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Woodstock to Host Grand Opening Celebration for New Playground and Library

THE TOWN OF WOODSTOCK INVITES YOU TO OUR

NEW LIBRARY & PLAYGROUND RIBBON CUTTING & GRAND OPENING AND THE 9TH ANNUAL WILDFLOWER WALK & WELLNESS FAIR

WHEN: March 28 at 9:00 AM-12 PM
WHERE: 28513 Hwy 5, Woodstock, AL 35188

BY SAVANNAH LOGAN
REPORTER

The Town of Woodstock is inviting the community to come together for a morning of celebration, wellness, and family fun during the New Playground & Library Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting, alongside the 9th Annual Woodstock Wildflower Walk & Wellness Fair.

The event will take place on Saturday, March 28, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Woodstock Town Hall.

Residents and visitors can enjoy a variety of activities designed for all ages. The celebration will feature free pizza and free ice cream for the first

100 attendees, bouncy houses for children, and a welcoming atmosphere that encourages families to come out and connect with their community. The event will also highlight the town's new playground and library, marking an exciting step forward in providing resources and gathering spaces for local residents.

As part of the celebration, attendees will learn more about the new Woodstock Community Library and how to become a member. Community members can sign up for a library card and gain access to Libby, a popular app that allows users to borrow

ebooks and audiobooks digitally from their local library.

The Wildflower Walk and Wellness Fair will also provide opportunities for attendees to explore health and wellness resources while enjoying the beauty of the season.

Town leaders encourage everyone to attend and take part in this special day celebrating growth, community connection, and the many new opportunities available to residents of Woodstock – a town for all people!



Wedowee Police Team Up with Covenant Rescue Group for Undercover Child Trafficking Sting



Reported by Erica Thomas, 1819 News

The Wedowee Police Department hosted anti-human trafficking training by Covenant Rescue Group (CRG) that led to five arrests on Friday.

The five defendants are all facing human trafficking charges and are being held in the Randolph County Jail charged with two counts of first-degree

human trafficking, soliciting child by computer and traveling to meet a minor.

CRG is an anti-human trafficking nonprofit that trains and conducts operations to protect children and communities. Law enforcement from agencies within Randolph County participated in the training that culminated in a 17-hour sting operation.

Cottage Food Law Safety Training to be Held at BMC Wellness

BY SAVANNAH LOGAN
REPORTER

The Alabama Extension will host a Cottage Food Law Safety Training on March 31, 2026, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Bibb Wellness Center. If you have ever considered selling your homemade food goods at a farmers market, or even at events like Tannehill Trade Days or Brierfield Market Days, this class is for you!

The training is designed to help participants better understand Alabama's cottage food laws and the requirements for safely preparing and selling homemade food products. These laws allow individuals to produce certain non-hazardous foods from their home kitchens and sell them directly to consumers, making it an appealing opportunity for small business owners, bakers, and entrepreneurs looking to start a home-based food ventures.

During the session, participants will learn key topics such as understanding the law, identifying where cottage foods may legally be sold, recognizing proper labeling requirements, and practicing basic food safety procedures. The training will also provide



COTTAGE FOOD LAW SAFETY TRAINING

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4:00 PM to 7:00 PM**

**Bibb Wellness Center
285 Hospital Drive
Centreville, AL 35042**

**For more information,
contact Emily Ferko at
emf0065@auburn.edu
or (334) 752-3207**

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guidance on maintaining safe food handling practices and ensuring products meet state guidelines before being offered for sale.

Organizers say the course is beneficial not only for those currently operating under the cottage food law, but also for anyone interested in exploring the possibility of starting a small food-based

business from home.

A \$25 certification fee is required to participate in the training, and registration is available online through the Alabama Cooperative Extension System website.

For more information about the event, participants may contact Emily Ferko by email at emf0065@auburn.edu or by phone at

(334) 752-3207.

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NEWS

Bibb Medical Center Celebrates Completion of Emergency Department Renovation

Special to the Press

BY SAVANNAH LOGAN
REPORTER

Bibb Medical Center celebrated the opening of its newly renovated and modernized Emergency Department (ED) on February 25, 2026, marking the completion of an 18-month, \$5.5 million investment in the future of emergency care in Bibb County.

The project expanded and enhanced both the entrance and treatment areas, adding 3,300 square feet of new space and modernizing 7,000 square feet of existing space. The renovation includes three large triage rooms to reduce wait times, an express treatment area for those needing more immediate, streamlined care and a specialty treatment room that supports telemedicine consultations, allowing their team to quickly connect with specialists when advanced expertise is needed. The renovation also includes enhanced security measures and a dedicated space specifically designed to care for patients experiencing a crisis or behavioral health emergency — ensuring safety, privacy, and compassionate support for some of their most vulnerable patients.

BMC welcomes folks to go back to using the original emergency room entrance now that renovations are complete. Patients seek-

ing emergency care may once again enter through the rear of the building, as they traditionally have in the past. BMC encourages community members to use this entrance for all emergency services moving forward, as the updated access point is designed to provide improved convenience and efficiency for patients and their families.

The redesigned space also improves the pathway for patients arriving by ambulance, creating a more streamlined process that better supports the hospital's emergency medical services (EMS) partners. With approximately 19,000 patients treated in the Emergency Department each year — a number that continues to rise — efficiency, safety, and accessibility were top priorities throughout the project.

The modernized layout enhances patient flow by separating levels of care. Patients with less urgent medical needs can now be seen in the express treatment area, while more acutely ill patients move through an expedited triage process for faster evaluation and potential admission. These improvements are especially critical in a rural region like Bibb County, where Bibb Medical Center serves an increasing and aging population and is located 30 miles from

the nearest trauma center.

"This project represents more than a physical transformation — it reflects our unwavering commitment to the people we serve. By modernizing our space, improving patient flow, and enhancing our ability to respond to complex and critical health needs, we are investing directly in the health and well-being of our community. Every upgrade was designed with one goal in mind: delivering high-quality, compassionate care in an environment that promotes comfort, dignity, and efficiency. We are proud to provide an enhanced patient experience and to ensure

that Bibb Medical Center remains a trusted source of care for generations to come," shared Dr. Connie Richardson.

The last significant renovation to the Emergency Department occurred more than 25 years ago. This milestone investment reflects Bibb Medical Center's continued commitment to providing high-quality, compassionate emergency care close to home — ensuring that residents of Bibb County and surrounding communities have access to modern, efficient care when they need it most.



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Centreville News

By Brenda Hubbard

We wish to extend sympathy to the family of Cecilia Elam Deason who passed away recently. Services were held on March 1, 2026 at Little Hope Cemetery at Eoline. Cecelia will be missed by her family and many friends.

The WMU of Brent Baptist Church met recently.

Birthday wishes go out to several March birthdays; Robbie Nixon, Delores Garner, Ann Hubbard, Ruthie Allen, Oaklee Hubbard, Lindsey Hubbard, Stacy Averette, Cheri Deason, Tony Murphy, Alice Barton, Luck Hallman, Charlotte Lovelady West and Judy Holdsambeck.

Sympathy goes out to the family of Clara Vi Champion, age 102, who passed away on February 28, 2026.

Anniversary wishes go out to Jeff and Caitlyn Rinehart who recently celebrated their 6th wedding anniversary.

Recently on Thursday the Brent Study Club enjoyed eating at Baumhauer's in Tuscaloosa, later to see Arsenic and Old Lace at Shelton State Community College.

Miss Relay for Life of Bibb County is thrilled to announce Mr. Shane Trail will be their emcee for the upcoming pageant. Shane is a photographer and reporter for WBRC 6 news. The pageant will be held on April 11, 2026. For more information contact Ryan Thompson.

If you have news call it in at 205.316.1181. Take care and God bless.

Bibb County Schools Update Honors Diploma Requirements for Class of 2028

BY SAVANNA LOGAN
REPORTER

Bibb County Schools has announced a policy update regarding the requirements for students seeking an Honors Diploma, with the changes set to take effect beginning with the graduating Class of 2028. School officials say the adjustment is intended to create more opportunities for students who wish to pursue advanced coursework while also participating in other academic and career-focused programs.

The revised policy will make it easier for honors-track students to take advantage of dual enrollment opportunities through Shelton State Community College and participate in UA Early College, which allows high school students to earn college credit while completing their high school education. In addition, the

change is expected to provide greater flexibility for honors students who may want to enroll in classes offered through the Bibb County Career Academy.

Under the updated guidelines, students working toward an Alabama High School Diploma with High Honors must complete a total of 12 qualifying credits. During both their ninth and tenth grade years, students are required to take honors-level courses, or the highest alternative offered, in Math, Science, English, and History, earning four credits each year. In both eleventh and twelfth grades, students must complete a minimum of two Advanced Placement (AP) or Dual Enrollment courses in Math, Science, English, or History, earning two credits per year. Altogether, students must complete at least eight



honors-level credits and a minimum of four credits in AP or Dual Enrollment coursework.

School leaders say the updated requirements better align high school academics with college-level opportunities while also allowing students to explore additional programs that support both college and career readiness. Students with

questions about the new policy or course options are encouraged to speak with their high school counselors or registrars. A detailed document outlining how high school classes align with available college courses has also been provided by the school system for students and families to review.

Woodstock Announces Three Events on March 28

BY CANACE JOHNSON
REPORTER

The town of Woodstock is preparing to host three events later this month aimed at celebrating new additions to the community. The events include a ribbon cutting and grand opening for

Woodstock's first municipal playground, the opening of a new community library, and the 9th Annual Woodstock Wildflower Walk and Wellness Fair. All three events will take place March 28 from 9 a.m. to noon at Woodstock Town Hall. Community

members are invited to attend and take part in the celebration of new spaces designed to promote engagement, education, and healthy living. Residents attending the event will have the opportunity to explore the new playground and library

while also participating in the Wildflower Walk and Wellness Fair, which highlights local nature and healthy living. Town leaders encourage residents of all ages to attend and take part in the festivities.

LANE WATTS LIGHTSEY
Bibb County Superintendent

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- Open communication with parents and fiscal responsibility
- Local decisions rooted in Bibb County values

The Republican Primary Election will be held on May 19, 2026. Please consider voting for Lane Lightsey for Bibb County Superintendent of Education.

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438 Moody Rd, Centreville, AL 35042

Big Wins at West Blocton Middle School: Our Students are Shining!

Contributed Content

A Note to Our West Blocton Families

We have some incredible news to share! Thanks to your hard work at home and our teachers' dedication in the classroom, West Blocton Middle School is seeing amazing results.

The Power of "Team WBMS"

Back on February 17, we gathered for our second Parent Engagement night, "Stronger Communities, Greater Success." It was wonderful to see so many of you! Whether you are helping with homework routines, showing up for school events, or simply asking your kids about their day—it is working.

The Big News: 100% Engagement!

On March 3, we had a "District Walkthrough" in which leaders from the district office visited our classrooms to see how things were going. We are still beaming from their feedback!

They shared one observation that makes us incredibly proud: Active student engagement was visible in every single classroom.

In middle school, getting every student focused and excited about learning is a huge milestone. This proves that when we work together as a community, our children realize their full potential.

Looking Ahead: We Need You!

As we head into the final stretch of the school year, we need your help to finish strong. Our focus is now on:

1. Consistent Attendance: Every day in class counts!
2. ACAP Testing: We want our children to feel ready and confident for the state assessments this April. Need help or resources?

If you need tips on supporting your child's learning at home or have questions about the upcoming tests, please do not hesitate to call us at 205-938-2451. We also encourage everyone to utilize our school's social media platforms to stay up to date on happenings at WBMS.

Thank you for being such an important part of our success. Go Tigers!



EDITORIALS & OPINIONS

Registering To Vote in Alabama

If you are not a registered voter in Bibb County or the State of Alabama registration is easily accomplished by one or two methods. You can visit your local Board of Registrars at the Bibb County Probate Court Annex to register in person.

Board of Registrars
Bibb County Probate Annex
8 Court Sq W
Centreville, AL 35042

Alternatively, you can register online by following the instructions below. The Alabama Secretary of State voter registration system can be accessed at this link: <https://www.sos.alabama.gov/alabama-votes/voter/register-to-vote>

These instructions are provided by the Secretary of State:

Please note that the voter registration application may be used to register to vote OR update your voter registration information.

Please be advised that any voter registration information provided by an applicant may be verified against federal immigration records to determine citizenship or immigration status.

To register to vote in Alabama, OR to update your voter registration information, you may:

- Submit an application electronically
- Download the Alabama Voter Registration Form (Please fill in all information completely and accurately. The form must be printed, filled out, and mailed to the local office of the Board of Registrars in which the registrant resides.)
- Have us mail you an Alabama Voter Registration Form. Additionally, you may contact the Elections Division at 1-800-274-8683 or write a request to the address listed below. Please be sure to include a complete mailing address and the number of forms that you need.

Office of the Secretary of State
Elections Division
P.O. Box 5616
Montgomery, Alabama 36103

Registered voters can vote by absentee ballot. To obtain an absentee ballot in Bibb County contact the Absentee Ballot Manager, Circuit Clerk Kayla Cooner. She is located at the Bibb County Court House, 35 Court Sq E, Centreville, AL 35042.

Alternatively, you can request an absentee ballot from the Secretary of State website. <https://www.sos.alabama.gov/alabama-votes/absentee-ballot-application-by-county>

Absentee Voting

A voter may cast an absentee ballot if he or she

- EXPECTS TO BE ABSENT FROM THE COUNTY on election day
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- IS A REGISTERED ALABAMA VOTER LIVING OUTSIDE THE COUNTY, such as a member of the armed forces, a voter employed outside the United States, a college student, or a spouse or child of such a person
- IS AN APPOINTED ELECTION OFFICER OR POLL WATCHER at a polling place other than his or her regular polling place
- EXPECTS TO WORK A REQUIRED SHIFT, 10-HOURS OR MORE, that coincides with polling hours
- IS A CAREGIVER for a family member to the second degree of kinship by affinity or consanguinity and the family member is confined to his or her home
- IS CURRENTLY INCARCERATED in prison or jail and has not been convicted of a felony involving moral turpitude

The absentee ballot application must be received by the Absentee Election Manager by the 7th day prior to the election if delivered by mail and the 5th day prior to the election if delivered by hand.

EMERGENCY ABSENTEE VOTING applications can be made after the absentee deadline but no later than 5 PM on the day before the election, if the voter:

- is required by an employer under unforeseen circumstances to be unavailable at the polls on the day of the election
- is a caregiver of a person who requires emergency treatment by licensed physician within five days before an election
- has a family member to the second degree of kinship by affinity or consanguinity die within five days before an election

MEDICAL EMERGENCY ABSENTEE VOTING applications can be made by a voter who has a medical emergency requiring treatment from a licensed physician within 5 days of an election. During that 5 day period, the medical emergency absentee ballot application and the voted absentee ballot must be returned no later than noon on the day the election

A Look at the 2026 Governor and Lt. Governor Races

Inside the Statehouse
By Steve Flowers

March 11, 2026:

The 2026 state races have officially begun. The qualifying ended on January 23. It will now be a less than three-month horserace sprint to the finish line.

Our May 19th GOP Primary will be our election day, because winning the Republican Primary is tantamount to election in the Heart of Dixie.

The Governor's race will not be one of the best races. Coach Tommy Tuberville appears to have a cakewalk coronation tour to the Governor's office. He has been running full steam ahead for over a year and has \$10 million in the bank. He is recognized as the most conservative right-wing politico in the Heart of Dixie, and only has token opposition in the GOP Primary. However, he will spend some money and campaign. He is a prolific and effective campaigner and loves it.

Some of you may be wondering why I do not consider the candidacy of Democratic candidate Doug Jones a challenge to Tuberville. My belief is a Democratic candidate cannot win a statewide race in Alabama, especially Governor, and even more especially, a recognized and proven Bernie Sanders liberal Democrat like Doug Jones. Around 40% of the vote is what a Democratic candidate can get in Alabama. Therefore, Jones is not a viable or serious candidate.

The Lt. Governor's race may very well be the best contest on the May 19 ballot.

As qualifying ended, there was a lengthy list of seven qualifiers for this race. The list includes Wes Allen, George Childress, Pat Bishop, Rick Pate, Nicole Jones Wadsworth, John Wahl, and Stewart Hill Tankersley.

This will probably boil down to a three-man race between current Secretary of State Wes Allen, Agriculture Commissioner Rick Pate, and Republican Party Chairman John Wahl. It will be interesting to see who makes the two-man runoff. Although the female candidate in the race, Nicole Jones Wadsworth, has worked hard and will get some votes.

Secretary of State Wes Allen is the favorite to win this race. He began in earnest over a year ago. He has been like a plow horse and has worked tirelessly. He has raised more

money than the other candidates. Money is the mother's milk of politics, and it will be especially important in a down ballot race with seven people in the race. He has received every important, major pro-business group endorsement, including ALFA and BCA.

money than the other candidates. Money is the mother's milk of politics, and it will be especially important in a down ballot race with seven people in the race. He has received every important, major pro-business group endorsement, including ALFA and BCA.

In addition, with a large field of candidates in this race, Wes Allen being listed first on the ballot alphabetically may be worth a 10-point advantage. He already has some statewide name recognition, having had a successful four-year tenure as Secretary of State, and has significant name identification in the Wiregrass having been Probate Judge of Pike County for 10 years and a Wiregrass legislator for four years.

Agriculture Commissioner Rick Pate will be a major player in this race. He has had a very successful eight year run as Agriculture Commissioner and would probably like to run for another four-year term in that important post. However, he is constitutionally term limited. I have never seen anyone in or around state government or Alabama politics who does not like Rick Pate.

It looked like a two-man race between Allen and Pate until a bombshell was dropped into the race the last night before qualifying. President Donald Trump surprisingly endorsed Republican Party Chairman John Wahl in the Alabama Lt. Governor's race. Wahl qualified the next day. The big question in this race is whether Wahl can raise the campaign money to tell Alabamians he is the Trump endorsee. Again, money is the mother's milk of politics. Money equates into media, and media equates into name identification, and name identification equates into votes.

The problem with raising money for this job is that this job has no power. Therefore, it lacks interest for special interest donors.

More than likely, this Lt. Governor's race will extend into a very interesting June runoff.

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.

Sign the affidavit and have the signature witnessed by either a notary public or two witnesses 18 years of age or older

WITNESSES OR NOTARIZATION

An absentee ballot cannot be counted unless the affidavit is notarized or has the signatures of two witnesses. Electronic or remote notarization is not permitted.

The voter has only the following legal ways to return the absentee ballot:

- forwards the absentee ballot by U.S. Mail
- forwards the absentee ballot by commercial carrier
- personally hands their own absentee ballot to the absentee election manager (or delivers by a designee in the case of emergency absentee voting)

VOTING DEADLINE

An absentee ballot returned by mail must be received by the Absentee Election Manager no later than noon on election day. If hand-delivered, the ballot must be in the office of the Absentee Election Manager by the close of business (but no later than 5 p.m.) on the day prior to the election.

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The Heart of the Hymn

BY SAVANNAH LOGAN

"Great is Thy Faithfulness"

The beloved hymn Great Is Thy Faithfulness stands as a powerful reminder of God's constant presence and reliability, even during life's most difficult seasons. The hymn was written by Thomas O. Chisholm, a man whose life was marked by both hardship and deep, unwavering faith. Through his words, Chisholm expressed a testimony that continues to encourage believers around the world.

Chisholm was born in 1866 in Kentucky and showed remarkable intelligence and ambition from a young age. At just sixteen years old he became a schoolteacher, and by twenty-one he was serving as an associate editor for his hometown newspaper. Although he achieved success early in life, Chisholm later said his greatest turning point came at the age of twenty-seven when he became a follower of Christ. From that moment forward, he devoted his talents and energy to serving God.

A lover of poetry, Chisholm eventually became a Methodist minister and was ordained to serve a congregation in Scottsville, Kentucky. In 1903 he married Catherine Vandervere, and together they began building a life and family. However, his path changed unexpectedly when declining health forced him to step away from ministry in 1909. Medical bills and financial struggles soon followed. Despite these challenges, Chisholm refused to become bitter. Instead, he chose to focus on God's faithfulness, continuing to write poetry and supporting his family by working as a life insurance agent.

In 1923, Chisholm wrote the poem that would become his most famous work, "Great Is Thy Faithfulness." He sent the poem to William M. Runyan, a musician associated with the Moody Bible Institute. Deeply moved by the message, Runyan composed the music for the hymn, naming the tune "Faithfulness." The song quickly became beloved among students and staff at the institute before eventually spreading much further. Its reach expanded significantly in the 1950s when evangelist Billy Graham began using it during his crusades.

Chisholm went on to write nearly 1,200 poems throughout his lifetime, many of which became hymns that point believers toward the faithfulness of God. Inspired by the promise found in Lamentations 3:22-23, the hymn continues to remind Christians that God's mercies never fail and are renewed every morning. Through both triumphs and trials, the message of "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" invites believers to trust that the same faithful God who carried Chisholm through life's challenges will continue to guide and sustain His people today.



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Centreville Boy Graduates At Baylor School



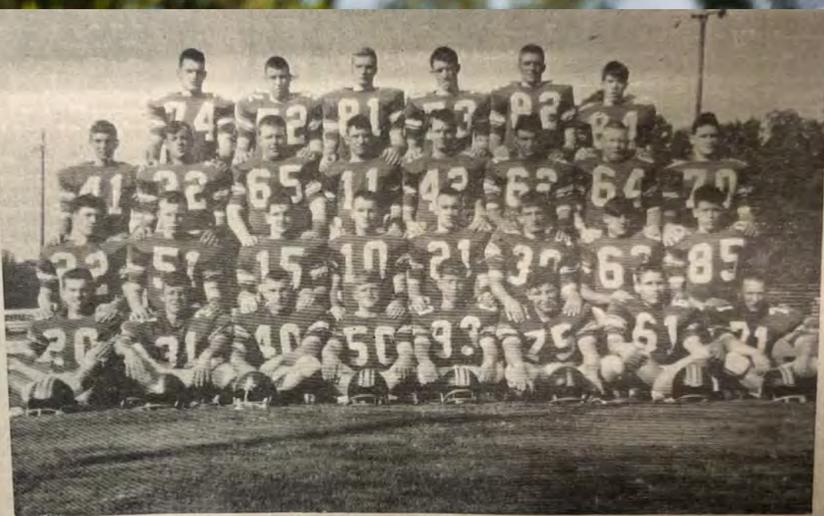
Brent Belcher

Brent Belcher, son of Mr. and Mrs. Olon Belcher of 325 Birmingham Road is among those students graduating with the class of 1966 at The Baylor School for Boys at Chattanooga, Tennessee. Brent attended Baylor three years. He attained the rank of Corporal in the military, was a member of the Best Drilled Platoon, Best Drilled Company and was a dormitory inspector. He played on the varsity football team and was a member of the Letterman's Club.



CENTREVILLE GETS NEW FIRE TRUCK

Pictured above is the new 1966 model Fire Truck which was delivered Monday by the Harry Harless Company of Birmingham. Pictured above with the fire hose are Mr. Harry Harless of Birmingham, Jim Oakley, Sr., Mayor and Mr. Mac Lee, Manager of Belcher Truck & Tractor Company. The truck was purchased on competitive bids from the Belcher Truck & Tractor Company. The Harry Harless Company had the fire equipment mounted on the truck. The tank on the truck holds 500 gallons of water, and the pump mounted on the front of the truck will pump 500-gallons of water per minute. The old truck will be kept in use by the Town, but it is 16 years old and the Mayor and Council felt there was a definite need for a new truck. The town is growing very fast and it is too risky to place all dependence in one fire truck. This truck cost \$14,111.00 and was paid for at time of delivery through money saved up during the past few years. This new truck will also help to keep fire insurance rates low in Centreville.



1966 BIBB COUNTY CHOCTAWS

Pictured above are the members of the 1966 edition of the Bibb County Choctaws who have polished off their first two opponents this year. The boys are L-R: Eddie Brown, Butch Suttle, Hootie Harbison, Brother Dunlap, Mike Bolding, Scotty Thompson, Mike McMillan, James Owens. 2nd row: Bill Ogletree, Bill Patridge, James Kornegay, Jimmy Suttle, Bobby Leach, Larry Bearden, Mike Worrell, Albert Jackson. 3rd row: Philip Desmond, Gappy Brown, Danny Meigs, Charles McCaleb, Steve Dial, David Gentry, J. C. Clark, Allen Darden. 4th row: Don Elam, Kelly Price, Mike Hubbard, Ronnie Adams, Bill Glover and Larry Patridge.

Bank Of West Blocton Hits One Million Mark

Eddie Downs, President of the Bank of West Blocton, announced today that the assets of the Bank of West Blocton have reached the one million dollar mark.

This represents monies on deposit in both checking and savings accounts, certificates of deposits and monies invested in all funds and accounts.

Mr. Downs stated that this bank has experienced tremendous growth since beginning operations in May of last year. He attributed this growth to the acceptance the bank has had by the people in Bibb County.

A new service has just been added at the Bank, Mr. Downs stated. The drive-in tellers window is now open each Thursday from 9-12 to receive deposits.

Directors of the Bank of West Blocton are: Eddie Downs, President, E. P. Jones, Vice-President, Frank Ferrire, O. K. Yeager, Howard Pate, J. M. Langston, W. W. Findley and Roy Downs.

Employees of the Bank are: Janice Callahan, Judy Stewart, Joan McElroy, Annie Lee Fountain and Dollie Milling.



GOLF BEGINS AT CAHAWBA FALLS

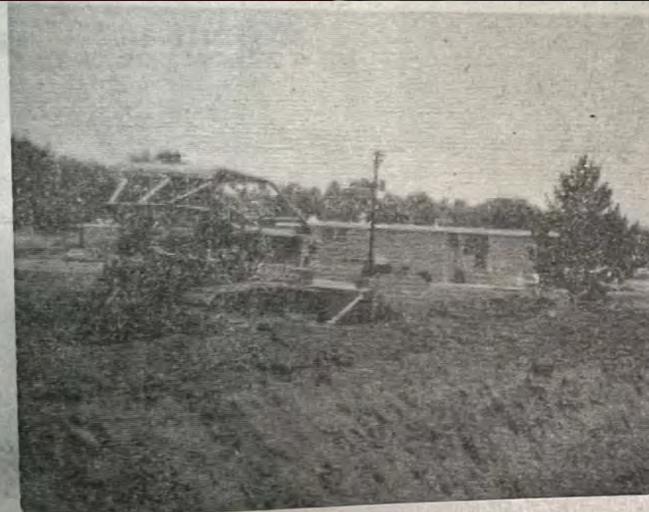
Golf play got underway Saturday at Cahawba Falls Country Club and local golfing enthusiasts made the most of it over the week end. Shown here on the number three green are Edward Belcher, left and Fred Wood, Jr., right, looking on as Charles Stanton makes his putt. The golf course was the first of several projects to open. The swimming

pool will be completed and ready for use by Saturday. Construction of the double tennis courts is expected to get underway soon and the construction of the club house is awaiting tentative approval of the plans from the loan agency.

Bibb Raceway Open For Racing

The Bibb Raceway opened for racing last Sunday with a large turnout of racers and spectators. Time trials will begin this Sunday at 1:00 and races begin at 2:30.

The dragstrip is located 5 miles north of Centreville on Highway 25 at junction of Montevallo Highway and River Bend Road. Racing every Sunday afternoon.



WORK STARTS ON NURSING HOME

Bulldozers began clearing Monday to make way for the new nursing home for Bibb County. The total cost of the facility is \$417,600.00. C. W. Williams, Contractor of Marion is building the home. The contract calls for a completion date of one year. The nursing home will be located adjacent to the Bibb County Hospital.



The BACK PAGE

Beginner Pickleball Camp Offered at BMC Wellness



BY SAVANNAH LOGAN
REPORTER

BMC Wellness is inviting community members to learn the fast-growing sport of pickleball with a Pickleball Camp designed especially for beginners.

The camp will consist of a two-hour instructional session for ages 16 and up, focusing on skill development and guided gameplay. Participants will have the opportunity to learn the fundamentals of pickleball while receiving hands-on coaching throughout the session.

During the camp, players will work on basic techniques, game strategy, and

on-court play, helping them build confidence and improve their skills in a supportive environment. The program is ideal for those who are completely new to the sport as well as players who want to sharpen their abilities and gain more experience through structured practice, and maybe even meet a few new friends along the way.

Two sessions are available for those interested in participating:

- Session One: March 14, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

- Session Two: March 28, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00

p.m. Pickleball has become one of the fastest-growing recreational sports in the country, combining elements of tennis, badminton, and ping-pong into a fun and social game that can be enjoyed by players of all skill levels.

Organizers say the camp provides a great opportunity for individuals to learn the game, meet new people, and stay active while developing their pickleball skills in a welcoming setting. Those interested in participating are encouraged to sign up and join the fun on the court.



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March 14th & March 28th, 10:00am-12:00pm

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