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Hometown Chiropractic Hosts Chamber Coffee and Celebrates Grand Opening with Ribbon Cutting

BY SHEILA DUNCAN
REPORTER

On Thursday, August 7th, the Bibb County Chamber of Commerce gathered at Hometown Chiropractic for the monthly Chamber Coffee, followed by a special ribbon cutting ceremony to officially welcome the new chiropractic office to the community.

Dr. Watson Fondren, owner and chiropractor, was joined by local business leaders, Chamber members, city officials, and

community supporters who came out to show their encouragement for this exciting addition to Centreville.

Guests enjoyed juice, light refreshments, and the opportunity to hear the history of the building which the chiropractic office now occupies and also to network with others in attendance before stepping outside for the ribbon cutting ceremony. With smiles, cheers, and warm congratulations, the ribbon was cut, marking the official opening of Hometown Chiro-

practic.

Dr. Fondren expressed his appreciation for the warm welcome and shared his enthusiasm for serving the health and wellness needs of Bibb County and beyond.

Hometown Chiropractic is now open and accepting new patients. For more information or to schedule an appointment, contact their office or stop by to visit their location in downtown Centreville.

Photo by Centreville My Hometown



Woodstock agent marks 1 year in business with ribbon cutting

BY CANDACE JOHNSON
REPORTER

The Woodstock State Farm Agency has recently celebrated their first year in business. The ribbon cutting ceremony took place on Aug. 5 at 10a.m. John Rich, State Farm agent and owner, officially celebrated the first-year anniversary of the insurance company on August 1. The building is located at 20026 off Highway 11.

Rich took the place of former agent Lee Thompson, who had been in the office for over 30 years. Rich hopes that the State Farm will be a valuable resource for the resi-

dents of Woodstock and surrounding areas. He was able to work alongside his mentor Lee to learn how to effectively grow the business and improve.

Rich described the delayed celebration as intentional: it allowed time for the agency to fully set up, meet customers, and demonstrate tangible progress before the formal event.

Rich says that Woodstock is a great location to have a business in, as it is between major cities such as Tuscaloosa and Birmingham.

"I think I just want to be an integral part of the community, somebody

that the community can depend on," Rich said.

Rich's decision to work in Woodstock stems from community relationships. Rich has experience in the insurance industry by working for State Farm for 12 years. "I was a field specialist with State Farm and so basically I worked with 40 agents in this territory," Rich stated.

Rich is thankful that he can work in a position where he can build relationships with his customers. He is happy to be able to give back to a rural community as well, and feels this is exactly where he should be.

West Blocton's Calhoun helps lead comeback for national softball championship

BY CANDACE JOHNSON
REPORTER

Krimson Calhoun, a standout for the West Blocton High School Tigers and member of the Tennessee Mojo 2027 Purdue travel softball team, celebrated a national championship vic-

tory at the PGF 16U Platinum National Championship in Huntington Beach, California, on Friday, July 25. The championship game was broadcast live on ESPN, showcasing her team's dramatic comeback in a nationally televised

match.

Calhoun, who began playing travel softball at age 6, described the championship win as "an unreal experience." She emphasized the importance of her teammates in securing the title.

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August 19th- Bibb County Democratic executive meeting is August 19th at 6pm at the Brent-Centreville Library

August 19th- Bibb County E-911 Board Meeting August 19th, 2025 at 6:00pm
Rock Building- Commission Chambers

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.

Bibb Medical Center Awarded 2025 HWCF Grant

BY SHEILA DUNCAN
REPORTER

Congratulations to Bibb Medical Center (BMC) on being named one of the recipients of the 2025 Healthcare Workers' Compensation Fund (HWCF) Grant Award. BMC was selected as one of only 18 hospitals across the state to receive this prestigious recognition.

The competitive grant process included anonymous scoring by clinical Risk Managers with no affiliation to Inspirin or HWCF, ensuring a fair and unbiased selection process. Bibb Medical Center was awarded \$20,000, which will be used to purchase new Hoyer lifts for both the hospital and nursing home, as well as a fall recovery device. These essential upgrades will enhance safety measures,

promote better patient care and provide a safer working environment for staff.

Special thanks go to Lynnette Kornegay, RN and Infection Preventionist at BMC, for her dedication and efforts in securing this grant for the facility.

Pictured (left to right):
Lynnette Kornegay,

RN, Infection Preventionist, Tracey Frazier, RN, Director of Nursing, BMC Hospital, Julie Darden, RN, Director of Nursing, BMC Nursing Home

This award highlights the continued commitment of Bibb Medical Center to advancing healthcare and patient safety in our community.





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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 Mike Oakley, 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.

Current Mayor Mike Oakley Seeks Re-Election

Mayor Mike Oakley has dedicated his life to serving Centreville, the town where he was born and raised. His journey began early at The Centreville Press, where he published his first story at just 11 years old. He went on to serve nearly 40 years in the Alabama Army National Guard, retiring as a Command Sergeant Major after multiple deployments and leadership roles. A University of Alabama graduate, Mike’s career in economic development led him to meet his wife, Sharon. The couple returned to Centreville in 1992 to raise their family.

Driven by a passion for education, Mike served 23 years on the Bibb County Board of Education — many of those as president — and held leadership roles in state school and military associations. Oakley was also elected State President of the Enlisted Association of the Alabama National Guard, a position he served in for six years. He traveled to Montgomery and Washington DC, to advocate for military benefits for members of the Armed Forces.

He also spent 20 years with Alabama Power in public relations and government affairs. Elected mayor during the COVID-19 pandemic, Mike retired from Alabama Power to serve Centreville full-time. Under his leadership, the town has weathered natural disasters, received millions in grants for infrastructure and health improvements, and seen new life breathed into the historic uptown square through the Main Street USA program. Public safety and quality of life remain top priorities under his guidance. Mike Oakley’s smart use of media, business, and political connections helped Centreville earn the title of “A Top 25 Place to Retire in Alabama.” The success of the Main Street USA program is easy to see by driving through Centreville’s historic Uptown Square, where businesses are upgrading their buildings and new shops are opening. Oakley’s “Can Do” attitude, which he promised before being elected, is clearly making a difference. The city also secured nearly \$1 million in grant funding to improve the entrance and exit to Centreville from Highway 82 — with work set to begin once engineering reviews are complete.

Mike and Sharon, a nurse at DCH, have three children and four grandchildren. “I love this town,” he says. “And I’m honored to serve it every day.”



West Blocton’s Jerra Lynn Hartsell Crowned Little Miss Alabama

BY SHEILA DUNCAN REPORTER

Nine-year-old Jerra Lynn Hartsell of West Blocton has captured hearts and a crown, earning the title of Little Miss Alabama at her very first state pageant on July 12, 2025.

Jerra Lynn has been participating in local pageants for just a year and a half, but her grace, kindness, and community spirit quickly set her apart. Surrounded by the cheers of her loving family, she shined on stage and proudly brought home the title to her hometown.

Her heart for giving is just as impressive as her crown. With the support of Blocton 3rd Baptist Church, Jerra Lynn helped collect and deliver backpacks filled with school supplies to students in need at West Blocton Elementary and Woodstock Elementary.

For over 100 years, the Miss Alabama Pageant program has combined fun with purpose—encouraging young ladies to build self-confidence, make new friends, excel in academics, and most importantly, give back to their communities. One of the program’s most honored causes is helping the homeless, a mission Jerra Lynn has already embraced wholeheartedly through her backpack project.

Now she’s working on her newest project launching her platform “Paws and

Plates” to collect pet food donations for local animal shelters.

Congratulations to Jerra Lynn Hartsell on her well-deserved title of Little Miss Alabama. With her loving heart and dedication to service, this is surely just the beginning of many wonderful achievements ahead!



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CENTREVILLE CITY COUNCIL

Meeting Date: August 5, 2025

By: Lynn Hamric

Mayor Oakley called the meeting to order at five o’clock. Council members present were: Mike Nichols, Brad Colburn, Dianne Epperson, Linda Lawrence and Don Mack.

Dianne Epperson led in prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance by Mike Nichols.

A motion to approve the minutes was made (Epperson) seconded (Mack). Motion carried.

Mayor Oakley called on

Centreville Main Street for a report. The only report was on the opening of Hometown Chiropractic.

Old Business:

The mixed-use ordinance was brought before the council for a final vote, having followed the proper procedures for development, review, and public hearing. A motion to approve was made (Epperson) seconded (Nichols). Motion carried.

Vape Store Ordinance.

Having had its first reading the proper process will be followed and brought back before the council for vote. City Attorney Mitch Kemmer stated this closely follows what the City of Prattville has in place.

New Business:

DHR Repair/Upcoming Lease Agreement

This item was removed and will be discussed in Executive Session.

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Calhoun

Calhoun from page 1

Down 4-2 in the final inning, Calhoun’s team orchestrated a dramatic comeback by scoring runs to clinch the victory. “Everyone was giving everything they had up until the last pitch,” Calhoun recalled. “The moment we realized we finally had momentum, all the fighting we had done the whole game was paying off.”

The turning point came in the top of the seventh. Calhoun’s team managed to score despite being down to their last out. With the bases loaded, Kenzie White stepped up with two outs and two strikes, hitting a game-changing ball into right field that pushed the team ahead. “The part I remember most was Kennedy

Hockman saying, ‘God’s Plan’ afterward, and it absolutely was,” said Calhoun.

Calhoun credited her coach, Michael Pardue, for his unwavering support. “He took me as his own when my mom couldn’t make it,” she said. “He always made sure I had everything I needed... I am so grateful.”

Beyond the field, Calhoun is also a dedicated scholar, managing to maintain a 4.4 GPA by completing schoolwork during travel and testing ahead of her peers.



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CENTREVILLE CITY COUNCIL

Meeting Date: August 5, 2025

By: Lynn Hamric

City Council from page 2
Resolution concerning Districts 1 and 5. Due to the fact these two district council positions had only one candidate qualify their names will not appear on the Ballot and therefore their seats on the council were confirmed.

City Audit Presentation – Don Wallace, CPA

In the following Summary Letter major concerns are highlighted. You may view the Audit Report in its entirety by accessing The Bibb Voice or you may obtain a hard copy by request at the Centreville City Hall.

This audit period is for FY 2024 ending September 30, 2024.

I will not devote space to addressing every area of the audit but strongly suggest that citizens who are genu-

inely interested/concerned about the state of their city and its financial standing, obtain a copy of said audit, read and study and attend Council meetings (open to the public) and ask to be placed on the agenda if they wish to speak. Please note that it is at the discretion of the Mayor and City Attorney as to whether or not your name will appear on the agenda.

Council Comments
Mike Nichols addressed two items.

He provided information on the Sandra Lockett murder and requested that the Council declare Sandra Lockett Day on her birthday. He expressed the need to keep this tragedy before the people in the hopes that one day it will be resolved. He proposed

a Resolution be developed. There was no opposition.

Mike Nichols gave a passionate promotion for the annexation of Hwy. 82 E on both sides. He stated the necessity of this if the city ever intends to expand. Mike Nichols made a point of saying the city would not be obligated to provide water/sewer to the city limits and beyond. Residents within the newly annexed property would not be allowed to vote until the required number of years after annexation is complete. The tax increase to landowners would be minimal as the frontage would be 300 ft. It should be noted that any transactions for property use would be controlled by the landowner and negotiated with the prospective busi-

ness.

It should be noted that this avenue to enlarge the city limits has been attempted previously without success.

City Attorney Mitch Kemmer stated there are basically three avenues for annexation.

Landowner approaches the City requesting to have property annexed into the city.

Eminent Domain or condemnation of property. This is where a government exercises its power to take private property for public use, even if the owner does not want to

sell.

By action of the State Legislature property can be annexed. Atty Kemmer stated he had talked with Rep. Bedsole and was advised he would not support this type annexation.

Brad Colburn suggested that if the city wanted to pursue annexation, a public meeting should be held, with letters mailed to affected landowners, for a Q&A session.

Pole Workers

A Resolution to maintain the previously approved pole workers was agreed upon.

It should be noted that in

order to address the City Council you must request to be placed on the Agenda prior to a meeting. The Mayor and City Attorney have the discretion to approve or deny.

NOTE: It has come to this reporter's attention that Robin Broadhead had made such a request and was placed on the agenda. Upon arrival she found she had been removed at the discretion of the City Attorney. She may request to be on the agenda for a future meeting.

The Council was called into Executive Session (no reason given).

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June 20, 2025

Mayor Mike Oakley
Water Works & Sewer Board of
the City of Centreville
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We have audited the financial statements of the Board for the year ended September 30, 2024. Professional standards require that we provide you with information about our responsibilities under generally accepted auditing standards, as well as certain information related to the planned scope and timing of our audit. We have communicated such information in our letter to you dated February 13, 2025. Professional standards also require that we communicate to you the following information related to our audit.

Significant Audit Matters

Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practice

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. The significant accounting policies used by Board are described in Note 1 to the financial statements. No new accounting policies were adopted and the application of existing policies was not changed during 2024. Because of the issues identified in the Disclaimer of Opinion paragraph in the audit report, we were unable to obtain sufficient appropriate evidence to provide a basis for an audit opinion on the financial statements of the Board. These matters are discussed in further detail below.

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ significantly from those expected. The most sensitive estimate(s) affecting the Board's financial statements were:

Management's estimate of Allowance for Doubtful Accounts related to water & sewer fees receivable is based on an analysis of receivables in excess of 120 days. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop the allowance estimate in determining that it is reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

We also estimated Depreciation expense based on the schedules we maintain for management as determined by cost and management's expectation for useful life.

The financial statement disclosures are neutral, consistent, and clear.

Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit

We encountered significant difficulties in obtaining audit evidence related to the application of billing and collection policies to customers for the year, and in obtaining documentation related to payroll penalties incurred with the IRS. The Board also switched to new accounting and billing software with Tyler Technologies during the fiscal year, creating difficulty in analysis of accounting transactions. Staff had not been sufficiently trained in the new software, account structure is out of order in the trial balance, several adjustments to reverse and correct initial audit entries submitted for the fiscal year were required and other matters. Our review of customer billing records indicated numerous adjustments and lack of charges that appear to show lack of adherence to policies and procedures of the board on delinquent accounts and late payments. These matters are noted in the summary of Audit Findings and Issues below.

Corrected and Uncorrected Misstatements

Professional standards require us to accumulate all known and likely misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that are clearly trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. Management has recorded significant adjustments that were necessary during the audit to record unposted debt payment activity charged to the renter's deposit account, reclassification of employee withholdings related to insurance, principal payments on debt, and payroll liabilities. Other adjustments consisted of routine yearend accruals of revenue and expenses, prepaid items, long-term debt and depreciation.

Disagreements with Management

For purposes of this letter, a disagreement with management is a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, that could be significant to the financial statements or the auditor's report. We are pleased to report that no such disagreements arose during the course of our audit.

Management Representations

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter dated June 20, 2025.

Audit Findings and Issues

The following represents a summary of overall audit findings noted during the year ended September 30, 2024:

- IRS transcripts: \$7,860.99 in penalties & interest for fiscal year 2024
- IRS transcripts: \$5,366.48 in penalties & interest for fiscal year 2023, of which \$1,812.60 were assessed in fiscal year 2024.
- State withholding penalties & interest of \$818.96 on the yearend reporting summary for W-2s.
- Utility tax penalties of \$5,244.93 paid on monthly remittances from October 2023 through March 2025.
- Penalties on WEX account fuel payments of \$15,347.22 paid from October 2023 through January 2025. A subsequent amount of \$1,703.69 were abated per management.
- We identified over \$8,000 of questioned adjustments or charges not made to accounts of employees or persons who appear to be associated with staff involved in billing and collections, in addition to an unknown amount of late fees not charged or properly assessed. Overall, it appears that staff did not properly follow customer billing policies across a wide spectrum of customer accounts, as a subsequent review of 41 customer accounts indicated 18 of the accounts did not appear to have fees and late charges properly assessed related to delinquent bills.
- On one account listed as a business, which current staff indicated was a personal residence, the business rate was not applied. The account title was changed in the move to new billing software, but the old account showed a balance of \$1,736.30 that did not roll over to the new account. We could find no record that the old balance was paid during review with current staff.
- As a result of the decrease in financial position of the Board, it did not meet debt ratio requirements.
- We would encourage management to make sure that staff only allow authorized access to areas that have personal data of employees or the public available. Unless there is official business, members of the public and former staff should not be in the office areas where confidential data from utilities, court or personnel may be available.
- Under Tyler, check signatures were saved in the system, allowing for staff to print payments without actually having the Mayor or other officer review them.

Other Matters

Management's Discussion & Analysis is required supplementary information (RSI) that supplements the basic financial statements. Our procedures consisted of inquiries of management regarding the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We did not audit the RSI and do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the RSI.

Restriction on Use

This information is intended solely for the information and use of the Mayor, Board and management of the Board and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Very truly yours,

Don Wallace CPA

Don Wallace CPA

Alabama Extension Launches Statewide Survey to Identify Community Needs

SPECIAL TO THE PRESS

The Alabama Cooperative Extension System has launched a statewide survey to better understand the educational and community development needs of Alabamians—and is inviting citizens across all 67 counties to take part.

The survey, developed by a team of Extension agents, county directors, specialists and administrators, is designed to gather input on local priorities related to agriculture, youth development, natural resources, community health, economic development, and more. Residents are encouraged to share what programs and services would make the greatest impact in their communities.

“This effort is about listening,” said Eve Brantley, associate director for Alabama Extension. “Whether you’re a farmer, a parent, a business owner, or simply someone who wants to improve your community, your voice can help shape the future of Extension programming where you live.”

The needs assessment survey is part of a two-step approach. Extension professionals across the state first identified emerging and ongoing needs based on their direct work with Alabamians. Those insights helped shape the public-facing survey now being launched.

“Each county in Alabama is different,” said Beau Brodbeck, assistant Extension director for

field operations. “By asking residents to rank and identify their most pressing needs, we can prioritize the right programs for the right places—and ensure we’re using our people and resources where they’re needed most.”

The results will inform both local and statewide planning processes, including Alabama Extension's Program of Work (POW) development.

The survey, which can be found at <https://www.aces.edu/go/stakeholder-survey>, takes just a few minutes to complete and is open to all Alabama residents.

For more information about Alabama Extension, contact your local Extension office or visit aces.edu.

Willie Spears Energizes Bibb County Educators at Back-to-School Institute

BY SHEILA DUNCAN
REPORTER

Bibb County School District kicked off the new school year with a high-energy and heartfelt Back to School Institute featuring nationally recognized motivational speaker, Willie Spears. Held in Centreville, the annual event welcomed between 350–400 educators from across the district, including teachers, administrators, paraprofessionals, Child Nutrition Program staff, custodians, and central office personnel.

This year's theme, “Every Child. Every Chance. Every Day,” served as a rallying cry to renew the district's commitment to educational equity and excellence for all students. Mr. Spears took the stage at approximately 10 a.m., delivering a powerful and passionate keynote address that resonated deeply with attendees.

Known for his energetic and relatable style, Spears encouraged educators to reflect on their personal “why” and stay grounded in their purpose, despite the ever-changing landscape of public education.

“In a time when the duties and perception of education and educators are continuously evolving, our purpose remains steadfast,” said Spears. “I offer a real and concise message while encouraging educators to focus on their ‘why’—to look beyond the collective mindset of society.”

Throughout his presentation, Spears emphasized the importance of cultivating a positive school culture, supporting student behavior through meaningful relationships, and maintaining high morale across campuses. His engaging and often humorous delivery kept the crowd motivated and inspired, setting an uplifting tone for the school year ahead.

An accomplished author and dynamic communicator, Spears travels nationwide delivering an average of 20 presentations per month. His impactful work has made him a trusted voice in educational leadership and a champion for empowering school communities.

The Back-to-School Institute not only marked the begin-

ning of a new academic year but also united the entire Bibb County School District family in purpose, energy, and enthusiasm—thanks in large part to the unforgettable message delivered by The Willie Spears Experience.



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Deliverance Temple Holiness

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**BY WHITNEY BUZBEE
REPORTER**

**The Woman at the
Well – Jesus meets us
where we are**

“Jesus answered, ‘Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst.’” – John 4:13-14 (NIV)
In John 4, we meet a woman with a past. She came to the well alone—perhaps out of shame, isolation, or simply to avoid the judgmental stares of others. But what started as a simple trip for water turned into a life-changing encounter with Jesus.

Jesus did something radical for His time: He spoke to a Samaritan woman. Jews did not associate with Samaritans, and men rarely spoke openly to women in public—especially not a woman with a questionable reputation. Yet Jesus saw her. He knew her story. And still, He engaged her with compassion, not condem-

nation. He offered her something deeper than what she came for: living water—a source of satisfaction that no relationship, reputation, or ritual could provide. She had been searching for fulfillment in all the wrong places, and Jesus offered her the only thing that would truly satisfy her soul: Himself.

The story of the woman at the well reminds us that Jesus meets us right in the middle of our mess. He doesn’t wait for us to be perfect. He doesn’t demand that we clean up our act before approaching Him. He meets us at the well—where we are tired, worn out, and thirsty for more. Jesus saw her wounds, her weariness, and her worth. And He sees yours, too.

After encountering Jesus, the woman left her water jar behind and ran to tell her community, “Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did. Could this be the Messiah?” (John 4:29).

The very people she may have once avoided, she now approached with boldness and joy. Her shame was replaced with purpose. Her past became a testimony. Her story reminds us that no one is too far gone, and nothing disqualifies us from God’s grace.

This week I encourage you to reflect on these questions:

What “wells” have you been turning to for satisfaction instead of Jesus?

How does the story of the woman at the well encourage you about your own story?

Who can you share your testimony with today?

The woman at the well came for water—but left with so much more. Jesus gave her what no one else could: acceptance, healing, and hope. And He offers the same to you today. Let Him meet you where you are—and fill your heart with living water that never runs dry.

COMMUNITY NEWS

West Eoline News

From The Pen Of Jane Hannah

It’s my birthday, it’s my Birthday and feeling BLESSED by the best. As I write this, my plans are incomplete. My Sistas are planning a celebration lunch for me and Pennie Mitchell. My Siblings lunch plans are being discussed. My daughter will most likely feed me because at this age the joys of life seem to include good food; being with your loved ones.

LaShelle Kinney is recovering from her ankle replacement at home with Nana and most times her Mother Jera is here for Kay-di. Nerve pain in the foot and leg is the biggest issue at this stage.

Pennie Mitchell had shoulder surgery last Friday. Please pray for complete and speedy recovery.

Amy Ellison still has 24 hr after surgery care and is improving. She is thankful for

all continued prayers please.

Luke & Tracey Holliday hosted a family outing in the pool and a shrimp boil Saturday. Sorry I missed that.

Stacey & Chad Thompson, Fred Boothe & Jim Kirkendall have upcoming fishing and fun plans on the coast.

Jo Kitchen is excited about seeing grandson Adam Kitchen and his Mom Kathy on Tuesday this week. Plus a bonus happy -- with keeping great grands Judah & Olive later in the week.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY this week Myla Caddis 8-15, Pennie Mitchell 8-16, Lynn Ellenhausen 8-17, Ruth Deason, Dennis Freeman & Melanie Wallace 8-19, Courtney Dowdle 8-22.

Have a great week. Call 478-395-2513 to share your news.

Centreville News

From The Pen Of Brenda Hubbard

The BCHS Class of 1961 met for breakfast on Friday, August 1, 2025.

Charlotte West had lunch on Friday, August 1, 2025, at Dale’s Southern Grill in Hoover with BCHS friends Lee McDaniel Belcher, Peggy Smitherman Langford, Patricia Bamberg Hubbard, Glenda Tucker Kane, Judy Smitherman Brantley, Nancy Lawley Scott and Pat Hobson Cunningham. All had a great time.

Among those having birthdays in August are Dot Tidwell, Jean Johnston, Steve Allen Angie Perry Grogan, Crystal Thompson Nelson, Lynn Ellinghausen, Odie Newman, Linda Eady Cox, Amanda Cromer and Brooke Meyer.

Anniversary wishes go out to Glenn and Ginger Blake who recently celebrated their 48th Wedding Anniversary.

Our deepest sympathy goes out to the

family of John Daniel (Danny) Russell, Sr. Age 75, who passed away on Saturday, August 9, 2025. A Celebration of Life service was held on Saturday, August 9, 2025, at 12:00 noon at Bethel Baptist Church with burial in Bethel cemetery. Visitation was held from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon prior the service. Danny will be greatly missed by his family and many friends.

Those enjoying lunch at Main Street Tavern in Montevallo on Tuesday, August 5th were friends from Suttle School Days, Charlotte West, Harriet Oaks Deason, Melanie Oaks Harrison Nancy Smith Carlee. After lunch all returned home with Charlotte for an afternoon of talking and laughing, all reporting a great time.

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

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NOTICE OF SALE

Notice of Public Sale

Highway 11 Recycling gives notice of foreclosure of lien and intent to sell these vehicles on September 15, 2025 at 10am at 11400 Woodland Lake Rd. McCalla, AL 35111, pursuant to subsection 32.13.3 of the Alabama Statutes. Highway 11 Recycling reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids.
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August 8 & 15, 2025

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PROBATE NOTICE

In the Probate Court of Bibb County, Alabama In Re: Estate of Ronald Cooper, deceased Case No 2025PC048

Notice of Appointment to be published by Personal Representative
Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to Amy Cooper, personal Representative on the 31st day of July, 2025 by the Honorable Stephanie Kemmer, Judge of Probate Court of Bibb County, notice

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

Personal Representative
Amy Cooper
Hilyer Law Firm, PC
Elizabeth Hilyer
307 2nd Ave. N
Clanton, AL 35045
Centreville Press
August 8, 15 & 22, 2025

In the Probate Court of Bibb County, Alabama In the matter of the estate of Evelyn Allean Chambers, Deceased Case No. 2025-PC057 Notice of Publication

Take notice that Letters of Administration having been granted to Kevin Chambers, personal Representative of the estate of Evelyn Allean Chambers, deceased, on the 21st day of July, 2025, by the Honorable Stephanie W.

Kemmer, Judge of the Probate Court of Bibb County, Alabama.

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

Anthony B. Johnson
Johnson Law Firm
Post Office Box 188
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Centreville Press
August 1, 8 & 15, 2025

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Bibb County Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee will meet on August 28th 2025 at 3:00 P.M. at the Bibb County Commission Office Chambers, 157 S.W. Davidson Drive Centreville, Al 35042. The Purpose of the meeting will be to discuss local hazard mitigation issues and provide input for the Division C Hazard Mitigation Plan that includes Bibb County and its municipal jurisdictions. The public is invited to attend and participate. Those persons needing information or requiring assistance to participate should contact Kirk Smith, Bibb County EMA Director at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting at 205-928-0092

DATE: Thursday, August 28th 2025
PLACE: Bibb County Commission Chambers
TIME: 3:00 P.M.

This notice posted on August 18th 2025 at the following locations:

1. Bibb County Commission Office
2. Bibb County Probate/Tax Assessor Office
3. Bibb County Courthouse

Kirk Smith/EMA Director



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Application may be obtained at the Bibb County Commission Office located at 157 S.W. Davidson Drive, Centreville, AL 35042. Applications will be accepted until August 22, 2025. If additional information is needed, please call 205-926-3114.

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LIFESTYLE

"Looking Back On the Furrows"
at Bibb County's Rich History

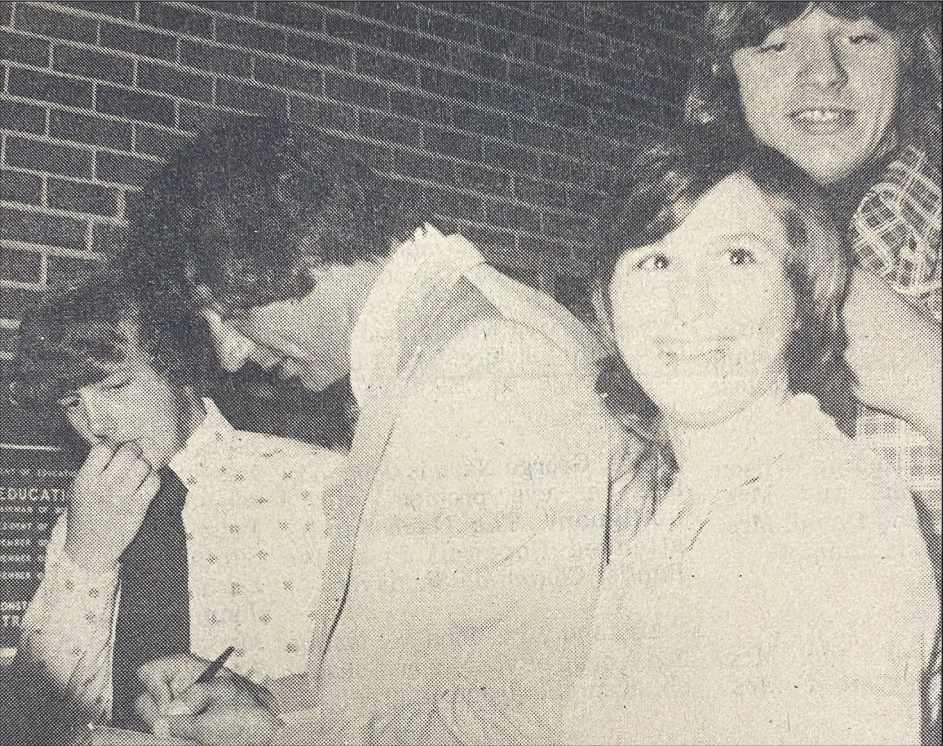
By Sheila Duncan



"Any man who doesn't understand where he comes from, has little hope of understanding where he may be going."

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.

50 YEARS AGO



JOE NAMATH SIGNS AUTOGRAPHS
Autographs were the order of the night as Joe Namath signed hundreds for the parents and students at the Tigers Sports banquet last week.



PIPER-COLEANOR BASEBALL TEAM OF 1932
From left to right: Johnny Dove, Mott Henderson, Percy Johnson, O. C. Busby, Hap Hendon, Johnny Thomas, Ed Davis, manager, Kenny Weldon, Trap Moore, Lemuel Fitts, Harris Warren, Revis Ford, Red Tubbs. This picture was furnished by Ed Davis, who was team manager. The picture was made by T.C. Tuggle, a West Blocton photographer.

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PROBATE NOTICE

**State of Alabama
Probate Court of Bibb County
Case No. 2025PC031
Estate of Lindy Ann J. Helton
Deceased**

Letters Testamentary upon the last will and testament of the decedent, having been granted to the undersigned, on the

31st day of July, 2025, by the Honorable Probate Court of Bibb County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims in the office of the Judge of Probate within six months from above date or the claim will be barred and payment prohibited. Tressa Denay Helton

Jackson Personal Representative of the Lindy Ann J. Helton Attorney for Personal Representative Jefferson K. Nail PO Box 916 Marion, AL 36756 Centreville Press August 15, 22 & 29, 2025

**In the Probate Court of Bibb County, Alabama
In the matter of the estate of
Mary Frances Green, Deceased
Case No. 2025PC060
Publication Notice**
Letters Testamentary of said deceased, Mary Frances Green having

been granted to Emily G. Burdick and Robert Lynn Green on the 5th day of August 2025, by Stephanie Kemmer, Judge of the Probate Court of Bibb County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against the estate are hereby required to present the same

within time allowed by law or the same will be barred. Emily G. Burdick and Robert Lynn Green Michael Murphy Attorney at Law 44 Court Square West Centreville, AL 35042 Centreville Press August 15, 22 & 29, 2025

**In the Probate Court of Bibb County, Alabama
In Re: The estate of James Malcolm Barrymore, Deceased
Case No. 2025PC053
Notice to Creditors**
Take notice that Letters of Administration with will annexed having been granted to Heather

Desmond, as Administrator of the Estate with will annexed of James Malcolm Barrymore, deceased, on the 6th day of August, 2025. Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against the said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time al-

lowed by law or the same will be barred. Richard M. Kemmer, Jr. P.C. Attorney for the Administrator PO Box 282 1124 Walnut St. Centreville, AL 35042 Centreville Press August 15, 22 & 29, 2025

ZONING ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE AMENDING THE GENERAL ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CENTREVILLE
The City Council of the City of Centreville, Alabama hereby ordains and enacts:
I. Pursuant to the provisions of the laws of the State of Alabama, the City Council of the City of Centreville amends the zoning ordinance of the City of Centreville by designating the property described in attached Exhibit "A", which has been recently annexed, as B-1. The description of the property to be zoned B-1 is contained on the attached Exhibit "A". The City Council of the City of Centreville further amends the general zoning ordinance of the City of Centreville by redefining the zoning classification R-3 specifically, mobile

home parks are prohibited as a pennitted use on property classified as R-3. This ordinance shall take effect immediately. Passed at a stated meeting of the City Council of the City of Centreville April 19,, 2022 by a vote of 3 to 0 held on J. Michael Oakley Mayor Magan Batte City Clerk TOWNSHIP 23 NORTH, RANGE 9 EAST BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE AT THE SOUTHEAST OF LOT 6, BLOCK "A", FAIR'S ADDITION TO CENTREVILLE, RECORDED IN MAP BOOK 1, PAGE 9 IN THE PROBATE OFFICE OF BIBB COUNTY, ALABAMA, THENCE RUN NORTH 88°48'40" EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 25.00

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NEWS

BC BOARD OF EDUCATION

Meeting Date: July 25, 2025

Call to order
Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call
Approval of Agenda
Regular Agenda Items
Called Board Meeting
07/23/2025 - 02:00 PM

Request to approve the retirement of Dennis Littleton, Bus Driver, effective September 1, 2025.

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

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

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

Request to approve the employment of Melissa Knight as CNP Worker, Woodstock Elementary School, effective 2025-2026 school year.

Request to approve the employment of Michael Allen as Special Education Paraprofessional Aide, West Blocton High School, effective 2025-2026 school year.

Request to approve the following for intervention and tutoring services during the month of August 2025, Randolph Elementary School. Payment of \$25 per hour, up to 39 hours per week will be made from Title I funds.

Request to approve the following as Part Time Reading/Math Interventionist for the 2025- 2026 school year:

Request to approve the following as Part Time Instructional Paraprofessional Aides, Brent Elementary School, for the 2025-2026 school year:

Request to approve the following TEAMS contracts:

Request to approve the following substitutes:

Request to approve the fol-

lowing as surplus:

Request approval to re-new incentives available for bus driver recruitment for the 2025-2026 school year. Candidates, up to 8, who become a bus driver under this incentive, would receive \$300. Payment will be made from district general funds.

Request to approve payment to Hammill Recreation, LLC., for the purchase of playground equipment, Randolph Elementary School. Payment in the amount of \$172,149.28 will be made from A&T/State Grant funds.

Request to approve payment to Bear Creek Trucking, LLC., to repair erosion issue, hand rails and reseal basement on 2nd grade hall, Brent Elementary School. Payment of \$10,000 will be made from A&T funds.

Request to approve payment to Angela Chesser to administer achievement tests, complete eligibility reports, and enter data for the 2025-2026 school year. Payment of \$35 per hour, up to 15-20 hours per week, will be made from IDEA funds.

Request to approve payment to ProCare Therapy to provide sign language interpreter for services to qualifying students for the 2025-2026 school year. Payment of \$70.62 per hour will be made from District Special Education funds.

Request to approve payment to Kayla Kailey to provide speech language pathologist services to qualifying students, provide support to teachers, write IEPs, and conduct IEP meetings for the 2025-2026 school year. Payment of \$35 per hour, up to 16 hours weekly, will be made from IDEA funds.

Request to approve payment to Glenda Faye Greer, to provide direct instruction, observations, IEP support, and materials modification and

consultation with teachers and parents for hearing impaired students for the 2025-2026 school year. Payment of \$50 per hour, not to exceed 15-20 hours per week, will be made from District Special Education funds.

Request to approve payment to Katelyn Bearden to provide woodwind technique for band camp, July 21-August 1, 2025, Bibb County High School. Payment of \$500 will be made from BCHS local school funds.

Request to approve payment to Auberie Sanford to provide percussion technique for band camp, July 21-August 1, 2025, Bibb County High School. Payment of \$500 will be made from BCHS local school 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 the following to provide security, as needed, for school events from October 1, 2025-September 30, 2026, West Blocton High School. Payment will be made from WBHS local school funds.

Request to approve payment to Pam Smitherman to provide art instruction, August 2025-May 2026, Randolph Elementary School. Payment of \$100 per day, not to exceed 4 times per month, will be made from RES local school funds.

Information Items

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

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

Board Meeting: Tuesday, August 12, 2025 at 5:00 PM
Superintendent Remarks
Request to adjourn

CENTREVILLE WATER/SEWER DEPT.

Meeting Date: August 4, 2025

By: Lynn Hamric

Josh Colburn called the meeting to order at five o'clock. Board members present were Barry Cooner, Linda Lawrence, Seth Young and Josh Colburn.

Absent - Jimmy Martin. Barry Cooner opened with prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Minutes were approved. No financial report given.

Operations Report – Water Supt.

Two water leak adjustments. – Repair on both were approved.

Request for an area to be cleared (Hwy. 82/Co Rd.20) (mowed) where multiple sewer access points are. Current land owner will maintain after cleared. Barry Cooner requested Larry to obtain quotes for clearing and present to the board.

There has been a considerable amount of overtime recently due to a couple of major water leaks. Rebecca stated there is rarely any overtime. Barry asked Larry if water tank fill level decreasing cannot be closely monitored to indicate a sudden drop. Larry indicated they try and stay on top of this.

Audit Report Presentation – Don Wallace, CPA

In the following Summary Letter major concerns are highlighted. You may view the Audit Report in its entirety by accessing The Bibb Voice or you may obtain a hard copy by request at the Centreville City Hall.

This audit period is for FY 2024 ending September 30, 2024.

Outside the audit report areas of discussion have been:

Dress code for employees. Customers have expressed a concern over this. Training – Are staff members adequately trained?

Who is responsible for overseeing the dress code, conduct and training. Rebecca stated she is responsible. In addition to two full-time office employees there are also two Co-Op students.

Who is responsible for the number of individuals working in the office and their schedules? Rebecca stated she is.

When asked if this many are needed to cover the water department, Rebecca stated it requires two to work the drive-through and walk in customers.

There was considerable discussion on staffing and Mayo Oakley stated the city is not over budget on employees.

Rebecca stated she is working on work-loads by staggering times.

There was discussion over the water bills and sewage rates. Larry stated that when sewage line access is available (offered) and an individual declines connection when it is at no cost the household will still be charged for sewage. If connected at a later date

they will pay a connection fee.

Barry Cooner requested a printout of the “cut off” for water meters.

The switching of financial software was discussed.

Don Wallace, CPA, presented the audit findings with Board members and staff receiving a hard copy. There was Q&A throughout the report. While some areas of concern have been talked about throughout the year there were areas the Board was totally unaware of.

As part of the Audit the Fire Department findings are covered (pg 41).

Board members again requested monthly balance sheets on all accounts along with a breakdown of account payable by month. The Board was assured that with the current financial software these requests will be fulfilled.

I will not devote space to addressing every area of the audit but strongly suggest that citizens who are genuinely interested/concerned about the state of their city water department, and its financial standing, obtain a copy of said audit, read and study and attend City Water Board meetings (open to the public) and ask to be put on the agenda if they wish to speak. Please note that it is at the discretion of the Mayor and City Attorney as to whether or not your name will appear on the agenda.

WEST BLOCTON TOWN COUNCIL

Meeting Date: July 21, 2025

Town of West Blocton Minutes of Regular Meeting Monday, July 21, 2025

The Town Council of the Town of West Blocton, Alabama met in a Regular Council Meeting at the Municipal Building on Monday, July 21, 2025, at 7:00pm. A quorum being present, Mayor Daniel Sims called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Prayer was led by Fred Lynch. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Glenn Johnson. Roll was called by Town Clerk Brandy Fancher.

Present: Fred Lynch, Glenn Johnson, Holly Barnett, Blane Sherron Absent: Kristen Nash
Mayor Notes:

Bibb Medical is getting ready to expand the Cahaba Medical Clinic. To have enough space for construction, Goldenrod Lane would need to be vacated. This would allow for the building to be expanded and landscaping to be done. Council Member Blane Sherron asked for the individuals that live on Goldenrod Lane to be reached out to and get their feelings or concerns. Council member Glenn Johnson advised there are still 2 ways to have emergency access from Crepe myrtle and Oak Street. Council member Holly Barnett asked if we could send a letter and Mayor Sims said he would prefer to speak with the property owners. This topic was tabled and will be added to the next agenda.

I. Council Approval: Previous Council Meeting Minutes 7-7-2025

Council member Holly Barnett had a question of Council Member 4 -Anthony Blane Sherron's residency. Council member Holly Barnett asked Council Member Blane Sherron what his address was for clarification. His response was 325 Main Street. Council member Holly Barnett then stated that Mayor Sims was supposed to have provided a list of unopposed council positions and provide to the council in the previous meeting. She stated that there was no list provided in the agenda. Mayor Sims stated that the email that was provided to him and the council members included on the agenda the council positions that were unopposed. He stated that it includ-

ed Freddie Lynch, Howard Glenn Johnson and Anthony Blane Sherron. After pulling up the emails and discussing with Council member Holly Barnett, Mayor Sims asked to clarify that the email was sent and that it included the unopposed positions. Council member Holly Barnett states that it was received.

Council member Blane Sherron made the motion to approve the previous Council Meeting Minutes for 7-7-2025. Motion was seconded by Council member Glenn Johnson. All in favor and motion so carried.

Closnre of Water Works Account

Roll Call Vote was used to approve the freeze/closure of the Water Works Account due to fraudulent activity. Council Member Fred Lynch - YES Council Member Glenn Johnson-YES Council Member Holly Barnett - YES Council Member Blane Sherron-YES NO-0 YES-4 Motion Passes

Open of New Water Works Account

Roll Call Vote was used to approve the Opening of a new Water Works Account with Daniel Sims, Freddie Lynch, Howard Glenn Johnson and Brandy Fancher listed on signature card. Council Member Fred Lynch-YES Council Member Glenn Johnson - YES Council Member Holly Barnett - YES Council Member Blane Sherron-YES NO-0 YES-4 Motion Passes

AMCCMA Conference/Room for Casey Hubbard

Council member Holly Barnett made the motion to approve \$1678.86 for AMCCMA conference/room for Casey Hubbard. Motion was seconded by Council member Glenn Johnson. All in favor and motion so carried.

AMCCMA Conference/Room for Brandy Fancher

Council member Glenn Johnson made the motion to approve\$ 1628.86 for AMCCMA conference/room for Brandy Fancher. Motion was seconded by Council member Blane Sherron. All in favor and motion so carried.

Lawn care service - Kevin Deerman

Council member Glenn Johnson made the motion to approve \$350.00 for Kevin Deerman to cut at 4 water tanks and 1 pump station on

2 week rotation. Motion was seconded by Council member Blane Sherron. All in favor and motion so carried.

Alan's Factory 24x20 Carpmnt for Police Department Range

Council member Blane Sherron made the motion to approve \$1995.00 for 24x20 carport to be installed by Alan's Factory. Motion was seconded by Council member Holly Barnett. All in favor and motion so carried.

Cowbell Cyber Insurance

Council member Blane Sherron made the motion to approve \$3,077.00 for Cowbell Cyber Insurance. Motion was seconded by Council member Glenn Johnson. All in favor and motion so carried.

Water Dept Hire- Havden Duncan

Council member Blane Sherron made the motion to approve the hire of Hayden Duncan at \$14 per hour with Single coverage insurance, ERS retirement and vacation after 1 year. Motion was seconded by Council member Holly Barnett. All in favor and motion so carried.

Water Dept Hire- William Alex Clark

Roll Call Vote was used to approve the hire of William Alex Clark.at \$14 per hour with Single coverage insurance, ERS retirement and vacation after 1 year. He will also have to sign a fonn stating he understands the requirements and limitations of working under Child Labor Laws to be included in the Employee Handbook. Council Member Fred Lynch-YES Council Member Glenn Johnson - YES Council Member Holly Barnett- YES Council Member Blane Sherron-YES NO-0 YES-4 Motion Passes

Police Department Annual Review was presented by Chief I-licks. There is a recorded version that can be found on West Blocton Police Department Facebook page.

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.

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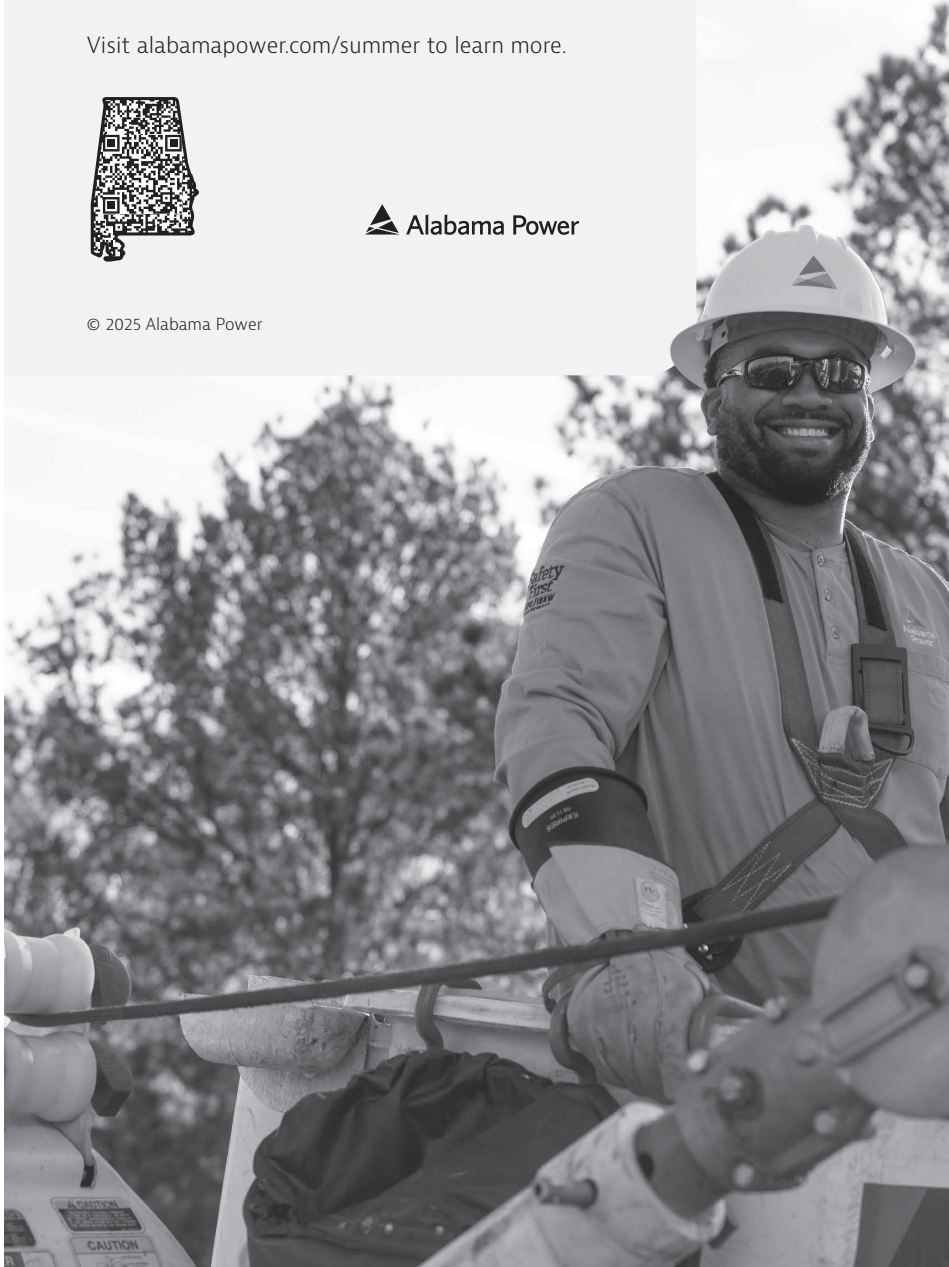
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NEWS

Live Locally Alabama: Celebrating Community in Centreville

BY SHEILA DUNCAN
REPORTER

Live Locally Alabama is a statewide effort created by the Alabama League of Municipalities to shine a light on what makes our hometowns special—the people, the places, and the leaders who help them thrive. By sharing stories from Alabama’s 466 cities and towns, the initiative highlights how strong local leadership builds strong communities.

A major component of this campaign is ensuring our members have ready-to-use marketing assets to accomplish the a forementioned goal. This includes materials such as graphics, videos, press releases, a logo style guide, a strategic plan and more. These items can be used as is or tailored to include imagery or messaging unique to your individual communities.

In Central Alabama, cities like Centreville are showing how teamwork and local pride create lasting progress. Known for its welcoming residents and scenic setting along the Cahaba River, Centreville focuses on preserving its natural beauty while celebrating arts, culture, and history. One highlight is the annual Cahaba River Crawl, a community event that draws locals and visitors alike to enjoy the river and the town’s heritage.

Mayor Mike Oakley, a member of the ALM board, says these events are made possible through partnerships. “It takes all of us—city leaders, Main Street, the hospital, the schools, the county,” he said. “Everyone works

together, and that’s what makes our events and our city so successful.”

According to Oakley, community support is the heart of Centreville. “Whether it’s a big event or a small celebration downtown, our people always show up,” he said. “They love their city, and it shows.”

He also sees the Live Locally Alabama

campaign as a perfect match for Centreville. “This initiative reminds folks that their local government is right here with them, listening and responding,” Oakley said. “If you want to get involved, start with the Bibb County Chamber of Commerce or our Centreville Main Street program—we’ve got some amazing young

entrepreneurs who are making a real difference.”

Citizens are encouraged to Shop Locally, Work Locally, Learn Locally, Explore Locally, Serve Locally and Live Locally! Get involved by attending council meetings and community events; engaging in elections; building relationships with local and state

leaders; volunteering; and participating in community initiatives and improvement projects. You can also follow your municipality’s social media pages to stay up to date with their latest activities and plans.

Whether it’s Centreville’s riverfront

charm, Alexander City’s new developments, or Millbrook’s 17 Springs sports and recreation complex, Central Alabama communities are proving that strong local leadership and community pride are key to a vibrant future. That’s what Live Locally Alabama is all about.



The cemetery, known as Union Church Cemetery (also “Old Union Cemetery”), lies beside the church. It holds graves from the 19th and 20th centuries—many with early vital years back into the 1800s. A distinct grave shelter once sheltered four monuments, two belonging to the Raglin family; those graves are weather-worn and date back to at least the 19th century.

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