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## Local Asst. District Attorney Appointed to Judicial Bench



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Governor Ivey appointed Robert Bryan Jones of Selma to serve as circuit judge in the Fourth Judicial Circuit which encompasses Dallas County, Wilcox County, Perry County, Hale County and Bibb counties. A graduate of Auburn University and the Birmingham School of Law (2013), Jones succeeds Circuit Judge Collins Pettaway, Jr. who retired in February after serving 13 years on the Dallas County Circuit Court. Jones appointment is effective immediately. Jones, a resident of Selma, has served Bibb County as the resident Assistant D.A. under the office of Fourth Circuit D.A. Robert Turner Jr. and former D.A. Michael Jackson, dating back to July 2014. "Bryan Jones comes to the bench with over a decade of criminal law experience as Assistant District Attorney in the Fourth Circuit where he served as Senior Chief Trial Attorney and lead prosecutor for major

violent crimes as well as white collar crimes," said Gov. Ivey. "His strong courtroom experience, coupled with his leadership as Director of the Fourth Judicial Circuit Drug Task Force, have equipped him with the legal judgement necessary to serve well the people of the Fourth Judicial Circuit as their next Circuit Judge." "Governor Ivey's decision to appoint me as a Circuit Judge is a great honor," said Judge Jones. "I am humbled by the confidence that Governor Ivey has placed in me and embrace this new opportunity. It has been an honor and a privilege to work as District Attorney Robert Turner Jr.'s Senior Chief Trial Attorney and I am excited to continue to serve the citizens of the Fourth Judicial Circuit as Circuit Judge. I pray for God's guidance as I carry out the duties of this new endeavor." Jones Investiture Ceremony will be held on Saturday, February 28, 2026 at 2 p.m. at the Dallas County Courthouse.

## New Emergency Department Entrance Now Open at BMC

BY SAVANNAH LOGAN  
REPORTER

Exciting news for Bibb County — the new Emergency Department entrance at Bibb Medical Center is now officially open. This new addition to the hospital's Emergency Department and Urgent Care Clinic has been designed with patients and families in mind. The updated entrance provides improved access, greater convenience, and increased efficiency — especially during moments when time matters most. Hospital officials encourage anyone seeking emergency medical care to use the new entrance for all emergency services moving forward. Clear access and streamlined entry will help ensure patients receive prompt attention upon arrival.

The opening of the new entrance reflects Bibb Medical Center's continued commitment to growth and improvement in order to better serve the needs of the community. By investing in facility enhancements and patient-focused design, the hospital remains focused on delivering quality care close to home. Community members are reminded that in the event of an emergency, every second counts. This new entrance is one more step toward ensuring that care is not only compassionate, but also accessible and efficient. Bibb Medical Center expressed gratitude to the community for its continued trust and support, reaffirming its dedication to providing reliable healthcare services for the families of Bibb County.



## Renovation Begins on Historic Strand Theatre in West Blocton



The Strand Theater renovation begins. Photo by Daniel Sims

BY SAVANNAH LOGAN  
REPORTER

The Town of West Blocton, along with Mayor Daniel Sims, has announced that construction has officially begun on the renovation of the original Strand Theatre. The project marks an important milestone in preserving and revitalizing one of the community's most cherished historic

landmarks. Long considered a centerpiece of Main Street, the Strand Theatre holds a special place in the town's history, and its restoration represents both a celebration of the past and an investment in the future. As construction moves forward, town officials are asking residents and visitors to use caution when traveling through the

business district along Main Street. With equipment and crews working in the area, safety remains a top priority for the community, visitors, and those involved in the renovation effort. Town leaders expressed appreciation for the patience and support of local businesses and citizens during the construction process. While tempo-

rary inconveniences may occur, the long-term vision is to bring renewed energy and opportunity to downtown West Blocton. The renovation of the Strand Theatre signals continued progress and pride within the community — honoring its history while creating a vibrant space for future generations to enjoy.





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# NEWS

## Over 250 Advocates Urge Alabama Lawmakers to Expand No-cost School Breakfast

Alabama should ensure access to no-cost breakfast for every child in the state's public schools, Alabama Arise Action members told legislators Tuesday.

More than 210 Arise supporters gathered this week at the State House in Montgomery alongside dozens of members of the Alabama School Nutrition Association (ASNA) to show support for expanding no-cost school breakfast. The advocates urged legislators to provide \$14 million next year to ensure no-cost breakfasts are available for every child in participating Alabama public schools.

The request would be less than 0.14% of Gov. Kay Ivey's proposed \$10.5 billion Education Trust Fund budget for fiscal year 2027. And that funding would provide long-term benefits for the people of Alabama, speakers at Arise's news conference said Tuesday.

"Healthy school meals at no cost for all students are not an expense," ASNA president Cacyce Davis said. "They are an investment in families. They are an investment in communities. And they are an investment in the future workforce of our state."

ASNA members and Rep. Barbara Drummond, D-Mobile, joined Arise advocates at the news conference, which was part of Arise's annual Legislative Day event.

Building on last year's investment in child nutrition

Alabama lawmakers took an important step forward on child nutrition in 2025 by appropriating \$7.3 million to expand access to no-cost school breakfasts for more public schools. More than 190,000 children have benefited from this investment in making school meals more readily available.

Arise advocates are asking lawmakers to provide \$14 million in school breakfast funding next year so Alabama can maintain and build upon last year's progress.

"That investment [in 2025] made a meaningful difference for districts across Alabama and for thousands of children who depend on school breakfast to start their day," Davis said. "Because of that support, more students are walking in the classroom nourished and ready to learn."

Access to no-cost school meals in Alabama has nearly doubled since 2019, and English and math scores have improved significantly during that time. Drummond, a longtime supporter of increased investment in food access, said the growth of no-cost school breakfast in recent years has helped improve academic achievement for many Alabama students.

"A healthy breakfast is the first lesson of the day," Drummond said. "It fuels young minds before the bell even rings. When children eat in the morning, they learn better all day."



Davis said she has seen the power of no-cost school breakfast in her roles as ASNA president and child nutrition director for Elmore County schools.

"When breakfast is offered at no charge to students, participation increases. Attendance improves," Davis said. "Nurses report fewer morning stomachaches and headaches. Teachers see better

focus and behavior in classrooms. Families experience meaningful financial relief. And academic outcomes improve."

"It's about our children"

Dr. Shakita Brooks Jones, board president of Alabama Arise Action, said ensuring that children have the nutrition they need to learn and thrive is a moral issue.

"We believe in breaking down policy barriers that limit opportunity," Jones said. "We believe public policy should make it easier, not harder, for struggling families to make ends meet. And we believe no one in our state should be hungry, especially not schoolchildren."

Drummond said she agreed on the need to invest more in child

nutrition. She encouraged people across Alabama to ask their lawmakers to support a \$14 million state allocation for no-cost school breakfast.

"I am energized," Drummond said. "From Mobile all the way to the Wiregrass to Huntsville, we can make this happen. Because it's not about us. It's about our children."



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# LOCAL & GOVERNMENT

## Centreville News

By Brenda Hubbard

A celebration of life was held for Carolyn Tubbs on February 14, 2026 at Brent Baptist Church. Carolyn will be missed by her family and many friends.

The BCHS Class of 1969 had a great time on Saturday, February 21, 2026 at Ezell's Fish Camp in Lavaca, AL. They were joined by a few classmates from other classes, Jerry and Dina Pow, Dale Mitchell, Greg and Kay Anderson. All had so much fun getting together.

Anniversary wishes go out to Gary and Joanne Sanders who recently celebrated their wedding anniversary.

Belated birthday wishes go out to Polly Litton who celebrated her 80th birthday in

February. Also celebrating in February were Whitney Brown Moore, Bert Suttle, Susan Hughes and Russell Cox.

Birthday wishes go out to several that have birthdays in March, Stacie Speights Brewer, Janis Ward Conway, Ginger Colley Blake, Connie Martin Holladay, Annie Tucker Stone, Heather Holifield, Bailey Caffee.

Enjoying lunch at LaParrilla Mexican Restaurant recently were Larry and Vickie Speights and daughters Laura Blumenfeld and Stacie Brewer, all reporting a delicious lunch.

If you have news call it in at 205.316.1181. Take care & God Bless.



## County Leaders Represent Bibb at German Alabama Partnership Dinner

BY SAVANNA LOGAN REPORTER

Bibb County was well represented at the recent German Alabama Partnership dinner as Brian Hilson, Commissioner Ty Corbell, Commissioner Charles Caddell and his wife, and other county leadership gathered to strengthen international relationships that directly impact the local economy.

The event, hosted by the German Alabama Partnership, highlighted the strong and growing ties between Alabama and German industry. Bibb County maintains close connections with several German-based companies that have made a lasting investment in the region, including Mercedes-Benz U.S. International, thyssenkrupp, and Mollertech.

County representatives shared that the evening provided valuable insight and meaningful conversations that will help position Bibb County for continued growth. Building and maintaining strong relationships with international partners plays an important role in economic develop-

ment efforts, particularly when it comes to attracting new industry and expanding job opportunities locally.

Leaders noted that events like this allow counties to not only celebrate existing partnerships but also make connections that could lead to future investments and employment opportunities for residents.

On a personal note, appreciation was extended to Commissioner Charles Caddell for his dedication to the county. He attended the dinner despite it coinciding with his 55th wedding anniversary celebration — a gesture that did not go unnoticed. County leaders expressed gratitude for his willingness to prioritize the work of serving Bibb County, highlighting the commitment and leadership that continues to move the community forward.

Through collaboration, relationship-building, and a shared vision for growth, Bibb County remains focused on creating opportunities that strengthen its economic future.

## CENTREVILLE CITY COUNCIL

Meeting Date: March 3, 2026

By Lynn Hamric

Mayor Barry Cooner called the meeting to order at five o'clock. The meeting opened with prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: The following council members were present. Linda Lawrence, Dianne Epperson, Don Mack, Sr., and Aaron Hood. Akeyla Holifield was absent.

After review of the minutes a motion to approve was made (Dianne Epperson) second (Linda Lawrence). Motion carried.

After a detailed review of accounts payable a motion to approve was made (Linda Lawrence) second (Dianne Epperson). Motion carried.

New Business:  
Police Report Calls – 102  
Accidents – 3  
Reports – 20  
Dog Calls – 3  
Assists – 132  
Arrests – 6  
Patrol Requests – 263

Citizen Warnings – 34/12

Chief Smith reported the latest vehicle acquisition has been returned from the shop and decals will go on this week. Officer Shirley will be off until late May depending on therapy. One officer off for two-week paternity leave mid-May. One part-time officer is leaving in May for a change of vocation. There are patrol vehicles that need to be surplused. Approval given for three vehicles. Officers will requalify on firearms and other training in April. Chief Smith requested permission to purchase ammo, permission given. With regard to filling an opening, for an officer, Mayor Cooner advised Chief Smith that he has permission to advertise opening only. Any hires must come before the Council for approval. Chief Smith report that ALL equipment has a tracking

device. Chief Smith currently is the only one with access. Mayor Cooner will have access beginning March 4, 2026.

Fire Department – Dane McKinney gave the report for January and February. In

January there were 59 total call responses and 14 total events with 74 service hours. In February there were 52 total responses, 12 total events and 79 service hours.

Forensic Audit Update – The auditors are approximately one-third of the way through and an overview of their findings was provided to council members for review.

Office Copier—The lease on the copier is up. Tracy Griffin reported that a new copier can be leased for less than we are paying and with an option to purchase for one dollar at the end of the lease. A motion to acquire a new copier was made (Dianne

Epperson) second (Aaron Hood). Motion carried.

Daughters of the American Revolution – A motion to approve a Proclamation was made (Linda Lawrence) second (Dianne Epperson). Motion carried.

Blue Dump Truck – A motion to list this truck for sale/bids was made (Dianne Epperson) second (Aaron Hood). Motion carried.

Centreville Main Street – Katie Cheslock informed the Council that three additional Facade Grants have been offered. She also reminded the Council of the Thursday Stakeholders meeting.

Cemetery Dedication, Mt. Sini on 3/7/2026 – 616 Aldine Street at ten o'clock.

Old Business – None  
Open Public Comment – None  
Meeting Adjourned.

## BIBB COUNTY COMMISSION

Meeting Date: February 23, 2026

Commission Chair Lightsey called the meeting to order at five o'clock followed by prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT:  
• Brian Smith, Administrator, stated that all request for road work is to be submitted via a work order.

• A member of the volunteer animal rescue/transport/foster group addressed the Commission requesting to know if anything their group is been doing was a problem or had caused any problems. Brian Smith advised this was not the cause for change. He (Brian) had researched similar facilities and found that some operating procedures might be a liability and thus cause for the changes.

Roll call: Present were Commissioners Lightsey, Caddell, Downs, Stabler and Corbell.

INFORMATION ITEM: A/C Check register questions are to be addressed to the Administrator.

CONSENT AGEN-

DA: Purchases for various stone and asphalt in the amount of \$14,750.00 for the Road department were approved.

NEW BUSINESS:  
• February 9, 2026 minutes were approved.

• A Resolution honoring the life of Sheriff George Fleming was read and approved.

• A Resolution honoring Deputy Kenneth Poole SRO was read and approved.

• A report from Brian Hilson, IDA Director, concerning a SEEDS Grant for a potential 62 acre industrial park (similar to the Scott Davis Industrial Park) near West Blocton was discussed.

• A request by the Judge of Probate for travel expenses for her and the Chief Clerk to attend a Probate Judges Conference was approved.

• The Judge of Probate requested making the part-time employee in Woodstock be made a full-time position. This

will be at the current pay rate. Approved.

• Request by the County Sherriff for the replacement of a truck engine in the amount of \$7,620.07 was approved.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR:

\* Brian Davis gave a Legislative update.

\*Approval of quarterly payment to Centreville Main Street in the amount of \$2,500.

\* Approved new volunteer rules for the rabies impoundment facility.

• A new application for rescue organization and rules for the rabies impoundment facility.

• Approve no picture or videos to be taken by the public, volunteers, or rescue organization. All photography of the animals will be performed by a county employee.

COUNTY ENGINEER:

\*Feb 23rd meeting with Transportation Director to view project proposal and request.

\*Asphalt work counties.

COUNTY EMA:\* Advised that James Spann ) (new network) will be installing a weather camera at BMC. \* There will be three full-scale training events for first responders (a plane crash, an active shooter and a third for Bibb/Hale/Tusc. counties, yet to be determined. \* Kirk then gave a comprehensive history of his history over the past 14 years with the animal shelter. He stated his understanding from the last commission meeting is that he would retain his position until a new employee can be trained. Kirk emphatically stated his desire to continue/retain his current position.

COUNTY ATTORNEY: Hon. Anthony Johnson requested the commission go into executive session to discuss the good name and character of an individual.

There be no further business the meeting was adjourned.



# EDITORIALS & OPINIONS

## Alabama Leaders Delivering Good Results for Public Education Students

By Paul DeMarco

For decades, Southern states have chronically ranked at the bottom of the Nation when it comes to academic achievement.

State leaders across the South have made education their top priority yet test scores remained abysmal and students have suffered because of the education they were receiving.

But now three states, Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana are doing what some thought was impossible, making gains that are now leading the country in scholastic success that is the envy of other states.

The three states have made gains in reading and math scores pushing their improvement as a model for schools and one that policy makers are paying attention to around the country.

In Alabama, focus on literacy, improving curriculum standards and discipline in the classroom has paid off. The state is number one in the Nation in returning to better math scores post-pandemic and has the lowest rate of chronic absenteeism.

It has not hurt that Alabama has had record education budgets to fund the reforms.

So hopefully Alabama can continue its progress to ensure Alabama students are given the best opportunity to succeed in the future.

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## Nathaniel Ledbetter is the Man of the House

Inside the Statehouse  
By Steve Flowers

March 4, 2025:

Alabama Speaker of the House Nathaniel Ledbetter is one of the most effective House Speakers in Alabama history. He is in a league of his own when it comes to getting things done as Speaker of the House.

Ledbetter is not known for mincing words or telling you what you want to hear. He shoots straight and always stays true to his word, and his members love him for it. Ledbetter's word and commitment are as good as gold. He is as strong as new rope. Ledbetter is so effective and entrenched as Speaker of the House that I have dubbed him, "The Man of the House."

He gets things accomplished in a quiet yet focused way. His subdued yet authoritative demeanor yields results. In his five years as Majority Leader, and now in his third year as Speaker, he has never lost a vote.

Under his leadership, the House has picked up some huge wins, which have translated into even bigger wins for the state. Over \$1 billion in taxes have been cut for Alabamians and small businesses. Transformational education reforms have been passed, leading Alabama to become one of the most improved states in the nation.

Numerous pro-business policies have paved the way for companies to invest over \$60 billion to create 90,000 new jobs in our state.

Ledbetter and his members have led the way on all these issues.

In past years, special interest groups told the Speaker what to do. Ledbetter is the only Speaker I have seen that tells the special interest groups what to do. One of the best examples of his adroit, independent leadership was in 2017, when he beat back every private interest group to pass a bill mandating insurance companies to cover autism diagnosis and treatment for children.

Speaker Ledbetter remains independent of Special Interests because he has done a yeoman's job of going into each of the Republican member's districts and helping

them get elected and reelected. He knows each of his GOP legislators' districts like the back of his hand. He has grown the Alabama House Republican membership from 72 to 76 Seats during his tenure as Speaker.

Ledbetter is from Rainsville in Dekalb County. He was born and raised in Dekalb. He and the great iconic Alabama bandleader Randy Owen are best friends.

Nathaniel was elected to the Rainsville City Council at 23 years old, and then at the town's Mayor a few years after that.

Nathaniel Ledbetter is poised and well positioned to preside as Speaker of the House for the next quadrennium and probably for years after that.

Alabama's political leadership will be poised to work very cohesively with Nathaniel Ledbetter as Speaker of the House and Tommy Tuberville as Governor. They are truly the best of friends. Ledbetter and Tuberville bonded six years ago when Coach Tuberville first began his campaign for U.S. Senator. Coach stayed in Ledbetter's home when he camped out campaigning in North Alabama. Ledbetter later became Coach's titular campaign chairman.

Tuberville and Ledbetter will be a dynamic team. There is an old adage that the Governor proposes, and the legislature disposes. That truism will apply with the Ledbetter-Tuberville partnership.

Another truism will probably be coined in the next quadrennium. Coach Tuberville will be dialing up the plays, and Speaker Ledbetter will be executing them in the legislature. I expect the State of Alabama is going to put a lot of points on the scoreboard.

See you next week.

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## The Heart of the Hymn

BY SAVANNAH LOGAN

### "Victory in Jesus"

The beloved hymn Victory in Jesus, often subtitled Christ Won the Victory, has stirred hearts for generations with its triumphant message of redemption. Written in 1939 by gospel songwriter Eugene Monroe Bartlett, the song was born out of one of the darkest seasons of his life.

Bartlett, born on Christmas Eve in 1885 in Missouri and raised in Arkansas, devoted much of his life to gospel music. He founded the Hartford Music Company, the Hartford Music Institute, and published a gospel magazine titled A Herald of Song. A respected musician and shape note publisher, Bartlett wrote numerous gospel and country songs — but none would become as widely known as "Victory in Jesus."

At age 53, Bartlett suffered a devastating stroke that left him paralyzed and unable to walk or speak clearly. During this period of physical suffering and limitation, he reflected deeply on Christ's lifelong faithfulness and love. From that place of hardship came a song overflowing with hope and assurance. Its lyrics tell

"the old, old story" of salvation — of a Savior who "sought me and bought me with His redeeming blood." The hymn proclaims not only Christ's sacrifice on Calvary, but His healing power, His promise, and the personal victory found in repentance and faith.

Bartlett passed away only a few years after writing the hymn, but its impact was immediate and lasting. First introduced as the world stood on the brink of World War II, the song became an anthem of confidence in Christ's triumph during uncertain times. Since then, it has been sung by millions across churches and generations.

The words of "Victory in Jesus" continue to echo the promise found in Deuteronomy 20:4 — that the Lord goes with His people to fight for them and give them victory. Even today, the hymn reminds believers that triumph is not found in circumstances, but in Christ alone. In seasons of struggle or celebration, its chorus lifts hearts upward: victory is secure, redemption is real, and hope endures.



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# A LOOK BACK AT 1966

## Local Hospital Is Approved

Mr. Edd Roberts, Chairman of the Bibb County Hospital Board announces that he has received a telephone call from Senator Hill's office in Washington advising him that the Department of Health, Education and Welfare has given final approval to the survey made by them of the local facility. He further stated, insofar as he knew this was the last obstacle to be cleared prior to the approving of the Nursing Home for Bibb County.

Barring anything unforeseen, Mr. Roberts said he thought things would begin to take shape fast now and this project would go forward without much delay.

## Order Given To Halt Bibb School Funds

WASHINGTON — Approval has been given by Secretary of Welfare John Gardner to halt federal funds to two Alabama school districts.

Federal funds will not be available to the Bibb County Board of Education and the Tarrant City Board of Education for failure to comply with the anti-discrimination provisions of the 1964 Civil Rights Act.

Gardner has sent back to the Commissioner of Education for reconsideration a similar termination order applying to Barbour County school district in Alabama.

His decisions and actions were filed with the appropriate committees of Congress and termination will become effective at the expiration of 30 days.

Francis Pratt, superintendent of Bibb County Schools, said when asked about the decision, "My board has asked me not to make any comment."



LIONS SIGHT PROGRAM REPORT GIVEN

Mr. Belcher Hobson, left, Chairman of the Centreville Lions Club Sight program is shown here presenting Club President Vernon Medders the Club's annual report on work done locally in the sight program during the past year. The report was presented at the Ladies Night banquet.

THURSDAY, APRIL 7, 1966

## Captain Donald McMillan Killed In Viet Nam Action

Captain Donald McMillan, 27, son of Mr. Elijah McMillan of Brent, was reportedly killed in action in Viet Nam. Information was received by relatives here that he died at 4 p. m. Tuesday, April 5th.

Captain McMillan was a member of the famed 101st Airborne Division. His family was notified Saturday that he was missing in action.

He is a 1957 graduate of Bibb County High School where he compiled an outstanding record in both academics and athletics.

He was graduated from the Jacksonville State College in 1961 with a Second Lieutenant Commission in the U. S. Army. Captain McMillan has been in front line action in Viet Nam for 8 months and was serving as Company Commander at the time of his death.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete at this time.

He is survived by his wife, the former Toni Strain of Sylacauga, and two children, Terri 3, and Loye 1; his father, Elijah McMillan; and three sisters, Mrs. Alsey Mayfield of Brent, Mrs. Bernice Ragland of Tuscaloosa and Mrs. Bobby Mulder of Libertyville, Ill.; one brother, Eddie, of Brent.

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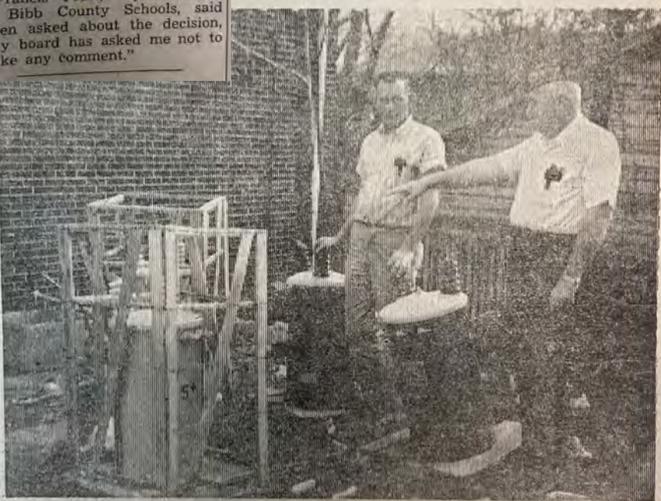
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TRANSFORMERS ARRIVE FOR ROSS GRAY PARK

Transformers to power the baseball floodlights at the Ross F. Gray Memorial Park arrived last week and construction is expected to get under way this week end. Shown with the equipment is Belcher Hobson, right, Legion Project Chairman and Hal Wallace a member of Post 128. The park is a joint project of the Bibb County Service League and American Legion Post 128.



1966-67 MAJORETTES AT WEST BLOCTON HIGH SCHOOL

First row, left-to-right: Delane Lawley and Donna Saylor. Second row, Sandy Farmer, Sandra Hayes and Susan Hicks.



COMMISSIONER'S COURT STUDYING WORK ON BRIERFIELD FURNACES

The Commissioner's Court of Bibb County is studying the possibilities of renovating the old Briarfield Furnace near Six Mile. They are considering possibilities of making the place into a tourist attraction with picnic areas and a possible lake site. Visiting the Furnaces last week were County Engineer Irby Pope, Commissioners Harry Fullman, Mead Stallings, and Emory Lippeatt and Probate Judge G. H. Stacy. A section of the furnace can be seen in the background of this picture.



1966-67 CHEERLEADERS AT WEST BLOCTON HIGH SCHOOL

First row, left-to-right, Jennifer Burns, Cookie Fountain (Head), Sandra Rotenbery (co-head), Second row, Marsha Stephens, Brenda Jones, Gypsy Yocum.



BIDS OPENED ON CONSTRUCTION AT CAHAWBA FALLS COUNTRY CLUB

Bids were opened last Friday night for clearing, land smoothing and other work to be done at Cahawba Falls Country Club. Belcher Auto Machine Shop of Brent, was the low bidder on the work. Pictured above at the opening were Joe Smith, Greens Committee Member, Jim Oakley, Jr., Chairman of the Greens Committee; Jim Crenshaw, President of Cahawba Falls Country Club and Fred Wood, Jr., Finance Chairman. Work is expected to get underway this week. A completion date of July 1, 1966, has been set and all projects are going full force.



REVIEW SPEAKER'S KITS — Governor and Mrs. George C. Wallace examine the first copies of the new speaker's kits which are being made available to clubs by the state Bureau of Publicity and Information. The kits contain speeches and information on Alabama travel attractions and are to be used for the presentation of programs to interested clubs and organizations.

# The BACK PAGE

## Bibb County Sheriff's Office Dive Team Completes Specialized Training

BY SAVANNAH LOGAN  
REPORTER

The Bibb County Sheriff's Office continues to invest in training and preparedness, as members of its dedicated Dive Team recently completed specialized instruction at the Bibb Wellness Center pool.

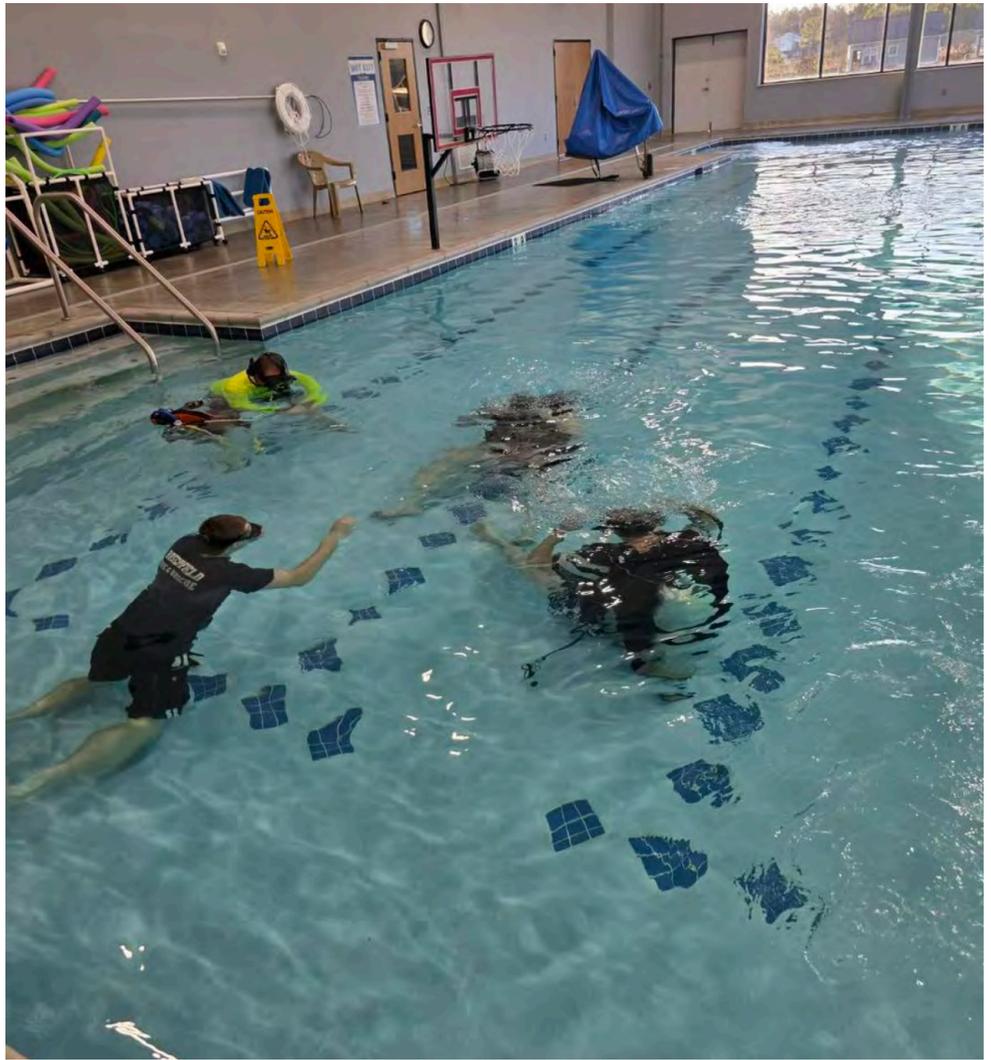
During the session, divers were trained on the proper fitting and operation of their newly issued full-face dive masks. The hands-on training focused heavily on safety and real-world readiness. Team members practiced emergency procedures for situations in which a mask may become flooded or dislodged underwater — a critical skill in high-pressure rescue or recovery scenarios. Each diver was required to fully remove, replace, and clear their mask while submerged, ensuring they are prepared to respond calmly and effectively in challenging conditions.

In addition to mask training, the Dive Team also worked with newly acquired underwater radio communication systems. These

systems significantly enhance diver-to-diver and diver-to-surface communication, improving coordination, safety, and overall operational effectiveness during missions. The equipment was made possible through funding provided by the RC&D Grant Program, support the Sheriff's Office says is invaluable in strengthening local emergency response capabilities.

The Sheriff's Office also expressed sincere appreciation to the Bibb Wellness Center for providing access to its facilities, allowing the team to conduct this important training in a controlled environment.

Sheriff Jody Wade commended the Dive Team for their professionalism, dedication, and commitment to maintaining the highest standards of preparedness. Through continued training and investment in advanced equipment, the Bibb County Sheriff's Office remains focused on ensuring the safety and protection of citizens across the county.



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