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Breaking the Silence: Honoring Mental Health Awareness Day 2025

BY SHEILA DUNCAN
REPORTER

Each year, Mental Health Awareness Day reminds us of the importance of caring for our emotional and psychological well-being just as much as our physical health. It's a day to break the stigma, spark conversations, and encourage those who are struggling to seek support without fear or shame.

Mental health conditions affect millions of people across the globe. From anxiety and depression to bipolar disorder and PTSD, these challenges can impact anyone—regardless of age, background, or lifestyle. And yet, many still suffer in silence due to misunderstanding and judgment.

This year's theme emphasizes the critical need to integrate mental wellness into our daily lives and healthcare systems.

Just like we monitor our diet or blood pressure, it's vital to check in on our thoughts, emotions, and stress levels.

Let's use Mental Health Awareness Day as more

than just a moment—let's make it a movement toward compassion, acceptance, and real change. Because mental health matters, today and every day.



Community Comes Together to Support Rusty Price with New Action Wheelchair

BY SHEILA DUNCAN
REPORTER

Thursday, May 9, 2024 — Family, friends, and members of the community gathered on the steps of the Bibb County Courthouse to celebrate a special moment for Rusty Price. With smiles, cheers, and heartfelt encouragement, the crowd watched as Rusty received a brand-new action wheelchair—opening new doors to adventure and independence.

This gift was the result of a community-wide effort led by Mike Nichols and the FOP Lodge. Their vision and commitment were joined by many others who helped turn the dream into a reality. Special thanks go to Tommy Wilcox with Wilcox Outdoors, Joey Blackburn with the Action Trackchair Company, and Joseph Marchant and Heather Desmond from Bibb Medical Center. Nu-

merous generous donors also played a vital role.

Rusty's new wheelchair is designed for outdoor activities and will allow him to enjoy his favorite pastimes like hunting, fishing, and spending time in

nature with his loved ones.

Thanks to the kindness and determination of so many, Rusty now has a renewed sense of freedom and the ability to fully embrace the outdoors with his family by his side.



Griffin Farms Rodeo Rescheduled for June 20 & 21

BY SAVANNAH LOGAN
REPORTER

Originally scheduled to be held May 2nd and 3rd, the annual rodeo at Griffin Farms will now be held on June 20th and 21st — on Mother Nature's authority, that is.

Due to thunderstorms and heavy downpours, the difficult decision was made to cancel and reschedule the rodeo for the overall safety of everyone

involved. While your kids may have been thrilled to play in the mud puddles to their hearts' content, grandpa's hip if he slipped also had to be considered, of course. Not to mention the sheep's wool got a little frizzy after the rain, and they were just too embarrassed to come out for the mutton bustin', as I'm sure you can understand.

Keep your fingers crossed that the conditions will be much safer for the

rodeo professionals and rodeo goers alike come June 20th and 21st. So go ahead and tell that friend you meant to tell about the rodeo and accidentally forgot to and mark your calendars one more time for a great time.

The new times will be as follows: gates open at 6pm, mutton bustin' at 7pm, and the main event starts at 8pm for both nights. We hope to see you there!

The Arc of Tuscaloosa County Expands Services with the Launch of Bibb County Impact Center

SPECIAL TO THE PRESS

The Arc of Tuscaloosa County is proud to provide supported employment, prevocational training, day habilitation, and hourly services to individuals aged 21 and older with in-

tellectual and/or developmental disabilities in Tuscaloosa, Bibb, and Pickens Counties. Our mission remains firmly rooted in advocating for the rights of all individuals with disabilities, and we are committed to promoting dignity, respect, and choice for

those we serve.

In September 2024, our agency learned of the closure of The Lighthouse program in Bibb County and the impact it had on the individuals and families who relied on its services.

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MAY

Community Calendar

May 16- West Blocton High School Graduation
May 17- Woodstock Music Festival 3pm-until- with Tracy Lawrence
May 17- Cahaba Lily Festival- 9 am to 3 pm
May 17- Hunters Education Program at BMC Wellness Center 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
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 22- Cahawba Christian Academy Graduation
May 26- Brierfield Pool Opens for the Season! 10am-5pm
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 28th - ONLINE - At Home Beekeeping Series - Last Tuesday of Each Month 6:30-7:30pm Making Good Queens and Avoiding Bad Ones
Register at <https://www.aces.edu/blog/topics/bees-pollinators/at-home-beekeeping-series/>
May 28-30 - 4-H Community Clubs 2025 Summer Camp, Teen Camp (ages 14-18)
May 31- Cahaba River Crawl- 11:00 a.m.
June 23 - 25 - 4-H Community Clubs 2025 Summer Camp (ages 9-13)
June 27th: Brierfield Ironworks' FIRST EVER Movie Night! This is a FREE event. They will have food trucks available. Movie will be outdoors, so bring your blankets or lawn chairs! Movie starts at 7pm.

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NEWS

Back to the Root: How Green Harvest Homestead is Stirring Up Skincare with Whipped Tallow Wonders

BY SHEILA DUNCAN
REPORTER

In a world increasingly drawn to natural, time-honored skincare solutions, one company is turning heads—and softening skin—by going back to basics. Rooted in tradition yet driven by modern wellness, Mika Green with Green Harvest Homestead, LLC, is redefining beauty through the power of tallow. Sourced responsibly and crafted with care, their nourishing products harness the centuries-old benefits of grass-fed beef tallow to deliver rich, skin-loving moisture without the synthetic fillers found in most commercial brands. I recently had the opportunity to meet Mika Green and purchased some of her products.

What inspired you to start a skincare business, and how did you discover tallow as a key ingredient? “It was honestly, by chance. I wanted to render some lard, but I had no idea what I was doing. So, I went to YouTube to learn the proper process. Different video recommendations began to pop up, and I came across a video on “How to make Whipped Tallow Face Cream.” I was intrigued about a natural skincare product, so I went down the rabbit hole and started to research. I made myself a personal batch that I used for several months. Then I searched someone local to get more and realized we didn’t have anyone in this general area. I made an interest post on Facebook to see if anyone would even be interested in something like that, and I was blown away by the responses. Over the next few weeks, I ordered the supplies that I needed and then began the process to establish my business and LLC. Green Harvest Homestead LLC was officially formed on September 1st, 2024.”

For those unfamiliar, what exactly is tallow, and why do you believe it’s beneficial for skincare? “Tal-

low is the byproduct of Beef Suet. It’s the fat that is located specifically around the cows’ kidneys. This particular fat is more nutrient dense and naturally contains fatty acids and various vitamins to help support our skin. With the natural makeup of tallow, it is actually more compatible with our skin’s own natural oils. This makes it a well-tolerated product for most skin types.”

How do you source your tallow, and what sets your process apart from others?

“I purchase my beef suet from locally sourced farms. The majority of my suet comes from a family-owned farm in Cullman County. I’ve seen where a lot of people purchase their tallow already rendered from different companies online, but I wanted to stay local, so I knew exactly where it was coming from. I’ve seen the property, know how they were raised, and what their diets consist of. They do rotational grazing, so their cattle are 100% grass fed and finished, and they do not use any antibiotics or hormones.”

What are the core values behind your brand? “To make an all-natural product of high quality that is locally sourced, but also affordable for everyone.”

What has customer feedback been like, especially from people who were initially hesitant to try tallow-based skincare? “The feedback that I have received has

been absolutely amazing. Most people thought that it was going to be extremely greasy on their skin. In fact, a small amount of product goes a very long way and doesn’t feel heavy.”

Have you noticed any skin conditions or concerns that seem to respond, especially well to your products? “Unfortunately, I’m not able to make any medical claims. But I’ve had several of my customers say that it has helped them with various dry patches and certain skin conditions they have been dealing with.”

How do you balance running the business with your personal life? “Honestly, it has been a challenge at times, but I try to make it work to the best of my ability and still make time for my personal life. I’ve been in business for about nine months now and for me to be a newer small business, it’s been an absolute blessing to have a consistent supply and demand that is keeping me busy.”

What are some of your best-selling or most beloved products, and why do you think they resonate with your customers? “That would definitely be the whipped tallow face cream and lip balms. They have been a customer favorite since the very beginning. The creamy and smooth consistency of the face cream leaves your face feeling so moisturized.

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The Arc from page 1

In response, The Arc quickly took action to preserve the legacy of this vital program. Following the completion of necessary documentation and approval from the Department of Mental Health, we officially launched services under a new name—Bibb County Impact Center—in November 2024.

We are pleased to have retained dedicated staff members, ensuring continuity of care for those we serve. Both staff and the individuals have warmly embraced the new leadership. As we navigate this transition, we look forward to the memories and experiences we will continue to build together.

Currently, eight individuals are enrolled, and we are excited about the potential for growth in the near future. We extend our heartfelt thanks to the Bibb County community for your warm welcome and support. We look forward to working together to expand and enrich mental health services across the region.

The Centreville Study Club will host an Open House on Sunday, June 8th, 2-4 pm at the Brent Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. The purpose of this event is to inform the community of the services offered to aged 21 and older with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities the services offered to them here in Bibb County. There will be informational flyers/pamphlets available at the event. Refreshments will be served to those in attendance.

The Sounds of Joy will be there and will be doing performances starting at 1:30 pm. From jazzy big band tunes to old gospel hymns, the Sounds of Joy has performed for organizations throughout Tuscaloosa County and beyond. The message the choir conveys is clear: Individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities possess many abilities. Reflecting the spirit of The Arc, the choir does, indeed, make a joyful sound. Comprised of consumers, staff members,

and volunteers, plus one hard working director, this is a great program at The Arc of Tuscaloosa County. Founded in 1998, the Sounds of Joy performs for thousands of individuals annually. Organizations that have enjoyed the delightful sounds include The United Way of West Alabama, The University of Alabama, United Cerebral Palsy Telethon, Alabama Special Olympics as well as many civic organizations and churches in the county, just to name a few. The choir is supported through donations from local organizations and individuals.

Mark your calendar and make plans to come out and support not only a local club, The Centreville Study Club but the Bibb County Impact Center located on Main Street in Brent and The Sounds of Joy.

Once again, the Open House will be on Sunday, June 8th, 2-4 pm at the Brent Baptist Church Fellowship Hall.

(The Centreville Study Group)



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Seniors from select programs at Bibb County Career Academy earned over \$15,500 in fees and tuition waivers to the Alabama community college of their choice. These students completed the Alabama Certified Employee Credential and earned a National Career Readiness Certificate by obtaining a qualifying score on their ACT WorkKeys Exam. More information on this initiative can be found at www.accs.edu/ace/.

Join the Mind Over Miles Challenge This May with BMC Wellness

BY SAVANNAH LOGAN
REPORTER

Ready to turn your daily walk into a fun challenge? Join us for the Mind Over Miles Challenge, running from May 12th to 31st in celebration of National Walking Month at BMC Wellness.

Whether you prefer walking in the early morning,

during your lunch break, or in the evening, there is a walking group that fits your schedule:

Morning: 5am–11am
Midday: 11am–3pm
Afternoon: 3pm–7pm
Evening: 7pm–10pm

Participants are encouraged to log their miles at the Front Desk at the end of each visit. It’s a great opportunity to challenge yourself

to move more and stay active this May.

Open to both members and nonmembers, this challenge is completely free. Stop by the Front Desk at BMC Wellness to register and sign up for your walking group. You’ll also have the option to pre-register for our new challenge t-shirts.

Let’s get moving — one step at a time!

May Brings Big Fun for Little Ones at the Brent-Centreville Public Library

BY SHEILA DUNCAN
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May is bursting with fun at the Brent-Centreville Public Library, especially for our youngest readers! If you’ve got little ones at home, you’ll want to mark your calendar for the exciting activities coming up this month.

First up is **Lego Club** on Tuesday, May 20th, from 3:30–4:30 p.m. Kids can use their creativity and building skills while hav-

ing a blast with others. It’s the perfect way to spark imagination and teamwork!

Then, join them for **Preschool Pals** on Thursday, May 29th, at 10:00

a.m. This popular program features music, motion, bubbles, and Storytime—all designed to keep preschoolers moving, laughing, and learning.

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NEWS/CALENDAR

Back to the Root

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I’ve had customers say the lip balms go on so smoothly, just like butter, and I agree 100%. Plus, everything is all natural. It is safe for everyone to use. No preservatives, emulsifiers, or anything like that. And if someone doesn’t want essential oils, I also have Fragrance Free and Plain tallow products available, too.”

What advice would you give to someone curious about switching to natural or ancestral skincare? “Please do your research. Look at everything you can in regard to the many

uses, natural benefits, and the history behind tallow. I’m a firm believer that people should look at all the information to determine if a product will be beneficial for them. Please follow that and not just the trend.”

What’s next for your business—any new products, goals, or dreams you’re working on? “I am hoping to expand into a few more local retail spaces. My products are currently available at Off The Beaten Path, Curren Pharmacy, and on my website. I’m hoping to expand to two additional locations

soon. One location would be in Concord, and the other would be right here in Centreville at Cahaba Create.”

Do you plan to expand your product line or stay focused on what’s working best?

“Yes, I’m all for growth and expansion. Right now, I have a new product in mind, but I’m still in my vendor event season until mid-May. Once that ends, I will be able to focus on doing my research for ingredients, working on different formulas, and doing some batch tests for it before launching it this fall.

I would love to make tallow soap at some point and add it to my product line.”

What’s one product you never leave home without? “My Lip Balm! I always have one in my pocket, and I typically have a few backups in my purse. I love all of the scents, but Vanilla will always be my favorite!”

As consumers seek purity and purpose in their routines, Green Harvest Homestead offers a refreshingly honest approach to skincare—one jar at a time.

Thank you Mika Green and Green Harvest Homestead, LLC.



EVENING

GOVERNMENTAL MEETINGS

- Bibb County Commission meets the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month at 5 p.m. at the County Commission Chambers inside the Rock Building-Courthouse Annex.
- Centreville City Council meets the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month at 5 p.m.
- Brent Council meets the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month at 5:00 p.m. at Brent City Hall.
- West Blocton City Council meets the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month at 7 p.m.
- Woodstock City Council meets the 1st & 3rd Mondays of each month at 5:00 p.m.
- The Bibb County Board of Education normally holds regular monthly Board Meetings the second Tuesday of every month. Meetings are at 5:00 p.m. and are held in the Board Room of the Central Office. Board Minutes are available on our website at www.bibbed.org. Ph. 205-926-9881.

SPECIAL WEEKLY HAPPENINGS

- Come join us for The Masters Kitchen at the First Baptist Church of Woodstock, Coldwater Rd. on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month at 6 p.m. Free meal along with a great message through the word or a song.
- The Treasure Forest Association, a stewardship and land ethic program, for and by timberland owners (present or aspiring) meets the fourth Thursday at the B/C library (downstairs) 6pm. Visit us on FB. Search for “Treasure Forest of Bibb County” and join to learn more.
- Open Door Singing on May 25th at 3pm at the Lillie Star District 10600 Hwy. 5 Brent. Bruce Rutledge will be the Master of Order & Devotion, all church Pastors are invited for solos, duets and groups as well.

WEEKLY CHURCH SERVICES

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

MONTHLY MEETINGS & REMINDERS

- The Bibb County Planning Commission is an organization involving county landowners and forestry groups. We meet the third Tuesday of each month at 1PM in the Alabama Forestry Commission Office located at 9712 Highway 5, Brent, AL.
- Car Tag Renewal Months: (Alphabet indicates the first letter of last name) January-A/D, February-B, March-C/E, April-F/G/N, May-H/O, June-M/I, July-P/L, August-J/K/R, September-Q/S/T, October-U-Z and November-Commercial.
- Brierfield Fire & Rescue meets on the last Monday of each month at 7pm at Station 1 located at 18756 AL-139. For more information, call the Station at 205-665-3060. We welcome volunteers!
- Green Pond Fire & Rescue holds its monthly meetings every first Tuesday of the month at 6:00 pm at Station 1, located at 19629 Eastern Valley Road in Woodstock. These meetings are open to the public and everyone is invited and encouraged to attend. For more information, call GPFR at 205-938-9991 or visit greenpondfire.com
- The Bibb County Bee Keepers Association August meeting will be at The Cahaba Lily Center in West Blocton. For more info call the BC Extension Office at 205-926-4310 or mdh0007@aces.edu or Chuck Allen 205-202-0501. Find us on FB at Bibb Co. Bee-keepers.
- Bama Carry of Bibb County meets on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at the Sawmeal Restaurant. For more info

contact Danny Jones 928-2455.

- Women for Sobriety meets every Tues. at 5:30pm. For info call Karen 205-718-4097.
- F. O. P. meets the 3rd Mon. of each month at Rock Building.
- Bibb County Soil & Water meets at 9:00 a.m. on the 3rd Tue. of each month at 183 S. W. Davidson Dr., Centreville. 926-4360.
- Bibb County GOP will hold quarterly meetings on the third Thursday at 7pm at the Sawmeal Restaurant.
- Bibb County Chamber of Commerce holds monthly meetings on the 2nd Thurs. of the month at 5pm. at the chamber building.
- Friendship Lodge #83 F & AM in Centreville meets on 1st and 3rd Thur. at 7pm. at 28 Ct. Sq. All members are encouraged to attend.
- The Bibb Co. Airport Authority meets on the 1st Thursday of each month at 5pm. at Bibb County Airport.
- The Centreville Historic Preservation Commission meets in alternate months or at the call of the Chairman on the third Thursday beginning January 2025 at the Centreville Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall at 5pm.
- American Legion Post 47 West Blocton meets 7pm on the 4th Tues. of each month at 195 Rose Lane in West Blocton. Veterans are encouraged to attend. For more info call Jimmy Fitts 938-3713 or Gary Monk 938-0621. American Legion Auxiliary & Sons of American Legion are accepting members. Call Jan Fitts 938-3713 or Cathy Atchison 938-7617.
- The Brent Cemetery Committee reminds the community of its policy of periodically removing old & faded flowers from cemetery. We welcome flowers, but ask you to remove flowers when faded.

LIBRARY HOURS

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

PRAYER & SUPPORT GROUPS

- Join us at the Celebrate Recovery support group each Tuesday at 7pm in the Fellowship Hall at Brent Bible Methodist Church. For more information contact Dwight Crosley at 812-675-1543.
- Helping Other People Excel (HOPE) in Bibb County is a group of stakeholders within the Bibb County Community who have a vested interest in ensuring that all residents have the knowledge, skills, and abilities to obtain available resources that will equip them to thrive. Whether you (or someone you know) is in need of food, clothes, or other resources, our coalition works to either provide or help identify resources to meet your needs. Please contact John Skinner at 205-876-6931 or via email at compassion-andhopefoodbasket@gmail.com or H.O.P.E. in Bibb County at hopeinbibbco@gmail.com.

FREE CLASSES

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

QUARTERLY MEETINGS

- The Bibb County Chapter of the Alabama Treasure Forest hold quarterly meetings. For info. call 926-9765 or 926-4917. Private landowners interested in good stewardship of property are needed.
- West Blocton Lunch Bunch, 1st Wed. of Feb., Apr., Aug., and Oct. More info, 938-2622.

CEMETERY FUNDING

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

send check (made payable to “(Church or Cemetery Name) Cemetery Fund”) to the name and address listed below:

- 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, AL 35042.
- Mount Carmel Cemetery: Baptist Foundation of Alabama, P. O. Box 241227, Montgomery, AL 36124-1227. Mark check “Mt. Carmel Cemetery Fund Account #00-1870”
- 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 Cemetery send donation to, Salem Methodist Cemetery 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 35034.
- 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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Barbara Dean (Elliott) Freeman, a devoted woman of faith and quiet grace, went home to be with the Lord on May 11, 2025, in Cottondale, Alabama. She was 88.

Born in Bibb County on July 26, 1936, Barbara was the daughter of the late Joe Elliott, Sr. and the late Ruby Mae Hill Elliott. She was a longtime resident of Centreville before making her home in Clanton in later years.

Barbara was a true Southern lady—soft-spoken but strong in spirit. She dearly loved her family and friends and found joy in the simple, meaningful moments of life. A faithful member of Sandy Chapel Church, Barbara served her congregation by teaching Sunday School and ministering at the Bibb County Jail, sharing her quiet wisdom and deep compassion with those who needed it most.

She loved to travel and made many cherished memories alongside her beloved husband, the late Raymond Freeman. Barbara also had a fondness for antiques, often delighting in the stories they held and sharing her own with gentle humor and a twinkle in her eye.

One of her greatest weekly joys was gathering each Thursday morning for breakfast with her dear lake friends—a treasured ritual full of laughter, friendship, and fellowship. She also found much joy in making every effort to attend games and functions that her grandchildren were involved in.

Barbara's legacy is one of faith, kindness, and a life well lived in service to others. She will be deeply missed by all who were blessed to know her.

She is survived by: Son, Dennis (Teressia) Freeman of Centreville; Daughter, Debora (Mark) Lawrence of Birmingham; Daughter, Lucy (Tim) Patrick of Tuscaloosa; Grandchildren: Joseph (Rachel) Freeman, Adam (Taylor) Freeman, Jonathan (Brooke) Lawrence, Christopher (Jordan) Lawrence, Timothy (Elizabeth) Patrick, Brenna (Chandler) Sumner, and LuveyAnne (Brady)

Long; and Great Grandchildren: Briggs Freeman, Bodie Freeman, Parke Freeman, Palmer Freeman, Ann-Lee Freeman, Crawford Freeman, Gabe Lawrence, Shep Lawrence, Mary Elle Lawrence, Theodore Lawrence, Audrey Sumner, and Aaron Sumner.

She is preceded in death by: Husband, Raymond Freeman, Jr.; Daughter, Delores Freeman; Parents, Joe Sr. and Ruby Mae Elliott; Brother, Joe Elliott, Jr.; Brother, Ed Elliott; and Sister, Ryba Tyler.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, May 16, 2025, at 2:00 p.m. at Sandy Chapel Church, with Pastor John Skinner officiating with the assistance of Pastor Devon Hutchinson.

Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service at the church.

Burial will follow in Sandy Chapel Cemetery in Centreville, Alabama.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Sandy Chapel Cemetery Fund, 64 Holly Ln., Centreville, AL 35042.

Final care and arrangements entrusted to the Ellison Memorial Funeral Home of Clanton, AL.

www.EllisonMemorialFuneralHome.com

COMMUNITY NEWS

Centreville News

From The Pen Of Brenda Hubbard

Mark your calendars for May 31, 2025 as Centreville Main Street and Adventure Shoals team up to present the highly anticipated Cahaba River Crawl 2025.

Anniversary wishes go out to Anthony and Kelly Fondren who recently celebrated their 18th wedding anniversary.

Charlotte West had a great lunch with Melinda McKnight recently at Five in Tuscaloosa. They enjoyed shopping afterwards and dessert at Melinda's house.

Of course a lot of laughter and talking.

Among those having birthdays in May are Melanie Breland, Bea Wyatt, Jackie Horton, Carol C. Belcher, Johnny Watts, Jim Mitchell, Payton Murphy, Gloria McCary Potter, Amanda Lawley and Mike Watts.

The WMU of Brent Baptist Church recently met.

If you have news call it in at 205-316-1181.

Take Care and God Bless!

West Eoline News

From The Pen Of Jane Hannah



HOMETOWN CHIROPRACTIC is coming soon to uptown Centreville.

Dr. Watson Fondren, who married Caroline Sanford (West Eoline resident & Deason descendant) who has been with Norris Chiropractic for a few years, will be taking a leap of faith. After renovations are complete, he will open his practice next to J & S Drugs.

HEALTH NEWS: Amy Ellison came home 5-7 after too many days in hospital. Tracey Holladay and Poison Oak/Ivy clashed last week and she lost the battle. After getting a shot & pills, she is getting better.

HAND & FOOT - That's a game, not a disease. Ruth

Deason and I were invited to play Thursday last week at the home of Carol Schladerbach. We played three complete games. The competition was fierce and fun. We ate MUSGO.... that was everything in the fridge that must go.

Friday, the Thompson's celebrated son Josh's 40th birthday with a family and friends FISH FRY. After a delicious meal, most everyone took a turn pitching washers under the carport, which gave coverage from the rain. Neighbors may have heard the "pinging" on the boards. It was a good time.

MOTHER'S DAY -- Jo Kitchen & Geneva Mullins

enjoyed Taco Bell for lunch before visits with Amy Ellison, Wayne & Ruth Deason then coffee with Jane Hannah. Afterwards, Steve & Kristy Mullins visited with Geneva..... Jo's celebration will be Tuesday with dinner cooked by G-I-L Scott Garcia..... I enjoyed lunch with Jera & Alan in Fultondale at Styx. They sent me home with a beautiful plant and promises to dig a hole for placement. Later in the evening, I visited with Tracey & Lou Holladay. SHAME SHAME on you, if you didn't contact your Mother on Mother's Day ... Grandmother's count too!!!

Diana Dailey visited with me Monday afternoon. We discussed our Creel Cousins and upcoming Family Reunion June 1st. Sure hope to see all our cousins at Little Hope in the morning and followed by lunch and reunion at Church of God Worship Center in Centreville.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY this week Joseph Freeman & Micah Fondren 5-21, Jim Mitchell 5-22, and Rhonda Massengale 5-24th.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY May 21st to Del & Lisa Deason. How time flies. It's been 31 years!!!

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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 of
Leila Lawley Hartley, deceased
Centreville Press
May 2, 9 & 16, 2025

In the Probate Court of Bibb County, Alabama
Estate of Marion Lynn Dunn, Deceased
Case No. 2025-PC020
Notice of Probate Court Proceeding
Notice is hereby given that a verified Petition for Summary Distribution has been filed by Josie Horton on May 6, 2025 on the estate of Marion Lynn Dunn, and that thirty (30) days after the notice of publication hereof and pursuant to the law of Alabama, the Court

shall be requested to enter an order directing summary distribution on the estate of said decedent upon a hearing in the Probate Court for Bibb County, Alabama at 10:00am on June 9, 2025.
Stephanie Kemmer,
Judge of Probate
Attorney for the estate of Marion Lynn Dunn, Deceased
John Morgan Owens
PO Box 270
Carrollton, AL 35447
Centreville Press
May 16, 2025

NOTICE OF SALE

Utilities Board of Brent Sealed Bids
The Brent Utilities Department will be accepting sealed bids on the following:
2013 Chevrolet Long Bed Single Cab Silverado VIN:1GCNCPEA4DZ139251 with minimum bid starting

at \$2,000
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Bids will be accepted at the Brent City Hall until May 31, 2025 at 4:30p.m.
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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
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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 Contractors, LLC
Edmund H. Colgrove, Jr.
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LEGAL NOTICE
In accordance with Chapter 1, Title 39, Code of Alabama, 1975, as amended, notice is hereby given that Hughes and Mullenix Heating & Air Conditioning Contractor, has completed the Contract for Alterations and Additions to Cahaba Biodiversity Center for the University of West Alabama Trade Package CBC-3:HVAC
at 5252 Birmingham Road, Centreville, AL 35042

for the State of Alabama and the City of, Centreville Owner(s), and have made request for final settlement of said Contract. All persons having any claim for labor, materials, or otherwise in connection with this project should immediately notify
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May 16, 2025

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE 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, 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 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

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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, WITHOUT WARRANTY OR RESCOURSE, EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED AS TO TITLE, USE AND/OR ENJOYMENT AND WILL BE SOLD SUBJECT TO THE RIGHT OF REDEMPTION OF ALL PARTIES ENTITLED THERETO. Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as a part of the foreclosure process. 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-CB3, ("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
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MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE 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, said 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 10, 2025, during the legal hours of sale, the following described real estate, situated in Bibb County, Alabama, to-wit:

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

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25 YEARS AGO

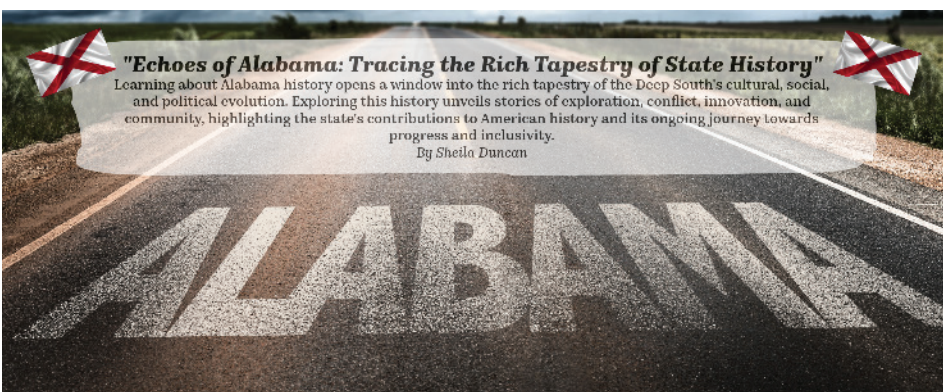


FIVE GENERATIONS

Seated is great great grandmother Verna Mae Marchant holding Jadon M. Marchant. (Standing left to right) Great grandfather, Silas G. Marchant; Grandfather, Michael G. Marchant; and Mother, Jennifer M. Marchant.

50 YEARS AGO

Wrestling star Giant Frazer met Sheriff Glenn Smitherman Friday night on friendly terms (for which both seem glad). Frazer, a 7 foot, 400 pounder, was a favorite of the crowd at the National Guard Armory. Although he lost his match, he vowed to win on the next trip



The Historic Naheola Bridge: A Rare Multi-Use Crossing Over the Tombigbee River

BY SHEILA DUNCAN
REPORTER

The Naheola Bridge, completed in 1934, spans the Tombigbee River between Choctaw and Marengo counties in Alabama. Until it closed to automobile traffic in 2001, it was one of the few bridges in the world that simultaneously carried rail, vehicle, and river traffic.

Originally constructed as a vertical lift bridge for the Meridian & Bigbee Railroad, it allowed trains to cross the river while its movable span could be raised to let barges and boats pass underneath.

In 1958, a new paper mill opened on the Choctaw County side of the river, operated by Marathon Southern. However, many of the mill workers lived in Marengo County and faced long detours to reach their jobs, as there was no highway bridge near

the mill. To solve this, the railroad bridge was modified to accommodate automobile traffic. Workers laid creosote-treated railroad cross ties alongside the tracks, allowing cars to straddle the rails and drive across.

Because the bridge was only wide enough for one-way traffic—and had a curve that limited visibility—traffic lights were installed at both ends. These signaled drivers when it was safe to cross and also warned of oncoming trains or when the bridge span was lifted for river traffic. Due to the complexity of this operation, full-time bridge tenders were employed to monitor and manage traffic around the clock.

Driving across the Naheola Bridge was often described as a nerve-racking experience, especially at night, in fog, or during storms. The bridge was narrow and bumpy, and the curve in the

structure prevented drivers from seeing whether it was clear. The low side rails didn’t inspire much confidence, and motorists had to trust that the green light truly meant it was safe—no train, no lifted span. The aged bridge structure, along with the uneven cross ties, made the ride jarring, particularly for motorcyclists who had to steer carefully to avoid getting tires caught between the rails and ties.

In 2001, the Alabama State Highway Department completed a new highway bridge just south of the old one, bringing an end to automobile use of the Naheola Bridge—and to its distinction as a multi-use marvel.

On September 16, 2021, the Old Naheola Bridge was officially added to the Alabama Register of Landmarks and Heritage, preserving its legacy as a unique piece of transportation history.



LEGALS

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage executed by Stephanie Baker Jefferson, a single woman, originally in favor of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for LeaderOne Financial Corporation, its successors and assigns, on June 28, 2024, said mortgage recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Bibb County, Alabama, in RPB Book: 2024 Page: 4817; the undersigned AmeriHome Mortgage Company, LLC, as Mortgagee/Transferee, 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 main entrance of the Courthouse at Centreville, Bibb County, Alabama, on

July 9, 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: Part of the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 14, Township 22 South, Range 6 West, Bibb County, Alabama and being more particularly described as follows: Commence at a calculated point being accepted as the Northwest corner of said Quarter, Quarter as per Deed Book 115 at Page 654 recorded in the Probate Office of Bibb County, Alabama; thence run North 89 degrees, 09 minutes 56 seconds, East and along the north boundary of said Quarter, Quarter 114.20 feet to a calculated point; thence run South 00 degrees, 16 minutes, 47 seconds West 198.33 feet to a calculated point; thence run South

00 degrees, 40 minutes, 10 seconds East 315.00 feet to a calculated point; thence run North 87 degrees, 18 minutes, 52 seconds East 168.00 feet to a calculated point; thence run South 10 degrees, 13 minutes 13 seconds, East 187.03 feet to a calculated point; thence run North 84 degrees, 02 minutes 05 seconds, East 71.62 feet to a calculated point; thence run South 05 degrees, 58 minutes, 26 seconds, East 400.40 feet to a calculated point; thence run South 89 degrees, 10 minutes, 35 seconds, East 113.45 feet to a 1/2 inch capped rebar(CA-965-LS); at the intersection of the east right-of-way of Pecan Street and the south right-of-way of Hickory Street, said point being the Point of Beginning; thence continue South 89 degrees, 10 minutes, 35 seconds, East and along said south right-

of-way 102.74 feet to a 1/2 inch capped rebar (CA-95-LS); thence run South 01 degrees, 10 minutes, 16 seconds, East 104.17 feet to a capped rebar (Moore); thence run North 89 degrees, 59 minutes, 44 seconds, West 112.14 feet to a capped rebar (Moore) on the said east right-of-way of Pecan Street; thence run North 04 degrees, 03 minutes, 29 seconds, East and along said east right-of-way 102.92 feet to the Point of Beginning. Property street address for informational purposes: 1143 Hickory St , West Blocton, AL 35184. THIS PROPERTY WILL BE SOLD ON AN “AS IS, WHERE IS” BASIS, WITHOUT WARRANTY OR RECOURSE, EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED AS TO TITLE, USE AND/OR ENJOYMENT AND WILL BE SOLD SUBJECT TO THE RIGHT OF REDEMPTION OF

ALL PARTIES ENTITLED THERETO. Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as a part of the foreclosure process. 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. AmeriHome Mortgage Company, LLC, (“Transferee”) Tiffany & Bosco, P.A., 2501 20th Place South, Suite 300, Homewood, AL 35223 www.tblaw.com TB File Number: 25-04337-CE-AL 05/16/2025, 05/23/2025, 05/30/2025 Centreville Press May 16, 23 & 30, 2025

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.

MCLP Asset Company, Inc. PADGETT LAW GROUP 6267 Old Water Oak Road, Ste. 203 Tallahassee, FL 32312 Centreville Press May 2, 9 & 16, 2025

NEWS

Bibb Medical Center Champions Women’s Health During National Women’s Health Month

BY SHEILA DUNCAN REPORTER

May is Women’s Health Month—a time dedicated to raising awareness about the unique health needs of women and encouraging women of all ages to prioritize their physical, mental, and emotional well-being. Bibb Medical Center is a proud supporter of women’s wellness every step of the way—from preventive screenings and pregnancy care to mental health services and beyond.

Women often serve as the caregivers of their families and communities, but too frequently they put their own health on the back burner. Women’s Health Month is a reminder that taking care of yourself is not a luxury—it’s a necessity. From adolescence to menopause and beyond, each stage of life brings its own health challenges and opportunities.

This month aims to promote preventive care, such as screenings and annual checkups, to educate about common health concerns like heart disease,

breast and cervical cancer, osteoporosis, and mental health and encourage healthy habits, including balanced nutrition, regular exercise, adequate sleep, and stress management.

Key health topics for women are heart health, Reproductive and Hormonal Health, Mental Wellness, Bone and Joint Health, Cancer Screenings. Heart disease is the leading cause of death among women in the U.S. Staying active, eating heart-healthy foods, managing stress, and avoiding tobacco are powerful ways to reduce risk. Regular gynecological exams, HPV vaccinations, and open conversations about menopause symptoms help women stay informed and in control of their reproductive health. Women are nearly twice as likely as men to experience depression and anxiety. Emotional health is just as important as physical health, and seeking help is a sign of strength, not weakness. Women are more prone to osteoporosis than men. Getting enough calcium, vitamin

D, and staying physically active helps maintain strong bones and prevent falls. Early detection saves lives. Mammograms, Pap tests, and colon cancer screenings are essential tools in cancer prevention and early diagnosis.

By Celebrating Women’s Health month, you can schedule a wellness checkup and encourage other women in your life to do the same. Host or attend a health seminar or wellness workshop. Wear purple on National Women’s Health Week (starting May 12, 2025) to show your support and share your story to inspire others to take charge of their health.

Women’s Health Month is more than a calendar event—it’s a call to action. Whether you’re a mother, daughter, sister, friend, or professional, taking care of your health allows you to continue being a source of strength and love to those around you.

Remember: healthy women build healthy families, communities, and futures.

CENTREVILLE CITY COUNCIL

Meeting Date: May 8, 2025

by Lynn Hamric

Mayor Mike Oakley called the meeting to order at five o’clock. Councilperson Epperson gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilman Mike Nichols.

Roll Call:
Diane Epperson – 5:01
Linda Lawrence – 5:01
Mike Nichols – 5:01
Don Mack – Absent
Brad Colburn – Absent

A motion to approve the minutes of April 15, 2025 was made (Epperson) second (Lawrence). Motion carried.

New Business:
A motion was made (Nichols) seconded (Epperson) to approve the Back-to-School Sales Tax Holiday Resolution. Motion carried.

Old Business:
Centreville Main Street – Cahaba Crawl Reminder
Façade Grants finishing up.

Linda Lawrence asked that the contractors be mindful of nails in the parking areas and street as citizens have had to have tire repairs.

A diagram of proposed positioning of the new trash cans purchased by Centreville Historical Commission and a grant from the Extension Service. Jeff McGee asked if these locations met with approval from the council. Approved.

Jeff asked if the council had any comments on the proposed uptown entertainment district and other zoning changes. None were given. Linda Lawrence stated that the process of approval needed to be done quickly.

Mayor Oakley was urged to provide the Zoning Board with copies then call a meeting of the board for review of the proposal. After the Zoning Board of Adjustments reviews the proposal, they will make a recommendation to the City Council who makes the final determination.

Jeff McGee stated there are two new businesses uptown: 1) Cahaba Create in a building he owns and is renting to Melissa Thompson and, 2) Chiropractor in the Mike Murphy building. He further stated a restaurant is pending upon the approval of

proposed zoning changes.

Council Comments:
Linda Lawrence asked the status of the AmeriGas business. Mayor Oakley stated that they apologized for the explosion. There has been no reports received from the Fire Marshal, etc. He further stated that in discussions he advised that the city is willing to assist in helping to locate other property for them. Their business license has not been revoked. Safety is first and foremost.

Linda Lawrence asked where the city is in the completion of the audit by Don Wallace. a) Has the water department been completed? Mayor Oakley stated a request was made today for additional information. Asked when it would be completed, Mayor Oakley answered that he was unable to say. b) Has the audit of the city accounts been completed? Mayor Oakley was unable to give a date. Pending word from Don Wallace.

Linda Lawrence asked the status of street paving indicating Riverside Drive had not been paved where the water continues to pool and where paving has been done some areas have a serious drop-off on the edge. Mayor Oakley stated there is a drainage problem because of either a blocked pipe under the road (which would drain onto private property) or the pipe size is insufficient to handle a sudden downpour. Mayor Oakley further stated a representative from G&H thanked the city for the paving at the entrance to the street between their business and the Taco Bell. He indicated the city attempted to clear the drain but evidently the blockage is on the BCHS side of the road. This will receive further investigation as a new business is coming out that street.

Dianne Epperson asked what the status is on the lien against the city by the IRS. Mayor Oakley stated he could not answer that. He has not received any communication indicating the current status.

Susan McCalla, representing the Board for DHR brought questions as to the repairs needed for general maintenance and safety of staff. The City of Centreville owns this building and DHR pays rent in the amount of \$60,000/yr. Mayor Oakley stated that within the last six months he knew of \$50,000 that had been spent on upkeep. Mrs. McCalla said that nothing had been done in the current fiscal year. Nothing has been done since September 2024. Mayor Oakley was adamant this is incorrect. Further investigation into this will be done.

Dianne Epperson asked if the five fire suits had been ordered as previously approved. Tracy Griffin, City Clerk, is to check into this.

Asked about the resolution of the software program that was bought at the recommendation of the previous city clerk and auditor, Mayor Oakley stated the company’s legal team is working with the city attorney, Mitch Kemmer. Nothing more to report at this time.

The council went into executive session.

Council called back into regular session.

Meeting Adjourned.

Note: These notes in now way are to be construed as legal minutes but are to provide the citizens with insight as to the actions taken by the council.

BRENT CITY COUNCIL

Meeting Date: May 5, 2025

by Lynn Hamric

Mayor Bobbie White called the meeting to order at five o’clock and led in the Pledge of Allegiance followed by prayer by Councilman Owings.

Roll Call:
Barbara Morrison – 5:01
Tracy Sanders – 5:05
Chad Jones – 5:01
Tom Owings – 5:01
Jerry Conway – 5:01

A motion to approve the minutes was made (Owings) seconded (Morrison). Motion carried.

A motion to approve accounts payable was made (Conway) seconded (Owings). Motion carried.

April Police Report:
Citations- 92

Warnings – 53
Accidents – 3
Agency Assist – 27
Alarm Calls – 9
Complaints – 43
Motorist Assist – 1
Misdemeanor Arrest – 38
Felony Arrest – 4
Court Report – none
Request to Address Council – none

Personnel Action – none
Other Business:
ALDOT Mowing Agreement – Reimbursement remains at \$5,000.00.

Appointment of Election Officer – A motion to appoint the City Clerk was made (Owings) seconded (Jones)0. Motion carried.
Appointment to Conduct

School of Instruction –
A motion to appoint the City Clerk was made (Sanders) seconded (Jones). Motion carried.

A discussion was held regarding the placement of a camera, at no expense to the city, in an effort to increase security and reduce crime. A motion to approve was made (Sanders) seconded (Morrison). Motion carried.
Informational Items: none

Meeting adjourned.
Note: These notes are not to be considered as official minutes of the council meeting but are provided in an effort to keep the citizens informed.

WOODSTOCK TOWN COUNCIL

Meeting Date: May 5, 2025

The Town Council of the Town of Woodstock, Alabama met in a Regular Council Meeting at the Town Hall on Monday, May 5, 2025, at 5:00 P.M. A quorum being present: Mayor Jeff Dodson called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Dodson. The following Council Members were present: Ernestine Johnson, Ronnie Kinard, Kellie Parks, Don Bowling and Lee Mears. Town Attorney Boozer Downs and Director of Library & Media Services Michele Dickey were also present.

COUNCIL APPROVAL:
Council Member Kellie Parks made the motion to approve the April 21, 2025 minutes as previously submitted by email. Motion was seconded by Council Member Ernestine Johnson and the motion so carried.

Council Member Lee Mears made the motion to approve the following expense:
Travel Expense – Town Clerk Municipal Conference \$363.70

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

Council Member Kellie Parks made the motion to approve the following expenses for Parks & Recreation:

US Foods – Concessions \$2,015.07
Coca-Cola – Concessions \$2,386.39

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

Council Member Kellie Parks made the motion to approve the following expenses

for Parks & Recreation:
Bounce Rentals 4 You – Closing Day \$500.00

Motion was seconded by Council Member Ronnie Kinard and the motion so carried.

MAYOR’S REPORT
Resolution #2025-05-01, ALDOT Maintenance Agreement

Council Member Lee Mears made the motion to adopt Resolution #2025-05-01, ALDOT Maintenance Agreement. Motion was seconded by Council Member Kellie Parks and the motion carried unanimously.

Resolution #2025-05-02, 2025 “Back to School” Sales Tax Holiday

Council Member Don Bowling made the motion to adopt Resolution #2025-05-02, 2025 “Back to School” Sales Tax Holiday. Motion was seconded by Council Member Ernestine Johnson and the motion carried unanimously.

Woodstock Music Festival – May 17, 2025

Mayor Dodson announced that the 8th Annual Woodstock Music Festival will be held on May 17, 2025 at Holiday Raceway. Gates will open at 3pm.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: No public comments were heard. There being no further business to come before the Town Council at this time, Council Member Don Bowling made the motion to adjourn at 5:11 P.M. The motion was seconded by Council Member Ronnie Kinard and upon being put to a vote, the motion was carried unanimously.

Library

Library from page 2

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