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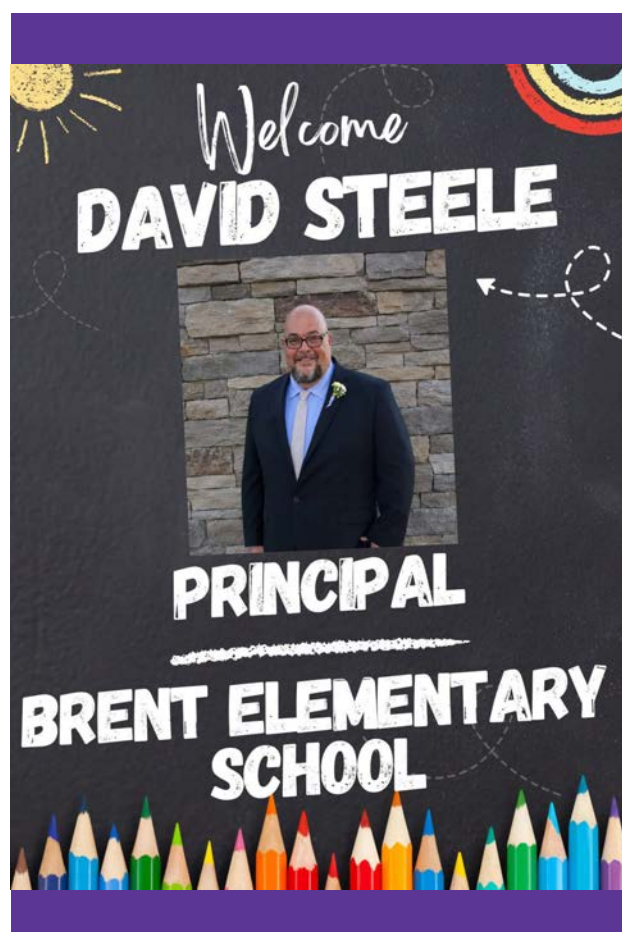
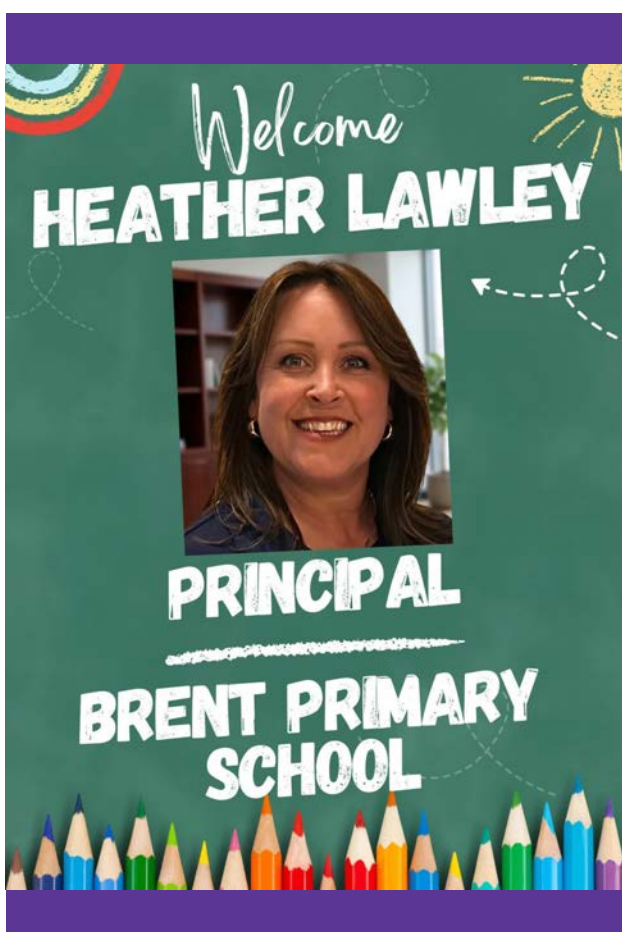
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Bibb County Schools Welcome New Principals for Upcoming School Year



BY SAVANNAH LOGAN
REPORTER

Bibb County Schools is preparing for an exciting new chapter with the introduction of several new principals who will help lead students, teachers, and families into the upcoming school year.

District leaders recently announced that Dr. Charles Steiner will serve as the new principal of Bibb Coun-

ty High School. At the same time, Principal David Steele will take the helm at Brent Elementary School, while Principal Heather Lawley will lead the newly formed Brent Primary School.

Strong principals play a vital role in shaping the culture and success of a school. While teachers are the heart of the classroom, principals help create the environment that

allows students and educators to thrive. From supporting academic achievement and student discipline to encouraging teachers and building relationships with families, school leaders often serve as the steady foundation behind the scenes.

The timing of these leadership appointments is especially significant as Bibb County Schools con-

tinue working through changes and growth across the district. With Brent Elementary transitioning into two separate schools for the upcoming year, having dedicated leadership for both Brent Primary and Brent Elementary will provide additional support for students, faculty, and parents alike.

For many students, a principal is more than an administrator. They

are often the face of encouragement in the hallway, the calm presence during challenges, and the person helping set the tone for what kind of community a school becomes. Great principals help schools feel welcoming, safe, and focused on helping every child succeed. Their experience, leadership, and commitment to education will help guide their schools while

continuing the district's mission of supporting students both academically and personally.

Parents, students, and staff members will no doubt be seeing many familiar faces and a few new ones in the months ahead, as these principals begin the important work of leading and serving their school communities.

Movie Night Set for Brierfield Ironworks State Park



BY CANDACE JOHNSON
REPORTER

If you're looking for a free event for the whole family, visit the Brierfield Ironworks Historical State Park for their monthly movie night on June 5th.

Doors will open at 5pm, and the movie starts at 8pm. Guests are welcome to bring lawn chairs and blankets, for a nice movie night outside. See the animated film "GOAT," starring Stephen Cur-

ry, Caleb McLaughlin, Aaron Pierre, and more. There will be concessions with popcorn, candy, and drinks available to purchase until 9pm.

Brierfield Ironworks Park Opens Pool for Summer



BY CANDACE JOHNSON
REPORTER

Brierfield Ironworks Historical State Park is getting ready for summer with the opening of its pools for the season.

The pools will open May 25 and remain open through Sept. 7. Hours of operation are Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday

from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Daily admission is \$6 per person for ages 6 and older. Individual memberships are \$75, while a family membership for four people costs \$175.

Visitors can also reserve the pool for private parties from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. for less than \$200. The maximum capacity for private events is 50 people. Park officials also

announced several updates for this season:

- All campers and cabin guests will receive pool passes for the duration of their stay.
- Lifeguards will be on duty at all times.
- Pool hours may be affected by weather conditions, chemical balance, or lifeguard availability.

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NEWS

Five Fun Ways to Make Summer Memories With Your Kids

BY SAVANNAH LOGAN
REPORTER

Summer has officially arrived, which means parents everywhere are now hearing some version of “I’m bored” approximately 14 minutes after breakfast. Thankfully, there are still plenty of ways to make meaningful memories without needing a five-star vacation budget or the patience of a saint.

One of the best local summer traditions is spending a day at the Cahaba River while the famous Cahaba lilies are blooming. There’s something special about letting kids splash around in the water, skip rocks, and experience one of the most beautiful natural sights in the South. Plus, river days have a magical ability to tire children out naturally, which parents have long recognized as a valuable public service.

For families wanting a day trip, the McWane Science Center remains one of Alabama’s best kid-



friendly destinations. Between the hands-on exhibits, giant displays, and interactive science activities, kids can learn without fully realizing they’re learning. A true parenting victory.

Another classic summer outing is a visit to the Birmingham Zoo. Kids love seeing animals up close, and adults usually enjoy it too, even if they spend half the afternoon reminding everyone not to lean over railings or feed snacks to creatures that absolutely should not have Gold-

fish crackers. Of course, not every fun summer activity has to involve loading everyone into the car with sunscreen, snacks, and vague optimism.

One easy at-home option is creating a backyard “campout” night. Pitch a tent, roast marshmallows, tell dramatic ghost stories that aren’t too emotionally damaging, and let the kids stay up later than usual. They’ll remember it for years.

Another surprisingly fun idea is a family

“yes day” challenge — within reason, obviously. Let the kids help plan meals, pick games, or create silly backyard competitions. Sometimes the simplest moments end up becoming the ones children remember most.

At the end of the day, summer doesn’t have to be perfect or expensive to matter. A little creativity, a little sunshine, and a willingness to make time together can go a long way.

National Forests in Alabama invites community to participate in National Trails Day

The National Forests in Alabama invites the public to participate in clean up events throughout Alabama as we celebrate National Trails Day through events designed to leave trails better than we find them.

National Trails Day was established by the American Hiking Society in 1993 and occurs annually on the first Saturday in June. It brings together federal land managers, partners, and volunteers to celebrate trails and accomplish trail stewardship projects to ensure they are safe, well-maintained, easy-to-follow and accessible.

To celebrate, the Forest Service is designating June 6, 2026, as an additional recreation Fee-Free Day, meaning all standard amenity recreation sites on Forest Service lands will be at no cost to the public. For all 2026 Fee-Free Days on National Forest System lands and information, please visit our website. Fee Free Days applies only to standard amenity recreation fees and does not waive expanded amenity fees, concessionaire charges, reservation fees, special recreation permit fees, or third-party costs unless separately authorized.

“Our trails connect more than places — they connect people. On this fee free National Trails Day, I encourage everyone to enjoy your national forest, and join us in

leaving the land better than we found it,” said Forest Supervisor Linwood Butler.

We encourage local organizations to contact their local ranger district to get details about the Adopt-a-Trail program, which engages trained partners and volunteers who can independently steward National Forest System trails. Participants may maintain a specific trail or join a broader maintenance group. In some situations, organized trail partners may be well positioned to co-manage Adopt-a-Trail efforts in coordination with Forest Service staff.

Find a local National Trails Day event and join the nationwide movement. The Forest Service is also encouraging all visitors to Take the #National-TrailsDay Pledge and commit to leaving the trails better than you found them. If a local event doesn’t exist near you, consider hosting one in cooperation with local Forest Service staff.

The Forest Service-managed trail system, at more than 165,000 miles, is the largest public trails system in the U.S. with trailheads in nearly every state making recreation opportunities accessible to hike, bike, ATV, ride horseback, snowmobile, snowshoe, etc. In 2025, volunteers and partners accounted for more than 60 percent of all trail maintenance accomplishments, or nearly 26,000 miles.



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LOCAL & GOVERNMENT

Centreville News

By Brenda Hubbard

Sympathy goes out to the family of Eleita Dunlap Kinard, age 80, who passed away on Thursday, May 14, 2026. Funeral services were held on Tuesday, May 19, 2026 at Pineview Baptist Church. Visitation at 10:00 a.m. followed by a service at 11:00 a.m. Eleita was laid to rest in Kinard-Mathis Cemetery. She will be missed by her family and many friends.

Sympathy goes out to the family of Kenny Wilson who passed away on May 15, 2026. Services were held on Sunday, May 17, 2026 at Bolton Funeral Home in Columbiana, AL. Kenny was laid to rest at Columbiana City Cemetery. He will be missed greatly by his family and many friends.

Anniversary wishes go out to Glen Jr. & Karen Peak who recently celebrated their 46th wedding anniversary.

The Joyful Hearts of Brent Baptist Church met on Monday, May 18, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. with lunch at the noon hour.

Sincere sympathy goes out to the family of Danny Franklin, age 75, who passed away on Friday, May 15, 2026 in the comfort of his own home. Danny will be missed by his family and friends.

BCHS Class of 1969 get together at Jim & Anita Head-

ley's beautiful farm on Saturday, May 16, 2026. So much fun with the best classmates and spouses with so much food. Thanks to Jim and Anita for hosting again. They know how to make you feel special. All looking forward to next get together.

Our deepest sympathy goes out to the family of Johnnie D. Creel who passed away on May 16, 2026 at the age of 90. Services were held on May 23, 2026 at Rockco Funeral Home with burial to follow at Brent City Cemetery. Johnnie will be greatly missed.

Virginia Dean of Georgia visited recently over the weekend with Charlotte West. They attended the BCHS Class of 69 get together at the home of Jim and Anita Headley. While here they rode around Centreville for a while, reminiscing, went to visit Donnie, Susan and May McCalla, who graciously sang for them. Reporting a great visit and weekend.

Birthday wishes go out to several that have birthdays in May; Johnny Watts, Payton Murphy, Gloria McCary Potter, Dennis Horton, Amanda Lawley, Betsy Graham, Matthew Pipher, and Nellie Peak.

If you have news call it in at (205) 316-1181. Take care and God bless.

BMC Celebrates Employees During Week of Appreciation and Service Recognition

BY SAVANNA LOGAN
REPORTER

Bibb Medical Center spent the week doing something important: making sure employees know just how appreciated they are.

Throughout the celebration, the hospital recognized team members whose years of dedication have helped shape both the organization and the care it provides to the community every day. Employees marking milestones ranging from five years of service all the way to 30 years were honored for their commitment, compassion, teamwork, and the countless hours they have invested into caring for patients across Bibb County.

In healthcare, longevity says a lot. Hospitals rely on experienced employees who not only understand the work itself, but also understand the people and communities they serve. Whether working directly with patients or helping op-

erations run behind the scenes, long-term employees help create the trust and consistency that communities depend on.

One recognition stood out in a truly extraordinary way.

Joe Underwood was honored for an incredible 50 years of service to Bibb Medical Center — a milestone few people in any profession ever reach. Five decades of dedication represents not only years worked, but generations of patients, coworkers, and families impacted along the way. His service reflects a lifetime of commitment and leaves behind a legacy that will continue to inspire others within the organization.

Hospital leaders shared their gratitude for every employee recognized during the celebration, noting that their efforts and dedication do not go unnoticed.

In a field that often demands long hours, sacrifice, and constant



care for others, taking time to celebrate employees matters. Bibb Medical Center spent the week reminding its staff that their work is valued — and that

the people behind the scenes are every bit as important as the services the hospital provides.

Sydney Elam Graduates from Marion Military Institute

Marion Military Institute (MMI) congratulates Sydney Elam of Centreville, AL, for earning an Associate's Degree on May

8, 2026. A graduate of American Christian Academy, Elam was one of 85 cadets participating in the college's Commence-

ment Ceremony.

Educating leaders since 1842, and a proud member of the Alabama Community College System, MMI

enrolls a diverse population of both civilian and military-track students in an immersive leadership environment.



WEST BLOCTON TOWN COUNCIL

Meeting Date: May 4, 2026

The Town Council of the Town of West Blocton, Alabama met in a Regular Council Meeting at the Municipal Building on Monday May 4, 2026, at 7:00pm. A quorum being present, Mayor Daniel Sims called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Prayer was led by Glenn Johnson and Pledge of Allegiance was led by Blane Sherron. Roll Call was called by Brandy Fancher, Town Clerk.

Present: Eloise Ward, Glenn Johnson, Stephanie Brasher, Blane Sherron, Kristen Nash
Mayors Notes:

1. Proclamation Honoring Fred Lynch - Read and Presented to Family of Mr. Fred Lynch

2. Mayor Sims stated the Cahaba Lily Pageant went very well. Winners from each division are as follows: Miss Cahaba Lily • Emily Carden

Junior Miss Cahaba Lily - Maci Kornegay
Young Miss Cahaba Lily - Arden Clements
Little Miss Cahaba Lily - Della Bell

Tiny Miss Cahaba Lily - Caroline Gaither
Petite Miss Cahaba Lily - Baylee Sims
Baby Miss Cahaba Lily - Elizabeth Yancey

3. Old Timers Ball game and Fish Fry is set for 5-9-2026 at the High School softball field. Start time is 3pm

4. Cahaba Lily Festival is set for May 16" at 9am

Previous Council Meeting Minutes 4-20-2026

Council member Blane Sherron made the motion to approve the previous Council Meeting Minutes for 4-20-2026. Motion was seconded by Council member Eloise Ward. All in favor and motion so carried.

March 2026 Financials

Roll Call Vote was used to approve March 2026 Financials

Yes- Eloise Ward, Glenn Johnson, Stephanie Brasher, Blane Sherron and Kristen Nash
Yes-5 No-0

Water Clerk Hire Council member

Glenn Johnson made the motion to approve the hiring of Molly Nelson for the Water Clerk position. Starting pay \$19 with benefits provided. Motion was seconded by Council member Kristen Nash. All in favor and motion so carried.

Fish Fry Budget Council member Blane Sherron made the motion to approve a budget of \$2900.00 for the Annual Fish Fry/Old Timers Game. Motion was seconded by Council member Stephanie Brasher. All in favor and motion so carried.

Vacation of road - Georgia Street/Tintop Roll Call Vote was used to approve proceeding with vacating a portion of 5th Ave SE that is south of Tintop Road. Yes- Eloise Ward, Glenn Johnson, Stephanie Brasher, Blane Sherron and Kristen Nash
Yes-5 No-0

Police Department Report - Report presented by Chief Pete

Hicks Water Department Report - Report presented by Water Superintendent Jonathan Lawley
Fire Department Report- Report presented by Jake Price

District Reports:
District 1 - No Report
District 2 - Council member Glenn Johnson states there are places in the road on Rosa Park that needs to be looked at.
District 3 - Council member Stephanie Brasher mentioned that she had driven down Rose Lane and its pretty bad.

District 4-Council member Blane Sherron asked for more side ann cutting to be done. He also wanted to mention at the end of Main Street close to Truman Aldrich that has a large asphalt spot that has been patched and needs to be smoothed and worked on.

District 5 - No Report
Citizens to Speak - None



EDITORIALS & OPINIONS

The Wheels of Justice

An Opinion Editorial
By Sheriff (Ret.) Huey 'Hoss' Mack



How many times have we heard or said that phrase, right?

When we do say it, we are referring to the justice of this world. Man-made and man-delivered justice in this world. It comes slowly and sometimes not at all.

In my career, I lost three murder trials. That was three out of many, many more. However, I remember them because I felt there was no justice obtained for the victim and their families. Of course, I was disappointed and angry. Even more agitating were the cases that could not even be brought before the court. I questioned myself, my investigative abilities, and wondered why.

Not long ago, I was contacted by an investigator who was calling on behalf of the granddaughter of one of those victims. She was a child at the time of the murder, she felt the case was unsolved and wanted, you got it, justice.

I want to remind you

that there is justice in this world, but also beyond it. In the book of Revelation, we are told there will be a time when all will face the final judgment, including the prince of all evil.

Jesus felt it was very important to mention you in his famous sermon on the mount. Yes, you. Matthew 5:9, "Blessed are the PEACEMAKERS....." You stand in the gap for this world and eternity. Keep up the fight. What may not be delivered in this world will surely be accounted for in the next.

And on the eighth day, God created the Sheriff to be a Peacemaker - stand in the gap, protect all, serve and protect those who need it, and above all, seek justice. (Hoss Mack version.)

-Sheriff (Ret.) Huey 'Hoss' Mack
Executive Director, Alabama Sheriffs Association

Add value, preach hope, and persist without exception.



May Primary Answered Questions for Big Election Year

Inside the Statehouse
By Steve Flowers

May 27, 2026:

The dust has settled from the momentous May 19 primaries, and there were very few surprises in the statewide results.

The turnout was low, which has become the norm for mid-term election years in Alabama. The 23% turnout was about what it was four years ago. There were close to 900,000 votes cast. The partisan participation was about 60% Republican, and 40% Democratic, which parallels what the division of voter preference is in our state. This 60/40 split is right on course for what the results will be in the general election in November. This 40% threshold for Democrats has been the standard for the past few decades, and it will probably not change this year. However, the Democrats have come to life this year. The past few gubernatorial elections, they have not even fielded a slate of candidates. They have secured a complete and qualified and viable lineup of state candidates for the fall. However, the results will more than likely be the same – 40/60.

Winning the Republican Primary is tantamount to election in the Heart of Dixie. The winners of the GOP primaries for the statewide office on May 19 will move on to a perfunctory coronation on November 3. However, the most interesting and competitive races will be decided on June 16 in the primary runoff elections.

The Governor's race was never in doubt. Coach Senator Tommy Tuberville coasted to an expectant landslide victory against two unknown GOP aspirants. He got an amazing 86% of the vote without spending any of his campaign fund. He has \$10 million in his campaign war chest, which he

will use to destroy the hapless Doug Jones in the Fall.

One of the most impressive performances of the May 19 primary was turned in by former GOP Chairman John Wahl in the Lt. Governor's race. He led an eight-person field with 41% of the vote. He will meet the presumptive front runner, Wes Allen, in the runoff, who got 38%. Their runoff contest will be one of the best on June 16. Wahl's dynamic success was fueled by the big bucks Club for Growth along with the Trump endorsement. These two dynamics will continue to be with him in the runoff. This combo is tough to beat.

The Attorney General's race resulted in the way that the late polling portended. Katherine Robertson led Jay Mitchell 40% to 35%. Blount County District Attorney Pamela Casey got a strong 25% of the vote. It will be interesting to see where her votes land in the June 16 runoff between Mitchell and Robertson.

The Agriculture Commissioner's race came out as was expected. The three-person race was between three unknown, but well-qualified candidates. Christina Woerner McInnis and Corey Hill finished in a dead heat with 35% each and will head to a June 16 runoff.

Veteran State politico Jim Zeigler led a four-person field for a seat on the Public Service Commission. He received an impressive 45% of the vote to second plan finisher Chris Beeker's 24%. They will meet again in the June 16 runoff.

In the other Public Service Commission race, Cullman County Sheriff Matt Gentry, walloped his fellow Cullman Countian incumbent Public Service Commissioner Jeremy

Oden by an impressive 75% to 25% margin.

Young Boozer coasted to an unprecedented fourth term as State Treasurer with a 68% to 32% victory over Steve Lolley.

State Auditor Andrew Sorrell matched Boozer with a 68% to 32% victory over Derek Chen, even though he was outspent 10 to 1.

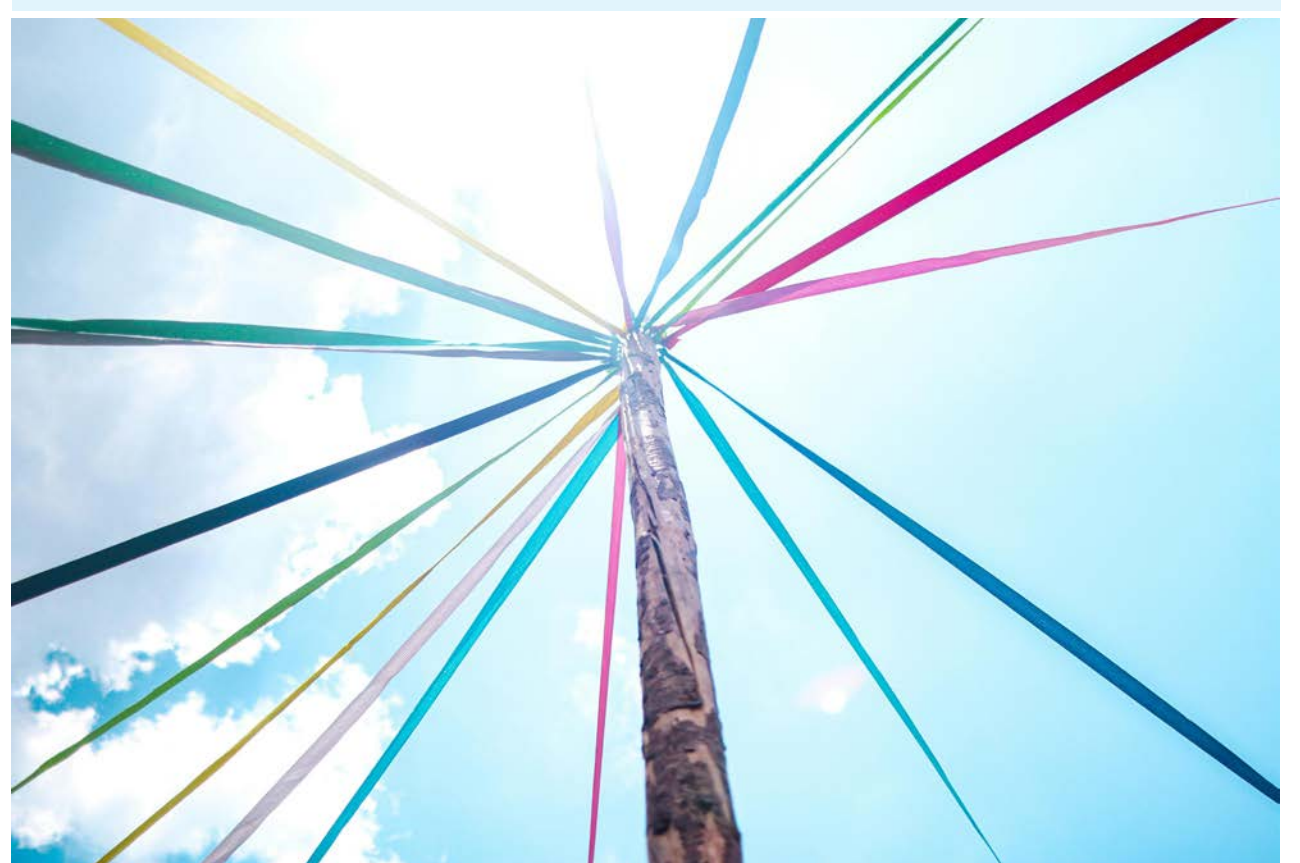
Caroleene Dobson won the Secretary of State race over two opponents. She received an impressive 66% of the vote.

The marquee race of the year is for the open U.S. Senate Seat being vacated by Senator Tuberville. The results mirrored the polling in the weeks leading up to the May 19 primary. As expected, Congressman Barry Moore led with 40% of the vote. His challengers, Attorney General Steve Marshall and former Navy Seal Jared Hudson, finished in a dead heat for second with 25% each. Hudson edged Marshall out of the runoff by an eyelash. However, the Club for Growth money and Trump endorsement will propel Barry Moore to an easy victory on June 16.

The real victor of the May 19 primary is one Donald J. Trump. The Trump endorsement continues to be golden in the Heart of Dixie. His endorsement propelled John Wahl, Tommy Tuberville, and Barry Moore into impressive victors.

See you next week.

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Few hymns have offered comfort to generations of believers quite like Rock of Ages. Written by Augustus M. Toplady and later set to music by Thomas Hastings, the beloved hymn remains one of the most recognizable expressions of personal faith and salvation in Christian hymnody. Unlike many hymns written for congregational worship using words like "we" and "our," "Rock of Ages" is deeply personal in tone. The lyrics focus on the individual soul's dependence on God, repeatedly using "I" and "me" to emphasize personal redemption and grace. That intimate approach has helped the hymn resonate across generations and denominations.

According to popular legend, Toplady was inspired to write the hymn after being caught in a violent storm while traveling through Burrington Combe in England. Seeking shelter in

a cleft within the rocky gorge, he supposedly began composing the words that would later become "Rock of Ages." While historians debate whether the event truly happened, the story has endured for centuries. Today, a plaque marks the location and reads: "Rock of Ages: This rock derives its name from the well known hymn written about 1762 by the Rev A M Toplady who was inspired whilst sheltering in this cleft during a storm." The hymn's lasting influence continued well into modern times. The 1950 Latter-day Saint hymnal included a women's voices arrangement before later returning the hymn to standard four-part congregational harmony in the 1985 hymnal. More than two centuries later, "Rock of Ages" still stands as a timeless reminder of refuge, grace, and steadfast faith in life's storms.



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NEWS

Historic Tuscaloosa Reveals Speaker Lineup for 2026 Lecture Series at Jemison Mansion

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. (05/20/2026) - Historic Tuscaloosa has announced the 2026 schedule for its annual Summer Lecture Series, returning to the historic Jemison-Van de Graaff Mansion. This year's series will commemorate America's 250th birthday through engaging presentations focused on American history, heritage, and community.

Historic Tuscaloosa is proud to participate in the nationwide celebration of the United States Semi quincennial, reflecting on the nation's past while inspiring future generations through educational programming and community engagement.

"As our nation approaches its 250th anniversary, we believe it is important to create opportunities for thoughtful conversations about our shared history," said William Hawkins, Executive Director of His-

toric Tuscaloosa. "This lecture series honors the past while encouraging future generations to remain engaged with the stories that define America. It also comes at a meaningful time for Historic Tuscaloosa, as the Old Tavern — one of the historic homes we operate and maintain — will celebrate its 200th anniversary in 2027."

The lecture series will feature three presentations held throughout the summer. Each lecture will begin at 5:30 p.m., with a pre-lecture gathering beginning at 5:00 p.m. Admission is free and open to the public.

All lectures will take place on the main floor of the Jemison-Van de Graaff Mansion, located at 1305 Greensboro Avenue in Tuscaloosa.

Lecture Dates are June 25, 2026, July 23, 2026, and August 27, 2026.

On June 25, Historic Tuscaloosa will welcome Jus-

tice Greg Cook, who will present "Understanding How A Revolution Started and How It Changed After It Succeeded."

The lecture will explore the causes of the American Revolution and the development of the United States Constitution following independence. Drawing in part from Gordon Wood's book *Power and Liberty: Constitutionalism in the American Revolution*, Justice Cook will discuss why the United States adopted a constitutional framework with a relatively strong national government and how it differed from the English system despite surface similarities.

The July 23 lecture will feature Walter Allen presenting "Colonial Surveying in America: 1730s-1795."

Allen's presentation will examine the evolution of surveying and land ownership in colonial America, beginning with an-

cient surveying practices in Egypt and medieval Europe before tracing their influence in the New World. Topics will include township development in the colonies, the use of Gunter's chain, Revolutionary War land pensions, the Point of Beginning in East Liverpool, Ohio, and stories connected to Robert Steele from Allen's published works.

The final lecture on August 27 will feature Luisa Kay Reyes presenting "The World Turned Upside Down" — Songs and Ballads from the American Revolution.

Reyes will explore the music and ballads popular during the Revolutionary era, including works by composers such as Handel and Haydn, as well as colonial protest songs and broadsides. Her presentation will discuss how music shaped public sentiment during the Revolution, how familiar folk melodies were adapted to support



the Patriot cause, and how military bands influenced colonial audiences despite growing resentment toward British occupation.

Historic Tuscaloosa encourages the community to attend this special series honoring 250 years of American history and culture.

For additional information, visit Historic Tuscaloosa or follow the organization on social media.

HISTORIC TUSCALOOSA: Historic Tuscaloosa is a nonprofit organization that fosters an appreciation and awareness of the city's historical and cul-

tural heritage. Historic Tuscaloosa chronicles its rich history through its research archives, exhibits, and educational programs.


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THURSDAY, JUNE 25, 2026

5:00 pm pre-lecture gathering Jemison Van de Graaff Mansion
5:30 pm lecture begins 1305 Greensboro Avenue



Lecture Title
Understanding How A Revolution Started and How it Changed After It Succeeded


with
Justice Greg Cook

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Lecture Title
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2026 Lecture Dates:
June 25 • July 23 • August 27

Our 2026 Lecture Series will feature talks that reflect on our shared history and the journey of our nation.

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The BACK PAGE

Free “Today’s Mom” Classes Coming to Woodstock Community Library

BY SAVANNAH LOGAN
REPORTER

Expectant mothers in Bibb County will soon have an opportunity to learn more about nutrition, wellness, and healthy habits during pregnancy through a new free program offered by the Alabama Cooperative Extension System.

The “Today’s Mom” class series will take place at the Woodstock Community Library from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on May 26, June 2, June 9, June 16, June 23, and June 30.

Designed specifically for moms-to-be, the program offers six easy-to-follow lessons focused on how nutrition, physical activity, and everyday lifestyle choices can support both a baby’s development and a mother’s overall well-being. The classes are completely free to attend and are led by Bibb County Extension Nutrition Educator Kaleigha Jemison.

Programs like this can make a meaningful difference for growing families, especially for first-time mothers who may feel overwhelmed by the amount of information surrounding

pregnancy and infant care. Having access to practical guidance, community support, and local resources in a welcoming setting can help make the journey into motherhood feel a little less intimidating.

There is also an added incentive for participants who attend all six classes: a free infant car seat.

The classes are part of the Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program through Alabama Extension, which works to help individuals and families make informed decisions about nutrition and healthy living.

Community members with questions about the program can contact Kaleigha Jemison at 334-919-7889 or kjj0034@auburn.edu. Additional accessibility information is available through the Bibb County Extension Office at 205-926-4310.

For many families, support starts long before a baby arrives — and programs like “Today’s Mom” help ensure local mothers have access to education, encouragement, and resources every step of the way.



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