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## Free Sports Physical Still Available for WB Students

BY SAVANNAH LOGAN  
REPORTER

With one day of free sports physicals already in the books, West Blocton students still have one more opportunity to take advantage of this valuable community service offered by Cahaba Medical Care.

The Cahaba Medical Care School-Based Health Clinic at West Blocton Elementary School will host its final day of free sports physicals on Monday, June 8, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Appointments can be scheduled by calling 205-928-6046 or 205-928-3365.

The physicals are available for students participating in school activities including football, baseball, basketball, volleyball, softball, golf, cheer, auxiliary, and band.

Providing free sports physicals is just one example of Cahaba Medical Care's strong commitment to serving the community. By offering this service

**WEST BLOCTON SCHOOLS FREE SPORTS PHYSICALS**  
Cahaba Medical Care School-Based Health Clinic at WBES  
Tuesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> and Monday, June 8<sup>th</sup>  
8:00-4:00  
Call 205-928-6046 or 205-928-3365 to schedule

**REMINDERS:**  
1. The sports physical form must be filled out and signed by PARENT/GUARDIAN  
2. Bring eyeglasses or wear contacts if prescribed  
3. No energy drinks or coffees to avoid elevated heart rates and/or blood pressures

**FOOTBALL, BASEBALL, BASKETBALL, BAND, AUXILIARY, CHEER, VOLLEYBALL, SOFTBALL, GOLF**

locally and at no cost, the organization helps ensure that students and families have access to an important requirement for participation in athletics and extracurricular activities, while also supporting the overall health and well-being of young people throughout the area.

Parents and guardians should remember that sports physical forms must be completed and signed before the appointment.

Students who wear glasses or contacts should bring or wear them during their visit. Additionally, students are asked to avoid energy drinks and coffee before their physical, as caffeine can temporarily elevate heart rate and blood pressure readings.

As summer practices and preparations begin, sports physicals provide an important opportunity to identify potential health concerns and

help students safely participate in the activities they enjoy.

For families who missed the first clinic date on June 2, there is still time to schedule an appointment and take advantage of this free resource. Through programs like this, Cahaba Medical Care continues to demonstrate its community-focused mission by investing in the health, success, and future of local students.

## Money Moves That Matter Most for New Graduates

By Mary Wilson

AUBURN UNIVERSITY, Ala. — Graduating from a high school, trade school, community college or university marks a rite of passage into a new level of adulthood. Many graduates face major financial decisions for the first time, from student loans and credit cards to savings and retirement accounts.

Russell Lowe, a financial management agent with Alabama Extension at Auburn University, said developing strong money habits early can have long-term benefits.

"Making wise financial decisions after high school and during college will pay dividends," Lowe said. "Avoid that desire to keep up with the Joneses. Set realistic and achievable financial goals for yourself, and the rest will work itself out in due time."

To help establish a good financial foundation, Lowe shared the following tips for graduates as they move from school into adulthood and the workforce.

Starting Strong After Graduation

Graduation celebrations often feature gifts of cards and cash. Lowe said it is smart to set the majority of these financial gifts aside.

"Start a savings account early," Lowe suggested. "Having a rainy-day fund means you're better prepared for life's little surprises. Those always come when least expected. If it's possible, save 70% to 80% of what you receive for graduation. Then, enjoy the rest, but also consider if you could use it for a purchase that will benefit you long-term."

For those continuing their education, Lowe said the next steps are selecting a field of study and considering its costs, especially potential student loan debt.

"Be sure your major can lead to a career that will sustain the way of life you want," Lowe said. "For student loans, it's a good rule of thumb to only borrow what you need to cover the cost of your education. That helps limit debt exposure after graduation."

Throughout College and Into a Career

In Alabama, 19-year-olds can apply for a credit card in their name. That means this period of life often coincides with an onslaught of credit card offers. While establishing credit early on is important, Lowe said young adults should proceed with caution.

"Trying to live a life beyond your means can lead to credit card debt before you even start your career," Lowe said. "Your credit score will follow you the rest of your life. It will either help or haunt you, so make responsible financial decisions. Live within your means and pay your bills on time to maintain a good credit score. That can make it easier to buy a vehicle or qualify for your first home loan."

Once entering the job market, many employers offer retirement accounts. Lowe said the benefits of contributing to a company 401(k) plan compound quickly.

"Statistics show that opening a 401(k) plan

in your early 20s will lead to substantial savings once you reach retirement age," Lowe said. "That could make it possible to retire comfortably as a millionaire. Compounding interest is a beautiful thing. Also, make sure you maximize the employer match contribution to your retirement account."

Reaching Financial Goals for Age 30

Financial habits formed during the late teens and early 20s can provide long-term stability. Lowe said young adults should focus on limiting debt, building savings and setting realistic goals.

"By the time you're 30, you should have an honest understanding of wants versus needs," Lowe said. "Driving a used car instead of a new one can help reduce debt. Plus, continuing to save can move you closer to achieving the American dream of homeownership. It's also important for couples to set goals and discuss financial expectations for their family."

## Community Invited to Bibb County Baby Shower

BY SAVANNAH LOGAN  
REPORTER

As the Bibb County Community Baby Shower approaches on June 11, organizers are encouraging residents to get involved and help support expectant parents throughout the community.

Hosted by the Alabama Cooperative Extension System, the event will take place from 10 a.m. until noon at Events by Square 1, located at 10450 Highway 5 in Brent. While the program is designed to connect expectant parents and families with valuable resources, educational opportunities, and community support, it is also an opportunity for the broader community to lend a helping hand.

One of the highlights of the event will be a convenient drive-through donation drop-off, allowing community members to contribute new baby items without even leaving their vehicles. Donations will help support local families as they prepare to welcome

new additions to their households.

Suggested donation items include diapers of all sizes, baby wipes, bottles and feeding supplies, baby toiletries, clothing for newborns through 12 months, blankets, bibs, and other infant essentials.

For expectant parents and caregivers, the event will offer opportunities to speak with local community partners about prenatal and postnatal care, learn about infant health and parenting topics, and connect with organizations that provide support and resources for families.

Community plays an important role in helping families thrive, especially during the exciting and sometimes overwhelming journey into parenthood. Whether someone is expecting a child, knows a family who could benefit from local resources, or simply wants to contribute a package of diapers or other essentials, every act of support helps strengthen the community as a whole.

**Bibb County Community Baby Shower**  
June 11, 2026, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM  
Events by Square 1, 10450 Hwy 5, Brent

**For Expectant Parents & Families**  
Register at <https://www.aces.edu/go/BibbBabyShower>  
Participants will have the opportunity to:  
• Talk with local community partners on prenatal and post-natal care topics  
• Access educational opportunities on infant care, health, and parenting  
• Connect with community organizations offering valuable resources and support for families

**How You Can Help**  
Contribute new baby items through our convenient drive-through Donation Drop-Off—quick, easy, and no need to leave your car.  
Suggested Items:  
• Diapers (all sizes)  
• Wipes  
• Bottles and feeding supplies  
• Baby toiletries (wash, lotion, etc.)  
• Clothing (newborn-12 months)  
• Blankets, bibs, and essentials

*This event is designed to equip parents and caregivers with the tools, knowledge, and connections they need for a healthy start!*

**REGISTER AT <https://www.aces.edu/go/BibbBabyShower>**

The Alabama Cooperative Extension System (Alabama A&M University and Auburn University) is an equal opportunity educator, employer, and provider. If you need a reasonable accommodation for free language access services, contact Michelle Oldens at 205-926-4310 or [mco006@auburn.edu](mailto:mco006@auburn.edu)

Organizers encourage both families and community members to participate and help make this year's Bibb County Community Baby Shower a meaningful day of connection, education, and

encouragement. Those interested in attending can register online at <https://www.aces.edu/go/BibbBabyShower>.

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# NEWS

## Woodstock Drug Exploring Free Prescription Delivery to Better Serve the Community

BY SAVANNAH LOGAN  
REPORTER

For generations, Woodstock Drug has been more than just a pharmacy. It has been a trusted part of daily life for countless families across Bibb County, providing not only medications, but also the kind of personal service that has become increasingly rare in today's fast-paced world.

Now, the locally owned pharmacy is once again looking for ways to put patients first.

Woodstock Drug is currently exploring the possibility of offering free prescription delivery to customers and is asking the community for feedback before moving forward with the service.

The idea is simple: make it easier for patients to receive the medications they need by delivering prescriptions directly to their homes at no additional cost. For some residents, especially those with busy schedules, limited transportation, mobility challenges, or ongoing health concerns, such a service could provide added convenience and peace of mind.

Rather than making the decision without community input,



Woodstock Drug is taking a customer-focused approach by asking patients what they think. Community members are encouraged to share whether they would use a free delivery service, whether they might be interested depending on the details, or whether they prefer continuing to visit the pharmacy in person.

That willingness to listen is part of what has helped Woodstock Drug remain a pillar of the community for so many years. By seeking feedback directly from the people they serve, the pharmacy continues to demonstrate its commitment to meeting local needs and adapting to the changing demands of healthcare.

As healthcare continues to evolve, small-town pharmacies like Woodstock Drug play an important role in ensuring patients receive personalized care and attention. Whether through face-to-face conversations at the counter or potential new services like home delivery, the focus remains the same: serving the community well.

Residents who would like to share their thoughts are encouraged to participate and let Woodstock Drug know what matters most to them. After all, the best community services are often built by listening to the community itself.

## AARP Alabama Warns of New "Publishers Clearinghouse" Scam Using FaceTime Tech



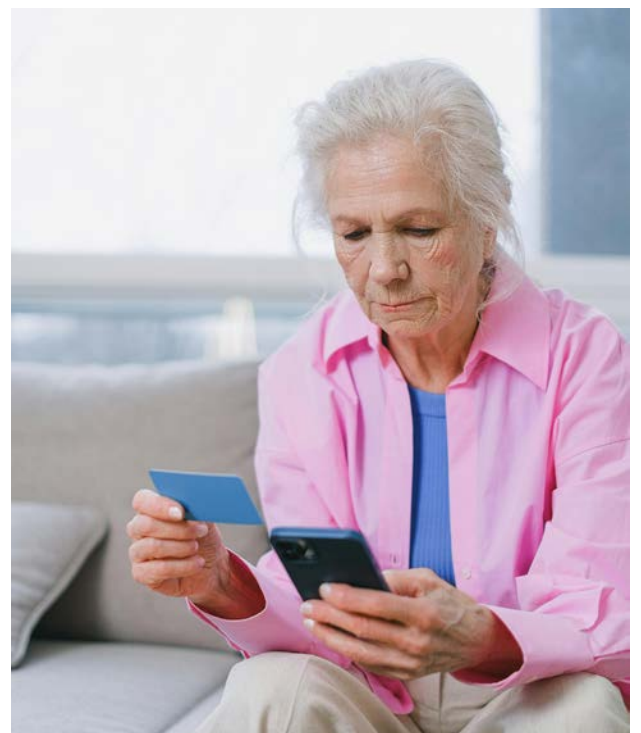
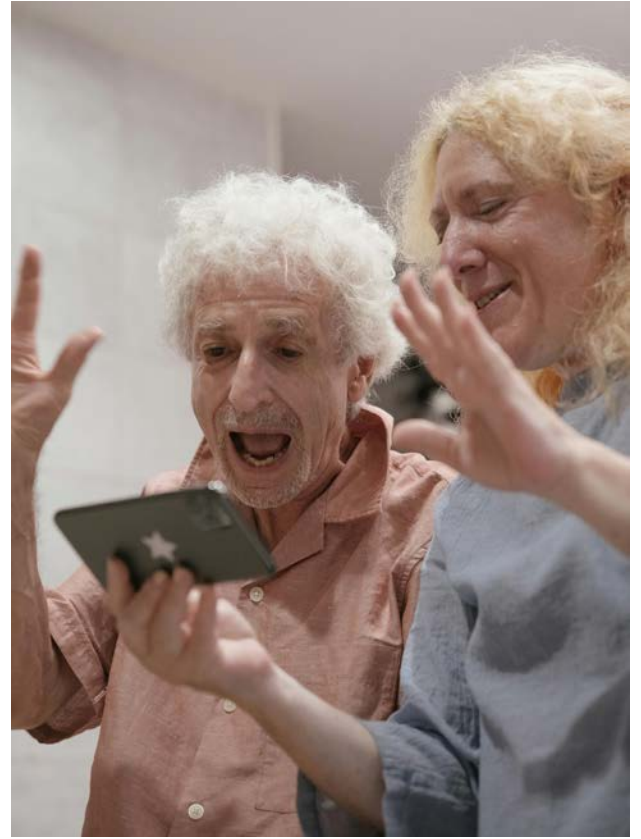
Montgomery, AL — AARP Alabama is alerting residents across the state to a troubling new scam in which criminals impersonate representatives of "Publishers Clearing House" and use FaceTime calls to exploit victims through facial recognition technology.

According to reports received by AARP's Fraud Watch Network, scammers are contacting individuals -- often older adults -- claiming they have won a large cash prize or sweepstakes. The criminals then persuade victims to engage in a FaceTime video call under the guise of verifying their identity or confirming prize details. During these calls, scammers capture images or video of the victim's face, which they may attempt to use to access banking or financial accounts that rely on facial recognition security features.

"This is a particularly alarming twist on a long-running scam," said AARP Alabama State Director Candi Williams. "Criminals are combining familiar tactics with newer technologies to gain access to people's personal and financial information. We urge all Alabamians to remain vigilant and skeptical of unsolicited prize notifications."

### Warning Signs of the Scam

- Unsolicited calls, texts, or messages claiming you've won a prize.
- Requests to join a FaceTime or video call for "verification."
- Pressure to act quickly or keep the winnings confidential.
- Requests for



personal, financial, or account information.

diately to your financial institution and local law enforcement.

### How to Protect Yourself

- Do not engage with unexpected prize notifications.
- Never share personal or financial information with unknown contacts.
- Avoid video calls with unsolicited callers, especially if they request identity verification.
- Secure your devices by limiting or disabling facial recognition for financial apps if possible.
- Report suspicious activity immediately

"If it sounds too good to be true, it is," added Candi Williams. "No legitimate organization will ask you to verify a prize through a video call or request access to your financial accounts."

AARP encourages Alabamians to stay informed and protect themselves and their loved ones by visiting the AARP Fraud Watch Network at [www.aarp.org/fraud-watchnetwork](http://www.aarp.org/fraud-watchnetwork). The site offers up-to-date fraud alerts, prevention tips, and resources for victims.



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# LOCAL & GOVERNMENT

## Centreville News

By Brenda Hubbard

Anniversary wishes go out to Zeke and Rosie Horton, who recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary.

Belated birthday wishes go out to Nellie Peak who celebrated her 90th birthday on May 20, 2026. We wish her many more Happy Birthdays to come.

On Sunday, May 24, 2026 a birthday and anniversary celebration was held at the home of Vicki & Larry Speights. Those in attendance were children and grandchildren, Laura Blumenfeld and children, Liam and Lily, Casey and Stacie Brewer and sons, Phoenix and Jonah. Everyone enjoyed lunch, cakes and received party favors. They were celebrating Lily's 7th birthday and Larry and Vicki's 46th wedding anniversary.

Bruce and Betsy

Graham and Becky of Texas visited with Odie and Doris Newman over the weekend.

Our deepest sympathy goes out to the family of Bruce Kornegay of Woodstock, AL who passed away on Sunday, May 24, 2026 after a boating accident. Bruce will be greatly missed by his family and many friends.

A speedy recovery and prayers go out to Charlotte Lovelady West who has been in the hospital.

Birthday wishes go out to several that have birthdays in June, Bobbie Parker Headley, June Cox, Julie Darden, Joseph Meigs, Koty Watts, Margie Kinard, Mary Owens, James Cox and Linda Lawrence.

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

## BMC Wellness Center to Host Volleyball Camp



BY CANACE JOHNSON REPORTER

If you're looking for a fun way to stay active this summer while being part of a team, the BMC Wellness Center

has just the opportunity. The center is hosting a volleyball camp for athletes of all skill levels, whether you're a beginner or an experienced player.

The camp begins June 15 and will run from 8 a.m. to noon. Participants will have the opportunity to improve their volleyball skills, learn proper

techniques, build teamwork, and gain confidence in a safe and encouraging environment.

## Local Students Achieving Collegiate Success



Sydney Elam named to Marion Military Institute President's List

MARION, AL (05/28/2026)-- College student Sydney Elam of Centreville, a graduate of American Christian Academy, completed the Marion Military Institute Spring 2026 semester on the college's President's List. This academic achievement requires a perfect 4.0 GPA.

James Stringfellow named to Marion Military Institute Dean's List

MARION, AL (05/29/2026)-- James Stringfellow of Centreville, a graduate of Bibb County High School, completed the Marion Military Institute Spring 2026 semester on the college's Dean's List. This academic achievement requires a term GPA of 3.5-3.99.

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Jax State Announces Spring 2026 President's List

JACKSONVILLE, AL (05/28/2026)-- More than 1,100 students were named to the President's List at Jacksonville State University for their outstanding academic performance in Spring 2026.

Kyla Underwood of Centreville  
Matthew Cash of Centreville

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# EDITORIALS & OPINIONS

## A Jury Voted for Life. Alabama Should Honor That.

By Drayton Nabers, Jr.

Former Chief Justice of the Alabama Supreme Court

I believe in the Alabama death penalty. I have voted to uphold death sentences. I am not writing this piece to argue that Alabama should abolish capital punishment. I am writing it because Alabama is about to execute a man whose own jury voted that he should live.

Jeffery Lee has been on Alabama's death row for over two decades. He was convicted of a terrible crime: the murder of two people at a pawn shop outside Orrville in 1998. Nothing I write here is meant to minimize the gravity of those killings or the grief of the victims' families. Those lives mattered.

But here is what also matters: citizens from Dallas County on Jeffery Lee's jury sat through every moment of that trial. They heard the evidence. They deliberated and voted that Jeffery Lee should spend the rest of his life in prison—not that he should be put to death.

In most states, that would have been the end of the matter. The jury decides; the judge carries out the sentence. But Alabama, at the time, had a different system. Under a practice called judicial override, a trial judge could set aside the jury's sentencing recommendation and impose a different sentence—including death. That is precisely what happened in Jeffery Lee's case. One elected judge rejected the recommendation of his fellow citizens and sentenced him to die.

Alabama has since recognized that this practice was wrong. In 2017, the Legislature passed Senate Bill 16, abolishing judicial override in capital cases. Governor Kay Ivey signed it into law. The message was unambiguous: sentencing decisions in death penalty cases belong to juries, not to judges. Alabama stood nearly alone among American states in permitting this practice, and when it finally ended it, the state was acknowledging what legal scholars had argued for years—that allowing an elected official to override the judgment of a jury introduced the potential for arbitrariness, political pressure, and injustice into the most consequential decisions our courts make.

The problem is that the 2017 law was not made retroactive. And so approximately thirty people remain on Alabama's death row today—sentenced under a system the state itself has repudiated as unjust. Jeffery Lee is one of them. If he were sentenced today under Alabama's own law, he would not face execution. The jury's vote for life would stand.

I want to be precise about what I am and am not saying. I am not arguing that convicted murderers are entitled to leniency. I am not suggesting that juries are always right, or that judges should be stripped

of all discretion. I am saying something narrower and, I think, harder to dispute: when a state concludes that a sentencing practice was unjust—unjust enough to abolish by statute—it ought to reckon with the sentences that practice produced. To say that the system was wrong going forward but that its past results must stand is not a principled position. It is an administrative convenience.

There is also the matter of who Jeffery Lee is today. He has spent more than twenty-six years in prison without a single violent infraction. He serves as an assistant chaplain and a leader in the Kairos ministry, providing spiritual counsel and support to other inmates. I do not think redemption alone is a sufficient basis for clemency in every case. But it is relevant here—because the jury that voted for life in the year 2000 did so without knowing what kind of man Jeffery Lee would become. They chose mercy based on what they knew then. The intervening decades have not undermined their judgment. They have confirmed it.

The courts have had their say. Jeffery Lee's appeals are exhausted. The only avenue remaining is executive clemency—a power the Governor of Alabama holds precisely for situations like this one: cases where the legal machinery, operating within its rules, has nonetheless produced a result that justice cannot comfortably sustain.

Governor Ivey signed the bill that abolished judicial override. She understood, when she did so, that the practice was wrong. I would ask her to carry that understanding one step further: to recognize that Jeffery Lee's death sentence is a product of a practice she has already helped to correct, and that she has the power—and, I would respectfully argue, the obligation—to finish the job.

A jury of Alabamians voted for life. The state of Alabama later agreed that juries, not judges, should make that call. Governor Ivey can honor both of those judgments—the jury's and the Legislature's—by commuting Jeffery Lee's sentence to life without the possibility of parole.

That is not softness on crime. That is fidelity to the conservative principles of limited government, respect for the jury system, and the rule of law.

**Drayton Nabers, Jr. served as the 24th Chief Justice of the Alabama Supreme Court from 2004 to 2006. He was appointed by Governor Bob Riley and previously clerked for Justice Hugo Black of the United States Supreme Court.**

## Alabama Girls State – An Unparalleled Legacy

Inside the Statehouse

By Steve Flowers

June 3, 2026:

Alabama Girls State is being held at the University of Alabama this week.

For more than eight decades, thanks to the American Legion Auxiliary, Alabama Girls State has quietly built one of the most powerful leadership pipelines in the state.

What begins as a weeklong immersive experience in government has, over time, become something far greater. In Alabama, it has become the premier breeding ground for future governors, senators, judges, and civic leaders. Yet, its true legacy is not found in the mock elections or simulated cities, it is found in the remarkable women who leave and then go on to shape Alabama.

Alabama Girls State legacy has an indelible footprint that is unparalleled in America. It is unheard of for any state to have the two highest officeholders in the state – Governor Kay Ivey and U.S. Senator Katie Britt – as devoted Girls State Alumni.

Governor Kay Ivey was elected Lt. Governor of Girls State in the early 1960s and chosen as a Senator to Girls Nation. Ivey has remained deeply involved for decades, returning every year as a counselor, director, and speaker for more than 40 years. Kay has a personal dedicated commitment to Girls State.

Kay's closest friend is Dr. Cathy Randall of Tuscaloosa. Their bond and friendship was created through their involvement with Alabama Girls State. Few figures embody the legacy of Alabama Girls State more fully than Dr. Cathy Johnson Randall. As a student, she was elected Governor of Girls State and went on to become President of Girls Nation. She later emerged as one of Alabama's most respected business and civic leaders, serving on major corporate boards and leading philanthropic efforts across the state.

Cathy Randall credits her Girls State experience as the basis of her remarkable career. Through her Girls State connections, she was introduced to her husband, the late Pettus Randall, who was, coincidentally, a former Governor of Boys State and President of Boys Nation. All three of their children attended the program and succeeded magnificently.

One of the Girls State success stories, Senator Katie Britt, is one of Dr. Cathy Randall's and Governor Kay Ivey's proteges. They have both mentored her since her days as Girls State Governor.

Katie Britt exemplifies the modern continuation of Alabama Girls State legacy. As a student, Katie Boyd Britt of Enterprise was elected Governor of Alabama Girls State. She later became President of the Student Government Association at the University of Alabama, and in 2022, she was elected as one of the youngest U.S. Senators in the nation.

The influence of Alabama Girls State extends into the Judiciary as well. U.S. Federal Judge Anna Manasco was elected Governor of Girls State and President of Girls Nation. She is among those who have carried the program's lessons into the legal system. State Judges Kelli Wise, Beth Kellum, and Sue Bell Cobb all attended Girls State.

Governor Kay Ivey's Chief of Staff Liz Filmore is a Girls State Alumna. In 2021, she became the first woman to ever serve as Chief of Staff to an Alabama Governor.

Caroleene Dobson, who is on the cusp of becoming Alabama's next Secretary of State, is the brightest rising star on the Alabama political horizon and was a Girls Stater. Caroleene was elected Commissioner of Agriculture and Industries at Girls State. She has stayed involved in the Girls State program, serving as a coun-

selor, and has spoken to the delegation for many years.

Catherine Gayle Thrash Fuller, governmental affairs for Alabama Power Company, attended Girls State and was also Senator to Girls Nation. Her mother, Cindy Thrash, was Governor of Girls State and Senator to Girls Nation.

Ashland Ross was a Girls Stater, and was elected Vice President of Girls Nation in 2023.

Dr. Katelyn Braswell attended Girls State and was elected Vice President of Girls Nation in 2001.

Kasdin Miller Mitchell was Governor of Girls State and President of Girls Nation in 2002. Recently, she was pointed to a federal judgeship in Texas by President Trump.

The glue that is the keeper and sustainer of Alabama's phenomenal Girls State legacy is Lee Grant Sellers. Lee and her husband, Alabama Supreme Court Justice Will Sellers, are Kay Ivey's most loyal and trusted friends and advisors.

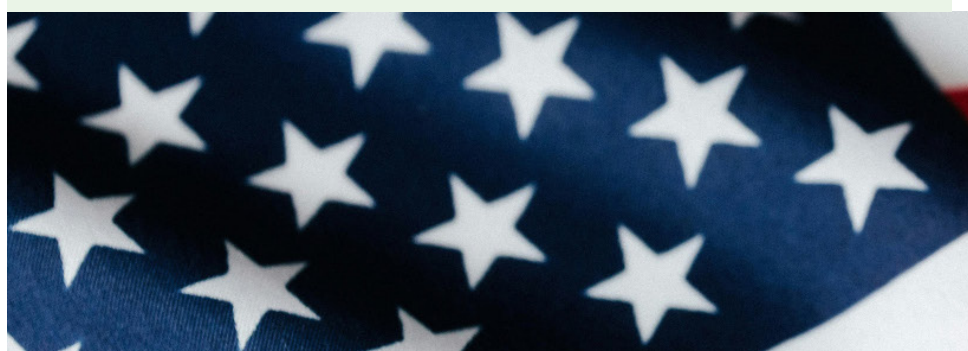
Lee Sellers was, herself, a Girls Stater and a Senator to Girls Nation. Lee Sellers has served as the Director of Girls State for the past 25 years. Her leadership has ensured continuity, mentorship, and a strong sense of community among Alabama Girls State participants, past and present.

Alabama Girls State is more than a program. It is a tradition and its alumnae have helped shape the direction of Alabama for generations.

Somewhere in this week's session, another future leader is beginning her journey.

See you next week.

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Lawley 663-2907

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West Blocton 938-0120  
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*"Saviour, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"*

Many beloved hymns have clear origins, but "Saviour, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" carries a bit of mystery with it. Nearly 200 years after it was first published, historians still debate exactly who wrote the cherished hymn that continues to comfort worshippers around the world.

The hymn first appeared in 1836 in a collection titled Hymns for the Young. Interestingly, no author's name was attached to it, leaving its origins uncertain. The hymnal was edited by Dorothy Thrupp, a London-born writer known for creating hymns especially for children. Because she often published her work anonymously, under initials, or using the pseudonym "Iota," many scholars believe she may have been the hymn's author.

The mystery deepened a few years later when the hymn appeared in another collection, this time with the name "Lyte" attached to it. This led some to wonder whether the author might have been Henry Francis Lyte, the well-known hymn writer best remembered for penning "Abide With Me".

Over time, however, most

hymn scholars have concluded that Dorothy Thrupp was likely the true author. The hymn's simple, gentle style and childlike trust closely resemble the type of writing for which she became known. Many believe it fits her voice far more naturally than Lyte's.

Regardless of who wrote the words, the hymn quickly gained popularity. By the 1870s, renowned gospel musician Ira Sankey was including it in his publications and revival meetings, helping introduce it to even wider audiences.

The familiar melody most often associated with the hymn was composed by William Bradbury, a prolific songwriter whose tunes became staples of nineteenth-century church music.

Today, nearly two centuries after its publication, "Saviour, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" remains a treasured hymn of faith and trust. Its enduring message reminds believers of Christ's loving guidance and care — a message that continues to resonate generation after generation.



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### 2026 Annual Water Quality Report (Monitoring Performed January - December 2025)

#### WEST BLOCTON WATER WORKS

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We are pleased to present to you this year's Annual Water Quality Report. This report includes information on our water sources, results of water analyses, plain language definitions, and other important information about water and health. Our goal is to provide you with a safe and dependable supply of drinking water.

<b>Water Source</b>	One groundwater spring (Williams Spring) producing from the Conasauga aquifer
<b>Water Treatment</b>	Chlorination
<b>Storage Capacity</b>	Four tanks with a total capacity of one million gallons
<b>Number of Customers</b>	Approximately 1700 service connections
<b>Water Superintendent</b>	Jonathan Lawley
<b>Town Council</b>	Daniel Sims, Mayor
	Eloise Ward, Council
	Glen Johnson, Council
	Stephanie Brasher, Council
	Blane Sherron, Council
	Kristen Nash, Council

#### Source Water Protection

In compliance with the Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM), West Blocton Water Works developed a Wellhead Protection Plan (WHPP) that assists in protecting our water sources. This plan provides information such as potential sources of contamination. The assessment was performed, public notification was completed, and the plan was approved by ADEM. A copy of the report is available in our office for review during regular business hours.

West Blocton Water Works utilizes a monthly Bacteriological Monitoring Plan. The required chlorine residual is maintained throughout our distribution system to protect your drinking water from possible outside contaminants. We have also established a Cross-Connection Policy to insure safe drinking water for our customers.

Please help us make these efforts worthwhile by protecting our source water. Carefully follow instructions on pesticides and herbicides you use for your lawn and garden, and properly dispose of household chemicals, paints, and waste oil. We ask that all our customers help us protect our valuable water sources, which are the heart of our community, our way of life, and our children's futures.

#### Information about Lead

*As required by ADEM, we conducted a Lead Service Line Inventory during 2024, and it was confirmed that our system contains no lead service lines, nor is there record of lead ever being used in our service lines. The Lead Service Line Inventory report and results from our latest Lead results are available for review in our office upon request.*

We perform lead and copper testing on samples collected within the distribution system every three years as assigned by ADEM. An outside laboratory analyzes the samples, and results are in compliance. You may view the results in our office upon request. If you have any questions about our lead reports, contact us at 205-938-7622. If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Exposure to lead in drinking water can cause serious health effects in all age groups. Infants and children can have decreases in IQ and attention span. Lead exposure can lead to new learning and behavior problems or exacerbate existing learning and behavior problems. The children of women who are exposed to lead before or during pregnancy can have increased risk of these adverse health effects. Adults can have increased risks of heart disease, high blood pressure, kidney, or nervous system problems.

Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. Your water system is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but we cannot control the variety of materials used in household plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your kitchen sink tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking, especially if the water has been sitting undisturbed for several hours, as in overnight. In all situations, especially for making baby formula, drink or cook only with water that comes out of the cold tap. Warm or hot tap water is more likely to cause lead to leach from plumbing materials. Periodically remove the aerator on the tip of the faucet and wash out any debris such as metal particles. Remember - Boiling will NOT reduce the amount of lead in your water.

## Historic Beef Prices: Beyond the Price Tag

By Justin Miller

AUBURN UNIVERSITY, Ala. — Over the last three years, consumers have probably noticed that they are paying more for their favorite beef products. While some may think this has cattle farmers watching the money pour in, grocery store price tags do not tell the full story. There are a lot of risks and costs that come with being a cattle farmer, and the profits they make may surprise some consumers. When looking at the markets for cow-calf operations, it is true that cattle farmers are seeing above-normal profitability right now. Like other commodities, these historically high prices are largely the results of supply and demand. Ken Kelley, an Alabama Extension farm and agribusiness management agent with Au-

burn University, said there is an incredibly low supply of beef cattle in the U.S. "We are experiencing the lowest inventory of cattle that many farmers have seen in their lives," Kelley said. "We have also seen demand stay strong, so the low supply of cattle and high demand for beef have driven prices higher. Because of its quality, people are also willing to pay a premium for American-raised beef." Like many other agricultural commodities, cattle production is limited by physical space. Farmers cannot simply increase their cattle inventories if they do not have the land needed for proper herd growth and production. It also takes more land to raise cattle than people may think. Kelley said the optimal land allotment is approximately

2 acres for each brood cow. Also called mama cows, a brood cow is a mature animal that a farmer keeps for breeding calves. Costs and Limitations To understand the full story, people have to look at more than the price tag on a package of ground beef. According to the Livestock Market Information Center, the 2026 projected national returns for brood cows is \$1,139 per cow. While this seems like a lot of money, Kelley said costs have risen for farmers just like they have for consumers. "People need to understand that there is a lot of risk involved in cattle production," Kelley said. "While the projected return is \$1,139 per cow, the cost of production is now well over \$1,000 per animal per year." The average cow-

calf return within the last 20 years is \$175 per cow. So, a farmer raising 20 cows on 40 acres stands to make a total profit of \$3,500 per year. However, this calculated profit includes the last three years of historic, but abnormal, prices. When the returns from the last three years are removed, the 20-year average return decreases dramatically to \$62 per cow for a total of \$1,240 per year. "Imagine investing countless hours, sweat and tears into your operation only to make a little more than \$1,200 that year," Kelley said. "It certainly puts things into perspective." These calculated profits also assume that there are no unexpected production costs or losses. A recent example of this is the war in Iran, which has caused disruptions and price in-

creases on items like fuel and fertilizer. "Fertilizer and fuel make up a large part of forage-production costs for farmers," Kelley said. "We expect these prices will continue to increase in the short term until some of the world events are solved. Hopefully, the increase isn't too much, but it is definitely there." The Cattle Cycle As a whole, the agricultural industry has taken some big financial hits over the last few years. In fact, Kelley said cattle farming is one of the few bright spots and profitable components right now. However, there will be a time when farmers start to rebuild their herds and increase cattle inventories. Known in the industry as the "cattle cycle," it will be at this point when beef prices start to decrease. "All things are cy-

clical, and the cattle cycle will turn again," Kelley said. "So, while prices are high now, and farmers should be making money, the cattle cycle tends to flatten those numbers over time." May is National Beef Month, a time to highlight the hard work and dedication of the nation's farmers. While market factors have led to higher beef prices at the grocery store, it is still easy to celebrate the farmers who make those beef products possible. "Alabama's cattle producers are truly amazing people," Kelley said. "The beef industry is one of the nation's leaders in consumer satisfaction. Our producers invest and sacrifice a lot to make that possible and to contribute to the safest and best food supply in the world."

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## West Blocton Water Report: Page 2 of 4

The recommendations above are likely to be effective in reducing lead levels because most of the lead in household water usually comes from the plumbing in your house. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize your family's exposure is available from [www.epa.gov/safewater/lead](http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead) or by calling the EPA Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791. Water systems are required to sample for lead in schools and licensed child care facilities as requested by the facility. Contact your school or child care facility for further information about potential sampling results.

### General Drinking Water Information

All drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. MCLs are set at very stringent levels. A person would have to drink 2 liters of water every day at the MCL level for a lifetime to have a one-in-a-million chance of having the described health effect.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations which limit the levels of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and radioactive material, and it can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity. Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.
- Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally occurring or result from urban storm water run-off, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.
- Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, storm water run-off, and residential uses.
- Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff, and septic systems.
- Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

Based on a study conducted by ADEM with the approval of the EPA a statewide waiver for the monitoring of asbestos and dioxin was issued. Thus, monitoring for these contaminants was not required. Public water systems in Alabama are not generally required to routinely monitor for radon in drinking water under current federal or state regulations. If you are concerned about radon in your home consider having the home tested. Testing is easy and inexpensive. For more information call EPA's Radon Hotline at (800-SOS-RADON).

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. People who are immunocompromised such as cancer patients undergoing chemotherapy, organ transplant recipients, HIV/AIDS positive or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. People at risk should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbiological contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791) or on EPA's website [epa.gov/safewater](http://epa.gov/safewater).

### Questions?

If you have any questions about this report or concerning your water utility, please contact Jonathan Lawley at 205-938-7622. We want our valued customers to be informed about their water utility. If you want to learn more, please attend any of our regularly scheduled meetings. They are held on the first and third Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the West Blocton Municipal Building.

### Monitoring Schedule and Results

West Blocton Water Works routinely monitors for contaminants in your drinking water according to Federal and State laws, using EPA approved methods and a State certified laboratory. The Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM) allows us to monitor for some contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants do not change frequently. This report contains results from the most recent monitoring which was performed in accordance with the regulatory schedule.

Constituents Monitored	West Blocton
Inorganic Contaminants	2025
Lead/Copper	2025
Microbiological Contaminants	monthly
Nitrates	2025
Radioactive Contaminants	2019
Synthetic Organic Contaminants (including herbicides and pesticides)	2023
Volatile Organic Contaminants	2025
Disinfection By-products	2025
PFAS Contaminants	2020



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## West Blocton Water Report: Page 3 of 4

We have learned through our monitoring and testing that some constituents have been detected. We are pleased to report that we incurred no MCL violations. This report shows our water quality and what it means.

TABLE OF DETECTED DRINKING WATER CONTAMINANTS						
Contaminants	Violation Y/N	Level Detected	Unit Msmt	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
Alpha emitters	NO	1.09	PCi/l	0	15	Erosion of natural deposits
Barium	NO	0.02	ppm	2	2	Metal refinery and drilling discharge; erosion
Copper	NO	0.013* (0.0032-0.073)	ppm	1.3	AL=1.3	Household plumbing corrosion, erosion; leaching from wood preservatives
Fluoride	NO	0.60	ppm	4	4	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
Lead	NO	ND* (ND-0.0032)	ppm	0	AL=0.015	Household plumbing corrosion, erosion
Nitrate (as Nitrogen)	NO	0.39	ppm	10	10	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits
Secondary Contaminants						
Hardness	NO	146	ppm	none	none	Naturally occurring; treatment with water additives
pH	NO	7.0	S.U.	none	none	Naturally occurring; treatment with water additives
Total Dissolved Solids	NO	141	ppm	none	500	Naturally occurring; industrial discharge or agricultural runoff

\* Figure shown is 90<sup>th</sup> percentile of latest round of sampling, and number of sample sites exceeding the Action Level (AL) is 0.

**PFAS Contaminants:** Below is a list of PFAS contaminants for which our system monitored in 2020 and the results of that monitoring. *PFAS was not detected in our drinking water.*

PFAS Contaminants (ppb)									
Abbreviation	Contaminant	MCLG	MCL	Detection	Abbreviation	Contaminant	MCLG	MCL	Detection
11Cl-PF3OUdS	11-chloroeicosafluoro-3-oxaundecane-1-sulfonic acid	--	--	ND	PFDoA	Perfluorododecanoic acid	--	--	ND
9Cl-PF3ONS	9-chlorohexadecafluoro-3-oxanone-1-sulfonic acid	--	--	ND	PFHpA	Perfluoroheptanoic acid	--	--	ND
ADONA	4,8-dioxa-3H-perfluorononanoic acid	--	--	ND	PFHxS	Perfluorohexanesulfonic acid	0.010	0.010	ND
HFPO-DA	Hexafluoropropylene oxide dimer acidA	0.010	0.010	ND	PFNA	Perfluorononanoic acid	0.010	0.010	ND
NEIFOSAA	N-ethylperfluorooctanesulfonamidoacetic acid	--	--	ND	PFOS	Perfluorooctanesulfonic acid	0	0.004	ND
NMeFOSAA	N-methylperfluorooctanesulfonamidoacetic acid	--	--	ND	PFOA	Perfluorooctanoic acid	0	0.004	ND
PFBS	Perfluorobutanesulfonic acid	--	--	ND	PFTeDA	Perfluorotetradecanoic acid	--	--	ND
PFDA	Perfluorodecanoic acid	--	--	ND	PFTrDA	Perfluorotridecanoic acid	--	--	ND
PFHxA	Perfluorohexanoic acid	--	--	ND	PFUnA	Perfluoroundecanoic acid	--	--	ND

For more information on PFAS contaminants, please consult [www.epa.gov/pfas](http://www.epa.gov/pfas).



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### Plain Language Definitions

**Action Level:** the concentration of a contaminant that, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements.

**Coliform Absent (ca):** laboratory analysis indicates that the contaminant is not present.

**Disinfection byproducts (DBPs):** formed when disinfectants react with bromide or natural organic matter present in the source water.

**Distribution System Evaluation (DSE):** a 4-quarter study to test for disinfection byproducts in different areas of the distribution

**Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL):** highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water.

**Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG):** the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

**Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL):** highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that disinfection is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

**Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG):** The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.

**Micrograms per liter (ug/L):** equivalent to parts per billion (ppb) since one liter of water is equal in weight to one billion micrograms.

**Microsiemens per centimeter (µs/cm):** unit of measurement for Specific Conductance.

**Milligrams per liter (mg/L):** equivalent to parts per million

**Millirems per year (mrem/yr):** a measure of radiation absorbed by the body.

**Nephelometric Turbidity Unit (NTU):** a measure of the clarity of water. Turbidity in excess of 5 NTU is just noticeable to the average person.

**Parts per billion (ppb) or Micrograms per liter (µg/l):** corresponds to one minute in 2,000 years, or a single penny in \$10,000,000.

**Parts per million (ppm) or Milligrams per liter (mg/l):** corresponds to one minute in two years or a single penny in \$10,000.

**Parts per quadrillion (ppq) or Picograms per liter (picograms/l):** corresponds to one minute in 2,000,000,000 years, or a single penny in \$10,000,000,000,000.

**Parts per trillion (ppt) or Nanograms per liter (nanograms/l):** corresponds to one minute in 2,000,000 years, or a single penny in \$10,000,000,000.

**Picocuries per liter (pCi/L):** a measure of the radioactivity in water.

**Running Annual Average (RAA):** yearly average of all the DPB results at each specific sampling site in the distribution system.

**Standard Units (S.U.):** pH of water measures the water's balances of acids and bases.

**Treatment Technique (TT):** a required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

**Turbidity:** a measure of the cloudiness of the water, a good indicator of water quality. High turbidity can hinder the effectiveness of disinfectants.

**Unregulated Contaminants:** contaminants for which the EPA has not established MCLs.

**Variations & Exemptions (V&E):** State or EPA permission not to meet an MCL or a treatment technique under certain conditions.

Below is a table of contaminants for which we monitor as required on a schedule set by the Environmental Protection Agency and the Alabama Department of Environmental Management.

STANDARD LIST OF PRIMARY DRINKING WATER CONTAMINANTS							
Contaminant	MCL	Unit of Msmt	Detections	Contaminant	MCL	Unit of Msmt	Detections
<b>Bacteriological Contaminants</b>				1,1-Dichloroethylene	7	ppb	ND
Total Coliform Bacteria	<5%	Present or absent	absent	cis-1,2-Dichloroethylene	70	ppb	ND
Fecal Coliform and E. coli	0	Present or absent	absent	trans-1,2-Dichloroethylene	100	ppb	ND
<b>Radiological Contaminants</b>				Dichloromethane	5	ppb	ND
Beta/photon emitters	4	mrem/yr	ND	1,2-Dichloropropane	5	ppb	ND
Alpha emitters	15	pCi/l	1.09	Di (2-ethylhexyl) adipate	400	ppb	ND
Combined radium	5	pCi/l	ND	Di (2-ethylhexyl) phthalate	6	ppb	ND
Uranium	30	pCi/l	ND	Dinoseb	7	ppb	ND
<b>Inorganic Chemicals</b>				Dioxin [2,3,7,8-TCDD]	30	ppb	ND
Antimony	6	ppb	ND	Diquat	20	ppb	ND
Arsenic	10	ppb	ND	Endothall	100	ppb	ND
Asbestos	7	MFL	ND	Endrin	2	ppb	ND
Barium	2	ppm	0.02	Epichlorohydrin	TT	ppb	ND
Beryllium	4	ppb	ND	Ethylbenzene	700	ppb	ND
Cadmium	5	ppb	ND	Ethylene dibromide	50	ppb	ND
Chromium	100	ppb	ND	Glyphosate	700	ppb	ND
Copper	AL=1.3	ppm	0.0032-0.073	Heptachlor	400	ppb	ND
Cyanide	200	ppb	ND	Heptachlor epoxide	200	ppb	ND
Fluoride	4	ppm	0.60	Hexachlorobenzene	1	ppb	ND
Lead	AL=15	ppb	ND-0.0032	Hexachlorocyclopentadiene	50	ppb	ND
Mercury	2	ppb	ND	Lindane	200	ppb	ND
Nitrate	10	ppm	0.39	Methoxychlor	40	ppb	ND
Nitrite	1	ppm	ND	Oxamyl [Vydate]	200	ppb	ND
Selenium	.05	ppm	ND	Polychlorinated biphenyls	0.5	ppb	ND
Thallium	.002	ppm	ND	Pentachlorophenol	1	ppb	ND
<b>Organic Contaminants</b>				Picloram	500	ppb	ND
2,4-D	70	ppb	ND	Simazine	4	ppb	ND
Acrylamide	TT	TT	ND	Styrene	100	ppb	ND
Alachlor	2	ppb	ND	Tetrachloroethylene	5	ppb	ND
Benzene	5	ppb	ND	Toluene	1	ppb	ND
Benzo(a)pyrene [PAHs]	200	ppt	ND	Toxaphene	3	ppb	ND
Carbofuran	40	ppb	ND	2,4,5-TP (Silvex)	50	ppb	ND
Carbon tetrachloride	5	ppb	ND	1,2,4-Trichlorobenzene	.07	ppb	ND
Chlordane	2	ppb	ND	1,1,1-Trichloroethane	200	ppb	ND
Chlorobenzene	100	ppb	ND	1,1,2-Trichloroethane	5	ppb	ND
Dalapon	200	ppb	ND	Trichloroethylene	5	ppb	ND
Dibromochloropropane	200	ppt	ND	Vinyl Chloride	2	ppb	ND
1,2-Dichlorobenzene	1000	ppb	ND	Xylenes	10	ppb	ND
1,4-Dichlorobenzene (para)	75	ppb	ND	<b>Disinfection Byproducts</b>			
o-Dichlorobenzene	600	ppb	ND	TTHM [Total trihalomethanes]	80	ppb	ND
1,2-Dichloroethane	5	ppb	ND	HAA5 [Total haloacetic acids]	60	ppb	ND
<b>LIST OF SECONDARY CONTAMINANTS</b>							
Alkalinity, Total (as Ca, CO <sub>3</sub> )	Copper	Manganese	Specific Conductance				
Aluminum	Corrosivity	Odor	Sulfate				
Calcium, as Ca	Foaming agents (MBAS)	Nickel	Total Dissolved Solids				
Carbon Dioxide	Hardness	pH	Zinc				
Chloride	Iron	Silver					
Color	Magnesium	Sodium					
<b>LIST OF UNREGULATED CONTAMINANTS</b>							
Aldicarb	Chloroethane	Hexachlorobutadiene	Propachlor				
Aldicarb Sulfone	Chloroform	3-Hydroxycarbofuran	N-Propylbenzene				
Aldicarb Sulfoxide	Chloromethane	Isopropylbenzene	Propachlor				
Aldrin	O-Chlorotoluene	p-Isopropyltoluene	1,1,1,2-Tetrachloroethane				
Bromoacetic Acid	P-Chlorotoluene	M-Dichlorobenzene	1,1,2,2-Tetrachloroethane				
Bromobenzene	Dibromochloromethane	Methomyl	Tetrachloroethene				
Bromochloromethane	Dibromomethane	Methomyl	Trichloroacetic Acid				
Bromodichloromethane	1,1-Dichloroethane	Methylene chloride	1,2,3-Trichlorobenzene				
Bromoform	1,3-Dichloropropane	Methyl tert-butyl ether	Trichloroethene				
Bromomethane	2,2-Dichloropropane	Metolachlor	Trichlorofluoromethane				
Butachlor	1,1-Dichloropropene	Metribuzin	1,2,3-Trichloropropane				
N-Butylbenzene	1,3-Dichloropropene	MTBE	1,2,4-Trimethylbenzene				
Sec-Butylbenzene	Dicamba	Naphthalene	1,3,5-Trimethylbenzene				
Tert-Butylbenzene	Dichlorodifluoromethane	1-Naphthol					
Carbaryl	Dieldrin	Paraquat					

More information about contaminants to drinking water and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (1-800-426-4791).



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## BMC Wellness Offers a Summer Full of Opportunities for Local Youth

### 2026 youth calendar

JANUARY							FEBRUARY							MARCH							APRIL						
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BMC Tumbling	BMC Soccer	BMC Swim	Flag Football	Basketball	Summer Camps
1/12 - First week of Spring lessons	2/9 - Spring Registration Opens	3/16 - Swim Lessons 1	5/11 - Registration Opens	10/5 - Registration Opens	6/1 - Softball
4/26 - Showcase	3/8 - Spring Registration Closes	5/18 - Swim Lessons 2	6/14 - Registration Closes	11/1 - Registration Closes	6/15 - Volleyball
6/29 - Fall Registration Opens	3/9 - Coaches Meeting + Draft	7/6 - Swim Lessons 3	6/15 - Coaches Meeting	11/7 - Player Evaluations + Draft	
7/26 - Fall Registration Closes	4/11 - First Soccer Game		6/20 - Combine and Draft	12/4 - First Game	7/6 - Soccer
8/3 - First week of Fall lessons	7/27 - Fall Registration Opens		7/13 - First Game		7/13 - Tumbling
11/15 - Showcase & Spring Registration opens	8/16 - Registration Closes		9/1 - Tournament Week		7/20 - Basketball
	8/17 - Coaches Meeting + Draft				7/27 - Art
	9/14 - First Soccer Game				The Studio Offerings

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When school lets out for the summer, many families begin looking for ways to keep children active, engaged, and connected. Fortunately, BMC Wellness continues to provide a variety of youth programs designed to help young people stay active, learn new skills, and build friendships throughout the year.

From sports leagues and swimming opportunities to tumbling classes, art activities, and seasonal camps, BMC Wellness offers something for a wide range of ages and interests. These programs give children the chance to stay moving, develop confidence, learn teamwork, and explore new hobbies in a positive environment.

Youth sports remain a popular part of BMC Wellness programming, providing opportunities for children to participate in activities that encourage physical fitness, sportsmanship, and personal growth. For those who enjoy creative pursuits, art programs offer a chance to express themselves and develop new talents. Swimming lessons help children build water safety skills while gaining confidence in the water, and tumbling programs allow participants to improve coordination, strength,

and flexibility. In addition to ongoing activities, BMC Wellness also hosts special camps and enrichment programs that give young people hands-on learning experiences while making lasting memories with friends.

Programs like these play an important role in communities by giving children safe, healthy outlets for their energy and curiosity. They also provide opportunities for families to become involved and connected with others who share similar interests.

As summer gets underway, BMC Wellness encourages families to explore the many opportunities available for local youth. Whether a child is interested in athletics, creative arts, swimming, or skill-building activities, there are programs designed to help them learn, grow, and have fun along the way.

For more information about current offerings, registration details, and upcoming programs, families are encouraged to contact BMC Wellness directly or visit their website. With so many opportunities available, there's never been a better time to get involved and make the most of the season.

## BMC HEALTH AND WELLNESS CORNER

### FLAG FOOTBALL REGISTRATION

The number one reason families choose NFL FLAG is simple: it's fun. The no-contact format and team-centered approach make it easy for kids to play without the stress or risk of tackle football, while still enjoying all the excitement of the game.

[bmcwellness.com/flagfootball](http://bmcwellness.com/flagfootball)



### YOUTH SUMMER CAMPS

Registration is now open for our Volleyball Camp and Summer Camps at BMC Wellness. Financial assistance is available to help more kids join the fun this summer.



Join us as we celebrate International Yoga Day with a special event led by Dr. Patil on **Friday, June 19th** from 12:00pm-12:45pm. Take a midday break to relax, reset, and focus on your wellness through movement and mindfulness.

### JUNE IS MEN'S HEALTH MONTH TAKE CHARGE OF YOUR HEALTH

Men's Health Month is a reminder to take a proactive approach to your health through regular checkups, physical activity, healthy habits, and preventive care. Many common health concerns, including heart disease, high blood pressure, diabetes, and stress-related conditions, can often be improved through early detection and lifestyle changes. Small daily choices can make a lasting impact on your overall health and well-being.



### DIABETES MANAGEMENT SUPPORT GROUP 5:30PM MONDAY, JUNE 29TH

Discover encouragement, support, and community in our diabetes management support group. Whether you're newly diagnosed or have been managing for years, this group provides understanding and strategies to help you feel empowered.