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## Shairon's Salon: Where Big City Luxury Meets Small-Town Heart

BY SHEILA DUNCAN  
REPORTER

If you've lived in Centreville very long, chances are you know the name Sharon Deerman—and if you don't, you've certainly heard of her salon. This month, we're thrilled to shine the spotlight on a local favorite: **Shairon's Salon**, a beauty haven built on faith, family, and an unwavering passion for the beauty industry.

Sharon Deerman, the proud owner and heart behind Shairon's Salon, is a lifelong resident of Centreville and a graduate of Bibb County High School. She's been married for 35 years and is a proud mom and grandmother. Her journey into the world of beauty started young.

"I've always wanted to be a hairstylist," Sharon shares. "Some tried to steer me in a different direction, but I knew what I wanted." She followed her dream, earning her cosmetology certificate in 1987 and landing her first job just two days later at the J.C. Penney salon in Tuscaloosa.

What she didn't expect was how love would change her plans.

"In 1989, I met a boy," she says with a smile. "I fell in love, and suddenly, moving to a big city didn't matter. I wanted to stay close to home, raise a family, and serve the community I love."

That change of heart led her to Step-N-Style in West Blocton, where she spent a decade working with friends who would

shape her career. Later, a management opportunity at Vanities Salon in Centreville planted the first seeds of salon ownership.

Shairon's Salon officially opened its doors on **February 1, 2005**—thanks to a conversation during a haircut with local businessman Scott Davis, who believed in Sharon's dream even before she did.

"I told him I didn't own a salon. He told me I just didn't know I did yet," Sharon recalls.

With encouragement from her husband, her co-workers, and her community, Sharon took a leap of faith—and never looked back.

Over the years, Shairon's Salon has grown steadily. From long hours and learning curves to exciting expansions and team milestones, the salon has blossomed into something much more than a beauty shop—it's a community

hub and a symbol of small-town success.

Today, Shairon's Salon offers everything from **hair, nails, lashes, and tanning** to a **beautiful boutique filled with gifts for any occasion**. Their luxurious services come with genuine small-town care and a personal touch that keeps clients coming back.

"We're a Matrix Black Elite Salon," Sharon says proudly. "We're committed to education. My team attends national hair shows, in-salon classes, and this year, several of us will be training at the Redken Exchange in New York."

The salon has undergone **multiple expansions**—adding new stylist stations, a lash room, a coffee bar, and more—as Sharon's vision and team continue to grow. But with every change, her values remain constant.

*See Shairon's Salon on page 2*



Old Big Potato Building Gets a Saucy Makeover as BBQ Fans Rejoice

## HEARDS BBQ OPENS IN CENTREVILLE!

BY SHEILA DUNCAN  
REPORTER

Smoke signals were practically dancing in the air Thursday, June 26th, as the folks at Heards BBQ lit the pits and flung open the doors to their brand-new location at 901 Birmingham Road — right next to Papa John's in the old Big Potato Company building.

From 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. (or until sold out, which happened fast!), customers poured in for a taste of the authentic Craft BBQ that Heards is famous for. And let's just say — they didn't leave disappointed.

"We are just beyond

excited to bring our BBQ to Centreville," the Heards crew shared. "Thank you for the tremendous support. This town already feels like home."

Known for their slow-smoked meats, signature sauces, and that unmistakable Heards hospitality, the business is turning the page with a new location but keeping the same fire-and-flavor focus that made them local legends.

While Thursday was just the kickoff, Heards plans to open regularly from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on selected days this summer, with slightly adjusted hours during high school football season — be-

cause in the South, BBQ and Friday night lights go hand in hand.

For Call-ins: 334-543-6856 (same number!)

Hours: 11 a.m. – 6 p.m. on open days

Menu: To be posted soon!

A special shoutout goes to Melissa Thompson at Cahaba Create for the stunning interior design and custom artwork that gives the new space its warm, welcoming vibe.

Centreville, get ready — Heards BBQ is here to stay, and your tastebuds will thank you for it. Follow them online and come hungry — because at Heards, when it's gone... it's gone!

## MR. JIM OAKLEY TO CELEBRATE 90TH BIRTHDAY WITH COMMUNITY GATHERING

SPECIAL TO THE PRESS

The community is warmly invited to join in a very special celebration honoring a beloved friend and neighbor, Mr. Jim Oakley, as he celebrates his 90th birthday.

Mr. Oakley has been a cherished member of our community for decades, known for his kindness, wisdom, and dedication to family, faith, and service. His life and legacy have touched many, and now his

family would like to extend a heartfelt invitation to all who know and love him.

The celebration will take place on Saturday, July 12, 2025, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at the Centreville Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. Please join the Oakley family for an afternoon of fellowship, light refreshments, and joyful memories as we honor Mr. Jim Oakley and his incredible 90 years of life.

Come share in this

meaningful milestone and help make it a day to remember!



## New Life Baptist Church Welcomes New Youth Pastor

SPECIAL TO THE PRESS

New Life Baptist Church is thrilled to welcome Michael Harvey to the staff as the new Youth Pastor. Michael is passionate about family discipleship, church collaboration, and leadership development. He and his wife, Ally, moved to Centreville from Auburn, where Ally graduated from medical school and Michael graduated from seminary. Michael has years of experience in ministry, childcare, education, and technology development.

An avid reader and coffee drinker, Michael likes to read widely and ex-

plore specialty coffee from around the world. When he's not working, Michael

enjoys playing board games with friends.

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## Community Calendar

July 4th- Fourth of July Celebration at West Blocton Town Park at 4pm

July 6th- Homecoming at Johnstown 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 10th- Chamber Coffee at 9:00 a.m. Farmers Home Furniture

July 12th – Celebration on the Green

July 13th- Homecoming at Bethlehem Methodist Church in Heiberger this year is July 13th 2025.

Our pastor Rev. Tim Craddock, will be leading the service and giving the message beginning at 11:00am. Following our service will be pot luck lunch in the fellowship hall. If you are unable to attend and would like to make a donation to the cemetery fund, you can mail a check payable to Bethlehem Methodist Church to Mrs. Ada Jean Holifield, 1971 Jericho Rd. Marion, AL 36756.

Hope to see a lot of familiar and new faces! WELCOME HOME!

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 15- The Bibb County Democratic meeting will be at the Brent/Centreville Library on July 15th at 6 p.m.

July 24th – Treasure Forest of Bibb meeting at 6:30 pm at Brent/Centreville Library.

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.

July 25th – Autism Club Special Friend Lego Day, 10am to 11am at Brent Centreville Public Library

July 28th-29th: ServSafe Managers Course 9:30 A.M. – 3:30 A.M. at Centreville Middle School. For Fees and Info contact Alice Moore at (334) 216-0738 or the Bibb County Extension Office at (205) 926-4310.

July 31st: Heirs' Property Workshop, 6 pm to 8pm. at Ebenezer Baptist Church, Brierfield Alabama.



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## Checking, Savings, Loans & More

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Centreville	McCalla	Vance	Woodstock
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NEWS

Qualifications set for 2025 Municipal Elections

BY SHEILA DUNCAN  
REPORTER

QUALIFICATIONS SET FOR 2025 MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS As of June 24, 2025

Bibb County's upcoming Municipal Elections, scheduled for Tuesday, August 26, 2025, are taking shape as candidates have officially qualified to run for various mayoral and city council seats across the county.

Here's a look at who's in the running:

BRENT

**Mayor**  
•Rick Edmonds  
•Sara Crayton Martin  
•Michel Smith  
•Mike Smitherman  
**City Council**  
•District 1: Barbara Morrison  
•District 2: Tracy Sanders

• District 3: Chad Jones  
• District 4: Thomas Owings  
• District 5: Jerry Conway  
**CENTREVILLE**

**Mayor**  
• Mike Oakley (Incumbent)  
• Barry Cooner  
**City Council**  
• District 1: Akeyla Holifield  
• District 2: Don Mack Sr. (Incumbent), Christopher Garrett  
• District 3: Linda Lawrence (Incumbent), Forrest Murphy, Reese Lee  
• District 4: Dianne Epperson (Incumbent), Roxy Shuttlesworth  
• District 5: Aaron Hood

**WOODSTOCK**  
No municipal election will be held in Woodstock this year, as all positions are unopposed.

The following officials will continue their service:

**Mayor**  
• Jeff Dodson  
**Council Members**  
• District 1: Alec Monroe  
• District 2: Ronnie Kinard  
• District 3: Lee Mears  
• District 4: Ernestine Johnson  
• District 5: Kellie Parks  
**WEST BLOCTON**  
**Mayor**  
• Daniel Sims (Incumbent)  
• Holly Barnett  
**City Council**  
• District 1: Freddie R. Lynch (Incumbent)  
• District 2: Howard Glenn Johnson (Incumbent)  
• District 3: Stephanie Brasher, Gregory Kord  
• District 4: Anthony Blane Sherron (Incumbent)  
• District 5: Kristen Nash, (Incumbent) George Fleming II



Treasure Forest Hosts Veteran Forester Tom Lang at Brent-Centreville Library

BY SHEILA DUNCAN  
REPORTER

On Thursday, June 26th, the TREASURE FOREST group held its monthly meeting at the Brent-Centreville Public Library, featuring a special guest speaker, Registered Forester Tom Lang. The event drew local landowners, forestry professionals, and conservation enthusiasts eager to hear from a seasoned expert with deep roots in Alabama's forestry community.

Many attendees remembered Tom from his tenure as a Forestry Commission District Forester based in Selma. While his official biography is modest, Tom's colleagues often refer to him as a "swamp forester," recognizing his exceptional expertise in hardwood and

bottomland timber management. His reputation as a trusted authority in complex forest ecosystems stretches far beyond Alabama, thanks to a diverse and impressive career spanning over four decades.

Tom Lang is a 1980 graduate of the Auburn School of Forestry and has been a registered forester in Alabama since 1982. His 45-year career includes six years with the Resource Management Service as a timber cruiser across eleven southern states and time as a land manager in Louisiana. He also served 25 years with the Alabama Forestry Commission, working extensively with landowners across west-central Alabama. Following this, Tom spent two years with a central Alabama timber dealer.

Since 2013, Tom has operated his own firm—Lang Forestry Consultants—where he specializes in timber sales and timber appraisals. His vast knowledge, practical experience, and passion for forestry make him a valuable resource for landowners and professionals alike.

Despite the distance, Tom made the three-hour drive to Brent to share his knowledge and insights, a gesture that was met with deep appreciation from the audience. Attendees were encouraged to bring friends to this engaging and educational event.

Tom and his wife Leigh currently reside on three acres in Slocomb, Alabama, and are proud parents of two sons and four grandchildren.

Bibb and Perry County Extension Offices Welcome KaLeigha Jemison as New EFNEP Agent to Promote Healthier Living

BY SHEILA DUNCAN  
REPORTER

Bibb and Perry County Extension Offices are please to introduce KaLeigha Jemison as a new agent to the Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program (EFNEP). "It's been quite a while since our counties have had an EFNEP agent working on nutrition education," says Perry County Extension Director Katrina Easley. "This opportunity came up for Perry County, but we had to share the new agent with another county, I called Michelle in Bibb County, and she instantly agreed!" Giddens says, "That is one of the great things about Extension, we all work together on programs. You don't have to live in the county where the program is being held. I am so thankful that Katrina called me about this great opportunity."

KaLeigha is a Hale County native, is married and has two children. She is an alum of the University of Alabama and began teaching in 2019. She has taught school in Tuscaloosa, AL, Perry and Greene County School Systems, prior to

coming to work for Alabama Extension at Auburn University.

Jemison explained the EFNEP program, "The Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program is designed to serve limited resource people in our communities. We offer free programs that discuss basic nutrition, the importance of being physically active, budgeting and planning healthy low-cost meals and snacks for you and your family, and food safety." Each of the programs are a series of six lessons: Eating Smart, Being Active and Eating Smart, Moving More. This program is geared toward families.

Today's Mom works directly with expecting mothers to combat infant mortality. According to the Alabama Department of Public Health website, "In 2023, Alabama's infant mortality rate was 7.8 deaths per 1,000 live births, with 449 infants dying before reaching their first birthday. The state's infant mortality rate was above the U.S. 2023 provisional rate of 5.6 infant deaths per 1,000 live births, respectively. The 2023 infant mortal-

ity rate increased in 2023 from 2022. Alabama ranks as the state having the 3<sup>rd</sup> highest infant mortality rate in the United States. Incorporating evidence-based efforts will help address factors impacting health outcomes such as poverty, unemployment, education, urban/rural, access to health."

Two cooking programs are offered to youth; Teen Cuisine is a new program that the EFNEP Program is offering to 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades and Fuel for Life for 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students. If your organization is interested in partnering on any of EFNEP or Extension programs, please contact the Bibb County office at 205-926-4310 or Perry County office at 334-683-6888.



New Life

**New Life from page 1**  
You can find his blog at mhpress.net. Michael is excited to get to know the youth and their families and build a thriving family disci-

ple-ship system. Everyone is encouraged to introduce themselves to Michael and Ally and make them feel welcome in Centreville at New Life Baptist

Church. New Life is located at 694 Dry Hollow Road, Centreville. The church pastor is Brother Ken Blake and the Minister of Music is Glenda Rice.

Shairon's Salon

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"We meet monthly as a team and one-on-one. I pray over my staff, and even for the future associates I haven't met yet," she shares. "Creating a culture of growth, encouragement, and love is important to me. And a little grace—well, we all need that daily."

Shairon's Salon wouldn't be what it is without the community that supports it. Sharon is the first to say that Centreville—and surrounding towns—have played a major role in her success.

"Word of mouth and social media have been huge for us. But really, it's the heart of this community that keeps us going," she says. "Without them, we don't exist."

Her advice for those starting out in the beauty business "Nothing comes easy. It takes hard work and a servant's heart. You have to show up—even on the hard days. But if you work for it, it will work for you."

While she doesn't reveal too much about her future plans, Sharon hints

that there's more to come. "I always have plans," she says. "I don't talk about them out loud until I know they align with God's will. But when they do, you'll be hearing about them—and that excites me tremendously!"

Shairon's Salon is more than a beauty destination—

it's a dream fulfilled, a team empowered, and a shining example of what happens when passion meets purpose.

To Sharon Deerman and the entire Shairon's Salon team: Thank you for making Centreville a more beautiful place—inside and out.



Bibb Correctional Facility Welcomes New Correctional Officers

Submitted by Ryan Thompson

Bibb Correctional Facility welcomes 5 newly graduated Correctional Officers. On Wednesday, June 18, 2025

92 Correctional Officer Trainees from various Correctional facilities graduated from the State of Alabama Corrections Academy. These officers successfully completed 10 weeks of the required Alabama Peace Officer Standard Training in Corrections earning them the title of Correctional Officer.

Correctional Sergeant Demarquis Maybell, Bibb Correctional Facility's Field Training Officer works directly with the trainees to ensure they are physically and academically ready to attending the required training.

Bibb Correctional Facility is proud to welcome Officers:

Demetris Holifield, Lakesha Jackson, Lamaricus Bates, Jason Presswood and Cariea Steadman to the ADOC family

Bibb Correctional Facility is exciting their Staff is growing with 18 trainees attending the Corrections Academy this summer.

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LIFESTYLE/NEWS

BC BOARD OF EDUCATION

Meeting Date: June 25, 2025

AGENDA  
Call to order  
Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance  
Roll Call  
Approval of Agenda  
Regular Agenda Items  
Called Board Meeting  
06/25/2025 - 02:00 PM

Request to approve the 2025-2026 salary schedules, received June 10, 2025.

Request to approve Electronic Communication Devices Policy ECD-I(11), received June 10, 2025.

Request to approve Fleetio Data Software Program. Payment of \$9,370 will be made from transportation funds (1310).

Request to approve Bid 24/25-03 for milk bid for the 2025-2026 school year, to Forestwood Farms, Inc.

Request to approve payment to Mary Phillips to provide Federal Programs support, August 1, 2025-July 31, 2026. Payment of \$15 per hour, up to 20 hours per week, will be made from Title I funds.

Request to approve payment to Madalyn Drake to provide Federal Programs support, August 1, 2025-July 31, 2026. Payment of \$13 per hour, up to 20 hours per week, will be made from Title I funds.

Request to approve payment to Cris Martin to assist as a summer camp teacher, June 12-26, 2025, Woodstock Elementary School. Payment of \$30 per hour, 3 hours per day, up to 3 weeks, will be made from WES Title I funds.

Request to approve payment to Mary Beth Johnson to provide choreography for majorettes, July 17, 2025, Centreville Middle School. Payment of \$50 will be made from CMS local school funds.

Request to approve payment to AAA Environmental Services to wax 11 classrooms, June-July 2025, Brent Elementary School. Payment of \$2,695 will be made from BES local school funds.

Request to approve payment to Ashlynn Partridge to provide choreography for danceline, July-December 2025, Bibb County High School. Payment of \$500 will be made from BCHS Band Boosters.

Request to approve payment to the following to provide security, as needed, for school events for the 2025-2026 school year, Bibb County High School. Payment of \$22.50 per hour will be made from BCHS local school funds.

Request to approve payment to the following for baseball field maintenance and other summer duties, June 2025-August 2025, Bibb County High School. Payment will be made from BCHS Baseball Booster funds:

Request to approve payment to the following for football field maintenance and other summer duties, June 2025-July 2025, Bibb County High School. Payment will be made from BCHS Football Booster funds:

Request to approve payment to the following for summer strength and conditioning and other summer duties, June 2025-July 2025, West Blocton High School. Payment will be made from WBHS Softball Booster funds:

Request to approve West Blocton Middle School cheerleaders to attend UCA/Alabama Summer Cheer Camp at the University of Alabama, July 9-12, 2025. Students will travel in private vehicles and have overnight stay.

Request to approve Bibb County High School/Centreville Middle School cheerleaders to attend UCA/Alabama Summer Cheer Camp at the University of Alabama, July 9-12, 2025. Students will travel in private vehicles and have overnight stay.

Request to approve payment to Alabama Performance Volleyball LLC, to conduct volleyball camp at West Blocton High School, July 8, 2025. Payment of \$680 will be made from WBHS local school funds.

Request to approve the retirement of Bobby Terry, Bus Driver, effective July 1, 2025.

Request to approve the resignation of Reco Dawson, PE Teacher, Bibb County High School, effective June 25, 2025.

Request to approve the resignation of Hannah Van Heest, District Speech Language Pathologist, effective June 18, 2025.

Request to approve maternity leave for Rachel Cromer, Teacher, West Blocton Elementary School, from August 4, 2025 to October 13, 2025.

Request to approve the employment of Damon Sweetin as Instrumental Music

Teacher/Band Director, Bibb County High School, effective 2025-2026 school year.

Request to approve the employment of Kayce McKenzie as Special Education Teacher, Woodstock Elementary School, effective 2025-2026 school year.

Request to approve the employment of Dalyla Puri

rifoy as Special Education Teacher, Brent Elementary School, effective 2025-2026 school year.

Request to approve the employment of Candyce Hodgens as Special Education Teacher, Brent Elementary School, effective 2025-2026 school year.

Request to approve the employment of Lydia Cadis-Nickleson as Teacher, Brent Elementary School, effective 2025-2026 school year.

Request to approve the employment of Holly Lewis as Teacher, Brent Elementary School, effective 2025-2026 school year.

AB. Request to approve the employment of Candis Farrington as Special Education Teacher, Brent Elementary School, effective 2025-2026 school year.

AC. Request to approve the employment of Kelly Hicks as English Language Arts Teacher, West Blocton High School, effective 2025-2026 school year.

AD. Request to approve the employment of Stephen Young as History Teacher, Bibb County High School, effective 2025-2026 school year.

AE. Request to approve the employment of Rachel Gilbert as Local School Bookkeeper/Receptionist, Bibb County Career Academy, effective July 25, 2025.

AF. Request to approve the employment of Jennifer Greathouse as Pre K Teacher, Woodstock Elementary School, effective 2025-2026 school year.

AG. Request to approve Brett Lightsey as Middle School Head Football Coach, Centreville Middle School.

AH. Request to approve Matthew Hiott as Assistant Varsity Football Coach, Bibb County High School.

AI. Request to approve Jaylon Gaines as Defensive Coordinator/Assistant Varsity Football Coach, Bibb County High School.

AJ. Request to approve the following substitutes: Moriah Feild-classroom substitute, Amber Crowe-classroom/CNP substitute and Malissa Watkins-classroom substitute

Information Items  
Board Work Session: Thursday, July 10 at 10 :00 AM

Board Meeting: Tuesday, July 15 at 5:00 PM

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

Superintendent Remarks

Request to adjourn



Blessed Are They: Living out The Beatitudes

BY WHITNEY BUZBEE  
REPORTER

In the heart of Jesus’ Sermon on the Mount lies a powerful and poetic passage known as the Beatitudes (Matthew 5:3–12). These eight statements, each beginning with “Blessed are...”, offer a blueprint for Christian living that flips the world’s values upside down. They describe not who the world esteems, but who God blesses—and why. Let’s journey through the Beatitudes, pausing to reflect on their deep spiritual meaning and application to our lives.

1. “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.” To be poor in spirit is to recognize our deep need for God. It’s a humble admission that we are spiritually bankrupt without Him. True blessing comes when we stop pretending we have it all together and throw ourselves upon the mercy of our Savior. That’s when heaven begins to take root in our hearts.

2. “Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.” This mourning is not only for personal grief but also for the brokenness of the world and the presence of sin. God doesn’t overlook our sorrow—He meets us in it. In His presence, we find true

comfort, a healing that goes deeper than time or words.

3. “Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.” Meekness isn’t weakness—it’s strength under control. Jesus Himself was meek, powerful yet gentle. In a world that celebrates dominance, the meek wait on the Lord and trust in His timing. Their reward is not just spiritual; it’s eternal.

4. “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.” This is a soul-deep longing for God’s will to be done—both in our lives and in the world. When we desire His righteousness more than our own success, comfort, or recognition, He promises satisfaction that nothing else can provide.

5. “Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.” Mercy is love in action—offering forgiveness, compassion, and kindness when it’s not deserved. As we extend mercy to others, we reflect God’s heart and experience His mercy afresh in our own lives.

6. “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.” A pure heart is undivided—free from hypocrisy, bitterness, and hidden sin. When we seek God with integrity and sincerity, we begin to see Him more clearly—not only in the

next life, but even now in the beauty of His creation, His Word, and His people.

7. “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.” Peace doesn’t just happen; it’s made. Peacemakers actively pursue reconciliation and healing in a world full of division. When we do this, we reflect our Heavenly Father, the ultimate Peacemaker, and show the world who we belong to.

8. “Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.” Following Christ will sometimes bring hardship, ridicule, or even suffering. But Jesus reminds us that these trials are not signs of failure—they are badges of honor in God’s kingdom. The reward is not only future glory but present grace.

The Beatitudes call us to a different kind of life—a kingdom life. They shape us into people who are humble, compassionate, just, merciful, pure, peaceful, and resilient. They remind us that true blessing is not about worldly success, but about becoming more like Christ. As we meditate on these words, let’s ask God to plant them deeply in our hearts. May we live them out daily—not by our strength, but through the power of the Holy Spirit.

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

Apple Pie Fritters

Ingredients:  
1 ½ cups all-purpose flour  
¼ cup sugar  
2 tsp baking powder  
½ tsp salt  
1 tsp cinnamon  
2 large eggs  
½ cup milk  
2 tsp vanilla extract  
2 tbsp melted butter (or oil)  
2 medium apples (peeled, cored, and diced small – Granny Smith or Honeycrisp work great)  
Oil for frying (vegetable or canola)  
Glaze:  
1 cup powdered sugar  
1–2 tbsp milk  
½ tsp vanilla extract (Optional: pinch of cinnamon)  
Instructions:  
Prep the oil: In a

heavy skillet or deep fryer, heat about 2 inches of oil to 350°F (175°C).

Make the batter: In a large bowl, whisk flour, sugar, baking powder, salt, and cinnamon. In another bowl, whisk eggs, milk, vanilla, and melted butter. Pour wet ingredients into dry and stir until just combined.

Fold in the apples. The batter will be thick and chunky.

Fry: Using a cookie scoop or spoon, drop about 2 tablespoons of batter into the hot oil. Fry 2–3 minutes per side, or until golden brown and cooked through. Do a test fritter to ensure the inside cooks fully.

Drain on paper towels.

Make the glaze: Mix powdered sugar, vanilla, and milk until smooth.

Drizzle or dip warm fritters in glaze. Let set for a few minutes—or eat warm and gooey!



BRENT  
POLICE DEPARTMENT  
SEALED BIDS

The Brent Police Department will be accepting sealed bids on the following:

2016 Ford Explorer  
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# COMMUNITY NEWS

## West Eoline News

From The Pen Of Jane Hannah



**SISTAS celebrating Geneva & Bonnie, (B= Geneva, Jo, Bonnie, Carol, T= Jane, Cindy, Pennie, Betty)**

Amy Ellison's hip surgery was successful. She is feeling better each day. She will have therapy at BMC. Prayers and visits are appreciated.

Jo & Ruth visited her on Saturday. Jera Fortner visited with daughter, LaShelle Kinney several days last week. She helped LaShelle with preparation for her upcoming vacation and care of Kaydi. Jera stayed with me at night and I loved the shared time .

Bonnie LeVert visited from Tuesday until Friday morning with me last week. We Sistas enjoyed the outing for dinner on Tuesday, dinner at home on Wednesday. She spent the day and evening with friends on Thursday.

LaShelle & Ronnie Kinney left on vacation Saturday morning. I enjoyed time with my sister, Geneva Mullins un-

til Kristy & Steve Mullins picked up the torch Sunday morning.

Continued prayers for Jeff Rylee who is recovering at home.

Thanks Jera & Alan for weeding and cutting grass around my house Saturday. As tasks become more difficult and funds less plentiful, this mama appreciates your travelling so far and working SOO hard.

**BIRTHDAYS** ::: Blessings to these on their special day this week: Kaydi Kinney, Ronnie Kinney & Ed Lightsey July 4th!! , Trey Hamilton, Chris Webb & Elijah Fortner July 6th, Asher Fortner, Taylor Freeman, Chris Hannah & Christina Dellinger July 8th.

**HAPPY 4TH JULY.** Our Deason bunch will be eating, sliding and pitching on Saturday, in celebration of Independence Day.

## Centreville News

From The Pen Of Brenda Hubbard

Homecoming will be held at Haysop Baptist Church on Sunday, July 13, 2025. Guest singers will be Trusting Grace. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

We wish to extend sincere sympathy to the family of Edith Burnett White who passed away on June 15, 2025. Funeral services were held on June 19, 2025 at 1:00pm from Antioch Baptist Church in Antioch, AL. Edith will be greatly missed.

The Joyful Hearts was scheduled to meet at Brent Baptist Church at 10am on June 23, 2025 with lunch at the noon hour.

Sympathy goes out to the family of Willie Frank Johnston who passed away recently. He will be missed greatly by his family and friends.

The Annual Second Sunday singing at Haysop Baptist Church will be held on July 13, 2025. Guest singers this year will be Trusting Grace. Everyone us cordially invited to attend.

Charlotte West recently had lunch at Main Street Tavern in Montevallo with longtime friends from teaching at Midfield Elementary School, Debra Rust and Linda Waldrop and with Rob Sinclair who was visiting from South Africa. Charlotte enjoyed all of them again.

Anniversary wishes go out to Ste-

phen and Cindy Suggs who recently celebrated their 43<sup>rd</sup> wedding anniversary.

Birthday wishes go out to several that will celebrate birthdays in July, Ed Lightsey on July 4<sup>th</sup>. I think he will be 101, also on July 4<sup>th</sup> is Anne Deason. Others having birthdays in July are Cindy Suggs, Rosalyn Adams, Matt Hartzell, Teresa Murphy, Sara Hughey, Tammy Johnson Tucker, John Hubbard, Sheila Duncan, and Jan Costa Berlin. Mr. Jim Oakley will be celebrating his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on July 12, 2025 at Centreville Baptist Church from 1-3pm.

Sincere sympathy goes out to the family of Jon Timothy Wallace, 47, who passed away on Sunday, June 22, 2025. Services were held on Thursday, June 26, 2025 at Rockco Funeral Home. Burial was at Pineland Memorial Park. Time will be greatly missed.

Sympathy goes out to the family of Noah Ervin Poe, 95, of Prattville. He passed away peacefully on June 24, 2025. Services were held on June 28<sup>th</sup>.

Charlotte West recently had lunch with friend, Judy Martin at Fried Green Tomatoes in Hoover.

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Case No. 2025PC035  
Notice of Hearing  
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Court Square West Suite A, Centreville, Alabama 35042.  
Dated this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of May 2025.  
Honorable Jerry pow  
Probate Judge by Special Appointment  
Richard M. Kemmer, Jr. P.C.  
Attorney for the Administrator  
1124 walnut Street  
Centreville, AL 35042  
Centreville Press  
June 20, 27 & July 4, 2025

PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ZONING ORDINANCE  
BE IT KNOWN TO ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS that the City of Centreville, upon the recommendation of the Zoning Board of the City of Centreville proposes to amend the zoning ordinance of the City of Centreville by amending the B2 zoning designation to allow the inclusion of mixed use occupancy which allows retail or business use of the first floor of a building and residential use of the upper floors and the rear portion of first floor of a building. The City Council of the City of Centreville will hold a public hearing to address any concerns

regarding addition of mixed use occupancy of property zoned B2 according to the Centreville zoning ordinance on July 15, 2025, at 4:00 p.m. The hearing will be held at Centreville City Hall located at 1270 Walnut Street, Centreville, Alabama. A copy of the proposed ordinance is available for inspection during regular business hours at Centreville City Hall. All persons in favor or in opposition of the proposed rezoning shall be heard at the public hearing.  
Dated this 17<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2025.  
Tracy Griffin  
CITY CLERK  
Centreville Press  
June 20, 27 & July 4, 2025

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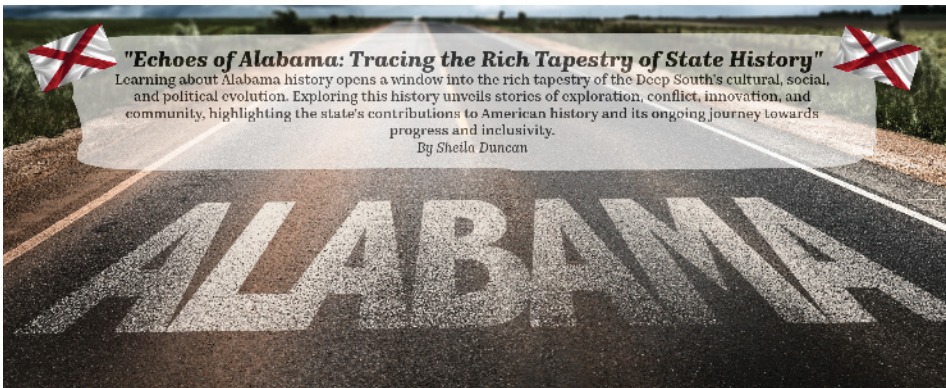
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# LIFESTYLE



## Beyond the Fireworks: The True Meaning Behind the Fourth of July

BY SHEILA DUNCAN  
REPORTER

As Americans gather each year to watch dazzling fireworks, enjoy backyard barbecues, and wave the stars and stripes, it's easy to forget that the Fourth of July is more than just a summer holiday. It marks a turning point in world history—the birth of the United States of America. On July 4, 1776, the Continental

Congress approved the final wording of the Declaration of Independence, a document that would not only sever ties with Britain but also define the ideals on which the nation was founded.

The Road to Freedom  
The journey to American independence didn't happen overnight. By the early 1770s, tensions between the American colonies and Britain had been

simmering for years. Colonists grew increasingly frustrated by oppressive laws and taxation—like the notorious Stamp Act—without having a voice in British Parliament. The phrase “no taxation without representation” became a rallying cry.

In April 1775, the first shots of the Revolutionary War were fired at Lexington and Concord. With conflict

underway, colonial leaders convened the Continental Congress, a governing body tasked with steering the colonies through turbulent times.

By June 1776, the call for full independence could no longer be ignored. Richard Henry Lee of Virginia proposed a resolution declaring the colonies free and independent states. It was passed on July 2, 1776—a date John Adams believed future Americans would celebrate. But it was July 4th, when Congress approved Thomas Jefferson's edited draft of the Declaration of Independence, that became the iconic date etched into history.

Inside the Declaration  
Crafted by Jefferson with help from John Adams, Benjamin Franklin, Roger Sherman, and Robert Livingston, the Declaration of Independence served several key purposes. It justified the colonies' break from Britain, outlined their grievances against King George III, and boldly asserted the fundamental rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

The document is divided into three parts:

A preamble asserting natural rights.

A list of grievances against British tyranny.

The formal declaration of the colonies as free and independent states.

While it was adopted on July 4, most delegates didn't sign the official parchment until August 2, 1776. But the printed date—July 4—appeared on all published versions and quickly became synonymous with American freedom.

How the Holiday Evolved

In 1777, Philadelphia marked the first anniversary with bonfires, bells, and fireworks. A year later, General George Washington gave his troops a double ration of rum to honor the day. Massachusetts was the first state to make July 4th an official holiday in 1781.

Despite this early enthusiasm, Independence Day wasn't widely celebrated at first. In fact, by the 1790s, political divisions over the meaning of the Declaration created controversy. But public sentiment shifted following

the War of 1812, and the deaths of both Jefferson and Adams—on July 4, 1826—added to the date's mystique and emotional weight.

In 1870, Congress made the Fourth of July a national holiday, and in 1938, it became a paid federal holiday. Since then, the day has become a cornerstone of American identity, celebrated coast to coast with parades, music, fireworks, and reflections on freedom.

More Than a Celebration  
Beyond the barbecues and sparklers, the Fourth of July is a day to remember the courage, vision, and sacrifice of the nation's founders. It's a time to reflect on the values that unite us—freedom, equality, and the ongoing quest for justice. While our country's history includes struggles and imperfections, this holiday offers a moment to recommit ourselves to building “a more perfect union.”

As we gather with friends and family this year, let's celebrate not only with fireworks in the sky—but with gratitude in our hearts for the bold leap of independence that changed the course of history.

### 2025 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report (Testing Performed January through December 2024)

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Water Treatment	Chlorination for disinfection
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Board Meetings		2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month at City Hall at 4:30 p.m.

#### Source Water Protection

In compliance with the Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM), City of Centreville Water and Sewer Board has developed a Wellhead Protection Plan that assists in protecting our water sources. This plan 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. There were 63 potential contaminants identified within our assessment area, and all were ranked low. The assessment was performed, public notification was completed, and the plan was approved by ADEM. A copy of the report is available in our office for review during regular business hours with prior request.

We routinely perform water storage facility inspections, and we utilize a Bacteriological Monitoring Plan. Chlorine residual is monitored closely within the distribution system. We have adopted a Cross-Connection Control Program for the purpose of detecting and preventing a danger to public health from cross-connection contamination.

Please help us make these efforts worthwhile by doing your part to help protect 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.

#### Health Information about Lead

As required by ADEM, we conducted a Lead Service Line Inventory during 2024, and it was confirmed that our system contains no Lead service lines, nor was there any historical record of Lead lines ever existing in the system. The Lead Service Line Inventory report and results from our latest Lead results 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 associated with home plumbing. Your water system is responsible for providing high quality drinking water but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. As required by federal and state agencies, we utilize an outside laboratory to analyze the samples we monitor for Lead.

- Even though we have not had a problem with Lead in our distribution system, the following information about Lead is required to be in this report. If present, elevated levels of Lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. 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 kitchen tap (or any other tap you take drinking or cooking water from) 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 comes from household plumbing materials. 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.

#### General Drinking Water 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). 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.

#### Questions?

If you have any questions about this report or concerning your water utility, please call the water office at 205-926-9561. 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 second Monday of each month at City Hall at 4:30 p.m.

More information about contaminants to drinking water and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (1-800-426-4791).

#### Monitoring Schedule and Results

We routinely monitor your drinking water for contaminants in your drinking water according to Federal and State regulations, using EPA-approved methods and a State certified laboratory. 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. The following table shows the most recent year of monitoring for these contaminant groups.

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Constituent Monitored	Level Detected	Unit	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
Inorganic Contaminants	NO	2 present	0	presence in % of month's samples	Naturally present in the environment; used as an indicator that other bacteria may be present
Lead/Copper	NO	PCIA	0	15	Erosion of natural deposits
Microbiological Contaminants	NO	PCIA	0	5	Erosion of natural deposits
Nitrates	NO	ppm	2	2	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits
Radioactive Contaminants	NO	ppm	1.3	AL=1.3	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives
Synthetic Organic Contaminants (including pesticides and herbicides)	NO	ppm	10	10	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits
Volatile Organic Contaminants	NO	ppb	0	60	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Disinfection By-products	NO	ppb	0	60	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule 2 (UCMR2) contaminants	NO	ppb	0	60	By-product of drinking water chlorination
PFAS Contaminants	NO	ppb	0	60	By-product of drinking water chlorination

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.

TABLE OF DETECTED DRINKING WATER CONTAMINANTS					
Contaminants	Violation Y/N	Level Detected	Unit	MCLG	MCL
Total coliform bacteria	NO	2 present	ppm	0	15
Alpha emitters	NO	Total 2.19 (Avg. 0.55)	PCIA	0	15
Radium 226	NO	Total 1.16 (Avg. 0.35)	PCIA	0	5
Barium	NO	0.014	ppm	2	2
Copper	NO	0.082 (0.049-0.13)	ppm	1.3	AL=1.3
Lead	NO	ND-0.0012	ppm	0	AL=0.015
Nitrate (as Nitrogen)	NO	0.14-0.44	ppm	10	10
THM - Total trihalomethanes	NO	Annual 5.60-6.20	ppb	0	60
HAAS - Haloacetic Acids	NO	Annual ND-1.00	ppb	0	60
Secondary Contaminants	NO	138	ppm	n/a	n/a
Hardness	NO	7.5	S.U.	n/a	n/a
pH	NO	116	ppm	n/a	500
Total Dissolved Solids	NO	116	ppm	n/a	500

One monthly sample tested positive for coliform bacteria on July 1, 2024, and the repeat sample on July 3 was also positive. This was not a violation but triggered the need for a Level 1 Assessment, which we performed and submitted. Subsequent samples at that site were negative for coliform bacteria. While performing the Level 1 Assessment, it was decided to change that sample site to a more suitable one. That decision was approved by ADEM.

Figure shown is 95<sup>th</sup> percentile of latest round of sampling, and none of the sample sites exceeded the Action Level (AL).

PFAS Contaminants: Below is a list of PFAS contaminants for which our system monitored in 2020 and the results of that monitoring.

Note: PFAS was not detected in our drinking water. For more information on PFAS contaminants, please refer to [www.epa.gov/pfas](http://www.epa.gov/pfas).

PFAS Contaminants (ppb)									
Abbreviation	Contaminant	MCLG	MCL	Detected	Abbreviation	Contaminant	MCLG	MCL	Detected
11C1PF30S4S	11-chlorooctadecafluoro-3-oxaundecane-1-sulfonic acid	--	--	ND	PFDoA	Perfluorododecanoic acid	--	--	ND
9C1PF30S3S	9-chlorohexadecafluoro-3-oxanone-1-sulfonic acid	--	--	ND	PFHpA	Perfluorheptanoic acid	--	--	ND
ADONA	4,8-dioxa-3H-perfluorononanoic acid	--	--	ND	PFHxS	Perfluorhexanesulfonic acid	0.010	0.010	ND
HFPO-DA	Hexafluoropropylene oxide dimer acid	0.010	0.010	ND	PFNA	Perfluorononanoic acid	0.010	0.010	ND
NEFDOSA	N-ethylperfluorooctanesulfonamidoacetic acid	--	--	ND	PFOS	Perfluorooctanesulfonic acid	0	0.004	ND
NMFDOSA	N-methylperfluorooctanesulfonamidoacetic acid	--	--	ND	PFPA	Perfluorperanoic acid	0	0.004	ND
PFBS	Perfluorobutanesulfonic acid	--	--	ND	PFTeDA	Perfluorotetradecanoic acid	--	--	ND
PFDA	Perfluorodecanoic acid	--	--	ND	PFTA	Perfluorotetradecanoic acid	--	--	ND
PFHxA	Perfluorohexanoic acid	--	--	ND	PFLNA	Perfluorononanoic acid	--	--	ND

#### Plain Language Definitions

This report may contain words or phrases that are unfamiliar to you. The following section is used to define or explain them:

**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 method detection limit (or reportable limit) Disinfection byproducts (DBPs): formed when disinfectants react with bromide and/or natural organic matter (i.e., 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.

**Local Running Annual Average (LRAA)** – yearly average of all the DPB results at each specific sampling site

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

**Microsiemens per centimeter (uS/cm):** unit of measurement for Specific Conductance.

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

**Millirems per year (mrem/yr):** a measure of radiation absorbed by the body.

**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. A percentile is a value on a scale of 100 that indicates the percent of a distribution that is equal to or below it. The 90th percentile is equal to or greater than 90% of the lead and copper values detected at your water system.

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

**NR (Not Reported):** laboratory analysis, usually Secondary Contaminants, not reported by water system. EPA recommends that secondary standards be reported but does not require systems to comply.

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

**Parts per trillion (ppt) or Nanograms per liter (nanograms/L):** corresponds to one minute in 2,000,000 years, or a single penny in \$10,000,000,000.

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

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

**Running Annual Average (RAA):** yearly average of all the DPB results at each specific sampling site in the distribution system. The RAA, along with a range, is reported in the Table of Detected Contaminants.

**Standard Units (S.U.):** pH of water measures the water's balances of acids and bases and is affected by temperature and carbon dioxide gas. Water with less than 6.5 could be acidic, soft, and corrosive. A pH greater than 8.5 could indicate that the water is hard.

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

**Unregulated Contaminants:** contaminants 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, if 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	Detections
<b>Bacteriological Contaminants</b>							
Total Coliform Bacteria	<5%	Present or absent	2 present	1,1-Dichloroethylene	7	ppb	ND
Fecal Coliform and E. coli	0	Present or absent	absent	cis-1,2-Dichloroethylene	70	ppb	ND
Turbidity	TT	NTU		trans-1,2-Dichloroethylene	100	ppb	ND
Cryptosporidium	TT	Calc.organism/ml		Dichloromethane	5	ppb	ND
<b>Radioisotopic Contaminants</b>							
Beta-photon emitters	4	mrem/yr	ND	1,2-Dichloropropane	5	ppb	ND
Alpha emitters	15	pCi/L	0.286-0.906	Di-(2-ethylhexyl)adipate	400	ppb	ND
Combined radium	5	pCi/L	0.150-0.472	Di-(2-ethylhexyl)phthalate	8	ppb	ND
Uranium	30	pCi/L	ND	Onosab	7	ppb	ND
<b>Inorganic Chemicals</b>							
Antimony	8	ppb	ND	Dioxin [2,3,7,8-TCDD]	30	ppb	ND
Arsenic	10	ppb	ND	Diquat	20	ppb	ND
Asbestos	7	MFL	ND	Endothal	100	ppb	ND
Barium	2	ppm	0.01-0.02	Endrin	2	ppb	ND
Beryllium	4	ppb	ND	Epichlorohydrin	TT	TT	ND
Cadmium	5	ppb	ND	Ethylbenzene	700	ppb	ND
Chromium	100	ppb	ND	Ethylene dibromide	50	ppt	ND
Copper	AL=1.3	ppm	0.0039-0.11	Glyphosate	700	ppb	ND
Cyanide	200	ppb	ND	Heptachlor	400	ppt	ND
Fluoride	4	ppm	ND	Heptachlor epoxide	200	ppt	ND
Lead	AL=15	ppb	ND-0.0012	Hexachlorobenzene	1	ppb	ND
Mercury	2	ppb	ND	Hexachlorocyclopentadiene	50	ppb	ND
Nitrate	10	ppm	0.14-0.44	Lindane	200	ppt	ND
Nitrite	1	ppm	ND	Methoxychlor	40	ppb	ND
Selenium	05	ppm	ND	Oxamyl (Vydate)	200	ppb	ND
Thallium	002	ppm	ND	Polychlorinated biphenyls	0.5	ppb	ND
<b>Organic Contaminants</b>							
2,4-D	70	ppb	ND	Pentachlorophenol	1	ppb	ND
Acrylamide	TT	TT	ND	Picloram	500	ppb	ND
Alachlor	2	ppb	ND	Simazine	4	ppb	ND
Benzenes	5	ppb	ND	Syrene	100	ppb	ND
Benzo(a)pyrene (PAHs)	200	ppt	ND	Tetrachloroethylene	5	ppb	ND
Carbofuran	40	ppb	ND	Toluene	1	ppm	ND
Carbon tetrachloride	5	ppb	ND	Toxaphene	3	ppb	ND
Chlordane	2	ppb	ND	2,4,5-TP (Silvex)	50	ppb	ND
Chlorobenzene	100	ppb	ND	1,2,4-Trichlorobenzene	07	ppm	ND
Chloroform	200	ppb	ND	1,1,1-Trichloroethane	200	ppb	ND
Dalapon	100	ppb	ND	1,1,2-Trichloroethane	5	ppb	ND
Dibromochloropropane	200	ppt	ND	Trichloroethylene	5	ppb	ND
1,2-Dichlorobenzene	100	ppb	ND	Vinyl Chloride	2	ppb	ND
1,4-Dichlorobenzene (para)	75	ppb	ND	Xylenes	10	ppm	ND
o-Dichlorobenzene	600	ppb	ND	<b>Disinfection Byproducts</b>			
1,2-Dichloroethane	5	ppb	ND	HAAS [Total haloacetic acids]	80	ppb	5.60-6.20
				THMH [Total trihalomethanes]	80	ppb	ND-1.00
<b>LIST OF SECONDARY CONTAMINANTS</b>							
Alkalinity, Total (as CA, Co.)	Copper			Manganese			Specific Conductance
Aluminum	Corrosivity			Odor			Sulfate
Calcium, as Ca	Foaming agents (MBAS)			Nickel			Total Dissolved Solids
Carbon Dioxide	Hardness			pH			Zinc
Chloride	Iron			Silver			
Color	Magnesium			Sodium			
<b>LIST OF UNREGULATED CONTAMINANTS</b>							
Aldcarb	Chloroethane			Hexachlorobutadiene			Propachlor
Aldcarb Sulfone	Chloroform			3-Hydroxy carbobolan			N-Propylbenzene
Aldcarb Sulfoxide	Chloromethane			Isopropylbenzene			Propachlor
Aldrin	O-Chlorotoluene			p-Isopropyltoluene			1,1,1,2-tetrachloroethane
Bromacetic Acid	P-Chlorotoluene			m-Dichlorobenzene			1,1,2,2-tetrachloroethane
Bromobenzene	Dibromochloromethane			Methomyl			Tetrachloroethane
Bromochloromethane	Dibromomethane			Methomyl			Trichloroacetic Acid
Bromodichloromethane	1,1-Dichloroethane			Methylene chloride			2,3,5-Trichlorobenzene
Bromofom	1,3-Dichloropropane			Methyl tert-butyl ether			Trichlorobenzene
Bromomethane	2,2-Dichloropropane			Melachlor			Trichlorofluoromethane
Butachlor	1,1-Dichloropropene			Meltrazin			1,2,3-Trichloropropane
N-Butylbenzene	1,3-Dichloropropene			MTBE			1,2,4-Trimethylbenzene
Sec-Butylbenzene	Dicamba			Naphthalene			1,3,5-Trimethylbenzene
Tert - Butylbenzene	Dichlorodifluoromethane			1-Naphthol			
Carbaryl	Dieldrin			Parquat			



LIFESTYLE



Welcome to our historical journey, where we delve into the rich tapestry of our past through the pages of The Centreville Press. Below, you will find articles from what we call the “morgue” – a collection of past articles that once graced our newspaper. These narratives provide a fascinating glimpse into the events, stories, and voices that shaped our community. So, let’s embark on a journey through the narratives that once filled our pages, preserving the legacy and memories of yesteryears capturing the essence of bygone eras with vivid detail.

Preserving the Past: The Bibb County Historical Society’s Mission to Keep Alabama’s Roots Alive

BY SHEILA DUNCAN  
REPORTER

Nestled in the heart of Alabama’s Black Belt, the Bibb County Historical Society stands as a steadfast guardian of a story that began more than 200 years ago. Though the county’s name may not ring out on national headlines, its historical significance is rich, deep, and deserving of recognition—and thanks to the work of this passionate group, its legacy won’t be forgotten.

A Name Rooted in Alabama’s Origins

Bibb County was born in 1818, originally christened Cahaba County. Just two years later, it was renamed to honor William Wyatt Bibb, Alabama’s very first governor. It’s a county woven into the early fabric of the state itself—its establishment coinciding with Alabama’s journey to statehood in

1819. A Land of Stories and Soil

Set in Alabama’s Black Belt region, Bibb County’s fertile soil once made it a cornerstone of cotton production in the antebellum South. With its rich earth came immense economic growth—but also a darker legacy, as the area was heavily shaped by the use of enslaved African Americans to develop its plantations. Today, understanding that complex past is vital to telling the complete story of Bibb County.

Centreville: The Heart of the County

At the center of it all is Centreville, Bibb County’s seat of government and a town that has served as a witness to over two centuries of change. From the early days of frontier life to modern times, Centreville and the surrounding area continue to be focal points for histori-

cal preservation efforts.

Guardians of Genealogy

One of the Historical Society’s greatest treasures is its vast archival collection. Managed through the Bibb County Heritage Association, these archives offer a genealogical goldmine. From church and marriage records to family histories and county data from 1820 to 1880, researchers and descendants alike can trace their roots through the threads of Bibb County’s past.

And it doesn’t stop there. Connections with institutions like the Genealogical and Historical Room at the Middle Georgia Regional Library in Macon allow local historians access to even broader resources, including records from the original 13 colonies. These powerful partnerships bring history to life, one document and one family tree at a time.

A Broader Vision

While focused locally, the Bibb County Historical Society is part of a larger movement. It shares a mission with organizations like the Historic Macon Foundation, whose “Macon’s Fading Five” initiative spotlights endangered landmarks in hopes of saving them from demolition or decay. The common goal: to prevent history from slip-

ping silently into oblivion.

Keeping History Alive for the Next Generation

In a world obsessed with what’s new, the Bibb County Historical Society reminds us of the value of what came before. Whether it’s through preserving family Bibles, protecting old schoolhouses, or recording oral histories from longtime residents, the group’s work ensures that

the legacy of Bibb County—and the people who shaped it—will live on.

So next time you pass through the quiet roads of Centreville or glance at the red clay fields of the Black Belt, know that beneath your feet lies a story being carefully preserved—one that belongs to all Alabamians and to the broader American tale.



Happy 4th of July

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The History of “Holy Ground”: A Song of Reverence and Worship

“Holy Ground” is a powerful and simple worship song that has resonated with believers across denominations since its creation in the late 20th century. With its solemn melody and heartfelt lyrics, the song draws worshippers into a moment of awe, reverence, and intimacy with God. Though brief in length, “Holy Ground” has become a staple in churches, conferences, and prayer meetings around the world. Its history reflects a deep desire among believers to acknowledge the presence of God as sacred and transformative.

The concept of holy ground originates from Exodus 3:5, where God speaks to Moses from the burning bush: “Do not come any closer,” God said. “Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground.” This moment marks a turning point in biblical history—God reveals His name, His plan, and His presence. The ground becomes holy not because of its physical nature, but because God is there. This idea—that God’s presence sanctifies any space—became a cornerstone for worship theology and would inspire countless songs, including the well-known worship chorus “Holy Ground.”

The most recognized version of “Holy Ground” was written by Geron Davis in 1983. Davis, a young worship leader at the time, composed the song

in just minutes while sitting at a piano during a moment of spontaneous worship. The lyrics are simple yet profound: “We are standing on holy ground,

And I know that there are angels all around.

Let us praise Jesus now, We are standing in His presence on holy ground.”

These words reflect an awareness of the sacredness of God’s presence in everyday worship spaces—whether a church sanctuary, a living room, or a personal prayer closet.

Geron Davis recorded the song with his family group, Kindred Souls, and it quickly spread through churches, Christian television broadcasts, and worship events. It became especially popular during altar calls, communion services, and moments of deep spiritual reflection.

Part of the song’s power lies in its musical simplicity. Written in a singable key and requiring minimal instrumentation, “Holy Ground” allows congregations to focus not on performance but on the presence of God. Its slow, reverent tone creates a stillness that encourages worshippers to pause, listen, and reflect. Churches across denominations—from Pentecostal to Methodist, Baptist to Catholic—embraced the song, finding common ground in its humble expression of reverence.

Since its debut, “Holy Ground” has been covered by numerous Christian artists and choirs. Its lyrics have been printed in hymnals and worship songbooks, featured in recordings by Bill and Gloria Gaither, and translated into multiple languages. In a worship culture that often chases the new and flashy, “Holy Ground” has endured for over 40 years because of its timeless focus: honoring the presence of God. The song also sparked a deeper trend in the 1980s and 1990s worship movement—one that emphasized intimacy with God over tradition and personal experience over ritual. Davis’s contribution helped shape the modern worship genre that continues to influence Christian music today.

“Holy Ground” is more than just a song—it is a declaration. It reminds believers that wherever God dwells becomes sacred. Whether sung in a grand cathedral or a small chapel, it helps draw hearts toward the awe and reverence due to the Almighty. Its legacy is one of simplicity, sincerity, and spiritual depth, continuing to lead countless worshippers into moments of holy encounter.

As long as there are voices lifted in worship, “Holy Ground” will remain a beloved anthem, echoing the timeless truth: We are standing in His presence on holy ground.

Classic Awards & Signs under new ownership as C² Awards & Signs

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A familiar name is entering a new era as Classic Awards & Signs transitions to new ownership under Marty Caffee and his daughter, AugustAnna Caffee Crawford. The longtime local business will now operate as C² Awards & Signs, continuing its tradition of quality craftsmanship while introducing a fresh, creative vision.

The father-daughter duo officially announced the transition this week, expressing their excitement and gratitude for the

opportunity to serve the community through the next phase of the company’s journey.

“This business has served our community for years, and we’re honored to carry on that legacy while bringing our own passion, creativity, and commitment to quality into every order,” Crawford said.

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