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Preserving History: A Restoration Story from Cox Chapel Methodist Church

BY SHEILA DUNCAN
REPORTER

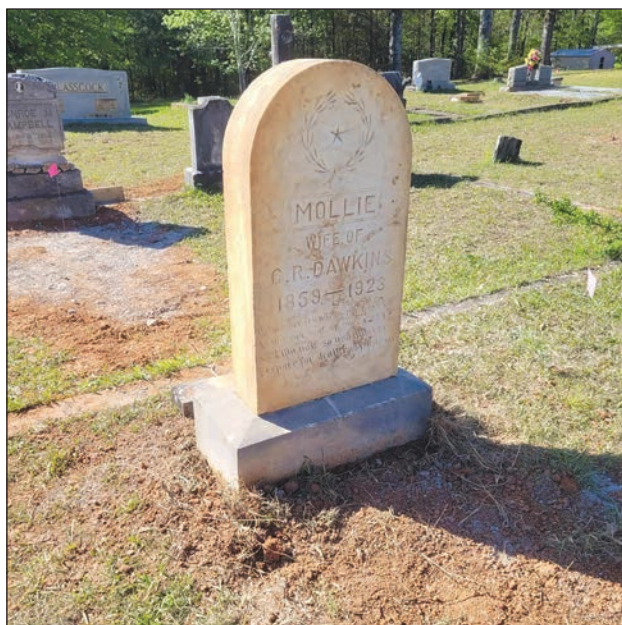
Nestled near Randolph, Cox Chapel Methodist Church has long been a quiet place of worship, reflection, and remembrance. Like many small, rural cemeteries, its headstones—some dating back generations—stood the test of time, weather, and neglect. For years, members of the congregation searched tirelessly for someone to restore and level these worn and leaning grave markers. That search, filled with dead ends and disappointments, finally came to an end thanks to a chance recommendation.

Mr. Hugh Nichols and other members of Cox Chapel Methodist Church had been for years searching for someone to level the headstones in their cemetery but had no success. Clem Clapp, an amateur historian from Maplesville, provided the vital connection. He shared the name and number of Savannah Winn with Southeast Tombstone & Cemetery Restoration, LLC, a headstone restoration specialist from north Alabama. “We have traveled all over the southeast working on cemeteries. Our goal is always preservation, but we tailor our work to what the cemetery caretakers’ goals are. Sometimes it’s lawn maintenance. Sometimes it’s a full restoration with cleaning because they want the cemetery to look new. Either way, I always tell caretakers to do it in “waves” if they can. The first part is not to pick up what’s on the ground but to fix what is at most risk of falling because if it does fall, it might break, and it’ll be more expensive to pick up and fix after it falls/breaks.

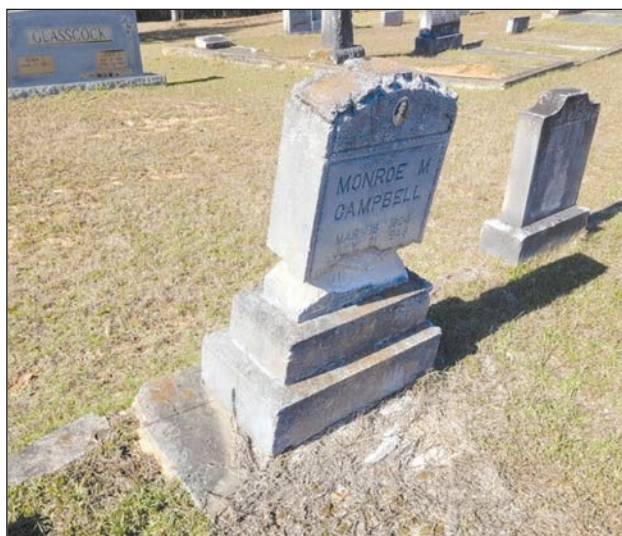
The 2nd step is to pick up what has already fallen and fix anything broken. The 3rd step is to straighten what looks the worst. If the budget allows, we will fix what

is out of level and work on foot markers. The last step is cleaning,” said Savannah Winn.

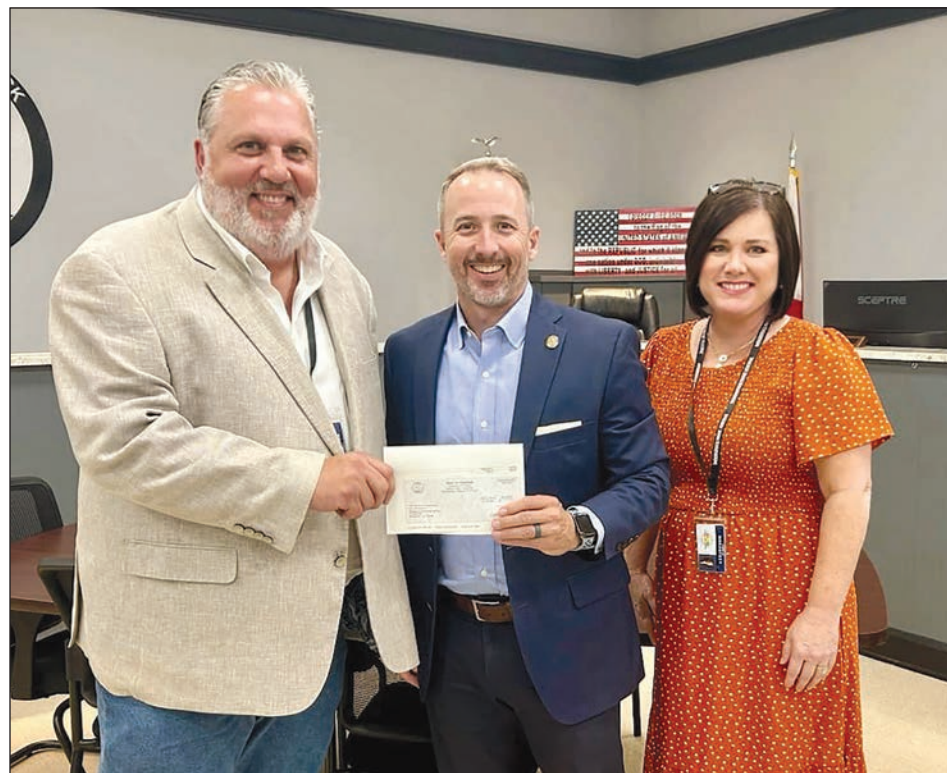
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The marker for Mollie Dawkins had been lying on the ground for decades. This unusual marble headstone had sunk deep into the earth, making it difficult to tell how thick it was. The base was straightened, and the marble marker was reset in place.



The slab was sinking. Below it is hollow from the ground settling. After he tore out the slab, we reset the monument and some of the concrete coping behind it. It will last longer now that it's on level ground, but it still won't last forever, and a supplemental marker is necessary in the future.



Rep. Russell Bedsole Awards Grants to Support School Safety and Community Services in Woodstock

BY SAVANNAH LOGAN
REPORTER

State Representative Russell Bedsole has recently awarded grants to two vital institutions in the town of Woodstock, continuing his commitment to supporting public safety and community enrichment across his district.

Woodstock Elementary School announced that it has received funding from Rep. Bedsole to support enhanced school safety initiatives. In a statement shared on the school’s official Facebook page, administrators expressed plans to use the funds to install bullet-proof tint on the doors and windows throughout the school. The measure is intended to further safeguard students and staff while strengthening the school’s overall safety strategy.

“We are very excited to receive funds from Russell Bedsole for Woodstock Elementary School,” the school’s statement read. “We are thankful for the generosity and the help needed to implement our safety plans to help keep our school environment

safe.”

In a separate development, the Woodstock Community Library has been awarded a \$3,000 grant from Rep. Bedsole to support library operations and improve access to essential resources. According to a press release from the Town of Woodstock, the funds will go toward updating the library’s collection, enhancing print services, and contributing to the library’s building fund.

Mayor Jeff Dodson expressed his gratitude, stating, “We are incredibly grateful to Rep. Bedsole

for this grant. Though we may not have the same resources as larger libraries, the Woodstock Community Library is a vital part of our town. This funding will allow us to continue offering the services our residents rely on, and we appreciate the recognition of how important this library is to our community.”

These recent contributions highlight Rep. Bedsole’s ongoing efforts to invest in the safety, education, and well-being of the communities he represents.

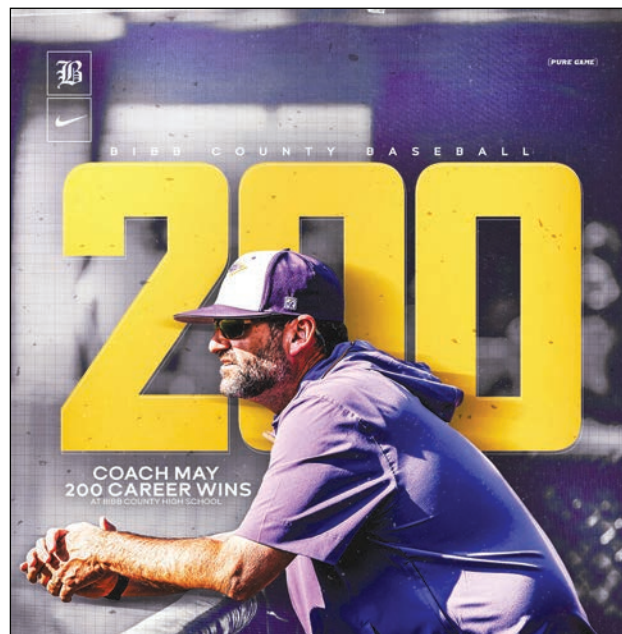


A Milestone of Memories: 200 Wins with the Bibb County High Schools Head Coach Kevin May

BY SHEILA DUNCAN
REPORTER

There’s something magical about the game of high school baseball. Under the glow of stadium lights or in the golden haze of a late spring afternoon, it’s more than just balls and strikes — it’s heart, hustle, and hometown pride. For the players, the coaches, and the fans filling the stands, nothing compares to the thrill of winning and behind every great team is a coach who’s given everything to get them there like Bibb County High School’s, Head Coach Kevin May.

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MAY Community Calendar

- May 2 – Grower’s Farmers Market Training and IPM Update, 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm, BMC Wellness Center.
- May 2 & 3 – Griffin Farms Rodeo, 5:00 p.m.
- May 3 – Bibb County Natural Resource Council Tree Sale – 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Woodstock Feed Store
- 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 13 – Master of Memory – (held at two locations), Woodstock Senior Center and BMC Wellness Center. Register contact Bibb County Extension Office at 205-926-4310
- May 17 – Woodstock Music Festival 3pm-until – with Tracy Lawrence
- May 17 – Cahaba Lily Festival – 9 am to 3 pm
- May 20 – Heirs’ Property Workshop – 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Location to be determined. Register by calling Bibb County Extension Office
- May 20 – Master of Memory – (held at two locations), Woodstock Senior Center and BMC Wellness Center. Register contact Bibb County Extension Office at 205-926-4310
- May 27 – Master of Memory – (held at two locations), Woodstock Senior Center and BMC Wellness Center. Register contact Bibb County Extension Office at 205-926-4310
- May 28-30 - 4-H Community Clubs 2025 Summer Camp, Teen Camp (ages 14-18)
- May 31 – Cahaba River Crawl – 11:00 a.m.



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NEWS



Local UAB Student Kellen Fondren Excels in UAB’s Prestigious Nurse Anesthesia Program

BY SHEILA DUNCAN
REPORTER

Balancing books and bedtime stories Kellen Fondren a dedicated nursing student, loving wife, and proud mom, proves that determination and heart can handle it all.

Kellen Fondren is a graduate from Bibb County High School in 2016 and then graduated from UAB with my Bachelor of Science in Nursing in 2019. She immediately started her nursing journey in the medical intensive care unit at UAB hospital and worked there from 2019-2024 before starting the Doctoral of Nursing Practice Program in Nurse Anesthesia at UAB last May. Kellen is married to her high school sweetheart, Will Fondren, and they have a 19-month-old daughter, Ellison.

I asked Kellen what inspired her to pursue a career in nurse anesthesia, and Kellen said, “I always knew that I wanted to be a nurse from a young age. When I was in high school, I started researching advanced nursing careers. I stumbled across the profession of CRNAs, looked deeper into it, and immediately fell in love with it and knew that I wanted to follow this pathway. There is a lot of autonomy within the role, a large skill set, flexibility, and a variety of settings to work in, which are some of the reasons I chose to pursue it.”

Kellen is a UAB alumni and worked at UAB hospital. I have been in the UAB system for many years and know how amazing it is. It’s a great place to learn with so many amazing re-

sources and faculty that truly care about their students. Kellen shared how UAB has prepared her for her future role as a CRNA by saying, “UAB has great faculty and staff that are there for us to ensure that we are successful. They’re all excellent CRNAs and are educating us with their clinical expertise and personal experiences. The CRNA program is a 3-year program. I am currently wrapping up my first year, so I have 2 full years or 6 semesters remaining. The program is set up so that we get most of our foundational knowledge before starting clinicals, so I think that helps prepare students to be successful when starting in the operating room. UAB has many anesthesia machines and top of the line mannequins and equipment to help simulate realistic experiences for us to practice skills in a safe setting and receive feedback from the faculty on how to improve those skills. I will start clinical rotations this

summer and be able to apply the knowledge and skills I have been learning thus far and start administering anesthesia,” says Kellen.

For Kellen, the most challenging aspect of the program has been managing the volume of the workload while trying to balance a healthy personal life. I asked Kellen, how she balances academic work, clinicals, and her personal life and Kellen shared, “It is difficult trying to maintain a balanced life while spending 40+ hours a week doing schoolwork and not feel guilty about spending that time apart from my family. However, I am fortunate to have a great support system of friends and family who encourage me and help with babysitting, and that helps tremendously. I do spend a lot of late nights and early mornings studying. I know that the sleepless nights are just a short-term sacrifice for a long-term goal.

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Coach May

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Coach May has been the head coach at Bibb County for 8 full seasons, (plus 1 shortened season due to Covid). During his time at BCHS, they have won 202 games and 15 playoff series as of now.

Coach May shared saying, “I’ve been blessed to coach some incredible players over the past 8 years and be a part of something bigger than myself. I have had a great support system in the many assistant coaches that have been with me throughout the years. My players and I are blessed to have these guys in our organization that have had a great impact on countless student athletes throughout the years. We have had good coaches, but they are even better people that have helped transform the lives of our players. The value these coaches bring every day is worth so much more than the \$1500 supplement they receive each year. I would like to give a special thank you to LA Goree and his wife Marely. LA has been here with me since day one in 2017. Without his dedication, love for our players, and his loyalty, we

wouldn’t be having this conversation about 200 wins today.

Thank you to my wife, Nicki, and my beautiful daughters Monroe and Nixon, for always supporting the program and helping encourage me and our players during the adverse times that baseball season brings. You are the only ones that know the true sacrifice that baseball season brings. The thing that makes 200 wins special for me is all of the great memories I have of my players and teams. I remember everything from the first meeting in 2017 to the many highs and lows during the seasons. Winning isn’t easy and winning consistently is extremely difficult, what our players and coaches have been able to do together is truly special. I am thankful for all of the relationships formed and everyone that has played a part in this program since 2017, this 200th win belongs to you!

As the sun sets on another season of Bibb County High School baseball, it’s clear that the story here is bigger than just wins and losses. It’s about

legacy, loyalty, and the love of the game. Coach Kevin May’s 200th win is not just a milestone — it’s a tribute to years of tireless dedication, meaningful relationships, and a community that rallies behind its team. From the first pitch in 2017 to the latest postgame celebration, Coach May and his staff have built more than a program — they’ve built a family. And as long as there’s a game to play, a team to lead, and lights to shine down on that field, the spirit of Bibb County baseball will continue to thrive.

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Woodstock Community Library Receives Agriculture Learning Station to Support Youth Education

BY SAVANNAH LOGAN
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The Woodstock Community Library has received a generous gift from the Bibb County Conservation District and District Administrative Coordinator Debbie Clements: a brand-new Ag Learning Station designed to educate children about the world of agriculture.

The station features a tabletop bookshelf stocked with 20 agriculture-accurate books, each selected for its ability to both inform and engage young readers. The books offer charming, age-appropriate insights into topics such as farming, composting, bees and pollination, and the environment.

The library expressed their appreciation for the thoughtful donation, sharing their excitement about the new Ag Learning Station and the opportunity it provides for local children to explore engaging, agriculture-focused books. They also extended thanks to Debbie Clements and the Bibb County Conservation District for their generosity

and support.

Introducing children to agriculture at an early age is essential for fostering a deeper understanding of where their food comes from and the vital role farmers and natural resources play in daily life. Agricultural education also encourages curiosity about science, environmental stewardship, and sustain-

ability — lessons that are increasingly important in today’s world.

The Woodstock Community Library extends heartfelt thanks to Debbie Clements and the Bibb County Conservation District for their continued support of educational initiatives that nurture young minds and strengthen community ties.



The Centreville study club held their April meeting at the Bibb County courthouse annex. The meeting was hosted by probate judge Stephanie Kemmer. We took a tour of the facility and learned about all the services that are offered to the citizens of Bibb County from the different offices housed in the building. Members left to right, Vickie Brown, Lynn Ellinghausen, Melissa Thompson, Henri Johnson, Christian Sanford, Janis Conway, Stephanie Kemmer, Karen Williams, Barbara Hughey, Valerie Cook, Emily Bowman, Cynthia Winegard, Pene Norville, Melanie Murphy.



Brent Study Club held its annual Chicken Salad Fundraiser for Scholarships going to Bibb County high school seniors on April 17, 2025. Members worked the whole week cutting, chopping, cooking, mixing, baking cakes, and stuffing croissants to prepare for 600 plates. Thanks to all who bought plates to make our Fundraiser a success. Thanks to Centreville Baptist Church for allowing us to use their facilities to prepare.

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NEWS/CALENDAR



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“When asked where she sees herself five years after graduation Kellen said she is honestly not sure where she sees herself five years after graduation. She starts clinical rotations to various facilities and specialties in July and hopefully that will help give her some guidance on what area of anesthesia she would like to work in. Kellen’s advice for someone considering the nurse anesthesia pathway at UAB is that if you are interested in becoming a CRNA, it is a highly competitive program to get into. However, the outcome will be so rewarding. She would recommend researching the program requirements and try to check those boxes. It is a lengthy application process, so mapping out a plan for how and when to complete each requirement is important. Kellen also recommends doing community service, strive for a high GPA, work in a high acuity intensive care unit, and find a CRNA to shadow so you can see what they do for work

on a day-to-day basis to be a well-rounded applicant. “CRNA is a prestigious, well-respected career. Having surgery or any kind of procedure can be one of the scariest experiences patients go through. I want to be able to make a difference and help patients by keeping them calm, comfortable, and safe throughout the whole experience. Being able to have a small impact in someone’s life and helping them in their time of need is very meaningful to me. I am proud to be a student registered nurse

anesthetist and excited for my future career,” says Kellen. Nurse anesthesia students at the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB) School of Nursing are part of one of the top programs in the country. U.S. News & World Report ranks UAB’s Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) Nurse Anesthesia Pathway No. 8 among public universities. Students in this program complete a challenging doctoral-level curriculum in science and nursing, followed by 20 months of hands-on clinical training. They learn to give all types of anesthesia and graduate as skilled professionals and future leaders in

healthcare. This program is the highest ranked in Alabama and recently moved up to No. 19 nationally climbing 10 spots from last year. It’s also one of only seven U.S. programs fully accredited by the International Federation of Nurse Anesthetists and ranks No. 6 in the world. UAB is also working to increase diversity in the field. Through the LEAP program, it partners with other top schools to support students from underrepresented backgrounds. To help students succeed, UAB offers strong academic and wellness support. A new program called WellPro Path helps students prepare

before classes begin, offering help with academics, wellness, and peer mentoring. With national and international recognition and a focus on student success, UAB’s Nurse Anesthesia Pathway stands out. We’re proud that one of Bibb County’s own, Kellen Fondren, is currently enrolled in this outstanding program. “Exploring your community allows you to uncover its hidden gems and forge meaningful connections with your neighbors.” Thank you, Kellen Fondren, for taking the time to answer our questions so that we may get to know you and your family on a more personal level.”



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.
- »Saturday night singing at Cedar Grove Church on May 3rd starting at 6pm. Guest singers will be Foregiven Heart.
- »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 IPM 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-Commerical.
- »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 GPF 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 9-11 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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- »Thrasher Family Cemetery in Woodstock, AL: c/o Danny Kellum 11502 Brown Circle Woodstock, AL 35188.
- »Shady Grove II Cemetery: Shady Grove II Baptist, 7247 Grey Hill Rd., West Blocton, AL 35184.
- »Pleasant Hill Church cemetery 2827 Ingate Pass, Centreville, AL 35042.
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OBITUARIES

**Joseph Lee Owings,
RPh**
August 2, 1940 - April 20, 2025

Joseph Lee Owings peacefully passed away April 20, 2025, at the age of 84. He was surrounded by loved ones at Bibb Medical Center Nursing Home. He was a loving Husband, Father, and Grandfather that will be sorely missed. He is survived by sons Bryan (Becky) Owings and Patrick (Christine) Owings of Tuscaloosa; grandson Ben (Sierra) Owings of McCalla, sister Kay Smith of Birmingham, brother Dr. Tom Owings of Brent, and sister-in-law Diane Lippeatt of West Blocton.

Known affectionately by most people as “Mr. Joe”, he worked as a Pharmacist in Brent and Centreville for over 40 years. He truly en-

joyed seeing his customers and was definitely a “people person”. He was a graduate of Bibb County High School and Samford University School of Pharmacy. Joe was also active in Brent Baptist Church, Teaching Sunday school, singing in the choir and serving as a Deacon for many years.

Joe had a huge heart and was full of compassion for others. He instilled in his family and all those around him the moral of “a servant’s heart” as taught by Jesus. If he could help in any way, he would bend over backwards to do so. A longtime member of Friendship Lodge #83, Joe served his community and profession on many other boards and committees as well. In retirement, he enjoyed spending time on his farm with his animals and

tinkering with old tractors. Although we will all miss him dearly, we can find comfort in knowing he is in Heaven with his beloved wife Nita smiling down on us all.

He had requested cremation, and there will be a memorial service at Brent Baptist Church on May 10th, 2025. Everyone is welcome. Visitation will begin at Noon and the Service will 1PM.

There will not be a graveside service on May 10, Mr. Joe and Mrs. Nita’s ashes will be buried at Shultz Creek Baptist Church Cemetery in a private family service in the future. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations in his name to Brent Baptist Church, Schultzt Creek Baptist Church, or your charity of choice.

COMMUNITY NEWS



“Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God . And the peace of God which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Jesus Christ. “
Philippians 4:6-7 NIV

Thursday, last week, Becky Tinsley hosted Deason Cousins; Brenda Smith, Fran McGee, Jane Hannah, Jo Kitchen, Joyce Collins, Margaret Bailey & Shirley Mizell for pot luck lunch. The delicious offerings were tossed salad, Mississippi Pot Roast over Rice, Fresh Green Beans, Rice & Corn Casserole, Veg-all Casserole, Stuffed Eggs, Pistachio/Pineapple Cream Salad, Rolls & Jalapeno Cheese Bread, Cream Pie and a fresh Peach Cobbler with ice cream! Everyone enjoyed the food but fellowship was even better! Wayne Deason was delighted to receive a “to go” plate for supper. Jo & Jane had no room for food but joined Ruth Deason and Geneva Mullins for their meal & fellowship at Juan’s.

It’s such a blessing to have some younger energetic friends (younger than my children) that seem to like my company. I was invited to share the weekend with such. Chad & Stacey Thompson took me with them to their Warrior River House along with their brother-friend Jim. After a little work in freshening up the house, we went out for dinner at a local place. Lucky for us, we beat the crowd; enjoying Boom Boom Shrimp and other good stuff. On

the way out we saw neighbor Jacque McMurry. Once home we all enjoyed some music, karaoke, pool, and then Rummikub. Thanks Jim for cutting the grass.

PRAYER AND PRAISES:
Amy Ellison was making great progress after her mini repair hip surgery, but Monday morning it popped out again. She is back in the hospital.

Wayne Deason struggles with partial collapsed lung. Coughing in hindered by pain from bruises from fall a few weeks ago.

Mike Vessels (Jo Kitchen’s son) was in hospital all week after his wreck and was approved for hime care with oxygen on April 27th.

Ronnie Kinney sees oncologist Wednesday for PET results.

Jeff Rylee has surgery scheduled for May 12. Pray for complete healing. ...

Jeff Mullins in new treatment for brain cancer.

Jo Kitchen took Geneva Mullins with her Sunday to see her great granddaughter Olive Garcia in Chelsea. They enjoyed dinner at Cracker Barrel on their way home.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY this week Brittney Hannah 5-2, Jo Russell 5-4, Liz Kyle & Linda Renn 5-5, Teresa Rachal 5-6, Pene Norvell 5 -7, & Luke Dowdle 5-10.

Happy 27th Anniversary Paula & Courtney Ervin May 2nd.

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



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

Larry and Vicki Speights had the pleasure of having their children and grandchildren celebrate Larry’s birthday and Easter over the weekend of Easter. Those enjoying food, fun, Easter baskets and an Easter Egg Hunt were Jim and Laura Blumefeld and Lily, Casey, Stacie, Phoenix and Jonah Brewer.

Anniversary wishes go out to Marston and Jessica Luce who recently celebrated their wedding anniversary.

Belated birthday wishes go out to Tonya Deason Woodward, April 20th.

Anniversary wishes go out to Bobby and Jane Watts May 6, 2025.

Get well wishes and prayers go out to Johnnie Tidwell.

Sympathy goes out to the Owings Family in the loss of their loved one.

Birthday wishes go out to Mason Pipher who has a birthday in May also celebrating birthdays in May are Sandi Meigs Horsley, Robert Poe, Theresa Green, Lisa Bowman and Roslyn Smith.

Mark your calendar for West Blocton tradition! The 2025 Cahaba Lily Festival returns on May 17th at the Cahaba Lily Center. Make plans to attend.

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Joel F. Dorroh
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Attorney for Crystal Heartley McMeekin
Executrix of the Estate of Leila Lawley Hartley, deceased
Centreville Press
May 2, 9 & 16, 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 20th day of February, 2025.Said Petition is set to be heard on the 10th day of June, 2025 at 10:00 am in the Probate Court of Etowah County, Alabama, 800 Forrest Avenue, Gadsden, Alabama 35901.
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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 20th 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:

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easterly 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. CS20095077-NAB; together with the hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging and all fixtures now attached to and used in connection with the premises herein described.

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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
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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE
STATE OF ALABAMA
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Default having been made of the terms of the loan documents secured by that certain mortgage executed by Ronald Goodwin An Unmarried Man And Heather Michele Perry An Unmarried Woman to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for United Wholesale Mortgage, LLC, its successors and assigns dated May 18, 2023; said mortgage being recorded on June 22, 2023, in Book 410, Page 655 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Bibb County, Alabama. Said Mortgage was last sold, assigned and transferred to Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC by assignment recorded in Deed Book 2024, Page 5583 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Bibb County, ALABAMA.

The undersigned, Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry 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 the 30th day of October, 2024 the following property, situated in Bibb County, Ala-

bama, to-wit:

A parcel of land located in the NE 1/4 of the NE 1/4, Section 7, Township 23 North, Range 12 East, Bibb County, Alabama, described as follows: Commence at the Northwest corner of said 1/4 -1/4 section and run South 89 degrees 57 minutes 32 seconds East along the North boundary of said section 781.55 feet to an iron pin, said point being the Point of Beginning; thence continue on the same line 227.30 feet to an iron pin; thence run South 23 degrees 48 minutes 07 seconds East 344.43 feet to an iron pin at the intersection of the North right of way of Oakley Station Road; thence run South 58 degrees 05 minutes 53 seconds West along said right of way 210.0 feet to an iron pin; thence run North 23 degrees 48 minutes 07 seconds West 465.90 feet to the point of beginning.

Said property is commonly known as 865 Oakley Station Rd, Randolph, AL 36792.

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 survey 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.

LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC
as holder of said mortgage

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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 February 5, 2025, and public notice thereof having been given, the above notice is hereby republished with this amendment.

The Centreville Press, January 17, 2025

AMENDMENT TO NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

The sale date under the above mentioned Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale has been postponed until May 14, 2025, and public notice thereof having been given, the above notice is hereby republished with this amendment.

Centreville Press
May 2, 2025

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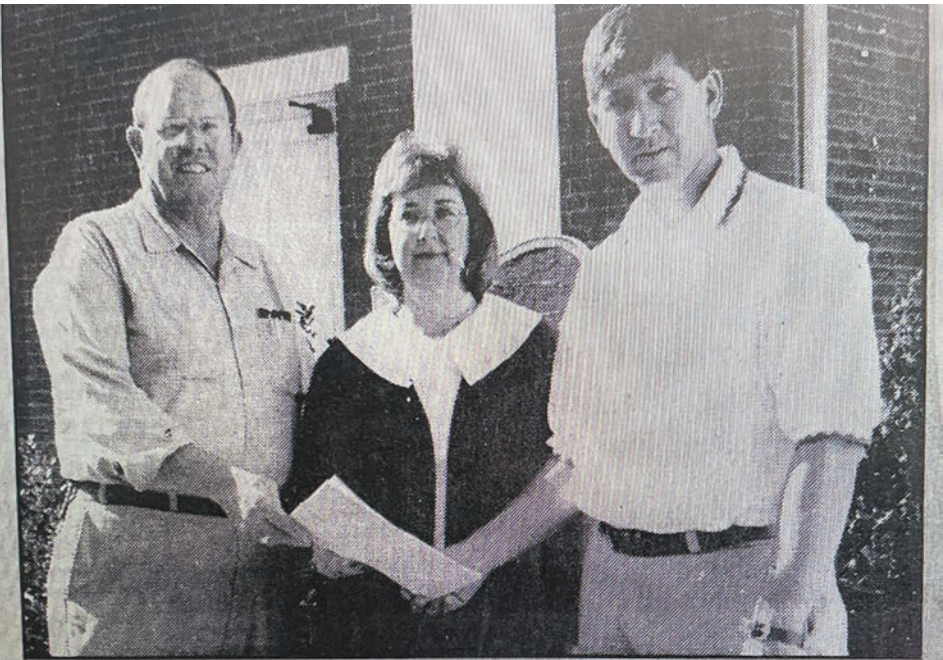


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LIFESTYLE



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.



John Downs (left) of Alabama Power presents Mayors Jerry Pow and Debbie Martin with a \$25,000 check for community/civic center project.

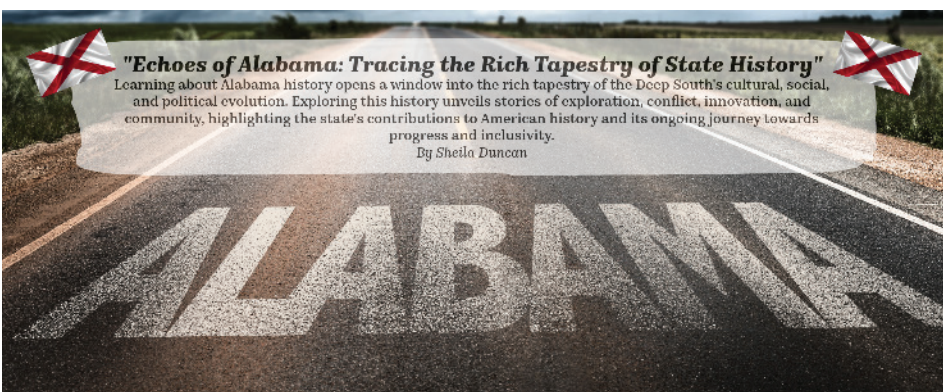
25 YEARS AGO
A Seed Has Been Planted....
Thanks to a gracious gift from the Alabama Power Foundation, the cities of Brent and Centreville have been given the seed that will hopefully grow into a community/civic center. There have been several meetings with different individuals and groups with the prospects of building a community center for the two towns. There are individuals and organizations that have committed to this project. John Downs presented the two mayors. Jerry Pow and Debbie Martin, with a check in the amount of \$25,000.00. This is the beginning of seeing something that is very needed, become a reality.
Several sources can be tapped to help see this project completed. There will be more meetings to discuss this project and get the input from different individuals and organizations on what is needed. If you are interested in seeing this seed grow, please let the mayors know.

Choctaws Win Second Tourney

By Alvin Rice
The Bibb County Choctaws wrapped up the championship of the Bibb County Invitational Tournament with a 90-62 crushing of Pickens County last Wednesday night. Five players scored in double figures, led by J.J. Chism with 22 points. Chad Pringle added 14, Jamesio Bell 12, Robert Steel 11, and Robert Hudson 11.
The Choctaws led 29-16 at the end of the first quarter, 51-37 at the half and 69-52 after three. Quincy Latham led Pickens County with 17 points and Marcus Latham added 10. On Tuesday night, the Choc-laws defeated McAdory 89-55 behind a 23-point effort by Chism: Hudson had 17, Akeem Radshad Rice 10 and Jeremy Rutledge 9. Bibb led 47-18 at the half and 71-42 at the end of the third quarter.
William Barnes led the Yellow Jackets with 14 points. McAdory finished second in the four-team round robin tourney. Pickens County third and West Blocton was awarded the Good Sportsmanship trophy. Friday night in Demopolis the Choctaws drilled Thomasville 91-68, behind the hot shooting of J.J. Chism, who scored a season high 35 points. Robert Steel had 15, while Robert Hudson added 15 and Jamesio Bell 11. Bibb County (9-5) will host Demopolis in a big area game Friday night at 7:30 p.m. in the gym. The Lady Choctaws play Demopolis at 5:30 Friday night at the gym in a key area game.

100 YEARS AGO
Killed By Lightning
Will Murphy while plowing in the field near Brierfield, was struck lightning and instantly killed. The mule he was plowing was killed the same bolt. Mr. Murphy leaves a wife and family. The accident happened on Monday evening during the thunderstorm.

Cotton Gin Burns
The steam ginnery at Lawley, was destroyed by fire one day last week. A couple of bales of cotton belonging to Mr. J. B. White were also destroyed. It is supposed the gin caught from a passing train, and the fire was discovered shortly after a freight train had passed.



Born and raised in northeast Alabama, third-generation entrepreneur Doyle Owens was struck with an idea. Using a borrowed pickup truck and a \$300 loan, he headed up to Washington D.C. and bought his first load of unclaimed baggage from Trailways Bus Line. He then sold the contents on card tables in an old, rented house - the venture was an instant success! With his family’s blessing, he left his full-time insurance job, and Unclaimed Baggage Center was born.



A NEW GENERATION OF OWNERSHIP
Doyle’s son Bryan and his wife Sharon purchased the business and began a remodel project that expanded Unclaimed Baggage to cover more than a city block. The business added a cafe and a Museum of Found Treasures, making it a true shopping and tourist destination.

THE SKI SALE LAUNCH
With a sizeable inventory of winter ski equipment on hand, the store launched its first “Ski Sale,” drawing customers from all over the South. The sale was so successful that it became an annual event attended by winter sports enthusiasts from across the country. Unclaimed Baggage now saves all ski equipment and apparel received throughout the year to sell on this day. Come by the store on the first Saturday of November, and you’ll find customers camping out in the parking lot hoping to be the first ones through the door.



MAKING WORLD-WIDE NEWS
From the earliest years of business, regional publications expressed a fascination with the “land of lost luggage.” Then, in 1995, Oprah featured Unclaimed Baggage Center as one of America’s “best-kept shopping secrets.” More media and curious visitors quickly followed from every corner of the globe to see the one-of-a-kind-store. The store has been featured in publications ranging from Vogue to Huff-Post, Buzzfeed, The Wall Street Journal and The New York Times and showcased on TODAY, the Travel Channel and many more.

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LEGALS

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE
Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage dated February 12, 1999, executed by Terry Savage and Rhonda Savage, husband and wife, to Central Pacific Mortgage Company, which mortgage was recorded on February 23, 1999, in RPB Book 50, Page 414, of the mortgage records in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Bibb County, Alabama and which mortgage was duly transferred and assigned to MCLP Asset Company, Inc., notice is hereby given that pursuant to law and the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the undersigned will sell at public outcry, to the highest bidder for cash, at the front steps of the Bibb County Courthouse at Centreville, Alabama during the legal hours of sale on June 11, 2025, the following described real estate, situated in Bibb County, Alabama, to-wit:
A parcel of land containing 0.37 acres, being a part of Lot No. 4, Rising Fawn Subdivision, as recorded in Map Book 2, page 013 of the Probate Records of Bibb County, Alabama, being more particularly described as follows: Commence at the Southwest corner of said Lot No. 4 and run South 87 degrees 16 minutes 52 seconds East along the South boundary of said lot on the North right of way of Fawn Drive 170.0 feet to the point of beginning; thence continue on the same line and along said right of way 90 feet to the point of beginning of a curve to the left having a central angle of 26 degrees 36 minutes 43 seconds, a radius of 175.0 feet; thence run along the arc of said curve 81.28 feet; thence run North 24 degrees 23 minutes 18 seconds West 198.16 feet; thence run South 24 degrees 33 minutes West

210 feet to the point of beginning.
This sale is made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by said mortgage as well as expenses of foreclosure. 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 condition, 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.
The successful bidder must tender full funds at the conclusion of the sale in the form of a certified check made payable or endorsed to Padgett Law Group. No personal checks will be accepted. To this end you must bring sufficient funds to outbid the lender and any other bidders. Insufficient funds will not be accepted. Amounts received in excess of the winning bid will be refunded. Padgett Law Group reserves the right to award the bid to the next highest bidders should the highest bidder fail to timely tender the total amount due.
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May 2, 9 & 16, 2025

OPINION

Alabama’s Rural Hospital Crisis Is a Threat to Health – and Our Economy

By Senator April Weaver

Alabama’s rural hospitals are vanishing. This devastating crisis is unfolding in the heart of our state, jeopardizing not only the health of our people but the very foundation of rural communities.

Since 2011, at least seven rural hospitals in Alabama have closed their doors for good. On our current path, more than half of the state’s remaining 52 rural hospitals are at risk of closing, with 19 identified as being at “immediate risk” of shutting down within the next three years. But this isn’t just about numbers – it’s about lives, livelihoods and the long-term survival of rural communities across Alabama.

Even now, access to basic healthcare services in rural Alabama is slipping away. Pediatricians and dentists are disappearing. Maternity care has become a distant memory in more than a third of our counties. The closure of hospitals only accelerates this decline. In 2025, it’s appalling that emergency care isn’t available within 30 minutes of many of our rural communities, along with specialty care or even routine checkups. The consequences reach far beyond the emergency room – they ripple through every part of daily life.

That’s because hospitals are more than treatment centers. They are economic anchors. Nearly 78,000

Alabamians work in hospitals, and hospitals generate an astonishing \$25 billion in annual economic impact. They are the lifeblood of rural economies, with hospitals often being the largest private employer in the area and typically second only to the local school system in the total number of employees.

So when a rural hospital closes, it doesn’t just mean fewer medical services. It means lost jobs, shuttered clinics, declining property values and a shrinking tax base. It weakens the entire community.

Imagine a rural town where the hospital has closed – where patients must travel an hour or more for emergency care. The quality of life inevitably suffers. Small businesses struggle to find and keep workers, and there is little hope of attracting new employers or industries that will sustain and grow these communities.

This crisis demands urgent action. Alabama’s leaders must act now to stop the bleeding and prevent more hospitals from closing.

One important step forward is passing the Rural Hospital Investment Tax Credit, a new program designed to incentivize private donations to rural hospitals. Modeled after a successful initiative in Georgia, this tax credit would provide struggling rural hospitals

with new funding for patient care, facility improvements and critical services. Since 2017, Georgia’s program has generated more than \$430 million in donations. In Alabama, this tax credit could generate millions of dollars to support rural hospitals that serve entire regions of Alabama and are critically important to our state’s healthcare infrastructure.

We must create innovative policies and incentives that recognize the unique challenges of delivering care in rural communities – and we must do it now. Every Alabamian deserves access to life-saving care, no matter where they live in our great state.

This is a matter of life and death, but it’s also a matter of economic survival for the rural communities that are the heart and soul of Alabama.

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Senator April Weaver was elected in 2021 to represent Alabama’s 14th Senate District, which includes parts of Bibb, Chilton and Shelby counties. A former nurse and healthcare executive with more than 25 years of experience in healthcare administration, she was appointed by President Donald Trump to serve as Regional Director of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. She previously served in the Alabama House of Representatives from 2010 to 2020.

NEWS

Bibb County Mental Health Awareness Event to be Held May 7

BY SAVANNAH LOGAN
REPORTER

In honor of Mental Health Awareness Month, Bibb County is inviting the community to come together for a special Mental Health Awareness Event on May 7, 2025, from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM. The event will take place outside the Bibb County Pro-

bate Office and is set to be a fun and meaningful experience for all who attend.

This community-focused gathering will feature local food trucks, including favorites like 9:59 Sweets & Drinks and Heard’s BBQ, offering delicious treats and refreshments. Attendees will also have the opportunity to

win exciting giveaways, including a raffle for a 50” TV.

Organizers hope the event will provide a chance for residents to learn more about mental health resources while enjoying food, fun, and fellowship.

Mark your calendars and bring a friend – this is one event you won’t want to miss!



During the April meeting of the West Alabama Mayors’ Association meeting, Susan Chase, mayor of Beaverton and current WAMA president, presented Mike Oakley, mayor of Centreville, a clock thanking him for his service to WAMA as the 2024 president.

BRENT ELEMENTARY HONOR ROLL

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Alabama DHR Launches New Website and App for SNAP Clients

SPECIAL TO THE PRESS

The Alabama Department of Human Resources (DHR) has launched a new and improved mobile app called ConnectEBT for SNAP and TANF clients. The app offers a safer and easier way to manage EBT accounts.

With ConnectEBT, users can: Check their SNAP balance in real-time, view all EBT transactions, request a replacement EBT card, change their PIN and find answers to common questions

DHR is also working with its EBT provider to add even more features to help prevent fraud and protect clients’ benefits. “This new app is part of our effort to improve security and re-

duce fraud,” said DHR Commissioner Nancy Buckner. “Our goal is to make sure families can continue to get the food they need without disruptions.”

ConnectEBT is the *only* official app for Alabama SNAP and TANF clients. It’s available now for both iPhone and Android users.

To Download the App:

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Tap Download

Once installed, the app is ready to use

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The Food Assistance Division at DHR oversees the SNAP program in Alabama. To learn more about SNAP and other services, visit the DHR website.

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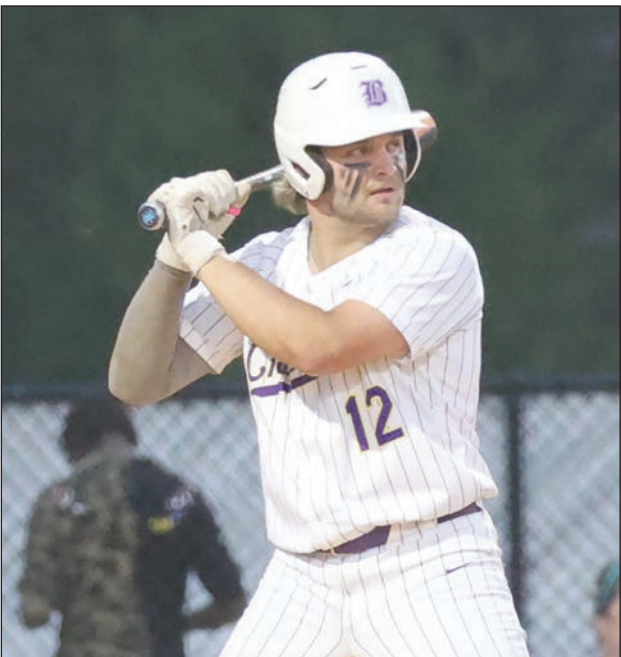
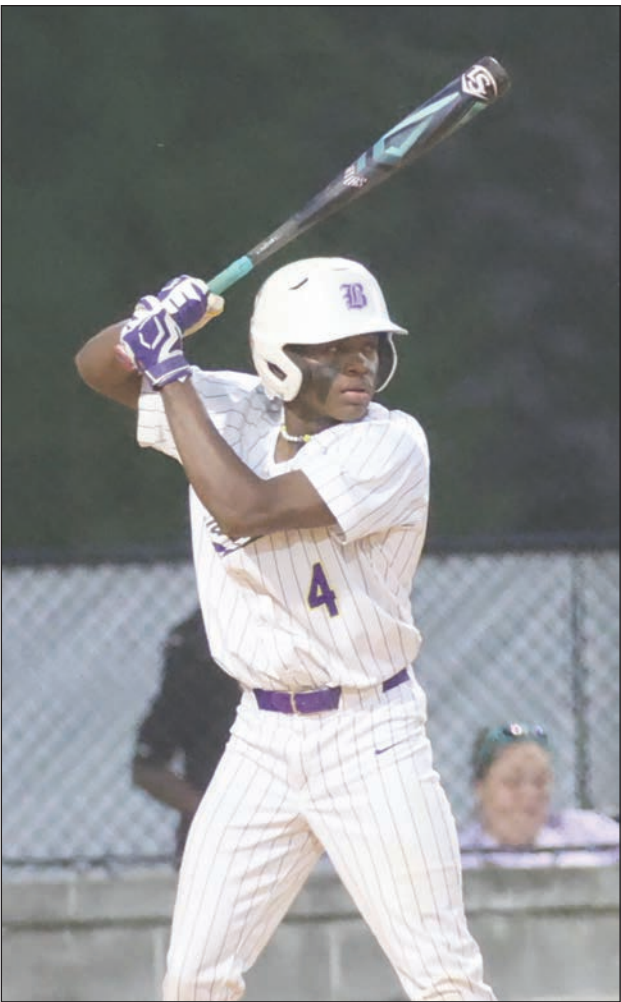
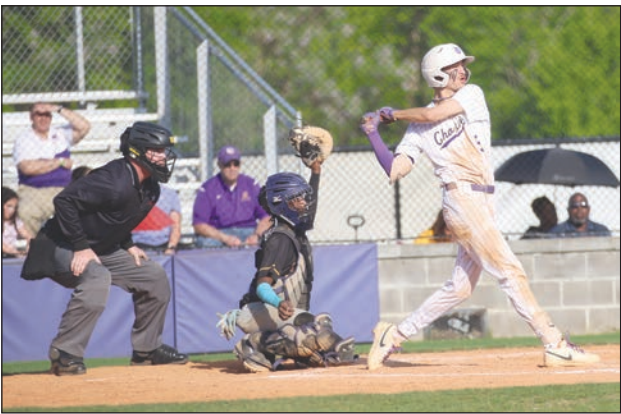
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NEWS



Ridgeville Church of the Nazarene celebrated Easter in joyful style on April 20th with a Resurrection Story, lively puppet show, egg hunt, and plenty of food and fun! It was a beautiful day filled with laughter, love, and the true meaning of Easter—celebrating our risen Savior!



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NEWS

Cox Chapel

Cox Chapel from page 1
Savannah didn't just offer a service—she offered a mission. She traveled to Cox Chapel to explain her restoration process and, without obligation, provided a free quote along with a comprehensive 17-page work proposal. Complete with photos and step-by-step plans for each headstone, her presentation revealed not only professionalism and organization but a deep respect for the individuals buried there.

It was clear to the church that Savannah's work was more than a job—it was a calling. Her passion for preserving history and honoring families shone through, and she was awarded the restoration project.

Beginning on April 10th, Savannah and her dedicated crew spent three full days at Cox Chapel Cemetery. They leveled, repaired, and carefully cleaned the headstones to restore dignity and clarity to each grave marker "At Cox Chapel, Hugh Cox shared with Savannah that in his 38 years of involvement

with the church, no preservation work had ever been done. He wanted to change that by starting to preserve the cemetery and learning how to care for it properly. Both Cox and Winn completed the first two phases of the project together, repairing what was most at risk and cleaning up what had fallen whenever they had the opportunity. Savannah shared, "As always, when the worst is fixed, there's a "new" worst and that's what the 3rd step will be for Cox if we are asked to return: to fix what looks bad. Overall, the cemetery looks much better than it did when I first saw it. We saved a couple monuments from destruction while finding that some are only being kept together and will need supplemental markers in the future to preserve the names of the individuals buried there." One example is Monroe Campbell. He has an old Sears & Roebuck monument. Just like other items in the Sears catalog, people could order monuments for their loved ones. These could include pictures, designs, differ-

ent colors, lettering styles, and more. "This one was probably beautiful when it was new, but erosion has really taken a toll on the stone. All we could do is stabilize it. We had to move it so Hugh could break up the concrete slab that was under it," said Savannah.

Savannah completed repair work at Maplesville Cemetery in Maplesville, Alabama in 2021, and at Goodwin Cemetery, also

in Maplesville, in March 2022. She was hired by the church to restore and reassemble selected monuments, as directed by the cemetery caretaker. Most of the work involved major repairs on headstones dating from the mid to late 19th century. The Centreville Press will also be gathering information on these restorations and will feature an article detailing their progress.

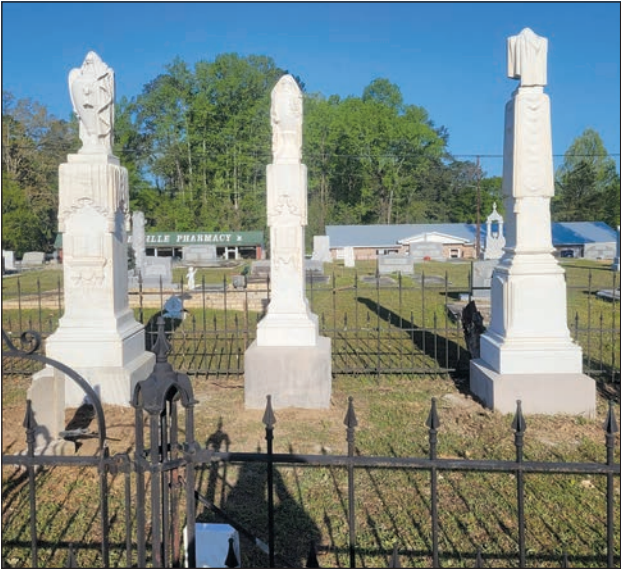
Each headstone tells a story—some etched plainly, others hidden in dates

and symbols. As Savannah and her team worked, those stories came back into focus, reminding all who passed through the cemetery gates of the lives that helped shape the community.

Because of the challenges faced in finding someone qualified for this kind of work, Cox Chapel hopes their experience will inspire others to consider preserving the historical treasures in their own churchyards and family plots. It is a meaningful

way to honor those who came before us and to ensure that their memories are not lost to time.

If your community is looking to undertake a similar project, Savannah Winn's dedication and craftsmanship are a testament to what is possible when history is handled with heart. Here is contact information if you are interested in service: phone: (706)767-2836 or email: serestoration@outlook.com. Website: www.setcrlc.com



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MAKING MINUTES COUNT WITH TELESTROKE

In the words of the National Neurological Disorders and Stroke, a stroke is a **BRAIN ATTACK**.

What makes a stroke terrifying is how quickly it permanently damages the brain when oxygen is no longer supplied to support brain function, making time an incredibly rare resource in these circumstances. To save time in the treatment of a stroke, a new telemedicine approach to stroke treatment, called Telestroke, is one of the most successful implementations of telemedicine that helps administer emergency treatment to patients just in time.

Patients living in rural areas often do not have access to rapid consultation with specialized neurologic teams for diagnosis and treatment of stroke. The use of telemedicine in the form of a telestroke consultation can improve timely diagnosis and treatment for rural patients exhibiting stroke symptoms. Telestroke has increased the percentage of patients receiving thrombolytics in less than 60 minutes, and door-to-needle time has decreased.