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Community Invited to Send Off North Bibb 12U All-Stars on Their World Series Journey



A SMALL DONATION MAKES A DIFFERENCE

WORLD SERIES SEND-OFF PARTY

COME CELEBRATE OUR 12U NORTH BIBB ALL-STARS

@ THE BLOCTON SPORTS GRILL
JULY 5, 2026 AT 5 PM

The Blocton Sports Grill
205-286-4111

BY SAVANNAH LOGAN
REPORTER

There are few things that bring a small community together quite like watching its young athletes achieve something extraordinary. The North Bibb 12U All-Stars have done just that, and the community is invited to come together to celebrate their hard work, dedication, and exciting journey to the World Series.

A World Series Send-Off Party will be held on Sunday, July 5 at 5 p.m. at Blocton Sports Grill. The event will give family, friends, neighbors, and supporters the opportunity to rally around these young players before they head off to compete on one of youth baseball's biggest

stages.

The North Bibb All-Stars have spent countless hours practicing, competing, and working toward this moment. Through their determination, teamwork, and sportsmanship, they have represented the North Bibb community with pride and have given everyone a reason to celebrate.

The send-off will not only recognize the accomplishments of the players but also highlight the spirit of a community that always shows up for its own. In small towns, victories are shared by everyone: from the players and coaches to the parents, volunteers, and supporters who have stood behind the team every step of the

way.

Community members are encouraged to attend, enjoy an evening of fellowship, and help give the team a good farewell before they take the field at the World Series.

Donations will also be accepted during the event to help offset food and travel expenses as the team prepares for this incredible opportunity. Every contribution, no matter the size, will help support these hardworking young athletes and their families.

Everyone is encouraged to come out, share their support, and show these boys just how proud North Bibb is of all they have accomplished.

Go North Bibb!

Woodstock Community Library Receives \$10,000 Grant to Support Growth and Services



BY SAVANNAH LOGAN
REPORTER

The Woodstock Community Library recently received a significant boost thanks to the efforts of State Senator April Weaver, who secured a \$10,000 grant to support the library and its ongoing mission to serve the community.

On behalf of Mayor Jeff Dodson, the Woodstock Town Council, and the Woodstock Community Library Board of Directors, community leaders expressed their appreciation for Senator Weaver's continued support and investment in the library.

As a small rural library, funding opportunities like this can have a meaningful impact. Library officials noted that the grant will help

expand resources and improve services available to local residents. Planned uses for the funding include growing the library's collection, with a particular focus on adding more children's books, as well as strengthening access to digital resources through services such as Libby, which allows patrons to borrow eBooks and audiobooks from their devices.

The grant will also support future programming by providing supplies for upcoming crafting events and other community activities hosted by the library.

Libraries have long served as important centers for learning, literacy, and community connection, especially in rural areas where access to educational and cultural resources

can be more limited. Investments such as this one help ensure that local libraries can continue evolving to meet the needs of patrons of all ages while offering both traditional and modern services.

Library representatives shared their gratitude to Senator Weaver for her faithful support of the Woodstock Community Library and the people it serves. They emphasized that the grant is an investment not only in books and programs, but also in the community itself.

Through partnerships, community support, and investments like this grant, the Woodstock Community Library continues to provide opportunities for learning, creativity, and connection for residents throughout the area.

Celebration on the Green 2026: Entertainment, Patriotism, and Community Spirit

BY CANDACE JOHNSON
REPORTER

The moment many have been waiting for is almost here. The annual Celebration on the Green will take place July 11 from 5 to 9 p.m. at the Bibb Medical Center Recreation Fields. Admission is free, and attendees can enjoy a variety of food vendors and activities throughout the evening. All proceeds from the event will benefit the Brent-Centreville Public Library.

To help kick off America's 250th anniversary celebration, the event will feature a presentation of the colors, the Pledge of Allegiance and the national anthem. Children can also enjoy patriotic-themed rides and attractions decorated in red, white, and blue. Local businesses

are encouraged to participate as well, with a prize awarded to the business that displays the most American pride.

With so many activities planned, families can use the event map to help navigate the grounds. Organizers say the celebration would not be possible without the support of countless volunteers and sponsors, including the Bibb County Career Academy, Burke's Mechanical and NAPA Auto Parts.

As night falls around 9 p.m., guests are encouraged to bring lawn chairs and enjoy the fireworks display lighting up the night sky.

For those wanting to be a vendor, registration closes on July 10th. Information can be found on the Brent-Centreville's Public Library.



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NEWS

Debunking Watermelon Myths: What Really Matters for Choosing a Sweet Melon



By Emma Greene

AUBURN UNIVERSITY, Ala. — For Southerners, watermelon wisdom is passed down through generations. While some suggestions for picking the perfect melon are rooted in fact, others are just old wives' tales. Experts with the Alabama Cooperative Extension System can help consumers decipher the difference so they can always pick a good watermelon, making for the perfect sweet treat this summer.

Defining a Good Watermelon

Good watermelon pro-

duction begins with farmers providing great care to ensure a successful harvest. Chip East, a commercial horticulture agent with Alabama Extension at Auburn University, said farmers accomplish this through soil testing, proper fertilization and picking the melons at the appropriate time.

"Harvesting at the right state of maturity and keeping it in a cool place out of the sun ensures quality," East said. "A farmer may define good watermelons by disease resistance, productivity or their size."

For consumers, size,

rind thickness and amount of sugar often define a melon's quality. When it comes to taste, East said, a watermelon should be at least 10 percent sugar. Some watermelon varieties can reach sugar content as high as 14 percent. While this can be measured with different tools, East said nothing can replace taste-testing watermelons, as sweetness can be a personal preference.

Overall, ripe watermelons make good watermelons. Knowledge of the harvest date can help determine maturity, but consumers often do not have that option. Without

the ability to taste before purchasing, consumers have developed numerous methods of selecting this summer fruit. However, many of these methods are based on myths because they rely on physical characteristics that are not actually reliable indicators of sweetness. Instead, these traits reflect differences in watermelon varieties.

Watermelon Myths and Facts

Myth: Thumping or knocking on a watermelon can determine if it is sweet.

Fact: Thumping or knocking on a water-

melon showcases rind thickness. Some smaller watermelons will sound dense, while bigger watermelons might sound more hollow because of the thickness of the rind. This is determined by the variety of the watermelon.

Myth: Stripes on melons help to determine sweetness.

Fact: The stripes on a watermelon are also based on the variety. While some varieties are slightly sweeter than others, the stripe thickness has nothing to do with the amount of sugar in the melon.

Myth: Presence of a spot on the bloom end of the melon indicates sweetness.

Fact: This does not help to determine the sweetness but is also an indicator of the variety of watermelon.

What Really Works

To know if a watermelon is ripe, East suggested looking at the belly, also known as the field spot, which is where the

melon was resting on the ground.

"You're looking for a yellowish, creamy color on the belly to tell you if it's ripe," East said. "If the melon's belly is green or really white, it might not be ready yet."

Additionally, consumers can determine a watermelon's ripeness by asking farmers at a local farmers market or farm stand. Extension home horticulture or commercial horticulture agents can also answer questions about different varieties of watermelon and which ones are sweeter to help pick a good watermelon.

More Information

More information about watermelon varieties and producing a successful watermelon can be found in East's Extension Brief, "Considerations for Successful Watermelon Production." This publication and other relevant information can be accessed on the Alabama Extension website at aces.edu.



City of Vance Celebrates 4th of July at the Ballpark

BY CANDACE JOHNSON
REPORTER

As the nation prepares to celebrate America's 250th anniversary, the City of Vance is hosting a celebration of its own. The event will feature arts and crafts, a petting zoo, and a veterans recognition ceremony. The festivities begin on July 3 at 6:30 p.m. at Vance Ballpark. Attendees can also enjoy a family-friendly movie, as "National Treasure" will be shown during the event. Free food, including hot dogs, drinks, ice cream, and popcorn, will be available. Although summer break is still underway, children will be heading back to school soon, so free school supplies will also be distributed. Organizers encourage families to come out for an evening of fun, food, and community celebration.



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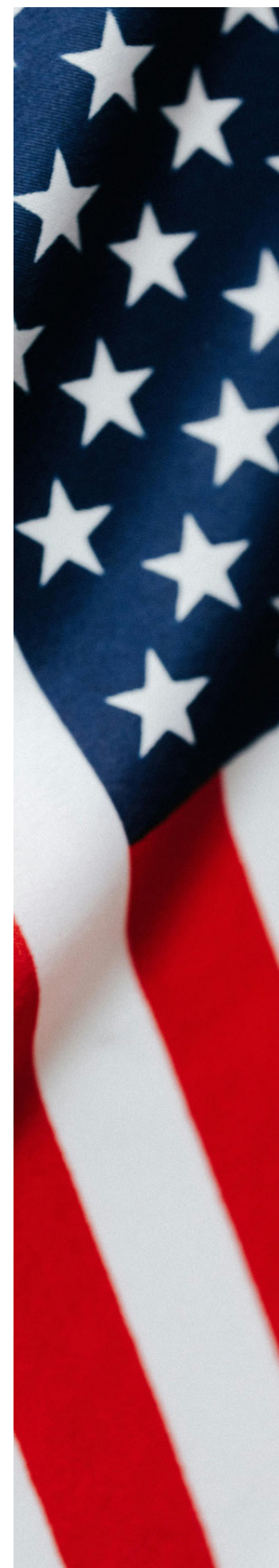
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LOCAL & GOVERNMENT

Centreville News

By Brenda Hubbard

Celebration On The Green will be held this year on July 11, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. on Hospital Drive, celebrating 250 years.

One Church Bibb was among the ones having Vacation Bible School, also Brent Baptist Church recently.

Recently on Friday night Charlotte Lovelady West and Guy enjoyed dinner at Ruffy's in Stanton. It was so scrumptious as always.

Ashby Baptist Church recently on Wednesday had movie night at 6:00 p.m. with food, friends and a great movie.

Birthday wishes go out to several who have birthdays in June: Gabby McDonald Sarah Foster, Michael Little, Carol J. Belcher, Karin Caffee Maas, Andrew Maas, Jennifer Burkes Phillips, Quack Lawrence, Nancy Newman, Logan Pipher, Linda Greer Snider.

Anniversary wishes go out to Tommy and Melanie Worrell who recently celebrated their 30th Anniversary.

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



Spring 2026 Graduates Announced at UA

TUSCALOOSA, AL (06/23/2026)-- Some 7,000 degrees were awarded during The University of Alabama's spring 2026 commencement at Coleman Coliseum in May 2026. The University provides numerous opportunities for service and growth through its educational, social and cultural experiences.

Local graduates include:

Jasmine Bell of Brent received a Master of Social Work.
Eden Dudley of West Blocton received a Bachelor of Arts.
Caleb Fancher of West Blocton received a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering.
Shana Gibbs of Centreville received a Master of Science.
Randenn Hannah of Centreville received a Bachelor of Science in Computer Science.
Jeiden Isaac of Centreville received a Bachelor of Arts.
Sydney Jason of West Blocton received a Master of Library & Information Studies.
Lillian Johnson of Woodstock received a Bachelor of Arts.
Andrew Lawley of Woodstock received a Bachelor of Science in Construction Engineering.
Mia Misch of Centreville received a Bachelor of Science.
Patrick Perry of Woodstock received a Bachelor of Science in Commerce & Business Administration.
John Richardson of Brent received a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering.

The University of Alabama, part of The University of Alabama System, is the state's flagship university. UA shapes a better world through its teaching, research and service. With a global reputation for excellence, UA provides a forward-thinking environment and over 200 degree programs on a beautiful, student-centered campus. A leader in cutting-edge research, UA advances discovery, creative inquiry and knowledge through more than 30 research centers. As the state's largest higher education institution, UA drives economic growth in Alabama and beyond.

WEST BLOCTON TOWN COUNCIL

Meeting Date: May 18, 2026

Town of West Blocton Minutes of Regular Meeting Monday, May 18, 2026

The Town Council of the Town of West Blocton, Alabama met in a Regular Council Meeting at the Municipal Building on Monday May 18, 2026, at 7:00pm. A quorum being present, Mayor Daniel Sims called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Prayer was led by Eloise Ward and Pledge of Allegiance was led by Glenn Johnson. Roll Call was called by Brandy Fancher, Town Clerk. Present: Eloise Ward, Glenn Johnson, Stephanie Brasher, Blane Sherron, Kristen Nash

Mayors Notes:

1. Old Timers Ball gwne and Fish Fry went very well. There was a large crowd that varied from Little League ages to the Old Timers.
2. Cahaba Lily Festival was this past Saturday. There were over 2,000 people that visited the river. Having the aquarium and being able to see some of the animals from the Cahaba seemed to be a big hit. The Cahaba Lily Queens visited the river and the presentation at the Lily Center. Mayor Sims wanted to recognize the outstanding job that Emily Carden has done since being crowned Miss Cahaba Lily. She has a lot of pride, and we look forward to seeing what she accomplishes this year. The evening ended with a concert that was put on by the Webb-Tigert Ukulele Duo that was very entertaining.
3. The West Blocton Senior Center has been approved to receive the Hot Meals for our seniors.
4. Mayor Sims encourages everyone to get out and vote tomorrow.
5. Molly Nelson has started as our new water clerk.

Council member Kristen Nash made the motion to approve addendum to agenda and add Pole Barn, Police Conference, Flags for Main Street and High School Sponsorship. Motion was seconded by Council member Stephanie Brasher. All in favor and motion so carried.

Procurement of Professional Services Roll Call Vote was used to accept the Statement of Qualifications from The Kelley Group and accept them as our engineering firm. The Kelley Group was the only qualification submitted.

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

Pavilion Town Park-Concrete Work \$9 922 Roll Call Vote was used to Pay Lance Graff \$9,922.00 for the pavilion concrete work. Yes- Eloise Ward, Glenn Johnson, Stephanie Brasher, Blane Sherron and Kristen Nash Yes-5 No-0

G&H Building Supply Roll Call Vote was used to pay G&H Building Supply \$10311.48 for the material to build the Pavilion at Town Park. Yes- Eloise Ward, Glenn Johnson, Stephanie Brasher, Blane Sherron and Kristen Nash Yes-5 No-0

Alex Aguilar Construction Roll Call Vote was used to pay Alex Aguilar Construction \$8,000 to build the pavilion at Town Park. Yes- Eloise Ward, Glenn Johnson, Stephanie Brasher, Blane Sherron and Kristen Nash Yes-5 No-0

Use of Coffee Shop at Library Roll Call Vote was used to allow the use of the kitchen area in the West Blocton Public Library as a coffee shop Yes- Eloise Ward, Glenn Johnson, Stephanie Brasher, Blane Sherron and Kristen Nash Yes-5 No-0

Addendum to Agenda

Budget to purchase

a Lift for the Town at \$8,000-\$20,000 Roll Call Vote was used to give a budget of \$8,000-\$20,000 to purchase a Lift for the Water Dept.

Yes- Eloise Ward, Glenn Johnson, Stephanie Brasher, and Kristen Nash No-Blane Sherron Yes-4 No-1

24x30 Metal Building and Concrete Roll Call Vote was used to pay \$12,500 for metal building and concrete work at the water dept. Yes- Eloise Ward, Glenn Johnson, Stephanie Brasher, Blane Sherron and Kristen Nash Yes-5 No-0

2026 West Blocton Water CCR Report by Vicki Rickman

Council member Blane Sherron made the motion to accept the 2026 West Blocton Water CCR Report. Motion was seconded by Council member Eloise Ward. All in favor and motion so carried. Coke Oven Lawn Service Council member Stephanie Brasher made the motion to pay B3 Holders Lawn Care \$450 for lawn service at the Coke Oven Park. Motion was seconded by Council member Kristen Nash. All in favor and motion so carried.

G&C Supply \$5,625.13 Roll Call Vote was used to approve paying \$5,625.13 to G&C Supply for Street Signs. Yes- Eloise Ward, Glenn Johnson, Stephanie Brasher, Blane Sherron and Kristen Nash Yes-5 No-0

Summertime Metals \$13,619 Roll Call Vote was used to approve paying \$13,619 to Summertime Metal for a40'x60'x14' Pole Barn for the Water Dept Yes- Eloise Ward, Glenn Johnson, Stephanie Brasher, Blane Sherron and Kristen Nash Yes-5 No-0

Chief Summer Confer-

ence \$1650 Roll Call Vote was used to approve \$1650 for Chief Hicks to attend the Chief Summer Conference. Yes- Eloise Ward, Glenn Johnson, Stephanie Brasher, Blane Sherron and Kristen Nash Yes-5 No-0

American Flags for Town Council member Kristen Nash made the motion to approve \$130.00 for American Flags to be placed in Town. Motion was seconded by Council member Glenn Johnson. All in favor and motion so carried.

West Blocton High School Sponsorship Roll Call Vote was used to approve \$1500.00 for WBHS Sponsorship. Yes- Eloise Ward, Glenn Johnson, Stephanie Brasher, Blane Sherron and Kristen Nash Yes-5 No-0

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.

District Reports:

District 1 - No Report
District 2 - Council m
District 3 - No Report.
District 4 --Council member Blane Sherron asked for update on Library and Mayor Sims stated we are at a pause due to requirements asked from Health Dept to move forward with the coffee shop. Mr. Sherron asked for update on Police Dept. Mayor Sims stated we are really close and now ready to start some of the moving of equipment and books.
District 5 - No Report
Citizens to Speak - None
There being no further business to come before the Town Council at this time, Council Member Glenn Johnson made the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Council Member Eloise Ward. All in favor and motion so carried.



LOCAL NEWS

Utilities Board City of Brent – 2026 Safe Drinking Water Report

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We are pleased to present to you this year's Safe Drinking Water Report. This report shows you the high quality of water and service we deliver as your utilities board. Our goal is to always provide safe and dependable drinking water and we are pleased to report another successful year. We want you to understand our commitment to continually improving and protecting our water resources.

The Brent Utilities Board is located in the town of Brent, approximately 50 miles south-southwest of Birmingham and serves residents of Bibb County, Alabama. Our water is treated well water of the highest quality and meets all standards set by the Environmental Protection Agency and the Alabama Department of Environmental Management. Our wells are sourced in the Knox Aquifer found in northern and central Alabama. The Knox Aquifer is composed of thick-bedded dolomite that is interbedded with limestone and chert. An assessment of our source water (wellhead protection) has been prepared. A copy of the assessment may be requested at our office. Our well water is chlorinated for disinfection prior to distribution. Well no. 4 is also aerated.

We routinely monitor the quality of your water as it relates to treatment and delivery to your home. Public water systems must monitor over 75 contaminants. The table provided summarizes the results. Please note that a detected contaminant does not mean a health risk is present, it simply means that it was detected in the tests. Only contaminants in excess of the MCL (Maximum Contaminant Level) are considered a violation. The table shows the results for our monitoring for the period of January 1 through December 31, 2025, or data from the most recent testing done in accordance with applicable regulations.

MCL's are set at very stringent levels. To understand the possible health effects described for many regulated constituents, 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.

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 the water poses a health risk. **More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.** 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 human activity.

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. Utilities Board City of Brent is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. 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 exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

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.

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 at 1-800-426-4791.

In compliance with our Vulnerability Assessment Policy, we ask that you please be vigilant and report any suspicious activity especially around pumping stations, water tanks, and wells.

If you have any questions about this report or the quality of your water, please contact Mr. David Tucker at (205) 926-4643. We value the input of our customers and invite you to attend our regularly scheduled board meetings each second Monday at 6:00 PM in the City Hall. Please note that a copy of this report will not be mailed to each customer.

List of Detected Contaminants in Our System

List of Primary Drinking Water Contaminants

Contaminant	Level Detected Well 4;5;6	Unit of Measure	MCL/ MRDL
Bacteriological Contaminants			
Total Coliform Bacteria	ND	n/a	<5%
Turbidity	0.37;0.31;0.50	NTU	TT
Fecal Coliform/ E coli	ND	n/a	0
Fecal Indicators (enterococci/coliphage)	ND	n/a	TT
Radiological Contaminants			
Beta/Photon emitters	NR	mrem/year	4
Alpha emitters	0.965±1.24; -0.419±0.895; 2.51±1.76	pCi/l	15
Combined radium	0.413±0.313; 0.36±0.337; 0.246±0.292	pCi/l	5
Uranium	ND	pCi/l	30
Inorganic Chemical Contaminants			
Antimony	ND	ppb	6
Arsenic	ND	ppb	10
Asbestos	NR	MFL	7
Barium	ND; 0.018; 0.13	ppm	2
Beryllium	ND	ppb	4
Bromate	ND	ppb	10
Cadmium	ND	ppb	5
Chloramines	ND	ppm	4
Chlorine	ND	ppm	4
Chlorine Dioxide	ND	ppb	800
Chlorite	ND	ppm	1
Chromium	ND	ppb	100
Copper	0.09(0.013-0.12)	ppm	AL=1.3
Cyanide	ND	ppb	200
Fluoride	0.054	ppm	4
Lead	ND(ND-0.0012)	ppm	AL=15
Mercury	ND	ppb	2
Nitrate	0.69, 0.32, 0.27	ppm	10
Nitrite	ND	ppm	1
Selenium	ND	ppb	50
Thallium	ND	ppb	2
Organic Chemical Contaminants			
Acrylamide	NR	TT	
Alachlor	ND	ppb	2
Atrazine	ND	ppb	3
Benzene	ND	ppb	5
Benzo(a)pyrene [PAH's]	ND	ppt	200
Carbofuran	ND	ppb	40
Carbon tetrachloride	ND	ppb	5
Chlordane	ND	ppb	2
Chlorobenzene	ND	ppb	100
2,4-D	ND	ppb	70
Dalapon	ND	ppb	200
Dibromochloropropane	ND	ppt	200
o-Dichlorobenzene	ND	ppb	600
p-Dichlorobenzene	ND	ppb	75
1,2-Dichloroethane	ND	ppb	5
1,1-Dichloroethylene	ND	ppb	7
cis-1,2-Dichloroethylene	ND	ppb	70
trans-1,2-Dichloroethylene	ND	ppb	100
Dichloromethane	ND	ppb	5
1,2-Dichloropropane	ND	ppb	5
Di(2-ethylhexyl) adipate	ND	ppb	400
Di(2-ethylhexyl) phthalates	ND	ppb	6
Dinoseb	ND	ppb	7
Dioxin [2,3,7,8-TCDD]	NR	ppq	30
Diquat	ND	ppb	20
Endothal	ND	ppb	100
Endrin	ND	ppb	2
Epichlorohydrin	ND	TT	
Ethylbenzene	ND	ppb	700
Ethylene dibromide	ND	ppt	50
Glyphosate	ND	ppb	700
HAA5 [Total haloacetic acids] OEL(Range)	1.2(ND-1.2)	ppb	60
Heptachlor	ND	ppt	400
Heptachlor epoxide	ND	ppt	200
Hexachlorobenzene	ND	ppb	1
Hexachlorocyclopentadiene	ND	ppm	50
Lindane	ND	ppt	200
Methoxychlor	ND	ppb	40
Oxamyl [Vydate]	ND	ppb	200
Pentachlorophenol	ND	ppb	1
Picloram	ND	ppb	500
PCB's [polychlorinated biphenyls]	ND	ppt	500
Simazine	ND	ppb	4
Styrene	ND	ppb	100
Tetrachloroethylene	1.2 (ND - 1.2); ND; ND	ppb	5
Toluene	ND	ppm	1
Total Organic Carbon	ND	TT	
THHM [Total trihalomethanes] OEL(Range)	4.1(ND-4.1)	ppb	80
Toxaphene	ND	ppb	3
2,4,5-TP (Silvex)	ND	ppb	50
1,2,4-Trichlorobenzene	ND	ppb	70
1,1,1-Trichloroethane	ND	ppb	200
1,1,2-Trichloroethane	ND	ppb	5
Trichloroethylene	ND	ppb	5
Vinyl chloride	ND	ppb	2
Xylenes	ND	ppm	10

Contaminant	Violation?	Level Detected Well No 4; 5; 6	Unit of Measurement	MCL/ MRDL	MCLG/ MRDLG	Likely Source of Contaminant
Total Dissolved Solids	No	ND; 123; 170	ppm	500	none	Erosion of natural deposits
Chloride	No	ND	ppm	250	none	Erosion of natural deposits
Nitrate	No	0.69; 0.32; 0.27	ppm	10	10	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits
Sulfate	No	ND	ppm	500	500	Erosion of natural deposits
Fluoride	No	0.054	ppm	4.0	4.0	Erosion of Natural Deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
Iron	No	ND;ND;0.069	ppm	.30	none	Erosion of natural deposits
Barium	No	ND; 0.018; 0.13	ppm	2.0	2.0	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits
Alpha emitters	No	0.965±1.24; -0.419±0.895; 2.51±1.76	pCi/L	15	0	Erosion of natural deposits
Combined Radium	No	0.413±0.313; 0.36±0.337; 0.246±0.292	pCi/L	5	0	Erosion of natural deposits
Tetrachloroethylene	No	1.2 (ND - 1.2); ND; ND	ppb	5	0	Leaching from PVC pipes; discharge from factories and dry cleaners
Total Coliform Bacteria	No	ND	n/a	>5% of samples	0	Naturally present in the environment
Lead	No	ND(ND-0.0012)	ppm	0.015	0	Corrosion of household plumbing system; erosion of natural deposits
Copper	No	0.09(0.013-0.12)	ppm	1.3 (action level)	1.3	Corrosion of household plumbing system; erosion of natural deposits

UNREGULATED CONTAMINANT MONITORING RULE NUMBER 5 (UCMR5)

The Fifth Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule (UCMR5) requires monitoring by certain water systems for 30 unregulated contaminants during 2022-2026 on assigned schedules. UCMR5 specifies monitoring for 29 PFAS and one metal (lithium). Our recent sampling on 1-10-2023, 3-1-2023, 7-17-2023, and 9-11-2023 yielded no detections of the 30 contaminants. For more information please refer to <https://www.epa.gov/dwucmr>.

UCMR5 Chemicals			UCMR5 Chemicals		
Analyte	MRL	Highest Level Detected	Analyte	MRL	Highest Level Detected
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"Are You Washed in the Blood?"

Few gospel hymns have asked a more direct and memorable question than "Are You Washed in the Blood?". Written by prolific hymn writer Elisha Hoffman, this beloved song has remained a staple in churches for nearly 150 years.

Elisha Hoffman was born on May 7, 1839, in Orwigsburg, Pennsylvania. A Presbyterian minister, Hoffman devoted much of his life to Christian music and hymn writing. During his 90 years, he wrote more than 2,000 hymns and compiled 50 songbooks, leaving a remarkable legacy in gospel music.

Music historian Jacob Hall noted that Hoffman possessed a unique gift. Whether a melody came first or a lyric formed in his mind, the two seemed to naturally come together. Hall observed that when a melody was born in Hoffman's soul, fitting words quickly followed, and when he conceived a hymn, a melody often accompanied it.

"Are You Washed in the Blood?" first appeared in 1878 in the hymnal *Spiritual Songs for Gospel Meetings and the Sunday School*, which Hoffman co-edited. Interestingly, it was the only songbook of Hoffman's in which the hymn ap-

peared, though the reason for this remains unknown.

The hymn's popularity quickly spread. In 1881, renowned gospel musician Ira Sankey included it in his influential collection *Sacred Songs and Solos*, helping introduce it to an even wider audience.

The hymn's impact extended beyond church walls. Poet Vachel Lindsay later referenced the phrase "Are You Washed in the Blood?" in his poem *General Booth Enters into Heaven*, a work inspired by William Booth, founder of the Salvation Army.

Known for its powerful message and invitation to faith, the hymn concludes by encouraging listeners to accept Jesus as their Savior. Hoffman also penned many other well-known hymns, including "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms", "I Must Tell Jesus", "Down at the Cross", and "Glory to His Name".

More than a century after it was written, "Are You Washed in the Blood?" continues to be sung in churches across the country, carrying forward Hoffman's simple yet enduring gospel message.



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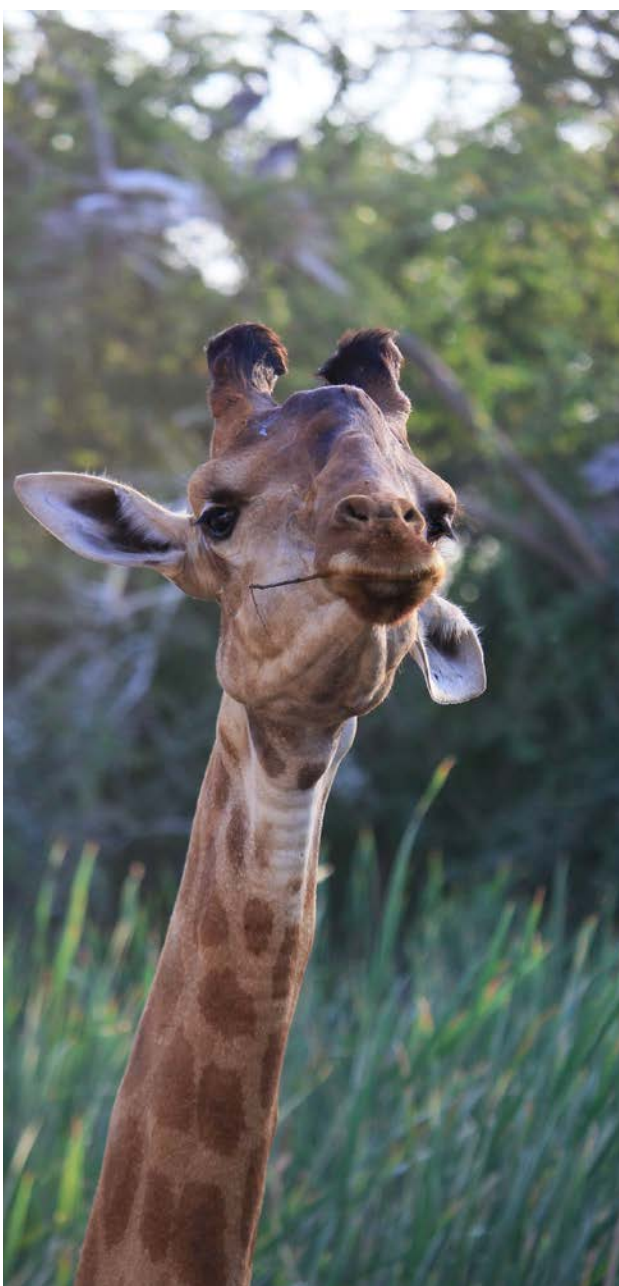
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NEWS

WBHS Spirit Teams Make a Lasting Impact During Annual Community Trash Pick-Up

BY SAVANNAH LOGAN
REPORTER

A cleaner community is something everyone can take pride in, and the students of the West Blocton High School Spirit Teams recently did their part to make a visible difference during the 2026 WBHS Spirit Team Trash Pick-Up.

Through teamwork, hard work, and a commitment to serving their community, members of the WBHS Auxiliary/Band and Cheer teams spent their time collecting trash along local roadways. Their efforts resulted in a remarkable total of 63 bags of trash removed from the community, with the Auxiliary/Band collecting 37 bags and the Cheer team collecting an additional 26 bags. Altogether, hundreds of pounds of litter are now off Bibb County roads.

The successful event was made possible through the support of several community partners. A special thank you was extended to West Blocton Resource Officer Poole and the West Blocton Police Department for helping keep the students safe during the clean-

up and assisting with the disposal of the collected trash. Appreciation was also shared with the Bibb County Commission for providing the gloves and trash bags needed for the effort.

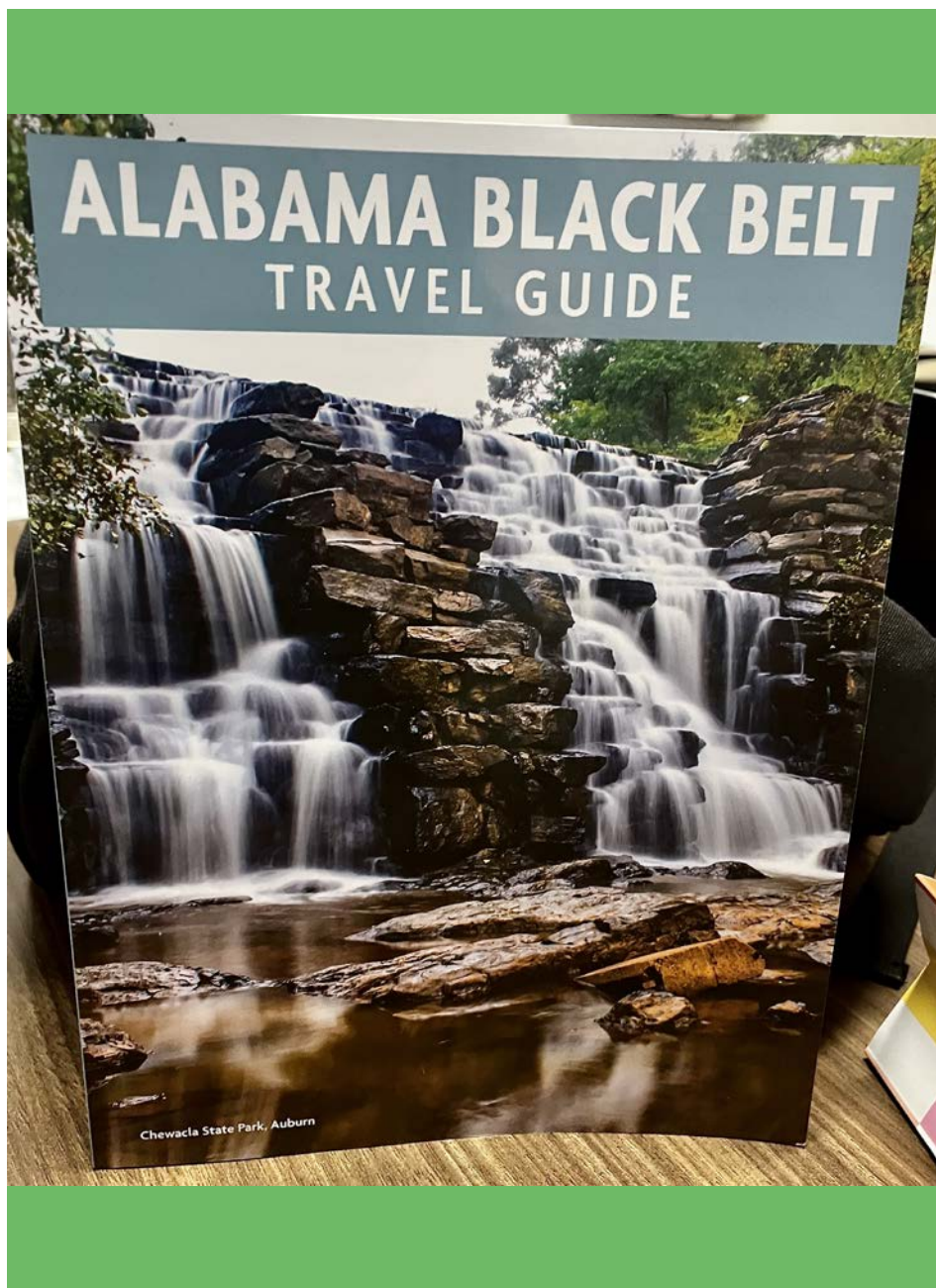
While the numbers are impressive, the true impact goes beyond the bags of trash collected. The event serves as a reminder of what can be accomplished when young people, schools, local officials, and community organizations work together toward a common goal.

The WBHS Spirit Teams not only helped improve the appearance of the community but also set an example of responsibility, service, and pride in the place they call home.

Community members are encouraged to do their part in keeping Bibb County beautiful by properly disposing of trash and helping preserve the roads and spaces everyone shares. Small actions can make a big difference, and this year's trash pick-up proved just how much of an impact a group of dedicated students can have.



Alabama Black Belt Travel Guide Inspires Exploration Across the Region



The cover the Alabama Black Belt Travel Guide showcases the Chewacla Falls at Chewacla State Park in Auburn, one of the top outdoor destinations in the Black Belt's 23-county footprint. (Photo courtesy of the Alabama Black Belt Adventures Association)

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (June 23, 2026) – The Alabama Black Belt is one of the South's most captivating destinations, offering unforgettable experiences, rich history, breathtaking landscapes and authentic Southern hospitality.

To help travelers discover everything the region has to offer, the

Alabama Black Belt Adventures Association (ALBBAA) has released the first-of-its-kind "Alabama Black Belt Travel Guide," a 72-page glossy magazine designed to inspire exploration across the region's 23 counties.

The travel guide — packed with trip ideas, must-see attractions,

lodging options, dining recommendations, outdoor adventures and cultural experiences — serves as the ultimate roadmap for discovering one of Alabama's most remarkable regions.

Printed copies are available at Alabama Welcome Centers and tourism destinations

throughout the Black Belt, while a digital version can be accessed online.

"Alabama's Black Belt is truly a destination unlike any other," said ALBBAA Director Pam Swanner. "Whether you're seeking world-class hunting and fishing, fascinating history, vibrant arts and culture, incredible food or a relaxing weekend getaway, you'll find it here. The Black Belt offers authentic experiences that connect visitors to the people, places, and traditions that make Alabama special."

From nationally recognized outdoor recreation opportunities to internationally significant Civil Rights landmarks and cultural treasures, the Black Belt delivers something for every traveler. The guide showcases iconic bucket-list destinations such as the Freedom Quilting Bee in Wilcox County, Chattahoochee River Whitewater in Phenix City, and Moundville Archaeological Park, while stunning photography captures the region's natural beauty and charm.

Food lovers will discover a thriving culinary scene through featured restaurants and the popular Flavors of the Black Belt Trail. Travelers can also explore the Black Belt Arts and Antique Trail, the Black Belt Mural Trail and countless hidden gems that reflect the region's creativity, heritage and

historical significance.

Outdoor enthusiasts will find endless opportunities to hunt, fish, bird-watch, hike and explore Alabama's scenic rivers, forests, wildlife areas and state parks. The guide also highlights the region's signature festivals and events, including the Selma Bridge Crossing Jubilee, the Airing of the Quilts in Gee's Bend, and Christmas on the River in Demopolis — celebrations that draw visitors from across the country each year.

The Alabama Black Belt Travel Guide also highlights the Black Belt's singers, songwriters and literary giants, while also featuring a section dedicated to children's activities and a fold-out map showcasing the region's 23-county footprint.

"Our goal is to inspire people to experience the Black Belt for themselves," Swanner said. "This guide helps travelers discover new adventures, create lasting memories and experience the authentic culture, history and hospitality that make this region so special."

ALBBAA founder and board president Thomas Harris noted the travel guide serves as an invitation and a resource.

"There is an incredible variety of experiences waiting to be discovered throughout the Black Belt," Harris said. "This guide helps visitors plan their journey while showcasing

the stories, attractions, traditions and people that make the region one of Alabama's greatest treasures."

Whether you're planning a weekend getaway, a family vacation, an outdoor adventure, or a cultural road trip, the Alabama Black Belt Travel Guide is your invitation to explore a region filled with history, beauty, flavor and adventure around every corner.

You can read the online version through the ALBBAA website at: <https://digitalmagazine.walker360.com/alabamablackbelttravelguide/>

The Black Belt includes the following 23 counties: Barbour, Bullock, Butler, Choctaw, Clarke, Conecuh, Crenshaw, Dallas, Greene, Hale, Lee, Lowndes, Macon, Marengo, Monroe, Montgomery, Perry, Pickens, Pike, Russell, Sumter, Tuscaloosa and Wilcox.

The Alabama Black Belt Adventures Association (ALBBAA) is a regional destination marking organization dedicated to the promotion of outdoor recreational opportunities, cultural heritage and attractions, themed trails, the arts, events/festivals, culinary scene and experiential travel across Alabama's 23-county, historic Black Belt Region. For information, go to www.alabamablackbeltadventures.org.

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Tannehill Summer Day Camp Outdoor Adventure and Hands-On Learning for Local Youth

BY SAVANNAH LOGAN
REPORTER

Families looking for a fun and educational summer experience for their children will have the opportunity to take part in the upcoming Tannehill Summer Day Camp, hosted at Tannehill Historic Ironworks State Park.

Scheduled for July 13-17, the weeklong half-day camp will take place from 8 a.m. until noon at the park's Event Center, located at 12632 Confederate Parkway in McCalla. The camp is open to children ages 9-15 and is designed to combine outdoor adventure, hands-on learning, and plenty of summertime fun.

Campers will have the chance to explore Alabama's natural resources while participating in a variety of engaging activities throughout the week. Planned activities include arts and crafts, outdoor games, interactive learning experiences, and opportunities to discover more

about the natural world around them.

The camp provides a unique setting for young people to step away from screens, spend time outdoors, and build new friendships while learning valuable skills. Through hands-on activities and exploration, participants will gain a greater appreciation for Alabama's environment and history while enjoying a memorable summer experience.

The cost is \$50 for the first child and \$25 for each additional child from the same family, making it an affordable option for families seeking meaningful summer activities.

Registration is currently open and can be completed online through the Alabama Cooperative Extension System at aces.edu/event/tannehill-state-park-summer-day-camp/.

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Summer camps like this offer more than just entertainment — they provide opportunities for children to learn, grow, and create lasting memories. With a mix of education, recreation, and outdoor exploration, the Tannehill Summer Day Camp promises to be a rewarding experience for kids this summer.

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Certified Nursing Assistant

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BECOME A CERTIFIED NURSING ASSISTANT IN JUST A FEW WEEKS

Our Program

- Class begins July 6th, 2026
- Application Period: June 11th-25th, 2026
- Apply online: bibbmed.com/education
- Location: BMC Campus



PRACTICAL NURSING PROGRAM

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Classes begin in August

Application Period: June 5th - July 5th

Apply online: bibbmed.com/practicalnursing

Location: BMC Campus



SUMMERTIME TIPS:

Dehydration can happen quickly during the summer, especially when spending time outdoors in the heat. Drink plenty of water throughout the day—even if you don't feel thirsty—to help prevent fatigue, dizziness, headaches, and heat-related illness.

SUMMER BUCKET LIST

- Visit The Market at BMC
- Go on a nature walk
- Attend a Little Rascals Club session
- Draw with all-weather chalk
- Go to a "Pop-Up" at the BMC Market Pavilion
- Make a picnic
- Watch fireworks at Celebration on the Green
- Play on the playground
- Attend a BMC Summer Camp

BMC WELLNESS CENTER

HOW MANY CAN YOU COMPLETE BEFORE SUMMER ENDS?

BMC July EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

Shelby Price has been a valued member of the Bibb Medical Center team since August 2019. She began her journey at BMC right after high school in the cafeteria and worked her way through nursing school to become a nurse with BMC at Home.

Shelby loves serving a small community and building meaningful relationships with her patients. Inspired by her experience in the HOSA program, she discovered her passion for healthcare and has remained dedicated to caring for others ever since.

Loved by both patients and coworkers, Shelby's compassion, dedication, and hard work make her a tremendous asset to Bibb Medical Center.



Shelby Price, RN