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New Basketball Court Brings Fresh Energy to West Blocton

BY SHEILA DUNCAN
REPORTER

West Blocton has something new to celebrate — a brand-new basketball court is now open and ready for action! This exciting addition gives local youth and families a safe, modern space to play, gather, and enjoy outdoor fun together.

A ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate their newly renovated basketball court, made possible with funds awarded by Tombig-

bee RC&D. We were joined by Senator April Weaver and Bedsole.

The court features a smooth surface, solar-powered lights making it safer and more enjoyable for players of all ages, full-size goals, and clearly marked lines, making it perfect for pickup games, practice sessions, and even future tournaments. It's conveniently located for easy access and will serve as a community hub for recreation and events.

Residents are already enjoying the court, and local leaders hope it will inspire more healthy activities, stronger connections, and pride in the town. Whether you're a seasoned player or just want to shoot a few hoops with friends, the new basketball court in West Blocton is open for everyone.

This project is a big win for the community — and just the beginning of more good things to come.



Community Calendar

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.

August 1st- Grand Opening of Bibb County Expo Center

August 4th- West Blocton Town Park Expansion Ribbon Cutting at 9:00 am at 512 Oak St. West Blocton, AL

August 5th- State Farm Woodstock Office Ribbon Cutting at 10:00 am at 20026 Hwy. 11 Woodstock, AL

August 7th- First day for Bibb County Schools

August 22nd: 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.

August 28th – Treasure Forest of Bibb meeting at 6:30 pm at Brent/Centreville Library

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!

September 25th - Treasure Forest of Bibb meeting at 6:30 pm at Brent/Centreville Library.

Karleigh Bolding Named Winner of the 2026 Distinguished Young Woman Competition

SPECIAL TO THE PRESS

The 2026 Distinguished Young Woman (DYW) competition was a night filled with talent, grace, and exemplary young women showcasing their achievements. The event, held in Bibb County at the Board of Education Auditorium, celebrated the outstanding accomplishments of participants in various categories.

This past Saturday, Karleigh Bolding won the title of Bibb County's Distinguished Young Woman 2026. In addition to winning the overall title, she was the overall Interview and Scholastic winner. She also placed in Talent, Fitness and Self Expression categories. She was awarded a total of \$3800 in cash tuition scholarships. She will also receive custom stationery from Hollie Pritchett, owner of Happies By Hollie.

As the winner, Karleigh will proudly represent Bibb County in the upcoming

DYW of Alabama program, scheduled to be held in Montgomery in January.

See DYW on page 7



LEARNING BEYOND THE CLASSROOM: INSIDE THIS YEAR'S SUMMER PROGRAM

BY CANDACE JOHNSON
REPORTER

The Neighborhood House Tutorial Center, located at 100 Kids Street in Brent, Alabama, provides educational services to Bibb County students throughout the summer months. Its annual summer camp focuses on academic enrichment, personal growth, and outdoor exploration.

"We offer a summer camp for our students focusing on the importance of friendships, embracing nature due to the location, and promoting independence," said Dr. Earnie Cutts, CEO of the organization.

One of the program's key components is building core academic skills, particularly in reading and math.

"Our primary focus is to provide those educational offerings, mainly due to the fact that during the summer, students lose a lot that has been taught during

the regular school year," Cutts explained.

This phenomenon, commonly referred to as the "summer slide," can leave students at a disadvantage when they return to school in the fall. The Neighborhood House works to combat this through hands-on activities, targeted instruction, and individualized support.

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"I did work with the organization in 1994 as a counselor," Cutts shared. "In 2015, I moved to the CEO position, pulling everything together and making sure that we can continue the educational offerings that we do."

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On July 17th Friendship Lodge 83 had ceremony to install the officers for the 2025-2026 Masonic year. From left to right is Mike Oakley, Tim Tucker, Adam Steele, Hubert Osbourn, Geary Hewett, Clay Jones, Trey Fondren, Josh Whitman.



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NEWS



Politics in Person

Get to Know our Candidates In the heart of campaign season, it’s easy to get lost in slogans, yard signs, and sound bites. But behind every candidacy is a real person with a story, a purpose, and a passion for serving the community. In this special feature, we bring politics to a personal level—introducing you to Everett Reese Lee, a local face with big ideas and a commitment to making a difference. From early influences on current motivations, we take a closer look at the person behind the platform.

Everett Reese Lee Shares His Journey and Dedication to Centreville

Everett Reese Lee, a candidate for City Council District 3, brings with him a life story filled with service, dedication, and a deep-rooted love for community. Raised in Helena, Lee fondly recalls the joy of visiting Bibb County during his childhood. “Any chance we had to come down to Bibb County, we were on the road heading to Aunt Gail’s and Uncle AC’s house,” he shared. “The most fun was the competitive badminton tournaments. If you ever witnessed it, you’d understand!” After graduating from Pelham High School, Lee joined the United States Marine Corps in February 2001, serving as a 0331-machine gunner. During his four years of service, he was deployed to Iraq where he earned the Navy Achievement Medal with combat valor and became a Purple Heart recipient. Following his military service, Lee began a new chapter—pursuing a nursing degree while adjusting to civilian life. He has spent much of his career in intensive care units, ultimately finding his passion in cardiac care. Today, Lee is married to his best friend, Elizabeth, and the couple has two daughters, Caroline and Evelyn, with a third child on the way. The family attends East McFarland Baptist Church, where Elizabeth serves as the music minister. The Lees chose Centreville as the place to set down roots, raise their family, and build a future. “This is our home,” Lee said. “We want it to be the best it can be—for our family and for yours.” Lee’s story reflects a lifetime of commitment—to country, to community, and to family—and he’s ready to serve District 3 with the same dedication.

A Peachy Day of Learning for Bibb County 4-H Homeschool Club

BY SHEILA DUNCAN
REPORTER

The Bibb County 4-H Homeschool Club had a jam-packed day of fun, learning, and sweet success as they rolled up their sleeves and dove into the art of peach jam making!

Hosted by the kind folks at Mt. Carmel, with Pastor Jackson and Gary graciously opening their kitchen doors, the day was filled with laughter, sticky fingers, and plenty of peachy goodness. Club members not only had fun with familiar friends but also gained valuable lessons on food safety and the importance of cleanliness in the kitchen,

thanks to Mrs. Emily and Mrs. Angela.

From washing fruit to sealing jars, the students got hands-on experience in food preservation and learned just how much love and care goes into creating quality products. It was more than just a lesson—it was a memory in the making!

By the end of the day, the kitchen smelled delicious, and each student left with a jar of homemade peach jam and a whole lot of pride in what they had accomplished.

Here’s to sweet days, learning together, and the joy of making something from scratch!



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NEWS

7-Year-Old Ava Rose King Found Safe After Centreville Search

BY SHEILA DUNCAN
REPORTER

A missing child alert that sent shockwaves through the Bibb County community ended in relief Tuesday night as 7-year-old Ava Rose King was found safe after an extensive search effort.

Ava was last seen around 1:00 p.m. on July 15 near the apartment complex on Alexander Avenue in Centreville. Authorities and family members quickly raised the alarm, and a “missing child” alert was issued by the City of Centreville via social media. The post urged locals to remain vigilant: “If you see something, say something.”

In the hours that followed, more than 200 people joined the search, including Centreville Police, Bibb County

Sheriff’s deputies, local fire departments, city employees, and volunteers from across the community. Police Chief Rodney Smith and Mayor Mike Oakley helped coordinate the search, which spread throughout the Alexander Avenue area and surrounding neighborhoods.

After nearly eight hours, the search came to a joyful end when Ava was discovered safe in Alabaster, reportedly in the care of a neighbor who had taken her swimming.

Authorities arrested 42-year-old Jacqueline Rhodes of Alabaster shortly after Ava’s recovery. Rhodes is charged with second-degree kidnapping and interference with child custody. She remains in custody as the investigation continues.

Chief Smith person-

ally drove Ava’s grandmother to the location in Alabaster to reunite with the child. “When you live in a small town, you’ll be taken care of,” said Smith. “This was a team effort. The number of people that came to help was amazing.”

Mayor Oakley also praised the community response, noting that neighbors knocked on doors, searched vehicles and buildings, and did not hesitate to help. “They came out of their homes saying, ‘Where do you need me?’ That’s the kind of town we live in,” said Oakley.

Authorities are still investigating the circumstances surrounding Ava’s disappearance and Rhodes’ involvement. No injuries were reported, and Ava was reunited safely with her family.

Gov. Ivey Encourages Alabama Students to Join Summer Reading Program

BY SHEILA DUNCAN
REPORTER

Alabama Governor Kay Ivey is inviting students across the state to dive into books this summer as part of the Alabama Summer Reading Challenge. The program, launched to keep students engaged and learning during the school break, encourages children of all ages to read regularly throughout the summer months.

Governor Ivey emphasized the importance of reading in a statement released by her office: “Reading is the foundation of all learning. I want every student in Alabama to pick up a book, use their imagination, and keep their minds active over the summer.”

The Summer Reading Challenge partners with libraries, schools, and community organizations to help promote literacy and provide free resources

for families. Students can track their reading progress and earn prizes or recognition for their efforts.

Parents, teachers, and librarians are encouraged to support children in selecting books that match their reading levels and interests.

For more information on how to join, visit your local public library or the Alabama Department of Education’s website.

PARA Announces Iron & Ember: A Reimagined Golf

SPECIAL TO THE PRESS

Tuscaloosa County Park & Recreation Authority (PARA) is proud to announce Iron & Ember Golf, a new indoor golf and training destination and experience opening later this year at the Jerry Pate Golf Center at Ol’ Colony.

Once home to the University of Alabama’s golf teams, the space is being transformed into a public destination where business and play converge. Iron & Ember at the Jerry Pate Golf Center at Ol’ Colony will feature four state-of-the-art Golfzon simulator bays, a private boardroom-style meeting space, upgraded VIP range and short game access, fitness amenities, firepit seating, and a family-friendly lounge — all in a comfortable, all-weather environment designed for year-round use.

“This is a one-of-a-kind facility for Tuscaloosa,” said Brian Davis, CEO of PARA.

“Whether you’re hosting a meeting, working on your swing, or enjoying time with your family, Iron & Ember offers a space where people can connect, grow, and have fun — no matter the season.”

The project builds on the legacy of the Jerry Pate Golf Center, which opened in 2004 as a state-of-the-art training facility for Alabama Golf. In a nod to that history, the facility and boardroom will retain the Jerry Pate namesake, honoring the Crimson Tide legend who designed the course and original practice facility at Ol’ Colony.

Iron & Ember also supports PARA’s broader mission: to enrich the Tuscaloosa County community through exciting recreational and cultural opportunities.

Indoor golf continues to grow nationwide — currently outpacing traditional course play — thanks to its accessibility, efficiency, and modern appeal. Iron &

Ember brings that momentum home, offering access to world-class courses in a fraction of the time and without weather disruptions.

“We’re creating a space that feels both elevated and welcoming, while honoring history and inspiring new legacies,” Davis said. “It’s for athletes, professionals, families, and anyone looking to forge their game — whether that’s on the course, in the boardroom, or both.”

PARA is currently in conversation with potential naming bay partners and community supporters. Businesses, foundations, and individuals interested in being part of this next chapter in Tuscaloosa recreation are encouraged to reach out to learn more. Earlybird pre-launch discounts on annual passes and membership options are available. Visit @ironandembergolf on social media for more information.

BC BOARD OF EDUCATION

Meeting Date: July 15, 2025

AGENDA
Call to order
Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call
Approval of Agenda
Approval of the Minutes
Financial Report and Bank Reconciliations
Receive Financials and Bank Reconciliations for June 2025.

Request to approve Bills and Payroll for June 2025.

Board Meeting
07/15/2025 - 05:00 PM
Request to approve revisions to the following 2025-2026 salary schedules, approved June 25, 2025:

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

Request to approve hourly rate for 21st Century Community Learning Center as revised in the Information & Guidelines Handbook, received July 10, 2025.

Request to approve the purchase of a Pass Thru Heated Cabinet for Bibb County High School, in the amount of \$7,759. Payment will be made from CNP funds.

Request to approve payment to Smitherman Construction for repair of fire-wall at Centreville Middle School in the amount of \$6,800. Payment will be made from A&T funds.

Request to approve public works project to Civil Worx, Construction, LLC to pave Randolph Elementary car rider line in the amount of \$71,250. Payment will be made from A&T funds.

Request to approve payment to Steel Built Systems, LLC to repair the canopy at Woodstock Elementary in the amount of \$9,792. Payment will be made from A&T funds.

Request to approve the trading in of a Scag Model SMTC-48V, for trade-in of the mower to Topline, as partial payment (\$1,000) for a new mower that the Bibb County High School football/baseball/softball programs are planning to purchase.

Request to approve 2025-2026 West Blocton Elementary School 5th graders to travel to Washington, D.C., May 6-10, 2026. Students will travel by charter bus and have overnight stay.

Request to approve payment to Lillian Turner to provide Federal Programs support, May 16- July 31, 2025. Payment of \$10 per hour, up to 16 hours per week, will be made from Title I funds.

Request to approve payment to Russell Greene for music writing for the 2025-2026 half time show, July 2-August 1, 2025, Bibb County High School. Payment of \$1,000 will be made from BCHS local school funds.

Request to approve payment to Meredith Greene to compose drill for the 2025-2026 half time show, July 2025, Bibb County High School. Payment of \$1,000 will be made from BCHS local school funds.

Request to approve payment to Ashlie Cash to provide choreography for majorettes, July 24, 2025, Centreville Middle School. Payment of \$50 will be made from CMS local school funds.

Request to approve payment to Kevin May for Assistant Head Coach supplement, June 3, 2025-June 2, 2026, Bibb County High School. Payment of \$25,000 will be made from BCHS Football Booster funds.

Request to approve payment to the following for football coaching responsibilities, field maintenance

and other duties assigned, July 31, 2025- May 31, 2026, Bibb County High School. Payment will be made from BCHS Football Booster funds:

Consent Agenda Items- Personnel

Request to approve the resignation of Laran Lofton, Counselor, Woodstock Elementary School, effective May 23, 2025.

Request to approve the resignation of Amanda Cromer, Teacher, Woodstock Elementary School, effective May 23, 2025.

Request to approve the resignation of Susan Gaines, Teacher, West Blocton Elementary School, effective May 23, 2025.

Request to approve the resignation of Rita Roose, CNP Worker, Woodstock Elementary School, effective May 22, 2025.

Request to approve the resignation of Candyce Hodgens, Bus Driver, effective May 22, 2025.

Request to approve the transfer of Billie Gilbert from Custodian, West Blocton Middle School, to 1/2 Custodian, West Blocton Middle School, 1/2 Custodian, West Blocton Elementary School, effective 2025-2026 school year.

Request to approve the employment of Bobbie Watson as Bus Driver, effective 2025-2026 school year.

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

Request to approve the employment of Brianna Fondren as Teacher, Woodstock Elementary School, effective 2025-2026 school year.

Request to approve Jamesio Rhine from Special Education Paraprofessional Aide, Bibb County High School, to PE/Health Teacher, Bibb County High School, effective 2025-2026 school year.

Request to approve Callie Pinson from Teacher, Brent Elementary School, to ARI Local Reading Specialist, Brent Elementary School, effective 2025-2026 school year.

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

Request to approve the employment of Kayla Cochran as Special Education Paraprofessional Aide, Brent Elementary School, effective 2025-2026 school year.

Request to approve Jamesio Rhine as Head Varsity Boys Basketball Coach, Bibb County High School.

Request to approve Alassia Sommers Cromer as Boys and Girls Golf Coach, Bibb County High School.

Request to approve Ivey Moreland as Head Middle School Softball Coach,

Centreville Middle School.

Request to approve the following summer workers: West Blocton Middle School Levi Carey

Regular Agenda Items

Request to approve payment to Bear Creek Trucking to lay block around WBHS lunchroom freezer. Payment of \$8,950 will be made from A&T funds.

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 Sara Kate Watson to lead instruction in color guard techniques, July 21-31, 2025, Bibb County High School. Payment of \$25 per hour, not to exceed \$500, will be made from BCHS local school funds.

Request to approve the resignation of Amanda Greene, Teacher, Woodstock Elementary School, effective May 23, 2025.

Request to approve the resignation of Bobbie Watson as Utility Worker, effective July 14, 2025.

Request to approve the employment of Eryn Madison Simmons as Teacher, West Blocton Elementary School, effective 2025-2026 school year.

Request to approve the employment of Deborah George as Itinerant EL Paraprofessional Aide, effective 2025-2026 school year.

Request to approve the employment of Glenda Rice as Bus Driver, effective 2025-2026 school year.

Request to approve Chloe Robertson as Head Middle School Girls Basketball Coach, West Blocton Middle School.

Request to approve Jericha Smith as Assistant Middle School Volleyball Coach, West Blocton Middle School.

Request to approve Cassandra Rutledge as Assistant Middle School Girls Basketball Coach, West Blocton Middle School.

Request to approve the following substitutes: Kelsey Dunn-classroom substitute, Melissa Dearman-classroom substitute, Amiee Cook-classroom/custodian substitute, Sidney Michael Smotherman-classroom/custodian/CNP substitute, Braleigh Smitherman-nurse substitute, Rita Roose-CNP substitute, Matthew Kornegay-bus substitute and Vicki Mitchell-classroom/CNP substitute

Information Items
AASB Policy Pipeline Webinar: Monday, July 21, 2025, 10:00-11:00 AM

Called Board Meeting: Wednesday, July 23, 2025 at 2:00 PM

Board Work Session: Wednesday, August 6, 2025 at 2:00 PM

Board Meeting: Tuesday, August 12, 2025 at 5:00 PM

Request to adjourn

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John Franklin Blake was born on October 26, 1942, in McCalla, Alabama, to John T. Blake, Jr. and Lucille Lawrence Blake. He grew up in Bibb County, Alabama, with his younger brother, Glenn Edward Blake, Sr. John lived a life surrounded by family and loved ones, eventually marrying Anne Walker Blake, with whom he shared over 58 years of his life. Together, they had a son, and a lineage of grandchildren and great-grandchildren who cherished him deeply.

Throughout his life, John was known for his devotion to his family and his faith. He lived with the awareness of his mortality and had specific requests regarding his final arrangements, including cremation. On June 1, 2024, John passed away peacefully at his home from natural causes, surrounded by the family that loved him dearly. He was 81. His legacy lives on through the countless memories and the love

shared by his family. Survivors include his loving wife, Anne and son, John Bryan Blake, (wife Cindy); grandson, John Garrett Blake; granddaughter Eryn Blake; and great grandchildren, Matthew, Brystyl and Jordyn; a brother, Glenn Edward Blake, Sr.(wife Ginger); one surviving uncle, Virgil Lawrence (wife Kate) of Centreville, Alabama; four brothers-in-law, Earl R. Roberts (wife Joyce) of Lincolnton, North Carolina; and from Piedmont, Alabama, Paul Roberts (wife Marlene); David Roberts (wife Vicky); sister-in-law, Martha Roberts Mayhall (husband Danny); and several nieces and nephews and a number of cousins. Discourse to be given by H.R. (Rod) Williams from the Calera Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses. Closing prayer to be given by Marco Peinitz from the Tuscaloosa Central Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses.

COMMUNITY NEWS

West Eoline News

From The Pen Of Jane Hannah



Wayne Deason & C H Deason lunched at The Shack in Marion, on Thursday, July 17th with Siblings, Geneva Mullins, Jo Kitchen, Jane Hannah and Barbara Deason, Sista Carol Schladerbach and Wayne's daughter Ruth. Jo baked a fresh Peach Cobbler as their Birthday Dessert. The group enjoyed Crab Claws, Catfish, Fish Sandwich, Hamburger, Corn Nuggets, Sweet Potato Fries, Fried Okra and Fried Jalapenos! Everything was delicious!

I enjoyed games of Rum-mikub with Chad & Stacey Thompson & Jim Kirkendall Friday night. This was after a great meal of Ravioli, Salad, Garlic Bread & Jalapeno Poppers. Saturday was a day for celebrating Kaydi Kinney's 1st birthday at Nana's. I made Grandma Hannah's cake, which is a tradition at my house. Jo Kitchen visited Amy Ellison Sunday afternoon; assisting her with lunch, housekeeping and a shower.

After Jo left, Amy was trying to let Thomasina (cat) in and keep some other cat out when she fell. A huge goose egg and small head wound, plus a major cut on her left hand was the result. She was transported to DCH and as of Monday morning, surgery on her hand was imminent. En route from Iowa to Florida, Cousin Jo Hinson, daughter in law Stace Hinson with children Pepper, Giada, Halle & Tate are expected here today, 7-25. Geneva Mullins enjoyed getting out Sunday afternoon to attend a Bridal Shower for Eliza Caddis with me. We didn't stay long enough to see all the gifts, but there were many. It was good to see Sarah Smith, from Foley and all the locals attending. BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS to these Grayson Ingram 7-25, Dedra Cliner 7-27, Donna Kornegay 7-28, Brownie Duncan, Jade Rowberry, Caroline Fondren & Savannah Grogan 7-29, Tony Fancher & Shepherd Caddis 7-30, Hayes Perez & Vetley Mullins 7-31. I hope you have a blessed week and call me at 478-396-2513 to share your news.

Centreville News

From The Pen Of Brenda Hubbard

The BCHS Class of 1961 recently met for their annual breakfast for the month of July. Charlotte Lovelady West recently enjoyed lunch at the Bright Star in Bessemer with Crystal Waters Hood and Kathy Youngblood. They met while teaching at Rutledge Middle School in Midfield many years ago. Birthday wishes go out to Wyatt Cliner who celebrated his 4th birthday on July 20, 2025. Happy Birthday Wyatt.

Get well wishes and prayers continue to go out to Kaley Whaley who underwent surgery recently at UAB. Among those having birthdays in July are Rhonda Kay Deason, Donald Glass, Amy Boyd, Amy Graves and Ashton Cottingham. Pam Long and Dot Tidwell spent the weekend with Charlotte West recently, also visiting was Peggy Reynolds. If you have news call it in at 205-316-1181. Take Care & God Bless!

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Case No. 2024PC082
Publication Notice**
Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned, Kimberly Joyce Knight, on the 11th day of September, 2024, by the Honorable Judge Stephanie W. Kemmer of Probate of Bibb County, Ala-

**In the Probate Court of Bibb County, Alabama
Case No. 2025PC045
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Letters of Administration of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 3rd day of July, 2025, by the Honorable Stephanie Kemmer, Judge of the Probate Court of Bibb County, notice is hereby given that all per-

**In the Probate Court of Bibb County, Alabama
In the matter of the Estate of Joseph Lee Owings, deceased
Case No. 2025PC050
Publication Notice**
Letters Testamentary under the last will and testament of Joseph Lee Owings, deceased, having been granted to Patrick lee Owings, Executor, on the 30th day of June, 2025, by the Honorable Stephanie W. Kemmer, Judge of the Probate Court of Bibb County, Alabama, notice

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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 24th day of May, 2024, by the Honorable Stephanie Kemmer, Judge of Probate. Notice is hereby given that

**In the matter of the estate of John William Breasseale, deceased
Probate Court of Bibb County, Alabama
Case No. 2025PC052
Notice of Publication**
Take notice that Letters of Administration have been granted to Cody Breasseale on the 21st day of July, 2025 by the Honorable Stephanie Kemmer, Judge of Probate of Bibb County Probate Court, Alabama and that all parties having claims against said

bama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law 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 Centreville Press July 11, 18 & 25, 2025

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 Calera, AL 35040 Centreville Press July 11, 18 & 25, 2025

is hereby given that all persons having claims against the estate of Joseph Lee Owings, deceased, are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed of the same will be barred. 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

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 Attorney for Estate 725 West Street Montevallo, AL 35115 Centreville Press July 18, 25 & August 1, 2025

estate should file the same with the probate Court of said county within the time allowed by law, or they will be barred. Done this day of July 21, 2025
Judge of Probate Stephanie W Kemmer Lindsey Eastwood Eastwood Estate & Probate Law
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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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MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage executed by Stephanie Baker Jefferson, a single woman, originally in favor of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for LeaderOne Financial Corporation, its successors and assigns, on June 28, 2024, said mortgage recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Bibb County, Alabama, in RPB Book: 2024 Page: 4817; the undersigned AmeriHome Mortgage Company, LLC, as Mortgagee/Transferee, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, in front of the main entrance of the Courthouse at Centreville, Bibb County, Alabama, on July 9, 2025, during the legal hours of sale, all of its rights, title, and interest in and to the following described real estate, situated in Bibb County, Alabama, to-wit: Part of the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 14, Township 22 South, Range 6 West, Bibb County, Alabama and being more particularly described as follows: Commence at a calculated point being accepted as the Northwest corner of said Quarter, Quarter as

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must tender a non-refundable deposit of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) in certified funds made payable to Tiffany & Bosco, P.A. at the time and place of the sale. The balance of the purchase price plus any deed recording costs and transfer taxes must be paid in certified funds by noon the next business day at the Law Office of Tiffany & Bosco, P.A. at the address indicated below. Tiffany & Bosco, P.A. reserves the right to award the bid to the next highest bidder should the highest bidder fail to timely tender the total amount due. The Mortgagee/Transferee reserves the right to bid for and purchase the real estate and to credit its purchase price against the expenses of sale and the indebtedness secured by the real estate. This sale is subject to postponement or cancellation. The above mortgage foreclosure sale has been postponed from July 9, 2025 until August 20, 2025, during the legal hours of sale in front of the main entrance of the Courthouse at Centreville, Bibb County, Alabama. AmeriHome Mortgage Company, LLC, ("Transferee") Tiffany & Bosco, P.A., 2501 20th Place South, Suite 300, Homewood, AL 35223 www.tblaw.com TB File Number: 25-04337-CE-AL
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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.

75 YEARS AGO

75 Years Ago in Bibb County: Centreville’s First Rural Electrification Project Lights Up the Community

Centreville, Ala. – July 1950

Seventy-five years ago this month, a flicker of light changed the lives of countless Bibb County residents forever. In July 1950, the first wave of rural electrification reached the outskirts of Centreville, thanks to the efforts of Alabama Power and the Rural Electrification Administration (REA). The historic switch-on lit up homes, barns, and schools that had previously relied on oil lamps and wood-burning stoves.

The scene was one of joy and excitement as local families gathered at the Bibb County Courthouse lawn for a celebration. Then-Mayor J.C. Maddox spoke at the event, calling the expansion of electricity “a giant step forward for the families and farms of Bibb County.” Children ran around with lanterns while elders stood in awe as light bulbs glowed brightly from newly installed poles.

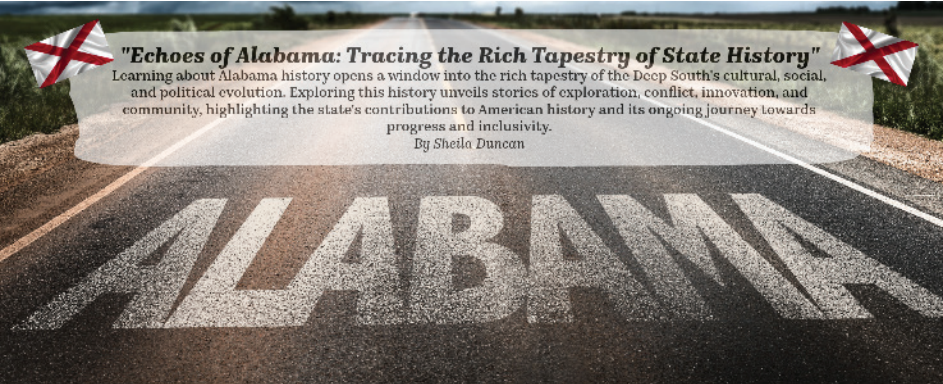
The electrification project was part of a na-

tional push to bring modern utilities to America’s rural communities after World War II. In Bibb County, the project began in early 1949 and by the summer of 1950, more than 200 homes and farmsteads had been connected to the grid.

Mrs. Lillian James, a lifelong resident of the Pondville community, was quoted in the 1950 edition of *The Centreville Press*: “We never thought we’d see the day when we could plug in a washing machine or listen to the radio without winding it up. It feels like a miracle.”

The event marked not only a technological milestone but also a cultural shift for the rural South, bringing convenience, safety, and a taste of modern life to a generation that had long gone without.

Today, the poles may have changed and the wires may be hidden underground, but the legacy of that summer still shines brightly in the history of Bibb County



When the Circus Came to Town: A Glimpse at Alabama’s Traveling Shows of the Past

BY SHEILA DUNCAN
REPORTER

In the early-to-mid 1900s, long before smartphones and streaming services, one of the most exciting events to come through small towns in Alabama was the arrival of the traveling circus. For many rural communities across the state, the sound of calliopes and the sight of striped tents popping up on open fields brought a kind of magic that folks still talk about today.

Each summer, Alabama towns like Selma, Tuscaloosa, and smaller communities like Centreville and Fayette would be abuzz with anticipation. The Ringling Bros., Barnum & Bailey, and other lesser-known but equally entertaining traveling shows rolled into town on trains and wagons, setting up their big tops on school grounds or empty fairgrounds.

Children would watch wide-eyed as elephants were led down the main street during a parade—often a promotional

event to draw crowds. Acrobats performed death-defying tricks, clowns roamed the crowds, and cotton candy filled the air with its sweet scent.

In some places, the whole town would shut down for the day, schools giving half-days so children could attend the matinee. For many Alabama families, the circus was not just entertainment—it was a rare escape from the day-to-day routine of farm life or factory work.

Localsoftenremember how performers would mingle with townspeople, sometimes

staying in local boarding houses or dining in the town cafés. It wasn’t unusual for kids to sneak peeks behind the tents to see how the animals were cared for or to catch a glimpse of the performers without their makeup.

Though times have changed and the traveling circus is mostly a thing of the past, the memories live on in photo albums, local lore, and stories passed down through generations.

For Alabama towns big and small, those circus days were more than just fun—they were unforgettable.



100 YEARS AGO

Remembering the 1925 “Blast Furnace” Alabama’s Hottest Day

On September 5, 1925, Alabama hit its hottest temperature ever recorded — a scorching 112°F in Centreville, Bibb County. The reading, still unmatched, was recorded by local observer Josiah Kennedy and later shared by weather expert James Spann.

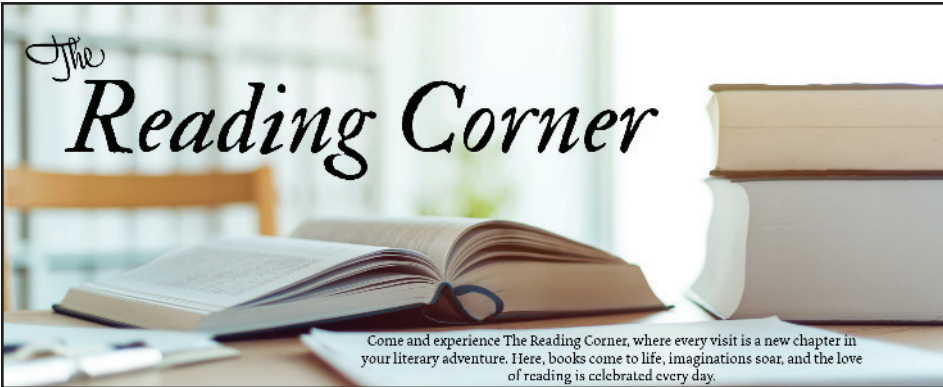
The brutal heat wave began in July, worsened in August, and peaked in September — an unusual pattern, as Alabama’s hottest months are typically earlier in the summer. That year, Birmingham reached 106°F the same day as Centreville’s record.

With no air conditioning at the time, residents

had few ways to escape the heat. Some tried planting kudzu for shade. Over the summer, there were 36 days over 95°F, 14 over 100°F, and six consecutive days above 102°F.

Adding to the misery, drought gripped the state. Rainfall was nearly nonexistent during the worst of the heat, with just 0.03 inches recorded in September.

Nicknamed the “1925 Blast Furnace,” this heat wave remains a grim benchmark for extreme weather in Alabama history — made even more severe by the limited technology and resources of the time.



The Most Beautiful Places in Bibb County, Alabama

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Nestled in the heart of central Alabama, Bibb County is a region of quiet charm, natural beauty, and rich Southern heritage. Though often overlooked, this rural county offers a variety of breathtaking landscapes, historical treasures, and peaceful getaways that make it one of Alabama’s best-kept secrets. From rolling hills and winding rivers to preserved forests and small-town charm, here are some of the most beautiful places to explore in Bibb County.

Cahaba River National Wildlife Refuge: One of the crown jewels of Bibb County, the Cahaba River National Wildlife Refuge is a stunning sanctuary that protects one of the most biologically diverse rivers in the United States. The refuge is especially known for the rare and dazzling Cahaba lilies, which bloom in the river’s shallow shoals each May and June. Visitors come from across the region to witness the lily-covered waters—a true spectacle of natural beauty. The refuge also offers opportunities for canoeing, birdwatching, and photography.

Brierfield Ironworks Historical State Park: Brierfield Ironworks is where history meets natural serenity. Once a vital ironworks during the

Civil War, the park is now a peaceful site for camping, hiking, and family outings. Shaded trails, scenic creeks, and well-preserved historic buildings provide a picturesque and educational experience. It’s a place where you can step back in time while enjoying the calm of the Alabama woods.

Bibb County Glades Preserve: Managed by The Nature Conservancy, the Bibb County Glades Preserve is a hidden treasure for nature lovers and botanists. This unique ecosystem is home to dozens of rare and endangered plant species, many of which are found nowhere else in the world. The glades bloom with vibrant wildflowers in spring and summer, creating a dazzling natural display unlike anything else in Alabama.

Talladega National Forest – Oakmulgee Division: Although much of the Talladega National Forest lies outside of Bibb County, the Oakmulgee Division stretches into its eastern region, offering miles of quiet trails, hardwood forests, and wildlife habitats. The area is ideal for hiking, hunting, and off-the-beaten-path exploring. In the fall, the changing leaves paint the landscape in brilliant shades of orange and gold, making it a perfect spot for scenic drives and photography.

Uptown Centreville and

Court Square: For those who appreciate historic architecture and small-town charm, downtown Centreville offers a glimpse into the past. The Bibb County Courthouse, built in 1902, anchors the square with its classical columns and stately appearance. Local shops, churches, and preserved storefronts give the area a timeless quality, making it a lovely place for a stroll or quiet afternoon.

Hurricane Creek and Shades Creek Tributaries: Lesser known but rich in natural beauty, Bibb County’s smaller creeks and tributaries offer peaceful retreats for kayaking, fishing, or simply soaking in the sounds of nature. With crystal-clear waters, rocky beds, and wooded banks, these waterways invite quiet reflection and adventure alike.

Bibb County may not boast towering mountains or ocean beaches, but its quiet beauty, ecological diversity, and rich Southern character make it a place worth exploring. Whether you’re a nature lover, history buff, or someone simply seeking peace and simplicity, Bibb County offers a beautiful escape that feels like home.

So next time you’re searching for beauty in Alabama, don’t overlook what’s right in your backyard—Bibb County is full of hidden treasures just waiting to be discovered.

2026 DISTINGUISHED YOUNG WOMEN

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Savannah Gibson was named the 1st Alternate. She was the overall Fitness and Self Expression winner and also placed in Talent, Scholastic, and Interview categories. She received the Spirit of DYW Award which is voted on by the participants as the individual who best embodies the essence and values of the program. She also received a scholarship for her Be Your Best Self essay. Anna Belle was awarded a total of \$2900 in cash tuition scholarships. Takyla Pewee was awarded a scholarship as 3rd alternate. She was the overall Talent winner and placed in Interview, Scholastic, Fitness and Self Expression. She earned a total of \$2300 in cash tuition scholarships. Dakayla Jackson received a scholarship as 4th alternate, placing in each of the 5 program

categories. Dakayla was awarded \$1950 in cash tuition scholarships. Savannah Gibson won the Signature Contest, a fundraiser for DYW scholarship opportunities. She raised over \$2000 and received a \$200 Amazon gift card to help cover school supplies. The success of the Bibb County DYW program would not be possible without the generous support of sponsors and scholarship donations. The following individuals, organizations, and businesses contributed to the 2024 program scholarships: Platinum \$500.00 or

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SUMMER PROGRAM

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This year's summer program ran from June 3 to July 11 and included 20 students. While the facility can house up to 30, class sizes are intentionally kept small to allow for one-on-one assistance.

Students also participate in educational field trips, including visits to the local library and the McWane Science Center in Birmingham. These experiences reinforce learning in engaging and memorable ways.

Parents learned about the program primarily through the organization's Facebook page.

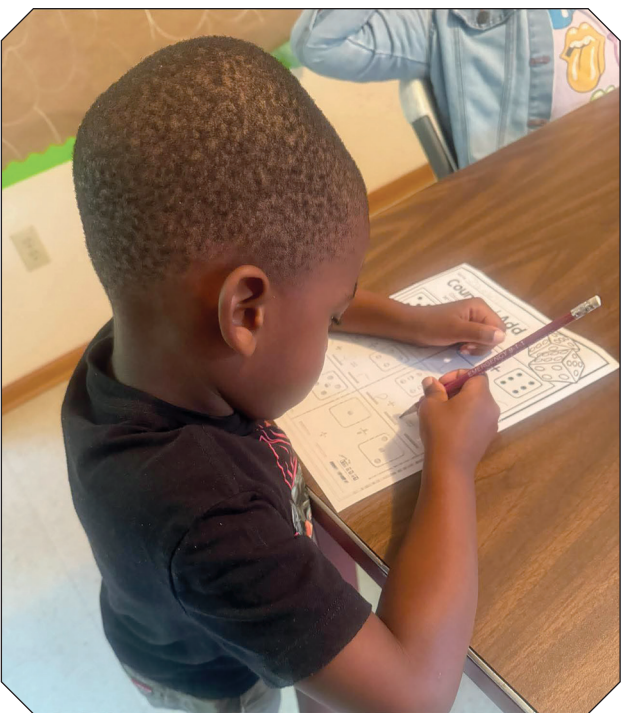
"We send out registration information prior to the summer," Cutts said. "I try to get that informa-

tion out two months prior to summer starting, school closing, and they simply just complete the registration application, and then we pull those students in to be a part of our summer program."

Looking ahead, Neighborhood House plans to launch an after-school tutoring component in September to continue supporting students who need extra help in specific areas.

With its balance of academics and fun, the Neighborhood House Tutorial Center continues to be a valuable resource for children and families in Bibb County.

More information can be found here.
<https://www.facebook.com/Afterschool2/>



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Volleyball Camp	June 16th - 20th	8 - 18	8:00am - 12:00pm	Marilyn Jones
Soccer Camp	July 7th-11th	4 - 14	9:00am-12:00pm	UK International
Tumbling & Cheer	July 14th-18th	4 - 12	8:00am-12:00pm	Kessa Steele
Basketball Camp	July 21st-25th	4-14	8:00am- 12:00pm	Jamesio Rhine

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