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SEE OUR MEMORIAL DAY SPECIAL IN THIS WEEKS EDITION!

Get Ready to Splash into Summer: The 2025 Cahaba River Crawl is Almost Here!

BY SHEILA DUNCAN
REPORTER

On May 31, 2025, mark your calendars and gather the whole family the 2025 Cahaba River Crawl is set to make a big splash once again! This year's exciting community event will feature even more fun, food, and festivities for all ages.

Held along the scenic Cahaba River, this popular event continues to grow each year. In 2024, the Crawl attracted over 300 attendees with nearly two-thirds coming from outside the county and from across the state. It's the perfect day out for locals and a must-see experience for tourists looking to explore Alabama's natural beauty in a fun, family-friendly setting.

This year's Cahaba River Crawl promises to be the best yet, with activities designed to entertain everyone. Children will enjoy a wide variety of inflatable bouncy houses and an exciting water slide, making it an ideal outing for families with young kids. Add to that live music by Jason Miller Band and a BBQ dinner and you have a day packed with

memories waiting to be made. Children 2 and under a referee! Children must be accompanied by adult.

While tickets will be available for purchase on the day of the event, organizers strongly encourage guests to buy their tickets in advance. Not only does this help plan for the crowd, but those who purchase by **May 20th** will be entered into a special early bird raffle!

Businesses and individuals are also invited to support the event through sponsorship. Sponsorship packages are available, and each level includes recognition on event signage, plus a set number of tickets and event t-shirts. It's a great way to support a beloved community event

Organizers are hoping for continued support from the community and local media to help spread the word. With more activities, more visitors, and more fun than ever before, the Cahaba River Crawl is shaping up to be a summer highlight you won't want to miss.

For sponsorship inquiries, ticket information for Water package or Land package, or to learn more about the event, please contact the event organizers directly or visit Centreville Main Street Facebook page and click on events.

FLOAT TIMES:
12:30----1:00---1:30---
2:00---and 2:30.

JASON MILLER
BAND will perform at
4:00p.m.

BBQ DINNER

CAHABA RIVER
CRAWL 2025
-CENTREVILLE MAIN STREET-

MAY Community Calendar

- 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.
- July 12th- Celebration on the Green
- July 25th: Brierfield Ironworks' Movie Night! This is a FREE event! There will be food trucks available. Movie will be outdoors, so bring your blankets or lawn chairs! Movie starts at 7pm.



Photo by My Hometown Centreville

Heart of a Champion: The Lady Tigers' Unforgettable Journey to State

BY SHEILA DUNCAN
REPORTER

The Lady Tigers' journey to the State tournament has been nothing short of inspiring. With unmatched heart and determination, this dedicated team powered through tight games,

demanding practices, and long road trips to earn their place among Alabama's best. They opened the tournament with an impressive win, a testament to their teamwork and grit. Although they faced tough challenges with losses to Orange Beach (15-0) and

Curry (14-4), the Lady Tigers never let their spirit falter. Their resilience, unity, and hard work have left a lasting mark on the season and made their community proud. This unforgettable run will be remembered for years to come.

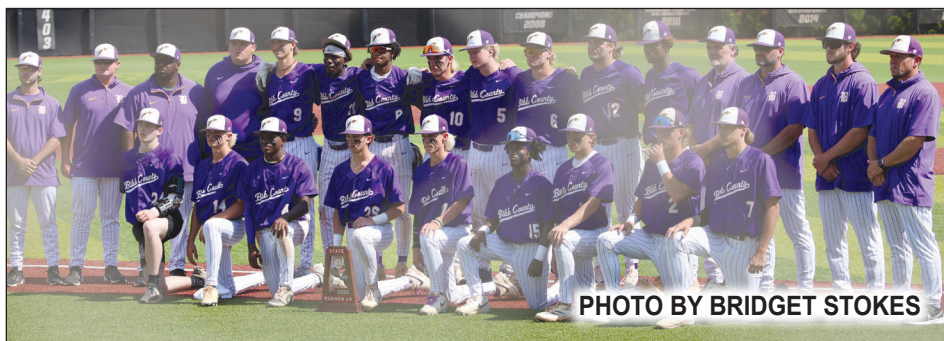


PHOTO BY BRIDGET STOKES

Choctaws Battle to the End in State Championship Series

BY SHEILA DUNCAN
REPORTER

The Bibb County Choctaws were just three outs away from ending their season in Game 2 of the AHSAA Class 4A state championship series against Deshler. Holding a narrow 1-0 lead, the Choctaws saw Deshler rally with three runs in the sixth inning to take the lead.

But like they had all season, Bibb County didn't give up. They fought back and scored enough to win 6-3, forcing a winner-takes-all Game 3.

Although the Choctaws came up just short of winning it all, they left Jacksonville proud. Their playoff run surprised many and was filled with hard-fought moments and

standout plays.

The loss marked the end of high school baseball for eight seniors on the team. Still, there's hope for the future. Bibb County could bring back nine players next season, including key contributors McMillan and Cash. This year's run may not have ended with a trophy, but it laid a strong foundation for what's to come.



The Bibb County Education Retiree's Association was recognized at the Alabama Education Retiree's Association annual meeting in Montgomery as a Club of Distinction for their outstanding programs and projects. In addition, the club also received a state wide community service award for the numerous ways club members give back to Bibb County in volunteer hours. Some of the projects have been school supplies for both students and teachers, Toys for Tots with DHR, canned food drives for food pantries and their new teacher mentoring program for first year teachers. Proudly accepting the prestigious award for Bibb County were Donna Cook, Fran Kornegay, Vickie Brown and Avis Huey. "The Bibb County ERA works in collaboration with Alabama ERA to support and protect benefits for retired educators. Even though retirees have not received a substantial cost of living raise in several years in Alabama and many are on a fixed income, they continue to volunteer their time, talent and resources to give back to their communities" stated Vickie Brown, Club President.



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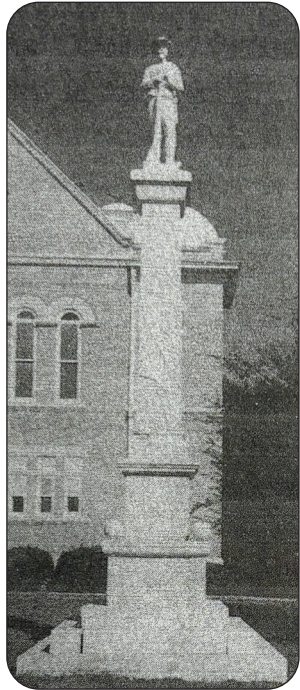
ALABAMA'S CONFEDERATE MONUMENTS AND MARKERS BIBB COUNTY Centreville CONFEDERATE MONUMENT

Located in Courthouse Square

Dedicated to the Confederate Soldiers and sailors of Bibb County on July 22, 1910.

The Confederate monument in Bibb County was dedicated July 22, 1910, according to The Centreville Press, July 28, 1910. The Leonard Callaway Pratt Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy (UDC), the only UDC chapter in Bibb County at that time, spearheaded the undertaking of this monument. The dedication and unveiling was said to have drawn 4,000 visitors. The chief spectacle of the parade was provided by the twelve most popular young women, each representing a southern state and each seated by an escort in a buggy decorated in confetti. They were preceded by the

Marshall of the parade on horseback, and by two carriages bringing the speakers and the UDC chapter officers. Next came more than 100 Confederate Veterans, then the UDC members and spectators. The parade was more than a mile long. (Submitted by Linda Barton)



Pvt. George S. Litton, "Cahaba Valley Boys", Company C, 10th Alabama Infantry. Litton was a 19-year-old single farmer and a resident of Sixmile, Bibb County, Alabama when he enlisted in Montevallo, Alabama on 4 June 1861. He was killed on 20 December 1861 at the Battle of Dranesville, Virginia.



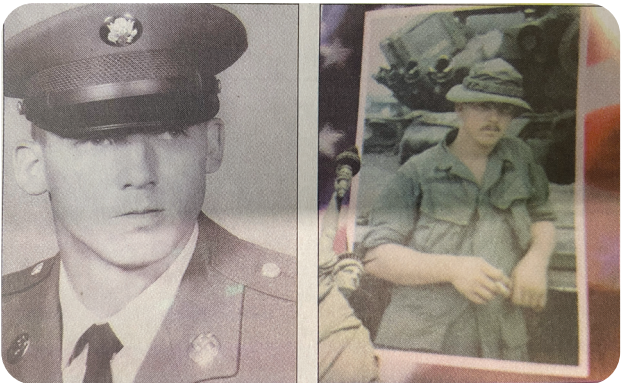
Thomas Dewitt Pool from West Blocton, Alabama. Died 12 February 1968 Vietnam War Corporal 1st Cavalry Division, 5th Battalion, 7th Cavalry, A Company, Died 12 February 1968 Vietnam. Died through hostile action small arms fire. Received a Distinguished Service Cross and Purple Heart. Thomas is honored on the Vietnam Veteran's Memorial in Washington DC. Name inscribed at VVM Wall, Panel 39e, Line 11.



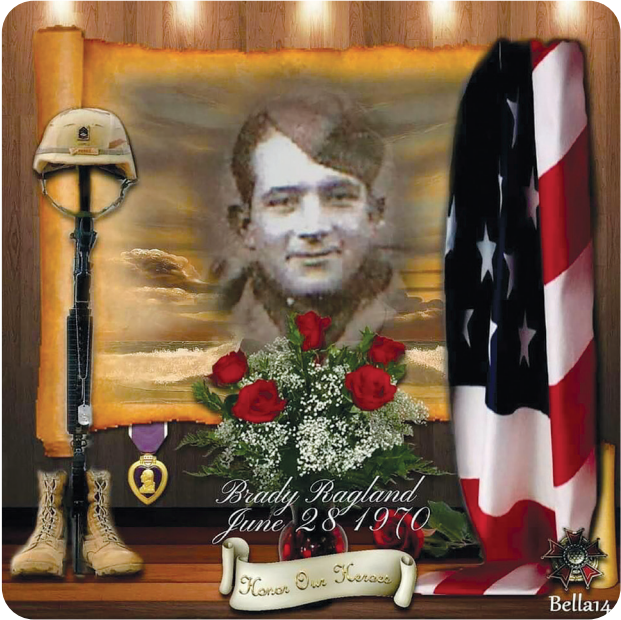
Rodrick L. Deason: Served in Vietnam in 1969 (Submitted by Frances Deason)



Alabama has 227 military service members recognized on the Alabama Fallen Warrior Monument for their sacrifices during the Global War on Terror. This monument, located in Veterans Park in Trussville, honors 115 individuals killed in action and 112 who died in non-hostile deaths. The monument also includes a traveling display, «Faces of the Price of Freedom,» which provides information and pictures of these fallen heroes.



John Thomas Gray, Sr. - John Thomas Gray, born in Brent, AL served in the U.S. ARMY as a SPECIALIST FIVE E-5 from March 11, 1968, through March 10, 1971. He was wounded in combat during the Vietnam War and was awarded the Purple Heart.



Brady W. Ragland: Served in WWII in 1949 (Submitted by Frances Deason)



James Talmadge Fikes from Brent, AL. Died April 24, 1944. He was a Sergeant in the Army Air Forces, radio operator with the 376th Bomber Group, Heavy, 512 Bomber Squadron, killed in action in Ploesti Romania. Received an Air Medal and Purple Heart.



Milton Fancher from West Blocton, AL. Died May 8, 1944, World War II, Second Lieutenant, Army Air Forces with the 96th Bomber Group, Heavy, 337th Bomber Squadron, killed in action in Heddendorf, Germany, received Air Medal and Purple Heart.



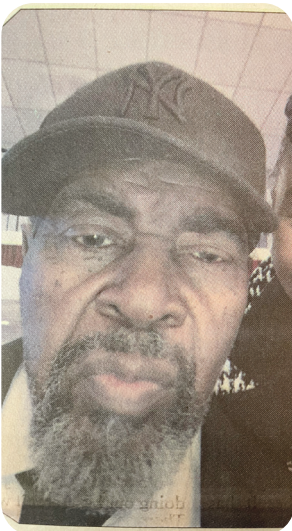
Sergeant James Rice. Tour of Duty in South Vietnam 1970-1971. A 1978 Graduate of H.D. Davidson High School in Centreville, AL



Bibb County Native. Died on February 12, 1971, in Quang Tin. Specialist Four Wilie Gardner Jr. was awarded the Silver Star Medal for his conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action. He served as an Infantryman and was assigned to 1ST PLT, C CO, 1ST BN, 46TH INFANTRY, AMERICAL DIV.



Harry C Dyer from West Blocton, AL. Died June 6, 1944, World War II. He was a Sergeant in Company C, 741st Tank Battalion. Was killed in action on Omaha Beach, Normandy, France. Received a Purple Heart.



Thomas C. Young, Jr. who was with the U.S. Army in Vietnam and received the Purple Heart for wounds received in action on August 25, 1966, in the Republic of Vietnam. He was also presented the Silver Star for Bravery in Action. Thomas celebrated a birthday on April 2, 2024, and on April 22, 2024, passed away at the VA Hospital in New York City.



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NEWS/CALENDAR

Champion for Justice: Tracy Kennie to Lead LSA’s Efforts in Alabama’s Black Belt

SPECIAL TO THE PRESS

Legal Services Alabama (LSA), the state’s only non-profit offering free civil legal help, is proud to welcome Tracy Kennie as the new Managing Attorney of its Selma office, which serves Alabama’s historic Black Belt region.

Kennie is a native of Marion, AL. She began her work with LSA as a John Lewis Legal Fellow, a position created for new attorneys focused on economic justice. She later served as a Staff Attorney in the Huntsville office, where she built a strong reputation for helping low-income clients. Now, she brings her passion and leadership to Selma.

“Serving the Black Belt is personal for me—it’s where I grew up,” said Ken-

nie. “I understand the struggles people here face because I’ve lived them. My commitment to this region is real and deeply rooted.”

Kennie’s rise from Fellow to Managing Attorney reflects LSA’s dedication to growing and supporting its team.

“My journey with LSA has been empowering,” she said. “From day one, I was immersed in helping clients and learning how to lead in legal aid.”

The Selma office plays a key role in LSA’s work across the state, focusing on legal issues such as housing, public benefits, family law, and consumer rights. It serves nine counties: Choctaw, Dallas, Greene, Hale, Lowndes, Marengo, Perry, Sumter,

and Wilcox.

“Tracy Kennie brings both leadership skills and deep knowledge of the Black Belt region,” said Guy Lescault, LSA’s Executive Director. “We’re proud to have her leading our Selma office.”

With eight offices across Alabama, LSA is committed to making justice accessible to those who need it most.



WBHS C.L.U.B. members (Community, Leadership, Understanding, & Benevolence) were recognized by their sponsor, Kimberly Hubbard, for their volunteer and fundraising efforts for the 2024-2025 school year. Each member fundraised to purchase Christmas presents for community families, volunteered at the elementary schools and community events, and volunteered for their individual projects. Gold winners worked over 30 volunteer hours, Silver over 25 hours, and Bronze over 20 hours. Pictured from L to R (front row): Olivia Eaton (junior/ Bronze), Alexandria Hubbard (junior/ Gold), Lillian Hubbard (junior, Gold), Anna Belle Mott (junior, Gold), Koli Hobson (sophomore, Gold), Lillie Shadwick (sophomore, Gold), Lydia Allen (sophomore/ Silver), Katie Morris (sophomore/ Bronze), Addly Smith (sophomore/ Gold). Back Row Seniors and all Gold recipients: Catherine Hammond, Kyli Steele, Noah Bresler, Demi Smith, and Zeana Tew.

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.
- » Ist 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.
- » Shinye 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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COMMUNITY NEWS

West Eoline News

From The Pen Of Jane Hannah

Jera Fortner visited Monday evening un-til Wednesday afternoon to help in the care of Geneva Mullins and Kaydi Kinney. Ma-ma's steak dinner (filet mignon, yum yum corn, brussels & a baked potato) was a small reward for Tuesday dinner.

Ruth Deason, Diana Dailey & Jane Han-nah enjoyed the attentive service from Dan-ny at Juan's on Thursday. Afterwards, Di-ana visited with Amy Ellison.

Jim Kirkendall hosted Stacey & Chad Thompson, and Jane Hannah to an enjoy-able dinner Friday. Afterwards, we played Rummikub at my home. Sunday after-noon at the Thompson's, we enjoyed more games after a delicious lunch. Play was in-terrupted several times. Once by Myrtie (the pig), meals on wheels delivery by Jane, fan direction for cooling and then seeking the cause of a squeak. Jim headed home for an early run on Monday.

The Cahaba Lily Festival in West Blocton had some early dampening that left mug-gy weather for the WOODSTOCK Music Event at Holiday Raceway in Woodstock. I was blessed to attend my first music event with Tracey & Luke Holladay. We were entertained by some very talented singers

and musicians. It was five hours of peo-ple watching and good music with a HUGE peaceful crowd. The traffic flow was con-trolled for a quick exit. A great job by all the local law enforcement.

Risotto equals a HAPPY Saturday for LaShelle & Ronnie Kinney. Their meal created by Nana was said to be the BEST EVER. After a week of physical chal-lenges with extreme stress issues this hap-py meal was a blessing to them. Pray for LaShelle and her upcoming orthopedic ap-pointment; that her foot/ankle is repairable for complete pain free functioning.

Jo Kitchen and Carol Schladerbach en-joyed lunch at Sawmeal Restaurant after church, and Jo visited with Amy Ellison that afternoon.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY this week Rhonda Massengale 5-24, Talon Perez & Amy El-lison 5-29.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY Adam & Au-brey Campbell May 25th. I can't believe its been 12 years since your barn wedding at Sista Jean Ingram's.

MEMORIAL DAY is May 26. Be care-ful and drive safe this weekend.

Call 478-496-2513 to share your news.

Centreville News

From The Pen Of Brenda Hubbard

We wish to extend sincere sympathy to the families of Thelma Wallace Bamberg and Carolyn F. Davis who both passed away recently. They will be missed by their family and friends greatly.

On Sunday, May 4, 2025 Brent Baptist Church honored their 2025 graduates of High School and College. After worship services a luncheon was held in the fel-lowship hall.

Charlotte West enjoyed Mother's Day with children and grandchildren, Perry Party of S. They had a scrumptious lunch from Taziki's and David made delicious brownies. The afternoon was spent by the pool with laughter and talking, mother's reporting a great time.

Lily Fernandez will be celebrating her 6th birthday on May 24, 2025. Happy Birthday!

Birthday wishes go out to several that have a birthday in May, Mattie Rae Mc-Millan, Betsy Grahamn, Matthew Pipher,

Joyce Burson and Tommy Worrell.

Joining Larry and Vicki Speights for Mother's Day were Jim and Laura Blu-menfeld and Lily; Casey and Stacie Brewer, Phoenix and Jonah. All reporting a great time.

Our deepest sympathy goes out to the family of Brayden Corley, age 8, of Brent, Alabama who passed away on Monday May 12, 2025. A visitation was held Sat-urday, May 17, 2025 from 12pm-2pm with a Celebration of Life at 2pm, burial at Kinard-Mathis Cemetery at Brent, AL. Brayden will be greatly missed.

Anniversary wishes go out to Larry and Vicki Speights who will be celebrating their 45th wedding anniversary on May 24, 2025. Happy Anniversary!

Prayers go out to Margaret A Lathem of Foley who is in the hospital at this writ-ing.

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

Plain & Simple

"Slow down and enjoy the simple pleasures in life"

By: Sheila Duncan

Easy Southern Banana Pudding

Ingredients:
1 (5.1 oz) box instant va-nilla pudding mix
3 cups cold milk
1 (14 oz) can sweetened condensed milk
1 (8 oz) container Cool Whip (thawed)
1 box Nilla Wafers
4-5 ripe bananas (sliced)
Instructions:
Make the pudding
In a large bowl, whisk to-gether the **pudding mix** and **milk** for about 2 minutes until it thickens slightly.
Add sweetened con-densed milk
Stir in the **sweetened condensed milk** until well blended and smooth.
Fold in Cool Whip
Gently fold in the **Cool Whip** until fully combined and fluffy.
Layer it up
In a 9x13 dish (or tri-ple bowl), layer **Nilla Wa-fers** across the bottom.

Add a layer of **banana slic-es**, then spoon over a layer of the **pudding mixture**.
Repeat layers
Continue layering: wa-fers, bananas, pudding—until everything is used up. Finish with a layer of pud-

ding and a few extra wafers or banana slices on top for decoration.
Chill
Cover and refrigerate for at least **4 hours**, or over-night, so the flavors blend and the wafers soften.



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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
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.
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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.
Centreville Press
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MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE

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:

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.

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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

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, in the Probate Office of Bibb County,

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

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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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PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ZONING ORDINANCE

BE IT KNOWN TO ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that the City of Centreville, proposes to amend the general zoning ordinance of the city as follows:

Section 17.1 of the General zoning ordinance shall be stricken in its entirety, and the following language shall be substituted therein:

A Board of Adjustment is hereby established. The Board shall consist of not less than three (3) nor more than five (5) members, each to be appointed for a term of four (4) years by the City Council. Terms shall run concurrent with the term of the city council. Vacancies shall be filled for the unexpired term of any member whose term becomes vacant. Any member of the ZBA may be removed for cause by the ap-

pointing authority upon the filing of any written charges and after a public hearing.

The City Council of the City of Centreville will hold a public hearing to address any concerns regarding the proposed amendment on June 17, 2025, at 4:00 p.m. The hearing will be held at Centreville City Hall located at 1270 Walnut Street, Centreville, Alabama.

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

A copy of the proposed ordinance is available for inspection during regular business hours at Centreville City Hall, 1270 Walnut Street, Centreville, Alabama 35042.

Dated this 19th day of May, 2025.

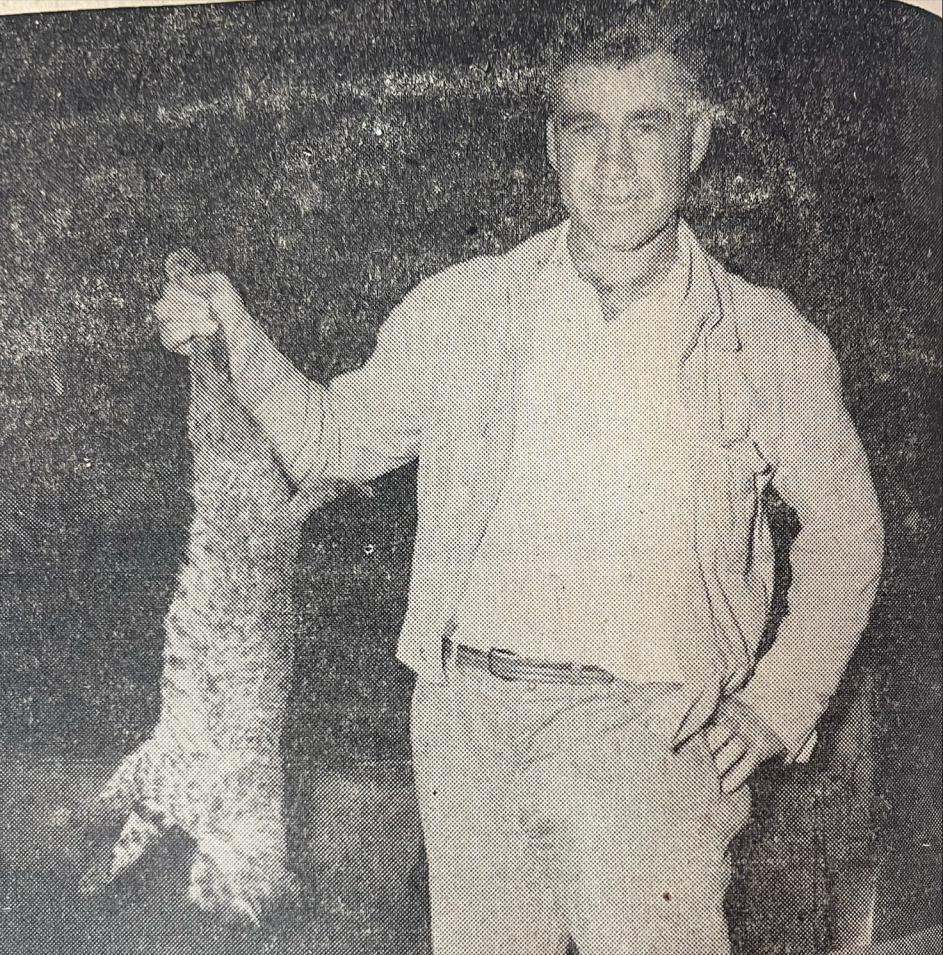
Tracy Griffin
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LIFESTYLE



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.

75 YEARS AGO



Mr. Algie Langford of Centreville is shown above holding a Wild Cat killed near his home several days ago. This Cat only weighed a Wild Cat. 10 pounds which is considered rather small, but nevertheless it is a wildcat.

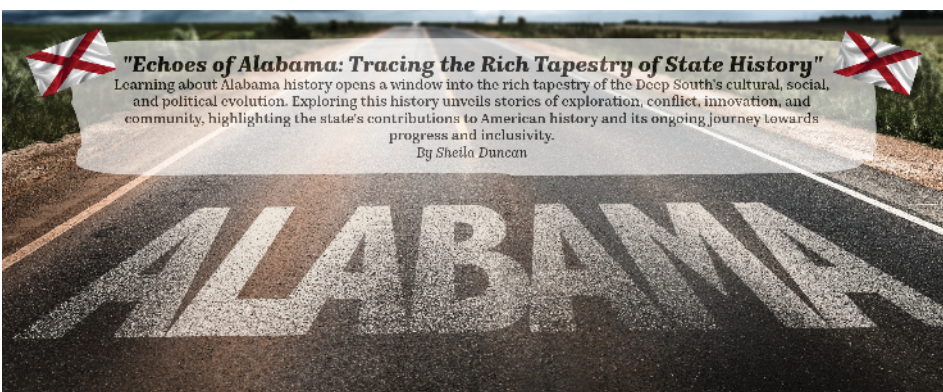
BIBB COUNTY INVASION BY YANKEE TROOPS

The Centreville Press February 9, 1961
Members of the Bibb Greys Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, last Fall began looking in old trunks, ransacking attics, and talking with older residents in order to get stories about happenings in Bibb County during the War Between the States, as well as war relics to place on display in the County Library at Brent. Mrs. M. G. Cleveland, Chapter Historian, is compiling these stories for publication.
Mrs. Josiah Kennedy, Chapter President, found a brief account of the invasion of Bibb County by Wilson’s raiders among the papers left by the late Mrs. John Percy Kennedy, Sr., a charter member of the chapter.
According to Mrs. Kennedy’s account, General James H. Wilson sent a detachment of his raiders to destroy the

cotton mill at Scottsville, a few miles northwest of Centreville, on April 1, 1865. The Federal troops stopped at Centreville and drew up their lines on the hill east of the Cahaba River, just below the old site of the Methodist Church. They exchanged a few shots with a corps of General Forrest’s men, who were on the west bank of the river.
After burning the Scottsville cotton mill, Wilson’s men came back through Centreville on their way to join the main body. Except for destroying the mill and stealing everything they could find; they had done no harm. Two Union soldiers, who were foraging and got separated from the other troops, were fired on as they came into the road leading to the river.
One was killed. Everyone thought that one of Forrest’s sharpshooters fired the shot, but many years later a Bibb County

citizen told that he, then a young boy, fired the shot from a tree top.
The dead soldier’s companion made his way back to his company and reported the killing. A squad of Yankee soldiers returned that night and burned the river bridge in retaliation.
At the same time, another division of Wilson’s raiders moved from Jasper by way of Elyton to Selma. Some of these troops stopped near Montevallo and burned the Bibb Furnaces near Brierfield, as well as other furnaces and smelters in the vicinity. Thus war came to Bibb County during the last month of the conflict.

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Yolande Coal Mine (Tuscaloosa) Deadly Explosion of 1907

An explosion at 10:25 o'clock Monday morning at the mines of the Yolande Coal and Coke Company, Yolande, Tuscaloosa County, Ala., is said to have entombed fifty or more men, and may possibly prove a replica of the Virginia Mines catastrophe on a smaller scale. The explosion occurred in No. 1 mine, about 1,500 feet underground. Telephone communication to the scene of the disaster, is very bad, and it seemed impossible to get early details. A special train has been operated from Bessemer, over the Birmingham Mineral line and a branch line running to Yolande, to the scene of the disaster. The estimate of fifty men underground is based upon the number supposed to have been at work at the time. The mine was a non-union slope, and was operated largely by native American labor, white and colored, about half of each. Other reports say that there are as many as 125 men entombed, and that the pumps cannot be gotten into operation.
C. C. Huckabee was superintendent of the mine where the accident occurred. The company is operated by a company of Birmingham capitalists, headed by Dr. Gratton B. Crowe, of this city. Officials of the company hurried to the scene of the accident in an automobile as soon as possible after hearing of the trouble. Fourteen living men are already out of the mines, according to a telephone message. All were injured in the explosion.
Chief Inspector J. M. Gray was notified

from Yolande of the explosion and left a few minutes afterwards in an automobile for the scene. Mr. Gray had none of the details of the disaster and did not know how the explosion occurred. He says that the Yolande mine in which the explosion occurred has an output of about 400 tons a day.
The number of men employed should be between fifty and seventy-five, but this being those in the vicinity of the disaster, after pay day it is doubtful if the full force was at work.
Superintendent Brooks, of the Louisville and Nashville railroad, was notified shortly after 10 o'clock about the explosion through the road's agent at Yolande. It was reported to him that the explosion occurred about 9 o'clock, and that there were 100 men entombed. The Louisville and Nashville has special trains in readiness to go to the mines if needed.
At 2:20 o'clock Monday afternoon four dead bodies are known to have been taken from the mines of the Yolande Coal and Coke Company, at Yolande, AL and it is not known how many more there are inside the mines. The odds seem to be, however, that many of the remaining fifty or so are dead. Coffins and surgeons, the latter equipped with supplies of all sorts, were rushed from Birmingham on the afternoon Birmingham Mineral Train.
(Newspaper.com)

Shelby Area Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Hosts End-of-Year Celebration

BY SHEILA DUNCAN REPORTER
The Shelby Area Alumnae Chapter (SAAC) of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. hosted its end-of-year celebration for *Tigger's Garden* on Wednesday, May 14, 2025, from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Clanton Elementary School. This event marks the culmination of an eight-month enrichment initiative with young gardeners participating in the school's after-school program.
The *Tigger's Garden* program was designed to: Provide students with hands-on learning experiences, encourage healthy eating habits through a love of fruits and vegetables, promote physical

activity and meaningful outdoor engagement, and supply students with locally grown produce.
Throughout the initiative, students engaged in a wide range of gardening activities, including predicting plant growth, planning garden layouts, observing changes, weeding, watering, measuring, calculating, and researching—all foundational skills for gardening and beyond.
Volunteers from SAAC dedicated their time on the first and third Wednesdays of each month from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., mentoring an average of 24 students per session. From September 2024 to May

2025, this commitment totaled more than 316 volunteer hours.
With 167 active members, the Shelby Area Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. serves Shelby, Bibb, and Chilton counties through a variety of impactful public service programs.
Founded in 1913 and headquartered in Washington, D.C., Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. is the largest African American women's organization in the world, boasting a membership of more than 350,000 college-educated women committed to sisterhood, scholarship, service, and social action.

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NEWS

Alabama Farmers Celebrate Historic Health Plan Legislation

SPECIAL TO THE PRESS

Dozens of Alabama farmers filled the Senate gallery to witness the historic final passage of the Alfa Health Plans legislation.

“This is a big day for Alabama’s farm families,” said leaders from the Alabama Farmers Federation. “With farmers facing their toughest economic challenges in decades, this bill gives hope for the future. The strong support from our members — through calls, emails, and trips to the State House — shows just how important this is. Alfa Health Plans will make a real difference for agriculture and small businesses across Alabama.”

House Bill 477, introduced by Rep. David Faulkner (R-Mountain Brook), allows the Federation to offer affordable, quality health coverage as a benefit to its members.

The Senate passed the bill 30-2, with two lawmakers abstaining. Sen. Arthur Orr (R-Decatur), who sponsored the Senate version, defended the bill against amendments that could have weakened it.

Alfa Health Plans will follow the model of similar Farm Bureau programs in 10 other states, where members save 30–60% on health coverage. Alabama’s version includes 18 updates negotiated by Faulkner to address concerns from lawmakers and other groups. These changes make the plan the most comprehensive Farm Bureau health legislation in the country, with strong consumer protections and economic benefits for communities statewide.

Sen. Orr called it a win for farmers, small businesses, and the state’s healthcare system.

Three amendments that could have derailed the bill

were defeated:

An amendment by Sen. Linda Coleman-Madison (D-Birmingham) to place the plans under Department of Insurance oversight failed 9–24.

An amendment by Sen. Bobby Singleton (D-Greensboro) to require coverage for pre-existing conditions failed 9–23.

Another by Singleton to raise the plan’s tax rate from 1.3% to 1.6% failed 8–25.

Only Sens. Singleton and Vivian Figures (D-Mobile) voted against final passage.

Sen. Jack Williams (R-Wilmer) joined Orr in speaking for the bill on the Senate floor.

Brian Hardin, director of the Federation’s External Affairs Department, encouraged members to thank lawmakers who supported the bill. The Federation plans to launch Alfa Health Plans later this year.



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Tombigbee RC&D Council Announces 2026 Grant Cycle

BY SHEILA DUNCAN
REPORTER

Tombigbee RC&D Council has announced that its 2026 grant cycle will open on April 1 and run through June 30, 2025. This is a valuable funding opportunity for nonprofit organizations and government entities serving communities in our eight-county region: Bibb, Fayette, Greene, Hale, Lamar, Pickens, Sumter, and Tuscaloosa.

As in previous years, applications and reimbursement forms will be submitted using Foundant, their grant management software

and all applicants will need to create a Foundant account before beginning the application process.

Eligibility: Applicants must be 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations or units/sub-units of government.

Projects must take place within one or more of the eight counties served by Tombigbee RC&D.

All grants are reimbursement-based, meaning funds are distributed only after the approved project is completed.

They encourage eligible organizations in Bibb

County and throughout our region to apply. Tombigbee RC&D is committed to advancing local communities by supporting impactful, sustainable projects.

They look forward to partnering with our 2026 grant recipients to continue building a better tomorrow across west Alabama.

Interested applicants can access the Grant Application and Guidelines at: www.tombigbeercd.org/grant-guidelines/. For more information, visit their website or contact us directly at info@tombigbeercd.org.

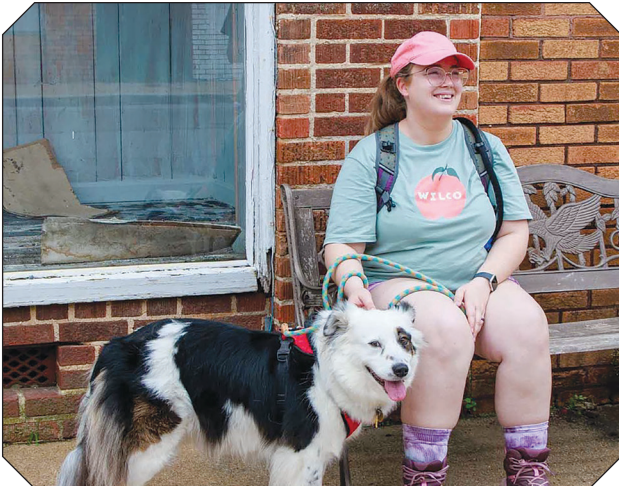
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