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The Bibb County Republican Party held their quarterly meeting Thursday night, April 10, at 7:00 pm at the Sawmeal Restaurant. Guest speaker was Katherine Robertson, longtime Chief Counsel to Attorney General Steve Marshall. She discussed ongoing state and federal cases and what's on the horizon for the AG's Office. Katherine began her career at the U.S. Department of Justice. She served as counsel to Jeff Sessions on the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee and later as Vice President of the Alabama Policy Institute. Katherine has been with AG Marshall since his first day on the job.

## Cahaba Flowers: Bringing Big-City Quality with a Hometown Touch

BY SHEILA DUNCAN  
REPORTER

Flowers have long been a symbol of beauty, emotion, and celebration. From grand weddings to intimate gatherings, corporate events to everyday gestures of love and sympathy, floral design plays a vital role in how we express ourselves. But behind every breathtaking bouquet and elegantly crafted arrangement lies a dynamic and evolving industry—one that requires creativity, business savvy, and a deep understanding of market trends. The floral business is more than just arranging flowers; it's about storytelling, brand-building, and staying ahead of seasonal trends.

For nearly three decades, Linda Renn has been dedicated to bringing exceptional floral services and specialty products to her community. With a vision to offer the same quality and selection found in larger cities while maintaining the cherished "Hometown Experience" of personal service, she founded Cahaba Flowers in 1994. What began as a gift and apparel boutique has since blossomed into a full-service florist, specializing in heartfelt floral arrangements and tributes.

While Cahaba Flowers provides a range of floral services, funeral work remains their main focus. Linda and her team take great

pride in comforting families during difficult times, offering custom arrangements that honor and celebrate the lives of loved ones. Every tribute is crafted with care and sensitivity, ensuring that each arrangement reflects the unique personality and memory of the individual being honored.

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## APRIL Community Calendar

April 19th - Brierfield Ironworks' Easter Egg Hunt and Flea Market from 10am-12pm!  
April 22 - Right Bite - Healthy Eating for Diabetes, 11:30am-12:30pm  
Woodstock Senior Center  
April 23 - BMC Wellness Center, Movie Night "The Lion King", 7:30 p.m.  
April 28 - BMC Wellness Center, Diabetes Management Support Group, 5:30 p.m.  
April 29 - Right Bite - Healthy Eating for Diabetes, 11:30am-12:30 p.m.  
Woodstock Senior Center  
May 3 - Relay For Life, BMC Wellness Center, 3:00 p.m.  
May 2 & 3 - Griffin Farms Rodeo, 5:00 p.m.  
May 6 - Right Bite - Healthy Eating for Diabetes, 11:30am-12:30pm  
Woodstock Senior Center  
May 7 - Bibb County Chamber Coffee - Brierfield State Park  
May 7 - Mental Health Awareness Event - 10am-2pm - Probate Office Parking lot  
May 10 - Brierfield Ironworks' Family Fun Fest and Flea Market from 10am-2pm!  
May 15 - BCHS Graduation 7pm  
May 16 - WBHS Graduation 7pm  
May 17 - Woodstock Music Festival 3pm-until - with Tracy Lawrence  
May 17 - Cahaba Lily Festival 9am- 3pm  
May 31 - Cahaba River Crawl - 11:00 a.m.

## Town of Woodstock Hosts 8th Annual Music Festival Featuring Country Star Tracy Lawrence on May 17th

SPECIAL TO THE PRESS

The Town of Woodstock is excited to announce the eighth annual Woodstock Music Festival, set to take place on Saturday, May 17th, at Holiday Raceway. This highly anticipated community event brings together music lovers from across Alabama to enjoy a day of live performances, delicious food, and great company. Gates open at 3:00 PM and the show will begin at 4:00 PM.

The highlight of this year's festival is country music superstar Tracy Lawrence, who will headline the event. Lawrence, a celebrated name in the country music scene, is known for his chart-topping hits including "Alibis," "Time Marches On," and "Paint Me a Birmingham." With over 30 years of experience in the industry, Lawrence continues to captivate audiences with his timeless sound and impressive catalog of music.

Country Music Superstar Tracy Lawrence

Also taking the stage this year will be The Southbound Revelers, a local favorite from Tuscaloosa, along with Mobile's multi-talented Mario Parrish. Rounding out the bill is internationally renowned guitarist and vocalist Rick Harris. The festival promises to offer something for everyone with a diverse lineup of talent.

The Southbound Revelers: Mario Multi Parrish and Rick Harris

This year's festival is extra special, as all proceeds from the event will go towards building Woodstock's first-ever municipal playground, to be located at the Arvell Kornegay Walking Track next to Town Hall. The community-driven project will provide a new space for families and children to gather, play, and make memories.

"We are incredibly excited to bring such a wonderful event to Woodstock for the eighth year

in a row," said Mayor Jeff Dodson. "This festival not only celebrates music, but it also brings us together as a community. We are proud to support the development of our first playground, which will serve as a safe, fun space for children and families for years to come. I want to thank everyone for their continued support and look forward to seeing you there."

Attendees are encouraged to bring lawn chairs, blankets, and their love for great music, but please note that pets and coolers are not allowed. Food vendors and Holiday Raceway Concessions will be on-site offering a variety of delicious and affordable options for attendees to enjoy.

This family-friendly event promises to be an unforgettable day of music, community, and fun. Don't miss out on what is sure to be a highlight of the summer in Woodstock!

## Celebrate the Blooms at the 2025 Cahaba Lily Festival on May 17

BY SAVANNAH LOGAN  
REPORTER

Mark your calendars for a beloved West Blocton tradition! The 2025 Cahaba Lily Festival returns on Saturday, May 17 at the Cahaba Lily Center. This annual event honors the stunning and rare Cahaba lily, a Southern treasure that blooms for just a few short weeks each spring.

Registration begins at 8:00 a.m., followed by a morning program starting at 9:00 a.m. A highlight of the event is the keynote pre-

sentation by Dr. Larry Davenport, a biology professor at Samford University and the widely recognized authority on the Cahaba lily. His talk, "Romancing the Lilies," has become a festival favorite — both informative and entertaining for all who attend.

The festival offers fun and learning for all ages. Enjoy presentations from environmental groups, browse local vendors, and let the kids explore the children's play area. A delicious lunch will be served inside the Cahaba Lily Center.

For those wanting to experience the lilies up close, canoe rentals are available for purchase after lunch. These self-guided trips offer a breathtaking view of the lilies in bloom along the river. Please note that signal is unreliable in the area. While cards are accepted, it's best to bring cash or check to ensure a smooth experience.

For more details, visit the Cahaba Lily Festival website, and come join us in celebrating the beauty and wonder of the Cahaba lilies in full bloom!

## Cahaba River Crawl 2025: A Day of Music, BBQ, and River Fun in Centreville

BY SAVANNAH LOGAN  
REPORTER

Mark your calendars for May 31, 2025, as Centreville Main Street and Adventure Shoals team up to present the highly anticipated Cahaba River Crawl 2025. This family-friendly event will be a full day of outdoor adventure, live music, and delicious Southern BBQ, all set against the scenic backdrop of the Cahaba River.

The festivities will be based at the Bibb County Chamber Depot, located at 835 Walnut Street, Centreville, AL. With float times

starting at 12:30 PM and running every half hour until 2:30 PM, attendees can enjoy a relaxing 2-hour float down the river, taking in the natural beauty of one of Alabama's most treasured waterways.

Live music kicks off at 4:00 PM with a performance by the Jason Miller Band, setting the perfect tone for an evening of fun and community. After working up an appetite on the water, guests can look forward to a hearty BBQ dinner served at 5:00 PM.

Ticket Options:  
Water Package - Includes all-day event access,

the 2-hour river float, BBQ dinner, live music, access to bouncy houses, and more.

Land Package - Offers all of the above perks except the float.

Kids (ages 3-12) - Children 2 and under get in free.

Whether you're floating down the river, dancing to live tunes, or enjoying some good barbecue, the Cahaba River Crawl is bound to be a good time for everyone.

For more information or to purchase tickets, scan the QR code featured on the event flyer or contact Centreville Main Street directly.



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NEWS



Bibb County High’s Garrett Guthrie Scores Big at National Wheelchair Basketball Championship

SPECIAL TO THE PRESS

Bibb County High School sophomore Garrett Guthrie recently took center court at the National Wheelchair Basketball Association’s National Championship, helping lead his team, the Lakeshore Lakers, to victory in the Junior Division. The tournament, held in Richmond, Virginia, brought together top wheelchair basketball talent from across the country.

Guthrie, in his first year playing the sport, competed alongside high school students from across the southern states as part of the Lakeshore Lakers, a team sponsored by Birmingham’s renowned Lakeshore Foundation. The foundation promotes physical activity and inclusion for people with physical disabilities, and Guthrie says it’s made a big difference in his life.

“The Lakeshore Foundation helps people with disabilities feel like they are not alone,” Guthrie shared. “But really, everyone has something that they feel makes them different. My challenges are maybe more visible, but we’re all in this together.”

Guthrie began playing wheelchair basketball after his doctor suggested it as a way to stay active, make friends, and enjoy some healthy competition. What started as a new activity quickly turned into a passion. Now, with a national championship under his belt, he’s looking ahead to the future, hoping to play wheelchair basketball at the collegiate level.

Known for his quick wit and easygoing nature, Guthrie uses humor to bridge gaps and connect with what he playfully calls “able-bodied people.” More than just an athlete, he’s a role model at BCHS and beyond, spreading a message of resilience, faith, and determination.

“My life’s message is to use what God has given you to be the best you can be,” Guthrie said.

As his teammates and coaches celebrate the season’s success, Guthrie continues to inspire those around him with both his athletic skills and his uplifting spirit. Whether on the court or in the classroom, Garrett Guthrie is proving that determination—and a little humor—go a long way.

Cahaba Flowers

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As a full-service florist, Cahaba Flowers caters to a variety of customer needs. Whether it’s a custom bouquet, special orders, or unique floral designs, Linda’s talented staff works tirelessly to deliver beautiful, high-quality arrangements. They also offer an array of plants and locally made items, including roses in a variety of colors, adding a special touch to every occasion.

Operating in a small town presents its challenges, particularly the lack of local flower and supply deliveries. However, Linda and her team have overcome these obstacles through careful planning, creativity, and a strong commitment to their customers.

Linda understands the importance of community engagement. She actively sponsors and participates in local events, reinforcing her dedication to supporting and connecting with the people she serves. This community-first approach has helped Cahaba Flowers build lasting relationships with customers who appreciate not only the quality of the arrangements but also the warmth and personal touch behind every order.

In a business that requires both financial mindfulness and strong customer relationships, Linda remains committed to providing excellent service while encouraging support for local businesses. Her goal is to continue offering personalized service and high-quality floral arrangements for years to come,

ensuring that Cahaba Flowers remains a beloved part of the community.

Whether for a joyous celebration or a heartfelt farewell, Linda and her team at Cahaba Flowers are

dedicated to creating meaningful floral experiences with a personal touch. By combining big-city quality with small-town service, they continue to be a cherished local treasure.



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Pineview Baptist Church Welcomes New Pastor

BY SHEILA DUNCAN  
REPORTER

Pineview Baptist Church is excited to announce that the position for their new pastor has been filled. The church is eager to share this wonderful news with the community and introduce their new pastor, who will soon be leading worship services.

Pastor Nathan Vanderburg was born and raised in Tuscaloosa and currently lives in the Taylorville area of Tuscaloosa. He also works at the University of Alabama and has been employed there since 2003. Pastor Nathans and his wife Heather have been married since 2008 and have two boys, Ethan is 11 and Tanner is 9. He loves spending time with his family. Pastor Nathan says, “I enjoy taking my boys hunting, watching their ballgames, and of course cheering for the Crimson Tide. When I’m not busy, I like to spend my time reading or going for a walk and listening to music or a good podcast.”

When asked to share his personal testimony and how he was called into ministry, he shared, “Well, I thought I was saved at a young age as a teenager. My family wasn’t active in church. But we would go sometimes. I remember going to church one night with my family and going up to the altar at the end of the service. I was a little emotional and at the time, was led in prayer to receive Christ. Personally, I think it was more of an emotional experience for me. Nothing about me changed. I still wasn’t active in church afterwards and not much had changed about my life. I definitely wasn’t serving the Lord after that. It was in 2015 when I was truly saved and born-again through faith in Jesus Christ. By God’s grace my heart was opened to the gospel, I put my faith in Christ as my Lord and Savior and I’ve been walking by faith and seeking to live for him since then. I felt called to ministry while on a mission trip not long after that. I spoke with my pastor, he disciplined me and still disciplines me, but I believe ministry is Gods call on my life and pastoring and preaching his word I would say truly began while on a mission trip in

El Salvador several years ago.

Pastor Wanderburgs vision for Pineview Church in the next 3-5 years is simple. Continue to be a Great Commission church. That they will make disciples and grow in missions for the gospel of Jesus Christ. “I pray we continue to be a part of what God is doing locally in Centreville and that God will use us even beyond that. If we will just be faithful to his word and seek him, there is no telling what could happen in 3-5 years. I love the people here at the church. Great folks. They love their community, they love each other, and they love to worship the Lord. I had been filling in temporarily as they searched for a pastor, but after serving here during that time and getting to know the people, the Lord worked it out for me to minister here as their pastor and fill the position. I truly believe the Lord has blessings in store for Pineview and the community, and I am glad to be a part of it. I look forward to seeing what happens and my family and I are thankful to be a part of Pineview Baptist Church”, says Pastor Vanderburg.

Pineview looks forward to the journey ahead and invites everyone to come and get to know their new spiritual leader.



April is Child Abuse Prevention Month. On Monday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, community and families gathered together at the Bibb County Courthouse to plant pinwheels in honor of those children who deserve a safe childhood. These blue pinwheels raise awareness and show support for children.

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NEWS/CALENDAR



Rooted in Blooms & Saddles: The Many Passions of Jennifer Booker Stephens

BY SHEILA DUNCAN REPORTER

This week’s Community Connect spotlight features someone I’ve had the pleasure of knowing for several years. If you’ve ever stepped into Cahaba Flowers, chances are you’ve been greeted by her warm smile and helpful spirit. Jennifer Booker Stephens is a true talent in floral design and a valued part of Linda Renn’s team at Cahaba Flowers. But Jennifer wears many hats—she’s not only a gifted florist, but also a devoted wife, loving mom and grandmother, and a passionate horse enthu-

siast. Let us listen to what Jennifer shared and get to know her better. Tell us about you, your family and any pets you have: I have worked at Cahaba Flowers since 2009. I was raised in the Cottondale/Coaling area. I am 45 years old and was raised on a small farm where I spent most of my free time with my grandparents. I am a mother of two girls, Erin (26) (graduate of CCA) and Kate (12) student at CCA. Grandmother of two precious granddaughters Harper (6) and Blaire (2). Married to Heath Stephens

of Greene County, AL. We have a small herd of Charolais/Black Angus cows. Entirely too many horses, 2 dogs and 1 cat. What’s your favorite flower to work with, and what does it symbolize to you? Gerbers daisies are my favorite flower to work with. Not for the reason you would think because they are not necessarily the longest lasting flower but it’s their appearance of a happy smiling face that I see that gives so much joy. If you could create a bouquet that represents your personality, what

flowers would be in it? A wildflower bouquet that looks like you picked it out of an area that’s native to the area. They tend to be the most unique flowers compared to commercially grown. What’s the most rewarding part of working in a Flower Shop? We are able to give customers a shining spot in some of their most important moments in life. Even in death, we are able to give them one of the last gifts you can give a loved one. Casket covers are my favorite arrangement to make because we personalize everyone to the loved one’s unique character and things they were passionate about. Do you have a favorite memory of helping a customer choose the perfect Flowers? Any custom piece that represents a passion of the person that has passed. For example, one was a plumber his whole life and

the family asked for me to create something in that area. I cut out styrofoam in

the shape of a giant wrench. See Community Connect on page 7



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) 6pm. Visit us on FB. Search for “Treasure Forest of Bibb County” and join to learn more.
- » Open Door Singing on May 25th at 3pm at the Lillie Star District 10600 Hwy. 5 Brent. Bruce Rutledge will be the Master of Order & Devotion, all church Pastors are invited for solos, duets and groups as well.

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

QUARTERLY MEETINGS

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

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John "Tommy" Gray, Jr.

John "Tommy" Gray, Jr., of Centreville, Alabama passed away on April 8, 2025, at the age of 54, at his home.

Tommy is survived by his loving wife, Tame-la Gray of Centreville; Daughter, Kaylin Gray of Centreville; Step-son, Landon Gray (Faith); Mother, Joyce Gray of West Blocton; Sister, Tammy Boyd (Kevin) of West Blocton; nephew Seth Barton (Hannah); as well as a host of nieces and nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins, extended family, and his devoted

dog TJ.

He is preceded in death by his father, John "Tommy" Gray, Sr.

Graveside services were held on Monday, April 14, 2025, at 11:00 AM at Pineland Memorial Cemetery. Rev. Mike Allen officiated and with Rocko Funeral Home directing.

Pallbearers were Lee Stewart, Lance Marchant, Don Miles, Mitchell Simmons, Jeff Payne, Bryan Perkins, Chris White and Roger Kelley.

Honorary pallbearers were Bibb County High School Class of 1989.

COMMUNITY NEWS



Centreville News

From The Pen Of Brenda Hubbard



Bethel Baptist Church invites all to their sunrise service on April 20, 2025 at 7:00am, make plans to attend.

Relay for Life Bibb County will be May 3, 2025 at the BMC Wellness Center. Survivors tea will be from 2:30-3:00 with kick off starting at 3pm with the survivors celebration lap.

Anniversary wishes go out to Jimmy & Lila Stephens who recently celebrated their wedding anniversary.

Continued get well wishes and prayers go out to Vicki Speights.

Brierfield Ironworks will have an Easter Egg Hunt and Flea Market on April 19, 20205 from 10am-12pm.

Birthday wishes go out to several that have birthdays in April Judy Richardson, Janiece Hubbard Holifield, Sharon newton, Joon Phillippe Roulaine, Deborah

Fester, Davis Patridge, Paul Johnson, Penny Biles, Chris Snyder and Monica Wimberly.

Six Mile Music Festival will be held on April 26, 2025 from 1pm-9pm.

Those enjoying lunch at Kristi's Southern Eats recently on Tuesday were Laura Blumefeld, Leah Guen and Larry and Vicki Speights.

Anniversary wishes go out to John and Shirley Stamps who recently celebrated their 71st wedding anniversary. We wish them many many more years of happiness together.

Sympathy goes out to the Gray family in the recent loss of their loved one and to the McGee family to lost a loved on this week too.

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



West Eoline News

From The Pen Of Jane Hannah



Pennie Mitchell and Jane Hannah recently took Sista Cindy Fowler to lunch at Chow's Country Buffet to celebrate her birthday. We all enjoyed the extensive and delicious variety offered. We tried our best to taste them all and were not disappointed.

Jo Kitchen and Geneva Mullins joined Jane Hannah for a Pizza supper and games of Rummikub on Wednesday.

Tracey & Luke Holladay and Jo Kitchen joined Jane Hannah Friday night for dinner. It was "Pasta Night" in celebration of Tracey's recent birthday.

Stacey & Chad Thompson hosted Jane Hannah Saturday night for an evening under the stars and to a delicious Sunday af-

ternoon meal. Thanks for your love and care.

Stan Deason went home from BMC hospital stay Friday with Hospice Home Care. He was at peace and Saturday night April 12, near midnight he went to his eternal home. His family is making arrangements for a memorial service in the near future at Centreville Baptist Church.

BEST BIRTHDAY WISHES to these: Natalie Dockler 4-19, Max Latham & Deborea Feaster 4-21, Jeff James & Doug Scott 4-22, Sandy Deason & William Deason 4-23, Joe Barton 4-24.

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

Plain & Simple

"Slow down and enjoy the simple pleasures in life"

By: Sheila Duncan

Chicken Nachos

Ingredients:  
4 boneless, skinless chicken breasts  
2 Tbsp. taco seasoning  
2 Tbsp. Chili powder  
1/4 cup olive oil  
Kosher salt, to taste  
1 (8-oz.) can tomato sauce  
2 cups hot water  
Several dashes hot sauce  
Good tortilla chips  
Cheddar jack cheese, freshly grated

Directions:  
Sprinkle both sides of the chicken breasts with the taco seasoning and chili powder. Rub in the seasonings as much as you can.

Heat the oil in a heavy skillet over medium heat. Cook the chicken breasts on both sides until deep golden and totally done in the middle, about 4 minutes per side. Remove from the skillet and let rest for a few minutes.

In the same skillet, whisk in the tomato sauce, hot water, and several dashes of hot sauce and bring to a gentle boil. Reduce the heat to low

and keep warm. Taste and adjust the seasonings (you may need to add a little salt, depending on the taco seasoning you use).

Shred the chicken using two forks, then transfer the shredded chicken to the sauce. Toss to coat it in the sauce. If the sauce is too thick, add a little hotter water and allow to simmer for a few minutes.

To build the nachos, layer the chips, cheese, and shredded chicken on a heat-proof dish in several layers, ending with a small layer on top. Microwave the dish (or place it in a 350°F oven if oven-proof) until the cheese is totally melted.

Serve as is or add whatever extras you'd like! Dive into it immediately.

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2020 Nissan 3N1AB-8BV5LY23046  
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April 11 & April 18, 2025

## PROBATE NOTICE

**In the Probate Court of Bibb County, Alabama**  
**In Re: The estate of Patricia Grund Cummings, deceased**  
**Case No. 2025PC019**  
**Notice of Publication**  
Letters of Administration in the matter of the estate of Patricia Grund Cummings, having been granted to Emily Kelley on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2025 by the Honorable Stephanie Kemmer, Probate Judge of said coun-

ty, 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.  
Stephanie Kemmer, Probate Judge  
Holliman & Holliman  
John R. Holliman, Esq.  
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Scottsboro, AL 35768  
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April 4, 11 & 18, 2025

**Legal Notice**  
**Probate Office of Bibb County**  
**Case Number 2025-PC021**  
**Estate of Scott Alan Bardwell, deceased**  
Letters of Administration of said deceased having been granted to Sheldon Carl Sander- son, as Personal Representative, on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of April, 2025, by the Honorable Stephanie Kemmer, Judge of the Probate Court of Bibb County, notice

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G. Stephen Wiggins  
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April 11, 18 & 25, 2025

## NOTICE OF COMPLETION

**Legal Notice**  
In accordance with Chapter 1, Title 39, Code of Alabama, 1975, notice is hereby given that K&A Builders, Inc., Contractor, has completed the contract for construction at T-Hanger for the Bibb County Airport at 265 Airport Street Centreville, AL 35042 for the State of Alabama and the City of Centreville in Bibb County Alabama, 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 Goodwyn Mill Cawood at 1906 E. Three North Street, Andalusia, AL 36421.  
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**LEGAL NOTICE**  
In accordance with Chapter 1, Title 39, Code of Alabama, 1975, as amended, notice is hereby given that: Central Alabama Asphalt & Construction Co., LLC has completed the contract for the construction of Municipal Paving Project #2: Town of Woodstock for the State of Alabama, and the County of Bibb, and have made request for final settlement of

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## NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain Mortgage executed by Michael Martin and wife, Lora A. Martin, to Regions Mortgage, Inc., dated the 31st day of August, 2001, which Mortgage was recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Bibb County, Alabama, in RPB 85, at Page 327; said Mortgage having been corrected and re-recorded in said Probate Office in RPB Book 116, Page 363. The undersigned Regions Bank successor by merger with Regions Mortgage, Inc., as Mortgagee 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 May 14, 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 containing 2.0 acres, more or less, located in the SE 1/4 of the NW 1/4, Section 8, Township 23 North, Range 9 East, Bibb County, Alabama, described as follows:  
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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

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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.  
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Regions Bank Successor by Merger with Regions Mortgage Inc., Mortgagee  
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## STATE OF ALABAMA COUNTY OF BIBB NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage and security agreement executed by NURKILYA BELL, a single woman, on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of June 2008, to VANDERBILT MORTGAGE AND FINANCE, INC., as recorded in Real Property Book 217, Page 275, in the office of the Probate Judge of Bibb County, Alabama; VANDERBILT MORTGAGE AND FINANCE, INC., as Mortgagee, by reason of such default having declared all of the indebtedness secured by said mortgage and security agreement due and payable and such default continuing, notice is hereby given that, acting under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and security agreement, and as authorized by Section 7-9A-604(a) (2) of the Code of Alabama of 1975 as amended, VANDERBILT MORTGAGE AND FINANCE, INC., as Mortgagee, will sell at public outcry, for cash to the highest bidder, in front of the Courthouse door, in the City of Centreville, Bibb County, Alabama, during the legal hours of sale on May 7, 2025, the following described real and personal property situated in Bibb County,

Alabama, to-wit:

A parcel of land lying in the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 19, Township 22 North, Range 9 East in Bibb County, Alabama, being more particularly described as follows:

As the POINT OF BEGINNING, commence at the Northeast corner of the above said 1/4 – 1/4, said point being an iron pin found; thence run West along the North line of said 1/4 – 1/4 for a distance of 243.64 feet to an iron pin found, said point lying on the Northeasterly right of way of Harrisburg Road; thence turn an interior angle right of 61°28'51" and run Southeasterly along said right of way for a distance of 318.07 feet to an iron pin set; thence turn an interior angle right of 46°41'56" and leaving said right of way fun Northeasterly for a distance of 294.16 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING, said parcel containing 0.78 acres more or less.

INCLUDING a security interest in one (1) 2008 CMH manufactured home, Serial No. CS2009507TNAB; together with the hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging and all fixtures now attached to and used in connection with the premises herein described.

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, expressed or implied as to title, use and/or enjoyment and will be sold subject to the right of redemption of all parties entitled thereto.  
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.

Said sale will be made subject to any existing Federal Tax Lien, if any, and/or Special Assessments, if any, which might

adversely affect the title to the subject property.

Said sale will be made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by the above-described mortgage, and the proceeds thereof will be applied as provided by the terms of the said mortgage. This sale is subject to postponement or cancellation; contact Margery Oglesby at the phone number shown below prior to attending the sale.

Lori C. Baird  
Attorney for Vanderbilt Mortgage and Finance, Inc.  
ROSEN HARWOOD, P.A.  
2200 Jack Warner Pkwy Ste 200  
P.O. Box 2727  
Tuscaloosa, AL 35403  
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## ADOPTION NOTICE

**In the Probate Court of Bibb County, Alabama**  
**State of Alabama County of Bibb**  
**Case No. PC-2025-AD0004**  
**In the matter of the Adoption Petition of Delilah Loraine Pyper Sparkes**  
**Notice for Service by Publication**

Come Now the Petitioners, Joyce Faye Brown & Robert Llyod Brown, by and through their attorney of record, Thomas W. Hinote, and hereby move this Hon-

orable Court for an order directing notice of service by publication in the Centreville Press of this petition for adoption of a minor child, Delilah Loraine Pyper Sparks.

As grounds for this motion, the Petitioners adopt by reference the statements contained in the attached affidavit for service by publication.  
So requested this the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of March, 2025.  
Thomas W. Hinote  
2316 University Blvd.  
Tuscaloosa, AL 35401  
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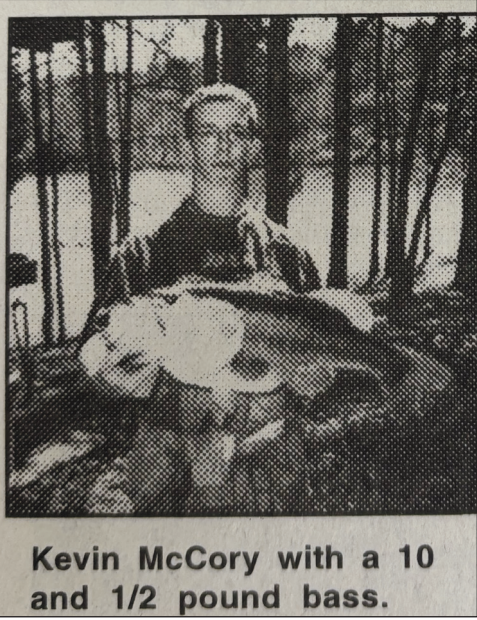


LIFESTYLE



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.

25 YEARS AGO



Kevin McCorry with a 10 and 1/2 pound bass.

75 YEARS AGO

**Bibb County Represented In Safety Parade At Capitol City**  
In the Automobile Dealers’ State-Wide Safety Meeting held in Montgomery on Monday of this week, Bibb County was represented in Safety Parade which followed a series of lectures and a luncheon held at the Whitley Hotel City and county school superintendents were guests of Automobile Dealers the Association of Alabama, which is working in collaboration with the American Automobile Association, the State Highway Department, and the Education Department of Alabama, in an effort to further driving and safety education in state. The principal speaker of the day was a former Alabamian, Norman Key, Educational Consultant, American Con-Automobile Association, Washington, D. C. Mr. Key particularly stressed the need for driver-training in high schools. There are fifty-two training cars in the high schools of this state, and nine adult training cars. Bibb County is fortunate in having driver-training courses being offered in both high schools. Participating in the parade were the impressive driver-training cars from both Bibb County High Schools with Instructor R.G. Dobbins driving, and from West Blocton High School, with Instructor Sweeney driving, accompanied by County Superintendent F. B. Pratt

50 YEARS AGO

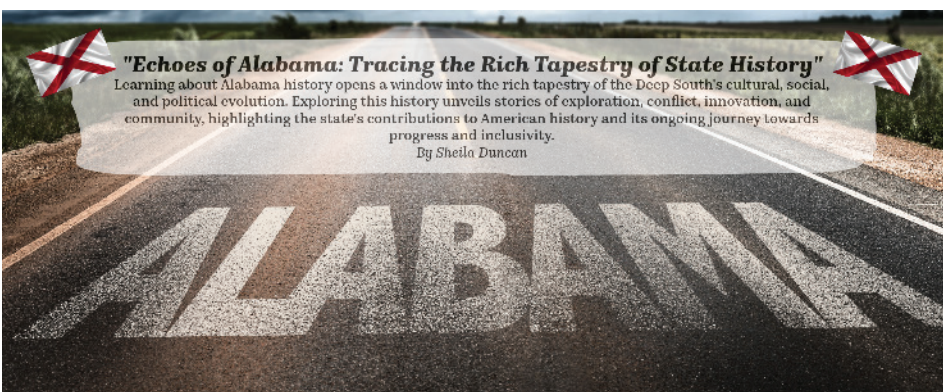


TANYA GOODSON  
“MISS BIRMINGHAM”

Tanya Goodson, 20-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Goodson, Jr., of Brent, and a Sophomore at Samford University, was selected “Miss Birmingham” Friday night, and will represent that city in the Miss Alabama contest in June. She was selected over a field f67 contestants and received a full 4-year college scholarship. She also carried home the ‘Miss Congeniality” trophy. Tanya appeared that evening in swimsuit attire and in evening gown competition. Her talent was singing a medley of songs from “My Fair Lady.” The “Miss Alabama” contest will be held June 12, 13, and 14 at the Civic Center in Birmingham and tickets are now on sale.

100 YEARS AGO

**Drowns In Cahaba River.**  
Mr. Henley J. Martin, Felix, Perry County, was drowned the Cahaba River near his sawmill in Perry County on Wednesday evening d of last week, while in bathing with a young man named Stewart. The two went down to the river to take a swim and he took cramps and drowned before his friend could help him. He is a son of Mr. W. H. Martin, who lives at Brent, and was a very popular young man, being reared in this county, and operated a sawmill in Perry County. He leaves a wife and five children. He carried something like \$15,000, insurance on his life. His body was brought to Bibb for interment in Union Cemetery.



The Alabama Boll Weevil

BY SHEILA DUNCAN  
REPORTER

The boll weevil (*Anthonomus grandis*) is an insect that caused major damage to cotton farming in Alabama and other Southern states starting in the early 1900s. As a result, many landowners had to sell their farms, and even more tenant farmers and sharecroppers left the South during what’s called the Great Migration, moving north and west to find work. Those who stayed began growing other crops like corn and peanuts or raising livestock. Some people saw this as a good thing because it led to a more diverse farming economy. The boll weevil first came into the U.S. from Mexico in 1892. It reached Mobile County, Alabama, in 1910 and had spread across the entire state by 1916. At that time, Alabama relied heavily on farming—especially cotton. Early weevil infestations caused crop losses of up to 75%. Because farmers and related industries couldn’t adapt quickly, the state’s economy was hit hard. In 1950, the worst year, losses in the U.S. totaled \$750 million. Alabama alone lost \$20 to \$40 million each year for over 80 years. Some historians say the boll weevil had a bigger impact on Alabama than any event except the Civil War. When the boll weevil first started damaging crops, farmers tried many ways to stop it. They used homemade insect sprays and even burned fields to kill the bugs. Some planted cotton earlier in the season to try to beat the weevils. But the most effective solution was switching to different crops. In southeast Alabama’s Wiregrass area, farmers started growing peanuts. In the north, cold winters helped slow down the weevil, so more cotton was grown there. In 1918, with help from farm experts, farmers began using calcium arsenate, a chemical that helped control weevils until the mid-1940s. Then new chemicals were created—like Toxaphene, BHC, and DDT—that worked even better. But by the 1950s, farmers depended too much on them and stopped using their earlier good farming practices. The weevils eventually became resistant to these chemicals. That ended up being better for nature because those older chemicals stayed in the soil and water and harmed ani-

mals like birds and fish. In the 1960s, scientists created a new group of insect killers called organophosphates, including methyl parathion, Guthion, and malathion. These didn’t stick around in the environment as long, but they were very poisonous to people and animals. In fact, they were based on nerve gases used during World War II. In the 1960s, crop losses began to drop, but the heavy use of phosphate insecticides caused other cotton pests, like the tobacco budworm, to become a problem. Scientists worried that the boll weevil might also become resistant, so they started working harder on wiping it out completely. To help with this, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) opened a special Boll Weevil Research Lab in Mississippi in 1962. Over the next 15 years, scientists developed new ways to get rid of the weevil. They tested these methods in small areas, and by 1979, launched a large eradication program in North Carolina. This included traps with fake weevil scents to track them, and spraying the pesticide malathion on fields—sometimes 18 to 20 times a year! The USDA also gave more money to local farming agencies in the 1970s. This helped hire workers and create education programs. These programs taught farmers how to monitor fields, decide the best times to spray, and use good farming practices. All these methods were grouped into a system called Integrated Pest Management (IPM). The program worked so well it spread to South Carolina in 1983, and then to Georgia and southern Alabama in 1987. It reached all of Alabama over the next eight years. Farmers faced problems like higher costs, not enough workers, and environmental concerns from spraying, but they pushed through. When the

weevil was finally wiped out in Alabama, cotton harvests improved a lot, and farmers didn’t need nearly as much pesticide. Since 1995, Alabama hasn’t had any major damage from boll weevils. The last one seen in the state was caught in Mobile County in 2003. Around that same time, farmers also started using genetically modified cotton that repelled certain pests and attracted helpful insects. Some bugs, like stink bugs and plant bugs, still show up from time to time, but nothing as destructive as the boll weevil. The boll weevil caused serious problems for Alabama’s farming and communities throughout much of the 1900s. But over time, some good things came from the struggle. Farmers began growing a variety of crops instead of just cotton, which helped strengthen agriculture. The fight against the weevil also led to major growth in the study of insects (entomology) in the South and new ways to control pests—like spraying pesticides from airplanes. The boll weevil crisis also helped create the Cooperative Extension Service and boosted the work of agricultural experiment stations. Efforts to get rid of the weevil renewed interest in better pest control methods, like Integrated Pest Management (IPM), and led to the use of field scouting and the growth of private agricultural consulting businesses. Today, cotton farming is strong again in southern Alabama. It works well as a rotation crop with peanuts, especially in the Wiregrass region. The city of Georgia and southern Alabama in 1987. It reached all of Alabama over the next eight years. Farmers faced problems like higher costs, not enough workers, and environmental concerns from spraying, but they pushed through. When the



DEBRIS/GRASS CUTTING ATTENDANT

**Job Description:** The Bibb County Commission is seeking qualified applicants to fill a Full-time position as Debris/Grass Cutting Attendant. The person hired will work in the Debris/Grass Cutting and Solid Waste Department and assist in clearing and cleaning up of right of ways within Bibb County.

**Qualifications:** High School Diploma/GED and valid driver's license (required), Heavy equipment experience using small tools. Class B CDL (Optional)

**Disclaimers:** Daily duties will include but are not limited to the operation of heavy equipment, examples include tractor with bush hog, side cutter and grapple brush truck. Running of chainsaws, weed eaters and other tools to clear debris, tall grass and litter from the right of ways.

Position may involve frequent bending, moving and lifting (may exceed 25 pounds) at times. Working in all weather conditions. Available to work overtime if needed.

Pay Range: \$14.00-\$19.00 hr.

Benefits: BC/BS Health Insurance and participation in State Retirement System.

Applications will be accepted at the Bibb County Commission Office, 157 SW Davidson Drive Centreville, Al 35042, until the position is filled. Applications can be picked up and returned to the above address. For additional information, please contact the Bibb County Emergency Management Office 205-928-0092.

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NEWS



4-H Summer Camp 2025: An Unforgettable Experience for Ages 9–13

BY SAVANNAH LOGAN REPORTER

Ahh, summer camp. The quintessential childhood experience filled with sunshine, adventure, and memories that last a lifetime. Whether it’s roasting marshmallows by the campfire, paddling across the lake, or laughing with new friends during cabin time, there’s something magical about those few days away from home. This year, the magic returns at the 2025 4-H Summer Camp, happening June 23–25 at the Alabama 4-H Center in Columbiana, AL.

It’s the perfect chance for kids ages 9–13 to unplug, explore the outdoors, and gain confidence while having the time of their lives. This three-day camp offers a wide range of exciting activities designed to build confidence, teamwork, and lifelong memories. From outdoor adventures to hands-on learning, campers will stay engaged and make new friends along the way. Dates: June 23–25, 2025 Location: Alabama 4-H Center, Columbiana, AL Cost: \$175 per camper Ages: 9–13 How to Register:

Sign up online at <https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in> For more information, contact the Bibb County Extension Office at (205) 928-2981. The Alabama Extension is committed to being an equal opportunity educator and provider. If you need reasonable accommodations or language access services, please call 205-926-4310 or email [hah0056@auburn.edu](mailto:hah0056@auburn.edu). Don’t miss out — spaces tend to fill quickly, so be sure to register soon for this exciting summer adventure!

Community Connect

Community Connect from page 3

It was approximately 4 feet tall not including the easel it was on. I cut the tops of white mums put them on toothpicks and placed them into the styrofoam. Once it took the shape of the wrench, I spray painted it silver and red. There was another loved one that absolutely loved red high heels, and I did the same thing for her funeral. Getting the spike of the heel pointy was the hardest part, but it was worth it seeing her family and friends faces when they admired it. When did your love for horses begin, and do you have a special horse in your life? There is a “slide” (showing my age here) of me when I was a week old bundled up in my blanket on a horse. So, I have always said I was riding since birth. My Aunt Lisa gave me the gift of loving horses. She taught me so much about how to take care of a horse, ride, and even train them. I had (past tense) an Appaloosa named Guardian. He was my best friend, and we went on many adventures together. We went on countless trail rides, horse shows and even did several trick performances at school halftime shows, birthday parties and private school events. He lived to be 2 months shy of 30 years old. I currently have a mare that is a Champagne colored Spotted Saddle horse. I also have a Walkaloosa stallion that is a rare breed. Walkaloosas are a cross from an Appaloosa and a Tennessee Walking horse. You get the loud color and stamina from one and the silky-smooth gait from the

other. If your horse had a personality trait that matched yours, what would it be? A lot of pet owners have had their personalities compared to their animals for similar traits. This instance is no different. Horses are always up for an adventure, nap time is very predictable, running is only a fight or flight response and they’re always searching for food. I have all those traits also so that just about sums it up! How do horses bring peace and joy into your life? Horses bring a sense of calm to my life like no other animal. Loyal to a fault. Just hearing them munch slowly and methodically on grass, the pounding of the hooves running with the herd and the feeling of a half-ton animal in sync with you as you navigate a mountainous trail. If you could go on a horseback adventure, anywhere in the world, where would it be? Bryce Canyon National Park in Utah. I have seen several videos of horseback trail riders walking through the steep terrain of the colorful canyons and just think that would be an interesting trip. How has your family influenced your love for Flowers and Horses? My Grandmother, Lane (Nanah) is who gave me the love of flowers. Her flower beds were absolutely beautiful. The varieties of iris, roses, and lilies handed down over generations were sought after in the community. I still to this day have numerous bulbs that grow in my yard from her that I give away to others because of her giving

spirit. In a way it’s to keep her memory alive. The Wesleyan church we were members of came to expect a beautiful fresh floral arrangement every Sunday in front of the pulpit made by my grandmother. Even in the winter months somehow, she was always able to contribute a beautiful floral display. What’s your favorite family tradition? We have a turkey neck trophy that is given out to one lucky family member every Thanksgiving. It started when our family started to get bigger, and the kids got a little rowdy in my grandparents’ home, so I came up with a game outside to keep the kids entertained while the adults talked and cleaned up. That’s how the turkey neck game began. You get the turkey neck from the turkey you just cooked and hide it out in the yard. Depending on the age of the kids depends on how hard I hide it sometimes it’s found within five minutes sometimes an hour. The person that finds it is awarded a real trophy with the words TURKEY NECK CHAMPION on it. Of course, an obligatory photo with the turkey neck and trophy is required. If you could design a floral arrangement that represents your family, what flowers would it include? It would definitely have to include flowers that were in my grandmothers’ flowerbeds. Gardenias, irises, roses of all varieties, phlox, surprise lilies, gladiolas, and surprisingly a curly garlic bloom. The dogwood tree is my favorite so there needs to be a couple blooms in there!

Alabama House Approves School Cell Phone Ban, Prompting Debate Over Safety and Student Well-Being

BY SAVANNAH LOGAN REPORTER

The Alabama House of Representatives has passed a bill that would require all public schools to implement a “bell-to-bell” cell phone ban for students during class hours. House Bill 166, sponsored by Rep. Leigh Hulsey (R-Helena), passed with a 79-15 vote and now heads to the Senate for consideration. The bill mandates that local school boards develop policies to ensure students store their phones during instructional time. Options for storage include locking pouches like Yondr or more affordable alternatives, such as over-the-door shoe organizers. While some schools have already adopted similar practices, the bill seeks to create consistency across the state. Rep. Hulsey argued that limiting access to cell phones during class can help improve focus, academic performance, and even mental health. She cited research indicating that cell phone bans have led to better test scores and information retention, though some Democratic lawmakers, including Rep. Mary Moore (D-Birmingham), questioned the availability of this data. According to the Pew Research Center, 72% of U.S. high school teachers identify cell phone distraction as a major classroom issue. Supporters of the bill say that limiting screen time could help students re-engage with learning and re-

duce social media-related anxiety. However, not all lawmakers are on board. Concerns over student safety in emergency situations — especially school shootings — sparked debate on the House floor. Rep. Barbara Drummond (D-Mobile) voiced strong opposition, pointing to the ongoing threat of gun violence in schools. She highlighted the importance of students being able to quickly contact their parents in moments of crisis, referencing the 332 school shootings reported in 2024 and 52 more already recorded in 2025. “We as a body need to protect our kids since we will not pass a bill to keep guns away from our school children,” Drummond said, referencing the failure of multiple firearm safety bills she has introduced in recent years. Others, like Rep. Napoleon Bracy (D-Prichard), pointed out more routine scenarios where access to a phone might be necessary — for instance, a student needing a change of clothes or coordinating transportation. Under the current version of the bill, students may only access their phones in three cases: if outlined in an Individualized Education Plan (IEP), for medical purposes, or during teacher-approved instruction. The House did approve an amendment that removes penalties for non-compliant schools, prompting mixed reactions. Rep. Pebbin Warren (D-Tuskegee) criti-

cized the change, saying, “We need to put some teeth into this bill. If we don’t, we’re going to be in the same position next year as we are this year.” Bibb County Superintendent Kevin Cotner weighed in on the legislation, saying: “Cell phones have been an increasing issue within our schools. While the new law will limit cell phone use within our schools, I believe education on responsible cell phone use is the greater need. Too many of our students are given cell phones for the sake of safety with no restrictions, and it opens them up to a whole new world they are not ready for when it comes to social media apps.” The conversation around this legislation reflects a broader national debate about how best to balance student safety, mental health, and personal responsibility. While the intent behind limiting distractions in the classroom is widely supported, the reality of ongoing school violence casts a long shadow over the idea of limiting communication access during the school day. As the bill advances to the Senate, parents, educators, and lawmakers will continue to grapple with the complex intersection of technology, education, and safety. What remains clear is that any solution must address not just discipline and distraction, but also the urgent and persistent need to protect students from the growing threat of school-based violence.

Judson College May Be Used for New State Health School as Supporters Ask Alumni to Help Push for Judson Campus Use

BY SHEILA DUNCAN REPORTER

Judson College, which has been closed since 2021, might soon have students on campus again—at least temporarily. State officials are considering using the historic campus as a temporary home for the new Alabama School of Healthcare Sciences. The new school will be based in Demopolis but is still in the early stages. Although land has been secured there, construction on the permanent campus hasn’t started yet. With plans to begin classes as early as this fall, state leaders are searching for a temporary site where students can live and study. Judson’s campus in Marion is one of two locations being considered. The other is the University of West Alabama in Livingston, which is slightly closer to Demopolis. Claire Kinnaird Keel, president of the Judson College Alumnae Association, shared this news in a recent letter. Keel and Judson Foundation president Joan Newman are asking alumnae

to contact lawmakers and speak up in favor of using the Judson campus. “Bringing life back to the campus would be great for both the school and the town of Marion,” Keel wrote. She also noted that improvements would be made to the campus during its use. Supporters believe even temporary use would help Marion, which has felt the economic impact since Judson closed. Although the campus has been maintained, it hasn’t had students in almost four years. A recent fire in the campus library—started by someone in a mental health crisis—brought new attention to the unused property. The Alabama School of Healthcare Sciences is a top priority for lawmakers and Governor Kay Ivey as they

work to address healthcare worker shortages. State Finance Director Bill Poole, who is from nearby Marengo County, is expected to help decide where students will stay. Keel called the decision “very time sensitive” and encouraged alumnae, especially those from Perry and Marengo counties, to contact their representatives. If the temporary use goes well, there’s hope the state might consider keeping the school in Marion permanently instead of building in Demopolis. Judson College, founded in 1838, was one of the oldest women’s colleges in the U.S. It closed in 2021 due to financial issues made worse by falling enrollment and the COVID-19 pandemic.



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LEGALS

PUBLIC HEARING

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, June 17, 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.

Centreville Press  
April 18, 2025

NOTICE OF PETITION

Notice of Petition for Letters of Administration Cum Testamento Annexo

Notice to : Christopher Todd Steakley, whose last known address is 9729 Montevallo Road, Centreville, Alabama 35042

You will take notice that a Petition for Letters of Administration Cum Testamento Annexo has been filed by Rebecca Steakley on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2025.Said Petition is set to be heard on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2025 at 10:00 am in the

Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama, 800 Forrest Avenue, Gadsden, Alabama 35901.

Justin Hayes, Esq.  
406 South 3<sup>rd</sup> Street  
Gadsden, AL 35901  
Centreville Press  
April 18, 25, May 2 & 9, 2025

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

STATE OF ALABAMA COUNTY OF BIBB

Default having been made of the terms of the loan documents secured by that certain mortgage executed by Frederick B Grady, a married person, AKA Benjamin Grady and Mary B Grady, a married person, AKA Beth Grady to U.S. Bank National Association dated September 12, 2014; said mortgage being recorded on February 25, 2015 in Deed Book 302, Page 302 as having been modified by an agreement recorded on and recorded in Deed Book 302, Page 327, in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Bibb County, Alabama..

The undersigned, U.S. Bank National Association, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the main entrance of the Court House in Bibb County, Alabama during the legal hours of sale (between 11am and 4pm), on January 24, 2024 the following property, situated in Bibb County, Alabama, to-wit:

A PARCEL OF LAND CONTAINING 7.00 ACRES, LOCATED IN THE SW 1/4 OF THE SE 1/4, SECTION 17, TOWNSHIP 22 SOUTH, RANGE 6 WEST, BIBB COUNTY, ALABAMA, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID 1/4-1/4 SECTION AND RUN NORTH 85 DEGREES 06 MINUTES 17 SECONDS EAST 214.43 FEET TO AN IRON PIN AT A FENCE CORNER, SAID POINT BEING THE POINT OF

BEGINNING; THENCE RUN NORTH 03 DEGREES 44 MINUTES 54 SECONDS WEST ALONG A PROPERTY LINE FENCE 650.67 FEET TO A FENCE CORNER POST AT THE INTERSECTION OF THE SOUTHEAST RIGHT OF WAY OF BIBB COUNTY HIGHWAY NO. 24; THENCE RUN NORTH 71 DEGREES 16 MINUTES 31 SECONDS EAST ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY 120.80 FEET; THENCE RUN NORTH 66 DEGREES 20 MINUTES 01 SECONDS EAST ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY 109.12 FEET TO AN IRON; THENCE RUN SOUTH 35 DEGREES 16 MINUTES 08 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE WEST EDGE OF SAID DRIVE 193.31 FEET; THENCE RUN SOUTH 34 DEGREES 25 MINUTES 09 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE WEST EDGE OF SAID DRIVE 91.34 FEET; THENCE RUN SOUTH 39 DEGREES 53 MINUTES 47 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE WEST EDGE OF SAID DRIVE 219.24 FEET; THENCE RUN SOUTH 20 DEGREES 29 MINUTES 49 SECONDS EAST

ALONG THE WEST EDGE OF SAID DRIVE 72.06 FEET; THENCE RUN SOUTH 14 DEGREES 29 MINUTES 22 SECONDS EAST 257.71 FEET TO AN IRON PIN AT THE INTERSECTION OF A PROPERTY LINE FENCE; THENCE RUN SOUTH 88 DEGREES 38 MINUTES 07 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID FENCE LINE 565.55 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

Said property is commonly known as 2913 Vance Rd, West Blocton, AL 35184.

Should a conflict arise between the property address and the legal description, the legal description will control.

Said property will be sold subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), the right of redemption of any taxing authority, all outstanding liens for public utilities which constitute liens upon the property, any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate 23-05424ALsurvey and inspection of the property, any assessments, liens, encumbrances, easements, rights-of-way, zoning ordinances, restrictions, special assessments, covenants, the statutory right of redemption pursuant to Alabama law, and any matters of record including, but not limited to, those superior to said Mortgage first set out above. Said property will be sold on an "as-is" basis without any representation, warranty or recourse against the above-named or the undersigned. The successful bidder must present certified funds in the amount of the winning bid at the time and place of sale.

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.

The sale will be conducted subject (1) to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code and (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Mortgage.

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

as holder of said mortgage

McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC

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5 AMENDMENT TO NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

The sale date under the above mentioned Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale has been postponed until March 6, 2024, and public notice thereof having been given, the above notice is hereby republished with this amendment.

The Centreville Press, February 16, 2024

AMENDMENT TO NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

The sale date under the above mentioned Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale has been postponed until May 15, 2024, and public notice thereof having been given, the above notice is hereby republished with this amendment.

The Centreville Press, May 3, 2024

AMENDMENT TO NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

The sale date under the above mentioned Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale has been postponed until July 24, 2024, and public notice thereof having been given, the above notice is hereby republished with this amendment.

The Centreville Press, July 5, 2024

AMENDMENT TO NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

The sale date under the above mentioned Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale has been postponed until October 2, 2024, and public notice thereof having been given, the above notice is hereby republished with this amendment.

The Centreville Press, September 20, 2024

AMENDMENT TO NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

The sale date under the above mentioned Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale has been postponed until December 11, 2024, and public notice thereof having been given, the above notice is hereby republished with this amendment.

The Centreville Press, November 22, 2024

AMENDMENT TO NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

The sale date under the above mentioned Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale has been postponed until February 19, 2025, and public notice thereof having been given, the above notice is hereby republished with this amendment.

The Centreville Press, February 7, 2025

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AMENDMENT TO NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

The sale date under the above mentioned Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale has been postponed until April 30, 2025, and public notice thereof having been given, the above notice is hereby republished with this amendment.

Centreville Press  
April 18, 2025

NEWS



Centreville Water Clerk, Rebecca Abercrombie, talks business with Bibb County Schools co-op director Brett Gilbert at the Bibb Technical School on Wednesday, April 9<sup>th</sup>.

Saddle Up for the 3rd Annual Pro Rodeo at Griffin Farms Pumpkin Patch

BY SAVANNAH LOGAN  
REPORTER

Get ready for a good time as Griffin Farms Pumpkin Patch hosts its 3rd Annual Pro Rodeo on May 2nd and 3rd! Whether you're a die-hard rodeo

fan or just looking for a fun night out with family and friends, this event is one you don't want to miss.

Gates open at 5 PM both nights, so come early, grab your favorite food, and settle in for an evening full

of high-energy rodeo action. From barrel racing to bull riding, there's excitement in every corner of the arena.

So round up your crew, dust off those boots, and head on down to Griffin Farms. See y'all soon!

DEA and Alabama Extension Host Take Back Day

BY SHEILA DUNCAN  
REPORTER

Drug overdoses are a serious threat to public health, safety, and national security in the United States. The DEA's National Prescription Drug Take Back Day shows their dedication to keeping Americans safe by encouraging people to clean out their medicine cabinets and safely get rid of medications

they no longer need. This helps prevent drug misuse and opioid addiction before they start.

The DEA is focused on making our communities safer and healthier by working to lower the number of overdoses and deaths. While community members help by turning in unneeded medications, the DEA continues efforts to reduce drug-related crime and violence.

On Saturday, April 26 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. you can turn in your unused or expired medications for safe disposal. Drop-off Locations:

- Bibb County Sheriff's Office – 157 SW Davidson Drive, Centreville, AL
  - Woodstock Police Department – 28513 AL-5, Woodstock, AL
- Help keep our community safe!



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# BCCA EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH



Landon Smith is the employee of the month for the afternoon electrical class. Landon says that he really enjoys learning about electrical processes and “the electrical grid that runs our planet.” Landon plans to pursue a career in the electrical field after high school.



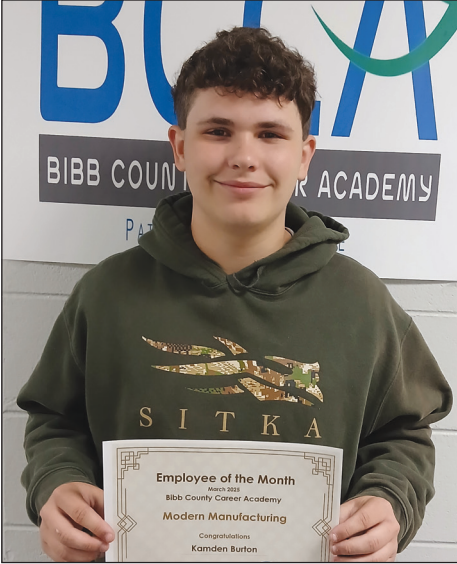
Ava Wyatt is the employee of the month for the afternoon cosmetology class. Ava is in her third semester in the program and appreciates the sense of community in the classroom. Ava says the program has provided her with the opportunity to experience her future career path while still in high school.



Caden Fancher is the employee of the month for the morning electrical class. Caden is in his second semester in the program and really enjoys the environment at BCCA. Caden says the experience allowed him to decide to pursue a career in the electrical field.



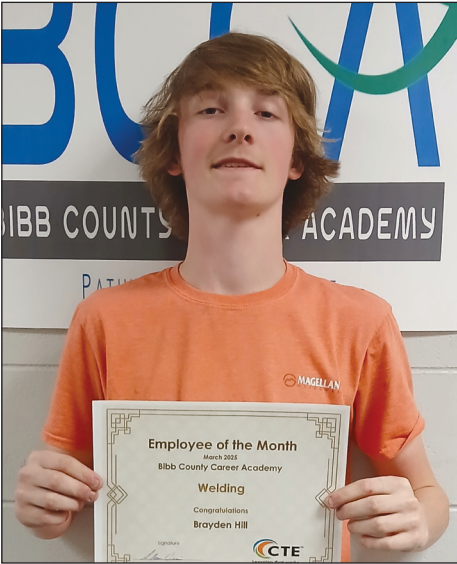
Emma Crawford is the employee of the month for the morning cosmetology class. Emma has worked hard while at BCCA and enjoys the simulated work environment and learning more about the career path she plans to pursue. Emma also says the experience has provided her with a variety of skills that she will be able to use in the workforce.



Kamden Burton is the employee of the month for the modern manufacturing morning class. Kamden is in his first semester in the program and enjoys learning about the career opportunities in the manufacturing field. Kamden says that he has learned a number of new skills in the program and plans to pursue a career in manufacturing after high school.



Kameron Jackson is the employee of the month for the morning agriscience class. Kameron is in his second semester in the agriscience program and plans to pursue a career in the field. Kameron says that he is able to utilize the skills he's learning in the class while at home.



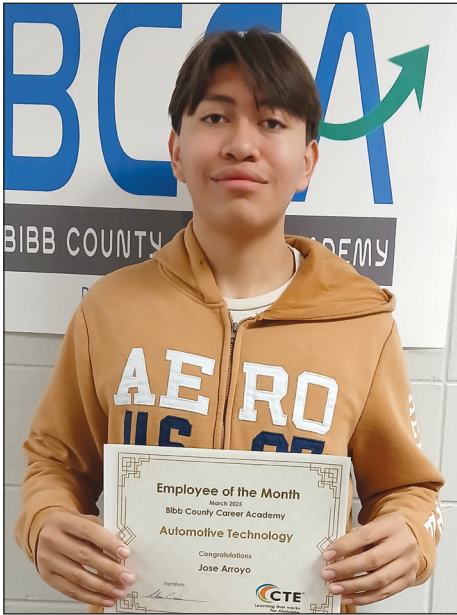
Brayden Hill is the employee of the month for the afternoon welding class. Brayden is in his fourth semester in the program and says he enjoys welding and the relationship he's built with his teacher. Brayden also says he feels the skills he's learning is preparing him for the workforce after high school.



Gabe Chuc is the employee of the month for the modern manufacturing afternoon class. Gabe is in his first semester in the program and enjoys learning skills that will help him in the future. Gabe says that he really appreciates the opportunity to build quality products “that are worthy enough to sell.”



Kaley McNeal is the employee of the month for the business information technology class. Kaley is a veteran in her fifth semester in the program. Kaley enjoys the graphic design component of the course and plans to pursue a career in graphic design and photography.



Jose Arroyo is the employee of the month for the automotive technology morning class. Jose is in his first semester in the program and enjoys learning about the automotive field. Jose also says the team experience has allowed him to become a more social person and build his communication skills as he works with his classmates.



Adam Martin is the employee of the month for the automotive technology afternoon class. Adam is in his first semester in the class and appreciates the relationships he's built at BCCA. Adam also says he enjoys learning new skills and plans to pursue a career in the automotive field.



Alex Miller is the employee of the month for the business information technology afternoon class. Alex says the program “actually gets you ready for life.” Alex also says that she has learned how she can advertise her future business.

## NEWS



Damien Super and Jorge Santos received the 2<sup>nd</sup> place team award for the Business Plan competition. Damien Super received the 3<sup>rd</sup> place individual award for the Business Plan competition. Makayla Barboza, Aex Bearden, and William Mann participated in the Information Technology competition.

## WEST BLOCTON TOWN COUNCIL

Meeting Date: March 17, 2025

The Town Council of the Town of West Blocton, Alabama met in a Regular Council Meeting at the Municipal Building on Monday, March 17, 2025, at 7:00 P.M. A quorum being present. Mayor Daniel Sims called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. Prayer was led by Glenn Johnson. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Kristen Nash. Roll was called by Town Clerk Brandy Fancher. Fred Lynch- Absent Glenn Johnson- Present Holly Barnett- Present Blane Sherron- Present Kristen Nash- Present

I. Council Approval:  
Previous Council Meeting Minutes March 3, 2025

Council Member Kristen Nash made the motion to approve the previous Council Meeting Minutes for 3-3-2025. Motion was seconded by Council Member Glenn Johnson. All in favor and motion so carried.

Fiscal Year 2024 Audit  
Roll Call Vote was used to accept Fiscal Year 2024 Audit performed by Don Wallace, CPA. Council Member Glenn Johnson-YES Council Member Holly Barnett-YES Council Member Blane Sherron-YES Council Member Kristen Nash-YES No-0 Yes-4 Motion Passes

Payment of Fiscal Year 2024 Audit  
Roll Call Vote was used to approve \$11,500 for the Fiscal Year 2024 Audit performed by Don Wallace, CPA. Council Member Glenn Johnson-YES Council Member Holly Barnett-YES Council Mem-

ber Blane Sherron-YES Council Member Kristen Nash-YES No-0 Yes-4 Motion Passes

January 2025 Financials

Roll Call Vote was used to approve January 2025 Financials. Council Member Glenn Johnson-YES Council Member Holly Barnett-YES Council Member Blane Sherron-YES Council Member Kristen Nash-YES NO-0 YES-4 Motion Passes

Pay Monthly Bills  
Council Member Kristen Nash made the motion to approve paying monthly bills. Motion was seconded by Council Member Blane Sherron. All in favor and motion so carried.

District 2 Report: Council Member Glenn Johnson brought in 3 locations that need to be added to the list of properties needing cleaned up.

District 3 Report: Council Member Holly Barnett is going to help coordinate a Town Clean up day. Mrs. Barnett also requests that the Town support the West Blocton Elementary PTO Bingo night. It was stated that we could donate or purchase an ad.

District 4 Report: No Report  
District 5 Report: No Report  
Citizens to Speak: NONE

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

## BRENT CITY COUNCIL

Meeting Date: April 7, 2025

by Lynn Hamric

Mayor White called the meeting to order at five o'clock, led in the Pledge of Allegiance with Tom Owings opening with prayer.

Roll Call:  
Barbara Morrison - 5:01  
Tracy Sanders - Absent  
Chad Jones - 5:01  
Tom Owings - 5:01  
Jerry Conway - 5:01  
The March 17, 2025 minutes were read and approved.

After a thorough review of the invoices the payment thereof were approved.

Court Report - None  
Request to Address Council - None  
Personnel Action. None  
Other Business:  
Budget Review

The Council was provided a detailed income/expenditure by account as approved in the budget. Questions were asked and answered by the Clerk and Mayor

AMIC Voting  
Delegates for voting purposes are:  
Mayor White  
First Alternate, Jerry Conway  
Second Alternate, Tom Owings  
Councilman Owings brought up the need for the city to enforce littering where appropriate and the possibility of hiring someone to pick up (by hand) trash. The city is covered with all types of trash and he feels this is an urgent matter. After discussion there was no immediate action taken.

Police Chief McMillian brought to the attention of the Council the need to look into replacing at least three vehicles (2016-2019 models). He discussed a leasing program where vehicles would come fully equipped with only the transfer communication devices required. No immediate action taken.

A request was also made by Chief McMillian for the replacement of two desks in the office. Further investigation by Councilman Jones and Chief McMillian is being done.

Chief McMillian stated that some of the cell phone for patrol officers are very old. He is investigating the upgrades available will report back to the council.

Informational Items -None  
Brent Police Department Monthly Report March 2025  
Citations - 125  
Warnings - 115  
Accidents - 4  
Agency Assist - 52  
Alarm Calls - 9  
Complaints - 40  
Motorist Assist - 5  
Misdemeanor Arrest - 37  
Felony Arrest - 6  
Meeting Adjourned.

NOTE: This document is not intended to replace the official minutes for the meeting. It is only intended to inform the citizens not attending to follow the business of the city council.



