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## Chamber News

### Congratulations ...



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### AUGUST MONTEVALLO CHAMBER LUNCHEON WEDNESDAY, AUG .17

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# AUGUST



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2nd TUESDAY

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8th MONDAY

**MONTEVALLO FARMERS' MARKET**

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11th THURSDAY

**FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL**

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12th FRIDAY

**FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL**

Last Name K - Z / Shelby County

15th MONDAY

**MONTEVALLO FARMERS' MARKET**

3-6pm, Behind Montevallo First Baptist Church  
(last Market for 2022 season)

17th WEDNESDAY

**MONTEVALLO CHAMBER LUNCHEON**

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New Students

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**UM MOVE-IN DAY**

Returning Students

21st SATURDAY

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22nd MONDAY

**UM FIRST DAY OF CLASSES - FALL SEMESTER**

27th SATURDAY

**COUNTRY FINANCIAL RIBBON CUTTING**

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28th SUNDAY

**ART GALLERY OPENING**

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# Montevallo High School Football and FFA News for September 14, 1950

Submitted by Marshel Roy Cunningham (GoneToAlabama@aol.com) for the Montevallo Historical Society.

These two articles appeared in *The Montevallo Times*, published each week "in the Masonic Building on Main Street" by W. M. Wyatt.

## Football Kickoff Here Friday Night

Montevallo High opens its 1950 football season Friday night this week on the local field at 7:30, with Calera as the opposing team.

This is the first football team produced at Calera. However, according to the grapevine, some of their opponents are in for a surprise by this new aggregation.

Montevallo coach, Theron Fisher, has named the following as his probable starting lineup for Friday night's game:

L. E. Splawn; L. T. J. McGaughey, alternate captain; L. G. Pickett or Milstead; C. Battle or Lovelady; R. G. Captain Smitherman; R. T. S. Norris; R. E. D. Sander-son; Q. B. Lawley or Rhodes; L. H. Hammaker; R. H. Tensley or Pendleton; F. B. Litton.

The Montevallo High School Band under direction of Mr. Victor Young, will be on hand in the new uniforms to furnish music, color and entertainment.



## Local Chapter Plans Program

Montevallo F.F.A. boys under the leadership of Bobby Neal Smitherman, president, are looking forward to a successful year in 1950-51. Beginning the first part of the annual program 24 new members were enrolled this week. During the last two years the Montevallo Chapter has gained recognition as eighth place in Alabama of the 253 chapters in 1949 and seventh place in 1950. The state association looks forward to a membership of 13,000 in the state unit which has steadily grown for the past 22 years.

During the first part of the school term the F.F.A. members will be busy making out goals to be achieved in the annual program of work this year and each member will help to develop ways and

means of reaching the goals. Twenty four different contests offer opportunity for special interest to be developed. Last year the chapter participated in the judging contest, speaking contest, quartet contest, chapter contest, beef cattle show, and radio program contest. This year Edward Holcombe will compete for a place among the Star State Farmers of Alabama. Dan Whetstone is working toward entering the speaking contest. Dan recently received the gold medal chapter award as chapter winner in speaking last year.

Among the items already planned in the program for this year are the following: Those enrolled in agriculture classes are to visit the Alabama Flour and Feed Mills at Decatur, Alabama; F.F.A.'s are to attend the State Fair; the Alabama Power Company engineers are installing special demonstration and teaching units in the department; the dairy judging team is to meet and form an advisory council for the chapter; and plans are being made to landscape the building and grounds this fall.

M. Thornton, adviser of the chapter, also announces that a special class for adult farmers and other interested citizens will begin in the vocational department Tuesday evening at 7:30 and will meet weekly.

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# Untold Stories

## OF BLACK MONTEVALLO

presented by the Montevallo Historic Preservation Commission  
Vol. 2 No. 11



“Get me in a voting booth”: Tales of Jim Crow Montevallo

At the height of the Jim Crow era, in the 40s, 50s, and early 60s, African Americans who could afford to travel routinely consulted the Green Book, a travel guide offering “Assured Protection for the Negro Traveler.” It told folks where they would be welcome and where, by implication, they might encounter hostility and even violence. Entries for friendly establishments in Alabama were scant. Travelers could expect “Food & Rest” in Birmingham, churches of all denominations in Mobile, and a safe service station in Huntsville. But Montevallo? Not a single establishment made the Green Book listing.

Stories of hardships in Montevallo during the Jim Crow days still circulate in the Black community. “It was a life of segregation of course,” recalled Barbara Belisle, and “there were signs all over town ‘colored’ ‘whites only,’ things like that.” Some remember having to let white people get in front of them in a line, no matter how long they had been standing there. Of having to stand on the bus even when traveling to Birmingham to have a painful leg injury treated. Of collecting orders at the back door of a restaurant or the side window of the Dari-Dee. Of having to wait for school busses that may or may not show up to get to them to the ill-equipped negro elementary school in Almont.

But you can also hear stories about defeating the absurdities of Jim Crow. At the Strand movie theater Blacks had to enter through a separate door and make their way upstairs to the colored balcony. (When he came to town in 1965 enroute to a voting rights march in Selma, Andrew Young, future Atlanta mayor and Ambassador to the UN, sat with his wife in the balcony.) The Strand “had no restroom for ‘colored,’” so “we had to go outside in back of the theater behind a tree -- night or day,” recalled Belisle. Her younger cousin Vanessa Cottingham laughingly remembers the bathroom situation. “Until I was a teenager I didn’t even know that the theater had a bathroom or a lobby in the bottom section.” But instead of using the tree out back, “we could at least run up to City Hall and go to the bathroom there.”

Jim Crow craziness may have kept them from buying treats in the lobby and availing themselves of the indoor plumbing but Black kids would not be robbed of their pleasures. They brought their own candy and popcorn, made their way to the tree out back or to City Hall to relieve themselves, and doubtless had good times in the balcony, where, it was said, they enjoyed a better view than the white patrons downstairs.

Still, the Jim Crow system was hurtful and deeply unjust. Local civil rights activists in the 60s such as Rev. Albert Jones, Rev. Earnest E. Vassar, and Leon Harris Sr. began to insist that the white establishment live up to the nation’s promise of justice and equal rights for all. Voting rights became a huge issue. News of the cross-burning in Rev. Jones’s front yard, thought to be the work of the police, provoked an indignant response from Leon Harris: “Police supposed to be protecting all the citizen,” Jones quotes him

as saying; “now they’re going to do a thing like this, put a burning cross in a citizen yard. Get me in a voting booth.”

Rev. Vassar managed to get himself registered to vote by 1962. Barbara Belisle helped her father, William Mayweather, prepare for the notoriously unfair “literacy test” that blocked much of the Black vote. “I remember helping him memorize portions of the Constitution so he could recite them to a person who would let him register to vote -- or not. I can’t remember how many times he tried before they let him register.” But he kept going back. Aided by his daughter and his own resolve, Mr. Mayweather secured the right to enter a voting booth.



Strand Theater in the early 60s. The recessed door on the right led to the colored balcony.

In his oral history Rev. Jones details his experience of registering to vote at the courthouse in Columbiana when he returned from military service in the mid-60s. For starters, he had to provide names of white people who could vouch for him. Next came payment of the poll tax. He produced a twenty dollar bill, more than enough to cover the \$2.50 tax, but was told he would have to go to a store for change. To a chorus of laughter, as he headed for the door, one of the white men “started spraying behind me.” (Lysol Disinfectant Spray was first marketed in 1962). He returned with the correct change. Next, the infamous literacy test. He was ready and eager to begin: “Yes, sir. I know how to read and write.” But first he would have to go back to the store to buy a pen, even though, as he pointed out, there’s a “stack of pens in the little ole cup there.” “These white folks pens.” So off he goes, and again the spraying behind him. More petty harassment ensued but he was finally able to take and pass the test. The Rev. Jones, now a registered voter, was subjected one last time to the spray treatment. “Every time I leave out, he spray behind me. It was kinda . . . really sickening.”

Montevallo was not listed as a safe place for the “Negro Traveler” in the *Green Book*. Humiliations and indignities were a feature of daily life in our town in the Jim Crow days, but the Black community stayed strong. The courage, resolve, and resourcefulness of African Americans of those days is a legacy we can all celebrate today.

**Sources:** We relied on oral history interviews preserved in UM’s Milner Archives and Special Collections and a StoryCorps interview available online via PBS.

Submitted by Kathy King & Anita Stewart Sims. Contact us at [Movaltrail@gmail.com](mailto:Movaltrail@gmail.com). We want to hear your stories and welcome correction of any errors of fact or interpretation.

**UM HIRES COLLEGIATE CYCLING TEAM HEAD COACH**

The University of Montevallo has hired Jennifer Nichols as the first head coach of the University's collegiate cycling team.

Nichols previously served as the team director and coach of the Helena High School Mountain Bike Team from September 2019 to July 2022. She is USA Cycling Safe Sport trained, has a coaching certification from the National Interscholastic Cycling Association (NICA) and has completed the Bike Instructor Certification Program in Birmingham, Alabama. Nichols is also a Level 3 certified USA Cycling coach.



She was called the ideal candidate for the job by UM administrators.

"I would like to thank Dr. Stewart for this amazing opportunity to be the head coach for the University of Montevallo's cycling team," Nichols said. "The University's passion and energy to develop the first collegiate varsity cycling program in the state of Alabama was evident from the initial interview."

"I'm overwhelmed with excitement to lead this new cycling program and build a diverse team of hard working, competitive athletes. I look forward to recruiting and retaining talent from our successful Alabama NICA League

and local development teams. I'm honored to be a part of the UM family."

UM's cycling team was created in fall 2021. It's the 23rd of Montevallo's 24 intercollegiate sports.

The team currently has six student cyclists and by the time the team starts competing in fall 2023, it's expected that Nichols will have recruited many more cyclists.

UM is transforming its former Montevallo Golf Club into a premier cycling course which will serve as the home trail for the team. The course will host competitions regularly, bringing hundreds of visitors to Shelby County and the City of Montevallo and strengthening the area's economy. The course will feature a bike shop, wash station and storage and work areas for each student-athlete on the team.

**ART GALLERY OPENING ON AUGUST 28**

The Montevallo Presbyterian Church is opening an art gallery in its sanctuary building at 510 Shelby Street. The first show will feature the art of Montevallo resident Robin Nance Metz.

Robin is a potter and painter of renown, with her sun paintings regularly featured on CBS Sunday Morning. The show will be on Sunday, August 28, from 2 to 5 pm. It is free and open to the public. Some of Robin's artwork will be for sale at the show.

The church plans to feature more artists throughout the year, especially local talent. For more information, please contact Tonia Mayton at photoeden@yahoo.com.

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## CITY OF MONTEVALLO NEWS

### Mayor's Message...

Hello Citizens of Montevallo! I hope everyone is well and keeping cool. We are still battling the summer heat, so stay hydrated and take breaks if you work outside. Looking on the bright side, we only have about six more weeks of heat. A little cooler weather will soon be on its way and we can all look forward to that.



RUSTY NIX, MAYOR

It's back to school time once again and students will report to school the second week of August. I hope all our students are eager to return to school and have a successful year. Along with the starting of school comes the high school football season. Bulldog football will begin the last week of August. I'm looking forward to an outstanding year from our team. Go Bulldogs!

I recently had the opportunity to attend former Montevallo Bulldog, Cincinnati Bearcat and current New York Giants offensive tackle, Korey Cunningham, first football clinic at Theron Fisher Stadium/Coach Richard Gilliam Field. Around 70 young athletes attended the event and everyone worked hard through the heat of the day. Korey brought several NFL and collegiate players. Korey's agent also attended the camp to assist with coaching. Korey's coaching team discussed talent, hard work, discipline, being accountable, and being a good citizen as the traits that will get young players to the next level. I see a bright future for our young athletes. Thanks again to Korey for putting on this clinic and sharing his experiences and knowledge with young athletes in our community. I'm already looking forward to next year's clinic!

Fundraising for a memorial park bench honoring Dr. Earl Cunningham is underway. Donations are being accepted at Regions Bank in Montevallo. Dr. Cunningham was a dutiful public servant and volunteer that touched many lives in the community. Earl received two bronze stars for his service in Korea and Vietnam, held six college degrees, participated in more than 30 civic organizations, served as county commissioner and was a friendly face in Montevallo for many years. I miss seeing him walking down Main Street in his fancy suits and tutoring students at Parnell Memorial Library. If you wish to donate online, please visit [bench-for-earl.square.site](http://bench-for-earl.square.site) for more information.

Monday, August 8th will be the National Farmer's Market Week Celebration at the Montevallo Farmers' Market with a Petting Zoo and live music. The market is open from 3-6 pm. Please come out and support our local farmers.

University of Montevallo Freshman will be moving to campus on August 19th and classes will begin on August 22nd. We are looking forward to seeing the smiling faces of UM students around town again.

Friday Nights at the Cove are in full swing with bands playing on July 29th, Sept. 9 and Oct. 7th from 6:30-8:30. Please come out for some family friendly entertainment.

Don't forget your chair or blanket. This event is sponsored by Main Street Montevallo.

**SAVE THE DATE!!!** September 10, 2022 will be the Tinglewood Festival. The event will be held in our beautiful Orr Park from 9 am-5 pm This is one of the largest events in the City of Montevallo and usually draws around 7,000 visitors to our area. The event will feature the Cars by The Creek car show, many forms of wood artist vendors, a chainsaw carving expo, children's activities, wooden boat race, food trucks and more!

We have not given up hope on enticing a hardware store to set up shop in Montevallo. The City is pursuing potential investors to make a hardware store a reality. It's a potential goldmine waiting to happen. Just think of all the sales tax revenue leaving our city to purchase lumber and other building supplies in other cities. It would be great if we could keep those consumers in town and pull in customers from the surrounding areas. I will give updates as they become available.

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Thursday, August 4 at 2:00 pm: **Kid's Movie**

Friday, August 12: **Popsicle Day**. Pick up a free popsicle at the library! Available all day, while supplies last.



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Thursday, August 18 -- 1:00 PM  
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For more information contact Sylvia Sheffield  
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Tuesday, Aug. 16  
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**The Art of Robin Nance Metz**



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*Submitted by Susan Lehman, Team Lehman*

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For those who are home owners, schools also have a big impact on the value of their homes. Data from the National Association of Realtors shows that 26% of recent homebuyers are influenced by the quality of their school district when selecting where to live. That percentage jumps to 46% for buyers ages 30 to 39, and by 36% for buyers ages 22 to 29. Your school district is so important, one study suggests that people pay an average of \$50 more per square foot for homes in top rated school districts. Homes and school districts that rank lower sell for a significantly lower price.

In Montevallo, we are lucky to have strong schools, but as we all know, they still need all the help they can get. It is up to each of us to find ways to support the schools. Shelby Emergency Assistance will be giving out school supplies on August 2nd and is always looking for extra school supplies or volunteers. You can give money to individual classrooms or

projects at any of the Montevallo schools through the website, Donors Choose. Individual teachers and PTA members will have lots of suggestions on how to help - just ask.

Also, pay attention to the local students who come knocking at your door or ask to carry your groceries. We all get tired of people asking for money, but this is different — it's about your home. And your hometown. And your neighbors. Support them when you can.

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 Historical Commission, 6:0 p.m., City Hall

**EVERY TUESDAY**  
 Ladies Bible Study - Community Wide  
 10:00-11:00 am, Montevallo First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall

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**EVERY 3RD THURSDAY**  
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**EVERY 2ND WEDNESDAY**  
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**ALAN MILLER OF CHELSEA HIRED AS NEW AMERICAN VILLAGE PRESIDENT AND CEO**

*Submitted by Melanie Poole*

The Board of Trustees of the American Village Citizenship Trust has hired Criminal Defense Attorney Alan B. Miller of Chelsea, AL as the new President and CEO of the American Village. This follows the retirement of American Village Founder and President Tom Walker in February of this year. Walker will continue to serve as President Emeritus.

Mr. Miller was a founding partner of Hepburn & Miller, LLC in Shelby County. His prior work included Executive Director of Shelby County COMPACT 2020, and Chief Assistant District Attorney for the Eighteenth Circuit District Attorney's Office in Columbiana. He has a Bachelor of Arts from Tulane University and a Juris Doctorate from the University of Alabama School of Law.

Mr. Miller is a Colonel in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve, with experience in the Marine Forces Europe (Republic of Georgia), 4th Marine Logistics Group (New Orleans, LA), Force Headquarters Group (New Orleans, LA) and 3rd Battalion 14th Marines (Chattanooga, TN). He attended Air War College in Montgomery, AL.

"The mission of The American Village "to strengthen and renew the foundations of American liberty and self-government" is one that speaks directly to my heart as a Marine Corps officer and an attorney. I am incredibly excited to have this opportunity to continue the work Tom Walker started with The American Village nearly 30 years ago," said Miller. "Tom Walker's incredible vision and leadership is evident everywhere on this campus. My primary focus is



**ALAN MILLER, NEW AMERICAN VILLAGE PRESIDENT AND CEO**

to simply continue the amazing work that is already underway. The ideals our Founders expressed in The Declaration of Independence present a challenge for us to be striving toward together. The American Village will continue to promote unity and responsible citizenship by teaching and inspiring all our guests."

Carol Brown, Chair of the American Village Citizenship Trust Board of Trustees says, "Alan is committed to continuing our educational mission of building new leaders by teaching the foundations which built this great country we all are honored to call home. We look forward to his tenure at the Village as we move into a period of growth and new and exciting partnerships that will continue to expand our reach outside the Village campus."



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**THE HELMET ARGUMENT**

In Alabama, wearing a bicycle helmet is a personal choice. The decision to wear (or not wear) a helmet is divisive and not an open and shut case. Pro-safety arguments for wearing a helmet are well-known, but what about the other perspective?

Modern bicycle helmets are made of hard plastic on the outside, a type of foam on the inside, and a way to attach your head. On impact, the plastic helps your helmet to slide and more evenly distribute the impact force, the foam compresses against the plastic, which slows your brain when it compresses against the inside of your skull. Most helmets work well if your head hits something hard. However, there are many other factors to consider:

- **Law** – Helmet Law for Minors (Ala. Code §§32-5A-283; 32-5A-285): Whether you are the operator or passenger, a helmet is required for anyone under the age of 16 while riding a bicycle in public. Thus, those 16 years of age or older can make their own decision as to whether they want to wear a helmet.

- **Crashes** – in 2020, ALDOT reported 220 bicycle crashes (76% caused injuries and 3.6% caused fatalities), 725 pedestrian crashes (79% caused injuries and 13% caused fatalities), and 134,039 vehicle crashes (28% caused injuries and 0.7% caused fatalities) [ALDOT 2020 Crash Facts]. Since all of these crashes involved a motor vehicle, one could argue that everyone on the road (cyclists, pedestrians, and motorists) should wear helmets. Coronado et al. (2011) determined that 17.8% of all motor vehicle crashes resulted in head injury (Traumatic Brain Injury) and *Momentum Magazine* reported that only 25% of bicycle accident hospitalizations were the result of a head injury. Thus, while a helmet might help you in some cases, there's little evidence that a) it will save you from most injuries, and b) a cyclist needs a helmet more than a driver or pedestrian.

- **Research** – A 2016 literature review (Martin & O'Connell) found that most studies do a poor job estimating helmet injury reduction because it is very difficult to control for cyclist exposure and difficult to control for other confounding factors. This literature estimated head injury reduction with helmet use from as high as 88% to as little as 42%. Research is inconsistent in determining how well a helmet protects your head in a crash.

- **Safety in Numbers** – The most important protection for a cyclist's safety is the presence of other cyclists. A 2017 study (Fyhri et al.) found that the more bikes on the road, the more drivers saw bikes and were able to coexist safely with riders. Unfortunately, helmet laws can reduce the appeal of riding bikes. Requiring riders to wear helmets creates a barrier that may scare a would-be cyclist away, as many people do not like wearing helmets.

**Risk Compensation** – People become more careful when perceiving greater risk and less careful when perceiving lower risk. Safety equipment such as a bike helmet, increases risk compensation – wearing your helmet and darting between cars at high speed is a bike rider form of risk compensation.

A 2013 study published in Transportation Research Record (Zaki et al.) found that helmeted bicyclists traveled about 50 percent faster than riders without helmets. It makes sense that the faster/riskier you ride the more likely you are to be involved in crashes and wear a helmet and that slower bicyclists perceive bike riding to be less risky and are not as likely to wear a helmet (2012 Fyhri et al.) That being said, a bike helmet can only offer so much crash protection. Grant Peterson (founder of Rivendell Bicycle Works) may have said it best, "Are you safer wearing a helmet and overestimating its protection, or going helmetless and riding more carefully?"

I wear a helmet on almost every trip I take. However, I do not feel safer wearing a helmet – it does offer great rain and sun protection. I dislike the inconvenience of having an additional thing to secure when I leave my bike. However, I would never judge a cyclist who chooses to go helmet-free, for the reasons I have outlined above.

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# MILITARY MOMENT

Submitted by Traci Crenshaw, Director,  
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August is Anti-terrorism (AT) Awareness month and the Coast Guard celebrates their birthday on the 4th.

Army.mil states "Each year, the Army sets aside August to raise awareness of its ongoing efforts to protect Soldiers and their families, Department of the Army civilians and contractors from terrorist threats.

Here are a few things to always keep in mind:

1. **The threat is real.** "Our enemies never rest and continue to seek ways to attack our nation and destroy our way of life. AT month provides us an opportunity to contribute to the defense against terrorism and keep our families and communities safe through training and awareness," explained Col. Mike Blahovec, U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command's protection director.

2. **Awareness is critical.** Knowledge is power, and just like in the National Football League, defense wins championships.

3. **See something - Say something.** Sometimes seemingly benign -- but odd -- situations can lead to terrible consequences, if they go unreported. The "See Something -- Say Something" motto has contributed to preventing planned attacks. "We are all in this fight together," says Bill Moisant, TRADOC's G-34 protection chief. "Our Soldiers and their families know what they've signed up for, and they know the type of business we are in, but we can all help

watch each other's back. AT Awareness Month focuses on training; this is critical in protecting our people and enabling our missions. Awareness is our most certain defense against an act of terrorism. If you see something - say something."

On a lighter note, the U.S. Coast Guard's birthday is August 4th. *Nationaltoday.com* says "Every year, August 4 is celebrated as the U.S. Coast Guard Birthday, commemorating the military organization for its valor and discipline. Since 1790, the U.S. Coast Guard has kept the nation's waterways safe, playing a critical role in national security."

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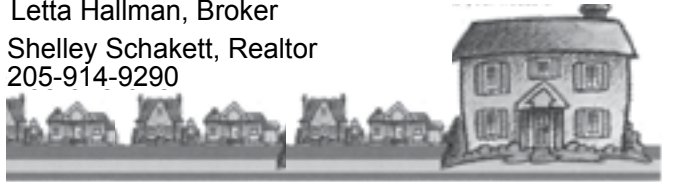
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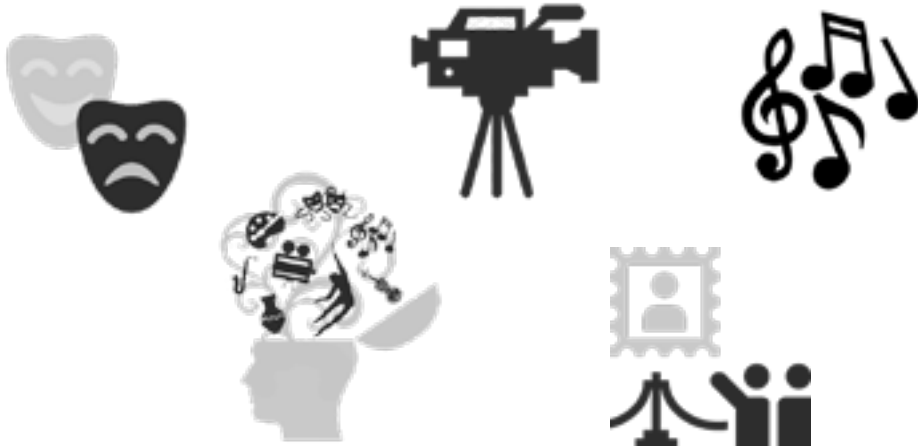
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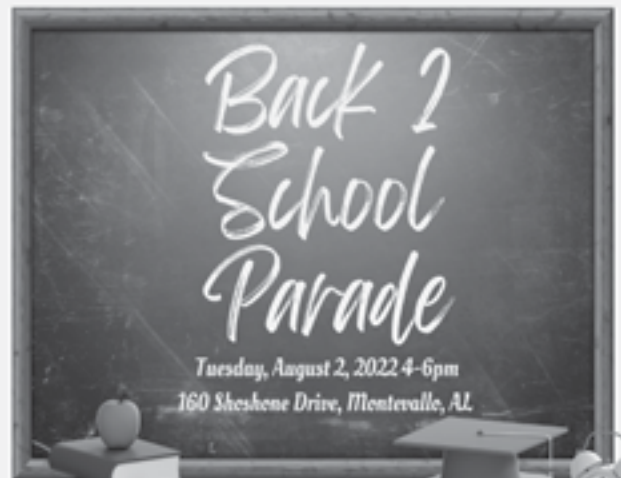
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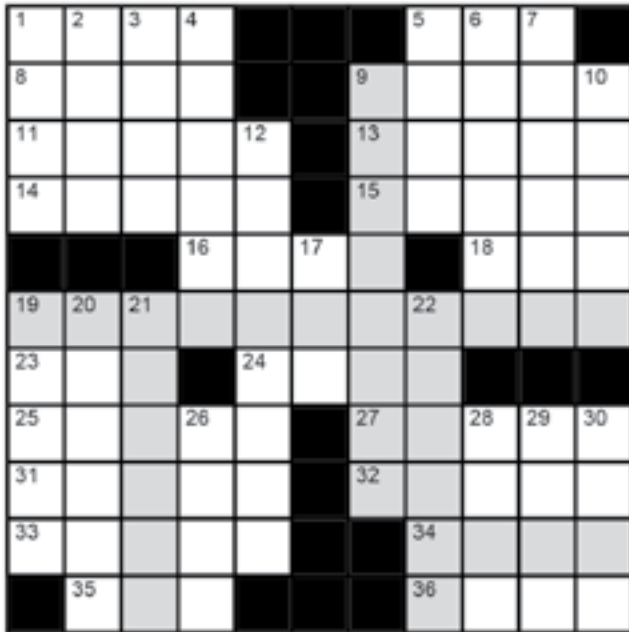
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# CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Happy Birthday Main St. Tavern!!



By Steve Forrester, Andrea Eckelman and Meredith Tetloff

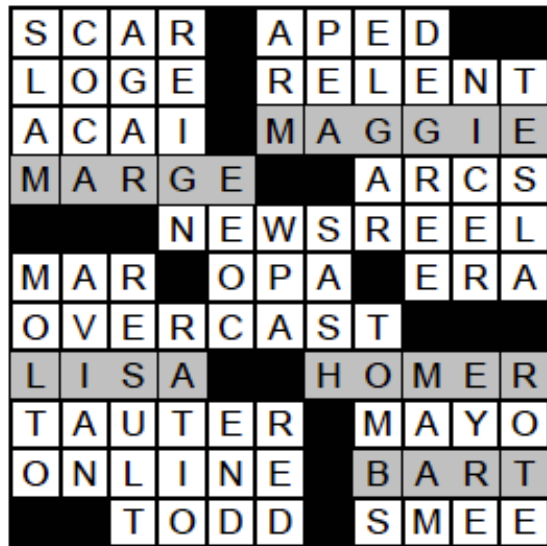
## Across

1. \_\_\_ boy!
5. Cleo's killer?
8. Life science: Abbr.
9. R&B singer born in Texas
11. Geo-political alliances
13. A new \_\_\_ on life
14. Divvy up
15. Movie starring 24-Across
16. Type of cuisine at Surin West
18. In-flight info, for short
19. Original use for the Main St. Tavern building
23. Liberty Mutual insurance mascot
24. Famous Irish action film star, familiarly
25. Gwyneth Paltrow's daughter or teacher gift
27. Ski lift safety mechanisms
31. Tease
32. What 7 did to 9?
33. \_\_\_ code, e.g. "resort casual"
34. Jeff and Jimmy Webster are these, for short
35. Poet's preposition
36. Hip Birmingham eatery \_\_\_ West

## Down

1. They just released *Voyage*
2. Civil Rights catalyst Emmett
3. Hammer or screwdriver, e.g.
4. Author of *Little Women*
5. Floating, perhaps
6. "\_\_\_, not stirred."
7. Pre-Euro Spanish currency
9. Popular Main St. Tavern burger
10. Of the kidneys
12. Mount in Oregon that erupted
17. The agent in *Entourage*, played by Jeremy Piven
19. *Ted Lasso's* right hand man
20. Strike caller
21. What you might eat at the Main St. Tavern
22. What you might do during 21-Down at the Main St. Tavern
26. Give the slip to
28. Site of the Taj Mahal
29. Fraternity letters
30. Saint Street?: Abbrs.

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