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## Fresh, Local, and Full of Flavor: A Look Inside Our Beloved Farmers Market

BY SHEILA DUNCAN  
REPORTER

As the sun peeks over the trees, something special will be happening at the heart of our community. The local farmers market will open its gates, inviting families, neighbors, and curious newcomers to wander through rows of fresh produce, homemade goods, and smiling faces. The BMC Farmers Market

is open every Wednesday from 2:00 PM to 6:00 PM for fresh, local produce, handmade items, and more.

The market offers a refreshing alternative to supermarket shopping. Local farmers proudly display their just-picked tomatoes, sweet corn, and plump blueberries.

Each week, shoppers find something new. The benefits stretch far beyond the shopping bags. Buying

from local growers keeps money in our community, supports sustainable farming, and encourages healthier eating. And just as importantly, it fosters friendships and pride in the place we call home.

If you haven't visited yet, now the perfect time. It's the perfect mid-week stop to support local farmers and artisans while stocking up on quality goods.

## Hunter Brown, a local Consulting Forester, was the guest speaker at the Treasure Forest meeting

BY SHEILA DUNCAN  
REPORTER

Hunter Brown a local Consulting Forester was the speaker at the Thursday, May 22, 2025, Treasure Forest meeting. A consulting forester in the timber growing business much like a real estate agent for a property owner. Consulting Forester specializes in managing and advising private landowners on their forest resources. They offer services like developing forest management plans, overseeing timber sales, and providing expertise on various aspects of forestry, including wildlife habitat, soil conditions, and property lines. Consulting foresters work independently, representing the landowner's interests and ensuring compliance with regulations.

Their services offered consist of Forest Management Planning: Developing plans that align with the landowner's objectives, considering aspects like timber, wildlife, and aesthetics. Timber Sales: Representing the landowner in tim-

ber sales, ensuring fair prices and proper management of the harvest. Forest Inventory and Appraisal: Assessing the current condition of the forest and its resources. Property Line Establishment: Helping landowners define and mark property boundaries. Wildlife Management: Providing advice

and guidance on enhancing wildlife habitat. Recreational Opportunities: Assisting with planning and development of recreational areas within the forest and Forest Health Issues: Identifying and addressing issues like pests, diseases, and invasive species and much more.



## CENTREVILLE Main Street

On the banks of Cahaba Falls



## Centreville Main Street Named A 2025 Accredited Program By Main Street America

BY SHEILA DUNCAN  
REPORTER

Our Centreville Main Street is proudly announced that it had been named a 2025 Accredited Main Street America program — the highest level of recognition for communities that show strong commitment to revitalization and economic development.

Each year, Main Street America highlights programs across the country that meet national standards of excellence using the Main Street Approach, which focuses on preservation-based economic

growth and community involvement.

Erin Barnes, President and CEO of Main Street America said that they are celebrating 821 communities that have earned Accreditation and that these programs show what's possible when local leaders come together to build places that reflect the people they serve.

Centreville Main Street earned this designation following a detailed evaluation by its staff, board of directors, and Main Street Alabama. Accredited programs must show success in six key areas, including community engagement,

leadership, financial sustainability, effective strategies, historic preservation, and visible impact.

"This is a huge milestone for us," said Katie Cheslock, Executive Director of Centreville Main Street. "Our program turns three this summer, and to be recognized at this level already shows just how passionate our team and community are. This award belongs to everyone involved—board members, volunteers, businesses, and supporters who give their time and energy to improve Centreville. We're just getting started, and the future is bright."

## Brayden's Legacy: A Mother's Thank You

BY SHEILA DUNCAN  
REPORTER

No one can truly understand the pain of losing a child unless they've been through it themselves. Magan Young, a loving mother and devoted wife, is walking through one of the hardest times of her life. She wants everyone to know how deeply thankful she is for every prayer, message, phone call, and kind gesture. Your love has helped carry her through.

On Saturday night, May 3rd, Magan and her husband Jason Corley were driving home to Brent, Alabama, with their twin boys, Brayden and Bryson, after a family dinner in Alabaster. Just two miles from home, while driving through heavy fog on High-

way 5 in Bibb County, a car fleeing from police crashed into them. Their car went off the road into a ravine.

Magan and Bryson were not seriously hurt. But Brayden was unconscious,

and Jason had a serious head injury. Magan, who is a nurse, did everything she could for her son and husband until help arrived.

*See Brayden's Legacy on page 2*



## West Blocton Mayor Proposes New Water Board to Give All Customers a Voice

BY SHEILA DUNCAN  
REPORTER

Mayor Daniel Sims has announced a new initiative aimed at improving communication and representation within the town's water system. Over the past nine years, the Town of West Blocton has invested millions of dollars into water infrastructure improvements, including upgrades and the replacement of several thousand feet of water mains.

The water system, which spans from Woodstock to Eoline and out to Vance, currently serves ap-

proximately 600 in-town customers and 1,100 out-of-town customers. Mayor Sims acknowledged that out-of-town residents have often expressed concerns about not having a voice in the management of the water system.

In response, the Mayor is proposing the creation of a West Blocton Water Board. This board would include 2-3 members from out-of-town areas, giving those customers a seat at the table during discussions about system issues and future needs.

"This is a chance for all areas of the system to

be represented," said the Mayor. "If you've ever wanted an opportunity to have a voice, now is your time."

Residents interested in serving on the board or learning more are encouraged to contact Town Hall at 205-938-7622 or email the Mayor directly at Mayor@townwestblocton.org.

The goal is to involve individuals from different parts of the service area to ensure broad and fair representation. The Mayor asks that residents share this opportunity with neighbors and friends in the community.

## MAY Community Calendar

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

June 4th - Centreville Brent Public Library - 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Craft Supply Swap

June 5 - Chamber Coffee on Thursday at Trustmark Centreville

June 12th - Centreville Brent Public Library - 10:00 a.m. Play-Doh Playdate

June 12-13th - ForestHER Basics -, Minooka Park, Jemison, AL 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

June 15th: Brierfield Pool Opens for the Season! 10am-5pm

June 17th - Centreville Brent Public Library - Lego Club at 10:00 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. We will have food trucks available. Movie will be outdoors, so bring your lawn chairs! Movie starts at 7pm.

July 1 - Centreville Brent Public Library - Messy Makers at 10:00 a.m. Register online.

July 12th - Celebration on the Green

July 14th - Brent Elementary School - Magic Show

July 15th - Centreville Brent Public Library - Lego Club

July 16th - Squishmallows painting on canvas, register online with the Brent-Centreville Library

July 17th - Dogman popcorn and movie with the Brent-Centreville Library

July 18th - Perler Bead Project

July 25th: Brierfield Ironworks' Movie Night! This is a FREE event!

There will be food trucks available. Movie will be outdoors, so bring your lawn chairs! Movie starts at 7pm.



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NEWS

Forestry in Bibb County

BY SHEILA DUNCAN  
REPORTER

Forestry is one of the biggest economic drivers in Bibb County. With over 70% of the land covered in forests, it plays a key role in creating jobs, producing wood sustainably, and protecting the natural landscape.

From harvesting timber to conserving wildlife, forestry supports both the environment and the local economy. It provides jobs and boosts many local businesses.

A recent report from the Alabama Forestry Association showed that timber operations brought in over \$2 million for the county last year, proving the strong value of the industry.

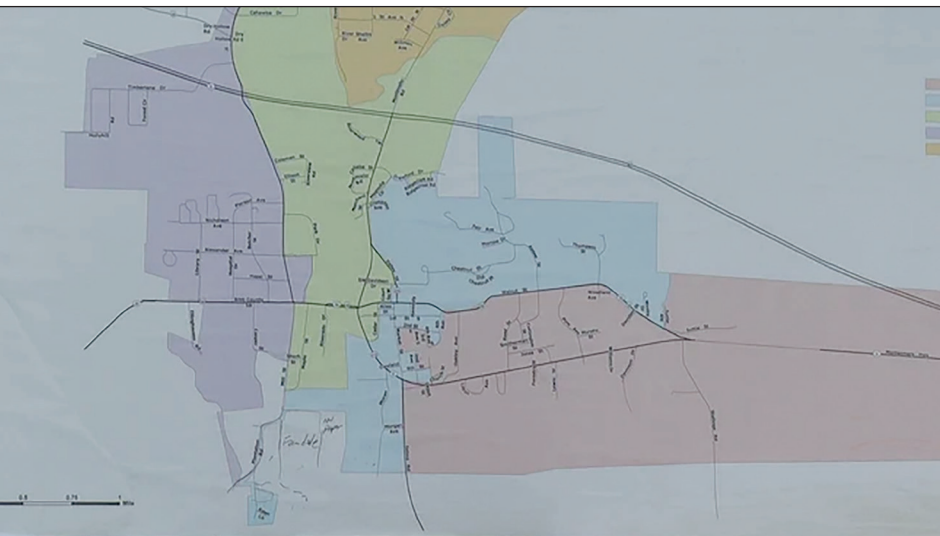
Bibb County is one of Alabama’s top timber producers. Local companies turn out products like hardwoods and utility poles, showing how deeply rooted forestry is in the area’s history and future.

As the industry grows, it helps preserve the land while keeping the economy

strong.

The annual economic impact report for Bibb shows employment of 780 individuals with a labor income of \$34,501,526 with taxes at \$10,780,209 making the total economic impact at \$203,318,042.

Bibb County has 400,540 acres with acres in forest at 309,059 with 55,991 being hardwood and pines, 95,268 hardwood acres and 157,800 softwood acres and Bibb has 8 or more forest product manufacturers.



Centreville City Council Adopts New Voting District Map

BY SHEILA DUNCAN  
REPORTER

The Centreville City Council has approved a new voting district map based on data from the 2020 U.S. Census, replacing the outdated map that was drawn using 2000 census figures.

Mayor Mike Oakley said the updates were minor but necessary due to the city’s growth over the past 20 years. The changes are minimal and based on the latest census. Centreville has grown since the last census and while it won’t impact hundreds of people, a few will be affected.

The council was required to adopt the updated

map by a set deadline. You will have a certain timeframe to either adjust or to keep your current voting districts Oakley said that before the 2020 election, the council had voted to revert to the 2008 map. But since then, a new census was completed, and this latest map reflects that and that all that was done during this meeting was officially adopt the most current version.

During the meeting, it was discovered that the Fairdale community had been mistakenly left off the newly proposed map. The council promptly amended the resolution, placing Fairdale into District 2.

City Hall keeps a list showing each resident’s district and if anyone has questions, they can stop by and they can tell them where they vote.

Alongside the map approval, the council also voted to implement electronic ballot counters for future elections. The qualifying fee for candidates will remain at \$50, and City Hall will continue to serve as the official polling location.

Mayor Oakley is urging all eligible residents to participate in the upcoming election on August 26, where both the mayor and district representatives will be on the ballot.

Hope for Healing: Curtis C. Barnett Jr.’s Journey with End-Stage Renal Failure

BY SHEILA DUNCAN  
REPORTER

Meet Curtis C. Barnett Jr., a 43-year-old unmarried man who is currently battling one of the most critical health challenges of his life—end-stage renal failure. Diagnosed in October 2024, Curtis now finds himself among the thousands of individuals on the lengthy national transplant list, waiting and hoping for a second chance at life through a kidney donation.

Curtis’s health struggles began in October 2020, when he experienced symptoms consistent with COVID-19. At the time, he didn’t realize the seriousness of his condition. In the months that followed, he began to experience complications affecting his respiratory system, heart, and kidneys. After extensive testing at the Kirk-

land Clinic in Birmingham, Alabama, doctors confirmed that his kidney disease was genetic.

Despite taking every possible precaution to care for his health, Curtis’s kidneys began to fail in early 2025. Since April of this year, he has been undergoing grueling dialysis treatments seven days a week just to stay alive.

Curtis is blood type O, meaning he can only receive a kidney from a compatible donor. This limitation makes his wait even more challenging. Still, Curtis remains hopeful and prayerful, trusting that God will open the hearts of generous individuals who can either donate or support him financially.

“I believe my experience is not in vain,” Curtis shares. “God can use it to help others in the future. I’m not

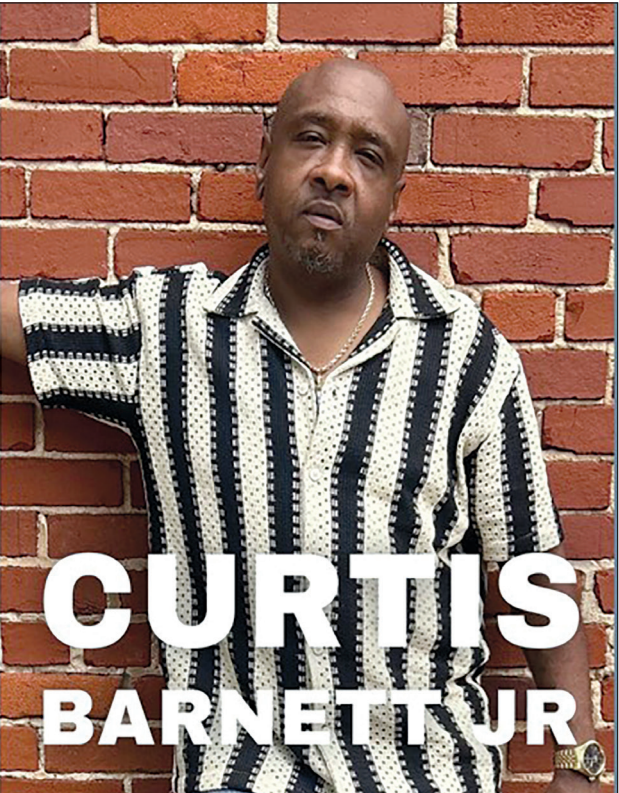
only praying for healing—I’m also asking for your help, whether through financial support, spreading awareness, or becoming a living donor.”

Curtis is seeking support to help cover the cost of his transplant, post-surgical care, and the travel expenses associated with receiving treatment from a specialized transplant surgeon at Vanderbilt Medical Center in Nashville, Tennessee. His mother, who has been his rock throughout this journey, is unable to meet the extensive demands this condition requires on her own.

If you feel led to help Curtis—through donation, sharing his story, or becoming a potential donor—your kindness could be the life-saving bridge he’s praying for.

Please consider contributing to his GoFundMe campaign and joining him in prayer. Even if you are not a match, your support can make a difference for Curtis and others like him waiting for a miracle. [HTTPS://GO-FUND.ME/B0008CCA](https://go-fund.me/B0008CCA)

(Curtis C. Barnett)



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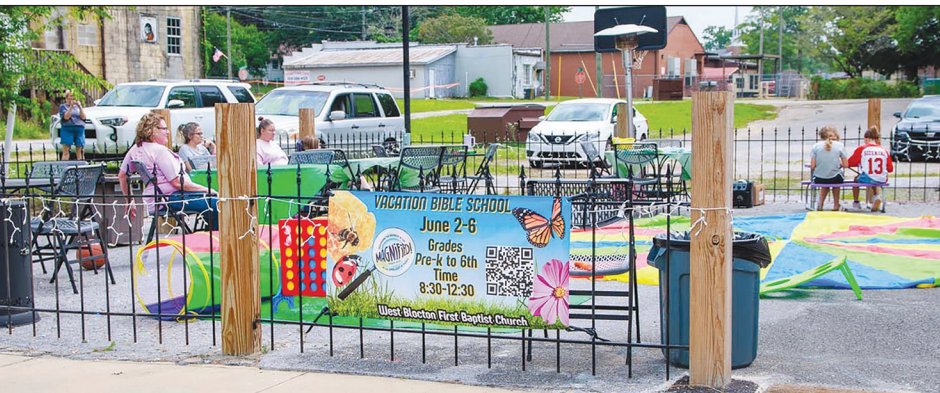
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Brent Study Club hosted the Survivors Tea for Relay for Life May 3, 2025 at the BMC Wellness Center. We closed out our year with dinner at The Bright Star May 13, 2025. We had an outstanding year and accomplished many things this year. We look forward to serving Bibb County in 2025-2026.



VBS Season Kicks Off: West Blocton First Baptist Celebrates with Block Party at The Blocton Grill

BY SHEILA DUNCAN  
REPORTER

As summer approaches, Vacation Bible School (VBS) is gearing up across the county, bringing excitement, faith, and fun for local families. To help kick things off, The Blocton Grill hosted a lively VBS Block Party on Saturday in partnership with West Blocton First Baptist Church.

The event served as both a celebration and an opportunity for families to register their children for the upcoming Vacation Bible School, scheduled for June 2-6. With music, food, games, and fellowship, the block party created a fun, welcoming atmosphere for the community to come to-

gether.

Vacation Bible School is a cherished tradition in the area, offering children daily Bible lessons, crafts, songs, and activities in a safe and joyful environment. West Blocton First Baptist encourages all families in the community to sign up and be part of the adventure this June.

(Photos by Centreville My Hometown)



Brayden’s Legacy

**Brayden Legacy from page 1**

In the days that followed, she split her time between UAB Hospital and Children’s Hospital in Birmingham, hoping and praying for both of them.

Sadly, the following Monday, they had to make the heartbreaking decision to take Brayden off life

support. An Honor Walk was held at UAB Hospital so Jason could see his son one last time. Brayden became a hero that day—his organs were donated to help others live.

Jason is still in the hospital and will be facing more surgeries in the days ahead. Bryson is trying to

make sense of it all. And Magan is holding her family together with strength and love.

Please continue to pray for this precious family. They need all the love and support we can give as they begin to heal and face the road ahead, one day at a time.

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LIFESTYLE/EDITORIAL



Faith as small as a Mustard Seed

BY WHITNEY BUZBEE  
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As Jesus went with him, he was surrounded by the crowds. A woman in the crowd had suffered for twelve years with constant bleeding, and she could find no cure. Coming up behind Jesus, she touched the fringe of his robe. Immediately, the bleeding stopped.

“Who touched me?” Jesus asked.

Everyone denied it, and Peter said, “Master, this whole crowd is pressing up against you.”

But Jesus said, “Someone deliberately touched me, for I felt healing power go out

from me.” When the woman realized that she could not stay hidden, she began to tremble and fell to her knees in front of him. The whole crowd heard her explain why she had touched him and that she had been immediately healed. “Daughter,” he said to her, “your faith has made you well. Go in peace.” Luke 8:42-48

We probably all know this story. Jesus was approached by Jairus, a leader of the synagogue, begging Jesus to come heal his sick daughter. As He went with Jairus, a throng of people surrounded Him. The crowds pushed against Him as He walked, everyone wanting a small piece of the man who

was creating such a stir by His strange teachings and miraculous healings.

Suddenly, Jesus felt power leave His body.

“Who touched me?” He asked.

The disciples thought the question was rather ridiculous. The crowd pushing against Him, longing to get close to Him, would make it impossible to identify only one person who touched Him.

But Jesus knew. It wasn’t an ordinary touch. It was a touch born out of desperation. A touch filled with faith. An intentional desire to touch the man who was known to heal people.

Honestly, Jesus knew who touched Him. He didn’t have to ask. All He needed to do was look at the crowd. His eyes could have identified her easily. He could have chosen just to give her a knowing smile, a look that let her know He knew her faith had healed her.

Instead, He called her out. He asked who had touched Him. With great fear and trembling, she admitted she had been the one who touched the hem of Jesus’ garment. She confessed her need for healing.

Jesus’ response? He looked at her with compassion. He saw so much more than she saw, so much more than others saw. He saw a woman who had enough faith to reach out in spite of her unclean condition. He saw a woman who took a huge risk to get close enough to Him to experience His healing. He saw a woman who longed for the healing only God can give.

What can we learn from this woman?

1. She acted with deliberation.

Read verse 46 again. The

woman deliberately touched Jesus. Many people were touching Jesus incidentally, but this woman was deliberate in her actions.

That’s a lesson for us. It’s so easy to become complacent, to live our lives without intention. But, if we want to experience the healing power of our Savior, we must act deliberately.

How was this woman deliberate? Because of her medical condition, she would have been an outcast in society. She would have been required to stay away from people. Yet, here she was, pushing her way into the very middle of the crowd. She knew she was considered unclean, and yet she went against society to put herself in a position where she could touch Jesus. She took a risk in an effort to find healing from the Savior.

How about you? What are you doing to deliberately seek to be closer to Jesus?

2. She acted out of desperation.

I’m sure this woman had sought healing everywhere. She had seen the doctors. She had tried to heal on her own.

Maybe she had even seen the sorcerers or other gods who were common in Bible times.

And yet, she continued to bleed, leaving her an outcast.

“Unclean,” she must have yelled as people came near.

“Unclean,” keeping her from the temple.

“Unclean,” forcing her into isolation.

Where could she turn? What could she do? Perhaps she saw this opportunity as her last futile attempt for healing. She was exhausted from trying to find healing. She was tired of this life of loneliness. She was desperate to find healing so she could live a somewhat normal life.

She was desperate for what only Jesus could give.

3. She acted with determination.

Can you imagine the courage it must have taken for this woman to put herself in this situation? She had to go against all the cultural norms. She risked complete humiliation if someone recognized her as the unclean woman. And yet, she acted anyway.

See Words of Wisdom on page 7

Will Alabama’s Back the Blue Act Withstand Judicial Review ?

Police Immunity & Alabama’s Back the Blue Act

Editorial by Mike Hobson

On the same day that Governor Kay Ivey signed a new law expanding and enlarging the immunity blanket that protects law enforcement officers the United States Supreme Court handed down a 9-0 ruling that may put Alabama’s new law in jeopardy or conflict with federal law.

The 2025 Alabama Legislature adjourned last week after passing more than 300 new laws intended for the benefit of our citizenry and to improve the workings of our State government. Among the new laws emerged “Back the Blue” (Act 2025-423) and signed into law by Governor Ivey on May 15, 2025.

The Alabama Legislature gave final approval to the legislation that rewrites precedential legal standards for the use of force and provides for a pre-trial immunity hearing for law enforcement officers. The bill states that an officer “shall be justified” in the use of physical force as long as it is not constitutionally excessive force or “recklessly” outside of the officer’s discretionary authority. In other words, an officer can be prosecuted for certain reckless or illegal conduct but the bar will present a steep hill to climb for a victim (or his estate).

This is how the new bill defines “Officer’s Discretionary Authority”:

“Governmental conduct by a law enforcement officer performing a legitimate job-related function or pursuing a legitimate job-related goal through means that were within the law enforcement officer’s plausible power to utilize. In determining whether governmental conduct was performed within a law enforcement officer’s discretionary authority, a court must temporarily put aside that the conduct may have been committed for an improper or unconstitutional purpose, in an improper or unconstitutional manner, to an improper or unconstitutional extent, or under improper or constitutionally inappropriate circumstances. The court must determine whether, if done for a proper purpose, the conduct was within, or reasonably related to, the outer perimeter of a law enforcement officer’s governmental discretion in performing his or her official duties.”

That loophole is big enough to drive a bus through. What the heck is “plausible power” and “outer perimeter” of authorized conduct ?

Here is how a court must evaluate the act of a law enforcement officer under the new law:

“In determining whether governmental conduct was performed within a law enforcement officer’s discretionary authority, a court must temporarily put aside that the conduct may have been committed for an improper or unconstitutional purpose, in an improper or unconstitutional manner, to an improper or unconstitutional extent, or under improper or constitutionally inappropriate circumstances. The court must determine whether, if done for a proper purpose, the conduct was within, or reasonably related to, the outer perimeter of a law enforcement officer’s governmental discretion in performing his or her official duties.”

Wait. Did we just read that a court can imply or impute a proper purpose for an officer’s conduct by putting aside actual conduct that could have been committed for an improper or illegal purpose ?

Stop here, gather your thoughts about the preceeding paragraphs. See any potential problems there ? It appears that our legislature did not.

You can think for yourself thru the possible scenarios where this definition could be a problem, maybe for you or a member of your family. By the way, the expanded immunity protections under this law extend to “any peace officer, guard, or detention or jail officer employed in a facility used for confinement...”, and extends further to process servers, tactical medics, and public safety dispatchers.

According to the Associated Press, Republicans, who called the legislation the “Back The Blue” bill said it is needed to provide a clear legal framework and show support for law enforcement officers faced with making split-second decisions.

Again please note here that the wording of the new bill contains terms that the bill failed to define the precise meaning of.

“We ask them to take care of us, keep us safe in our homes as we sleep at night. This bill will give them the assurances that we back them and back the blue,” Sen. Lance Bell, a former deputy sheriff, said. Bell said officers who act improperly can still be prosecuted.

The floor debate and opposition to the bill was intense. The bill passed on a 73-28 House vote and a Senate Vote of 25-6.

“HB 202 is a license to kill Black people. That’s what it is,” Sen. Rodger Smitherman, a Black Democrat from Birmingham, said.

Smitherman said departments have very good officers, but they also have officers who are “racist against Black people” or will make impulsive decisions because they are scared.

Sen. Merika Coleman, a Black Democrat from Pleasant Grove, said she fears the bill will protect “bad apples” in police departments. She described her worries that someone

might see her honors student son as a threat someday because of his tall frame and twisted locs.

Leroy Maxwell, a civil rights attorney based in Birmingham, said he is afraid the bill would embolden misconduct.

“Legislation like this paves the way toward a police state, where law enforcement operates above the law and without fear of consequence,” Maxwell said.

The Supreme Court Decision

On the same day Governor Ivey signed the new Alabama law the USSC handed down a unanimous opinion in Barnes vs. Felix (Docket 23-1239), overturning long-held standards of review for the acts of police officers. The holding discards the “moment-of-threat” rule, a framework for evaluating police shootings which requires a court to look only to the circumstances existing at the precise time an officer perceived the threat, and improperly narrows the Fourth Amendment analysis of police use of force.

In the Barnes case before the Supreme Court the respondent Felix, a law enforcement officer, pulled over a suspect for a toll violation. The event happened in Texas in 2016. He ordered Barnes to exit the vehicle, but Barnes began to drive away, whereupon the officer jumped onto the sill of the open driver’s door and fired two shots inside the car within seconds, eventually killing Barnes. The trial court granted summary judgment in favor of the officer, applying the “moment of threat” rule to evaluate his conduct. Under the “moment of threat” rule events leading up to the shooting are not relevant, therefore the officer could have believed his life was in danger in the seconds before his gun was fired, and the shooting was ruled lawful. Upheld by the 5<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court of Appeals.

On a sidenote, turned out that the toll violations were connected to the rented vehicle but probably not to the now deceased Barnes who did not own the vehicle.

In the opinion, written by Justice Kagan, she said “by limiting their view to the two seconds before the shooting the lower courts could not take into account anything preceding that final moment.”

In vacating lower courts and remanding, Kagan also wrote “A rule like that, which precludes consideration of prior events in assessing a police shooting, is not reconcilable with the fact-dependent and context-sensitive approach this Court has prescribed.”

In their Amicus Brief, The Constitutional Accountability Center wrote: “the moment-of-threat doctrine is at odds with the Fourteenth Amendment’s guarantee of protection from unfettered police discretion and police violence. Adopted in response to an epidemic of police abuse in the post-Civil War South, the Fourteenth Amendment extended the Fourth Amendment’s protections against unreasonable searches and seizures to the actions of state and local officers. During the debates on the Fourteenth Amendment, members of Congress denounced boundless arrest powers and described how police officers abused those powers to justify baseless and often violent seizures of Black Americans. Congress and the public were also spurred to action by notorious episodes in which the police led horrific massacres of Black Americans in two cities. Contrary to the Fourteenth Amendment’s focus on curbing police abuse, however, the moment-of-threat doctrine puts police officers in an elevated position relative to ordinary civilians, by shielding officers from accountability when they unreasonably use deadly force in response to crises of their own creation.”

“Unlike at the Founding, professional police forces today wield vast authority to stop and arrest people on little suspicion for even the most minor potential offenses. Given this dramatic expansion in police officers’ discretionary powers, it is all the more important for courts to ensure that their actions satisfy the Fourth Amendment’s reasonableness standard. The moment-of-threat doctrine frustrates that imperative, artificially stifling the Fourth Amendment inquiry by preventing courts from considering the full range of circumstances surrounding an officer’s decision to use deadly force on a private citizen.”

The New Alabama Law

Police immunity is not new to our state; there were existing applicable laws offering protections for lawful conduct. Alabama’s new law rewrites the Alabama law enforcement standard for reviewing the conduct of a law enforcement officer and grants immunity where an officer is acting within the new Alabama standard defined in the law. The holdings in the Su-

preme Court analysis of Barnes v. Felix may not be congruent with the well-intentioned Alabama legislative intent.

Civil rights attorney Harry Daniels opposed the law but doubted the overall impact on civil rights cases which could still be filed in federal court and will not be affected by the legislation.

There are other looming liability problems in this law for any person or organization that employs an off-duty police officer for event security work. That discussion is for another day.

It remains to be seen how the future courts will reconcile the recent SCOTUS opinion and Governor Ivey’s bold & expanded police immunity protections, even if the new law was well-intentioned by all of it’s supporters.

Policing is a challenging and dangerous job in today’s world and diligent law enforcement officers should be supported by all of us. Seeking to protect hard working law enforcement personnel is an honorable undertaking.

However; a balance of harms and protections for all citizens is required of our legislature. We should not create new laws that strip away or weaken fundamental constitutional protections and the opportunity to seek fair redress through our judicial system for citizens who are unfairly harmed by bad actors. An impenetrable shield of immunity for one side of the equation tips the scales of justice and can swing the balance of fairness and the scales of justice in the wrong direction.

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# COMMUNITY NEWS

## West Eoline News

From The Pen Of Jane Hannah

MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND - Twin Willows in Mars Hill, NC was a great place to be Friday night 5-23.

We enjoyed great food, listened to wonderful music and enjoyed the fire.

After a great brunch that morning, prepared by Marlin & Cathy Thompson, we shopped in Burnsville, refreshed at the Mars Hill Theatre and I spent a lot of money at the Barking Basement. Thanks Chad & Stacey for inviting me to join you for the weekend. This area of NC features many outdoor venues with live music and great food for picnic table, pet friendly dining that offers colas or wine. Our return drive Monday was partially wet but the traffic flowed well. Thanks Marlin, Jim & Chad for the secure loading of my purchases and Jim & Chad unloading.

CREEL REUNION reminder and place correction: Meet at 12:30 p.m. June 1st, Assembly of God Worship Center, 527 Montgomery Hwy, Centerville, AL.

REMINDER.....Decoration Day 1st Sunday June Memorial Singing at Lit-

tle Hope Primitive Baptist. .... Also the Creel Family Reunion starts with 12:30 lunch at Church of God Worship Center in Centreville.

Jo Hinson and granddaughter Giada (Nevada, IA) and Linda Creel Burke (Navarre Beach, FL) will be visiting with Jane Hannah several days this week. This will be the “happening place” for cards, food & fellowship with cousins.

Amy Ellison, Ruth Deason, Jo Kitchen, Diana Dailey, Anita Helms & Jane Hannah celebrated Amy’s birthday at Chow’s Country Buffet.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY this week Truett Caddis & Judy Meigs 5-31, Liam Marchant 6-1, Karen Hannah 6-2, Alvin George 6-3, Tripp Kitchen 6-4, & Joe Mathis 6-5.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY..... June 1st to Chad & Stacey Thompson ..... June 4th to Trey & Kara Hamilton. May you be blessed with caring and love for each other until the end of time.

Call 478-396-2513 to share your news.

## Centreville News

From The Pen Of Brenda Hubbard

Our deepest sympathy goes out to the family of Barbara Dean (Elliott) Freeman who passed away on May 11, 2025. Services were held on May 16, 2025. Barbara Dean will be greatly missed by her family and many friends.

The Cahaba River Crawl is scheduled for May 31, 2025 at 11:00 am. Make plans to attend this event.

The Joyful Hearts of Brent Baptist Church met on Monday, May 19, 2025 at 10:00am.

Birthday wishes go out to several that have birthdays in May, JoAnn Williams, Allen Wyatt, Ashley Pipher, David Tucker, Kenneth Wilson and Tyler Daughdrill.

Anniversary wishes go out to Zeke and Rosie Horton who recently celebrated their 59<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary.

Get well wishes and prayers go out to Tony Hobson who recently spent several days in the hospital.

Our deepest sympathy goes out to the family of Kathy M. Leatherwood who passed away on May 16, 2025. Services were held on May 22, 2025. Kathy will be greatly missed by her family and many friends.

Eric and Tonya Bigham recently celebrated their 16<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

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

Take Care and God Bless!



# Blessed Assurance

“Blessed Assurance” is one of the most beloved hymns in Christian worship, cherished for its powerful message of faith and the deep sense of peace it conveys. The hymn was born out of a remarkable collaboration between two extraordinary women in the 19th century: Fanny J. Crosby, a prolific hymn writer who was blind from infancy, and Phoebe P. Knapp, a gifted composer and organist. Fanny Jane Crosby was born in 1820 in Brewster, New York. At just six weeks old, she lost her sight due to an eye infection and a misguided medical treatment. Despite this, she developed a deep faith and a phenomenal memory, eventually memorizing large portions of the Bible. Over her lifetime, Crosby would go on to write more than 8,000 hymns, many under pseudonyms. Her hymns, marked by their warmth and sincerity, became an integral part of American evangelical culture. Phoebe Palmer Knapp was born into a wealthy and devout Methodist family. She was the daughter of Phoebe Palmer, a prominent evangelist in the Holiness Movement. Married to Joseph Fair-

child Knapp, a co-founder of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, Phoebe Knapp used her resources and talents to support Christian causes and was known for her musical abilities. The hymn “Blessed Assurance” was composed in 1873 during one of Fanny Crosby’s visits to the Knapp mansion in Brooklyn, New York. Phoebe Knapp had just finished composing a melody and played it for Crosby on the piano. After hearing it once, Fanny clapped her hands and exclaimed, “Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!” Inspired by the tune, Crosby immediately began to dictate the lyrics that would become the hymn’s first verse and refrain. The synergy between the melody and the words was so perfect that it seemed as though they were meant to be joined from the beginning. The lyrics reflect a confident and joyous proclamation of salvation and the believer’s relationship with Christ: Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine! Heir of salvation, purchase of God, Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood. This theme of assur-

ance—absolute confidence in one’s salvation through Christ—resonated deeply with Christians of the time, particularly within the revival and Holiness movements, and it continues to offer comfort and encouragement to believers today. “Blessed Assurance” quickly gained popularity and was included in many hymnals. It became one of Fanny Crosby’s most iconic works and is still widely sung in churches around the world. The hymn stands not only as a testament to Crosby’s lyrical gift but also as a shining example of collaboration, faith, and inspiration. Though Fanny Crosby faced significant challenges in her life, including poverty and the limitations imposed by her blindness, she often spoke of her condition as a blessing. She once said, “If perfect earthly sight were offered me tomorrow, I would not accept it... I might not have sung hymns to the praise of God if I had been distracted by the beautiful and interesting things about me.” “Blessed Assurance” remains a timeless declaration of faith, reminding believers of the steadfast hope and peace found in a life committed to Christ.

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Probate Office of Bibb County  
Case Number 2025-PC033  
Estate of Roy Glen Pratt Jr.**

Letters of administration of said deceased having been granted to Lori Boynton, as Personal Representative on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2025, by the Honor-

able Stephanie Kemmer, Judge of the Probate Court of Bibb County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

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**In the Probate Court of  
Bibb County, Alabama  
In Re: The estate of  
Betty Lou Shoults  
Deceased  
Case No. 2025PC034  
Notice to Creditors**

Take notice that Letters Testamentary have been granted to Michael K. Shoults, as Executor of the estate of Betty Lou Shoults, deceased on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of May 2025.

Notice is hereby giv-

en that all persons having claims against the estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Richard M. Kemmer, Jr. P.C.  
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PO Box 282  
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## SOLICITATION OF BIDS

**SOLICITATION OF  
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ATIONAL USE LIMITED  
LICENSES  
THE UNIVERSITY OF  
ALABAMA**

The University of Alabama is soliciting bids for the recreational use limited license on selected tracts of land located in Bibb, Fayette, Jefferson, Shelby, Tuscaloosa, and Walker Counties in Alabama. Offers for the Recreational Use Licenses must be submitted by sealed bids which will be publicly opened and read aloud at 1:00 pm (CDT) on June 24, 2025, at the Office of University of Lands and Real Estate Services, 1115 14th Street, Tuscaloosa, AL 35401. All bids must be received in the Office of University Lands and Real Estate Services, prior to the bid opening time, to be considered. Recreational Use Licenses include hunting, horseback riding, hiking, camping, mountain biking, etc.

All information on this year's tracts can be found online at the following address: <https://universitylands.ua.edu/bids/> or you may contact the Office of University Lands and Real Estate Services at (205) 348-3510.

Only bids which are submitted on the bid form prepared by the Office of University Lands and Real Estate Services will be considered. Bidders submitting bids on more than (1) one tract should print all pages of the bid form and submit a separate bid for each tract. If a bid is mailed, the bid should be posted in sufficient time to ensure its receipt prior to the bid submission deadline of 1:00 pm (CDT), June 24, 2025. The mailing address for bid submission is The University of Alabama, Attn: Office of Uni-

versity Lands and Real Estate Services, Box 870176, Tuscaloosa, AL 35487-0176. Mailed bids should be marked "Recreational Bid 06-24-2025 – with the County and Tract you are bidding on in the lower left-hand corner of the envelope for bid security. Bid forms can be emailed to the following email address: [bmfox@ua.edu](mailto:bmfox@ua.edu) but must be received by the deadline of 1:00 pm (CDT), June 24, 2025.

Successful bidders will be required to carry comprehensive general liability insurance with limits of not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence for bodily injury and \$1,000,000 per occurrence for property damage. Each bidder will be required to add the University as an additional named insured on all insurance policies. The certificate of insurance will be required upon the execution of the agreement.

Term of the recreational use license will be one (1) year and with the University's consent renewable for nine (9) renewal terms of one (1) year each. The annual fee will be due upon signing the agreement, with a 20% deposit due within five (5) business days of Acceptance of the winning bid. The annual fee for each renewal term will increase by two-and-one-half percent (2½%) above the prior year's fee, each subsequent year of renewal.

Minimum bid per acre is \$5.00. Bids below this figure will be rejected. The University reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids and to waive any informalities. Sub-leasing by the high bidders to another individual will not be allowed.

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**Notice of Mortgage  
Foreclosure Sale  
State of Alabama,  
County of Bibb**

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage executed by Patricia Bonds, originally in favor of One Reverse Mortgage, LLC, on September 14, 2010, said mortgage recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Bibb County, Alabama, in Mortgage Book 249, Page 314; the undersigned Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, not in its individual capacity but solely in its capacity as Owner Trustee for Onity Loan Acquisition Trust 2024-HB2, 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 Bibb County, Alabama, on July 8, 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, Ala-

bama, to-wit:

Land situated in the County of Bibb in the State of AL:

Lot Number 14, South Forty, a residential subdivision situated in the Northeast Quarter of Northwest Quarter and Southeast Quarter of Northwest Quarter, Section 23, Township 21 South, Range 6 West, Bibb County, Alabama, a map or plat of said subdivision being recorded in Map Book 2, Page 120 in the Probate Office of Bibb County, Alabama.

Said legal description being controlling, however the property is more commonly known as: 250 S Forty Loop, Woodstock, AL 35188.

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Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right

to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay 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 a non-refundable deposit of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00) in certified funds made payable to Bell Carrington Price & Gregg, LLC at the time and place of the sale. The balance of the purchase price plus any deed recording costs and transfer taxes must be overnighted in certified funds to the Law Office of Bell Carrington Price & Gregg, LLC at 339 Heyward Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Columbia, SC 29201. Bell Carrington Price & Gregg, LLC reserves the right to award the bid to the next highest bidder should the highest bidder fail to timely tender the total amount due.

This sale is made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by said mortgage, as well as the expenses of fore-

closure. 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.

If the sale is set aside, the Purchaser may be entitled to only a return of any tendered purchase funds less any applicable fees and costs and shall have no other recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee, or the Mortgagee's attorney.

THE BELOW LAW FIRM MAY BE HELD TO BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR, UNDER FEDERAL LAW. IF SO, ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. Bell Carrington Price & Gregg, LLC. 2100 Southbridge Pkwy, Suite 650, Homewood, AL, 35209. [www.bellcarrington.com](http://www.bellcarrington.com). File Number: 25-41589.

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**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-96S-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 pur-

pose 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](http://www.tblaw.com) TB File Number: 25-04337-CE-AL 05/16/2025, 05/23/2025, 05/30/2025

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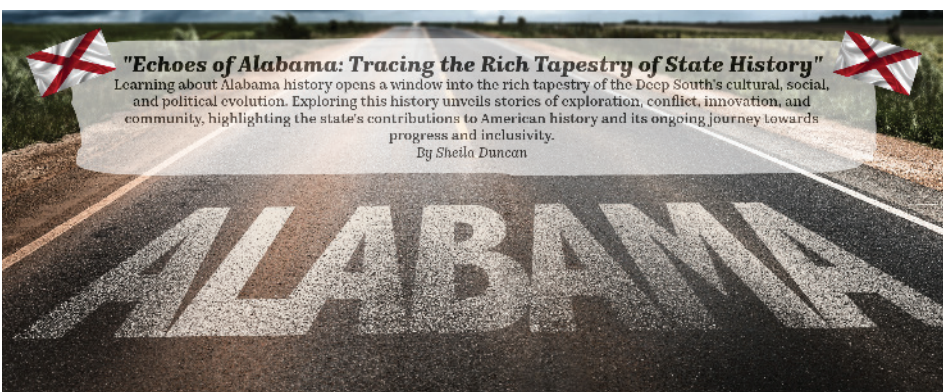
Welcome to our historical journey, where we delve into the rich tapestry of our past through the pages of The Centreville Press. Below, you will find articles from what we call the “morgue” – a collection of past articles that once graced our newspaper. These narratives provide a fascinating glimpse 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.

Battle of Centreville

Told by eye-witnesses  
Bibb was a settled, flourishing county with many plantations as well as industries before the War Between the States. An interesting bit of history, an eye-witness account of the ‘Battle of Centreville’ was given to me last week. Hand-written more than 60 years ago, this is not too legible, but I can make out this much, and I quote: Coming from the east, the invaders town on cavalry, stormed Centreville about noon, April 1st, 1865. After sacking the town and applying the torch to several hundred bales of cotton which belonged to the CAS (confederacy) and was sorely needed for the upkeep of the government of the Southland, the hemp ropes binding the cotton were chopped and much of the cotton was dumped into a deep gulch. After this the army went into camp on hillsides Gen Wison and his raiders and perhaps Gen Claxton too were the invaders. The General had by force of arms, established headquarters in the parlors of the writer’s home. The unwilling host asked the General where they would go next. He replied, “To Scottville and unless we meet Gen-

eral Nathan Bedford Forest.” The Yankees came back to Centreville, going into the same camp. With a smile the General said, “Well, we met General Forest.” The host saw spread out on the table a complete map of all of the streams and main roads of Bibb County, the finished work of a spy of engineering talent. During the day of April 2nd, the enemy had encountered General Forest to their sorrow, also had completed the destruction by torch of the great cotton mills and other Structures of Scottsville, the product of whose looms was sorely needed by the ragged army of the great Gen. Lee. This reverse movement across Bibb from Tuscaloosa, with the Yankee Army’s two stops on the bank of the Cahaba River, proved a forerunner of the battle of Centreville. Rebel scouts followed close in the wake of the enemy to Centreville bridge. Early April the Yankees broke camp, heading eastward. Two Yankees had gone on a forwarding mission earlier and returned on stolen mounts, bearing eggs and food from plan-

tations of Mayberry and Crawford. (Mr. Crawford was one of the signers of the Act of Secession) to find their army had decamped. Rebel scouts saw the men and began to fire. Two rifle balls pierced the head of one of the men. The other escaped and under full speed crossed through the town, following Randolph Road until he overlooked the regard of the army. By noon or before, the Yankees were once again in the village. The charge of the great army down the hill and out in front of the writer’s home will never pass from memory. A line of battle was quickly formed, the cannon wagons placed in position overlooking the river bridge. This scene was clearly visible from upstairs the garret window of the Kennedy home. (Mr. and Mrs. Josiah Kennedy no occupying the house). The Kennedys saw the cannon unlimbered and half a dozen practice shots made across the Cahaba River. The expected and feared General Forest did not appear and thus ended the near battle of Centreville with just one dead Yankee on the ground. The bridge was wooden with a shingle-covered roof. The Yankees applied the torch, a detail was ordered to bury the (one) dead, then they headed towards Selma. And so, ends the eye-witness account of the Battle of Centreville. The Kennedy three-story home is still there with few changes. I climbed those attic stairs last week. Some of the same old furniture is still there. Mrs. Josiah Kennedy and I, each granddaughters of Confederate veterans, were silent a moment as we considered old pictures and old books. Sue Pickett – 1971 (The Bibb Eagle December 1976)



Underground Birmingham



Little Cahaba Coal Company

Every year, a multitude of people make a pilgrimage to the old Piper community, located by the Cahaba River, to witness the lilies. Nevertheless, the truly captivating features are found in the trees along the riverbanks, specifically the Piper 1&2 Coal Mines. The community of Piper was named after Oliver Hazzard Perry Piper, who established the Little Cahaba Coal Company and was a business associate of Henry F. DeBardeleben. The Little Cahaba Coal Company operated two mines in Piper, and when combined with the nearby town of Coleanor, the population exceeded 2,400. Moreover, the surrounding area was home to numerous mines, including Blocton, Belle Ellen, Hargrove, Marvel, and over 100 smaller mines. The coal mined in Piper was shipped to Birmingham on the Louisville and Nashville Railroad. The final mine in Piper closed in the 1950s.



ACMAR mines stretcher

In the foreground, a stretcher designed by W.J. Lovejoy, a mine foreman at the ACMAR mines in 1914. This stretcher was designed to be placed on top of a mine cart or lumber wagon, allowing the injured miner to ride in relative comfort as if he was riding in the “invalid’s carriage” you will also see the brass in and brass out system, a way to keep track of the miners inside the mine.



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 appointing authori-

ty 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 19<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2025.  
Tracy Griffin  
City Clerk  
Centreville Press  
May 23, 30 & June 6, 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:1GCNCP4D2139251 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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NEWS

BC BOARD OF EDUCATION

Meeting Date: May 13, 2025

- 1. Call to order
- 2. Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance
- 3. Roll Call
- 4. Approval of Agenda
- 5. Executive Session: Personnel

- A. Request to approve the Superintendent's recommended Personnel Action List B.
- 6. Approval of the Minutes
- 7. Financial Report and Bank Reconciliations

A. Receive Financials and Bank Reconciliations for April 2025.

B. Request to approve Bills and Payroll for April 2025.

8. Consent Agenda Items-Contracted Services, Bids, Trips, etc.

A. Request to approve Library Media Procedure Manual, received April 15, 2025.

B. Request to approve Faculty and Student Combined Acceptable Usage Policy (AUP), received April 15, 2025.

C. Request to approve Bibb County High School track team to travel to Gulf Shores, AL, for the State Track Meet, April 30-May 5, 2025. Students will travel by school bus and have overnight stay.

D. Request to approve West Blocton High School softball team to travel to Montgomery, AL, for the Regional Tournament, May 5-7, 2025. Students will travel by school bus and have overnight stay.

E. Request to approve payment to Zoey Sellers to teach rifle routine for color guard, June 17, 2025, West Blocton High School. Payment of \$500 will be made from WBHS local school funds.

9. Consent Agenda Items-Personnel

A. Request to approve the retirement of Susan Young, Assistant Principal, Brent Elementary School, effective July 1, 2025.

B. Request to approve the retirement of Alan Kasper, Teacher, Bibb County High School, effective June 1, 2025.

C. Request to approve the resignation of Alyssa Wright, Teacher, Woodstock Elementary School, effective May 23, 2025.

D. Request to approve the transfer of Crystal Michelle Russell, CNP Worker, West Blocton Middle School to CNP Worker, Woodstock Elementary School, effective 2025-2026 school year.

E. Request to approve the transfer of Shelli Alexander from Elementary Teacher, Randolph Elementary School to Elementary Teacher, Centreville Middle School, effective 2025-2026 school year.

F. Request to approve the transfer of Kinnley Pennington, Elementary Teacher, Brent Elementary School, to Elementary Teacher, Woodstock Elementary School, effective 2025-2026 school year.

G. Request to approve the transfer of KeLee Johnson, Elementary Teacher, Brent Elementary School, to Elementary Teacher, Woodstock Elementary School, effective 2025-2026 school year.

H. Request to approve the employment of Rhonda Steele as Teacher, West Blocton Elementary School, effective 2025-2026 school year.

I. Request to approve the employment of Robert Lowell as Special Education Teacher, West Blocton Elementary School, effective 2025-2026 school year.

J. Request to approve the employment of Noah Wilder as PE Teacher, Woodstock Elementary School, effective 2025-2026 school year.

K. Request to approve the employment of Veronica James as Elementary Teacher, Centreville Middle School, effective 2025-2026 school year.

L. Request to approve the employment of Savannah Lucas as Special Education Paraprofessional Aide, Woodstock Elementary School, effective 2025-2026 school year.

M. Request to approve the employment of David Steele as Science Teacher, Bibb County High School, effective 2025-2026 school year.

N. Request to approve the employment of Monisha Ramsey as 12 Month Counselor, West Blocton High School, effective 2025-2026 school year.

O. Request to approve the employment of Kathryn Dunstan as Teacher, Brent Elementary School, effective 2025-2026 school year.

P. Request to approve the employment of Reco Dawson as Health/PE Teacher and Head Varsity/JV Boys Basketball Coach, Bibb County High School, effective 2025-2026 school year.

Q. Request to approve maternity leave for Kadi Caffee, Teacher, West Blocton Elementary School, from May 8, 2025, to August 4, 2025.

R. Request to approve maternity leave for Leanna Stephens, Teacher, Bibb County Preschool, from June 24, 2025, to September 2, 2025.

S. Request to approve the following for 21st Century CAST, Bibb County High School: Teacher: Kara Hudson

T. Request to approve the following Summer School teachers: West Blocton Middle School - Danielle Bivins, Amy Grindle

U. Request to approve the following for summer Math/Reading Camps: West Blocton Elementary School: Specialist- Jeanise Crim, Teachers - Kim Brundage, Tori Pierson, Lauren Pierson, Aide - Cassandra Rutledge, Randolph Elementary School: Specialists - Stephanie Simmons, Ashley Lawley, Specialists -Stephanie Simmons, Ashley Lawley, Randolph Elementary School: Specialists

- Stephanie Simmons, Ashley Lawley, Teachers -Tori Hatfield, Ethan Crocker, Karmen Deerman, Patricia Latham, West Blocton Middle School: Specialist: -- Bethany Sloan, Teacher -Adley Elkins

V. Request to approve the following for Jump-Start Kindergarten Programs: West Blocton Elementary School: Lead Teacher - Rebecca Moreno, Auxiliary Teacher - Tina McElroy

Randolph Elementary School: Lead Teacher: - Hailey Harris, Auxiliary Teachers: - Latisha McKenzie, Sali Simmons

W. Request to approve the following summer workers: West Blocton Elementary School: Cooper Boles, Ben Crim, West Blocton Middle School: Ryan Head, Bibb County High School: Kaige Watkins, Karl Tre Hedrick, Bibb County Career Academy: Tristen Morse, William McAfee

10. Regular Agenda Items Woodstock Elementary School, Ryan Head

A. Receive updated Diploma Option Requirements to include Option B.

B. Request to approve the employment of Allison Molus as PE Teacher, Centreville Middle School, effective 2025-2026 school year.

C. Request to approve the employment of Evon Sadberry as Part Time CNP Worker, West Blocton Elementary School, effective 2025-2026 school year.

D. Request to approve the employment of Kendra Babb as Part Time CNP Worker, West Blocton High School, effective 2025-2026 school year.

E. Request to approve Ivey Moreland as Head Volleyball Coach, Bibb County High School.

F. Request to approve the following as Summer School teachers: Bibb County High School, Melinda Collums, Kara Hudson, David Steele, Aaron Tinker, Blake Cook, Centreville Middle School, Delilah Williams, Katrina Ross, West Blocton High School, Brent Buckner

G. Request to approve the following for summer Math/Reading Camps: Brent Elementary School, Specialists: Tiasha Hamilton, Ryan Phelps, Teachers, Sholanda Steele Crystal Hendrix, Hope Sellers, Connie Owens, Maye Lockett, Chandra Minor, Candis Farrington, Kayce McKenzie, Woodstock Elementary School, Specialists: Crystal Cook Amanda Greene, Teachers: Emily Hobson, Daphne Adams, Kinnley Pennington, Lynn Nelson

Cris Martin (sub), Centreville Middle School: Specialist -Melanie Worrell, Teacher: Katie White

H. Request to approve the following as CNP summer workers: Misty Boothe Amanda Harrell, Rita Roose, Sherry Findley, Regina Thomas, Amy Phillips, Viola Howard Lindsey Hassell, Candace Martin, Debra Smith LaGrone

I. Request to approve the resignation of Matt Hughey as Assistant Middle School Baseball Coach, Centreville Middle School, effective May 12, 2025.

J. Request to approve the following summer workers: Woodstock Elementary School Ryan Head

K. Request to approve Bibb County High School baseball team to travel to Oxford, AL and Jacksonville, AL, for the AHSAA State Baseball Championship, May 12-May 14, 2025. Students will travel by personal cars and have overnight stay.

L. Request to approve payment to AAA Environmental Services, for stripping and waxing of hallways and common areas at the following schools, June-July 2025. Payment of \$24,840 will be made from district general funds.

11. Information Items

A. The Superintendent, based on the recommendation of the local school Principal, has made the following reassignments for the 2025-2026 school year:

B. Called Board Meeting: Thursday, May 22, 2025, at 2:00 PM

C. Board Work Session: Wednesday, June 4, 2025, at 10:00 AM

D. Board Meeting: Tuesday, June 10, 2025, at 5:00 PM

12. Superintendent Remarks

13. Request to adjourn

Autism Support Group is back!

SPECIAL TO THE PRESS

Saturday, June 7 BMC Wellness center Gym 1:30pm a special Basketball Game will be held to support the kickoff.

Our local celebrities (first responders) will be in attendance to play a game of basketball with kids and

Adults with special needs and disabilities. It's free and welcome to everyone

The Autism Support Group is sponsored by Kaye Culp, LPC from Culp Counseling.

This is where family and friends on the spectrum can meet once a month to share

their advice with others and bounce ideas on how to handle situations and obtain information and resources

If you would like more information contact

Kaye Culp culpkaye@gmail.com

Ryan Thompson 205-225-4287

Exploring the Best Campgrounds in Alabama: Nature, Adventure, and Southern Hospitality

BY WHITNEY BUZBEE REPORTER

Alabama, often known for its rich history and southern charm, also boasts an impressive variety of landscapes perfect for outdoor enthusiasts. From the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains to the serene shores of the Gulf Coast, Alabama offers some of the best campgrounds in the Southeast. Whether you're a seasoned camper or a weekend warrior, there's a spot in the Heart of Dixie waiting for your tent or RV.

1. Gulf State Park – Gulf Shores Located on Alabama's Gulf Coast, Gulf State Park is a premier destination for beachside camping. The park features over 500 improved campsites with full hookups and access to modern amenities. Nature trails, white-sand beaches, freshwater lakes, and a nature center make it ideal for families and wildlife lovers. Kayaking, fishing, biking, and sunbathing are all within arm's reach.

Highlights: Two miles of beach Hugh S. Branyon Backcountry Trail

On-site swimming pool and tennis courts

2. Cheaha State Park – Delta Nestled in the Talladega National Forest, Cheaha State Park is home to Alabama's highest point. The park is a haven for hikers and mountain bikers, with miles of scenic trails, including a segment of the Pinhoti Trail. Campers can choose from primitive sites, full-hookup RV spots, and even CCC-era stone cabins.

Highlights: Cheaha Mountain (2,407 feet)

Breathtaking overlooks Access to Lake Cheaha

3. DeSoto State Park – Fort Payne Located on Lookout Mountain, DeSoto State Park is a

beautiful gem known for waterfalls, dense forests, and rugged terrain. With 94 full-service campsites, as well as primitive camping areas and backcountry sites, it caters to all kinds of campers. The park is also close to Little River Canyon National Preserve, another natural wonder.

Highlights: Over 25 miles of hiking and biking trails

Seasonal waterfalls Nature programs and guided hikes

4. Wind Creek State Park – Alexander City Situated on the shores of Lake Martin, Wind Creek State Park is one of the largest state-operated campgrounds in the U.S. With over 600 campsites, including waterfront locations, it's a favorite for anglers, boaters, and water sports enthusiasts.

Highlights: 1,444-acre park on Lake Martin

Fishing pier and marina Equestrian trails and picnic pavilions

5. Oak Mountain State Park – Pelham Just south of Birmingham, Oak Mountain State Park is Alabama's largest state park. It offers something for everyone—mountain biking, horseback riding, golfing, and even a wildlife center. The campground includes modern and primitive sites, making it suitable for both glampers and purists.



BRENT ELEMENTARY HONOR ROLL

Second Grade A/B Honor Roll: Aumireya Abercrombie, Reese Allen, Rhett Clements, Brayden Corley, Jaxon Downs, Waylen Frazier, Angel Gonzalez, Harper Hall, Parker Hudson, Lilli Kommegay, Jack Phelps, William Alvarado, Caden Smith, Chase Council, Joshua Ramos-Mulul, Virginia Davis, Nova Stone, I'Leayah Billingsley, Catherine Cook, Mac Downs, Sadie Gann, Grant Hines, Adlee Holifield, Blakely Holifield, Braxton Stevens, Ania Wilson, Andrew Briggs Wirmsberger, Bryson Corley, Jackson Crumpler, Cameron Heard, Annabelle Holmes, Emory Kinard, Monroe May, Elijah Pickering, Luke Whatley, Adalyn Williams, Ava Bray, Ma'Liyah Farley, Yehayli Lopez Cifuentes, Paizlee Maynor and Khaleb Moore.

Second Grade A/B Honor Roll: Jaidon Ingram, Noah Jackson, Kingston Johnson, Adalida Kennedy, Major Tidwell, Jeremy Bell, David Burns, Kaiden Cash, Zaylan Holifield, Delaney Kunz, Liam Rice, Alyssa Bailey, Allison Giron, Peyton Graves, Lucas Hobson, Al-ley King, Keinijah Leverette, Jason Lewis, Josiah Rutledge, Addison Sims, TreyShawn Tabb, Ambrielle Ward, Camden Acker, Oak-lynn Acker, Alberth Albarado Cano, Thea Guthrie, Ava Allen, Tegan Coffin, Easton Duncan, Malik Thomas, A.J Abercrombie, Grace-lynn Chandler, Emily Donaldson, Sarah Dunlap, River Miller, Logan Oats and Aubinie Sanders.

Third Grade A Honor Roll: Bradley Colburn, Titus Farley, Saylor Geohagan, Keleigh Howell, Jace Hudson, Beau Huffman, Jalaila King, Braxton Sanders, Kanen Smith, Aleigh Taylor, Coleigh Taylor, Zoey Thomas, Avery Williams, Gannon Burns, Jade Crocker, Justice Dobyne, Aaliyah Melton, Kyla Parker, Jayce Taylor, Jorja Tyner, Acen Batte, Kashlyn Burton, Sadie Gilbert, Jayden Gorce, Elijah Guy, Colin Hubbard, Malachi Jackson, Reagan Melton, Fran Mitchell, Halle Moore, Colton Smitherman, Ki-yaan Steward, Andrew James, Cesar Molina Mazariego, Natalie Nichols, Aiden Phillips, Maggie Roberts, Johnny Smith, Gavin Sudsberry, Riley Carter and Lexi Taylor.

Third Grade A/B Honor Roll: Ayden Buzbee, Darian Crews, Giavoni Holifield, Zaya Owens, Matthew Shirley, Paris Sims, Darius Underwood, Nicholas Cash, Akeelan Naugher, Tomaze Abercrombie, Nevaeh Cleveland, Brayden Davidson, Ali Abercrombie, Zeppelin Caldwell, Ariana Cole, Lanaysia Holifield, Jimmy Haynes, JaKenah Hudson, Hazel Martin, Brantley Ray, Juddson Merriman, Harlyn Wingard, Nakaysia Anderson, Brayden Rinehart, Kaitlyn Sanders, Greyson Traugher, Jeh'dynce Lockett, Kobe Clark, Melisa Cruz, KyLah DeHart, Carter Haynes, Jakai-lynn Hudson, Karsin James, Thalia Montgomery, Elijah Purifoy, Joi Stacy, Kateyanna Tabb, Keath-er Bray, Khloe Childs, Markayla Coleman, Madi Dennis, Macey Duncan, Sebastian Hagood, Kri-syln Johnson, Rosalie Martin, David Portillo, Brayson Ray, Keniyah Ross and Ryder Spain.

Fourth Grade A Honor Roll: Anslee Burns, Holden Foster, Mason James, Presley Vining, Kena-di Watkins, Kenley Allen, Kaleb Boothe, Callie Ann Colburn, Spencer Dulaney, Kenzley White, Kayden Clark, Kolbee Hoggle, Riley Phillips, Piper Stano, Tessa

Wells, Aayush Bokhani, Markell Cash, Mary Bradley Clark, Marshall Gray, Alayan Moore, Joyanna Moore, Karys Jo Perkins, Kashion Price, Izaiah Tucker, Jace Watkins, Addy Watkins, Cierra Anderson, Isaiah Cash, Ahmad Collins, Silas Evans, Trent Gilbert, Ryder Hardy, Camya Jackson, Canyon Jackson, Derek Johnston, Bradlee Leverette and Rylee Neal.

Fourth Grade A/B Honor Roll: TyLashia Abercrombie, Aaliyah Acosta, Kortlyn Bolding, Ava Burton, Baron Jones, Kolt Kornegay, TaQuoia McQueen, Zoey Owens, Amberlynn Belvin, Amar Collins, Keagan Greene, Karsen Holifield, Connor Jackson, Madison Martin, Ava Thomas, Kinsley Turner, Callie Watkins, Cianna Anderson, Jamaurius Anderson, Kamala Anderson, Jaryan Bell, Aaron Holifield, Cora Moore, Gavin Moore, Trayvon Cash, Jaxson Flippo, Weston Medders, Haeven Mitchell, Kharter Moore, Ava Payne, Karmen Sexton, Chloe Sheppard, Khloe Thompson, Jabari Underwood, Amillyis Wooley, Raven Baugh, CaLyah Dukes, Dixon Dunlap, Justice Grayson, Tray'Marius Moore, Junior Javier Ramos, Sophie Vining and TyLiah Worthey.



Words of Wisdom from page 3

This woman had to push her way into the middle of a crowd. She had to fight against all those people to make her way close enough to touch Jesus. This was no small act. It required strength and courage. It forced her out of her comfort zone into a place where she was within arm's reach of the man she had heard so much about. She knew her target was just the hem of His robe. She had planned out her strategy, clearly and concisely.

And it worked. Her determination allowed her to fight the crowd and her fears to get close enough to find His healing power.

Are you determined to find the healing you want? How do your actions demonstrate that determination?

4. Jesus called her Daughter.

Jesus always went above and beyond—and He still does. You see, Jesus healed the woman's physical issue. But, He also healed her emotional problems. He removed her filth. He removed the labels that kept her in bondage. He took away her shame. He declared she was not unclean, but had been made whole.

She was a daughter.

She was no longer an out-cast; she had a place of belonging. She was no longer unclean; she was washed white as snow. She was now a symbol of courage, a woman to be talked about for the rest of eternity.

He rescued her from her life of isolation and placed her in a family, the family of God.

What healed this woman? Was it her determination? Was it her desperation? Was it her

deliberation? No. It was her faith. It may have only been a shred of faith after years of fruit-lessly seeking healing, but it was enough.

How's your faith? Maybe you are barely clinging to faith. Maybe you have given up on finding the healing—physical, mental, or emotional—you so desperately need. Maybe you have struggled with your faith, and you've all but given up on prayer.

But, there's something that won't let you completely walk away. That's all the faith you need to find the healing you so desperately want. Just a small seed of faith, enough to give you the courage to try one final act of desperation.

That's enough faith to find your miracle, to find the healing Jesus has to offer.

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Bibb Correctional Facility Celebrates National Correctional Officers Week

SPECIAL TO THE PRESS

Bibb Correctional Facility celebrated National Correctional Officers Week May 5<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>

The hospitality committee at Bibb Correctional Facility did an amazing job honoring staff and officers during the appreciation week. Correctional Officers are the unsung heroes of law enforcement and often go unnoticed for their bravery and sacrifice by the public. Corrections week gives the staff the opportunity to be reminded of their appreciation and dedication to the department.

During the week, a Beach Theme set the tone. Decorations included Beach balls and sand buckets. A swimming pool filled with drinks completed the beach vibe atmosphere.

Each day was celebrated as follows:

Monday, May 5<sup>th</sup> staff celebrated Cinco De Mayo with Tacos with all the fixings,

Tuesday May 6<sup>th</sup> staff were treated with a goodie bag filled with snacks such as chips, candy bars, crackers, and Gatorade to show appreciation.

Wednesday May 7<sup>th</sup> Staff were treated to a delicious breakfast hosted by the facility's TM and Prison Fellowship Volunteers

Thursday May 8<sup>th</sup> and Friday May 9<sup>th</sup> staff were treated to Lunch. Staff enjoyed lunch and fellowship the menu included salad, wings, baked beans, and banana pudding. Sgt Orlanda Walker kept the grill fired up with his grill master skills.

Saturday, May

10<sup>th</sup> Church of the Highland served staff Chick-fil-A.

Door prizes were given out during the luncheons. The Luncheon wouldn't been possible without the following for donating : Food Outlet cost plus 10, Juanes, First US Bank, BC Nutrition, The Centreville Press, Rocko's, Mt Zion Baptist Church, Bama Direct, Bibb County Lake, Bibb County Save-a Life, Norris Chiropractic, Funky Flamingo, Brent Centreville Public Library, Culp Counseling, Cahaba Flowers, Huff-

man Candle Co, Pizza Hut, Veteran's Café, G&H Building Supply, 1<sup>st</sup> Financial Bank- Centreville, First US Bank of Woodstock, Jack's Pharmacy , Advanced Auto, O'Reilly, Tiger Hut, G&S Tires, Dana's Delight, Sawmeal Restaurant, Hometown Café, Foodland ( Woodstock) McKinney's and J&S Drugs.

The Executive Team and the hospitality committee appreciates everyone for the contributions for Corrections Week.

(Submitted by Ryan Thompson)





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