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Historic Ritz Theatre in Centreville Gets a New Roof

BY SAVANNAH LOGAN
REPORTER

Exciting progress is underway in Uptown Centreville as the historic Ritz Theatre has received a much-needed new roof. Thanks to property owner and Centreville Main Street Board Chair, Jeff McGee, this restoration marks a significant step in preserving one of the city's most cherished landmarks.

Built around 1920, the

Ritz Theatre has long been an icon of Centreville's Mixed-Use District, holding a special place in the memories of many local families. With the installation of the new roof, the life of the building is expected to extend by more than 30 years, ensuring its legacy continues for future generations.

Efforts to restore and preserve historic buildings like the Ritz Theatre are progressing each week,

creating opportunities for both new and existing businesses to thrive in Uptown Centreville. The revitalization of these spaces reflects a commitment to maintaining the city's charm while fostering economic growth.

Stay tuned for more updates as Centreville continues its mission to preserve its history and build a stronger future!

(Photo by Centreville Main Street)



Sheriff Jody Wade Warns Bibb County Residents of Phone Scam

BY SAVANNAH LOGAN
REPORTER

Bibb County Sheriff Jody Wade has issued an important alert regarding a phone scam targeting local residents. Reports have surfaced of individuals impersonating law enforcement, specifically using the name "Deputy Steven Scafford," in an attempt to deceive community members.

According to Sheriff

Wade, these scammers are calling residents and requesting a callback, often leaving a phone number to appear legitimate. However, the Bibb County Sheriff's Office has confirmed that these calls are fraudulent.

Residents are urged to stay vigilant and avoid engaging with these scammers. If you receive a suspicious call or have any doubts about the legitimacy of a call from the sheriff's

office, officials advise verifying directly by calling 205-926-4683.

"Your safety and security are our top priorities," Sheriff Wade emphasized. "Stay alert and help us spread the word to keep our community informed."

For further updates and official information, residents should rely on verified sources and direct communication with the Bibb County Sheriff's Office.

Cahawba Christian Academy Hosts Science Fair, Showcasing Young Innovators

BY SAVANNAH LOGAN
REPORTER

Cahawba Christian Academy recently held its annual science fair, giving students the opportunity to showcase their creativity, problem-solving skills, and scientific knowledge. The event featured a variety of projects, highlighting the students' hard work and dedication to scientific inquiry.

This year's winners in-

cluded:

1st Place: Brodie Hunt
2nd Place: Luke Wallace
3rd Place: Audrey Deason
Honorable Mention: Cotton Deerman

The competition provided students with a platform to explore scientific concepts, conduct experiments, and present their findings to judges and peers. The event not only encouraged critical thinking but also fostered a love for science and

discovery among participants.

Cahawba Christian Academy continues to emphasize the importance of hands-on learning experiences, and the science fair serves as an exciting tradition that inspires young minds to think big and explore new ideas.

Congratulations to all the winners and participants for their hard work and dedication to scientific exploration!



New slate of officers for the Bibb County Executive Committee are: Kathleen Mack, Treasurer, Hayden Wright, Secretary, Joyce Rice, Chairwoman, Ben Harris, SDEC Vice Chairman and Michael Murphy, Vice Chairman.

Local Dignitaries Attend AlabamaGermany Partnership Program Banquet

BY SHEILA DUNCAN
REPORTER

Mayor Mike Oakley, EDA Director Brian Hilson, County Administrator Brian Davis, BMC CEO Joseph Marchant, Glen Pringle of RSA, Commissioner Ty Corbell and Yancey Reach participated in the Alabama-Germany partnership annual banquet at Bryant-Denny. The AGP Annual Dinner is an opportunity to recognize and celebrate these connections and the meaningful relationship between Alabama and Germany.

The AlabamaGermany Partnership is a key resource for businesses and

individuals seeking connections between Alabama and Germany. Whether you're looking for information on companies, events, or business opportunities in both regions, AGP serves as the bridge for fostering strong relationships.

AGP is dedicated to facilitating collaboration between businesses and individuals with ties to Alabama and Germany. The organization focuses on building lasting relationships, enhancing business opportunities, and promoting cultural exchange between Alabama and Germany.

AGP was founded in the late 1990s with a vision

that German investment in Alabama required support beyond business transactions. The organization focuses on culture, education, and economic ties to ensure long-term success.

"The AGP Annual Dinner is an opportunity to recognize and celebrate these connections and the meaningful relationship between Alabama and Germany," says Michael Brooks, AGP Chair.

With its commitment to fostering business growth and cultural understanding, AGP continues to be a vital link between Alabama and Germany.

(Picture by Mayor Mike Oakley)



Judge Wiggins Inducted Into The Hall of Fame

SPECIAL TO THE PRESS

The Alabama Lawyers Association's Hall of Fame honors lawyers who have been licensed to practice law for twenty-five years or more, and who have made significant contributions to the cause of justice. On Thursday, March 6, 2025, the Association paused to honor Judge Marvin W. Wiggins. A man whose courage, intellectual accomplishments, professional achievements, and community contributions deserved the highest recognition.

Judge Wiggins has dedicated his life to justice, leadership, and community service. On January 17, 1999, he made history as the first African American Circuit Judge in Alabama's Fourth Judicial Circuit, which serves Bibb, Dallas, Hale, Perry, and Wilcox counties. In February 2001, he was appointed Presiding Judge of the circuit, a role he continues to hold, now serving his third term with a commitment to fairness and judicial excellence.

A distinguished legal professional, Judge Wiggins holds a Master of Laws (LL.M.) from

Emory University, a Juris Doctor from Howard University School of Law, and a Bachelor of Science from Alabama State University.

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NEWS



Shelby Area Alumnae Chapter Hosts Christmas Gift Drive for Bibb County Children

BY SHEILA DUNCAN
REPORTER

The Shelby Area Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. hosted a Christmas Gift Drive to bring holiday joy to children in Bibb County, Alabama.

The event featured an “Ugly Sweater Bowling” fundraiser at Oak Mountain Lanes on December 8, 2024. Entry to the event required participants to donate a Christmas wish list item for local children. Thanks to the generosity of attendees, the collected gifts were delivered to the Bibb County Department of Human Resources on December 11, ensuring a joyful Christmas

for children in need.

The Shelby Area Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. is dedicated to community service, supporting public service initiatives across Shelby, Bibb, and Chilton counties.

Headquartered in Washington, D.C., Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. is the world’s largest African American women’s organization, with a membership of over 350,000 college-educated women.



Judge Wiggins

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His legal experience spans both private practice and public service, having worked as an associate at Chestnut, Sanders, Sanders, Pettaway & Campbell, LLC, and the Law Office of Johnnie Hardwick. Additionally, he gained valuable experience as an intern for Judge Robert Castellani of the Superior Court in Decatur, Georgia, and the Public Defender’s Office in Decatur. His work as a consultant for the National Center for State Courts further highlights his State Courts further highlights his dedication to improving the legal system.

Judge Wiggins has been a driving force behind numerous community initiatives. He chairs the Clearinghouse Blackbelt Faith-Based and Non-Profit Initiative Programs, which unite churches and nonprofits to provide after-school programs, youth mentorship, and drug-free camps. As Program Chairman of the Hale County Community Enrichment Society, Inc., he works to empower local communities and enhance opportunities for children. Additionally, he serves as Board Chairman for the Fourth Judicial Circuit Community Corrections Program, Inc., a nonprofit focused on alternative sentencing for non-violent offenders and life-skills development. His other community efforts include Summer Youth Employment Programs, Basketball Leagues, Tutorial Programs, and enrichment trips for underprivileged children.

Judge Wiggins’ service

and leadership have earned him widespread recognition. He was honored with the William Moses Kunstler Racial Justice Award in 1997 for his role in representing Black churches during the 1996-97 church burning crisis. His accolades also include the MLK Peacekeeper’s Award, the Emancipation Proclamation Humanitarian Award, the Bridge Builders Award, and multiple community service and achievement honors.

Beyond his judicial and community work, Judge Wiggins is actively involved in higher education and legal advocacy. He has served on the Alabama State University Board of Trustees, where he chaired the Student Affairs Committee and served as the Vice Chair of the board. He has also contributed to the Advisory Committee on Rules of Procedure for the Court of the Judiciary and Judicial Inquiry Commission, the Alabama State Bar Task Force on Diversity, and the Skills Training & Labor Force Committee for the Black Belt Commission. He is a board member of the Black Belt Community Foundation, the Hale County Community Foundation, and the Whatley Health Services.

His affiliations extend to politics, sports, and faith-based organizations. He is a member of the Alabama Democratic Conference and New South Coalition. A passionate advocate for youth and athletics, he has served as Assistant Basketball Coach at Greensboro East and Treasurer of the Selma Athletic Association. He has also officiated high

school basketball games as a referee for the Alabama High School Athletic Association. In 2021, Judge Wiggins and Senator Bobby Singleton initiated a program called Black Belt STEM Scholars that takes around 400 kids each summer to Stillman College for four weeks teaching them about stem and exposing them to various careers that stem offers. Judge Wiggins is a 33 degree GIG with Prince Hall Mason.

A licensed and ordained minister, Judge Wiggins faith plays a central role in his dedication to public service. Judge Wiggins is currently a pastor of New Hope Missionary Baptist Church in Sawyerville. Formally, he was a devoted member and leader at Williams Chapel, where he served as Tutor, Youth Director, and Associate Minister.

Residing in Greensboro, Alabama, with his wife, Evangelist Dr. Zina P. Wiggins, Judge Marvin Wiggins continues to be a pillar of justice, mentorship, and community empowerment. Through his work on the bench and beyond, he remains committed to uplifting the people of Alabama and ensuring fairness and opportunity for all.



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A Life of Love and Dedication: A Wife, Mother, Grandmother and Special Education Teacher

BY SHEILA DUNCAN
REPORTER

This week, we take a moment to reflect on the life of someone who has been a cherished part of our community for many years. Mrs. Vickie Brown has been a tremendous asset to both our schools and her family. As we celebrate her impact, we’ll get a glimpse into the values and memories she holds dear. Let’s hear from Vickie herself.

Tell Us About You and Your Family and Any Pets you may have:

I was number four of five children and grew in a small community called Union Grove between Gunterville and Arab in Marshall County and graduated from Arab High School. I attended Snead State Jr. College for two years in Boaz and transferred to Troy University and graduated in 1974 with a B.S. in Special Education. I moved to Tuscaloosa to attend Graduate School at the University of Alabama and teach at the Education Center at Partlow State School for three years before meeting my husband, Eddie. He was Assistant Principal at a Jr. High School in Pell City and after we married in 1977, we lived in Pell City for two years and I was a Principal at Eden School which served children with disabilities. In 1979 we moved to Bibb County which was home to Eddie who grew up in Randolph, Alabama and we have made Brent our home ever since and raised our three daughters here who attended school in Bibb County from K-12 and graduated from Bibb County High School. I taught Special Education at Bibb County High School for nineteen years and then went to the Central Office as Special Education Coordinator from 1998 to 2007 before accepting a position in Tuscaloosa City Schools as Director of Student Services from 2007 until retiring in 2014. Since retiring I have continued to do consulting in schools since serving students with disabilities has always been my passion. Eddie was the Director of Recreational Sports at the University of Alabama and earned his Doctorate in Education there prior to accepting the principal’s position at his Alma Mater, Bibb County High School in 1996. We’ve been married for almost forty-eight years and our adult daughters Ashley (Brad), Lindsey (BJ) and

Kelley (Brett) are all graduates of the University of Alabama. They have given us five beautiful grandchildren which are a great source of pride and joy! We have one pet, our Shih Tzu Tua, named after Alabama’s quarterback, who is beloved by the whole family.

What Is Your Favorite Family Tradition and How Did It Start?

My favorite would have to be Christmas. I love everything about Christmas and on Christmas Day when all the family is home after dinner, we have a cake and the grands sing “Happy Birthday Jesus” have a Christmas sing-a-long. Papa reads the Christmas story, gift exchange and then fireworks.

Who In Your Family Inspire You the Most and Why?

In my extended family it would be my niece Pam who has battled severe Crohn’s Disease much of her adult life and has endured multiple surgeries that have required constant medical care. Through it all, she has maintained the sweetest spirit and positive attitude that is truly remarkable based on her circumstances. In my immediate family it would be our precious grandson Eli, who was born with club feet and Autism and endured several castings and surgeries. Through it all he has been so resilient and a true inspiration to us all.

Can you share a funny or memorable story from a family gathering?

I love to bake and cook

and am always trying new recipes. Sometimes my cake layers are not even, and they kid me about my cake “leaning.”

If You Could Spend a Day With any of Your Ancestors, who would it be and why?

Probably my grandparents since my paternal grandmother was the only one living when I was born, and she passed away when I was 4.

What Is Your Favorite Room in House and Why?

Definitely the dinette and kitchen. When all our adult children and their families come home to enjoy a meal, I love to hear them sitting around the table catching up or talking about memories from their childhood.

Can You Describe a Typical Evening At Home For You?

A typical evening for me if we don’t have ballgames or other sporting events with grandchildren, I try to relax and enjoy the quiet after a busy day.

What Are Your Must-Have Items In Your Home That You Can’t Live Without?

My Bible and my prayer journal which helps me stay focused and grounded. My Phone and Diet Cokes.

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



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NEWS/CALENDAR

Project Charlie to Provide Lifesaving Technology to Fire Departments

BY SHEILA DUNCAN
REPORTER

Project Charlie, which started in 2022, raises funds to get thermal imagers (TI) into fire departments across the state of Alabama. TIs help firefighters detect trapped victims through thick smoke and debris.

In July of 2022, Alder Springs Volunteer Fire Department in Marshall County, Alabama, was called out to a structure fire where a grandfather and two children were trapped inside. The grandfather and one child were located and rescued. The other child was

brought out by the Albertville Fire Department, but she took longer to locate and had severe smoke inhalation. This was a young girl named Charlie. Medics from Marshall County Health System Ambulance Service provided patient care until they reached the hospital where she passed away.

Thermal imaging cameras would have helped save Charlie's life, now Chief Edwards mission is to get these cameras into the hands of first responders so other lives can be saved.

The next goal is to ex-

pand this project to the entire state and put a camera in every career and volunteer fire department in Alabama. This is a lofty goal that is only possible with the support of communities. To help raise awareness or donations for Project Charlie, Chief Edwards can be reached at 256-302-4161 to host a presentation at your office, church, or organization. Stay up to date on our progress by following Project Charlie for Thermal Imaging on Facebook.

Together, we can provide lifesaving technology to Fire Departments all across Alabama.

Treasure Forest to Feature Jace McCauley as Speaker for this Month's Meeting

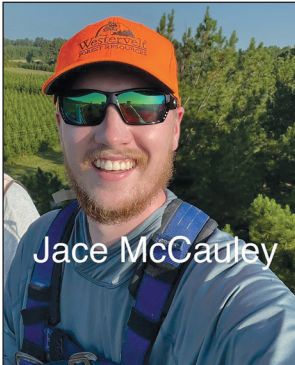
BY SHEILA DUNCAN
REPORTER

On March 27, 2025, at 6:00 p.m., at the Brent-Centreville Library a special presentation on tree improvement by forester and forest geneticist Jace McCauley will discuss the history and ongoing efforts to enhance pine genetics in Alabama. Jace is a tree improvement specialist involved with tree genetics. Jace is the Forest Improvement Analyst for a large west Alabama forest industry. In his role,

he assists with pine seed collection, tree measurement and selection, and tree pollinating strategies. He received his bachelor's and master's degrees from Auburn University focusing on landowner engagement and consulting forester usage, hosting podcasts and videos aimed to help landowners apply forest management to their property. Don't miss these promising young foresters!

This event is an excellent opportunity for

timber and landowners, as well as anyone passionate about conservation, to learn more about advancements in forestry. Don't miss this informative session!



Jace McCauley



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) 6pm. Visit us on FB. Search for "Treasure Forest of Bibb County" and join to learn more.
- » Senior Bible Study at Cedar Grove Church on Tuesday Mornings at 10:30am. Grandchildren are welcome to come too. Contact Bonnie Ray at 205-928-9317 for more information.
- » Brush Arbor Revival on April 10-12 at 6pm at Cedar Grove Church at 30 Cedar Grove Rd. West Blocton, AL. For more information call Bonnie Ray at 205-928-9317.
- » Singing at Hubbard Springs Church on March 22nd at 7pm. Opening this season is Marty & Donna Weaver. Please come and 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 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. Bee-

keepers.

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

QUARTERLY MEETINGS

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

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- » Pleasant Hill Church cemetery 2827 Ingate Pass, Centreville, AL 35042.
- » Mount Carmel Cemetery: Baptist Foundation of Alabama, P. O. Box 241227, Montgomery, AL 36124-1227. Mark check "Mt. Carmel Cemetery Fund Account #00-1870"
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OBITUARIES

Michael Arthur Fabjon
May 8, 1957 – March 13, 2025

It is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of Michael Arthur Fabjon, a beloved husband, father, grandfather, and accomplished real estate agent. Michael, age 67, passed away peacefully surrounded by his family on March 13, 2025.

Michael was preceded in death by his father, Tommy Eugene Fabjon; his mother, Barbara Ann West Fabjon; his son, Daniel Eugene Fabjon; and his son, Michael Arthur Fabjon Jr.

He is survived by his faithful wife Cindy Gaye Fabjon; his son, Joshua Fabjon, and grandchildren.

Michael was a highly respected real estate agent with RE/MAX, achieving numerous awards and accolades throughout his career. His dedication and hard work earned him a place in the elite 100% Club in 2004, a testament to his exceptional skills and professionalism in the industry.

Before his successful real estate career, Michael bravely served his country in the United States Army from 1977 to 1990. Stationed in Nuremberg, Germany, he was a Sergeant in the Bravo Company, 1st Battalion 507th Parachute Infantry, making 101 successful parachute jumps. His commitment to duty and selfless service earned him the admiration and respect of his fellow soldiers. He was presented with the Outstanding Performance in Selfless Duties and a Job Well Done Award from the

men of B-NO & Company.

Michael's greatest joy in life was his family. He shared 49 wonderful years of marriage with his beloved wife, Cindy Gaye Fabjon, and together they raised a loving family. Their children and grandchildren were the center of their world, and Michael cherished every moment spent with them.

In his free time, Michael was a devoted fan of Alabama Football, cheering on his favorite team with passion and pride. Roll Tide! He also enjoyed spending time with his family, pursuing real estate ventures, and embarking on exciting adventures.

Michael Arthur Fabjon leaves behind a legacy of love, dedication, and service that will be forever cherished by all. He will be deeply missed but never forgotten.

A memorial service to celebrate Michael's life will be held at New Jerusalem Church 105 Pebble Lane Woodstock, AL 35188 on Saturday, March 22, 2025. The funeral service is scheduled at 12:00 with visitation starting at 11:00. Michael will be laid to rest at the Presbyterian Cemetery in Green Pond, AL after the service. Please join us after the burial to share food, time, and stories with the family at the New Jerusalem Church.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating in honor of Michael to the Wounded Warrior Project at www.woundedwarriorproject.org

Rest in peace, dear Michael. Your spirit will live on in our hearts always.

COMMUNITY NEWS

West Eoline News

From The Pen Of Jane Hannah

SPRING BREAK - The nearby beaches and mountains will be busy this week. Everyone be safe, get refreshed and renewed; ready to learn.

A Birthday lunch for Stan & Barbara Deason included siblings, Wayne Deason, Geneva Mullins, Jo Kitchen, Jane Hannah & C H Deason. Stan requested Hamburger Steak, Gravy, Creamed Potatoes, English Peas, and Rolls. Well, that's what was cooked plus Carrots and a yellow cake with chocolate icing. The siblings are age 89 to 75 and glad to be together on March 11, celebrating.

CARING CLOSET - BCHS is a great place to donate hygiene items, shelf food items, & snacks for anyone that needs it.

Jera Fortner visited LaShelle & Ronnie Kinney a few days last week. It was a joyful time with baby Kaydi and much help to LaShelle.

Ruth Deason, Amy Ellison, Jo Kitchen, Carol Schladerbach and Jane Hannah enjoyed food and fellowship at Juan's one evening last week. Prayers for our Waitress, Danny Samayoa and her tests today.

SYMPATHY to the family of Alberta Deason Turner. She received a terminal cancer diagnosis and lived just one more day. She is no longer in pain. Graveside services were held Friday, March 14 at Little Hope Church in West Eoline.

Saturday, Chad & Stacey Thompson and Jane Hannah watched the Weather News; ready to take shelter. Rummikub and snacks helped pass the time. Praise God we had no issues in Eoline.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY this week: Tracey Holladay 3-25.

Call 478-396-2513 to share your news. Have a blessed week.

Centreville News

From The Pen Of Brenda Hubbard

The Relay for Life Pageant of Bibb County will be on April 5th at Cahawba Christian Academy starting at 10am. Make plans to attend.

We wish to extend sincere sympathy to the family of Karen Bailey Jackson who passed away recently. Karen will be greatly missed by her family and many friends.

Charlotte West and Pam Long recently had lunch at Cracker Barrel at The Colonnade for a couple of hours, always fun. Then Charlotte joined Perry Party of S for the evening to see David perform in BG's Show Choir and both twins artwork at Creative Fusion. A great night, happy to spend time with the whole family.

The Joyful Hearts of Brent Baptist Church met on Monday, March 17, 2025.

Belated birthday wishes go out to several that have birthdays in March, Heather Holifield, Tony Murphy, Virginia Short, Bailey Caffee, Stacy Averette, Rick Miller, Jay

Varrell, Alice Barton and Cheri Deason.

Get well wishes and prayers go out to Tony Hobson who has been in the hospital.

Anniversary wishes go out to Bobb and Mary O'dell who recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. Anniversary wishes also go out to Adam and Kelsi Steele who recently celebrated their 14th wedding anniversary.

Sympathy goes out to the Colburn family in the recent loss of their loved one.

Birthday wishes go out to James Michael Elam on March 27, 2025.

We wish to extend sincere sympathy to the family of Kevin Cook who passed away recently. Kevin will be missed by his family and many friends.

A speedy recovery continues to go out to Karin Caffee Maas who recently underwent surgery.

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

Brent News

From the Pen of Dorothy Clark

Mental Health Seminar was Saturday, March 8, 2025 at Lillie Star District Building. The guest speaker was Mrs. Stephanie Royster and mistress of order was Mrs. Elaine Jones. We had a lovely time. A lots of people came out.

My sinuses had me down, but I feel so much better now, thank God. We only have

one life; live it the best way we can with God's Grace.

Happy Birthday to Rodney Stabler and Brenda Wilkerson.

Prayers go out to the Brisbon family for the loss of their loved one.

Have a wonderful week!
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Ozark Striping Company
Centreville Press
March 21, 28, April 4 & 11, 2025

NOTICE OF COMPLETION

Notice of Completion
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of Centreville owners, and have made request for final settlement of said contract. All persons having any claim for labor, materials or otherwise in connection with this project should immediately notify McKee & Associates Architects, Inc. 631 South Hull St. Montgomery, AL 36104. K&A Builders Inc. 2601 Kaulton Road Tuscaloosa, AL 35401 Centreville Press March 7, 14 & 21, 2025

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v.
Stanley D. Taylor Defendants.
Case No. CV-24-900103
NOTICE FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

On February 12, 2025, this Court granted Plaintiff's Motion for Service by Publication on Defendant, Stanley D. Taylor.

TO: The Centreville Press

You are Ordered to publish the following notice once a week for four successive weeks:

In the Circuit Court of Bibb County, Alabama Civil Action No.: 2024-90003 Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation as Trustee for Freddie Mac Seasoned Credit Risk Transfer Trust, Series 2022-1 v. Stanley D. Taylor; specifically, Notice To: Stanley D. Taylor who may have an interest in proper-

ty located at 46 Lake Court Woodstock, AL 35188. By Order of the Court for service by publication dated February 12, 2025, you are hereby notified that on November 20, 2024, Plaintiff filed a Complaint for Judicial Foreclosure, Ejectment and Reformation on the subject property. You are required to file an answer in writing with the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Bibb County, Alabama, and serve a copy upon Plaintiff's attorney, Trey Speaks at McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLP, at 505 20th St. North, Ste. 1775, Birmingham, AL 35203, within 30 days after the last publication of this Notice on or before April 21, 2025, or default judgment will be entered against you.

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Clerk of Court
Trey Speaks, Esq.
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Centreville Press
February 28, March 7, 14 & 21, 2025

PROBATE NOTICE

In the Probate Court of Bibb County, Alabama
In Re: The estate of James William Earwood, Deceased
Notice of Appointment
Letter Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 4th day of March, 2025, by the Honorable Stephanie W. Kemmer, Probate Judge; notice is hereby given that all persons

having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Linda Ann Earwood Caffee
Executor
Jack W. Meigs
Attorney for Executor
205 Cox Hollow
Centreville, AL 35042
Centreville Press
March 14, 21 & 28, 2025

ZONING ORDINANCE

Public Notice of Proposed Amendment to Zoning Ordinance

Be it know to all men by these presents, that the City of Centreville, upon the recommendation of the Zoning Board of Adjustment of the City of Centreville proposes to rezone property located within the city limits of the City of Centreville. The City Council of the City of Centreville will hold a public hearing to address any concerns regarding the proposed rezoning on April 15, 2025 at 4:00 pm. The hearing will be held at Centreville City Hall located at 1270 Walnut Street, Centreville, Alabama.

A copy of the proposed ordinance is available for inspection during regular business hours at Centreville City Hall.

A map of the area proposed for rezoning from its current mapping status of M-1 to R-1 is located at Centreville City Hall and is described as follows:

The property to be rezoned or reaffirmed as R-1 includes all property located west of Birmingham Road (Alabama Highway 219) from its intersection with Dry Hollow Road and extending northward along Bir-

mingham Road to the northern border of Deerhaven subdivision. The property reaffirmed or rezoned includes Deerhaven Subdivision and all property located southward from the southern border of Deerhaven Subdivision to the intersection with Dry Hollow Road They only property which will not be zoned R-1 is existing tracts located at the intersection of Dry Hollow Road and Birmingham Road and extending along Birmingham Road where businesses have been historically located which will be re-zoned B-1 and are designated on the attached map.

The entire tract to be reaffirmed/rezoned R-1 and re-zoned B-1 are contained on the corresponding map, which is also available for inspection at City Hall.

All persons in favor or in opposition of the proposed rezoning shall be heard at the public hearing.

Dated this 11th day of March 2025.
Richard M. Kemmer, Jr.
City Attorney
Centreville Press
March 14, 21 & 28, 2025

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Notice to Contractors
Federal Aid Project No. NH-HSIP-FMGR-0006(605) BIBB COUNTY, ALABAMA

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 March 28, 2025 and at that time publicly opened for constructing the Safety Widening, Planing, Resurfacing, Guardrail Installation, and Traffic Stripe on SR-6 (US-82) from the junction of Wilson Road southeast of Eoline to the junction of SR-5 in Brent. Length 3.658 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 Fifty-five (55) Working Days. A 3.00% DBE Contract Obligation Is Required.

A Bidding Proposal may be purchased for \$5.00. Plans may be purchased for \$8.00 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 and 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 contract.

The Bracket Estimate On This Project Is From \$2,750,147 To \$3,361,291

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 federally-assisted 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, minority 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
Transportation Director
Centreville Press
March 7, 14 & 21, 2025



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LIFESTYLE



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.

100 YEARS
3 Men Held In Garnsey Killing - Mine Worker Shot Through Forehead
Arrested early Saturday morning when police halted an automobile in which they were riding on a highway several miles west of Birmingham, three men are being held without bond in the city Jail as suspects in a murder at Garnsey, Bibb County, Alabama, Friday night. The men are G. Bartlant, Naod Oragin and A. Galetti, all residing in the vicinity of Garnsey. They were in arrested at the instance of Bibb County authorities, who believe them responsible for the murder of Warlick Siddon, reported to have been shot to death in a row over a dog. Siddon was shot in the forehead, the bullet piercing his brain. Officers McFarland and Virgil Sandefer made the arrest. Bibb county authorities were- expected to reach Birmingham Saturday night. Although complete details of the tragedy had not been obtained by police Saturday afternoon, it is understood from reports that Galetti is accused of having fired the shot which killed Siddon. He is held on a charge of murder, while his companions are held on investigation charges. All of the men Involved are understood to have been mine workers.



75 YEARS



(Above) LARGE RATTLER KILLED
Skip Whaley, killed this 4 foot 10 inch rattlesnake near the entrance to Cahawba Christian Academy last week. The large rattler had 10 rattlers.

(Right) LARGE RATTLER KILLED NEAR CENTREVILLE
Percy Chism holds a 5 foot rattlesnake he killed in the front yard of Rising Star Baptist Church Sunday morning. Percy stated that several children were playing in the yard and had run across the rattler several times before he was spotted. The snake had 9 rattlers.

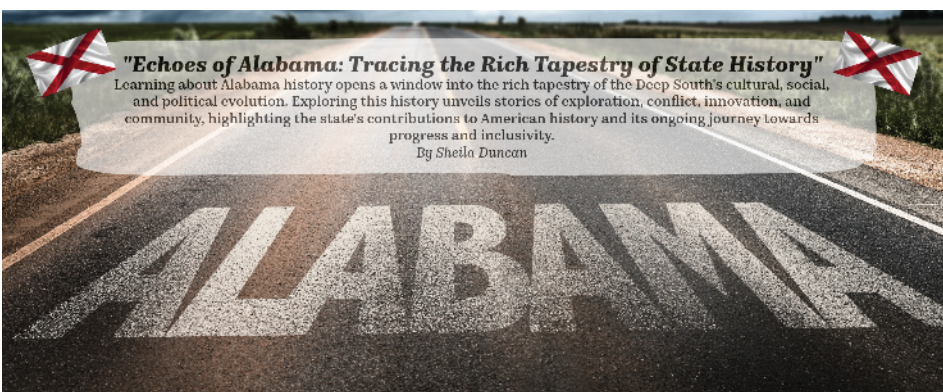


25 YEARS

Two Survive Plane Crash In North Bibb On April 13

By Mike Oakley
The Centreville Press
Excitement was in the voice of the dispatcher as she issued the call that a plane had reportedly gone down in the vicinity of Big Springs Road in Woodstock last Thursday.
Emergency personnel sped to the scene to find a single-engine airplane nose down in a swampy area on the edge of a large field.
Two men, pilot Ronald Diggs, and passenger J. Bon Hartline, were in the plane at the time of the crash. According to North Bibb Police Chief Michael Bates,
"The plane came from Illinois, home of the two men, and had been to Florida, they were apparently on their way back home when they experienced engine trouble and tried to land in the field."
Investigators were called in and were trying to determine the cause of the crash. Bates said the two men were conscious when pulled from the wreckage and had cuts and apparent broken bones.
They were dispatched to Druid City Hospital in Tuscaloosa where their injuries were deemed, "non-life threatening."
Randy Hutchins, who lives less than 100 yards from the crash site, saw most

of the action. "They were heading towards Greenpond and sounded like they were trying to start their engine. When they saw they couldn't make it they tried to turn around to land in the field they just passed over. About 30 yards from the field, they hit the top of a tree and it threw them down into the swampy area. I had the family call 911 and I ran down to see if they were alright. They were lucky."
Bates said the plane had traveled to Lakeland, Fla. when it crashed.



ALABAMA ATHLETES
Loyalty to the home team is one thing—cheering for athletes imported to play for our local colleges and pro franchises. But the deep emotional bond we feel for hometown heroes, the local legends we grew up watching, is something entirely different. These are the boys and girls from our neighborhoods, from the next town over. We saw them rise, playing for the sheer love of the game before it became a career.
Yet, the nature of sports often pulls them away—scholarships, contracts, and professional aspirations scattering them across the country. Now, we’re bringing them home—not necessarily to where they were born, but to where they first showed glimpses of greatness. That’s why Broadway Joe belongs in Pennsylvania, not Alabama or New York, and the Mailman is in Louisiana, not Utah.
The result? A ranking of the top 50 athletes from your state, followed by a list from all 50 states—the ultimate home teams.
#1 Hank Aaron
MOBILE
In 23-year career, hit 755 home runs and drove in 2,297 runs to surpass record totals of the Babe.
#2 Willie Mays
FAIRFIELD
One of baseball’s most complete players; hit 660 homers, stole 338 bases, won 12 Gold Gloves; two-time MVP.
#3 Bo Jackson
BESSEMER
Heisman winner at Auburn; only man selected to play in NFL Pro Bowl to also homer in baseball’s All-Star Game.
#4 Ozzie Newsome
MUSCLE SHOALS
Started 47 straight games at Alabama from 1974 to ‘77; set NFL record for career catches by a tight end (662).
#5 Willie McCovey
MOBILE
NL Rookie of the Year in 1959; MVP in ‘69; one of most devastating pull hitters ever; hit 521 homers in 22-year career.
#6 Satchel Paige
MOBILE
Reported age and Negro leagues win totals are debatable; no doubt that he was one of best pitchers ever.
#7 John Hannah
ALBERTVILLE
Football All-America and SEC champion in shot put and discus at Alabama; one of NFL’s finest offensive linemen in 13 seasons with the Patriots.
#8 Bart Starr
MONTGOMERY
Star at Lanier High and Alabama; ultra-efficient leader of Lombardi’s Packers dynasty; MVP of first two Super Bowls.
#9 Charles Barkley
LEEDS
SEC Player of the Year in 1983-84 at Auburn; in NBA, averaged 22.2 points and 11.7 rebounds over 16 seasons.
#10 Early Wynn
HARTFORD
Started early (age 19) and finished late (43); won 300 games, and a Cy Young in 1959.
#11 Buck Buchanan
BIRMINGHAM
Starred at Parker High and Grambling; quick defensive tackle led Chiefs to Super Bowls I and IV.
#12 John Stallworth
TUSCALOOSA
Steelers’ leader in six of 12 receiving categories; retired in 1988 with four Super Bowl rings.
#13 Ken Stabler
FOLEY
All-state in football and basketball at Foley High; star quarterback for Tide; led Raiders to win in Super Bowl XI.
#14 Joe Sewell
TITUS
Struck out only 114 times in 7,132 at bats from 1920 through ‘33; the 5’6 1/2” infielder used 40-ounce bat.
#15 Ralph (Shug) Jordan
SELMA
Auburn’s winningest coach led Tigers to only national title, in 1957; from ‘56 to ‘58 went 24 games without a loss.
#16 Lee Roy Jordan
EXCEL
Center and linebacker on Alabama’s 1961 national title team; anchored Cowboys’ Doomsday defense for 14 years.
#17 Maxie Baughan
BESSEMER
All-America center at Georgia Tech in 1959; went to Pro Bowl as a linebacker nine times in 12-year NFL career.
#18 Joe Cribbs
SULLIGENT
All-America running back at Sulligent High; third-leading rusher in Auburn history; spent 11 seasons in NFL and USFL.
#19 Bobby Bowden
BIRMINGHAM
Built Florida State football dynasty; fourth-winningest college coach (303-85-4); best bowl-winning percentage (.750) ever.
#20 Davey Allison
HUEYTOWN
NASCAR Rookie of the Year in 1987; driver of the year in ‘92; win
#21 Jennifer Chandler
LINCOLN
At 16 diving prodigy won gold medal in springboard at 1975 Pan Am Games; a year later she did the same at Olympics.
#22 Billy Williams
WHISTLER
Cubs outfielder for 16 seasons was sturdy (1,117 straight games) and strong (13 straight seasons with 20-plus homers).
#23 Harvey Glance
PHENIX CITY
Member of three Olympic teams; sprinter won 4x100-relay gold medal in Montreal in 1976.
#24 Sanders Russell
STEVENSON
Took up harness driving at Auburn; had 1,243 career victories and won 1962 Hambletonian at age 62.
#25 Percy Beard
GREENSBORO
Auburn hurdler won silver at 1932 Olympics; helped invent the all-weather track in ‘50s.
#26 Bobby Marlow
TROY
All-SEC halfback at Alabama in 1951 and ‘52; All-America in ‘52; played eight seasons in Canada for Saskatchewan.
#27 Mel Allen
BIRMINGHAM
Voice of the Yankees for 26 seasons got his start calling Alabama football; he and Red Barber were first broadcasters into Hall of Fame.
#28 Howard Hill
WILSONVILLE
Played baseball at Auburn from 1920 to ‘23, then took up archery; from 1926 to ‘42 won 196 straight tournaments.
#29 Fred Sington
BIRMINGHAM
All-America tackle at Alabama in 1929 and ‘30; only player named to Tide’s All-Century list in football and baseball.
#30 Sam Byrd
BIRMINGHAM
Spent six years as Babe Ruth’s late-game sub; as pro golfer, finished third in 1941 Masters and won six PGA tournaments.
#31 Hubert Green
BIRMINGHAM
Won 1977 U.S. Open, ‘85 PGA Championship and 17 other Tour events; winner of one Senior tour event since ‘96.
#32 Charley Boswell
BIRMINGHAM
Played football and baseball at Alabama; blinded by enemy fire in World War II; won 16 national titles as blind golfer.
#33 Robert Brazile
MOBILE
All-America linebacker at Jackson State, Defensive Rookie of the Year in NFL in ‘75.
#34 Pat Sullivan
BIRMINGHAM
Auburn’s first Heisman winner, with 2,012 passing yards in 1971; still school leader in career touchdown passes (53).
#35 Heinie Manush
TUSCUMBIA
Lionized for snapping ump’s bow tie during 1933 World Series; hit .330 over 17 seasons.
#36 Johnny Mack Brown
DOTHAN
Put Alabama football on map with two TD catches in 1926 Rose Bowl, leading Tide to a 20-19 win over Washington.
#37 Harry Gilmer
BIRMINGHAM
Triple-threat quarterback at Alabama from 1944 to ‘47; eight-year pro career with Redskins and Lions.
#38 Jo Ann Prentice
BIRMINGHAM
State amateur golf champion in 1954; six wins on LPGA tour, including the ‘74 Dinah Shore.
#39 Dixie Walker
BIRMINGHAM
Played semipro ball at 12; hit .306 lifetime and won NL batting title in 1944; delighted Dodgers fans with Giant-killing heroics.
#40 Johnny Musso
BIRMINGHAM
Third in career rushing yards (2,741) and second in rushing TDs (34) for Tide (1969-71).
#41 Riggs Stephenson
GUNTERSVILLE
Shoulder injury while fullback at Alabama hobbled throwing, but outfielder hit .336 in 14 years in majors, from 1921 to ‘34.
#42 Leah Marie Rawls
ATKINS
BIRMINGHAM
Three-time U.S. waterskiing champion, and world champion in 1953; first woman inducted into Alabama Sports Hall of Fame.
#43 Vince Dooley
MOBILE
Led Auburn with six interceptions in 1951; as Georgia coach, won ‘80 national title, took team to 20 bowls; 201 career victories.
#44 Piper Davis
PIPER
Negro leagues star at infielder with Birmingham Black Barons; spent four years touring with Harlem Globetrotters.

NEWS

WEST BLOCTON TOWN COUNCIL

Meeting Date: February 10, 2025

The Town Council of the Town of West Blocton, Alabama met in a Regular Council Meeting at the Municipal Building on Monday, February 10, 2025, at 7:00 P.M. A quorum being present. Mayor Daniel Sims called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M. Prayer was led by Fred Lynch. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Glenn Johnson. Roll was called by Town Clerk Brandy Fancher. Fred Lynch **Present** Glenn Johnson- **Present** Holly Barnett- **Present** Blane Sherron- **Present** Kristen Nash- **Absent**

Mayor Notes:
Mayor Sims asked for any modifications that the Council would like to add or take out of the current handbook. Council Member Holly Barnett requested a committee formed to work on the handbook. Starting tonight and through Monday, storm shelter will be open as a warming station. It will be open from 5pm to 6am to the public. Please let the Police Department know if there is anyone that will need a wellness check. With the weather dropping, we need to be proactive and make sure we keep check on anyone in need. Mr. Don Wallace, CPA is currently working on our yearly Audit. We are getting positive feedback on the im-

provements that have been made by our Town Clerk. There have been some issues with some of the paving/patching projects done recently. Mr. Kornegay feels like there was some bad asphalt used, and it is peeling up. We know of the issues on Hickory Street and at the Town Hall. Mr. Kornegay is aware and is going to fix when the weather allows. I. Council Approval: Previous Council Meeting Minutes January 6, 2025 Council Member Blane Sherron made the motion to approve the previous Council Meeting Minutes for 1-6-2025. Motion was seconded by Council Member Glenn Johnson. All in favor and motion so carried. December Financial Report Council Member Holly Barnett made the motion to approve December Financial Report. Motion was seconded by Council Member Glenn Johnson. All in favor and motion so carried. Health Care Savings and Water Improvement Accounts Roll Call Vote was used to combine Health Care Savings and Water Improvement Account and put into a 12 month CD at the bank with highest interest offered. Council Member

Fred Lynch- Yes Council Member Glenn Johnson-Yes Council Member Holly Barnett-Yes Council Member Blane Sherron-Yes No-0 Yes-4 Motion Passes Closure of Certificate Account *****0515 Roll Call Vote was used to close Certificate Account *****0515 and put into the Law Enforcement Training Fund account advised to do by Don Wallace CPA. Council Member Fred Lynch- Yes Council Member Glenn Johnson-Yes Council Member Holly Barnett-Yes Council Member Blane Sherron-Yes No-0 Yes-4 Motion Passes Move Council Meeting from 2-17-2025 to 2-18-2025 Council Member Blane Sherron made the motion to move council meeting from 2-17-2025 to 2-18-2025 due to Presidents Day. Motion was seconded by Council Member Glenn Johnson. All in favor and motion so carried. 2 Blowers for Sewer Treatment Plant Roll Call Vote was used to pay \$16,300.00 to LWS for 2 Blowers to be installed at the Sewer Treatment Plant. Council Member Fred Lynch- Yes Council Member Glenn Johnson-Yes Council Member Holly Barnett-Yes Council Member Blane Sherron-Yes No-0 Yes-4 Motion Passes

AL Power Camera/Flock System Roll Call Vote was used to approve the installation of 2- Flock Cameras for \$1,900 upfront payment and \$541.68 monthly and 3- Axis 1080p dome cameras to be installed at the Town Park, Coke Ovens and Town Hall for \$653.96 monthly. Council Member Fred Lynch-Yes Council Member Glenn Johnson-Yes Council Member Holly Barnett-Yes Council Member Blane Sherron-Yes N 0 - 0 YES-4 Motion Passes Mayor/Council Salary Ordinance 2025-2-10 Roll Call Vote was used to pass Ordinance No. 2025-2-10 setting the Mayor and Council Salary effective the first Monday in 11-2025. Mayor salary will be \$1,000 per month and Council will be \$100.00 per meeting attended not to exceed \$200.00 per month. Council Member Fred Lynch-YES Council Member Glenn Johnson-YES Council Member Blane Sherron-YES NO-0 YES 4 Motion passes unanimously. Rebuild AL Transportation Plan Resolution Council Member Blane Sherron made the motion to accept Resolution 2025-2-3. Motion was seconded by Council Member Holly Barnett. All in favor and motion so carried. Avenu Contracts Council Member Blane Sherron made the motion to approve the renewal of Service Agreements with Ave-

nuInsights to include Business License Administration, Discovery/Recovery and Tax Revenue. Motion was seconded by Council Member Holly Barnett. All in favor and motion so carried. WBHS Auxiliary Sponsorship Council Member Holly Barnett made the motion to approve \$300 Lunch Sponsorship for the WBHS Auxiliary Golf Tournament. Motion was seconded by Council Member Glenn Johnson. All in favor and motion so carried. WBHS Baseball Sign Renewal Council Member Blane Sherron made the motion to approve \$100 Sign Renewal for WBHS Baseball. Motion was seconded by Council Member Holly Barnett. All in favor and motion so carried. AAMCA Summer Conference Council Member Holly Barnett made the motion to approve \$1590 for Town Clerk to attend AAMCA Summer Conference April 23-25, 2025. Motion was seconded by Council Member Glenn Johnson. All in favor and motion so carried. Special Called Meeting Council Member Holly Barnett made the motion to have a special called meeting concerning Sales Tax Debt on February 24, 2025 at 5:30pm. Motion was seconded by Council Member Glenn Johnson. All in favor and motion so carried. Executive Session Council Member Hol-

ly Barnett made the motion to enter Executive Session at 8:00pm. Motion was seconded by Council Member Blane Sherron. All in favor. Council Member Holly Barnett made the motion to return to Regular Session at 8:18pm. Motion was seconded by Council Member Glenn Johnson. All in favor. **District 1 Report:** Council Member Fred Lynch wanted to request that our Police Department only patrol and serve the Town of West Blocton. Mayor Sims stated that our officers will assist and serve within their policy and procedures. **District 2 Report:** Council Member Glenn Johnson asked for an update on the Pavillion that is to be installed at the Town Park. Mayor Sims is hoping this will be completed by Spring. **District 3 Report:** No Report **District 4 Report:** Council Member Blane Sherron would like to encourage any town employee who can participate in the WBMS Career Day to do so. He feels its important to plant seeds in the younger generation and inform them of the opportunities in local government. Citizens to Speak: NONE There being no further business to come before the Town Council at this time, Council Member Holly Barnett made the motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Council Member Glenn Johnson. All in favor and motion so carried.

LEGALS

NOTICE OF DEFAULT AND FORECLOSURE SALE

WHEREAS, 22nd day of November, 2004, a certain Mortgage was executed by Rhea L. Smith a/k/a Rhea Lee Smith, an unmarried woman, as mortgagor in favor of Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. and was recorded on December 30, 2004, in RPB Book: 146, PG: 29, in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Bibb County, Alabama, and WHEREAS, the Mortgage was insured by the United States Secretary of Housing and Urban Development (the Secretary) pursuant to the National Housing Act for the purpose of providing single family housing; and WHEREAS, the Mortgage is now owned by the Secretary, pursuant to an assignment; said mortgage transferred and assigned to Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Champion Mortgage Company in RPB Book: 333, Page: 570; said mortgage transferred and assigned to Secretary in RPB Book: 356, Page: 236 et. seq., in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Bibb County, Alabama; and WHEREAS, a default has been made in the covenants and conditions of the Mortgage in that the payment due on January 8, 2025, was not made and remains wholly unpaid as of the date of this notice, and no payment has been made sufficient to restore the loan

to currency; and WHEREAS, the entire amount delinquent as of February 7, 2025 is \$204,177.87; and WHEREAS, by virtue of this default, the Secretary has declared the entire amount of the indebtedness secured by the mortgage to be immediately due and payable; NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to powers vested in me by the Single Family Mortgage Foreclosure Act of 1994, 12 U.S.C. 3751 et seq., by 24 CFR part 27, subpart B, and by the Secretary's designation of me as Foreclosure Commissioner, recorded in RPB Book: 2025, Page: 848, in the Probate Records of Bibb County, Alabama, notice is hereby giving that on the 11th day of April, 2025 between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., local time, all real and personal property at or used in connection with the following described premises ("Property") will be sold at a public auction in front of the main entrance of the Bibb County, Alabama, Courthouse, in the City of Centreville, Bibb County, Alabama, to the highest bidder: LOTS 1 AND 2 BLOCK "B" OF THE J.O. DUKES ADDITION TO ELIJAH McMILLIAN SUBDIVISION, A MAP OR PLAT AS RECORDED IN MAP BOOK 1 AT PAGE 41 IN THE PROBATE OFFICE OF BIBB COUNTY, ALABAMA, REFERENCE TO WHICH IS

HEREBY MADE IN AID OF AND AS A PART OF THIS DESCRIPTION Property being sold "AS IS". Property is subject to any title deficiencies. No representation is made as to the title to the subject property. Commonly known as: 2737 Main St., Brent, AL 35034. The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development will bid \$210,580.32, plus interest, fees and costs. There will be no proration of taxes, rents or other income or liabilities, except that the purchaser will pay, at or before closing, his prorated share of any real estate taxes that have been paid by the Secretary to the date of the foreclosure sale. When making their bids, all bidders except the Secretary must submit a deposit totaling \$21,058.03 [10% of the Secretary's bid] in the form of a certified check or cashier's check made out to the Secretary of HUD. A deposit need not accompany each oral bid. If the successful bid is oral, a deposit of \$21,058.03 must be presented before the bidding is closed. The deposit is nonrefundable. The remainder of the purchase price must be delivered within 30 days of the sale or at such other time as the Secretary may determine for good cause shown, time being of the

essence. This amount, like bid deposits, must be delivered in the form of a certified or cashier's check. If the Secretary is the highest bidder, he need not pay the bid amount in cash. The successful bidder will pay all conveying fees, all real estate and other taxes that are due on or after the delivery date of the remainder of the payment and all other costs associated with the transfer of title. At conclusion of the sale, the deposits of the unsuccessful bidders will be returned to them. The Secretary may grant an extension of time within which to deliver the remainder of the payment. All extension will be for 15-day increments for a fee of \$500.00, paid in advance. The extension fee shall be in the form of a certified or cashier's check made payable to the Secretary of HUD. If the high bidder closes the sale prior to the expiration of any extension period, the unused portion of the extension fee shall be applied toward the amount due. If the high bidder is unable to close the sale within the required period, or within any extensions of time granted by the Secretary, the high bidder may be required to forfeit the cash deposit or, at the election of the Foreclosure Commissioner after consultation with the HUD representative, will be liable to HUD for any costs incurred as a

result of such failure. The Commissioner may, at the direction of the HUD representative, offer the property to the second highest bidder for an amount equal to the highest price offered by that bidder. There is no right of redemption, or right of possession based upon a right of redemption, in the mortgagor or others subsequent to a foreclosure completed pursuant to the Act. Therefore, the Foreclosure Commissioner will issue a Deed to the purchaser(s) upon receipt of the entire purchase price accordance with the terms of the sale as provided herein. HUD does not guarantee that the property will be vacant. The scheduled foreclosure sale shall be cancelled or adjourned if is established, by documented written application of the mortgagor to the Foreclosure Commissioner not less than 3 days before the date of sale, or otherwise, that the default or defaults upon which the foreclosure sale is based did not exist at the time of service of this notice of default and foreclosure sale, or all amounts due under the mortgage agreement are tendered to the Foreclosure Commissioner, in the form of a certified or cashier's check payable to the Secretary of HUD, before public auction of the property is completed. The amount that must be paid in if the mortgage is to be reinstated

prior to the scheduled sale is \$204,177.87 as of February 7, 2025, plus all other amounts that would be due under the mortgage agreement if payments under the mortgage had not been accelerated, advertising costs and postage expenses incurred in notice, mileage by the most reasonable road distance for posting notices and for the Foreclosure Commissioner's attendance at the sale, reasonable and customary costs incurred for title and lien record searches, the necessary out-of-pocket costs incurred by the Foreclosure Commissioner for recording documents, a commission for the Foreclosure Commissioner, and all other costs incurred in connection with the foreclosure prior to reinstatement. Tender of payment by certified or cashier's check or application for cancellation of the foreclosure sale shall be submitted to the address of the Foreclosure Commissioner provided below. This sale is subject to postponement or cancellation. Date: February 28, 2025. Mark A. Pickens Foreclosure Commissioner for the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development P.O. Box 26101 Birmingham, AL 35260 (205)933-1169 (205)933-6929 facsimile Centreville Press March 7, 14 & 21, 2025

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by the terms of that certain Mortgage executed by Richard Stewart, unmarried man, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), (solely as nominee for Lender, FirstBank, and Lender's successors and assigns), dated the 14th day of April, 2023, which Mortgage was recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Bibb County, Alabama, in Real Property Book 410, at Page 103; said Mortgage having subsequently been transferred and assigned Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.

("MERS"), (solely as nominee for Lender, FirstBank, and Lender's successors and assigns) to Alabama Housing Finance Authority by virtue of that certain Assignment of Mortgage dated January 16, 2025 and recorded in said Probate Office in Real Property Book 2025, at Page 836. 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 the main entrance of the Bibb County Courthouse in the City of Centreville, Alabama, during the legal hours of sale on April 22, 2025, 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: A parcel of land located in part of the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 18, Township 23 North, Range 10 East in Bibb County, Alabama, and being more particularly described as follows: Commence at the Southwest corner of the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of said Section 18; thence run northerly for a distance of 346.7 feet to a 3/4" iron pipe found marking the Point of Beginning; thence continue North 1 degrees 41 minutes 28 seconds West for

a distance of 298.08 feet to a 1/2" capped rebar (Roger Moore) found; thence run North 52 degrees 57 minutes 36 seconds East for a distance of 192.09 feet to a 1/2" capped rebar (Roger Moore) found; thence run North 1 degrees 50 minutes 52 seconds West for a distance of 277.04 feet to a 1/2" iron pipe found lying on the southeast right of way of Highway No. 25, a 100' wide; thence run along the southeast right of way North 56 degrees 05 minutes 21 seconds East for a chord distance of 74.73 feet to concrete right of way marker; thence run North 59 degrees 55 minutes 05 seconds East along the curving southeast right of way for a chord distance of 236.00

feet an a radius of 1859.86 feet to a 1/2" capped rebar (#CA.00065) found; thence run South 1 degrees 59 minutes 31 seconds East for a distance of 455.65 feet to a 1/2" capped rebar (#CA.00065) found; thence run South 59 degrees 59 minutes 40 seconds West for a distance of 236.98 feet to a 1/2" rebar found; thence run South 0 degrees 31 minutes 45 seconds East for a distance of 117.76 feet to 2 1/2" iron pipe found; thence run South 53 degrees 20 minutes 42 seconds West for a distance of 266.17 feet to the point of beginning. 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. 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. Capel & Howard, P.C. Bowdy J. Brown, Esq. 150 South perry Street Montgomery, Alabama 36104 Alabama Housing Finance Authority Assignee Our File No.:37591-3479 Attorneys for Assignee Centreville Press March 14, 21 & 28, 2025

NEWS

CENTREVILLE WATER/SEWER DEPT.
Meeting Date: March 10, 2025
By: Lynn Hamric

Mayor Oakley called the meeting to order at 4:30. All members of the board were present.

Guests present were: Diane Epperson, Brad Colburn (City employees Rebecca Abercrombie, Leslie Hubbard), and Lynn Hamric with the Press.

1)Water Board Supt. (Larry O.) led an extensive discussion on the work involved and estimated expense on various methods of correcting the hydrant leak (Market/Cedar Streets). There will be an interruption of water to uptown with the length of time depending on which method of corrective action is taken. An estimated cost of \$25,000 was stated. The Board instructed Larry to obtain more pricing information/cost differences, etc. Mayor Oakley is to check with the insurance provider regarding a shutting off of water to businesses, etc.

2)Mayor Oakley also stated that Christian Sanford out of Katie Britts office is covering Bibb County. He has spoken with her about the possibility of getting infrastructure funding since Centreville has never requested assistance. He is to put together a proposal to forward to our DC elected officials requesting to be put on the appropriations list.

3) Larry brought to the attention of the board the need for "policy enforcement" or a "resolution" whichever will bring to code the number of houses (families) on a single meter. It appears there is a policy in place that needs enforcing.

4)Surplus/Scrap Equipment

There are several trucks and pcs of equipment that need to either be put on a surplus list (and up for bid) or sold for scrap. Larry is to provide, by the next meeting, a complete list (inventory) of all vehicles and equipment. Mayor Oakley stated there is a list for insurance purposes. Larry stated that even though some of the trucks are not road worthy they remain under insurance coverage. Per Larry the spray truck us water department property and the sprayer is city property. The sprayer can easily be put on a city truck. Mayor Oakley stated a transfer of equipment would take care of this.

5. Barry Cooner asked if every employee

needed a truck and if every employee

needed to drive the truck home every day. Larry stated that yes, they all needed trucks and that taking them home accomplished two things: 1) employees are on call-out. 2) this is one of the employee benefits. A lengthy discussion about this resulted in Mayor Oakley stating that the city would be liable of an employee was called out to work and were in an accident in their personal vehicle. This matter was questioned and Mayor Oakley is to verify this with City Attorney Mitch Kemmer. Barry stated this is something the board will need to discuss. He had rather see the employees be compensated more and keep the trucks at the water department building.

6. There are two streets (Market/Walnut and Walnut/Pine Avenue) that must be repaired prior to street paving. These areas are a result of the water department making line re-

pairs. The cost incurred will be the responsibility of the water department.

7. Water Bills failing to reach customers. Rebecca stated that she came into this in the middle of the situation (two weeks ago). She stated 1940 statements were printed and taken to the post office. She said they will go through all accounts and make sure statements are correct. Individuals are encouraged to call/come to city hall and secure a copy of their bill and make payment. There will be no late fees added. If a two-month statement is necessary payment arrangements may be made to pay over two-months and if unpaid at that time it would result in turn off. The city does not turn off water without working with customers to resolve the problem. Linda Lawrence stated that no one is blaming Rebecca for this problem. She also stated that comments need to be stopped on the FaceBook page. The city FB page should be made for announcements only. There was a Policy established in 2023 to this effect. Mayor Oakley stated there was a power outage partway through the printing process and Josh Lambert was able to get the system back up and running. Evidently when the system came back on some statements were double printed. Rebecca stated that every statement will be verified before being mailed. This may result in some overtime.

8. The issue of not being able to pay bills online continues to be a problem. The system has been in place for over a year and has never worked. Mayor Oakley said he and Megan have talked with Chase Bank trying to get this corrected. This has been documented and he hopes to talk with Chase Bank on Tuesday. Rebecca stated she was told it would be late April or early May before it would be operational. The city attorney is aware of this. Mayor Oakley said he will give them two weeks to correct the problem. Mayor Oakley invited Barry Cooner to come to his office Tuesday and sit in on the phone call.

9. There needs to be a written policy on meter cut-off. There is a word-of-mouth time frame but nothing in writing. Larry stated he has been with the city 15 years and there has never been anything in writing. He requested the board establish a written policy.

10. Water adjustments when leaks occur. The same word-of-mouth policy exists for this. Larry requested a step-by-step policy on how to handle this so that everyone would be treated equally. Larry stated the current metering system can generate a printout hour by hour of water going through the meters. Linda Lawrence then said apparently the \$80,000 computer system is not the problem. Rebecca stated she has not had any problems with the system.

11. Barry Cooner led a discussion concerning the phones at city hall and the lack of citizens being able to talk with anyone. He asked since there is only one number how calls are handled. It was decided that Rebecca would contact AT&T and have the system changed so that when a call comes in it will roll over to as many

phones as are operational so more than one person can take calls. Barry stated that the board is just trying to help by bringing citizens concerns to the employees.

12. Water Department Audit – Don Wallace has not completed the audit. He has requested a one-on-one with employees.

13. Barry brought up the matter of office hours for city hall. City Hall is currently closed on Wednesday afternoons. Employees should work eight to five (40 hour work week) so citizens can pay their water bills. Linda Lawrence agrees with this. A motion was made (Cooner) seconded (Lawrence) that beginning April 1, 2025 employees will work a forty hour work week with an hour for lunch. Motion carried.

14. Callier ID is not showing up as Centreville, AL but as Cordova. Rebecca is to get with AT&T and get this corrected.

15. Computer access by non-city employees. Rebecca stated that as of today all non-city employees are blocked on all computers. Barry stated that his concern is that it has taken two weeks for this to happen. A discussion as to whether this was Mayor Oakley's job to oversee ensued. Mayor Oakley stated that you hire employees you trust to do the right thing. That it really is not the responsibility of the Mayor.

16. Transparency. Barry stated that all the board is requesting is complete transparency. Do not hire someone and the board know nothing about it. There must be teamwork if business is to be run correctly. It should not be a five to one and he (Barry) would want full support of the board and he feels certain Mike does. Barry said, "don't say I'm trying to micro-manage" because that is not the case. Mayor Oakley said he understood perfectly. Barry stated that he will continue to ask questions to fulfill his appointment (board position). Linda agreed with Barry. If we had known ahead of time we might could have helped with the problem. When people ask and we don't know what's happening we all look foolish. The board should be the first to know not hear what's going on at city hall on the street. Mayor Oakley said he will make every effort to be transparent and he thinks he has been pretty transparent.

Note: A Resolution (03102025) was approved designating check signees to the Centreville Water Department Financial Accounts as follows:

Mayor Mike Oakley
Chairman Josh Colburn
Water Clerk Rebecca Abercrombie

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

BMC Wellness Offers Swimming Lessons for All Ages and Skill Levels

BY SAVANNAH LOGAN
REPORTER

BMC Wellness is offering a comprehensive range of swimming lessons designed to cater to various age groups and skill levels. All instructors are certified Red Cross Water Safety Instructors (WSI), ensuring high-quality training and safety for all participants.

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vate swim lessons from March 25th-27th, providing personalized attention to help participants build confidence and skills in the water.

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For more information or to enroll in swimming lessons, please visit the BMC Wellness Center's official website or contact their office directly at 205-926-3360.

WOODSTOCK TOWN COUNCIL
Meeting Date: March 3, 2025

The Town Council of the Town of Woodstock, Alabama met in a Regular Council Meeting at the Town Hall on Monday, March 3, 2025, 5:00 P.M. A quorum being present: Mayor Pro Tem Ernestine Johnson called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Pro Tem Ernestine Johnson. The following Council Members were present: Ronnie Kinard, Kellie Parks, Lee Mears, and Don Bowling. Mayor Jeff Dodson was absent. Police Chief Len Price was present. Various Public were in attendance.

COUNCIL APPROVAL:
Council Member Don Bowling made the motion to approve February 18, 2025 minutes as previously submitted by email. Motion was seconded by Council Member Kellie Parks and the motion so carried.

Council Member Don Bowling made the motion to approve payment of the following invoices for the Parks & Recreation Department:

US Foods – Ballpark Concessions \$1,438.48
Sam's Club – Ballpark/Concessions \$842.82
Ballpark/Field Maintenance & Equipment \$1,500.00
Coca-Cola – Ballpark/Concessions \$1,926.64
GreenCo – Ballpark/Pro Ant Fire Control \$350.00
KnowMyHire.com – Ballpark/Background \$170.00

Motion was seconded by Council Member Kellie Parks and the motion so carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT
Agreement for Housing Municipal Inmates

Council Member Lee Mears made the motion to approve the Agreement with the Bibb County Commission concerning housing for municipal inmates. Motion was seconded by Council Member Parks and the motion so carried. This agreement is attached to said minutes.

ALDOT Project BR-0005(565)

Council Member Kellie Parks made a motion to approve payment of the following invoices to The Kelley Group:

Invoice #2989 in the amount of \$1,150.00
Invoice #3008 in the amount of \$19,114.10

Motion was seconded by Council Member Lee Mears and the motion so carried.

Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting – March 17, 2025 @ 4:00 P.M

Mayor Pro Term Ernestine Johnson announced that a Planning & Zoning Special Meeting will be held on Monday, March 17, 2025 at 4:00 P.M. All Public is Welcome.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:
Public comments were heard. Kendall Criswell, Outreach Specialist for Ready, made comments, provided information, and explained her program to the Council Members and to those in attendance. Alec Monroe asked those in attendance to remember Kathy Leatherwood in prayer.
There being no further business to come before the Town Council at this time, Council Member Don Bowling made the motion to adjourn at 5:20 P.M. The motion was seconded by Council Member Lee Mears and upon being put to a vote, the motion was carried unanimously.
Approved this day of March 13, 2025.
Town Clerk Tiffney McCulley

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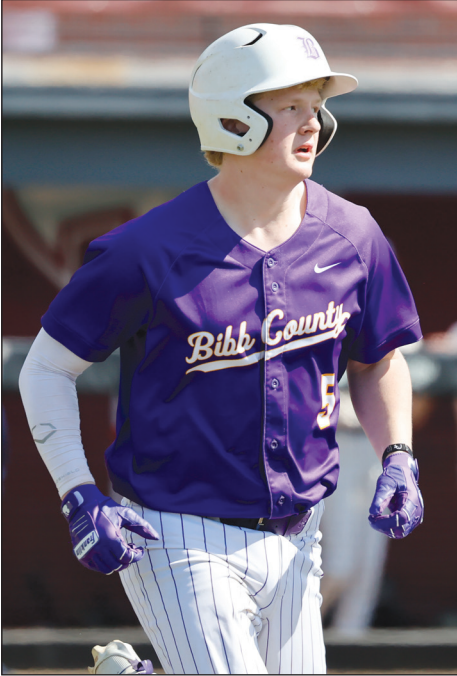
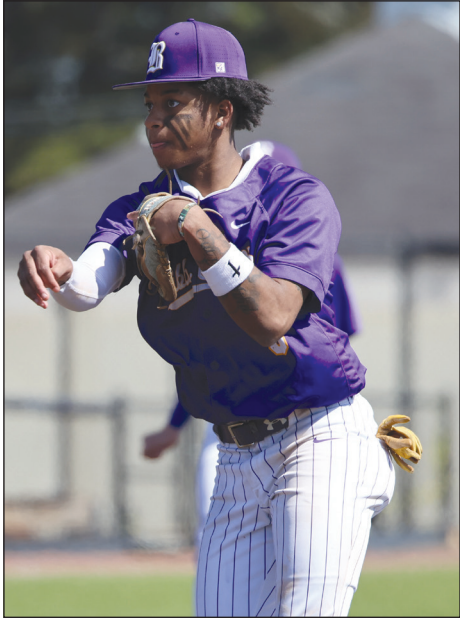


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BCCA NEWS



Cason Cook is the employee of the month for the morning modern manufacturing class. He is in his first semester in the Modern Manufacturing program. He enjoys working with his hands and likes being around the people in his class. He feels that he's learning important work skills that will benefit him in the future.



Colton Elliott is the employee of the month for the modern manufacturing afternoon class. Colton is in his first semester in the program and really enjoys getting outside the classroom and producing results with the knowledge he's learned. Colton says he's using the experience to gauge career opportunities for after high school.



Jayla Caddell is the employee of the month for cosmetology's morning class. Jayla is in her first semester in the program and enjoys the hands-on activities and appreciates the skills she's learned. She also feels that her teacher cares about her and her education. She says the students are also nice to each other which results in an overall positive environment.



Maliyah Sanders is the employee of the month for the cosmetology afternoon class. Maliyah is in her first semester in the program and enjoys working with her classmates to learn new skills and techniques. Maliyah plans to pursue a career in cosmetology after high school and feels the skills she's learning will benefit her in the future.



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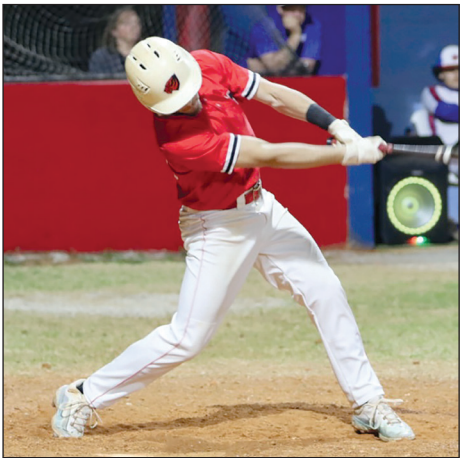


WBHS BASEBALL

Matthew Patton's Big Day Propels West Blocton Varsity Tigers Past Verbena

By Sheila Cook
Matthew Patton collected four hits in four at bats, as West Blocton Varsity Tigers defeated Verbena 8-2 on Friday. Patton doubled in the fifth inning, doubled in the second inning, singled in the fourth inning, and singled in the seventh inning. Tyler Martin, Cooper Deerman, and Patton at the bottom of West Blocton Varsity Tigers' lineup combined for six of the team's 10 hits in their victory. They scored two runs and drove in two. A single by #24 put Verbena on the board in the bottom of the first. Hunter Spencer hit into a fielder's choice, which helped West Blocton Varsity Tigers tie the game at one in the top of the third. West Blocton Varsity Tigers took the lead in the top of the fourth. Martin singled, scoring one run, to give West Blocton Varsity Tigers the upper hand, 2-1. Jackson Dial stepped on the mound first for West Blocton Varsity Tigers. The right-handed pitcher surrendered eight hits and two runs (one earned) over seven innings, striking out six and walking one. #32 opened the game for Verbena. The pitcher gave up eight hits and seven runs over five innings, striking out four and walking three. West

Blocton Varsity Tigers piled up 10 hits in the game. Spencer drove the middle of the lineup, leading West Blocton Varsity Tigers with three runs batted in. The second baseman went 2-for-4 on the day. Martin collected two hits for West Blocton Varsity Tigers in four at bats. Dial, Caden Fancher, Martin, and Patton each stole multiple bases for West Blocton Varsity Tigers. West Blocton Varsity Tigers ran wild on the base paths, accumulating 13 stolen bases for the game. West Blocton Varsity Tigers were sure-handed in the field and didn't commit a single error. Martin had the most chances in the field with seven. #24 and #12 were tough to handle back-to-back in the lineup, as each drove in one run for Verbena. #24, #12, and #11 each collected two hits for Verbena. Verbena turned one double play in the game.



Caden Fancher at the plate



Matthew Patton with a double, safe at second.



Jonathan Poole on the mound for the JV Tigers

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