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Chamber News

"Alabama's Best Weather Anchor" visits Montevallo



James Spann cuts the Ribbon on Montevallo Storm Shelter #1 on Feb 28 at Stephens Park. James came over to the park after the Let's Talk Weather Preparedness with James Spann event at the UM Center for the Arts. (l-r) Bell Jackson, Wesley Hallman, Kira Thomas, Joyce Lewis, Council person Martha Eisenberg, Mayor Rusty Nix, Meteorologist James Spann (scissors), Steve Gilbert, UM Police Chief Tim Alexander, Mark Czeskleba, and Adele Nelson. A BIG Thanks goes out to the University of Montevallo, City of Montevallo, Montevallo Chamber and James Spann.

MONTEVALLO CHAMBER GOLF TOURNAMENT

THURSDAY APRIL 28, 2022



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APRIL MONTEVALLO CHAMBER LUNCHEON
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20



"Impact Montevallo: An Organizational Overview"

Guest Speaker- Sarah Hogan, Impact Montevallo Program Director / Parnell Library with networking at 11:30am and lunch at noon \$12. ea. RSVP by Mon. April 18 to 205-665-1519 or montevallochamber@gmail.com Catered by Montevallo High School Culinary II Arts Program. Luncheon Sponsor - Impact Montevallo

APRIL

1st Friday
APRIL FOOL'S DAY

SCHOOL HOLIDAY
Last day of Spring Break - Shelby County schools & University of Montevallo closed

2nd Saturday
FREE DUMP DAY AT SHELBY COUNTY LANDFILL
Montevallo residents can take advantage of trucks on April 2nd from 7am - 2pm to haul off unwanted items. Trucks will be available at Montevallo Recycling Center - 1120 Overland Rd

5th Tuesday
IMPACT MONTEVALLO COALITION VIRTUAL MEETING
9:00am / email - impactmontevallo@gmail.com for link

9th Saturday
MONTEVALLO ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT
10am / Orr Park / 11am - Egg Hunt
Hosted by Montevallo Park & Recreation Board

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UM 2022 BIG EVENT
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Deadline March 25, 2022

11th Monday
WASHINGTON UPDATE LUNCHEON
Congressman Gary Palmer / Wynfrey Hotel / \$20. ea / RSVP to Montevallo Chamber

15th Friday
GOOD FRIDAY

MONTEVALLO ONION SALE
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17th Sunday
EASTER

20th Wednesday
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22nd Friday
EARTH DAY

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28th Thursday
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11am, Registration & lunch / Shotgun 12:30pm / Cahaba Falls Country Club. Proceeds to benefit the Mary Lou Williams Memorial Scholarship Fund. Sponsorship & Registration- call 665-1519 or email montevallochamber@gmail.com

29th Friday
FRIDAY NIGHTS AT THE COVE
Owl's Cove Park / 6:30pm

30th Saturday
MONTEVALLO ATHLETIC CLUB DINNER FUNDRAISER
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**SOME BABY BOOMERS (BORN 1946 TO 1964)
ARE STILL LIVING IN THE GREAT DEPRESSION.**

*Submitted by Marshel Roy Cunningham
(GoneToAlabama@aol.com)*

Many Baby Boomers such as myself have been so greatly influenced by our parents that we are living in the Great Depression and don't know it.

Let me be clear from the outset. I am not a hoarder. The house of a hoarder has rooms that can no longer function as they were intended to function. Hallways and stairways are so full of "things" that they are unsafe. That is not the condition I am describing. No one has to climb over anything to enter any room in my house.

The Baby Boomers have inherited a different sort of condition, one that is hidden from view. We might detect it in each other, but no casual outsider visiting our home would think anything unusual was going on. But it is. We are, in fact, still living in the Great Depression.

Here is just one example of why this has evolved in me. When my sister redid my father's bathroom after he moved back home, he did what he usually did. He told the men who were working, " Don't worry about hauling off that old sink and bathtub. We'll take care of it." First of all, was it not their job to put in a new sink and tub and haul off the old one ? Why did my father say things like that? Because, the next week when I walked through the barn, there was the old sink and bathtub. He had "saved them in case they were needed later." That is the Great Depression that was alive in him after all of these years.

Walking from France to Berlin in 1944/45 while under machine gun fire wasn't enough to change him, I guess. He would tell me that he couldn't go to the movies when he was 15, because he didn't have a quarter. Maybe I believed him, maybe not.

Now if you are old enough to have lived during the Great Depression, this message is not intended for you. Don't try to change. We like you just the way you are. Save the plastic butter dishes. Save the bread loaf ties. Save the grocery store bags. It is part of your charm. S and H Green Stamps were made for your generation. And mine.

Yet lately, by no choice of my own, I have been forced to analyze my current situation. Why do I have clothes from 20 years ago? Because another Great Depression might come and I will need them. Why do I have 30 towels and 12 sets of sheets? Because my father taught me that we have to save everything for the future, because the Big Depression might hit again. I didn't sense all this was in me until the de-cluttering books became popular. Does having 20 dish rags give me joy ? They must; I have that many now. I detest the smugness of the de-cluttering books. They make it seem so easy. Baby Boomers are in a state of anguish mixed with anger, even though we can get a good burn pile going with the best of them. I don't experience joy when I read about de-cluttering; I usually experience stress.



Allen and Sadie Evans picking tomatoes.

I have finally accepted, with the help of my family and friends, that I am living in my parents' era of the Great Depression. I bought 30 more garbage bags for this week (The white ones from the grocery store I save are too small). I think the cancelled checks from the 1980's can probably go now. I think I might be able to part with a few Christmas cards and birthday cards from the last twenty years. I could even throw away some of my college text books and term papers from 1976. (I don't think I'm ready to part with my artwork on the brown sheets from Mrs. Nathews' first grade class in 1962.)

I'm sure the "I'll fix it one day" furniture won't be missed. (My sister has worked in the mental health field for 40 years. She says "one day" never comes. It has to be a certain day.) There is a closet upstairs filled with over 100 picture frames. I have not been in that closet in 10 years. Why am I saving them? Because it's the thing to do if it's 1935. I might need to frame something some day. It's in me. Those who write the de-cluttering books and articles seem to think all of my "stuff" is worthless. Maybe it is to them, but not to me. I don't want my house to look like a hotel room. Yes, some things need to go, but not everything.

I am trying to work it out. My friend in Denver is trying to help me. My sister is trying to encourage me. Another friend can't help me. I've seen her closets. She probably has 400 dresses. I guess realization is the first step. I took a hammer one afternoon to the barn and busted the sink and bathtub into small pieces and hauled them to the dump. My father never missed them. I'm just glad he didn't put the bathtub in the front yard. I am told they make great planters for flowers.



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SAFETY SPOT



"COOK WITH CAUTION"

- Be on alert! If you are sleepy or have consumed alcohol don't use the stove or stovetop.
- Stay in the kitchen while you are frying, boiling, grilling, or broiling food. If you leave the kitchen for even a short period of time, turn off the stove.
- If you are simmering, baking, or roasting food, check it regularly, remain in the home while food is cooking, and use a timer to remind you that you are cooking.
- Keep anything that can catch fire — oven mitts, wooden utensils, food packaging, towels or curtains — away from your stovetop.



Have a "kid-free zone" of at least 3 feet (1 metre) around the stove and areas where hot food or drink is prepared or carried.

If you have a small (grease) cooking fire and decide to fight the fire...

- On the stovetop, smother the flames by sliding a lid over the pan and turning off the burner. Leave the pan covered until it is completely cooled.
- For an oven fire, turn off the heat and keep the door closed.

If you have any doubt about fighting a small fire...

- Just get out! When you leave, close the door behind you to help contain the fire.
- Call 9-1-1 or the local emergency number from outside the home.

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- 1 The leading cause of fires in the kitchen is unattended cooking.
- 1 Most cooking fires in the home involve the kitchen stove.



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'A NEW SEASON:' AMERICAN VILLAGE FOUNDER TOM WALKER RETIRES FROM FULL-TIME SERVICE

Numerous dignitaries, colleagues, relatives and friends attended a retirement reception honoring American Village founder Tom Walker on Monday, March 14, 2022.



TOM WALKER

Walker recently announced his decision to retire from his full-time role as president of the American Village, a place he had the idea of establishing as an American history and civics educational campus to inspire and prepare young people for roles as citizens and leaders.

“This is not a farewell,” Walker said, noting the American Village Citizenship Trust Board of Trustees has approved for him to continue to serve in a part-time capacity as founder and president emeritus. “It is the close, indeed, of one season and the beginning of a new season where I earnestly pray that we will continue together united in the great purposes of the American Village, warmly welcoming my successor when he or she is chosen and being committed to a new season of even greater labors, opportunity and great hope for our beloved country.”

Since opening in November 1999, the 188-acre campus has served more than 750,000 students from Shelby County and throughout the southeastern United States, and also draws thousands of public visitors each year.

Taking part in the Retirement Reception Program were Congressmen Robert Aderholt and Gary Palmer, State Rep. Kenneth Paschal, Alabama Bureau of Pardons and Paroles Director Cam Ward, Former American Village Board Chair Vaughan Morrisette, American Village Board of Trustees Chair Carol Brown, Chapel Board Chair and Board of Trustees member Dr. Beth Hamer, former state senator and U.S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions, American Village Chief Education Officer Val Crofts, vice president of the American Village Public Educational Building Authority Board Kirk Lightfoot, and founding chair of the American Village State Sen. Tom Butler.

Walker expressed deep gratitude to the many people who have been involved with the American Village over the years, including but not limited to his family, staff members, Board of Trustees members, the Shelby County Commission, architect Mike Hamrick and countless supporters.

In his part-time role, Walker said he will continue to have an office at the American Village and will focus on several priorities, including completion of a replica of Independence Hall before the nation’s 250th birthday on July 4, 2026.

While the search for Walker’s successor continues, former Shelby County Manager Alex Dudchock is serving as the American Village’s interim executive officer on a volunteer, part-time basis.

Regarding his own transition, Walker quoted a passage of scripture from the Bible that says, “To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under heaven.”

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There is a new P.E.O. chapter forming in Shelby County! Learn about P.E.O. and how you can support women in your community through P.E.O.'s six philanthropies.

The first meeting will be Thursday, April 21 at 1:00 PM in Parnell Memorial Library, 200 Park Drive, Montevallo, AL.

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PRENTICE DRAGONS CROSS THE COLOR LINE

1969. It was a momentous year in Alabama high school basketball. The papers were calling the February tournaments the “most interesting ever.” Why? For the first time they included Negro schools. A star player on one of those breakthrough teams was Montevallo’s own Lawrence “Butch” Lilly, center for the Prentice High School Dragons. Black teams claimed victory in two of the four championship divisions that year. Prentice’s Dragons lost in the first round, but Lilly made the All-Tournament team and went on to distinguish himself as a 7-foot rebounding phenomenon for the Alabama State Hornets. (“If that ball left your hand I was at it.”) In 1973 he was drafted by the New York Knicks.

His professional career was cut short by a knee injury and to this day he regards the injury as a blessing. He was not prepared to handle the fame and temptations of the NBA life. He advises kids who want to play basketball at the college and professional level “not to leave home without God. Work hard and be committed to playing basketball.” Commitment to the game lives on in the family. Lawrence and his wife Catherine (Abston), his college sweetheart, have a granddaughter, Lauryn, who plays guard for the University of West Alabama Tigers Women’s Basketball Team.

“Butch” Lilly, who still resides in Montevallo, told us recently that playing basketball “was a way to establish himself.” He grew up in Brierfield, went to Seven Pines Elementary, and then attended Prentice, soon to be merged with the all-white Montevallo High School just down the road. He didn’t start playing until the tenth grade. “I didn’t like basketball,” he recalls, “but after I learned the basics it went on from there. I used the gift of height that was given to me.”



LAWRENCE “BUTCH” LILLY

He was encouraged to believe in himself as a player by his B-Team coach at Prentice, Mr. Tommie Frederick, and his high school coach, Mr. Arthur Greenlee. Some of his best memories turn on his rivalry with James Powell (nickname “Bull”) from Alabaster during his high school years. Games between their schools were known as Butch vs. Bull.



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Interviewed by Bill Plott in 1999, he remembered what it was like to be part of the first all-black team to play in the newly integrated state tournament in Memorial Coliseum in Tuscaloosa. “I’m sure we were nervous and playing in the coliseum was awesome. We had been playing in much smaller places, nothing like that.” It may have added to the stress that his team was crossing a long guarded color line. Herman (Bubba) Scott of the Alabama High School Athletic Assn. predicted that the inclusion of Black athletes would “revolutionize” basketball in the state. “The game is going to be faster and better than ever.” White teams will have to play “a faster, run and shoot type of game . . . because they know they’ll have to play that way against some of the other teams.” For spectators the game will be “more exciting and appealing . . . than ever before.”

Civil rights legislation passed in the 1960s brought vastly important social changes to our country. The Voting Rights Act of 1965 and the Civil Rights Acts of 1964 and 1968 sought to end segregation in the South and prohibit discrimination everywhere in housing, voting, and other areas. There was resistance of course, and it continues. But a wonderful and immediately visible change occurred in gyms and coliseums across the state where young men like Montevallo’s “Butch” Lilly ushered in a new era of basketball. It was a newly thrilling game that brought onto the court young people of all colors and generated shared enthusiasm in the stands.

We are grateful to Lawrence and Catherine Lilly for providing photos and memories. We draw also from “A Prediction is Made. . .,” *Montgomery Advertiser*, Mar 16, 1969 and Bill Plott’s interview with Mr Lilly in “A Piece of History,” *Birmingham News*, Feb 28, 1999.

Submitted by Kathy King & Anitka Stewart Sims. Contact us at Movaltrail@gmail.com. We want to hear your stories and welcome correction of fact or interpretation.

HETTIE WAGNER IS HONORED FOR 30 YEARS OF SERVICE AT SHELBY EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

To celebrate Wagner's 30th work anniversary, SEA hosted an appreciation lunch, Zoom party and drive-thru for gifts and cake. Wagner serves as SEA's social services director. When she started in February 1992, Wagner said she was the youngest person in the office. Over the years, her leadership and dedication to her work has been evident to the many people she and the SEA team have helped throughout Shelby County.



HETTIE WAGNER

The Montevallo Chamber also congratulated Hettie with a beautiful bouquet of flowers.

"She is so humble," SEA Director Amanda Fowler said. "Everyone in the community knows who she is and appreciates her. She has touched so many lives." Fowler presented Wagner with a plaque commemorating her 30 years of service.

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CITY OF MONTEVALLO NEWS

Mayor's Message...

Hello good Citizens of Montevallo!

I hope all of you are doing well, looking forward to warmer weather and enjoying the time switch to Daylight Savings Time.



RUSTY NIX, MAYOR

Spring is in the air and that means that it's time to weed those flowerbeds, get your garden ready, knock the dust off the lawnmower and make your yard beautiful. If you need help with your early Spring yard cleanup, The University of Montevallo is holding its 2022 Big Event on Saturday, April 9th. The student body at UM holds this event to express their gratitude to the community that supports the university. Student volunteers will provide three hours of service to the residents of Montevallo, performing outdoor tasks from raking yards to trimming hedges. The sign-up deadline is March 25, 2022. A job request form can be found online on the UM website or you can call the UM Student Life Office at 205-665-6565 for questions, information or assistance with completing a job request form. You may also email the Student Life Office at jbell8@Montevallo.edu.

The City has many family friendly events coming up in April. First, the Festival of Tulips at the American Village is now open! During the festival, The American Village will be open Monday-Saturday from 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. and on Sunday from 12:00-4:00 P.M. Admission to the event is \$5.00 per person and Tulip bulbs are \$2.00 each. Be sure to stop by and purchase some colorful tulips for your yard.

Shelby County will be hosting a Free Landfill Day for Shelby County residents at the Shelby County Highway 70 Landfill on Saturday, April 2nd. The City of Montevallo will be collecting items for Montevallo citizens at the recycling center on Overland Road from 7:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M. The

City will drop off items to the Landfill free of charge. The Landfill does NOT accept hazardous waste, tires, batteries, or liquids of any type so please ensure that those items are not included in your drop off items.

The Montevallo Parks and Recreation Board's annual Easter Egg hunt will be on April 9th at Orr Park. The event will begin at 10:00 with the egg hunt starting at 11:00 sharp. Come get your picture made with the Easter Bunny in addition to gathering Easter eggs. Last year, we had 300+ attendees at this event. This is a fun filled event for children ages 1-12.

The annual Montevallo Arts Festival will be April 16th in Orr Park. The event will be open from 10 A.M. – 5:00 P.M. and is free to the public. The art show will be comprised of artists from Alabama and around the Southeast. Musical entertainment will be provided and will perform on the Main Street Montevallo Music Stage. Food and refreshment vendors will also be on site for this event. The Arts Festival usually brings around 5,000+ people to our lovely city. Please plan to come out and support some of our local artists.

Montevallo Main Street will be kicking off the first in the Friday Nights At The Cove series for 2022 on Friday, April 29nd at 6:30 P.M. Please come out and relax in Owl's Cove Park and enjoy live music performed by Mother May I. This

phenomenal musical group showcases a mix of Motown, R&B, classic rock, 80's retro, old school funk and current Top 40. This is a free event but don't forget to bring your chair! Owl's Cove Park is located at 737 Main Street.

Remember to shop local first and, as always, thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Mayor.

Happy Easter!



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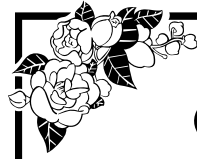
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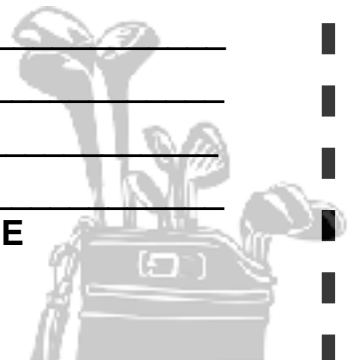
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City Council Meeting, 6:00 p.m., City Hall, 5:30 p.m. Work Session

EVERY 2ND MONDAY
MDCD Montevallo Development Cooperative District
1 p.m., Meets at City Hall

EVERY 1ST TUESDAY
Historical Commission, 6:30 p.m., Conference Room at Parnell Library.

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

EVERY TUESDAY -
7-8:30 pm, Montevallo Community Chorale meets at Choir Room of Davis Hall on UM Campus.

EVERY WEDNESDAY-SATURDAY
Aldrich Coal Mine Museum and Farrington Hall is OPEN from 10 a.m. until 4 pm

EVERY THURSDAY
Rotary Meeting, noon, City Hall

EVERY 3RD THURSDAY
Planning & Zoning Commission, 6 p.m., City Hall

EVERY 2ND WEDNESDAY
Montevallo Water & Sewer Board Meeting, 9:00 a.m.

EVERY 3RD SATURDAY MORNING
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The Mayor and City Council were honored to recognize the Montevallo High School Bulldogs Wrestling Team on winning their Region Championship for the first time in program history!

VITA PROGRAM

The University of Montevallo will offer the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program again this year. The service allows low-to-moderate income citizens to get their taxes filed for free by certified student volunteers. This no-cost method also offers invaluable experience for student volunteers.

For more information about the VITA program, or for an appointment, please call 205-665-6531.

During each appointment, clients will need to bring a photo ID, social security number for each family member and working adult, W-2s and other income forms, childcare provider name, address, tax ID and bank routing and account numbers for checking and savings accounts. Other helpful information includes any deduction details (medical, property tax), tuition expenses or student loan interest.



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April 3-7 **BFA Art Exhibition: Drew Harrison, Diedre Darby and Ben Calhoun**
Opening reception April 3, 4 to 6 p.m.,
The Gallery at Bloch Hall

April 7-10 **Opera: "The Merry Wives of Windsor" by Otto Nicolai**
April 7-9, 7:30 p.m. and April 10, 3 p.m.,
LeBaron Recital Hall, Davis Hall

April 9 **Senior Recital: Gretchen Monson, harp**
2 p.m., Rebecca J. Luker Stage in the
DiscoverShelby Theatre, Center for the Arts

April 10-14 **BFA Art Exhibition: Nathan Mize, Victoria Green and Melissa Wise**
Opening reception April 10, 4 to 6 p.m.,
The Gallery at Bloch Hall

April 11 **Instrumental Chamber Ensembles**
7:30 p.m., LeBaron Recital Hall, Davis Hall

April 12 **Senior Recital: Edwin Anthony, saxophone**
7:30 p.m., LeBaron Recital Hall, Davis Hall

April 14 **Alex Wilson, B.A. Capstone Project**
5 p.m., LeBaron Recital Hall, Davis Hall

April 14 **Jazz Ensemble**
7:30 p.m., Rebecca J. Luker Stage in the
DiscoverShelby Theatre, Center for the Arts

April 17-21 **BFA Art Exhibition: Natalie Henderson, Madeline Bruce and Savannah Thomas**
Closing reception April 21, 4 to 6 p.m.,
The Gallery at Bloch Hall

April 17 **National Association of Composers, USA Concert**
2 p.m., LeBaron Recital Hall, Davis Hall

April 18 **Festival Choral Day Concert**
4:30 p.m., Palmer Auditorium

April 21-24 **"A New Brain"**
April 21-23, 7:30 p.m. and April 23-24, 2 p.m.,
Michael & Sue Meadows Black Box, Center for
the Arts. Tickets are required and available to
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Walker. "A New Brain" is presented by
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contains adult language and adult content
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April 23 **Senior Recital: Elicia Freeman, soprano**
2:30 p.m., LeBaron Recital Hall, Davis Hall

April 24-28 **BFA Art Exhibition: Emma Grider, Katelynn McLain and Atiyah Muhammad**
Opening reception April 24, 4 to 6 p.m.,
The Gallery at Bloch Hall

April 25 **Wind Ensemble**
7:30 p.m., Rebecca J. Luker Stage in the
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April 26 **Concert Choir & University Chorus**
7:30 p.m., LeBaron Recital Hall, Davis Hall

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IMPROVING COMMUNITY BIKEABILITY: BIKING SAFER

Submitted by Arthur Herbert

Community bikeability (how suitable/fit for biking an area can be) is scored in a number of ways. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) asks six questions that help us assess neighborhood bikeability. This month we will focus on the sixth question— What did you do to make your ride safer?

Take a moment to reflect on your last bike ride. Consider the following things you may have done to make your ride safer: wore a helmet, obeyed traffic signals and signs, rode in a straight line, signaled turning/stopping with arms, rode with traffic, used lights, wore reflective materials and bright clothing, was courteous to other travelers.

Immediate solutions to these challenges:

- go to your local bike shop and buy a helmet
- get lights/reflectors if you are expecting to ride at night
- always follow the rules of the road and set a good example
- take a class to improve your riding skills and knowledge

Long-term solutions to these challenges:

- ask police to enforce bicycle laws
- encourage your school or youth agencies to teach on-bike bicycle safety

- start or join a local bicycle club
- become a bicycle safety instructor

After reviewing both short and long-term solutions, commit to seeing at least one solution through to the end. Getting involved is as easy as contacting the local government and your representative. Visit cityofmontevallo.com for a list of department heads, committee members, and your local municipal representative.

Bicycling, whether for transportation or recreation, is a great way to get physical activity into your day. Riding should be something you enjoy doing. Choose routes that match your skill level – start slowly and build your potential.

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MILITARY MOMENT

Submitted by Traci Crenshaw, Director,
UM Office of Veteran & Military Affairs



April is the month of the military child. Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger was responsible for establishing it in 1986, and the Department of Defense has honored his initiative ever since.

The month of April is an important one for children who have one or both parents serving in uniform; since its conception there have been an increasing number of awareness campaigns aimed at recognizing the needs of military children in all areas from coping with the deployment of parents to war zones to education of military dependents.

According to a report by the Department of Defense:

- Approximately 2 million military children have experienced a parental deployment since 9/11.
- Nearly 80% of military children attend public schools throughout the United States.
- The average military family moves three times more often than their civilian counterpart.

The military lifestyle is not easy and not just for the person wearing the uniform. We tend to thank the Veterans, but he or she is likely to have a spouse, children, parents, and siblings that are all affected by the needs of the United States Armed Forces. Children have no alternative but to go along with choices their parents have made. Next time you see a Veteran with their family, especially their children, please don't hesitate to thank them for their sacrifices, as well. Most of these children have to grow up a bit faster than others and accept more responsibility due to their parent's service.

I am a child of a Vietnam Veteran and the scars it left behind after my father took off the uniform was tremendous. I am also raising a military child (both myself and my husband are Veterans). When his father was being deployed to Iraq several people, including family members, told our son to "take care of me and that now he was the man of the house while his dad was away." Our son was 4 years old at the time. Please don't feel you must offer "words of wisdom" to these children, a simple thank you will go further than you might think.



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DISC GOLF TOURNAMENT TO BENEFIT SEA

Submitted by Susan Lehman

On May 14th Team Lehman will be hosting our first annual disc golf tournament to benefit Shelby Emergency Assistance. Registration for the tournament is \$25 for PDGA members and \$35 for the general public. It will take place at the University of Montevallo's disc golf course located around the Student Activity Center. We hope to have food trucks and other vendors there as well. For the uninitiated, here is some basic info about disc golf:

What is Disc Golf?

Disc golf is played much like golf. Instead of a ball and clubs, though, players use a flying disc or Frisbee®. The sport was formalized in the 1970s and shares with golf the object of completing each hole in the fewest strokes (or, in the case of disc golf, fewest throws).

A golf disc is thrown from a tee area to a target, which is the "hole." The hole can be one of a number of disc golf targets; the most common is an elevated metal basket. As a player progresses down the fairway, he or she must make each consecutive throw from the spot where the previous throw landed. The trees, shrubs, and terrain changes located in and around the fairways provide challenging obstacles for the golfer. Finally, the "putt" lands in the basket and the hole is completed.

Disc golf shares the same joys and frustrations of golf, whether it's sinking a long putt or hitting a tree halfway down the fairway. There are a few differences, though: Disc golf is often free to play in public parks, although pay-to-play courses are trending upward; you probably won't need to rent a cart, but converted golf course layouts are also

on the rise; and your "tee time" will usually come during tournament competition, not casual play.

Who Plays Disc Golf?

Disc golf is designed to be enjoyed by people of all ages, gender identity, and economic status, making it a great lifetime fitness activity. Because disc golf is so easy to learn, no one is excluded; players merely match their pace to their capabilities and proceed from there.

What is the Professional Disc Golf Association?

The Professional Disc Golf Association (PDGA) is a membership-based organization boasting more than 200,000 lifetime members across 54 countries. The PDGA is also the governing body for the sport and sanctions competitive events for players of every skill level. There are more than 9,800 disc golf courses worldwide, with more being installed every day. Where do I play?

Many city parks house free disc golf courses, while converted golf courses and private pay-to-play venues continue to crop up.



One of the great features disc golf shares with golf is that they are both played in beautiful settings. A nine-hole disc golf course can be established on as little as five acres of land, and a championship-caliber 18-hole course uses 30 to 40 acres. Disc golf courses can coexist with existing park facilities and activity areas, with the ideal location combining wooded and open terrains and a variety of topographical change.

The need for more courses is constant as the sport continues to grow in popularity. The PDGA has created resources for the design and installation of new golf courses to ensure their success in the community.

Why should I play?

Disc golf provides upper and lower body conditioning, aerobic exercise, and mental stimulation. Concentration skills increase by mastering shots and negotiating obstacles, and players of limited fitness levels can start slowly and gradually increase their level of play.

Scheduling is also flexible: A casual round takes one to two hours and may be played alone, eliminating the difficulty of scheduling tee times. Perhaps the greatest attribute of the sport is the low barrier to entry. A professional quality disc costs roughly \$15, and it only takes one for basic play. And, of course, there's the sheer fun of the game - no matter what your age or skill level!

Register for the Team Lehman SEA Disc Golf Tournament at [https://www.discgolfszene.com/tournaments/Team Lehman SEA Benefit 2](https://www.discgolfszene.com/tournaments/Team%20Lehman%20SEA%20Benefit%20)

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MONTEVALLO SEED-TO-TABLE AWARDED \$1,000 GRANT

The Shelby County Master Gardeners Association was awarded a \$1,000 Alabama Master Gardeners Association grant to begin replacing the raised beds in Montevallo's Seed-to-Table Community Garden. Work began on March 5 and was finished at the March 11 association meeting. Seven beds were replaced and prepared for spring planting.

Anyone who is interested in becoming a member of the garden may email Hettie Wagner at hettiewagner@att.net.



Picture: Shelby County Master Gardeners gathered at the Seed-to-Table Community Garden March 11 to replace seven raised beds.

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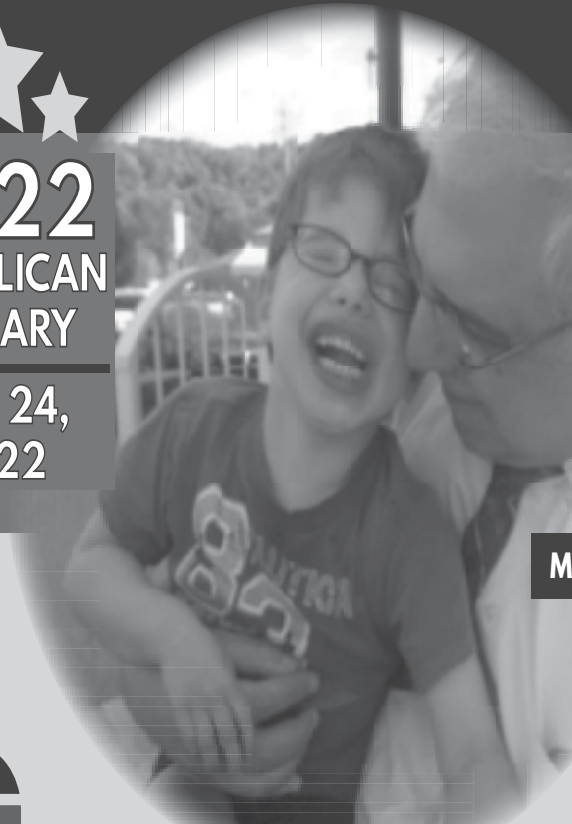


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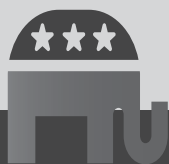


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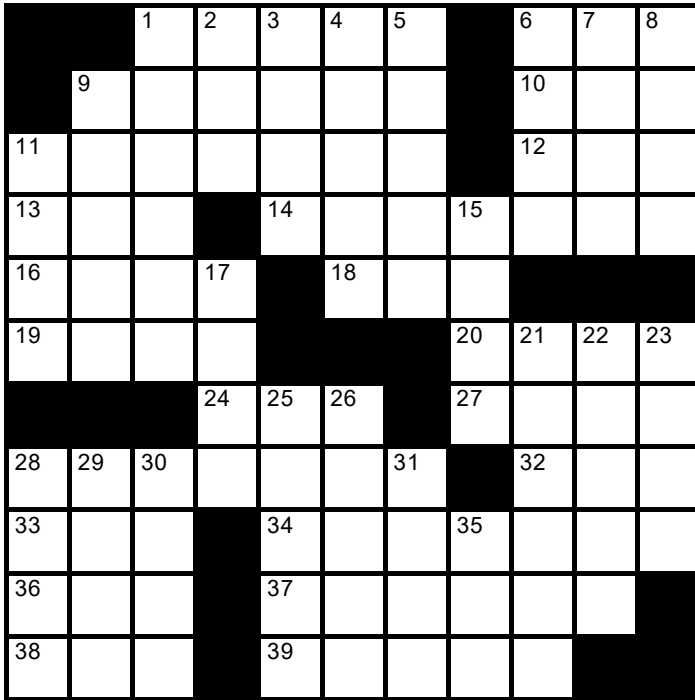


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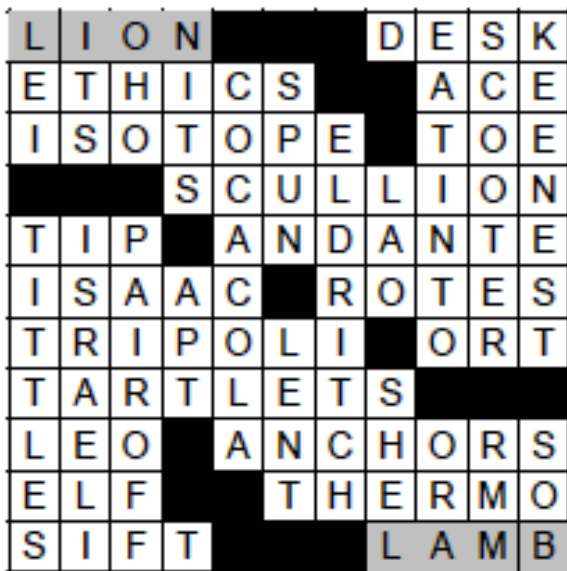
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6. Three of these make a Tbsp.
9. Brought up
10. Center of a hurricane
11. Wine designation
12. Santa __ winds
13. Self
14. Jean-Baptiste who theorized about inherited traits
16. Mausoleum
18. Carp
19. Black-and-white treat
20. Aware of
24. Day segments: Abbr.
27. Spur on
28. When these are "last," you've gone out with a bang
32. Failure
33. Opposite of WSW
34. Mistakes
36. Calculate a sum
37. Corn husk wrapped delicacy
38. Also
39. You need this to ski

Down

1. Full DNA sequence
2. Tell on
3. Toothbrush brand __-B
4. A Non-lacto-ovo vegetarian?
5. Swelling under the skin
6. Rip
7. What your devices do with each other
8. Acme
9. Dotting i's and crossing t's?
11. Nix
15. Eagerly excited
17. Niels who theorized about atoms
21. Bump under the skin, for instance
22. Brownish gray
23. What are the ___!
25. Rides a river
26. Sand bar
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