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A Word from the Editor & Publisher, Ted Vodde



Congratulations to the Thompson Warrior Wrestling Team on winning their third State Championship in a row. It's a great accomplishment and one in which everyone

can be proud.

Another great note for the city is the investment by the YMCA which culminates in the grand opening of the newly expanded facility and big swimming pool. This is a great day for the Y and the city. It's a beautiful facility; be sure and check it out.

With warm weather some may think about gardening, and we've got the information you need to plant flowers to create a butterfly garden courtesy of David Frings.

If you're planning a party as the weather warms up, you'll want to check out Jacob's Corner. It's a brand new full service outdoor facility. You'll see more about it on page 11.

If you'd like to see a great example of Frank Lloyd Wright's architecture, you have to go to New York or Chicago or you could take a day trip to Florence, Alabama to see the Rosenbaum house. We've got enough to whet your appetite for a great day trip.

If you need to sell some things at a garage sale, you might want to wait for the "Trash & Treasures" event at Buck Creek Park sponsored by the city on May 18.

It's a fun day at Limestone Park on April 6 when they will be flying the radio controlled airplanes there. While you're there, you can check out the new community garden that's in the works. You can claim an area and work it.

Finally, we want to extend our heartfelt condolences to the Bertolone family on the passing of "Papa Joe" known to all far and wide as the inspiration for "Joe's Italian." Joe always had a kind word for everyone who came to visit his superlative restaurant and his friendliness and the quality of his fine establishment will continue to bring joy to many for years to come.

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CITY CELEBRATES ARBOR DAY

The City of Alabaster's Parks and Recreation Department celebrated Arbor Day recently with its annual tree giveaway. The event was held on Saturday, Feb. 23 at the Maintenance Building at Veterans Park. It attracted over 100 local residents interested in sprucing up their yards with a nice, colorful tree.

"It was good," said Parks and Recreation Director Tim Hamm. "We gave out 115 to 120 trees."

This year, the department distributed a variety of beautiful trees, including Jane magnolias, maples and crape myrtles. The event is organized each year to help residents beautify their yards at no cost. Hamm said they saw a number of returning residents who'd gotten trees in previous years.

"There are a lot of folks

taking advantage of that event," he said.

According to Hamm, the trees were all five-gallon trees, with the maples standing approximately eight to ten feet tall. The Jane magnolias, which have a reddish-purple bloom, were probably the most popular trees of the day.

"The magnolias didn't last long. They were bloomed out, and people flocked to those things as soon as they walked through the door," said Hamm.

Two members of Boy



Scout Troop 220 in Alabaster were on hand as well to offer their assistance.

"They came out and helped get trees to vehicles for whoever needed it," said Hamm.

According to Hamm, there were approximately 20 trees remaining after the event, and the plan is to

plant them here in the City of Alabaster.

"We're going to take the leftovers and put them in the parks around town," he said.

The City of Alabaster is a member of the Arbor Day Foundation's Tree City USA program. The Tree City program is organized in coordination with the USDA Forest Service and the National Association of State Foresters. In the State of Alabama, there are some 80 communities that participate in the program. The Arbor Day Foundation itself is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the promotion of planting and nurturing trees.

For the latest on Parks and Recreation events, visit the City of Alabaster website (cityofalabaster.com) and click on the Parks and Recreation link under the "Departments" tab. Or simply call the Alabaster Parks and Recreation Department at 664-6840.

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Alabaster FEATURE STORY



State. Champions.

For the third year in a row, the Thompson High School Wrestling team returned home from Huntsville as the Alabama High School Athletic Association's Class 6A State Champions.

The team competed in the 58th annual AHSAA State Wrestling Championships at the Von Braun Center in February and finished the event with a team total of 196 points.

"It feels really good, especially for those guys who were on the first couple," said Head Coach Shawn Weltzin. "We got some new guys in the lineup and they were able to contribute, so hopefully we'll just continue on with that pattern and have a couple of new guys every year."

The Warriors had 11 wrestlers to qualify for the state tournament, and of those 11 wrestlers, seven made it to the tournament finals. Of the seven, two Warriors were able to claim individual championships, in senior Nick Hall (170-pound weight class) and junior Brewer Gilliland (138).

This year's tournament win was closer than last year's, when the Warriors set a Class 6A record with 231.5 points. This year, the Warriors edged out a competitive Vestavia Hills team, which finished with 189 points.

In addition to Hall and Gilliland, Thompson's other finalists included Riley Pike (106), Jaden Hunter (126), Demario Haynes (132), Cahman Holder (160) and T.J. Rayam (285).

During the regular season, the Warriors faced a competitive schedule,

traveling to elite tournaments in Minnesota and Louisiana. They also scheduled matches with traditional wrestling powers in Tennessee.

"The regular season is mainly about getting matches and getting tough competition," said Weltzin. "Ultimately it doesn't matter what our record was when we hit sectionals. Once you hit the postseason, it's all about moving on and advancing to the state."

With its third consecutive title, the program has etched itself securely into the Thompson record books. This is the first Warrior team in any sport to ever accomplish the feat.

Despite their success, this is no time for the team to be resting on its laurels. According to Weltzin, they're already laying the groundwork for next year.

"Right now, we're lifting and getting ready for next year," said Weltzin. "We'll have spring training coming up in a month or two, and then we'll start our summer camp stuff."

Congratulations to Coach Weltzin and the Thompson High School Wrestling team, 2013 State Champions!





INGENUITY, CREATIVITY KEY TO STATE'S SUCCESS By Senator Cam Ward

Lost amid the tumult and subsequent hullabaloo after we passed the historic Alabama Accountability Act last Thursday, was the preceding bill on the calendar - the Alabama Commercial Aviation Business Improvement Act which passed out of the Senate on a 32-0 vote.

This Act will close certain legal loopholes, putting Alabama on the same legal grounds as our neighbors in Florida and Mississippi, encouraging Tier 1 and Tier 2 Airbus suppliers to locate in Alabama and employ Alabamians.

The two pieces of legislation, one legalistic and arcane to those not involved in lawsuits or economic development incen-

tives; the other a dynamite charge under the twin forces of entrenchment and entitlement in our education system would appear at first glance not to have anything to do with each other. One was passed with no opposition, and the other quite possibly the most controversial in process and policy since I was elected the first time. Yet they are both exemplary of what we are trying to accomplish since the voters swept in a new Republican majority in 2010.

FDR promised a chicken in every pot, and my political hero Ronald Reagan declared government to be the problem. The truth lies somewhere in between. Government should not, cannot and will not replace hard work, perseverance and entrepreneurship as the keys to a better life and a better econ-

omy. It also shouldn't hold people back from those same opportunities. It should incentivize hard work and discipline.

The Alabama Accountability Act does that by freeing parents and students to opt out of failing schools, and providing them the means through tax refunds and scholarships to attend the best schools available, public or private. It does not attack teachers. It does not destroy teacher tenure. And it does not affect the right to a quality public education. I would argue it protects all three by incentivizing ingenuity and adaptation through shaking up the status quo, stemming the tide of resentment against over taxation and wasteful spending. If people feel better about the product being provided via tax dollars, they'll be less apt to protest the collection in the

first place.

The Alabama Commercial Aviation Business Improvement Act does the same thing. It gives the Tier 1 and Tier 2 Airbus suppliers a better reason to locate in our state - thus providing more of our citizens the opportunity to show that Alabama is second to none in smart hardworking citizens seeking a better life for their families.

Education, Workforce Development and Job Creation are all tied together like the strings on a Christmas present. These two bills are part of an early Christmas present for the people of Alabama - and by their good faith and hardwork, they are getting 5000 jobs and a better education system, not coal and switches.

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PROFILE By Caroline Vincent

DEBBIE DeCROES

Most people try to avoid having deep conversations about politics with complete strangers, but Thompson High School government teacher Debbie DeCroes started out this school year doing just that.

DeCroes grew up in Birmingham and attended college at the University of Alabama where she received her Bachelor of Arts degree in history and French. While at school there, she met her husband, Charles. Later, DeCroes received her Master's degree in secondary education from the University of Montevallo. She and her husband have been married since 1996 and the couple now has three children, a 14 year-old daughter, an 11 year-old daughter and a nine year-old son who all attend school in Pelham.

DeCroes came to Thompson in 2009 as a student teacher and has been a long-term substitute teacher for the school on several occasions. This is her first full year to teach, and she has endured that

pressure with a sense of humor and has also taken on the weight of teaching AP government. She says of her AP students, "I love their curiosity and I love seeing them get an understanding of how their country operates." Her passion for government is intensified because, "I like how it is a subject that is relevant to students' daily lives now and after high school."

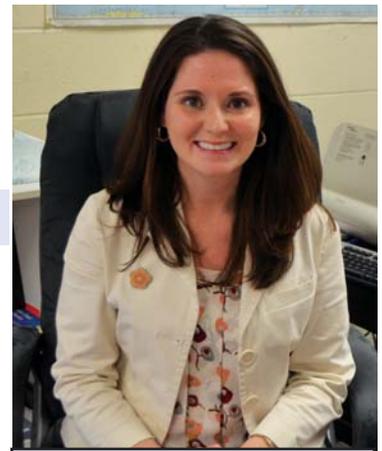
DeCroes claims her favorite aspect of Thompson is the students, and being able to teach kids is one of the main reasons she became a teacher, "I love the students' fresh perspective on life." She also admires the students, "I love that they take pride in their school, have a uniquely special way of looking at the world, they embrace diversity, they take up for one another, too many to list!"

DeCroes loves many things about her students and her students love her as well. Many claim that her sarcasm and dry humor make her a relatable

teacher. Though they admire her, students may not know a couple of things about DeCroes. "Cruella De Vil was my childhood hero—I thought she was an animal lover who loved to dress well," she shares.

As her first year at Thompson comes to a close, DeCroes reflects on what it has been like working with Thompson High School principal Dr. Daniel Steele.

"I have subbed at a lot of schools and he is one of the most student-centered principals I have ever met," she says. "A princi-



Debbie DeCroes teaches Government at Thompson High School

pal who puts the students first is the number one thing I look for in a principal." DeCroes is also looking forward to the exciting future of the new Alabaster City School System, "I am excited about the possibilities ahead for Alabaster students and I am confident in our school board and leaders."

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"This is a premier, outdoor event facility for weddings, receptions, birthday parties, you name it," said owner Bolaji Kukoyi.

The facility itself is approximately half an acre in size, and it features a wide, spacious lawn, with an outdoor kitchen and grill. An indoor lounge with refrigerator and icemaker is also onsite, along with two bathrooms and a changing station for infants.

The centerpiece of Jacob's Corner is a beautiful wood gazebo that's large enough to accommodate a wide range of spe-



Jacob's Corner Event Center features a variety of outdoor facilities for meetings, weddings, birthday parties, and other events

cial events.

"You can do whatever you want," said Kukoyi.

The gazebo has a three-tiered roof and decorative posts that make it an ideal location for photos. It also has ambient lighting that comes on automatically at night.

For parking, there's a large parking lot in the front of the facility, and overflow parking is available for larger events. Also the entire facility is enclosed by a fence to provide privacy.

"One of my goals is for people to have a private event, versus going to the

parks," said Kukoyi. "This is a secure area. It's totally private. It's your function."

A brand new facility, Jacob's Corner just hosted its grand opening on Saturday, March 16.

For the occasion, they set up a variety of mock party events to demonstrate the versatility of the space.

Kukoyi said it took about four months to create the facility. The idea for Jacob's Corner actually came about when he was considering party options for his own son, Jacob.

"Jacob is my son. He's 11 months old," said Kukoyi. "The inspiration really came when I was thinking of where I was going to have his first birthday party, which comes up in April. And so we named it Jacob's Corner."

To review various event packages, visit Jacob's Corner online at www.jacobscornerevents.com. There are options for toddler birthday parties, youth birthday parties and adult birthday parties, plus a wedding/reception option. The facility would also make a great location for a family reunion or corporate cook-out.

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THS THEATRE DEVELOPS STUDENTS BY Steve Crainich

Theatre has been a part of Thompson High School for many years. Troy University graduate and current director Jane Ganey has been in charge of the theatre department at Thompson since 2007 following Alan Gardner, who has been well known in the Birmingham theatre circles for years. Theatre continues to be an influential education offering at THS, is typically quite entertaining, and has become the stepping stone for many students to launch their college aspirations and eventual careers.

There are many ways in which a strong background in theatre has benefited the educational experiences of students and improved the communities in which they live. For one thing, theatre is one of the cornerstones of the arts, but there has unfortunately been a trend in recent years in some states and school

districts where arts programs have been sacrificed in the face of education budget cuts. So far, the arts have been spared in Shelby County Schools as a whole, but undoubtedly many of those programs have had to become increasingly self-sufficient.

I come from a scientific background in college, but I routinely profess that Internet blogger Tom Vander Well probably said it best in a 2012 column. He listed the "10 Ways Being a Theatre Major Prepared Me for Success" in which he demonstrated a direct connection between theatre education experiences and virtually any other career. From improvisation skills we learn thinking quick on one's feet, adapting to change, and learning to see things from a different perspective. He discussed project management skills

and learning to work within a budget. He also touched on the merits of hard work, decision making, and gaining presentation skills. I would absolutely add that being a theatre major helps to build confidence and poise, provides a learning platform for speaking in public, and improves the ability to interview with a job recruiter.

THS theatre is an ever growing presence, but there are many seasoned veterans who graduate the program every year so Mrs. Ganey is constantly charged with rebuilding and developing the younger students in her entry level classes into the next Thompson Theatre leaders. Yet, to my amazement she never fails to grow the next batch of student artists! The THS spring mainstage show "The

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NEW SOCCER LIGHTS

The soccer fields at Municipal Park recently received new lights that will enable area soccer teams to practice at the park well after dark.

"We're excited about it," said Parks and Recreation Director Tim Hamm. "It's something we've been looking forward to."

The new lights are located on the five-acre field behind the Municipal Park tennis courts. The installation was completed in early March.

"They were finished this week," said Hamm. "The kids are getting to play under the lights and practice under the lights on that field now."

According to Hamm, lighting the fields had been one of the major needs for the department's athletic programs for several years.



The new lights will allow the teams to utilize the fields for longer, while allowing other parts of the park system to rest.

"In the past, we had to spread them all over town, because we didn't have an area for them to practice with lights," said Hamm. "So now we can let some other areas of our parks rest while we utilize that area."

Spring Soccer games in Alabaster begin Saturday, March 30. Picture Day is scheduled for April 13. For more information, contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 664-6840.

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Friday, April 12 American Girls 4:00pm Girls 7 years old and older can sign up and explore Josefina's world with or without a doll. Meets in the meeting room.

Tuesday, April 23 Alabaster Book Blasters Keats 6:00pm
Session 4 is called 'Kids for Keats'!

Children 6 years old and older can sign up to explore Louie's Search by Ezra Jack Keats, make a fun craft, and enjoy musical story teller Mr. Mac! Children may come even if they missed previous sessions. The program is funded exclusively by the Ezra Jack Keats Foundation. Meets in the meeting room. Children 6 years old must be with an adult.

Thursday, April 25 The BIG Event: Skin & Bones Comedy Circus 6:00pm The circus is coming to the library! The colorful sights and comical sounds of the big top will delight children of all ages during a performance by the Skin and Bones Comedy Circus. The show will feature the antics and skills of clowns and trained animals and will include music, magic, juggling, and joking. The fun takes place in the meeting room. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

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The founder of Joe's Italian restaurant in Alabaster, Giuseppe Bertolone, passed away on Wednesday, March 6. "Papa Joe," as he was affectionately known, was a beloved figure in the popular family-run restaurant on Weatherly Club Drive.

Bertolone moved to the United States from Italy in 1977 with his wife Elvira and their two children, Michael and Sonia. In 1981, they opened the first Joe's Italian Restaurant in Gilroy, Calif. The California eatery was highly successful for many years, becoming a local landmark famed for its authentic Italian cuisine.

In 2007, they sold the restaurant and moved to



A memorial area outside the restaurant was created so well-wishers could record their condolences and share their fond memories of Papa Joe

Alabama to be closer to their daughters Sonia and Mary. Shortly thereafter, the second Joe's Italian was born, and it's been a favorite among locals ever since.

Bertolone's death, which was announced on the restaurant's Facebook page, was greeted by an outpouring of well-wish-

es and prayers from community members. "Papa Joe" will no doubt be missed by many.

Visitation was held at Southern Heritage Funeral Home in Pelham on March 11. A memorial service was held on March 12 at St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church in Montevallo.



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ADULT SOFTBALL

There will be an Adult Softball Coaches Meeting on Tuesday, April 9 at 6:30 pm located at the Alabaster Senior Center.

FOOTBALL & CHEER

Registration should be available on-line beginning at 8 am on May 20 and ending at 2 pm on June 8. You can register in person at the Depot between 8 am and 5 pm, weekdays only from May 20 thru June 7. There will be one Saturday registration on June 8 from 10 am until 2 pm at the Depot. Look for more details in the next newsletter.

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Registration for the event will run through May 15, and the event itself will be held on Saturday, May 18, from 8 a.m. to 12 noon at Buck Creek Park.

Registration is available at the Parks and Recreation Depot, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The "Trash to Treasures" event is like a big, festive yard sale, in which local participants can gather in one place to sell their wares.

"We do it at Buck Creek Park at the walking track," said Parks and Recreation Director Tim Hamm. "We divide it into spots and sell the spaces to people so they can come out and sell their

merchandise."

Participants get their own individual vending space but have to provide their own table and chairs.

"The spots are inside the circle. That way people can use the trail as a walkway to walk up to the front of each vendor area," said Hamm.

Following the event, if any items don't sell, a charitable organization will be on-hand to collect the unwanted merchandise and donate it to charity.

"It's usually a big turnout," said Hamm. "We usually just about sell out the spots for it."

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ART EXHIBIT APRIL 6TH

The artwork of local artist Bruce Andrews will be featured in an April exhibit at the Shelby County Arts Council Gallery in Columbiana. The April Folk Art Exhibit will feature Andrews' art alongside that of fellow folk artist Lennie Jones. An opening reception is scheduled for Saturday, April 6, 2 to 5 p.m.

Both artists share a common love for the blues, Andrews plays in a popular local band called 2Blu and the Lucky Stiffs, while Jones is a former bluesman himself.

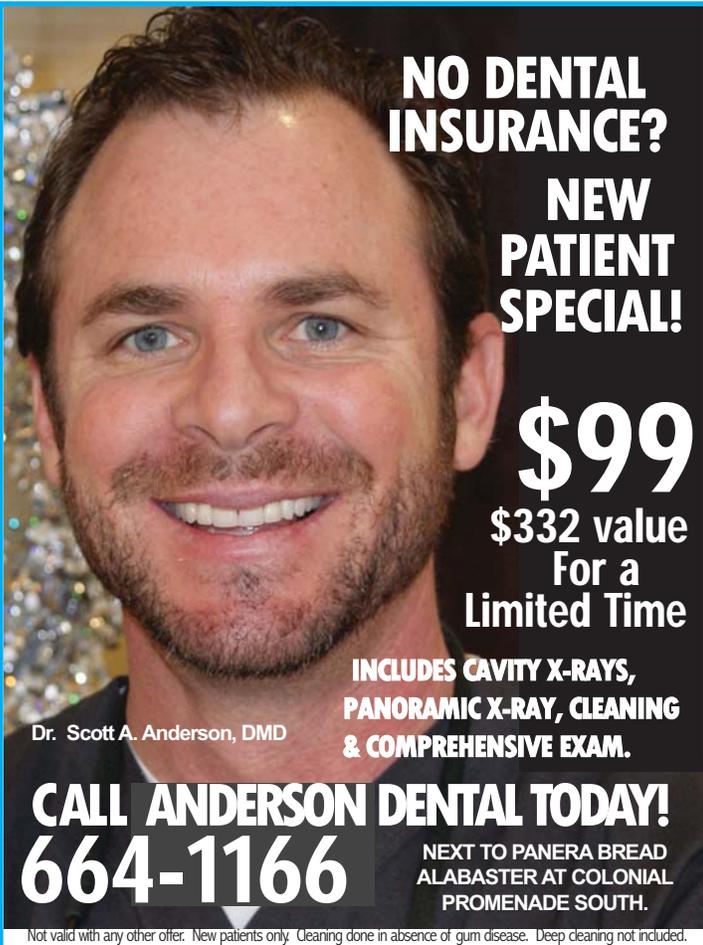
"Lennie Jones is an artist from South Florida, and he used to be a blues musician," said SCAC Director of Arts and Education Susan Gordon. "He

paints these blues musicians and it relates back to his former life. He is just the neatest artist."

The exhibit will run through the end of the month. Gordon said the works will be on sale for very affordable prices.

"Both of their styles are synonymous," said Gordon. "We had them in an exhibit about this time last year, and we about sold out."

The gallery is located at 104 Mildred St. in Columbiana. For more information, call 669-0044. Or visit the Arts Council website (www.shelbycountysartsCouncil.com). To view some of Jones' work, visit www.folkartblues.com.



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The event is a fundraiser to help raise awareness about the rare spinal cord disease transverse myelitis. Funds raised from the event will be donated to fund spinal cord research at UAB.

The event is organized by the Mike L. Jezdimir Transverse Myelitis Foundation, a nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting awareness and raising money for transverse myelitis research. According to the foundation website, Jezdimir contracted transverse myelitis in 1967, when he was 17 years old. After initially being paralyzed from the neck down, he was able to successfully fight the dis-

ease and live a remarkably full life.

The 5K run is scheduled to begin at 7:30 a.m. The event also includes a one-mile fun run, which begins at 8:15 a.m.

Advance registration is available online at www.active.com. The easiest way to find the registration page is to visit www.mikestransversemyelitis.com and click on the "Events" tab. A link at the bottom of the page goes directly to the registration page on Active.com.

The price for advanced registration is \$25 for the 5K (ages 13 and up) and \$15 for the fun run (13 years and up). The price for kids 12 and under is \$10 for either event. Same-day registration is \$30 for the 5K and \$20 for the fun run.

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JAVA AND JAZZ APR. 13 THOMPSON MIDDLE SCHOOL

For local fans of jazz, there's a great night of music coming up at Thompson Middle School in April. The Thompson High School Jazz Band will be holding its annual "Java and Jazz" night at the middle school on Saturday, April 13, starting at 7:30 p.m.

"They're going to do two sets," said THS Band Director Jon Bubbett. "It's going to be a mix of swing and Latin and ballads. There won't be any rock-and-roll or anything like that. This is totally jazz."

According to Bubbett, the event originated several years ago as a steak-and-jazz dinner but has since evolved into the simpler, and more elegant, Java and Jazz.

"It morphed into Java and Jazz where we serve coffee and have desserts and that sort of deal," said Bubbett. "It's kind of a pre-

mier performance arena for our jazz band."

According to Bubbett, this year's jazz band is a special group.

"This is the best jazz band I've had in my 32 years of teaching," he said.

In March, they participated in the Loyola University Jazz Festival in New Orleans and received all superior ratings. The group also regularly participates in the Alabama Jazz Hall of Fame festival, which is also in April.

According to Bubbett, the jazz band consists of about 20 students. It features some five saxophones, four trombones, and six trumpets. It also features a larger than normal rhythm section to allow some of the younger students to prepare for next year.

"Right now, we have eight people in our rhythm section because this section is all seniors. We brought in



some younger students to hopefully learn from them, so next year we don't have to start from ground zero," he said.

For Java and Jazz, jazz aficionados can expect to hear traditional favorites from artists like Count Basie and Glenn Miller.

"Some of it's going to be traditional swing, some of it's going to be Dixieland," said Bubbett. "I also have a combo group. It's going to be a good night."

In addition to being a fun

night of music, the event will also serve as a fundraiser for the Thompson High School band, which relies heavily on various fundraisers throughout the year. According to Bubbett, the group is still \$26,000 short of its fundraising goal for new marching band uniforms.

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Caesar Chess recently held the fifth-annual Alabaster Scholastic Chess Tournament, and a number of local students came out winners at the event.

In unrated team play (K-5 division), Thompson Intermediate's Warrior Chess Club finished in first place, while a second Thompson Intermediate team (Caesar Chess) finished in second place. In the open division, Wesley Brown of Thompson High School brought home the first-place trophy.

"The whole school did very well," said Tournament Director Caesar Lawrence. "In the not-rated section, they won both of the team trophies. Also, in the open section a Thompson High School student won that section."

In all, there were 49 participants at the event,

including 33 nonrated players and 16 rated players. Lawrence said he was very pleased with the turnout.

"What was spectacular about the tournament was we had kids from so many different cities," said Lawrence. "I'm trying to give kids a chance to play chess. We had kids from Montgomery, Alabaster, Birmingham, Trussville, and Fort Payne. It's nice to see kids coming from all across the state."

The first-place team coached by Susan Mitchell included Andrew Layton, Jakob Hill, Aaron Shoop and Leonardo Hernandez. Layton finished sixth in the individual standings, earning 3.5 points and a bronze medal. The second-place team coached by Caesar Lawrence included Konnor Fulford, Baylor Williams, Daniel Diaz and Bryanna

Brown.

Lawrence organizes scholastic tournaments regularly around the state in an effort to inspire students and encourage the sport's growth.

"People really love the game. We just need more people to teach chess to their kids so they can enjoy it more," he said.

Lawrence said he specifically includes a nonrated division in his tournaments to encourage participation.

"The not-rated section is for my beginners," he said. "It's kind of like pee wee baseball, but it's for chess. That way they get some experience, and they don't have to play against kids who have played for two or three years and lose all the



games.

It would be discouraging."

The Alabaster Scholastic Chess Tournament was held at Alabaster's Thompson Intermediate School on Saturday, March 2. It lasted from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

"We were out of there right at three o'clock," said Lawrence.

The next Caesar Chess tournament will be at Asbury United Methodist Church in Birmingham on Saturday, April 6. For more information, go to www.caesarchess.com.

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School Board March Meeting

For its monthly meeting in March, the Alabaster School Board had to change things up. Thanks to a larger-than-normal number of student honorees on the schedule, the school board moved the March meeting from its usual meeting location at the Senior Center to the City of Alabaster's Municipal Annex.

"We've had to move venues," said Interim Superintendent Dr. Phil Hammonds, noting the large crowd in attendance. "I hope that this will be a venue we have to use many times."

As part of its "Good Things Within Our Schools" segment, the board featured local student achievers from two different schools, the Thompson Sixth-Grade Center and Thompson

High School.

Dr. Wesley Hester, the principal at Thompson Sixth-Grade Center, introduced members of the sixth-grade Scholar's Bowl team, which placed third at the Shelby County tournament. The team was accompanied by fifth-grade teacher Amber Willis, who coaches the sixth-grade squad.

"They're very well-rounded and talented," Hester said of the group. "They're great students, great leaders and great people."

Dr. Danny Steele, the principal at Thompson High School, introduced two outstanding athletic teams in this year's Boys Basketball team and the Wrestling team. The Boys Basketball team finished a remarkable 29-5 on the season, while the Wrestling

team captured its third consecutive state title, an unprecedented achievement in Thompson athletics.

"When the students work this hard, they deserve to be recognized," said Steele.

Boys Basketball Head Coach Patrick Davis introduced the members of the basketball team, calling them the "most unselfish group" he's ever coached. They were accompanied by assistant coaches Greg Dickinson, Aaron Greenwood and Owen Butts.

"I couldn't be more proud of our staff in providing tremendous guidance throughout the season," said Davis.

The wrestling team was accompanied by Head Coach Shawn Weltzin and assistant coaches Chris Pike and Chris Walker.

During the meeting, the school board also addressed a number of new business items, including the approval of a new code of conduct. According to Hammonds,

school boards across the state were required to adopt codes of conduct in accordance with Alabama's School Governance Act by April 1.

The board's new Chief School Financial Officer Sarita Tapscott also spoke briefly, giving a snapshot of the board's current and projected financial health. According to Tapscott, who joined the board March 1, money raised from the City's one-cent sales tax has exceeded projected totals.

"What the City had projected originally for the revenue on the one-cent sales tax was about \$300,000 per month. It's about 4.2 percent more than that, so that's wonderful news," said Tapscott.

Tapscott will also be giving financial updates at future BOE meetings.

The school board also approved the hiring of Heather McDermott to run its child nutrition program, effective April 1.



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YMCA GRAND OPENING APRIL 6TH

For anyone who hasn't seen the newly-expanded YMCA in Alabaster, now is the perfect time to visit. Following a major expansion and renovation, the Y is hosting a grand opening celebration on Saturday, April 6, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The event is open to the public, not just YMCA members, so everyone can drop by and see what the new Y has to offer.

"It's a community event. We want people to come out and see that we're here and what we have going on," said Director Rhonda Elmore. "We're going to have vendors come. We're going to have some classes for families. The pool is going to be open from ten to one. We're going to have karate demonstrations, bounce houses, food. It's going to be like a party."

The new part of the facility features two multi-use rooms, plus a half-

court gymnasium that can be used for volleyball, basketball, after-school programs and even Zumba.

"The rooms were designed to be multi-functional," said Elmore. "They can be used for anything."

The second floor of the building houses the DAY Program. Out front is the beautiful new swimming pool. The pool features five swimmable lanes and an entry ramp to make it ADA accessible.

"The week of spring break, we're going to do a lifeguard class," said Elmore. "We'll have swim team in the summer and swimming lessons. We'll probably host at least one meet here this summer."

A youth room was also added to the facility, in the part of the Y that used to serve as an entrance.

"The youth room is for kids who are maybe too old for Child Watch. We've got

a Wii in there. They can still be supervised by staff and they've got a view of the pool," said Elmore.

According to Elmore, the children's programs, which were previously based in the old YMCA facility on Seventh Street S.W., have all moved over to the new building.

"We've turned that building back over to the city," she said. "We're all under one roof now."

April, which is alumni month, is a great month for previous members to sign up.

"Anyone who's ever been a member of the Y or partici-



pated in a program, they can join the Y with no joining fee for the month of April," said Elmore.

A ribbon-cutting ceremony is scheduled for Friday, April 5 at 3 p.m. To contact the Alabaster YMCA, call 663-7240. Or visit them online at Ymcabham.org/alabaster.



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RC CLUB TO HOST FUN FLY APR. 6 AT LIMESTONE PARK

The Alabaster Radio Control Association (ARCA) will be hosting its first-ever Electric Fun Fly and Tailgate Swap on Saturday, April 6, at Limestone Park in Alabaster. The field opens at 8 a.m. and the Fun Fly begins at 9 a.m.

"It's going to be all-electric," said ARCA member Leslie Harrison. "This is the first time we've had an all-electric event."

For anyone who's ever been interested in radio-control aircraft, the event will be a great opportunity to see a variety of radio-control airplanes in action. There are several different activities scheduled throughout the day, including a bomb drop, line landing and timed flight.

"For the bomb drop, they take a Styrofoam cup and attach it to the plane and put a little napkin with some flour in it," said Harrison. "They've got a bull's eye painted on the runway, and the pilot takes

off and comes around and tries to release the little 'bomb' and get as close to the bull's eye as he can."

There's also a flying demonstration scheduled for 12 noon, featuring Larry Graves.

"Larry has a big airplane with probably a ten or twelve-foot wingspan," said Harrison. "He actually takes that plane and gets it to hover. He can get it standing completely still, with the nose pointing up just a few feet off the ground."

Local RC pilots can also bring any items they want to sell or trade for the Tailgate Swap that day.

"Once you get into this hobby, it's like golf or fishing, you can accumulate more than you really need," said Harrison. "So on days like this, guys can bring out planes or equipment they don't need for anyone who wants to buy it."

The Alabaster RC Association is an active



organization, made up of dedicated RC pilots from all around the area. In March, they hosted another unique event in the Club 40 pylon racing. That's an event in which the pilots race their aircraft around a set of pylons located just off the airstrip.

"All the airplanes are identical," said Harrison. "They all use one type of fuel. They're all weighed."

After a full day of racing, the three main-event winners were Greg Doe, Mike Talley and Ernie Duffey. Mike Conner was the recipi-

ent of a Sky Raider airplane giveaway.

Limestone Park is located south of Saginaw Pipe off Highway 31 in Alabaster. The airstrip is located at the back of the park past the pond. A map to the field can also be found on the Alabaster RC website (www.alabasterrc.org) by clicking on the news link under "Crosswinds."

For more information, contact club president Bob Anderson at rcnxs@yahoo.com.



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FOOD on the 5th

This community food collection program is an on going effort to provide for people in need, in our community. The fifth Sunday in March is Easter, we will collect on April 7 instead. For the rest of 2013 collections will be June 30, September 29 and December 29. Join our effort to collect and distribute non-perishable food items!

GO STRONG

The Eric Harless fund was started to send students around the globe to reach people and make disciples! Join us on April 27 for a day of outside fun! Something for everyone... a morning of walking, boot camp work outs and weight lifting competition. Get moving and GO STRONG!

Kingdom Rock VBS

It may be early but we are gearing up for Summer VBS at Westwood, June 9-13. Kingdom Rock is going to be One Epic VBS Adventure! All Kids who have completed 5K-5th grades may register now. Go to ewestwood.org/VBS to register your child. The first 100 kids to sign-up will receive free Bible Memory Buddies!

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FIGHTING PRESCRIPTION DRUG ABUSE By REPRESENTATIVE APRIL WEAVER

The abuse of prescription drugs is the fastest growing drug problem in the United States, and is the most common type of drug abuse after marijuana use among teens between the ages of 12 and 17. To combat the growing problem, the National Governors Association is hosting a year-long project led by Alabama Gov. Robert Bentley and Colorado Gov. John Hickenlooper.

The Prescription Drug Abuse Reduction Policy Academy is a year-long exercise in strategic planning aimed at reducing prescription drug abuse. In addition to Alabama and Colorado, five states - Arkansas, Kentucky, New Mexico, Oregon and Virginia - will develop and implement comprehensive and coordinated strategies that take advantage of all available tools and resources to address this growing problem.

Last year, I was appointed by Governor Bentley to serve on the Alabama Task Force to address prescription drug abuse and study state and federal next steps in addressing the prescription drug abuse epidemic and reducing prescription drug diversion and abuse by supporting the expansion of state-based prescription drug monitoring programs; recommending secure, more convenient, and environmentally responsible disposal methods to remove expired, unused, or unneeded medications from the home; supporting education for patients and healthcare providers; and reducing the prevalence of pill mills and prescription drug diversion through enforcement efforts.

As a result of the Alabama task force's work, three bills have been introduced in the Alabama legislature this session. I am proud to be the House sponsor and to work with Senator Cam Ward, who is the Senate sponsor. One bill

addresses the expansion of the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program, the second bill addresses "pill mills" and the third provides criminal penalties for "doctor shopping".

Prescription Drug Monitoring Programs (PDMPs) are state-administered databases that monitor the prescribing and dispensing of controlled substances. The Alabama PDMP has required mandatory reporting since April 1, 2006. The bill that has currently been introduced would provide for the membership of the Controlled Substances Prescription Database Advisory Committee; provide further for transmitting information on controlled substance prescriptions; provide further for access to the database and confidentiality of records in the database; and provide further for database funding. The narrow intent of the Pain Management Bill is to safeguard the public health of Alabamians by granting the Board of Medical Examiners the authority it needs to efficiently close down

illegitimate prescription-selling businesses that are taking advantage of the loopholes in the current insufficient patchwork of laws, while at the same time protecting the majority of physicians and other providers of medical care who are practicing good medicine. The third bill, the doctor shopping statute, allows law enforcement to effectively prosecute cases in which patients go from doctor to doctor obtaining prescriptions for the same controlled substances in a short period of time, and at the same time protect the physician-patient relationship that is so critical in healthcare.

At the time this column is due, the bills have been passed through Committee in both the House and Senate. Hopefully, we will see these bills becoming law soon!



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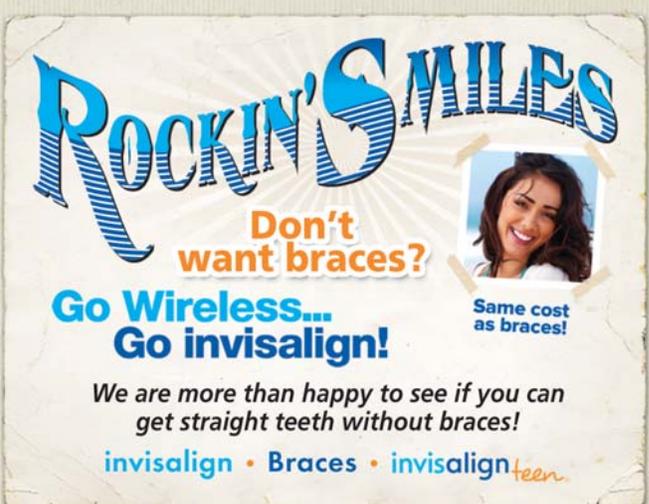


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DAY TRIPPIN': FLORENCE ALABAMA by Sarah B. Jones

A Day Trip is a great way to take a mini vacation close to home. Interesting places are all around us and we don't always take time to enjoy them.

Florence is a very interesting small town and is only a little over two hours away.

We drove across the Tennessee River and had a view of Wilson Dam with several spillways open. The dam is 137 feet high and stretches 4,541 feet across the Tennessee River. With a maximum lift of 100 feet, it is the highest single lift lock east of the Rockies. On average, 3,700 vessels pass through Wilson's locks each year.

We started with a walk-
ing tour of the Historic

District. We met a homeowner who was in the process of restoring his house to its original condition. He showed us through both floors of the house and talked about its history and his plans for it. There are many beautiful houses that have been restored.



The Rosenbaum House in Florence, Alabama is the only house in the state designed by Frank Lloyd Wright.

The Historic District is adjacent to the University of North Alabama. Their mascot Leo and his mate Una are housed in a state-of-the-art habitat and are easily accessible for view-



ing. Parking is nearby and there is no charge.

Then we toured the Rosenbaum house, the only house in Alabama designed by Frank Lloyd Wright. It was purchased and restored by the city and is now a museum and includes the original Wright-designed furniture.

There are a number of other interesting sites in the area. Tom Hendrix's Wichapi Wall on the Natchez Trace is a very unique place. He built the wall in honor of his great-great-grandmother, a Native American who was relocated



to Oklahoma on the Trail of Tears. Hendrix has placed tons of stones on this memorial wall that is more than a mile and a half in length.

Some other sites in the area are:
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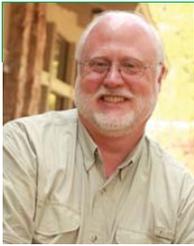
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BUTTERFLY GARDENING by David Frings

A unique idea that will not only turn your yard into a show piece but also provide many hours of enjoyment is a butterfly and hummingbird garden. Sound difficult? Not really. All you need to do is keep in mind that any natural habitat needs three primary components: a food and water source and shelter.

Nectar is the primary food source for most butterflies and is supplied by flowering plants. Butterflies and hummingbirds are attracted to specific plants that are large nectar producers and display certain colors. Red flowers appear to be a favorite so the addition of plants such as salvia is a must. Local nurseries typically have a good supply of

suitable plants for your garden in a variety of sizes and colors. I recommend beginning with several butterfly bushes, *Budia* sp., which come in various shades of purple, yellow, and white. These bushes will reach a height of about eight feet so plant them at the back of the garden with adequate space to grow. Another great choice is a variety of orange and yellow lantana called *Ms. Huff*. These will reach a height of three feet so place several in front of the butterfly bushes. Both of these are cold hardy so there is no need to purchase more plants each season. In fact, if you use mostly perennials, you will have blooms every year and save money. A perennial is a plant that is dormant in the winter and sprouts new growth each spring or summer.

After planting the background, there are numerous plants in other colors to

plant near the front and edges. I like to plant the different varieties in patches that slowly transition to a patch of a different species. Good candidates include red bee balm, cone flowers in any color, black-eye Susan, coreopsis, and passion flower. Most butterflies have a host plant that is used as a site to lay eggs and a food source for the caterpillars. Host plants for the garden include milkweed, parsley, fennel, passion flower, and hollyhock.

If you plant your garden in a dense arrangement, you have met the requirement for shelter. Butterflies will shelter in the bushes and in the pine

straw much that should be placed around all of the plants to conserve the loss of moisture. Water can be supplied with something as simple as a flower pot saucer filled with a little sand and saturated with water. They will sit in the sand and siphon the water to quench their thirst in the hot Alabama summers. Some butterflies are attracted to fruit so a very ripe banana suspended from a branch with fishing line can satisfy this craving. Be sure to keep it moist for best results.



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A day in Cullman, Alabama
Thursday, April 18. A motor coach trip to Ave Maria Grotto, Our Lady of the Angels Monastery and lunch at Stone Bridge Farms. You won't want to miss this fun trip! \$45 for the first 30 Alabaster Senior residents, and \$55 for all other Shelby County Seniors. Price includes: transportation, lunch, admission to tours and a few fun surprises. Space is limited. Stop by the Senior Center to sign up!

Tennessee Whiskey and Miss Mary Bobo's
Thursday, May 9. Motor Coach trip to the Jack Daniel's Distillery. We will

take a walking tour of the distillery and enjoy a true Southern meal at Miss Mary Bobo's in Lynchburg, TN. You won't want to miss this fun trip! \$55 for the first 30 Alabaster Senior residents, and \$65 for all other Shelby County Seniors. Price includes: transportation, lunch, admission to tours and a few fun surprises. There will be walking and stairs on this trip. Space is limited. Stop by the Senior Center to sign up!

Antiques in the Garden at Petals from the Past
Friday, April 19. We will travel to Petals from the Past in Jemison to enjoy the antiques in the garden. Bring \$10-\$12 for lunch in the gardens. Space is limited. \$1 reserves your spot.

Archery Hands-on Demo
Tuesday, April 9 at 9:45 am. We will have targets set up and instructors on site to teach you how to shoot a bow and arrow. All levels are welcome! Come join us, and learn a new sport.

NEW - Kiln Fired Glass Plates
Monday, April 29 from 10 am - 12 pm. We will be making kiln fired glass plates. There are some samples on display at the Center. Cost is \$30 per person. You won't want to miss this class. Space is limited.

Free Vision Screening with UAB Community Eye Care
Tuesday, April 2 from 9:30 am - 11:30 am. Sign up at the Senior Center.

The History of Siluria
Wednesday, April 10 at 10 am. Bobby Joe Seals will be with us to share the history and pictures of old Siluria. No charge; however, you will need to sign up at the Senior Center.

Shop Till You Drop - Craft Show
Tuesday, May 28 from 9 am - 12 pm. We will have a number of booths available for vendors to sell their handmade crafts, art, photography, metal or wood items (no baked goods). All vendors must be 55 and older, and members of the Alabaster

Senior Center. Cost is \$5 per booth and includes one 6 foot table and 2 chairs. Space is limited. Sign up today at the Senior Center.
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 - Rook: Wed. at 9:00 am
 - Rummikub: Wed. 9:30 am
 - Zumba Gold (exercise): Wednesdays at 1 pm
 - Beginner/Inter Line dancing: Thursdays at 9:30 am
 - Beginner Line Dancing: Thursdays at 10:30 am
 - Bridge: Thursdays from 12 pm until 3 pm
 - Tempo exercise: Fridays 10 am
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- April 2 Public Safety Committee 6pm Annex
- April 3 Municipal Court 9 am & 2 pm Annex
- April 6 Good Friday City Offices Closed
- April 8 Water Board 7 pm Annex
Parks & Rec Bldg. (The Depot)
Board of Education 6:00 pm Senior Center
- April 9 Housing & Abatement Board 5:00pm Annex
- April 10 Municipal Court 9 am & 2 pm Annex*
- April 11 Finance Committee 5:30 pm City Svcs. Bldg.
- April 15 City Council Meeting 7 pm Annex
- April 16 Driving School 7 pm Annex
- April 18 Public Works Committee 5 pm Annex
Economic Development Committee 5:30 pm
- April 22 Board of Adjustments 6:30 pm Annex
- April 23 Planning & Zoning 7 pm Annex
- April 24 Municipal Court 9 am & 2 pm Annex
Sewer Committee 6 pm City Hall

Municipal Annex located behind City Hall at 127 1st Street SW just across the RR track. The City Services Building is located in the Gardner House just down from the Depot.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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