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Centreville Mayor & Council take Oaths of Office

BY MIKE HOBSON

REPORTER

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November 4, 2025

The City of Centreville held a swearing in ceremony for the incoming officers, each elected in August 2025. The officers will serve until November 2029.

The officials include Mayor Barry Cooner, serving his first term as Mayor. New council members include Akeyla Holifield and Aaron Hood. Re-elected council members include Linda Lawrence, Diane Epperson, and Don Mack.

Council Member Mack was re-elected to his 7th term as a council member, dat-

ing back to the 1990's. He has previously served with 6 former Mayors, including Debbie Martin, Dalton Murphy, Tommy Bamberg, Mike Hobson, Terry Morton & Mike Oakley. He has also served on the Water Board.

Liinda Lawrence and Diane Epperson are entering their second term on the council.

The Oath of Office was administered individually by former Circuit Judge Jack Meigs.

A large crowd was in attendance in the historic Bank Building on the Court Square. Following the ceremony attendees were treated to a food buffet and conversation with the new officers.



Former Circuit Judge Jack Meigs swears in new Centreville Mayor Barry Cooner, with Kayla Cooner.



Pictured L-R: Aaron Hood, Linda Lawrence, Mayor Barry Cooner, Diane Epperson, Akeyla Holifield, Don Mack

USDA directs grocery stores not to offer special discounts to SNAP customers — Bibb County families feeling the strain

BY SAVANNAH LOGAN

REPORTER

As the federal government shutdown continues into its second month, the fallout is still growing for families who rely on the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) to put food on the table. SNAP payments have been paused, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has now advised grocery stores across the country that they cannot offer special discounts to SNAP-EBT customers during this freeze.

An email from USDA, shared publicly online, reminded retailers that the program's Equal Treatment Rule requires stores to sell eligible food items at the same prices and conditions for all shoppers. Some stores had attempted to temporarily reduce prices or offer special assistance to help

struggling families get by, only to be notified that doing so would violate program rules without a formal waiver in place.

This directive comes just as courts have ordered the federal government to find legal means to resume funding, while elected officials continue to place blame across party lines over the stalled negotiations. Meanwhile, this is not just a national storyline. This is landing directly here at home in Bibb County. Families across our communities rely heavily on SNAP benefits, especially households with children, seniors, and neighbors living on fixed incomes. With payments currently paused, many of those same families are staring down empty pantry shelves and are being forced to stretch what little they have further than ever. Even what might seem like a

small amount to some — an extra \$30-\$50 in groceries — can be the difference between stability and hunger.

With temporary retail discounts now off the table for SNAP users, the safety net feels even thinner than before. And this is the moment when community matters most. Bibb County residents who are able are encouraged to donate to local food banks, churches, and non-profit food pantries while we wait for federal solutions to return. A bag of canned goods, boxes of cereal, pasta, or other nonperishables may seem small on the surface, but they can make a real, immediate impact for a neighbor who suddenly cannot rely on the benefits they count on every month.

In this difficult season, kindness, generosity, and neighborly compassion are needed more than ever.

Checking in on elderly neighbors, helping a single parent who may be stretched thin, offering to share a meal, supporting local food drives, or simply asking quietly if someone needs something can go a long way. SNAP was designed to protect families from hunger. While courts and agencies debate funding and authority, tens of

millions of Americans — including many right here in Bibb County — are living the real consequences happening right now.

Until federal benefits resume, the strongest thing we can do is not wait for Washington to fix this crisis, but instead show the resilience our small communities are known for. At a time when families are worried and resources are limited, what we do for one another here at home can make all the difference. It's up to us



and no one else right now to lend a hand, buy a bit extra if we

are able, and show up for our neighbors when it matters most.



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VETERAN'S DAY SPECIAL

Spotlight: Arthur Harris reflects on service, sacrifice, and brotherhood

BY CANDACE JOHNSON
REPORTER

Veterans Day is a time to honor those who have served and to thank them for the sacrifices they've made for our country. It's also a chance to highlight the stories of local veterans like Arthur Harris, a U.S. Marine Corps veteran who served from 1977 to 1997.

Harris remembers his time in the Marine Corps fondly and continues to stay connected with fellow service members across the country. "We stay in touch quite a bit. I'm fortunate enough to have friends in just

about every state and overseas, and we keep in touch weekly," Harris said.

After two decades of service, Harris described his return home as bittersweet, following the passing of his father. Still, he said the lessons and friendships from his years in uniform remain with him. When asked what Veterans Day means to him, Harris emphasized its connection to freedom and respect.

"It represents freedom and respect," he said. "I really think every young man should join the military so they can fully understand what Veterans Day re-

ally means."

For Harris, service runs in the family. "My reason for joining was because of my family and their traditions," he said. "I had uncles and brothers who were in Vietnam, World War II, and Korea. My oldest brother, Jesse, encouraged me to go in, and I really wanted to."

These days, Harris celebrates Veterans Day by spending time with family, attending local school programs, and participating in the annual Veterans Day Parade in Birmingham. "I marched in that parade back in 1979 and 1980 as part of the officers' Color Guard," he said.

Now in its 78th year, Birmingham's Veterans Day Parade will take place Nov. 11 from 1-4:30 p.m. Harris said that the simplest gestures often mean the most.

"I've learned that if you just simply thank a veteran for their service, people really don't know how much that means," Harris said.

After 20 years in the Marine Corps, Harris said the most valuable lessons he learned were responsibility, respect, and honor. These are values he carries with him every day.



Brierfield Ironworks to host Veterans Day celebration honoring local heroes

BY CANDACE JOHNSON
REPORTER

The Brierfield Ironworks Historical State Park will host its Veterans Day Celebration

on Nov. 8 from 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. The family-friendly event will feature live music, food, and festivities honoring those who

have served in the U.S. Armed Forces.

Musical performances will include FireTown Bluegrass Band, headlining from

2:30 to 5:30 p.m., and Lynnox Poe, performing from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. with a special tribute set featuring songs by country artist

Lainey Wilson. "We're super excited that this will be the first time in years that we've had Bluegrass come and play at the park for this event," Park Manager Erin Hall said. "They'll be doing some original bluegrass tunes and then also some patriotic tunes as well to honor veterans. Artist Lynnox Poe previously performed at the park's flea market on Oct. 11."

Hall says it's important to have community events such as this to not only bring the community together, but to also promote outdoor recreation. "That's something that we really want to pro-

mote here at the park, and then just to also share the history of the park as it pertains to the Ironworks," Hall mentioned.

The long-anticipated celebration took months to plan, all leading up to this Saturday.

Guests can enjoy a variety of local flavors as Moe and Moore's BBQ will be on site serving up classic Southern favorites. Veterans will receive free admission as a token of appreciation for their service. Hall noted that the event will take place rain or shine, so guests may want to bring an umbrella.

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LOCAL & GOVERNMENT

Centreville News

By Brenda Hubbard

We wish to extend sympathy to the family of Sonya Cottingham Dorough who passed away on October 19, 2025. A memorial service was held at Centreville Baptist Church on October 28, 2025 at 2:00 P.M. Sonya will be missed by family and friends.

Get well wishes and prayer go out to Larry Speights who has been undergoing tests.

Belated birthday wishes go out to a few that had birthdays in October; Maddie Kate Watts, Beau Suttle, Bill Murphy and Mike Phillips.

Sympathy goes out to the family of Billy Etheridge, 77, who passed away on October 21, 2025. Graveside services were held on October 24, 2025 at Pondville Cemetery in Brent, Alabama. Billy will be missed by his family and friends.

Anniversary wishes go out to Butch and Judy Suttle who celebrated their 53rd Wedding Anniversary on Monday, October 27, 2025.

The Joyful Hearts of Brent Baptist Church met on Monday, October 27, 2025.

Birthday wishes go out to Kaiden Clinker who will be celebrating

his 5th birthday on November 1, 2025.

Sincere sympathy goes out to the family of Donald Ray Perry who passed away on October 25, 2025. Graveside services were held on October 29, 2025 at 11:00 A.M. at Pineland Memorial Park. Donald Ray will be greatly missed.

Anniversary wishes go out to James and Barbara Smitherman who recently celebrated their Wedding Anniversary.

Enjoying lunch at Main Street Tavern on Monday, October 27th were Charlotte West, Peggy Reynolds and Pam Long. All enjoyed delicious food, a lot of fun and laughter. After leaving Montevallo, Charlotte and Peggy drove to Randolph to pick up Peggy's grandchildren with laughter all the way.

Among those celebrating birthdays in November are Clifford Hughes, Jim Headley, Vivian Ellinghausen, Sheila Watts, Carolyn Caddis, Tami Greer, Marie Cash, Becky Tinsley, Bodie Giddens, Merilyn Kynard, Doris Jo Varnell and Larry Elam.

If you have news, call it in to 205-316-1181. Take care and God Bless.

Centreville Council attends municipal training



Photo L-R: Akeyla Holifield, Aaron Hood, Barry Cooner, Don Mack, Diane Epperson, Linda Lawrence.

The newly elected Centreville city council and mayor attended two days of training in Montgomery, conducted by the Alabama League of Municipalities. Beginning with a consolidated front these elected leaders are better prepared to conduct the official business of Centreville. Official swearing in will take place on November 3, 2025.



Bibb County Education Retiree's Association

The Bibb County Education Retiree's Association met at the Brent/ Centreville Library. Stephanie Kemmer, Bibb County Probate Judge attended and declared November 18th "Retired Teacher's Day" in Bibb County. She brought all the attendees a caramel apple

to thank the group for their dedication and service to education. Peggy Mobley, President of the Alabama Education Retiree's Association was the guest speaker and shared updates from the state level. Club members brought canned food items for the West Blocton First

Baptist food pantry for their monthly service project. Club members attending and guest: JoAnn Medders, Faye Johnson, Stephanie Kemmer, Probate Judge; Peggy Mobley, AERA President; Vickie Brown, Judy Elliott, Elaine Jones, Janis Conway, Donna Cook, Barbara Smith,

Fran Kornegay, Phyllis Johnson, Avis Huey, Linda Cottingham.

Davis Whitetails-Kelley and Brett Davis provided a delicious catered brunch in honor of Bibb County Education Retiree's.



Mike Oakley receives the 2025 Folds of Honor Patriot Award

Mike Oakley was awarded a distinct honor from the Alabama Chapter of Folds of Honor, Sunday, October 26, 2025. Oakley was selected as the 2025 Elmer B. Harris Patriot Award signifying the Alabama Veteran of the Year in an annual banquet held at Old Overton Golf

Club in Birmingham. Oakley and 11 family members were in attendance. Oakley, a retired Sergeant Major, has long been involved in causes that support veterans, first responders and those who have served our country. He served for nearly 40 years with

the U.S. Army and Alabama Army National Guard, retiring in 2017. He is on the Board of Folds of Honor as well as Alabama Veterans and was president of the Enlisted National Guard Association of Alabama (ENGAA) for six years advocating for benefits for servicemembers and retirees. Folds of Honor is a national non-profit organization that provides educational scholarships to the spouses and children of U.S. Military members and first responders who have been killed or disabled in the line of duty. Founded by Col. Dan Rooney, the or-

ganization has awarded over 62,000 scholarships totaling over \$290 million since 2007. The mission is to honor sacrifice with hope through education and to provide support for families. Oakley was instrumental in helping establish Oakley said, "I am honored to be recognized for this award from an organization that is very dear to my heart. In receiving the award, I said that it doesn't feel right to get an award for something that we should all be doing, working to improve the lives of those who have served our country." The Folds of



Honor Patriot Award is co-sponsored by Alabama Power and Drummond Coal. Oakley served as Mayor of Centreville and has a long list of community service to his credit stretching over 40 years. He and his wife, Sharon,

a RN at DCH Regional Medical Center, have three children, Anna-Michael Oakley Longshore (Thomas), Trip Oakley (Ashley) and four grandchildren, Tommy Longshore, Oakley Ann Longshore, Ford Longshore and Jade Oakley.

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EDITORIALS & OPINIONS

Federal government shutdowns need to end

Inside the Statehouse
A Guest Opinion Column By Steve Flowers

All politics has become nationalized today. Therefore, whenever something happens on the national level, I hear about it. I can tell by the number of comments when something has struck a nerve. This latest government shutdown, due to a congressional standoff, struck a nerve.

It surprised me because these federal government shutdowns have become somewhat routine in recent years. However, this one appears to have broken the camel's back. It also seemed more childish than others. Every time it happens, it's like children on a playground that, when one of them doesn't get their way, they take their ball and toys home. Someone needs to explain to them that running the United States government is not like play time in kindergarten.

Our Alabama Constitution is arguably antiquated; however, our 1901 framework has some fundamental conservative edicts that the current U.S. government could and should adopt. The cornerstone mandate is that the Alabama Legislature must adopt and write a new budget every year, and that budget must be balanced. This is the only task that the legislature must accomplish every year. It is the priority of the Alabama Legislature to pass a balanced budget at each and every legislative session.

The U.S. Congress should adopt this same approach. It has been 15 years since the federal congress has actually structured a singular federal budget. They pass stop gap measures called continuing resolutions.

The U.S. House is evenly divided between Democrats and Republicans. They have allegiance to their party, rather than their constituents. They each vote lockstep with their party mantra and decisions. There are no nonpartisan legislative leaders who cross party paths to stand up for the American people. They are party pawns. We may as well have AI machines or androids pushing their voting machines.

Which brings me to the point that causes me consternation. When they reached a disagreement on the partisan stalemates with this latest historically lengthy impasse, they literally went home on a fall vacation. Congressmen were still getting paid, still getting all their exorbitant healthcare benefits, and unlimited perks. Their flight fares back home were paid while all government employees were going without pay checks.

My suggestion would be that whenever a continuing resolution to dictate the federal budget fails to pass and it shuts down the entire U.S. government and harms our national security, then Congress must suffer and face the consequences of their adolescent behavior. The members of Congress, including all 435 House members and all 100 U.S. Senators, automatically lose their salaries, and I mean permanently. They quit getting a paycheck, and when the stalemate ends, they do not get back pay. It is gone forever. They lose their health insurance while on strike. Furthermore, they cannot be reimbursed for travel to their district.

It is abhorrent that this time they arrogantly shut down the government and adjourned and flew home to their district. They should be required to stay

in Washington and stay on the floor of Congress the entire time until a budget is resolved. As soon as the continuing resolution to keep the government operating fails to pass and the government closes, all congressional paychecks, health insurance, free travel and staff ends, and all 535 members of Congress are summoned to the Capitol and must stay there until a budget is passed and the government is back to order.

They also would be prohibited from talking to the media or making any public statements to their respective entertainment news channels. Republicans could not spout their rhetoric to Fox and Democrats could not espouse their liberal diatribe to CNN or MSNBC. Fox will blame the Democrats without any help, and Democratic channels CNN, CBS, and MSNBC will blame

the Republicans regardless.

Most Americans in the middle blame both parties equally. They say, "a pox on both your houses." This is not a childish "take your toys home" playground spat. This is called running a country.

George Washington, the wise father of our nation, warned against America adopting political parties. He knew that, like in Britain, the House of Commons would owe their allegiance to their Party rather than to the people they are elected to represent.

See you next week.

Steve Flowers is Alabama's leading political columnist. His weekly column appears in over 60 Alabama newspapers. He served 16 years in the state legislature. Steve may be reached at steve@steveflowers.us.

Bibb County BOE Condensed Financial Statement
for Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 2025

Bibb County Board of Education						
Condensed Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances						
Governmental and Expendable Trust Funds						
For the Year Ended September 30, 2025						
DESCRIPTION	GENERAL	SPECIAL REVENUE	DEBT SERVICE	CAPITAL PROJECTS	TRUST	TOTAL
REVENUES						
STATE REVENUES	30,471,124.49	0.00	681,028.58	588,172.42	0.00	31,740,325.49
FEDERAL REVENUES	840.00	5,543,898.48	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,544,738.48
LOCAL REVENUES	7,562,621.63	1,624,025.71	99,722.06	0.00	756,947.63	10,043,317.03
OTHER REVENUES	54,460.55	25,287.87	0.00	0.00	0.00	79,748.42
TOTAL REVENUES	38,089,046.67	7,193,212.06	780,750.64	588,172.42	756,947.63	47,408,129.42
EXPENDITURES:						
INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES	20,596,189.13	2,376,414.14	0.00	0.00	350.00	22,972,953.27
INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT SERVICES	7,562,371.19	801,990.20	0.00	0.00	348,173.72	8,712,535.11
OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE	4,154,230.75	74,428.54	0.00	37,097.00	36,193.15	4,301,949.44
AUXILIARY SERVICES	3,778,076.07	3,373,512.26	0.00	1,677,500.00	3,922.35	8,833,010.68
GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	1,720,599.70	373,126.65	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,093,726.35
CAPITAL OUTLAY	933,507.95	9,750.00	0.00	1,283,742.56	466.78	2,227,467.29
DEBT SERVICE	1925	0	1857928.42	0.00	0.00	1,859,853.42
OTHER EXPENDITURES	1,296,929.33	582,182.92	0.00	0.00	168,251.10	2,047,363.35
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	40,043,829.12	7,591,404.71	1,857,928.42	2,998,339.56	557,357.10	53,048,858.91
OTHER FUND SOURCES (USES):						
OTHER FUND SOURCES	581,128.79	728,699.22	1,420,957.80	0.00	8,366.60	2,739,152.41
OTHER FUND USES	1,692,714.97	362,464.05	0.00	244,137.64	143,317.26	2,442,633.92
TOTAL OTHER FUND SOURCES (USES)	(1,111,586.18)	366,235.17	1,420,957.80	(244,137.64)	(134,950.66)	296,518.49
EXCESS REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES						
OVER/(UNDER)EXPENDITURES AND OTHER FUND USES	(3,066,368.63)	(31,957.49)	343,780.02	(2,654,304.78)	64639.87	(5,344,211.01)
BEGINNING FUND BALANCE - OCT 1, 2024	15,814,211.24	1,913,373.75	3,289,268.00	3,325,089.81	418,921.80	24,760,864.60
ENDING FUND BALANCE - SEPT 30, 2025	12,747,842.61	1,881,416.26	3,633,048.02	670,785.03	483,561.67	19,416,653.59
Indebtedness of the Board as of September 30, 2025		32,473,718.09				
Type of Indebtedness:	Capital Lease	Bonds and Warrants Payable				
Retirement of Debt from:	Fleet Renewal	PSF/Local				
FY2025	20,577.00	1841272.61				
FY2026	20,577.00	4800526.14				
FY2027	18,862.23	1738602.47				
FY2028		1731637.12				
FY2029		1697462.17				
FY2030-2034		7374382.18				
FY2035-2039		5,722,759.45				
FY2040-2044		4,590,509.34				
FY2045-2050		4,778,400.00				
I certify that this report is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.						
Kevin Cotner, Superintendent						

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"Peace Like a River"

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ses and gentle imagery,
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sung by generations
of children in Sunday
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run deeper than many
realize.

The song is believed
to have originated in
the late 19th century, a
period marked by the
rise of gospel hymns
and spirituals in Amer-
ica. While its exact
author remains un-
known, "Peace Like a
River" reflects the style
and structure of Afri-
can American spiritu-
als—songs that were

passed down orally,
often using nature im-
agery to express the
soul's relationship with
God. Rivers, in particu-
lar, symbolized both
the hardships of earth-
ly life and the hope of
eternal rest.

The lyrics' opening
line, "I've got peace
like a river in my soul,"
echoes the biblical
imagery found in Isa-
iah 48:18: "If only you
had paid attention to
my commands, your
peace would have
been like a river, your
well-being like the
waves of the sea." By
comparing peace, joy,
and love to flowing wa-
ter, the hymn connects
spiritual blessings with
the natural world in a
way that is easy for
anyone to understand

and remember.

Over time, the song
spread through oral
tradition and hymn
collections, eventu-
ally becoming a staple
in children's ministry
because of its repeti-
tive, singable verses.
Its adaptability also al-
lowed worship leaders
to add verses about
"joy like a fountain" or
"love like an ocean,"
making it both playful
and profound.

Today, "Peace Like
a River" continues to
be sung worldwide,
reminding believers
that true peace does
not come from circum-
stances but from God
Himself. Its history is a
testament to the power
of simple songs to car-
ry deep truths across
generations.



THE POWER OF FORGIVENESS

BY WHITNEY BUZBEE

One of the most diffi-
cult commands Jesus
gave us is also one of
the most freeing: "For-
give, and you will be
forgiven"(Luke 6:37).
Forgiveness does not
come naturally. When
we are hurt, the instinct
is to protect ourselves,
to hold on to anger, or
to demand repayment.
Yet Jesus calls us to
a different path—one
that mirrors His own
love toward us.

When we forgive,
we are not saying the

wrong done to us was
small or unimportant.
Instead, we are choos-
ing to release the bur-
den of bitterness and
place the matter into
God's hands. Forgive-
ness is more about our
hearts than the offend-
er's actions. It loosens
the chains that anger
and resentment wrap
around us.

Think about the
cross. Jesus, in His
final breaths, prayed,
"Father, forgive them,
for they do not know
what they are doing"
(Luke 23:34). If the
Son of God could ex-

tend grace in the face
of cruelty, how can we
withhold it in our own
lives? His example
teaches us that for-
giveness is not a feel-
ing, but a decision—
an act of obedience
rooted in love.

Forgiving may not
erase the pain, but
it opens the door for
God's healing. It al-
lows peace to replace
turmoil and grace to
flow where bitterness
once grew. In forgiv-
ing, we look less like
the world and more
like Christ.

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Ingredients:

- 4 boneless, skinless chicken breasts (or thighs)
- 1 ½ lbs baby potatoes (halved or quartered if large)
- 3 tbsp olive oil (divided)
- 4 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 tsp Italian seasoning
- 1 tsp paprika
- ½ tsp salt
- ½ tsp black pepper
- ½ cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 2 tbsp fresh parsley (chopped, for garnish)

Optional for extra flavor:

- 2 tbsp melted butter (mixed with olive oil)
- ½ tsp red pepper flakes for a little heat

Instructions:

1. Prep the oven: Preheat to 400°F (200°C). Lightly grease a large baking dish or sheet pan.
2. Season potatoes: In a large bowl, toss potatoes with 2 tbsp olive oil, half the garlic, ½ tsp Italian seasoning, salt, pepper, and 2 tbsp Parmesan. Spread on one side of the pan.
3. Season chicken: Rub chicken with remaining olive oil, garlic, Italian seasoning, paprika, salt, and pepper. Sprinkle with 2–3 tbsp Parmesan. Place on the other side of the pan.
4. Bake: Roast for 30–35 minutes, flipping potatoes half-way through, until chicken reaches 165°F internally and potatoes are fork tender.
5. Finish & serve: Sprinkle the rest of the Parmesan over everything, broil for 2–3 minutes until golden, then garnish with parsley. Serve warm.

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NEWS

Community in Action: Local Departments Show What It Means to Be a Good Neighbor

BY SAVANNAH LOGAN
REPORTER

In a time where so many people talk about division, frustration, and what's not working — it's important to stop and highlight when community does work exactly as it should. Recently, a post from the Bibb County Commission shared an example of what being neighborly truly looks like in real time. According to the post, Wilton Water reached out for help after dealing with significant pipe issues affecting residents in the Ashby/Brierfield area. Many people had been left without water for several days — a situation that places families, businesses, seniors, and entire households in an extremely difficult position. Instead of waiting, pointing fingers, or passing responsibility around, the Bibb County Road Department stepped in and stepped up. They put in the physical labor and the problem-solving work needed to get the water fully restored again. Their willingness to respond

when asked made a tremendous, tangible difference for those residents who were struggling. This is what community is supposed to be. When one part of the community needs help — another part shows up. And when we recognize how much these acts matter, we also help build a culture that encourages continued partnership and support. It wasn't just the Road Department who played a role here either. The Centreville Water Department and the Bibb County Commissioners were also actively part of the effort and deserve appreciation for their roles in getting this situation resolved. This is how solutions happen: shared responsibility, shared effort, shared care for the people who live here. Being neighborly doesn't just mean waving across the yard or checking the mail for someone when they're out of town. Sometimes it looks like rolling up your sleeves and helping

another agency or group because people are in need right now. Sometimes it looks like saying "this isn't technically our job, but we can help, and we will." That small, rural, Southern community spirit — the "we'll figure this out together" attitude — is one of Bibb County's greatest strengths. And when it shows up, we should celebrate it, because these examples remind us who we actually are at our best. To the Road Department, the Centreville Water Department, the Commissioners, and all those who took action: thank you. You showed what neighborliness looks like in action — and many local residents felt the impact of that deeply this week. It mattered. In small counties like Bibb, moments like this also stand as quiet reminders that our local infrastructure only works when people choose cooperation over competition. Not every rural area has endless resources, massive budgets,



or large agencies with unlimited staff. Often, especially in emergencies or unexpected disruptions, it is these cross-department responses that become the difference between days of hardship and solutions

happening faster than expected. When we choose to value relationships between departments, towns, city entities, and county leadership — we create resiliency. We create a network of trust and reliability that residents can

depend on. Not every county in Alabama has that. Not every county in the country has that. It matters that Bibb does — and it matters that we keep cultivating that spirit, intentionally. We all benefit when we protect and nurture it.

Governor Ivey announces funds for food banks

MONTGOMERY — Governor Kay Ivey on Tuesday announced she is releasing \$2 million of the state's emergency funds to go towards eight food banks, serving all of Alabama's 67 counties. This comes on the 4th day of the month, which is the first day some of the state's Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) recipients will miss an issuance of those benefits to their Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) cards. In Alabama, SNAP benefits are issued to recipients' EBT cards on a specific day from the 4th of the month to the 23rd, so each day U.S. Senate Democrats refuse to reopen the federal government, more Alabama children, seniors and disabled who benefit from the SNAP program will be impacted. As the Alabama Department of Human Resources (DHR) has noted, SNAP benefits are 100 percent federally funded. Throughout this shutdown period, DHR is also assisting by redirecting an additional \$3 million to the Feeding Alabama food banks network, which touches all 67 counties, for a total of \$9 million for FY26. There are currently 11,434 children in the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program, and DHR is sending an additional \$300 for each of those children to their caregivers. These additional funds should help these families offset

some of their monthly costs due to the lack of SNAP funding. SNAP is also not the only program impacted by this federal government shutdown, and while it is not feasible, realistic or sustainable for the state to take on the responsibilities of the federal government, Governor Ivey feels compelled to put additional state dollars towards food banks across Alabama who are serving those in need. "There are real Alabama families who rely on SNAP to put food on their tables, and that includes more than 300,000 children, more than 102,000 seniors and those who are disabled. That is why I am directing \$2 million in emergency funding to go towards food banks serving the people of our state," said Governor Ivey. "We are now in the longest federal government shutdown in history, and it is absolutely ridiculous that families all across our country are suffering — whether that is the school children who rely on SNAP, the air traffic controller not receiving a paycheck or even our military and high number of federal government worker families in Alabama. Hear me loud and clear when I say Alabama cannot be both the state and federal government. And like states all across the country, Alabama is stepping up to help, but this is not sustainable by any means. U.S. Senate Democrats must vote

to reopen the federal government now." In the meantime, the Trump Administration's U.S. Department of Agriculture Secretary Brooke Rollins announced SNAP guidance has been sent to states to help partially fund the program while the federal government remains shutdown. The team at Alabama DHR is closely reviewing those details today to act as quickly as possible. As Secretary Rollins notes, this will be a cumbersome process for states and will result in delayed benefits. At this point in Alabama, that exact timeframe is unknown. A few members of the Alabama Legislature have also inquired about a special session to tap into Rainy Day funds. The governor has said she has no plans to call a special session. According to the law, in order to use Rainy Day funds, the state would need to be in proration which is not the case. The governor added, "There is only one true solution and that is for Congress to do their one job and reopen the federal government now." Food banks included in the governor's \$2 million assistance are: Community Food Bank of Central Alabama, Food Bank of East Alabama, Food Bank of North Alabama, Feeding the Gulf Coast, Heart of Alabama Food Bank, Selma Area Food Bank, West Alabama Food Bank and the Wiregrass Area Food Bank.

United Way of West Alabama launches \$50,000 food assistance grant for nine counties

Tuscaloosa, AL — United Way of West Alabama (UWWA) has pledged \$50,000 to address the growing food insecurity crisis impacting families throughout our nine-county region—Bibb, Fayette, Greene, Hale, Lamar, Marengo, Pickens, Sumter, and Tuscaloosa. With the recent interruption in SNAP benefits and many veterans and workers going without paychecks, the almost 75 food pantries across the area are seeing an unprecedented demand for assistance. In response, UWWA is providing direct support through a Food Assistance Grant designed to help local food pantries meet immediate needs. "Our West Alabama community is so generous, and I am proud our Board of Directors has allocated \$50,000 from our reserves to support those suffering from loss of SNAP benefits. Nobody in West Alabama should go hungry when we have

so many resources available," said Jackie Wuska, President and CEO of United Way of West Alabama. "We are seeking additional corporate and government support from our community partners to sustain this initiative as long as needed. We are grateful to The Westervelt Company for helping support efforts in Hale and Tuscaloosa Counties and look forward to others joining us in the cause." Through this program, UWWA will issue weekly grants ranging from \$250 to \$500 to food pantries that are part of the West Alabama Food Bank network and are located in our nine-county service area. These funds will help replenish pantry shelves and ensure continued access to food for individuals and families in need. Applications are open now at uwwa.org. Eligible food pantries must provide a tax ID letter to apply. UWWA is also calling on community part-

ners, businesses, and government entities to match or contribute toward this effort to extend the program as long as it is needed. "The need is urgent and widespread," added Wuska. "Together, we can make sure every person in our community has enough to eat." Individuals seeking food assistance should dial 2-1-1 to be connected with trained call specialists who can help locate food resources nearby. About United Way of West Alabama United Way of West Alabama strengthens education, income stability, and health throughout Bibb, Fayette, Greene, Hale, Lamar, Marengo, Pickens, Sumter, and Tuscaloosa counties. By uniting community resources and partnerships, UWWA helps improve lives and build a stronger, more resilient West Alabama. Learn more at uwwa.org.

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NEWS

Winner at the BLOC spreads good vibes across West Blocton

BY SAVANNAH LOGAN
REPORTER

The BLOCton Sports Grill in West Blocton continues to lift spirits and cultivate what makes small-town life special: kindness, connection, and community care. Their “Love Your Neighbor” campaign — inspired by Mark 12:31 — was created to spotlight and honor the people who make West Blocton shine. Each month for an entire year, one nominated community member is chosen to receive a free large pizza simply for being a source of good energy, generosity, and encouragement.

This month, the honor goes to Wendi Woolwine — recognized for helping spread good vibes and neighborly

love all across West Blocton. Wendi embodies the true spirit behind this campaign: showing up with heart, uplifting others, and reminding people that even the smallest gestures can leave the biggest impact. The West Blocton community is full of quiet heroes like Wendi — and this campaign is meant to bring them to the forefront and celebrate them openly.

The BLOCton Sports Grill launched this initiative believing that kindness deserves to be seen — and deserves to be rewarded. Their original Facebook announcement stated, “Because in a world that can feel cruel, we believe kindness and good neighbors can make West Blocton

shine brighter.” And that belief continues to be proven true month after month, one winner at a time.

Past honorees, like inaugural winner Cheryl Rice, have shown just how powerful it is when the community rallies around goodness instead of negativity. Now, by shining a light on people like Wendi, the campaign expands that ripple effect even further — reminding residents that the way we treat one another directly shapes the culture of our hometown.

The BLOCton Sports Grill has been a community pillar since it opened — a place where fundraisers are held, where neighbors stop in to gather, laugh, and connect, and where local love

is given just as generously as the food. The “Love Your Neighbor” campaign is yet another example of how they intentionally invest back into the people who make this town feel like home.

And here’s the part they want everyone to know: this isn’t limited. This isn’t exclusive. Any West Blocton resident can nominate someone at any time. If you know someone who is making a difference quietly, consistently, or simply by bringing light into the lives around them — The BLOC wants to hear about them. Nominations can be submitted directly to The BLOC at any time for future consideration, and every resident nominated stays in the running for



future monthly selections.

One pizza at a time, West Blocton is proving again that love, generosity, and community spirit are contagious — and people like Wendi Woolwine are helping lead that charge.

Congrats, Wendi — and thank you for helping keep the heart of West Blocton beating strong.

As this continues

month after month, it also becomes a gentle reminder of how powerful everyday kindness really is. Not the big, grand gestures — but the ordinary, consistent ones. The simple wave. The “how are you?” The helpful hand. The person who checks in. West Blocton thrives because of these small threads of care woven together

West Blocton Middle School athletes close fall seasons with grit; winter sports begin.

As the crisp October air settles over Bibb County, West Blocton Middle School is celebrating the conclusion of highly character-driven fall sports-seasons and looking forward to the exciting start of winter athletics.

Volleyball Program Emphasizes Growth Over Scores

The WBMS volleyball season wrapped up with its final game on October 2, concluding a challenging schedule against schools in Bibb, Chilton, and Hale counties. Twenty

young ladies from the 7th and 8th grades formed two teams, focusing intensely on the fundamentals of the sport. The WBMS volleyball team is led by head coach Brenda Mcree and assistant coach Jerrica Smith. We are so thankful for their hard work and dedication to our students at WBMS.

Without a Little League feeder program, the athletes’ passion was self-driven, leading to significant personal growth. A program representative noted, “If you look at the scorebook, you may not say we had

a successful season. However, if you look at the friendships, relationships, and growth of the girls on and off the court, I would say we had the best season ever.” The program successfully instilled key lessons in the basics of volleyball, sportsmanship, and coachability, providing the basics needed for students to continue with the sport in high school.

Tigers Football Shows Heart and Potential

The 2025 season proved to be one of grit and determination

for the West Blocton Middle School Tigers football team. Under the leadership of Head Coach Brady Pierson and assistant coaches Jacob Brown and Ryne Sanders, the young Tigers finished the year with a 2–5 record, but demonstrated steady progress and significant promise.

A major highlight was a thrilling 14-point second-half comeback victory over Oak Grove.

The team’s offensive efforts were consistent, finding the end zone in all but one game.

Key contributors included Carter Fancher, Andrew Palmer, Easton LaFoy, Elijah Snelson, Jase Sibley, Cooper LaFoy, Jonah Hunt, and Garrett Bussey. Coach Pierson praised his young squad’s perseverance. Pierson stated, “We had a really young team this year, and we’re excited to see what we can do as a program throughout the offseason to better prepare our team for the 2026 season.”

Cheerleaders, Majorettes, and Color Guard

School spirit remains high thanks to the dedicated efforts of the WBMS cheerleaders, who provided vital support at both football and basketball games. The 2025–2026 squad, led by Captain Ava Pierson, works tirelessly to energize the crowd and motivate the teams. Through countless hours of practice, the cheerleaders perfect their stunts, chants, and routines, showing incredible teamwork and determination. Their enthusiasm, commitment, and school pride shine through in every performance, making them an essential part of the WBMS community. Head Coach Chloe Robertson shared how proud she

is of her team, describing them as an amazing group of girls and expressing heartfelt gratitude for their commitment and determination, saying it’s been a joy to watch them grow both on and off the field.

The WBMS Majorette and Color Guard teams shine as an important part of the school’s spirit and performance groups. Guided by their coach, Janet Morris, these talented students combine discipline, creativity, and teamwork to bring excitement to every event. The Majorettes impress audiences with their skillful twirling and dynamic routines, while the Color Guard shows skillful flag work and outstanding choreography.

Together, they embody school pride and dedication, making every WBMS performance full of energy. These girls put in so much hard work throughout the season, and it truly shows.

Basketball Season Is Here!

The winter season has officially begun, and both our boys’ and girls’ basketball teams are ready to hit the court! These athletes have worked incredibly hard this year, and their dedication shows—both teams are so much fun to watch!

A huge shoutout to our outstanding coaching staff: Boys Basketball – Head Coach Mike Allen and Assistant Coach Ryne Sanders. Girls Basketball – Head Coach Chloe Robertson and Assistant Coach Cassandra Rutledge. Coach Allen and Coach Sanders also serve as coaches for our WBHS basketball team, providing valuable experience and continuity within our basketball program. We are thankful for the coaches’ hard work and guidance in helping our student-athletes grow and succeed. We also want to recognize Bethany Sloan for her teamwork with our coaching staff, making sure every athlete was prepared and ready to go on Dragonfly. We’d love to see our stands packed with community support this season!

Tickets are only \$7.00. Let’s show our school spirit and support our basketball teams all season long!

Two key members of our athletic department are Coach Chloe Robertson and Coach Jacob Brown, both of whom play vital roles in supporting our students and athletic programs.

Coach Robertson serves in a dual capacity as the cheerleading sponsor and head coach of the girls’ basketball and softball teams. Her dedication and leadership provide strong guidance for our student-athletes both on and off the court and field. Coach Brown serves as the assistant football coach and head baseball coach at WBMS. In addition, he contributes to the WBHS football program on Friday nights. Both Coach Robertson and Coach Brown also serve as physical education teachers at WBMS, helping students build skills, confidence, and a love of physical activity. We are very thankful for their commitment, hard work, and the positive impact they continue to make within our athletic programs and school community.

The progress seen across all of West Blocton Middle School’s athletic programs is a clear testament to the school’s unwavering commitment to developing well-rounded student-athletes, signaling a bright future for the Tigers.



The BACK PAGE

Fun, fitness, and festivities: What's happening at BMC Wellness in November

BY SAVANNAH LOGAN
REPORTER

BMC Wellness has several exciting events lined up this month, offering fun-filled opportunities for families and children to celebrate the holidays, stay active, and enjoy time together in the community.

First up is the November Tumbling Showcase on November 16th. Families are encouraged to come out, support the kids, and cheer on the participants as they show off the skills they have been building throughout the semester. Additional details about the showcase can be found on the BMC Tumbling Facebook Group.

From November 17th through November 21st, BMC Wellness will be hosting its Kids Club Holiday Party, featuring Thanksgiving and Christmas-themed crafts, Letters to Santa, and more. This event brings a fun seasonal twist to the Kids Club experience and is expected to be a favorite for children as they head into the holi-

day season. Please note that the standard two-hour Kids Club limit still applies.

Rounding out the upcoming seasonal excitement is registration for the Candy Cane Lane Tree Trail and Tree Lighting Event.

taking place on Thursday, December 4th from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. This festive evening will officially kick off the holiday season for the community with a magical Christmas tree lighting and a walk-through tree

trail experience that families won't want to miss. Limited spots are available, so families are encouraged to secure their spot early throughout the month of November.

Registration is available at www.aaep.org.

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These events offer local families a chance to stay engaged at BMC Wellness during one of the most festive times of the year, with activities designed to bring joy, connection, and holiday excitement.

ment to the community.

Families are encouraged to mark their calendars, sign up where required, and come be a part of the celebration.



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November Fitness and Activities Calendar

	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2	CLOSED	5AM - 10PM	5AM - 10PM	5AM - 10PM	5AM - 10PM	5AM - 8PM	7AM - 2PM
8		8:15AM Cardio Jam 9AM Senior Women's Strength 6PM HIIT to Fit	6AM Full Body Strength 9AM Senior Men's Strength 10AM Water Aerobics 4:15PM Water Aerobics 5:30PM Body Sculpt 6PM Barre/Yoga	8:15AM Cardio Jam 9AM Senior Women's Strength 10AM Senior Rhythm Dance	6AM Full Body Strength 9AM Senior Men's Strength 10AM Water Aerobics 4:15PM Water Aerobics 6PM HIIT to Fit	9AM Senior Women's Strength	
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FACILITY NEWS

HEALTHY SKIN MONTH

Take time to care for your skin. Explore our skin care services, from consultations and Obagi products to chemical peels and dermaplaning by visiting bmcwellness.com/skinhealth.

Medicare Counseling

FREE Medicare Counseling with Molly Averette, Director of Social Services Appointments available every Wednesday, **October 22nd - December 3rd**.

THANKSGIVING NOV 27TH

FACILITY CLOSED

UPCOMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER 16th **TUMBLING SHOWCASE**
Visit our BMC Tumbling Facebook Group for more info

NOVEMBER 17TH-21ST **KIDS CLUB HOLIDAY PARTY**
Join us for Thanksgiving/Christmas crafts, Letters to Santa, and more! *2 hour Kids Club limit

NOVEMBER **CANDY CANE LANE** **Register Now!**
Limited spots available. Register at www.brentcentlib.com

Let's get social!

Facebook: BMC Wellness | Instagram: bmcwellnesscenter



HEALTH AND WELLNESS CORNER

ON BEHALF OF OUR TEAM AT BMC,

Thank You!

FOR CHOOSING BIBB MEDICAL CENTER
WE LOOK FORWARD TO SERVING YOU
THIS HOLIDAY SEASON!



CAHABA LILY CAFE




CAHABA LILY | HOLIDAY STORE

All orders must be placed by **Monday, November 17th**. Orders will be ready for pick up at the cafe on Wednesday, November 26th | 10AM - 5PM. ****All orders are pick up only.*** Order on our website ➡



A banner with a blue background. On the left, a photo shows an elderly couple and a young woman looking at a laptop. In the center, the text 'FREE MEDICARE COUNSELING' is displayed in large, bold letters. On the right, a circular photo shows a smiling woman, likely a counselor, wearing a maroon cardigan over a striped shirt.

We offer FREE Medicare Counseling every Wednesday from 9:00AM - 3:00PM at BMC Wellness Center.

Open Enrollment:
Oct 15 - Dec 7

Individual Counseling
Couple Counseling
Plan Comparisons
Individualized Recommendations

Why seek help?

There is a lot of information that gets sent out this time of year. Don't make the wrong choice and get stuck with a plan that doesn't match your medical needs for 2024.

Meet with Molly Averette, Director of Social Services, at BMC Wellness Center for more information.

To make an appointment, visit our website or give us a call 205-926-3360.

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Medical Surgical Nurses Week

November 1st-7th

Thank you to our Med-Surg team for the dedication, teamwork, and heart you bring to every shift. You keep our patients, and our hospital, moving forward!

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HOSA Week

November 3rd-9th

HOSA inspires students to pursue careers in healthcare through leadership, learning, and service. We're proud to support future health professionals who will one day care for our patients, lead our teams, and strengthen our community.