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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE NEWS

Written by Steve Gilbert, Executive Director

In the world of college basketball it is known as “March Madness”—that time of year when everyone has chosen their “bracket of teams” (even those of us who don’t follow the sport very closely). I think it is unpredictability that makes it fun to participate in such an exercise—the element of surprise, the “wild card” in the mix, the “Cinderella story,” because, let’s face it—we all love the underdog, the unlikely champion who beats the odds and emerges victorious. We have those stories burned in our collective memory. They are the scripts of movies, the player whose heart far exceeds his physical size and athletic ability, or the team that beats unbelievable odds to win a championship. They inspire us, provide insight into character and motivation, and give us hope in the human spirit.

Life and its trials and tribulations can rarely be summed up neatly in a 90 minute film reel. If it were, we could watch over and over until we had the lessons ingrained deeply in our minds. But the lessons of life are best tempered in fire, not watched on the screen, from the sidelines, or the

bleachers. They are the things we carry with us, the bumps and bruises, the scars from being in the game. We all carry these lessons with us in our jobs, at home, and at school. No underdog story is complete without them.

Let’s take that idea one step further and out into the community. Later this month we will gather to honor everyday heroes during our 37th Annual Citizens’ Night Banquet. I hope you will join us for this celebration of our community, its people, and its organizations. We are successful here because of the people who never quit. They are the ones who always push us to exceed expectations.

They are the ones you rarely hear about, outside of a few family and friends, as they quietly do their jobs. They are the everyday heroes, the true winners in life. We all love a “winner.” They rarely just happen. They are made from many parts, none of which is greater than the sum.



CITY OF MONTEVALLO NEWS

Mayor’s Message...

MONTEVALLO: SHARE YOUR OWN STORY

In April of 2000, my family took a trip that would frame the course of our life for years to come. My husband, our one-month old son and I traveled from our home in Nacogdoches, Texas to a picturesque small town in the deep-south so that I could interview for a faculty position at a university closer to our families. The corridor approaching the town was absolutely spectacular—a two-lane scenic highway with rolling hills that terminated in a quaint downtown. Only two blocks away sprawled a stunning university with brick roads, historic buildings, and a campus designed by high-profile landscape architects, the Olmsted Brothers.

After my interview, my husband and I enjoyed lunch at a restaurant downtown with retro dining booths and stamped-tin ceiling tiles. We shopped at a local drugstore and gassed up down the street. Each and every person we encountered throughout town was friendly and welcoming. We were absolutely hooked and spent the next few days eagerly anticipating an invitation to make Montevallo our home. Thankfully that call arrived.

Over the past 14 years comparable stories have been recounted to me by multiple others, each one expressing their affinity to Montevallo for similar reasons. One of closest friends framed this best when he recounted that upon completion of his Ph. D., he openly committed to live anywhere in the country except Alabama or Mississippi.

He’s been a dedicated Montevallo citizen for over 30 years now.

In searching for characteristics of desirable communities, variables that surface the most often are safety, cleanliness, manageable size, diversity, walkability, education, affordable housing, and a giving spirit among citizens. Montevallo embraces those ideals to a tee. Certainly we could all cite areas in which we would like to see improvements, but ultimately, we are blessed to live in the midst of a true gem. What we may lack in retail choices, we more than make up for in outdoor recreation options, cultural opportunities, and public safety.

Mary Lou Williams, a dear friend, cherished citizen, former Alumni Director, and the former Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce took every opportunity to remind her audiences to “tell their own Montevallo Story”. In this golden age of Montevallo, where we honor our past and pave the way to a brighter future, it is more important than ever to follow this advice. Share your Montevallo story far and wide. We don’t want to be a “well-kept secret.” We want to share what we have with others we love and admire. I thank you for being such a special part of my story and for allowing me the privilege to serve as your mayor.





WELCOME TO MONTEVALLO!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MARCH 2015						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
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TASTE OF ST. THOMAS ANNOUNCEMENT

The 15th annual "Taste of St. Thomas" will be held on Saturday, March 7th from 6:00-9:00 p.m. at St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church on Hwy 119 in Montevallo. The Taste is an international food fair offering delicacies from different countries and regions around the world. In addition to the ethnic treats, there will be a silent auction featuring many desirable items for the adults and a penny sale for the kids. We certainly appreciate the support of the community, and invite everyone to attend the "Taste" to enjoy the fun and to experience the fantastic foods from over a dozen countries and cultures. The Silent Auction will open at 6 p.m. and food service will begin at 6:30 p.m.

PARTICIPANTS NEEDED IN BIKE RIDE

ValloCycle is looking for riders with a heart! On June 13th Team ValloCycle will be participating in The American Diabetes Association's Tour De Cure fundraising ride. We need some riders who are willing to join our team. We can provide bikes and helmets if necessary or bring your own and join us for a fun Saturday ride while raising money for an important cause. If you can't make the ride, you may also donate money or help sponsor our riders directly through our team page. Please consider checking it out and supporting us and this cause. Follow this link: <http://main.diabetes.org/goto/ValloCycle>

Also follow us on Facebook (ValloCycle: The Montevallo Bike Share) and Twitter (@ValloCycle) to keep up and share: Happy riding folks - Lee Waites

MONTEVALLO LGBT HAS NEW NAME

The Montevallo LGBT Education and Support Group now has a new name. We are officially the "Montevallo Acceptance Project--toward safe and inclusive communities." We meet on the second Sunday of each month at 2:00 p.m. at the Global & Community Outreach building at 845 Valley Street. Our next meeting will be on Sunday, March 8th, and we welcome all interested persons.

MONTEVALLO POLICE DEPARTMENT CRIME TIP LINE

Too often people with vital information about crimes fail to contact police because they fear retaliation or they simply don't want to testify in court. Hundreds of crimes have been solved as the result of anonymous Secret Witness tips. Police officers are often unable to know everything that is going on in the community, so citizen participation in law enforcement and crime prevention is crucial.

The Secret Witness Program relies on the anonymous tips of community members. When a citizen or visitor to the community becomes aware of criminal activity, the individual can make an anonymous phone call to a 24 hour, 7 day a week hotline and provide the information.

You will remain completely anonymous! If you have information that could help solve a crime, please call our Tip Line 205-626-7950.

If you see a crime in progress or need to report an emergency, please call 911.

7TH ANNUAL UMW RIBEYE OPEN

The 7th Annual UMW Ribeye Open will be held Saturday, March 28th at 11 a.m. This annual event benefits Mission Work of UMW of Montevallo First United Methodist Church.

Format: 2-person scramble- 25% Handicap Rule + 6 Teeshots per player minimum. Gross / Net Prizes will be awarded. Players 65+ /10+ handicap will play the Gold Tees.

Entry fee: \$60 per player – includes cart / green fees, cash prizes / ribeye steak dinner with baked potatoes, salad and beverages. Extra Dinner guests for \$11 per plate.

Tournament Entry deadline: Friday, March 27th

Even if you can't play, you can sponsor a tee sign to be placed around the putting / starting area for those who would like to recognize someone special. This fee is \$35 per sign. Send entries to Ed Davis at Montevallo Golf Club, 1481 Shelby County Highway 204, Montevallo, Alabama 35115. 205-665-8057.

MHS HOSTS 11TH ANNUAL FARM DAY

Montevallo FFA would like to invite you to its 11th Annual Keith Adair Memorial Farm Day from 10am-2pm on March 21, 2015. The festivities will begin with a tractor parade through downtown at 9:30am. The parade will conclude at the football practice field at MHS where a number of other activities will take place throughout the day. There will be live music, food, arts & crafts, agricultural demonstrations & exhibits, a petting zoo, and an expanded kids' area! The silent auction is expected to be bigger than ever and all proceeds go to benefit scholarships for senior FFA members at Montevallo High School. Farm Day is free to the public!!

For more information about Farm Day contact Mr. Ray at the MHS Ag Department at (205) 682-6484. We can't wait to see you there!

MONTEVALLO SENIOR EVENTS

Free Computer class - every Wednesday at 9 a.m.

Free Exercise Class - every Wednesday at 10 a.m.

Free Yoga Class - every Friday at 10:30 a.m.

FREE BRIDGE LESSONS AT SENIOR CENTER

Learn to play bridge, or brush up on the game, at the Senior Center on the first Wednesday of each month at 1:30 p.m. It's free and fun! Call 205-492-7293 for information.

CIVITANS ANNUAL VADALIA SALE BEGINS

Civitan's are selling Vidalia onions. The sale starts on March 1 and continues until April 28. 10 pound bags may be purchased for \$10 per bag. To place and order, see a Civitan member or call Hilda Hicks at 665-2635.



M UNIVERSITY of MONTEVALLO

THE BIG EVENT IS SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 11th

To express their gratitude to a community that supports the University of Montevallo in so many ways, the student body is volunteering their time and effort to the betterment of the community in which they live. On April 11th several hundred students will provide three hours of service to the residents of Montevallo, performing tasks from raking yards to trimming hedges.

We are looking for Montevallo citizens who could use a little help from UM students. Work site hosts are expected to adhere to all local, state, and federal laws.

The "Big Event" job request forms are due by Friday, March 20th. If you need a form please contact UM Student Life Office at 205-665-6565.

COLLEGE OF FINE ARTS MARCH SCHEDULE

- 1 Sadie Hadaway and Katie York, Duo Clarinet Recital 3:00 p.m. LeBaron Recital Hall
- 2 Department of Music Honors Recital, 7:30 p.m. LeBaron Recital Hall
- 5-26 Art Exhibition: CoLab/Del Harrow, Bloch Hall Gallery
Opening Reception: 4:30-6:30, Bloch Hall Gallery
- 6-8 Honor Band Festival
- 6 Wind Ensemble, 7:30 p.m. Palmer Auditorium
- 8 Honor Band Festival Concert, 3:30 p.m. Palmer Auditorium
- 14 Music Scholarship Auditions, Davis Music Building
- 16 Sigma Alpha Iota Spring Musicale, 7:30 p.m. LeBaron Recital Hall
- 19 Patti Piano Fund Benefit Recital, Anthony Patti, piano, 7:30 p.m. LeBaron Recital Hall
- 17 Stacy Daniels, baritone, Senior Recital, 7:30 p.m. LeBaron Recital Hall
- 22 Grace Conner and Rachel Pickering, sopranos, Joint Junior Recital, 7:30 p.m. LeBaron Recital Hall
- 23 Charles Wood, baritone, Faculty Recital, 7:30 p.m. LeBaron Recital Hall
- 24 An Evening of Avant-garde, 7:30 p.m. LeBaron Recital Hall

NEED INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE?

The University of Montevallo can help with FREE TAX RETURN FILING by VITA Program & UM Students

Where: University of Montevallo, Morgan Hall, Room 202

FOR INFORMATION OR APPOINTMENTS CALL 665-6531, 665-6540, OR 665-6544

When: Saturdays from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
March 7, March 14, March 21 and April 11
Also: Wednesday, 4 pm-8 pm on April 8

Appointments Encouraged, Walk-ins Welcome
When calling for appointments, leave a name and contact number.



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Wednesday: 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
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Friday: 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Saturday: 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

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MARCH SCHEDULE

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND...

Couponing Class, Tuesday, March 17th at 6 p.m. Call to register: 205-665-9207 x2.

TUESDAYS

March 1st: After School Movie, (new dragon movie)
March 10th: After School Movie, (new animated movie)
March 17th: After School Movie, (new museum sequel)
March 24th: After School Movie, (new musical remake)
** Call for Title at 3:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAYS

Storytime with Mr. Mac every Wednesday at 9:15 a.m.
March 11h: FREE Computer Class from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m.
Please call to register at 662-9207 x2.

THURSDAYS

March 5th, 12th, 19th, and 26th: English for Speakers of Other Languages Classes from 5:45-7:45 p.m.

FRIDAYS

March 13th: Magic Treehouse Club: For boys and girls at 3:15 p.m. Just show up and build!
March 27th: Lego Club: For boys and girls at 3:15 p.m. Just show up and build!

SATURDAYS

Chess Club: For 8th-12th grade ONLY. Space is limited—must register to attend. 10:30-11:30 a.m. Please call the library at 665-9207 x2 to see if Chess Club will meet in March.

For more information, including our children's policy, visit our website at www.cityofmontevallo.com

STEWART EXHIBIT IS FEB.1-MAR.31

The artwork of Dr. Don Stewart will be on Exhibit from February 1 – March 31 at Parnell Memorial Library

Gallery talk and reception will be held at the Parnell Memorial Library Meeting room on Tuesday, March 24th, 2015 at 6:30pm. Dr. Don Stewart takes a humorously intellectual approach to art. His use of a ballpoint pen, a holdover from his academic past, accounts for the crisp detail in his whimsical drawings; the black and white renderings come alive with hidden images and visual puns.

After taking drawing and design courses at Birmingham-Southern College, he would continue to sketch as a hobby during medical school in Birmingham, Alabama, and throughout his surgical internship at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota. There, in addition to keeping a 24-hour call schedule, Dr. Stewart managed to win awards for short fiction and poetry, and successfully published his first two composite drawings.

After a year of resident training, the pen finally proved mightier than the scalpel, and the young doctor's creative interests gained the upper hand. He finished his internship, earned his medical license, and promptly turned his full attention to drawing.

For the past twenty-nine years, Don has made his living as a self-styled Visual Humorist, hammering words and pictures together at the DS Art Studio Gallery in Homewood, Alabama. He is the author of DS Art: The Visual Humor of Don Stewart, and Past Medical History – Recollections of a Medical Miscreant.

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FOTOWERKS CUSTOM PHOTOGRAPHY... THE MEMORY PRESERVATION SPECIALISTS

Fotowerks Custom Photography is Montevallo's only professional photography studio. "We are passionate about our profession," says owner and lead photographer Terry Bruno. "We take care of our clients. They trust us to capture the images of their life." Since 2001 Fotowerks has been providing professional photography services to brides, families, and corporations across the Southeast. Fotowerks offers in-studio and on-location sessions with a team of seasoned photographers who have been providing photography for clients such as the American Village, UAB, RAM Tool, Red Diamond, and the University of Montevallo. Fotowerks was recently honored by Shelby Living Magazine as "The Best of the Best in Shelby County" and by the nation's leading online wedding marketplace Wedding Wire with the "Couple's Choice Award 2015" for photography in Alabama. For more information on booking sessions, weddings and corporate events, contact Fotowerks at 665-9970 or visit fotowerkscustomphotography.com.



Selling season is HERE! Because your home is often your largest asset, selling it may be one of the most important and emotional decisions you will make in your life. Maximize this year's season to get the highest possible price. Here's how:

Appearance is so critical in preparing your house to sell. Declare war on dust. Scrub, scour, repair and get rid of clutter. You will never go wrong painting and replacing worn out carpet. Enhance your curb appeal by trimming the shrubs, edging the sidewalks and pressure washing your siding. Buyers want a home as close to NEW as possible. Most are not looking for a project. They want to love it, move right in and enjoy the home. Another primary factor in getting the most value from the sale of your home is pricing it correctly. Pricing too high runs the risk of not being taken seriously and too low means you'll leave money on the table at closing. It also can determine the time it takes to sell your property.

To find out what your home may be worth in today's market, email me at janiceseaman@charter.net or you can give me a quick call at 567-9659.

Janice Seaman is the broker/owner of Shoal Creek Realty and has been selling real estate in Montevallo for 30 years.

The Montevallo Chamber of Commerce presents the 37th Annual

Citizens' Night Banquet

Thursday March 26, 2015
6:00 PM

Anna Irvin Dining Hall
University of Montevallo

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For More Information (205) 665-1519
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