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Chamber News

"Good Day Alabama Lead Weatherman" visits Montevallo

Mickey Ferguson cuts the ribbon on Montevallo Storm Shelter #2 on April 14th at 20 James H. Jones Dr. To access Storm Shelter #2, enter off Island St. at the MHS Theron Fisher Football Stadium, immediate left and straight ahead. The ribbon cutting was hosted by the Montevallo Chamber in partnership with the City and UM. (l-r) Steve Gilbert, Wesley Hallman, Adele Nelson, Meteorologist Mickey Ferguson (scissors), Mayor Rusty Nix, Tiffany Bunt, and Kira Thomas. A BIG Thanks to University of Montevallo Alumni, Mickey Ferguson!



On April 12th, the Montevallo Boys & Girls Club was awarded the 2023 Montevallo Community Grant by the Montevallo Chamber Board.

MONTEVALLO CHAMBER LUNCHEON

WEDNESDAY MAY 17

"Montevallo Boys & Girls Club"

Guest Speaker - Josh Weeks,
Unit Director



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4th Thursday
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American Village / www.americanvillage.org

5th Friday
CINCO DE MAYO

6th Saturday
UM COMMENCEMENT
9am Class of 2023 / Flowerhill
montevallo.edu/about-um/traditions/commencement/

11th Thursday
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13th Saturday
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14th Sunday
MOTHER'S DAY

17th WEDNESDAY
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20th Saturday
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22nd Monday
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26th Friday
FRIDAY NIGHTS AT THE COVE
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29th Monday
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MONTEVALLO
Main Street
Memories

J.P. KELLY'S FAMILY HOME

by Clay Nordan
Vice-president, Montevallo Historical Society
(montevallo1817@gmail.com)

The house behind the new City Hall where Christopher Smitherman has his law practice was owned and occupied by the Kelly family in the 1940's, 1950's, and 1960's.

Mr. J. P. Kelly was the president of Merchants and Planters Bank, which was situated at that time in the building on Main Street where La Conchita Bakery and Pastry is today.

The location of the bank was an easy walk for Mr. and Mrs. Kelly (the bank cashier) from their house in order to get to work each day. The Kellys' two sons, Agee and Pat, who grew up in the house, succeeded their parents as president and vice-president, respectively, of Merchants and Planters and took the bold step in the 1960's of constructing a new building on the site of the old St. George Hotel a few blocks east on Main Street. That building is Trustmark Bank today.



Photograph Courtesy: Carey Heatherly, Carmichael Library

(Top right) The J.P. Kelly house (today the Christopher Smitherman law office) as it looked for many years. (Top center) An aerial photo from 1934 shows the Kelly house was already there when the highway 119 bridge was under construction. (Lower photo) The Kelly house following the elimination of the West Street connection to Main Street and the completion of the new city hall.



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There will be a Chapel Service to honor veterans at 11am.

The Dixie Division will be back with a display of military vehicles, and military interpreters will represent soldiers from the American Revolution, WWI, WWII, the Korean and Vietnam wars.

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 Δ Receiving Advanced Diploma
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“DOLLAR” BILL LAWSON NAMED TO COUNTRY RADIO HALL OF FAME

On July 10, 2023, a name familiar to many Alabamians will be added to the Country Radio Hall of Fame—that of “Dollar” Bill Lawson. Lawson, longtime co-host of the Dollar Bill and Madison morning show on Birmingham’s 102.5 The Bull, and before that co-host alongside the late Patti Wheeler on WZZK (he moved with Wheeler to The Bull in 2002).

“Dollar” Bill has spent nearly 45 of years in Birmingham, becoming one of the most recognizable and beloved radio personalities in the process. Lawson will participate in a special induction ceremony on July 10. “I’m still trying to process that, to be honest with you,” Lawson said looking back on his career. Dollar Bill’s career took him around the state, starting at Tuscaloosa and later at Selma, Muscle Shoals and Florence. While in Florence he worked for legendary producer Sam Phillips at WXOR-WQLT. Phillips was known for launching the career of Elvis Presley and producing records by many of the great artists of blues, country and rock and roll. “I always wanted to come back home and work in Birmingham because that’s where I’m from,” Lawson said. “It’s been a completely amazing life and a great career.”



“DOLLAR” BILL LAWSON

The nickname “Dollar” Bill started 30 years ago when his then-boss said that all DJs must have a nickname, because

nicknames would make them more memorable on the air. At the time, Lawson was giving away \$50 worth of Food World groceries as part of a weekly contest, so his boss came up with “Grocery Bag Bill.” After sleeping on it, the two eventually came up with “Dollar” Bill and the name stuck.

Bill’s Montevallo connection started twenty-five years ago, when he met his wife, Mary, a banker at Merchants & Planters, now Trustmark. In the time since, Lawson said Montevallo has become like his “second hometown” and he regularly participates in parades and emcees events there, becoming known as “The Voice of Montevallo.” The University of Montevallo has named him an Honorary Alumni.

In 2019, Lawson was inducted into the Alabama Broadcasters Association Hall of Fame and received the Country Radio Broadcasters Tom Rivers Humanitarian Award. Over the years, he has donated his time and energy to many Birmingham area children’s charities including the Children’s Miracle Network, Easter Seals, the Muscular Dystrophy Association and St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital. Lawson’s caring spirit can also be seen in his relationship with his listeners.

“My focus was always on trying to do a good job,” he said. “I looked at it like family and friends, and I really felt like I was forging true friendships, relationships with the listeners, and it was reciprocated.” Lawson said that in the world of country music, disc jockeys also form special relationships with each other—something that does not happen in every corner of the industry. “It’s just been the most blessed career I could have had. It’s just been amazing,” he said.

Bill has reached a 50-year milestone in his radio career and has just announced his retirement. But don’t you worry Montevallo, Bill will continue hanging out in his “second hometown” especially since the City officially named April 10 as “Dollar Bill Day”.

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Untold Stories



OF BLACK MONTEVALLO

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"They are tired of working for white people."

What do untold stories of a manufactured race war and a Black labor strike in Bibb county have in common? Both are offshoots of the double lynching on Montevallo's Main St in 1889.

The story of the Montevallo lynching is outlined on a marker installed in 2020 by the city in partnership with the Equal Justice Initiative. Two unnamed Black men were hanged by a white mob in retaliation for the murder the night before of a young white man, John Lawrence. He was fatally shot when he interrupted a burglary at his father-in-law's store at the corner of Main and Shelby Streets, where Provenance Church now stands. In the EJI analysis, the lynching exemplifies the racial terrorism that made life dangerous and uncertain for Blacks in the South well into the twentieth century.

It is fascinating to go back to newspaper coverage from 1889 to see how Montevallo's version of events compares with versions originating elsewhere, especially nearby Bibb County.

A Montevallo correspondent, a white man writing for white readers, creates an almost upbeat account, even expressing pride in the way the lynching was conducted: "no more quiet and orderly hanging ever took place." Readers are assured that everyone in town now feels safer. "A feeling of general satisfaction exists in the entire community" (*Eufala Daily Times*, 4 Sept). The entire community includes people of color. *Prattville Progress* (6 Sept) reported that "colored people of that vicinity seem to rejoice with the whites that the murderers are out of the way." Such accounts seem designed to allay white fears.

There are indications within the articles themselves, however, that things were not so rosy. Why else would a Montevallo citizen seek to squelch rumors that the town's Blacks, "incited by Saturday night's lynching," set fire to Capt. Reynold's barn the following night. The barn burning was in no way connected with the lynching, he insists. In fact, the "negroes here worked faithfully" to get the fire under control. The recent "excitement" has resulted in "a general uneasiness among women and children," he concedes, "but there really never was a community more secure than Montevallo at this time." (*Montgomery Advertiser*, 4 Sept)

Stories offered by Bibb county informants create a strikingly different picture of this "general uneasiness." Inflammatory phrases like "race war," "negro insurrection," "murderous conflict" run through feverish newspaper accounts reprinted across the nation. Typical is one from Chicago entitled "Bad Blood Stirred Up." The Montevallo lynching had "set the entire population, white and black, into a flame, and a murderous conflict may be expected at any moment."

Alarmed white citizens had sent for 100 Winchester rifles from Nashville. A Blocton man predicted troubles. "The negroes were already well aroused, and when they heard of the hanging of the two alleged burglars there were furious and were free with their threats." Whites were free with their threats as well. A Centerville man warned, "if a conflict came every negro in the county would be exterminated." (*Chicago Tribune*, 3 Sept)

BAD BLOOD STIRRED UP.

WHITE MEN AND BLACKS ENGAGE IN MURDEROUS CONFLICT.

Following a Riot and the Lynching of Two Negro Burglars in Bibb County, Alabama. All the Residents Secure Arms and Talk of Murder—White Citizens of Lawrence, Ala. Burn Out a Negro Postmaster—Quiet at Greenwood, Miss.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Sept. 2.—[Special.]—Friday night last white men and negroes near Howerton Store in Bibb county had a big fight. All were drinking and the sheriff summoned a posse and dispersed them. Friday night John Lawrence, a young white man, was killed in his store at Montevallo, an adjoining village, by two negro burglars. The negroes were caught Saturday and that night lynched. These tragedies, following so close upon one another, have set the entire population, white and black, into a flame, and a murderous conflict may be expected at any moment.

Chicago Tribune, 3 Sept 1889

To read this and other accounts, Black fury at the lynching and white fears of negro insurrection had brought citizens of this part of the world to the brink of a race war. A touch of hysteria, perhaps? An ingrained if mostly unfounded fear of Black uprisings? What is the untold story here?

Well, we may never know. Black perspectives would certainly help fill out the picture, but given the way Black history is passed down mostly by word of mouth, the chances of coming across a Black diary or letter are slight. But perhaps we can find a useful alternative version in "*Unlooked-for Results of the Race Troubles in Bibb Co., Ala.*" an article which appeared in a Charlotte, NC paper.

After nearly three weeks of panicky evocations of an armed race war, this matter-of-fact approach to the "Race Troubles" will strike some as deliciously comical. Stockpiled Winchesters? Murderous rage? No, it seems some Black cooks and laundresses had stopped working for white folks. The troubles between Black and white begin to look more like a deliberate work stoppage, a strike. At its heart, this may have been a conflict between Black desire to do for themselves and white bafflement on how to handle the loss of cheap Black labor -- the cooks, laundresses, farm workers on whom whites had depended for generations. In the words of the *Charlotte Observer* (22 Sept):

The negroes have all resolved to do no work for white people. The negro women are in the movement and white families are unable to obtain cooks or women to do their laundry work. The negroes refuse to work on the farms, and many farmers will be unable to gather their crops unless they can obtain white laborers.

Some may hear an authentic voice of the Black community in the final sentence:

The only reason given by the negroes for their action is that they are tired of working for white people.

Submitted by Kathy King and Anita Stewart Sims. Do you have an untold story you'd like to tell or have told? Contact us at MontevalloLegacy@gmail.com. We want to hear your stories and welcome corrections of fact and interpretation.

**MONTEVALLO METHODIST MEN'S CLUB
MEMORIAL DAY FUND RAISER**

The Montevallo First United Methodist Church Men's Club will be smoking Boston Butts and Baby Back Ribs on Thursday, May 25 for pickup Friday, May 26, between 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM at the Methodist Church.

We will be smoking a total of 70 items, so place your order as early as possible. Once we reach this total, we will not be able to take any more orders. If you place an order and we have already reached our MAXIMUM number of items, you will be called to let you know we cannot accept your order.

These Boston Butts and Ribs will be great to serve on Memorial Day or put in the freezer for future use.

- 1) Boston Butt, approx. wt. 8-10 lbs. \$35.00
- 2) Baby Back Ribs one rack \$30.00

An order must be received NO LATER THAN 5:00 PM on Thursday, May 18, 2023.

To order, please call the Men's Club cell phone, 205-476-3005 before May 18th deadline.

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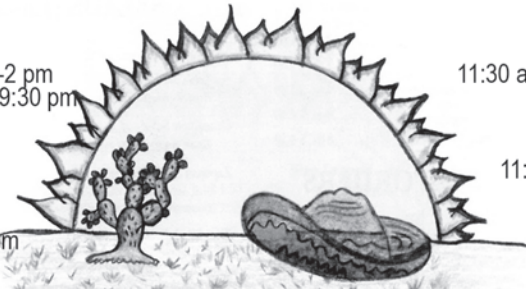
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CITY OF MONTEVALLO NEWS

Mayor's Message...

May 2023 Chamber Chatter



RUSTY NIX, MAYOR

Hello, citizens of Montevallo! I hope all of you are doing well and enjoying the beginning of Spring. I would like to start things off by giving a huge shout out to the Montevallo Arts Collaborative for putting on another outstanding event. I believe this was one of the largest Arts Fest that we have had in Montevallo. There were 160 artists displaying their talents along with around eight food trucks. On that same day, Ace Hardware had their soft opening and I couldn't be more pleased with the store. The grand opening will be sometime in June but the date has yet to be announced. Y'all go by the store and check things out! Storm Shelter #2 is now open! It is located at 20 James H Jones Dr, left of the MHS Football Stadium. A ribbon cutting was held on April 14th with meteorologist Mickey Ferguson and producer Kelly Garrett from WBRC Channel 6 News as special guests. This gives the City of Montevallo two storm shelters that are available to the public in the event of inclement weather. In the event of a tornado watch, the storm shelter will open and remain open until an "all clear" is given. The shelters are something that the city has spent a lot of money on, but hope we never have to use.

I am proud to announce that the kickoff of the ATRPP2 grant for Moores crossroads development is in motion. This project is made possible by a close to \$2 million grant for turn lanes and traffic lights at the intersection of State Highway 119 and County Road 22. That area of town is the gateway coming into Montevallo from the North, so we need it standing tall. I'm so thankful for the opportunity to be able to spruce up this region of the city and make that section of roadway safer. Hopefully, more commercial and retail development will begin in that vicinity and allow Montevallo to capture some of the tax revenue that we are losing to other cities.

The city finally has the go ahead on the Highway 25 sidewalk project. The sidewalks will be ADA compliant and will run from Lucky's to Pic'n Sav. The addition of the sidewalks will make that area more pedestrian friendly. The project is set to start early this summer.

Spring is a busy time of the year in Montevallo with baseball/softball tournaments commencing at our ballparks. These tournaments attract visitors to our city which grows tax revenue. In addition, we also have high school and UM baseball/softball wrapping up their seasons. Come on out and catch a game!

Music at Owl's Cove Park will start up the last weekend in April and will run through the summer. The first event at the park will be Friday, April 28th at 6:30 p.m. Plan to bring your lawn chair or a blanket and come out for some great family friendly entertainment. Be sure to eat at one of our local restaurants or bring your dinner with you. I hope to see you there.

Memorial Day will be observed on Monday, May 29th. Please plan to visit the National Cemetery on that day to honor the men and women who gave the ultimate sacrifice so we may enjoy the privilege of the freedoms that come with living in the United States of America. Also, in observance of the upcoming holiday, 130+ banners of local veterans will fly in and around town. Please take notice of the banners and thank a veteran for their service.

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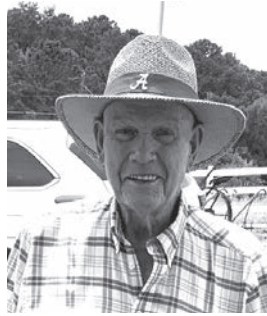
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H.G. MCGAUGHY FAREWELL

by Nancy Wilstach, writer and retired journalist of Montevallo, AL

Montevallo lost one of its brightest city lights on March 28 with the death of H.G. McGaughy. No, he wasn't an elected official or the head of an important municipal department. Yet, he touched the lives of many of us with his engaging smile, his quick wit and, sometimes, with his frank and clear outspokenness.

About 18 months before his death, Mr. McGaughy began stopping at the city's main fire station for a blood pressure check, and it became one of his regular stops on his almost-daily travels around town. Another regular stop on his rounds was Czeskleba TV Service on Main Street. He and the shop's owner, Walt Czeskleba, were friends since "sometime in the 1970's," Czeskleba said. "I



H.G. MCGAUGHY

was doing some TV work for his mother and daddy," Czeskleba said. Mr. McGaughy's mother was very hard of hearing and put the television on high volume when her favorite daytime soap operas were broadcast, "and H.G.'s daddy used to sit out on the porch because of how loud it was. I fixed his mother up with a speaker right by her chair, so she could hear (the TV) without running him out of the room. "H.G. would come by three or four times a week and stay about an hour. It was part of his rounds--the drug store, the post office, the fire department," said Czeskleba. "He loved gossip! He'd always ask me: 'What you got today?'" Mr. McGaughy was in no way a typical octogenarian, Czeskleba said. His interests were wide-ranging--from livestock to the stock market. He introduced Czeskleba to the latter "over 20-some years ago. Nothing out of the ordinary, just AT&T, the power company, stocks like that." "He was a character," said Czeskleba.

Sharing Mr. McGaughy's interest in livestock were Don and Nancy Simmer. The Simmers leased part of the McGaughy farm's 120 acres as pasture for 45 head of cattle. Don Simmer said he paid the lease annually on Jan. 2. "I'd go up to his house and pound on the door and hand him a check. He had his conditions: I had to keep the grass cut (cows will eat the grass, but they know to avoid thistle) and keep the cows out of the pond."

The McGaughy farm has been designated a "century farm" by the state of Alabama because it has been in the same family for more than 100 years.

Most people are familiar with the McGaughy Farm because of the bright red caboose that sits in the front yard beside Salem Road.

Kay Goke, the fire department's public information officer recalled Mr. McGaughy's visits to the station: "He would bring us goodies often and we'd share coffee. He'd tell us stories about the town, give relationship advice, tell us about his time in the Army traveling to Germany, and the McGaughy Family history."

She quoted Firefighter Matt Rush when describing Mr.

McGaughy's attitude toward aging: "He never knew his age and kept us smiling. He always said never get old and he didn't."

"He was like a one-stop shop for everything people needed--storyteller, living history book, advice giver, traveller, jokester, and expert on local spots. My personal favorite memories of him are his grin that would light up the room, and he'd always call me 'Babydoll,' and have a hug for me when I'd see him," Goke said.

Mr. McGaughy served for a time on the city's Design Review Committee and on the Historical Preservation Committee. He was a frequent attendee at Montevallo City Council meetings; usually he would sit near Bill Glosson who recalled a few heated meetings: "He could be pretty outspoken."

Mr. McGaughy died March 28 after a bad fall that sent him to the hospital in mid-March. Czeskleba said that Mr. McGaughy was in and out of consciousness and mostly kept in the ICU until he died. His wife, Doris, had died in 2020. They had no children.

Although nearly everyone called him "H.G.," Mr. McGaughy's given name was Herbert Galloway McGaughy. His mother's maiden name was Galloway, but she preferred to call him "Buddy," Czeskleba said.



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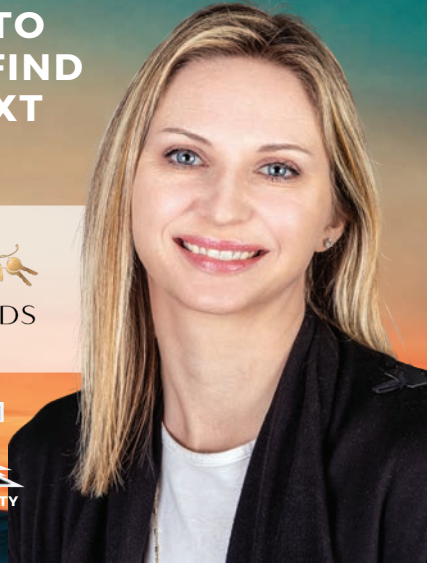
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8	9 Mini Music @ 10:00	10 Storytime with Mr. Mac 9:15	11 Movie Night @ 6pm	12 Donuts with Mom <i>Celebrate Mother's Day with a snack & a craft!</i>	Friday 5/12 @ 3:30 pm
15 Classic Movie Monday @ 2pm	16 Mini Music @ 10:00	17 Storytime with Mr. Mac 9:15	18 Adult Craft Kit: available all day while supplies last!	19	20
22 Sweets & Eats: available all day while supplies last!	23 Mini Music @ 10:00	24 Storytime with Mr. Mac 9:15	25 ESOL @ 6pm	26 Kid's Movie 2:00 pm	Closed for Memorial Day Weekend
29 Closed for MEMORIAL DAY	30 Mini Music @ 10:00	31 Storytime with Mr. Mac 9:15	<i>May</i>		

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Session 1 will be on Friday, May 19th at 6:30pm, with a meal served first and Session 2 will be on Saturday, May 20th at 9:30am, with snacks served.

The retreat will conclude on Sunday, May 21st at 10:30am, with the normal worship service. For reservations or questions please call 205-665-2566. This event is open to the public.

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Vallo Vision News

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Tumbling and acrobatics will have its first competitive season in the spring of 2025, marking the 12th new intercollegiate sport to be added in the last 10 years.

"We're excited about the continued growth within our athletic department," Montevallo Athletic Director Mark Richard said in a statement. "We're proud to offer the opportunity for talented student-athletes to pursue acrobatics and tumbling at the collegiate level. We look forward to adding to our high-achieving student-athlete population on campus."

Montevallo will be the 35th NCAA Division II school and 52nd across NCAA Division I, II, and III to add tumbling and acrobatics to its roster; aiding in its growing popularity throughout the country. There are more than 900 student athletes estimated to be competing in the sport for the 2022-23 season.

"The NCATA welcomes Montevallo to the Acrobatics & Tumbling community," NCATA Executive Director Janell Cook said in a press release. "Montevallo becomes our first member in the state of Alabama. Gymnasts and cheerleaders in the state, and region, will benefit from new, unique opportunities to be a varsity student-athlete at Montevallo. We look forward to working with Athletic Director Mark Richard and his team to implement their program."

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BROOKE MCKINLEY APPOINTED AS NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF SHELBY EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

Shelby County Reporter

Shelby Emergency Assistance is pleased to announce the appointment of Brooke McKinley as its new Executive Director. McKinley brings over 10 years of experience in the nonprofit sector with a focus on youth and social services.

McKinley has served as the Mentoring & Development Coordinator at Big Brothers Big Sisters of Shelby County, where she oversaw youth mentoring programs in local Shelby County Schools and led fundraising initiatives for Shelby County.



BROOKE MCKINLEY

Prior to that, she served as the Director of Public Relations and Marketing with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Birmingham where she led efforts to build community support and engagement. "We are thrilled to have Brooke McKinley join us as the new Executive Director of Shelby Emergency Assistance," Chair of the Board of Directors Melinda Bennett said. "Her passion for serving others, along with her experience in the sector make her the ideal candidate to lead our organization in its mission to provide emergency assistance and basic needs to individuals and families in crisis."

In her new role, McKinley will be responsible for overseeing all aspects of the organization's operations, including strategic planning, fundraising, program development and community outreach. She will work closely with the Board of Directors, staff and volunteers to ensure that Shelby Emergency Assistance continues to meet the needs of the community it serves.

"I am honored to have been selected as the new Executive Director of Shelby Emergency Assistance," McKinley said. "I am excited about the opportunity to work with the staff and volunteers to continue to make a difference in the lives of those we serve. Together, we will strive to ensure that every individual and family in our community has access to the support and resources they need to thrive." McKinley holds a Bachelor's degree in Social Work from the University of Montevallo. She lives with her family in Alabaster.

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RIDING IN A GROUP

Riding a bicycle in a group can be a fun and rewarding experience. Whether you're cycling for exercise, recreation, or competition, riding with others can provide motivation, support, and a sense of camaraderie. However, riding in a group also requires some skills and knowledge to ensure everyone's safety and enjoyment. In this article, we'll provide some tips on how to ride a bicycle in a group.

1. **Communicate with the group** - Communication is key when riding in a group. Before setting off, make sure everyone is aware of the route, any potential hazards, and the pace of the ride. During the ride, use hand signals or verbal cues to communicate with other riders about your intentions, such as turning, slowing down, or stopping. If you're leading, it's your responsibility to navigate and communicate with the group. If you're at the back, keep an eye on the riders in front of you and let them know if you need to slow down or take a break.

2. **Stay together**- When riding in a group, it is important to stay in a tight formation to reduce wind resistance, conserve energy, and be visible to other vehicles. Many riders practice the "paceline," where riders take turns at the front, rotating every few minutes. This allows everyone to take a break and recover while still maintaining a fast pace. To stay in formation, riders should maintain a consistent speed and keep a safe distance from the rider in front of them, typically about one or two bike lengths. Avoid sudden movements or swerving, as this can cause accidents.

3. **Be aware of your surroundings** - When riding in a group, it's important to be aware of your surroundings at all times. Keep an eye out for potential hazards such as potholes, gravel, motor vehicles, or other obstacles on the road. Also, be aware of the other riders and motorists around you, especially when riding in close proximity. If you need to change lanes or make a turn, signal your intentions clearly and in advance.

4. **Maintain your equipment** - Before setting off on a group ride, make sure your bicycle is in good working order. Check your brakes, tires, and chain for any signs of wear or damage. Also, make sure you have enough water, food, and any other necessary equipment, such as lights or a repair kit. It's also a good idea to dress appropriately for the weather.

5. **Follow the rules of the road** - When riding in a group, it's important to follow the same rules of the road as you would when riding alone. This includes obeying traffic signals, using hand signals to indicate your intentions, and riding on the right side of the road. Also, be aware of the local laws regarding cycling, such as helmet requirements or restrictions on riding on certain roads.

In conclusion, riding a bicycle in a group can be a fun and rewarding experience, but it requires some skills and knowledge to ensure everyone's safety and enjoyment. By communicating with the group, staying in formation, being aware of your surroundings, maintaining your equipment, and following the rules of the road, you can have a safe and enjoyable ride with your fellow cyclists.

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MILITARY MOMENT

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



YAY, it's May! May is Military Appreciation month and we also honor Memorial Day this month.

Military Appreciation Month

Military.com says "May, marked officially as Military Appreciation Month, is a special month for both those in and out of the military. Not only do we pause on Memorial Day to remember the sacrifice and service of those who gave all, but the month also holds several other military anniversaries and events, including Military Spouse Appreciation Day and Armed Forces day."

Congress designated May as National Military Appreciation Month in 1999 to ensure the nation was given the chance to publicly show their appreciation for troops past and present. Each year the president makes a proclamation, reminding Americans of the important role the U.S. Armed Forces have played in the history and development of our country. In 1940, Winston Churchill said "Never in the field of human conflict was so much owed by so many to so few."

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Memorial Day is an American holiday, observed on the last Monday of May, honoring the men and women who died while serving in the U.S. military. At first, Memorial Day was known as Decoration Day. According to *history.com* "It originated in the years following the Civil War and became an official federal holiday in 1971. Many Americans observe Memorial Day by visiting cemeteries or memorials, holding family gatherings and participating in parades. Unofficially, it marks the beginning of the summer season." It is always a great day to remember the many who sacrificed for our freedoms.

Former President Barack Obama said "Our nation owes a debt to its fallen heroes that we can never fully repay, but we can honor their sacrifice." Memorial Day 2023 will occur on Monday, May 29th.

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ALPHA PI CHAPTER BREAKS RECORDS

On March 9-11, 2023 Gamma Phi Delta Sorority, Inc., Alpha Pi Chapter Montevallo, AL hosted the 46th Biennial Southern Region Conference in Montgomery, AL National President Lenor Reese, Southern Region Director Kartessa Bell, Assistant Regional Director Glenda Y. Williams, Chapter President Deborah Hudson, Alpha Pi Chapter Youth, Youth Advisors Dorothy Turner and LaTonya Robinson, Chapter Secretary Angela Sutton coordinated the event at Embassy Suites.

The members of Alpha Pi Chapter hosted the first "Hat's off to You" reception for the Southern Region Director! Our youth presented a video designed by Cavalier member Cory Robinson that is being requested nationally. Alpha Pi Chapter is the oldest chapter in the Southern Region and won many awards.

We are thankful to have 60 years of continuous service, charter member Kathlyn B. Lathion, and age 85 & up members: Jewel W. Dailey, Pauline Mixon, Olivia W. Washington, Majestic McDuffie, Joe Jean Sherman, and Kathlyn Lathion. Senator Roger Smitherman presented a Resolution at the State House, Mayor Steven Reed declared March 10, 2023 Gamma Phi Delta Sorority, Incorporated Day in Montgomery, AL (The Southern Region was organized March 10, 1956 in Montgomery, AL). We received welcome letters from Governor Kay Ivey and Mayor Rusty Nix from Montevallo, Alabama. Alpha Pi Chapter is celebrating their 60th Anniversary and will host Gamma Phi Delta Sorority, Inc. National Boule July 2024 in Birmingham, AL. We are so grateful for the positive impact we are making in the youth, our communities, and for the good of all mankind.



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Typically, sellers list their homes in the spring and summer because the weather is good and buyers are up for home shopping. In addition, most families want to buy their next home before school starts so they have time to settle everyone into new routine before the school bell rings.

If you decide to sell, be sure to consider making strategic updates and upgrades to your home in order to get the best price (don't forget the deep cleaning!), but remember that these things take time and schedule accordingly.

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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 TUESDAY

Montevallo Community Chorale
7:00 - 8:30pm, UM Davis 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.

EVERY 3RD SATURDAY MORNING

Clothes Giveaway, St. Andrews Episcopal Parish Hall
925 Plowman Street, Montevallo, 8 am-noon

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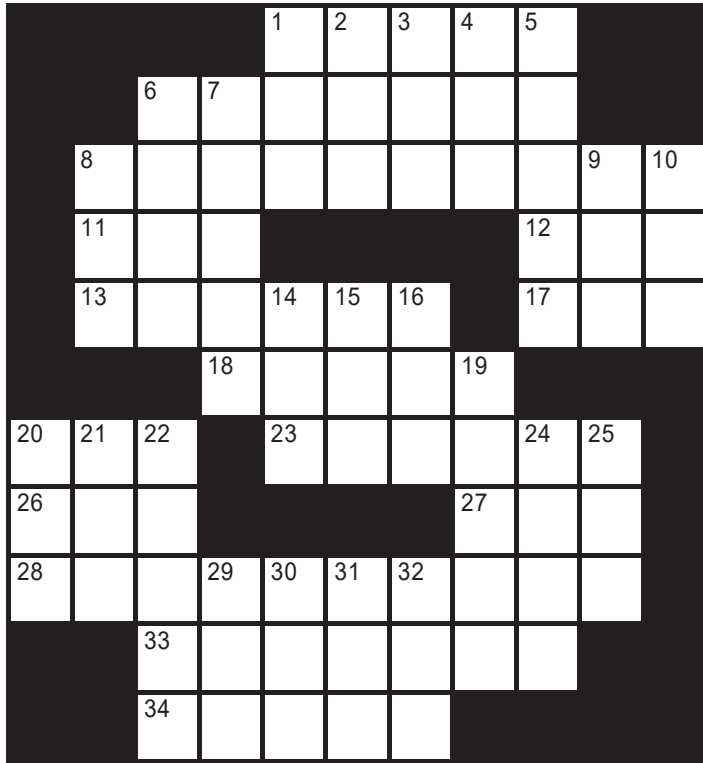
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Across

1. Like draft beer
6. Pasta pillows
8. Staple food for koalas
11. Illuminated
12. Rear end, in the navy
13. Like a complex problem, or a type of pine
17. Main ingredient of tofu
18. Crew member
20. TV monitor?
23. Not in any way
26. Namesake park in Montevallo
27. Kind of order
28. Birthplace of Benicio Del Toro
33. Lems covers?
34. Japanese martial art using bamboo swords

Down

1. Roe, essentially
2. Nada
3. Treat like an object, with 'with'
4. European peak
5. Breads for gyros
6. Archeological site
7. Part filler
8. Yellowstonesight
9. Pie in the sky?
10. Pig's digs
14. Huge amount
15. What a tango takes?
16. Bow wood
19. Unyielding
20. Dandy
21. French wine term, which means "growth"
22. Shoal ___, flows through 26-Across
24. Pouches
25. "I" problem
29. What pastrami goes on, usually

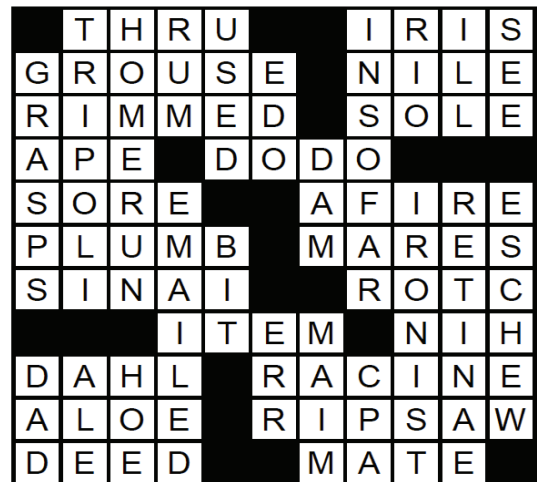
30. Mark of perfection
31. What's ___ is new again
32. Word before Grande or Lobo

MARCH PUZZLE SOLUTION

The March solution was printed wrong by mistake. Here's the correct one.



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