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## Carrying on the Family Legacy: Local Broker Steps Up to Lead Claire Realty

BY SHEILA DUNCAN  
REPORTER

For nearly her entire life, Centreville has been home to Stephanie Claire Scott, who moved here with her parents from Idaho when she was just 18 months old. Now, after decades of watching her family build a respected name in local real estate, she is stepping into a leadership role at Claire Realty to carry on the family's legacy.

Married to Jackie Scott for 31 years, she and her husband have raised two sons in Centreville: Ryan Scott, who works at Burkes Mechanical, and Bryant Scott, who will begin a new position with Premier Electric this July.

In 2019, she obtained her real estate sales license and officially joined the family business. Her dedication to the craft quickly grew, and after completing a six-week online course via Zoom, she passed the broker's exam and became a licensed real estate broker in July 2024. She is now an associate broker with Claire Realty.

"I always knew I wanted to keep the family business going," she said. "Real estate is in my blood. My mom has worked so hard to build Claire Realty, and I didn't want to see that legacy end."

Her journey in real estate is backed by deep roots. She earned her degree in business from the University of Alabama in

1995 and brings not only education but also a personal touch to her work. "I like to think of my clients as family," she said. "I treat them how I'd want someone to treat my own children. It's all about looking out for their best interests."

Claire Realty holds the distinction of being the only real estate company with an actively operating office in Centreville, a point of pride for the family and their commitment to the community.

Real estate runs deep in her lineage. Her paternal grandfather, Lester Claire, was a broker in Chetek, Wisconsin, along with his wife, Thelma, who was a licensed agent. They operated the original Claire Realty from 1962 to 1979. Her mother, Iva Claire, earned

her real estate license in 1982 and later opened the current Claire Realty office in Centreville in 1987 with her husband, Tom Claire. Both Iva and Tom were licensed professionals, with Tom also serving as a certified general appraiser.

Now, with her mother looking to slow down, the next generation is ready to step in. "I plan to continue developing my skills and learning everything I can," she said. "I'm proud to carry on the work my family started, and I want to continue to serve our community with the same dedication they've shown for generations."

With a foundation built on family values, experience, and a true love for Centreville, the future of Claire Realty looks to be in good hands.



## Celebrating Independence Day in West Blocton: A Cherished Community Tradition

BY WHITNEY BUZBEE  
REPORTER

Each year, the town of West Blocton, Alabama, comes alive with patriotic spirit as residents and visitors gather to celebrate the Fourth of July. This annual event, held at the West Blocton Town Park, offers a blend of traditional festivities and heartfelt community engagement.

The celebration typically kicks off in the late afternoon, around 4:00 PM, transforming the town park into a hub of activity. Attendees can enjoy a variety of family-friendly attractions, including games, bounce slides, and live en-

tertainment. Local vendors set up booths offering food, crafts, and other goods, contributing to the festive atmosphere.

A significant aspect of West Blocton's Independence Day celebration is the tribute to veterans and active-duty military personnel. The event often begins with a ceremony recognizing these individuals, reflecting the community's deep appreciation for their service.

As the sun sets, the festivities continue with live music performances that bring the community together in song and dance. The highlight of the evening is a spectacular fire-

works display, lighting up the night sky and providing a fitting conclusion to the day's celebrations.

West Blocton's Fourth of July celebration is more than just an event; it's a reflection of the town's strong sense of community and pride. The enthusiastic participation of residents and the efforts of local organizers ensure that this tradition continues to thrive, bringing joy and unity to all who attend.

For more information on upcoming events and how to participate in West Blocton's Independence Day festivities, visit the Town of West Blocton Facebook page.

## Teresa Averette Honored with Trustmark President's Club Award

BY SHEILA DUNCAN  
REPORTER

Teresa Averette, Retail Market Manager for Trustmark Bank, has received the prestigious Trustmark President's Club Award, an honor reserved for the top 25% of producing branches out of 108 locations. This recognition highlights outstanding performance in loan and deposit growth, as well as exceptional customer satisfaction.

Teresa, who will celebrate her 26th year with Trustmark this July, manages not only the Centreville branch but also oversees two branches in Demopolis and one in Selma. Her passion for serving her community, her customers, and supporting her staff shines through in every aspect of her work.

The President's Club Award is a significant achievement that reflects Teresa's dedication and leadership. She was proudly presented the award by Andy Stewart and Linwood McClain of Trustmark.

Congratulations, Teresa, on this well-deserved honor!



## Sparkles, Sunshine & Sisterhood: Meet Miss Petite Cahaba Lily 2025, Jovi Cox!

BY SHEILA DUNCAN  
REPORTER

We are overjoyed to announce that sweet Jovi Cox has been crowned Miss Petite Cahaba Lily 2025, and her family's hearts are overflowing with pride and joy!

Jovi is the beloved daughter of Dan and Kate Cox of Woodstock, Alabama, and the cherished little sister of her two older brothers, Dax and Jett, who absolutely adore her. The Cox family calls a cozy farm home, nestled beside the house of Jovi's grandparents, lovingly known as Tam Tam and Big Daddy. Life on the farm is full of joy—whether it's the sounds of chickens clucking, their pot-bellied pig Junie snorting, or the happy barks of their four dogs: Ludo, Lettie, Sugar, and Gus.

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# JUNE

## Community Calendar



June 17th- The Bibb County Democratic executive meeting is meeting June 17, 2025, at 6 p.m. at the Sawmeal Restaurant. Marsha Sturdevant will be our guest speaker, chair of the Shelby County Democratic executive committee.

June 20th-21st - Griffin Farms Rodeo! Gates open at 6:00. Rodeo at 8:00 p.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 4th- Fourth of July Celebration at West Blocton Town Park at 4pm

July 6th- Homecoming at Jhontown Baptist Church on July 6, 2025 with special guests. Service & Singing at 10:30 am, Covered Dish Lunch at 12 pm & Afternoon Singing at 1 pm.

July 12th - Celebration on the Green

July 14th-July 18th - 2025 Aquaculture/Aquaponics 101 Teacher Workshop, 8:00am-12:30pm, E.W. Shell Fisheries Center, 2101 N. College St., Auburn, AL 36830

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.

August 22nd: 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

## BCCA students win 1st place in the 2025 Microsoft Office Specialist State Championship Spring Qualifier

### SPECIAL TO THE PRESS

Certiport, a Pearson VUE business, the leading provider of performance-based IT certification exams that accelerate academic and career opportunities for learners, is pleased to announce the winners of the 2025 spring qualifier of the Microsoft Office Specialist Alabama State Championship.

Winning 1st in the Microsoft Office Specialist PowerPoint (Office 2019) category is Makayla Reese Barboza from Bibb County Career Academy/West Blocton High School. Winning 1st in the Microsoft Office Specialist Word (Office 2019) category is Lonnie "Alex" Bearden from Bibb County Career Academy/West Blocton High School. Makayla and Alex competed against students from across Alabama to earn this coveted placement.

To compete in the spring qualifier, students aged 13 to 22 were eligible to participate in one of six competition tracks by submitting a qualified, passing score on the Microsoft Office Specialist Word, Excel®, or PowerPoint® certification exams by May 2, 2025. The first-place winners will get to represent Alabama at the upcoming 2025 Microsoft Office Specialist U.S. National Championship in Dallas, Texas.

"We have seen amazing results from the Microsoft Office Specialist program at our school as students learn and validate key workforce skills," said Kendel Johnson,

Instructor. "The Microsoft Office Specialist U.S. National Championship further motivates them to earn certification, and we are proud of these students who have proven to be the best in our state. We know they will go on to make us proud at the competition in June."

During the national competition, these first-place winners will compete in their exam track, network with other top students from around the country, and be celebrated. One winner per track will be named the champion and earn a trip to represent the United States at the 2025 Microsoft Office Specialist World Championship in Orlando, Florida.

"The title of 'Microsoft Office Specialist Champion' will serve these students well in both their academic and career pursuits. Not only have they proven they are the best in their state at using Microsoft Office products effectively, but they also have an important distinction to place on their resume, which shows a desire to learn and validate in-demand skills," said Dr. Gary Gates, Managing Director, Pearson VUE.

Certiport's Microsoft Office Specialist, backed by Microsoft, is an industry-recognized certification program that assesses students' Microsoft Office skills and prepares them for real-world application of their knowledge.



Makayla Barboza MOS PPT 1st Place



Alex Bearden MOS Word 1st Place

## Jovi Cox

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Their days are spent outdoors tending Big Daddy's vegetable garden, helping Tam Tam's flower beds bloom with zinnias and pumpkins, and enjoying family fun like golf cart rides, dirt bikes, and movie nights under the stars. From spontaneous splash days at the Cahaba River to surprise parties at the family pavilion, the Cox farm is a haven of love, laughter, and lasting memories.

Jovi is surrounded by an even bigger circle of support from her extended family. Her grandmother Nonna, the youngest of ten siblings, and Papa are always up for an adventure—and Jovi never misses a chance to tag along for some fun with them.

What makes Jovi truly one of a kind is her remarkable resilience. She is the only documented child in the world with Usher Syndrome Type 4, a rare genetic condition that affects both hearing and vision. Yet despite the challenges, Jovi's radiant joy, strength, and determination light up every room she enters. She's a shining example of how courage and love can overcome anything.

Her journey into pageantry began with a simple wish. One day, she saw her mom watching a friend's daughter in a pageant and said, "I want to do that too." Though her mom, Kate, admits she was never the "girly" type growing up, Jovi opened a new world filled with sparkle, bows, and dresses. "She is my opposite in so many ways," Kate said. "But I've always believed my children should be free to follow what makes their hearts light up."

And that's exactly what Jovi did. She stepped onto that stage with confidence and grace—and walked away with a crown. But for the Cox family, this victory goes far beyond pageantry.

"Jovi's win isn't just about a title," Kate shares. "It's about embracing uniqueness, celebrating strength, and believing in magic—especially the kind that shows up in the most unexpected ways."

The young pageant queen shared all the sweet details of her experience in a fun and heartfelt interview.

When asked what her favorite part of the pageant

was, Jovi shared, "Spending time and playing games with my pageant friends in our dresses!" Dressed like royalty in a beautiful yellow gown inspired by Belle from Beauty and the Beast, Jovi described it with pride: "It was long and flowy and had diamonds all over the top."

Although she didn't perform a talent this time, Jovi's favorite part was simply "getting dressed up like a princess." And when her name was called as the winner? "So happy!" she exclaimed.

Helping her get ready for her magical moment were her mama and her Tam Tam, who always do her hair and makeup at Tam's salon. In the crowd (and via FaceTime) cheering her on were Mama, Dada, Tam Tam, Nonna, and many beloved family members and friends.

After winning, Jovi had a celebration fit for a queen: dinner at her favorite restaurant—what she adorably calls "Mexican Gardens" (La Tortilla in Woodstock)—followed by cashing her prize check and a special shopping spree at Claire's. "I bought rings, earrings, makeup, and hair clips!" she said.

When it comes to who inspired her pageant journey, Jovi didn't hesitate to name Lucy Helland, Miss Ultimate USA Jr Teen. "She is my mom's friend's daughter and helped coach me." She is the reason Jovi started!

Jovi shared that when she feels nervous, she takes deep breaths and recites her affirmations: "I am kind, I am

helpful, I stand up for what's right." This helps her feel confident and brave.

If she could wear her crown anywhere, it would be "to Disney World with all the princesses," she declared. And what does she want to be when she grows up? "A face painter/makeup artist, because I love art stuff and colors and making things more beautiful."

And if Jovi were queen for a day? Her first royal decree would be that "everyone has to play trumpets. Everybody stands in line when they see me while I wave!"

Finally, her advice to any little girl dreaming of being in a pageant: "Follow your heart."

With her heart of gold, shining spirit, and a crown to match, Jovi Cox is truly a queen in the making.

Congratulations to Miss Petite Cahaba Lily 2025, Jovi Cox! You make Woodstock proud.



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## MEET RYAN THOMPSON: BRENT'S RELAY FOR LIFE LEADER AND FULL-TIME "BUSY MOM"

BY SHEILA DUNCAN  
REPORTER

If you've ever attended a Relay for Life event in Bibb County or walked through the halls of Bibb Correctional Facility, there's a good chance you've crossed paths with Ryan Thompson. Known for her infectious energy, love for her community, and passion for giving back, Ryan has made Brent not just her home—but her mission field.

Ryan has worked at Bibb Correctional for over 21 years, beginning her career in 2004 as a Radio Operator in Central Control. Today, she serves as an Account Clerk in the Business Office, juggling numbers by day and events by night. She's also the proud event lead for Relay For Life of Bibb County and volunteers with Kay Culp of Culp Counseling, supporting the local Autism Support Group.

At home, life is just as lively. Ryan is mom to 6-year-old Braden Gar-

diner, who will be entering first grade at Brent Elementary this fall. Her mother, Vonda Thompson, set the family's caring example with over two decades of work at Bibb Medical Center Nursing Home. Their family is rounded out by BAM-BAM, their loyal dog of 12 years, and a goldfish

who's been part of the crew for over four. I asked Ryan some fun questions, let's see what she has to say.

What's your go-to "mom fuel" — coffee, sweet tea, or something stronger? Diet Pepsi is my go to All day every day.

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## At-Home Beekeeping Series Learn from Home!

BY SHEILA DUNCAN  
REPORTER

Presented by the Alabama Cooperative Extension System, this free online series is perfect for beekeepers of all experience levels. Join from the comfort of your home using a computer or

mobile device and enjoy monthly sessions packed with helpful tips and updates on current beekeeping topics. Each session ends with a live Questions and Answers.

Held the last Tuesday of each month from 6:30–7:30 PM. The next session will

be held June 24 Series will be "Detecting Viruses in the Hive" with Guest Speaker: Liz Walsh, USDA Agricultural Research Service

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The Heart of Helping Others

BY WHITNEY BUZBEE  
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“Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.” – Philippians 2:4 (ESV)

Helping others is not just a kind act—it’s a calling. As followers of Christ, we are invited to live beyond ourselves, to reflect the love of Jesus in both word and deed. In a world that often shouts “look out for number one,” God whispers a different message: serve one another in love.

Be the Example of Jesus  
Throughout the Gospels, Jesus models what it means to help others. He didn’t just preach truth—He lived it. He fed the hungry, healed the sick, wept with the grieving, and spent time with the outcast. Helping wasn’t a task on His to-do list; it was part of His heart. When Jesus washed the disciples’ feet (John 13), He demonstrated the humility

and service that should define our lives. He told them, “I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you” (John 13:15). To help others is to walk in the footsteps of our Savior.

Helping others isn’t always convenient. It often means putting our schedules, comfort, or resources aside. But the impact goes far beyond the moment. A simple act of kindness—a meal delivered, a prayer spoken, a listening ear—can soften a heart, open a door, and even lead someone to Christ. When we help others, we embody the Gospel. We become living examples of grace, compassion, and selfless love. It’s not about receiving praise or recognition; it’s about pointing others to the One who helps us all.

You don’t have to solve every problem or fix every situation. Sometimes the most powerful help is found in the smallest ges-

ture. A smile to a stranger. An encouraging text. A meal to a family in need. A ride to church. These actions, fueled by love, are never wasted.

Galatians 6:9 encourages us: “Let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.” Even when it feels like no one notices, God sees. And He uses every act of kindness for His purpose.

This week I encourage you to think on these questions:

Who in your life could use help, encouragement, or support this week?

What’s one small step you can take today to serve someone else?

How has someone’s kindness impacted your life?

Helping others isn’t just a good deed—it’s a way of life for those who follow Jesus. May we never forget that when we serve others, we are serving Him.

Bruce Rutledge Outreach Ministry Celebrates 22 Years of Service

BY WHITNEY BUZBEE  
REPORTER

The Bruce Rutledge Outreach Ministry is set to mark a significant milestone as it celebrates its 22nd anniversary on Sunday, July 6, 2025, at 3:00 p.m. The celebration will be held at the Lily Star District Building, located at 10600 Highway 5 in Brent, Alabama.

This year’s theme is drawn from Psalm 133:1 — “Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!” The event promises to be a joyful gathering of faith, fellowship, and gratitude for over two decades of dedicated ministry and

outreach.

Rev. Eddie Morgan, Pastor of New Hope Baptist Church in Randolph, Alabama, will be the guest speaker for the occasion. Known for his passionate preaching and community involvement, Rev. Morgan is expected to deliver a powerful and uplifting message that aligns with the spirit of unity and purpose that has defined the ministry’s mission.

All churches, choirs, groups, and soloists are invited to come worship together in celebration. The anniversary program will be led by Master of Ceremony, Bro. Bobby Washington, who will guide

the evening’s events with warmth and enthusiasm.

The Bruce Rutledge Outreach Ministry has served as a beacon of hope and a source of support for the Brent community and surrounding areas. As it enters its 23rd year, the ministry continues to build on a strong foundation of faith, service, and togetherness.

This anniversary celebration is not just a reflection of the ministry’s past but also a testament to the enduring impact of unity in Christ. All are welcome to attend and take part in this special event honoring a legacy of outreach and inspiration.



The History of “Beulah Land”: A Hymn of Hope and Heaven

“Beulah Land” is one of the most beloved hymns in Christian tradition, evoking images of peace, promise, and eternal rest. Often sung at homecomings, funerals, and revival meetings, the hymn has stirred generations with its message of spiritual longing and assurance. Its title, Beulah, comes from the Bible and represents a metaphor for Heaven or the Christian’s ultimate union with God. But behind its poetic verses lies a rich history rooted in scripture, revivalism, and Southern gospel heritage.

The term Beulah is found in Isaiah 62:4, which reads: “Thou shalt no more be termed Forsaken; neither shall thy land any more be termed Desolate: but thou shalt be called Hephzibah, and thy land Beulah: for the Lord delighteth in thee, and thy land shall be married.” In this passage, Beulah means “married,” symbolizing the restoration and covenant relationship between God and His people. Over time, Christian writers and preachers began to interpret Beulah Land as a symbolic place—a spiritual realm between the trials of life and the glory of Heaven, a place of peace and divine assurance.

The most famous version of “Beulah Land” was written by Edgar Page Stites in 1876, with music composed by John R. Sweney. Stites, a former riverboat pilot and Union soldier during the Civil War, was also a Methodist lay preacher. His hymn “Sweet By and By” had already found widespread popularity, but it was “Beulah Land” that truly sealed his legacy. Stites reportedly

wrote the hymn during a period of deep reflection, inspired by the joys and challenges of his faith journey. He described “Beulah Land” as a glimpse of the peace that believers experience as they grow closer to God—before reaching Heaven itself.

The hymn begins:  
“I’ve reached the land of corn and wine,  
And all its riches freely mine;  
Here shines undimmed one blissful day,  
For all my night has passed away.”

These words paint a picture of a spiritual oasis—where sorrow is gone and the believer basks in the presence of the Lord. The chorus proclaims:

“O Beulah Land, sweet Beulah Land,  
As on thy highest mount I stand,

I look away across the sea,  
Where mansions are prepared for me.”

The lyrics evoke themes of pilgrimage, longing, and hope—reflecting the Christian’s journey through life toward eternal rest.

“Beulah Land” gained popularity during the post-Civil War revival era, especially in the American South. It became a staple of tent meetings and church hymnals, cherished for

its comforting message. Over the years, gospel singers like Squire Parsons, Carroll Roberson, and The Gaither Vocal Band recorded their own versions, keeping the hymn alive in modern worship.

Interestingly, there are multiple songs titled “Beulah Land,” including the popular Southern Gospel rendition by Squire Parsons written in 1973, which begins:

“I’m kind of homesick for a country

To which I’ve never been before...”

Though different in lyrics and melody, both hymns share the same spirit of yearning for Heaven and rest in God’s presence.

Today, “Beulah Land” remains a treasured piece of Christian hymnody. Whether sung by a choir or softly echoed at a graveside service, its message continues to offer hope, peace, and the promise of eternal life. It reminds believers that even in life’s trials, there is a place of spiritual joy—where God dwells, and sorrow cannot follow.

In a world of change, “Beulah Land” endures as a timeless anthem of faith, beckoning every weary soul to lift their eyes toward the promise of home.

### NOTICE OF MUNICIPAL ELECTION

I hereby give notice that on Tuesday, August 26, 2025, an election will be held for the purpose of electing a Mayor, and five Councilmembers. The office of Councilmember will be by place number with five places to be filled, one through five. All registered and qualified electors of the state who reside within the corporate limits of the City of Centreville, Alabama, and have resided therein for 30 days or more immediately preceding the election, and who are qualified to vote in the county precinct which embraces and covers that part of the corporate limits of the City of Centreville, Alabama, in which the elector resides will be authorized to participate in said election. The polls will be opened at no later than 7:00 A.M. and remain open without recess or adjournment until 7:00 P.M. and no longer. Qualified voters will vote at the Centreville City Hall in Centreville, Alabama.

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Mt. Grove Baptist  
938-3410

Mt. Moriah Baptist  
West Blocton 926-5425

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Brent 926-9280

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Centreville 926-3867

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Randolph Baptist 366-4296

Reno Baptist Church  
Caffee Junction 477-5058

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Centreville 926-4115

Rehobeth Baptist  
Lawley 663-2907

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Shady Grove Baptist  
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Nazarene  
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# COMMUNITY NEWS

## Centreville News

From The Pen Of Brenda Hubbard

Our deepest sympathy goes out to the family of Ruby Jean McMillan Mayfield Calhoun, age 98, who passed away on May 31, 2025. Services were held on Monday, June 2, 2025 at Brent Baptist Church with burial in Brent Cemetery. Ms. Ruby Jean will be greatly missed by her family and many friends.

Sympathy also goes out to the family of Arlas Caffee, Jr., age 95, of West Blocton who passed away on May 30, 2025. Services were held on June 4, 2025 at Ada Chapel Methodist Church.

Belated birthday wishes go out to Mr. Marlon Leach who celebrated his 88<sup>th</sup> birthday recently. All of his family gave him a cook-out for this special occasion. We want to wish Mr. Marlon many, many more Happy Birthdays to come!

Birthday wishes go out to several that have a birthday in June; June Cox, Kinley Tidwell, Bobbie Parker Headley, Bruce Grahamm, Ken Kinard, Julie Darden, Koty Watts, Mary Owens, Margie Kinard, Cayman Tidwell, Betty Wyres, Farrah Conway

Daniel, Barbara Wilson Smitherman, Jane Hogg, Jean Stevens, Kat Caffee, Joseph Meigs and Joe Arnold.

Anniversary wishes go out to Holland and Brittany Luce who recently celebrated their wedding anniversary.

Sympathy goes out to the family of Betty Rigdon, age 85, who passed away on May 31, 2025. Graveside services were held on Thursday, June 5, 2025 at Pineland Cemetery. Betty will be greatly missed by her family and friends.

Sincere sympathy goes out to the family of Reuben Hubbard who passed away on May 29, 2025. A memorial service was held on June 7, 2025 at 2pm at Rockco Funeral Home, Centreville, AL. Reuben will be missed greatly by his family and many friends.

Anniversary wishes go out to Mickey and Mandy Nix who recently celebrated their wedding anniversary.

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

## West Eoline News

From The Pen Of Jane Hannah

My home was the gathering place last week. While Cousins Jo Hinson & Linda Burke were here. We had drop in visits from Wayne Deason, Geneva Mullins, Jo Kitchen, C H Deason, Diana Dailey, Peggy Marchant & Janice Deason. Each evening we enjoyed card games and laughter. Yes, we had some good food too.

The Dominos were on the table on my arrival at Chad & Stacey Thompson's Wednesday evening. It was fun to play but better with four when our friend Jim arrived Thursday.

Thanks Jim Kirkendall for sharpening the mower blades. He was a long weekend guest of Chad & Stacey Thompson and enjoys staying busy and helping others.

Prayers please for Amy Ellison. She had another fall Friday and an ER treatment to put hip back in place. It looks like a "big surgery" is in future plans.

Saturday, I was blessed to visit my grandsons in Albertville. First stop was with Jeremy, Blakely, Haven and Harper at their new home. Then, on to see Jonathan, Bianca and Maddox at their new home. Bianca was busy making fancy little cakes (petit fours) commissioned for a baby shower. I tasted some delicious samples. It was wonderful to see my Hannah men and their loves. The drive home was

a little tiresome, dealing with a few storms.

Dezi Franklin celebrated her June 9th birthday on Sunday with her parents. Stacey Thompson prepared her daughter's favorite meal centered around Chicken & Dressing. Celebrating and enjoying the lunch, games and fellowship with her were Chad, Jim, Deanna and Grandpa, Fred Boothe. I joined the group a little late and taught them to play Chase the Spades.

SYMPATHY to the family of Ms Ruby Jean McMillan Mayfield Calhoun. This precious woman was much loved by everyone that knew her. Service was held Monday afternoon at Brent Baptist Church where she was a faithful servant. She was born in 1926, lived a long and fruitful life; mentoring to many in the ways of Christian love. We will miss you Miss Ruby.

Mike & Brenda Vessels will be visiting Mom, Jo Kitchen June 13 & 14th. Also, visiting other family while they are here. They live in Jacksonville, FL and vacationed in the NC Mountains; stopping in between.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY Geneva Mullins 6-17, Brenda Rinehart 6-18, Sharon George & Nell Stripling 6-19, Bonnie Levert 6-20.

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

# Plain & Simple

*"Slow down and enjoy the simple pleasures in life"*

By: Sheila Duncan

## Reuben Roll Ups

Ingredients:  
8 large flour tortillas  
1 lb corned beef, thinly sliced  
8 slices Swiss cheese  
1 cup sauerkraut, drained  
½ cup Thousand Island dressing  
2 tablespoons butter, melted  
1 teaspoon caraway seeds (optional)  
Instructions:  
Preheat oven to 375°F (190°C).

Lay out a tortilla and spread a tablespoon of Thousand Island dressing over it.

Layer with slices of corned beef, a slice of Swiss cheese, and a spoonful of sauerkraut.

Roll up the tortilla tightly and place seam-side down in a greased baking dish.

Repeat with the remaining tortillas and fillings.

Brush the tops of the roll-ups with melted butter and sprinkle with caraway seeds if desired.

Bake for 15-20 minutes until the tortillas are golden and the cheese is melted. Slice and serve warm with extra Thousand Island dressing.

Notes:  
For a crispier texture, broil for the last 2-3 minutes.

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## PROBATE NOTICE

**Legal Notice  
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-

**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-

**In the Probate Court of Bibb County, Alabama  
In Re: The estate of Robert W. Rogers, Jr. Deceased  
Case No.2025PC039  
Notice to Creditors**

Take Notice that Letters of Administration having been granted to Robert W. Rogers, III as Administrator/trix of the estate of Robert W. Rogers, Jr., on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of May of 2025, by the Honorable Judge of Probate of Bibb County, Alabama.

**In the Probate Court of Bibb County, Alabama  
In the matter of the estate of:  
Bernard Henderson II, Deceased  
Case No. 2025PC041  
Publication Notice**

Letters Testamentary of said deceased, Bernard Henderson II having been granted to James Michael Elam on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2025, by the Hon. Stephanie W. Kemmer,

**In the Probate Court of Bibb County, Alabama  
In the matter of the estate of  
Robert Allen Thurman, Deceased  
Case No. 2025PC040  
Notice of Publication**

A Petition for Summary Distribution of the estate of Robert Allen Thurman, deceased, pursuant to Alabama Code 43-2-692 (Alabama Code 1975) having been filed by the decedent's son, Robbie Thurman, in the Probate Court of Bibb

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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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.  
Attorney for the Executor  
PO Box 282  
1124 Walnut St.  
Centreville, AL 35042  
Centreville Press  
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Judge of the Probate Court of Bibb County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against the estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred. James Michael Elam  
Michael L. Murphy  
Attorney at Law  
44 Court Square East  
PO Box 38  
Centreville, Al 35042  
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County, Alabama, notice of the same is hereby given, and that 30 days after the notice of publication hereof and pursuant to law the Court shall be requested to enter an order directing summary distribution of the estate of said decedent.

Anthony B. Johnson  
Johnson Law Firm, LLC  
Attorney at Law  
PO Box 188  
60 Court Square West  
Centreville, AL 35042  
Centreville Press  
June 13, 2025

**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.  
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.  
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Municipal Road Paving

The project consists of furnishing all labor, tools, materials, and equipment for milling, paving, road repairs, and resurfacing a portion of one (1) residential street within the Town of Woodstock: Shamblin Woods Road Inspection of the site prior to submitting the bid is mandatory.

All bids must be on bid forms provided in the Specifications and submitted in their entirety. A certified check or bond payable to the Town of Woodstock for not less than five percent (5%) of the bid amount, not to exceed \$10,000.00, must accompany each proposal. Workmen's Compensation, Public Liability and Property Damage Insurance, Performance, Labor and Material Bonds & Town of Woodstock

Business License will be required.

Bid documents may be examined at the Office of Building Inspector, Woodstock Town Hall, located at 28513 Highway 5, Woodstock, Alabama 35188, phone number (205) 331-2448; inspector@townofwoodstockal.com.

No bids will be considered unless the bidder, whether resident or non-resident of Alabama, is properly qualified to submit a bid for this construction in accordance with all applicable laws of the State of Alabama. This shall include evidence of holding a current license from the State Licensing Board for General Contractors, Montgomery, Alabama, as required by Chapter 8 of Title 34, of the Code of Alabama, 1975. In addition, non-residents of the State, if a corporation, shall show evidence of having qualified with the Secretary of State to do business in the State of Alabama. Each bidder must be prequalified

with the Alabama Department of Transportation and shall be responsible for knowledge of and compliance with the Alabama Public Works Bid Law, Alabama Code Section 39-1-1, et seq. Bids will be received from experienced contractors who have successfully completed projects of similar scope.

In addition, bids shall be clearly identified on the exterior of the package with the bidder's name, address, the name of the project being bid, and time and place of the bid opening. No bid may be withdrawn after the scheduled closing time for receipt of bids for a period of sixty (60) days. The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive technical errors if the best interest of the owner will thereby be promoted. All bids received after the date and time of the bid opening noted above will be returned unopened.

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## ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

**TOWN OF WOODSTOCK  
PUBLIC NOTICE  
ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS  
MUNICIPAL ROAD PAVING PROJECT #3**

Sealed bids for the "Municipal Road Paving Project #3" will be received by the Town of Woodstock at Woodstock Town Hall, located at 28513 Highway 5, Woodstock, Alabama 35188, until 5:00 P.M. CST on Monday, July 7, 2025, and then publicly opened and read aloud in Council chambers, Woodstock Town Hall, at 5:00 P.M. Bids received either by hand delivery or mail after the specified date and time will not be considered.

A mandatory site visit is required to bid on the project. Contact the Building Inspector (205) 331-2448; (inspector@townofwoodstockal.com) to schedule the site visit.

Bids should be returned in a sealed envelope clearly labeled, "Municipal Road Paving Project #3", Town of Woodstock, Alabama, and return ad-

**SOLICITATION OF BIDS  
FOR RECREATIONAL 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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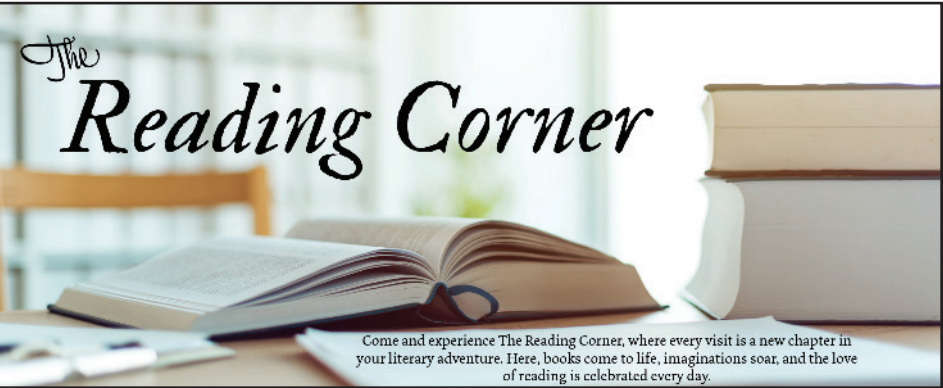
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BY WHITNEY BUZBEE REPORTER

The Cahaba River, winding gently through central Alabama, is a vital part of the state's natural, cultural, and environmental history. As Alabama's longest free-flowing river, the Cahaba stretches approximately 194 miles, originating in St. Clair County and eventually merging with the Alabama River near Selma. Known for its exceptional biodiversity and scenic beauty, the Cahaba has also played a significant role in the development of Alabama's communities, industries, and environmental

conservation efforts. The Cahaba River's name is believed to have originated from the Cahaba (or Cahawba) people, a Native American tribe once part of the larger Muscogee (Creek) Nation. Long before European settlers arrived, Indigenous tribes relied on the river for fishing, transportation, and agriculture. As European settlers moved into the region during the 18th and 19th centuries, the Cahaba River became a key geographical feature for settlement and commerce. Its fertile banks supported early plantations and communities, and its waters powered mills and supported riverboat

transportation. One of the most historically significant sites along the Cahaba is Old Cahawba, located near the river's confluence with the Alabama River. In 1819, the town of Cahawba was designated as the first capital of Alabama. However, due to frequent flooding and political disputes, the capital was moved to Tuscaloosa in 1826. Cahawba faded into a ghost town, but today it serves as a historical and archaeological site that draws visitors interested in Alabama's early statehood. Ecologically, the Cahaba River is one of the most biologically rich river systems in the

United States. It is home to: Over 135 species of freshwater fish, More than 50 species of freshwater mussels, Dozens of rare and endemic plant species, including the iconic Cahaba Lily (Hymenocallis coronaria) The Cahaba Lily, which blooms briefly in late spring, has become a symbol of the river's uniqueness and resilience. The Cahaba Lily Festival, held annually in West Blocton, celebrates this natural marvel and raises awareness of river conservation.

Despite its beauty, the Cahaba River has faced significant environmental pressures over the years. Urban development, agricultural runoff, and industrial pollution have threatened its waters and wildlife. In the 20th century, the growth of the

Birmingham metropolitan area put stress on the river through increased demand for water and waste discharge. In response, numerous conservation efforts have taken root. Organizations such as the Cahaba River Society and The Nature Conservancy have worked tirelessly to protect the river through advocacy, education, clean-up initiatives, and habitat restoration. Their work has helped preserve the Cahaba as a source of drinking water for thousands and as a haven for wildlife.

Today, the Cahaba River is not just a historical relic or a scientific treasure—it is a place of recreation, inspiration, and community connection. Canoeing, kayaking, hiking, birdwatching, and photography are popular activities that draw people

to its serene banks. As Alabama continues to grow, the Cahaba River serves as a powerful reminder of the need to balance progress with preservation. Its story is one of survival—through floods, human impact, and changing times.

The history of the Cahaba River is deeply intertwined with the story of Alabama itself. From Native American heritage and early statehood to ecological wonders and modern conservation, the Cahaba continues to flow through time—quietly shaping the land and the lives around it. By honoring and protecting this natural resource, we ensure that future generations will also be able to stand at its banks and witness the beauty and history of Alabama's beloved river.



LEGALS

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE

**STATE OF ALABAMA COUNTY OF BIBB NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE** Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage and security agreement executed by EARNESTINE EATON BARGER A/K/A EARNESTINE BARGER, a single person, and BOBBY LEE ALBRIGHT and TRACI DIANE BARGER, a married couple, on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of July 2023, to 21<sup>ST</sup> MORTGAGE CORPORATION, as recorded in Real Property Book 412, Page 146, in the office of the Probate Judge of Bibb County, Alabama; 21<sup>ST</sup> MORTGAGE CORPORATION, as Mortgagee, by reason of such default having declared all of the indebtedness secured by said mortgage and security agreement

due and payable and such default continuing, notice is hereby given that, acting under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and security agreement, and as authorized by Section 7-9A-604(a)(2) of the Code of Alabama of 1975 as amended, 21<sup>ST</sup> MORTGAGE CORPORATION, as Mortgagee, will sell at public outcry, for cash to the highest bidder, in front of the Courthouse door, in the City of Centreville, Bibb County, Alabama, during the legal hours of sale on July 9, 2025, the following described real and personal property situated in Bibb County, Alabama, to-wit: A parcel of land located in the SE 1/4 of the NW 1/4, Section 13, Township 24 North, Range 9 East, Bibb County, Alabama, described as follows: Commence at the Northwest

corner of said 1/4 - 1/4 section; thence run South 89°31'45" East along the North boundary 378.00 feet to an iron and the Point of Beginning of this description; thence continue along the same line South 89°31'45" East 378.00 feet to an iron on the West right of way of Old Highway No. 5; thence run along said right of way South 17°13'20" West 159.45 feet to an iron where said right of way intersects with the North boundary of a 30 foot easement; thence run along the North boundary of said easement North 88°54'20" West 337.69 feet to an iron; thence run North 02°37'58" East 149.11 feet to the point of beginning. AND ALSO, the following described easement: An Easement 30 feet in width for the purpose of ingress-egress whose centerline is described as fol-

lows: Commence at the NW corner of the SE 1/4 of NW 1/4, Section 13, Township 24 North, Range 9 East, Bibb County, Alabama; thence run South 02°37'58" West 160.00 feet; thence run South 88°54'18" East 113.72 feet to a point in the centerline of said easement and the Point of Beginning of this description; thence run along said centerline South 48°54'20" East 597.33 feet to a point on the West right of way of Old Highway No. 5, said point being the termination of said easement. INCLUDING a security interest in one (1) 2023 Hamilton manufactured home, Serial No. HH22AL13270; together with the hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging and all fixtures now attached to and used in connection with the premises herein described. This property will be sold on an "as is, where is" ba-

sis, subject to any easements, encumbrances, and exceptions reflected in the mortgage and those contained in the records of the office of the Judge of Probate of the county where the above-described property is situated. This property will be sold without warranty or recourse, expressed or implied as to 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. Said sale will be made sub-

ject to any existing Federal Tax Lien, if any, and/or Special Assessments, if any, which might adversely affect the title to the subject property. Said sale will be made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by the above-described mortgage, and the proceeds thereof will be applied as provided by the terms of the said mortgage. This sale is subject to postponement or cancellation; contact Margery Oglesby at the phone number shown below prior to attending the sale. Kristofer D. Sodergren Attorney for 21<sup>st</sup> Mortgage Corporation ROSEN HARWOOD, P.A. 2200 Jack Warner Pkwy Ste 200 P.O. Box 2727 Tuscaloosa, AL 35403 (205) 344-5000 Centreville Press June 13, 20 & 27, 2025

**MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE NOTICE** Under and by virtue of the powers contained in certain mortgage executed by MARK OWENS and WIFE, KIRSTIN OWENS, to JEFF RUSSELL, dated July 1, 2024, recorded under RPB Book 2024 Page 4860, in the Probate Office of Bibb County, Alabama, default having been made in payment of the indebtedness secured by said mortgage and in the performance of

the terms of said mortgage, the undersigned, having declared due and payable the entire indebtedness secured by said mortgage, will, within the legal hours of sale on July 14, 2025, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash at the Court Square East entrance of the Bibb County Courthouse at Centreville, Alabama, the following described real estate, situated in BIBB COUNTY, ALABAMA:

A parcel of land containing 050 acres, located in the NW 1/4 of the NW 1/4, Section 15, Township 22 South, Range 6 West, Bibb County, Alabama, described as follows: Commence at the Northeast corner of said 1/4-1/4 section and run South 0 degrees 19 minutes 23 seconds West along the East boundary 167.50 feet to an iron pin, said point being the point of beginning; thence continue on the same line

167.54 feet; thence run North 89 degrees 57 minutes 39 seconds West 130.0 feet; thence run North 0 degrees 19 minutes 23 seconds East parallel to the East boundary of said 1/4-1/4 section 167.54 feet to an iron pin; thence run South 89 degrees 57 minutes 39 seconds East 130.0 feet to the point of beginning, subject to an easement 25 feet in width along the East boundary. ADDRESS: 29 Stormi

Lane, West Blocton, AL 35184 Source of Title (Mortgage): RPB Book 2024, PG 4860, Probate Office of Bibb County, Alabama 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 proceeds of said sale shall be distributed and applied in accordance with the terms of said mortgage. JEFF RUSSELL ROBERT SCOTT DOOLEY, P.C. Attorney for Mortgagee 118 18<sup>th</sup> Street North Bessemer, Alabama 35020 CENTREVILLE PRESS June 13, 20 & 27, 2025

**NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER FORECLOSURE NOTICE** WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms and conditions of a mortgage from SHANAISHA L. BRAY, UNMARRIED WOMAN AND LARRY ABERCROMBIE, UNMARRIED MAN to MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS INC. AS MORTGAGEE, AS NOMINEE FOR HAMILTON MORTGAGE CORPORATION., on the 18th day of July, 2024, said mortgage recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Bibb County, Alabama, on July 30, 2024, in Deed/Mortgage Book 2024, Page 5687, Bibb County, Alabama Records, said Mortgage having subsequently been transferred and assigned to NewRez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing, by instrument recorded in the aforesaid Probate Office; notice is hereby given that the undersigned NewRez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing, 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 at the front steps of the Bibb County Courthouse

located at 35 Court Square East, Centreville, AL 35042 in Centreville, Bibb County, Alabama, on July 15, 2025, during the legal hours of sale, all of its right, title, and interest in and to the following described real estate, situated in Bibb County, Alabama, to-wit: LOT 6, ACCORDING TO THE SURVEY OF HOLLY HILLS, PHASE 1, AS RECORDED IN MAP BOOK 3, PAGE 19, IN THE OFFICE OF THE JUDGE OF PROBATE OF BIBB COUNTY, ALABAMA. Said legal description being controlling, however the property is more commonly known as 74 HOLLY LANE, CENTREVILLE, AL 35042. 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 property will be sold on an "as is, where is" basis, subject to any easements, encumbrances, and exceptions reflected in the mortgage and those contained in

the records of the Office of the Judge of Probate in the county where the above-described property is situated. This property will be sold subject to the right of redemption of all parties entitled thereto and subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, whether or not now due and payable). This sale is made for the purpose

of paying the indebtedness secured by said mortgage, as well as the expenses of foreclosure. 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.

NewRez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing, Mortgagee/Transferee 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. Rubin Lublin, LLC, Attorney

for Mortgagee/Transferee 3145 Avalon Ridge Place, Suite 100, Peachtree Corners, GA 30071 Telephone Number: (877) 813-0992 Case No. SHP-25-02390-1 Ad Run Dates: 06/13/2025, 06/20/2025, 06/27/2025 rlselaw.com/property-listing Centreville Press June 13, 20 & 27, 2025

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VACCINATIONS FOR CHILDREN

ONLINE AUCTION Bidding Ends Thursday, June 19<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM CT Professional Office Building on 1.5± Acres Birmingham, Jefferson County, AL

The property is located at 2604 and 2610 Center Point Parkway These (2) parcels will be Offered Individually or as a Whole.

OPEN HOUSE: Dempsey Representatives will be on-site Monday, June 9<sup>th</sup> from 1:00-4:00 PM CT or by appointment. Contact Lou Dempsey for your personal tour.

BIDDING: The Bidding process will be ONLINE only through our MarkNet Platform. The Bidding Period BEGINS Monday, June 9<sup>th</sup> and ENDS Thursday, June 19<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM.

TERMS & CONDITIONS: 10% Buyers Premium. 10% Down on Sale Day with the Balance Due on or Before 30 Days from Sale Day.

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# NEWS



## Community Connect from page 2

Have you ever taken a work call in the carpool line? Be honest! Yes! Tina Sanford has called to pick up coffee creamer or something from the store. Lol

What’s one task you wish you could outsource forever — laundry, dishes, or helping with homework? Laundry

What’s your secret weapon for keeping the family calendar from total chaos? There is no secret

What’s your favorite local event or tradition that brings everyone together? Of course I am going to say Relay for Life. This event brings family, friends, schools and the

whole county together as a whole to Honor our Survivors and Remember those who lost the Fight. It gives everyone the opportunity to enjoy the performances from the local schools and performers and raise funds for the American Cancer Society. Relay has an annual Pageant and Community Easter Egg Hunts. I Hope this organization will continue to grow and more will be involved.

If you had one free day to volunteer anywhere in the community, where would you go? Speaking of volunteering I would love for our Miss and Mister Relay for Life pageant Winners to be involved in the community events as the

Queens from Neighboring c\ Counties. Our community has a lot to offer, and I personally couldn’t just pick one day and one organization. I do believe I would be doing some type of fundraiser for Relay for Life.

What’s something your community does that makes you proud to live there? I really like the events the community has such as Celebration on the Green, Parades and the variety of sports the kids can participate in. The Miracle League of Bibb County is something new and much needed for our community.

Have you ever said “yes” to one too many committees? (How’d that go?) Well Relay for Life is the First weekend

in May and National Corrections Week in the second week of May, so I am really busy for the first two weeks of May trying to give 100 percent to both.

What’s a small act of kindness you’ve seen in the community that made a big impact? Everyone comes out and supports community events and people still open doors.

What’s one thing you do just for you — no guilt allowed? I go to Fit Life on the weekends and my me time and I must watch any new episodes of THE ROOKIE.

Which TV movie mom do you relate to the most — and why? I just can’t relate to any Movie mom or TV Moms I would love to be Candace Cameron Bure who played in Hallmark Movies. One of my coworkers, Faylor Rutley (from Moundville) says I am between Reese Witherspoon in Legally Blonde and Olivia Benson from Law and Order:

SVU because I find out the who, what when and where and how. I am straight to point, and I get the job done.

What’s your “mom superpower” that your kids (or co-workers!) would totally agree with? I think talking is my superpower. I just love to talk my nick name at work is “33/40”. And my son Braden talks just as much as I do.

What’s the funniest thing your child has said about your job or community work? Oh, Braden is funny. you never know what he is going to say. A few years back he said he wanted to be correctional Officer, and he would let all the prisoners out. Now he says he is going to be the Warden so he can be the Boss. He pretends to be an officer in Walmart sometimes He says “Code Red Aisle 23 “while talking into a shirt tag. On a positive note, He loves to help with Relay for Life. He is on the commit-

tee as a Youth Volunteer. We used two of his suggestions this year He wanted to have the Kiss the Pig contest, and he suggested the students at his school (Brent Elementary) sing the National Anthem. So, we rolled with both ideas, and he is a BIG help too. He will help hide Easter Eggs during community Egg Hunts, but he doesn’t understand he can’t finds eggs he has hidden... lol

If you could create a bumper sticker that sums up your life, what would it say? BUSY MOM

Some fun questions with some fun answers!

“Exploring your community allows you to uncover its hidden gems and forge meaningful connections with your neighbors.” Thank you, Ryan Thompson, for taking the time to answer our questions so that we may get to know you and your family on a more personal level.”

## 2025 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report

(Monitoring Performed January through December 2024)

### GREEN POND WATER SYSTEM

PWSID AL0000093

19639 Eastern Valley Road

Woodstock, AL 35188

205-938-9367

We are pleased to provide this Annual Water Quality Report to you. This report provides information on the sources of our water, the results of water analyses, important information about water and health, plain language definitions, and contact information. Our goal is to provide you with a dependable supply of good quality drinking water. We want you to understand the efforts we make to continually improve the water treatment process and protect our water resources.

<b>Water Sources</b>	1 spring producing from the Fort Payne aquifer (located in Woodstock) 2 groundwater wells producing from the Conasauga aquifer (Boothe well at Industrial Park, Weeks well at Eastern Valley Road in McCalla)
<b>Water Treatment</b>	Chlorination for disinfection
<b>Storage Capacity</b>	5 tanks with a total capacity of 1,880,000 gallons
<b>Number of Customers</b>	Approximately 3035 service connections
<b>Emergency Connections</b>	Warrior River W.A., West Blocton Water, and Citizens Water
<b>Board Members</b>	Travis Wildman, President Morris Parker, Vice President Jeremy Miller, Member Philip Roper, Member
<b>Superintendent</b>	Kenny Boyd
<b>Field Manager</b>	Anthony Veal
<b>Greg McFarland, Member</b>	Jim Mullinax, Member Stacey Smith, Member

### Source Water Protection

In compliance with the Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM), Green Pond Water System conducted a Wellhead Protection Plan (WHPP) that assists in protecting our water sources. This report provides information such as potential sources of contamination. It includes a susceptibility analysis, which classifies potential contaminants as high, moderate, or non-susceptible to contaminating the water source. A copy of the WHPP is available in our office for review during regular business hours with prior request. Green Pond Water System is happy to announce we have developed a new well, the Boothe Well, and completed a Source Water Assessment Plan on that source. The susceptibility analysis portion of the Source Water Assessment Program (SWAP) for the Boothe Well was performed January 27, 2022. We submitted the final documents to ADEM, and the final ranking of the contaminants has been completed.

Green Pond Water System routinely completes a water storage facility inspection plan and utilizes a Bacteriological Monitoring Plan. The required chlorine residual is maintained throughout our distribution system to protect your drinking water from possible outside contaminants. We have also established a Cross-Connection Policy to insure safe drinking water for our customers. Please help us make these efforts worthwhile by protecting our source water. Carefully follow instructions on pesticides and herbicides you use for your lawn and garden, and properly dispose of household chemicals, paints, and waste oil. We ask that all our customers help us protect our valuable water sources, which are the heart of our community, our way of life, and our children’s futures.

### Information on Lead

As required by ADEM, we conducted a Lead Service Line Inventory during 2024. Lead service lines were not found in our distribution system, nor are there any records of Lead service lines ever being in our system. From the main lines to the customer meter, most of the materials are copper tubing or PVC. There is a very small section of lines that are of materials we can’t classify. The Lead Service Line Inventory report and results from our latest round of Lead/Copper sampling are available for review in our office upon request.

Lead is rarely found in source water but is primarily from corrosion of materials and components in home plumbing. Your water system is responsible for providing high quality drinking water but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. As required by federal and state agencies, we utilize an outside laboratory to analyze the samples we monitor for Lead. If present, elevated levels of Lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women, young children, and immunocompromised individuals. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Center for Disease Control (CDC) make the following recommendations:

- Before using any tap water for drinking or cooking, flush your water system by running the taps you use for drinking or cooking on COLD for 1–2 minutes. Flushing can minimize the potential for lead exposure, especially if the water has been sitting undisturbed for several hours, as in overnight.
- In all situations, especially for making baby formula, drink or cook only with water that comes out of the cold tap. Warm or hot tap water is more likely to cause lead to leach from plumbing materials.
- Periodically remove the aerator on the tip of the faucet and wash out any debris such as metal particles.
- Remember - Boiling will NOT reduce the amount of lead in your water.

The actions recommended above are likely to be effective in reducing lead levels because most of the lead in household water usually comes from the plumbing in your house. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from [www.epa.gov/safewater](http://www.epa.gov/safewater) or by calling the EPA Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791. Water systems are required to sample for lead in schools and licensed child care facilities as requested by the facility. Contact your school or child care facility for further information about potential sampling results.

### General Information

All drinking water, including bottled drinking water, may be reasonably expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. MCL’s, defined in a List of Definitions in this report, are set at very stringent levels. To understand the possible health effects described for many regulated constituents, a person would have to drink 2 liters of water every day at the MCL level for a lifetime to have a one-in-a-million chance of having the described health effect. In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations which limit the levels of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water.

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and radioactive material, and it can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity. Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.
- Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally occurring or result from urban storm water run-off, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.
- Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, storm water run-off, and residential uses.
- Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff, and septic systems.
- Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

Radon can move up through the ground into a home through cracks and holes in the foundation. It may also get into indoor air when released from tap water. Compared to radon entering the home through soil, radon entering the home through tap water will, in most cases, be a small source of radon in indoor air. Breathing air containing radon can lead to lung cancer. Drinking water containing radon may also cause increased risk of stomach cancer. If you are concerned about radon in your home consider having the home tested. Testing is easy and inexpensive. For more information call EPA’s Radon Hotline at (800-SOS-RADON).

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. People who are immunocompromised such as cancer patients undergoing chemotherapy, organ transplant recipients, HIV/AIDS positive or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. People at risk should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbiological contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

### Questions?

If you have any questions about this report or concerning your water utility, please contact Kenny Boyd, Superintendent, or Anthony Veal, Field Manager, at 205-938-9367. We want our valued customers to be informed about their water utility. If you want to learn more, please attend any of our regularly scheduled meetings. They are held on the first Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at the water office. The annual meeting for distribution of financial reports, system updates, and board member election is held on the first Monday in November.

### Monitoring Schedule and Results

The Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM) allows us to monitor for some contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants do not change frequently. This report contains results from the most recent monitoring which was performed in accordance with the regulatory schedule. Based on a study conducted by ADEM with the approval of the EPA a statewide waiver for the monitoring of asbestos and dioxin was issued. Thus, monitoring for these contaminants was not required.

Constituents Monitored	Date Monitored
Inorganic Contaminants	2022
Lead/Copper	2022
Microbiological Contaminants	current
Nitrates	2024
Radioactive Contaminants	2019
Synthetic Organic Contaminants (including herbicides and pesticides)	2023
Volatile Organic Contaminants	2024
Disinfection By-products	2023
PFAS Contaminants	2020

As you can see by the table below, our system had no MCL violations. We have learned through our monitoring and testing that some constituents have been detected. We are pleased to report that our drinking water meets federal and state requirements. This report shows our water quality and what it means.

TABLE OF DETECTED DRINKING WATER CONTAMINANTS						
Contaminants	Violation Y/N	Level Detected	Unit Msmt	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
Combined Radium	NO	2.32	PCi/l	0	5	Erosion of natural deposits
Barium	NO	0.016-0.020	ppm	2	2	Drilling waste discharge; metal refineries; erosion
Copper	NO	0.180 * (0.038-0.28)	ppm	1.3	AL=1.3	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives
Lead	NO	ND * (ND-0.0014)	ppm	0	AL=0.015	Corrosion of household plumbing systems, erosion
Nitrate (as Nitrogen)	NO	0.13-0.91	ppm	10	10	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits
THM [Total trihalomethanes]	NO	ND-1.40	ppb	0	80	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Secondary Contaminants						
Chloride	NO	2.6-4.6	ppm	n/a	250	Naturally occurring in the environment or as a result of industrial discharge or agricultural runoff
Hardness	NO	120-159	ppm	n/a	n/a	Naturally occurring in the environment or as a result of treatment with water additives
pH	NO	7.1-7.3	S.U.	n/a	n/a	Naturally occurring in the environment or as a result of treatment with water additives
Sulfate	NO	1.9-3.0	ppm	n/a	250	Naturally occurring in the environment or as a result of industrial discharge or agricultural runoff
Total Dissolved Solids	NO	140-155	ppm	n/a	500	Naturally occurring in the environment or as a result of industrial discharge or agricultural runoff

\* Figure shown is 90<sup>th</sup> percentile of latest round of sampling, and number of sample sites exceeding the Action Level (AL) is 0.

### PFAS Contaminants

Below is a list of PFAS contaminants for which our water sources were monitored as required in 2020 and the results of that monitoring. PFAS was not detected in our drinking water. For more information on PFAS contaminants, please consult [www.epa.gov/pfas](http://www.epa.gov/pfas).

Contaminant	Unit Msmt	Level Detected	Contaminant	Unit Msmt	Level Detected
11C-PF3OUds (11-chlorooctacosulfuro-3-oxaundecane-1-sulfonic acid)	ppb	ND	Perfluoroheptanoic acid	ppb	ND
9C-PF3ONS (9-chlorohexadecafluoro-3-oxanone-1-sulfonic acid)	ppb	ND	Perfluorohexanesulfonic acid	ppb	ND
ADONA (4,8-dioxa-3H-perfluorooctanoic acid)	ppb	ND	Perfluorooctanoic acid	ppb	ND
HFPO-DA (Hexafluoropropylene oxide dimer acidA)	ppb	ND	Perfluorooctanesulfonic acid	ppb	ND
NEFOSAA (N-ethylperfluorooctanesulfonamidoacetic acid)	ppb	ND	Perfluorodecanoic acid	ppb	ND
NMFOOSA (N-methylperfluorooctanesulfonamidoacetic acid)	ppb	ND	Perfluorotetradecanoic acid	ppb	ND
Perfluorobutanesulfonic acid	ppb	ND	Perfluorodecanoic acid	ppb	ND
Perfluorodecanoic acid	ppb	ND	Perfluoroundecanoic acid	ppb	ND
Perfluorohexanoic acid	ppb	ND	Total PFAS	ppb	ND
Perfluorododecanoic acid	ppb	ND			

### Public Notice: 3 Monitoring Violations during 2025 – Failed to Perform Activities Required

- Radiochemicals (RAD) Monitoring Violation 2025 – Initial Monitoring

Green Pond Water System, Inc. is required to monitor your drinking water for specific contaminants on a regular basis. Results of regular monitoring are an indicator of whether or not your drinking water meets health standards. During the January 2025 - March 2025 monitoring period, we did not monitor for radiological compounds (RADs) in the correct time frame and therefore cannot be sure of the quality of your drinking water during that time.

Initially we failed to submit sufficient RAD samples from the Industrial Park Well during the correct monitoring period of January 2025 - March 2025. To return to compliance, we performed the required sampling on RADs on the Industrial Park Well on April 22, 2025 as soon as we became aware of this oversight.

- Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC) Violation 2024 – Initial Monitoring

Green Pond Water System, Inc. is required to monitor your drinking water for specific contaminants on a regular basis. Results of regular monitoring are an indicator of whether or not your drinking water meets health standards. During the January 2025 - March 2025 monitoring period, we did not monitor for volatile organic chemicals (VOCs) and therefore cannot be sure of the quality of your drinking water during that time.

Initially we failed to submit sufficient VOC samples from the Industrial Park Well Treatment Plant during the correct monitoring period of January 2025 - March 2025. To return to compliance, we performed the required sampling on VOCs on the Industrial Park Well on April 22, 2025 as soon as we became aware of this oversight.

- Synthetic Organic Chemicals (SOC) Violation 2024 – Initial Monitoring

Green Pond Water System, Inc. is required to monitor your drinking water for specific contaminants on a regular basis. Results of regular monitoring are an indicator of whether or not your drinking water meets health standards. During the January 2025 - March 2025 monitoring period, we did not monitor for Synthetic Organic Chemicals (SOCs) and therefore cannot be sure of the quality of your drinking water during that time.

Initially we failed to submit sufficient SOC samples from the Industrial Park Well Treatment Plant during the correct monitoring period of January 2025 - March 2025. To return to compliance, we performed the required sampling on SOC on the Industrial Park Well on April 22, 2025 as soon as we became aware of this oversight.

Please share the information about the three non-compliance violations described above with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this public notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

Should you have any questions about these non-compliance violations or our monitoring requirements, please contact Kenny Boyd at our office at 19639 Eastern Valley Road in Woodstock or by phone at 205-938-9367.

## Plain Language Definitions

**Action Level:** the concentration of a contaminant that, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements.

**Coliform Absent (CA):** laboratory analysis indicates that the contaminant is not present.

**Detected Contaminant:** any regulated or unregulated contaminant detected at or above its detection level (or at or above its detection level).

**Disinfection byproducts (DBPs):** formed when disinfectants react with organic and inorganic matter (e.g., decaying vegetation) present in the source water.

**Hazard Index (HI):** used to determine health concerns associated with mixtures of certain PFAS in finished drinking water. An HI greater than 1 requires a system to take action.

**Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL):** highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

**Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG):** the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

**Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL):** the level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

**Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG):** level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.

**Micrograms per liter (µg/L):** equivalent to parts per billion (ppb) since one liter of water is equal in weight to one billion micrograms.

**Milligrams per centimeter (µg/cm):** unit of weight for specific constituents.

**Milligrams per liter (mg/L):** equivalent to parts per million.

**Nephelometric Turbidity Unit (NTU):** a measure of the clarity of water. Turbidity in excess of 5 NTU is just noticeable to the average person.

**90th Percentile:** The values reported for lead and copper represent the 90th percentile.

**Not Detected (ND):** laboratory analysis indicates that the constituent is not present above detection limits of the equipment.

**Parts per billion (ppb) or Micrograms per liter (µg/L):** corresponds to one minute in 2,000 years, or a single penny in \$10,000,000.

**Parts per million (ppm) or Milligrams per liter (mg/L):** corresponds to one minute in two years or a single penny in \$10,000.

**Parts per quadrillion (ppq) or Picograms per liter (pg/L):** corresponds to one minute in 2,000,000,000,000 years, or a single penny in \$10,000,000,000,000.

**Picograms per liter (pg/L):** a measure of the radioactivity in water.

**Regulated Contaminants:** contaminants for which the EPA has established drinking water standards.

**Running Annual Average (RAA):** running average of results during a specific sampling period, often a year.

**Standard Units (S.U.):** pH measures the water's balance of acids and bases.

**Treatment Technique (TT):** a required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant.

**Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring System (UCMS):** for which the EPA has not established drinking water standards.

**Variances & Exemptions (V&E):** State or EPA permission not to meet an MCL or a treatment technique under certain conditions.

Below is a table of contaminants for which we monitor as required on a schedule set by the Environmental Protection Agency and the Alabama Department of Environmental Management.

STANDARD LIST OF PRIMARY DRINKING WATER CONTAMINANTS						
Contaminant	MCL	Unit of Msmt	Detections	Contaminant	MCL	Unit of Msmt
<b>Bacteriological Contaminants</b>						
Total Coliform Bacteria	5	ppm	absent	1,1-Dichloroethylene	7	ppb
Fecal Coliform and E. coli	0	ppm	absent	1,2-Dichloroethylene	70	ppb
<b>Disinfection Byproducts (DBPs):</b> formed when disinfectants react with organic and inorganic matter (e.g., decaying vegetation) present in the source water.						
Benzophenone emitters	4	mg/L	ND	1,2-Dichloropropane	100	ppb
Chlorine emitters	5	ppb	ND	1,2-Dichlorobenzene	5	ppb
Combined radium	5	ppb	ND	1,2,3-Trichlorobenzene	400	ppb
Uranium	30	ppb	ND	1,2,4-Trichlorobenzene	5	ppb
<b>Inorganic Chemicals</b>						
Arsenic	6	ppb	ND	1,2,4,5-Tetrachlorobenzene	5	ppb
Barium	10	ppb	ND	1,2,4,5-Tetrachlorobenzene	5	ppb
Beryllium	7	ppb	ND	1,2,4,5-Tetrachlorobenzene	5	ppb
Cadmium	5	ppb	ND	1,2,4,5-Tetrachlorobenzene	5	ppb
Chromium	100	ppb	ND	1,2,4,5-Tetrachlorobenzene	5	ppb
Copper	AL=1.3	ppm	0.080-0.28	1,2,4,5-Tetrachlorobenzene	5	ppb
Cyanide	200	ppb	ND	1,2,4,5-Tetrachlorobenzene	5	ppb
Fluoride	4	ppm	ND	1,2,4,5-Tetrachlorobenzene	5	ppb
Lead	AL=15	ppb	ND	1,2,4,5-Tetrachlorobenzene	5	ppb
Mercury	2	ppb	ND	1,2,4,5-Tetrachlorobenzene	5	ppb
Nitrate	10	ppm	0.10-0.91	1,2,4,5-Tetrachlorobenzene	5	ppb
Nitrite	1	ppm	ND	1,2,4,5-Tetrachlorobenzene	5	ppb
Nitrogen	65	ppm	ND	1,2,4,5-Tetrachlorobenzene	5	ppb
Thallium	20	ppm	ND	1,2,4,5-Tetrachlorobenzene	5	ppb
<b>Organic Contaminants</b>						
2,4-D	70	ppb	ND	1,2,4,5-Tetrachlorobenzene	5	ppb
Atrazine	3	ppm	ND	1,2,4,5-Tetrachlorobenzene	5	ppb
Alachlor	2	ppb	ND	1,2,4,5-Tetrachlorobenzene	5	ppb
Benzene	5	ppb	ND	1,2,4,5-Tetrachlorobenzene	5	ppb
Chlorobenzene (PHE)	40	ppm	ND	1,2,4,5-Tetrachlorobenzene	5	ppb
Carbaryl	5	ppb	ND	1,2,4,5-Tetrachlorobenzene	5	ppb
Carbon tetrachloride	5	ppb	ND	1,2,4,5-Tetrachlorobenzene	5	ppb
Chlordane	100	ppb	ND	1,2,4,5-Tetrachlorobenzene	5	ppb
Chloroform	100	ppb	ND	1,2,4,5-Tetrachlorobenzene	5	ppb
Diazinon	100	ppb	ND	1,2,4,5-Tetrachlorobenzene	5	ppb
1,2-Dichlorobenzene	5	ppb	ND	1,2,4,5-Tetrachlorobenzene	5	ppb
1,4-Dichlorobenzene (para)	70	ppb	ND	1,2,4,5-Tetrachlorobenzene	5	ppb
1,4-Dichlorobenzene (ortho)	70	ppb	ND	1,2,4,5-Tetrachlorobenzene	5	ppb
1,2,4-Trichlorobenzene	5	ppb	ND	1,2,4,5-Tetrachlorobenzene	5	ppb
<b>Disinfection Byproducts</b>						
1,1,1-Trichloroethane	60	ppb	ND	1,2,4,5-Tetrachlorobenzene	5	ppb
1,1,2-Trichloroethane	60	ppb	ND	1,2,4,5-Tetrachlorobenzene	5	ppb
<b>LIST OF SECONDARY CONTAMINANTS</b>						
Alachlor (not for CA)	Copper	Manganese				
Ascarbonyl	Cyanide	Specific Conductance				
Barium	Farming agents (PHEs)	Nickel				
Calcium	Hardness	pH				
Chloride	Magnesium	Sodium				
Chlorine						
<b>LIST OF UNREGULATED CONTAMINANTS</b>						
Alachlor	Chloroform	1,1-Dichloroethylene	Propachlor			
Alachlor Sulfone	Chloroform	3-Hydroxybutadiene	N-Hydroxybutadiene			
Alachlor Sulfone	Chloroform	Isopropylbenzene	Propachlor			
Alachlor Sulfone	Chloroform	1,2,3-Trichlorobenzene	1,2,3-Trichlorobenzene			
Brominated Acid	P-Chlorobenzene	M-Chlorobenzene	1,1,2,2-Tetrachlorobenzene			
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NEWS

Discover the Charm of Brierfield Historical State Park:  
A Hidden Gem in Alabama

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Nestled in the peaceful countryside of Brierfield, Alabama, just a short drive from home, lies one of our state's most fascinating treasures—Brierfield Historical State Park. I recently had the pleasure of spending time with Erin Hall, the park's friendly and knowledgeable manager, who shared a wealth of information about all the park has to offer—and let me tell you, there's something for

everyone! Covering 45 acres of natural beauty and rich history, Brierfield Historical State Park brings Alabama's past to life in a way that's both fun and educational. Whether you're planning a relaxing weekend getaway, a family reunion, or even a wedding, Brierfield has just the right backdrop. Looking to unplug and enjoy the great outdoors? You're in luck! The park offers a wide variety of overnight options: The Brierfield Bunk-

house – sleeps up to 16 people, perfect for church groups, scouts, or large families. Cabins – such as Adelaides (Primitive), and other cabins like Hubbard, Lightsey, Sunshine Morton, and Hayes Morton cabins—each full of rustic charm and a true step back in time. Camping Sites – 35 peaceful spots nestled beside a stream. Choose from full hook-ups (water, power, and sewer), partial hook-ups (water and power), or primitive tent sites. It's all first come, first served, so arrive early! Hot day? Cool off in the on-site pool, which is also available for private par-

ties. If you prefer dry land, lace up your hiking boots or hop on your bike and explore nature trails, perfect for birdwatching or just enjoying the serenity of the woods. The park is also a popular destination for weddings, birthday parties, family reunions, and more. Unique historical venues include: Mulberry Church Ashby Post Office Superintendent's House Stephens Pavilion Bridge Pavilion BBQ Pavilion Each space offers its own unique charm and character for creating unforgettable memories. There is also something for everyone like:

Monthly Events – From FREE outdoor movie nights (just bring your lawn chair!) to historical reenactments like the NSSA Deep South Region Skirmish, there's always something happening. Bow Range – Archery enthusiasts can enjoy the designated bow range, available with proper licensure. Playground – Kids can burn off energy on the updated play equipment, giving parents a chance to re-

lax Whether you're looking to unplug, explore, celebrate, or learn, Brierfield Historical State Park is the perfect destination. Rich in history and hospitality, it's a spot you'll want to return to again and again. Be sure to follow their social media or check the website for the latest updates on events and availability. Make plans to visit soon—you just might fall in love with this hidden gem right in our backyard!



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