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Kyleigh Hood Crowned 2025 Miss Cahaba Lily, Ready to Inspire and Serve

SPECIAL TO THE PRESS

Kyleigh Hood has been crowned the 2025 Miss Cahaba Lily Queen during the annual pageant held at West Blocton High School on April 26, 2025. Along with her sister queens, Hood will represent the pageant and the town at the upcoming Cahaba Lily Festival, scheduled for May 17, 2025, in West Blocton.

In addition to the crown, Hood earned \$4,500 in cash scholarships. Her awards include a \$1,000 Queen's Scholarship; a \$1,000 scholarship sponsored by Sim's Bark; a \$1,000 scholarship from Bibb Medical Center; a \$500 award from Top Line Equipment of AL, LLC; a \$500 Spirit of Christmas Award from the Town of Woodstock; and a \$500 award from the "We Are West Blocton" Community Facebook Group.

Hood was crowned at the conclusion of the pageant, which featured judges' interviews, an evening gown competition, and an on-stage question segment. Earlier in the day, additional titles were awarded in younger divisions, each receiving a \$250 cash award including Khloe McCullar (Young Miss Cahaba Lily) Cadia Swisher (Little Miss Cahaba Lily) McKenzie Ann Doyle (Tiny Miss Cahaba Lily), Jovi Cox (Petite Miss Cahaba Lily), and Kollyns Barnes (Baby Miss Cahaba Lily).

This year's pageant introduced a new afternoon session featuring an opening group routine and contestant introductions for the Young Miss and Miss divisions. The Miss Cahaba Lily Pageant continues to evolve, expanding scholarship opportunities and competition categories, particularly for its oldest division.

"The title of Miss Cahaba Lily has become more than just a crown," said West Blocton Mayor Daniel Sims. "Our queens remain actively involved in the community throughout their reign, hosting service events to support their platforms. It's been a wonderful addition for the Town of West Bloc-

This year's pageant ton, and I'm excited to roduced a new after- see how it continues to grow."

Following her crowning, Hood immediately began planning her first service fundraiser to support her platform.

Kyleigh Hood is the 18-year-old daughter of Leighann Driver of Woodstock. A senior at West Blocton High School, Hood plans to attend the University of Alabama.

Along with her sister queens, Hood will represent the pageant at the upcoming Cahaba Lily Festival and the Woodstock Music Festival scheduled for May 17, 2025, in West Blocton and Woodstock, AL.

See more photos on page 9



2025 Miss Cahaba Lily Queen, Kyleigh Hood



Randolph Elementary School had their 2025 Beta Induction on April 21, 2025. Congratulations to our new members: Zayden Gillilan, Emmi Gray, Dalton McMillan, Brantley Nesbitt, Lauren Smith, Zoey Smith and Sara Wilson.

Local Family Injured in Serious Accident on Hwy 5 in Brent

SPECIAL TO THE PRESS

A two-vehicle crash late Saturday night in Bibb County left one person dead and three others injured, according to authorities.

The crash happened around 10:30 p.m. on Highway 5 near the Sawmeal Restaurant in Brent. Police say they attempted to stop

a vehicle that was swerving in and out of traffic. The driver reportedly refused to pull over and later crashed into another car carrying a family of four.

The driver who fled from police died at the scene. Three people in the other vehicle had injuries, some being serious.

Several emergency agencies responded, in-

cluding the Brent Volunteer Fire Department, Centreville Volunteer Fire Department, Brierfield Volunteer Fire & Rescue, Amserv, E-911, Brent Police Department, and Centreville Police Department.

Authorities say no additional details are available currently. Updates will be provided as more information becomes available.



Cahawba Christian Academy Student Wins 1st Place at State Track & Field Meet

SPECIAL TO THE PRESS

Cahawba Christian Academy 8th grader Kole Cox earned 1st place in the Shot Put event at the ACAA Alabama State Track and Field Meet on April 22. Competing in the Junior High Division, Kole delivered an outstanding throw of 11.79 meters!

The CCA Track Team includes: Isaiah Sheppard (6th grade) Jackson Burnett (11th grade) Luke Wallace (7th grade) Kole Cox (8th grade) Jacob Gothard (10th grade) Averi Wright (6th grade, student man-

ger)
Madaline Phillips (6th grade)

their hard work this season!

Mali Linch (6th grade)
Coaching the team are Mr. Eric McQueen (left) and Dr. John Russell (right).
We are so proud of our Chargers and







May 31 - Cahaba River Crawl - 11:00 a.m.



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NEWS



Bibb County's Bright Future:

Jordan Leverette and CJ Morrow Sign On!

BY SHEILA DUNCAN **REPORTER**

County High School recently held its Signing Day, with two students making their commitments. Jordan Leverette and CJ Morrow.

"We are incredibly proud of Jordan Leverette and

CJ Morrow for reaching the field. We are confident in their athletic and aca- ing representatives of our to Huntingdon College are the next level," says Coach a testament to their hard Matt Geohagen. work, talent, and deter-

this important milestone that they will be outstanddemic careers. Jordan's program and valuable assigning with Mississippi sets to their new teams. We Christian Community Col- look forward to watching lege and CJ's commitment them continue to succeed at

Congratulations



Jordan Leverette & Family



Robin Birchfield, Celebrating 25 Years of Care and Connection at BMC

BY SAVANNAH LOGAN REPORTER

When you talk to Robin Birchfield, one thing is immediately clear — her passion for people is the heartbeat of her career. This August marks an incredible 25 years at Bibb Medical Center, and over that time, Robin has worn many hats, made countless connections, and built a life deeply rooted in service to her community. From her early days as a National Health Service Corps scholar to her leadership in wellness initiatives, Robin's story is one of heart, growth, and purpose.

How long have you been with BMC, and what originally drew you to this com-

munity and to the practice? "This August will mark my 25th year at BMC. I was a National Health Service Corp Scholar and was committed to work in an underserved/rural area, so that is how I began working at Bibb Medical Center. After 2 years of service, I felt at home in this community

rewarding part of serving patients and their families in a close-knit setting like

"I certainly have enjoyed

working in this tight-knit decided to start a 6 weeks community. I think it's great nutrition/resistance trainthat I know people here and what is going on in their

How has your role evolved over the years at

"One of the best things years is that I have been able to serve in many different a family nurse practitioner in primary care and urgent care but I have also worked in the acute care setting and long-term care setting as a nurse practitioner and as director of nursing.

BMC special compared to larger healthcare systems?

"This is one of the biggest facility and here. In a larger facility you are much more likely to work in a specialized area for years without much change but here you can work within several different settings within a day."

What inspired your in-

ing program that changed my health. I was so excited to see the wellness center opening and the opportunity for so many others to feel

about working here over the the mission of BMC Wellness in your own words?

roles. I have always been just flourished in such a personal trainer within the

What do you think makes nection between physical

"I believe as you feel betdifferences between a larger ter, physically you naturally



How would you describe

"My passion for fitness wonderful facility. I am passionate about strength training. I teach classes for strength training and I am a wellness center."

How do you see the conand mental wellness in your

feel better mentally.'

See Community Connect on page 3



Representative Russell Bedsole presented the Brent/Centreville Library with a check for \$3,000 to further the services offered by the library. Pictured L-R: Front Row - Centreville Council members Brad Colburn, Dianne Epperson, Librarian Tracy Griffin, Rep. Bedsole and Centreville Mayor Mike Oakley. Back Row - Brent City Councilman Jerry Conway.



Senator April Weaver presents a \$50,000 check for the Brent/Centreville Library to purchase the electronic sign out front of the library. (Note - New flooring was also installed in the library from this donation. Pictured L-R: Librarian Tracy Griffin, Senator April Weaver and Mayor Mike Oakley.

A book is a book, but a library is so much more!

BY LYNN HAMRIC

Citizens of the Brent and Centreville area are most fortunate to have an outstanding public library. You might say that you don't visit the library because you don't read books. You just may be missing out on some of the activities currently being offered other than checking out a book.

Did you know that between 75 and 125 patrons visit the library daily? There is a small community meeting room available for use, at no charge, by reservation. There are so many services available I'll just list them to quickly ac-

- quaint you with opportunities. • Books for all ages of all
- Ebooks for all ages, at no
 - DVD's
- Almost free books.

· AL Virtual Library Our library is the only public location in town where you can have copies made for a nominal cost. They will assist you with scanning and printing as well as faxing.

There is a Notary public service available when needed. There are six public computers with internet connec-

Citizens may obtain limited

- assistance with the following: · Research
- Job applications

- Assistance with Farmers funds for a new laminator Market Vouchers
- Assistance with research, printing, etc. for school proj-
- · Assistance with phones, laptops, tablets, etc.
- · Assistance with general computer programs.
- Assistance with the SSA website and benefit letters. As if this were not enough
- the qualified staff and volunteers also provide: · Summer Reading Pro-
- Seasonal Programs The Month of May will
- feature: · Take and Make activity
- Tasty Tales Storytime
- Lego Club · Pre-school Pals Story-
- CrafterNOON
- Watch for dates and times on the new electronic sign out front.

While our library offers all of this and more there is still a need that our community can fill.

- Selecting, delivering and picking up books for the homebound.
- · Helping organize and
- conduct a book sale.
- · Assistance with raising

and new film machine with printing capability. Neither of these pieces of equipment are very expensive and provide citizens with necessary services. What a great proj-

- ect for a study club to adopt. • There is always a need for someone with grant writing expertise to help secure funding for additional enhancements.
- The genealogy room has been relocated to avoid further vandalism and assistance is needed for inventorying materials, categorizing and making researchable. This will need to be someone with library experience or research experience if at all possible and is not a task to be done quickly.

The Celebration on the Green (Tee/Sweatshirt sales) is an annual fundraiser. Be sure to place your order for these early so you won't miss

I hope this is caught your interest or renewed interest in possibly the best kept secret around.

Visit our library, obtain a library card and enjoy the varied benefits available. Summer is a great time to begin a lifelong habit.



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NEWS/CALENDAR

COMMUNITY CONNECT A Journey into the Personal Lives of Our Officials, Leaders & Neighbors

Community Connect ria and know just about it be? from page 2

What's one small wellness habit you recommend to almost everyone?

"I would tell everyone your time? to move more wherever just move more. The wellness center logo is true - movement is medicine."

What do you love busy seasons of life? most about living and working in a smaller grounded." community?

everyone, staff, visitors and perhaps their fami- one who is interested in

do you like to spend way it will be fulfill-

"Outside of work, I you are in your journey, love being outside. I like ing a patient toward betto ride 4-wheelers, hike, ter health or leading a boat, swim and sit by an strength training class outdoor fire."

you grounded during the compassion, energy, and

walk into the cafete- healthcare, what would serves are better for it.

"I would say to anyhealthcare you should Outside of work, how really love people, that ing."

Whether she's guidat the Wellness Center, Who or what keeps Robin Birchfield brings experience to every role "My family keeps me she steps into. After 25 years, her roots in this If you could give community run deep — "I love working in an one piece of advice to and it's clear that both organization that I can someone starting out in BMC and the people it



Friendship Lodge 83 had an EA degree on May 1st where we welcomed Brother Charles Jones. We had a great time and even had some special guest from Grand Lodge join us. This was a special night for us and for the Free and Accepted Masons of Alabama. Please welcome Brother Charles Jones.

Special to the Press



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
- → 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. be-

fore 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 Hei-

berger) hold services every Sunday at 11am.

➤ Centreville Church of Christ, 824 Montevallo Rd., Centreville. 926-5683. Assembly times-Sun. a.m. Bible Study-9:30, a.m. Worship-10:30, p.m. Worship-5:00 p.m.; Wed. night-6:30. Six Mile Baptist Church: Sunday School on Sun. at 10am,

Worship at 11am, Wed, Bible Study at 6 pm.

▶ 1st United Pentecostal Church of Centreville has weekly services. Pastor Marilyn Belcher, Asst. Pastor Murray Nichols. For info, call 205-225-0007.

New Jerusalem Holiness Church holds services in the Woodstock Plaza on Sun. at 10:30 am and 6:30 pm, and Wed. at

▶ Apostolic Revival Center holds services on Sunday: Sunday School 2pm. and Worship 3pm.; Wed. Bible Study 7pm.

>> West Blocton Bible Methodist Church holds services on: Sunday School 10am, Worship Service 11am, Sunday Night 5pm & Wednesday night 6pm. The Bible Methodist Church meeting every second Tues. of each month at 10:30, lunch provided.

▶ Randolph Baptist Church Sunday School 9am, preaching 10am. Wednesday night teen kids & youth 6:15pm, supper provided at 6pm.

MONTHLY MEETINGS & REMINDERS

>> The Bibb County Planning Commission is an organization involving county landowners and forestry groups. We meet the third Tuesday of each month at 1PM in the Alabama Forestry Commission Office located at 9712 Highway 5, Brent, AL.

→ Car Tag Renewal Months: (Alphabet indicates the first letter of last name) January-A/D, February-B, March-C/E, April-F/G/N. May-H/O, June-M/I, July-P/L, August-J/K/R, September-Q/S/T, October-U-Z and November-Commercial.

▶ Brierfield Fire & Rescue meets on the last Monday of each month at 7pm at Station 1 located at 18756 AL-139. For more information, call the Station at 205-665-3060. We welcome 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 at-

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.

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,

▶ 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

CEMETERY FUNDING

Oct. More info, 938-2622.

▶ If you have loved ones buried at any of the following cemeteries and would like to make a donation for upkeep and etc., please



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>> Enon Baptist Church Cemetery: Main donations to Enon Baptist Cemetery PO Box 609 Centreville, AL 35042 For more info. 205-613-9060 or 205-928-2529.

>> 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,

→ Mount Carmel Cemetery: Baptist Foundation of Alabama, P. O. Box 241227, Montgomery, AL 36124-1227. Mark check "Mt. Carmel Cemetery Fund Account #00-1870"

→ Pondville Perpetual Cemetery: Larry Watkins 8490 Payne Lake Rd. Brent, AL 35034. >> Wesley Chapel Methodist Church Cemetery: Linda Crim

7197 Montevallo Rd. Centreville, AL 205.340.3476. → Schultz Creek Cemetery: PO Box 706, Centreville, AL 35042.

▶ Shiney Rock Cemetery: call 205-938-9537.

>> Kinard Cemetery, Lowreytown: Kinard Cemetery Fund, Lowreytown, C/O Vicki Goggins 1694 Hopewell Church Road West Blocton, 35184. > If you have family buried at Old Salem Methodist Church

Cemetary send donation to, Salem Methodist Cemetary Fund, 374 Collen Road. Selma. Al 36701 or call Jean Stevens at 205-316-8736. ▶ Donations to Mt. Ivah Cemetery are greatly appreciated.

Please send to: Lynn R. Johnson, 67 Friendship Pass, Brent Al >> Little Hope Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery (West

Eoline): C/O William Deason 262 Grover Lane Centreville, AL 35042-5562. **▶** Green Pond Presbyterian Church Cemetery, Homecoming is 4th Sunday in May, Send donations for upkeep to P O Box 145,

Green Pond, AL 35074. >> Cedar Grove Cemetery donations can be mailed to Mike Lewis at 575 Cedar Grove Rd. West Blocton, AL 35184. For more information contact 205.617.0119.











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Sandy Chapel Community 926-4934



OBITUARIES



Bamberg

Thelma Wallace Bamberg, 93, went to join her Lord in Heaven on April 28, 2025, at the Bibb County Nursing Home in Centerville, Alabama.

She leaves behind three children, Cecil Edward Bamberg,(Berrie) Har-Wallace Bamberg,(Pamela)and Nancy Eliza-Bamberg,(Douglas Jones) four grandchildren and six great grandchil- hill, Alabama, where she etery Fund.

Carolyn Fay Davis July 5, 1945 - April 10,

2025 Carolyn F. Davis, age 79 of Brent, AL went home to be with the Lord on April 10, 2025. She passed peacefully at home, surrounded by family.

Carolyn joins in Heaven: her parents, John E. and Nora Burrell: brothers, Rav-

dren, numerous beloved was active in The Master nieces and nephews, cous- Gardeners Club, and The ins, and many treasured Ladies Knitting Circle. close friends. Born in Seland Dee Lee Wallace.

Thelma enjoyed accounting and during her lifetime And Trust Company, Marion Rexall Drugs, Walgreen Drugs, and George C Warren Tax Accountancy in Marion

Thelma also loved children and her community. teacher at Francis Marion High School for many rewarding years. She not only ents' names as well!

In later years, Thelma

A tragic fall would fama, Alabama, and raised cilitate her move to Georon a quaint farm in Perry gia in 2012, where she County Alabama, Thelma would spend the next 13 was the daughter of Harold years under the watchful eves of Harold and Pamela Bamberg.

Finally in 2024, Thelworked at Marion Bank ma came full circle as she moved back to the place of her heart, Alabama.

Thelma will be laid to rest at the side of her parents, at The Heiberger Methodist Cemetery.

Services will be held She worked as a substitute May 10th at Heiberger Methodist Church. Visitation will begin at 10:00 AM and Services will begin knew the kids by name, but at 11:00AM, under the dishe also let them know, that rection of Pastor Timmothy she knew their grandpar- Craddock. All are welcomed to attend.

Memorial gifts may be would sell her family farm made to Heiberger Methodand embrace life in Silver- ist Church and to their Cem-



Penney of Bessemer, AL 2025, at Alabama Nationand Kristie Nelson (Marty) al Cemetery 3133 Hwy of Bessemer, AL; broth- 119 Montevallo, AL 35115 er, Howard Burrell of where Carolyn will join her Graysville, AL; 12 grand- husband Tommy in eternal children, 10 great-grand- rest. Please arrive at 12:45 children, and a host of niec- pm to line up for the proceses and nephews who were sion. Service will begin at 1:15 officiated by Brother Stan Huguley. Following the funeral

She was a longtime mem-Church in Centreville and service please join us for was always the first to step a Celebration of Carolyn's up and volunteer her help Life graciously hosted at for anything that was need-Four Points Baptist Church ed. She enjoyed spending 75 Maple Street Centreville, time with family and special AL 35042 Friday, May 16, friends, bird watching, and 2025 from 4:00 pm to 6:30 mond and Milton Burrell; gardening -give her a "cut- pm in the Fellowship Hall.

COMMUNITY NEWS

all very dear to her.

ber of Four Points Baptist



Jo Kitchen had a busy week: Hospital visits with Amy Ellison, hair cut by Rhonda Massengale, baby sitting great granddaughter Olive for three days, dinner and games Friday at the Thompsons with Chad, Stacey, Jimi and Jane, visiting with Bobby Saturday and visiting Amy on Sunday before attending a funeral in Jasper in the afternoon... Whew. Sunday's return drive home was educational and fun using her Kia's directional system. Thanks to her grandson-in-

law, Scott. Tuesday, our area had a "water off" issue. William Deason said there was a water main leak, however he couldn't find a leakage along Ward School Road. Thankfully, it wasn't off a

long time. I enjoyed an overnight visit from my daughter, Jera Fortner last Wednesday. She kept Kaydi & Geneva the next day during LaShelle's appointment. I was also blessed to share some of

that time. As of this writing, Amy Ellison has double

pneumonia with heart rate and breathing issues. She expects to be transferred to Shelby Hospital Monday. Please pray for her.

From The Pen Of Jane Hannah

I drove to Trussville last week; placing flowers on Jerrald's grave. Afterwards, Teresa Rachal met me for lunch. We spent two enjoyable hours in conversation and made future plans to repeat. We worked together at Meadowcraft beginning in 1987 and our friendship continued after retirement. I consider her a true friend,

through thick and thin. Ronnie Kinney's PET scan revealed a spot that will require a biopsy. Please pray for be-

nign results. SYMPATHY for the Ricky Hubbard Family. Visitation was at Magnolia South on Monday the 5th with burial in a family plot that after-

HAPPY BIRTHDAY this week Luke Dowdle

5-10, & Owen Vessels 5-12. Have a wonderful week. Call 478-396-2513

From The Pen Of Brenda Hubbard

to share your news





Sympathy goes out to the family of Jeanette Randolph who passed away on April 25, 2025, Services were held on April 29, 2025. Jeanette will be greatly missed by

her family and many friends. Raymond and Georgia Maqouirk left on Friday recently and spent the night in Johnson City. Tennessee and had dinner at Bob Evans Restaurant which was very good. The best turkey club we have ever had and best piece of cake with chocolate icing, also with ice cream and cool whip cream very good. On Saturday morning went to Gray, TN to the antigre tractor show. It was good with some very old tractors and lots of arts and crafts, came home Saturday af-

Anniversary wishes go out to Kelton and Whitney Clinner who recently celebrated their 6th wedding anniversary.

The Town of Woodstock is excited to announce the 8th Annual Music Festival featuring country music star Tracy Lawrence on May 17, 2025. Make plans to attend this

Among those having birthdays in May are Betsy Graham, Matthew Pipher, Dillon Watts, Patricia Caddis, Debbie Grammer,

Eric Green, Donna Mitchell, Amy Murphy.

Our deepest sympathy goes out to the

family of Ricky Hubbard who passed away on April 28, 2025. Graveside Services was held on Monday, May 5, 2025, at 4:00 p.m. at Hubbard Farm in Brent. Ricky will be greatly missed by his family and many friends. Sympathy goes out to the family of Steve Ingram who passed away recently. Servic-

of Bibb County. Steve will be missed greatly by his family and many friends. Anniversary wishes go out to Steve and Sarah Webb who recently celebrated their

es were held on May 3, 2025, with burial in

Calera, AL. Steve was the son of Harry and

Vicky Ingram of Calera, former residents

44th wedding anniversary. The BCHS Class of 1961 had their monthly breakfast on May 2, 2025. If you have news call it in at 205-316-

1181. Take Care and God Bless.



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PROBATE NOTICE

In the Probate Court for Bibb County, Alabama Case No. 2025-

PC013 In the matter of the estate of Leila Lawley Hartley, deceased

Notice is hereby given that Letters Testamentary were granted to Crystal Hartley McMeekin on the 24th day of April, 2025, by the Honorable Ward D. Robertson, III, Judge of the Probate Court of Bibb County, Alabama. Notice is hereby given that all persons

having claims against said Estate are required to present the same within the time allowed by law of the same will be forever barred.

Joel F. Dorroh Dorroh & Mills, P.C. 1800 McFarland Boulevard, North Suite 180 Tuscaloosa, AL 35406 Attorney for Crystal

Heartley McMeekin Executrix of the Estate Leila Lawley Hartley,

deceased Centreville Press May 2, 9 & 16, 2025

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE

MORTGAGE FORE-CLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage executed by Rufus E. Kornegay and Katherine D. Kornegay, husband and wife, originally in favor of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Accredited Home Lenders, Inc., on November 23, 2005, said mortgage recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Bibb County, Alabama, in Book 162 Page 628; the undersigned Wilmington Trust Company as successor to The Bank of New York as successor to JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association as Trustee for C-BASS Mortgage Loan Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2006-CB3, as Mortgagee/Transferee. and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, in front of the main entrance of the Courthouse at Centreville, Bibb County, Alabama, on June 11, 2025, during the legal hours of sale, all of its rights, title, and interest in and to the following described real estate, situated

in Bibb County, Alabama, to-wit: A parcel of land located in the Southwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4, Section 27, Township 23 North, Range 9 East, Bibb County, Alabama, described as follows: Commence at the Southeast corner of said 1/4-1/4 section and run North 0 degrees 09 minutes 01 seconds West along the East boundary 569.47 feet to an iron: thence run North 78 degrees 47 minutes 37 seconds West 229.0 feet to an iron: thence run North 78 degrees 08 minutes 59 seconds West 160.21 feet to an iron, said point being the Point of Beginning; thence run South 73 degrees 02 minutes 50 seconds West 210.0 feet to an iron; thence run North 16 degrees 47 minutes 01 seconds East 687.28 feet to an iron at the intersection of the Southwest Right of Way of Patridge Road; thence run South 40 degrees 58 minutes 30 seconds East along said Right of Way 33.32 feet; thence run South 45 degrees 15 minutes 01 seconds East along said Right of Way 176.76 feet to an iron: thence run South 17 degrees 57 minutes 42 seconds West 470.08 feet to the Point of Beginning,

Bibb County, Alabama; being situated in Bibb County, Alabama.. Property street address for informational purposes: 59 Patridge Dr , Centreville, AL 35042. THIS PROPERTY WILL BE SOLD ON AN "AS IS. WHERE IS" BASIS, WITH-**OUT WARRANTY OR RE-**COURSE, EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED AS TO TI-TLE, USE AND/OR EN-JOYMENT AND WILL BE SOLD SUBJECT TO THE RIGHT OF REDEMPTION OF ALL PARTIES ENTI-TLED 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. This sale is made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by said mortgage, as well as the expenses of foreclosure. The successful bidder must tender a non-refundable deposit of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) in certified funds made payable to Tiffany & Bosco. P.A. at the time and place

of the sale. The balance of the purchase price plus any deed recording costs and transfer taxes must be paid in certified funds by noon the next business day at the Law Office of Tiffany & Bosco, P.A. at the address indicated below. Tiffany & Bosco, P.A. reserves the right to award the bid to the next highest bidder should the highest bidder fail to timely tender the total amount due. The Mortgagee/Transferee reserves the right to bid for and purchase the real estate and to credit its purchase price against the expenses of sale and the indebtedness secured by the real estate. This sale is subject to postponement or cancellation. Wilmington Trust Company as successor to The Bank of New York as successor to JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association as Trustee for C-BASS Mortgage Loan Asset-Backed Certificates. Series 2006-, ("Transferee") Tiffany & Bosco, P.A., 2501 20th Place South. Suite 300, Homewood, AL 35223 www.tblaw.com TB File Number: 25-04143-PH-AL 05/09/2025, 05/16/2025, 05/23/2025 Centreville Press

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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 Testmento 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.

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

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice of Public Sale Icon Motor Group gives notice of foreclosure of lien and intent to sell these vehicles on May 21, 2025 at 10:00am at 20714 US-11 North Woodstock, AL 35188, pursuant to subsection 32.13.3 of

> **Utilities Board of Brent** Sealed Bids

The Brent Utilities Department will be accepting sealed bids on the follow-

2013 Chevrolet Long Bed Single Cab Silverado VIN:1GCNCPEA4DZ139251 with minimum bid starting the Alabama Statutes. Icon Motor Group reserves the right to accept or reject any and/ or all bids.

2014 Volkswa-Passat 1VWC-N7A33EC090960 Centreville Press May 2 & 9, 2025

at \$2,000

24' Equipment Trailer with minimum bid starting at \$1.000

Bids will be accepted at the Brent City Hall until May 31, 2025 at 4:30p.m. Centreville Press

May 9, 16, 23 & 30, 2025

Notice of Public Sale Hometown Towing and Recovery, LLC gives notice of foreclosure of lien and intent to sell these vehicles on June 23, 2025 at 10:00am at 54 Norman Dr. Woodstock, AL 35188-3941, pursuant to subsection

32.13.3 of the Alabama Statutes. Hometown Towing and Recovery LLC reserves the right to accept or reject any and/ or all bids.

2002 Honda 1HGC-G31542A007214 Centreville Press

May 9 & 16, 2025

NOTICE OF COMPLETION

Cornerstone Civil Contractors, LLC hereby gives notice of completion of contract with the State of Alabama for construction of Project No. ATRP2-04-2021-004 in Bibb County. This notice will appear for three consecutive weeks beginning on May 6, 2025

and ending on May 27, 2025. All claims should be filed at 5722 21st Street Tuscaloosa, AL 35401 during this period. Cornerstone Civil Con-

tractors, LLC Edmund H. Colgrove,

> Centreville Press May 9, 16 & 23, 2025

MORTGAGE FORE-CLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage executed by Linda Passmore, on March 19, 2024, to Corkey McFarland and Kelly McFarland, mortgage being recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Bibb County, Alabama, in RPB Book 2024, Page 2523, Record of Mortgages, the undersigned, Corkey McFarland and Kelly McFarland, as mortgagees, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, in front of the Bibb County Courthouse, Centreville, Alabama, on June

hours of sale, the following described real estate, situated in Bibb County, Ala-

in the Probate Office of

bama, to-wit: A parcel of land located In the N 1/2 of the NE 1/4, Section 18, Township 21 South, Range 5 West, Bibb County, Alabama, described as follows: Commence at the Northeast corner of said Section and run South 02 degrees 13 minutes 26 seconds East along the East boundary 666.0 feet, thence run South 88 degrees 23 minutes 05 seconds West 664.39 feet to an iron pin, said point being the point of beginning; thence continue on the same line 662.47 feet to the intersection of the accepted West boundary of said 1/4 - 1/4 section; thence run South 02 degrees 05 minutes

58 seconds East along said boundary 361.40 feet to an iron pin; thence run South 76 degrees 13 minutes 02 seconds West along a painted line 155.17 feet to an iron pin; thence run South 52 degrees 53 minutes 07 seconds West along said painted line 165.29 feet to an iron pin at the intersection of the North right of way of Bibb County Highway No. 12; thence run South 85 degrees 55 minutes 23 seconds East along said right of way 956,80 feet to an iron pin; thence run North 02 degrees, 14 minutes 41 seconds West 585.00 feet to the point of beginning.

This sale is made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by said mortgage as well as the expenses of foreclosure. 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.

FOSTER D. KEY Attorney for Mortgagee Post Office Box 360345 Birmingham, Alabama 35236

MORTGAGEE Corkey McFarland and Kelly McFarland 3637 Gray Hill Road

West Blocton, Alabama 35184

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PUBLIC NOTICE

ALABAMA DEPART-MENT OF ENVIRONMEN-**TAL MANAGEMENT NOTICE OF UNDER-GROUND STORAGE TANK** (UST) CORRECTIVE AC-TION PLAN AND REQUEST FOR

10, 2025, during the legal

COMMENTS **PUBLIC NOTICE - 201 Bibb County**

DC Oil Company, 2367 Lakeside Drive, Suite B1, Birmingham, Alabama is required by ADEM to implement a Corrective Action Plan for remediation of soil and/or groundwater which has resulted from a release from an underground storage tank located at Quick Shop #12, 2290 Main Street, Brent,

Alabama. The site is identified as Facility I.D. Number 20411-007-006531 and Incident Number UST19-08-01. The proposed remediation methods include excavation and application of chemical oxidant.

Copies of the Corrective Action Plan for Quick Shop #12 are available for public inspection electronically via http://adem.alabama.gov/ newsEvents/publicNotices. cnt and at the following location Monday - Friday (except legal holidays), 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. A nominal fee for copying and/or mailing may be charged. Arrangements for copying should be made

Russell A. Kelly, Chief Permits and Services Division

1400 Coliseum Blvd. [Mailing address: PO Box 301463; Zip 36130-1463]

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Persons wishing to comment may do so, in writing or by email, to the Department's named contact above within 15 days following the publication date of this notice. Any person wishing to provide additional information regarding the Corrective Action Plan may do so.

A written request for a public meeting may also be filed within that 15-day period and must state the nature of the issues proposed to be raised in the meeting.

Notice is hereby given this 12th day of May, 2025, by authority of the Alabama Department of Environmental Management.

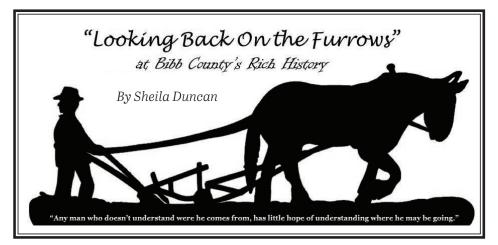
Jeffery W. Kitchens **Acting Director**

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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.

50 YEARS AGO

Safe Peeled At Mayfield Oil

By David Hedstrom

A safe at the Mayfield Oil Co., Brent, was apparently pried open and an undisclosed amount of money within it was stolen sometime between Saturday about 5 p.m. and when the burglary was discovered Monday about 6:30 a.m. Brent Police Chief James

Fondren investigated the incident. An unknown number of burglars apparently picked the lock at the front door and broke through another door leading into a warehouse behind the offices, though the safe is located in the front office.

The money inside the safe was all that was reported to have been taken, and the door of the safe is severely damaged. Other contents of the safe were strewn about on the office floor when the burglary was discovered. One theory is that the burglary took place Monday about 12:30 a.m. since a person living close to the building heard his dog bark excitedly at something at that time.

Weather Ballons to go up in Bibb

By Ed Watkins

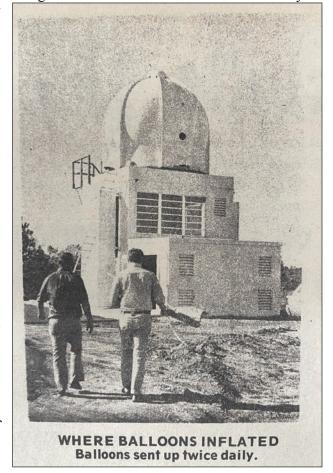
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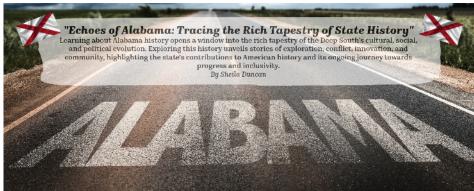
Centreville-It won't be long before Bibb County residents can see weather balloons being sent up from the National Weather Service's meteorological observatory near Brent. The observatory started sending up balloons in November but the balloons are being sent up between 5:15 and 5:30 o'clock in the mornings and afternoons. It is dark at those hours now and has been thus far since the program started. But as the days get longer, daylight wise, residents will be able to see the balloons going up, especially in the afternoons. The balloons that have been sent up thus far are averaging going up about 90,000 feet. The balloons are helpful in forecasting weather conditions. gas. "Weather balloons are the backbone of weather forecasting," Dale Black, meteorologist in charge of the observatory, said. The instruments attached to the balloons will measure temperatures, moisture and winds and also gather other information. The balloons are about five feet in diameter and are filled with hydrogen gas to take them skyward. A small box-type instrument with a cone that contains a radio transmitter is attached to the balloon. A paper like parachute is also attached to the radio transmitter so that when the balloon bursts the radio transmitter floats back down to the ground with the parachute.

The transmitters are in box about the size of a half-gallon milk carton and are very light. Anyone finding a transmitter that has floating back down to the ground should send it to the address on the instrument. They can be reworked and reused. A special building was constructed beside the observatory to

weather house the balloon operation.

There's a special room where the balloon is inflated and released. Another room contains tanks of hydrogen gas. Atop the building sophisticated instruments which receive information from the balloon's transmitter. radio Instruments in the building inflation are connected with other instruments in the observatory. Information is fed into the computers in order to work up weather data. the weather information then sent on teletype to all parts of the nation.





The Rosenbaum House

The Rosenbaum House is a single-family residence designed by famed architect Frank Lloyd Wright for Stanley and Mildred Rosenbaum in Florence, Alabama. A prime example of Wright's Usonian home concept, it holds the distinction of being the only Wright-designed structure in Alabama and one of just 26 Usonian homes built before World War II.

In 1938, Stanley Rosenbaum—a professor at Florence State Teachers College (now the University of North Alabama)—and his new wife, Mildred, received a plot of land and building funds from Stanley's parents. Inspired by Wright's autobiography and a feature about him in Time magazine, the couple hired Wright to design their home. The Rosenbaum House remains the only Wright creation in the state.

Wright's Usonian homes envisioned as affordable housing for middle-class American families. However, the Rosenbaums' home quickly exceeded budget expectations. While the couple initially planned to spend \$7,999, the first phase ended up costing \$14,000 equivalent to about \$310,000 in 2024. The project wasn't without issues: the flat roof began leaking almost immediately, the heating system failed, and the custombuilt furniture on-site was rarely used by the family.

After moving into the home in September 1940, the Rosenbaums had their house featured in a photography exhibit at the Museum of Modern Art in New York just a month later. The home also served as the childhood residence of well-known film critic Jonathan Rosenbaum.

In 1978, the Rosenbaum House was added to the National Register of Historic Places. It stayed in the Rosenbaum family until 1999, when Mildred Rosenbaum moved into a nursing home. That made it the longest-owned Usonian house by its original owners. By then, the home was in poor shape, with water damage and

The family donated the house to the City of Florence, along with its furniture and contents, for \$75,000. The city spent an additional \$600,000 on repairs, using original plans from the Frank Lloyd Wright Foundation.

In 2002, the city reopened the restored house as a public museum: the Frank Lloyd Wright Rosenbaum House. Some original furniture designed by Wright is still on display. The restoration earned a Wright Spirit Award in 2004, and Mildred Rosenbaum herself received the first Wright Spirit Award for her work in preserving and sharing the home. Between 1993 and 1998, she personally gave tours to nearly 5,000 visitors. She passed away

The Rosenbaum House was the first of many Usonian homes Wright designed after his 1936 prototype, the Jacobs House in Wisconsin. It was built on a 2-acre lot at 117 Riverview Drive (now 601 Riverview) along the Tennessee River. The L-shaped home features natural materials like cypress wood and brick, with low steelcantilevered roofs and an attached carport. One standout feature is the extensive use of glass, which blends the indoors with the outdoors. Most rooms open directly outside. At the center is a "service core" with a stone fireplace and a small study.

Originally, the home had 1,540 square feet of living space. In 1948, after the Rosenbaums had a fourth child, Wright designed a second L-shaped addition, adding another 1,084 square feet.

Today, the house is listed both individually on the National Register of Historic Places and as part of the McFarland Heights Historic District.





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 which mortgage and 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 described particularly 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. grams 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. MCLP Asset Compa-

ny, Inc. **PADGETT** LAW **GROUP**

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NEWS

BIBB COUNTY COMMISSION

Meeting Date: April 29, 2025

By: Lynn Hamric

the meeting to order at five o'clock, opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and prayer.

Public Comments -

Public Comments from carried. Other Elected Officials -None

Roll Call: Present -Caddell, Stabler, Corbell, Downs. Absent - Light-

Informational Items: A/P check run(s) Consent Agenda:

Department Road Glass for Hanks \$1,300.00. Replacement of windshields in four vehicles.

- American Oz-Jail ment \$1,304.70 for supplies.

New Business:

was held for former commissioner Rickey Hubbard.

A motion was made (Stabler) seconded (Downs) to approve the April 14, 2025 minutes. Motion carried.

A request from Probate Judge Kemmer and Chief Clerk, to attend he APJA Summer Conference at rization to move IDA frthe rate of \$1,200 plus unds \$10,000.00 to the room and board. Motion General Fund (generating Commission – None

Chair Caddell called ond (Corbell). Motion carried.

Sheriff Motion (Downs)second purchase of two Motorola digital radios. Motion

Replace dust detector that makes fire detection operational from Globe Fire. Motion to approve re-stock yard. \$14,617.00. (Downs) second (Stabler) Motion carried.

Reach \$6,859.00 for replacement of Rock Building toilet, Jail, etc. for three months of bills. Motion an abatement of taxes. to approve (Downs)second (Stabler). Motion

County Administrator: Gave the ACCA Re-

Hire Bradley Arant to A moment of silence represent the county as legal representative for Mercedes exercise of op-Bradley Arant has represented the county in all Mercedes legal matters. The IDA is to meet Friapprove (Downs) second ized. He is to meet with (Corbell). Motion carried.

Bryan requested authoto approve (Stabler) sec- \$22,000) into a CD with

West Alabama Bank. This will be a 90 day CD with Department- an interest rate of 4.25%. Apply this money to the (Corbell) to approve the Sheriffs Dept. food expense to the Jail to bring the account current. Approved. Note: 1.4 million in savings account.

> County Engineer: Purchase nine pipe to Motion to approve (Corbell) second (Downs). Plumbing Motion carried.

> > EMA - Absent Chamber -

Requested approval for Standard statutory incentives. This increases retention of jobs as well as new jobs. Motion (Downs) second (Corbell) Motion carried.

Brian announced a very positive projection for the location of a wood related industry, in an unintions to purchase land. corporated area, retaining 67 jobs with 37 new positions down the road. He could not reveal the name of the company as the day to review. Motion to deal has not been finalthem later in the week to hopefully close the deal.

> Old Business – None Discussion Items By Meeting Adjourned.

BRENT CITY COUNCIL

Meeting Date: April 21, 2025

by Lynn Hamric

the meeting to order at five o'clock, opened with by the City Police Departthe Pledge of Alegiance. ment. Council approved Councilman Owings led in

Roll Call:

Barbara Morrison – 5:01 Tracy Sanders – 5:05 Chad Jones – 5:01 Tom Owings - 5:01 Chad Jones – 5:01

Condolences expressed to Councilman Owings in the loss of his brother Joe.

A motion to approve the minutes was made (Conway) second (Owings). Motion carried.

Approval of Invoices: After a review with Q&A a motion to approve was made (Conway) second (Owings). Motion carried. Police Report – None

Court Report – None Request to Address

Council – None Personnel Action – None Other Business:

Two new gates have been installed at the City Shop. The Water Dept is paying

of items was quickly done getting quotes.

Purchase of security for the City Shop is being done with the Water Department paying for half the expense. Council approved securing quotes.

Back to School Sales Tax Holiday Resolution

ALDOT mowing agreement discussed and tabled. The reimbursement to the city (\$5,000) for handling the mowing (June - September) has not increased as expenses of equipment, manpower, etc. have. Hwy. /Hwy. 25. A motion was made (Jones) seconded cost the city incurs annually and request a increase.

The Shop compressor became inoperable immediately after the robbery and replacement is needed. Replacement cost \$1,800.00 is but there is employment. to be split between the city is necessary due to vandal- Motion to approve (Ow- adjourned.

Mayor White called ism and theft. Recovery ings) second (Jones). Motion carried.

> Informational Items: Break-in at the city shop. Police immediately recovered all property.

Elections are fast approaching.

(Conway) asked what is being done about the trash from the recycling plant/ garbage trucks. trucks are not being tarped and the highways are covered in trash blowing out of trucks. When mowers go through it looks like confetti. Mayor white says she has talked with the supervisor and the VP on several occasions and for a period of them it is better. Te last conversation she said the company requested a little (Morrison) to calculate the time as they were working on a solution. (Owings) stated we might should go as far as not renewing the license. The recycling plant employs 27 individuals. There is no taxable income

There being no further for half the expense. This and the water department. business the meeting was

Plain & Simple "Slow down and enjoy the simple pleasures in life" By: Sheila Duncan

WEST BLOCTON TOWN COUNCIL

Meeting Date: April 7, 2025

Town of West Blocton Minutes of Regular Meet-

Monday, April 7, 2025 at 7:00 P.M.

The Town Council of the Town of West Blocton, Alabama met In a Regular Council Westley Price Meeting at the Municiday, April 7, 2025, at to approve the resignation ber Glenn Johnson-YES 7:00 P.M. A quorum be- of Officer Westley Price. Council Member Holing present. Mayor Dan- Motion was seconded by ly Barnett-YES Council iel Sims called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. Prayer was led by Holly Barnett. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Glenn Johnson. Roll was called by Town Clerk Brandy Fancher. Fred Lynch- Absent Glenn Johnson- Present Holly Barnett- Present Blane Sherron- Present Kristen Nash-Absent

Mayor's Notes: Community Clean-Up

4/19/2025 8am-12pm Employee Handbook Move for approval to

Council Approv-I. al:

4-21-2025.

Previous Council Meeting Minutes March 17. 2025

Sherron made the motion to approve the previous Council Meeting Minutes for 3-17-2025.

Motion was second-Glenn Johnson. All in favor and motion so carried. Resignation of Officer Stephen Kaylor

Council Member Hol-

"Love Never Ages"

tion to approve the resig- ber Glenn Johnson-YES nation of Officer Stephen Council Member Hol-Kaylor, Motion was sec- ly Barnett-YES Council onded by Council Mem- Member Blane Sherronber Blane Sherron. All in YES NO-0 YES-3 Mofavor and motion so car- tion Passes

Resignation of Officer

Council Member Glenn Member Blane Sherron-Johnson. All In favor and motion so carried.

Hire of Part Time Police

Roll Call Vote was used time Police Officer Jason Thrash. \$20 per hour with no benefits to provide. Council Member Glenn Johnson-YES Council Member Holly Barnett-YES Council Member Blane Sherron-YES N0-0 YES-3 Motion Passes

Stay Dry Invoice to approve \$9500.00 to Stay Dry for Town Park Walk. Council Member Glenn Johnson-YES Council Member Holly Barnett-YES Council Council Member Blane Member Blane Sherron-YES N0-0 YES-3 Mo-

> tion Passes Office Assistant

to approve the hire of time, Council Member ed by Council Member Casey Hubbard as Office Holly Barnett made the Assistant. \$16 per hour with pay increase to \$17 when Magistrate Certification is completed, ERS Retirement, BCBS In- All in favor and motion so ly Barnett made the mo- surance. Council Mem- carried.

Braxsim Invoice

Roil Cali Vote was used to approve \$1703.98 for Council Member Holly Office Assistant work YES N0-0 YES-3 Motion Passes

> Community Clean up Budget

Roil Cali Vote was used to approve the hire of part to approve \$500 for community clean up budget. Council Member Glenn Johnson-YES Council Member Holly Barnett-YES Council Member Blane Sherron-YES N0-0 YES-3 Motion Passes

District 2 Report: Council Member Glenn Johnson wanted to re-Roil Cali Vote was used port that the property on Chestnut Street has been cleaned up.

District 3 Report: No Report

District 4 Report: No Report

Citizens to Speak: **NONE**

There being no further business to come before Roil Cali Vote was used the Town Council at this motion to

adjourn. The motion was seconded by Council Member Glenn Johnson.

Grilled Honey Garlic Chicken

Ingredients:

4 boneless, skinless chicken breasts (or

thighs if you prefer)

1/4 cup honey

1/4 cup soy sauce

2 tablespoons olive oil 2 tablespoons apple cider vinegar (or lem-

on juice) 4 cloves garlic, minced (or 1 tsp garlic

powder if in a pinch)

1/2 teaspoon black pepper Optional: chopped parsley or green onions

for garnish Instructions:

Chicken

Marinate In a bowl or zip-top bag, mix together honey, soy sauce, olive oil, vinegar, garlic, and pepper. cob, Rice or a fresh salad

Add the chicken and coat well. Marinate for at least 30 minutes (or up to overnight for more flavor).

Preheat Grill the Medium-high heat works best. Oil the grates lightly to prevent sticking.

Chicken Grill the Place the chicken on the grill and cook for 6–7 minutes per side, or until cooked through and nicely charred. Internal temp should hit

165°F. Serve

Let the chicken rest for a few minutes, then garnish with chopped parsley or green onions if you'd like.

Great With: Grilled veggies, Corn on the

Can you solve the Sudoku?

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NEWS

Upcoming Housing Conversations Aim to Address Local Needs in Montevallo and the Tri-County Area

BY SHEILA DUNCAN

REPORTER

Residents of Montevallo and surrounding communities in Shelby, Bibb, and Chilton counties are invited to take part in two important upcoming housing conversations. These events are part of an ongoing effort to explore and improve housing conditions in the Tri-County area, with a focus on ensuring housing remains affordable, available, and accessible to all.

The conversations are being hosted by Herman F. Lehman, III, MBA, MSEM, PCED of Keys to the City Community Coaching, LLC, in collaboration with the David Mathews Center for Civic Life.

"We're working with the David Mathews Center to explore the current and future state of housing in the Bibb-Chilton-Shelby area," Lehman said. "To that end, we've scheduled two upcoming housing conversations in Montevallo and Shelby County and are working to confirm a third in Jemison, located in Chilton County.'

Event Details 6PM-7:30PM 5/13/25

Conversation on Housing in Tri-County Area at University Baptist Church Montevallo

11:30AM-5/20/25 1:30PM Conversation on Housing in Tri-County Area at the American Village Rotunda

Everyone is invited to join in one of these critical community conversations on housing in Montevallo and the surrounding counties of Bibb, Chilton, and Shelby.

earlier conversa-In tions, community members helped identify key housing-related needs and resources across the Tri-County Area. Now, they are coming back together to talk about what actions they can take - and to continue deepening their understanding of housing challenges in our commu-

I hope you will be able to attend. Your voice and unique insights are vital.



MEET THE ASA DISTRICT DIRECTORS

The Alabama Sheriffs Association is honored to serve every corner of our great state through a strong and dedicated leadership network. At the heart of this network are our seven District Directors, who play a crucial role in supporting sheriffs throughout Alabama. These leaders help organize regional meetings, share vital resources, and serve as voices for their fellow sheriffs within the Association. Today, we're proud to spotlight District 2 Director, Sheriff Jody Wade of Bibb County. District 2 includes the counties of Bibb, Fayette, Greene, Hale, Lamar, Marengo, Marion, Perry, Pickens, Sumter, and Tuscaloosa. As Director, Sheriff Wade brings steadfast leadership and a spirit of service to the sheriffs of West Alabama. His efforts foster stronger collaboration and unity across the region. Special to the Press

2025 Back to School Sales Tax Holiday

WHEREAS the City Council of the City of Brent, Alabama, elects to exempt certain "covered items" from the municipal sales and use tax during the weekend of July 18-20, 2025, as authorized by Act 2006-574, generally referred to as the Backt-School Sales Tax Holiday Legislation. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF BRENT, BRENT ALABAMA, AS

FOLLOWS: SECTION 1. In conformity with the provisions Act 2006-574 enacted by the Alabama Legislature during 2006 Regular Session, providing for a State Sales Tax Holiday, the City of Brent, Alabama, exempts" covered items" from municipal sales and use tax during the same period beginning at 12:01 a.m. on Friday, July 18, 2025 and ending at twelve midnight the following Sunday

SECTION 2. this resolution shall be subject to all terms, conditions, definitions, time periods, and rules as provided by Act 2006-574, except that the time period shall be specified in section 1 above and not for all years thereafter.

SECTION 3. The City of Brent Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to certify a copy of this resolution under the seal of the City of Brent, Alabama, and forward said copy to the Alabama Department of Revenue to be recorded and posted on the Department Website.

SECTION 4. NOW BE IT RESOLVED, the City of Brent does hereby ratify this Resolution on this the 21s day of April

> Bobby White, Mayor Roselyn, T. Adams, City Clerk

Hunter Education Course to be Held at BMC Wellness Center

SPECIAL TO THE PRESS

There will be a Hunters Education Course hosted at the BMC Wellness Center on May 17, 2025, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. for ages 10 years and older with lunch provided. In

Alabama, hunter education courses are available to youth as young as 10 years old. While not mandatory until the age of 16 when purchasing a hunting license, these courses are recommended and are free

traditional course is a minimum of 8 hours, including both classroom instruction and a field day.

Register DOORALABAMA.COM For more information contact Officer Katie Burks to those 10 and older. The at 334-375-0908

In Person Events

Right Bite - Healthy

Eating for Diabetes Tuesday, April 22nd, 29th, May 6th, 11:30am-12:30pm

Woodstock Senior Center, 28513 Hwy 5, Woodstock

If diabetes or high blood pressure is a concern for vou or someone you care for, join us for this 3 part series to learn about meal planning and food preparation skills to reduce calories, control carbohydrates, modify fat and increase fiber to achieve better blood glucose levels and blood pressure control. Lunch is available at 11:00am for those that pre-register, with a suggested donation. There is no charge for the program. To register call the Bibb County Extension Office at 205-926-4310!

ONLINE - At Home Beekeeping Series

Last Tuesday of Each Month 6:30-7:30pm

May 28th Making Good Queens and Avoiding Bad

Join us from home on the last Tuesday of each month for this FREE online alternative to your usual beekeeping club meeting. Experts will present on timely topics and the presentation will be followed by Q&A. This series is presented via Zoom and Facebook. Register at https://www.aces. edu/blog/topics/bees-pollinators/at-home-beekeeping-series/

Growers Needed at BMC Farmers Market in Centreville!

BMC Farmers Market needs growers to sell produce at the summer farmers market! The market is held every Wednesday, from 2-6 pm! Growers need to accept vouchers for the Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program, have a current grower's permit, and have a variety and quantity of produce for the duration of the market on Wednesdays. If you are interested, please complete the application https://form.jotform. com/251075117657054.

Master of Memory -HELD AT TWO LOCA-TIONS!

Tuesday, May 13th, 20th, & 27th

Woodstock Senior Center, 28513 Hwy 5, Woodstock. 11:00AM

BMC Wellness Center, 285 Hospital Drive, Centreville. 2:30PM

To register contact the Bibb County Extension Office at 205-926-4310

Master of Memory is a three-lesson series that encourages participants to recognize how they can impact and evaluate their memory function and find ways that may help address

Ebeneezer **Baptist** Church, 470 Ebeneezer Brierfield. AL Road,

The program is free, but vou must register! Call Bibb County Extension Office at 205-926-4310, or register online at https:// www.aces.edu/event/ heirs-property-workshop-brieffield-5-20/

Heirs property plagued families across Alabama for generations, leaving them vulnerable to loss and exploitation. Many families find themselves at a crossroads where action is necessary to safeguard these legacies for generations to come. Heirs property is a form of land ownership where property is shared among heirs and passed down without a clear title. This has been a longstanding issue in Alabama. The lack of clear title documentation opens the door to a myriad of challenges including legal disputes, vulnerability to forced sales, and limited access to resources for property maintenance and development. A light meal will be served.

Wildlife Groups Applaud New Alabama Bill Aimed at **Helping Injured Animals**

BY SHEILA DUNCAN **REPORTER**

A coalition of wildlife rehabilitation groups celebrating a new bill that could bring big changes for injured and orphaned wild animals in Alabama.

House Bill 448, known as the Alabama Good Samaritan Wildlife Rehabilitation Act, was introduced State Representative Ben Harrison (R–Elkmont). Supporters include the Alabama Wildlife Conservation and Rehabilitation Society (AWCRS), North Alabama Wildlife Rehabilitators, and Alabama NEEDS Wildlife Rehabbers.

If passed, the bill would allow people to care for non-endangered, non-federally protected wild animals "in good faith"—without breaking current veterinary or animal cruelty laws. The goal is to stabilize animals and return them to the wild.

'This bill could save countless animals and give people the freedom to help. Alabama used to have 100 licensed rehabilitators in 2013. Now we have just five.'

Current rules from the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (ADCNR) go be-

yond federal guidelines— 14% oppose it. especially for raccoons, foxes, skunks, covotes, and bats, all considered rabies risks. Right now, even help-

of these species is illegal. When people call Fish and Game, they're told to 'let nature take its course. But most of these injuries are caused by humans, not nature. Citizens who try to help are treated like criminals, and the animals are taken and killed.

ing an obviously injured or

orphaned animal from one

State wildlife leaders defend the policy. Ray Metzler, Assistant Chief of Wildlife for Alabama, said, 'There's no biological reason to rehabilitate. It's survival of the fittest.'

Terry Morse, former director of Big Bend Wildlife Sanctuary, said that at past meetings, officials called wildlife rehabilitators "an unnecessary evil."

But public support for change is strong. A February 2025 poll showed that 66% of Alabamians support letting people help injured or orphaned animals. Only

Online, the movement is gaining traction. AWCRS has more than 4,700 Facebook likes and 6,000 followers. Other groups, like Alabama NEEDS Wildlife Rehabbers and North Alabama Wildlife Rehabilitators, also have strong social media support.

National voices have also weighed in. Donald Trump Jr. criticized current enforcement: "Our government will let in 16,000 rapists... but if someone has a pet squirrel without a permit, they'll kill the squir-

HB448 passed the House Agriculture and Forestry Committee with a 9-3 vote. It now heads to the full House for a vote.

More than 12,000 people have signed a petition in support. Advocates are asking citizens to contact their lawmakers.

Some say this is about compassion and common sense, the law needs to reflect what the people already believe: we should be allowed to help.



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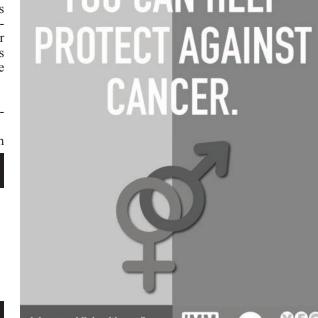
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2025 MISS CAHABA LILY PAGEANT



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Blayr Carter, 1st Alternate and Photogenic, McKenzie Ann Doyle, Tiny Miss Cahaba Lily Queen, Charlie Jane Davis, 2nd Alternate



Chrisalyn Samson, 1st Alternate, Khloe McCullar, Young Miss Cahaba Lily Queen, 2nd Alternate, Aubree Stacy, Alivia Godwin, Photogenic



Kynlei Parsons, 1st Alternate, Cadia Swisher Little Miss Cahaba Lily Queen, Kashlyn Burton, 2nd Alternate and Photogenic



London Weeks, Overall Photogenic, 1st Alternate, Emily Carden, Kyleigh Hood, Miss Cahaba Lily Queen, Zoë Porter, 2nd Alternate



Queen, Lainey Michael Medders, 2nd Alternate, Lenny Marshall, Photogenic

NEWS

Bibb County Head Start Now Accepting Applications for Ages 3-5

BY SHEILA DUNCAN REPORTER

Calling all curious little minds and proud parents! Bibb County Head Start is rolling out the red carpet for its next group of bright stars — and your child could be one of them!

Bibb County Head Start is now accepting applications for the 2025 school year for children ages 3 to 5 years old. Located at 1006 Walnut Street in Centreville, AL, the program offers a wide range of no-cost services that promote school readiness and support families through a holistic approach to early childhood education.

Head Start is more than just a preschool — it's a comprehensive early education program designed to empower children and their families. Through individualized educational services, Bibb County Head Start builds strong relationships that lay the foundation for learning. The curriculum supports

learning through play, creative expression, and guided activities while fostering language, literacy, early math and science concepts, and positive attitudes toward learning.

All services are provided completely free of charge to families and include:

Individualized educational services

Mental health services Health, dental, hearing, vision, and behavioral screenings

Developmental screenings

Family coaching and support

Educational activities and field trips

Healthy meals and snacks (breakfast, lunch,

and snacks)
Accommodations for children with special

needs
In addition, the program promotes physical development with both indoor and outdoor activities, and partners with community agencies for additional assessments when needed.

Bibb County Head Start also supports families in finding assistance during challenging times and reaching goals related to parenting, employment, food, housing, and more.

Bibb County Head Start participates in Alabama's Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS), a partnership between the Alabama Department of Human Resources and the Alabama Department of Early Childhood Education. The program has earned a STAR 5 rating — the highest possible — by demonstrating consistent, high-quality teacher-child interactions, sound business practices, and strong internal mentorship for continuous improvement.

Applications can be submitted online at <u>www.cspwal.com</u>. Spots are limited, so families are encouraged to apply early.

For more information, visit Bibb County Head Start at 1006 Walnut Street, Centreville, AL 35042.









RELAY FOR LIFE

PHOTOS BY RYAN THOMPSON

Special to the Press

On Saturday, May 3rd at the BMC Wellness Center visitors gathered in remembrance of Cancer Survivors with festivities beginning with a Survivors Tea hosted by the Brent Study Club. Following the Survivors Tea was the Opening Ceremonies where Brent Elementary students sang the National Anthem and "Happy Birthday" during the Survivor Recognition. The guest speaker this

year was Carrie Summers. There were games and activities for kids, including a scavenger hunt, dance contest, and a variety of performances from:

Holsen Brooks

The Studio Emilee Davis Centreville Middle School Majorettes West Blocton High School Auxiliaries West Blocton Middle School Majorettes Bibb County High School Cheerleaders Bibb County High School Color Guard Bibb County High School Majorettes Leah's Twirl Girls Madison Davis

Due to the weather activities were held indoors but was a memorable day for all those involved.

Thanks to all that put their hard work in to make it happen.













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