneys, employees, agents or authorized representative of the mortgagee make any representation or warranty relating to the title or any physical, environmental, health or safety conditions existing in, on, at or relating to the property offered for sale. Any and all responsibilities or liabilities arising out of or in any way relating to any such condition, including those suggested by Code of Ala. (1975) § 35-4-271, expressly are disclaimed. This sale is subject to all prior liens and encumbrances and unpaid taxes and assessments including any transfer tax associated with the foreclosure. The successful bidder must tender a non-refundable deposit of Five Thousand Dollars and no/100 (\$5,000.00) in certified or cash funds at the time and place of the sale. The balance of the purchase price must be paid in certified funds by close of business on the next business day thereafter at the Law Office of LOGS Legal Group LLP at the address indicated below. LOGS Legal Group LLP reserves the right to award the bid to the next highest bidder, or to reschedule the sale, should the highest bidder fail to timely tender the total amount due.

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

DLJ Mortgage Capital, Inc., and its successors and assigns Mortgagee or Transferee

LOGS LEGAL GROUP LLP 10130 Perimeter

Parkway, Suite Charlotte, NC 28216 24-024243 Attorneys for Mortgagee or Transferee

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NOTICE OF MORT-**GAGE FORECLOSURE** SALE **PURSUANT TO JUDI-**

CIAL ORDER Pursuant to an Order entered in the Circuit Court of Bibb County, Alabama, in the case styled, Alabama Housing Finance Authority v. Christopher Wade Upton, et al., Case No. CV-2024-900046.00, adjudging the default made in the payment of the indebtedness owed to Alabama Housing Finance Authority and authorizing the foreclosure of that certain Mortgage executed by Christopher Wade Upton, an unmarried man, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), (solely as nominee for Lender, Movement Mortgage, LLC, and Lender's successors and assigns), dated the 25th

which Mortgage was recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Bibb County, Alabama, in RPB Book 393, Page 501; said Mortgage having been transferred and assigned by Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems. Inc. (solely as nominee for Lender, Movement Mortgage, LLC, and Lender's successors and assigns) to Alabama Housing Finance Authority by virtue of that certain Assignment of Mortgage dated March 12, 2024 and recorded in said Probate Office in RPB Book 2024, Page 1937. The undersigned Alabama Housing Finance Authority as Assignee of said Mortgage will, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgage, sell at auction to the highest bidder for cash before

EAST ALONG

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SON

Bibb County Courthouse in the City of Centreville, Alabama, during the legal hours of sale on November 19, 2024, the real property described in said Mortgage, which said description is hereby referred to and made a part hereof, said property being situated in Bibb County, Alabama, to-wit:

TERSECTION OF THE

CENTERLINE OF CAR-

the main entrance of the

RIDGE ROAD,

Lot 3 of Hills Creek Estates No. 1, a map or plat of which is recorded in Map Book 3, at Page 34, in the Probate Office of Bibb County, Alabama, said reference being hereby made in aid of and as part of this description.

Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help

the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as a part of the foreclosure pro-

Jack W. Pitts, Esq. 150 South Perry Street

Our File No.:37591-3374 Attorneys for Assignee Alabama Housing Finance Authority

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Bibb County Commission, under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000, Title III, opens up for public comment from September 20, 2024 through October 25, 2024 for allocating the required 15% for carrying out of the following Fire Prevention efforts: Educational fire prevention activities such as school programs and landowners tours; Performing prescribed burning projects throughout the county to prevent wildfire hazard; and, assisting Bibb County Volunteer Fire Departments in prevention efforts involving Federal Excess Property. The funds detailed below are applicable to the Forestry Commission for the proposed donation and purchase of the following for purposes of Wildfire Prevention in Bibb County:

Local Forestry **Equipment/Equipment Upgrades and Facility Improvements**

Approximate Total for FY 24/25 \$27,506.53 PLEASE SUBMIT CORRESPONDENCE TO: **Bibb County Commission** Attn: Forestry 158 Davidson Drive Centreville, AL 35042

MORTGAGE

day of February, 2022,

FORECLOSURE NOTICE Default having been made in the terms of that mortgage executed on December 31, 2015 by Lucas Jerald Pickering, spouse of Lindsey Shae Hassell and Lindsey Shae Hassell, spouse of Lucas Jerald Pickering, to EvaBank, which said mortgage is recorded in Book RPB 312, Page 247 in the Probate Office of Bibb County, Alabama, and default continuing, and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the following described property will be sold at public outcry, for cash, to the highest bidder, in front of the Courthouse door of said County, in Centreville, Alabama, during the legal hours of sale on November 6, 2024:

All that part of the NW 1/4 of SE 1/4 of Section 4, Township 22, Range 8 east, which lies on the east side of Harrisburg and Pondville Public Road. containing 37 acres, more or less, and also all of the NE 1/4 of SW 1/4 of Section 4, Township 22, Range 8 East, which lies on the East side of the Harrisburg and Pondvilfe Public Road, except one acre more or less, described as follows; beginning at the Northeast corner of the NE 1/4 of SW 1/4, and run South 70 yards, thence West to the Harrisburg and Pondville Public Road, thence north 70 yards more or less to property, thence East along the north boundary of said forty to the Northeast corner the point of beginning, leaving about 4 acres of said forty on the east side of said Harrisburg and Pondville Public Road, there being contained in this conveyance 41 acres, more or less, in Section 4, Township 22, Range 8 East.

the north boundary of said

And also one (1) acre, more or less, in the Northeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 4, Township 22, Range 8 East, that lies on the east side of the Harrisburg and Pondville Public Road. Said above described land being In the Northeast corner of said described land.

LESS AND EXCEPT: A parcel of land containing 3.00 acres, located in the NW 1/4 of the SE 1/4, Section 4, Township 22 North, Range 8 East, Bibb County, Alabama, described as follows; Commence at the Southwest corner of said 1/4-1/4 section, said point being the point of beginning; thence run North 88 degrees 12 minutes 52 seconds East along the South boundary of said 1/4-1/4 section 585.41 feet to an iron pin at the intersection of the Southwest right of way of Alabama Highway No. 25; thence run in a Northwesterly direction along said right of way the following bearings and distances: North 64 degrees 34 minutes 51 seconds West 44.13 feet; North 62 degrees 30 minutes 34 seconds West 50.73 feet; North 60 degrees 09 minutes 57 seconds West 50.93 feet North 57 degrees 15 minutes 44 seconds West 51.97 feet North 54 degrees 52 minutes 21 seconds West 50.69 feet North 52 degrees 55 minutes 33 seconds West 50.72 feet; North 51 degrees 07 minutes 15 seconds West 50.0 feet; North 49 degrees 13 minutes 04 seconds West 51.06 feet; North 46 degrees 42 minutes 18 seconds West 51.06 feet North 45 degrees 0 minutes 56 seconds West 51.46 feet North 43 degrees 54 minutes 46 seconds West 50.70 feet; North 41 degrees 39 minutes 46 seconds West 56.00 feet North 39 degrees 16 minutes 48 seconds West 52.16 feet; North 37 degrees 09 minutes 01 seconds West 50.19 feet; North 34 degrees 35 minutes 44 seconds West 97.54 feet to an iron pin at the intersection of the West boundary of said 1/4-1/4 section; thence run South 01 degrees 13 minutes 23 seconds East along said boundary 549.08 feet to the point of beginning. Said sale is made for the purpose of paying the mort-

gage debt and cost of foreclosure. EvaBank, Mortgagee Thomas W. Russell Attorney for Mortgagee

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📤 Alabama Power

Reading between the lines is our specialty.

There are so many things that go into making sure the lights turn on when you flip the switch. With their vast experience and training, our team of experts approaches every situation by taking in the information and reading between the lines to find just the right solution. We are always ready to take on new challenges and find innovative ways to strengthen our grid. With over 60 weeks of training under their belts, our lineworkers are out in the field, delivering reliable power, rain or shine. Together, we work to power a better Alabama.

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LIFESTYLE





Manitou Cave of Alabama

Ft. Payne, Alabama, Manitou Cave has served many purposes over the years. In the early 1800s, it was a sacred ceremonial site for the Cherokee. In the 1860s, it became a saltpeter mine, and during the Cold War, it was used as a fallout shelter. By the 1960s, it transformed into a popular tourist destination, and today, it functions as a Trail of Tears National Historic Trail Interpretive Center. Situated on ten acres of wooded land at the base of Lookout Mountain in modern-day Ft. Payne, the cave is renowned for its rich history, unique geological formations, and diverse biology. Centuries of human activity have taken place here. In the early 1800s, the area was home to the Cherokee settlement of Willstown, where Sequoyah worked on developing the Cherokee syllabary. His son. Richard Gist (Guess), left inscriptions on the cave walls that document ceremonial events, including preparations for a significant stickball game. A few years after the stickball game, the U.S. military forcibly removed the ries of stairs leading to the cave the restroom, interpretive area, Cherokee from the area, renaming Willstown as Ft. Payne. The walls tower over the path, and town became a military stockade where Cherokee people were held before being relocated to present-day Oklahoma along the Trail of Tears. During the Civil War in the 1860s, Manitou Cave was mined for saltpeter to support the Confederate army. Later, during the Cold War, the cave was designated as a fallout shelter, and provisions from that era can still be seen inside today. During the late 1800's, a large chamber in the cave was used as a ballroom. People came from all around to dance and listen to a band deep inside the cave. Due to interesting formations inside the cave including a large formation rising over 40 feet in height, the cave became an interest to tourists passing through the city. It opened formally as a tourist attraction in the early 1900's, and in 1961, a midcentury modern visitors center was built. This historic visitors center has been restored and functions as an interpretive center and classroom. Groups may book a tour by appointment only and attend an

NOTICE OF **COMPLETION**

educational session in the inter-

Notice of Completion In accordance with Chapter 1, Title 39, Code of Alabama, 1975, as amended, notice is hereby given that S&G Waldrop Electric Inc., Contractor has completed the contract for construction at Bibb County High School Athletic Lighting Bibb County Board of Education Centreville, AL PSCA#010D for the State of Alabama and the Bibb County, Centreville, owner and have made request for final settlement of said contract. All persons having any claims for labor, materials, or otherwise in connection with this project should immediately notify Gunn & Associates. P.C. Consulting Engineers 3102 highway 14

Millbrook, AL 36054. S&G Waldrop Electric 1506 2nd Ave. North

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pretive center where attendees will learn about the history of Manitou, the unique geological features and also the fragile biodiversity inside the cave. Along with other wildlife like bats and salamanders, there is a rare snail inside the cave that exists nowhere else in the world. The Manitou Cave snail, called the Antrorbis brewerii, relies on the pure cave spring water for existence. On the tour, visitors are sure to see a few of these special species. Since this location is a certified Trail of Tears Interpretive Center, visitors will learn about the history of the Trail of Tears and how this cave site fits into the Cherokee story in Willstown. Visitors approach the interpretive center along a quiet residential street. Upon entering the designated parking area, they are greeted by the striking midcentury modern building, characterized by pink limestone blocks and unique historic architecture. To the left of the parking lot, the tree line gently parts, revealing a gravel trail that winds upward through a se-sible due to the natural terrain, entrance. Along the way, rock and grassy space are ADA accesa metal bridge connects to steps that ascend to the cave's mouth. To the right of the trail, a natural spring flows from the cave's interior, where the temperature remains a constant 56 degrees year-round. Inside the cave, visitors may encounter native species like salamanders and bats Touching or leaning on the limestone walls is strictly prohibited to preserve the cave's historical and ecological integrity. Concrete steps, along with steel and wooden bridges, guide visitors through the interior path, which closely follows the spring that runs through much of the cave. Water flows around rock formations, creating natural features along the tour. Throughout the cave, remnants of Cold War fallout shelter supplies can be seen in some chambers. The walls also bear signatures of human visitors spanning centuries, from Cherokee inscriptions in the early 1800s to Civil War-era miners. In certain areas, Cherokee syllabary can be observed on both the walls and ceilings. After roughly 30 minutes of walking, the path opens up to a large chamber, approximately 90 feet by 60 feet.

ple would gather to enjoy live music. It now serves as the turnaround point for guided tours, with the return trip to the cave entrance also taking about 30

minutes. Top of Form. After returning to the interpretive center, guests can enjoy a grassy lawn that gently slopes down to picnic tables overlooking the spring run and native plants. These tables are situated at a lower elevation, providing an ideal spot for wildlife viewing along the creek. Inside the interpretive center, visitors participate in a pre-tour educational session, offering helpful background information to enrich the cave tour experience. The center features an open floor-plan classroom and kitchenette, with a handicap-accessible restroom located to the right, across the breezeway from the classroom. Since different groups may have varying needs, it's important to communicate any special accommodations when scheduling the tour. While the grounds and cave are not ADA accessible. Guests who are unable to join the cave tour are welcome to enjoy these areas, as well as the classroom orientation. Inside the cave, the path is clay, so it's important to wear secure footwear Boots or tennis shoes are recommended, as flip-flops and slick-soled shoes are not suitable. The paths, both inside and outside the cave, are natural and not ADA accessible. To reach the cave entrance, guests will follow a gravel path with a series of stairs and landings. Be prepared to climb many steps and take a one-hour walk during the tour. The cave is not lighted, so guests must bring a reliable flashlight. A bright beam flashlight is recommended for viewing signatures and Cherokee syllabary along the cave walls. The cave remains cool, with a constant temperature of 56 degrees, so layered clothing is suggested for comfort. Bringing a change of clothes for after the

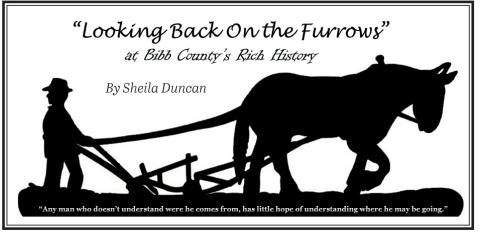
tour is also encouraged. Once inside the cave, the tour does not turn back unless there's an emergency. Guests should be ready to complete the full tour, as guides must accompany the group at all times. Leaving the tour on your own is not permit-This chamber was once a dance ted. Food, drinks, and water are hall in the late 1800s, where peonot allowed inside the cave.

PUBLIC MACHINE TEST FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2024

In keeping with the Code of Alabama \$17-24-9, the automatic tabulating equipment (DS200) to be used in the upcoming Primary Election to be held Tuesday, November 5, 2024, is required to be tested for accuracy prior to this election.

The testing of such equipment will be conducted on Wednesday, October 24, 2024 at 2:30 pm at the Bibb County Courthouse Annex located at 8 Court Square West, Centreville, Alabama 35042. Election officials will certify the accuracy of the equipment at that time. The County Chairs of the Democratic and Republican parties are invited to attend. The public is invited to attend.

Done this the 18th day of October, 2024 Stephanie W. Kemmer Bibb County Judge of Probate



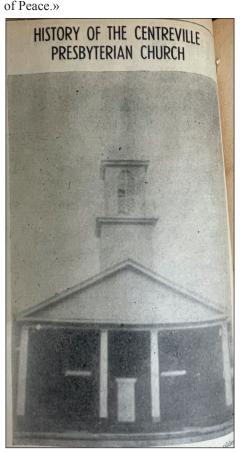
Welcome to our historical journey, where we delve into the rich tapestry of our past through the pages of The Centreville Press. Below, you will find articles from what we call the "morgue" - a collection of past articles that once graced our newspaper. These narratives provide a fascinating glimpse 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.

Year 1948 History of the Centreville Presbyterian Church

The Centreville Presbyterian Church is one of the Churches in this section of Alabama, and it is the oldest church * Centreville. It was the only church in the county forty-years, Last February the church was one-hundred and twenty-fours years old. It is known today as one of Bibb County's historic landmarks. The present building which was erected in 1859 has been connected with much of the county's life. In June 1861 the first company of men from Bibb County left to fight in the war between the states. On the porch of the present building this company of men which were called the Bibb Grey's and known as Company F-11 Alabama were bid farewell by their families, friends, sweethearts. On the porch of this old church stood pretty Miss Betty Howard, the mother of Mrs. Nell Gardner, and her maids Miss Sara Huey, Miss Rebekah Carson who presented the Confederate Flag to the Company. This Company's captain was James L. Davidson. The church for many years was used for a community building by everyone. The old timers can recall the many community events that took place inside the old church and, especially do they recall the community concerts that were presented frequently. In the year 1824 in the old town of Centreville which was located west of the Cahaba River there was no church. There were ound living near Centreville, Bibb County, Alabama, John and Nancy Wallace who had moved to the country from Tennessee; Margaret Davidson, Thomas Crawford, Mary Crawford, Jonathan Potts, Cynthia Potts, John Wilson who had come here from North Carolina; Nancy Henry, Sara, Elizabeth, Jane Macquire, Martin Mary Peters had come from South Carolina to make Centreville their home. These people were most anxious to establish a church in their community by uniting themselves and their families with the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America. At the request of several of these persons, Mr. Thomas Crawford went to Green County to consult with the Rev. Joseph Cunningham in the matter of organizing a Church in Centreville, out his visit was to no avail because he could not contact the minster. In the early part of February, the year 1824, the Rev. Henry White a Missionary of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America was visiting in this region of Centreville and was asked to address this group. He did so by delivering two discourses one of which

influence." in preparation of the new house of Robert Fleming, which was located On February 7th at where now jives Howard Cooper, with Rev. Mr. White present, the Centreville Presbyterian Church was orga-

It was not until 1827 did the newly organized Church build it's first building for the assembly of worship. In that year a wooden building was erected where now is the residence of L. L. Harris and Rev. Martin--across from the present residence of Dr. Cooper Nicholson. The church continued to occupy the wooden building in the old town of Centreville west of the Cahaba River until the year 1859 when a new brick building was erected in the new town of Centreville east of the Cahaba River at the cost of \$4,000, contractor General Shelly, which is still used at the present time. Many pastors have served the old church. The Rev. Smith pastorate was the longest in the history of the church April 10, 1859 to October 26, 1884. There were other pastors namely W. T. Waller, George Steen, Duncan West, E. B. Wiitherspoon, W. J. Sinnott, J. P. Stevenson, P. L. Perry, J. D. McPhail, and R. L. Kell. This Old Church, one of the county's historic landmarks, has stood silently with it's steeple pointing upward to God watching the march of time events. It silently stands but patiently hopes that men will claim her Lord, «The Prince



FROM THE PROBATE OFFICE OF **BIBB COUNTY, ALABAMA NOTICE OF ELECTION**

Please be notified, pursuant to Code of Alabama \$17-9-5, there will be a General Election on November 5, 2024 in Bibb County, Alabama.

The following offices will appear on the ballot:

- President and Vice-President of the United States
- U.S. Representative, 6th Congressional District
- Chief Justice of the Alabama Supreme Court
- Associate Justice of the Alabama Supreme Court, Places 1,2,3 and 4
- Court of Civil Appeals Judge, Places 1, 2, and 3
- Court of Criminal Appeals Judge, Places 1, 2 and 3
- Public Service Commission, President
- State Board of Education, District 3
- Circuit Court Judge, Place 1

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- District Court Judge Circuit Court Clerk
- Judge of Probate
- County Coroner
- Bibb County Commissioner, Districts 1,3 and 5 (this will not appear on all ballots)
- County Board of Education, District 2 and 5 (this will not appear on all ballots)
- Constitutional Amendment 1

Done this the 18th day of October, 2024. Stephanie W. Kemmer Judge of Probate

NEWS

WEST BLOCTON TOWN COUNCIL

Meeting Date: September 16, 2024

The Town Council of the Town of West Blocton, Alabama met in a Regular Council Meeting at the Municipal Building on Monday, September 16, 2024, at 7:00 P.M. A quorum being present. Mayor Daniel Sims called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. Prayer led by Glenn Johnson. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Blane Sherron. Roll was called by Town Clerk Brandy Fancher. Fred Lynch-Present, Glenn Johnson-Present, Holly Barnett-Absent, Blane Sherron-Present, Kristen Nash Present

Mayor Notes:

Mayor Sims is excited to let the Town and Council know that the RC&O Grant that was applied for was approved. We did receive the full \$10,000 and will be able to renovate at the Towns Basketball Court. These funds will go towards adding Lights around the court, paving and grade work.

Mayor Sims would like to thank Senator April Weaver for coming by the West Blocton Public Library. She listened to some of the needs of the community and gave a monetary contribution to Library.

Additions to Agenda:

Purchase of Town of West Blocton Sign for Softball Field- Motion made by Council Member Glenn Johnson. Motion was Seconded by Council Member Blane Sherron and all in favor.

Representative from Bibb Belles to speak to Council - Motion made by Council Member Kristen Nash. Motion was

Seconded by Council Member Blane Sherron and all in favor.

Mr. Allison would like to speak to Council about bringing in a Grocery Store and asking for the Town to approve paying for a feasibility study test that would cost between \$5,000 and \$10,000. Motion made by Council Member Kristen Nash. Motion was Seconded by Council Member Glenn Johnson and all in favor.

Council Approval Council Meeting Minutes August 19. 2024

Council Member Blane Sherron made the motion to approve the previous Council Meeting Minutes for 08-

24. Motion was seconded by Council Member Kristen Nash. All in favor and motion so carried.

Approval to Pay Monthly

Council Member Glenn Johnson made the motion to approve paying monthly bills. Motion was seconded by Council Member Kristen Nash. All in favor and motion so carried.

G&C Supply Company-Street Signs Replacement Roll Call Vote was used to approve a budget of \$15,000 to replace all street signs and post in the town. G&C Supply cost up to \$10,000 and \$5,000 for post. Council Member Fred Lynch-yes Council Member Glenn Johnson-yes Council Member Blane Sherron-Yes Council Member Kristen NashYes Yes-4 No-0 Motion Passes Unanimously.

Halloween Trick or Treat Candy Purchase

Roll Call Vote was used to approve the purchase of \$500 worth of candy from Sams to distribute to homeowners on Main Street to give out during Halloween Trick or Treat. Council Member Fred Lynch- Yes Council Member Glenn Johnson-Yes Council Member Blane Sherron-Abstained-Personal-Homeowner Council Member Kristen Nash-Yes 3-Yes !-Abstained Motion

Resignation/Buy Out Officer Christopher Ragland

Roll Call Vote was used to accept the resignation and buy out for Officer Ragland to the City of Brent effective 09/15/2024. Council Member Fred Lynch- Yes Council Member Glenn Johnson-Yes Council Member Blane Sherron-Yes Council Member Kristen Nash-Yes 4-Yes 0-No Motion Passes Unanimously.

June Financials

Roll Call Vote was used to approve June Financials/ Bank Statements. Council Member Fred Lynch- Yes Council Member Glenn Johnson-Yes Council Member Blane Sherron-Yes Council Member Kristen Nash-Yes 4-Yes 0-No Motion passes Unanimously

July Financials Roll Call Vote was used to approve July Financials/ Bank Statements. Council Member Fred Lynch- Yes Council Member Glenn Johnson-Yes Council Member Blane Sherron-Yes Council Member Kristen Nash-Yes 4-Yes 0-No Motion passes

Unanimously Town of West Blocton Sign for WBHS Softball

Roll Call Vote was used to renew the Town of West Blocton Sign for WBHS Softball \$100. Council Member Fred Lynch- Yes Council member Glenn Johnson-Yes Council Member Blane Sherron-Yes Council Member Kristen Nash-Yes 4-Yes 0-No Motion Passes Unanimously

Market Study for Grocery Store-Feasibility Test

Roll Call Vote was used to approve \$10,000 to have a feasibility test done for the possibility of bringing in a Grocery Store. Council Member Fred Lynch-Yes Council Member Glenn Johnson-Yes Council Member Blane Sherron-Yes Council Member Kristen Nash-Yes 4-Yes 0-No Motion Passes Unanimously

Citizens to speak:

Bibb Belle Sponsor Britney Humphries and member spoke to the council and gave a history of what the Bibb Belles do and talk about one of their upcoming events "Stuffing the Bus for Bundles of Hope beginning 9-23-2024. They have many donation sites where they are asking for diapers, pull ups and wipes. All support is appreciated.

Barbara Smith with the Town of West Blocton's Public Library gave an update that our Library is up to date with the

new laws mandated by the State to Safeguard our Mi-

Kenneth Allison spoke to the council about the "Food Desert" and the possibility of bringing in a Grocery Store. He stated that The Town of West Blocton falls into this issue. Mr. Allison stated that a feasibility test would give information that's needed to move forward.

District 1 Report: Council Member Fred Lynch stated there are issues with Red Mud on Pine Street that's running onto Rosa Park. He has concerns with water standing in drainage ditches. Lastly, he would like to see signs put up in honor of many community members that have been in West Blocton.

District 2 Report: No Re-

District 3 Report: Council Member Holly Barnett has had a couple of complaints of a Mustang speeding on Carter Road and Truman Aldrich

District 4 Report: Council Member Blane Sherron would like to commend our police department and the turn around that has been made.

District 5 Report: No Re-

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



The condition isn't bad but also not that good. It has a broken arm rest, bed frame is broken and gasket leaking oil. V4 Automatic transmission. For more information contact 205.434.0483

Scholarships Available for Automotive **Manufacturing Training**

BY SHEILA DUNCAN

REPORTER

The Alabama Automotive Manufacturers Association has once again partnered with the Alabama Community College System to provide \$400,000 in scholarships for residents interested in pursuing a career in automotive manufacturing

These \$4,000 scholarships are available to students enrolled in an Alabama community college program related to automotive manufacturing. The scholarships can be applied toward tuition, books, and fees for the 2025 spring, summer, or fall semesters.

Eligible programs include Mechatronics, Ad-

vanced Manufacturing Technology, Industrial Maintenance Technology, Automotive Service Technology, and more. Applicants must maintain a minimum 2.5 GPA to qualify.

To apply, visit the Dream It, Do It website at dreamitdoitalabama.com/aama/. The application deadline is Monday, November 4,

Beware of Scam Calls in **Bibb County**

BY SAVANNAH LOGAN REPORTER

The Bibb County Sheriff's Office is warning residents about an ongoing scam where individuals are impersonating law enforcement officials. Scammers are spoofing

number and falsely claiming to be from the office. They often call about missed jury duty, court dates, or outstanding warrants and demand pay-

The Sheriff's Office re-

the sheriff's office phone minds the community that they will never call you to ask for money or discuss jury duty. If you receive such a call, it is a scam. Please remain cautious and do not provide any personal or financial information over the phone.

Kids & Kin Statewide ZOOM **Trainings: September 2024 - March 2025**

BY SAVANNAH LOGAN REPORTER

The Family Guidance Center of Alabama is offering a series of Zoom trainings for caregivers through the Kids & Kin program. The sessions, running from September 2024 through March 2025, will take place on Mondays from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. These informative trainings are designed to provide valuable resources and knowledge for caregivers in various areas of childcare and development.

Upcoming Training Sched-September 23: The Power of

October 21: What Every Caregiver Should Know About Baby Shakes & Tremors

October 28: What is Stuttering (Disfluency)?

November 4: How to Talk to Kids About Human Trafficking November 18: When to Wor-

ry About Toddler Aggression December 2: Growth & Development: 6 to 12 years

December 9: The Power of Decision Making (APT) January 13: ADHD Signs & Symptoms

January 27: How to Talk About Money as a Family February 10: License Re-

quirements for Becoming a Home Daycare Provider February 24: More Than 1, 2, 3... What is Early Numeracy?

March 10: The Power of De-

March 24: First Aid & Safety

Caregivers are encouraged to participate in these sessions to enhance their skills and understanding of child development, safety, and caregiving strategies.

If you plan to attend any of these trainings, please contact Carmen Coleman, Relative Care Specialist for Bibb, Hale, Perry, and Tuscaloosa Counties, to receive the Zoom link, training credit, certificate, and accompanying book.

Contact Information: Carmen Coleman Specialist Relative (334)465-0049 ccoleman@familyguidancecen-

This is an excellent opportunity for caregivers to gain essential knowledge and skills to support

Pine Beetles -

the middle of the trunk, then spread up and down. The beetles bore through the bark and create winding "S" galleries where they lay eggs. Larvae feed in the cambium layer, pupate near the bark, and emerge as adults after 25 to 40 days, depending on the temperature. Control methods differ depending on the beetle type, so accurate identification is important. Overall, maintain-

Tuesday, October 22nd, from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM an informative event will be held at the National Guard Armory, located at 133 Walnut Street in Centreville. Experts will be on hand to discuss and answer questions about the challenges posed by Southern Pine Beetles. This event

ing healthy, vigorous trees

is the best way to prevent

beetle attacks.

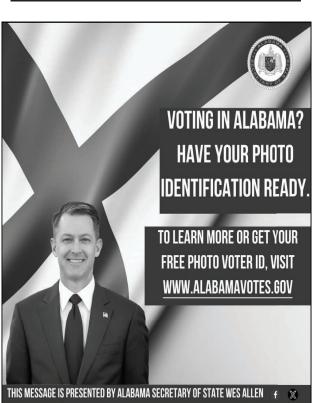
USDA Natural Resource tles.

Pine Beetles from page 2 is hosted by the Bibb Conservation Service, and Adult beetles are drawn to County Natural Resource the U.S. Forest Service. A weakened trees, but during Council, Alabama Forest- light dinner will be prooutbreaks, they also attack ry Commission, Alabama vided, and pre-registration seemingly healthy ones. Cooperative Extension, is required. For more de-They typically begin in Bibb County Soil & Wa- tails, visit www.aces.edu/ ter Conservation District, event/southern-nine-bee-









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WBHS vs. FAIRFIELD FOOTBALL

Tigers get big region win against Fairfield PHOTOS BY KANDI SMITH

By Brent Buckner

The West Blocton Tigers started out strong against region foe Fairfield, scoring on each of their first two possessions. The first drive was capped off with a long run by Nate Barron, and the second drive ended with a touchdown pass from Caden Fancher to Evan Pearson. The Tigers' defense held Fairfield to three straight three-andouts on their first three possessions. On the Tigers' first drive of the second quarter, Fancher hit Hiler Spencer for two long completions. Pearson had several good runs before Fancher broke a long run for a touchdown making the score 21-0.

Fairfield had a long touchdown drive midway through the second quarter bringing the score to 21-7. The Ti-

gers got the ball and quickly scored again from another touchdown run by Fancher making the score 28-7. Unfortunately, the West Blocton gave up a fifty-yard Hail Mary touchdown pass going into half time making it 28-14. Fairfield got the ball first after halftime and scored quickly, tightening the score to 28-21. Barron caught a pass out of the backfield for the Tigers and took them down into scoring position. Fancher connected with Spencer for another touchdown pass a few plays later making the score 35-21. Barron added two fourth quarter touchdown runs, finishing the game with a final score of 49-33.

The Tigers had several strong offensive performers this week. Nate Barron led with 18 carries for 217 yards rushing and three touchdowns, ending the game with 363 all-purpose yards. Caden Fancher was 8 of 11 for 121 yards passing with two touchdowns and had 13 carries for 150 yards rushing and two touchdowns. Braydan Martin went 7 for 7 on extra points on the night.

Defensive leaders on the night for West Blocton were Cooper Deerman with 12 tackles and Levi Carey with 11 tackles. Cason Cook, Charles Graham, and Palmer Milligan all contributed with six tackles each. Eli Underwood had five tackles on the night plus two sacks and six quarterback hurries or hits.

West Blocton (3-4 overall, 2-3 in region play) travels to Pleasant Grove (6-1 overall, 5-0 in region play) this Friday. Kickoff is at 7 p.m.

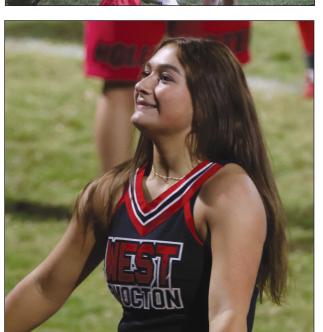




Cooper Deerman with a tackle for a loss.













Cason Cook with a tackle for a loss.



Nate Barron with the kick return for the Tigers.



McCord Sloan tracking down the QB for a sack.



Caden Fancher to Evan Pearson TD pass





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She is about 1 year old, Beagle Mix, great with kids.

For more information please contact Chase Holifield with the Bibb County Animal Shelter at 205.316.1254

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FAWN

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Students were also captivated by "Biodiversity in Bibb", where Brian Keener shared fascinating facts about Alabama's incredible diversity of animal species, highlighting the state's unique position as a leader in species variety. At "Farmer for a Day," Sutton Gibbs provided a fun, hands-on experience by allowing students to "milk" a pretend cow, teaching them about the value of farm work. Meanwhile, Joan Rundle's "Leaf and Tree ID" station offered students the chance to learn about local tree species and take educational materials home. Rick LeCroy's "Hover Craft Rescue" and Jared Kornegay's "Fire Fighting Tools" stations rounded out the day, with demonstrations on rescuing individuals using hovercrafts and the tools necessary for responsible fire management.

For the 6th graders, the event focused on practical survival skills and career exploration in conservation. At "First Aid in the Woods," Jackson Chance

taught vital first-aid techniques that could be used in wilderness emergencies. Dylan Taylor and Holly Hall led a fascinating session at the "Bugs" station, helping students differentiate between insects and arthropods and teaching them identification techniques. "Careers in Conservation" with Bobby Jackson provided students with insights into forestry and natural resource management as viable career paths.

Nikki Strain's "Soil Profiles" station educated students on the importance of soil conservation and its essential role in supporting biodiversity, while Courtney McDaniel's "Wildlife Conservation" station focused on protecting local wildlife. Finally, at "Hunter Safety," Katie Burke and Brett Makemson emphasized the critical importance of safety and responsibility in hunting practices, ensuring students understood the importance of ethical hunting and conservation efforts.

These stations, designed to be both educational and

engaging, gave students a deeper understanding of their natural surroundings and the ways in which they can contribute to environmental stewardship.

FAWN 2024 was more than just a day out of the classroom; it was an immersive learning experience that promoted active participation and environmental consciousness. Teachers and students alike expressed their enthusiasm for the event. Both students and teachers look forward to this event each year!

Forestry Awareness Week Now has proven to be a vital tool in shaping the environmental perspectives of Bibb County's youth. Through its combination of expert instruction, interactive learning, and exposure to Alabama's natural wonders, FAWN encourages students to become lifelong advocates for conservation and environmental stewardship. As this event continues to grow, its impact on the local community and the future of Alabama's natural resources is sure to expand as well.





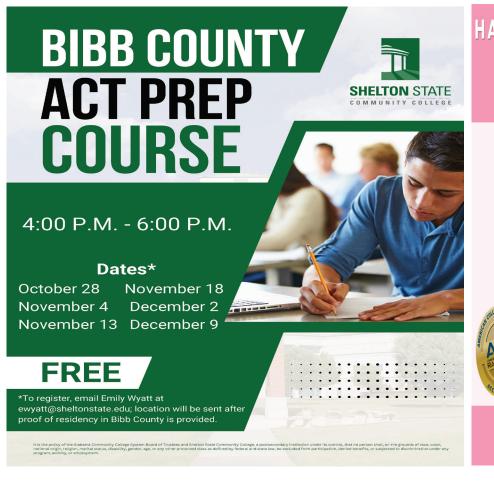






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