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Barry Cooner Declared Winner of Centreville Mayor Election Contest

BY MIKE HOBSON

REPORTER

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September 2, 2025

Following the Tuesday election on August 26 the race for Mayor between Incumbent Mike Oakley and Challenger Barry Cooner, ended in a tie vote. Each party received 326 votes.

Today the City Council met at noon to certify the

election results. Tracy Griffin, City Clerk, announced that 10 provisional votes had been examined by County Registrar Pat Clark and four of those votes were eligible to be counted.

After examining the ballots and announcing the new vote totals Barry Cooner garnered 329 votes and Mike Oakley 327.

The City Council certified the results in all races except District 3, which is headed to a runoff between Linda Lawrence and Reese Lee. The runoff election will take place on September 23, 2025.

Don Mack is the elected candidate for District 2, Dianne Epperson is elected for District 4.

Virtual Town Hall Addresses Opioid Prevention and Awareness in Alabama

BY CANDACE JOHNSON
REPORTER

A virtual town hall meeting on August 27 from 11 a.m.–12 p.m. brought together community leaders to discuss strategies for opioid addiction prevention and awareness. Panelists included Brandon Folks, Shereda Finch, Nicole Shine, Nichole Dawsey, and Debbi Metzger.

Nichole Dawsey, executive director of the Addiction Prevention Coalition, highlighted the implementation of naloxone boxes across Alabama. These life-saving kits provide access to Narcan, which can reverse the effects of an opioid overdose. Dawsey explained that resources like these are made possible through Opioid Settlement Funds, which have been critical in expanding

access to prevention tools statewide.

Nicole Shine, executive director of READY (Resources, Education, and Advocacy for Drug-Free Youth), showcased a unique prevention initiative at Stillman College. Using an escape room format, students worked together to solve challenges while learning vital information about opioid risks and prevention. Shine hopes to expand the project on campus and build community support for its continuation.

Panelists also shared the broader impact of opioid settlement funding. To date, approximately 348 naloxone boxes have been distributed across the state. More than 400 students have received prevention training, and Narcan kits have been placed in schools

and community centers. The coalition is also providing services at The Hub, a one-stop resource center for individuals experiencing homelessness and working to strengthen family connections in Montgomery County.

Despite these successes, challenges remain. Panelists noted that stigma around opioid use continues to be a barrier to prevention and recovery. Looking ahead, the coalition plans to expand its priorities to address underage drinking and marijuana use alongside opioid prevention.

Organizations and schools interested in receiving a naloxone box can contact Nicole Shine at nicole@apcbham.org for more information.

Foster Retires After 42-Year Career in Forestry



BY WHITNEY BUZBEE
REPORTER

Larry Foster has spent his life working in the outdoors, turning his passion for nature into a successful career.

A native of Illinois, Foster earned a Bachelor of Science in Forestry from Southern Illinois University in 1977 and a Master of Science in Forestry in 1979. He began his career as a field forester out West before moving to South Carolina, where he worked in loblolly pine seed orchard production and genetic tree improvement.

In 1987, Foster transferred to Selma, Alabama, where he managed two pine seed orchards, a tree nursery that produced

seedlings for reforestation, and more than 700 acres of land. After more than four decades in the field, he retired in 2021.

Foster's love for land management continues. In 2019, he and his wife purchased a farm in Perry County, where they renovated the farmhouse, managed timber, created wildlife food plots, and restored a pond for fishing. That experience inspired him to help others buy and sell land for timber investment and outdoor recreation.

Foster is a registered forester and active member of the Society of American Foresters, the Alabama Forestry Association, and the Alabama Forest Owners Association. He and his wife live in Selma, where

they raised two sons and now enjoy time with their two granddaughters. He is also an active member of Westwood Baptist Church, where he has served as a deacon, treasurer, and Sunday School teacher.

Looking ahead, next month's program will feature Cam Mathews, a forestry scholar who will speak on tree identification. Mathews also shares educational content on his YouTube channel, [@cam-mathews9315](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCam-mathews9315).

In October, Mike and Vicki Severing will join us to discuss nuisance animal control and fur trapping. The couple was recently honored with a Lifetime Achievement Award by the National Trappers Association.






September Community Calendar

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 6th: 1st Saturday Night Singing @ Cedar Grove Church 6 pm. Guest singers will be Beyond Blessed with Yolanda Mitchell. Everyone is invited.


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.



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NEWS

CENTREVILLE CITY COUNCIL

Meeting Date: August 19, 2025

By: Lynn Hamric

Mayor Oakley called the meeting to order at five o'clock. Don Mack led in prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mike Nichols.

Roll call:
All council members were present.

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

No Financial Report.

Mayor Oakley read a Proclamation for Ms Sandra Lockette. A motion to approve (Mack) seconded (Colburn). Motion carried.

Jayne N, Kyzer addressed the Council regarding concerns the neighbors in the Country Club subdivision have with regard to the increased volume and seed of traffic on streets going to the golf course. She stated there are children, adults walking and pets in danger. She requested speed tables be installed on the major access roads to the golf course. She was advised that a petition for each street/avenue/road involved would be needed before this type action could be taken. Councilman Coburn asked the Chief of Police if patrols have been increased in this area and was advised that it is a hit/miss situation catching violaters. Councilman Mack thanked her for bringing this to their attention as the safety of children is paramount.

Police Report:
Chief Smith brought several items to the council.

1. The resignation of one officer has been accepted. He is going to another agency.

2. Officer Wells has returned to his SRO position(s).

3. Chief explained the need to fill the vacancies to maintain a full department. This is not hiring new officers but back filling with the cost already in the budget.

4. RC&D grant of \$15,000 was approved for message boards. (60 day delivery time). He is getting quotes. The signs are in Atlanta. Councilman Colburn volunteered to handle pickup and delivery at no cost.

5. Requested the surplus/sale of old tasers, printer cartridges, batteries and old holsters. An offer to purchase has been made. A motion to sell was made (Nichols) seconded (Colburn). Motion carried.

6. Requested to surplus old vehicle that will cost considerably more to repair than its worth.

7. A low hanging wire, during a storm, damaged the spotlight on vehicle. Cost to repair \$500-\$600.

8. AMIC requires skid car training. This was scheduled and paid for the first of the year. The training will take place in October.

9. Department remodeling is complete. Encouraged council to come see the results.

10. Beginning to see wear on the older Tahoe, nothing major now just requiring more maintenance.

11. ACJIS has implemented additional requirements to access the programs for law enforcement. There will be on-line courses as well as in person classes. This is mandatory.

There was considerable discussion regarding the need to fill vacant officer positions, avenues of possible funding/sharing, etc. These will be checked out. In light of the recent audit findings council members were concerned about having the financial means to cover these positions. Councilpersons Lawrence, Epperson and Colburn expressed great concern as the auditor (Don Wallace) advised against hiring

any staff. Chief Smith contended that this was not additional funds as the position salaries are already in the budget. Mayor Oakley addressed Councilman Colburn saying he keeps saying we are broke when this is not true. Councilwoman Lawrence asked Chief Smith if the individual would have to go to the Academy. Chief advised that would not be necessary if the right person applies. If they are not from this area, they would need to ride along with a current officer a shift or two to learn the area. The next Academy is in January 2026. We would be looking at eight months to have a graduate. A motion to hire one officer was made (Nichols) seconded (Coburn). Motion carried.

Chief Smith expressed his thanks and that of the department to the council, especially for those not returning, for all the assistance they have provided. He stated he always conveys the councils support to the department.

Fire Department YTD Report:

Total events – 141
Duration (Hours)- 211
Total Responses – 508
Total Service Hours – 780

An agency has been engaged to file for insurance reimbursement claims. They charge a percentage but volunteers do not have the time to handle this. Meetings are held on the first and third Mondays of each month and council members were invited to sit in. A brief report on the status of the vehicles, their age and condition and the impact this has on the insurability/cost was given. Planning needs to begin on upgrading these vehicles.

Centreville Main Street – Director gave a brief report. She stated a Press Release would be forthcoming.

Old Business:

Linda Lawrence asked Chief Smith the status of camera installation in each officer's office. Chief Smith stated he is not opposed to this and there is one in the common area.

Linda inquired if smoke alarms are installed. Chief Smith stated he had not thought about this and would take care of that immediately.

Dianne Epperson asked Clerk Griffin if she had the copies of Truck Works contract for the council members. Tracy stated it was on her desk all 60 pages. Dianne requested the last page.

Tracy was asked if the data has all been extracted from the Tyler software and answered yes.

Attorney Kemmer was questioned about the status of the \$90,000 remaining on the computer financial software the city owes Tyler. Attorney Kemmer stated that he needed to make sure all the data has been extracted he will pursue this.

Tracy was asked the status of the \$100,000 loan for the Soap Hill water project. Mayor Oakley stated we are still waiting on the USDA to pay in October.

Linda Lawrence asked Chief Smith if the dog problem in Deer Haven has been resolved. He stated two dogs have been trapped.

Linda Lawrence brought up several problems they found when the council did the walk through of city owned buildings.

1. The Water Department office area needs serious cleaning attention.

2. The Water Department needs shelving for parts/equipment organization. The place is seriously cluttered. Needs cleaning.

3. The Street Department building has a serious spicket water leak. The floor

is covered with water and running out the door. They could hardly walk around inside for all furniture and general clutter. Storage racks are needed.

Brad stated a thorough cleaning is seriously needed. Don Mack asked how an inventory could possibly be taken with everything piled up in the floor. (This applies to both the Water and Street Department buildings).

4. The bottom bricks on the walls needs resealing.

5. The commode needs replacing.

6. The apartment over the Street Department (Larry's residence) needs serious attention.

7. DHR Key Pads need replacing ASAP. Tile in one area coming up and needs replacing.

NOTE: Mayor Oakley stated the key pads are not a requirement of the lease the city has with DHR but with the current circumstances (child sex trafficking) and the need for security the city will replace. Locks were ordered but were incorrect. They have been reordered and are probably being replaced now.

Asked if the inside door key pads in the city hall were they same type locks. No DHR locks are industrial due to the high volume of use.

Linda asked Tracy again about the ARPA fund balance sheet. Tracy stated the account was closed prior to her position as clerk and she would have to get information from the bank.

Linda asked if the signature card at the bank had the correct signatures on it (add Don Mack) remove unnecessary signees. Tracy said it is still in process. It's a problem getting everyone together at the bank.

Brad Colburn stated that signed minutes would be required to change signatures on the bank accounts.

A motion was made (Epperson) seconded (Lawrence) to sign all council minutes. Motion carried.

Brad asked all paving had been done and all expenses paid. He said about 60% had been done. Tracy said all invoices (3-4) from J.W. Kornegay had been paid. The invoice for the asphalt has been paid and that depleted the account. There was a discussion about the estimated amount J.W. included on his bid. The price per ton was higher and J.W. had no control over that. Mayor Oakley said that Phase II of the paving project would have to wait until money built up in that account.

Brad stated a citizen had asked for clarification on whether or not a well can but drilled in the city limits. Mayor Oakley stated that no wells may be drilled within the city limits. Property within the county (Hwy 82E not in the city limits may have wells if water is not available).

A discussion as to exactly where the city limits end and the need for proper signage.

Brad asked the status of the requested meeting at the last of landowners impacted along both side of Hwy 82 E. Brad asked if we could move forward on this and Mayor Oakley stated absolutely we can.

Linda Lawrence asked if the FY 26 budget is being worked on. Mayor Oakley said the police, water and street departments budgets are completed and work is being done on the remainder.

Brad asked Atty. Kemmer the status of the VAPE Ordinance. Atty. Kemmer stated he had not received any input and had looked at using

wha Prattville had done. He said he just needs to put it together.

Brad asked about the status of the time clocks. Tracy said the street department had brought time cards in for the last pay period. Brad asked the status of time clocks for the water department of main office. Tracy stated she did not know the type time clocks and that one had been found in the office but it was without instructions and no one knew how to work it so she just ordered a new one.

Brad asked where we are on the scanning of city ordinances. Mayor Oakley stated this was "in the process" of being done. Chief Smith stated that one of his police officers had "re-typed ordinances" and he had them all on a thumb drive. He had worked on this for 8-9 months.

Brad asked where we are on the implementation of policy recommendations made by the auditor. Mayor Oakley said they had been done. When Brad asked which ones Mayor Oakley stated that Tracy is working on the financial information as recommended, timely input of information and documentation, etc. When asked when the council would have a balance on the accounts, Tracy stated that would be available when she balanced the budget.

Linda asked Mitch for clarification on who would be responsible if an employee was injured on the job would the water of city be liable. Mitch explained that these are two separate entities and the water department would be liable. This led into whether or not there are safety policies in place (ie proper

clothing, shoes, etc.). Mayor Oakley stated there are probably old policies somewhere. Questions were asked about why this was being asked. Don Mack stated that he was trying to avoid naming an individual. Mayor Oakley assured the council the employees were not wearing sandals on a work site but he saw no problem with that when reading meters. Don Mack and Linda Lawrence stated citizens had contacted them about this issue. Mayor Oakley said every time he sees them they are wearing boots. Don Mack sated the council is only trying to ensure the employees are safe when working. When Don Mack stated he had photos the conversation ended. Mayor Oakley will look into this.

Mike Nichols stated he knows that the Policy Department has up-to-date safety policies.

Don Mack asked about the absentee voting and whether Tracy/Dorinda are going by the voter rolls from Montgomery or the Map. Dorinda said she has gone name by name checking addresses against the voter list and the map and has found several that have been placed in the wrong district. She has been in touch with the Registrar as well as Wes Allen's office (Elrod). The GIS Map had them in the wrong district.

New Business:

Brad asked Tracy about yet another IRS bill for \$13,000 that was in 2020 under Terry Morton. She stated the amount had been reduced to \$1,148.00 and has been paid.

Brad reminded everyone that the council approved having a forensic audit done but there was no money to pay for it. An alternative

would be to ask the state auditors to conduct an audit at no charge. Mayor Oakley asked why he would want this done. Brad answered that they could provide a more in-depth review of the financials of the city. Brad then read a proposed Resolution requesting the state auditors to conduct an in-depth audit of both the city and the water/sewer boards books. Atty Kemmer stated this would need to be separated and voted on separately by the Water Board and the Council. Mayor Oakley took offense to the language in the Resolution. Atty Kemmer is to separate the Resolutions within seven days for signatures and submittal.

Brad made a motion to submit the Resolution to the appropriate department, it was seconded by Don Mack and the Motion carried by full vote of the council.

Don Mack stated that this will show the citizens that the City Council continues to show transparency.

Linda Lawrence wanted clarification made that the vote to increase council member's salaries (after 20 years) will go into effect with the new council. She further stated that when this was done the council had not been presented with a clear and accurate financial statement and they were unaware of the conditions the audit revealed.

Brad made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss the good name of an individual, seconded by Mike Nichols. Motion carried.

Mayor Oakley reconvened the council and they adjourned the meeting.

BRENT CITY COUNCIL

Meeting Date: August 18, 2025

By Lynn Hamric

Mayor White called the August 18, 2025 meeting to order at five o'clock. Mayor White led in the Pledge of Allegiance with Tom Owings leading in prayer..

Roll Call:

Present
Barbara Morrison
Tracy Sanders
Chad Jones
Tom Owings
Jerry Conway

A motion to approve the minutes was made (Owings) seconded (Morrison). Motion carried.

After reviewing the expenditures a motion to approve was made (Conway) seconded (Jones). Motion carried.

No Police Report
No Court Report
No Personnel Action

Other Business:

1. Collection of fees at Heritage Park -Tabled
2. Presentation of the Street Dept. Budget- Motion to accept (Jones) seconded (Sanders) Motion carried.
3. Air unit in Police Department – Nelson making

repairs but part had to be ordered.

4. Culvert Update – Tabled

5. Danny Russel Donation - \$500 in memory Motion to donate (Owings) seconded (Sanders) Motion carried.

6. 2025-2026 Budget -Council had a Q&A with the Clerk and Mayor. A motion was made to award a 5% pay raise (Jones) seconded (Sanders). Motion carried.
Meeting Adjourned.

WOODSTOCK TOWN COUNCIL

Meeting Date: August 18, 2025

The Town Council of the Town of Woodstock, Alabama met in a Regular Council Meeting at the Town Hall on Monday, August 18, 2025, at 5:00 P.M. A quorum being present: Mayor Jeff Dodson called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M. The Pledge of Allegiance

was led by Mayor Dodson. The following Council Members were present: Ronnie Kinard, Lee Mears, Kellie Parks and Don Bowling. Council Member Ernestine Johnson was absent. Town Attorney Boozer Downs, Police Chief Len Price and Director of Library

and Media Services Michele Dickey were also present.

I. COUNCIL APPROVAL:

□ Council Member Lee Mears made the motion to approve the August 4, 2025 minutes as previously submitted by email. Motion was seconded by Council Member Ronnie Kinard and the motion so carried.

□ Council Member Ronnie Kinard made the motion to approve the following invoice:
Downs & Davis Law - Overages

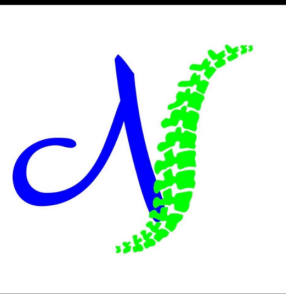
\$6,315.50

Motion was seconded by Council Member Don Bowling and the motion so carried.

□ Council Member Don Bowling made the motion to approve the following expenses:

Conference / Travel Expenses – Chief Len Price
\$502.61

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Conference / Travel Expenses – Asst. Chief Jason Beams \$510.44
Magistrate Orientation / Travel Expenses – Town Clerk \$756.00
Magistrate Orientation / Travel Expenses – Court Clerk \$14.00
Motion was seconded by Council Member Kellie Parks and the motion so carried.
Council Member Ronnie Kinard made the motion to approve the following invoices for the sewer system:
Central Supply – Taco Bell Line \$5,955.94
Reach Plumbing – Taco Bell Line \$9,770.00
Reach Plumbing – Emergency Repair \$1,206.00
Motion was seconded by Council Member Lee Mears and the motion so carried.

II. MAYOR’S REPORT

A. Employee Certifications/Recognition
Mayor Jeff Dodson announced that Court Clerk Judith Ruiz, Town Clerk Tiffney McCulley and Assistant Clerk Carla Smotherman had received official notification from the Administrative Office of Courts for completing and passing the Municipal Magistrates’ Certification Program and will be graduating on September 27.

Officer Lauren Jones Clark was commended by the Town of Woodstock and Green Pond Fire & Rescue in rendering aid and life-saving techniques and was presented with a plaque and pin in recognition of her successful efforts.

B. New Signage for Town Hall Campus
Town Clerk Tiffney McCulley presented plans and pricing for a directional sign and a 4’ x 8’ high-resolution digital billboard to be installed on the Town Hall Campus. Council Member Don Bowling made the motion to approve the purchase and installation of both signs from Reliable Sign Services in the amount of \$62,102.00. The motion was seconded by Council Member Kellie Parks and the motion so carried.

C. Resolution #2025-08-01 – 2026 Transportation Plan
Council Member Lee Mears made the motion to approve Resolution #2025-08-01, for the 2026 Transportation Plan. The motion was seconded by Council Member Ronnie Kinard and the motion so carried.

D. Alcohol License Application – Rema, Inc. d/b/a: Tiger Mart
Council Member Kellie Parks made the motion to approve the alcohol license application for Rema, Inc., d/b/a Tiger Mart. The motion was seconded by Council Member Lee Mears and the motion so carried. Council Member Don Bowling abstained.

E. New Date for Next Council Meeting
Mayor Dodson announced that the next Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 2, 2025 due to Labor Day.
III. PUBLIC COMMENTS: No public comments were heard.

There being no further business to come before the Town Council at this time, Council Member Don Bowling made the motion to adjourn at 5:37 P.M. The motion was seconded by Council Member Ronnie Kinard and upon being put to a vote, the motion was carried unanimously.



West Blocton Remembers Colleen Parker with Park Pavilion

BY CANDACE JOHNSON REPORTER

The town of West Blocton honored one of their own on August 22 with the unveiling of a new pavilion at the West Blocton Town Park. Mayor Daniel Sims, members of the Town Council, and others gathered for the event, which highlighted both community pride and generosity. The pavilion, donated by the Bibb Medical Center, represents an investment in the town’s future while paying tribute to a beloved local leader.

The pavilion was given in honor of the late Colleen Parker, a longtime board member known for her deep care for others and her dedication to community wellbeing. Parker’s work left a lasting impact on those who knew her, and local leaders emphasized that her legacy continues to inspire. Citizens attending the ceremony were able to tour the new structure and imagine how it will be used. The pavilion is expected to host family reunions, birthday parties, church picnics, and other community gatherings, making it a central space for residents to come together. By donating the pavilion, Bibb Medical Center reinforced its ongoing commitment to supporting not only health services, but also quality of life in Bibb County. While the pavilion has now been presented to the town, the official dedication date is still to be announced. “We are grateful for this lasting gift that will serve our families and friends for many years to come,” Sims said.

WEST BLOCTON TOWN COUNCIL

The Town Council of the Town of West Blocton, Alabama met in a Regular Council Meeting at the Municipal Building on Monday, August 4, 2025, at 7:00pm. A quorum being present, Mayor Daniel Sims called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Prayer was led by Glenn Johnson. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Blane Sherron. Roll was called by Town Clerk Brandy Fancher.
Present: Glenn Johnson, Holly Barnett, Blane Sherron, Kristen Nash
Absent: Fred Lynch
Mayor Notes:
• IRS Update -Previous IRS Audit that was showing a discrepancy between Forms 941 and Forms W-2 for tax year 2015 has been resolved. The \$35,445.21 that was showing due has been abated and the town is receiving a refund of \$2,344.66. Mayor Sims wanted to thank our town attorney, Kacey Davis, who helped get this taken care of.

I. Council Approval:

Vacate Road - Goldenrod up to Magnolia Street
Council Member Blane Sherron asked that a form of guardrail be put at Oak Street for precaution. Mayor Sims stated that there could be something put to prevent

someone from going off into the ditch.

Roll Call Vote was used to approve to vacate Goldenrod up to Magnolia Street. Council Member Glenn Johnson YES Council Member Holly Barnett - YES Council Member Blane Sherron-YES Council Member Kristen Nash - YES NO-0 YES-4 Motion Passes

Previous Council Meeting Minutes 7-21-2025

Council member Glenn Johnson made the motion to approve the previous Council Meeting Minutes for 7-21-2025. Motion was seconded by Council member Blane Sherron. All in favor and motion so carried.

Post Accident Drug Screening Policy

Roll Call Vote was used to approve the Post Accident Drug Screening Policy recommended by MWCF. Council Member Glenn Johnson-YES Council Member Holly Barnett - YES Council Member Blane Sherron-YES Council Member Kristen Nash - YES NO-0 YES-4 Motion Passes

Resolution 2025-8-4 Appointment of Election Officers
Council member Blane Sherron made the motion to approve Resolution 2025-8-4 Appointment of Election Officers.

Motion was seconded by Council member Holly Barnett. All in favor and motion so carried.

Dana Safety Supply - \$2120.06 Cage for 2023 Silverado

Council member Glenn Johnson made the motion to approve \$2120.06 for the purchase of a Cage/Installation for the 2023 Silverado. Motion was seconded by Council member Holly Barnett. All in favor and motion so carried.

ALM Membership Dues - \$1,005.00

Council member Blane Sherron made the motion to approve paying \$1,005.00 for ALM Membership Dues. Motion was seconded by Council member Holly Barnett. All in favor and motion so carried.

June 2025 Financials

Roll Call Vote was used to approve the 2025 June Financials. Council Member Glenn Johnson-YES Council Member Holly Barnett - YES Council Member Blane Sherron-YES Council Member Kristen Nash - YES NO-0 YES-4 Motion Passes

Stanley Steemer - \$1178.00 Floors in Municipal Building

Council member Blane Sherron made the motion to approve \$1178.00 to be



paid to Stanley Steemer for cleaning the floors in the Municipal Building. Motion was seconded by Council member Kristen Nash. All in favor and motion so carried.

Travelers Insurance
Roll Call Vote was used to approve the renewal of Travelers Insurance. Council Member Glenn Johnson - YES Council Member Holly Barnett - YES Council Member Blane Sherron-YES Council Member Kristen Nash - YES NO-0 YES-4 Motion Passes

Citizens to Speak - None

Statement from Brent’s Mayor-Elect Mike Smitherman



I want to take this opportunity to sincerely thank the voters of Brent, Alabama, for placing your trust in me to serve as your next mayor. I am humbled by your confidence and deeply grateful for the support I have received throughout this journey.

I especially want to thank my family and all those who worked so hard to help me run a successful campaign—your encouragement and dedication have meant the world to me.

I want to thank Mayor Bobby White for her

support and for her commitment to ensuring a smooth transition. Her dedication to this community is greatly appreciated.

As I step into this role, I look forward to working closely with the city council members to make Brent a progressive town and a place we can all be proud to call home. I am eager to get to work for the City of Brent.

Thank you again for this honor to serve you. Sincerely, Mike Smitherman

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I'll Fly Away

“I’ll Fly Away” is one of the most beloved gospel hymns in American history, often described as the most recorded gospel song of all time. Its hopeful message of leaving behind the troubles of this world and entering eternal rest has touched countless hearts across generations.

The hymn was written in 1929 by Albert E. Brumley, a prolific gospel songwriter who penned more than 800 songs during his lifetime. Brumley grew up in Oklahoma, working in the cotton fields, and it was while picking cotton that the inspiration for “I’ll Fly Away” came to him. He later recalled, “I was dreaming of flying away from that cotton field. I was thinking about escaping all the hard labor and going to heaven.” That simple thought became the seed for a song that would inspire millions.

Brumley first published “I’ll Fly Away” in 1932 through the Hartford Music Company. Its lively melody and uplifting lyrics quickly made it a favorite in church hymnals and southern gospel singing conventions. The song reflects the deep spiritual longing of the early 20th-century rural church—an era when hardship, poverty, and daily struggles made the hope of heaven especially precious.

Over the decades, “I’ll Fly Away” spread far beyond its southern gospel roots. It became a standard in bluegrass and country music, recorded by artists such as The Chuck Wagon Gang, Johnny Cash, and Alison Krauss with Gillian Welch, whose haunting rendition was featured in the 2000 film O Brother, Where Art Thou? That exposure introduced the hymn to a new generation

and secured its place in popular culture.

Part of what makes “I’ll Fly Away” endure is its universality. Though it came from humble beginnings, the song’s themes of freedom, release, and eternal hope resonate with people across denominations and musical styles. Whether sung in a small country church, a gospel quartet gathering, or on a concert stage, the message remains the same: a joyful anticipation of the life to come.

Today, nearly a century after Brumley first dreamed of flying away, his song continues to be sung at funerals, worship services, and family gatherings. It stands as a reminder of the hope that believers share—that one day, we will rise above life’s struggles and “fly away” to be with the Lord.

COMMUNITY NEWS



Jera Fortner stayed with us Monday night until Friday afternoon, being the number one caregiver for Kaydi. LaShelle should have stitches removed 9-2 and a new cast. God is good.

August 27th, I spent the day with Diana Dailey. We stopped at the cemetery, reminiscing about Ricky... ate lunch at Chow’s in Tuscaloosa, and shopped at Belk’s. It was a good day!

Ruth Deason, Jo Kitchen and Diana Dailey visited me for games of Rummikub last Friday. Even with interruptions by baby Kaydi, it was enjoyable.

Chad & Stacey Thompson drove to Pensacola Friday evening with friend, Jim Kirkendall. They were on a mission to check out an investment for future fun and

income as well as having a relaxing time. The Gulf was clear and beautiful.

Del & Lisa Deason hosted Mom Barbara Deason, and Uncles Wayne & C H Deason for Football Saturday. Their favorite team - Alabama - lost but they enjoyed cheering on the Tide.

LaShelle and I watched the Alabama /FSU game until halftime. I made tortilla pizzas for her and Ronnie’s dinner and watched last half at Jo Kitchen’s home .

Sunday lunch was Dried Butter Beans seasoned with Ham, Steamed Cabbage with carrots & onions, Connech Sausage with Bell Pepper and Onions, Cornbread.

Praise God for UAB Surgeons who FINALLY re-

moved Avery’s gallbladder Sunday morning. She has been having issues with gallbladder pain for four years. Prayers for a quick recovery.

LABOR DAY - 9-1 was a holiday but no news was received about local celebrations.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY this week to Parke Freeman 9-5, Ashton Passeri 9-6, Eli Grogan 9-10, D M 9-11, Steve Mullins 9-12. Blessings to all.

REMEMBER 9-11 .. Praying our leaders are vigilant to keep terrorists out!!!!

Have a great week and call 478-396-2513 to share your news.



Our deepest sympathy goes out to the family of Lionel White, age 82, who passed away on Friday, August 22, 2025. Services were held on Tuesday August 26, 2025 at Lowery Town Baptist Church. A committal service was held following the service at Kinard Cemetery. Lionel will be greatly missed by his family and many friends.

Anniversary wishes go out to Dr. John and Molly Meigs who recently celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary.

Belated Birthday wishes go out to Hugh Edwards III on Saturday, August 23,

2025 . Also to Caleb Ruston, August 27.

Among those celebrating birthdays in September are Betty Hurd, Lisa Owens Huffman, Elizabeth Shuttleworth, Jeanette Simmons, Karen Hubbard, Danny Meigs and Donna Jackson.

Birthday wishes go out to Ruth Dailey who will be 100 years old on September 4, 2025. Whitney Buzbee, Misty Oswalt, Tanner Hobson, Caleb Rushton. We hope all of you had a great birthday.

Sympathy goes out to the family of David Leon Ponder who passed away on August 21, 2025.



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NOTICE OF SALE

Notice of Public Sale
Notice of Public Sale Hometown Towing and Recovery, LLC gives notice of foreclosure of lien and intent to sell these vehicles on October 7, 2025 at 10:00am at 54 Norman Dr. Woodstock, AL 35188-3941, pursuant to subsection 32.13.3 of the Alabama Statutes. Hometown Towing and Recovery LLC

reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids.
2008 Chevrolet 1GCE-C14X38Z250043
Centreville Press
August 29 & September 5, 2025
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2015 Chevrolet 2GN-FLHEK0F6252249
Centreville Press
August 29 & September 5, 2025

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE

STATE OF ALABAMA COUNTY OF BIBB
Default having been made of the terms of the loan documents secured by that certain mortgage executed by Ronald Goodwin, an unmarried man and, Heather Michele Perry, an unmarried woman, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for United Wholesale Mortgage, LLC, its successors and assigns dated May 18, 2023; said mortgage being recorded on June 22, 2023 in Deed Book 410, Page 655, in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Bibb County, Alabama. Said Mortgage was last sold, assigned and transferred to Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC by assignment recorded in Deed Book 2024, Page 5583, in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Bibb County, Alabama.

The undersigned, Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the main entrance of the Court House in Bibb County, Alabama during the legal hours of sale (between 11am and 4pm), on October 30, 2024 the following property, situated in Bibb County, Alabama, to-wit:

A parcel of land located in the NE 1/4 of the NE 1/4, Section 7, Township 23 North, Range 12 East, Bibb County, Alabama, described as follows: Commence at the Northwest corner of said 1/4 -1/4 section and run South 89 degrees 57 minutes 32 seconds East along the North boundary of said section 781.55 feet to an iron pin, said point being the Point of Beginning; thence continue on the same line 227.30 feet to an iron pin; thence run South 23 degrees 48 minutes 07 seconds East 344.43 feet to an iron pin at the intersection of the North right of way of Oakley Station Road; thence run South 58 degrees 05 minutes 53 seconds West along said right of way 210.0 feet to an iron pin; thence run North 23 degrees 48 minutes 07

seconds West 465.90 feet to the point of beginning.
Said property is commonly known as 865 Oakley Station Rd, Randolph, AL 36792.
Should a conflict arise between the property address and the legal description, the legal description will control.
Said property will be sold subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), the right of redemption of any taxing authority, all outstanding liens for public utilities which constitute liens upon the property, any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, any assessments, liens, encumbrances, easements, rights-of-way, zoning ordinances, restrictions, special assessments, covenants, the statutory right of redemption pursuant to Alabama law, and any matters of record including, but not limited to, those superior to said Mortgage first set out above. Said property will be sold on an "as-is" basis without any representation, warranty or recourse against the above-named or the undersigned. The successful bidder must present certified funds in the amount of the winning bid at the time and place of sale.

Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as a part of the foreclosure process.
The sale will be conducted subject (1) to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code and (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Mortgage.
LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC
as holder of said mortgage McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLP

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AMENDMENT TO NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

The sale date under the above mentioned Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale has been postponed until February 5, 2025, and public notice thereof having been given, the above notice is hereby republished with this amendment.

The Centreville Press,
January 17, 2025

AMENDMENT TO NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

The sale date under the above mentioned Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale has been postponed until May 14, 2025, and public notice thereof having been given, the above notice is hereby republished with this amendment.

The Centreville Press,
May 2, 2025

AMENDMENT TO NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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The Centreville Press,
July 11, 2025

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The Centreville Press,
September 12, 2025
23-05464AL

PROBATE NOTICE

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF BIBB COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE

* CASE NO. 2025 ?(QC, OF JAMES PAUL FAULKNER, * DECEASED.

'NOTICE OF PROBATE COURT PROCEEDING

Notice is hereby given that a Petition for Summary Distribution has been filed by KEVIN FAULKNER AND CHRIS FAULKNER, and that 30 days after the notice of publication hereof and pursuant to the law of Alabama, the Court shall be requested to enter an order directing summary distribution of the Estate of JAMES PAUL FAULKNER.

- 09/27/2024, 01/17/2025, 05/02/2025, 07/11/2025

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NOTICE BY CONTRACTOR OF COMPLETION OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS

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the contracts for the Vernon Town Road Water Main Replacement & Frog Level Road and Spring Valve Replacement, Pipe Cleansing Assemblies, (ADEM Project No. FSO10192-02) for the Town of West Blocton, Alabama, Owner, and has made request for the final settlement for said contract.

All persons having made any claim for labor, materials, or otherwise in connection with this project should immediately notify The Kelley Group, LLC, 800 Corporate Pkwy, Suite 100, Birmingham, AL 35242, (256) 248-7030.

LEGALS

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage executed on October 28, 2022 by Lisa Hurley, an unmarried woman, originally in favor of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, as mortgagee, as nominee for Broker Solutions Inc. dba New American Funding, and recorded in 403 at 282 on November 1, 2022, in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Bibb County, Alabama, and secured indebtedness having been transferred to New American Funding, LLC. LOGS Legal Group LLP, as coun-

sel for Mortgagee or Transferee and under and by virtue of power of sale contained in the said mortgage will, on October 1, 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:

For informational purposes only, the property address is: 1042 Story Rd, Woodstock, AL 35188.

Any property address provided is not part of the legal description of the property sold herein and in the event of any discrep-

ancy, the legal description referenced herein shall control.

This sale is made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by said mortgage, as well as the expenses of foreclosure. Furthermore, the property to be offered pursuant to this notice of sale is being offered for sale, transfer and conveyance AS IS, WHERE IS. Neither the mortgagee, nor the officers, directors, attorneys, employees, agents or authorized representative of the mortgagee make any representation or warranty relating to the title or any physical, environmental, health or safety conditions existing in, on, at or relating

to the property offered for sale. Any and all responsibilities or liabilities arising out of or in any way relating to any such condition, including those suggested by Code of Ala. (1975) § 35-4-271, expressly are disclaimed. This sale is subject to all prior liens and encumbrances and unpaid taxes and assessments including any transfer tax associated with the foreclosure. The successful bidder must tender a non-refundable deposit of Five Thousand Dollars and no/100 (\$5,000.00) in certified or cash funds at the time and place of the sale. The balance of the purchase price must be paid in certified funds by close of

business on the next business day thereafter at the Law Office of LOGS Legal Group LLP at the address indicated below. LOGS Legal Group LLP reserves the right to award the bid to the next highest bidder, or to reschedule the sale, should the highest bidder fail to timely tender the total amount due.

Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs

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New American Funding, LLC, and its successors and assigns

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August 22, 29 & September 5, 2025

PUBLIC NOTICE

ALABAMA POWER COMPANY, BIBB COUNTY, ALABAMA. TIMOTHY PELHAM, ET AL., CASE NO.2025PC061 Defendants.
TO: **LEGAL NOTICE TO DEFENDANTS BY PUBLICATION**
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You are hereby notified that Alabama Power Company, a corporation, has filed its written complaint in this Court seeking to condemn and to acquire the lands, rights, and interests therein described for ways and rights-of-way upon which to erect towers, poles, wire lines, and other appliances necessary and convenient in connection therewith for the manufacture, supply, and see to the public of electric power and for advanced communications capabilities and for an access road on, across, under, over, and adjacent to strips of land according to the final location survey of the said ways and rights-of-way heretofore made by the plaintiff, said strips of land and the lands of which the same are a part being situated in Bibb County, Alabama, and being described as follows:
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A strip of land, varying in width, lying within a portion of the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (SW 1/4 of NW 1/4) and within a portion of the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (NW 1/4 of SW 1/4) of Section 04, Township 22 North, Range 12 East, Bibb County, Alabama, such strip being more particularly described as follows)
To reach the point of beginning of said strip, commence at the Northwest corner of the Southwest quarter of the Northwest quarter of said Section 04, marked by a 5/8 inch rebar; thence run S87°03'22"E, a distance of 33.30 feet along the North boundary of said Southwest quarter of said Section 04 to a point on the centerline of a survey used to describe said strip of land for right of way; thence along said centerline of survey N29°09'38"W, a distance of 17.69 feet to a point; thence turn a deflection angle to the right of 180°00'00" (said 5/8 inch rebar and the Northwest corner of Defendants' Property property lies 28.2 feet right (Southwest) from such point, and the northeast edge of an existing Alabama Power Company transmission right of way (200 feet in width) lies 14.8 feet right (Southwest) from such point), such point being the Point of Beginning of said strip of right-of-way herein described; therefrom said strip is varying in width and lies 62.5 feet left (Northeast) of said centerline of survey, and up to and coincident with said existing Alabama Power Company transmission right-of-way right (Southwest) of said centerline of survey (Less and Except any portion of said strip "Which lies North of Defendants' Property's north boundary or which lies East of Defendants' Property's east boundary), and the continuations thereof, which begins at such point of beginning; thence along said centerline of survey S29°09'38"E, a distance of 17.69 feet, more or less, to Defendants' Property's north boundary; thence continue along said centerline of survey S29°09'38"E, a distance of 270.37 feet to a point, said point being called Reference Point "A" for reference hereafter; thence continue along said centerline of survey S29°09'38"E, a distance of 1508.00 feet to a point, said point being called Reference Point "B" for reference hereafter; thence continue along said centerline of sur-

vey S29°09'38"E, a distance of 839.00 feet, more or less, to Defendants' Property's east boundary; thence continue along said centerline of survey S29°09'38"E, a distance of 25.00 feet to a point (the northeast edge of said existing Alabama Power Company transmission right of way (200 feet in width) lies 14.9 feet right (Southwest) from such point), such point being the Point of Ending of said strip of right of way herein described.
Also, the right and authority to place and maintain such guy wires and nhors for a distance not to exceed 37 feet outside of, and in a northeasterly direction (N64°57'E) from such ways and rights of way at Reference Point "A" indicated above as may be necessary in the erection, construction, operation or maintenance of said wire lines and appliances.
Also, the right and authority to place and maintain such guy wires and anchors for a distance not to exceed 34 feet outside of, and in a northeasterly direction (N65°10'E) from such ways and rights of way at Reference Point "B" indicated above as may be necessary in the erection, construction, operation or maintenance of said wire lines and appliances.
All bearings based on Alabama State Plane West Zone Grid North. US Survey Feet
Also, four strips of land for access easement (access road) being located in a portion of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 09, Township 22 North, Range 12 East, Chilton County, Alabama and a portion of the West 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 and a portion of Southwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 04, Township 22 North, Range 12 East, Bibb County, Alabama and being more particularly described as follows:
Strip 1
To reach the Point of Beginning of the first strip of land for access easement, Commence at the Southwest corner of Section 04, Township 22 North, Range 12 East, Bibb County Alabama, said point marked by a rebar, thence run South 80°06'16" East a distance of 1379.36 feet to a point in the centerline of Chilton County Road 73, said point being the Point of Beginning of a survey line used to describe said first strip of land for access easement hereinafter described; therefrom, said strip is 30 feet in width and lies 15 feet each side of said survey line, and the continuations thereof, (less and except any portion that lies within existing right of way of Chilton County Road 73) which begins at such point of beginning; thence leaving said centerline of Chilton County Road 73 and along the centerline of an existing gravel road run North 00°33'50" West a distance of 124.13 feet to a point on the Northwest Right of Way of Chilton County Road 73; thence continue along the centerline of said existing gravel road North 01°36'33" East a distance of 75.16 feet more or less to a point on the south boundary of said Section 04, Township 22 North, Range 12 East, said point also being the point of ending of said first strip of land for access easement herein described, said point being called Reference Point "A" for reference hereafter.
Strip 2
To reach the Point of Beginning of the second strip of land for access easement, Commence at Reference Point "A" and run along the centerline of an existing gravel road the following chord bearings and chord distances:
•North 01°36'33" East a distance of 13.59 feet to a point; North 07°24'08" West a distance of 48.03 feet to a point; North 10°55'56" West a distance of 68.64 feet more or less, to a point on the West boundary of the Southeast 1/4 of Southwest 1/4 of said Section 04, Township 22 North, Range 12 East, said point being the Point of Beginning of a survey line used to describe said second strip of land for access easement hereinafter described; therefrom, said strip is 30 feet in width and lies 15 feet each side of said sur-

vey line, and the continuations thereof, which begins at such point of beginning; thence run along the centerline of said existing gravel road the following chord bearings and chord distances:
North 10°55'56" West a distance of 76.73 feet to a point; North 05°28'18" West a distance of 80.42 feet to a point; North 00°18'28" West a distance of 65.89 feet to a point; North 01°17'01" East a distance of 123.02 feet to a point; North 02°14'39" East a distance of 228.26 feet to a point; North 00°28'33" West a distance of 66.60 feet to a point; North 04°06'59" West a distance of 154.87 feet to a point; North 02°51'37" West a distance of 103.42 feet to a point; North 00°10'32" East a distance of 92.35 feet to a point; North 02°16'02" East a distance of 98.58 feet to a point; North 00°17'52" East a distance of 32.90 feet to a point; North 07°19'10" West a distance of 50.33 feet to a point; North 14°07'16" West a distance of 63.14 feet to a point; North 19°22' 28" West a distance of 72.49 feet to a point; North 23°54'31" West a distance of 71.67 feet to a point on the centerline of a proposed road, said point being called Reference Point "B" for reference hereafter; thence continue along the centerline of said existing gravel road the following chord bearings and chord distances:
North 31°07'58" West a distance of 70.52 feet to a point; North 32°32'32" West a distance of 264.47 feet to a point; North 23°58'16" West a distance of 22.32 feet to a point; North 12°47'17" West a distance of 21.92 feet to a point; North 04°23'08" West a distance of 85.73 feet to a point on the west boundary of an existing Alabama Power Company transmission right-of-way (200 feet in width); thence continue along the centerline of said existing gravel road the following chord bearings and chord distances:
North 04°23'08" West a distance of 7.37 feet to a point; North 15°50'58" West a distance of 33.35 feet to a point; therefrom, said strip is 35 feet in width and lies 20 feet left (West) of and 15 feet right (East) of said survey line, and the continuations thereof; thence continue along the centerline of said existing gravel road the following chord bearings and chord distances:
North 22°45'36" West a distance of 45.54 feet to a point; North 44°21'03" West a distance of 32.26 feet to a point; North 56°40'19" West a distance of 15.99 feet to a point on the west boundary of an existing Alabama Power Company transmission right-of-way (200 feet in width); thence continue along the centerline of said existing gravel road the following chord bearing and chord distance:
North 56°40'19" West a distance of 20.09 feet to a point, therefrom, said strip is 30 feet in width and lies 15 feet on each side of said survey line, the continuations thereof; thence continue along the centerline of said existing gravel road the following chord bearings and chord distances:
North 63°03'23" West a distance of 60.02 feet to a point; North 67°33'04" West a distance of 76.07 feet to a point, therefrom said strip is 45 feet in width and lies 15 feet left (West) of and 30 feet right (East) of said survey line; thence continue along the centerline of said existing gravel road the following chord bearing and chord distance:
North 65°28'44" West a distance of 68.75 feet

a distance of 92.86 feet to a point; North 53°21'07" West a distance of 147.40 feet to a point; North 56°02'38" West a distance of 186.33 feet to a point; North 46°51'-3-7J" West a distance of 45.15 feet to a point; North 42°38'54" West a distance of 55.66 feet to a point; North 36°08'22" West a distance of 52.03 feet to a point; North 25°53'49" West a distance of 76.18 feet to a point; North 22°27'12" West a distance of 54.01 feet to a point; North 13°10'09" West a distance of 33.73 feet to a point; North 05°19'12" West a distance of 31.13 feet to a point; North 07°05'11" East a distance of 68.42 feet to a point; North 18°28'22" East a distance of 39.89 feet to a point; North 31°30'33" East a distance of 83.30 feet to a point; North 23°51'23" East a distance of 56.30 feet to a point; North 19°00'41" East a distance of 45.99 feet to a point; North 15°43'57" East a distance of 133.86 feet to a point; North 13°22'04" East a distance of 137.71 feet to a point; North 25°05'03" East a distance of 21.39 feet to a point on the west boundary of an existing Alabama Power Company transmission right-of-way (200 feet in width); thence continue along the centerline of said existing gravel road the following chord bearing and chord distance:
North 25°05'03" East a distance of 123.23 feet to a point on the centerline of an existing Alabama Power Company transmission line AX-360021 (Sta. 1255+32.79); thence continue along the centerline of said existing gravel road the following chord bearing and chord distance:
North 25°05'03" East a distance of 123.22 feet to a point on the east boundary of an existing Alabama Power Company transmission right-of-way (200 feet in width); thence continue along the centerline of said existing gravel road the following chord bearing and chord distance:
North 25°05'03" East a distance of 18.48 feet to a point on the centerline of a proposed Alabama Power Company transmission line AX-1330A0.002 (Sta. 59+65.36), said point also being the point of ending of said second strip of land for access easement herein described.
Strip 3 For the third strip of land for access easement, Begin at Reference Point "B", therefrom, said strip is 30 feet in width and lies 15 feet on each side of said survey line, and the continuations thereof; thence continue along the centerline of a proposed road the following chord bearing and chord distance:
N 05°57'04" W a distance of 66.23 feet to a point on the west boundary of an existing Alabama Power Company transmission right-of-way (200 feet in width); thence continue along the centerline of said proposed road the following chord bearing and chord distances:
N 05°57'04" W a distance of 35.80 feet to a point; N 06°55'58" E a distance of 82.86 feet to a point; N 29°42'42" E a distance of 43.32 feet to a point on the centerline of an existing Alabama Power Company transmission line AX-1330A0.002 (Sta. 1274+92.67); thence continue along the centerline of said proposed road the following chord bearing and chord distance:
N 44°16'00" E a distance of 104.33 feet to a point on the east boundary of an existing Alabama Power Company transmission right-of-way (200 feet in width); thence continue along the centerline of said proposed road the following chord bearing and chord distance:
N 46°09'37" E a distance of 15.50 feet to a point on the centerline of a proposed Alabama Power Company transmission line AX-1330A0.002 (Sta. 79+74.35), said point also being the point of ending of said third strip of land for access easement herein described.
For the fourth strip of land for access easement, Begin at Reference Point "C", therefrom, said strip is 45 feet in

width and lies 15 feet left (West) of and 30 feet right (East) of said survey line, and the continuations thereof; thence along the centerline of a proposed road the following chord bearings and chord distances:
N 53°25'26" W a distance of 42.96 feet to a point; N 09°56'04" W a distance of 40.76 feet to a point; N 18°04'03" E a distance of 33.13 feet to a point; N 30°27'06" E a distance of 69.87 feet in the centerline of said proposed road, therefrom, said strip is 30 feet in width and lies 15 feet on each side of said survey line, and the continuations thereof; thence continue along the centerline of said proposed road the following chord bearing and chord distance:
N 33°25'56" E a distance of 56.72 feet to a point on the west boundary of an existing Alabama Power Company transmission right-of-way (200 feet in width); thence continue along the centerline of said proposed road the following chord bearing and chord distance:
N 45°15'25" E a distance of 103.81 feet to a point on the east boundary of an existing Alabama Power Company transmission right-of-way (200 feet in width); thence continue along the centerline of said proposed road the following chord bearing and chord distance:
N 45°46'03" E a distance of 15.53 feet to a point on the centerline of a proposed Alabama Power Company transmission line AX-1330A0.002 (Sta. 71+93.73), said point also being the point of ending of said fourth strip of land for access easement herein described.
Less and Excepting any portion of the above strips of land, for access easement, that lie within Chilton County, Alabama.
Less and Excepting any portion of the above strips of land, for access easement, that lie within existing Alabama Power Company transmission right-of-way (200 feet in width).
Said strips of land, for access easement, containing 2.806 acres, more or less in total (2.753 acres, more or less within Bibb County).
All bearings based on Alabama State Plane West Zone Grid North. Survey Feet. situated, lying, and being in Bibb County, Alabama. Defendants are the owners of, or owners of an interest in, the above-described land.
The Defendants have, may have, or claim to have an interest in property which lies within a portion of the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (SW 1/4 of NW 1/4), and the West Half of the Southwest Quarter (W 1/2 of SW 1/4) of Section 04, and within a portion of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (NW 1/4 of NW 1/4) of Section 09, Township 22 North, Range 12 East, being more particularly described as recorded in Deed Book 21, Page 365 and, Deed Book 120, Page 153 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Bibb County, Alabama ("Defendants' Property").
Tax ID # 07-19-02-09-0-000-001.000, 07-19-02-04-0-000-002.000, 07-19-03-05-0-000-002.000
•APCO Property # 72290308-002 / GIS # 292 The hearing on said complaint has been set by this Court for the 6th day of October 2025 at 10:00 o'clock A.M. You may respond by answer but you are not required to do so unless you challenge the right to condemn or question or dispute the area to be acquired or to remain. Notice of said complaint and of the day so appointed for the hearing thereof is hereby given you.
Witness my hand this the 18th day of August 2025
Centreville Press
Aug. 22, 29, Sept. 5 & 12, 2025

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EDITORIALS & OPINIONS

ANNOUNCING OUR NEW FORMAT

Thank you for your continued support of the Centreville Press and for supporting our work in the Bibb County community with your paid subscription.

As weekly newspapers across our state have discontinued their print publications we are continuing to struggle with the economic headwinds of these challenging times. In order to continue with producing our weekly news we have no option other than to find ways to operate in a more economically feasible manner. This means that the era of producing a printed full weekly edition is coming to an end for us.

We will be pausing production of the full weekly edition printed newspaper after our August 29 edition. We plan to continue to produce the same community newspaper in digital format only. Our weekly mailing to subscribers will include only abbreviated content and legal notices. The remainder of our weekly content will be available only on our digital platform.

Our weekly full edition newspaper will be available on your digital devices at www.bibbvoice.com along with other breaking or happening news that we can publish immediately on our digital platform. You will be able to view the same newspaper you are accustomed to in electronic format and you can access the product on your phone, desktop computer or other digital devices.

Soon we will have a downloadable App for the the Bibb Voice platform and subscribers will be able to enable push notifications. When we publish breaking news you will receive a digital notification. We will have bonus content that is only available to subscribers. Your current print subscription will allow you to immediately access the digital platform without any additional expense to you.

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David Daniel, President
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Political Forum – Informative or Confusing

BY F. LYNN HAMRIC
REPORTER

Thursday, August 21, 2025 the Centreville Press and the Bibb Voice hosted an opportunity for all candidates running for elected positions in Centreville, to introduce themselves, provide a little personal background and speak to issues involving Centreville.

Unopposed candidates did not participate, neither did a couple of incumbents as their opponents did not wish to participate.

Judge Jack Meigs did an outstanding job as Moderator and Farrah Daniels as time keeper.

Thanks to the professionalism of these the Q&A went smoothly.

Major issues such as financial management, recent audit concerns, street paving, water/sewer department issues and transparency or the lack of seemed to be the core issues.

The Moderator presented three questions to incumbent council member Linda Lawrence, opponents Forest Murphy and Everette Lee. While the main questions were answered it appeared, to this reporter, that some

unsubstantiated information may have been given. We all understand that emotions run high during the closing days of a campaign and it important for all candidates to maintain honesty and provide correct information while on the campaign trail. The same information is expected during a forum/debate situation.

When the Moderator turned to the two candidates for Mayor, incumbent Mike Oakley and challenger Barry Cooner, there were several questions that covered additional issues this position would be dealing with.

Mayor Oakley based his remarks on his lifelong involvement and track record as Mayor of Centreville for the last five years. (Gov. Ivy added one year to what is normally a four-year term to move the election off the presidential ballot). Mayor Oakley alluded to his many accomplishments, new businesses during his tenure, and numerous contacts that he has throughout the state that are a tremendous benefit to the progressive future he has for Centreville. While the issue of financial insecurity

surfaced, Mayor Oakley assured those attending that Centreville is no better off or worse financially than we were this time last year. The statement that has circulated regarding the city being “broke” is the farthest thing from the truth. He agreed that there had been bumps in the road with old/new computer software use but corrective measures had been taken. Mayor Oakley continued to stress that Centreville is in a good position, with all the improvements being done, to attract more businesses, work towards annexation of Hwy 82 East and the possibility of a Love’s Struck Stop and a Hotel.

Challenger Barry Cooner presented his extensive work history in managerial positions in the grocery area and Human Resources and Corporate involvement with Stella Jones. Barry concentrated on areas of concern regarding the lack of adequate oversight for the city, in particular financially. The issue of the recent audit findings (Don Wallace, CPA) for both the city and the water/sewer department is of paramount concern. Providing the best

use of tax payer dollars, applying for much needed grants and better use of personnel was high on his list. He assured the audience that while the position of mayor is part time, he will be a hands-on, full time, manager, while not balancing bank accounts but signing all checks and seeing that proper accounting procedures are followed and timely financial reports are provided to the council. This will ensure that the council is armed with the needed information before making decisions. There will be no more late fees, penalties and IRS liens placed on the city as payments will be made on time.

If you have not viewed the Forum on The Bibb Voice website please do so.

By the time you are reading this we will know the results of this election. It is my sincere desire that both those running for office(s) and the citizens of Centreville will peacefully accept the outcome and work together to build bridges, mend fences, and assist in the improvement of a city we all love. Together we stand, divided we fall.



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NEWS

Alabama Cooperative Extension Announces September Events in Bibb County



Alabama Extension

Saturday, September 27th
Tannehill Ironworks State Park
12632 Confederate Pkwy McCalla, AL

What is a BioBlitz? A BioBlitz is a hands-on, citizen science event to promote interest in local biodiversity. People will have the opportunity to work in the forest alongside scientists from Auburn University and the local area while discovering the diversity of insects, fish, fungi, plants, mammals, herpetofauna, birds, and bats.

Where? Tannehill Ironworks Historical State Park

When? This come-and-go event is open to the public from 7 a.m. until 5 p.m., Saturday, September 27th.

Stay for a couple of hours or stay for the day. It is up to you.

Who can attend? Anyone who loves nature and learning about the natural world! All are invited to attend, including students, teachers, and families.

Does it cost anything to participate? This is a free event! Registration is encouraged, but not required.

I still have questions. Who can I contact? For more information, contact BioBlitz coordinator Lynn Dickinson, Alabama Cooperative Extension System Regional Extension Agent
Phone: 334-303-8360 **Email:** rhodela@aces.edu

To register online: <https://au-academics.my.site.com/AuburnAces/s/special-event/a1RUg000000r5UAAA>



Directions
Tannehill State Park from Birmingham.
• Travel south on I-20 W
• Take exit 100, AL 216 E / Tannehill Pkwy 2.5 miles

Tannehill State Park from Tuscaloosa
• Follow University Blvd to I-359 S
• Take I-20 to AL -216
• Take exit 100, AL-216 E / Tannehill Pkwy 2.5 miles



BY CANDACE JOHNSON
REPORTER

The Alabama Cooperative Extension System has announced several upcoming events designed to bring the community together while providing educational and health resources for residents of Bibb County.

The Bibb County 4-H program will kick off the month by hosting a Livestock Club Interest Meeting on September 8, from 4–5 p.m. at the Bibb County Extension Office. This meeting is open to youth and families interested in learning more about raising and showing livestock. Participants will hear about opportunities to develop hands-on skills, build responsibility, and connect with others who share a passion for agriculture.

Later in the month, residents will have the opportunity to access affordable eye care. On September 20, from 9 a.m.–2 p.m., the Absalom Pratt House at the Brierfield Ironworks

Historic Park will host an event offering free eye exams and low-cost eyeglasses. This initiative is especially important for families or individuals without regular access to vision care, ensuring that more members of the community can benefit from healthy eyesight.

Wrapping up the month, the Tannehill Ironworks Historical State Park will welcome scientists, students, and volunteers for a BioBlitz on September 27, from 7 a.m.–5 p.m. A BioBlitz is an exciting environmental event where teams work together to identify as many plant, animal, and insect species as possible within a designated area. This effort not only contributes to scientific research but also provides the public with a chance to learn more about the biodiversity in their own backyard. These events offer Bibb County a chance to learn, improve health, and explore the outdoors through community programming.



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YOU ARE NOT ALONE

September is Suicide Prevention Month, and at Bibb Medical Center, we want our community to know that support is always available. Mental health is just as important as physical health, and BMC offers Behavioral Health services to help you take the first step toward healing. For additional information and local community resources, scan the QR code provided or visit bibbmed.com/social-services.com.

We invite you to wear teal/purple on World Suicide Prevention Day (September 10th) with us.



The 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline is available 24/7 to provide free and confidential support for anyone experiencing mental health distress or a loved one in need of guidance.

UNDERSTANDING MEDICARE

Join us for a free group session to learn the basics of Medicare before open enrollment begins October 15th. Molly Averette will cover the difference between Medicare and Medicaid, how to avoid calls that may change your insurance without your knowledge, and what to know as open enrollment approaches.

Thursday, September 11th
at BMC Wellness Center
Morning Session: 10:30 am
Evening Session: 5:30 pm



CHOLESTEROL EDUCATION MONTH

Did you know? Your liver makes all the cholesterol your body needs. Cholesterol helps build cells, hormones, bile acids, and vitamin D.

HDL and LDL aren't cholesterol; they're lipoproteins that carry cholesterol. **LDL** ("bad") delivers cholesterol to the bloodstream. **HDL** ("good") removes it.

Too much in the blood can clog vessels, so healthy levels matter:

Total cholesterol: < 200
LDL: < 100
HDL: ≥ 40