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## Exciting New Business “The Fish Ranger” Set to Open at Bibb County Expo Center

BY SHEILA DUNCAN  
REPORTER

Mark your calendars — something exciting is coming to Bibb County!

The community is buzzing with anticipation as Shane Jones and his son, Cody Jones, prepare to unveil their newest venture — The Fish Ranger, located inside the Bibb County Expo Center at 100 Walnut Street, Centreville. With a grand opening set for Friday, August 1st, and Saturday, August 2nd at 9:00 a.m. with balloon artist and magician “Billy Damon” from 10 am- 2 pm. and live music from “Holsen” from 2-5 p.m. His brand-new business promises to be more than just a store — it’s an experience.

Shane Jones, a long-time local business owner known for Jones Cigo, shared his gratitude for the support he’s received over the years. “This community has been good to me for over 30 years, and I can’t think of a better place than here to open The Fish Ranger,” said Shane.

The building has undergone a complete transformation, now housing a well-stocked paradise for anglers and outdoor enthusiasts. From rods and reels

to lures and tackle, The Fish Ranger offers everything a fishing lover could want. But that’s just the beginning.

In addition to top-of-the-line fishing gear, customers will find an impressive selection of name-brand camouflage clothing for all ages, along with shoes, hats, socks, shirts, and pullovers. The store will also offer a rotating stock of unique, first-come-first-serve items including outdoor dining tables and industrial-grade zero-turn lawnmowers — making it a one-stop shop for outdoor living. “And the best part? Everything is offered at a low, discounted price — more affordable than most other sports retailers!”

But perhaps one of the most exciting aspects of The Fish Ranger is the community-centered at-

mosphere Shane and Cody have worked hard to create.

“We wanted to build a place where people can gather and enjoy time together,” Shane explained. Inside, visitors will find a concession stand and kitchen serving up tasty food items, snacks, pizza, and drinks. Multiple TVs will broadcast local sports games, and a stage has been set for live entertainment featuring local artists.

Whether you’re a dedicated angler, a lover of the outdoors, or simply looking for a welcoming spot to relax with friends and family — The Fish Ranger has something for everyone.

Let’s give a warm Bibb County welcome to Shane and Cody Jones as they open the doors to a business that’s built for the community, by the community.

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## Community Calendar

July 21st- RiverKids is back for Summer 2025! Bibb County is teaming up with Shelby & Autauga Counties for kayaking this summer. Our next Summer 2025 float is scheduled for Monday, July 21st (Location TBD).

If you are interested in signing up your child (age 9 and up) contact Holly Hall at 205-928-2981 or hah0056@aubum.edu.

July 22nd – Bibb Co. Extension “Addressing Housing Concerns” 6:00 pm-7:30 p.m. at Centreville Baptist Church. Register at <https://tinyurl.com/5f4pc4t> or call Bibb Co. Extension @ 205-926-4310.

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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September 5th: Brierfield Ironworks Movie Night! This is a FREE event. There will be food trucks available. Movie will be outdoors, so bring your blankets or lawn chairs! Movie starts at 7pm.

September 20th: Brierfield Ironworks’ Car Show and Flea Market from 10am-2pm! The Car Show will be judged at 1pm. We will have food trucks, vendors and live music!

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## Massive Fire and Explosion Rock Stella-Jones Pole Yard in Brierfield

BY SHEILA DUNCAN  
REPORTER

A massive fire broke out Saturday night at the Stella-Jones Pole Yard located near the Brierfield/Six Mile community, close to the Bibb/Shelby County line on Alabama Highway 25. The incident quickly escalated, drawing in multiple fire departments and emergency responders from surrounding areas.

The fire was first reported around 9:30 p.m. as large flames and heavy smoke began rising from the industrial site. Emergency crews arrived on scene and worked quickly to contain the blaze, but the situation intensified overnight.

At approximately 2:15 a.m., a series of powerful explosions occurred, shaking nearby homes and lighting up the night sky. The explosions caused significant damage to fire equipment on scene and forced a full evacuation of all emergency personnel. One firefighter sustained minor injuries during the explosion and was transported to a local hospital for treatment. The extent of injuries from other departments remains unknown at this time.

“This was a very dangerous and rapidly evolving fire,” said one responder. “Our crews did

everything they could to protect the community and ensure everyone’s safety.”

Several firefighting apparatus were damaged during the incident, and officials are now assessing the full impact. The site remained active into Sunday morning as smoldering debris and hot spots continued to pose risks.

The cause of the fire and explosions is currently under investigation. Authorities have not yet released any details regarding what may have triggered the initial fire or the subsequent blasts.

Stella-Jones is a ma-

major supplier of treated wood products, including utility poles and railway ties. The materials stored at the site — including creosote-treated poles — may have contributed to the intensity of the blaze.

Residents in the surrounding area were urged to stay clear of the scene due to smoke and safety concerns. No evacuations of homes were ordered, but many locals reported hearing and feeling the explosions during the early morning hours.

More information will be released as the investigation continues.



## Hometown Chiropractic Opens Its Doors to the Community

BY SHEILA DUNCAN  
REPORTER

Hometown Chiropractic is officially open, and Dr. Watson Fondren is thrilled to begin serving the community. “After months of planning, building, painting, cleaning, and dreaming... the space is ready — and we can’t wait for you to see it!” said Dr. Fondren. “Thank you to everyone who has supported us along the way. We’re excited to help you feel your best — right here at home.”

As a family-centered practice, Hometown Chiropractic is built on the belief that strong, healthy families create strong, healthy communities. Their approach to care is holistic — treating the whole person, not just symptoms.

At the core of their practice is the nervous system, which acts as the body’s master control center. When it’s under stress, your overall health can suffer. Chiropractors work to remove interference caused by what they call the “3 T’s”:

Traumas — Physical injuries, whether big or small  
Toxins — Internal or environmental chemical stressors

Thoughts — Mental and emotional stress

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NEWS

Welcome Candace Johnson: A New Voice for Our Community

**BY SHEILA DUNCAN REPORTER**

The Centreville Press is proud to welcome a fresh face to our reporting team—Candace Johnson, a passionate journalist and Bibb County native who is eager to share the stories that matter most to our community.

Candace is a recent graduate of The University of Alabama, where she majored in communication studies. A former student at Bibb County High School, she is excited to return home and put her talents to work right here in the community that raised her.

“I’ve always had a passion for writing and truth-telling,” Candace shared. “I enjoy journalism and storytelling and have always wanted to help my community by making a positive change and keeping them informed.”

While in college, Candace gained hands-on experience in the world of media. She was an active member of student organizations such as the Capstone Association of Black Journalists (CABJ) and the Radio Television Digital News Association (RTDNA). She also interned as a digital reporter for WVUA 23, where she honed her skills in local news coverage and digital storytelling.

Candace believes in the power of local news and the role it plays in small-town life. “Local news is extremely important to me. I believe that change

starts at the local level and from there can have a positive impact,” she said. “Coming from a small town, I loved the community and the people I’ve had the chance to meet.”

She also recognizes the unique value a local reporter brings. “Reporters play an integral role in small communities because they are familiar with the town and the people. When a person is familiar with something, it’s easier to reach out and find people to talk to.”

Candace’s goal as a reporter is simple yet powerful: to help readers feel seen and heard. “I hope that readers will be able to see themselves reflected in the paper and allow for their voices to be heard.”

With her heart for service, eye for detail, and commitment to truth, we know Candace Johnson will be a wonderful addition to our team—and to your news.

Please join us in giving Candace a warm welcome!



Bibb County Student Recognized by National Honor Society

Hometown Chiropractic

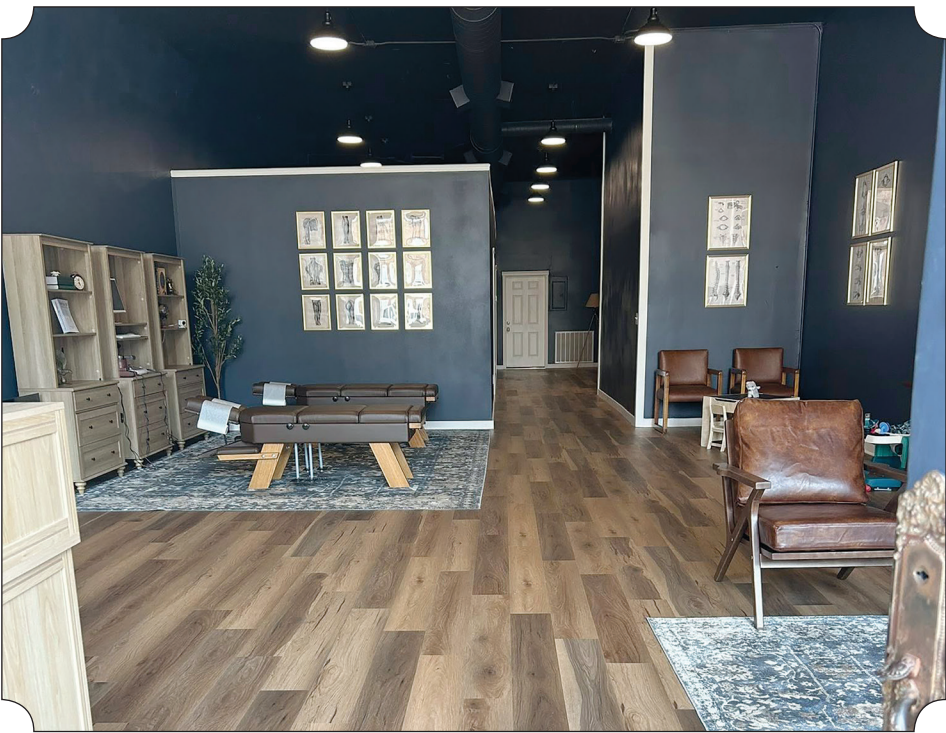
**Hometown Chiropractic from page 1**

Each of these can disrupt how your nervous system functions, leading to dysfunction and imbalance. Chiropractic care helps restore proper communication between the brain and body, allowing you to function at your best.

Hometown Chiropractic also features a Community Center Board, created to celebrate and support everything that makes this town special. It’s a welcoming space for promoting small businesses, local events, and community connections. You’re encouraged to leave your

business card, post a flyer, or check out what’s happening locally.

“We’re not just here to provide chiropractic care — we’re here to be part of something bigger,” added Dr. Fondren. “Let’s stay connected and keep our hometown thriving — together.”



**BY CANDACE JOHNSON REPORTER**

The National Society of High School Scholars (NSHSS), a distinguished honor society founded in 2002 by James W. Lewis and Claes Nobel, recognizes students who demonstrate exceptional academic achievement, leadership, and community commitment. On July 6, NSHSS Co-founder and President James W. Lewis issued a press release addressed to West Blocton’s own Camiyah Johnson.

Camiyah, a rising junior at Bibb County High School, is a dedicated student and active member of her school community. She is first trumpet in the Purple Pride Marching Band and is enrolled in the school’s Honors Program. In addition to her academic success, she has also been inducted into the National Junior Honor Society at BCHS.

“We are proud to provide

lifetime membership to young scholars to support their growth and development,” Lewis said. “We help students like Camiyah build on their academic success by connecting them with learning experiences and resources to help prepare them for college and meaningful careers.”

Reflecting on the induction, Camiyah shared, “I’m really honored, and it’s nice to be recognized on a national level, even being from a small town.”

The National Society of High School Scholars offers its members access to scholarships, college and career guidance, leadership programs, and a network of like-minded peers across the globe.



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NEWS



Alabama League of Municipalities Celebrates 90 Years of Service

**SPECIAL TO THE PRESS**  
The Alabama League of Municipalities (ALM) recently celebrated its 90th anniversary during its annual meeting held in Huntsville, Alabama, from May 13-16, 2025. The event honored both

the organization’s long-standing dedication to supporting cities and towns across the state and the individuals who have played a key role in its success. In addition to the celebration, the conference offered valuable training sessions

designed to help elected officials improve their leadership and decision-making skills. Pictured are Centreville City Council members Don Mack and Brad Colburn, who attended the event to represent their community.

City of Brent Receives ALM Senior Risk Management Award

**SPECIAL TO THE PRESS**  
The City of Brent was recently awarded a Silver Risk Management Award by the insurance division of the Alabama League of Municipalities. Approximately 800 public entities participate in one or both of the Alabama League of Municipalities (ALM) sponsored insurance programs which are the Municipal Workers compensation Fund (MWCF) and the Alabama Municipal Insurance Corporation (AMIC). The Board of Directors of both insurance programs approved the establishment of a Risk Management Award system in 2002. The award system recognizes those members who have instituted risk management and loss control activities in an effort to reduce their loss ratio. Risk management and loss control activities

not only benefit the member’s loss ratio but also the overall success of the League sponsored insurance programs. Through the efforts of the City of Brent, employee, property and liability losses are being minimized; and –most importantly – employees and citizens are reaping the rewards of a safer workplace and community. Recipients of the President’s Risk Management Award, which included the top 5%of those members with minimal losses for a five-year period, received a specially designed memento. Three additional levels of achievement – Gold, silver and Bronze – were also recognized. Recipients in these categories receive a plaque for the first year they are acknowledged and then a plate to be attached to the plaque for subsequent years. The Gold, Silver and Bronze levels were

for loss ratios of below 5%; 5% to 20%; and 20% to 40%, respectively. Based in Montgomery, the Alabama League of Municipalities was organized I 1935 and serves as the recognized voice of the cities and towns in Alabama. Representing more than 455 member municipalities, the League works to secure enactment of legislation enabling all cities and towns to perform their functions more efficiently and effectively, offers specialized training for both municipal officials and employees; holds conferences and meetings at which views and experiences of officials may be exchanged, and conducts continuing studies of the legislative, administrative and operational needs, problems and functions of Alabama’s municipal governments. For more information, visit [www.almonline.org](http://www.almonline.org).

WEST BLOCTON TOWN COUNCIL  
Meeting Date: June 16, 2025

The Town Council of the Town of West Blocton, Alabama met in a Regular Council Meeting at the Municipal Building on Monday, June 16, 2025, at 7:00pm. A quorum being present, Mayor Daniel Sims called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Prayer was led by Glenn Johnson. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Kristen Nash. Roll was called by Town Clerk Brandy Fancher.  
Present: Glenn Johnson, Blane Sherron, and Kristen Nash Absent: Fred Lynch, Holly Barnett  
Mayor Notes:  
• We are accepting closed bids for side walk end cap upgrades through July 3, 2025.  
• 4th of July Celebration will be on Friday, July 4, 2025, from 4pm-9pm. There will be food vendors, a kid zone and fireworks. The event is going to be at the top of the hill this year.  
I. Previous Approval:  
Ordinance No. 2025-6-4 Set Qualification Fees  
Council Member Blane Sherron made the motion to approve Ordinance No. 2025-6-4 to set qualification fees for the 2025 Municipal Election. Motion was seconded by Council Member Kristen Nash. All in favor and motion so carried.  
Ordinance No. 2025-6-4B Electronic Voting Machine  
Council Member Kristen Nash made the motion to approve Ordinance No. 2025-6-4B to allow the use of electronic voting machines for the 2025 Municipal Election. Motion was seconded by Council Member Blane Sherron. All in favor and motion so carried.  
Resolution No. 2025-6-2

CWSRF Application  
Council Member Blane Sherron made the motion to approve Resolution No. 2025-6-2 for The Kelley Group to apply for Clean Water State Revolving Fund on behalf of the Town of West Blocton. Motion was seconded by Council Member Glenn Johnson. All in favor and motion so carried.  
2. Council Approval:  
Previous Council Meeting Minutes 5-19-2025  
Council Member Blane Sherron made the motion to approve the previous Council Meeting Minutes for 5- 19- 2025. Motion was seconded by Council Member Glenn Johnson. All in favor and motion so carried  
WBHS Halftime Show Sponsor Package  
Council Member Glenn Johnson made the motion to approve the WBHS Sponsor Package for the 2025 Season. Motion was seconded by Council Member Glenn Johnson. All in favor and motion so carried.  
Acceptance of 2025 CCRAnnual Water Quality Report ,  
Council Member Kristen Nash made the motion to accept the 2025 CCR Annual Water Quality Water Report. Motion was seconded by Council Member Blane Sherron. All in favor and motion so carried.  
February Financial Report  
Council Member Glenn Johnson made the motion to approve the February 2025 Financial Statement. Motion was seconded by Council Member Kristen Nash. All in favor and motion so carried.  
March Financial Report

Council Member Glenn Johnson made the motion to approve the March 2025 Financial Statement. Motion was seconded by Council Member Kristen Nash. All in favor and motion so carried.  
Ordinance No. 2025-6-16 Police Department Reserve Program  
Roll Call Vote was used to approve Ordinance No. 2025-6-16 for the Police Department Reserve Program. Council Member Glenn Johnson-Yes Council Member Blane Sherron-Yes Council Member Kristen Nash Yes NO-0 YES-3 Motion Passes  
Resolution 2025-6-16 Appointment of Town Clerk as Election Manager  
Roll Call Vote was used to approve Resolution 2025-6-16 to appoint Town Clerk, Brandy Fancher, as Election Manager for the 2025 Municipal Election. Council Member Glenn Johnson-Yes Council Member Blane Sherron-Yes Council Member Kristen Nash-Yes NO-0 YES-3 Motion Passes  
Payment of Monthly Bills  
Council Member Blane Sherron made the motion to Pay monthly bills. Motion was seconded by Council Member Glenn Johnson. All in favor and motion so carried.  
Citizens to Speak - None  
There being no further business to come before the Town Council at this time, Council Member Glenn Johnson made the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Council Member Blane Sherron. All in favor and motion so carried.

Summer’s About Over, Join in at Little Fun at Brent Methodist Church Before Time to Sharpen Those Pencils!

**SPECIAL TO THE PRESS**  
The popsicles have melted, the swimsuits are fading, and the fireflies are packing it in—summer is officially wrapping up! While we’ll miss the lazy days, water balloon fights, and late-night movie marathons, it’s time to trade in flip-flops for sneakers and pool bags for backpacks. Back-to-school season is here, and it’s bringing all the excitement: new teachers, fresh notebooks, and the sweet smell of sharpened pencils. Whether your child is heading off to kindergarten or strolling into high school like a pro, this is the perfect moment to reset routines, stock up on school supplies, and maybe sneak in one more trip for ice cream. Come and join the fun with Brent Methodist Church (190 Tabernacle

Road, Brent). They will be hosting a Back to School Bash on Saturday, August 2, from 9 am till Noon. All kids K-4 thru 6th grade are invited to have a morning of fun as they prepare to go back to school. The purpose of the event is to equip your kids for the 2025 school year. There will have a “back

to school” craft, an encouraging Bible Lesson, an outside obstacle course and an ICE CREAM TRUCK. 3 B’s Cool Style owned and operated by Kenan Breland will be on site for some delicious hand dipped ice cream! Each child will go home with school supplies and ice cream! Hope to see you there!!



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Bids will be accepted at the Brent City Hall until July 15, 2025 at 4:30pm

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**Christina Collette (Griffin) Roberts**

Christina Collette (Griffin) Roberts, born on April 6, 1965, in Japan, passed away peacefully at her residence in Brent, Alabama, on July 11, 2025.

She was the beloved daughter of the late Curtis Delano Griffin and Julia Faye

(Wakefield) Griffin of Shelby County, Alabama.

Christina is survived by her loving children, daughter Kristian Griffin and son Wesley Hogue, as well as her cherished granddaughters, Aubrey Alexandria Blankenship and Madelyn Rylee Brown.

She is also survived by her devoted siblings: sisters Kimberly Kaye Kelley (Barry) of Prospect, Tennessee, and Faye Danette Griffin-Turner (Tim) of Tallahassee, Florida; brothers Curtis Wayne Griffin and Robert Stewart Jerome Griffin (Tamatha) of Columbiana, Alabama. She was preceded in death by her son, Ricky Jerome "R.J." Hogue, in 2010, and her brother, Franklin Owen Griffin, in 2022.

Christina had a gentle spirit and a deep love for animals, which brought her great joy throughout her life.

In accordance with her wishes, Christina will be cremated, and her final resting place will be at Schultz Creek Cemetery, where she will be laid to rest next to her beloved son, R.J.

Christina's memory will live on in the hearts of her family and friends, who will forever cherish her kindness and love.

## COMMUNITY NEWS



### West Eoline News

From The Pen Of Jane Hannah



Wayne & Ruth Deason invited Jane Hannah & Jo Kitchen for steak dinner Friday night. Within 30 minutes of my arrival, I cooked the deer steaks (cubed), made gravy and biscuits and Jo cooked creamed corn. All this added to the Creamed Potatoes, Green Beans & Peas I brought made a wonderful supper. Wayne laughed, saying "when you were invited for supper you didn't know you were cooking it", haha. We had enough left for delivery to Amy Ellison and Tony Fancher.

Rummikub was the name of the game enjoyed Friday night. Chad & Stacey Thompson, Jim Kirkendall and I played until Chad was falling asleep at the table. It was a fun time and we enjoyed plenty snacks.

Wayne Deason and daughters Ruth, Car-

olyn, Janet & Cindy enjoyed three days together in Orange Beach.

Amy Ellison came home from rehab on Tuesday. Prayers for a quick recovery.

LaShelle & Ronnie Kinney and baby Kaydi returned Sunday from Port St. Lucie, FL. The pool at Aunt Paula's served as a great way to get Kaydi tired wfor a good night's sleep. Kaydi loved the ocean waves.

Luke & Tracey Holladay returned Monday from a weekend getaway in Panama City, FL.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY this week to Billie Deason 7-18, C H Deason 7-21, Link Perez 7-22, Teresa Suttle 7-23, Peggy Simmons 7-24.

Happy Anniversary Sammy & Donna Kornegay 7-24.

Share your news. Call 478-396-2513.



### Centreville News

From The Pen Of Brenda Hubbard



We wish to extend sincere sympathy to the family of Mary Frances (Lawley) Green, age 96, of Randolph, AL who passed away on July 4, 2025.

Charlotte Lovelady West joined her children and grandchildren, Perry Party of 5 for the 4th of July. Also joining the Kennedy's were Paul's family from Kentucky, the Kennedy's and Birds. All enjoyed lots of food, fun, pool and fireworks at Blackridge.

Anniversary wishes go out to Mark and Lisa Riffe who recently celebrated their wedding anniversary.

Several having birthdays in July are Andrew Garner, Fay Mannings, Kitty Nichols Hollis, Hollie Rowland, Jim Garner, Dedra W. Clinker, Kelsey Lightsey Dunn, Wanda Whaley, Bruce Horsley, Cynthia Patridge and Frankie Fancher.

Anniversary wishes go out to Bibby

and Mary Kinard who recently celebrated their 51st Wedding Anniversary.

Our deepest sympathy goes out to the family of Houston (Buddy) Wesley Pearson Jr. who passed away on July 7, 2025. A graveside service was held on Friday, July 11, 2025 at 9:30am at Pineland Memorial Park.

Sympathy is also extended to the family of Lesley Dee Lambert. A celebration of Life for Lesley was held on Saturday, July 12, 2025 at Shady Grove Baptist Church in Randolph, Alabama at 11am.

Sincere sympathy goes out to the family of R.F. Snapper House who passed away on July 8, 2025. A visitation was held on Friday, July 11, 2025 at Rockco Funeral Homes. Snapper will be missed by his family and friends.

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

Kimberly Joyce Knight, Executor  
B. Boozer Downs, Jr. Downs & Davis Law, LLC Attorney for Petitioner  
PO Box 65  
Woodstock, AL 35188  
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Letters of Administration of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of July, 2025, by the Honorable Stephanie Kemmer, Judge of the Probate Court of Bibb County, notice is hereby given that all per-

sons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Shonda Marie Rogers, as Personal Representative of the estate of Michael Edwin Rogers, deceased  
Clint C. Thomas Attorney at Law  
PO Box 1422  
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**In the Probate Court of Bibb County, Alabama In the matter of the Estate of Joseph Lee Owings, deceased Case No. 2025PC050 Publication Notice**  
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Patrick Lee Owings, Executor  
Thomas G. Owings Owings Law Firm, LLC  
1186 University Way, Suite D  
Brent, AL 35034  
Attorney for Petitioner  
Centreville Press  
July 11, 18 & 25, 2025

**Probate Court of Bibb County, Alabama Case No. 2025PC22 In the matter of the estate of Linda Hyde, Deceased Notice to Creditors**  
Take notice that Letters of Testamentary having been granted to Kimberly Jean Pylant, as Executrix of the estate of Linda Hyde, deceased on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2024, by the Honorable Stephanie Kemmer, Judge of Probate. Notice is hereby giv-

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

Kimberly Jean Pylant Executrix of the estate of Linda Hyde  
Christopher R. Smitherman  
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MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage executed on July 15, 2004 by Arthur Edward Lott, Sr., single man, originally in favor of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for RBMG, Inc., and recorded in 138 at 522 on July 20, 2004, and modified in and modified by agreement recorded October 6, 2014 in Book 298, Page 302 and further modified by agreement recorded August 2, 2016 in Book 318, Page 744 and further modified by agreement recorded February 22, 2019 in Book 350, Page 179, in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Bibb County, Alabama, and secured indebtedness having been transferred to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.. LOGS Legal Group LLP, as counsel for Mortgagee or Transferee and under and by virtue of power of sale contained in the said mortgage will, on September 4, 2025, sell at public outcry to the highest bidder at the main entrance of the Bibb County, Alabama, Courthouse in the City of Centreville, during the legal hours of sale, the following real estate situated in Bibb County, Alabama, to wit:

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LIFESTYLE

Meet the Candidates: Bibb County’s August 2025 Election Preview

BY SHEILA DUNCAN  
REPORTER

Bibb County’s August 26, 2025 local elections are fast approaching, and The Centreville Press is bringing our readers a first-hand look at the individuals campaigning to serve our community. Our mission—in a series of feature articles—is to go beyond the ballot and help voters connect with the candidates on a more personal level.

Local elections shape the policies and services that impact your everyday life—from school funding to public safety, infrastructure priorities, and more. Getting to know the people running for office empowers citizens to make thoughtful, informed decisions about who will represent their interests in Bibb County.

This is how we will be covering this preview:

Featured Profiles: Each article will include a brief

personal bio, key campaign priorities, community involvement highlights, and what motivated each candidate to run.

Photo & Contact Info: A professional headshot, social media handles, and key campaign contact details.

Q&A Section: Candidates are invited to share a fun fact, their vision for our county, and one important issue they want voters to know about.

At The Centreville Press, we want to make sure every candidate has their chance to stand out. If you plan on running—or already are—for any position in the August 2025 Bibb County elections, we’d love to feature you! We’ll gather your materials and reach out with a guided Q&A and next steps.

Bibb County Citizens will get a deeper understanding and learn not just where candidates stand, but

why—what inspired them, what they value, and how they plan to serve. Side-by-Side Comparison: Our format ensures you easily compare qualifications and priorities and Stronger Engagement: Knowing candidates personally can boost civic participation—voting, attending events, or volunteering. Your voice matters.

Features will begin running weekly from mid July through early August, leading up to the August election date. Check each week in The Centreville Press and on our website for new candidate features. Your voice matters.

If you’re running, we want to tell your story. Email us today, and let’s bring Bibb County voters closer to the people who will represent them. Email your interest and materials to: sheila.duncan@centrevillepress.com



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.

25 YEARS AGO



Fire At Cahaba Pressure Treated Forest Products

by Lisa Lightsey  
A fire broke out in one of the treating plants at Cahaba Pressure Treated Forest Products in Brierfield last Thursday night at approximately 8:30.

According to Bret Jones, a Cahaba Pressure employee, a small fire ignited in one of the treating cylinders, but little damage occurred and no one was injured. Jones said the cause of the fire is unknown and no formal investigation is underway and has been turned over to the insurance company. A few poles were damaged, but the plant was not burned at all. Jones said “It could have been a bad situation, but the Brierfield Fire Department responded and was there in 6 or 7 minutes.” The Montevallo Fire Department was also on hand, as were the Brent, Centreville and West Blocton Departments, and three Cahaba Pressure night crew employees. “We are fortunate the response was so fast” said Jones, “and no one was hurt. We can fix everything else.”

Jones said the Brierfield Fire Department, which is located quite a distance from the work site, is contemplating installing a branch of the department on the work site.

Jones said there is no anticipation of problems in connection with run-off from the process of extinguishing the fire, and the plant was in operation the day following the fire.

25 YEARS AGO



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Tallassee Cotton Mill: Alabama’s Industrial Pioneer

BY SHEILA DUNCAN  
REPORTER

Nestled along the banks of the Tallapoosa River in east-central Alabama, the **Tallassee Cotton Mill** once stood as a proud symbol of Southern industry and resilience. Established in **1841**, it is widely recognized as the **oldest continuously operating textile mill in the United States** until its closure in the early 2000s. With a rich legacy stretching over 160 years, the Tallassee Cotton Mill helped shape the economic and cultural landscape of Alabama.

The location of the mill was no accident. The rushing waters of the Tallapoosa River provided the perfect source of hydropower needed to run the machinery of the early textile era. The Tallassee Cotton Mill quickly became the heartbeat of the town, employing hundreds of workers and giving rise to a surrounding mill village that offered homes, stores, and churches to mill families.

Built from sturdy brick and stone, the mill’s original architecture reflected the craftsmanship of the 19th century. Its large

windows, thick walls, and towering structures were both functional and impressive—designed to withstand time, heavy use, and the elements.

During the **Civil War**, the Tallassee Cotton Mill played a vital role in the Confederate war effort. It produced cloth for Confederate uniforms and other military supplies. Remarkably, while many Southern mills were destroyed during Union raids, the Tallassee Mill survived. Its location and strong local defenses likely contributed to its preservation, making it a rare industrial survivor of that era.

For over a century and a half, the mill operated as a cornerstone of the local economy. Generations of families worked within its walls, passing down skills and stories. From the Reconstruction era to the Great Depression, through wars and waves of modernization, the Tallassee Cotton Mill adapted and endured.

By the late 20th century, however, the textile industry in the United States began to decline due to globalization and shifting

manufacturing practices. The Tallassee Mill eventually ceased operations in **2005**, bringing an end to an era.

In **2016**, a devastating fire swept through much of the old mill complex, destroying large portions of the historic structure. The loss was felt deeply by the community and historians alike, as it erased one of the last standing monuments to Alabama’s industrial past.

Despite the fire, the legacy of the Tallassee Cotton Mill lives on. Local efforts continue to preserve what remains of the site and to educate future generations about its historical importance. The story of the Tallassee Mill is more than bricks and machinery—it is a story of community, hard work, and the evolving spirit of Alabama.

Today, the remnants of the Tallassee Cotton Mill serve as a powerful reminder of how industry helped shape the South. From its Civil War role to its lasting impact on generations of workers, the mill is a treasured piece of Alabama history—one that deserves to be remembered, honored, and preserved.

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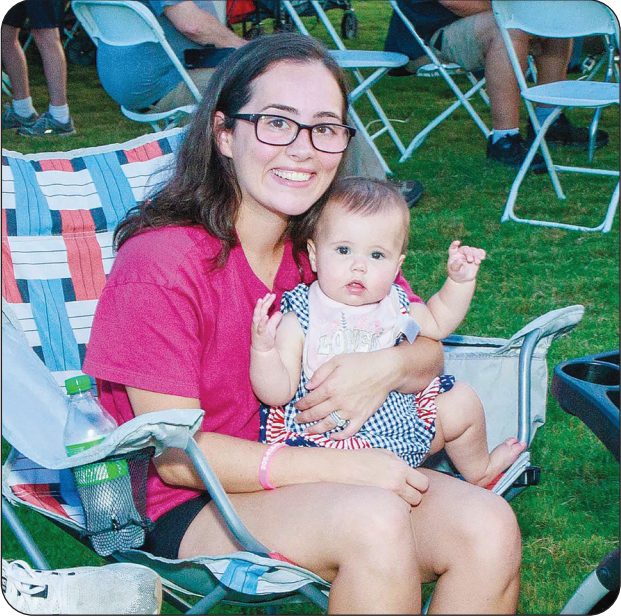
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