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5th TUESDAY
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7th THURSDAY
THE DIVE BAR RIBBON CUTTING
721 Middle St. / 10:30am
"5th Business Anniversary Celebration"

8th FRIDAY
MONTEVALLO SCHOOLS
MES, MMS & MHS No School, Teacher Workday

8th - 10th FRI- SUN
FIREBALL by Norman McMillan
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10th SUNDAY
DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS

9th SATURDAY
ALDRICH COAL MINE BIRTHDAY BASH
10am - 3pm / \$5.00 admission / 137 Co. Rd. 203 Montevallo
Fundraising event, so donations are welcomed

16th SATURDAY
ALABAMA PET PANTRY
Distribution of Dog & Cat Food
2-3pm / Shelby Emergency Assistance parking lot

17th SUNDAY
ST. PATRICK'S DAY

19th TUESDAY
SPRING BEGINS

20th WEDNESDAY
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Mar 25th - 29th MON - FRI
SPRING BREAK
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28TH THURSDAY
COMMUNITY FOOD BANK DISTRIBUTION
8:30am / Boys & Girls Club parking lot, 420 Vine St.

30th SATURDAY
MONTEVALLO ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT
10am / 11am - Egg Hunt / Orr Park
Hosted by The Montevallo Park & Recreation Board

31st SUNDAY
EASTER



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MONTEVALLO
Main Street
Memories

McCULLEY'S FOOD STORE

by Clay Nordan
 Vice-president, Montevallo Historical Society



Prior to 1960 when the first true supermarket came to Montevallo, there were five small grocery or mercantile stores on Main Street offering a varying selection of food products to local families. Several of these stores had butcher shops and offered fresh vegetables when in season. In those days, a grocery would not survive if they didn't deliver phoned-in grocery orders to the doorsteps of their customers. The deliveries were usually made by a teenage boy on a heavy-duty bicycle with an oversized basket to hold the grocery bags.

McCulley's Food Store moved into the space next door to Alabama Power Co. on Main Street in 1938. The newspaper announcement you see here ran in the *Montevallo Times* on March 24 of that year. The previous occupant had been a business called the "Dollar Store." Proprietor Teamon McCulley, moved his existing business from Shelby Street, near the railroad depot, and remained in this location until the store closed approximately 40 years later. McCulley's offered personalized service and the largest selection in town. And you could count on Mr. Tommy Latham, in his white apron over a dress shirt and tie, to be at the cash register taking care of every customer and making them feel right at home.

The Alabama Power Co. moved out of their corner location around 1960 into offices in the new Whaley Shopping Center next door to the recently completed Food Center supermarket. Soon after, Mr. McCulley expanded his store into the Alabama Power Co. space with the intention of meeting the competition anticipated from the Food Center. Almost overnight, the sleepy grocery scene in Montevallo bloomed into a food shopping paradise. Needless to say, the smaller, old-line businesses on Main Street were not long for this world.

McCulley's Store To Be Moved This Week

Teamon McCulley will move his grocery business this week to occupy the building next to Alabama Power Company, the former location of the Dollar Store. He will vacate the place he has occupied for the past four years near the Southern depot.

In his new store Mr. McCulley will have more space and will carry a greatly increased stock of groceries and food items. His plans are to make his store one of the most attractive in this section of the state. And of course, his service will be kept up to the highest point of efficiency.

The move will be made this weekend, after which it will require a few days to get everything in proper place. But there will be no interruption in the business.

Within a few weeks Mr. McCulley will invite the public to attend a formal opening of this new store.



This old store building on Shelby Street near the railroad tracks (which still stands as part of the WoodGrain wood products complex) housed Teamon McCulley's food store prior to his move to Main Street in 1938. Brown Trading Co. located here later.

MONTEVALLO TIMES, MONTEVALLO, ALABAMA

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OPENING SPECIALS

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 Fresh Ripe Tomatoes lb. **5c**
 New Irish Potatoes 3 lb **10c**

CHEESE A Full Cream Hoop Cheese **lb 18c**
HAM Sugar Cured Sliced **lb 29c**

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MONTEVALLO MAIN STREET MEMORIES is adapted from the series, THROWBACK THURSDAY, a Montevallo Historical Society and Montevallo Main Street partnership started in 2018. Each installment revisits commercial and residential life on Main Street and in the downtown area in the early to mid-twentieth century. The series remains available online and may be viewed at www.historicmontevallo.org under "Local History".

SAFETY-SPOT

Smoke Alarm Safety at Home
SMOKE ALARMS ARE A KEY PART
 of a home fire escape plan. When there is a fire, smoke spreads fast. Working smoke alarms give you early warning so you can get outside quickly.

Safety Tips

- Install smoke alarms in every bedroom. They should also be outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home. Install alarms in the basement .
- It is best to use interconnected smoke alarms. When one smoke alarm sounds, they all sound.
- Test all smoke alarms at least once a month.
- People who are hard-of-hearing or deaf can use special alarms that have strobe lights or bed shakers.
- Replace all smoke alarms when they are 10 years old.

! Roughly 3 out of 5 deaths happen in homes with no smoke alarms or working smoke alarms !



CELEBRATING MONTEVALLO CHAMBER TURNING 75



During the year of 1949 when the Montevallo Chamber of Commerce was established, the Montevallo Bowling Center, four modern lanes with equipment, opened on Friday, March 4, 1949, advertised price of .20 cents per lane. The article read "For the Chick Fullman's swanky new bowling Emporium opening feature the Mayor and Councilmen of Montevallo are challenged by a scrub team headed by Bob DeSear and John Caldwell." The Modern Beauty Shop was offering pre-easter specials. Nordan Hardware was stating that Glidden was back again, Montevallo Lumber Co. was offering Lowe Brothers one coat PLAX to make old things new again and Wooten Motor ad slogan was FEEL the TIP-TOE Miracle of a '49 Ford ! (with the image of a high heel shoe hitting the gas pedal). In 1949, a section of the *Montevallo Times* was titled *The Month In Rural Alabama* with features about diarying, cattle, hogs, seeds, fruits, vegetables, turkeys, gardening, legume, farmers, farming equipment, sheep, extension services, woodlands, grazing, poultry, fishing, flies, wasp, ponds, irrigation, and agricultural experiment station.

Outstanding Thomas Jefferson Scholar will deliver Dancy Lectures Dr. Dumas Malone, authority on Thomas Jefferson, will deliver the fifth lecturer in the Dancy Lecture Series on the Montevallo campus. Dr. Dumas Malone is a professor of history at Columbia University.

The above ads and articles above from **The Montevallo Times*, March 1949 edition, illustrates an example of how the Montevallo Chamber used the local paper to share news to increase community vitality through the recruitment and support of business.



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"INDOOR YARD SALE"

The Montevallo First Baptist Church Women's Missionary Union will be hosting an Indoor Yard Sale on Saturday, March 16, 2024 from 8am to 3pm. The event will be held in the Church's Fellowship Hall and is sponsored by our WMU to raise funds for Missions.



APPLICATION TO APPLY FOR THE 2024 MONTEVALLO ARTSFEST IS OPEN!

The Montevallo Arts Collaborative will hold the 17th annual Montevallo Arts Fest in Orr Park on Saturday, April 20 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Artist applications are open through March 25, 2024. Applications are available online at ZAPP Event Information - Montevallo Arts Fest 2024 <https://www.zapplication.org/event-info.php?ID=11673> Downloadable from the Arts Fest Facebook page or email montevalloarts@gmail.com



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 March 10th

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March 8th -9th
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 2 pm

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Parnell Memorial Library Theater
 Special Event March 10th: includes performance followed by a Gala and Q&A session with the author and actress. Tickets are very limited and must be purchased online at our.show/fireballgala2024
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Aldrich Coal Mine Museum and Farrington Hall is having a birthday bash celebrating the founder of Aldrich, Mr. William Farrington Aldrich, birthday. This is not only to commemorate his birthday but is also a fundraising event because both buildings that are on the National and Alabama Registers, need some help. The birthday bash will take place on Saturday, March 9, 2024 from 10am to 3pm. Mr. Aldrich's actual birthday was March 11, 1853. We will be having refreshments at this event. We are asking for the usual admission price of \$5.00 per person and if you feel led to make a donation we will add your name to the Honor Roll. If you are unable to come but would like to make a donation, you can make checks payable to Veronica Bailey with Aldrich Coal Mine Museum in the memo. My address is 128 Hwy 203, Montevallo, AL 35115.

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Untold Stories

OF BLACK MONTEVALLO



Vol 3, No. 3

The Ghosts of King House II: Aunt Julia and that "little lean, slim place of er grave-yard"

Ed. note: This is the second of three Untold Stories about stories that circulated within the local African American community early in the 1900s, many originating during slavery times. In 1913, a pair of college students went out seeking tales about "hants, ghostes, en sperrits." They printed three of their interviews in a college publication. These interviews are invaluable. They are presented as if transcribed verbatim and thus offer a rare opportunity to hear the distinctive voices and views of three elderly members of the first-freed generation.

Last month we met Uncle Ben, a natural-born "signifyin'" storyteller known locally for regaling White folks with yarns about Montevallo's ghosts. This month we meet Aunt Julia, a woman who has lived in these parts a "powerful long time." If she is the same Julia owned by Edmund King, she would be in her mid-eighties at the time of the interview.

Aunt Julia is at first a reluctant to give the students what they want, a "real ghostly story." She throws up her hands in dismay. She's too busy to fool around with ghost stories. But after "some persuasion," she admits she has heard "lots of cur'us things 'bout dat ole house whar dey puts you when youse sick." (King House at this time served as the college's infirmary.) But she disavows all belief in ghosts: "dis ain't sayin' I b'lieve in hants." She is only "tellin' you whut dey done tole me."

The scene of many of these curious happenings is the King family cemetery, that "little lean, slim place of er grave-yard behin' de old house." (A good description, by the way, of the cemetery still maintained on the UM campus, tucked in between Hill House and Harman Hall.) People who believe in "hants," as she does not, claim to see lights moving between the graveyard and the house. As the tales would have it, they belonged to the ghost of "old Marse King" looking for money he hid before he went off to war. (He never went off to war.)

Once Aunt Julia gets into the storytelling spirit, she begins to sauce the tale with "ghostly" details. "You see, ever' time anybody goes down dar [to the cemetery] dey feels hot air gushin' in dere faces, and de do' it jus' bangs shut fo' dey can git in no piece. They hears chains rattlin,' and er groanin' jes lak somebody er dyin'." That's right, rattling chains and dying groans.

As if to say the nonsense can go no further, she brings her story to an abrupt stop: "Dat's ther only tale I knows 'bout the infirm'ry."

Aunt Julia may be making fun of widespread notions about the superstitious nature of Black folks. She uses over-the-top Halloweenish detail to give her listeners a "real ghostly story" while "signifyin'" -- to those who can hear -- that folks looking for spooky ghost stories have little understanding of the African American experience of the spiritual world.

In 1982, Aunt Julia's story was retold by beloved Alabama folklorist storyteller Kathryn Tucker Windham. In a hilarious reversal, she assigns Julia's no-nonsense skepticism to her mistress and makes Julia a superstitious servant who sees mysterious lights in the cemetery because she misses her master so terribly. Julia is made to insist that "Marse Edmund's ghost is out there taking care of the money he hid." The jaw-dropping response of her mistress must be read in full:

"Now, Aunt Julia---," Elizabeth Shortridge began. Then she stopped. Why try to reason with the superstitious woman? So, instead of continuing the conversation, she dismissed Julia by saying, 'Please go out to the kitchen and see if there's any clabber. I think I'd like some for supper'" (Windom, 118).



"Dat little lean, slim place of er grave-yard behin' de old house," the King family cemetery. The burial sites of our three African American storytellers are unknown.

Try to reason with the superstitious woman, indeed. Best order her back to the kitchen.

So let's give Aunt Julia the last word. In 1913, in her own voice, she may take us closer to the experience of spirituality of people of African descent during the era of bondage than any foolery about rattling chains, deathly groans, or much-missed masters. The student interviewers say: "They tell us, Auntie, we are often nearer the spirit world than we think." She responds: "Now, ain't yer talkin'."

Next month the Ghost Stories series concludes with the interview with "Uncle Frank" and the "signifyin'" story of Edmund King's supposed fatal fall from one of his own peach trees.

Sources: Aunt Julia is quoted from "'Hant' Philosophy" by Orrie Stitt and Evelyn Beasley in *Technala* (1913, 142-45), available online in UM's Milner Archives Digital Collection. For the 1982 revision, see Windham, "The Ghosts at Montevallo's Mansion House," in *Jeffrey's Latest 13: More Alabama Ghosts* (Strode Publishers). Submitted by Kathy King and Anita Stewart Sims on behalf of the Montevallo Legacy Project. Contact us at MontevalloLegacy@gmail.com.

Copies of the beautifully printed Volume 2 of the Untold Stories of Black Montevallo are available at UM's Carmichael Library and Montevallo's Parnell Library. Check at the circulation desk. Suggested donation \$5.

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- To complete the online pre-registration forms in English or Spanish go to: <https://prek.alacedd.alabama.gov>.
- For information about UBCDC or to schedule a tour of our program please contact our Director, Lorrie Ozley, at 205-665-4039 or at universitybaptistcdc@gmail.com.
- For information on the First Class Program go to: children.alabama.gov.

THE SEWING SISTERS AND CRAFTY CREW

The Sewing Sisters and Crafty Crew are an outreach ministry of Montevallo First Baptist Church who invite women to join our sewing and crafting community. We are not just a group for sewing; we are a welcoming network for all women interested in exploring their creative side, regardless of their experience level.

Our meet-ups are scheduled for the third weekend every month. Friday evening from 5 till 9 PM and for a full day on Saturday from 9 AM to 4 PM. Our gatherings are filled with creativity, skill-sharing, and laughter. Whether you are a veteran in sewing or crafting or just curious about starting, you will find a welcoming space, a community to connect with, and countless projects to ignite your passion. For more info email sixkidsquilts@outlook.com

ValloVolunteers!

The ValloVolunteers is a service program at the University of Montevallo aimed at helping students find valuable community service opportunities while pursuing their educational goals here at UM. To help meet those needs, The University is seeking local schools, churches, non-profits, businesses, and civic groups who are willing to use our army of student volunteers at any point during the academic year. This program offers a great chance to engage with University students outside of the classroom with the added benefit of building lasting relationships for all parties involved. If you or your group have upcoming projects, events, or on-going opportunities for service, please contact Joyce Jones, Director of Engaged Education and Public Service at eps@montevallo.edu or call 205-665-6077 for more information.

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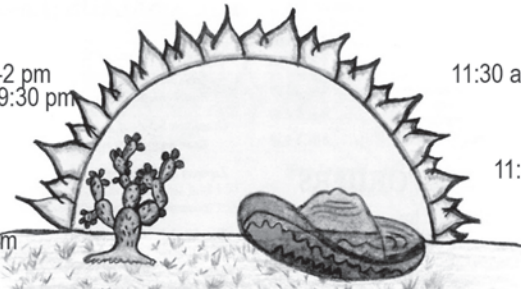
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Mayor's Message...



RUSTY NIX, MAYOR

Hello, citizens of Montevallo.

I hope everyone is well. Can you believe that spring is just around the corner and the clocks are about to spring forward? It is time to get started on your flowerbeds, gardens and yards. Spring is one of my favorite seasons.....minus the pollen. This season of the year is all about renewal and new growth. As I have stated before, the timber industry refers to it as "when the sap starts to rise". When the trees start to bud, they pull extra moisture out of the soil which helps the forest floor start to dry. This is needed because of all the rainfall we have in the winter. Another great aspect of Spring is that the fish start biting. I know that anglers are ready to hit their favorite fishing spot and reel in that first catch of the year. I can remember back in the day my dad took me fishing. Those are fond memories that I will never forget. So, take a kid fishing.

The Highway 25 sidewalk project is close to completion. This project has been in the works since November 2020. Sidewalks will create a safer route for pedestrians to walk from Pic 'n Save to Lucky's. The sidewalks are projected to be finished in March of this year. In addition, a potential development may be coming to the vacant lot next to the Dialysis Center on Highway 25. The landowner and the developer are still in negotiations on this project but I hope to be able to bring good news in the near future. Everyone in town will enjoy the potential new development and it will bring much needed revenue to the city.

The city is also excited about major changes coming to Moore's Crossroads. Last year, Montevallo received almost \$2 million in grant money (ATRIP 2) for this project. The plan will allow for new turn lanes, traffic signals and aesthetic improvement at the intersection. The crossroads area is the gateway into Montevallo from the north and that intersection gives a first impression of the city. The surveys for the project are about 80% complete for the right-of-way (ROW). The city is also in negotiations with a developer regarding a substantial sized commercial development on the 22-acre tract that was annexed into the city last year. The city is currently losing sales tax revenue to surrounding cities. Once this development is completed, it could bring close to 2 million dollars in yearly sales tax revenue to the city and potentially provide around 250 jobs to our city. The development will be a great asset and a game changer for the city.

Repairs to the Mahler House are about to resume. I am looking forward to finally getting the house restored to fulfill the Mahler's wishes. I have fond memories from my youth of the home. I can remember, as a high school freshman, helping Mr. John Mahler haul hay at the farm. When the workers broke for lunch, most of the time farm hands were given sandwiches to eat on the back porch but the Mahler sisters would prepare what most people would enjoy for Sunday lunch. The meal was even served on fine china. I also remember that it was the first time I had fresh mint leaves in

my tea.

The Montevallo Parks and Recreation Department is making preparations for Stephens Park to be in full swing with the 2024 baseball/softball season. Please plan to come out and enjoy some travel ball tournaments this spring and summer. You will be amazed at the volume of people in attendance and the amount of revenue that these tournaments bring to our town. Also, don't forget to catch a UM baseball or softball game when you can.

With pleasant weather on the horizon, community events will be popping up regularly in our city. The American Village 2024 Festival of Tulips will begin Sat. Feb. 24th and continue 7 days a week until the flowers stop blooming. Admission is \$5 and tulip bulbs are \$2 each. Mark your calendars for Montevallo ArtsFest. The arts festival will be held from 10 am – 5 pm on April 20th at Orr Park and will feature over 100 gifted artists and artisans. These are just two of the upcoming events scheduled for this Spring. Please stay up to date on all upcoming events by visiting the city's website or Facebook page.

Please remember to shop Montevallo first! Local businesses and city sales tax dollars depend on you. As always, thank you for the opportunity to serve as your mayor.



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 (4154 HWY 70, COLUMBIANA, AL)
MARCH 30, 2024
 7 AM - 2 PM

Remembering WAYNE BEATY

To say that Wayne Beaty was a friend to 9 legions would likely be an understatement. Within hours of his passing on Saturday, December 9, 2023 almost 400 people had offered individual condolences. His loss is mourned and his life celebrated by his wife Rebecca, son Jake, daughter Heather, and those hundreds who commented.



A native of Birmingham, Wayne grew up in Hueytown where he was in the band, developing and cultivating his lifelong love of music.

After high school he attended the University of Alabama for a year and then, like so many young men of that era, found himself in the Army. He was a proud member of the 101st Airborne, serving a year in Vietnam stationed at Camp Eagle. Returning to the States, he was stationed at Fort Benning, where he and Rebecca lived for about a year.

Growing up in Hueytown, he loved NASCAR and automobiles. Later working at Western Auto and at Brownell Pontiac, he honed his natural God-given skills as a mechanic and fixer of all kinds of things. It was never an imposition for anyone to ask Wayne's advice or help on a car problem. He loved any opportunity to work on a car. Need a part? Wayne would scour the junkyards until he found it and installed it.

The Beatys moved to Montevallo in 1978 when he took a position as superintendent of the coal Washer at Boothton. Then, he began going to government surplus auctions with his father-in-law and found the employment niche that really suited. He started Beaty Diversified Sales in 1981 and toured the country in his 1972 blue truck.

An indefatigable sense of humor. Nobody left a conversation with Wayne without having laughed a time or two. And if his language was frequently "colorful," it was never vulgar. Friend Doug Rodgers said: "Your multitudinous voluntary efforts in our town have made it a better place to live, and you and Rebecca reared two fine children in the community, an accomplishment not to be taken lightly." Two of those community efforts were theater and Boy Scouts.

Wayne fell in love with community theater purely by chance. While attending an audition event at Mike Mahan's he participated in a reading and found himself with a part in a play. He was hooked and for decades he was a mainstay of the Montevallo Main Street players. He served as a board member, producer, prop manager, set builder and all-around supporter whenever needed. He also occasionally took the stage. His performance as Elwood P. Down in Harvey is memorable in MMSP lore. Jimmie Stewart played the role no better in the movie.

He was equally involved in Boy Scout Troop 559. Dorothy Grimes, mother of two Eagle scouts, said: "Wayne gave those boys more than just rope skills and camping experience. He

made scouts a place to have fun and be happy while you were learning. He cared about them all and they all knew it."

One of those Eagles, David Grimes, agreed: He was not one to teach conventional rope tying and fire building skills. I don't ever recall him teaching me a single by-the-book merit badge class, but you were blessed as a Scout if you experienced the 'Wayne Beaty merit badge.' Unlike the merit badge sash that gets put away in the closet and lost over time, you have to carry and use the 'Wayne Beaty merit badge' for your whole life experience.

"The WB merit badge taught you invaluable life skills. Things like getting your hands dirty rebuilding the engine of a '66 Mercury (like he did with Larry Readell). How to smile and laugh when life isn't going as planned; when the rain is pouring down and the mosquitoes are relentlessly attacking in the backwoods of Bibb County. How to drive a 3-on-the-tree truck (I think Wayne's truck was more like a 2-on-a-tree) with loose steering, and if you can drive THAT, you can drive ANYTHING. How to give to those less fortunate like the time he passed around a one-a pound bag of peanut M&Ms on a camp out knowing that's the best treat some kids would have that weekend."

He was a founding member of Round Table, a loose "philosopher's club" at JeRoe's Deli on Main Street. It was a gathering that daily drew a disparate group of Montevallo folks with verbal solutions to all of the world's problems and more.

Steve Gilbert summed up Wayne's death this way: "The heart has four chambers. One chamber is filled with sadness at the passing of my friend. Another chamber is filled with joy, that my friend has crossed over from this life and his spirit is free and that his body and soul no longer suffer from the pain and ravages of cancer. "Another chamber is filled with anger, that the Vietnam War is still taking lives some 50 years after the laying down of arms. Anger that our government still does not provide those that serve the assistance and care they need and deserve. "The fourth chamber is filled with memories of time spent talking about racing. We were two old gearheads from Hueytown. Memories of lunchtime conversations around The Round Table at JeRoe's. Memories of building sets for the Montevallo Main Street Players productions and countless others. "Three of the chambers will be empty with the passing of time. The fourth will remain."

Contributions in Wayne's memory may be made to Montevallo Main Street Players P.O. Box 33 Montevallo, AL 35115 or <https://www.montevallomainstreetplayers.com/>



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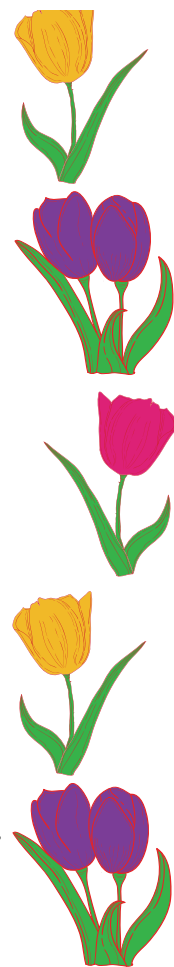
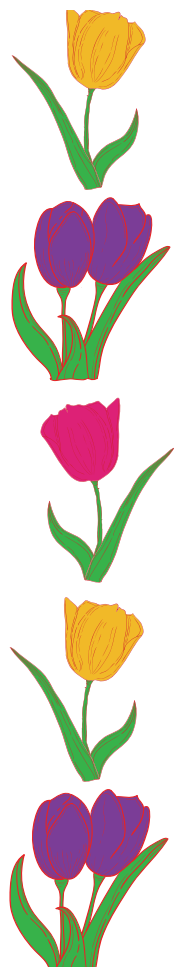
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Steve was born August 21, 1955, to Edward and Loretta Parker and grew up in St. Louis, Missouri. He was the oldest of 4 children and his time in St. Louis instilled in him a love of sports and music, which he maintained throughout his life. Steve attended Baylor University where he studied sociology, played soccer, and developed meaningful life-long friendships. He liked to bend the rules...and he was good at not getting caught. Steve later completed a Ph.D. in Sociology at Indiana University, while also coaching the women's soccer team. He began his career as a professor at Ole Miss University, moving next to the University of Southern Mississippi, and finally coming to the University of Montevallo. Upon his retirement, he was named a "professor emeritus" for his service to the university. Throughout his life, he also continued coaching soccer in a variety of capacities, forming many bonds that he would cherish forever. In addition to his teaching and coaching, Steve also spent years leading Sunday School classes, overseeing church youth group activities, and occasionally offering sermons. He was a father, teacher, coach, friend, and mentor who impacted the lives of countless people over the years. He found joy in life's simple pleasures and cared deeply about everything he was involved in. During his almost three decades at UM, Dr. Parker impacted the lives of thousands of students.

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IMPROVING COMMUNITY BIKEABILITY: BIKEWAYS

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 the six questions that help us assess neighborhood bikeability. This month we will focus on the first question– Do you have a place to bicycle safely?

If your last ride was on the road, with motor vehicles, you may have encountered some of the following issues: no space for bicyclists to ride (no bike lane or shoulder; narrow lanes), disappearing bicycle lanes or paved shoulders, heavy and/or fast-moving traffic, too many trucks or buses, no space for bicyclists on bridges, or poorly lighted roadways.

Immediate solutions to these roadway challenges:

- Pick another route for now
- Tell the Public Works department about specific problems such as potholes or obstructions
- Take a class to boost your confidence about riding in traffic

Long-term solutions to these roadway challenges:

- Participate in local planning meetings
- Encourage Montevallo to adopt a plan to improve conditions, including a network of bike lanes on major roads
- Ask the Public Works department to consider adding “Share the Road” signs at specific locations
- Ask ALDOT to include paved shoulders on all their rural highways
- Join your local bicycle advocacy group - ValloCycle

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Immediate solutions to off-road trail/path issues:

- Slow down and take care when using the path
- Find an on-street route
- Use the path at less crowded times
- Tell Parks & Recreation about specific problems

Long-term solutions to off road trail/path issues:

- Ask Parks & Recreation to improve directional and warning signs
- Petition ALDOT to improve path/roadway crossings
- Ask City Council, Parks & Recreation, and Trails Committee for more trails in our community
- Establish or join a “Friends of the Trail” advocacy group

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

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NEIGHBOR UPDATE

Congratulations to Mayor Deborah Hudson on her 1st Anniversary as Mayor of The Town of Wilton! The Mayor would like to thank the Council for selecting her to serve as Mayor. We have a full Council, a Town Clerk, Utility Clerk, Grade Level II Operator and Utility Worker. We are small in staff providing superb quality service. We are grateful for our churches, businesses, community, memberships and partnerships. Wilton is a good neighbor willing to help others and our neighbors willing to help Wilton. We are Team Wilton serving for the good of all mankind.

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MILITARY MOMENT

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



Come on warm weather! This month we welcome another spring season, celebrate Women's History month and honor National Vietnam War Veterans Day.

Women's History Month is a dedicated month to reflect on the often-overlooked contributions of women to United States history. From Abigail Adams to Susan B. Anthony, Sojourner Truth to Rosa Parks, the timeline of women's history milestones stretches back to the founding of the United States. If you enjoy history, check out some of these pioneers in our U.S. Armed Forces:

Commander Darlene Iskra
Lt. Kelly Flinn
Lt. Kara Hultgreen

Dr. Mary E. Walker
Ms. Annie G. Fox

These women and so many others like them, should have been taught in some sort of history class. However, I had not heard their names, or read their stories, until I took it upon myself to balance out the information I had been taught in school.

In addition to Women's History month, I also learned about National Vietnam War Veterans Day. According to museumofmilitaryhistory.com, "National Vietnam War Veterans Day is observed every year on March 29 and is

a way to thank and honor our nation's Vietnam veterans and their families for their service and sacrifice. There are 5 objectives with Vietnam Commemoration and the other four are:

- Highlight the service of our Armed Forces and support organizations during the war
- Pay tribute to wartime contributions at home by American citizens
- Highlight technology, science and medical advances made during the war
- Recognize contributions by our Allies.

National Vietnam War Veterans Day will be observed on Friday, March 29, 2024. My father fought in the Vietnam War and ultimately lost his life from injuries sustained through his service. I wish my story was unique, but sadly it is not. If you know someone that served during this particularly harsh war, please take a minute on the 29th, to say thank you. Perhaps sit and listen to them, if they want to talk. Once these great men and women are gone, so will be the opportunity to learn from them.

National Vietnam Veterans Day Friday, March 29th

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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, 6:00 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, Elder Justice Center, 4804 Hwy 25, Montevallo

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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The lunches will be held at NOON at Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church 925 Plowman Street. St. Andrew's will provide drinks and dessert.

Schedule of Speakers - February 28, Rev. Kenneth Dukes at Holly Grove Baptist Church, Jemison; Wednesday, March 6, Rev. Sam Hamilton-Poore at Montevallo Presbyterian Church; Wednesday, March 13, Rev. Daniel Stallings at University Baptist Church; Wednesday March 20, Rev. Lawton Higgs, Jr. at First United Methodist Church; Wednesday, March 28, Fr. Brad Jantz at Saint Thomas Catholic Church.

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Montevallo Baseball 24-24 Schedule

Date	Opponent	Location	Varsity Time	JV Time
2/28	Childersburg	Home	4:30 PM	6:30 PM
3/2	Hale County	Vincent	10:00 AM	
3/2	Vincent	Vincent	12:00 PM	
3/4	Thorsby	Home	4:30 PM	6:30 PM
3/5	Chilton County	Chilton County	6:30 PM	4:30 PM
3/9	Billingsley	Home	11:00 AM	
3/9	BB Comer	Home	3:00 PM	
3/12	Maplesville	Home	4:30 PM	6:30 PM
3/13	Childersburg	Childersburg	4:30 PM	6:30 PM
3/14	Shelby County	Shelby County	4:30 PM	6:30 PM
3/16	Hale County	Hale County	12:00 PM	2:00 PM
3/19	Fultondale	Fultondale	5:00 PM	
3/21	Fultondale	Home	4:30 PM	
3/21	Fultondale	Home	6:30 PM	
3/23	Bibb County	Bibb County	11:00 AM	1:00 PM
3/25	Sylacauga	Sylacauga	1:45	
3/26	St. Clair	Sylacauga	11:00	
3/27	Munford	Sylacauga	11:00	
3/27	BB Comer	Sylacauga	1:45	
4/2	West Blocton	Home	4:30 PM	
4/4	West Blocton	West Blocton	4:30 PM	
4/4	West Blocton	West Blocton	6:30 PM	
4/9	Oak Grove	Home	4:30 PM	
4/11	Oak Grove	Oak Grove	4:30 PM	
4/11	Oak Grove	Oak Grove	6:30 PM	
4/13	Oneonta	Oneonta	11:00 AM	1:00 PM
4/15	Calera (Senior Day)	Home	5:00 PM	
4/16	Thorsby	Thorsby	4:30 PM	
4/19	1st Round AHSAA	TBD	TBD	

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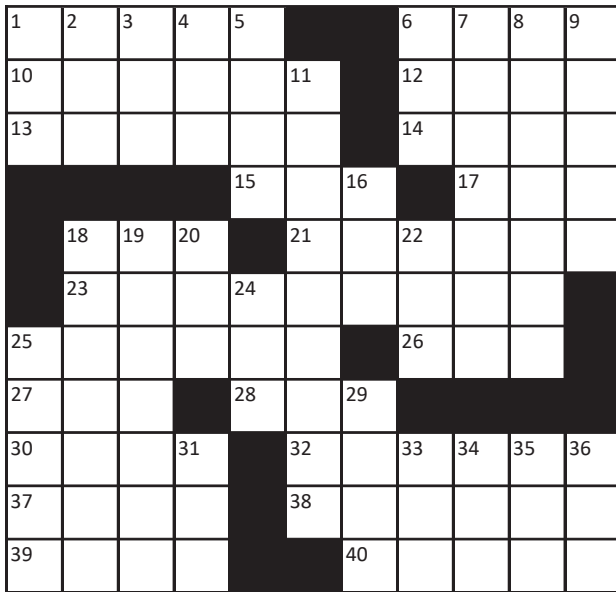
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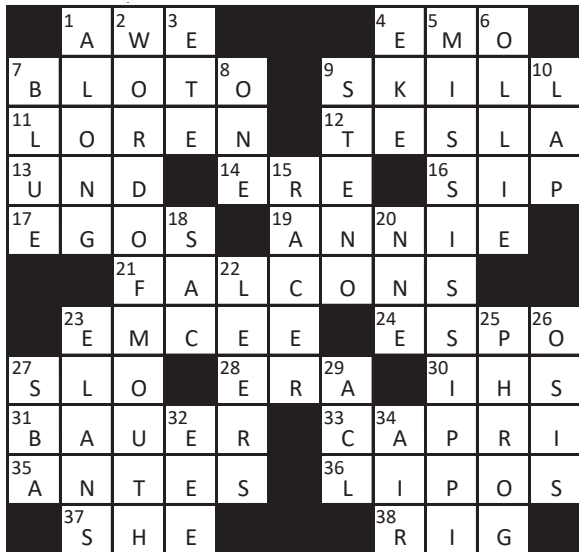
ACROSS

1. Shopping binge
6. Tennis great Arthur
10. With 26-Across, nickname of Montevallo's vintage firetruck
12. School gps.
13. Common soccer score
14. Amigos
15. ___ Lingus (Irish airline)
17. Hawks' org.
18. Bit of body art, for short
21. Montevallo street running between Main Street and Oak Street

DOWN

1. ___-mo replay
2. Bowling target
3. Numbered hwy.
4. Airport abbr.
5. First name in jazz
6. Smartphone download
7. Spider-Man co-creator
8. Pike fitted with an axe head
9. School paper
11. Like a good sermon
16. Dorm VIPs
18. Hot sauce that share a name with a Mexican state

February Puzzle Solution



23. White calcium carbonate mineral for which the city north of Montevallo is named
25. Flow away from the shore
26. See 10-Across
27. African American Astronaut Jimson
28. Spasm
30. Car sticker abbr.
32. Customary
37. X-___: hobbyists' tool brand
38. A flat equivalent
39. It's sold in bars
40. "Animal House" party wear

19. 1988 Olympics locale
20. Chinese "way"
22. Paper size: Abbr.
24. However
25. Filmdom's Thompson and Watson
29. Montevallo mayor between McCrory and Nix
31. Burst
33. Frat letter
34. Periodical, for short
35. Coach Parseghian
36. CD predecessors



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