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## Chamber News



### JANUARY CHAMBER LUNCHEON

Wed., January 19: "State of the City Address"  
Guest Speaker: Mayor Rusty Nix. Annual Chamber Business Meeting. Parnell Library with networking at 11:30am and Lunch at noon \$12 ea. RSVP by Mon., Jan. 17 to 205-665-1519 or [montevallochamber@gmail.com](mailto:montevallochamber@gmail.com). Catered by SouthernSweets. Luncheon Sponsors - Trustmark National Bank and Trustmark Mortgage Services



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# JANUARY 2022



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MES, MMS & MHS starts second semester  
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6th, THURSDAY  
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**UM SPRING SEMESTER**  
Classes Start

11th, TUESDAY  
**MONTEVALLO SCHOOLS**  
MES, MMS & MHS start second semester  
-- All in-person students return to school

17th, MONDAY  
**REV. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. HOLIDAY**

**18th ANNUAL REV. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY CELEBRATION** / hosted by Shelby County NAACP / 10am Monte Vallo / lineup behind McDonald's, March to Monte Vallo High School / Program 11am at school POC - (205)902-5137 or (205)915-0787

**MONTEVALLO SCHOOLS**  
MES, MMS & MHS / Schools & Offices Closed

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19th, WEDNESDAY  
**MONTEVALLO CHAMBER LUNCHEON**  
"STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS" Guest Speaker: Mayor Rusty Nix / Annual Chamber Business Meeting / Parnell Library / Networking 11:30am / Lunch - noon \$12 ea / RSVP by Mon Jan 17 to 205-665-1519 or montervallochamber@gmail.com / Caterer- Southern Sweets / Luncheon Sponsors - Trustmark National Bank and Trustmark Mortgage Services

29th, SATURDAY  
**STRAND COFFEEHOUSE RIBBON CUTTING**  
10am / 620 Main St.

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## THE TOWN OF MONTEVALLO BEGAN IN THE MIDDLE OF OUR CEMETERY.

By Marshal Roy Cunningham (GoneToAlabama@aol.com)

Benjamin Wilson came to Shelby County about 1815 following his brother Jesse Wilson, who is considered the Father of the Town and founder of Monteal Ilo. Monteal Ilo was called Wilson's Hill in its earliest days. The name was changed about 1825 to Monteal Ilo (the translation always includes something about a mountain and a lley). Benjamin and Jesse were the only two boys in the family, but two of their sisters Hannah Wilson Frost (a widow), and Nancy Wilson Baker (a widow) also came with them.



WILLIAM A. WILSON,  
son of Jesse Wilson.

Their sisters Elizabeth Wilson (Mrs. Jehu Lawler), Lucretia Wilson (Mrs. Joel Hancock) and Mary Wilson, unmarried, remained in Madison County, Alabama with parents James and Lucretia (Griffith) Wilson.

Jesse Wilson's plantation was located on part of what is now the Monteal Ilo city cemetery, and is the reason the cemetery is located there. In those times, families would bury their dead either in an established church yard or on their farm. Jesse's log cabin was located to the right as you enter the cemetery, past the fence where the cemetery ends today. When his daughter Jane Wilson McQuirter died (Mrs. Francis McQuirter) in 1820, she was buried a suitable distance from the house. Her grave is the oldest in the cemetery. Later, Jesse's wife Elizabeth and another daughter of his were buried there.

The "Big Spring" is located on what was once the Themonge place. The "Nelson Spring" is the one in present Orr Park.

Benjamin and Hannah (Harless) Wilson are not in the Monteal Ilo cemetery. They were buried in Harless Cemetery, about five miles north of Monteal Ilo. This was the plantation cemetery of Mrs. Wilson's brother Henry Harless.

In 1820, Jesse Wilson was in the process of moving to the new town of Selma, when he died there suddenly. He was buried on his new farm just north of the town of Selma.

Jesse's son William Wilson inherited his father's Monteal Ilo plantation, and remained here until about 1832, when he moved to Coosa County. After Jesse died, his wife had returned to Monteal Ilo to live with her son William. She died in 1830 and was buried near her daughter.

An early history of the town states that the hill above the Wilson graves once was the location of Monteal Ilo's Masonic Lodge and other public buildings. This location is what we call the "first" location of the town of Monteal Ilo, in the middle of the present day city cemetery.

When the railroad tracks were laid in 1853, Monteal Ilo had a large public barbeque and the town began to drift more toward the railroad tracks and the creek. This is what we call the "second" location of the town.

Later, Edmund King (who lived in King House on the UM campus, and Edmund Powell, whose house was near the present Presbyterian Church and whose plantation was Orr Park, formed a new Main Street (still there) between their lands and the city drifted a third time to where it is now. The Powell cemetery is located on the high hill above the Monteal Ilo High School baseball field.

With the city moving closer to its present Main Street, the land on the hill above the Wilson graves began to be used solely for burials.

One family that surrounds the block house in the cemetery is the West/Prentice family. Rev. Dr. Joshua West, who died in 1860, is buried there next to his wife Hannah Prentice West. Dr. West was a medical doctor as well as a Methodist Minister. He was converted as a teen to the Methodist Church. He and Mrs. Prentice were married in 1793 and were sent by the church to Sevier County, Tennessee. He rode a circuit preaching the gospel.

His brother-in-law John Prentice and wife Rhoda Low Lady Prentice are buried on the other side of the building. Dr. West and family were in Monteal Ilo by 1818.

The African American Prentice family descend from those John Prentice held in bondage and brought with him in the move to Monteal Ilo. John Prentice had sons Daniel and George. All the Prentice (white) men moved from Monteal Ilo after 1865.

One can follow the growth of the Monteal Ilo cemetery simply by looking at the death dates on the tombstones. The top of the hill was in use by the post-civil war era. The section behind the flags as you enter the cemetery opened next. The very top of the hill was in use by the 1930's, and the section that forms the top of the hill and the back to the right has been the most recently opened.

Just as in life, the cemetery reflects Southern segregation. There is a section on the right where African American citizens were once buried, and today the second to the far left in the cemetery is used for African American burials.

The cemetery board of the Council and the staff who maintain the cleanliness of the cemetery have always earned the praise of the people of Monteal Ilo.



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Call or email the Director at 205-665-6678 or UMCSM@montevallo.edu for more information. Visit the website at [www.montevallo.edu/music/csm](http://www.montevallo.edu/music/csm)



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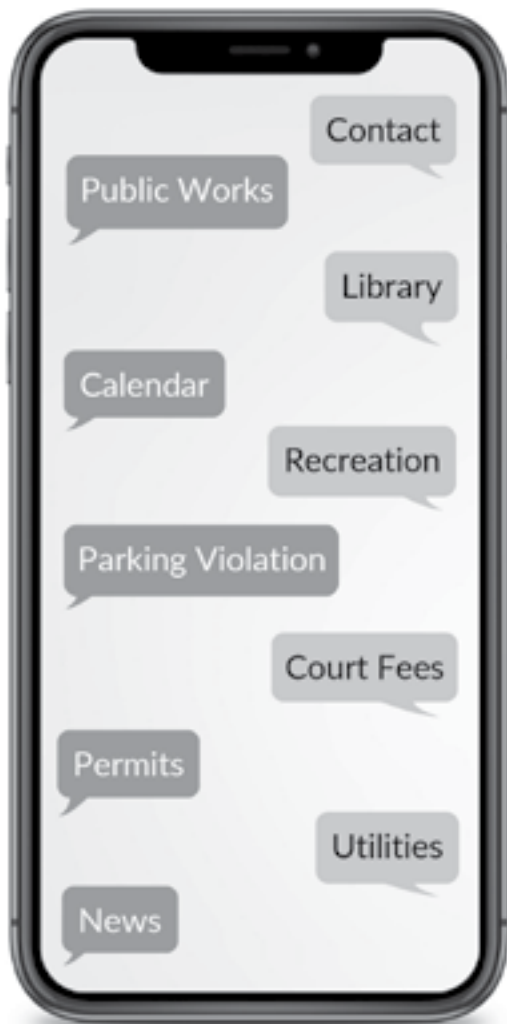
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# CITY OF MONTEVALLO NEWS

## Mayor's Message...

### **Hello citizens of Montevallo!**

Covid-19 numbers are currently on the decline in our state, but healthcare professionals are warning that numbers may spike around the holidays. As I state each month, it is a personal choice as to whether you decide to receive the Covid 19 vaccine, but I would still like to encourage everyone, who has not done so, to consider getting the vaccine. Please continue to respect businesses that require face masks/shields. Let's continue to wash our hands/use hand sanitizer, wear a mask or face shield and physically distance ourselves. We need to continue to do everything in our power to keep Covid-19 numbers going down.



**RUSTY NIX, MAYOR**

I would like to give a shout out to all the businesses in town that took time out from their busy schedules to decorate their store fronts for the holidays. Your efforts transform downtown Montevallo and the Highway 25 corridor into a scene from a picture-perfect Hallmark Christmas card. I would also like to recognize Kirk Hamby and his crew for getting all the decorations up in time for the parade. Our city workers did a fantastic job in a short period of time. I believe that this was the largest Christmas parade that we have ever had in Montevallo. The parade had over 70 entries of groups that participated this year. Also, Main Street was lined three to four people deep with smiling and laughing

children. We even had a live camel in the parade! Seeing a camel that was not in an enclosure at the zoo was a first for me.

**Happy New Year everyone!** Now, we turn the page to 2022. Many people start the new year with good intentions. My former boss, Jim Seaman, used to say, "the road to hell is paved with good intentions." Losing weight, getting in shape, working harder, saving money, etc.... Most people fall back into the old routine after about a month. Let's make a new resolution this year not to fall back but to move forward. For me, that means buying more items in Montevallo.

I remember when Montevallo was a self-contained town. Almost anything you wanted or needed could be purchased right here in Montevallo. I know our town is not structured like that anymore, but we can do a little bit better. Find a few items that you would normally purchase out of town and start purchasing them in town. Every little bit of change in your shopping habits can help local establishments stay in business. Our business owners have invested in the city so we should invest in them. Shopping local increases sales revenue which, in turn, helps the city budget bottom line. I always buy my gas local because doing so goes toward increasing our Road Tax (Gas Tax revenue) and I encourage our citizens to do the same. This tax helps with much needed road repairs in our area. I continue to encourage everyone to shop local first. Shopping in the City of Montevallo is a win-win for everyone.

As always, thank you for the opportunity to serve as your mayor.

**Montevallo**  
MAIN STREET  
Montevallo Chamber of Commerce

*Congratulations!*

Thank you to all the businesses and student groups who participated in Montevallo Main Street Design Committee's 2021 Window Decorating Competition!

This year's winners are:

*Merchants*

- 1st Place: Trustmark Bank
- 2nd Place: Happy's Variety Store
- 3rd Place: The Art Studio
- Mayor's Choice: The Type Shop
- People's Choice: The Type Shop

*Student Groups*

- 1st Place: Montevallo Presbyterian Children & Youth
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## UNTOLD STORIES OF BLACK MONTEVALLO:

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### THE PRENTICE FAMILY

In Old Camp of the coal-mining community of Aldrich, Joseph and Mattie Prentice raised a large family of at least 11 children. (A family account adds a twelfth child.) Some pursued work that took them far afield, from the coal fields of Pennsylvania to downtown Los Angeles. The two daughters married and settled in Topeka, Kansas and Little Rock, Arkansas. A few of the sons stayed closer to home to carry on their father's life of service to the local Black community. This instalment of Untold Stories highlights the positive impact on their communities of four of the Prentice sons.



The eldest, Herbert Prentice (1879-1961), went into business with his father in Aldrich. They advertised as "J. S. Prentice & Son, Dealers in General Groceries and Notions." The opening was announced March 11, 1898 in the Alabama Time-Piece, a black-edited newspaper published weekly in Aldrich. The grocery store opened on the Prentice lot at some distance from the centrally located company store. It offered special prices to Sabbath Schools and Secret Societies, and low prices to all: "There are but few people who know / That our prices are so low." A later notice in Time-Piece says, "Call and see them. They will treat you right" (May 5, 1898).

Joe Jr (1885-1960) was an acclaimed chef in this part of the world. In the 1910s and 20s he had a devoted following at the St George Hotel, which stood at the corner of Main and N. Boundary where TrustMark Bank is today. He was famous for his chicken pie and spoon bread. One traveling salesman called the spoon bread "the best he ever ate." His wife never forgot the delicious Southern fried chicken and gorgeous baked apples, the most beautiful "she had ever seen." He was a snappy dresser, serving his celebrated meals dressed in white trousers and bright silk shirts. According to a 1950 story in the Montevallo Times, traveling salesman "tried to make the St. George a regular Saturday night stop because of the extraordinary food."

Joe, never married, died in 1940 in a house he owned on Valley St near the Ward Chapel AME Church. In his youth he had worked in Aldrich mines (as did his father and most of his brothers at one time or another). He may have been active in the local chapter of the United Mine Workers. In

1907 a Joseph S. Prentice was named treasurer of Aldrich Local No. 367 (Birmingham News, 28 Dec). Joe Jr would have been about 22 at this time.



Frank Herman (1889-1971) was the only Prentice son who followed his father into the ministry. He seems to have inherited Joseph Sr's charisma, energy, and passion for education. He completed at least one year of college. After a stint as a Baptist minister in Cherokee, Kansas, he accepted in 1925 the pastorate of the Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church in Los Angeles, where he served until 1958. The church history describes him as "a great pastor, leader and preacher, dearly loved by Mount Zion." Under his leadership membership grew to 1,800, and the church school and choirs were considered among the best in the city. "He was called the "sweetheart" of the Foreign Mission Board and "prince of preachers" of the National Baptist Convention.

Robert (1891-1965) inherited some of his father's leadership skills and shared his older brother's creativity in the kitchen. He graduated from Alabama A&M College in 1913 with a degree in printing. When offered work as an assistant degree in printing. When offered work as an assistant cook, he accepted and two years later was made College Chef. He served in that position for 33 years. He seems to have been a good-hearted soul, providing loans to "scores of young men" who fell into financial difficulties. Robert was a beloved figure at Alabama A&M. The campus bulletin described him as "truly one of the landmarks" of the university. "White-haired and matter-of-fact in point of view, Mr. Prentice is a realist. Says he, 'Shucks, you have to do something for a living; and taking everything into consideration, I don't think I've done so badly.'"

After Robert's death the dining facility at A&M was named Prentice Dining Hall. The name disappeared when the old dining hall was razed and replaced. Here in Montevallo the Prentice name disappeared when the "negro" Prentice High School, named for Joseph Sr, was folded into the integrated Montevallo HS. Perhaps these Untold Stories will help to bring the Prentice name and family back into the visibility they deserve.

*Submitted by Kathy King & Anitka Stewart Sims*

Contact us at [Montealtrail@gmail.com](mailto:Montealtrail@gmail.com). We want to hear your stories and welcome corrections of errors of fact or interpretation.

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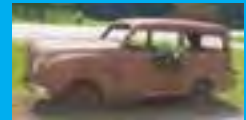
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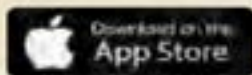
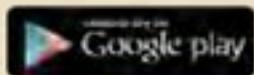
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THURSDAY, JANUARY 13TH

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## 2022 HALL OF FAME CLASS ANNOUNCED

The University of Montevallo Athletic Department will induct seven Falcons as a part of the Hall of Fame Class of 2022 Saturday, January 28 2022. The class includes two former UM standouts with outstanding playing careers and four meritorious service selections with distinguished athletics and professional careers.

The 2022 inductees will be Daniel Tankersley (Baseball), Gary O'Neill (Men's Soccer), Jim Dunaway (Broadcaster), Matt Orton (Athletics Photography), Lewis Brooks (Men's Basketball) and Herman Watts (Men's Basketball).

## FORMER VB PLAYER FEATURED ON SI.COM ARTICLE

Former Montevallo volleyball player Jennifer Fry was featured in an article on SI.com earlier this week. Fry played two years at UM in 2000 and 2001. She is listed in the record books among the players with the most kills and blocks in a match. She was also part of a Falcons team that earned a bid to the NCAA tournament.



Fry is featured in a spotlight by Sports Illustrated and Empower Onyx on the diverse journeys of Black women across sports—from the veteran athletes, to up-and-coming stars, coaches, executives and more—in the series, *Elite-ivate: 100 Influential Black Women in Sports*.

## FOLLOW THE FALCONS



## MEN'S SOCCER RECEIVES POST SEASON RECOGNITION



After a successful season, going 13-3-2 with a GSC Regular Season Championship title, the Montevallo men's soccer team continues to receive recognition for their achievements both on and off the field. The College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) announced Edin Hernandez and Sakvador Plaza as members of the Academic All-District Team. In addition to the All-District nod, Edin Hernandez was also honored by CoSIDA as an Academic All-American.

Sophomore forward Edorta Cabieces Sanz was named Second Team All-South Region by the United Soccer Coaches Association. The Bilbao, Spain native led the Falcons in scoring in 2021 with 14 points. He scored five goals and had four assists during the season.

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Here at Team Lehman, we are really looking forward to the coming of the New Year! Not just because of the fun on New Year's Eve, but for so much more:

- The return of normal interactions with friends and family (hugging again!)
- Going to movies (popcorn again!)
- Travelling (waiting for baggage claim again!)

and everything else! We're also looking forward to helping you when you need to buy or sell real estate—thank goodness some things never change! We know you've got your own list of things you are looking forward to after this long ordeal, but as far as real estate goes, here is what you can expect in the new year:

### ***There won't be many houses for sale***

Demand will stay high due to low interest rates and the fact that a large cohort of millennials is reaching home-buying age. When you also consider that experts believe that the shortage of available houses will continue for several years, it is clear that demand is likely to remain high. If you're buying, be prepared to move quickly. Have a pre-approval letter before you look. It pays to be the (well-prepared) early bird when you make an offer. We can get you real-time notices of listings.

### ***House prices will continue to rise...***

...so time is of the essence. Sometimes, cliches are true. Team Lehman will position you to make a timely offer to ensure success.

### ***People will keep moving to the suburbs and country***

Working from home will continue to be a trend. This means more people will be looking for land and comfort away from urban areas. In the spacious South, houses spend less time on the market than urban homes because of the allure of having a home office or outdoor space to relax and entertain in.

### ***This means prices in the suburban areas will go up***

Three words: supply and demand. If you're looking to relocate, other people are, too. And you can bet everyone's looking for the same sort of thing. Team Lehman can give you the edge in getting a home in the area you want before prices get too high or, worse, someone else snags your dream house.

### ***Mortgage Rates won't always remain low***

If inflation doesn't slow down and demand stays high, the Fed could move to raise rates. If you're serious about buying, strike now while the iron is hot and the rates are still (historically) low. A recent average of industry analysts projects mortgage rates to rise to around 3.7% in 2022. The sooner you can lock in a lower rate, the better.

### ***Buying or selling, it's still a good idea to use a real estate agent***

Let's just say it: it's easier than ever to search for homes online. But you need to remember that there is much more to buying and selling a home than you can access by clicking through a web site. Whether you're buying a home, selling a home or both, it's an emotional rollercoaster. A recent survey found that home-buying brought nearly one-third of the buyers to tears. Also, by connecting you to the right lenders, contractors, lawyers, and inspectors, all of whom you will need to complete the process, a good agent can help you avoid the stress and be there to dry your tears when things get frustrating.

### ***So, should I buy?***

Only you can answer this question, but it might be helpful to consider the 30/30/3 rule of thumb:

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# MILITARY MOMENT

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



It's official; we did it! We made it through 2021, and we are here in 2022.

Did you survive in 2021 or did you thrive in 2021? I imagine before you can make plans or dream of what 2022 will hold, you must ask yourself what to do differently, or the same, as you did in 2021. What is the saying? Doing the same thing in hopes of a different result is the definition of insanity. As long as we are still breathing, there is time to mix it up, live a little happier, laugh more, and forgive others, as we hope others will forgive us. What will you change?

No doubt, the needs of our military will change this year and every year after that. Veterans and their families live it every day, and every minute of that day. Things, situations, and lives change at the drop of a dime. Those in the military are trained to react to the life that is directly in front of us and to the many things that are unseen. As my husband always says, have a plan A, B, and C for when plans A and B don't work out. A plan is just a place in which to deviate. For some, this thought will bring anxiety. To those wearing the uniform, it brings comfort. When you have to start over, it won't be with nothing. This time around, you will have experience on your side.

We didn't expect or plan for many things in 2021, but we got through it. As you prepare for 2022, stay flexible and know that sometimes the journey is worth more than the destination.

This year, I would like your help in forming the "Military Moment." I am open to suggestions and promise to consider all ideas. Perhaps, there is a Montevallo Hometown Hero that you would like to know more about? So, Montevallo speak up! Email me at crenshawt@montevallo.edu and let me know what you would like to see in this type of article. I, and so many of my brothers and sisters, wore (and currently wear) the uniform with honor because we believe all voices deserve to be heard.



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- **Library Closed** on Monday, January 17 for Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- **Teen Advisory Board Meeting** 6 pm; all middle and high school students are welcome to discuss their ideas and eat free pizza
- **National Popcorn Day** Take Home Kits, Wednesday January 19
- **Tech Help Hour**, Thursday January 6 & January 20 at 2:00 pm
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(l-r) Library Director, Savannah Kitchens & State Rep. Kenneth Paschal. State Rep. Kenneth Paschal presented a Community Grant Check to Parnell Memorial Library in Montevallo to provide funding to help enhance library services.

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• **Adjust Position:** If your bike has this function, the mechanism will be located under the saddle. While sitting on your bike, place the balls of your feet on the pedals. Move the crank to a horizontal position, so that your feet and pedals are equidistant to the ground. If your front knee is not directly above the ball of your foot, then adjust the saddle forward or backward for correct alignment.

• **Adjust Level:** If your bike has this function, the mechanism is also located under the saddle. If your saddle is not parallel to the ground you may be placing too much pressure on your backside or upper body. Ensure it is parallel to the ground for maximum comfort.

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**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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**UM ADDING COLLEGIATE CYCLING TEAM, COURSE**

Home News UM adding collegiate cycling team, course  
The University of Montevallo will field a collegiate cycling team beginning in fall 2022 with a new home trail close to the UM campus.

Members of the cycling team will be offered scholarships and will be led by head coach Dr. Shawn Mitchell, associate professor of health and human sciences at UM. University of Montevallo Cycling program logo.

The University is planning to transform the former Montevallo Golf Club into a world-class 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.

Once completed, the new course will also feature a bike shop, wash station and storage and work areas for each student-athlete on the team. UM will continue to operate the former golf course's driving range for members of the local community.

"We are genuinely excited to offer this emerging sport at Montevallo," said Dr. John W. Stewart III, UM president. "There is a high level of enthusiasm on and off campus, and we are committed to offering a first-class venue that compliments the existing world-class courses in Shelby County and central Alabama. We believe that our team and facility will bring thousands of new visitors to our campus and community in the coming years. We also plan to keep the driving range open to the local community and take care of any grounds owned by the University adjacent to the

existing housing development."

In addition to the new UM home course just off campus, Montevallo is also close to multiple highly rated courses, including Oak Mountain State Park, Tannehill Ironworks Historical State Park and the Cahaba River Park.



"An addition of a collegiate level cycling program at Montevallo will have a tremendous positive impact on the City of Montevallo and Shelby County," said Russell Bedsole, District 49 Representative in the Alabama House of Representatives. "Athletes and spectators will enjoy all there is to offer in Shelby County from our expansive trail systems in close proximity to spending down time shopping and enjoying the many great places to shop and dine in our county. The future of cycling for Montevallo and for Shelby County is bright. I can't wait to see everyone on the trails!"

Students interested in applying for admission or learning more about the cycling program should email [cycling@montevallo.edu](mailto:cycling@montevallo.edu) or visit [montevallo.edu/cycling](http://montevallo.edu/cycling).

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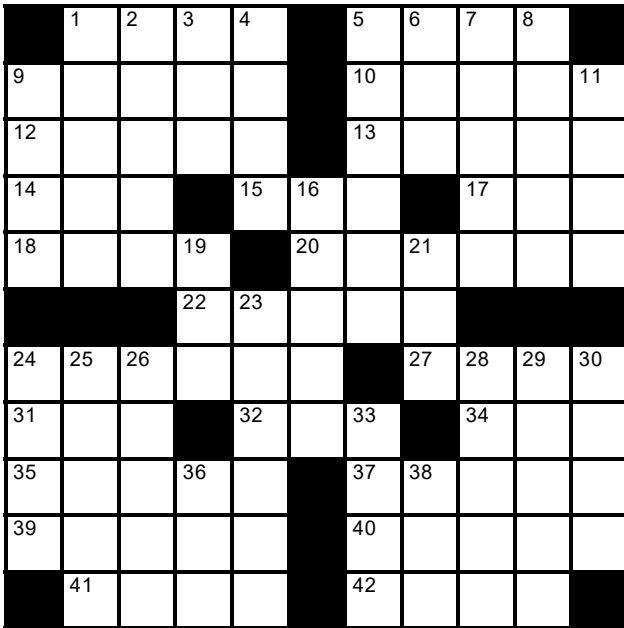
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# CROSSWORD PUZZLE

by Steve Forrester

## Crossword Puzzle



### Across

1. Common ink cartridge color
5. My bad!
9. Domestic task
10. Even harder to find
12. Animal skins
13. Complain bitterly
14. Pub order
15. Place for oohs and aahs
17. 60 seconds: Abbr.
18. Flooring unit
20. Must make one of these to move forward
22. Capitol of Tibet
24. The peninsula of Greece, Bulgaria, et. al.
27. Rubberneck
31. Diamonds, slangily
32. Delivery from Santa
34. \_\_\_ black sheep
35. Larceny
37. Type of alcohol
39. Creepy

40. Sierra \_\_\_ (West African nation)
41. Clothes colorist
42. Trim down

### Down

1. Texas red, for one
2. Alpine call
3. "\_\_\_ you joking?"
4. Famed G-man Eliot
5. Liver, kidneys, etc.
6. Boat propeller
7. Best quality (It.)
8. The tone of old photos
9. Gab
11. Tear
16. Soft (in music)
19. Caribou kin
21. Scott Joplin work
23. There's a mad one in *Wonderland*
24. Cold wind's effect
25. Throbbled
26. Suspicious
28. Detest strongly
29. Follows John and Lil
30. Bitter green
33. Rating app
36. Bah!
38. Jasmine or Darjeeling

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