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Centreville Mayor Election Goes To Court

Incumbent Mayor Mike Oakley Files Election Challenge

BY MIKE HOBSON

REPORTER

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September 5, 2025

The municipal election for the Office of Mayor ended in a tie contest on August 26, 2025. On Tuesday, September 2, the city council met at Noon to certify the election results. After eligible provisional votes were

added in to the tied results Challenger Barry Cooner was certified as the election winner by a total of 3 votes, defeating incumbent Mayor Mike Oakley.

Alabama election law allows 48 hours to petition for a recount and 5 days to file an election challenge contest. No recount petition was filed however, today (Septem-

ber 5) an election challenge was filed in the Fourth Judicial Circuit Court in Bibb County by Mike Oakley. The challenger (Oakley) is represented in this lawsuit by Attorney Joel Blankenship.

Under Alabama law election challenges are non-jury, to be heard by a Circuit Judge and election contests are to receive

priority over most other docketed cases. Cases are assigned to Judges on a rotational basis. There are three elected judges in the Fourth Circuit; any of them may be assigned the case. Each party in an election contest case must bear their own cost and legal expenses, subject to the losing party being ordered to pay the cost

for both sides.

In his Complaint Oakley alleges grounds for the contest to be that there was malconduct on behalf of an inspector, canvassing board, and/or other persons involved in the election process and/or tallying, certifying and/or canvassing of votes and as a result of said malconduct three or more votes were counted in favor of Cooner and/or three or more votes were not counted in favor of Oakley that would have resulted in Oakley having a sufficient number of lawful votes to be declared the winner. He further alleges there were more than three illegal votes cast in the race and there were more than three legal votes that were rejected and not included in the tabulation that would have been included in the tabulation in the favor of Oakley; and that the number of rejected votes, if declared legal, would sufficiently change the tabulation of such election to result in Oakley having a sufficient number of votes to have him be declared the winner.

Oakley alleges that

the combination of more than three legal votes that were rejected and illegal votes that were counted would have been sufficient for him to be declared the winner of the election.

Oakley seeks to have the Circuit Court declare him the winner of the election and declare that Barry Cooner was not the winner.

Municipal election contests are rarely filed in Alabama, however another election contest was filed in North Alabama on Thursday. Decatur resident Maurice Ayers filed a lawsuit in Morgan County Circuit Court on Thursday alleging mayoral candidates were omitted from some ballots and seeking an injunction to void the election. According to a press release Friday from Danny Saafiyah, co-founder of Standing In Power, the lawsuit "comes after it was revealed that ballots in multiple precincts failed to list all certified candidates, and every one of those ballots was both defective and fraudulent."



Veteran, Athlete Demy Jones to Lead Disability Awareness Course

BY CANDACE JOHNSON

REPORTER

The Bibb Medical Center's "Rolling Together," event will be directed by none other than U.S. Army Veteran and National para-fencing athlete Demy Jones.

Jones will lead a new Disability Awareness Course aimed at providing practical resources and community support for individuals with disabilities. The course will take place at the BMC Wellness Center.

Hosted on Sept. 17 at 5:30p.m., the course will cover topics such as wheelchair maintenance, bowel

and bladder care, and nutrition. In addition to practical instruction, Jones said the program is designed to create a space where participants can connect, share experiences and build community.

Jones's mission is to help others feel supported, informed and empowered. Jones's personal journey as a veteran and athlete offers unique insight into navigating challenges while maintaining health and independence.

More information can be found on the BMC's Facebook page.

Senator April Weaver Selected to Co-Chair Rural Roadmap Initiative's Healthcare Committee



Director of the United States Department of Health and Human Services during his first presidential term.

During the 2025 regular session, Weaver successfully carried and passed legislation that created the Rural Hospital Investment Tax Credit, which allows individuals, businesses, and corporations to receive dollar-for-dollar tax credits for donations they make to rural medical centers located

The Rural Roadmap Initiative is a project of the Alabama Growth Alliance, a 15-member public/private partnership created by the Legislature in order to create and promote economic expansion, and in addition to healthcare, its areas of focus and improvement include rural infrastructure, business growth, workforce development, and quality of life.

State Rep. Phillip Rigsby (R - Huntsville), who is a pharmacist by profession, will also co-chair the committee on behalf of the Alabama House.

State Sen. April Weaver (R - Brierfield) was selected this week to serve as co-chair of the Rural

Roadmap Initiative's healthcare committee, a position that tasks her with developing legislation and policies that improve healthcare delivery and outcomes across less developed portions of Alabama.

"President Trump appointed April Weaver to direct healthcare policy for the entire southeastern U.S. during his first term in office, and the same talents and abilities he identified in her will now be used to make

our already great state even better," said Senate President Pro Tem Garlan Gudger (R - Cullman), who leads the Rural Roadmap Initiative. "Her knowledge, her background, her hands-on experience, her leadership, her compassion, and her deep roots in rural Alabama all combine to make Sen. Weaver the perfect choice to lead this healthcare committee."

Since 2011, more than a half-dozen rural hospitals in Alabama have been forced to close as a result of funding issues, and out of the 52 remaining, roughly half are

considered to be at risk of closure. It is estimated that close to 20 rural hospitals could shut their doors any day.

Among the issues Weaver's committee will address are sustainable funding for rural hospitals, recruiting and retaining doctors, nurses, and other medical professionals in rural Alabama, telehealth and broadband access, and others.

A registered nurse with extensive experience in healthcare administration and policy in Alabama,

President Donald Trump appointed Weaver as Region IV



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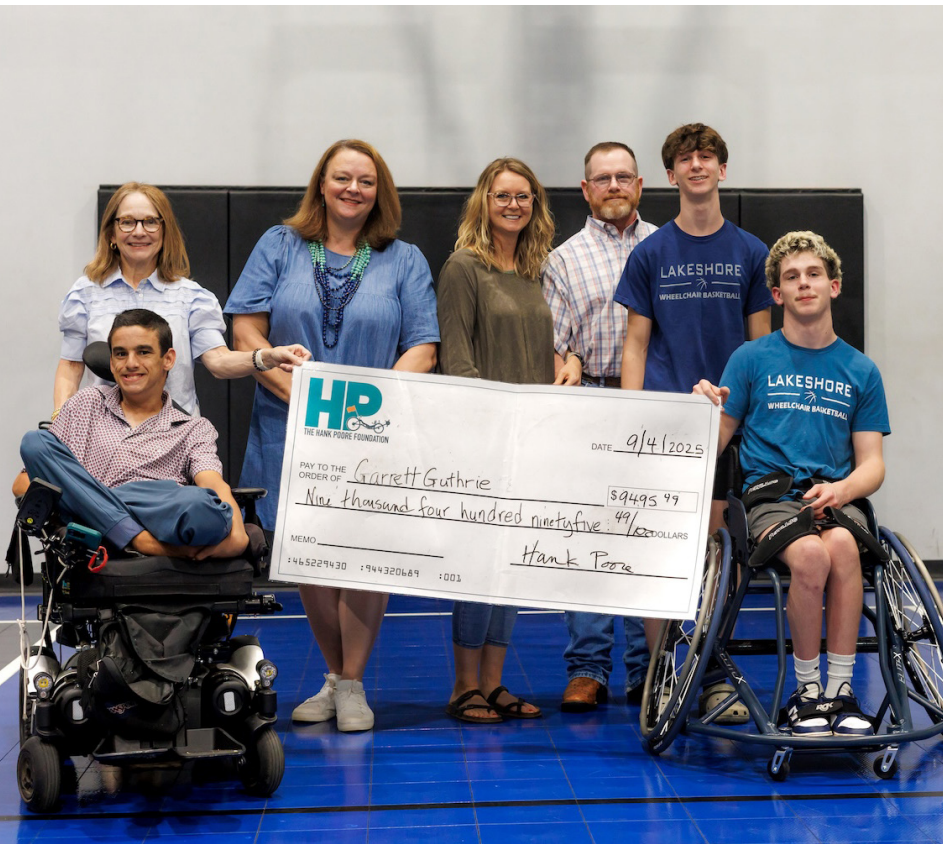
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NEWS



Pictured: Front L-R--Hank Poore, Garrett Guthrie, Rear L-R--Kathy Poore, Ashley Ferry, Garrett's parents & brother. | Submitted photo

Hank Poore Foundation Awards Grant to Bibb County Resident

BY MIKE HOBSON
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Garrett Guthrie received the gift of an athletic wheelchair that will enable him to participate in wheelchair basketball summer camps at the Lakeshore Foundation. Garrett is a sophomore at Bibb County High School. His mother, Jennifer Guthrie is a pharmacist at Bibb Medical Center. Ashley Belcher Ferry, Executive Director of the Hank Poore Foundation said her organization makes gifts of recreational equipment, and funds special events or experiences for disabled youth across the State of Alabama. Garrett is a victim of Cerebral Palsy.

The Hank Poore

Foundation (HPF), founded by a small group of family and friends in 2020, was established with the goal of providing community, connection, and support to people with disabilities. Inspired by Hank Poore, a Tuscaloosa native with cerebral palsy, HPF was born out of a desire to provide others with the opportunities and experiences that Hank has had, and is built on the ideals of inclusion, engagement, education, and unity. These ideals have played significant roles in Hank's life, both as he has lived them out and as others have embodied them. Hank is lucky to be a part of a community, both near and far, that has embraced his disability, and to have had the opportunity

to engage in adaptive athletics, summer camps, long term employment and a number of other activities and experiences that are not always available to people with disabilities. Hank, and all other staff and volunteers at HPF, are committed to making these experiences and communities widely available to people with disabilities by providing forums for connection and empowerment, and by working to reach and support families in need of the resources, community, and opportunity that enable individuals with disabilities to live life to the fullest. In so doing, HPF hopes to model and bring forth the sort of inclusivity, compassion, and limitless possibility that changes lives.

For more information on the Hank Poore Foundation visit their website at the following link: <https://hankpoorefoundation.org/>

Alabama Announces Proposed Rule Changes for Public Libraries

Proposed Rule Changes Pertain to Public Library Sections for Minors and Sexual Content

BY MIKE HOBSON
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On Friday, September 5, 1819 News reported on recent proposed rule changes being considered by the Alabama Public Library Service. Selections of that report follow:

"The Alabama Public Library Service (APLS) announced on Thursday the opening of a public comment period for a proposed code amendment addressing material containing gender ideology in Alabama's libraries.

The code change follows a vote by the APLS Board at its July meeting to approve moving forward with amending state code.

The proposed amendment came in response to requests from concerned parents regarding books containing positive depictions of transgender procedures aimed at children. The change seeks to strengthen existing guidelines by making clear that library sections designated for minors under the age of 18 must remain free from sexual topics deemed inappropriate for children and youth.

The new language specifically states: "Under this section, any material that promotes, encourages, or positively depicts transgender procedures, gender ideology, or the concept of more than two biological genders shall be considered inappropriate for children and youth."

If adopted, this language will be incorporated into state code and will require that books containing such content be relocated to an adult section, where parents can decide whether their children should have access. The comment period will remain open until October 14. After reviewing all input, the APLS Board will determine the final wording to be adopted."

John Wahl, a professional butterfly farmer and political strategist, was re-elected as chairman of the Alabama Republican Party for a third consecutive term recently. The vote took place during the party's Winter Meeting, where Wahl ran unopposed, solidifying his position as a key figure in state and national Republican politics.

Wahl, 37, has led the Alabama GOP since 2021 and is also vice chairman of the Republican National Committee's Southern Region. Under his leadership, the party has achieved significant victories, including gains in majority-minority districts and record-breaking fundraising efforts. He is presently serving as chairman of the Alabama Public Library Service (APLS) board. He recently announced that he will step down from his ALGOP role to run for the office of Alabama Lt. Governor in 2026.

The Alabama Public Library Service (APLS), under the leadership of Wahl, is moving forward with its continued efforts to protect parental rights through a proposed code change amendment.

"The Alabama Public Library Service (APLS) board's priority has been listening to parents. For us, the priority is making sure that Alabama libraries represent the parents of our state. We're going to make sure that we move forward, that we listen to the public, and that we stand for the people," the APLC Chairman John Wahl said in a phone interview with 1819 News.

The new proposed code change follows a vote by the APLS Board at its July meeting. It would amend the state code to state specifically:

"Under this section, any material that promotes, encourages, or positively depicts transgender proce-

dures, gender ideology, or the concept of more than two biological genders shall be considered inappropriate for children and youth."

Wahl encouraged everyone to participate in the public comment process, saying, "whatever people's perspective, left, right, center, wherever they're coming from," he said, "through hearing people's thoughts on any subject that we can better represent the public."

He explained, "What we have heard overwhelmingly from both sides is that controls should rest with parents on what their children are exposed to."

While this rule would apply to libraries within the APLS system, it would not protect children from such books in school libraries or classrooms. "That accountability does not go into our school libraries. Those are independent, and I would encourage the state legislature and parents to be involved in that process because it's incredibly important that we don't assume that just because our local libraries are being cleaned up and we're making sure they represent the people of Alabama, that does not necessarily go into our school systems."

The board previously moved to remove sexually explicit books from children's and youth sections to the adult sections of the library. May guidance issued said, "At its meeting on May 8, 2025, the APLS Executive Board approved the following definition of 'sexually explicit' for the purposes of APLS code and policy compliance. This definition is based on existing state and federal guidelines and is intended to serve as a clear and practical reference as you address this matter in your libraries. In order to comply with state code, please move all books with these 'sexually explicit' topics to the adult section of the library effective immediately, as they do not require a patron reconsideration form to be submitted or individual library board's review."

Written comments must be signed and include a full name and address. All comments must be received by the Alabama Public Library Service by 4:30 p.m. on October 14. A public hearing will be held at APLS on October 21 at 10:00 a.m. at the agency's Montgomery office.

Sources: <https://birminghamfreepress.com/2025/03/03/john-wahl-re-elected-as-alabama-gop-chairamid-controversies/> <https://1819news.com/news/item/apls-chairman-john-wahl-board-is-listening-to-parents-as-board-considers-rule-to-protect-youth>

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT



City of Centreville Vote Canvass

BY LYNN HAMRIC REPORTER

September 2, 2025 – 12:00 Noon

Family, friends and concerned citizens gathered at Centreville City Hall to hear the reading of the Provisional Ballots, which was to be the deciding factor of the tied election for the mayoral candidates. The tie vote brought about various opinions over the past week. Once again Centreville makes national news as several TV stations were present.

Mayor Oakley called the meeting to order at noon followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and prayer.

Council members present were: Linda Lawrence, Dianne Epperson, Brad Colburn, Don Mack and Mike Nichols.

Also present were City Attorney Mitch Kemmer, Police Chief Smith and Joel R. Blankenshp, Attorney for Mayor Oakley.

City Attorney Kemmer explained the process, one part being to ask Clerk Tracy Griffin if the Provisional Ballot box had been opened prior to this meeting. Clerk Griffin stated the box had been secure and unopened. Tracy then unsealed the box, sorted said ballots, enclosed in two sealed envelopes from

the Registrar. One envelope, marked ineligible contained six ballots. These were set aside. The second envelope contained four envelopes of eligible ballots. Clerk Griffin read the numbers for the four eligible ballots as follows: 3 were cast for Barry Cooner and 1 for Mike Oakley. The eligible ballots were then viewed by the council members and Mayor Oakley. Councilman Don Mack questioned the fact that one of the four envelopes appeared to not have been sealed at the time the box was sealed. There was discussion between the council members, City Clerk and City Attorney. On two occasions during this discussion, Attorney Kemmer left the council chamber to place a phone call for clarification. Attorney Kemmer advised the law requires the certification of said ballots. The Council then certified the results with Barry Cooner being officially elected Mayor.

Mayor Oakley had 48 hours in which to request a recount, 5 days to file a contest.

Clerk Griffin then read a Resolution declaring Barry Cooner the elected mayor. A motion to approve the Resolution was made (Mack) seconded (Epperson). Motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned.

CENTREVILLE CITY COUNCIL

Meeting Date: September 2, 2025

by Lynn LHamric

Mayor Oakley called the meeting to order at five o'clock followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and prayer.

Roll Call: Mike Nichols – 5:01 Linda Lawrence – 5:01 Dianne Epperson – 5:01 Don Mack – 5:01 Brad Colburn – Absent

Minutes were approved with the following corrections: A motion was recorded as having been made by Don Mack should be recorded as Mike Nichols. Brad Colburn called for Executive Session not Brad Nichols.

Request to Address the Council: Hunter Murphy brought a complaint against the police department, officer Gray in particular, to the council after having been unsuccessful in prior conver-

sations. This involved actions by Officer Gray during a traffic stop while children were in the vehicle. Chief Smith was unaware of this and discussions between Murphy and Smith are to hopefully resolve the situation.

Old Business: Request the status of the VAPE Ordinance. City Attorney Mitch Kemmer continues to work on this, a VAPE Tax Ordinance and/or Resolution. A motion to pursue the Tax Ordinance was made (Mack) seconded (Nichols). Motion carried.

New Business: Centreville Main Street – The Director presented the awards received at a recent conference and updated on continued progress being made.

Police Chief Report: Monthly re-

porting of calls will be available at the next meeting. Officer Trent Page has returned to the Chilton County Police Department effective August 29, 2025. S R O's are working well thus far this year. Bids for new digital signs presented. \$20,300, \$17,300 and \$16,500. This does not include the \$500 shipping from Atlanta. No action taken. The skid car training class is in October. Requested to begin preliminary work for possible officers to the academy. The academy begins January 26, 2026. Approved. Reported that work needs to begin on the minimum salary for a post-certified officer. This needs to be based on experience and credentials. No action taken.

- Request to replace the spot light on the Tahoe that was damaged by a low hanging wire (\$500-\$600). No action taken.
- Request to replace black Tahoe door hinge. No action taken
- Chief continues to work on the 2025-2026 budget.
- Smoke detectors have been ordered and will be installed by Chief Smith. Six for City Hall and six for the Police Department. Neither building has smoke detectors.
- The interview room needs a separate camera system for conducting interviews. This system needs to be secure and not visible to the public. No action taken.

The next council meeting will be at five o'clock on September 16, 2025.

Meeting adjourned.

BRENT CITY COUNCIL

Meeting Date: August 18, 2025

by Lynn LHamric

Mayor Bobbie White called the meeting to order at five o'clock, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and prayer.

Roll Call: Barbara Morrison 5:01 Tracy Sanders 5:01 Chad Jones 5:01 Tom Owings 5:01 Jerry Conway 5:01

Minutes were read, a motion made to approve (Owings) seconded (Morrison). Motion carried.

After review of AP a motion to approve payment was made (Conway)

seconded (Jones). Motion carried.

A request by the Water Board was made to give a \$500 memorial for Danny Russell. A motion to approve this expenditure was made (Owings) seconded (Sanders). Motion Carried.

Police Report – None Court Report – None

Request to Address Council – Library Board, Beth Downs came as a follow-up to a previous request for the City of Brent to add a library

assistant to their payroll. Mayor White that under advice of their attorney this would not be approved.

Personnel Action: None

Other Business: Collecting Fees at Heritage Park The Council addressed the rental of the pavilion and not the entire park. Street Department Budget proposed. A/C Unit in Police Department – Nelson has ordered necessary part(s) and is making the needed repairs.

- Culvert Update – The matter of several culverts that need inspecting was discussed and the company is to be contacted to see about a reduced rate for multiples. Tabled.
- 2025 - 2026 Budget The council received the preliminary budget and a discussion followed. A motion to include a 5% pay increase was made (Jones) seconded (Sanders). Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

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WOODSTOCK TOWN COUNCIL

Meeting Date: September 2, 2025

Submitted by the Town of Woodstock

The Town Council of the Town of Woodstock, Alabama met in a Regular Council Meeting at the Town Hall on Tuesday, September 2, 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, Ernestine Johnson and Don Bowling. Town Attorney Boozer Downs, Police Chief Len Price and Director of Library and Media Services Michele Dickey were also present.

I. C O U N - C I L A P P R O V A L : Council Member Kellie Parks made the motion to approve the August 18, 2025 minutes as previously submitted by email. Motion was seconded by Council Member Ronnie Kinard and the motion so carried.

Council Member Lee Mears made the motion to approve the July 2025 financials. Motion was seconded by Council Member Ernestine Johnson and the motion so carried.

Council Member Don

Bowling made the motion to table the review of quotes received for the following expense: Library – Exterior Painting Motion was seconded by Council Member Ronnie Kinard and the motion so carried.

Council Member Kellie Parks made the motion to approve the following invoices for Park & Recreation: SuperSports – Fall Ball Uniforms \$1,417.00 Motion was seconded by Council Member Ernestine Johnson and the motion so carried.

II. M A Y - O R ' S R E P O R T A. M a g i s - t r a t e C e r t i f i c a t i o n s Council Member Lee Mears made the motion to approve a pay increase of \$2.00 per hour for the Assistant Clerk and Court Clerk for completing and passing the Municipal Magistrates' Certification Program. Motion was seconded by Council Member Ernestine Johnson and the motion carried unanimously.

B. R e s o l u - t i o n # 2 0 2 5 - 0 9 - 0 1 – Donated Property Council Member Ernestine Johnson made the motion to adopt Resolution #2025-09-

01, accepting the donated property (0.67-acre parcel) that adjoins the town hall campus, to be used as a recreational area for the construction of a municipal playground and designated as a Town Park. The motion was seconded by Council Member Don Bowling and the motion carried unanimously.

C. R e s o l u t i o n # 2 0 2 5 - 0 9 - 0 2 – Playground Bid Opening Upon proper notice by posting outside the purchasing office (Town Hall) pursuant to Section 39-2-2, Code of Alabama 1975, sealed bids were opened. Council Member Ronnie Kinard made the motion to adopt Resolution #2025-09-02, awarding the only

responsible bid in the amount of \$137,940.00 to Creative Play Solutions. The motion was seconded by Council Member Lee Mears and the motion carried unanimously.

II. M A Y O R ' S R E P O R T (cont'd.)

D. Avenu – Sales Tax Penalty Abatement Request Council Member Ernestine Johnson made the motion to waive

the sales tax penalty request from Avenue Insights. The motion was seconded by Council Member Kellie Parks and the motion so carried. A copy of the request letter is attached to said minutes.

E. Govdeals.com – Minimum Bid for 2014 & 2017 Chevy Tahoe Council Member Lee Mears made the motion to approve \$5,000.00 as the minimum bid to be accepted for the 2014 & 2017 Chevy Tahoe vehicles, which will be placed on govdeals.com website. The motion was seconded by Council Member Kellie Parks and the motion so carried.

F. R o a d E n g i n e e r i n g Council Member Ronnie Kinard made the motion to approve a \$25,000 payment for a traffic study to be conducted in Tuscaloosa County from Exit 100 to Exit 97. The motion was seconded by Council Member Ernestine Johnson and the motion so carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Public comments were heard.

WEST BLOCTON
TOWN COUNCIL

Meeting Date: August 18, 2025Submitted by the Town of West Blocton

The Town Council of the Town of West Blocton, Alabama met in a Regular Council Meeting at the Municipal Building on Monday, August 18, 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, Kristen Nash. Absent: Mayor. Notes:

- Halloween on Main Street will be October 30, 2025
- The Pavillion at Town Park has been completed. There will be a dedication in the coming weeks in honor of Mrs. Collene Parker. I. Council Approval: Previous Council Meeting Minutes 8-4-2025 Council member Glenn Johnson made the motion to approve the previous Council Meeting Minutes for 8-4-2025. Motion was seconded by Council member Holly Barnett. All in favor and motion so carried. 2025 Municipal Election Meals Roll Call Vote was used to approve providing Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner to the Poll Workers from the Hometown Cafe, Tiger Hut and The Bloc. Council Member Fred Lynch - NO Council Member Glenn Johnson-YES Council Member Holly Barnett - YES Council Member Blane Sherron-YES Council Member Kristen Nash - YES NO-I YES-4 Motion Passes Resolution 2025-8-18 Severe Weather Preparedness Tax Holiday Ron Can Vote was used to approve Resolution 2025-8-18 for the town to participate in the 2026 Severe Weather Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday. Council Member Fred Lynch - YES Council Member Glenn Johnson-YES Council Member Hony Barnett - YES Council Member Blane Sherron-YES Council Member Kristen Nash - YES NO-0 YES-5 Motion Passes Purchase of Dog Kennel \$249.00 Roll Call Vote was used to approve the purchase of a Dog Kennel for the Police Department in the amount of \$249.00. Council Member Fred Lynch - YES Council Member Glenn Johnson-YES Council Member Holly Barnett - YES Council Member Blane Sherron-YES

Council Member Kristen Nash - YES NO-0 YES-5 Motion Passes Kornegay Materials Roll Call Vote was used to approve Kornegay Materials \$29,000 for the paving at Municipal Building. Council Member Fred Lynch - YES Council Member Glenn Johnson - YES Council Member Holly Barnett - YES Council Member Blane Sherron-YES Council Member Kristen Nash - YES NO-0 YES-5 Motion Passes Annual Water Report presented by Water Superintendent Jonathan Lawley Page 1 of 2 Executive Session for 10 minutes@ 7:20pm - Motion was made by Council Member Kristen Nash to enter executive session and was seconded by Council Member Blane Sherron. Council Member Glenn Johnson made the motion to enter back into regular session. Council Member Blane Sherron seconded the motion. All in favor and motion so carried. District 1 - Council Member Fred Lynch reported a limb down on Magnolia District 2-5 - No Report Citizens to

Speak - None

Centreville News

By Brenda Hubbard

Congratulations to Bill Murphy and Carol Belcher who were united in marriage on August 31, 2025 at Hay-sop Baptist Church. Belated birthday wishes go out to Luka Seales who celebrated his 5th Birthday on August 30, 2025. Also to Rowan Cliner who celebrated his 2nd Birthday on September 1, 2025. The WMU of Brent Baptist Church met on Tuesday night, September 2, 2025 at 6p.m. We wish to extend sympathy to the Averette family for the recent loss of their loved one. Birthday wishes go out to several that have birthdays in September. Randle Watts, Jacob Rushton, Kayley Whaley, Vicki Speights, Ramona Dill, Melissa Camp, Camille Hudson, Flo Franklin, Brenda Dial, Linda Cox, Myra Steele, Rhonda Levert, Kayla Cooner and Tasha Tidwell. If you have news call it in at (205) 316-1181. Take care & God bless.



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September

Community Calendar

BioBlitz September 27th, 2025, from 7 AM – 5 PM
Tannehill Ironworks Historical State Park, 12632
Confederate Parkway, McCalla, AL 35111

Ridgeville Nazarene Church Fall Festival October 19th,
4:00 PM

Bibb County Democratic Party - September 16, 6p.m. at
the Brent-Centreville Library

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.



Upcoming Bibb Extension Activities and Events Don't wait to register for events! Classes require 10 people to be held. If you want to make sure you don't miss a program, contact our office at 205-926-4310 and tell us the program you are interested in, along with your email address and phone number, we will contact you when the date, time and location are set! Bibb County Extension is also happy to provide programs to your school, business, civic, church, or nonprofit organization! Most of our programs are free and we welcome everyone! Thank you for your continued support of Bibb County Extension Programs! In Person Events **B i o B l i t z** September 27th, 2025, from 7 AM – 5 PM Tannehill Ironworks Historical State Park, 12632 Confederate Parkway, McCalla, AL 35111 A BioBlitz is a collaborative, short-term event where scientists and the public work together to find and identify as many different species as possible in a specific area over a set period. It provides a quick "snapshot" of a location's biodiversity, generating valuable data for conservation, updating park resources, and engaging communities with their local environment through hands-on citizen science. Participants record

and identify observations of plants, animals, fungi, and other organisms. Bibb Extension is partnering with Tannehill Ironworks Historic State Park and Forever Wild on property that has been added to Tannehill. People can decide what type of plant/animal they want to look for from the categories we have. There will be leaders for each category to assist with identification. This is a free event! Registration is encouraged but not required. You may register online at <https://www.aces.edu/event/bioblitz/> Beef System Short Course – (4 Nights) September 23rd, 25th, 30th, & October 2nd, 5pm – 7pm, \$40 60 County Road 944, Marion Junction, AL 36759 Join us on September 23rd, 25th, 30th, and October 2nd for a multi-session Beef System Short Course event. We will cover two topics each night. Reproduction, Herd Health, Nutrition, Forages, Economics, Environmental Stewardship, Meats, & Record Keeping. Your registration fee covers all 4 nights & meals. Register online at <https://www.aces.edu/event/beef-system-short-course-night-1/#> or contact Court Green-Johnson at (205) 659-6796 for more information. 2025 Beef and Forage Field Day October 17th from

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tive Plants for North Alabama, with AAMU Herbarium Curator Lynne Weninegar October 10- How and Why Pruning Shapes Trees Over Time, with Urban Extension Agent Joel Potter November 14- Winter Bird Feeding, with Urban Extension Agent Dr. Roosevelt Robinson Register online at <https://www.aces.edu/event/eco-friendly-friday-environmental-series-7/2025-09-12/> **ONLINE - Cottage Food Law Course (Zoom)** September 22nd, 2025 from 10:00 AM – 12:30 PM This course meets ADPH training for starting a Cottage Food Business. Learn about Alabama laws, approved foods, sales locations, labeling, and food safety. \$25 Registration Fee. Certification is valid for 3 years. Online only, non-refundable, non-transferable. Limit 40. Register online at <https://www.aces.edu/event/cottage-food-law-course-zoom-3/> **ONLINE - Saving the Family Property: Heirs Property Information Series** Do you have "family property" that does not have a clear title? Log in to learn how to protect and resolve issues regarding family (heirs') property. This event has multiple sessions: • Overview of Heirs' Property in Alabama – September 23, 2025 at 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM • Estate Planning – September 30, 2025 at 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM

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EDITORIALS & OPINIONS

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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.

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Weak Sentence for Rapist an
Injustice for Crime Victims and
Insult to Law Enforcement Who
Captured Him

Submitted by
Paul DeMarco

Crime and the Alabama criminal justice system continue to be major issues in our state. And unfortunately, despite politicians promises to increase public safety, there is still a long way to go. A horrendous case out of Jefferson County is a perfect example.

Recently, the Leeds Police Department rightfully questioned an incredibly lenient sentence meted out by a judge assuring that a violent felon will merely serve five years in prison even after he pled guilty to 2 counts of first-degree rape. To make matters worse, as part of the plea deal,

two additional rape charges and a count for human trafficking were dropped by prosecutors. The five years is all that will be mandated, despite the judge sentencing him to 20 years in a state penitentiary. This rapist will then likely be back on the Alabama streets despite the devastating crimes he confessed. The convoluted sentencing scheme is referred to as a "split," and very few victims probably understand the realities of the time an inmate will serve.

Most folks can agree that serving five years for the horrible crimes committed is not justice for those victims. In addition, police believe there

were more crimes perpetrated by this violent felon and they have asked other victims to come forward. It is hard enough for law enforcement to do the difficult work to conduct an investigation to provide the evidence to arrest and have a criminal convicted. Thus, to turn around and allow the rapist to serve so little time behind bars is not fair either to the detectives who made this case.

Lawmakers recently passed legislation that gave more latitude for judges to give "split sentences" for convicted criminals, which means a lot less time in prison for serious crimes. This type of injustice

for crime victims should be the impetus for Alabama State representatives and Senators to fix the problems with split sentences when the legislature is back in session. Actually, Alabama leaders should take the best next step and pass truth in sentencing, as other states have done recently.

Public safety and crime victims in Alabama deserve no less.

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Inside the Statehouse

By Steve Flowers

Cynthia
Almond
Outstanding
Choice for PSC
President

September 10, 2025

One of Governor Kay Ivey's greatest legacies will be her outstanding wisdom and prudence in her appointments to fill important judicial and governmental openings. She has shown amazing leadership in this capacity over her decade as Governor.

She had the opportunity to make another stellar appointment in June. Ivey appointed State Representative Cynthia Lee Almond to be the new President of the Alabama Public Service Commission. The vacancy occurred when veteran PSC Commissioner Twinkle Andress Cavanaugh left to take the Trump Administration appointment as Alabama's Director for Rural Development at the U.S. Department of Agriculture. She will work closely with President Trump's Secretary of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Brooke Rollins.

Twinkle has been one of the most successful

political figures in Alabama for several decades. She has served as President of the Public Service Commission since 2012 and was first elected Associate Commissioner in 2010. In 2020, she received the most votes in Alabama history for a non-presidential candidate. Twinkle served a stint as Chairman of the State Republican Party at a young age.

In making the appointment of Cynthia Almond to the important rate setting PSC Presidency, Ivey stated, "Cynthia has proven to be an extremely effective public servant, and I am confident the people of Alabama will be even better served when she takes the helm at the Public Service Commission."

Governor Ivey's public comments were exuberant, but privately, she was even more excited to get someone of Cynthia Almond's character, integrity, and experience to take the post. Cynthia is a successful attorney and legislator.

Cynthia was born and raised in Tuscaloosa. Her daddy was a lawyer and State Legislator in Tuscaloosa. She followed in his footsteps. She has had a prominent career in law and governmental service. She began

the practice of law in her hometown after graduating from the University of Alabama Law School. Her legal work has been focused on estate planning, business law, and real estate.

Ms. Almond served four, four-year terms on the Tuscaloosa City Council prior to being elected to her Republican State House seat. Her legislative House seat is within the confines of Tuscaloosa. She has been one of the state's most outstanding legislators during her two-terms in the House.

In the State House, Almond served as Chair of the Tuscaloosa County Legislative Delegation and as a member of the Ways and Means Education Committee, Judiciary Committee, and Rules Committee. She has worked closely with Governor Ivey on several of her legislative priorities.

This House seat has become a prominent stepping stone position. It encompasses the upscale Tuscaloosa enclaves. Prior to Cynthia Almond taking the Seat, Representative Bill Poole was in the seat for 10 years. Bill was probably the most important House member of the 105-member body for a decade while he wrote the State Education Budget as Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee. Poole became Governor Ivey's State Finance Director at the beginning of the quadrennium, where he still serves. State Finance Director is generally considered the most important post in the Cabinet.

Prior to Poole being in this House Seat 63, Dr. Robert Bentley, who was probably the most prominent dermatologist in Tuscaloosa, was in the seat. Dr. Bentley moved from this Druid City Seat to the Governor's mansion.

Before Governor Bentley, a prominent Tuscaloosa Businessman Tim Parker Jr. served in this prized seat. His father, the original Tim Parker, served in this House from Tuscaloosa, also. Tim Parker Jr. was recently named to the Alabama Business Hall of Fame.

In the upcoming special election, Tuscaloosa City Councilman, Norman Crow, is expected to fill this illustrious House seat. He will be tracking Cynthia Almond. He is in the City Council Seat she left to become State Representative. He will do a great job.

There have been several other new legislative seat departures and arrivals this year. State Representative Matt Woods (R-Jasper) has moved to the Senate taking the seat left by Senator Greg Reed, who became head of the new Department of Workforce Development. There are two open seats in Cullman County. Heath Albright is set to take the seat left by veteran Representative Randall Shedd. Cindy Myrex won a very impressive victory for a hotly contested Cullman County House district this August. She took the seat of retiring Representative Corey Harbison. Debbie Wood left her Chambers County House seat, unexpectedly. She will probably be followed by Kristin Nelson, who is currently the Chairman of the Chambers County Republican Party. Her husband, Jeff Nelson, is the popular Sherriff of Chambers County.

See you next week.

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“The Good Ole Gospel Ship”

Gospel music has long carried messages of hope, faith, and the promise of heaven. Among its most enduring songs is “The Good Ole Gospel Ship,” a hymn that has been sung for nearly a century in churches, revivals, and gospel singings across America. The song was written in 1923 by Rev. Marion W. Stevenson, a minister and songwriter from Missouri. Stevenson was known for penning hymns that reflected the Christian believer’s assurance of eternal life. “The Good Ole Gospel Ship” uses the imagery of a great vessel carrying passengers to glory, drawing from biblical themes of heaven

as a final destination and Christ as the way. In 1937, the song gained widespread popularity when it was first recorded by The Selah Jubilee Singers, one of the earliest gospel quartets to perform on radio. Over the years, it was picked up by countless southern gospel groups, becoming a staple in hymnbooks and a favorite at all-night singings. The song’s lively tempo and simple chorus made it easy for congregations to join in. Its message—boarding the “gospel ship” and leaving behind sorrow for eternal joy—resonated deeply with people during the Great Depression and World War II, offering

hope in difficult times. Perhaps the most famous recordings came from groups like The Chuck Wagon Gang and later The Happy Goodmans, who helped cement the song’s place in the canon of southern gospel classics. Today, it is still sung by quartets, choirs, and congregations, bridging generations with its joyful proclamation of faith. Nearly a century after its writing, “The Good Ole Gospel Ship” continues to remind believers of the promise of heaven and the joy of joining together in song as they look toward that eternal shore.

Finding Peace in a Restless World

By: Whitney Buzbee

In a world filled with constant noise, rushing schedules, and anxious hearts, peace can often feel out of reach. Yet the Bible reminds us that true peace is not found in circumstances, but in Christ Himself. “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.” — John 14:27 Worldly peace is fragile. It depends on everything going just right—a quiet home, a healthy body, a

steady income. But life rarely stays that smooth. One phone call, one diagnosis, or one storm can shake what we thought was secure. That’s why the peace Jesus offers is so different. His peace isn’t dependent on the absence of trouble; it’s His presence within the trouble. This peace comes when we pause long enough to place our worries into God’s hands, remembering that He is bigger than our problems and faithful in every season. It grows as we practice prayer instead of panic, trust instead of fear.

If you find yourself restless today, take a moment to breathe deeply and whisper a prayer: “Lord, still my heart. Remind me of Your peace that passes understanding.” You may not see your situation change right away, but you’ll begin to feel the calming presence of the One who promised never to leave you. Peace is not something we chase—it’s Someone we welcome. When we open our hearts to Christ, His peace becomes an anchor in the storm.

Plain & Simple Crockpot Chicken and Dumplings

By: Whitney Buzbee

Ingredients:
2 lbs boneless, skinless chicken breasts or thighs
1 medium onion, diced
2 cloves garlic, minced
3 medium carrots, sliced
2 celery stalks, sliced
4 cups chicken broth
1 can (10.5 oz) cream of chicken soup
1 tsp dried thyme
1 tsp dried parsley
½ tsp black pepper
1 tsp salt (to taste)
1 can (16 oz) refrigerated biscuits (like Pillsbury Grands)
Optional: 1 cup frozen peas or corn (add in the last 30 minutes)

Instructions:
Layer the base: Place chicken, onion, carrots, and celery in the crockpot.
Add liquids and seasonings: Pour

in chicken broth and cream of chicken soup. Stir in garlic, thyme, parsley, salt, and pepper.
Cook: Cover and cook on Low for 6–7 hours or High for 3–4 hours, until chicken is tender.
Shred chicken: Remove chicken, shred with two forks, and return to the crockpot.
Add dumplings: Cut biscuits into small pieces (about 6–8 per biscuit) and drop them into the crockpot. Stir gently to coat.
Finish cooking: Cover and cook on High for 1 more hour, stirring occasionally, until dumplings are fluffy and cooked through.

Optional veggies: Add peas or corn in the last 30 minutes.

• Tip: If you like a creamier texture, stir in ½ cup heavy cream right before serving.

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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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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

505 20th Street N, Suite 1775
Birmingham, AL 35203
Telephone: (205) 216-4238
FT21@mccalla.com
File No. 23-05464AL
www.foreclosurehotline.net

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AMENDMENT TO NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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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

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The Centreville Press,
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The Centreville Press,
September 12, 2025
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PROBATE NOTICE

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF BIBB COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE 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.

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NOTICE OF COMPLETION

NOTICE BY CONTRACTOR OF COMPLETION OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS

In accordance with Chapter 1, Title 39, Code of Alabama 1975, notice is hereby given that, Singleton Excavating, Inc., of 862 Homestead Trail, Centreville, Alabama 35042, has completed

the contracts for the Vernon Town Road Water Main Replacement & Frog Level Road and Spring Valve Replacement, Pipe Cleansing Assemblies, (ADEM Project No. FS010192-02) 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.

BIBB COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL

CHOCTAWS VS. TARRANT WILDCATS

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WEST BLOCTON

PHOTOS BY KANDI SMITH



West Blocton High School
Homecoming Court

Left to Right:
Maddie Scurlock, Anna Belle Mott, Gracie Bates,
Kennedie Williams, Christalee Rodgers



West Blocton High School
Class Maids

9th Grade - Chrisalyn Samson
10th Grade - Karleigh Foster
11th Grade - Maliyah Sanders



The BACK PAGE



Smoked Magic Serves Up Flavor and Tradition in Woodstock

BY CANDACE JOHNSON
Reporter

Since opening in 2019, Smoked Magic has become a staple in the Woodstock community. Owners Heath and Star Martin are no strangers to the food business, with nearly a decade before Smoked Magic, the couple ran the popular food truck Taco Magic, known for artisan tacos made with smoked meats marinated in special blends of herbs and spices.

“We have always had a passion for cooking with smoke,” Martin said. That passion has fueled a reputation for flavorful dishes and reliable community service, with Martins catering pounds of meat for holiday tables and local events. “With the help of our amazing family, we have been able to proudly fix up some of what we believe are the finest smoked meats around,” he added.

Tradition runs deep at Smoked Magic.

Their banana pudding comes straight from Martin’s great-grandmother’s recipe, which has been passed down for more than a century. But while rooted in family history, the Martins aren’t afraid to experiment. A fan favorite is their Jack Daniels and bacon BBQ sauce, a creative spin on a classic that has been evolving for 20 years.

Of all the savory options on the menu, customers can’t get enough of the pork sandwiches and loaded BBQ fries. The fries, topped with a signature four-cheese nacho sauce, stand out as one of the restaurant’s most unique offerings. Preparing dishes is truly a labor of love, with meats smoked for up to 20 hours using hickory wood, salt, pepper, and garlic. “That leaves our meats seasoned without being overwhelming and just the right amount of smoky flavor,” Martin explained.

Every meal at Smoked Magic comes with their signature BBQ sauce on the side, but what really sets the restaurant apart is its commitment to bringing people together. “We see it every day, from a family grabbing dinner after a long day, to a group of Mercedes

Study Abroad Opportunities for High School Students



Qualified high school students are offered a unique opportunity to explore the world by spending an academic year, semester, or summer in Europe, Asia, North or South America, Australia, or South Africa as part of the ASSE International Student Exchange Program. A non-profit, public benefit organization, ASSE is dedicated to promoting closer ties of friendship between the United States and other countries by fostering intercultural understanding through youth exchange programs.

Students, 15 to 18 years old, qualify on the basis of academic performance, character references, and a genuine desire to experience life abroad with a volunteer host family. Prior knowledge of the host country’s language is not a requirement. Scholarships are available and are based on academic performance, leadership skills, and financial need.

Families abroad are carefully screened, and students do not need to know the language of the host country prior to departure, but will acquire the language skills through experiencing the day-to-day local culture and attending regular high school classes along with their new teenage friends.

ASSE also provides the experience of a lifetime to American families who are interested in hosting an international student from Spain, Italy, Germany, Ukraine, Thailand, Japan, and many other countries. These exceptional young students will attend the local American high school for an academic year or semester.

Students or families interested in learning more about becoming an ASSE exchange student or host family should contact ASSE at 1-800-736-1760, visit www.studyabroad.asse.com, or send an email to asseusamidwest@asse.com.



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This week, we recognize and celebrate the dedicated teams in Environmental Services and Rehabilitation. Your hard work, attention to detail, and commitment to care create a clean, safe, and supportive environment for everyone. From maintaining our spaces to helping patients in their recovery, your efforts make a difference every day. Thank you for all that you do!

FALL FESTIVAL: SEARCHING FOR VENDORS

Come be part of the fun! Vendor sign-ups for BMC's 2025 Fall Festival are now open for churches, businesses, and food trucks. Don't miss your chance to connect with the community.

Sign up by October 3rd.

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HEALTHY AGING

This month, we celebrate Healthy Aging by highlighting our senior fitness classes designed to keep our community active and strong. All classes are held at the BMC Wellness Center. Classes are \$5 each for nonmembers and free for members.

Our senior fitness offerings include:

- **Senior Women's Strength:** Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays at 9am
- **Senior Men's Strength:** Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9am
- **Water Aerobics/Arthritis:** Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10am and 4:15pm
- **Senior Rhythm Dance:** Wednesdays at 10:00am

These classes support strength, flexibility, and overall well-being, helping seniors stay healthy and engaged. Thank you to everyone who participates and makes healthy aging a priority!