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GO WARRIORS!

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Ah, football season in Alabama! Everyone's heart skips a beat and we pick up the pace. Will the Tide continue their streak? Will Auburn under their new coach successfully rebuild the team to dominance? And of course, our own team, the Thompson

Warriors will take to field. We wish them success in their upcoming season. You'll find a complete write-up and game schedule on page 5. Check it out!

Related to that, as you can see on the page opposite this comment, the THS Band has gotten their new uniforms. Congrats to Mr. Bubbet and everyone involved with the band as I know this took a lot of work and fundraising and there will be more fundraising yet to come to help to finish paying for the uniforms. If you get the opportunity to donate, please be generous.

Warrior Day saw the kickoff of the football season and the kickoff of the new school system. Superintendent Wayne Vickers launched the new school system with the motto "We Are the Champions of Our Future." I like that a lot and I like the fact that he chose a rallying cry that is a version of "If it is to be, it's up to me." Tools and technique are important but often it is sheer perseverance that makes the difference. When everyone says it isn't possible, the one who believes soldiers on. It's a story that strikes at the very heart of the American can-do spirit that powered a nation with an underdeveloped military to lead the conquest of the Axis powers in the greatest conflict in the history of the world - World War II.

When you watch football games on TV you always see car ads. And that connection was quite strong at Ernest McCarty Ford where General Manager David McCarty had played for Bear Bryant on two championship teams. It is said the Bear instilled lessons about football that were truly life lessons. That perseverance and determination that makes champions was evident in everything David McCarty did. When he was first diagnosed with cancer he was given 6 months to live but he persevered with strength and courage for 14 years. David McCarty passed away on July 24th but left a legacy of a great team at Ernest McCarty and a wonderful family.

We offer our sincere condolences to his family in their time of grief.



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Thanks to some help from the Alabaster City Schools, the Thompson High School Marching Band will be sporting brand new uniforms this year for the 2013 football season.

According to Band Director Jon Bubbett, the band recently received its new uniforms, and they've already been fitted on the students.

"We had pictures two weeks ago for the football program. They all wore them for the first time," said Bubbett.

The band had been working diligently to raise money for new uniforms since last year, when it kicked off its "Suit up the Southern Sounds" campaign. The old uniforms were in dire need of replacement after 18 years of use.

At its July 8 meeting, the Alabaster Board of Education decided to help the band reach the total

needed to purchase the new uniforms by giving them an interest-free loan for the remaining amount.

In recommending the move, Alabaster Superintendent Wayne Vickers said, "This is something I've done in previous school systems, and they've always made sure that we receive our money back. I have met the band director and many band parents, and I feel very confident that we need to go ahead and order those uniforms now so that we can see them on the sidelines."

Derek Henderson, school board vice president and former band parent, expressed his own enthusiasm for the idea as well.

"I know this will be another sense of pride for the school, and I'm glad to be able to assist in getting it done," said Henderson.

To say that the new uniforms are an improvement over the old uniforms is an understatement. According



to Bubbett, they've updated not just the fashion of the uniform but the functionality.

"They look absolutely phenomenal," said Bubbett. "They totally change the look of the band, but yet at the same time they've modernized it and put them in a much lighter-weight fabric."

The total cost of the uniforms was around \$70,000. The BOE contribution was approximately \$21,000. According to Bubbett, the band will have to repay that amount by next July.

"It made it possible to go

ahead and put them on the kids and enjoy them the very first game," said Bubbett.

The THS Band is referred to as the Marching Southern Sounds. They'll debut their new uniforms at the first home football game on Aug. 30 against Shelby County.

This year's music will be a variety of songs from the James Bond films. To get an online preview of the fall show, go to vimeo.com/71742721.

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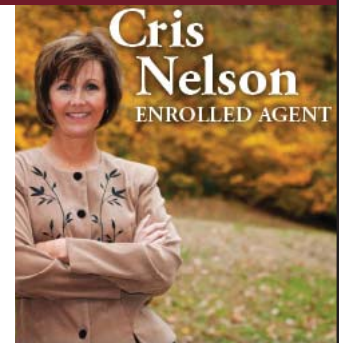
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The new school system in Alabaster has a lot of locals excited about the future, and there's no better way to show that excitement than by supporting the Thompson High School football program.

This year, the varsity squad kicks off the season with a home game against Shelby County High School on Friday, Aug. 30. Head Coach Michael Montgomery said the enthusiasm surrounding the new school system has already started to positively affect the school's football program.

"Everyone's on the same page, from superintendent on down," said Montgomery. "The air of wanting to be the best is slowly creeping through everybody that's involved with the school. It has a trickle-down effect even for the program."

This year's Warrior squad will be looking to rebound from last year's 3-7 record, though they'll face another tough 6A, Region 4 schedule. This year's area opponents include

Chelsea, Oak Mountain, Pelham, Prattville, Spain Park, Stanhope-Elmore and Wetumpka.

Despite returning a youthful team, Montgomery said he's optimistic about the direction they're headed.

"We are a very young team," said Montgomery. "We only have 17 seniors, and we're getting better every day, really learning to compete against each other at practice."

Montgomery returns this year for his second year at the helm, and he said the players are responding well to the continuity.

"That's one of the things that the kids are enjoying the most," said Montgomery.

At the quarterback position, junior Zach Brammer will be asked to carry the load this year behind center. Montgomery said Brammer is a talented player with a great attitude.

"He's done a good job of understanding what we want done," said Montgomery.

To prepare for the season, the Warriors have been hard at work with preseason practice.

"The first two weeks of practice are what we call our training camp," said Montgomery. "This week, we're going in the

evenings every day, and we're practicing different scenarios and working on the basic fundamentals that will take us through the season."

The year's rivalry game against Pelham High School is Friday, Sept. 13, at Larry Simmons Stadium. Last year, the Warriors fell to the Panthers 35-20 on the road.

In addition to this year's area contests, the team will also do battle with Shelby County, Shades Valley and John Carroll. The Shades Valley game will be this year's homecoming contest.

Quarterback Club President Michael Franklin said there are still sponsorship opportunities available.

"These sponsors will be well recognized thoroughly throughout that night's game," Franklin wrote in an email. He also encouraged people to get involved in the club itself.

"You do not have to have a child playing football to be part of the QB Club," Franklin said.

This year's preseason activities included a Warrior Day celebration on Aug. 16 and a preseason matchup at Pell City. For more information, go to thewarriorzone.net.

2013 THS Football Schedule

- Aug. 30 Shelby County
- Sept. 6 @ Chelsea
- Sept. 13 Pelham
- Sept. 20 Prattville
- Sept. 27 Shades Valley (HC)
- Oct. 4 @ Spain Park
- Oct. 11 @ Stanhope-Elmore
- Oct. 18 Wetumpka
- Oct. 25 @ Oak Mountain
- Nov. 1 @ John Carroll
- All game times 7 p.m.
- (HC - Homecoming)



KNOCK, KNOCK, KNOCKING ON ALABASTER'S DOORS

A knock on the door in Alabaster may be answered by "certificate please" and not the traditional "who's there?" This is due to a new ordinance (Ordinance No. 13-008) that was adopted and approved on June 17, 2013 by the Alabaster City Council in response to a legal challenge of two existing city ordinances by the Seventh Day Advent Church in 2012. The new ordinance repeals and replaces ordinance number 12-008 which also regulated peddlers, solicitors, and charitable solicitations "door-to-door".

The ordinance is divided into several articles and multiple sections. Article II, General Provisions, covers prohibited acts under section 4. This section states, among other things, that door-to-door peddling, selling or soliciting requires a certificate and that persons engaging in these acts cannot imply that the City of Alabaster endorses their activity. Section 4 also states that all persons engaging in these activities must immediately leave the residence or property peacefully upon being asked and may not approach or enter property that displays a "No Soliciting" sign.

Section 6 limits the

hours of door-to-door activities between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 8:00 P.M. which would be acceptable hours for most households.

Other sections of interest under Article II are section 7 which limits the group size of solicitors to a maximum of three (that is no more than three individuals can approach a door together at one time) and Section 9 which requires them to provide a written receipt to the buyer that includes specific information about the business for retail items having a value of \$50.00 or more. Section 3 states that canvassers or other individuals going in or upon private property for religious, charitable, governmental, educational or political purposes are not included as "peddlers".

Articles III and IV cover door-to-door for profit sales and charitable solicitations respectively. Those selling for profit must complete an application form which records pertinent information about the individual or business and obtain a Certificate of Registration from the Revenue Department. The application fee for the certificate is \$50.00 and is in force for a period of six months.

Solicitors and peddlers must have the Certificate of

registration with them at all times while they are traveling door-to-door. Article IV covers all charitable and religious solicitations and requires each organization to obtain a Certificate of Notification at no cost to the organization. According to section 18, article IV, the forms required to obtain a Certificate of Notification are provided by the City of Alabaster on its official website.

Section 18, part C states that the City, through its Department of Revenue, must issue the certificate within three business days after the receipt of all of the required information. Charitable organizations must have a copy of the certificate with them at all times.

The information in this article is intended for general information only concern-



ing ordinance number 13-008 and should not be used as a substitute for the actual ordinance.

You are encouraged to review this ordinance as well as others that have recently passed at www.cityofalabaster.com/online-services/document-center/city-council-resolutions-ordinances/ or contact the Alabaster Department of Revenue for any questions or clarification.









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The Alabaster Target recently hosted its annual "National Night Out" event in the Target parking lot at the Colonial Promenade shopping center.

The event featured a variety of law enforcement and community organizations interacting with the public to help educate them as to what they do.

Some of the groups participating included the Shelby County District Attorney's Office, the Shelby County Sheriff's Office, the Shelby County Drug Enforcement Task Force, the Helena Police Explorers, Alabaster Fire & Rescue Service and the Alabaster Police Department.

Many of the organizations had their equipment on display for firsthand inspection, and a number of young children appeared to

be enjoying climbing through the various law enforcement vehicles.

Some of the other groups simply set up informational displays to promote their different programs. The Shelby County Sheriff's Office, for example, had pamphlets available on their Project Lifesaver program, which allows families to keep track of family members who may suffer from Alzheimer's or other related conditions.

The event also featured food and refreshments, plus inflatables for the kids. Entertainment was provided by a local dance team.

National Night Out is an annual event that's held in communities all across the country on the first Tuesday in August.

It was originally started in 1984 by the National Association of Town Watch to bring people together in the fight against crime. For the past nine years, the National Association of Town Watch has partnered with Target on the event. This year marked the 30th annual National Night Out celebra-



tion.

For more information, go to www.natw.org. Or, visit National Night Out on Facebook at [Facebook.com/national-nightout](https://www.facebook.com/national-nightout).

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Local shoppers were treated to three days of tax-free shopping this August, as the State of Alabama held its annual "Back to School" sales tax holiday. The holiday is held annually on the first weekend of August, so this year, it took place Aug. 2-4.

According to local ordinance, the City of Alabaster also waived its municipal sales and use tax on qualifying items, which meant shoppers were able to experience the greatest possible savings on their back-to-school shopping.

This year, local retailers said they saw an increase in store traffic over the weekend. During the first day of the weekend, employees at T.J. Maxx said they'd been busier

than normal. Following the weekend, officials at JCPenney said they'd also seen an increase in traffic.

"It went very well," said Crissy Barnwell, talent resource lead expert at JCPenney. "Traffic-wise, we actually did better than we did last year."

Kristi Gardner, the store manager at Maurices in Alabaster, said the back-to-school season for them is second only to Christmas. Maurices is a women's clothing store located at the Colonial Promenade shopping center.

"It was good," said Gardner. "It is that time of year where it is our busy season."

Some local stores paired the tax-free holiday with a number of in-store promo-

tions. Maurices, for example, offered a buy one-get one half price special on casual tops and bottoms. JCPenney also offered special promotions to help draw in customers.

"We recently brought back our coupons, so we offered coupons throughout the weekend," said Barnwell.

As far as this year's most popular items, Barnwell said school uniforms have been an area of growth for JCPenney. At Maurices, Gardner said bold colors have been popular this season and people are always looking for denim.

"It's all about details on the pockets now," said Gardner.

The State of Alabama first created the sales tax

holiday in 2006 to help ease back-to-school shopping costs for Alabama shoppers. Under the original act, certain items are exempted from state sales or use tax, and local counties and municipalities are authorized to waive local taxes as well.

Last year, the City of Alabaster passed an ordinance opting to participate in the holiday "during the first full weekend of August 2012 and each consecutive year thereafter."

For more details on the holiday, visit the Department of Revenue website (revenue.alabama.gov) and click on the "Sales & Use Tax" link under the Divisions tab.



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Alabama Gov. Robert Bentley recently announced the latest round of road-improvement projects to be funded under the Alabama Transportation Rehabilitation and Improvement Program (ATRIP). The widening of Alabama 119 in Alabaster was one of the newly-announced projects.

The Alabaster project will run from County Road 26 to County Road 80 and includes the addition of new lanes.

The total amount allocated to Shelby County projects during the third phase of ATRIP funding was \$23,956,766.75.

Bentley first unveiled the expansive road-improvement program in March 2012. According to the Office of the Governor, the program is considered "the largest road and bridge improvement program in Alabama's history."

A previous round of projects was announced in February 2013, and Alabaster's Thompson Road was one of the included projects. That project includes a new bridge, new

turn lanes and resurfacing from 1,300 feet west of Warrior Drive to Alabama 119.

To qualify for ATRIP funding, cities and counties had to first file a project proposal with the Alabama Department of Transportation. Once approved, they are required to provide 20 percent matching funds for each project. According to the Governor's Office, the State is using GARVEE bonds to provide its portion of the financing.

In addition to the ATRIP project, Alabama 119 should also be getting a new traffic light sometime in the next few months. At the Aug. 5 City Council meeting, the Alabaster City Council approved a resolution agreeing to maintain a new traffic signal to be installed at the intersection of Alabama 119 and County Road 80.

According to City officials, the bid for the traffic light project is expected to be awarded at the end of August, with the light to be in service approximately six months after that.

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WARRIOR DAY ALSO KICKS OFF NEW SCHOOL SYSTEM

At this year's annual Warrior Day event, there was a little extra to celebrate as Alabaster students prepared to begin classes in the new Alabaster City School system.

The excitement was evident as a large crowd of parents, students, faculty members, school system officials and City of Alabaster officials crowded into Larry Simmons Stadium on Friday, Aug. 16, to kick off both the football season and the new school district.

The weather was appropriately cool, and spectators were treated to a number of football scrimmages from Thompson's various football squads. The various Thompson cheerleading squads were on hand as well, providing a true game-day feeling to the festivities.

At the center of the night was the introduction of the new Alabaster City



School system. Superintendent Wayne Vickers spoke to the crowd, sharing his own infectious enthusiasm for the school system's future.

"It's a great day to be a Warrior," he told the crowd of Thompson supporters.

Earlier in the week, the school district revealed its new logo (a distinctive red "A" with a burning torch at its center) along with a new school system motto: "Champions of Our Future." The new branding can be seen on the school district

website at www.alabaster-schools.org.

Warrior Day was sponsored this year by Young Impressions Child Care. Other participants included Jim 'N Nick's BBQ, Buck's Pizza, Kona Ice and Steak 'n Shake. The Warrior Wrestling Club was also on hand promoting its Impact Alabaster event on Aug. 24.

In addition to providing a fun night for supporters, Warrior Day also gives the football teams a chance to practice in a realistic game setting. Thompson High School Head Coach Michael Montgomery said it was the first time for his squad to perform under the lights and in front of a crowd.

"One of the things I want to do is put them in the environment they're expected to succeed in," said



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Montgomery. "So any time you have the opportunity to do things like that in a rehearsal setting as opposed to the real game is a plus."

At the Aug. 5 City Council meeting, Councilman Bob Hicks commended the new school system for the work it's already put into the city's schools.

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"I graduated from dental school in 2006," said Morris. "My last year in dental school, my wife and I actually lived in Alabaster. After I got out, we moved away for about



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a year or so and then decided this was the area we wanted to be in. So we moved back."

When the opportunity arose to purchase Shannon's practice in 2012, Morris knew it was the right fit.

"It was a great opportunity for me because it allowed me to stay in the area where we wanted to be. I purchased the practice from her last May," he said.

After taking over the

practice, Morris said he was able to keep some of her previous patients, as well as regularly add new ones.

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"We've got an answering machine we check regularly," said Morris. "As far as weekends go, on Fridays and Saturdays I work at an office in Birmingham, so on the weekend, they can come see me but at a different location."

Morris got his undergraduate degree in biology at the University of Montevallo.

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Neighborhood Assn. Meeting

Alabaster Mayor Marty Handlon recently hosted a meeting with the city's neighborhood associations to help foster communication between the groups and the City of Alabaster.

The meeting took place at the municipal annex on Tuesday, Aug. 13 at 4 p.m.

The meeting drew approximately two dozen people, including a number of department heads who provided information about their roles in the city government.

In introducing the various speakers, Handlon said she hoped the meeting would be educational.

"One of my goals in office is to be informative," she told the gathered group.

A number of recent ordinances were discussed including both the sidewalk ordinance and the solicitation ordinance. A good deal of time was also spent discussing the weed ordinance, which Handlon said frequently over-

laps with homeowner association requirements.

City Attorney Jeff Brumlow addressed the issue by saying that homeowner associations can play a valuable role in the enforcement of such issues because they're often more efficient than the City and they're not at taxpayer expense.

According to Brumlow, the two biggest issues related to uncut yards are absentee owners and bank-owned properties.

During the meeting, Handlon also encouraged visitors to utilize the City of Alabaster website to communicate concerns.

"On our website is a very visible button," said Handlon. "It is monitored 24/7."

Other speakers included City Engineer Brett Tucker, Environmental Services Director Glen McCord and Building Official Emmitt Stallworth.

YMCA Hosts "5th Qtr" Parties

This fall, the Alabaster YMCA is hosting a series of "5th Quarter" parties for local high school students. The parties are being held following Thompson High School's home football games to give area students a fun and safe place to spend Friday nights.

"They're after the football games, so we're calling them 5th Quarter parties," said YMCA Senior Program Director Gwen Hatcher. "They can come over from 9 to 12. We'll have the pool open. We'll have the basketball gym open. We'll have a deejay. It's a safe place for them to hang out and have a good time."

The parties will feature swimming, dancing, basketball and other fun activities. All students in grades 9-12 are eligible to participate, up to a maximum of 300 teens. To participate, teens must have a parent sign a waiver. The waivers should be available at both the YMCA and Thompson High School.

"You don't have to be a member of the Y, but you do have to have a waiver signed," said Hatcher. "You can drop it

off anytime at the YMCA."

According to Hatcher, students from all area high schools are welcome to participate. She also said this is the first year the YMCA has held the 5th Quarter parties.

"We just wanted to find something for the teenagers to do in our area. We wanted to open the YMCA up and provide them a safe place to go," she said.

The first 5th Quarter party was scheduled for Friday, Aug. 16, with more parties scheduled for Aug. 30, Sept. 13, Sept. 20 and Oct. 18. They start at 9 p.m. and run until midnight.

As the parties are scheduled to coincide with Thompson's home football games, there's no party scheduled for Sept. 27, which is Thompson's homecoming contest against Shades Valley.

The Alabaster YMCA is located at 117 Plaza Circle in Alabaster. For more information, call 663-7240.



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ALABASTER RESIDENT WINS NATIONAL AWARD

Saturday, June 29, 2013 was a special evening inside the plush confines of the Hilton Austin Hotel for long-time Alabaster resident Walter E. Turner. Turner was named National Alumni Brother of the Year at the 92nd general convention of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. in Austin, TX. Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. is the nation's first intercollegiate Greek letter fraternity established for African Americans that develops leaders, promotes brotherhood and academic excellence, while providing service and advocacy for the community. The fraternity bestowed the highly coveted award to Turner based on his unwavering commitment and exemplary service to the fraternity's National programs such as "Go-to-High School, Go-to-

College," "A Voteless People Is A Hopeless People," "Project Alpha," and "Brother's Keeper."

Turner's distinguished membership in the fraternity dates back to his 1974 initiation as a founding member of the Iota Nu Chapter located at the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB). Bro. Turner also founded both the undergraduate chapter Nu Tau which is located at the University of Montevallo and the Homewood, AL based graduate chapter Mu Psi Lambda in April 1978. Since 1989, he has been a Life Member of the fraternity, the highest level of membership available to active members.

Turner's path to being named National Alumni Brother of the Year started back in October 2012 at the

Alabama District Conference in Tuscaloosa, AL where he was selected over a qualified field of members from the State of Alabama and named "Alabama District Brother of the Year." This victory enabled him to compete at the fraternity's Southern Region convention which was held in March 2013 in Mobile, AL. At this stage, competition increased dramatically, but he was selected over candidates from the states of Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, South Carolina, North Carolina, and Tennessee and named "Southern Region Brother of the Year." At the 92nd general convention, he was selected among the candidates representing the fraternity's Mid-West, East, and Western Regions.

Walter Turner is Director of Operations for



Walter E. Turner was chosen National Alumni Brother of the year of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity

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SEWER ORDINANCE CHANGED

At the Aug. 5 city council meeting, the Alabaster City Council voted to amend the city's sewer ordinance, which had not been updated since the 1970s.

The council voted to pass Ordinance 13-010, which amended several sewer-related sections in the City of Alabaster's code of ordinances.

Prior to the vote, Councilman Tommy Ryals said that the updates were sorely needed.

"These are ordinances that were put in place in the 70s. There was some obsolete language in the old ordinance," said Ryals.

According to the new ordinance, which is posted online at the City of Alabaster website, "water closets on all premises within the corporate limits of the city with buildings or structures intended for occupation that are within 200 feet of a gravity line of a public sewer ... shall be connected to such public sewer and shall be charged the rates as set forth in section 118-160."

To soften the requirement, the amendment also says that premises that have previously paid sewer usage fees, for a given period of time, will not be required to pay an impact fee to connect to the sewer.

"We felt like if you had been paying for sewer and you weren't actually on the sewer, to encourage you to go ahead and hook up to the sewer, we would waive the \$3,000 tap fee," said Ryals. "The idea is to keep as many folks on the sewer as we can, as much for environmental reasons as anything."

Prior to the vote, a public hearing was held on the issue, and two local residents voiced their concerns over the ordinance.

To view the ordinance in its entirety, go to www.cityofalabaster.com and click on the link for "City Council Resolutions & Ordinances" under the

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Library Board Meeting - Tuesday, September 24, 6 pm
Closed Dates - Monday, September 2 - Labor Day

LIBRARY ADULT ACTIVITIES

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Wednesday, September 4, 10 am - Computer Basics
Wednesday, September 18, 10 am - Basic Internet & Email

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Thursday, September 5, 10 am. Orientation Workshop

Thursday, September 12, 10 am. Resume Workshop

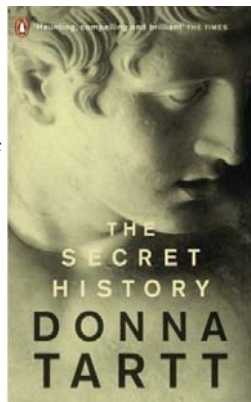
Thursday, September 19, 10 am. Interviewing Skills Workshop

Thursday, September 26, 10 am. Networking Workshop

American History Made Simple - Join us on Monday nights in September for a look at the history of America from the end of the Civil War to the present, taught by historian and storyteller, Mark Sims. History doesn't have to be complicated. These four classes will help make sense of the Wild West, the Roaring Twenties, two World Wars, the Great Depression, the Cold War, and our national journey into the 21st century. Programs take place in the meeting room. Monday, September 9, 6:30 pm
Monday, September 16, 6:30 pm, Monday, September 23, 6:30 pm
Monday, September 30, 6:30 pm

Mobile Device Workshop - Thursday, September 12, 2013. 6:00 - 7:30 pm. Computers, Tablets, and Smartphones: Your Questions Answered! - Join us as Bob Fitzgerald of Personal Computer Consulting in Alabaster offers a FREE workshop where experienced techs will answer your questions about your mobile electronic devices. Troubleshooting, how-to, and consulting provided. Program takes place in the meeting room.

Library Book Group - Thursday, September 19, 2013. 7 pm - Join us in our discussion of "The Secret History" by Donna Tartt. A transfer student from a small town in California, Richard Papan is determined to affect the ways of his Hampden College peers, and he begins his intense studies under the tutelage of eccentric Julian Morrow. Program takes place in the meeting room.



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LIBRARY KIDS ACTIVITIES

Homeschool Happening: Writing Workshop with author Kerry Madden- September 9, 11:00am-1:00pm The library is excited to launch a brand new, monthly program to help families involved with homeschooling called Homeschool Happening. It will feature a different topic and activity each time. Our first one is a writing workshop with local author Kerry Madden. She has written the Appalachian Maggie Valley Trilogy: Gentle's Holler, Louisiana's Song, and Jessie's Mountain. She has also written Writing Smarts to help kids write their own poems and stories as well as Harper Lee, part of the "Up Close" biography series. Ms. Madden is excited to come to our library for our first Homeschool Happening. It's for kids in first grade and up. Lunch will be served. Sign up is required. Families can sign up at the circulation desk by September 8. Meets in the meeting room.

Lego League- September 10, 4:00pm-4:45pm- Kids of all ages can come and play with Legos of all sizes. Kids 6 years old and younger must be with an adult. Meets in the meeting room.

American Girls Club September 13, 4:00pm- The spotlight will be on Felicity living in 1774. Girls with or without a doll can come learn about her world. Girls 7 years old and older can sign up at the circulation desk. Meets in the meeting room.

Teen Beach Movie Mania- Tuesday, September 17, 6:00pm- Are you a surfer or a biker? Do you know the songs and the dance steps? Want to join in on some cool activities? Kids 6 years old and older can sign up for an evening of fun inspired by Disney's Teen Beach Movie. Meets in the meeting room. Kids 6 years old must be accompanied by an adult.

Ben Franklin's A Penny Saved is a Penny Earned - September 18, 3:30pm Youngsters and their caregivers will get to meet Ben Franklin who has some very wise stories about saving and using money! His visit to our meeting room is part of a new series of programs called: MakingCents-Resources to help your money grow a Smart investing@your library® Series, a partnership between the American Library Association and FINRA Investor Education Foundation. This grant project provides free, unbiased information to the community about financial literacy and personal finance. The Albert L. Scott Library is one of the select public libraries in Birmingham, Jefferson and Shelby Counties. Our library's resources include brand new books for children and adults, DVDs, and more. The goal of the project is to empower library patrons to make smart financial decisions for long-term investing and day-to-day money matters.

FOR ADULTS and Teenagers with parental permission: Whole Blood and Platelet Drive- September 30, 10:00am-4:00pm- Once again there will be a liquid gold rush in Alabaster and library patrons and other residents can help prospect. Alabama is in need of liquid gold - a life-saving treasure within everyone's blood system - a treasure that most people do not realize they have. It is blood platelets. The library is joining forces with the nonprofit Liquid Gold Foundation and LifeSouth to host a whole blood and blood platelet drive in the library's meeting room. There is always a demand for whole blood and the platelet shortage is a chronic problem according to Birmingham's Donald E. Pierini, founder of the Liquid Gold Foundation. "Liquid gold is a metaphor for blood platelets which are gold-ish in color... after they're filtered out of your whole blood," Pierini explained. Platelets are tiny cells in blood that help clots form and are used during heart surgeries and for patients being treated for cancer, serious burns, trauma accidents, and more. Pierini said the state of Alabama collects only half of what it needs in platelets every year. He said it takes about 8 units of whole blood to create one unit of platelets. Because LifeSouth has a policy of taking its platelet collecting equipment into the community it makes collecting easier. LifeSouth is a strategic partner of the Liquid Gold Foundation. Donating platelets takes between 90 and 120 minutes depending on a person's normal platelet count and how fast their blood flows. Donors must weigh 110 pounds or more and show I.D. All donors receive a recognition item and a cholesterol screening. All blood donors can sign up for a time slot by calling the library at 664.6822 or by coming to the library's circulation desk to sign up. Potential platelet donors should be aware that 48 hours before donating, they must avoid ingesting the following: aspirin and any medications containing aspirin, garlic supplements, Vitamin E, green tea, grape juice (purple), Ginkgo Biloba, ginger, ginseng. More information can be found at the Liquid Gold Foundation's website: www.liquidgoldfoundation.org. LifeSouth's website is www.lifesouth.org. The blood drive will be in the meeting room behind Caroline's Corner through the double glass doors.

Day Trippin': Ebenezer Swamp & Limestone Park by Sarah P. Jones

Ebenezer Swamp and Limestone Park are just two of the many interesting destinations that Shelby County has to offer. Both are easily accessible for anyone who wants to get "back to nature."

Ebenezer Swamp is a



Ebenezer Swamp Walkway

wooded wetlands The University of Montevallo utilizes for teaching and research, and is open to the public. We viewed the 60 acres from a 6' wide, 650' long boardwalk that has

interpretive signs and seating. Parking and the path to the boardwalk are easily accessible.

The boardwalk was built using "top down" construction methods which allowed the equipment to stay on the structure as it was being built. This helped preserve the plant and animal habitats during construction. It allows visitors to see the swamp and its inhabitants safely and up close while minimizing impact to the swamp.

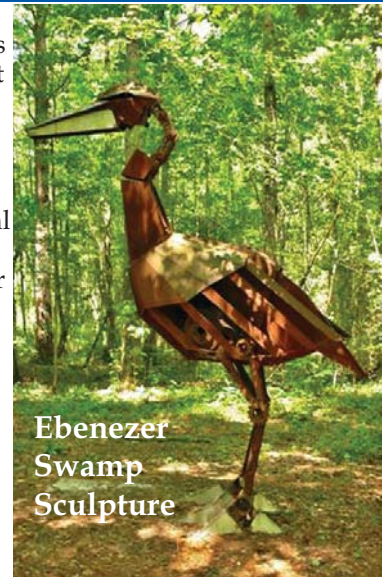
As we entered the woodland we were greeted by a large egret, a frog, and a dragonfly; sculptures created from recycled metal by Montevallo art students. We heard and saw many real ones.

This is a shady, very lush environment. The trees include Tupelo Gum, Sweet Bay, Loblolly Pine and Sycamore. The plants include three species of Orchids and a rare Coneflower. We saw several Great Blue Herons.

The Preserve is open for self-guided tours every day dawn to dusk.

Limestone Park is a prime bird watching location on the Alabama Birding Trail. For more information go to <http://www.alabamabirdingtrails.com/>. The open fields, ponds and wetlands attract hundreds of species.

The City and Birmingham Audubon Society partnered to build a boardwalk and observation deck that overlook extensive wetlands. With a partial roof and seating we found this a comfortable place to watch



Ebenezer Swamp Sculpture

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The Alabaster Community Garden is also located within the park as is the Alabaster RC Club. As we watched, their birds (Radio Controlled Aircraft) didn't seem to disturb the feathered ones.



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A more efficient method of managing state-owned vehicles will soon be developed thanks to legislation recently signed by Governor Robert Bentley.

Governor Bentley held a ceremonial signing for Senate Bill 57, which authorizes the Alabama Department of Transportation to review state agency fleets and develop a statewide program to achieve cost savings and greater efficiencies in operating state vehicles.

"This is a continuation of our efforts to make government more efficient and save money for taxpayers," Governor Bentley said. "The goal of this program is to find the lowest possible cost per mile driven on our state-owned vehicles. A fleet management program is one of the recommendations made by the

Commission on Improving State Government, which I established to help us reduce government costs and operate more efficiently. I am proud to sign this legislation that helps us accomplish this goal." Approximately 8,800 state-owned vehicles are operated by various agencies, departments, commissions and boards in Alabama. However, there is not a uniform program for managing those vehicles throughout the various entities. Senate Bill 57 addresses that issue and establishes ALDOT as the primary department responsible for assessing the state's fleet and developing a streamlined, uniform management program.

The legislation was sponsored by Senator Cam Ward (R-Alabaster). "It's been a real pleasure working with Governor

Bentley as well as the Legislative Joint Oversight Committee on Energy to develop this piece of legislation that, in short, saves taxpayers money. And that's something we should all strive to achieve," Ward said.

Senate Bill 57 complements an executive order signed by Governor Bentley in March. The executive order established an Office of Fleet Management and a Fleet Manager within ALDOT. Willie Bradley Jr. has been hired to serve in this capacity. Bradley is currently conducting a detailed assessment of the state's fleet.

"Our goal is to reduce costs to the state while also meeting the needs of agencies that rely on state-owned vehicles," Bradley said. "We will explore several options for saving money, such as short-term

and long-term leasing. We also have potential for savings through buying in bulk across state agencies and establishing more efficient maintenance and replacement procedures. By bringing state agencies and departments into a uniform program, there is tremendous potential for reducing costs to taxpayers."

The assessment of state-owned vehicles is expected to be complete by September 30 of this year. ALDOT will then use the information developed from the assessment to finalize a detailed plan to meet the needs of entities utilizing state-owned vehicles.

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- 9th graders who turned 15 before September 1, 2013 are not eligible.
- Kindergarteners have to turn 5 before September 1, 2013 to be eligible to play (no exceptions).



BARK IN THE PARK

Bark in the Park is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 5, from 9 am until 2 pm. It will be held at Veterans Park, 7305 Hwy. 119, Alabaster. Mark your calendars now so you won't miss out on lots of fun. There will be food, music, inflatable's, vendors selling everything from dog bones to t-shirts, dog contests, etc.

FALL BASEBALL

The program is scheduled to begin on Sept. 10. It will run for 6 weeks.

FALL SOFTBALL

Practices will probably begin the week of Sept. 2. Games should begin around Sept. 16, and conclude at the end of Oct.

FALL SOCCER

Games are scheduled to begin on Sept. 14 at Municipal Park located at 500 Warrior Drive between TMS and THS. Pictures are scheduled for Sept. 21.

START SMART SOCCER

One hour sessions will be held each Tuesday night from 6:00 until 7:00 pm beginning Sept. 3 and ending on Oct. 8. The sessions will be held at Depot Field (located at 100 Depot Street outside of the Parks and Recreation office). The program will conclude with a scrimmage and party on Oct. 12 at 10:00 am at Depot Field.

FOOTBALL/CHEER

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- Games will start around Labor Day, and run through the end of October.
- All home games are played at Buck Creek Park located at 701 Sixth Ave. S.W. All games are played on week-nights with game times beginning at 6 pm.
- Football Picture Day is set for Saturday, Sept. 14, at the THS football stadium off Thompson Road.
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For any local residents who happened to be at Municipal Park on the weekend of June 21, they may have been witness to an unusual sight: a group of grown men playing rugby on the soccer fields behind the tennis courts.

On June 21-23, the City of Alabaster played host to the Alabama Sports Festival Foundation's Olympic-style rugby competition, and according to Matthew Colson, a senior member of the Birmingham Rugby Football Club, the tournament was a great success.

"That was our first time in Municipal Park," said Colson. "It was a great venue."

The ASF Foundation has hosted the multi-sport State Games each year since 1983. The Games include a variety of Olympic-style competitions ranging from archery and basketball to gymnastics and diving. Last year's 30th anniversary event drew over 6,000 amateur athletes competing in 25 different sports.

According to Colson, rugby was included for the first time three years ago, and the Birmingham team has won it each year.

"We won it again this year, which was our third year in a row to win it," said Colson.

The style of rugby that was played in the State Games is called 7s, and it's known as Olympic-style

rugby.

"That's the kind of rugby you're going to be seeing on TV on the Olympics," said Colson. "That's normally played in the summer, and then in the fall and spring we play another game called 15s, which to us is the normal style of rugby."

This year's competition featured teams from all around the state, including Mobile, Huntsville and Montgomery. There were also collegiate teams from UAB, the University of Alabama and Auburn University.

"We were all in one bracket," said Colson.

According to Colson, rugby as a sport is gaining popularity in the U.S. in part because of its inclusiveness. The Birmingham team, for example, has options for a variety of ages.

"Rugby is one of the fastest growing sports, in the world and the U.S.," said Colson. "It used to be very popular in the U.S. in the early 1900s, but it lost some ground. Now we're catching back up. In Birmingham, we have a youth program that we started a year ago, as well as a high school program that we started."

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At the August 5 City Council meeting, Mayor Marty Handlon paid tribute to the Alabaster Fire and Rescue Service by proclaiming August 2013 as Alabaster Firefighter Appreciation Month.

The honor was sponsored by the Muscular Dystrophy Association in appreciation to local firefighters for their contributions to help combat neuro-muscular disease.

Each year, the Alabaster Fire Department participates in the famous Fill-the-Boot campaign, which raises money for MDA. This year, Alabaster firefighters were stationed outside Walmart collecting donations throughout the weekend of Aug. 2-4.

The Fill-the-Boot campaign was originally established in 1954 and has grown into a tremendous fundraising effort all across the country. According to the International Association of Fire

Fighters, "IAFF members have donated nearly \$275 million to MDA since 1954."

The mayor's proclamation reflected the organization's appreciation for these efforts, saying in part, "The Muscular Dystrophy Association is extremely grateful to the City of Alabaster for their support and dedication."

For more information about the Alabaster Fire Department and its ongoing activities, residents can visit the department's Facebook page at facebook.com/alabaster-fire.

In a second proclamation, Handlon also honored local Boy Scout Joshua Fuller for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout in the Boy Scouts of America. Fuller is a member of Troop 396. For his Eagle Scout project, he created a picnic area and trail at Red Mountain Park in Birmingham.

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CROSSFIT ALABASTER HOSTS "THE DIRTY SOUTH GAMES"

On the weekend of August 3, CrossFit enthusiasts from around the South converged on Alabaster's Veterans Park for CrossFit Alabaster's first-ever Dirty South Games.

The two-day event was organized by CrossFit Alabaster, a local CrossFit gym located beside the BP station off Shelby County 11, and promoted through the Garage Games website. For a first-time event, the turnout was outstanding as over 300 people participated in the different CrossFit activities.

"They were from different CrossFit gyms from all over," said Dawn South, CrossFit Alabaster owner and coach. "We had people from Mississippi and Tennessee and all over the state, so we were very happy with the way it turned out."

This was the first time that the gym had hosted an event through the Garage

Games.

"Most everybody that CrossFits in the Southeast knows the Garage Games," said South. "So if they want to enter a competition, they'll go to the Garage Games website and look for local competitions."

Holding the event as part of the Garage Games gave it great exposure within the CrossFit community. The work of organizing the event, however, was shouldered by the local gym.

"It was CrossFit Alabaster that programmed the events and put the whole thing together," said South.

The Dirty South Games were split into two separate competitions, with individuals competing on Saturday and team competitions being held on Sunday. The teams were comprised of four members each, two male and two female.

One of Saturday's individual workouts included a calorie row, followed by kettle-

bell swings and "wall balls," in which participants had to throw a 20-pound medicine ball over their heads against a wall.

Participants at the event expressed their appreciation for the judges and how well organized everything was.

"We got lots of positive feedback," said South. "Our volunteers worked very hard. We had an amazing number of people helping us put everything together."

South was also complimentary of the Alabaster Parks and Recreation Department, which assisted with the event.

"They really stepped up," said South. "They really took care of us and gave us a great venue. It was just perfect."

A number of vendors were also onsite, selling and promoting a variety of related products.



For more information, go to www.crossfitalabaster.com. Or, visit their Facebook page at [Facebook.com/CrossFitAlabaster](https://www.facebook.com/CrossFitAlabaster). For future CrossFit competitions, visit www.thegaragegames.com.

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Day Trip to LaGrange, GA - Thursday, October 10, bringing Ancient History to Life. The Explorations in Antiquity Center is a living museum of life in ancient biblical times. Through archeological replicas, biblical meal presentation lectures, and other personal experience, ancient biblical life becomes real today. We will also visit the Hills and Dales Estates. The property has been lovingly preserved by two generations of the Callaway family. Cost is \$75 for the first 30 Alabaster senior residents and \$85 for all other Shelby

County seniors. Sign up today!
Coupon Class - Tuesday, September 24 from 12:30 pm - 2:30 pm. Cost is only \$3/person for 2 hour class. Sign up today!

6 week Conversational Spanish Class. Classes will begin Monday, September 9 - October 14 from 12:30 - 1:30 pm. The last class we will take an outing to a local Mexican restaurant and grocery store. The class will cover basic conversational Spanish and vocabulary. Space is limited and cost is \$15 for the 6 week class.

Basic American Sign Language Class - This class will teach you the alphabet and a base of 100 words. You will have an opportunity to use your skills before the end of the 5 week course. Classes will be held every Tuesday, October 1 - 29 from 11:45 am - 12:45 pm. Cost is \$3/person. Space is limited.

NEW Tai Chi exercise classes - Mondays and

Thursdays at 1 pm. Space is limited. Encouraged donation of \$2/class.

Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program - Wednesday at 10 am. Space is limited.

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Wine Tour and Lunch - Thursday, September 12, we will tour the Hidden Meadow Winery and enjoy lunch at Ezell's in Calera. Bring \$10 - \$12 for lunch. Space is limited and \$1 reserves your spot.

Gardening with Betty - every 3rd Tuesday of each month at 9:30 am. The September 17th class will be making glow in the dark stepping stones. \$5/class and includes all supplies. Must sign up ahead of time.

Men's Monthly Breakfast Social - all men are welcome to join us on Monday, September 9 at 9 am. Special thanks to Arby's for donating the biscuits!

Free Blood Pressure Checks on Tuesday, September 10 at 9:30 am with Comfort Care

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You won't want to miss all the activities at the Senior Center:

- Men's Social Group: 1st Monday of each month at 9 am
- Timeless Treasures (singing): Mondays at 10 am
- Wii Bowling: Tuesdays at 12 pm
- Rook: Wednesdays at 9:00 am
- Rummikub: Wednesdays at 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
- Zumba Gold Toning: Fridays from 1 pm until 2 pm

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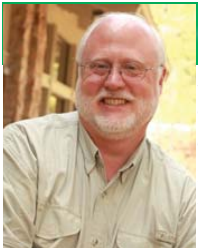
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PASSIONATE ABOUT WILDFLOWERS by David Frings

As summer comes to a close, there is still time to catch a glimpse of one of our native wildflowers that looks like it should hail from the tropics instead of Alabaster, Alabama. Passion-flower (*Passifloraincarnata*), or May-pop as it is sometimes called, blooms from May until the first frost in October. Only two species out of the 500 species worldwide is native to Alabama.

Passifloraincarnata with its purple flowers is more common than its yellow flowered (*Passifloralutea*) cousin.

The passion-flower was first discovered in the 1500's by Jesuit priest who quickly linked the structures found in that amazing bloom to the events

that Jesus Christ endured during His last two days of life on earth. Each bloom contains 10 petals which is the number of Disciples of Christ at the time of the crucifixion, 1 column that represents the column of flagellation, 72 corona filaments which correspond to the number of thorns thought to be in the crown set upon Christ's head, 5 anthers which are the total number of Christ's wounds, and 3 stigmas which are equivalent to the nails on the cross. The beauty of the passion-flower is almost indescribable.

The blooms are sported on a perennial vine that may reach ten to twenty feet in length. The alternating, palmate or three-lobed leaves range from a few inches to six inches in long. The vine produces a fruit about the size of a hen egg which is edible but not very

tasty. This is not the same passion fruit listed as an ingredient in Hawaiian Punch. The name May-pop originated from the sound made when stomped.....boys will be boys.

Passion-flowers are easy to grow since it does not require a high quality soil. In fact, I find them in some of the hottest and most inhospitable environments such as old construction sites and clear-cut areas that remain after timbering. It prefers full sun, is drought tolerant, and does not have any real pest. It does serve as the host plant for the Gulf Fritillary butterfly, but the munching from these caterpillars is usually not sufficient to damage the plant. The Gulf Fritillary is



PASSION FLOWER

a medium-sized butterfly with orange wings on the top surface and silver on the ventral side. Passion-flowers would be an excellent addition to any butterfly garden. If you have never encountered this plant in nature, there is still time to find it in Alabaster and surrounding areas of Shelby County with a little exploring.

David Frings is an Adjunct Professor of Environmental Management and Director of the Oak Mountain Interpretive Center Samford University located at Oak Mtn State Park



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- Sept. 3, City Council Meeting 7 pm Annex
- Sept. 4, Municipal Court 9 am & 2 pm Annex*
Public Safety Committee 6pm Annex
- Sept. 9, Board of Education 6:00 pm Senior Center
- Sept. 10 Housing & Abatement Board 5:00pm Annex
- Sept. 11, Municipal Court 9 am & 2 pm Annex*
- Sept. 12, Finance Committee 5:30 pm City Svcs. Bldg.
- Sept. 16, City Council Meeting 7 pm Annex
- Sept. 17, Driving School 7 pm Annex
- Sept. 19, Public Works Committee 5 pm Annex
Economic Development Committee 5:30 pm
- Sept. 23, Board of Adjustments 6:30pm Senior Center
- Sept. 24, Planning & Zoning 7 pm Annex
Library Board, 6pm. ALS Library
- Sept. 25, Municipal Court 9 am & 2 pm Annex
Sewer Committee 6 pm City Hall

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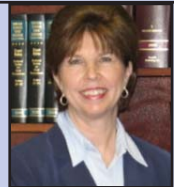
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