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Your cover photo features Dothan Area Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors Adam Saucer, Mass Mutual; Tara Ryals, Troy University; and Rich Merrell, PRemployer Inc., welcoming visitors to Spotlight on Business 2016.

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Events Calendar

March

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- 1 ▶ **Ambassador and Diplomat Committee Meeting – 9 a.m.**
Location: 102 Jamestown Blvd. (Chamber)
- 2 ▶ **Ribbon Cutting: Courtyard by Marriott Remodel – 4 p.m.**
Location: 3040 Ross Clark Circle
- 3 ▶ **Ribbon Cutting: Ingram Land Development – 10:30 a.m.**
Location: 102 Jamestown Blvd. (Chamber)
- 4-5 ▶ **80th Annual Tri-States Junior Beef Expo – Friday 6 p.m. - Saturday 8:30 a.m.**
Location: 1701 E. Cottonwood Road (Houston County Farm Center)
- 8 ▶ **Troy University Small Business Counseling – 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.**
Location: 102 Jamestown Blvd. (Chamber)
*Reservations required: (334) 792-5138
- Ribbon Cutting: Studio Azure – 10:30 a.m.**
Location: 102 Jamestown Blvd. (Chamber)
- 9 ▶ **Youth Leadership Dothan-Houston County Education Day – 7:45 a.m. - 4 p.m.**
Location: 102 Jamestown Blvd. (Chamber)
- 10 ▶ **The Network Exchange – 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.**
Location: 420 Landmarks Drive (Landmark Park Stokes Activity Barn)
- Dothan Area Young Professionals Business Brews – 5:15 p.m.**
Location: 5540 W. Main St., Suite 9 (McLeod's Publick House)
- 14 ▶ **Legislative Affairs Committee Meeting – 7:30 a.m.**
Location: 102 Jamestown Blvd. (Chamber)
- 15 ▶ **Small Business Seminar: Handling Objections – 8:30 a.m.**
Location: 102 Jamestown Blvd. (Chamber)
*See page 4 for more information. Reservations required: (334) 792-5138
- 16 ▶ **Ribbon Cutting: Walmart Neighborhood Market – 7:30 a.m.**
Location: 3871 W. Main St.
- Board of Directors' Meeting – 8:30 a.m.**
Location: 102 Jamestown Blvd. (Chamber)
- 17 ▶ **Leadership Dothan Public Safety Day – 7:45 a.m. – 5 p.m.**
Location: 102 Jamestown Blvd. (Chamber)
- Ribbon Cutting: The Jeweled Affair – 10:30 a.m.**
Location: 1265 S. Oates St., Suite 1
- 22 ▶ **Ribbon Cutting: Cogito Mental Health Services, LLC – 10:30 a.m.**
Location: 248 N. Foster St.
- Education Committee Meeting – 4 p.m.**
Location: 102 Jamestown Blvd. (Chamber)
- 23 ▶ **Ribbon Cutting: HBT Supply Co. – 10:30 a.m.**
Location: 1227 Headland Ave.
- 24 ▶ **Ribbon Cutting: Southern Outdoor Sports – 10:30 a.m.**
Location: 2126 Hartford Highway
- 25 ▶ **Good Friday – Chamber Closed**

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Schedule A Ribbon Cutting!

Are you a new Chamber member? Has your business expanded or relocated? Are you breaking ground for a new facility? If you answered yes to any of these questions, you may want to schedule a Chamber Ribbon Cutting or Goundbreaking event.

These events take place weekly on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Chamber staff will work with you to choose the date and time that best fits your schedule. Your event will be included in the Calendar of Events section of the *Chamber Connections* and your picture will also be featured in the newsletter after the event.

For more information or to book an event, contact LaRhonda Robinson, director of membership, at (334) 792-5138 or lrobinson@dothan.com.



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Dothan Pediatric Clinic
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25-29 Years

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Extension System
Real Estate Services of
Dothan Inc.
Southeast Cardiology
Wiregrass United Way

20-24 Years

Anesthesia Consultants
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15-19 Years

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10-14 Years

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Troy Cablevision Inc.

Save The Dates!

The Network Exchange

Landmark Park's Stokes Activity Barn

Mar. 10 • 4:30-6:30 p.m.

Join the Dothan Area Chamber of Commerce for its second quarter Network Exchange Thursday, Mar. 10, from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. at Landmark Park's Stoke's Activity Barn. Take some time after work to enjoy some great hor d'oeuvres and refreshments while networking with your fellow chamber members. Remember to bring your business cards!

Small Business Seminar Handling Objections

Dothan Area Chamber of Commerce

Mar. 15 • 8:30 a.m.

It is likely in any selling situation that obstacles will have to be overcome before a buying decision is made. Often you make the mistake of "handling" objections in such a way that the buyer is turned off. Resolving objections effectively is a process that involves careful, sensitive listening along with positive, factual responses to buyer concerns.

Join the Dothan Area Chamber of Commerce and David Balmer, Emerald Coast Dale Carnegie Training, Tuesday, Mar. 15, at 8:30 a.m. to learn more about how we must respond to customers' emotional needs, along with the obstacles preventing them from buying, if we want to build long-term relationships. We must understand that buyer objections are not always rational and are often totally emotional.

The seminar will be held in the Chamber's board room and the cost is \$5 per person, which includes a continental breakfast. Pre-registration is required by noon Tuesday, Mar. 13. To register, contact Susan Tatom at (334) 792-5138 or statum@dothan.com.



Houston County
Spirit of Service

Spirit of Service 2016

April 23, 2016

The 27th Annual Spirit of Service Day will be held Saturday, April 23. The kick off Spirit of Service Day will be on Houston County Gives Day Friday, April 22.

For more information, contact Linda Kelley, director of community development, at lkelly@dothan.com or call (334) 792-5138.

A Night At The Movies

Chamber's Trade Show Draws Great Crowd

Red carpets, lights, cameras, movie stars in beautiful gowns and tuxedos, even the smell of fresh popcorn and more were all spotted at the Dothan Area Chamber of Commerce's Spotlight on Business 2016. There were even several sightings reported of the Belushi Brothers, Elvis and Marilyn Monroe.

Celebrating 95 years of connecting businesses to the community, the area's largest trade show was held at the Dothan Civic Center Feb. 2. It's estimated the show attracted over 1,500 visitors to the 4-hour event, which provides the community the opportunity to see what area businesses have to offer.

There were new and long-standing members sharing their latest business concepts and products. Businesses ranging from health care to recreation home, heating to banking, entertainment, and consultants were all present networking with one another and prospective customers.

Each year a theme is chosen by the DACC to help create some enthusiasm, excitement and even a little "decorating" competition among booth participants. This year's theme was "A Night at the Movies" and over 85 Chamber members participated showcasing their products and services.

Congratulations to this year's first place winner SpectraCare Health Systems Inc. Second and third place winners were Coca-Cola Bottling Co. United Inc. and See Who's Kickin, LLC respectively. There was also a new award this year, the People's Choice award, where visitors could vote for their favorite booth. The People's Choice went to Coca-Cola Bottling Co. where you could catch one of the most significant cultural icons, the King, entertaining the crowd with his moves and swooning voice.

Another trade show highlight was the opportunity to sample a variety of different food items from local restaurants like Atlanta Bread Company, Chicken Salad Chick, Delectable Edibles & More, Five Guys Burgers & Fries, Golden Corral, Papa John's Pizza, and Smoothie King. Also to help quench your thirst, Coca-Cola Bottling Co. United Inc. offered a variety of refreshments to choose from.

A special thank you goes out to our Spotlight on Business 2016 sponsors: **Cook's Pest Control** and **WOW! Business**. It is through their sponsorships and support that make this trade show such a successful event for everyone involved.

Plans are already underway for next year's activity. So mark your calendar for Tuesday, Feb. 7, 2017, at the Dothan Civic Center. Booths will go on sale Oct. 18, 2016. Be sure to stay tuned to find out next year's Spotlight theme. Hope to see you there!

▶ See page 6 for a list of the 2016 Spotlight on Business participants and event pictures.



First Place Winner
SpectraCare Health Systems Inc.



Second Place and People's Choice Award Winner
Coca-Cola Bottling Co. United Inc.



Third Place Winner
See Who's Kickin, LLC

THANK YOU

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Team Of The Month

Risky Business



Congratulations to the Ambassador and Diplomat Team of the Month "Risky Business" for claiming this month's title. Pictured (seated l-r) are **Faye Turner**, Midsouth Paving Inc.; **Jo Ann Kirkland**, AFLAC; (standing) **Adam O'Brien**, Wells Fargo Bank, NA; **Kyle Woodham**, "Dothan Eagle"; **Julian Palmer**, Scotts Ortho Miracle-Gro; and **Donnie Wells**, The Real Estate Group. Not pictured is **Ben Coale**, Playmaker Embroidery, LLC.

Thank you to all our Ambassadors and Diplomats who serve as the eyes and ears for the Dothan Area Chamber of Commerce. It is their dedication and support that assist your local Chamber in meeting its goals.

Be sure to check out next month's *Chamber Connections* to see who will claim the title.

Stars Of The Month



Kyle Woodham
"Dothan Eagle"

Brandon Ziegenfelder
Slingluff United
Insurance

**Thompson Chiropractic Plans
Community Events**

Thompson Chiropractic will host several community events throughout March 2016. The planned events are:

- Tuesday, Mar. 8, 6 p.m. - Introduction to Burst Training fitness workshop at Thompson Chiropractic, 3144 Ross Clark Circle.
- Tuesday, Mar. 15, 6 p.m. - Dinner with the Doctor at KBC Butcher's Block and Market, Enjoy a complimentary meal while Dr. Thompson teaches about how our bodies truly function. Have you ever wondered why you have so many headaches or why you get sick frequently? Come and learn why these problems are not normal and how to get to the root of the problem.
- Tuesday, Mar. 22, 6 p.m. - An Essential Oils Workshop at Publix Super Market #1369, 3525 Ross Clark Circle. Attendees will learn how essential oils can be safely and effectively used in their household.
- Saturday, Mar. 26, 10 a.m. - Shop with the Doctor at Publix Super Market #1369. If you're clueless when it comes to healthy shopping and what ingredients you should avoid, then this is the perfect event for you. Dr. Thompson and his wife will walk aisle by aisle teaching you how to shop with a healthy mindset.

For more information, call Thompson Chiropractic at (334) 803-0803 or visit www.scotthompsonchiropractic.com.

**Registration Now Open For
Annual Alzheimer's Conference**

The Alzheimer's Resource Center and Wallace Community College will host the 27th Annual Alzheimer's Conference Wednesday, April 6, at the Dothan Civic Center. The title of this year's conference is "Facing Alzheimer's Disease Together" and registrations are now being taken.

Dr. Walter T. Geary Jr., director and medical director for the Bureau of Health Provider Standards for the Alabama Department of Public Health, will speak on "Alzheimer's Disease and Other Dementias" and "Person Centered Care in a Nursing Home or Residential Care Facility."

Dr. Sandra W. Haymon, licensed psychologist, author and international speaker pioneering the field of caregiving for over 20 years, will speak on "Caregiving - A Sacred and Personal Journey," "Denial - Warning Signs that Could Cost Lives," "The Emotional Roller Coaster of Caregiving," and "Saying Good-Bye and Bringing Closure."

The conference hours are 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. and registration will begin at 7:30 a.m. WCC will provide Continuing Education Units for health care professionals. The registration fee is \$65 with CEUs and \$25 without CEUs. The cost includes lunch and break refreshments, as well as certificate of completion. To register, call Wallace Community College at (334) 556-2205. For sponsor/vendor information, call (334) 702-2273.

For more information, contact Kay Jones, executive director, at (334) 702-2273 or alzheimers@graceba.net.

19th Annual Community-Wide Prayer Breakfast

Dothan Civic Center
April 13, 2016 • 7:30 a.m.



**Guest Speaker
Mike Kolen**

Birmingham native and Auburn football great Mike Kolen will be the guest speaker at the 19th Annual Community-Wide Prayer Breakfast at the Dothan Civic Center Wednesday, April 13, at 7:30 a.m.

Individual tickets are now on sale for \$15 at the Dothan Area Chamber of Commerce. Reserved tables of eight are \$125. To purchase a ticket by phone with a credit card, or for more information, call Janice Shepard at (334) 792-5138 or email janice@dothan.com.



Wesley Manor Announces \$8.4 Million Construction Project

Wesley Manor, a retirement community of Methodist Homes of Alabama and northwest Florida, will begin an extensive construction and renovation project to accommodate the new generation of baby boomers coming into retirement in the next few years. More than a physical change, the project includes a move to a revolutionary model of care not currently present in Alabama.

The renovation, expected to cost approximately \$8.4 million, will add to the community a new style of senior living known as the "Household Model." Developed by Action Pact, a leader in senior living development, the "Household Model" takes a person-centered approach by emphasizing independence, choice and interpersonal relationships.

This model has transformed the way people experience senior living, providing a more personalized retirement experience in communities that closely resemble home in both form and function. Smaller groups of residents live together in a household with common areas such as a kitchen and living room, with each

resident enjoying private accommodations.

Christopher Tomlin, President and CEO of Methodist Homes, explained that while the "Household Model" has become a trend nationally, he is thrilled that Methodist Homes is the first operator to comprehensively implement it in Alabama.

"We are excited about the changes coming to Wesley Manor," Tomlin said. "We are proud of our history of providing quality care and services to our residents, and consider the Household Model to be the best way to serve the seniors of today and tomorrow."

Wesley Manor's renovation plans include the development of a dedicated short-term stay rehabilitation center, and modernizing the entire campus, including existing assisted living and health care areas. The main entrance and other building exteriors will be canvassed into a mid-century modern style.

For more information, contact Belinda Whatley at (334) 792-0921 or bwhatley@methodisthomes.org.

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**Thursday,
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**Robert Trent Jones
Highland Oaks**

Shotgun
Start
12:30 p.m.

2016 Golf Invitational
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Upcoming Member Events

International Artist Series

March 17 • 7 p.m.

Wiregrass Museum of Art and Conference Center. Wallace Community College presents the International Arts Series with Dr. Zachary Johnson, a guitar instructor at St. Petersburg College. Dr. Johnson completed studies at Stetson University, Yale University and Florida State University. He has performed extensively across the U.S., and has earned accolades in a variety of international competitions. Admission is free. For more information, call (334) 983-3521 or visit www.wallace.edu.

Wiregrass Home & Garden Expo

March 18-19 • 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Dothan Civic Center. Looking to update your home or garden? The professionals will be there with the latest trends and helpful ideas during the *Dothan Eagle's* 2016 home and garden expo. For more information, call (334) 702-2600 or visit www.dothaneagle.com/homeexpo.

Spring Farm Day

March 21 • 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Landmark Park. Turn back the clock 100 years and experience living history demonstrations of sheep shearing, blacksmithing, plowing with mules, basket weaving, quilting and other traditional springtime farm activities. Entertainment will include an "Old Time Fiddlers Convention" and two stages of traditional music. For more information, call (334) 794-3452 or visit www.landmarkparkdothan.com.

Have an upcoming event planned?

Send your event information to mmckean@dothan.com

80th Annual Tri-States Junior Beef Expo

The 80th Annual Tri-States Junior Beef Expo, sponsored by the Dothan Area Chamber of Commerce, will be held Friday and Saturday, Mar. 4 and 5, at the Houston County Farm Center.

Approximately 100 active 4-H, FHA and FFA members from southeast Alabama, southwest Georgia and northwest Florida will compete for cash awards, ribbons, silver buckles and qualification for the state steer show that is held in Montgomery in March.

Ricky Hudson will serve as general chairman of the show with Steve Donaldson as the show judge.

Co-sponsors for the event include the Alabama Cooperative Extension System, Alabama Cattlemen's Association and the Alabama Department of Vocational Agriculture.

The event involves volunteers from all over the tri-state area and has a positive economic impact on Dothan and Houston County. Admission is free.

For more information concerning the show, contact Janice Shepard at (334) 792-5138.

Child Advocacy Center Receives State Grants

Members of the Wiregrass legislative delegation recently visited the Southeast Alabama Child Advocacy Center to announce that Gov. Robert Bentley had approved grants for the agency. Rep. Paul Lee, R-86th District (Houston) made the announcement on behalf of Bentley. The two grant funds are administered through the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs.

The Victim of Crime Act grant allows the CAC to provide free services to traumatized children which include: crisis counseling, forensic interviews, therapy and court support for child abuse victims in the Dale, Geneva, Henry and Houston counties. The Family Violence Prevention Services/Grant supports the CAC's child abuse prevention and domestic violence awareness programs.

These two grants require a 20 percent local cash match, which the Wiregrass Foundation provided.

CAC Executive Director Sherryl Walker presented the Alabama legislators and Wiregrass Foundation with plaques of appreciation. She thanked them for their commitment, dedication and continuous

support of the CAC and for being "advocates for children."

For more information about the services provided through CAC, contact Walker at (334) 671-1779 or visit www.southeastcac.org.



Members of the Wiregrass legislative delegation recently visited the Southeast Alabama Child Advocacy Center to announce that Gov. Robert Bentley had approved grants for the agency. Pictured (l-r) are Rep. Steve Clouse, R-93rd District (Dale, Houston); Rep. Dexter Grimsley, D-85th District (Henry, Houston); Rep. Donnie Chesteen, R-87th District (Geneva, Houston); Cindy Bedsole, Wiregrass Foundation; Rep. Paul Lee, R-86th District (Houston); and Sherryl Walker, CAC executive director.

Schedule of Events

Friday, Mar. 4 – 6 p.m.
Showmanship Division

Saturday, Mar. 5 – 8:30 a.m.
Weight Class Division and Heifer Show

Headland Chamber Announces Business Showcase

The Headland Area Chamber of Commerce will hold its Business Showcase Tuesday, Mar. 22, from 5:30 p.m. until 8 p.m. at the Gathering Place.

The Headland Area Chamber is excited to bring this fun and energetic event where visitors can check out Headland's products and services. The evening will have a "Country Round Up" theme and will feature music, games, door prizes and more. Admission is free.

For more information, contact Rhonda Harrison at (334) 693-3303 or visit www.headlandal.com.



Tiana Patrice Consulting Offers Free Consultations

Tiana Patrice Consulting is proud to announce that it is now offering free consultations to discuss business productivity needs.

Are you ready to up your social media game? If yes, Tiana Patrice invites you to schedule a free consultation to learn more about how she can work with you to create the perfect social media strategy that will connect you with your ideal clients in the marketplace.

Or maybe you are tired of the same old boring boardroom trainings. Schedule a free consultation to learn how to increase the productivity of your organization by motivating your group to take immediate action on their personal and professional goals.

Other signature programs include:

- The Red Carpet Experience – customer service training for service-based organizations;
- Elevate Your Excellence – leadership training for emerging leaders;
- Write You Vison & Make It Plain – vision board creation training;
- Ready Set Goals – goal setting for success training;
- Social Savvy Success – social media training; and
- Preparing Your Business for Online Success – online marketing training.

For more information about the free consultations, or on any of the other training programs offered, contact Tiana Patrice at (334) 718-3953 or visit www.tianapatrice.com.



Dothan Pediatric Welcomes New Physician



Dr. Daniel P. Alexander, MD

Dothan Pediatric Clinic welcomes Dr. Daniel P. Alexander, MD to its team of physicians. A native of San Francisco, Dr. Alexander is a fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics and a member of the Medical Association of the State of Alabama and Houston County Medical Society.

Dr. Alexander is a graduate of Cornell University where he received a bachelor's degree in applied economics and business management. He received his Doctor of Medicine degree from St. George's University School of Medicine, Grenada.

After completing a three-year Pediatric Residency program at Maimonides Medical Center in Brooklyn, New York, Dr. Alexander trained in Pediatric Critical Care at Children's Hospital, Los Angeles, California.

Dothan Pediatric Clinic is a state-of-the-art health care facility and medical home offering pediatric services for infants, children and adolescents. The staff is eager to help you and their child-friendly atmosphere is welcoming to children and parents alike. In addition to board certified pediatricians and nurse practitioners, they also have an accredited state-of-the-art lab and lab personnel.

For more information, contact Dothan Pediatric's Marketing Director Debbie Yurevich at (334) 793-188, ext. 2272 or visit www.dothanpediatricclinic.com.

Zonta Presents Annual International Food Festival

The Zonta Club of Dothan will present the 29th Annual International Food Festival Monday, Mar, 21, at 6 p.m. at the National Peanut Festival ALFA Building. Join the club as it celebrates 29 years of the International Food Festival with all-you-can-eat traditional dishes from around the world.

This food festival will benefit Chrysalis Home for Girls, Wiregrass Habitat for Humanity Women Build, House of Ruth, The Exchange Center for Child Abuse Prevention and Healthy You Genesis II House, as well as local scholarships and international projects that empower and educate women.

Individual tickets are \$25 and reserved tables (seats eight) \$250. Tickets can be purchased at The Nature Gallery on Foster Street in Downtown Dothan, Shute Pecan on Ross Clark Circle near the Houston County Farm Center and The Redd Dresser

Consignment and Boutique on Ross Clark Circle in Fountain Plaza.

Event sponsorships are also available: Platinum \$1,000, Gold \$500, Silver \$250 and Bronze \$100. Sponsors will receive special marketing before, during and after the event, as well as tickets to the event.

Zonta International is a leading global organization of professionals empowering women worldwide through service and advocacy. Zonta has over 30,000 members in sixty-seven countries. It also has close ties with the United Nations and serves as a non-governmental advisor to the UN on women's issues. The Zonta Club of Dothan meets on the fourth Monday of every month at Wiregrass Rehabilitation Center.

For more information, contact Tami Page at (334) 618-2791 or visit www.zontaclubofdothan.org.

WCC Foundation Announces Golf "Fore" Education Dates

The Wallace Community College-Dothan Foundation will host its annual Golf "Fore" Education Tournament Thursday, April 21, at the Highland Oaks Golf Course. The entry fee is \$500 for a team or \$125 per player.

The WCC Foundation works in partnership with the college to ensure access to education and success for its students. Over 150 foundation scholarships are awarded

each year to deserving students who would not otherwise be able to attend college.

Tournament proceeds will benefit WCC students through the WCC Spirit of Community Scholarship Fund.

To register, or for more information, contact Tracy Brooks at (334) 556.2626 or tbrooks@wallace.edu.



Eagle Eye Outfitters Among TOP 100 In 2015

Eagle Eye Outfitters Inc. is among the top 100 independent specialty outdoor retailers. The *Outdoor USA Magazine* Top 100 Retailers initiative recognizes the leading outdoor specialty retailers in the country for their outstanding work and entrepreneurial drive.

"We are honored that they consider us among the top retailers in the nation," said Susan Anderson, Eagle Eye Outfitters CFO/owner.

The Top 100 Retailers report was published in the January 2016 issue of *Outdoor USA Magazine*. Eagle Eye is featured on page 30. To see the report and see the complete list, visit www.dropbox.com/s/s72k3vilpcb5mto/1_Jan_2016_OutdoorMagazine.pdf?dl=0.

For more information, contact Anderson at (334) 673-2878.



SEADAC Presents "Peter Pan"

The Southeast Alabama Dance Company will present the play "Peter Pan" at the Dothan Civic Center Friday through Sunday, Mar 11-12.

Performance times are:

- Mar. 11, 7:30 p.m. ;
- Mar. 12, 2:30 p.m. ; and
- Mar. 13, 2:30 p.m.

Tickets may be purchased through the Dothan Civic Center Box Office at (334) 615-3175. For more information, visit www.southeastalabamadancecompany.org.

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Grow Dothan Team Visits Borden Dairy



The Grow Dothan team recently met with officials from Borden Dairy of Alabama to discuss business opportunities, workforce development and community involvement. During the visit, the team had the opportunity to tour the Dothan facility.

Swedish Match Employees Achieve Safety Milestone

For the employees of Swedish Match Cigars' Dothan facility, Jan. 16, 2016 marked another "Outstanding Safety Milestone" by working three years, or 826,759 hours, without a lost time accident.

Dothan employees continue to demonstrate their steadfast commitment and unwavering dedication to work safely in a very busy and demanding production environment. The employees express their individual passion to work safely every minute of every work day and encourage their co-workers to do the same.

In celebration of this outstanding safety accomplishment, a plant-wide employee meeting and grilled steak lunch will be held in the near future.

Congratulations to the Dothan employees on achieving this milestone!



Swedish Match Cigars' Dothan employees celebrate achieving another "Outstanding Safety Milestone" by working three years, or 826,759 hours, without a lost time accident.

Dothan-based Commercial Jet Services, LLC, a leading provider of heavy maintenance, repair and overhaul and modification services on commercial aircraft, continues to grow at an exponential rate.

To gear up for additional aircraft maintenance and modification business in the coming months, Commercial Jet is looking to increase its workforce immediately by 100 aircraft maintenance and structures technicians of all skills and experience levels, including leads, supervisors and project managers.

"We are pleased with the growth we have experienced and excited with what lies ahead of us," said Keith Johnson, general manager. "Increasing our skilled aircraft technician staff levels now, will allow us to prepare for the business that's heading our way."

Commercial Jet established its CJET Academy in 2014 to train entry-level structures technicians. "The training school approach has been very successful," said David Sandri, CEO. "We are now developing plans to expand the Academy's training program to include other skills."

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Upon graduation from CJET Academy, graduates will receive on-the-job training with Commercial Jet's skilled and experienced technicians. Commercial Jet has developed a well-defined career path for its aircraft technicians seeking to grow within the company.

Applicants are encouraged to apply online at www.commercialjet.com/careers.

Commercial Jet is a leading independent FAA approved and EASA recognized provider of line and heavy maintenance, repair and overhaul solutions provider for passenger, cargo and military aircraft. In business for over 2.5 decades, Commercial Jet's capability includes letter checks for Boeing and Airbus aircraft.

The company continues to expand into the Bombardier aircraft market and has over half a million square feet in repair facilities located in Miami, Florida and Dothan, Alabama.

For additional information on Commercial Jet, email info@commercialjet.com or visit www.commercialjet.com.

Available Job Resources

Finding a job takes time, desire and commitment. The good news is there are many jobs available, websites to search for a job, local employment service agencies and companies that can assist, and skill enhancement classes and training opportunities for individuals.

There are very valuable local resources that can make the job search and career building path easier. If you are looking for a job, the Dothan Area Chamber of Commerce urges you to maximize the help and assistance that is available right here in the Wiregrass.

The job resources and training opportunities in the Dothan, Houston County and Wiregrass area include:

Websites for local jobs:

- www.dothaneagle.com – click on "Jobs"
- www.joblink.alabama.gov – click on "Find a Job" / "Quick Job Search" (enter location and put in mileage radius)
- www.aidt.edu – Alabama Industrial Development Training

Local Employment Service Agencies and Companies:

- Dothan Career Center (334) 792-2121 www.joblink.alabama.gov
- Express Employment Professionals (334) 671-1315 www.expresspros.com
- Ford Finders Employment Services (334) 446-5319

- Kelly Services (334) 671-0047 www.kellyservices.com
- Manpower (334) 794-7564 www.us.manpower.com
- Personnel Resources (334) 794-8722 www.partnerwithexperts.com
- ResourceMFG (334) 523-8969 www.resourcemfg.com

Workforce Development Services and Courses:

- Wallace Community College's Center for Economic and Workforce Development offers GED, computer skills, soft skills, technical skills, continuing adult education and Ready to Work, (334) 983-3521, www.wallace.edu/community_services.aspx.
- Alfred Saliba Family Services Center offers community career development, small business assistance and Camp Hire, (334) 712-1542, www.salibacenter.org.
- CJET Academy offers ongoing training for jobs at Commercial Jet. You can apply at www.aidt.edu. The next class is set to begin April 8 and classes are every eight weeks until the end of 2016. Please note that soft skills and some industrial related technical skills are necessary. No costs for selected participants.

Career Technical Education

A Month-Long Celebration That Requires a Year-Long Commitment



Steve Turkoski,
Project Manager

The month of February was Career Technical Education month nationwide. The state of Alabama engaged in a massive information campaign supported by a communication plan in an effort to showcase state CTE programs and impact. The motto for Alabama CTE is “Learning that works for Alabama,” and the motto for the month was “Career and Technical Education Works.”

Locally, both Houston County and the city of Dothan presented proclamations highlighting the personal and community benefits of career technical education, and the Region 10 Workforce Council conducted “Wiregrass Works” at the National Peanut Festival fairgrounds.

Wiregrass Works will be an annual event that allows regional eighth-graders to engage in hands-on experiences in various occupational fields. This year there were over 4,000 students that participated in the event.

Career Technical Education is much more than vocational training; it is education for life that is relevant to work or college. As seen in the below matrix of educational levels for workers in 2014, there is significant need of workers with less than a four-year degree. Career Tech does not eliminate students from tracking into college, it provides for college preparation and work skills. In fact, the Tech Prep program allows a student to attend college while participating in secondary school career tech programs while also increasing graduation rates and pursuit of higher education.

Less Than High School Diploma	High School Diploma Or Equivalent	Some College, No Degree	Associate's Degree	Bachelor's Degree	Master's Degree	Doctoral Or Professional Degree
8.9%	24.6%	21.7%	9.3%	22.1%	9.4%	4.1%

Tech Prep is short for Technical Preparation. Tech Prep is a way to start a college technical major in high school. In a Tech Prep program, students begin their course of study in high school and continue in college or an apprenticeship program.

Tech Prep programs combine the academic courses that students will need for success in college and technical courses that they will need to prepare them for a career. Tech Prep is intended to improve technical and academic preparation of students and to provide a transition plan for secondary (high school) students desiring a post-secondary (two-year college) outcome in a technical field of study.

A key component of Tech Prep is articulation, which is a process linking high school course work and college course work to assist students in making a smooth transition from one level of education to another without experiencing delays or duplication in learning.

The articulated high school courses contain the same course content as an equivalent college course and a post-secondary institution (college) has agreed to award college credit if the student meets outlined requirements in the course articulation agreement. The articulation agreement is a signed document between a high school and a college that indicates the specific responsibilities of the high school and the college, and the students in order for credit to be awarded.

The average high school graduation rate for students concentrating in CTE programs is 93 percent, compared to an average national freshman graduation rate of 80 percent. More than 75 percent of secondary CTE concentrators pursued postsecondary education shortly after high school.

Recent state-level actions supporting Career Technical Education are:

- In 2013 the governor established a College and Career Ready Task Force comprised of educators and business leaders to close the skills gap between the knowledge and skills of the workforce and the needs of business and industry. The recommendations of the task force resulted in several Acts being signed into recently.
- 2014, HB 384 established a scholarship program for high school students to pursue dual enrollment at two-year colleges in CTE fields, intended to be funded by private donations from businesses and individuals, who in turn receive a tax credit equal to 50 percent of their donations.
- 2014, SB 184 appropriated \$5 million for CTE dual enrollment and additional funds for career coaches, as well as directs regions to develop plans to align funding with identified local workforce needs.
- 2014, HB 554 established the Alabama Workforce Council to advise and support the chancellor of the Alabama Community College System and the superintendent of the Alabama Department of Education, placed the regional councils under the state council, placed AIDT in the Department of Commerce, and placed the federal Workforce Investment and Opportunity Act functions and funding under the Department of Commerce.

The success of our regional recruitment and job creation efforts will depend on the quality of our workforce. Skills have been defined as the new currency of the workplace and the scope of workplace skills changes rapidly with new technology. Education can't do it alone; as new skill sets are required in the workplace employer feedback is paramount through interaction and connection between employers and educators. Together we can make a difference.

Attention Prospective Entrepreneurs Mark Your Calendar

The Entrepreneurship Council, an organization originating from Dothan Mayor Mike Schmitz's Summit on Jobs, will be presenting a program for prospective entrepreneurs Thursday, Mar. 31, at 5:30 p.m. on the Troy University Dothan Campus in Malone Hall's Harrison Room.

The program speaker will be Thomas Parrish, CPA, who will discuss and differentiate the various types of business structures and the pros and cons of each type.

The program is free and no reservations are require; however, for planning purposes, please call Steve Turkoski at (334) 792-5138 if you plan to attend.

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Spotlight your business. Get more exposure!

As a Chamber member, you are entitled to one free business card ad in the Chamber's monthly newsletter, *Chamber Connections*, within 90 days from the date you join. For more information, contact Melia McKean at (334) 792-5138 or mmckean@dothan.com.

Chamber Committee Presents JROTC Cadet Leadership Awards

During its regular quarterly meeting, the Dothan Area Chamber of Commerce's Military Affairs Committee honored five local area high school JROTC cadets for their outstanding leadership and performance during the current 2015-2016 school year.

The committee annually dedicates a meeting to honoring the cadets and their commanders in order to show its appreciation and support of the local JROTC programs.

Retired Col. Tom Boyle, Military Affairs Committee chairman, presented the Cadet of the Year Leadership awards to:

1. Cadet Lt. Col. Michael Simmons
Carroll High School Army JROTC
Commander: Chief Len Stanford
2. Cadet Lt. Col. Matthew David Russell Sauer
Dothan High School Army JROTC
Commander: Sgt. Maj. Tracy Adams
3. Cadet Lt. Col. Jacob Irvin
Northview High School Marine JROTC
Commander: Maj. Danny Odom
4. Cadet Lt. Brook Crawford
Rehobeth High School Navy JROTC
Commander: Lt. Cmdr. Jeffrey Treude

Also recognized, but unable to make the awards ceremony due to stormy weather conditions, was Cadet Lt. Col. Sasha Godfrey and retired Lt. Col. Christopher Miller, Daleville High School Army JROTC.

"The Military Affairs Committee is proud to have the opportunity to honor these outstanding students and their commanders," stated Boyle. Our committee looks forward to recognizing these cadets each year and this is just one avenue this committee takes to meet our goal of enhancing the positive interaction

between the Dothan area community, Fort Rucker and the area's military command and personnel."

During the presentations, the cadets and their commanders had the opportunity to talk about their involvement in the JROTC program and future plans. All the cadets and commanders also expressed their gratitude to the DACC and the Military Affairs Committee for this special recognition. Currently, the Dothan Area Chamber is the only area chamber that holds such an activity in their honor.



The Dothan Area Chamber of Commerce's Military Affairs Committee presents Cadet of the Year Leadership awards to five local area high school JROTC cadets. Pictured (l-r) are Dr. Don Jeffrey, Troy University Dothan vice chancellor and vice chancellor of military affairs; Sherry Fitzpatrick, CHS Career Center college and career counselor; Cadet Lt. Col. Michael Simmons and Chief Len Stanford, Carroll High School Army JROTC; Mayor Mike Schmitz, city of Dothan; retired Col. Tom Boyle, DACC Military Affairs Committee chairman; Cadet Lt. Col. Jacob Irvin and Maj. Danny Odom, Northview High School Marine JROTC; Lt. Cmdr. Jeffrey Treude and Cadet Lt. Brook Crawford, Rehobeth High School Navy JROTC; Cadet Lt. Col. Matthew David Russell Sauer, Dothan High School Army JROTC; Forrest Register, Register Realty Co. Inc. and DACC chairman; and Sgt. Maj. Tracy Adams, Dothan High School Army JROTC. Not pictured are Cadet Lt. Col. Sasha Godfrey and retired Lt. Col. Christopher Miller, Daleville High School Army JROTC.

Leadership Dothan Class 34 Courts, Local And State Government Day

The Leadership Dothan Class 34 held its Courts, Local and State Government Day in January 2016.

The class began the day with a Leadership Compass Workshop conducted by Tami Page, Habitat for Humanity International. Afterwards, the class traveled to the city and county offices to visit with Houston County Commission Chairman Mark Culver, Dothan Mayor Mike Schmitz and several city commissioners.

The class also had the opportunity to tour the George Washington Carver Interpretive Museum and enjoyed lunch at the Basketcase Café.

Thank you to all the officials involved who helped make the day educational and informative for the class members.



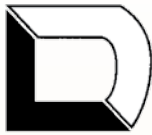
Youth Leadership Dothan-Houston County Class 24 Health Care Day

The Youth Leadership Dothan-Houston County Class 24 met in January 2016 for its Health Care Day.

The day's activities included visiting Southeast Alabama Medical Center's Neuro Spine Center, Laboratory, Emergency and Pharmacy departments; touring HEALTHSOUTH Rehabilitation Hospital; visiting Flowers Hospital's operating room, Laboratory, Cath lab and Radiology departments.

Thank you to the hospitals, all the individuals involved who made this day possible for the students, and to SAMC for sponsoring the breakfast and HEALTHSOUTH for lunch.





LEADERSHIP DOTHAN

Nomination Form

Deadline: April 29, 2016

The Dothan Area Chamber Foundation is now accepting nominations for Leadership Dothan Class XXXV. The nine-month program focuses on community resources, education, quality of life, political arenas, health and human services and public safety. Local professionals conduct lectures, participate in panel discussions, simulations and tours to educate program participants about our community.

The program year begins in September and concludes in May. The two-day opening retreat will be held Sept. 14 and 15, 2016, and attendance is mandatory. There are eight program days starting in October and ending in May. Participants meet one day per month, usually the third Thursday, for nine hours.

Participation in Leadership Dothan is open to any person living or working in Houston County. The Steering Committee reviews applications solicited from all walks of community life to select a class of interested, motivated and concerned individuals who have a desire to offer their time and talents to improving their community. One of the Foundation's goals is to select emerging leaders and systematically inform, challenge and educate participants about our community opportunities and needs.

Individuals, businesses and community organizations may nominate prospective Leadership Dothan participants by completing this form and **returning it to the Chamber by April 29, 2016**. Each nominee/applicant will then receive an application to be completed and returned by June 10.

A maximum of 40 people will have the opportunity to participate in Leadership Dothan each year. Tuition is \$750 for each participant. The tuition covers the opening retreat, meals, program materials and transportation.

PLEASE SEND AN APPLICATION FOR LEADERSHIP DOTHAN TO:

Name: _____

Business/Organization: _____

Mailing Address: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Person Nominating Candidate: _____

Business/Organization: _____

Either mail or fax this form to:

Dothan Area Chamber of Commerce
Attn: Linda Kelley
P.O. Box 638, Dothan, AL 36302
Fax: (334) 794-4796
lkkelley@dothan.com

**Nominations are due by April 29, 2016.
Thank you for your nomination!**



DOTHAN Business Hall of Fame

Laureate Nomination Form

Deadline: April 15, 2016

The Dothan Business Hall of Fame's board of advisors is now accepting nominations for the 2016 Dothan Business Hall of Fame. The Hall of Fame's mission is to recognize the accomplishments and contributions of our outstanding business leaders, to perpetuate and inspire values of entrepreneurial spirit, personal integrity and community leadership in all generations. To be eligible for selection, a person must have made a significant impact on the development of Dothan and/or Houston County by promoting the free enterprise system and entrepreneurship; by demonstrating civic leadership; and by their philanthropy and humanitarianism toward their fellow citizens.

Name of Nominee: _____

Born (date and place): _____

Deceased (date and place): _____

Company/Organization (if currently employed): _____

Work Address: _____ Work phone: _____

Web Address: _____ Work E-mail: _____

Present Title/Position: _____ No of Years: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Please provide a biographical description of the nominee (not to exceed two pages) and on a separate sheet for each below section, please provide the following information. Feel free to include supporting documents (news clippings, magazine articles, etc.). A photo (preferably color) will be used in the program and MUST be submitted with the biographical/supporting documents.

- 1. Significant achievements – any achievements that are first-time achievements**
- 2. Awards and honors bestowed upon nominee (chronologically)**
- 3. Memberships**
- 4. Professional, business or vocational history (chronologically)**
- 5. Photo of the nominee for the program**

Mail your nomination to:

Dothan Area Chamber of Commerce
Attn: Janice Shepard
P.O. Box 638, Dothan, AL 36302

**Nominations are due by April 15, 2016.
Thank you for your nomination!**



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Economic Indicators

▲	Labor Force for the Dothan MSA for December: 61,950 in 2014; 62,156 in 2015 58,497 in 2014; 58,594 in 2015 Employed
▲	Unemployment for the Dothan MSA for December: 5.6% in 2014; 5.7% in 2015
▲	Residential Building Permits for the City of Dothan for December: 11 issued (\$3.35 million) in 2014; 15 issued (\$4.47 million) in 2015
▲	Home Sales in Dothan for December: 71 sold in 2014; 77 sold in 2015
▲	Enplanements for Dothan Regional Airport for December: 3,839 in 2014; 4,019 in 2015
▲	Houston County & Dothan Sales and Use Tax Collections (\$) for December: \$1,454,500 in 2014; \$1,595,467 in 2015 (County) \$4,851,433 in 2014; \$5,771,666 in 2015 (City)

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