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NOVEMBER CHAMBER LUNCHEON

Wed. NOVEMBER 15th

" Volunteer Appreciation "

Volunteer testimonials & Tinglewood Festival
Wooden Boat Race winners will be recognized
Parnell Library / Networking 11:30 a.m.
Lunch noon \$15 ea / RSVP by Mon., Nov. 13 / Catered
by Southern Sweets, Luncheon Sponsor - Rockco
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Montevallo's
Christmas
Ornament

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NOVEMBER

2nd THURSDAY
DIA DE LOS MUERTOS - DAY OF THE DEAD
MONTEVALLO
5-9pm / 620 Valley St. / Games, Food Trucks, Crafts & more!

TOUCH-A-TRUCK / READ-A-BOOK
4-6pm / Parnell Library

3rd FRIDAY
MONTEVALLO BLOOD DRIVE
11am-4pm / City Hall / 541 Main St.

5th SUNDAY
DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS / Fall Back

7th TUESDAY
IMPACT MONTEVALLO COALITION VIRTUAL MEETING
9am / email - impactmontevallo@gmail.com for link

10th FRIDAY
THE JEWELRY LADY RIBBON CUTTING
Noon / 619 Main St.

VETERANS DAY SALUTE
American Village / 10am - 3pm / Free Admission
Visit website - www.americavillage.org

SHELBY COUNTY SCHOOL HOLIDAY
MES, MMS & MHS school & offices closed

15th WEDNESDAY
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18th SATURDAY
FEED THE HUNGRY
Meals for families in need
10am / 171 Jeter Cir (MES Parking Lot) / Sponsored by Montevallo Rotary Club

ALABAMA PET PANTRY
2 - 3PM / SEA Parking lot / 160 Shoshone Dr

ANNUAL ARTS & CRAFTS BAZAAR
8am - 1pm / Spring Creek C.P. Church
Baked items, Soup and Chili

ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE AT CEDAR CREEK NURSERY & GIFTS, All Day Event, 2979 Hwy 119, 205-283-1221

20th MONDAY - 24th FRIDAY
SHELBY COUNTY SCHOOL THANKSGIVING BREAK
MES, MMS & MHS school & offices closed

22nd WEDNESDAY - 24th FRIDAY
UNIVERSITY OF MONTEVALLO THANKSGIVING HOLIDAYS (University Closed)

23rd THURSDAY
THANKSGIVING DAY

25th SATURDAY
MONTEVALLO MERRY MARKET
10am-6pm / Hwy 119 & Valley St. / Arts & Craft Vendors / Children's Area with Snow / Free Admission / Sponsored by Montevallo Arts Collaborative

SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY
"Shop Montevallo" For info and details visit - Montevallo Main St Facebook Page

30th THURSDAY
CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING
5:30pm / Downtown / Holiday Window
Decorating Contest winners announced

MONTEVALLO CHRISTMAS PARADE
6pm / Downtown



Inaugural Wrestling Match
Wednesday, Nov. 15th 7:30pm
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MONTEVALLO
Main Street
Memories

THE CORNER OF SHELBY & MAIN

by Clay Nordan
 Vice-president, Montevallo Historical Society

The building in the photo at bottom right can be easily seen today on Shelby Street, just off Main Street. It was originally constructed as a warehouse for the local Coca Cola distributor, Pete Givhan. You can see the building as it looked in the 1950's in the lower left photo. There is a Coca Cola delivery truck parked across the street. Since then, the building has housed a Farm Supply business as well as an auto repair and detailing shop. At some point along the way two apartments were added upstairs.

F. W. ROGAN
Mortician and Ambulance Service
 MONTEVALLO, ALABAMA

The corner of Main and Shelby was the site of a Pan Am gas station (that's a Pan Am sign near the phone booth in the same photo). There was also a taxi stand at the gas station that serviced local residents who did not own cars.

The small building indicated by an arrow in the photo is thought to have had a local newspaper as a tenant

at one time. In the 1950's and 1960's, the local distributor of the Birmingham Post-Herald and the Birmingham News used the building to muster his "Paper Boys" each morning and afternoon. Several enterprising Montevallo youths would gather at the building to roll fresh newspapers and tie them with string. The papers were then loaded into their bicycle baskets, each standing on end to make them easy to grab and throw while pedaling, and, rain or shine, the boys would complete their designated delivery routes throughout the town. The paper boys were also responsible for collecting payments from their subscribers. Failure to collect would result in personal liability to the distributor for the amount owed.



The building that was home to Rogan's store for decades is today occupied by Provenance Church.

Rogan's Furniture Store occupied the first floor of the two story building on the corner for most of the 20th century. Mr. F. W. Rogan operated a diversified business that included an ambulance service and mortuary. Rogan's deceased customers were brought into the back of the building for embalming by way of a narrow alley. Coffins were also brought in through the alley and lifted to the second floor for storage by a hoist. Rogan closed the embalming business around mid-century when the Montevallo City Council decided that mortuaries were not suitable businesses for Main Street.



Montevallo
Historical Society
Opening the Portals of Our Heritage

Be Sure to Visit
WWW.HISTORICMONTEVALLO.ORG
Before Nov. 28 to Order your Wreaths (\$17) and Volunteer to help lay wreaths on veterans graves at Montevallo City Cemetery on December 16, 2023.

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".

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SAFETY-SPOT

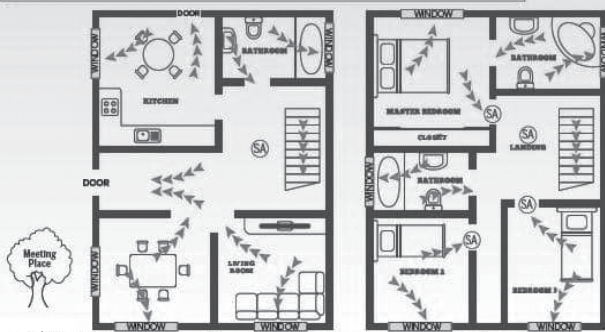
How to make a Home Fire Escape Plan

100 YEARS
1922-2022
FIRE PREVENTION WEEK



- Draw a map of your home. Show all doors and windows.
- Visit each room. Find two ways out.
- All windows and doors should open easily. You should be able to use them to get outside.
- Make sure your home has smoke alarms. Push the test button to make sure each alarm is working.
- Pick a meeting place outside. It should be in front of your home. Everyone will meet at the meeting place.
- Make sure your house or building number can be seen from the street.
- Talk about your plan with everyone in your home.
- Make sure everyone in your home knows how to dial 911 or your local emergency number.
- Practice your home fire drill!
- Make your own home fire escape plan using the grid provided on page 2.

Sample Escape Plan



Kids

1st FLOOR

2nd FLOOR

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COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE

The Community Thanksgiving Service has been offered throughout the years by the Montevallo Area Ministerial Association as a way of encouraging unity and fostering fellowship in our community. The MAMA is a coalition of Methodist, Baptist, Episcopalian, Catholic, and Presbyterian congregations.

The Montevallo community is invited to attend an ecumenical service of Thanksgiving on Sunday, November 19, at 4 pm at the First Baptist Church of Montevallo. Preaching at the service will be Pastor Michael Jones of the New Mount Moriah Missionary Baptist Church. Sponsored by the Montevallo Area Ministerial Association, there will also be a reception immediately following the service. Thanks to Rev. Terry Sutton and the First Baptist Church for hosting this community-wide event.

CONGRATULATIONS



Montevallo High School Marching Troubadours scored overall superior ratings at the Pirate Classic Marching Band Festival.

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UNITED METHODIST WOMEN CORNBREAD
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The Montevallo First Methodist Church Men's Club will be smoking turkey breasts and whole chickens on Tuesday, November 21st for pickup on Wednesday morning, November 22nd between 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.

The United Methodist Women will be cooking cornbread dressing on Tuesday, November 21st and will be ready for pickup on Wednesday, November 22nd between 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.

NOTE: We will NOT be smoking whole turkeys.

The price of each item will be:

- 1) Turkey breast, approx. weight 6-7 lbs. will be \$35.
- 2) Chicken, approx. weight 3-4 lbs., \$15
- 3) Cornbread Dressing (8"x8" pan), \$15

Please pass this information along to your friends, neighbors and office workers.

Orders must be received no later than noon, Tuesday, November 14th, one week before we cook. If you are interested in ordering, please call the Men's Club cell phone **205-476-3005**, to place an order. If no one answers, please leave your name and contact phone number, either home, office or cell number, so you can be contacted in case there is a question regarding your order.



**VOLUNTEERS
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Veterans Day Graveside Flag Placement
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**WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA AT THE ALABAMA
NATIONAL CEMETERY**

Please join us at the Alabama National Cemetery for the annual **Wreaths Across America Wreath Laying Ceremony** on Sat., Dec. 16th at 11am. Janice Rogers, Fox 6 News, will serve as Master of Ceremonies, with special music, and ceremonial wreath laying for all branches of service. The ceremony will be followed by ALNC family members graveside wreath laying, then volunteers laying remaining wreaths.

The Support Committee for the Alabama National Cemetery is committed to honoring the fallen by placing a wreath on each military service grave at ALNC in remembrance and honor of those who sacrificed so much to protect our freedom and way of life.

Link for donations: <https://scalnc.org/donate-wreaths-to-alc> or our national WAA donor page at: <https://www.wreathscrossamerica.org/.../169293/Overview/>

To learn more about this event, visit our website: <https://scalnc.org/waa-at-alc>

SC Chairman is the national location coordinator for WAA at ALNC and the Support Committee is the ceremony host. Volunteers are coordinated by the SC and should register. For volunteer information, please read our website blog: <https://scalnc.org/.../information-for-potential...> For any further questions, you may contact us at: supportcommitteelnc@gmail.com

Montevallo Community Thanksgiving Service

Sunday, November 19 4pm



The Service will be at
First Baptist Church, Montevallo
The Rev. Mike Jones, Preacher

Sponsored by the Montevallo Area Ministerial Association

SHOAL CREEK PARK FOUNDATION

Established in 2015, the Shoal Creek Park Foundation (SCPF) is a nonprofit organization founded to support Shoal Creek Park, a City of Montevallo nature park.

SCPF advises the Montevallo City Council, raises funds to benefit the park and its visitors, and contributes to its maintenance and operation. The foundation is guided by Shoal Creek Park's mission to sustainably promote natural surroundings, health, regional history, environmental education, arts, and agriculture.

In the past year, the Foundation:

- Submitted a grant to get 10 benches installed in the park.
- Commissioned a ground-penetrating radar study by the University of Alabama's Office of Archaeological Research to investigate the cemetery at the former site of the Shoal Creek Baptist Church. The findings suggest the existence of 11 graves, which is close to the estimate of 13 graves that has been suggested for some years. These results will lead to accurate memorialization for the cemetery.

This year, our fundraising will support walking trail signage and improvements, removal of invasive species and raising awareness of the cemetery.

We are seeking new board members and officers (secretary and vice president).

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U.S. Space and Rocket Center, in coordination with the Montevallo Rotary Club, is taking applications from high school sophomore and junior students to attend a leadership conference in the U.S. Space and Rocket Center in Huntsville, AL. Public, private, and home school students within the Montevallo school district are invited to apply. Applications can be found at Anderson Eye Care, Regions Bank, Smitherman's Pharmacy, Montevallo High School, or online at montevallorotaryclub.org. The deadline to apply is November 14, 2023. For any questions, please contact your local Rotary coordinator at (205) 529-4994 or email at kmander8@bellsouth.net.



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Untold Stories

OF BLACK MONTEVALLO



Vol 2, No. 11

Ed. note: The next three Untold Stories begin to remember the story of slavery in the Montevallo area. A piece of that past is still visible in King House on the UM campus, built in 1823 by enslaved labor. The series culminates in the story of Sukey, a woman enslaved by Edmund King who went to extraordinary lengths to keep the female side of her family whole.

I. REMEMBERING SLAVERY: THE KING PLANTATION

It's a touchy subject these days, slavery. "There are a lot of people who don't want to talk about it," remarks Black genealogist Peter Datcher. His work on family history in nearby Harpersville has gained wide recognition. He believes we have to talk about slavery. "Our ancestors who made it out of slavery are as close as we have to superheroes."

So let's talk about slavery right here on the campus of the University of Montevallo.

The small brick house on UM's quad known today as King House was originally the "big house" of a major slaveholding plantation. Surrounded by academic buildings, it sometimes goes unnoticed. But when completed in 1823, King House was known as Mansion House. Its wealthy white owner, Edmund King, was a leading figure in the local planter elite. His restored mansion is on the National Register of Historic Places. The structure bears a plaque honoring it as the first brick house in central Alabama and the first with glass windows.

Nothing is said about the enslaved people who made bricks from local clay to actually build the house.

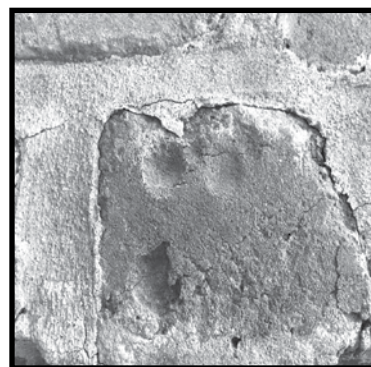
Between 1823 and 1863 King enslaved at least two generations of people of African descent, as many as fifty at any given time. Probably more. We cannot be sure of exact numbers and know only a few of the names. Until 1870 the US Census records enumerated enslaved persons as property, listed by age and sex only under the name of the owner.

An inventory of King's estate at his death in 1863 tells us that King House was the hub of a number of outbuildings -- stables, barns, sheds, a smoke house, slave quarters. It was surrounded by an orchard, gardens, and fields for crops and livestock. The crops included wheat and corn, probably for home consumption. King may have grown cotton as well or he may have ginned it for his neighbors. He owned two cotton gins. In 1860 the plantation produced 10,000 pounds of baled cotton. (US 1860 Agricultural Production schedule.)

The fields and barns hosted an animal population that included two pair of working oxen, three mules, three horses and a colt, sixty-one pigs, forty-five sheep, forty-seven head of cattle, twenty-one ducks and seventy-six chickens. The King plantation sought to be self-sufficient as did other

plantations in the area. Agricultural and domestic activity on this scale required a large labor force. The inventory lists, just before the livestock, twenty-eight enslaved persons.

We know a lot about Edmund King and his white family. We know little about the lives of enslaved people who lived and worked on the property. Research on plantation households across the South allows some informed guesses. The "big house" -- often a modest structure like King House -- would have housed the master, mistress, and their white female children. The overseer and the family's white sons would occupy an adjoining wooden structure. That seems to have been the situation on the King plantation. Slave quarters, rough cabins housing one or two families, would have been located at varying distances from the "big house," with the field hands living at the furthest remove. Typically cooks, washerwomen, milkmaids, and nurses lived closer in. Children's nurses sometimes slept on the floor to be near the children. (Elizabeth Fox-Genovese, *Within the Plantation Household*, 102-3).



Finger impression on brick produced by slave labor for construction of Fort Pulaski in Georgia.
From "Words Have Power," National Park Service.

These days it is hard to summon up, even in imagination, the scenes of coerced labor enacted daily on the land surrounding King House. Stroll the central campus today, designed by a famous firm of landscape architects, and you will marvel at the tranquil beauty of the dappled shade and gently curving brick walkways. There's nothing to remind you that this too was one of the dark places of a distinctively American evil.

King House remains, of course, along with a few panes of its famed imported glass. But there is no signage, no narrative, no campus tour to connect King House to its history as a place of enslavement. The existence of the African American community that raised families in nearby rough cabins is often ignored, even forgotten.

For more than four decades men, women, and children found the strength, courage, and sheer grit to survive the hardships of slavery on soil that is now part of the UM campus. It is past time for their story to be told.

Sources: Peter Datcher is quoted by Emily Sparacino, "Saying their names: Museum's new index serves as tool for slave ancestry research," *Shelby County Reporter*, June 27, 2022. The inventory of King's estate is in Will Book H, 16, pp. 857-883, in the Shelby County Museum and Archives, Columbiana. The NPS photo is credited to Elizabeth Smith: see www.nps.gov/articles/000/words-have-power.htm. Submitted by Kathy King and Anitka Stewart Sims on behalf of the Montevallo Legacy Project. Contact us at MontevalloLegacy@gmail.com.



The Montevallo Rotary Club is seeking like-minded professionals and members of our community to join our club and get involved in our work and mission.

Rotary International is one of the largest service organizations in the world. The mission of Rotary is to provide service to others, promote integrity, and advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the fellowship of business, professional, and community leaders. Rotary is a global network of 1.2 million neighbors, friends, leaders, and problem-solvers who see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.

If you have a heart for "service above self" and want to make a difference in our community, joining the Montevallo Rotary Club is the perfect opportunity!

We meet every Thursday from 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm at the Elder Justice Center, 4804 Highway 25, Montevallo.

Contact Mike Anderson at (205) 529-4994 or mkmander8@mail.com for more information.

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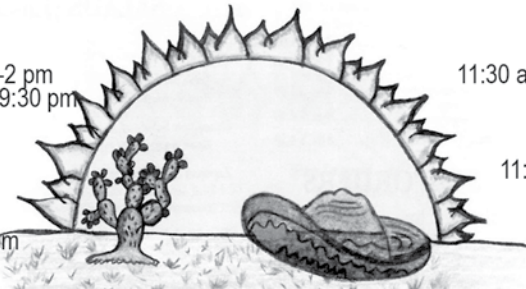
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CITY OF MONTEVALLO NEWS

Mayor's Message...

Hello citizens of Montevallo!

I hope everyone is well. The weather has finally cooled off enough to get out and enjoy the great outdoors. Montevallo offers some of the best hiking trails in the state of Alabama and we continue to seek out grants to expand/upgrade the trail system. Put on your walking shoes/hiking boots, get moving and enjoy the beautiful scenery around town!



RUSTY NIX, MAYOR

This is the month that I like to call "Be Thankful Month". This Thanksgiving, when you are eating turkey & dressing, ham, deviled eggs, mac & cheese and pecan pie with your family and friends, take time to discuss what you are thankful for in your life. I know I am thankful for God, family, friends, a fulfilling job, good health, living in Montevallo and serving as your mayor. I hope everyone has a wonderful November and Thanksgiving holiday.

I missed the Fire Prevention Parade this year because I was out of town enjoying a little rest and relaxation, but I understand that it was a huge success. Hopefully, the Montevallo Fire Department will be able to show off their brand-new fire truck at next year's event. I'm looking forward to seeing it.

I recently had the opportunity to speak with the 7th grade civics classes at Montevallo Middle School. The students were very eager to listen and learn about what it takes to run and operate the City of Montevallo. I explained the role of the Mayor and the City Council and we discussed how important it is to get involved in the community. We also spoke on the importance and the power of voting. I was also very impressed with the way the students conducted themselves when they were changing classes. They were very respectful and polite. Thank you, Mr. Howard, for inviting me to speak to your class. I look forward to doing it again.

National Night Out was also a huge success. The event was held on the "Pecan Grove" at Parnell Memorial Library with around 450 people and 40 vendors attending. I was very impressed with IMPACT Montevallo's new "Spot Trailer". The Spot Trailer is set up as a bedroom with drugs and paraphernalia hidden in it. I had no idea that items were sold to hide drugs in plain sight. Plans are to take the trailer to events to educate parents on what to look for if they are suspicious of drug/alcohol use in their teens.

There's always something going on in Montevallo! The following events are coming up soon:

Artwalk/Art Stalk: Oct. 28th, 11am - 5pm on Main Street in downtown Montevallo. Come out and purchase items from local artists and vendors. Don't forget to wear your costume!

The **15th Annual L&S Fest** at L&S Small engines will be held on Oct. 28th from 8am - 5pm at 4424 Hwy 25.

MAC (Montevallo Athletic Club) will hold a **Haunted Trail Ride** on Sat., Oct. 28th 6pm – Midnight & Sun. Oct. 29th 6pm - 9pm at Shoal Creek Park. Tickets for the event will be \$10. per person. Prepare to be scared!

Critters by the Creek will be held at Orr Park on Sun., Oct. 29th from 1pm - 4pm. Come out for a treat of an event with your pet.

Hometown Halloween will be on Tues., Oct. 31st from 3:30 pm - 5pm. Take advantage and trick or treat Main Street Merchants.

Montevallo First Baptist Church will hold their **Fall Festival** on Tues., Oct. 31st from 5 pm -7pm.

Dia de los Muertos, Montevallo Day of the Dead will be held Thurs., Nov. 2nd from 4 pm - 9pm from Valley St. to Shelby St.

The City of Montevallo will host a **blood drive** on Nov. 3rd from 11am - 4pm at City Hall.

The **Jewelry Lady ribbon cutting** will be on Fri., Nov. 10th at 12pm (noon) at 619 Main St.

A **Veterans Day Salute** at The American Village will be held on Fri., Nov. 10th from 10am - 3pm.

Veterans Day is Saturday, November 11th. Please take a few moments to remember our Veterans, both past and present, as we celebrate this very important holiday. We should never forget that freedom isn't free. When you have the opportunity, please make sure to thank our military for their service.

On November 30th, **Montevallo's annual Christmas Parade and tree lighting** will kick off the 2023 holiday season. This is the time of the year that Kirk Hamby and his crew work their Christmas magic and transform Montevallo into a scene as beautiful as a Hallmark Card. I can't wait for the transformation to begin!

The 2023 holiday shopping season is fast approaching and is time to start working on your holiday gift lists. Please remember to shop local to keep your tax dollars in Montevallo. As always, thank you for the opportunity to serve as your mayor.

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**FROM THE SEED-TO-TABLE
COMMUNITY GARDEN**



The best time to plant your fall garden crops in Alabama depends on the type of crop you're planting and the soil temperature. Leafy greens and cruciferous vegetables all have different planting and harvest times. For leafy greens, the best time to plant is September, October and November. For cruciferous vegetables, the best time to plant is September and October. Frost can slow maturity or damage some crops. Frost can also significantly increase the intensity and flavor of many fall vegetable crops.

Leafy greens like lettuce, spinach and kale are fast-growing and can be harvested just a few weeks after planting. Cruciferous vegetables like collards, cabbage and broccoli are also great for fall gardens. They take a little longer to mature than leafy greens but are packed with nutrients.

Plots are still available at the garden on Overland Road next to University Baptist Church. Email Kate Vogel at kvogelashfield@aol.com.



STEPHENS PARK ADDITION

United Way of Central Alabama (UWCA), in partnership with the City of Montevallo, hosted an opening ceremony on Oct. 18th at Stephens Park in Montevallo. This event marks the unveiling of the second of six community parks that honor UWCA's 100-year legacy.

New features at Stephen's Park at 500 Co Rd 10, include a pavilion, picnic tables built by community volunteers, and two pickleball courts. For more information, visit <https://unitedwayhandson.org/> or <https://www.cityofmontevallo.com/>



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COMPARATIVE MARKET ANALYSIS

Submitted by Susan Lehman, Team Lehman

When you are thinking of buying your new home, realtors will tell you to get a CMA, a Comparative Market Analysis. While this may seem daunting, it is just realtor-talk for doing something you would do when buying a car—checking out the prices and the market to make sure you’re getting the best deal you can for what you want. Now there are big differences—all houses are unique while there are hundreds of the same Ford model on the dealer’s lot—but there are similarities, too. You can group houses by features (number of bedrooms, bathrooms, etc., square footage; yard and lot features; location to name a few), but most importantly, how similar nearby houses have been priced and sold recently. The houses similar to the one you dream of will provide a price estimate for your new home.

Other things to think about include recent renovations, like an updated kitchen or bathroom, hardwood floors and outdoor features like a well-maintained garden or other aesthetic elements.

Besides the features specific to the house, you should consider location: where are the schools, parks, shopping and other resources that are important to you?

After you form an opinion about the value of your future home, it may be time to call a professional appraiser. This is usually required during the home financing process, and it will provide peace of mind when you go to make your offer to buy.

A home inspection can uncover hidden problems that might not be apparent during your walk-through. While it is an added expense, what you find out may affect your purchase offer and get repairs made to the house as needed.

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TIM TINGLE AND FAMILY

MONTEVALLO HONORS TIM TINGLE

One of Tim Tingle’s earliest wood carvings was on display at the Montevallo City Council meeting on Monday, Oct. 9. The piece was a long slat of wood with colorful birds delicately carved into the surface. Each bird was painted and stood out in bright, stark contrast to the plain wooden background they flew through. This early carving of Tingle’s was created when he was only in middle school and already hinted at both his incredible talent and the future impact he would have on his community. While Tingle never formally studied wood carving in college, he held a deep appreciation and love for the craft that made him pursue it on his own and have a willingness to constantly hone and improve his art.

It wouldn’t be until after the ‘Great Storm of the Century’ in 1993 that the world would see the extent of Tingle’s commitment to his craft. In 1993, a massive storm hit Alabama. Snow and ice rained down on Alabama for more than 12 hours and caused millions of dollars in property damage and numerous fatalities. The storm also severely damaged many of the trees in Orr Park, leaving many of its trees half-dead. Tingle saw a park that had once been a significant linchpin in the community reduced to something broken and dying. Still, he also saw an opportunity to use his skills to take something hideous and make it beautiful again.

“I didn’t get permission,” Tingle said. “I just came here to start carving faces on trees, and I’d sneak out before they could find out who it was.” Tingle completed six carvings before he got caught. “When I got caught, I figured, ‘Well, they’re probably gonna prosecute me’, so I went home, locked the door and waited for the police to come to dig me out,” Tingle said. “But then someone from city hall called and said, ‘Mr. Tingle, we realize you didn’t have permission to hack on our trees, but we’ve decided not to prosecute you because everyone on the City Council seems to like your work.’” Now officially sanctioned, Tingle continued his carvings, and it was not long until they caught the world’s attention outside of Montevallo.

“When the internet kicked in, pictures of my tree carvings started going all around the world, people from all over the country were stopping into this part to check them out,” Tingle said. “It got so popular that the town had to start making modifications and improvements. They had another city council meeting and said, ‘Look, Mr. Tingle, we got to compensate you in some way. You’ve done so much to

improve things in the park. We’ve got to compensate for it.’ Instead of paying me, though, they changed the name of this section of trees along the creek here to Tinglewood.”

Today, Tinglewood is one of the biggest tourist attractions in Montevallo, and is the host of many events, including the Tinglewood Art Festival, where Tingle is one of the many vendors selling wood carvings.

Back in September, the city of Montevallo celebrated the fifth annual Tinglewood Art Festival, where woodcarvers from all over the world came together to sell their wares and celebrate the art form. The Montevallo City Council decided to take a moment on Monday, Oct. 9 to celebrate Tingle and his contributions to the community at their regularly scheduled meeting. They presented Tingle with an official proclamation and a wooden plaque commemorating his work and contributions to the city of Montevallo.

“In recognition of celebrating 30 years of Carving in Orr Park,” the plaque reads. “In appreciation of you giving your talent to all who walk the trail. In gratitude for your continued commitment to bringing delight to all who visit Tinglewood.” The proclamation was meant to surprise Tingle, and the city council meeting was attended by Tingle’s family, including his children and grandchildren.

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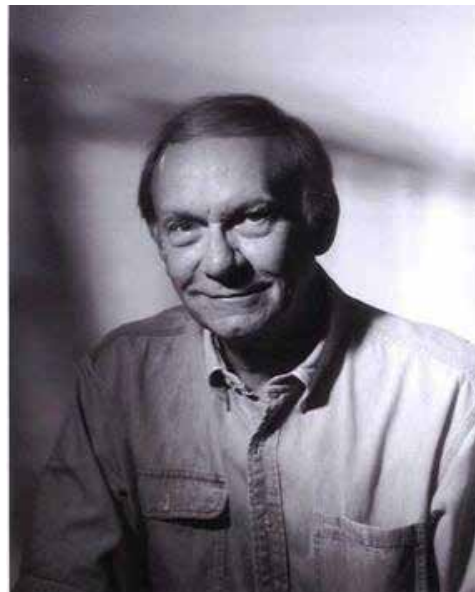
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Freedom of Movement - Cycling allows individuals to rediscover the freedom of movement and the simple pleasure of propelling oneself forward. As adults, we often find ourselves consumed by sedentary lifestyles or repetitive exercise routines. Cycling offers a refreshing alternative, granting the ability to explore the at our own pace. Embrace the invigorating sensation of the wind on your face as you pedal through southwest Shelby County. Regardless of age, the thrill of cycling is a rejuvenating experience that rekindles a sense of freedom and adventure.

Low-Impact - One of the greatest advantages of cycling is its low-impact nature, making it an ideal form of exercise for people of all ages. Whether you are a seasoned athlete or a beginner, cycling places minimal stress on the joints, reducing the risk of injury compared to high-impact activities like running or weightlifting. It provides a cardiovascular workout that strengthens the heart, improves lung capacity, and boosts overall fitness. Moreover, cycling helps to build muscle tone, enhance balance, and improve flexibility, promoting healthy aging and active longevity.

Well-being - Cycling not only nourishes the body but also nurtures the mind. Regular cycling releases endorphins, the body's natural mood enhancers, leading to a heightened sense of well-being and reduced stress levels. The rhythmic motion and focus required while cycling can have a calming effect, providing a space for introspection and mental clarity. Engaging in this rhythmic activity can help alleviate anxiety, depression, and improve overall mental health. Additionally, cycling offers a great opportunity to connect with nature, allowing you to unwind and find solace amidst the beauty of the outdoors.

Social Engagement and Community - Cycling has a vibrant and inclusive community that welcomes riders of all ages. Joining a cycling club or group provides a chance to connect with like-minded individuals who share a passion for the sport. These communities offer support, camaraderie, and the opportunity to learn from experienced cyclists. Whether it's participating in group rides, charity events, or even competitive races, cycling allows you to forge new friendships and expand your social circle. Engaging in a shared activity fosters a sense of belonging and provides

an avenue for personal growth and development.

Regardless of your age, it is never too late to embark on a cycling journey. By embracing this timeless activity, you can tap into a world of physical and mental benefits that will enrich your life. Cycling offers freedom, adventure, and the opportunity to stay fit and healthy while exploring the world around you. It also provides a pathway to connect with a vibrant community of fellow cycling enthusiasts, fostering social engagement and personal growth. Therefore, whether you're in your thirties, fifties, or beyond, dust off that bicycle, strap on your helmet, and get ready to experience the joy of cycling—it's an adventure waiting to be embraced!

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MILITARY MOMENT

Submitted by Traci Crenshaw, Director,
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This month, on November 10th, we celebrate Marine Corps Birthday and on the 11th we acknowledge our service men and women on Veterans' Day.

First, happy 247th birthday to the United States Marine Corps. Marines.com says "What sets Marines apart from any other fighting force on the globe isn't just how they're trained, the equipment they use or their tactics. It's something much more primal—it's the fighting spirit that lives within every Marine and drives them to accept nothing less than victory in all situations. That determination to win, eagerness to fight, and high standard of excellence are all traits strengthened in the Corps." These men and women are easily recognizable to those paying attention. I have had the honor and privilege of working with Howlin' Mad Smith Marine Corps League (MCL), Detachment #592 at the University of Montevallo. They provide their support, knowledge and scholarship opportunities every year. Semper Fi, to you all.

Next, what can be said of Veteran's Day 2023? Perhaps there will be the usual parades to acknowledge our Veterans enormous sacrifices, risks taken and contributions to our nation. All gave some, some gave all. Most of us joined for our own reasons and from our varied experiences in uniform, we took from it what we needed. I would venture to say whether you served 4 years or 20 years, the lessons

learned while serving were hard to shake off and changed who you were, some for the better, some not so much. We risked our lives, so others can have the freedoms they enjoy. It's more than just an earned day off, if you wore the uniform.

This month, please find a way to honor a person that risked so much for all of us. One of the lessons learned while in uniform is to leave things better for the people coming up behind you. Perhaps you have a family member that served and you would like to create a scholarship in their name in order to leave a legacy or you would like to donate to help MCL with their scholarships here at UM? Please thank a Veteran, remember someone who served, or sit down with a Veteran and talk with them. Really listen to their stories as it is OUR history.

Every other day of this year, when you see an American Flag flying high, remember the many men and women who sacrificed for that freedom. Nothing great in life comes without tremendous cost. To all of my brothers and sisters in uniform, I thank you for all you have done and what you will continue to do for the millions of people who will never have the privilege of knowing your name.

Happy Veteran's Day!



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MONTEVALLO'S CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT

In 2017, Montevallo experienced a significant snowfall from Friday December 8th into Saturday December 9th. This wintry weather came across a large portion of Central Alabama along a southwest-to-northeast axis. Within the main corridor of snow, totals of 4 to 8 inches were common, with a few swaths of 8 to 12 inches; making this 3rd snowiest Alabama December on record.



Photo taken Dec 9th, 2017

On those fateful days in Montevallo, a few weather interruptions included the University of Montevallo Fall Commencement Ceremony being rescheduled, and the Shelby Emergency Assistance Holiday Breakfast at Montevallo First Baptist Church being cancelled, just to name a few.

At a few locations around Montevallo the power was out and that led to a photo being taken of the Montevallo Community Christmas Tree that is located on the side lawn of the Montevallo Post Office. In fact that was the first year of the tree's installation. Due to the power outage, a pizza onsite order was placed and the customer waited on the order in their vehicle. The snow was still falling on the Christmas tree with the lights shining and the ground below was stacked with layers of the white stuff. At that point and time the photo was taken, which is now the image used for the very first Montevallo Christmas Keepsake Ornament!

Montevallo Christmas Ornament can be acquired by visiting Blue Phrog Gallery 955 Main St., or emailing

montevallochamber@gmail.com. Price of the ornament is \$25.00 each and comes in a decorative gold windowed box with a green felt insert.



Montevallo's Christmas Ornament

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Holiday Window Decorating
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Montevallo Main Street will host two Window Decorating Contests this upcoming holiday season!

Business owners are invited to decorate their own windows. In addition, student groups elementary through college are invited to decorate empty storefronts (registration required).

Windows will be judged at 4 pm on November 29, and winners will be announced at the Tree Lighting Ceremony on November 30. Cash prizes will be awarded to the top 3 winners in each category.

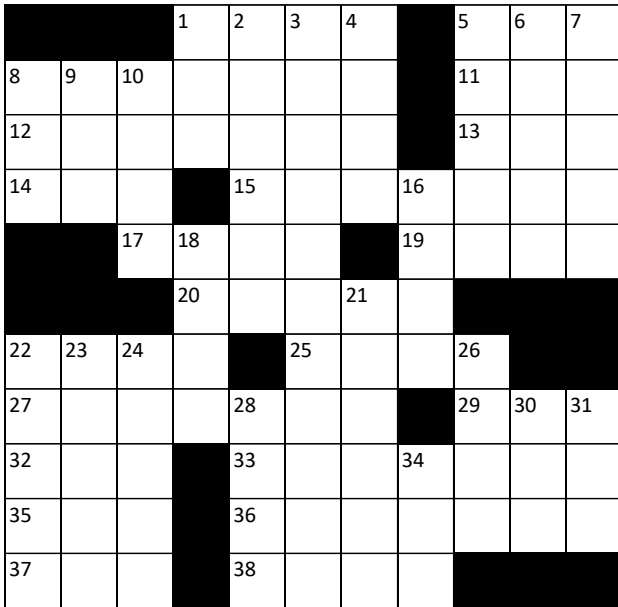
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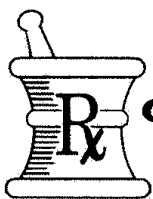
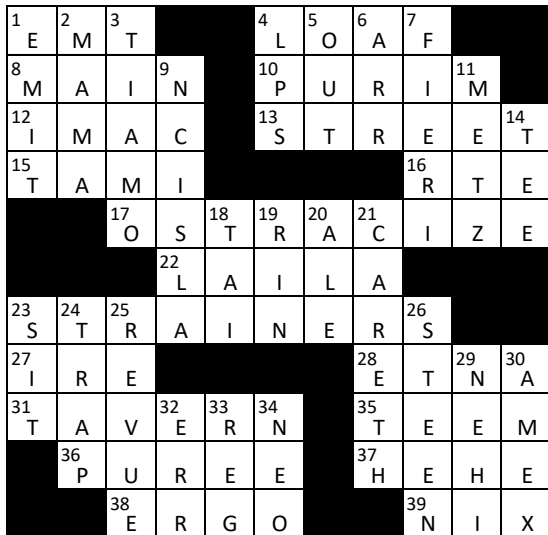
ACROSS

1. Mediocre
5. Patriotic men's org. founded in 1889
8. With 11-Across, traditional Thanksgiving Day dessert
11. See 8-Across
12. Good-natured
13. Boise's state: Abbr.
14. CD predecessors
15. Actress De Carlo and others
17. Not very many
19. Pupil's place
20. Mattress brand
22. Twofold
25. Police action
27. Remove a lid from
29. "This is only a test" org.
32. Kit ___ (candy bar)
33. Venison kin
35. Sense of self
36. Picked what was left after the harvest
37. Knight's title
38. "___ sow, so shall..."

DOWN

1. Health resort
2. "I'll go along with that"
3. Classic Christmas song
4. Basie's "___ 'Clock Jump"
5. Backbone
6. Senate staffers
7. Repeat the question
8. Amigo
9. Strike caller
10. Overlook
16. Confidentiality contracts: Abbr.
18. Norway's capital
21. Traditional Thanksgiving Day dinner entree
22. Montevallo District 3 councilperson Kenneth
23. Eel, at sushi bars
24. One in a Montevallo Main Street Players' performance
26. New driver, typically
28. Bright star in Lyra and an anagram of "GAVE"
30. Sweetie, in modern slang
31. Part of CST: Abbr.
34. Astronaut Jemison

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