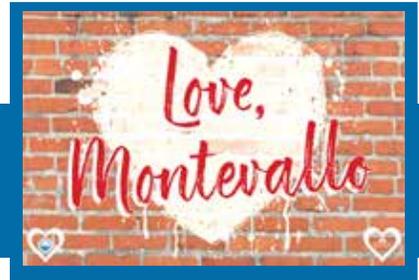


# Chamber CHATTER



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## Chamber News

### MONTEVALLO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ANNOUNCES 2023 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

#### Welcome New Board Members

#### ELIZABETH BIEL

Elizabeth attended UM where she graduated summa cum laude in 2000 with a double major in Early Childhood and Elem Education. After graduation, new teaching jobs were scarce, so she got a position in the construction admin. field, along with planning vacations for clients during her off days.

Elizabeth started Adventures by Lizzy B (travel agency) in 2014. Last year she took on a part-time position with Rockco Funeral Home - Montevallo. In November she was awarded the SCI Service Excellence Award - Location Winner at Rockco. Elizabeth has lived in Montevallo for 21 years with her husband, Brett, and two children, Grace Ann (18) and Luke (13). Elizabeth doesn't have much time for hobbies, but enjoys the challenge of action photography as well as traveling abroad.



#### CANDACE JARVIS

Candace is from Alabaster and graduated from Thompson in 2017. She attended college at UM and received a bachelor's degree in Business Admin. in Marketing and a master's degree in Business Admin. Candace currently serves as the Admin. Assistant to the Dean of Michael E. Stephens College of Business and is an Adjunct Instructor of Marketing at UM. She has experience as a Digital Marketing Consultant for Jarvis Consulting LLC, working with companies and nonprofit organizations to design and maintain websites, creating social media plans, and rebranding. In her spare time, Candace likes to paint, play tennis, watch movies and football.



#### 2023 MONTEVALLO CHAMBER BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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WEDNESDAY, February 15th

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Guest Speaker: Alan B. Miller, American Village President & CEO

Parnell Library with networking at 11:30am and Lunch at noon. \$15. ea / RSVP by Mon. Feb 13 to 205-665-1519 or [montevallochamber@gmail.com](mailto:montevallochamber@gmail.com).

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**GROUNDHOG DAY**

7th TUESDAY  
**PAPA JOHNS RIBBON CUTTING**  
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11th SATURDAY  
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12th SUNDAY  
**SUPER BOWL**

14th TUESDAY  
**VALENTINE'S DAY**

15th WEDNESDAY  
**MONTEVALLO CHAMBER LUNCHEON**  
"AMERICAN VILLAGE" Guest Speaker:  
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Library / Networking 11:30am / Lunch - noon \$15  
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8th WED - SAT. 11th  
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20th MONDAY  
**PRESIDENT'S DAY**

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CELEBRATION**  
American Village / 10am-4pm / Birthday cake at noon  
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MONTEVALLO SCHOOLS  
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Teacher Workday

21st TUESDAY  
**HOME BUYING 101 SEMINAR**  
6pm / Parnell Library Meeting Room  
Free to the Public

24th FRI - SUN. 26th  
**ALABAMA SALES TAX HOLIDAY**  
Severe Weather Preparedness  
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25th SATURDAY  
**MONTEVALLO ARBOR DAY**  
9am - 1pm / Montevallo Recycling Center - 1120  
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Part Two:

## **THE ESTATE OF HANNAH WILSON FROST, OF MONTEVALLO, IN 1839**

*Continued from the January issue of the Chamber Chatter*  
Compiled by M. R. Cunningham (GoneToAlabama@aol.com) for the Montevallo Historical Society

The report of Hannah's 1839 estate sale begins on page 403 of Will Book 1818-1846. Each buyer is listed, the item purchased, and the amount of the purchase. Much speculation and some clues as to kinship can be derived from estate sale listings.

Henry Bazore buys glasses, pitchers, bowls, tea pots, and a cruet stand: things a wife would admire. Henry was a relative of Mrs. Henry Harless Jr, who was born Margaret Basore, a daughter of the Revolutionary War patriot and Huguenot, Bernard La Bessier, of Berkley County, Virginia. (The spelling of names was of no great concern on those days.)

Mary Wilson, the only woman listed in the sale inventory, buys a counterpane, what we call a bedspread today.

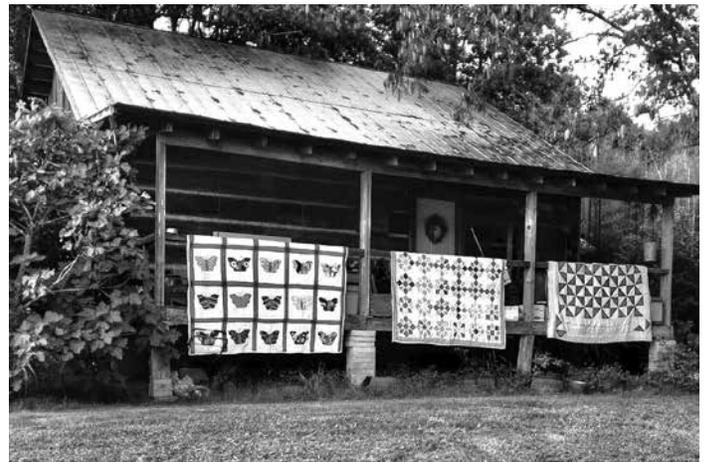
Charles Richardson is at the sale. He was an Englishman, born in 1788, and his son-in-law George Randall was the brother of Benjamin Randall who recorded the Shelby County Census of 1850, and who married Hannah's niece. The Richardson-Randall cemetery is near Highway 25.

Hannah's son-in-law Moses Johnson is at the sale, but only buys a bucket for 62 1/2 cents. Moses descends from Revolutionary War patriot Moses Johnson and wife Elenor Havis, of New York, and later, Virginia. They came to Shelby County before 1820.

Hannah's son Jesse Frost buys many things from his mother's estate. Her son Aaron Frost also is buying, but her son Benjamin Frost buys only a mare and a saddle. He may already be contemplating his move to Mississippi, and will not be transporting many things when he leaves.

At this time, countrymen were in a constant state of selling out, moving, and buying back, another reason why these estate sales were so popular. No one desired to cart wagon loads of farm goods and household goods hundreds of miles as the country moved west.

When Benjamin Frost would get to Mississippi, he would go to the local estate sales and buy back whatever was needed to run his farm. This custom explains why, as families moved west, family heirlooms, especially furniture, did not appear as often in estate sales. Texas families possessed fewer of grandmother's things than their kin back in Alabama, and the Alabama folks would have even less of none of great grandfather's things, unlike their cousins still in Virginia.



*Hannah Wilson Frost's brother Ben built his log house about 1817 near Montevallo.*

The exception to this would be small portable relics, such as a timepiece, a silhouette, some buttons, a quilt, or an old bible.

The final pages of Hannah's estate deal with the appointments of guardians for the children of her two deceased daughters, Hannah Johnson, and Rachel (Mrs. John Maroney, Polly Maroney's brother). Those grandchildren will inherit in place of their mothers, and someone had to be legally responsible for their inheritance until they became adults. Their fathers were appointed to fulfil this legal requirement.

What became of her sons? Benjamin Frost moved to Mississippi, then to Dallas, Texas, where he had a large family, and died in 1883. Letters from one of his first cousins call him a "scoundrel." When a teenager, he fathered a daughter "on the body of Polly Maroney" (and the county court had him pay \$50 a year to her mother) before he legally married his Lawler cousin from Madison County. His uncle Jesse Wilson, founder of Montevallo, signed to guarantee child support.

John Aaron Frost moved to Mississippi, and had a large family. Hannah's daughters Hannah and Rachel married, had children, and died young.

The names of her other two daughters have not yet been discovered. A Shelby County 1820's -1830's marriage book is lost.

Jesse Frost remained in Shelby County and married Catherine Harless. They had at least 20 children. Many of their descendants are here today.

Jesse died in April of 1880. His friend John Wesley Baine wrote his obituary, proclaiming a "legacy that will tell for good as long as the name of Jesse Frost shall linger." His last words were, "Death is sweet."

Hannah Wilson Frost did remarkably well to have been a widow for over 20 years. She was the mother of seven children, and had over 50 grandchildren.



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On Saturday, December 17, nearly 3,000 people came out to pay tribute to our nation's heroes at the 14th Annual Wreaths Across America Ceremony at the Alabama National Cemetery (ALNC). The Support Committee for the Alabama National Cemetery (SCALNC) plans and coordinates the ceremony. According to SCALNC Chairman, Pam Nichols, "It was a day to remember our fallen; honor those who have served and are serving; while teaching our children the value of freedom. It was also a time to remember and comfort family members who have sacrificed so much for us as well."

Janice Rogers, WBRC Fox 6 News Anchor, whose brother is buried at ALNC, did an outstanding job as Master of Ceremonies, as did all ceremony participants. During the ceremony, family members with loved ones interred at ALNC, escorted by members of the Civil Air Patrol Cadets laid ceremonial service wreaths. The stories of the loved ones of each wreath layer were shared and included: US Army, SP4 George Michael Capuzzo; US Marines, Private First Class, Robert "Bulldog" C. Jedlicka, Jr.; US Navy, RAdm Mary A. Hall; US Air Force, Sgt. Cecil Woods; US Space Force, Chief Master Sergeant Esther A. Sanford; US Coast Guard, SN Jerroll Richardson, Jr.; US Merchant Marines, Messman George Sedberry; and POW/MIA, WWII POW Harold Patton. Also, recognized was Mr. Elmer White, brother of US Navy WWII service member Johnnie Laurie who lost his life at Pearl Harbor. Johnnie was MIA until 2019, when his remains were identified and returned

for interment on the hallowed ground of ALNC nearly 78 years after his death. Gold Star family members present were also recognized.



At the conclusion of the ceremony, all ALNC family members in attendance were lead from the ceremony site, by a bagpiper to lay wreaths on their loved ones graves, followed by hundreds of volunteers who laid the remaining wreaths.

"We are so fortunate to live in such a patriotic community and state", said Nichols. "Not only did we have the funds to purchase nearly 10,000 wreaths this year, (making it possible to provide wreaths for all headstones in the cemetery), but the outpouring of those who came to volunteer their time and talent for this event made the outstanding day possible." Fund raising is a year round effort with donations encouraged at any time. To donate, go to <https://scalnc.org/donate-wreaths-to-alc>

A full WAA photo gallery and links to video and news stories are available on the SCALNC website, <https://www.scalnc.org>.

The next WAA ceremony is scheduled for Saturday, December 16, 2023 at 11 am.

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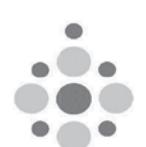
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# Untold Stories

OF BLACK MONTEVALLO



Everybody's stories matter. It's not just a matter of nostalgia, it powers us into the present and the future. -- Barack Obama  
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## J. S. PRENTICE: A GLIMPSE BEHIND THE MASK

Who better to honor during Black History Month than Rev. Joseph S. Prentice (1857-1944), an advocate of education and Black uplift who blazed a trail for later pastor-activists in Montevallo. From records of the Bibb County Black Baptist Association we know that he held the position of Moderator for some four decades. This tells us he was a capable administrator and charismatic preacher highly regarded by Black clergy in the area. We know that he gained the approval of the White citizenry as well. In 1937, in a tribute entitled "Old Citizen Has Very Remarkable Record," the Shelby County Reporter affirmed that "Uncle Joe," as it called him, soon to turn 80, "has proved himself a good and useful citizen" (15 April).

We know, then, something of the "public" J. S. Prentice. But what about his service within the Black community where his actions were largely invisible to outsiders? Did he challenge things that were not right? Did he speak to the community's yearning for a better life? Yes. Not directly in the manner of successor social-justice pastors such as Albert L. Jones or E. E. Vassar, or Suburban League leader Leon Harris -- local men who in the 60s and 70s dared to be outspoken. Instead he offered indirect challenges, resisted the status quo in slanted or coded ways. In Paul Laurence Dunbar's famous phrase, he wore the mask. He had to. But two sources have come to light that show him speaking truths which would have resonated with special force within the Black community.

At the 1899 Shelby Springs Association meeting at historic Epsibeth Baptist Church in Aldrich, attendees urged Prentice to sing "his song." He had a strong voice, evidently, and he was associated with a specific song that, in the context of Black spiritual practices, was unmistakably a call for freedom from racial injustice.

Look, a mighty host advances,  
Now, see the proud oppressors flee;  
See, our country breaks its fetters,  
And sets her captives free.

The deliverance theme continues in the next verse:

Sing, Oh Zion, no more desolate,  
Lift thine eyes, the brightness see,  
Thy Redeemer makes the[e] glorious,  
Thine oppressors bend to thee.

What glory is promised by this song: Fetters are broken and captives set free; the "proud oppressors flee" and, triumphantly, "bend to thee." It is easy to imagine the excitement of the worshippers gathered at Epsibeth shouting out with exultant calls of their own. (Source: Minutes of 13th annual Shelby Springs Missionary Baptist Association, Oct 1899.)

On one other occasion we can sense a double meaning in Prentice's words. It comes in a 1904 letter to the editor of the *Centreville Press*. Prentice writes as pastor of New Hope Baptist, the "Colored Baptist Church of Randolph, Ala.," to extend sympathy to a White physician, Dr Wooley, who lost his house to fire. "We feel that we are citizens and ought to express our sympathy to our most honorable Doctor, and hope that he will feel that he has our sympathy. We are very sorry to know of any one getting burned out" (14 Jan 1904). Prentice asserts the status of his Black congregation as concerned citizens -- a



Joseph Prentice and his son Frank Herman Prentice, who went on to pastor a large Baptist church in Los Angeles.

radical enough claim in 1904. But it is puzzling to discover that the disastrous fire had occurred more than a year and a half earlier (*Centreville Press*, 31 July 1902).

The key to the meaning of this delay might be found in the final sentence: "We are very sorry to know of any one getting burned out." Many Black families at this time, for a variety of reasons, got "burned out" -- as punishment for insolence, retaliation for real or imagined crimes, or simply because someone wanted their land. Possession-by-arson was seldom punished when victims were people of color. Possibly Prentice used an earlier house burning to protest a more recent arson, a burned out church perhaps. Church burnings were common across the South. Rev. Prentice's own New Hope in Randolph was destroyed by fire in 1907. When present-day members of New Hope are asked what they know about the fire that destroyed the earlier church, they shrug and shake their head.

The poet Tyehimba Jess writes, there is "no complete record of all the attacks upon the black congregational body, no complete accounting of all the pulpits, pews and psalm books rendered into fire." In *Olio* he provides names of 148 Black churches that were "burned and bombed" and reflects, in powerful poetic language, on "all the unnamed churches lost to arson and TNT": the "AMEs and the Graces, the Tabernacles and all the many Firsts; the hand fans, tambourines, mourner's benches and collection plates: they rise in smoke like the songs that soaked through them and up to heaven's blued, eternal door" (221). Perhaps similar feelings of anger, outrage, and grief stand behind Prentice's well-masked letter of sympathy to the *Centreville Press* in 1904.

One last glimpse of a side of J. S. Prentice previously hidden from history can be seen in the image reproduced above. The picture, bearing the date 1916, is of a "Real Photo Post Card" of Joseph and his son Frank Herman Prentice. Somehow it found its way into the Robert Langmuir African American Photograph Collection now housed in Emory University's Special Collections. Who arranged for the photograph? Why? Who acquired the postcards? Who sent them? With what messages? Such questions remind us how much more work is needed to recover the lost stories and hidden legacies of Montevallo's African American past.

*Photograph compliments of the Rose Manuscript, Archives and Rare Books Library, Emory University. Submitted by Kathy King & Anita Stewart Sims. Contact us at Moyaltrail@gmail.com. We want to hear your stories and welcome correction of any errors of fact of interpretation.*

**IMPROVEMENTS COMING TO MOORE'S CROSSROADS**

The City of Montevallo will receive \$1,997,041.52 in ATRIP II Funds for improvements to the intersection of Highway 119 and County Road 22. The funding was part of over \$40 million in state transportation funding that is being awarded to cities and counties for various road and bridge projects. The announcement came from Governor Kay Ivey in a press release on Thursday.

"We are honored to be among the communities selected for this funding" said Mayor Rusty Nix. "This is a project we started planning 2 years ago working with our City Engineer. The intersection at Moore's Crossroads is a gateway into our City and is the area where most of our residential growth has taken place. These improvements will improve public safety and traffic flow for our residents."

"The City will contribute funding of \$125,000 to the project." said City Clerk and Treasurer Steve Gilbert. These funds will be provided via the Montevallo Development Cooperative District (MDCD). The total project will result in \$2,122,041.52 of improvements to the intersection at Moore's Crossroads. The improvements will include left turn lanes on SR-119 and CR -22, as well as new traffic signals. "This opens the door for transportation improvements and the future economic growth of Montevallo."

For more information contact the Montevallo City Hall at 205-665-2555.



Montevallo to Receive 1.9 Million in ATRIP II Funds to Improve Intersection of SR-119 and CR-22

**UM CHILD STUDY ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS**

UM's Child Study Center Pre-K program is now accepting applications for pre-registration for the 2023-2024 school year. The random drawing for acceptance will be held on March 17. For more information, visit <https://www.montevallo.edu/academics/colleges/college-of-education/undergraduate/family-consumer-sciences/child-study-center/pre-k-pre-registration/>

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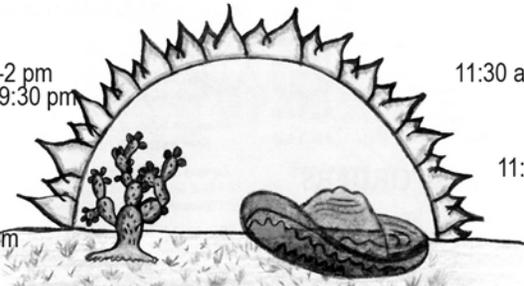
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## CITY OF MONTEVALLO NEWS

### *Mayor's Message...*

#### **HELLO, CITIZENS OF MONTEVALLO!**

On January 16th, I had the opportunity to greet and welcome everyone to the 19th annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Unity March. There was a very large turn out and it was a beautiful day for the event. After the program at MHS, everyone gathered at George Dailey Park for a rededication of the park and the start of phase 3 from "The Mission Continues" headed up by platoon leader P.M. Johnson. I would like to thank Councilman Kenneth Dukes and Coach Bobby Pierson for organizing this event year after year and for their commitment to service in our community.



**RUSTY NIX, MAYOR**

*Here's a quick highlight recap of the Montevallo State of the City:*

#### **Public Health and Safety (Police Department)**

- Purchase of two new police cars, Purchase of a new Evidence Tracking System
- Purchase of Wifi security cameras at our parks
- Active shooter training for all Montevallo High School and Middle School teachers
- Two new officers were hired
- Police body armor to Blaze lightweight level 3
- Chief Littleton was also presented the Community Service award and Medallion by the Shelby County N.A.A.C.P. in honor of his outstanding service and dedication to making the world a better place.

#### **Fire Department**

- A new fire engine was purchased for \$658,488.00
- A new EMS Department was formed
- Three full time paramedics were hired
- A total of 1,557 calls were answered in 2022 (95 fire and 1462 EMS calls)
- The Explorer's Program experienced continued growth
- 46th annual fire prevention parade was held.

#### **Street and Sanitation**

- Four new work trucks were purchased.
- Kirk Hamby and his crew do an outstanding job keeping the streets clean of debris and changing out banners, keeping our town standing neat, clean and visually appealing.

#### **Parks and Recreation**

All of our youth sports have grown year after year to the point that we had to apply for a grant to add restrooms at Stephens Park. We received a grant from Shelby County Park & Recreation in the amount of \$38,150. The rest of the funds came from MDCD in the amount of 75,900. We also refurbished four bridges that needed a little TLC.

#### **Education, Arts, and Outreach (Parnell Memorial Library)**

- Hosted over 200 programs
- Awarded \$10,000 grant from ARP
- Awarded grants for libraries the library to pay 2 years of service for 15 WIFI hotspots that are available to the public
- Building was utilized as a meeting space 490 times

#### **MJCC**

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- Hosted a leadership retreat for Middle school students
- Hosted movies in the park
- Participated in community service projects with Shelby County Humane Society
- Working towards the establishment of The Little Free Art Box Project.

#### **IMPACT Montevallo**

- Hosted a statewide training seminar on Gas Station drugs.
- Participated in over 40 family friendly events
- Coordinated the youth banner design series with Montevallo Main Street
- Partnered with the Montevallo Safety coalition on a number of events
- Continued the vaping Violation fine & substance use class in conjunction with Montevallo Municipal Courts and Montevallo Police Department
- Apprised the community and council of news and legislation regarding substance such as medical marijuana and alcohol home delivery

#### **Capital Improvements**

- The City of Montevallo will receive \$1,997,041.52 in ATRIP II funds for improvement to the intersection of highway 119 and county road 22 (city match \$125,000). This is a game changer for the north end of town. This will widen the road, put in turn lanes, relocate infrastructure, and add new traffic lights.
- Orr Park walking track repair
- Road patching on Hidden Trace Court and Pineview
- Orr Park creek bank restoration,
- Purchased security cameras for Dailey and Shoal Creek parks
- Around \$80,000 of improvement from MDCD funding
- Storm drain cleanout and repair \$38,000 funds from ARPA

#### **Main Street Montevallo**

- Nine new downtown businesses
- Sixty supporting members
- Façade grant program
- Youth banner program
- Holiday decorations and window decorating contest
- Veteran Banner program
- Friday Nights at the Cove Concert Series
- Family food truck festival
- Private investments of \$10,978
- Total impact from 2018-2022 twenty five projects completed \$111,311 total private investments (including \$46,500 in grant funds)

#### **Sustainability**

- We now have two Storm Shelters. Both are equipped with ADA accessible restrooms, backup generator power, emergency lighting, and capacity of 96 people. Storm Shelter 1 is located at Stephens Park. Storm Shelter 2 is located behind fire station 1. Shelter 2 will be operational this month.

Now that February is upon us...love is in the air. With Valentine's Day around the corner, go out and buy your sweetheart something special. Our town merchants have all you need for that special someone. Gift cards, Valentine cards, balloons, candy and flowers can all be purchased locally. Keep your money in Montevallo and support our local businesses. The more you shop locally, the greater we can become.

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

## Loving Tribute



### DR. JERMAINE BRUFORD MITCHELL

January 31, 1981 - February 20, 2022  
 UM Assistant Professor Health and Exercise Science  
 PhD, CSCS, CIFT, EIM  
 Co-Owner Greater Level Training

Dr. Mitchell was born and grew up in Montevallo and graduated from Montevallo High School as a proud "Bulldog" with the of "Class of 1999."

He furthered his education at Stillman College in Tuscaloosa and received his Bachelor's Degree in Biology; received his Master's Degree of Exercise Science from UAB in Birmingham; and received his Doctoral Degree in Exercise Science from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa.

Dr. Jermaine Bruford Mitchell was an amazing, distinguished and loving son, brother, husband, father, in-law, nephew, cousin, friend, coach, professor, advisor and entrepreneur. He had compassion for serving others and most of all was a Believer and a Child of God and his favorite Scripture was Matthew 6:25-34.

Dr. Mitchell assisted in the project of making "Montevallo Walkable." He was concerned and provided programs for exercising and the movement of the body, especially for the athletics, disabled and the "Seniors."

Dr. Mitchell was awarded the Faculty Service Award at the University of Montevallo's 126th Founders' Day on October 13, 2022; and this award in the future will bear his name: The Dr. Jermaine Mitchell Faculty Service Award.

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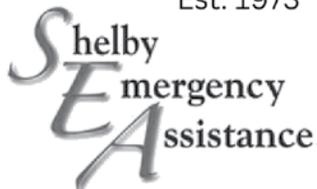
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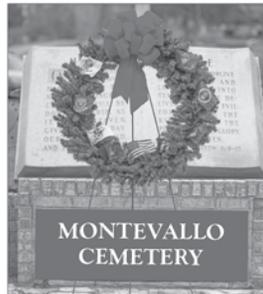
More than 300 veterans buried in the Montevallo City Cemetery were remembered by volunteers and family members who placed wreaths on their graves during the past holiday season. The local wreaths were supplied as part of the two-million wreaths that were placed on veterans graves on the same day (Dec. 17) and at the same time nationwide by Wreaths Across America and its sponsors.

A brief memorial ceremony was also presented at which commemorative wreaths were laid by a group of veterans recruited to help honor each branch of the U.S. military. Following the ceremony, volunteers spread out over the entire burial ground to place live balsam wreaths from the state of Maine on pre-marked veterans graves.

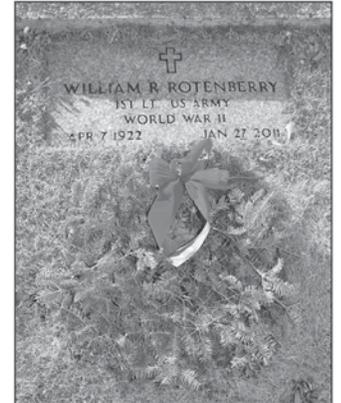
Wreaths for the event had been purchased online by veterans family members as well as anyone wanting to support the effort. The Montevallo Historical Society sponsored the Montevallo event by coordinating the purchase and delivery of wreaths and by organizing both the ceremony as well as the group of volunteers who pitched in to lay the wreaths.

Wreath laying day went so well, in spite of cold temperatures, that plans are already being made for the historical society to sponsor the event again on December 16, 2023. Links are already available at [www.historicmontevallo.org](http://www.historicmontevallo.org) for anyone wanting to order wreaths in advance for the 2023 holiday season.

Those who participated in laying wreaths on veterans graves in 2022 found the experience to be meaningful and highly moving. Please join us next year. Honor a vet and share the experience.



Colonel Tommy Baker, United States Army, retired salutes the wreath he has just placed in honor of all American Prisoners of War and servicemen and women listed as Missing in Action.



On December 17, 2022, holiday wreaths purchased by family members and the general public were laid on the graves of more than 300 veterans buried in Montevallo City Cemetery.



Cottingham family members and friends gathered to honor the memory of Walter C. Cottingham, Jr., (Airman Third Class, U.S. Air Force) who served his country during the Korean Conflict (1950-1953). (Left to Right) Kobe Cottingham, Larry Cottingham, Ann Cottingham, Debbie Tolbert, Kial Cottingham, LaToya Cottingham-Chappell, Tikisha Kirkland, Tim Cottingham, Sharon Kirkland, Marcus Lilly, James Kirkland, Terry Cottingham, Willie C. Cottingham, Antion Tolbert.



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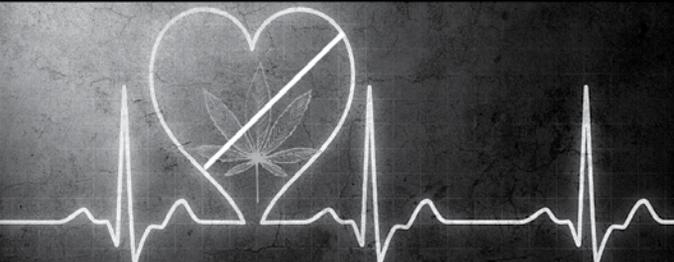
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## 19th Annual Dr. M.L. King Jr. Unity March & Programs

The 19th Annual Dr. M. L. King, Jr. Annual UNITY March & Program was hosted by the Shelby County NAACP in Montevallo on Monday, January 16. The Shelby County NAACP Unit 50 AB has a mission: "To ensure the political, educational social and economic equality of rights to all persons and to eliminate racial hatred and racial discrimination."

Mayor Rusty Nix was present at the ceremony at MHS and said that the current Montevallo City Council is the most diverse one in history. "The city of Montevallo is a very diverse city," Nix said. "I always like to refer to Montevallo as one of the hidden gems of Shelby County."

South Eastern Regional Director of Alpha Kappa Alpha, Dr. Tracey Morant Adams, was the grand marshal of the march and guest speaker of the ceremony. Adams has served Alpha Kappa Alpha for over 35 years. "It is grand to spend this day with the community of Shelby County and Montevallo," Adams said. "This community is very dear to our hearts." Dr. Adams thanked the Shelby County NAACP for planning a series of events to commemorate Rev. Dr. King and continuing his legacy of pursuing justice and equity for all.

Following the ceremony at MHS, a rededication event was held at George Dailey Park. George Dailey was the first African American city council member in Montevallo. Montevallo Middle School was formerly called Prentice High School and Dailey served as the last principal of the school.

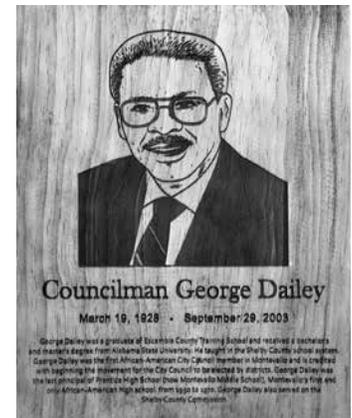
Nonprofit organization, The Mission Continues, is an association of veterans who serve the community through various projects. "We will continue to try and make simple, small, effective changes to the park," Platoon Leader Patrick Johnson said. "We're not going anywhere. We are just getting started." George Dailey Park is now in phase three of renovations. "Mr. Dailey served his community honorably," Johnson said. "What I wanted to do is when people walk through this area, they know who he is, they know his story and they know what legacy he left." Members of the Dailey family were present during the rededication ceremony to accept an engraved plaque in his honor. The plaque will be mounted inside the park to tell the story of Dailey. More information on the Shelby County NAACP can be found on the official Facebook page and more information about The Mission Continues can be found [TheMissionContinues.org](http://TheMissionContinues.org).



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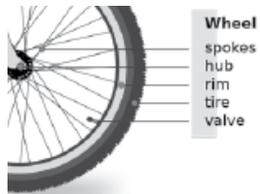


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## TIRE MAINTENANCE

Bicycle tire maintenance is an essential and often neglected activity for riders. Taking a few minutes each week and a few moments before each ride to check where your bike meets the road will help you get the most out of your rides. Whether you are out for adventure or shopping local a bit of maintenance and pampering will help maintain optimal performance and have you ready for each and every ride.

**Anatomy of a bicycle wheel:** Bicycle tires are held/ attached to a bike rim with air pressure. Most use an inner tube to control the pressure and press the tire bead into the rim flange. The proper air pressure is essential for adhering the tire to the rim.



Every tire has a recommended inflation pressure stamped on the tire sidewall. In the United States, this is measured in P.S.I. (Pounds per Square Inch) and is usually a range of pressures.

The following are general guidelines tire pressures based on bike type (always check and use sidewall P.S.I.):

- Road bike: 80-130 psi
- Comfort bike: 35-70psi
- Mountain bike: 30-60psi

How much should you inflate your tire? The answer may seem simple but there are a variety of factors to consider when making your decision. Within the sidewall guidelines there is a decent range so consider these factors when choosing how to inflate your tires.

If you are traveling on bumpy roads, consider aiming for the lower end of the recommended range. While you will experience higher rolling resistance, the ride will be more comfortable that way. But be careful not to underinflate your tires, as extreme cases can lead to tire/rim damage or pinch-flats (when the inner tube slips between the rim and tire tearing the tube).

If you are mostly on smooth roads, aim for the higher end of the recommended range. You will feel more of the bumps and road imperfections, but you'll be able to maintain a higher speed. But don't take it too far – overinflating can cause the tire to unseat from the rim, causing a blowout.

**Take a few moments before each ride to check your tires:**

• **Pressure Check** – you can either use a pressure gage to determine tire pressure, squeeze your tires with both hands, or sit on your bike and see if the tires bulge excessively to determine if you have the right amount of pressure. The first option is the most accurate, whereas the latter two methods require some practice and learning to accurately determine if you are within the pressure range. If you notice a large

drop in tire pressure over a few days, this can indicate a slow puncture in the inner tube.

• **Tire Check** – inspect your bicycle's tread for wear and tear. Tread patterns vary – look for nicks, cuts, and cracks. Check to see there is nothing sharp stuck in between the treads that could lead to a puncture. Remove any debris that may be wedged in your tread. Inspect the tire sidewalls for any tears or bulges. Rear tires tend to show wear before front tires – if you see bare canvas in the tread center it is absolutely time to replace your tire.

We welcome riders of all experience levels. ValloCycle is Alabama's oldest citywide bike share. The more you ride the less you will need to inflate your tires – so ride often. Montevallo offers two public bicycle workstations that include pressure gauges and bicycle pumps. For more information visit [vallocycle.org](http://vallocycle.org) or contact [vallocycle@gmail.com](mailto:vallocycle@gmail.com)





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# MILITARY MOMENT

Submitted by Traci Crenshaw, Director,  
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This month we celebrate the USO's birthday on February 4th and National Salute to Veteran Patients during the week of February 12th-18th.

USO.org says, "The USO strengthens America's military service members by keeping them connected to family, home and country, throughout their service to the nation. Since 1941, the USO has been the nation's leading organization to serve the men and women in the U.S. military and their families throughout their time in uniform. From the moment they join, through their assignments and deployments, and as they transition back to their communities, the USO is always by their side." Our military members, whether serving in the United States or abroad, are grateful for the USO. We wish them a Happy 82nd birthday and many more to come!

I had not heard of the National Salute to Veteran Patients Program until recently and wanted to share their importance with you. Volunteer.va.gov says the "National Salute to Veteran Patients Program is to: pay tribute and express appreciation to Veterans; increase community awareness of the role of the VA medical center; as well as, encourage citizens to visit hospitalized Veterans and to become involved as volunteers. The week of February 12th-18th is your opportunity to say thank you to a select group of men and women, the more than 9 million Veterans of the

U.S. armed services who are cared for in Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) medical centers, outpatient clinics, and nursing homes. During the National Salute, VA invites individuals, Veterans groups, military personnel, civic organizations, businesses, schools, local media, celebrities, and sports stars to participate in various activities at the VA medical centers. The activities and events include special ward visits and valentine distributions, photo opportunities; school essay contests; special recreation activities, and Veteran recognition programs. The week also provides an opportunity for the community to become acquainted with the volunteer opportunities within the medical center."

Perhaps if you are involved with a group of people, a church, or youth group, this would be an excellent opportunity to give back to those who have already given so much.

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Reinhardt	Women's Lacrosse	Feb.4	2 p.m.
Florida Southern	Men's Lacrosse	Feb. 5	12 p.m.
Spring Hill	Baseball	Feb. 8	2 p.m.
Christian Brothers	Women's Basketball/Men's Basketball	Feb. 9	5:30 p.m./7:30 p.m.
Tampa	Women's Lacrosse	Feb. 10	4 p.m.
Kentucky State (DH)	Baseball	Feb. 11	1 p.m./4 p.m.
Union	Women's Basketball/Men's Basketball	Feb. 11	2 p.m./4 p.m.
Lynn	Women's Lacrosse	Feb. 12	11 a.m.
Kentucky State	Baseball	Feb. 12	12 p.m.
Spring Hill (DH)	Softball	Feb. 17	1 p.m./3 p.m.
Walsh	Baseball	Feb. 17	2 p.m.
Embry-Riddle	Men's Lacrosse	Feb. 17	7 p.m.
Walsh	Baseball	Feb. 18/ Feb. 19	1 p.m./12 p.m.
Saint Leo	Men's Lacrosse	Feb. 19	12 p.m.



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The Montevallo Area Ministerial Association invites the community to attend any or all of the lunchtime gatherings during the Season of Lent at the St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Montevallo. "Bring your own sandwich," and St. Andrew's will provide drinks and dessert. The first gathering will be on Ash Wednesday, February 22, with a brief Ash Wednesday service at Noon, followed by lunch and fellowship. Each Wednesday in Lent (March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 and April 5), pastors from various churches will present a devotional as part of our lunchtime gatherings at Noon. Participating churches include First United Methodist, University Baptist, St. Andrew's Episcopal, Montevallo Presbyterian Church, St. Thomas Catholic, and First Presbyterian (Cumberland) of Alabaster.



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*There is a new P.E.O. chapter forming in Shelby County!*

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Thursday, February 16, 2023 -- 1:00 PM  
Parnell Memorial Library, 200 Park Drive, Montevallo, AL

For more information contact Sylvia Sheffield  
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**COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

PLEASE CONTACT INDIVIDUAL ORGANIZATIONS FOR UPDATES.  
Thank You!

**EVERY 2ND & 4TH MONDAY**

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 2ND TUESDAY**

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

**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.

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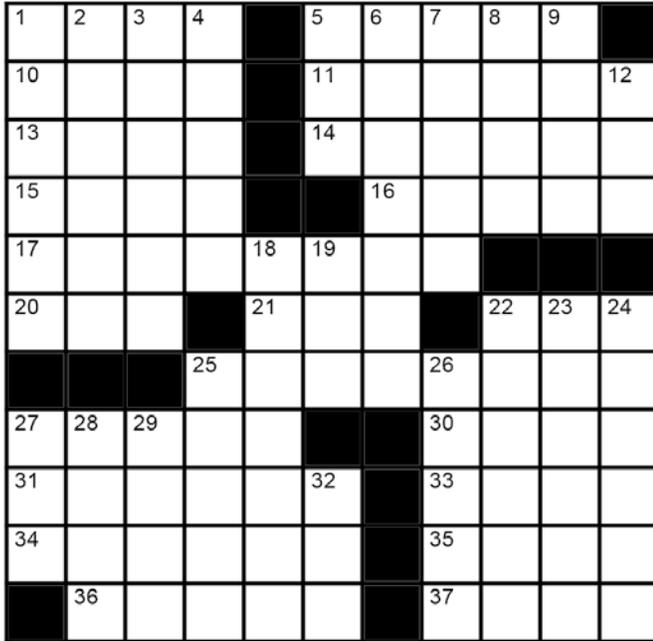
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### Across

1. Also-\_\_\_ (losers)
5. Gradually quickening, in mus.
10. Once again
11. 1982 Richard Pryor movie
13. When doubled, a Polynesian island
14. Rectitude
15. Jack-in-the-pulpit (a plant found widely in this puzzle's featured place) family
16. See 34-Across
17. Juvenile forms of amphibians found in this puzzle's featured local place
20. Jamaican music
21. Noon, on a sundial
22. Sum up
25. With 4-Down, this puzzle's featured local place
27. Even a little
30. Fancy fabric
31. Parcel out
33. Uma's role in "The Producers"
34. With 16-Across, reptile found in this puzzle's featured place
35. Heavy metal
36. Blue shoe material of song
37. What fellers may use

### Down

1. Vestlike clerical garments
2. Winter coat
3. Chilean poet Pablo
4. See 25-Across
5. Off-roader, for short
6. Add one's two cents worth
7. Mackerel-like fish (and an anagram of "cores")
8. Words to Brutus
9. Big galoot
12. Slangy assent
18. Dark reddish-brown
19. Untruth
22. Showy shrub
23. Render harmless, in a way
24. Type of lock possibly found on a fan of 20-Across
25. Top-notch
26. Jewish months
27. Rainbow
28. New Mexico art colony
29. Aleutian island
32. Opposite of SSW



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