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Thompson Warriors

Wrestling State Champs. Again.



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A Word from the Editor & Publisher, Ted Vodde



We all seek that one mountain to climb, that one goal to reach. The Thompson Warriors met that mountain on March 13

in the form of the Thompson Warrior Burger at Chubb's Grub Station. It's a mountain of hamburger, smoked sausage, cheese steak, egg, and fix-ins and the team was up to the challenge.

In this issue, I take you up to Lookout Mountain in Fort Payne to see DeSoto Falls and Little River Falls, the final 2 of the "Four Sisters." Spring is a great time for a trip there and you get the added bonus of

wildflowers as well. I've photographed wild Mountain Laurel at High Falls. I should also mention that when you leave High Falls, if you hang a left instead of a right to go to Fort Payne, you get to a highway and make a left to get to Lake Guntersville State Park and along the way you can still see the path of destruction left in the forest by the tornado that struck Alabama with such devastating force.

Also in the area is Buck's Pocket State Park, which is a real gem. It's kind of a hidden valley with beautiful views and rocky outcroppings. There's plenty of brown signs around to guide you there.

By the way, if you like to take pictures or know someone who does, we're going to have an inaugural meeting of what I'm tentatively calling the "Shelby County Camera Club" at the Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit on Tuesday April 22nd at 7 pm. We want to have regular gatherings to talk about technique, equipment, areas around the state, tips and tricks for photography. This is for everyone - even if you just take photos with a smartphone. There will be refreshments and I'm hoping we can start setting our agendas based on everyone's interests. Hope to see you there!

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FAMILY BLOCK PARTY APRIL 12TH

Cindy Hawkins of Kids First Awareness Community Learning Center in Alabaster is planning a fun-filled day for the community to be held on April 12 at the Shelby County Instructional Services Building off Highway 31.

"This is our 15th annual family block party," said Hawkins. "It started Sept. 25, 1999. That was the first one we did."

This year's event will take place from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The theme is "Starting a Positive Community Change through Education and Music."

According to Hawkins, the first block party came about to give kids something to do in the communi-

ty. Her involvement with the event eventually led to the creation of a children's center in the housing development off Simmsville Road.

"When we moved here, the children in at-risk communities didn't have anything positive in their community," said Hawkins. "There wasn't anything targeting the kids. So that's why we made it a family block party."

According to Hawkins, the event has emphasized a new theme each year, with a positive message for the community's children.

"Year after year, the theme has changed," she said. "One year it was Family Day. One year it was Drugs Kill Dreams."

This year's event will feature a variety of activities emphasizing the theme of education and music. There will be a performance of an original rap song written and produced by Kids First students.

"We just wrote a rap song about being cool and staying in school," said Hawkins. "That should be something fun. We're going to introduce that April 12."

According to Hawkins, the song will feature a surprise appearance from a local celebrity. There will also be a drum circle.

"The guy's coming out of Birmingham to do that," said Hawkins. "That's just a way to bring people together."

The day will also feature a basketball camp and a

video game truck, along with food and games for everyone.

"We'd like to invite the community out to participate in the three-legged race," said Hawkins.

Dr. Wayne Vickers, the superintendent of the Alabaster City Schools, is scheduled to be the guest speaker. Hunter Street Baptist Church is sponsoring the event.

"The kids from Hunter Street, they're going to do a little youth concert," said Hawkins.

The Shelby County Instructional Services Building is located at 601 First Street S. The event is free and open to the public. For more information on Kids First, visit them online at Kidsfirst123.com.

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On Friday, March 14, Thompson High School celebrated its fourth-straight state wrestling championship with a pep rally and trophy presentation at the Thompson High School gym.

The squad captured the 2014 Alabama High School Athletic Association (AHSAA) Class 6A title this year with a total of 186 points. Runner-up Vestavia Hills finished with 150.5 points.

"Wrestlers, I can't tell you how proud I am of you guys," said THS Principal Dr. Danny Steele. "It's hard work. You don't get here by accident. It's hard work. It's commitment to being the very, very best."

Greg Whitley, the president of the booster club, acknowledged the large network of support that the wrestling program has received, from the board of education to the individual coaches.

"We have the best coaching staff in the state of Alabama," said Whitley.

Three Warriors finished this year's tournament as individual winners, in Riley Pike (120 pounds),

Jaden Hunter (132 pounds) and T.J. Rayam (285 pounds).

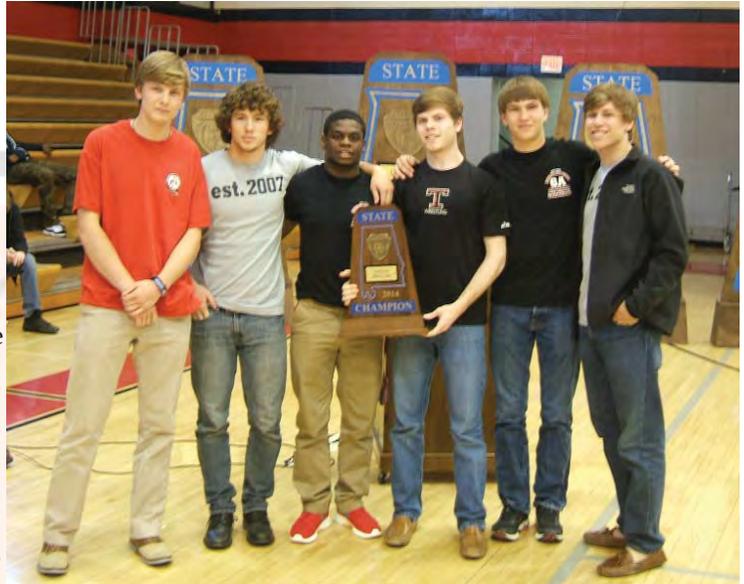
"We've had a lot of championships at Thompson High School, but this is the first state championship under the banner of the Alabaster City Schools," said ACS Superintendent Dr. Wayne Vickers. "It couldn't happen to a finer group of young men and a great coaching staff. I do not believe for one minute that this is the last championship for the rest of the team or for Alabaster City Schools."

AHSAA Executive Director Steve Savarese was on hand to present the championship trophy to the team's seniors.

"We're honored to be here today," said Savarese. "We appreciate you allowing us to be here to share this wonderful moment with you."

Prior to the ceremony, Alabaster Board of Education President Adam Moseley expressed his own appreciation for what the wrestling program has achieved.

"I think it's amazing



THS Wrestling Senior Teammates proudly display their trophy for Number One in the State at a recent rally.

what they've been able to accomplish, this team, these coaches, the parents," said Moseley. "In such a short time, to build a program that could win four state championships in a row is absolutely amazing."

The 2014 state tournament was held in Huntsville at the Von Braun Center over the weekend of Feb. 14, though the schedule had to be adjusted to account for inclement weather. The start of the tournament, which was originally slated

for Thursday, was pushed back to that Friday, Feb. 14.

The Warriors' fourth-straight title represents the first time a 6A program has accomplished the feat since Vestavia won four from 1998 to 2001. Two programs, Auburn High School and Prattville High School, finished tied for third with 129.5 points.

Congratulations once again to Head Coach Shawn Weltzin and the Thompson High School Wrestling team!

Truth in Lobbying Act by Rep. April Weaver



Representative April Weaver

I recently sponsored the "Truth in Lobbying Act" which unanimously passed The Alabama House of Representatives. This bill simply strengthens the transparency of the lobbying process.

When I was elected to represent the citizens of the 49th district, I vowed to do everything in my power to shake up the status quo and increase transparency in government, and this bill does just that. This bill simply strengthens

our ethics laws to ensure that lobbyists must reveal the entities that they are lobbying on behalf of.

Current law does not require lobbyists who subcontract for a lobbying firm to disclose the specific clients for whom they are lobbying. House Bill 508 closes that loophole, requiring lobbyists to disclose not only the firm for which they are lobbying, but also the individual clients. The bill simply expands the definition of "principal" to include a client that hires a lobbyist, including by means of a subcontract.

As elected officials, we owe it to the citizens of Alabama to make the legislative process as transparent and open as possible. Republicans in the Alabama House have passed the most significant ethics reform in the history of the state and passage of this bill continues that trend.

The bill now goes to the State Senate for consideration.

WARRIOR CHALLENGE

Chubb's Grub Station in Alabaster recently kicked off its new partnership with Thompson High School athletics by introducing the "Warrior Challenge."

The Warrior Challenge is a combination plate consisting of one mountain of a cheeseburger, the Warrior Burger, served with a side of sloppy fries. And for those who are able to finish it, they'll get their picture up on the restaurant's Warrior Wall, as well as a framed poster commemorating the meal.

"It's two quarter-pound patties, both with cheese, both with bacon, three ounces of



From left: Tyler Couch, J.T. Sanders, Luke Moore, Coach Michael Montgomery, Marcus Lewis, & Melvin Owens of the Thompson Warrior Football team to eat at the Warrior Burger Challenge.

Cajun-smoked sausage with cheese, five ounces of cheese steak and then a fried egg on top," said Chubb's Owner Will Cholewinski. "Then it gets served with a side of sloppy fries, which is cheddar cheese melted on the fries with a quarter pound of Sloppy Joe on top of that."

"Coach Montgomery was here," said Cholewinski. "Five linemen took the challenge, and a freshman actually won. They all wanted to see how fast they could eat it."

In addition to the Warrior Challenge, Cholewinski said he has some other fun ideas for on down the road. Chubb's Grub Station is located at 410 First Street S.W. in Alabaster.



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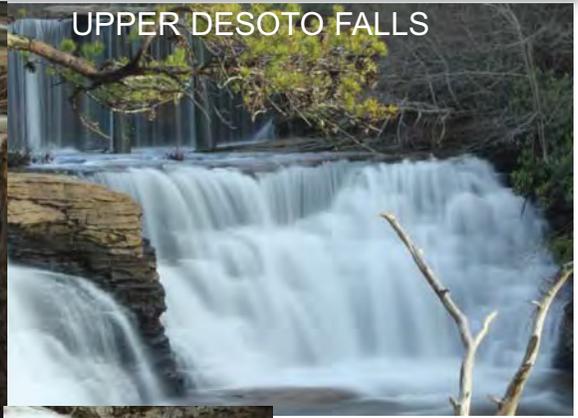
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new parking lot with a nice elevated ramp that goes along the river for great views right up the to the falls area.

Every time I go, I meet folks from out of state who've come just to see these magnificent falls. The ramp provides a nice place to see the falls. After Little River Falls you can either turn right and head back through Weiss Lake which is quite beautiful or turn left, double back over the

bridge and turn left again on the Little River Canyon Parkway which has many stops for views into the canyon. If you've never seen Little River

UPPER DESOTO FALLS



LOWER DESOTO FALLS

Canyon, you really should go as it is the deepest gorge east of the Mississippi.

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"We're a full-service salon and spa," said owner Missy Campbell. "We do everything hair, from perming to straightening, color, cuts, everything. We specialize in every type of cutting, texture, edgy cuts to just basic traditional, trendy."

Campbell, a Jemison resident, purchased the salon from its previous owner, Kelly Wilson, after working at the salon as an independent contractor.



From left: Yolanda Herrell, Brianna Bice, Missy Campbell (owner), Angie Baisden (front), Cynthia Hicks and Kelly Wilson.

"I took over the business Jan. 1," said Campbell. "It used to be Pure Faith Salon. I changed the name to Shear Grace Jan. 1, and we've been growing pretty rapidly ever since."

Before working at Pure Faith, Campbell worked for several years at a salon in Calera. She said she learned a lot during her time there.

"I worked with my sister-in-law at the Vibe Salon," said Campbell. "I was there for six years, almost seven. I was more or less a manager of the salon."

Even before that, however, Campbell knew she wanted to be a salon owner.

"I always wanted to own my own salon," said

Campbell. "That was my No. 1 goal when I started cosmetology school. It's been a lifelong goal of mine to own a salon one day. I didn't know when it would happen, but I knew that I would know and God would tell me."

In terms of services, Shear Grace Salon offers everything related to hair and skin wellness. That includes facials, chemical peels and waxing. They also specialize in events, like pageants, weddings and proms. And since opening in January, Shear Grace has also added a new massage therapist.

The salon also offers a range of hair products,

including Kenra, Paul Mitchell, Moroccanoil and Keratin Complex.

"We have two luxury lines, which are the Keratin Complex and the Moroccanoil. They are completely organic products. They restore your hair from the inside out, so they promote hair wellness," said Campbell.

According to Campbell, the name of the salon, Shear Grace, reflects the Christian nature of the salon and her own appreciation for where she is.

"I feel like it's by God's grace that I've had the opportunity to make it this far in this industry," said Campbell.

For more information, visit Shear Grace Salon on Facebook by searching "Shear Grace Salon." In addition to seeing pictures of different haircuts, visitors can also request appointments. The salon also posts "specials" on Facebook, like a recent Valentine's Day special for 30 percent off.



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According to the resolution, the previous Criminal Investigations/Traffic Homicide truck was "destroyed" during the winter storm in January, while aiding citizens stranded on the icy roads of Alabaster.

Due to the importance of the vehicle in terms of crime scene investigations, the Council passed a resolution declaring the existence of a state of emergency affecting public health, so that a new truck could be purchased as quickly as possible.

The resolution reads in part: "The timely replacement of the unit is of the essence for the continuing and prompt response to

public service needs provided by Alabaster Police Department in relation to criminal investigations and traffic homicides."

The amount authorized by the resolution was not to exceed \$25,000, and a new vehicle was in fact secured later that week.

According to City Manager George Henry, the officer was not injured in the incident that damaged the previous crime scene vehicle.

In other news, three Alabaster firefighters were promoted during the meeting to the rank of captain. They were Ken Henry, Dan Hornkohl and Andy Reid. Each of the three firemen was sworn in by Mayor Marty Handlon.

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David is a Thompson High graduate. He is a wrestler at Cumberland and plans to enter the field of Orthopedic Medicine and work in Sports Medicine. He plans on attending either South Alabama or Duke University for Medical School.

His parents are Dave and Aundriano Capers of Alabaster.



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Friends of Library Bookmenders

Every Friday 10:30 am

Toddler Tales (2s, 3s) 10:30 in the meeting room. Children must be with an adult.

Library Closed April 18 - 20 for Easter Holidays

LIBRARY ADULT ACTIVITIES

Adult Computer Classes - Call or come by to sign up. 664-6822.

Wednesday, April 2, 2014. 10 am - Microsoft Excel 2007 Part 1

Wednesday, April 9, 2014. 10 am - Microsoft Excel 2007 Part 2

Wednesday, April 23, 2014. 10 am - Computer Basics

Yoga at the Library - Starting April 2, 2014. 11:30 am. Join in for health & relaxation Wednesday mornings in the meeting room.

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Masterpiece Book Club - Friday, April 4, 2014. 2 pm. Join this new daytime book club as we explore the classics of literature. The first book featured is "The Hound of the Baskervilles" by Arthur Conan Doyle. Holmes and Watson are faced with their most terrifying case yet. The legend of the devil-beast that haunts the moors around the Baskerville family home warns the descendants of that ancient clan never to venture out in those dark hours when the power of evil is exalted. Now, the most recent Baskerville, Sir Charles, is dead and the footprints of a giant hound have been found near his body. Will the new heir meet the same fate? For more information about this new book club, call 205-664-6822.

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Thursday, April 24, 2014. 10 am - Resume Writing Today

Library Book Group - Thursday, April 17, 2014. 7 pm - Join us in our discussion of "The Paris Wife" by Paula McClain. A deeply evocative story of ambition and betrayal, *The Paris Wife* captures a remarkable period of time and a love affair between two unforgettable people: Ernest Hemingway and his wife Hadley. Program takes place in the meeting room.

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LIBRARY KIDS ACTIVITIES

Tuesday, April 8 Lego League 6pm-6:45pm Kids of all ages who love to build with bright colored blocks will love making new buildings and buddies during this program. Youngsters 6 years old and younger must be with an adult. The activity is in the meeting room.

Friday, April 11 American Girls Club 4pm Girls 7 years old and older can come celebrate the birthdays of all the American Girls doll characters - they were all born in the spring! Sign up and come with or without a doll. Program is in the meeting room.

Monday, April 14 Homeschool Happening: Bird Watching Wonders 11am-12noon We'll have a visit from Helena Uber-Wamble of the Audubon Society. She'll tell children in first grade

to 12th grade everything we need to know about bird watching in this area. Sign up

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Tuesday, April 15 Egg Dyeing to Color Eggs Workshop with Julie Littleton 6:15pm EGG-traordinary Fun! \$3.00 per half-dozen eggs.

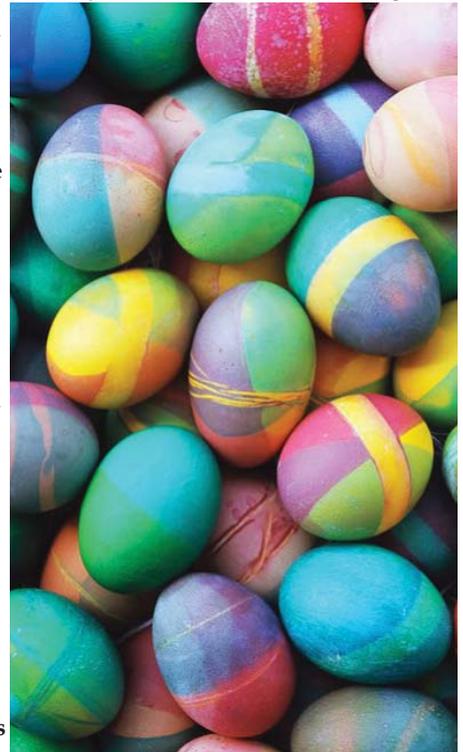
Please sign up and pay in advance in person. Make checks out to the library. No refunds.

Workshop is limited to 30 children. All children must be with an adult. Workshop is in the meeting room.

Deadline to sign up and pay is April 13.

Wednesday, April 16 Hippity-Hoppity Tales with the Easter Bunny

10:15am-11am How EGG-citing! Young children accompanied by an adult can come for fun with "Miss Spring" and the Easter Bunny! Visit with the Easter Bunny! Don't forget your camera to take photos! The fun is in the meeting room.



Friends Spring Book Sale April 25-27

Friends of the Library Meeting - Monday, April 14, 2014. 6 pm

The Friends of the Albert L. Scott Library will hold its Spring Book Sale April 25-27 at the library.

Friday night, April 25, is a members-only preview sale from 5-7 p.m. Memberships will be available for as little as \$10.

Saturday's hours are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., while Sunday's hours are 1-3 p.m. Sunday will be "Fill-A-Bag Day," with customers able to fill a brown paper bag with books for only \$5. Patrons may donate books and DVDs directly to the library by bringing them to the front desk. These donations are tax-deductible. "The Spring Book Sale is a major event in our fundraising efforts to support the library," said Stephanie Billings, president of the Friends of the Library. "We look forward to seeing all of our supporters there."

ARCA SPRING CONTESTS MAR. 29, APR. 26-27

For radio-control enthusiasts, the Alabaster Radio Control Association (ARCA) is hosting two great events this spring at Limestone Park in Alabaster.

The first, which is scheduled for Saturday, March 29, is a pylon racing contest that features some fast and furious racing action. The second is a two-day pattern contest that's scheduled for April 26-27.

"The first event is a pylon race," said contest director Dave Phillips. "It is actually a race, just like Talladega or wherever."

According to Phillips, four pilots will have their planes all in the air at the same time, and they race ten laps around pylons that are located on the ground. Race officials called turn marshals are responsible for making sure the pilots don't cut

inside the pylons.

"If he does, then he's a lap down," said Phillips.

The way the race begins is with a 30-second clock that counts down to the start. At the end of the day, the top four pilots will be pitted against one another in the "A Main" group to determine the winner.

"That's one of the most exciting races you'll ever see," said Phillips, "because most of the time, the race is not determined until the last half of the last lap before you know who won. It's that tight."

At the end of April, ARCA will be welcoming pilots in to participate in a Senior Pattern Association (SPA) contest. While the pylon racing is all about speed, the pattern contest is more intricate. Pilots have to trace certain "patterns" in the air with their planes, and judges give them a score based on how

well they perform.

"That is precision aerobatics," said Phillips.

"These airplanes that we fly are planes that were brought back from the '60s and '70s. It's kind of a nostalgia event."

The SPA contest in Alabaster is the first SPA event of the year. Some of the other locations will include Knoxville, Atlanta and Chattanooga. Also, the SPA event is two days, so it gives out-of-town guests a chance to spend the night locally.

"We have a real good turnout from the people that come here from other states," said Phillips. "We've had people come from South Carolina, Tennessee, Georgia, Mississippi and Florida.

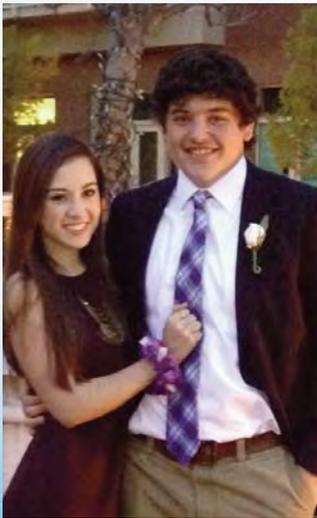


The ARCA will fly radio controlled airplanes like this one at Limestone Park at the SPA Pattern Contest April 26 and 27.

They come from just about everywhere."

Phillips said hosting a large RC contest is a team effort, and he credited the other members of the club for their hard work.

"It really takes a decent group of people to put one of these events on," he said. "It takes a lot of help and effort from all the guys. We've got one of the better clubs. When it's time to put on events, they really show up."



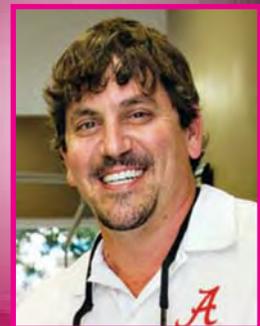
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ADULT SOFTBALL COACHES

There will be an Adult Softball Coaches Meeting on Tuesday, April 8 at 6:30 pm located at the Alabaster Senior Center.

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Baseball/Softball has 515 eager players in our Spring Sports program. Please visit one of the local parks and take in a game or two. It will be a pleasant experience even if you don't have children participating. And it won't cost you a penny. Opening Day and Picture Day is Saturday, April 5 at Veterans Park.

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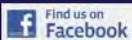
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TIS HOSTS CHESS TOURNAMENT

On Saturday, March 1, Thompson Intermediate School played host to the sixth-annual Alabaster Scholastic Chess Tournament. The event was sponsored by Caesar Chess, a Birmingham-based chess organization created to promote the game to children throughout the state.

"It went real nice," said Tournament Director Caesar Lawrence. "We had a total of 24 players."

According to Lawrence, the total number of participants was down this year, but he said he was happy to see a lot of new participants.

"We had a few familiar faces, but most of them were new players, from Alabaster, Birmingham, Chelsea and Trussville," said Lawrence. "I'm reach-

ing new people."

The tournament featured three different sections, two rated (Open K-12 and Middle K-6) and one not rated (Novice K-6). According to a tournament report from Lawrence, there were eight players in the rated sections and 16 in the not-rated section.

This year's first place winners included Cesar Juarez Jr. of Hoover (Open K-12), Tyler McWilliams of Birmingham (Middle K-6) and Kobi Thomas of Alabaster (Novice K-6). Thomas captured the first-place prize with five wins in five rounds.

"He came in first place," said Lawrence. "He's a student at Thompson Intermediate. He represented the school."

The tournament was

held in the TIS cafeteria and lasted from 9 a.m. to approximately 12 noon.

"We were out of there by 12:30," said Lawrence. "It's a one-day tournament. We go straight through for a quick chess-rated tournament like that with time control. We're in there at nine, and we're out by 12."

In terms of future tournaments, there's a tournament in Huntsville, the Huntsville Challenge and Scholastic, on Saturday, March 29. That will take place at the University of Alabama-Huntsville. There's also one in Tuscaloosa on Saturday, April 12.

Lawrence said it's common for the players to travel around the state to attend tournaments.

"Birmingham kids go over to Tuscaloosa and



play in their tournament. Sometimes you have to travel," he said. "Their kids come over here and win our trophies too."

To help promote the sport, Lawrence said he tries to give the kids as many chances to play as he can.

"I try to do a tournament every month, so they get a chance to play every month," he said.

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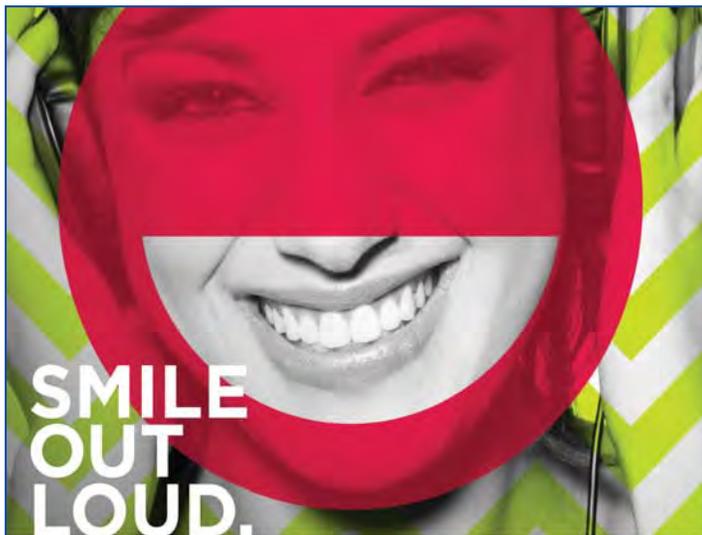
CLASSIC COMEDY APR. 4 - 12

South City Theatre presents Neil Simon's "Plaza Suite" April 4, 5, 10, 11, 12 @ 8 p.m. and April 6 at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$15 for general admission or \$12 for senior/students. Reservations are strongly recommended. Call 205-621-2128. Michael Bridges directs. Hilarity abounds in this portrait of three couples successively occupying a suite at the Plaza. A suburban couple take the suite while their house is being painted and it turns out to be the one in which they honeymooned 23 (or was it 24?) years before and was yesterday's anniversary, or is it today? This wry tale of marriage in tatters is followed by the exploits of a Hollywood producer who, after three marriages, is looking for fresh fields. He calls a childhood sweetheart, now a suburban housewife, for a little sexual diversion. Over the years she has idolized him from afar and is now more than the match he bargained for. The last couple is a mother and father fighting about the best



way to get their daughter out of the bathroom and down to the ballroom where guests await her or as Mother yells, "I want you to come out of that bathroom and get married!" For more information or to make reservations, go to www.southcitytheatre.com or call the box office at (205) 621-2128.

The new South City Theatre is located on County Road 26 approximately 3.5 miles past the Camp Branch Civic center. To get there, take Highway 31 south and simply turn left at County Road 26. The theatre will be on the right. www.southcitytheatre.com on Twitter (@SouthCityTheatr)



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TEACHERS TO GET STIPEND

At its regularly-scheduled meeting on March 10, the Alabaster Board of Education approved a proposal to compensate teachers who stayed overnight during the winter storm in January. The compensation plan allows teachers who stayed overnight to choose either a \$200 stipend or a day off.

"That's just a token of our appreciation for what they did," said Dr. Wayne Vickers, superintendent of the Alabaster City Schools. "Not one teacher has asked me about that. Not one employee who stayed over. That is just something that we wanted to do."

When a major snow and ice storm hit the area on January 28, many area

schools were left scrambling to get students home. Unfortunately road conditions became bad so quickly that many parents were unable to pick up their children.

For Alabaster schools, the situation wasn't nearly as bad as in other school systems, but the presence of school kids at the schools meant that many teachers and administrators had to step up to the plate to take care of them.

"We had 160 students spend the night with us at our schools during our severe weather event," said Vickers. "I thought that was an unbelievable amount until I looked at all of the others, you know, 3,000 and 2,000. I really appreciate our parents and the efforts they

made to get their children."

The proposal was met with an enthusiastic round of applause from those in attendance. Board President Adam Moseley also expressed his personal gratitude to the teachers and school personnel.

"There's nothing we can do to express how genuinely we feel about you guys staying and watching our children," Moseley said.

In other news, the board approved the new 2014-2015 school calendar. Vickers said he used an advisory committee to help put the calendar together. The school system also invited comments from the public via its Facebook page and also its website.

"We received 17 emails,

and we had 57 comments on Facebook," said Vickers.

The first semester is scheduled to begin on Aug. 7. Thanksgiving break will be Wednesday through Friday, Nov. 26-28.

"We came up with a good calendar, I think. It gives us some time off. It gives us some work days that had been taken away from our employees," said Vickers. "I know it will be culture shock for everyone to start back a little earlier, but it gives us so much more flexibility as the year goes on."

To view the new school calendar, visit the Alabaster City Schools website at www.alabasterschools.org.



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CHAMBER INTRODUCES 2014 PLAN

At its annual meeting on Monday, Feb. 24, the Greater Shelby County Chamber of Commerce introduced its 2014 Business Plan.

The annual meeting, in which the group also highlights the previous year's accomplishments and introduces the new chair, had originally been scheduled for January, though the schedule was changed when winter weather hit the area.

"With the storm that hit the last week of January, that kind of pushed us back," said GSCCC President Kirk Mancer in a March 10 interview. "We still had over 240 for the program."

Those in attendance saw 2013 Chair David Nolen reflect on the Chamber's 2013 highlights,

while new Chair Bill Keller talked about the group's goals for 2014.

According to Mancer, the GSCCC is now in the second year of its Shelby One initiative, and the new business plan continues the positive things they learned in their first year. Shelby One is the Chamber's five-year strategic plan.

"We had this roadmap laid out," said Mancer, "where the strategic plan calls for us to work on business development and support, community and workforce development, government affairs. So when you look at that as the background, we're going to continue some of the things we've done during the 2013 year."

Some of the specific features of the 2014 plan include the continuation of

the Keeping It Real program, which has been a successful community program for ninth-grade students throughout the county. There's also a career awareness fair that will be held for area 10th graders.

"Starting in the 2014-2015 school year, we're going to launch a career awareness fair," said Mancer. "So the students who went through Keeping It Real this year will then go through a career awareness program next year."

In the area of business development and support, Mancer said the Chamber is planning a mentorship program to help budding entrepreneurs.

"We will have some entrepreneurs here once a month starting in June," he said. "People can schedule 30 or 45-minute time slots

to come in and talk with people who have been down that path."

The new business plan, which was approved by the board of directors in December, was developed using feedback from its six workgroups.

"In addition to carrying out the 2013 business plan, from June until October, they were also discussing the things they wanted to continue and the things they wanted to look at retiring," said Mancer. "The final quarter of the year, the Chamber's board of directors looked at those recommendations, and then the 2014 business plan was approved at their December meeting."

To see the Chamber's 2014 Business Plan in its entirety go to www.shelby-chamber.org.



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THS BROADCASTERS HONORED

On Monday, March 10, the Alabaster Board of Education recognized Thompson High School's broadcast journalism students for their recent success at the Alabama Scholastic Press Association's annual convention.

"Our schools are getting the reputation for being champions," said Dr. Wayne Vickers, superintendent for Alabaster City Schools.

The broadcast students were recognized at the front of the meeting, along with sponsor Brooke Dennis.

"This is an outstanding group," said Vickers. "If you've ever seen their TV broadcast, they are a great representative of our school system. Thompson High School is fortunate to have

them."

The ASPA, which is sponsored by the University of Alabama, is an organization created to empower high school media programs around the state. The group's annual convention was held in Tuscaloosa at the Ferguson Student Center on Feb. 14-15.

In the broadcasting category, THS TV was awarded an All-Alabama rating, the highest rating awarded, making them one of the top two programs in the state. The only other program to receive the rating was Oak Mountain High School.

Among the senior awards given, Thompson senior Sarah Singleterry was awarded the Alabama Broadcasting Association Journalist award.

Singleterry also won a number of individual honors in the "Broadcast Carry In" division, including first place awards in Anchoring and News Story. Both of those categories were also "swept" by THS students.

The Board of Education also recognized a number of excellent middle-school athletes, including the All-Metro winners for football, basketball and wrestling. In recognizing the basketball players, Vickers noted that most of the players were also members of the A or B Honor Roll.

"We're very proud of them," he said.

The Thompson Sixth-Grade Center's Scholars Bowl team was also recognized for its recent tournament success. The squad placed third in the Thompson Middle School

tournament and first place in the Douglas Invitational.

The School Board also presented its Employee of the Year awards at the meeting. Those receiving awards included Denise Fritz of Meadow View Elementary (CNP), Keysha Thomaston of Thompson Middle School (Support Person) and Janice Quarles of Thompson Middle School (Counselor).

The Board previously recognized its teachers of the year, and Vickers said it was important to make sure everyone's contributions were acknowledged.

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The first-annual Little Warrior Run will take place on Saturday, April 5, starting at 8:30 a.m.

The 5K run will begin at Westwood Baptist Church in Alabaster, proceed down Alabaster Boulevard to Jimmy Gould Drive and loop through the Promenade shopping center parking lot before returning to Westwood Baptist for the finish.

The event is being held to help raise funds for the Family Support Services Group at Brookwood Hospital. The group, which is funded by the Brookwood Medical Auxiliary, provides assistance to families who have lost late-term pregnancies or infant children.

Alabaster residents

Jamie and Nat Parker, who lost their son Wyatt when he was just four days old last October, decided to hold the fundraiser as a way to give back.

"The primary funds are going to go to the Family Support Services, but if we raise enough money we would like to give some of the money to Brookwood Medical Auxiliary," said Jamie Parker. "I know that it comes out of their pocket to purchase nursing pillows and things like that for moms who are in the NICU with their babies."

The run is named in honor of the Parkers' son, Wyatt, whose name means "Little Warrior."

"We consider all of these babies to be little warriors," said Jamie.

The route is a certified 5K course. Registration begins at 7:15 a.m. The event is open to people of all ages, both runners and walkers alike. The cost is \$35 for adults and \$30 for children. Participants will receive a T-shirt and a silicone bracelet.

"We encourage people to walk if they want to walk, run, whatever. We just want the community to come out and show support for these families," said Jamie. "This event is to show those families who have gone through things like this that your community is there for you and there are resources out there for you if you ever need help."

In addition to the run, there will be lots of vendors

onsite, as well as inflatables and face-painting for the kids.

"We wanted it to be more of an event, rather than just a run, since not everybody is a runner and not everybody wants to walk," said Jamie. "We're looking to have about 30 vendors by the time we get to the event."

Registration for the 5K is available via the Little Warrior Run website (www.thelittlewarrior-run.org).

"You can register all the way up until the day of the event," said Jamie.

Westwood Baptist Church is located at 1155 Alabaster Blvd. To find out more, go to www.thelittlewarriorrun.org. Or find them on Facebook at [Facebook.com/thelittlewarriorrun](https://www.facebook.com/thelittlewarriorrun).

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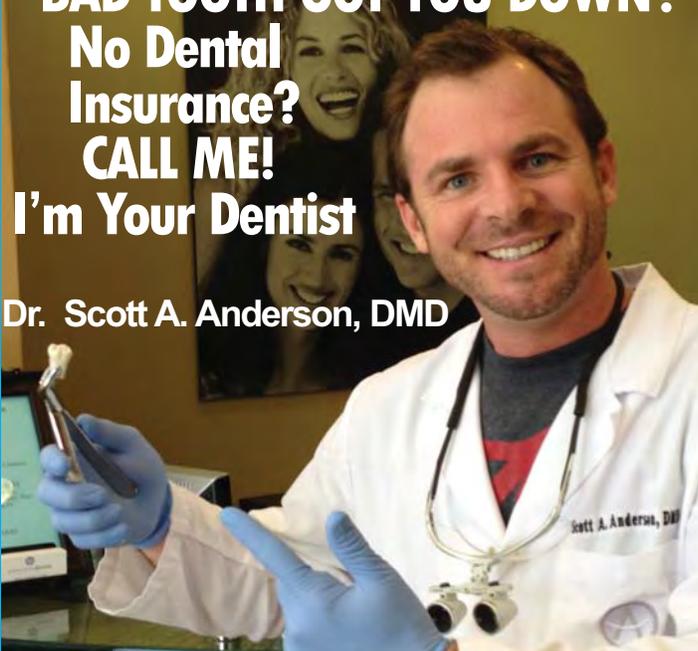
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We hear catchphrases and feel good maxims like “We need less government,” and “Government needs to get out of the way of business,” and “let the private sector create jobs” all the time. But as small government conservatives and Republicans, what does that really mean? Obviously we agree that government has some basic functions in a civilized society – defense, public safety, transportation and infrastructure chief among

them.

So how do we balance between the free market and fairness? One of the greatest Republican presidents in our history, Teddy Roosevelt, was known as The Trust Buster – he broke up monopolies that were stifling innovation and running roughshod over our rights as men, and the rights of The Constitution. In short: we need a government for order and for society to function, but collectively we must all debate on when “order” becomes “control” and “function” becomes “compulsory adherence.”

This is a pretty esoteric debate, and that is why I want to point out a few functional properties of less government, and getting government out of the way of business, based on two bills I have recently introduced in the Alabama Senate.

The first piece of legislation has to do with the Department of Labor and Worker’s Compensation Insurance. In the past, insurance companies had to file a form with the state every time they wrote new coverage, or dropped coverage for a company. It was cumbersome, labor intensive, and in our interconnected, modern world, not needed on either end. This one little change will save man hours, save tedious form filings, and get government out of the way, so these companies can more efficiently use their resources.

The second bill falling under this category has to do with Storm Water System regulation. Currently, the EPA and ADEM set standards for our cities and counties. In the past, some cities have decided to write their own, harsher standards to

include large fines. This bill simply says that municipalities and counties cannot write their own regulations – allowing companies and workers to know they are operating under one uniform standard. They don’t have to waste time looking up codes for each county, city or town before going about their normal business operations. Again, this makes that one piece of their job less cumbersome, and less susceptible to government and regulatory overreach.

These bills are not necessarily headline grabbers, but they allow businesses to function better and more efficiently without needless government regulations and oversight. That is what Less Government and Getting Government Out of the Way of Business Means to Me: Doing the little things to create better opportunities for us all.



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DICK'S SPORTING GOODS GRAND OPENING LATE APRIL

Dick's Sporting Goods is scheduled to open their new store in the South Promenade in late April according to store employees. The Alabaster Dick's will be approximately 55,000 square feet and employ about 130 people according to Senator Cam Ward, Executive Director of the Industrial Development Board. Ward stated that this is considered a medium-sized store by the corporate giant.

In a May, 2013 meeting, the Alabaster City Council committed to a rebate of a portion of the new sales taxes collected to the developer over a ten year period of time. The total financial obligation of taxes from Alabaster is reported to be

1.94 million dollars. This will be paid from new revenue that is generated by the store and will not decrease the amount the City Council has pledged to Alabaster schools. One benefit of paying the incentives in this manner is that the city does not have to borrow any money "up front" and will pay a percentage of the taxes collected which is based on the performance of the store. The Alabaster store will be the third Dick's in the Birmingham metropolitan area.

Landing a major retail establishment such as Dick's Sporting Goods is not an overnight achievement. Work first began on this project in 2011 with

two different developers that were working to attract the retail giant to different projects in

Alabaster. The city worked with each project separately until it was clear the developer Bill Leitner's project had a commitment from Dick's in early 2012. At that point, Alabaster's Inspections Department and City Engineer began to work out the details of the site layout with Mr. Leitner. This process was very involved since the final product had to incorporate details requested by Dick's, existing retailers in the South Promenade, and



the city. Existing roads had to be rerouted and additional parking had to be added in front of the new store, and some utilities had to be modified. The changes affected almost every retailer at the center since delivery traffic had to be routed from the center of the center to the north and south ends. The result of all of this hard work is a major full service supplier of sporting good for the citizens of Alabaster. Just one more reason to shop Alabaster first!



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Morgan Reed to Notre Dame

Morgan Reed, an Alabaster resident and Senior at Briarwood Christian School, signed a letter of intent to play softball at the University of Notre Dame.

Morgan pitches and plays short-stop for the BCS lions and will be the first player from the state of Alabama to play for the Fighting Irish.

She played travel ball the past 2 summers for the Germantown Red Devils. They finished 2nd at the 2012 16U ASA National Tournament in Montgomery, AL (out of 148 teams) and 4th at the 2013 16U ASA National Tournament in Sunnyvale, CA (out of 137 teams).



Morgan Reed is the first softball player from Alabama to play with the Fighting Irish. She is shown with her parents Tony and Elise.

Some of Morgan's stats and career highlights include:

Morgan is a member of the Alabaster 1st United Methodist Church, National Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta, Fellowship of Christian Athletes and the BCS Pintrest Club. She has volunteered for Manna Charities, Kumon, Salvation Army and the Mike L. Jezdimir Transverse Myelitis Foundation.

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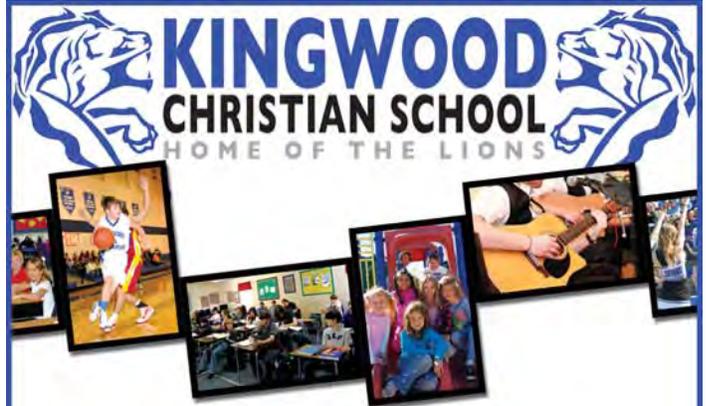
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ALABASTER LOSES THE EXCHANGE

Alabaster has been notified that Montgomery developer Aronov will not renew their options on the land that was slated for the Alabaster Exchange retail development.

Aronov began marketing the Exchange which was first advertised as a retail center with 300,000 square feet of tenants in 2011. The property that was held under option is located immediately south of J. C. Penny. During the marketing phase of the Exchange project, Aronov had the attention of major retailers such as Kohl's, Hobby Lobby, Academy Sports, Dick's Sporting Goods, and Sam's Wholesale Club.

In the spring of 2012, the developer had a verbal commitment from one of these major retailers but

had difficulty in the months that followed gaining ground and signing other big boxstores. One of the primary reasons for the difficulty with this project is the slow recovery of the fragile U. S. economy which declined in 2008. If the Exchange could have been added to Alabaster's successful retail family it would have meant millions of dollars for the general fund of the city and more revenue for our schools.

Part of the original plan for the Exchange development involved the straightening of County Road 26 so that access to US Highway 31 could occur without turning on to "Old Highway 31". The good news is that the Alabaster Commercial Development Authority or CDA has taken advantage of several

of the land options held by Aronov and purchased approximately 14 acres from three of the property owners.

This will secure the land that is needed for the construction of the road and have land left that the CDA can then market to new businesses. According to Cam Ward, Executive Director of the Alabaster Industrial Development Board, the property remaining after the construction of the road would be enough space for a small strip center or other small business venture. The improvement of Highway 26 would include permanent signalization



that would replace the current temporary traffic signal located at the intersection of Highway 31 South and "Old 31". Since the roads involved are property of the state and county, the project will most likely involve these stakeholders and the City of Alabaster.

It is reported that the CDA paid approximately \$900,000 for the largest of the three tracts of land. Funding to the CDA was provided by the City of Alabaster.



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"RUN 4 MIKE 5K" APRIL 12 AT VETERANS PARK

Local runners have another date to add to their calendars this spring as the "Run 4 Mike 5K" returns to Veterans Park in Alabaster.

The second-annual event, which raises funds for the Mike L. Jezdimir Transverse Myelitis Foundation, will be held on Saturday, April 12. The day is scheduled to begin at 6 a.m. with the 5K race set to begin at 7 a.m. The event also features a one-mile Fun Run for those who want to participate but might not be up for the full 5K.

The event was created last year to help raise awareness about the rare spinal cord disease transverse myelitis. Funds raised from the event will go to support research at UAB for non-traumatic spinal cord diseases, like transverse myelitis and multiple sclerosis.

The event is organized by the Mike L. Jezdimir Transverse Myelitis Foundation, which is a local 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 just 17 years old. Despite initially being paralyzed from the neck down, Jezdimir has been able to successfully fight the disease and live a remarkably full life.

To register for the event, go to Active.com

and search "Run 4 Mike." Registration forms are also available online at the foundation website (www.mikestransversemyelitis.com). Participants can print out the form and mail it, along with their payment, to Mike L. Jezdimir TM Foundation, 239 Grande View Parkway, Maylene, AL 35114. Checks should be made payable to Mike L. Jezdimir TM Foundation.

Race divisions for the 5K are 0-12, 13-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60+ and overall. The cost for the 5K is \$30 for adults and \$15 for those 12 and under. T-shirts will be given to participants, though availability may be limited for same-day registrants. To participate in the Fun Run, the cost is \$15 for adults and \$10 for children 12 and under.

According to the Active.com registration page, 100 percent of the profits from the event will be donated to UAB for research. From the registration page: "We are dedicated to finding a cure and prevention for this rare spinal cord disease. We feel confident that by working with the scientists and researchers at UAB that one day we will be free from a disease that is so traumatic on patients and families."

For more information, visit the Mike L. Jezdimir Transverse Myelitis Foundation online at www.mikestransversemyelitis.com. The foundation can also be found on Facebook at [Facebook.com/mljtransversemyelitisfoundation](https://www.facebook.com/mljtransversemyelitisfoundation).



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 - Arthritis Foundation Exercise: Wednesdays at 10:00 am
 - Zumba Gold I (exercise): Wednesdays at 1 pm
 - Zumba Gold II (exercise for beginners): Wednesdays from 2:15 pm until 3:00 pm
 - Beginner/Inter Line dancing: Thursdays at 9:30 am
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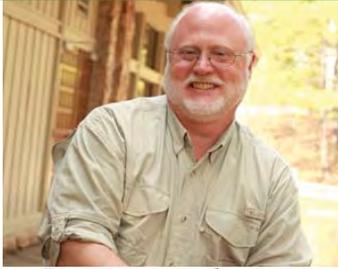
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The Bibb County Glades are open rock habitats that are developed on dolomite. Dolomite is a rock that is similar to limestone but have high magnesium content. The rare plants that grow in the preserve flourish in the open sunshine and the calcium carbonate and magnesium in the soil. Plants that are spring bloomers include the endangered Mohr's Barbara button, blazingstar, Cahaba prairie clover, Alabama gentian pinkroot and Cahaba-paintbrush. Several of the plants were unknown to science until their discovery at the glades. April and May are two of the best months to visit the glades and see these as well as other plants in full bloom. When you visit, please remember that these plants are very fragile and most are not found anywhere else in the world. Practice good stewardship by staying on the trails as much as possible, not walking on plants, carrying your trash out when you leave, and not picking or digging up the flora.

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Public Safety Committee 6pm Conference
- Apr. 8, Housing & Abatement Board 5:00pm Conference
- Apr. 9, Municipal Court 9 am & 2 pm Chamber
- Apr. 10, Finance Committee 5:30 pm Conference
- Apr. 14, City Council Meeting 7 pm Chamber
Board of Education 5:30 pm Chamber
- Apr. 15, Driving School, 7pm
- Apr. 17, Public Works Committee 5 pm Chamber
Economic Development Committee 5:30 pm Conf
- Apr. 22, Planning & Zoning 7 pm Conference
- Apr. 23, Municipal Court 9 am & 2 pm Chamber
Sewer Committee 6 pm Chamber
- Apr. 28, City Council Meeting 7 pm Chamber
Board of Adjustments 6:30pm Conference

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