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-Chamber News

MONTEVALLO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ANNOUNCES 2022 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Welcome New Board Members

SHIRLEY BICE

Shirley is married to Mark Bice and has 2 daughters, 2 step-daughters, 1 step-son with a combined total of 10 grandchildren. Shirley has been in retail for 21 years with Tractor Supply, 6 years and 2 years as store manager. Shirley enjoys watching Alabama football and attending the grandchildrens' Montea Ilo youth sports.



JARVIS DAVIS

Jariv s has 3 children with his wife Kiesha, who has been with him every step of the way in becoming successful in their two businesses, Window Masters and Save My Cell. Jariv s has been a Monteva Ilo resident all his life and he is hard working, ambitious, and determined. He has always strived to be the best he can be and Monteva Ilo has always been his stepping stone of success and he is not finished yet.

SEAN EICHELBERGER

Sean Eichelberger was born in Birmingham, AL and attended UAB. Sean spent 14.5 years working at Books-A-Million as a Facilities Manager and then Operations Manager for Joe Muggs. In 2020, Sean and his fiance, UM professor Dr. Meredith Tetloff, moved to Montevallo. The move allowed Sean to begin working on realizing his dream of owning his own coffee shop. In April of 2021, he found a location and work officially began on his dream. So in Jan. 2022 Strand Coffeehouse opened for business.



2022 Montevallo Chamber Board of Directors Elijah Colburn, Chairman Julie Smitherman, Vice-Chairman Susan Fulmer, Treasurer Alison Baggett, Secretary Shirley Bice Jackie Chappell Jariv s Daiv s



FEBRUARY MONTEVALLO CHAMBER LUNCHEON

WEDNESDAY, February 16

"American Village Festia" I of Tulips 2022". Guest Speaker: Melanie Poole, American Village Marketing and Communications. Parnell Library with networking at 11:30am and Lunch at noon. \$12. ea. RSVP by Mon., Feb. 14 to 205-665-1519 or montevallochamber@gmail.com. Catered by Southern Sweets. Luncheon Sponsor - American Village



Melanie Poole



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2nd WEDNESDAY GROUNDHOG DAY

9th WEDNESDAY 2022 SHELBY COUNTY MONTGOMERY DRIVE-IN CONFERENCE

10am - 7:15pm / cost \$50.00 each / contact Montea IIo Chamber at 205-665-1519

12th SATURDAY **ALABAMA PET PANTRY** Distribution of Dog & Cat Food 2 - 3pm / Shelby Emergency Assistance parking lot

13th SUNDAY SUPER BOWL

14th MONDAY VALENTINE'S DAY

16th WEDNESDAY **MONTEVALLO CHAMBER LUNCHEON** "AMERICAN VILLAGE FESTIVAL OF TULIPS" Guest Speaker: Melanie Poole. Location: Parnell Library. Networking 11:30am / Lunch - noon \$12 ea. RSVP by Mon., Feb. 14 to 205-665-1519 or montea llochamber@gmail.com. Caterer - Southern Sweets. Luncheon Sponsor - American Village

16th WED - SAT. 19th COLLEGE NIGHT PRODUCTION Palmer Auditorium (UM) 7pm

21st MONDAY PRESIDENT'S DAY

GEORGE WASHINGTON BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION American Village / 10am -4pm / Enjoy outdoor activ ties

MONTEVALLO SCHOOLS MES, MMS & MHS No School Teacher Workday 26th SATURDAY MONTEVALLO ARBOR DAY

9am - 1pm / Montea Ilo Recycling Center -1120 Oe rland Rd / bare root tree seedlings will be aa ilable for adoption / Sponsored by Montea Ilo Arbor and Beautification Board

MID FEBRUARY - MARCH *6th ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF TULIPS American Village / Admission \$5.00 / tulips \$2.00 ea. plus tax / Mon-Sat 10am - 4pm Sun 12 -4pm / mid-February through March *Weather permitting - check www.americaniv llage.org; FB page or call 205-665-3535 for field conditions



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Montevallo High School Class of 1940 By Marshel Roy Cunningham (Gone To Alabama@aol.com)

Names are taken from the back of the photograph, signed by the members. Some names are difficult to read and a few did not sign. Send additions and corrections to the Montea Ilo Historical Society.



Names on the back: Brewer Carpenter; Pete Peterson; Anne Appleton; Leonard Lawley; Johnnie Barnes; Warren Findley; Olen Youngblood; Frances Bailey; Roy Dailey; Herbert Williamson; Bobby Cleary; Mildred Moore; Lollage Dairs; Frances Lemley; Thomas L. Champion; Sarah Belle Coker; Elia beth Ingram; Rebecca Grady; Daiv d Smith; Jimmy Baker; Gertrude Simpson; Tom Pilgreen; Fred Adams; Dorothy Warren; Jimmie Mott; Dan Kirkpatrick; Frances Winslett; Georgia Edwards; Ginny McClendon; Bessie Warren; Louise Log lady; Julian Hill; Willie Pearl Seale; Frances Woolley; Mary Sue Lee; Lenice Milstead; Eliz beth Cunningham; Tommie Powell; Lois Hanks; John Orr; Eula Bridges; Sara Nell Stockdale; Raymond Bearden; Wilbert Anderson; Mattie Lessley; Gertrude Kirkley; Audrey Harrison; Marion Sonny Jones; D. C. Dunlop; Murray Harrison; Billy Rotenberry; Heth Shores; Alma Jetta Stone; Clarence Blake; Tom Gentry; Robt Adams.





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ARBOR DAY 2022 FEBRUARY 26 FROM 9:00 UNTIL 1:00

On Saturday, February 26, 2022, the Montea IIo Arbor and Beautification Board will hold Arbor Day 2022 at the Recycling Center on Spring Creek Road. The format this year will be the same as last year. As a part of the Montea IIo Tree City Ex erience we will have tables set up outside, under tents if necessary, where you can pick up bare root tree seedlings. To allow for a socially distanced event, the trees will be available from 9:00 am until 1:00 pm or until supplies run out. As in the past these trees will be free.

The seedlings an ilable should include Red Maple, Pecan, Silky Dogwood, Water Oak, American Snowbell, Bald cypress, Possumhaw and Ashe Magnolia.



a class time program to showcase their new skills! Class meets on Monday er nings in the Dair's building at 6pm.

Call or email the Director at 205-665-6678 or UMCSM@ montea Ilo.edu for more information. Visit the website at www.montea Ilo.edu/music/csm

The first class for the Spring 2022 semester has begun. You

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Director. You must register online.

must register for this class on line.

registration is required.

Beginner Adult Piano Class! The Adult Piano Class Beginner

Leve II offers a small group setting for beginner leve I adults. Students will learn music theory, piano techniques and

performance skills. This class meets in the piano lab on the top floor of the Davis Building. Date and times are subject to

change. Learn more about this class online or contact the

Prive te Music Lessons! Now is the time to register for prive te music lessons! Located in the Daivs Building on

the Unive rsity of Montea IIo campus, UMCSM offers prive te music lessons on all instruments for all ages. Our

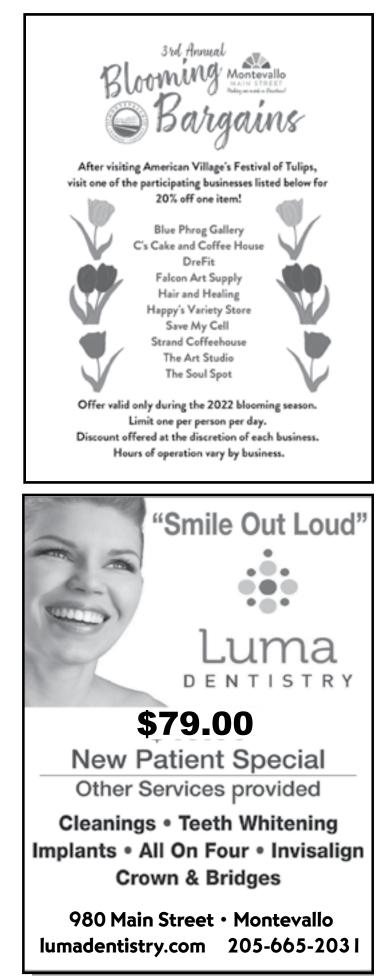
instructors are professional musicians and have many years

of teaching and performing experience. We offer 15 lessons

(30 minutes once per week), 10 lessons (30 minutes once per week) or 6 lessons (30 minutes once per week). Online

Musicianship Class for Kids! We are exi ted to host our Free Musicianship class for children between the ages of 5 and 11 years old! Children will play interactive music games that help deve lop music reading and rhythm skills. They will learn about famous composers and listen to music from around the world. The group will end the semester with







Untold Stories of Black Montevallo: Vol. 2, No 5

ALDRICH GRAMMAR SCHOOL IN 1898

Since this is Black History Month, it is exciting to be able to present new information about the Aldrich Grammar School. This announcement, which ran in the *Alabama Time-Piece* in 1898, provides a rare look at a local "negro" school's course of study and fairly bursts with insight into the yearning for real education felt by Aldrich's African American community at the turn of the century.

The curriculum might be said to embody aspirations summed up by this humorous "Resolved": "That we, as a colored race of people, strive to have our hearts filled with the love of God, our heads filled with education and our pockets filled with money" (*Bibb Co. Baptist Assn. Minutes,* 1893).

It shows the influence of the educational aims promoted by Tuskegee's Booker T. Washington, a man "who is nobody's fool," as contemporary poet Tyehimba Jess puts it, a "Race Ambassador who trained up teachers in troops." Aldrich instruction was remarkably comprehensive. It included instruction in basic literacy skills (penmanship, reading and writing) and mathematics (including bookkeeping), as well as broad forms of knowledge: geography, anatomy and physiology, and American history -- culminating in an emphasis on "Negro history." Racial pride was part of the curriculum.

The principal of the school, B. L. Lester -- born Benjamin, he renamed himself Booker -was dedicated to its success. He worked through the Baptist Church and was active in the Bibb County and Shelby Springs Baptist Associations. He was lauded as one of several fine teachers who "are struggling to bring our people up, along this educational line." The Bibb County Association hailed him as "a hero in our Sunday School Work" (Minutes 1894). In addition, he edited the weekly *Time-Piece*.



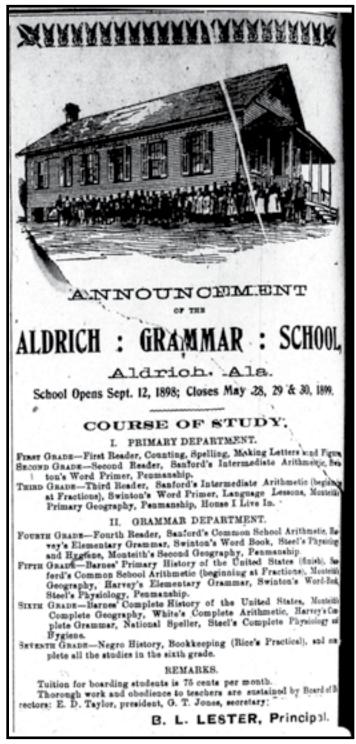
B. L. "Booker" Lester, principal of Aldrich Grammar School and editor of Alabama Time-Piece

The unusually long school year, from mid-September to the end of May, underlines the strength of Lester's and the community's commitment to learning. State-funded "negro" schools, chronically and grievously underfunded, seldom went for more than three months, if that. Aldrich provided at least twice that. The exceptional nature of the education offered in Aldrich could not be clearer.

The building is probably the original Epsibeth Baptist, established in 1873, the first church in Aldrich. It exemplifies the desire of freed Blacks to create their own churches during the decades following the Civil War. Stories handed down in the Aldrich community confirm that on weekdays the church doubled as a school for children of color. Here as in so many ways the Black church provided opportunities for building stronger, more resilient, more successful communities -- and education was a key part of that. Writes historian Wilson Fallin: "No issue concerned black Baptists more than education. Coming out of slave ry, blacks crave d formal education."

Submitted by Kathy King & Anitka Stewart Sims

Contact us at Movaltrail@gmail.com. We want to hear g ur stories and welcome corrections of errors of fact or interpretation.



Aldrich Grammar School, from Alabama Time-Piece, 1898

In Memory of



FRANK KOEHNE LIGHTFOOT 1929 - 2021

In 1957, Frank Lightfoot accepted the challenge to start the men's baseball program at Alabama College (now the University of Monteva IIo) and move d his family to Monteva IIo, AL. During his 34 year tenure at Monteva IIo, he taught, coached and mentored thousands of students, many of which became lifelong friends. He was proud of his many accomplishments and awards, but his fave rites were the student selected College Night Dedication in 1988 and being inducted in the UM Sports Hall of Fame in 2009.

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CITY OF MONTEVALLO NEWS Mayor's Message...

Hello, good citiz ns of Montea Ilo!

I hope everyone is doing well and that 2022 has started off on a good foot for everyone. I was hoping that by this time we could stop talking about Coiv d-19, but that's not the case. Coiv d numbers are on the rise again so we must continue to



RUSTY NIX, MAYOR

stay aware and practice proper Coiv d-19 protocol. As I state each month, it is a personal choice as to whether you decide to receive the Coiv d-19 a ccine but I would still like to encourage everyone, who has not done so, to get a ccinated. Please continue to respect businesses that require facemask/shields. Let's continue to wash our hands/ use hand sanitize r, wear a mask or face shield and physically distance ourselve s. We need to do everything in our power to get Coiv d-19 numbers on the decline. We all must work together and practice every protocol to beat Coiv d-19.

Montea IIo has come a long way since segregation in the 1960's. Three buildings in town that had lingering reminders of this era stick in my mind. All of these structures have now been razed or have been remodeled. The old Medical Arts building in town had segregated waiting rooms. The Dari Dee restaurant had two separate seriving windows and water fountains. Both of these buildings have been torn down and new structures stand in their place. The Strand Theater had segregated seating but has been remodeled and repurposed. I was thinking of these buildings and the changes that have been made in our community as I had the opportunity to participate in the Reg rend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. 18th Annual Unity March and program held on Monday, January 17th. Thanks to the leadership of Councilman Reg rend Kenneth Dukes, there were approx mately 150 people that participated in the event. The guest speaker was Mr. Joseph Hampton who is the President of Alabama and Mississippi Spire Energy. Mr. Hampton gave an inspiring speech that focused on Dr. King's legacy of Love, Respect, and Unity. Our community is made of people with many skin colors but we must remember that we are ALL God's children and must treat ever ryone with respect... even when we don't have the same opinion on politics or other subjects. Our community must continue moving forward to ensure a bright future for all citiz ns.

I am exi ted to report that see ral new businesses are scheduled to open in the city within the nex few months. Please make an effort to shop new businesses in town while you continue to support ex sting businesses. Business



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owners have invested in our community and we need to reciprocate our support to them. As I have always stated, shopping local doesn't just help our business owners, it also increases our sales tax revenue. Tax dollars help fund the City budget and allows the city to spend that money to subsidize projects that benefit the entire community.

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





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FESTIVAL OF TULIPS AT AMERICAN VILLAGE

The 6th Annual American Village **Festival of Tulips** is coming soon! The Festival of Tulips will open when 20% of the flowers are bloom. This is expected to be mid-February, but check the American Village website or Facebook page for exact opening date.

Stroll through a field of tens of thousands of tulips, in all the colors of the rainbow. Pick the ones you want to keep – tulips will be \$2.00 each plus tax, and include both flower and bulb. Bring your family and friends and don't forget your camera. The tulips and the American Village's beautiful campus create a one-of-a-kind backdrop for photos.

The American Village will be open Monday-Saturday 10-4, and Sunday 12-4 once the Festival of Tulips begins (weather permitting). *Enter the front gate and follow the signs to the parking lot directly beside the tulip field. You'll pay admission and pay for the tulips you pick at the field.

UM FINE ARTS EVENTS

A Ribbon of Quicksilver: Art & the Environment on the Kankakee River Jan. 14 – March 3 Rescheduling a Closing reception, TBD Gallery at Bloch Hall

25th Annual Alumni Art Auction and "Poole Party" Jan. 31 – Feb. 19 Poole Gallery, Center for the Arts "Poole Party" (Closing reception and close of auction) Feb. 19, 4-5:30pm Keller Lobby, Center for the Arts

Middle School Honor Band Concert Feb. 26, 5:30pm Palmer Auditorium

YOU MATTER TO YOUR CHILD

Want to know the most important person in your child's life? It is not their friend down the street; it is YOU. Even if they are at a stage where they are not showering you with affection, this is not the time to step back. You still have important parenting work to do.





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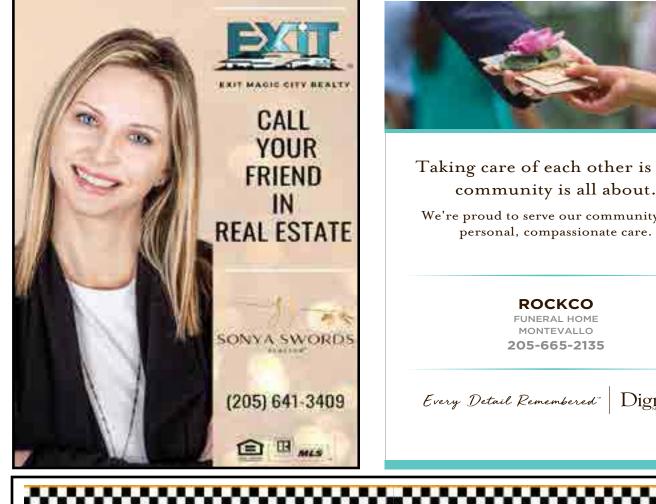
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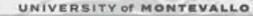


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ATHLETICS

FEBRUARY CALENDAR

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10TH, 2022

Women's Tennis vs Central Alabama Community College 1:00 PM Montevallo, AL MONTEVALLO, AL TENNIS COURT COMPLEX

Women's Basketball vs University of West Florida 5:30 PM Montevallo, AL MONTEVALLO, AL TRUSTMARK ARENA

Men's Basketball vs University of West Florida 7:30 PM Montevallo, AL MONTEVALLO, AL TRUSTMARK ARENA

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11TH, 2022

Baseball vs University of Missouri - St. Louis 4:00 PM Montevallo, AL MONTEVALLO, AL KERMIT A. JOHNSON FIELD AT BOB RIESENER STADIUM

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12TH, 2022

Baseball vs University of Missouri - St. Louis 12:00 PM Montevallo, AL MONTEVALLO, AL KERMIT A. JOHNSON FIELD AT BOB RIESENER STADIUM

Men's Lacrosse vs Lincoln Memorial University 1:00 PM Montevallo, AL MONTEVALLO, AL TRACK AND FIELD/LACROSSE STADIUM

Women's Basketball vs Valdosta State University 2:00 PM Montevallo, AL MONTEVALLO, AL TRUSTMARK ARENA

Baseball vs University of Missouri - St. Louis 3:00 PM Montevallo, AL MONTEVALLO, AL KERMIT A. JOHNSON FIELD AT BOB RIESENER STADIUM

Men's Basketball vs Valdosta State University 4:00 PM Montevallo, AL MONTEVALLO, AL TRUSTMARK ARENA

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13TH, 2022

Baseball vs University of Missouri - St. Louis 12:00 PM Montevallo, AL MONTEVALLO, AL KERMIT A. JOHNSON FIELD AT BOB RIESENER STADIUM

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH, 2022

Baseball vs Kentucky Wesleyan College 2:00 PM Montevallo, AL MONTEVALLO, AL KERMIT A. JOHNSON FIELD AT BOB RIESENER STADIUM Women's Tennis vs University of West Georgia 2:00 PM Montevallo, AL MONTEVALLO, AL TENNIS COURT COMPLEX

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH, 2022

Baseball vs Kentucky Wesleyan College 1:00 PM Montevalio, AL MONTEVALLO, AL KERMIT A. JOHNSON FIELD AT BOB RIESENER STADIUM

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20TH, 2022

Basebali vs Kentucky Wesleyan College 12:00 PM Montevallo, AL MONTEVALLO, AL KERMIT A. JOHNSON FIELD AT BOB RIESENER STADIUM

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH, 2022

Men's Lacrosse vs Palm Beach Atlantic University 12:00 PM Montevallo, AL MONTEVALLO, AL TRACK AND FIELD/LACROSSE STADIUM



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE MONTEVALLO HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING TEAM ON WINNING THEIR REGION CHAMPIONSHIP FOR THE FIRST TIME IN PROGRAM HISTORY!

(I to r) Row 1: Head Coach: Garrett Langer, Austin Cummings, Kimani Thomas, Allison Tryon, Amylia Thomas, Gavin Monk, Emery Adams, Nate Haynie, Clay Massey, Gabe Haynie, and Assistant Coach: Bubba Turberville Row 2: Charlie Paracca, Victor Gonzalez, Cole Dennis, Brandon Norberto, Angel Romero, Drew Adams, Row 3: Sam Adams, Kelston Hodges, Charlie Adams, and Assistant/Middle School Coach: William Jason Taylor. (absent from photo JC Baggett, Tyteeasia Turner, Jaylon Hudson, Eli Motes, Matthew Rhoden)





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18th Annual M.L. King, Jr. Unity March & Program January 17, 2022 MONTEVALLO, AL



Rev. Kenneth Dukes- President Shelby County NAACP



Montea Ilo High & Middle Choral



Mr. Rusty Nix Mayor of Montea Ilo



Harris Pride #437, Order of the Eastern Star, Montea Ilo



Mr. Joseph Hampton – President, Alabama & Mississippi Spire Energy



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Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. Beta Mu Nu Chapter, Shelby County

HAPPINESS AND HOW TO CATCH IT Submitted by Susan Lehman

We've heard that owning a house is the American dream. But besides being one of your most significant financial decisions, it is also one of your most significant lifestyle decisions.

America is founded on the pursuit of happiness. But when most people buy a house, they put happiness on the back burner—a mistake that may rob them of the experience of living in a home that makes them happy every day. A properly chosen house will do just that—make you happy every day.

In contrast, most homeowners talk about their house as it relates to the real estate market--i.e., how they bought the least expensive property on the street, the good deal they got, how they bought below the average price per square foot, how they paid less than their neighbor or maybe even less than the previous owner or less than the next buyer on the block. All this may be true, but how often do you hear someone say that their house makes them smile every day?

People who love their houses talk about how their home is filled with beautiful views; people who just like their houses talk generically about the neighborhood. But that homeowner with a smile may not have paid any more per square foot than the owner who was preoccupied with price.

Many homebuyers search for a set of statistics and an inventory of amenities. While pragmatic, none of these considerations will ultimately rank very high in the happiness quotient of living in a house. Styles come and go, needs for rooms change, technology renders some spaces obsolete. More charter and private schools either improve public school performance or provide alternatives.

People who really love their houses found houses with a more enlightened sets of attributes, such as:

• A Great Site

Buyers who find a great site, not just a good location, are the ones who feel good every day. What a difference in it makes in your day if you are able to look out at a meadow, a park or a creek.

An Engaged Setting

Homeowners love living in a setting that is "plugged in" to the local neighborhood. When they look outside and see interesting neighbors, an eclectic mix of people, or see the surrounding nature with calls of competing songbirds, they



have a profound appreciation of their house and the nature that surrounds it.

• A Rich, Sustainable Community

Being a part of a community full of happy, long-term homeowners, as opposed to people growing into and out of starter homes makes for a true community that fosters and expresses the diversity and energy we look for in our lives.

Homeowners who passionately enjoy their houses will say that they live in every room. People who don't passionately enjoy their home may actually only live in only a third of their house and have some rooms they seldom enter. Keep this in mind when you see rooms designed for s single purpose, like a theater-style media room, that cannot be repurposed easily when tastes or technology change.

You also need to be aware of the trends in the neighborhood you buy into. A slightly less attractive neighborhood on the way up can be fun and exciting while appreciating in value while a picture-perfect neighborhood at its peak may be in for years of decline and ever-lower property values. A dynamic years of decline and ever-lower property values. A dynamic neighborhood with people of different ages and interests keeps it young and exciting.

Viewing a house purely as a style, a size, a statistic, as an investment, or a portal to a particular school district, is not a recipe for happiness, nor is it a reliable route to appreciation in value. Viewing a house that is vibrant and sustainable as a place that generates happiness brings joy as well as long-term economic appreciation. If you're happy where you live, you'll make a positive contribution to your community, and the pursuit of happiness in your home should be the fundamental goal of the American dream.



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MILITARY MOMENT

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



This month we celebrate the USO's birthday on February 4th and National Salute to Veteran Patients during the week of February 14th.

USO.org says, "The USO strengthens America's military seriv ce members by keeping them connected to family, home and country, throughout their seriv ce to the nation. Since 1941, the USO has been the nation's leading organia tion to serie 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 seriv ng in the United States or abroad, are grateful for the USO. We wish them a Happy 81st 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 exp ress appreciation to Veterans; increase community awareness of the role of the VA medical center; as well as, encourage citize ns to iv sit hospitalize d Veterans and to become ino le d as o lunteers. The week of February 14th each year 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 seriv ces who are cared for in Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) medical centers, outpatient clinics, and nursing homes. During the National Salute, VA iniv tes indiv duals, Veterans groups, military personnel, civ c organia tions, businesses, schools, local media, celebrities, and sports stars to participate in a rious activ ties at the VA medical centers. The activ ties and ee nts include special ward *v* sits and *v* lentine 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 v lunteer 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.





Happy Valentine's Day!



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LIBRARY EVENTS FOR FEBRUARY

• Mini Music ee ry Tuesday at 10:00

• Family Storytime with Mr. Mac, every Wednesday at 9:15

• Sweets & Eats Take Home Baking Kits for Kids, au ilable the week of February 9 – 11 (while supplies last)

• Gumball Machine Craft Kits, Monday, February 14 (while supplies last)

• Library Closed on Monday, February 21 for President's Day

- Tech Help Hour, Thursday February 10 & 24 at 1:00 pm
- Senior Movie Monday, February 28 @ 2:00 pm

• Adult Craft Kits: Mini Cana s Magnets, aa ilable starting February 1, while supplies last

• Valentines for Healthcare Heroes: Starting February 1, stop by the library to make a Valentine for the healthcare heroes at Shelby Baptist Medical Center! Bring completed Valentines to the library before February 11.





SENATOR APRIL WEAVER FILES BILL TO PROVIDE PROTECTION FOR SOCIAL WORKERS AND DHR EMPLOYEES

Senator April Wea**e** r today released the following statement regarding SB90, legislation that would include additional activ ty that would constitute the crime of assault in the second degree which is a Class C Felony:

"This issue hits home for me due to the recent attacks on local DHR workers in my district," said Weave r. "Prov ding for the proper protection of DHR



workers and any employee performing social work is ex remely necessary, as these employees are often ex osed to hostile and dangerous situations while performing their duties," Weaver continued. "I'm proud to introduce this bill which would include the intent to harm these individuals during or resulting from their work to be classified as assault in the second degree which is a Class C Felony. I am proud to stand with the protective service workers of my district and across the state as they go about their daily work in our communities. This bill is a step in the right direction to deliver adequate security in any related instances that may occur in the future."

SB90 was referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary where it was amended and passed fao rably. The bill will now be considered on the Senate floor. The bill will also be introduced in the House by Representative Russell Bedsole.



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IMPROVING COMMUNITY BIKEABILITY: DRIVER BEHAVIOR Submitted by Arthur Hebert

Community bikeability (how suitable/fit for biking an area can be) is scored in a number of ways. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) asks six questions that help us assess neighborhood bikeability. This month we will focus on the fourth question- Do drive rs behave well?

Take a moment to reflect on your last bike ride. Issues with drive rs you may have encountered include: driving too fast, passing too close, did not signal, harassed you, cut you off, ran red lights or stop sign.

Immediate solutions to these intersection challenges:

report unsafe drivers to the police

 set an example by riding responsibly (obey traffic laws, don't antagonize drive rs)

always expect the unexpected

 work with your community to raise awareness to share the road

Long-term solutions to these intersection challenges:

 ask the police department to enforce speed limits and safe driv ng

• encourage your department of motor vehicles to include "Share the Road" messages in drive r tests and correspondence with drive rs

 ask city planners and traffic engineers for traffic calming ideas

• encourage your community to use cameras to catch speeders and red light runners

After rev ewing both short and long-term solutions, commit to seeing at least one solution through to the end. Getting ing le d is as easy as contacting the local goe rnment and your representative. Visit cityofmontex llo.com for a list of department heads, committee members, and your local municipal representatie .

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

We welcome riders of all experience leve ls. ValloCycle is Alabama's oldest citywide bike share and your local bicycle ado cacy group. For more information is sit a llocycle.org or contact a llocycle@gmail.com



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

DUE TO COVID-19, MOST MEETINGS / EVENTS LISTED BELOW ARE EITHER BEING CONDUCTED VIRTUALLY OR POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. PLEASE CONTACT INDIVIDUAL ORGANIZATIONS FOR ANY UPDATES.

Thank you & Be Safe

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 Parnell Library

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

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

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

EVERY TUESDAY Montevallo Community Chorale, 7 pm, Meets in the Choir Room of 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, Montevallo First Baptist Church

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

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Across

1. Word before dance and after beer

4. Hit the rapids

8. On computers this can be 'drop-down'

9. Bookbetween *2 Chronicles* and *Nehemiah*

- 10. Chocolate alternative
- 11. Doe's mate
- 12. Toot one's own
- **13.** Where have you ___?
- 14. What _____ the odds?
- 15. Couch potato
- **18.** Sibling, informally
- **19.** _____ at Joe's
- 20. To's partner
- 21. Honors
- 23. Coffee container

24. Give something 4 Stars, say

25. Actor Pitt, to his friends

- **26.** Ugh!, e.g.
- 27. Numbers game

- by Stee Forrester
- **28.** With 30-Across, hoppy brews
- 29. Zone
- **30.** See 28-Across
- 31. Miles __ hour

Down

- 1. Earthly
- **2.** Prolific author?
- 3. Gastro-___
- 4. Moves to a new table
- **5.** Resident of ancient Tenochtitlan
- 6. July 4th fare
- 7. Price
- 8. Native New Zealanders
- 10. Big bank
- 13. Holdresponsible
- 15. Broods
- 16. Collection of mistakes
- 17. Sonata section
- 22. Bald or Golden
- **25.** Be tedious

26. Masseur's workplace, maybe

27. Race segment



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