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18-Wheeler Accident Shuts Down Part of Highway 5 in Brent

BY SHEILA DUNCAN
REPORTER

Early Saturday morning around 3 a.m., the Brent Volunteer Fire Department responded to an accident on Highway 5 near the bridges by Bethel Baptist Church involving an 18-wheeler.

The crash led to road closures, and traffic was re-routed for the remainder of the day. Many responders stayed on site from 3 a.m. until approximately 11 p.m. McKinney Wrecker had crews present from 1 a.m., coordinating efforts alongside other teams to restore

power and phone lines, and to facilitate the transfer of the tanker's contents to a new vehicle. Numerous individuals helped direct traffic and managed the scene. Remarkably, the driver walked away from the incident with only minor cuts and bruises.



Cahaba Medical Care Opens New Psychiatry Center in Woodstock

BY SAVANNAH LOGAN
REPORTER

On Friday, October 25, Cahaba Medical Care celebrated the grand opening of its new Psychiatry Center in Woodstock, marking a significant expansion of mental health services for rural Alabama. The event, attended by local community members, leaders, and healthcare advocates, showcased Cahaba's commitment to addressing critical mental health needs in underserved areas.

Dr. John B. Waits, CEO of Cahaba Medical Care, began the ceremony with a warm welcome and provided an overview of the organization's mission. He introduced Dr. Rountree, the center's psychiatrist, whose Alabama roots and dedication to rural mental healthcare inspired him to join Cahaba's team. Dr. Rountree recently became a double board-certified psychiatrist, specializing in both adult and child/adolescent

psychiatry, a qualification that uniquely positions him to meet the mental health needs of a diverse patient population in Woodstock and surrounding communities.

Cheryl Dodson, Executive Director of the Alabama Suicide Prevention and Resources Coalition (ASPARC), shared her perspective on the importance of the new center, noting how its presence enhances local resources in suicide prevention. Dodson has been actively involved in mental health advocacy, particularly in response to issues highlighted by the S-Town podcast, which brought national attention to mental health needs in the area. She emphasized her gratitude for the center's presence, which she sees as a vital support for her organization's work.

Senator April Weaver, who has collaborated with Cahaba Medical Care for nearly two decades, also spoke at the event. She praised Dr. Waits and

Cahaba's co-founder and COO, Dr. Lacy Smith, for their longstanding efforts to improve healthcare access in Bibb County. Senator Weaver reflected on the strides made together in behavioral and mental health services and reaffirmed her commitment to pursuing legislative and funding opportunities that will further enhance care in rural Alabama.

Cahaba Medical Care has become widely recognized for its integrated behavioral health approach, which includes placing counselors in clinics and school-based health clinics. In Bibb County, the urgent need for expanded mental health and psychiatry services, as exposed by the S-Town podcast, inspired Cahaba to establish a new psychiatry program. Dr. Rountree, who joined the team a year ago, will anchor this program at the Woodstock center, where he will also play a key role in Cahaba's new psychiatry training initiative.

Resolution Honors Jimmy Stabler Jr. for 47 Years of Service at Bibb Medical Center

BY SAVANNAH LOGAN
REPORTER

In a heartfelt resolution passed on October 28, 2024, the Bibb County Commission recognized and honored Jimmy Stabler Jr. for his remarkable 47 years of service to Bibb Medical Center. A cornerstone of the custodial team, Mr. Stabler has dedicated nearly five decades to ensuring the health, safety, and cleanliness of the facility, and his unwavering commitment has not gone unnoticed.

Throughout his tenure, Mr. Stabler has played an essential role in maintaining a sanitary and welcoming environment for patients, visitors, and staff. Custodial team members like Mr. Stabler are often unsung heroes in healthcare settings, but their contributions are vital. The resolution underscored that through his work, Mr. Stabler has been a critical force in helping Bibb Medical Center operate smoothly, creating a clean and safe environment that positively impacts the lives of everyone who enters its doors.

Mr. Stabler's dedication proved particularly invaluable during the recent global pandemic. In the face of unprecedented health risks, he worked tirelessly to uphold strict infection prevention stan-

dards, significantly reducing the spread of illness within the facility. His selfless commitment and resilience served as a safeguard for Bibb Medical Center's patients, staff, and the broader Bibb County community, underscoring his essential role as a frontline protector of public health.

For his outstanding dedication and invaluable contributions, the Bibb County Commission expressed deep gratitude to Mr. Stabler, marking this resolution as a permanent record of his legacy within the community. The County Commission praised Mr. Stabler's "exceptional commitment" and highlighted the impact of his years of hard work on the well-being of countless in-

dividuals.

The resolution not only celebrates Mr. Stabler's exceptional service but also serves as a tribute to the often-overlooked dedication of custodial team members in healthcare. It acknowledges the essential role they play in promoting public health, particularly during times of crisis, and honors the legacy of a man who has made an indelible mark on Bibb Medical Center and the community it serves.

As Mr. Stabler's name is entered into the permanent records of the Bibb County Commission, this tribute will serve as a reminder of his decades of steadfast service, a lasting testament to the impact he has made on his community.



Stella-Jones: A Leader in Industrial Wood Products

BY SHEILA DUNCAN
REPORTER

Stella-Jones is a prominent North American company specializing in the manufacturing and distribution of pressure-treated wood products for industrial use. With 47 facilities across North America, the company supplies a range of products, including utility poles, railroad crossties, and treated lumber, serving clients around the globe.

The company has a significant presence in the southern United States, with 20 facilities stretching from Warsaw, Virginia, through the Carolinas, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Arkansas, and into Texas in cities like Lufkin and Jasper. These locations primarily produce and distribute wood utility poles, while several other facilities focus on manufacturing crossties. Stella-Jones employs over 3,000 people throughout North America.

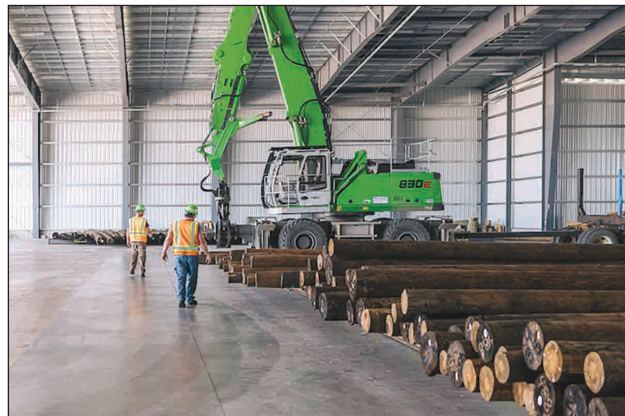
Among its facilities,

the SJC Brierfield plant stands out as the largest pole production site, employing nearly 100 people from and near Bibb County, Alabama. The nearby Montevallo facility, located just across the Shelby-Bibb County line, also employs several Bibb County residents and specializes in producing railroad crossties.

Stella-Jones is dedicated to delivering exceptional value to clients by providing industry-leading products and services. By sticking to its core strengths and pursuing growth strategically, the company has become a re-

liable supplier in the North American wood treatment industry.

The mission at Stella-Jones is to lead in wood preservation performance and corporate responsibility, promoting environmental stewardship and maintaining integrity in all business dealings. The company values every employee's contribution and fosters a culture of inclusion, encouraging initiative, participation, and idea-sharing. They strive to meet customer needs with superior service and products, knowing that success stems from hard work and dedication.



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NEWS



The Bibb County Special Education Department has received a grant from the Alabama Department of Education, Special Education Services to enhance and develop positive post- secondary employment outcomes for students with Disabilities. The State Personnel Development Grant (SPDG) Transition Grant works collaboratively with other agencies to ensure employment opportunities for students with disabilities after exiting high school. On October 21st the Bibb County Transition team invited other agencies who provide services to students and their families to a meeting to discuss how to best collaborate and plan effective to ensure every student who exits school in Bibb County has a pathway to success. In attendance at the meeting were Clint Riner- BCHS, Monisha Ramsey- WBHS, Angela Lint- West Blocton High School, Caitlyn Haynes- Vocational Rehabilitation Services, Amy Hatter- BCHS, Julie McKinney- West Blocton High and Jennifer Downs- Bibb County SPE Coordinator. Standing: Vickie Brown, ALSDE Transition Instructional Coach. Donna Hodges, Trainer, Gregory Dumas- CMS, Barry Coleman - Easter Seals, Brian Redfearn and Alisha Skelton- Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services, Katherine Williams- BCHS, Brenda McRee- WBMS, Tiffany Childs- Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services, Kim Smith- Disability Rights and Resources and Becci Hauser- United Cerebral Palsy.

Fire Danger Advisory Issued for All Alabama Counties Amid Drought Conditions

BY SAVANNAH LOGAN
REPORTER

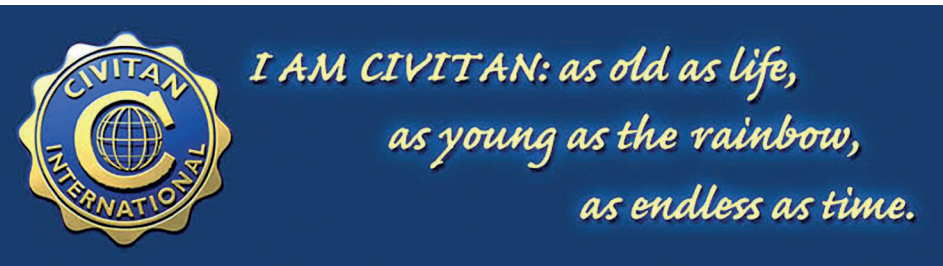
The Alabama Forestry Commission (AFC) has issued a statewide Fire Danger Advisory as drought conditions continue to worsen across Alabama. With dry weather persisting and no significant rainfall in sight, the advisory is effective immediately and will remain in place until the state receives enough precipitation to reduce fire risks.

The advisory comes after a concerning increase in wildfire activity due to

last month's unseasonably warm and dry weather. In just 30 days, Alabama has experienced 246 wildfires, which have burned approximately 3,000 acres statewide. A major contributing factor to these fires is the large number of dead pine trees left from a southern pine beetle infestation this summer, which now serve as highly flammable fuel in forests. According to the AFC, this dead timber not only increases the likelihood of wildfires but also makes containment more challenging for firefighters.

A Fire Danger Advisory highlights the increased availability of materials that can ignite and spread fires quickly under drought conditions. While the AFC has not implemented a burn restriction, the agency strongly advises against any outdoor burning until conditions improve.

For the safety of Alabama residents and the preservation of its forests, the AFC urges everyone to take this advisory seriously, practice extreme caution outdoors, and report any signs of fire immediately.



Brent Civitan Club: Over 70 Years of Community Service

BY SHEILA DUNCAN
REPORTER

Chartered on September 7, 1951, the Brent Civitan Club has been dedicated to serving the local community for over seven decades. As a service club, their mission is to create positive change through a variety of initiatives and to support numerous causes that benefit our neighbors and community.

To generate funds that are reinvested in community programs, the Brent Civitan Club has organized a variety of fundraising activities over the years. From chicken dinners and fruit cake sales to raffles and Boston Butt sales, they have relied on the support of the community to fuel their efforts. This year, they are excited to add smoked ham sales to their list of fundraising events for Thanksgiving holidays.

The money raised through these initiatives is used to support several important local causes:

Scholarships: They provide a scholarship to the Bibb County Junior Miss program, helping young women in our community achieve their educational dreams.

Special Olympics:

The Brent Civitan Club proudly supports Special Olympics, fostering an inclusive environment where athletes can shine.

Library Support: They contribute to the Brent/Centreville Library, recognizing the importance of literacy and access to knowledge for everyone.

Accessibility Projects: Over the years, they have helped build wheelchair ramps for individuals in need, improving accessibility and independence.

Youth Leadership: They sponsor local youth to attend conferences focused on good citizenship, helping to develop the next generation of community leaders.

You may have seen blue candy boxes around town. These aren't just for satisfying a sweet tooth; they are part of the Civitan's fundraising efforts for the UAB Civitan International Research Center, which is dedicated to research on developmental disabilities. By supporting these research efforts, they aim to make a difference in the lives of individuals with developmental disabilities.

Civitan International began in Birmingham, Alabama, in 1917, and has since grown into a worldwide service organization.

Today, Civitan clubs around the globe work to improve communities, inspire good citizenship, and promote inclusive service projects.

If you would like to help with Holiday Smoked Ham fundraiser, place your order NOW!! to ensure you get a ham by calling (205) 225-4010 or (205) 361-7563. Pick-up will be available at Brent City Hall on Tuesday, November 26, 2024, from 2:00 PM to 5:30 PM. Make your holiday meal a little easier this year with a delicious smoked ham!

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF BRENT has developed its Public Housing Agency Plan in compliance with the Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act of 1998. The Brent Housing Authority Board of Commissioners will conduct a Public Hearing Thursday, January 2, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. at the main office located at 10 White Street and Hwy 25 South, Brent, AL. The purpose of the hearing is to discuss the Agency Plan and to invite public comment regarding the plan. Relevant information to the Plan is available in a binder in the office for the public to view. A draft copy of the plan is available for review prior to the meeting at the above address. The Brent Housing Authority hours of operation are 8:00 am to 4:00 p.m., Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday and closed for lunch from 12:00 -1:00. For additional information concerning the public hearing please call (205)-926-7781.



Capturing Life: Wife, Mom, and Photographer - Bridget Stokes

BY SHEILA DUNCAN
REPORTER

Photography is a skill, and Bridget Stokes certainly has it! Whether she's capturing the high-energy excitement of a game-winning shot or the intensity of a team's focus mid-play, her sports photography brings the moment to life. Her work not only freezes action but also tells a story through the lens, showcasing athletes' dedication, passion, and power. Each photo feels like you're right there in the midst of the action, experiencing the thrill of the sport firsthand. Bridget's eye for detail and ability to snap that perfect, fleeting moment is what makes her a standout photographer. Bridget has also developed a reputation for creating extraordinary self-portraits that leave a lasting impression. Her unique ability to capture personality, emotion, and style in each shot sets her work apart. Locals rave about her creativity and how she turns each session into a fun, personalized experience. Whether it's bold lighting, creative angles, or a natural, candid vibe, Bridget's portraits are anything but ordinary. Her self-portraits bring out the best in her subjects, making them true works of art that stand out in the community.

I had the joy of chatting with this lovely lady about how she juggles her passion for photography with being a mom and managing family life. Let's dive into what she had to say!

What inspired you to get into photography, and how has your style evolved over the years? "Photography has always been something that I enjoyed, but I didn't really get into it until I left my job as a paralegal due to chronic migraines. I love being able to capture the emotions of people, especially candid shots. I mainly focused on taking pictures of my nephews playing sports and did family portraits for just close family and friends for a long time. When I continued to have people ask me about doing sessions outside of that realm, I decided to give it a shot since my favorite place to be is behind a camera. Taking that leap, I am now extremely busy with my photography, and I wouldn't have it any other way. I am fortunate enough to capture families through the years and get to know people I would otherwise have never met. Photographing sports of my nephews when they were younger turned into a love, I never thought I would have. I absolutely love photographing sports for Bibb County students in all areas, as well as photographing little league games. The most rewarding thing about being a sports

photographer is meeting a lot of great people and forming relationships that continue for years."

Do you have a favorite type of photography (portraits, landscapes, travel photography, etc.)? "Why does it resonate with you? I don't think it's possible to have a favorite type of photography, of course that's just my opinion and others would probably disagree with that. I will say that capturing sports is a challenge and I enjoy that aspect; however, it is hard not to enjoy photographing new places I am fortunate enough to get to visit just as much. Every new place is rewarding to see. From the mountains to the rivers to the cityscapes I do not take any place for granted."

Have your travels influenced your photography? What's the most photogenic place you've ever visited? "I think that everyone should travel to new places as often as possible. God created so many beautiful places and it is hard, for me anyway, to not want to visit as many of them as possible during my lifetime. Sure, local travel is easier, but I feel like you miss out on so much by doing that. We have found that traveling to faraway places really isn't expensive if you plan ahead. I do love being able to photograph our adventures and share them with others who may not go there. I love hearing people tell me that they feel like they live through our travels. I know we are truly blessed to be able to go where we go and do what we do and, for that, I am very grateful."

Can you share a funny or surprising moment you've had while taking photos? "We do a lot of wildlife photography in Cades Cove in Tennessee. One time we were on a hillside and a re-

ally good friend of ours was with us. He had his camera on his tripod, and we were standing there taking a break before going to look for more wildlife. A deer came up from behind us and kept getting closer and closer. Eventually the deer walked up to our friend's tripod and sniffed all around it. He was a beautiful buck who was curious. Moments in nature with wildlife are often magical."

How do you balance capturing the moment versus enjoying it with your own eyes? "I often tell people that I have no idea what is actually going on around me because my face is in the camera. I see only what I am looking at at any particular moment. For me, it is worth missing out on other things to be able to capture any given moment in time that will always be with us thanks to that photograph. So many parents tell me that they are thankful for me capturing what I do so that they can actually enjoy the moment. I am so glad that God allows me to do that for them."

As a mom of a college student, how do you juggle family life with your photography career? "Chandler lives in Laramie, Wyoming where he is pursuing a PhD in Economics. I am very blessed to be able to travel to see him often, and he also gets to come here regularly. He lives in a place that is so beautiful that it is hard not to be jealous of him and the life he is living. He is able to hike mountains that most of us will never see. Chandler is also a photographer. He has captured some breathtaking scenery and wildlife over the years, but especially now that he lives out West."

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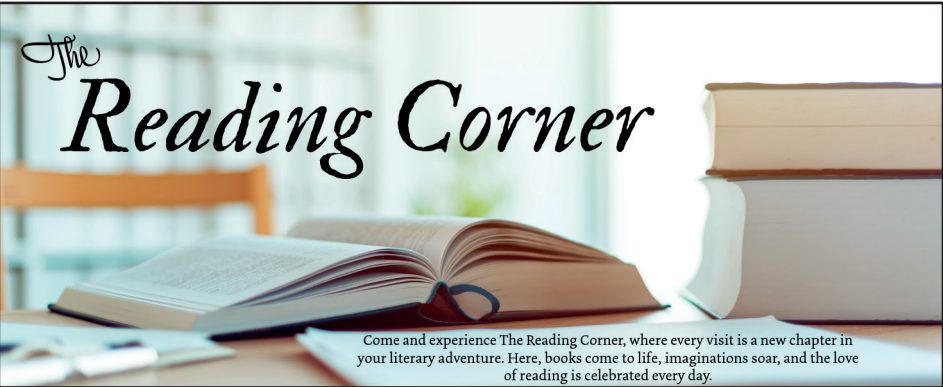
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NEWS/CALENDAR



Into the Water by Paula Hawkins

BY WHITNEY BUZBEE
CP STAFF

Another mystery/thriller and it’s a good one! A single mother turns up dead at the bottom of the river that runs

through town. Earlier in the summer, a vulnerable teenage girl met the same fate. They are not the first women lost to these dark waters, but their deaths disturb the river and its

history, dredging up secrets long submerged. Left behind is a lonely fifteen-year-old girl. Parentless and friendless, she now finds herself in the care of her mother’s

sister, a fearful stranger who has been dragged back to the place she deliberately ran from—a place to which she vowed she’d never return. With the same mysterious and thrilling

writing that captivated millions of readers around the world in her explosive debut thriller, The Girl on the Train, Paula Hawkins delivers a deeply satisfying read that hinges on the decep-

tiveness of emotion and memory, as well as the devastating ways that the past can reach a long arm into the present. Beware a calm surface—you never know what lies beneath.

Brierfield Historical Park to Hold Veteran’s Day Celebration This Weekend

SPECIAL TO THE PRESS

On Saturday November 9th, beginning at 4:00 p.m. the Brierfield Histori-

cal Park will be hosting the 151st Army National Guard Band and providing the crowd with free hotdogs. This event is BYOC-Bring

your own chair! Should the event need to be cancelled due to weather, we will provide an update on Facebook two hours before the event.

EVENINGS

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.
- » Treasurer Forest of Bibb County will meet on November 21 at the BC Library from 7-8pm. Guest Speaker will be Dory Stinnett on Long Leaf Pines.

WEEKLY CHURCH SERVICES

- » Green Pond Presbyterian Church, Service at 10 a.m. every Sunday. Pastor, Bev Dodson.
- » Enon Baptist Church 5286 Montevallo Rd. Centreville, AL 35042. Sunday worship 10:30am, Sunday School 9:30am, contact info 205-928-9421 or 205-490-4830.
- » Woodstock United Methodist Church services begin Sunday School at 10am Worship at 11.
- » Sandy Chapel Church services start at 9 am for preaching 10 am for Sunday School.
- » Scottsville Union Church, Co. Rd. 9., Sun. School-10 a.m., Worship-11 a.m., Sun. eve. Bible Study 5 p.m., Wed. service 6 p.m, Bro. J. R. Keeton, Pastor. Info, 205-340-1864.
- » New Life West Blocton a revival oriented church. Sunday Service at 11am, Wed. night service at 7pm. Pastor Greg Brock 205.441.2809
- » Little Hope Primitive Baptist Church holds services on Sat. before 3rd Sun. of each month at 10am. Elder Scott Sexton-Pastor. For info 205-225-4341.
- » Scottsville Baptist Church holds church service on Tue. at 7pm. with a different speaker each week.
- » God’s House of Prayer 489 Co. Rd 162 Marion, AL (in Heiberger) hold services every Sunday at 11am.
- » Centreville Church of Christ, 824 Montevallo Rd., Centreville. 926-5683. Assembly times-Sun. a.m. Bible Study-9:30, a.m. Worship-10:30, p.m. Worship-5:00 p.m.; Wed. night-6:30.
- » Six Mile Baptist Church: Sunday School on Sun. at 10am, Worship at 11am. Wed. Bible Study at 6 pm.
- » 1st United Pentecostal Church of Centreville has weekly services. Pastor Marilyn Belcher, Asst. Pastor Murray Nichols. For info, call 205-225-0007.
- » New Jerusalem Holiness Church holds services in the Woodstock Plaza on Sun. at 10:30 am and 6:30 pm, and Wed. at 7:30pm.
- » Apostolic Revival Center holds services on Sunday: Sunday School 2pm. and Worship 3pm.; Wed. Bible Study 7pm.
- » West Blocton Bible Methodist Church holds services on: Sunday School 10am, Worship Service 11am, Sunday Night 5pm & Wednesday night 6pm. The Bible Methodist Church meeting every second Tues. of each month at 10:30, lunch provided.
- » Randolph Baptist Church Sunday School 9am, preaching 10am. Wednesday night teen kids & youth 6:15pm, supper provided at 6pm.

MONTHLY MEETINGS & REMINDERS

- » The Bibb County Planning Commission is an organization involving county landowners and forestry groups. We meet the third Tuesday of each month at 1PM in the Alabama Forestry Commission Office located at 9712 Highway 5, Brent, AL.
- » Car Tag Renewal Months: (Alphabet indicates the first letter of last name) January-A/D, February-B, March-C/E, April-F/G/N, May-H/O, June-M/I, July-P/L, August-J/K/R, September-Q/S/T, October-U-Z and November-Commercial.
- » Brierfield Fire & Rescue meets on the last Monday of each month at 7pm at Station 1 located at 18756 AL-139. For more information, call the Station at 205-665-3060. We welcome volunteers!
- » Green Pond Fire & Rescue holds its monthly meetings every first Tuesday of the month at 6:00 pm at Station 1, located at 19629 Eastern Valley Road in Woodstock. These meetings are open to the public and everyone is invited and encouraged to attend. For more information, call GPFR at 205-938-9991 or visit greenpondfire.com
- » The Bibb County Bee Keepers Association August meeting will be at The Cahaba Lily Center in West Blocton. For more info call the BC Extension Office at 205-926-4310 or mdh0007@aces.edu or Chuck Allen 205-202-0501. Find us on FB at Bibb Co. Beekeepers.
- » Bama Carry of Bibb County meets on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at the Sawmeal Restaurant. For more info contact Danny Jones 928-2455.
- » Women for Sobriety meets every Tues. at 5:30pm. For info call Karen 205-718-4097.
- » F. O. P. meets the 3rd Mon. of each month at Rock Building.
- » Bibb County Soil & Water meets at 9:00 a.m. on the 3rd Tue. of each month at 183 S. W. Davidson Dr., Centreville. 926-4360.
- » Bibb County GOP will hold quarterly meetings 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.
- » American Legion Post 47 West Blocton meets 7pm on the 4th Tues. of each month at 195 Rose Lane in West Blocton. Veterans are encouraged to attend. For more info call Jimmy Fitts 938-3713 or Gary Monk 938-0621. American Legion Auxiliary & Sons of American Legion are accepting members. Call Jan Fitts 938-3713 or Cathy Atchison 938-7617.
- » The Brent Cemetery Committee reminds the community of its policy of periodically removing old & faded flowers from cemetery. We welcome flowers, but ask you to remove flowers when faded.

LIBRARY HOURS

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

PRAYER & SUPPORT GROUPS

- » Join us at the Celebrate Recovery support group each Tuesday at 7pm in the Fellowship Hall at Brent Bible Methodist Church. For more information contact Dwight Crosley at 812-675-1543.
- » Cancer Support Group Startup for Bibb County. Anyone interested - please call and provide your contact information 205-926-5803 or 205-316-8741.
- » Group One, a Bibb County Cancer Support groups meets at BMC, AOB meeting room the fourth Thursday of each month. For information call 205-316-8970.
- » If you need help, call 2-1-1 for community services to get assistance. United Way of West AL.
- » Is your church or civic organization interested in starting a “Home Delivery Meal Ministry (Program)”? At the core of the pro-grams is a nutritious meal, companionship and a watchful eye on the health and safety of our senior adults who have trouble getting around. For more information call (205-926-3968).
- » Helping Other People Excel (HOPE) in Bibb County is a group of stakeholders within the Bibb County Community who have a vested interest in ensuring that all residents have the knowledge, skills, and abilities to obtain available resources that will equip them to thrive. Whether you (or someone you know) is in need of food, clothes, or other resources, our coalition works to either provide or help identify resources to meet your needs. Please contact John Skinner at 205-876-6931 or via email at compassionandhopefoodbasket@gmail.com or H.O.P.E. in Bibb County at hopeinbibbco@gmail.com.

FREE CLASSES

- » Bibb Family Connections offers free Parenting Classes on the 2nd and 4th Thur. of each month at 10:00 am. The Earn While You Learn class offers opportunities for those with infants and toddlers to earn baby supplies and needs while attending classes. For more info call 205-926-3170 or come by Mon. mornings from 9-1 to sign up. Email, bibbsavealife@gmail.com. 48 University Way, Brent, AL.
- » Bibb Family Connections is always looking for volunteers and donations. Please call 205-926-3170 to find out how to help.
- » GED classes are offered free of charge to Bibb Co. residents at Brent Elem. School, 4 nights wkly, Mon.-Thur. Classes begin at 5:00 p.m. Vouchers are available to help pay the cost of the GED test for class participants. More info, call 205-260-0041.
- » The new Genealogy Class will be held monthly the 2nd and 4th Wednesday at 10:00 a.m at the Woodstock Community Library. Dianne Chesser returns as our master genealogist and patrons will have free access to Ancestry.com during class time. Those interested may call 938-0008 or check our Facebook for more information. www.facebook.com/woodstockcommunitylibrary

QUARTERLY MEETINGS

- » The Bibb County Chapter of the Alabama Treasure Forest

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COMMUNITY NEWS



West Eoline News

From The Pen Of Jane Hannah



Whoop whoop what a week. Ruth Deason and I spent eight days cruising the Western Caribbean. We docked in Guatemala (Isla Royatan), Belize, Mexico (Costa Mayo), Mexico (Cozumel). My back and knee prevented me from venturing too far but I certainly enjoyed the many on-board food choices, friendly staff and interesting travelers. My great granddaughter Avery (12) was admitted to Children's Hospital on Tuesday with severe gallbladder issues. For years she has suffered from undiagnosed stomach pain. Hopefully this will be the end of her pain issues, once she recovers from surgery. She passed the stones from the bile duct into the gallbladder on Thursday but the surgery schedule was full

on Friday. She was sent home Sunday... to start all over! Meantime, I'm enjoying good food and weather that is rocking the ship. Saturday was a rocking boat good time. We debarked on Sunday morning and arrived home about noon.

Sunday, Wayne Deason was blessed to witness baby dedication for several of his great grandchildren at Duncanville Baptist Church.

Amy Ellison is in Tuscaloosa Aspire for rehabilitation. Jo Kitchen and Geneva Mullins visited her one day last week. Anita Helms and Ruth Deason are also frequent visitors.

Jo Kitchen enjoyed lunch on her birthday last Saturday with her daughter Donna. The siblings will take her out for a celebration lunch on Wednesday.

Luther Holladay continues to amaze his family with his extensive mechanical expertise. He couldn't find anyone to work on an ATV, so he dug in and fixed it himself. Tracey is happy to have the use of it.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY this week Janet Fancher 11-8, Terri Bowman 11-10, Tom Daniel 11-13.

UPCOMING WEDDINGS: Daniel Kitchen and Haley Cline will marry November 9, 2024 in Pell City, AL. Daniel is the grandson of Jo Deason Kitchen. Riley Smith and Sarah Garner's Wedding Day is December 21, 2024 in Orange Beach, AL. Sarah is the granddaughter of Wayne Deason.

Have a great week. Coll 478-396-2513 to share your news.



Centreville News

From The Pen Of Brenda Hubbard

Sympathy goes out to the family of Jean Marchant who passed away on October 11, 2024. Jean will be missed by her family and many friends,

Anniversary wishes go out to James and Barbara Smitherman who recently celebrated their 23rd Wedding Anniversary.

Colors on the Cahaba will be Uptown Centreville on November 9, 2024, from 10:00 a.m. till 2:00 p.m.

Related birthday wishes go out to Cheryl Frazier Hubbard.

Anniversary wishes go out to Butch and Judy Suttle who recently celebrated their

52 Wedding Anniversary.

Our deepest sympathy goes out to the Family of Kenneth Hubbard who passed away. His Celebration of Life was held on Friday, November 1, 2024, at Brent Baptist Church. Kenneth will be missed by his family and many friends.

Among those having birthdays in November are Carolyn Caddis, and Marie Cash.

Belated Birthday wished go out to Mile Oakley who celebrated his birthday.

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

LEGALS

Sealed bids will be received by Greenpond Water System at their office, located at 19639 Eastern Valley Road, Woodstock, Alabama 35188, until Thursday, December 5, 2024, at 1:00 P.M. CST, and then publicly opened and read aloud for furnishing all labor and materials, and performing all work described as follows: ARPA Water System Improvements: Phase II Booster Pump Stations Installation of one new booster pump station and rehabilitation and relocation of a second booster pump station for Greenpond Water to complete an interconnection with Citizens' Water System.

A non-mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held virtually on Thursday, November 21, 2024, at 1:00 P.M. CST. Instructions for attending the virtual pre-bid conference are included in the contract specifications. Greenpond Water System obtained funding through the Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM) Drinking Water State Revolving Fund/ American Rescue Plan Act-Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (DWSRF/ARPA-BIL) to make improvements to the water system. Compliance with all applicable Federal, State, and local laws, rules, and regulations are required.

Bid documents may be examined at Greenpond

Water System's office located at 19639 Eastern Valley Road, Woodstock, Alabama 35188. Bid documents may be purchased ONLY from Alabama Graphics online plan room at www.algraphicsplanroom.com or by calling (205) 252-8505. Project engineering firm is The Kelley Group, LLC (256) 248-7030. General contractors who bid must purchase at minimum the digital plans and specifications. Documents are available at reproduction cost with no refunds available.

Performance and Labor and Material Payment Bonds, proof of insurance, and a complete list of subcontractors and suppliers will be required prior to the signing of the Contract. A Performance Bond in an amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the contract costs and Labor and Material Payment Bond in an amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the contract cost in the form and terms approved by Greenpond Water System will be required at the signing of the contract. In addition, the Contractor must furnish to Greenpond Water System at the time of the signing of the contract a certificate of insurance coverage as provided in the specifications.

No bids will be considered unless the bidder, whether resident or non-resident of Alabama, is

properly qualified to submit a bid for this construction in accordance with all applicable laws of the State of Alabama. This shall include evidence of holding a current license from the State Licensing Board for General Contractors, Montgomery, Alabama, as required by Chapter 8 of Title 34, of the Code of Alabama, 1975. In addition, non-residents of the State, if a corporation, shall show evidence of having qualified with the Secretary of State to do business in the State of Alabama.

The bidder shall show evidence by clearly displaying the current license number on the outside of the sealed envelope in which the bid is delivered. In addition, bids shall be clearly identified on the exterior of the package with the bidder's name, address, the name of the project being bid, and time and place of the bid opening. No bid may be withdrawn after the scheduled closing time for receipt of bids for a period of sixty (60) days. The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive technical errors if the best interest of the Owner will thereby be promoted. All bids received after the date and time of the bid opening noted above will be returned unopened.

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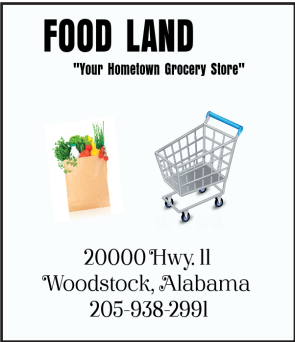
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1. The Project shall be known as the 2024 Citywide Paving Project and the general character of said project shall consist of pavement overlay and patching. The estimated construction cost for the project is \$200,000.00

2. Plans and specifications and all related Contract Documents are open for public inspection at the office of McGiffert and Associates, LLC, located at Tuscaloosa, Alabama, and plans, specifications and other elements of the contract documents may be obtained from the office of the Engineer, McGiffert and Associates, LLC, designated as the office of the awarding authority for this purpose, located at 2814 Stillman Boulevard, Tuscaloosa, Alabama 35401.

Plans, specifications and Contract Documents may be obtained at the above location upon the deposit of \$50.00, which amount does not exceed twice the cost of printing, reproduction, handling and distribution of each set of such documents. Deposits by prime Contractor bidders are refundable in full upon return of all documents in reusable condition within ten (10) days of bid opening. Additional sets of bid documents for prime Contractor bidders, subcontractors, vendors or dealers may be obtained upon payment of the same deposit. Such deposits will be refunded, less the cost of printing, reproduction, handling and distribution, if all the documents are returned in reusable condition within ten (10) days of bid

opening. All eligible refunds of deposits for plans and specifications will be made by the Owner within twenty (20) days of bid opening.

3. All bidders must be responsible, meeting the criteria and requirements set forth in the Instructions to Bidders and bid proposal. Prequalification of Bidders is not required. The attention of all bidders is called to the provisions of State law governing "general Contractors," as set forth in AL. CODE 34-8-1, et seq. (1975), and rules and regulations promulgated pursuant thereto. The Owner may not enter into a contract with a non-resident corporation or entity which is not qualified under State law to do business in the State of Alabama. All bidders shall possess all other licenses and/or permits required by applicable law, rule or regulation of the performance of the work. All bidders must submit with their proposal, Contractor's license number and a copy of the license. State law, AL CODE 34-8-8(b), requires all bids to be rejected which do not contain the General Contractor's current license number.

4. Each bidder must submit with its bid a cashier's check drawn on an Alabama bank or a fully executed bid bond on the form that is contained in the Contract Documents executed by a surety company duly authorized and qualified to make bond in the State of Alabama. All bonds, sureties and/or cashier checks will be made payable to the Owner for an amount not less than 5 percent of the Owner's or its Engineer's estimated cost of the project or of the total bid in the proposal, but in no event more than \$10,000.00.

A PreBid Conference **IS NOT** required for this project. Any questions concerning the project shall be directed to Draper McMillan, (205) 759-1521.

All bidders are advised to carefully read the Instructions to Bidders contained in the Contract Documents, which provisions and requirements are adopted herein by reference.

CITY OF BRENT
Bobbie White, Mayor
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MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having being made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage dated November 5, 2004 executed by Randy H. Sellers and Patricia K. Sellers, husband and wife, in favor of JAM Consultants, Inc., said Mortgage being recorded November 12, 2004, in Book 144, Page 185, in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Bibb County, Alabama; having later been assigned to he Bank of New York Mellon FKA The Bank of New York as Trustee for the certificateholders of CWABS, Inc., Asset Backed Certificates, Series 2005-BC2 by instrument recorded in Book 321, Page 661, in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Bibb County, Alabama. Said default continues and notice is hereby given that the undersigned, The Bank of New York Mellon FKA The Bank of New York as Trustee for the certificateholders of CWABS, Inc., Asset Backed Certificates, Series 2005-BC2, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at

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Property address: 2285 Townsend Road, Woodstock, AL 35188

For informational purposes only, the property address is: 2285 Townsend

of the SE 1/4 of Section 7, Township 21 South, Range 5 West, and being more particularly described as follows: Commence at the Southeast corner of the SE 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of Section 7, Township 21 South, Range 5 West, thence run Westerly along the South line for 820.02 feet to the point of beginning, thence turn 46 degrees 51 minutes 12 seconds to the right and run Northwesterly for 315.97 feet to a point in the centerline of Mountain Top Drive, thence turn 96 degrees 02 minutes 40 seconds to the left and run Southwesterly along said centerline for 145.29 feet to an old iron spike, thence run 7 degrees 44 minutes 55 seconds to the left and continue southwesterly along said centerline for 143.86 feet to a point on the South line of said SE 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of Section 7, Township 21 South, Range 5 West, thence turn 123 degrees 03 minutes 37 seconds to the left and run Easterly and along said South line for 389.52 feet to the point of beginning, more or less and except that part that lies within the right-of-way of road.

Commonly known as: 304 Mountain Top Drive, West Blocton, AL 35184

Parcel ID #: 02-03-07-0-000-008.008

THIS PROPERTY WILL BE SOLD ON AN "AS IS, WHERE IS" BASIS, WITHOUT WARRANTY OR RECOURSE, EXPRESSED OR IM-

Road, Woodstock, AL 35188. Any property address provided is not part of the legal description of the property sold herein and in the event of any discrepancy, the legal description referenced herein shall control.

THIS PROPERTY WILL BE SOLD ON AN "AS-IS, WHERE-IS" BASIS, SUBJECT TO ANY EASEMENTS, ENCUMBRANCES, AND EXCEPTIONS REFLECTED IN THE MORTGAGE AND THOSE CONTAINED IN THE RECORDS OF THE OFFICE OF THE JUDGE OF PROBATE OF THE COUNTY WHERE THE ABOVE-DESCRIBED PROPERTY IS SITUATED. THIS PROPERTY WILL BE SOLD WITHOUT WARRANTY OR RECOURSE, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED AS TO TITLE, USE AND/OR ENJOYMENT AND WILL BE SOLD SUBJECT TO THE RIGHT OF REDEMPTION OF ALL PARTIES ENTITLED THERETO.

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PLIED AS TO TITLE, USE AND/OR ENJOYMENT AND WILL BE SOLD SUBJECT TO THE RIGHT OF REDEMPTION OF ALL PARTIES ENTITLED THERETO.

Said sale will be made subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, whether or not now due and payable), any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and matters of record superior to the mortgage first set out above and restrictions of record in the Probate Office aforesaid, matters of survey, and to any Federal or State Tax liens, if any, and/or special assessments, if any, which might adversely affect the title to the premises.

Said sale will be made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by the above described mortgage to Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC, Mortgag-ee, and the proceeds thereof will be applied as provided for in the terms of said mortgage.

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This sale is made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by mortgage as well as the expenses of foreclosure, including a reasonable attorney's fees and other purposes set out in said mortgage.

The Bank of New York Mellon FKA The Bank of New York as Trustee for the certificateholders of CWABS, Inc., Asset Backed Certificates, Series 2005-BC2

Paul K. Lavelle, Esq.
Attorney for Mortgagee

Spina, & Lavelle, P.C.

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grams as a part of the foreclosure process.

The successful bidder must tender a non-refundable deposit of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) in certified funds made payable to McMichael Taylor Gray LLC at the time and place of the sale. The balance of the purchase price must be paid in certified funds by noon the next business day to McMichael Taylor Gray LLC at 3550 Engineering Drive, Suite 260, Peachtree Corners, GA 30092.

McMichael Taylor Gray, LLC reserves the right to award the bid to the next highest bidder should the highest bidder fail to timely tender the total amount due. The Mortgagee/Transferee reserves the right to bid for and purchase the real estate and to credit its purchase price against the expenses of sale and the indebtedness secured by the real estate. This sale is subject to postponement or cancellation.

Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC

AS ATTORNEY IN FACT FOR

Anna Lacey Keef and Cray Alexander Keef

Toni B. Smoke, Attorney for Mortgagee

McMichael Taylor Gray, LLC

3550 Engineering Drive, Suite 260

Peachtree Corners, GA 30092

404-474-7149

MTG File No.: AL2024-00358

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PROBATE NOTICE

Notice of Appointment of Personal Representative/Administrator Bibb County Probate Court Legal Notice Estate of William Elbert Vining, Jr.

Letters of Administration of said deceased having been granted to Susan Vining Bush, on October 25, 2024, by the Honorable

Stephanie Kemmer, Judge of Probate of Bibb County, Alabama. Notice is given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present same to this court within the time prescribed by law of the same will be barred.

Susan Vining Bush
Administrator
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NEWS

WEST BLOCTON TOWN COUNCIL

Meeting Date: October 7, 2024

The Town Council of the Town of West Blocton, Alabama met in a Regular Council Meeting at the Municipal Building on Monday, October 7, 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 Kristen Nash. 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 expressed the need to start discussing the upgrade of streetlights with Alabama Power to LED lights. The bulbs that we have now are no longer able to be replaced. This would need to be addressed in the next 3-4 months.

Mayor Sims would like to purchase meters to put on the water system to be able to determine where water loss is.

This would allow us

to know where water is being pumped in different locations.

Mayor Sims would like to make a Proclamation for October 5, 2024, to Honor Mrs. Collene Parker who recently passed away and was a long-time business owner and matriarch in the Town of West Blocton. Council Member Glenn Johnson made the motion to make the Proclamation and Council Member Kristen Nash seconded the motion. All Council Members were in favor.

I. Council Approval Council Meeting Minutes September, 16, 2024 Council Member Kristen Nash made the motion to approve the previous Council Meeting Minutes for 09-16-24. Motion was seconded by Council Member Blane Sherron. All in favor and motion so carried.

Approval to Close Main Street For Halloween

Council Member Blane Sherron made the motion to approve Closing Main Street on Halloween 10-31-2024 for Trick

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

Resolution 2024-10-07 Council Member Blane Sherron made the motion to approve Resolution 2024-10-07. Motion was seconded by

Council Member Glenn Johnson. All in favor and motion so carried. August Financials

Council Member Blane Sherron made the motion to approve August 2024 Financials. Motion was seconded by

Council Member Kristen Nash. All in favor and motion so carried.

Notice of Award for the Water System Improvement Project Contract B and Contract C

Roll Call Vote was used to approve Water System Improvement Project Contract B and C to Singleton Excavating. 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 Resolution to Award Water System Improvement Project Contract C

Roll Call Vote was used to approve Resolution to Award Water System Project Contract B and C to Singleton Excavating. Council Member Fred Lynch- Yes Council Member Glenn Johnson-Yes Council Member Blane Sherron-Yes Coun-

cil Member Kristen Nash-Yes 4-Yes 0-No Motion passes Unanimously Citizens to speak:

1. Kenneth Allison gave a brief update on the “Food Desert” and the possibility of bringing in a Grocery Store.

District 1 Report: No Report District 2 Report: No Report District 3 Report: No Report District 4 Report: No Report District 5 Report: No Report Roll Call Vote was

used to enter Executive Session at 7:40pm. All Council Members were in favor.

Enter back into Regular Session at 7:50pm.

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 Kristen Nash. All in favor and motion so carried.



Bibb County High School celebrates Red Ribbon Week 2025. Students were able to sign the Red Ribbon Pledge, receive the Red Ribbon Drug Free sticker, and information about DEA Agent Enrique Camarena. Peer Leader students and Mr. Rhine.

Community Connect

Community Connect from page 2

I am so incredibly proud of him, but I do admit it is hard with him living that far away.”

Have you used photography to document your child’s milestones? Do they love or hate having a camera in their face? “While Chandler loves taking pictures, he is not the biggest fan of having his picture made. He does it now more than he used to because he shares his life out West with me. Thankfully selfies are a thing, although I admit having a son is a lot different because he isn’t as into that as a girl would be. I do not take any photograph he sends me of himself for granted because I am not personally there to document his graduate school experience on a day-to-day basis.”

What advice do you give your college student when it comes to balancing passion and practical goals? “Chandler is, for the most part, a very levelheaded guy. He has set a goal for himself and has not had any problem staying focused. He used to be someone who pretty much lived their life indoors playing video games and now he spends a lot of his spare time outdoors hiking, photographing wildlife or backpacking in the backcountry. If you had told me when he was in high school that he would be living the life he is now I would have told you that you were crazy. It is hard to give advice to a son who balances school and his zest for life well on their own.”

Does your family ever join you on your photography adventures? How do they contribute to your creative process? “I live with a husband who enjoys wildlife, astro and landscape photography. He started photography when the two of us got together and now has a passion for

it. Travis doesn’t enjoy photographing people like I do, but that’s okay. He will now take sports photography of our nephews’ games, and I enjoy having him along with me for that, probably more than he realizes. Since Travis, Chandler and I all take photos we usually plan our trips around what kind of landscape and wildlife we will be able to photograph. We especially enjoy visiting National Parks across the country. If the three of us photograph a specific animal or landscape we will usually all have a different perspective, which is always nice to see when viewing the photographs we take.”

When traveling, do you bring your dogs along? How do you capture their personalities through your lens? “We have five dogs. Three that stay inside and two large dogs that live outside. We are very blessed to have someone who house sits for us when we travel. She loves our dogs, and they love her. Our small dogs have traveled with us in the past on occasion, but they are more comfortable in their own home than spending a lot of time on the road. I do now have a miniature bernedoodle who is training to be a service dog. He will be traveling with us more than our other dogs due to the nature of his training.”

What’s been your favorite travel destination with your family, and do you have any trips planned in the near future? “I fell in love with Grand Teton National Park the first time we visited it and I thought I would not love any park more than that just because of the feeling that park evoked. We traveled to Glacier National Park a couple of years ago and that changed. Glacier is awe inspiring. The blue glacier water and the mountains are not like anything

else we have seen, and we have traveled to some beautiful places. Our next travel adventure will be to visit Grand Teton in the winter. We haven’t been there this time of year, but I believe it will be something else in a blanket of white snow with the animals in sharp contrast against the white.”

Any tips for taking great photos? “Great photograph is simply a photograph that you love. No one else has to agree with that. You are capturing a moment in time from your viewpoint. The best advice I can give to people when taking a photograph is to make sure you think about what you want. After all, you are the ‘artist’ in that situation.”

If you could only photograph one subject for the rest of your life, what would it be and why? “I think choosing one subject to photograph for the rest of your life is impossible. That would be like a parent choosing their favorite child. Can that really happen?”

What’s one place on your bucket list you haven’t photographed yet but can’t wait to visit? “Our bucket list trip is Alaska. I have planned and planned but have yet to get an itinerary that sticks. Alaska is home to not only a lot of beautiful national parks, but also some incredible wildlife and landscapes. I want this trip to be one we will never forget.”

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

LEGALS

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE PURSUANT TO JUDICIAL 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 day of February, 2022, 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 Mort-

gage, sell at auction to the highest bidder for cash before the main entrance of the 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: 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 cir-

cumstances. 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. 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. Jack W. Pitts, Esq. 150 South Perry Street Montgomery, Alabama 36104 Our File No.:37591-3374 Attorneys for Assignee Alabama Housing Finance Authority Assignee Centreville Press October 18, 25, November 1 & 8, 2024

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Milton McKinney DBA Mckinney Wrecker gives notice of foreclosure of lien and intent to sell these vehicles on 12/4/24, 10:30am at 4901 Truman Aldrich Pkwy. West Blocton, AL 35184-2101, pursuant to subsection 32-13-3 of the Alabama Statutes. Milton McKinney DBA Mckinney Wrecker Service reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids. 1B4HR28Y6XF646078 1999 DODGE DURANGO 1G1JC6SH4F4154660 2015 CHEV SONIC

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PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BIBB COUNTY, ALABAMA DLJ Mortgage Capital, Inc., Plaintiff, Vs. Gloria A. Johnson, Et. AL, Defendants Case No: CV-2023-900031 NOTICE OF PUBLICATION TO DEFENDANTS: Melissa Scott, Andre Holman, Deziah Scott and Nathan Scott, whose whereabouts are unknown:

DLJ Mortgage Capital, Inc. having filed a Complaint for Reformation and Declaratory Judgment on the property described herein on May 18, 2023 in the Circuit Court of Bibb County seeking to reformation of the deed recorded on May 20, 1974 in Book 101, Page 491, Bibb County, Probate records and the mortgage recorded on October 10, 2002, at Book 103, Page 512, Bibb County, Alabama Probate records. You are hereby required to provide a copy of your An-

swer to Plaintiff’s Complaint to B. Andrew Monaghan, Tiffany & Bosco, P.A., 2501 20th Place South, Suite 300, Homewood, AL 35223 (Tel: 205-930-5186), or a default judgment may be entered against you.

Publication will run in Centreville Press on November 1, 2024, November 8, 2024, November 15, 2024 and November 22, 2024. By the 23rd day of December, 2024, or thereafter, a judgment by default may be rendered against it in the above-captioned case of

action now pending in the Circuit Court of Bibb County, Alabama.

Done this 1st day of November, 2024.

CIRCUIT COURT CLERK B. Andrew Monaghan TIFFANY & BOSCO, P.A.

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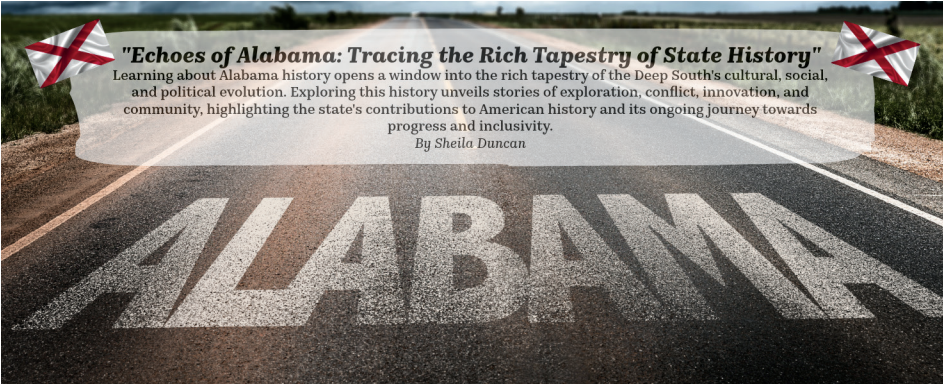
NOTICE OF COMPLETION

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 PSQA#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 Inc. 1506 2nd Ave. North Bessemer, AL 35020 Centreville Press October 18, 25, November 1 & 8, 2024

LIFESTYLE



Aaron Burr’s Arrest

On February 19, 1807, Aaron Burr, the former vice president of the United States, was arrested near McIntosh by Captain Edmund P. Gaines in Washington County, Alabama. Burr was fleeing after being accused by President Thomas Jefferson of endangering the United States by raising troops to conquer Spanish territories. Some believed Burr was leading an expedition to settle lands along the Sabine River or planning to conquer Texas and Mexico, while others thought he was targeting Spanish West Florida. His arrest led to a trial for treason, where he was later acquitted in Richmond, Virginia.

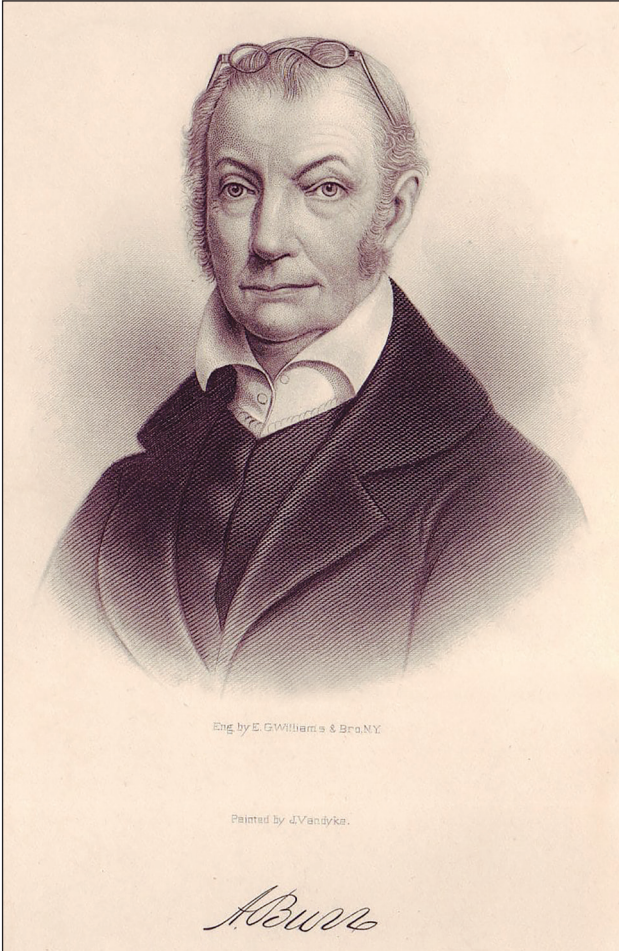
On July 11, 1804, Vice President Aaron Burr fought a duel with Alexander Hamilton in Weehawken, New Jersey. Hamilton died from his wounds, and Burr briefly fled before resuming his duties as vice president. Burr, unpopular among his party, turned his attention west, planning to invade Spanish territories. After leaving office in March 1805, Burr corresponded with General James Wilkinson and arranged for ships and supplies, hiding weapons on board. Wilkinson, however, was a double agent for Spain. On November 5, 1806, Burr was charged with inciting conflict between the U.S. and Spain. He was arrested in Kentucky but released due to lack of evidence. Afterward, Burr traveled down the Cumberland and Mississippi rivers with 13 boats and 60 men. President Thomas Jefferson, hearing rumors that Burr aimed to divide the country, called for his capture on November 27, which was supported by several state governors.

Several contemporary sources recorded Aaron Burr’s capture in what is now southern Alabama. This includes Nicholas Perkins’ testimony at Burr’s 1807 trial and letters from people involved, like Lieutenant Gaines and Burr’s companion, Robert Ashley. According to these accounts, on the night of February 18, at around 11 p.m., Perkins was standing in front of Sheriff Theo-

dore Brightwell’s house in the Wakefield settlement in Washington County, Mississippi Territory. He saw two travelers in the moonlight. The first, Aaron Burr, passed by without stopping, but his companion, Robert Ashley, stopped to ask for directions to Major John Hinson’s home. Perkins gave directions but warned that Hinson wasn’t home and high creek water might make travel difficult. Despite this, the pair continued on their way.

Perkins grew suspicious of the two men due to their late-night travel, Burr’s silence, and their refusal to stop at an inn despite warnings about high water and Hinson’s absence. Thinking they might be robbers or possibly the fugitive Aaron Burr, Perkins woke Sheriff Brightwell and convinced him to ride to Hinson’s home. There, Perkins spoke with Ashley, while Burr, warming himself in the kitchen, entered the room briefly, speaking little but seeming concerned about being watched. Certain that Burr was the fugitive, Perkins left, pretending to head in one direction, but instead went to Fort Stoddert to inform Lieutenant Edmund P.

Gaines of his suspicions. The next morning, Perkins and Lieutenant Gaines, along with several men, left the fort to pursue Burr. About 14 miles north, they found Burr, who was with Sheriff Brightwell, heading to a ferry on the Tombigbee River. Burr planned to wait there for his servants and baggage. Some sources suggest Burr intended to travel to Pensacola, then to Europe, to seek British and French support for a conquest of Spain’s territories in North America, while others claim he was heading to Washington, D.C. Gaines arrested Burr based on orders from the president and governor and escorted him back to Fort Stoddert. Ashley, who had met Burr on the road and decided to travel with him, and Sheriff Brightwell were allowed to go. Burr stayed at the fort for the rest of February. In early March, he was placed under Gaines’ guard and taken by boat up the Alabama River to Baldwin County. From there, Burr was handed over to an escort led by Perkins for the journey to Richmond, Virginia, where he was tried and acquitted on September 1, 1807.



DirecTV to Acquire Dish and Sling in Major Deal

BY SHEILA DUNCAN
REPORTER

Many of us use TV services like Dish, Direct, or various streaming channels. However, some changes are coming for Dish Network users.

DirecTV has announced its plans to acquire Dish TV and Sling TV from EchoStar, marking a long-awaited move aimed at enhancing its competitiveness against dominant streaming services. The acquisition, revealed on Monday, will involve a debt exchange transaction that includes a nominal payment of \$1 and the assumption of EchoStar’s debt.

Rumors of a DirecTV-Dish merger have circulated for years, with discussions dating back over two decades when a proposed \$18.5 billion deal was blocked by the Federal Communications Commission due to antitrust concerns. Since then, the pay-TV market has seen

significant changes, as more consumers shift to online streaming options, leading to a decline in traditional satellite TV subscriptions.

DirecTV’s CEO, Bill Morrow, emphasized that the merger will enable the company to offer smaller content packages at lower prices, aiming to win back customers who have transitioned to streaming services. Since 2016, DirecTV and Dish have collectively lost 63% of their satellite subscribers.

He also stated that DirecTV operates in a highly competitive video distribution industry. With greater scale, they expect that a combined DirecTV and Dish will be better able to work with programmers and realize that their vision for the future of TV, which is to aggregate, curate, and distribute content tailored to customers’ interests.

This deal also presents a potential lifeline for EchoStar, which has been facing financial challenges,

including the threat of bankruptcy. The company reported having only \$521 million in cash and anticipates negative cash flows for the rest of the year, with over \$1.98 billion in debt due in November.

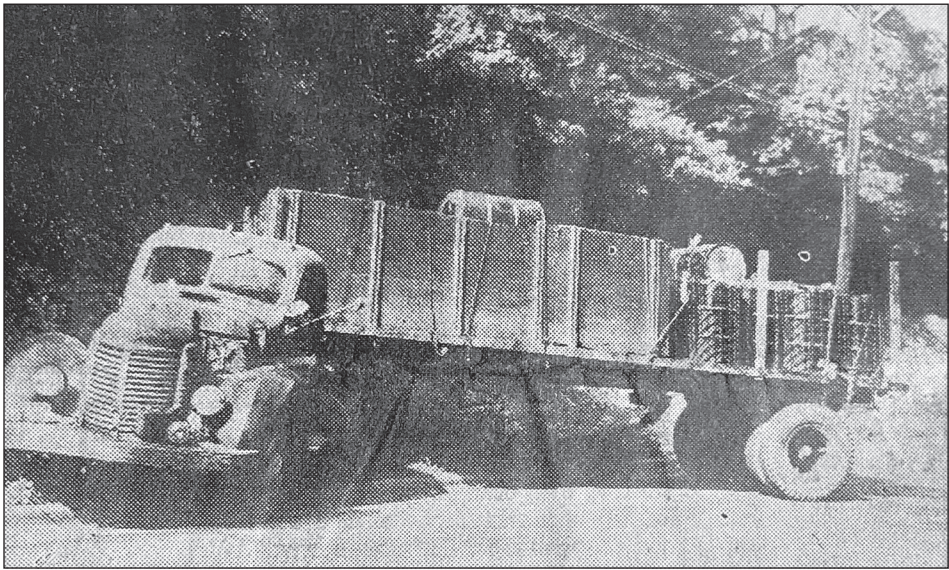
EchoStar’s President and CEO, Hamid Akhavan, noted that an improved financial profile would allow the company to enhance its nationwide 5G Open RAN wireless network, providing more choices for U.S. wireless consumers and accelerating innovation.

As the news broke, EchoStar’s stock rose nearly 3% before the market opened. The DirecTV and Dish merger is expected to close in the fourth quarter of 2025, with the combined entity headquartered in El Segundo, California.

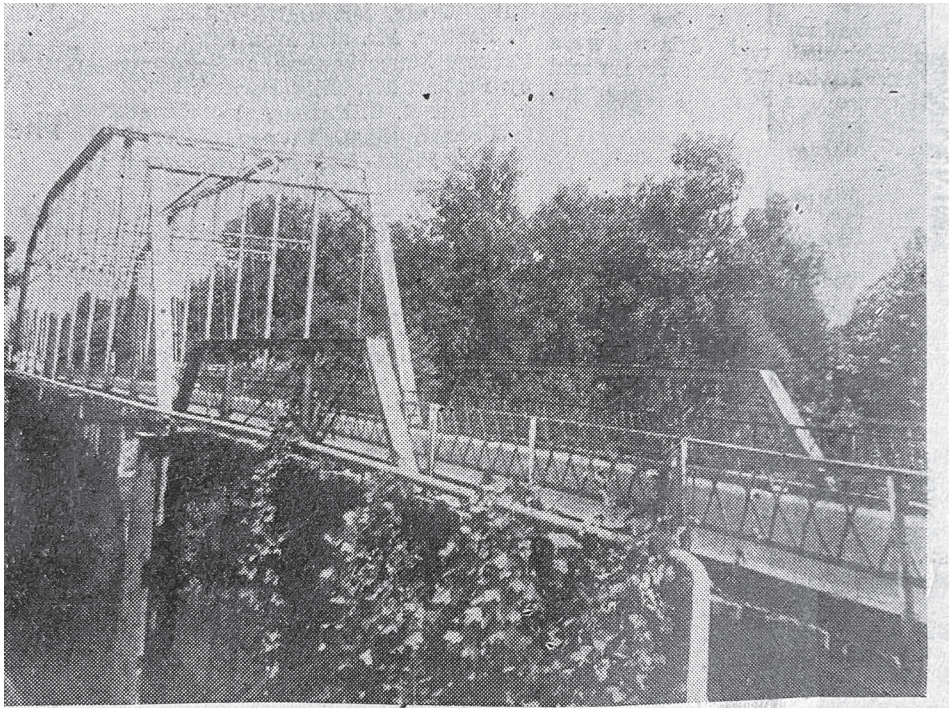
In a related development, AT&T announced it is selling its remaining stake in DirecTV to private equity firm TPG in a deal valued at approximately \$7.6 billion.



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.



1948
This is What Happens When Large Trucks Can’t Pull the Hill
Most every day and night large transfer trucks are unable to pull the town hill in Centreville and are forced to back down the hill and either be pulled over by a wrecker or another large truck of go around the hill. Some of the trucks that stall on the hill are so heavily loaded until they are unable to back down the hill but are forced into the embankment on either side of the road. This is what happened to the above truck. This truck was unable to pull the hill and stayed on the hill for several days. Many trucks break an axle or strip the gears trying to climb the hill. Several months ago, a man was killed on the hill when a heavily loaded log truck backed over him. If a new bridge was constructed across the Cahaba River at Centreville, a new road would be constructed around the town, thus eliminating the hazardous hills in Centreville. There is an enormous amount of truck traffic on the Montgomery highway and it is certainly the duty of the State Highway Department to see that a new bridge and road are constructed in Centreville.



1948
Cahaba River Bridge in Centreville is Dangerous to all Motorists
For months much discussion has been made about the dilapidated Cahaba River Bridge at Centreville. This bridge was constructed during the horse and buggy days of 1910 and was certainly not designed to carry the heavy loads that it is required to carry under present day traffic conditions. Several years ago, this bridge was reinforced, but according to signs located at each end of the bridge it is only safe for 8-ton loads. There are many trucks that cross this bridge each day with 15 or 20 tons. Engineers have stated that the bridge is unsafe and may collapse at any time. Every possible effort has been made by everyone concerned to have the State construct a new bridge, but thus far all efforts have failed. This bridge is located on a State Highway, therefore it is the direct responsibility of the State to construct a new bridge.



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NEWS



Christalee Rogers is September's cosmetology afternoon employee of the month. Christalee enjoys learning new skills such as hair coloring. She also says she appreciates learning to work with efficiency. Christalee plans to further her education in cosmetology after high school and work in the field as an adult.



Jackson Register is the employee of the month for the modern manufacturing afternoon class. Jackson is in his first semester and enjoys the career opportunities offered at BCCA. Jackson plans to attend Shelton State Community College after high school and seek a career in modern manufacturing.



Luke Thompson is the employee of the month for the welding morning class. He is in his first semester in the welding program. Luke appreciates the opportunity to learn the welding trade and feels the experience has prepared him to be a successful adult.

Hymn History

By: Savannah Logan

Rock of Ages

The hymn "Rock of Ages" has a rich and profound history, intertwining the lives of two individuals separated by generations but united in their devotion to God's grace and mercy.

Augustus M. Toplady, born on November 4, 1740, in Farnham, Surrey, England, was not just a man of his time but a scholar and priest deeply influenced by the Reformed doctrines of John Calvin. Despite being well-educated and serving within the Anglican Church, Toplady's theological convictions led him to eventually leave Anglicanism at the age of thirty-five. He embraced the teachings of Calvinism and began preaching in a French Calvinist church.

Toplady's legacy, however, is perhaps most enduringly marked by a moment of divine inspiration during a fierce storm. Caught amidst rocky terrain, he sought refuge in a crevice of a high limestone rock. It was within this shelter that he penned the words of the hymn "Rock of Ages." Despite his imminent mortality, as Toplady battled an illness that at the time was called consumption, his faith remained steadfast, as evidenced by his peaceful acceptance of death and anticipation of glory.

The musical counterpart to Toplady's poetic masterpiece came years later through the hands of Thomas Hastings. Born on October 15, 1784, in Washington, Connecticut, Hastings was a diligent worker and prolific composer, earning a reputation as a dedicated music teacher. Among his extensive repertoire of over 1,000 hymn tunes and 600 texts, Hastings composed the melody for "Rock of Ages," honoring the hymn's author by naming it "TOPLADY."

"Rock of Ages" not only encapsulates Toplady's personal encounter with divine protection but also serves as a profound theological reflection on the Christian concept of salvation. The hymn draws upon biblical imagery, likening God to a rock of refuge and salvation. It merges the imagery of two significant biblical rocks: the rock in Exodus 33:22, where God sheltered Moses, and the rock in Exodus 17:6, from which water flowed, symbolizing Jesus' sacrifice and the atonement for sin.

In essence, "Rock of Ages" serves as a poignant reminder of humanity's vulnerability and need for divine grace in the face of God's righteous judgment. Through the sacrificial death of Jesus Christ, symbolized by the striking of the rock, believers find refuge from the storm of God's wrath and the covering of Christ's righteousness. Thus, as believers face the inevitability of death and judgment, they can do so with confidence, knowing that the Rock of Ages has provided them with eternal refuge and salvation.

The hymn "Rock of Ages" is not just a testament to personal faith but a profound theological expression deeply rooted in biblical imagery and Christian doctrine. Augustus M. Toplady's choice to use a pseudonym, "Minimus," for his authorship of the hymn adds an intriguing layer to its history. While his reasons remain speculative, it's possible that Toplady's humility and acknowledgment of his own insignificance before God played a role in this decision.

Thomas Hastings, the composer of the hymn's melody, further contributed to its legacy by naming it "TOPLADY," in honor of the hymn's author. His dedication to his craft and his recognition of the significance of Toplady's lyrics underscore the collaborative nature of hymnody, where words and music harmonize to convey timeless truths.

"Rock of Ages" resonates not only with the personal experiences of its creators but also with universal themes of human frailty and divine redemption. The hymn's imagery of seeking shelter from

a storm amidst rocky terrain reflects the human condition, where individuals face trials and tribulations that threaten to overwhelm them. Yet, through the metaphorical "Rock" of God's salvation, believers find refuge and strength to withstand life's storms.

The biblical references woven throughout the hymn provide a theological framework for understanding the significance of Jesus Christ as the ultimate source of salvation. Drawing from Exodus, the hymn evokes imagery of God as a protective rock, shielding His people from harm. The striking of the rock in Exodus 17:6 symbolizes Christ's sacrifice on the cross, from which flows the cleansing and life-giving water of salvation.

Moreover, "Rock of Ages" speaks to the central tenet of Christian faith—that salvation comes not through human effort or works but through faith in the atoning sacrifice of Jesus Christ. It emphasizes the futility of relying on one's own righteousness to appease God's judgment and underscores the necessity of clinging to the cross for forgiveness and redemption.

As believers sing the words of "Rock of Ages," they are invited to reflect on their own need for divine grace and mercy. The hymn serves as a reminder of God's unchanging faithfulness and the assurance of salvation found in Christ alone. Thus, whether facing the storms of life or the certainty of death, believers can find solace and hope in the eternal refuge of the Rock of Ages.

Plain & Simple

"Slow down and enjoy the simple pleasures in life"

By: Sheila Duncan

Slow Cooker Chicken Noodle Soup

- Ingredients
- 2 Tbsp. olive oil
 - 2 carrots, chopped
 - 2 celery stalks, chopped
 - 1 small onion, chopped
 - 3 garlic cloves, chopped
 - Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper
 - 1/4 c. dry white wine
 - 2 1/2 lb. bone-in, skinless chicken thighs
 - 2 (32-ounce) containers chicken stock
 - 2 1/2 c. uncooked wide egg noodles (about 4 ounces)
 - 3 Tbsp. chopped fresh flat-leaf parsley
 - 2 Tbsp. chopped fresh dill
 - 2 Tbsp. fresh lemon juice

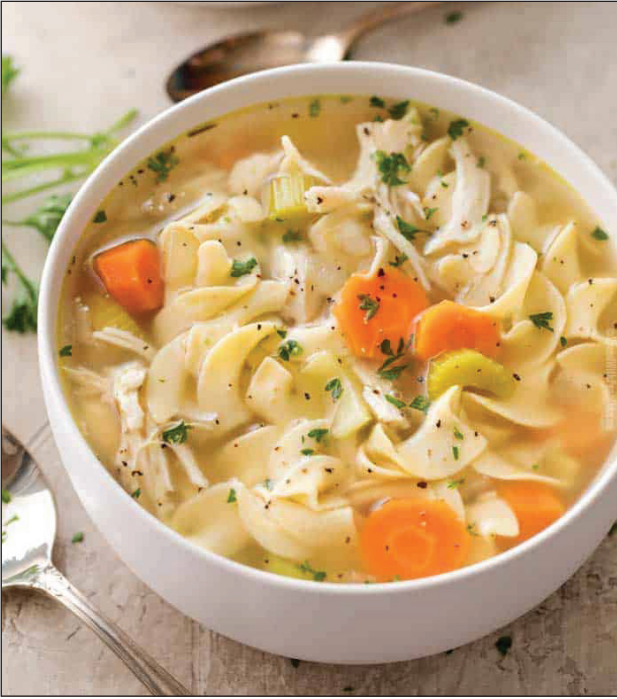
Directions

Step 1 Optional: Heat oil in a 5 to 7 quart slow cooker using the sauté function or in a large pan over medium heat. Add carrots, celery, onion, and garlic and season with salt and pepper. Cook, stirring occasionally, until softened and starting to brown, 8 to 10 minutes. Add wine and

cook until reduced, 1 to 2 minutes.

Step 2 If necessary, transfer ingredients to slow cooker. Add chicken and stock. Season with salt and pepper. Cook until vegetables are tender and chicken is cooked through, 3 1/2 to 4 1/2 hours on high or 7 to 9 hours on low.

Step 3 Transfer chicken to a cutting board and shred with two forks. Discard bones; return meat to pot. Stir in noodles. Cook until noodles are just tender, 25 to 30 minutes on high and 50 to 60 minutes on low. Stir in parsley, dill, and lemon juice. Season with salt and pepper.



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WBHS vs. JOHN CARROLL FOOTBALL

Tigers close out the season with a loss to the Cavaliers

PHOTOS BY KANDI SMITH

By Brent Buckner

On the first play of the game, John Carroll opened with a touchdown pass against West Blocton. The Cavaliers

scored again on their next possession, quickly making it 14-0 in the first quarter. Early in the second quarter, Nate Barron put the Tigers

on the board with a touchdown run bringing the score to 14-6 after the Tigers missed the PAT. The Cavaliers were able to put another touchdown and a field goal on the board to make the score 24-6 going into halftime.

Coming out after the half, Evan Pearson picked off a John Carroll pass, running it back to put the Tigers in good scoring position and a chance to get back into the game. After only a few plays, quarterback Caden Fancher broke a long run and scored bringing the score to 24-13. John Carroll scored two more touchdowns in the fourth quarter which made the score 38-13. The Tigers refused to give up, and Fancher hit Pearson late for a long touchdown catch. It wasn't enough, and the final score was 38-20.

The defensive standouts on the night for the Tigers were Cooper Deerman with nine tackles, Charles Graham, Levi Carey, and Trey Lawley each with five tackles and Evan Pearson with four tackles and an interception. The West Blocton foot-

ball program would like to thank all of the seniors for their hard work and dedication throughout the year and wish them well in all they do going forward. In addition, the entire Tigers football program extends a huge Thank You to all those in the West Blocton community who supported them all season including parents, fans, cheerleaders, and band members. Go Tigers!



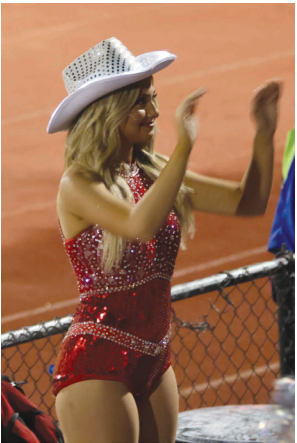
Cooper Deerman with a stop for the Tigers.



McCord Sloan with a tackle for a loss for the Tigers.



Nate Barron with a big return for the Tigers.



Senior Alyssa Peak directing the band during the last game.



Caden Fancher bursts through a hole for a TD for the Tigers.



Cooper Deerman, Cason Cook and a host of other Tigers with stop against John Carroll



Evan Pearson with the interception for the Tigers.



Jasper Lightsey, Caden Fancher and Kash Morris with the stop for the Tigers.



Senior Maddie Wiginton enjoying being a flyer for the last game of the season.

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