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Your Cover Photo

Your cover photo features the winner of the 2018 Spotlight on Business "Best In Show" award – Henry County Health and Rehabilitation Facility. Pictured (l-r) are Gayna Walker, Ashley Brasington, Shannon Seay and Christy Hickerson.

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Events Calendar March

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1 **Leadership Dothan Alumni Luncheon – 11:30 a.m.**
Location: 1369 Headland Ave. (Windmill Station)

2 **Ribbon Cutting: Holi Indian Cuisine Inc. – 10:30 a.m.**
Location: 2855 Ross Clark Circle

5 **Ribbon Cutting: Dothan Pharmacy – 10:30 a.m.**
Location: 301 W. Inez Road, Suite 8

6 **Ribbon Cutting: Virtuosity – 10:30 a.m.**
Location: 131 S. Woodburn Drive, Suite 3

Chamber Travel Seminar: Discover and Explore Scenic Ireland – 11:30 a.m.
Location: 102 Jamestown Blvd. (Chamber)
*See page 7 for more information.

7 **Youth Leadership Dothan-Houston County Education Day – 7:45 a.m.**
Location: 102 Jamestown Blvd. (Chamber)

LEADS Group 1 Semi-Monthly Meeting – 8 a.m.
Location: 3124 W. Main St., Suite 3 (Studio Grace Training Center)

Ribbon Cutting: Melissa Elmore State Farm Insurance – 10:30 a.m.
Location: 404 N. Broadway St., Ashford

8 **Ribbon Cutting: PMO Rx Pharmacy – 10:30 a.m.**
Location: 3119 Wesley Way, Suite 6

13 **Ribbon Cutting: Get Evidence Now, LLC – 10:30 a.m.**
Location: 211 W. Main St.

Troy University Small Business Counseling – 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Location: 102 Jamestown Blvd. (Chamber)
*Reservations required: (334) 792-5138

14 **LEADS Group 2 Semi-Monthly Meeting – 8 a.m.**
Location: 3124 W. Main St., Suite 3 (Studio Grace Training Center)

Ribbon Cutting: Gunn Enterprises Inc. dba MCA Pageants – 10:30 a.m.
Location: 102 Jamestown Blvd. (Chamber)

15 **Leadership Dothan Public Safety Day – 7:45 a.m.**
Location: 102 Jamestown Blvd. (Chamber)

Seminar: Creating Organizational Advocates - Employee Engagement 101 – 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Location: 102 Jamestown Blvd. (Chamber)
*See page 14 for more information. Reservations required: (334) 792-5138

20 **Ribbon Cutting: HealthActions Physical Therapy – 10:30 a.m.**
Location: 4300 W. Main St., Suite 14

21 **LEADS Group 1 Semi-Monthly Meeting – 8 a.m.**
Location: 3124 W. Main St., Suite 3 (Studio Grace Training Center)

Ribbon Cutting: CSS Inc. – 10:30 a.m.
Location: 288 W. Main St., Suite 2

22 **Ribbon Cutting: Panache' Hair Studio – 10:30 a.m.**
Location: 1314 Westgate Parkway, Suite 6

28 **LEADS Group 2 Semi-Monthly Meeting – 8 a.m.**
Location: 3124 W. Main St., Suite 3 (Studio Grace Training Center)

Ribbon Cutting: RCS Construction, LLC – 10:30 a.m.
Location: 108 E. Southport St.

30 **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 Hayden Camp, director of membership, at (334) 792-5138 or **hcamp@dothan.com**.

Our Business All-Stars

Basketball and football players, a baseball dugout, the famous Olympic rings, concession stands offering those all famous peanuts and popcorn, and referees presiding over games were all in action during the Dothan Area Chamber of Commerce's 27th Annual Spotlight on Business that took place Feb 6, at the Dothan Civic Center. It's estimated that the area's largest trade show attracted over 1,200 visitors.

This 4-hour event provided the community with a unique opportunity to see the area's "Business All-Stars", this year's theme. You could find both new and long-standing members sharing their latest products and business concepts with the crowd. There were businesses ranging from banks to physical fitness, home recreation to health care, heating to pest control, entertainment to consultants, and many more on hand networking with prospective customers and each other.

Each year the theme is chosen by the DACC to help create some enthusiasm, excitement and even a little "decorating" competition among the booth vendors. As you walked into the Civic Center, you felt like you were walking right into your favorite team's sports arena. Congratulations to this year's Best In Show winner Henry County Health and Rehabilitation Facility. Second and third place winners were Comfort Systems USA Southeast and Wiregrass United Way respectively.

Visitors even had the delicious chance to sample foods from local restaurants, including Barberitos – A Southwestern Grill and Cantina, Jimmy Johns Dothan Inc., The Landing and Five Start Catering, Newk's Eatery, Papa John's Pizza, Red Elephant, Taziki's Mediterranean Café and Wiregrass Rehabilitation Services Inc.'s Sterling Event Services. You could even find those all famous peanuts and popcorn throughout. And then to wet your whistle, Coca-Cola Bottling Co. United Inc. offered cans of its good old fashioned Diet Coke in the drinks newest flavors - Ginger Lime, "Zesty" Blood Orange, "Feisty" Cherry and "Twisted" Mango.

A BIG SHOUT OUT and thank you is extended to the Spotlight on Business 2018 sponsors: **Cook's Pest Control**, **Durden Outdoor Displays Inc.**, and **The Mosquito Squad of the Wiregrass**. Their sponsorships and support contribute to making the trade show such a great event for everyone involved.

Plans are already underway for next year's activity. Booths will go on sale in October/November 2018, so stay tuned to find out next year's Spotlight theme and date.

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Henry County Health and Rehabilitation Facility

Second Place Winner
Comfort Systems USA Southeast

Third Place Winner
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Thank You!

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Ambassadors**&Diplomats**

Team Of The Month

The Super Six

Congratulations to the Ambassador and Diplomat Team of the Month "The Super Six" for claiming this month's title. Team members are (seated) **Betsey Marshall**, TownePlace Suites; **Lisa Baity**, Alabama Kidney Foundation; (standing) **Parrish Smith**, Friend Bank; **Eric Easley**, FULLEFUELED; and **Darryl Ellis**, Alabama Department of Rehabilitation. Team member not pictured is **Rona Miller**, Holloway Credit Solutions, 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.

Star Of The Month

Jo Ann Kirkland
AFLAC

You're Invited! To Join The DACC In Scenic Ireland

The Dothan Area Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce that it will be visiting scenic Ireland, Oct. 15, 2018, and is inviting chamber members, family and friends of chamber members to join them on this once in a lifetime experience.

Rich in history, scenic Ireland is the destination for this exciting trip. Enjoy an eight-day journey and go where Ireland takes you. Visit stunning destinations such as Limerick, the Cliffs of Moher and enjoy the beautiful Five Star Savoy hotel in Limerick. On this amazing trip you will also encounter breathtaking panoramic views of the Dingle Peninsula, and see historic locations including the "Rock of Cashel," and Kilkenny Castle.

This journey is packed with unforgettable destinations, but also gives you time to explore Ireland on your own as well. Enjoy local shops and restaurants or stroll through woodland settings. You may choose to venture out and visit the Blarney Castle where you must take the opportunity to kiss the Blarney Stone for good luck!

"This is truly an amazing opportunity to participate in an international journey to scenic Ireland, where program participants can experience the country's culture, learn about the business climate and make new friends," said Dean Mitchell, DACC executive director.

Space is limited, so act fast. Don't miss out on this opportunity to visit scenic Ireland, exchange ideas with local business representatives, make new friends, and build new memories.

For more information about this amazing trip contact the DACC's Director of Membership, Hayden Camp, at (334) 792-5138 or **hcamp@dothan.com**.

Cliffs of Moher

DAY BY DAY

DAY 1: DEPARTURE
- Board your transatlantic flight

DAY 2: IRELAND
- Arrive in Ireland and transfer to the Absolute Hotel for 6 nights
- Remainder of day at your leisure

DAY 3: CLIFFS OF MOHER - GALWAY
- Visit the Cliffs of Moher
- Panoramic tour of Galway
- Free time to explore shops, cafe and pubs
- Return to Limerick

DAY 4: LIMERICK
- Today you can explore on your own

DAY 5: DINGLE EXCURSION
- Panoramic views heading towards Blasket Island Center
- Visit Dingle
- Return to Limerick

DAY 6: CASHEL - KILKENNY - BUNRATTY
- Explore the Rock of Cashel
- Visit Kilkenny Castle
- Enjoy medieval-style dinner and entertainment at Bunratty Castle
- Return to Limerick

DAY 7: LIMERICK
- Today is at leisure
- Blarney optional tour

DAY 8: BREAKFAST AT YOUR HOTEL
- Transfer to airport for flight home

(Order of tours subject to change)

DUBLIN POST-TOUR

2 nights - $499

Extend your stay with 2 extra nights in Dublin, Ireland's majestic capital, including a visit to Trinity College home of the Book of Kells, St. Patrick's Cathedral or O'Connell Street.

8-DAY JOURNEY

HIGHLIGHTS:
- Round trip scheduled airfare
- Round trip transfers between airports and hotels
- Personal airport VIP greeting and check-in service
- Pre-departure orientation and travel documents
- 6 nights at a first class Limerick hotel
- 1 dinner at Bunratty Castle (Medieval Banquet)
- Breakfast provided each morning
- Discovery Program Guide
- Cliffs of Moher
- Rock of Cashel
- Kilkenny Castle
- Bunratty Folk Park
- Excursion to Dingle Peninsula
- Excursion to Galway

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CHAMBER DISCOVERIES

Departing October 15, 2018

For more information and a full brochure, please contact Hayden Camp at (334) 792-5138

Dale Carnegie Offers Free Session

Question ... do you have an interest in the Dale Carnegie Course, or maybe you're just curious about the course and how it can provide an advantage to you and your career? Well if you answered yes, then be sure to mark that calendar for Friday, March 8, when Emerald Coast Dale Carnegie Training will be offering a FREE informational Dale Carnegie Session from 6-8 p.m. at Wallace Community College Dothan.

The Dale Carnegie Course will be offered in Dothan starting March 22, from 6-9 p.m. This program runs for eight-consecutive Thursdays and will also be held on the Wallace Community College Dothan Campus.

To sign up for this free session, visit **https://NorthwestFla.DaleCarnegie.com/events/dale_carnegie_course_free_session/?F_c=19** or contact David Balmer at (850) 348-2887 or **david.balmer@dalecarnegie.com**.

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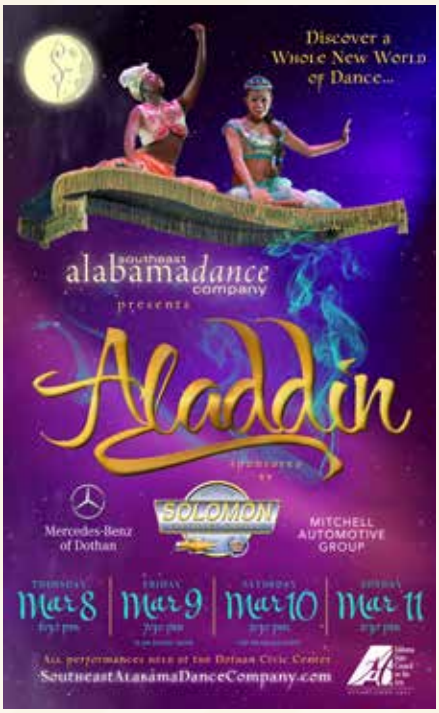

DOTHAN PEDIATRIC Subspecialty Clinic

Local Pediatric Neurology Clinic Changes Name, Expands Services

The Westgate Center, a clinic caring for the neurological disorders of children and teens, is now Dothan Pediatric Subspecialty Clinic. The clinic is located at 540 Westgate Parkway.

With this change comes a new logo including the clinic's new name and Dothan Pediatric Clinic's iconic progression of children's faces. The name change reflects expansion to include additional pediatric subspecialties, including pediatric gastroenterology, pediatric pulmonology, pediatric cardiology, and pediatric general surgery.

"The expansion of subspecialties provides more comprehensive health care for families in Dothan, surrounding counties, and the tri-state area," said Dr. Michelle Freeman, pediatrician and medical director of Dothan Pediatric Healthcare Network. "Families will have the benefit of children's specialty healthcare closer to home."

"We remodeled our building in order to more efficiently and effectively serve our patients. This growth is a reflection of our dedication to place patients first as we advance our leadership position in pediatric healthcare. Our aim is to provide child healthcare with compassion, excellence, and value to the communities we serve," added Phyllis Helms, administrator of Dothan Pediatric Healthcare Network.

Their Pediatric Subspecialists are certified by the American Board dedicated to their individual subspecialty. After receiving a Doctor of Medicine degree, each physician completed comprehensive training in general pediatrics acquiring the knowledge and skills to function as a competent pediatrician. Following pediatric residency, each subspecialist completed three years of full-time broad based fellowship training in their specialty.

For more information about Dothan Pediatric Subspecialty Clinic, contact Anna Barron, office manager, at (334) 699.3733.

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Upcoming Member Events

Celebrate Recovery
Every Friday • 7 p.m.
Harvest Church. This is a biblical 12-step program for anyone struggling with life's hurts, hang-ups or habits. The program is free and all are welcome. For those with children, age-specific children's program is available. For more information, call Harvest at (334) 702-6555 or email **celebraterecovery@harvestdothan.com**. "You can't heal a wound by saying it's not there!"

First Friday Mother's Group
March 3 • 9 a.m.
St. Columba Catholic Church. On the first Friday each month, moms and kids are invited to come to the 9 a.m. Mass. After Mass, moms and kids are invited to the gym for story time and crafts for kids, and coffee and fellowship for moms. All moms and children are welcome. For more information, contact the church at (334) 944-6523.

1st Saturday Family Day
March 3 • 10:30 a.m.
Wiregrass Museum of Art & Conference Center. Offered the first Saturday each month, this program entertainment for the whole family. Children and their families can enjoy a different fun-filled activity each month. The program is free and open to children of all ages who are accompanied by an adult. For more information, call WMA at (334) 794-3871 or visit www.wiregrassmuseum.org.

Homebuyer Workshop
March 10 • 10 a.m.
Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Showcase Properties. This is a free monthly Home Buyer Workshop held the second Saturday each month, Pre-registration required. For more information, call (334) 792-7474.

Small Business Counseling
March 10 • Times Vary
Dothan Area Chamber. Troy University's Small Business Counseling offers small business counseling sessions the second Tuesday each month from 9:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. These half-hour counseling sessions are free, but pre-registration is required. To register, please call the DACC at (334) 792-5138.

Spring Farm Day
March 17 • 11 a.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 two stages of traditional music. For more information, call the park at (334) 734-3452 or visit www.landmarkparkdothan.com.

Have an upcoming event planned?
Send your event information to mmckean@dothan.com

Kidney Foundation To Host Annual Walk/5k

The Alabama Kidney Foundation is pleased to announce its annual Wiregrass Kidney Walk/5K will take place Saturday, April 7, at Westgate Park's Kiwanis Pavilion. The morning will be full of fun entertainment, children's activities, cold drinks, healthy snacks, door prizes and much more. Registration will begin at 8 a.m. for both the walk and run and then both activities will get underway at 9 am.

Alabama ranks fifth in the nation for kidney disease. Of the 400,000 Alabamians with chronic kidney disease, almost 9,000 must undergo life-saving dialysis treatments each week. Since 1975, the Alabama Kidney Foundation has been the only state-based organization dedicated to improving prevention awareness and the individual quality of life of Alabamians affected by kidney disease.

There is a $30 minimum donation required for adult registrations for the walk (T shirt, team prizes are awarded with a minimum $200 raised per team). A $25 minimum donation is required (T shirt and top runner awards are presented). Patients and children attend for free.

The AKF's annual Kidney Walk is one of its most important fundraising events. Last year, the state-wide Kidney Walks provided over $500,000 in direct support to kidney patients in need.

For more information about this event and how to register, visit **www.WiregrassKidneyWalk.org**, **www.WiregrassKidney5kRun.org** or contact Lisa Baity at (334) 547-8467 or **lisab@alkidney.org**. Further information can also be obtained from the AKF's Regional Office at (334) 547-8467.

SARCOA To Present Annual Long-Term Care Seminar

SARCOA will present the Annual Long-Term Care Seminar "It's Not a Choice: Understanding Mental Illness in Long-Term Care" Friday, March 23, from 7:30 a.m. to 4:25 p.m. at Wiregrass Rehabilitation Center Inc.'s Sterling Event Services Rotary Hall.

Interested participants are encouraged to register by March 17. Registrations are accepted on a first-come first-serve basis. Seating is limited and registration is not considered final until payment is received.

The registration fee for continuing education units for nurses, social workers, assisted living administrators and nursing home administrators is $45. The seminar is 6.5 contact hours. General attendance (no CEUs) is $10 and includes lunch.

For details on seminar topics, presenters and schedule of events, visit www.sarcoa.org. For more information or to register, contact SARCOA at (334) 793-6843 or (800) 239-3507.

CHAMBERCORRECTION

Please note the following correction and we apologize for any inconveniences:

In the January 2018 newsletter's *Ramsey Receives Community Pediatrician Award* business brief, the incorrect email address was listed for Marketing Director Debbie Yurevich. Her correct email address is **Debbie.Yurevich@DothanPediatricclinic.com**. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.

Wells Receives Betty Grant Silver Cup Award

The Real Estate Group invites readers to join them in congratulating Donnie Wells who recently received the coveted "Betty Grant Silver Cup" award. This award is given to an individual selected by his peers as a respected member of their profession both in the community and by his fellow realtors.

Wells is a real estate broker licensed with The Real Estate Group and an auctioneer. He is on the Multiple Listing Board and has served as a director in the Dothan Association of Realtors.

Wells previously received from the Board of Realtors the award known as the "Hometown Hero" award for being active in the community where he serves with the Ridgecrest Baptist Church Disaster Relief team. He is a deacon in his church and serves on the State of Alabama Mission Board. He is married to Starla Wells and has two girls, Addie Grace and Ansley.

For more information, give Wells a call at (334) 794-9595 or **d.wells@treg1.com**.

Donnie Wells recently received the coveted "Betty Grant Silver Cup" award. Also pictured is his wife Starla Wells.

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Durden Expands Billboard Coverage To The Sunshine State

The FAMOUS MAKERS Durden Outdoor Displays Inc. is excited to announce the addition of Jackson County, Florida into its coverage area with the acquisition of a billboard company in this market.

Since the acquisition, Durden has built more inventory into this growing market which includes Jackson County's first digital billboard. All of the company's inventory stretches along U.S Highway 90 and Florida State Road 71, targeting local traffic. Highway 90 has a 60 percent higher traffic count than I-10 or U.S. Highway 231 in Jackson County.

"We are excited about the growth of our static billboard inventory and Durden Digital Network into the great state of Florida," said Vice President Bill Durden. "Jackson County has a population of almost 50,000 and is a large economic draw to the Wiregrass."

The new digital display towers over the highest traveled intersection in Jackson County, highway 90 and 71, and boasts a weekly traffic count of over 234,500 plus cars. This digital display marks number 30 for the Durden Digital Network, which reaches over 1.2 million cars per day and spans across six wiregrass cities including Dothan, Enterprise, Ozark, Troy, Eufaula and now Marianna.

Durden's newest inventory can be found near several popular businesses in Jackson County to include Wal-Mart, Lowe's, Tyndall Federal Credit Union, Verizon, Chipola Urgent Care, Aaron's Rentals, Beef O' Brady's, Sonny's BBQ, Tractor Supply, and many other Marianna restaurants.

Founded in 1968 in Dothan by W. Earl Durden, the company remains one of the largest privately-owned billboard companies in the country which now spans 10 counties in southeast Alabama, Georgia and Florida. In 2017, Earl Durden was inducted into the Dothan Business Hall of Fame.

If you would like to be made "FAMOUS" in Jackson County, Florida, call Durden Outdoor at (334) 792-5056 or email **sales@durdenoutdoor.com**.

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Trinity Bank Announcements

Karen Andrews, Operations Manager

Trinity Bank President/CEO H. Manning Sanders, along with the Board of Directors, is pleased to announce the promotion of Karen Andrews to operations manager and the hiring of two new employees - Alex Culbreth and Robin Lewis.

Andrews joined Trinity in June 2013 and has worked in various positions including personal banker and loan assistant. She was moved to the deposit operations department in 2016 and promoted to deposit operations officer in December 2017. Andrews has over 20 years of experience in banking and her knowledge has proved significant to the bank's success. She is married to Ronnie Andrews and they have three children and two grandchildren.

Alex Culbreth, Loan Officer/ Branch Manager

Robin Lewis, Vice President and Mortgage Loan Originator

Culbreth joins Trinity Bank as loan officer and main office branch manager. He is a graduate of Northview High School and earned his associate's degree in general studies from Wallace Community College. Culbreth is currently enrolled at Troy University pursuing a degree in business management. He is also a member of the Dothan Area Young Professionals.

Lewis joins Trinity Bank as vice president and mortgage loan originator in the bank's main office. She has 34 years of banking/mortgage experience and looks forward to continuing to serve the community. Lewis is a member of the Dothan Association of Realtors, as well as a member of the Homebuilders Association. She is married to Jimmy Lewis and they have three children and seven grandchildren.

For more information, contact Kelley Marler, executive assistant/HR manager, at (334) 702-2265 or **kelleymarler@trinitybankusa.com**.

NAI Talcor Continues Expansion Of Areas Served

NAI TALCOR's Dothan is proud to announce that it has expanded their service in Alabama. With new listings in Andalusia, Greenville, Abbeville, Columbia, Ashford, Ozark, Enterprise and Eufaula proves that this local team covers a vast market area. As the team continues to expand the areas they serve, they are also continuing community service and involvement in Dothan.

Ken Bailey, CCIM, CPM, is excited to be a participant this year in the Dothan Area Chamber Foundation's Leadership Dothan Class 36 which will allow him to get acquainted and work with other area businesses taking part in the program. "Leadership Dothan allows me to connect with leaders that I've respected for years, but never had the opportunity to meet. I am looking forward to learning from them, how we can best serve our community," commented Bailey.

NAI TALCOR was founded in 1990 as a real estate brokerage firm specializing exclusively in commercial properties in North Florida and surrounding areas. In 2012, TALCOR became a part of the NAI Global Commercial Real Estate Network becoming NAI TALCOR. The brokerage company is staffed with the most experienced and competent advisors and professionals in the real estate business.

Offering commercial advisors in retail, office, agricultural, multi-family, industrial and investment property sectors. NAI TALCOR is currently the largest locally-owned commercial real estate firm in north Florida, with a new west Florida office located in Panama City. NAI TALCOR has been offering superior results to clients for over 27 years. Whether it be purchasing or selling land, managing properties or offering our expert advice, NAI TALCOR is the commercial real estate company to turn to.

For more information, contact Bailey at (334) 790-4730, **kbailey@talcor.com** or visit **www.NaiTalcor.com**.

DAYP To Host Professional Development Luncheon

The Dothan Area Young Professionals will hold its next Professional Development Luncheon at the Dothan Country Club Wednesday, March 7, at noon (doors and buffet open at 11:30 a.m.).

Guest speaker will be Alan Clark, DSI Security Services vice president/chairman of the board. The luncheon is free for DAYP members or $15 for non-members. DAYP is an organization which offers a great way for young professionals in the Wiregrass area to network, socialize and expand their professional horizons.

To reserve your seat, contact Scott Fain at (334) 796-8060 or sfain@CapSouthPartners.com. For more information about DAYP and how you can become a member, visit **www.DothanYP.com**.

WCC Presents The Piano Duo Concert

Wallace Community College Dothan will host the Piano Duo Concert Thursday, March 1, at 7 p.m. in the Bencze Theatre. Pianists Rosemary Hunter and Angela Glover will present a program of classical music from Schumann/Debussy, Mozart, Brahms, Rachmaninoff and Lutoslawski.

Hunter is the director of fine arts at WCC-Dothan. Dr. Glover is a professor of piano at Baptist College of Florida in Graceville. Hunter and Glover are both graduates of Florida State University.

The artists will perform on a pair of Steinway pianos that are 100 years apart. The college purchased the seven-foot piano over 30 years ago. The nine-foot grand piano was built in 1880. Both pianos are completely restored.

For more information, contact Hunter at (334) 556-2458. For ADA accommodations call (334) 556-2616 two weeks prior to the concert.

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MRS BPO, LLC Acquires Alabama-based Vantage Sourcing

100+ New Jobs To Be Added At Houston County Call Center

New Jersey-based call center company MRS BPO, LLC, one of the country's premiere accounts receivable management firms, announced that it has acquired Vantage Sourcing, a call center company focused in collections and customer service, located in Taylor, Alabama. Taylor is in Houston County, Alabama, and just outside of Dothan, Alabama.

The purchase will enable MRS to continue to expand through additional seat capacity and new client vertical industries. MRS plans to add 100+ full-time jobs to this facility over the next several months.

"Acquiring a quality organization like Vantage helps to forward our growth objectives and offer additional services," said Chief Customer/Growth Officer Chris Repholz. "The integration of the two companies will begin immediately and clients of both companies will continue to receive the great quality and results to which they're accustomed."

Vantage Sourcing, founded in 2004 by Scott Stanford and Derrick Willman, has been an active employer in Dothan since that time. "The Dothan area has a population that is eager for full time jobs which offer benefits and advancement opportunities," commented Co-CEOs Saul and Jeff Freedman. "Our intention is to become an employer of choice in the area and we greatly look forward to making a positive impact in the community."

The acquisition provides MRS with a third domestic contact center location with 200+ seats and customer service clients that complement its collections business. "We are very excited about Vantage Sourcing becoming part of the MRS family," said Vantage CEO Scott Stanford. "We have similar cultures and I know that Dothan is going to appreciate the new jobs and career growth that MRS will bring as part of this acquisition."

Town of Taylor Mayor Billy Snell said, "This is great news for the Town of Taylor and Houston County, Alabama. Our citizens are ready and willing to work, and we are excited about the opportunities with this expansion. Many thanks to MRS for their commitment to grow and expand this local call center."

Houston County Chairman Mark Culver stated, "Economic growth and job opportunities are always at the forefront of our work in Houston County. As we start this New Year, this is a great day for the Town of Taylor, Houston County, and all the citizens who will have a new opportunity for gainful and meaningful employment. Thank you to MRS for their investment in our area."

City of Dothan Mayor Mark Saliba stated, "Creating jobs in Dothan, Houston County, and all the Wiregrass is a priority for us. Our area is open and ready for business, and our citizens are hard-working folks who share a commitment to continue making our area a special place to work and raise a family. We warmly welcome MRS to the Dothan community!"

The Dothan Area Chamber of Commerce, Southeast AlabamaWorks, Dothan Career Center, Alabama Department of Commerce and Alabama Industrial Development Training (AIDT) will all work with MRS as they train and hire these new employees. As the project moves forward more details on employment opportunities and application process will be forthcoming.

A special thank you our area legislators and Southeast Alabama Regional Planning Commission for their assistant to create the original opportunity with Vantage and now MRS BPO, LLC. Their support to help with this project positioned our area to assist MRS BPO with this acquisition and future growth plan.

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Attention Members!

If you know of a business interested in benefiting from joining the Chamber, please contact Hayden Camp at (334) 792-5138 or **hcamp@dothan.com**.

Multiple Jobholding In The States

Steve Turkoski, Project Manager

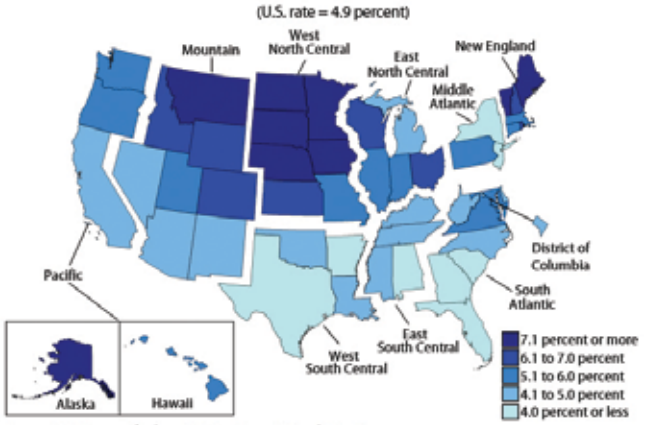
In 2017, there were 7.5 million workers in the United States over the age of 16 holding more than one job. This number equates to approximately 5 percent of the workforce. This is down from the peak of multiple job holding set in 1996 at 6.2 percent. The vast majority were over the age of 20, with the largest cohort in the 25 to 54 year old cohort.

The number of those holding two jobs was very evenly split between the sexes. Approximately 64.4 percent of those holding two jobs had a primary full-time job and a secondary part-time job. Approximately 31 percent had two part-time jobs, while about 4 percent had two full-time jobs.

These numbers were very similar to those of 2016 and January of 2018 does not indicate any significant change. While Alabama had a rate of 4 percent in 2015, South Dakota led the states at 9.1 percent. The below map presented is for 2014; however, it looks the same in 2015.

Figure 1. Multiple-jobholding rates by state, annual averages, 2014

(U.S. rate = 4.9 percent)



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Current Population Survey.

This map is very similar to the map showing labor force participation rate, states where both parents work, and employment rates for workers with disabilities.

Brigadier General Thompson Addresses Leadership Classes

The Annual Leadership Luncheon, sponsored by the Dothan Area Chamber Foundation, was held Wednesday, Feb. 7, at the Dothan Country Club. Luncheon attendees included the 2017-2018 Youth Leadership Dothan-Houston County and Leadership Dothan classes. Each year the event brings together the current classes in additional to members of the Houston County Area Leadership Alabama Alumni and staff members.

This year's speaker was Brig. Gen. Billy D. Thompson, Jeanne M. Holm Center commander. The Holm Center provides coordinated leadership and policy direction for the Air Force's officer recruiting, training and commissioning programs at Officer Training School and at Air Force ROTC detachments at 145 universities. About 80 percent of the new officers who enter the Air Force each year come through one of the center two programs. The staff also manages supports and develops curriculum to train tomorrow's Air Force officers.

Gen. Thompson's topic was Leadership, which included his basic leadership philosophy. "Leadership is the work that exists between where we are and where we want to be, and how we get each other to do that work," he said.

During his speech, Gen. Thompson quoted President Lincoln saying, "Example is not the main thing in influencing other people, it's the only thing." He encouraged the classes to always lead by example saying, "Never ask anyone to perform a task, unless you are also willing to do the job, daily standup."

In his closing remarks, the General placed emphasis on the following points - Service before self, Attitude is contagious, Don't interrupt … it is where we learn, Never accept second best, Spend time where you are not comfortable, Be visible in unexpected places, and When you are wrong, admit it.

For more information about either of the leadership classes, contact Linda Kelley, director of community development and program coordinator, at (334) 792-5138 or **lkelley@dothan.com**.

Brig. Gen. Billy D. Thompson (second from right), Jeanne M. Holm Center commander, was the guest speaker at Youth Leadership Dothan-Houston County's and Leadership Dothan's February luncheon. Pictured (l-r) with Gen. Thompson are Nyah Vincent, Northview High School; Skylar Boone, Northview High School, Macy Maddox, Northview High School; Amanda Garner, Chick-fil-A at Ross Clark Circle; Drew Johnson, Northview High School, and Brian Ordway, Techway Automotive.

Small Business Seminar

Creating Organizational Advocates Employee Engagement 101

Dothan Area Chamber of Commerce

March 15 • 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Ask yourself this question "Are my employees engaged?" Or maybe you're just thinking "Why is employee engagement so important?"

Well … better engagement means better productivity. Wikipedia defines an "engaged employee" as one who is fully absorbed by and enthusiastic about their work and takes positive action to further the organization's reputation and interests. Engaged employees advocate for you and your business!

Come join the Dothan Area Chamber of Commerce and Mary Beth Reynolds, Personnel Resources senior executive vice president, to learn how to increase employee engagement within your business Thursday, March 15, from 11:30 until 1 p.m.

The seminar cost is $10, which includes lunch. Pre-registration is required by noon Tuesday, March 13. To reserve your seat, contact Susan Tatom at (334) 792-5138.

SBA Offers Working Capital Loans To Small Businesses Following Secretary of Agriculture Disaster Declaration

The U.S. Small Business Administration announced recently that federal Economic Injury Disaster Loans are available to small businesses, small agricultural cooperatives, small businesses engaged in aquaculture and most private nonprofit organizations located in Geneva and Houston counties in Alabama as a result of Hurricane Irma on Sept. 9-12, 2017.

"These counties are eligible because they are contiguous to one or more primary counties in Florida. The Small Business Administration recognizes that disasters do not usually stop at county or state lines. For that reason, counties adjacent to primary counties named in the declaration are included," said Frank Skaggs, director of SBA's Field Operations Center East in Atlanta.

Under this declaration, the SBA's Economic Injury Disaster Loan program is available to eligible farm-related and nonfarm-related entities that suffered financial losses as a direct result of this disaster. With the exception of aquaculture enterprises, SBA cannot provide disaster loans to agricultural producers, farmers, or ranchers.

The loan amount can be up to $2 million with interest rates of 2.5 percent for private nonprofit organizations and 3.305 percent for small businesses, with terms up to 30 years. The SBA determines eligibility based on the size of the applicant, type of activity and its financial resources. Loan amounts and terms are set by the SBA and are based on each applicant's financial condition. These working capital loans may be used to pay fixed debts, payroll, accounts payable, and other bills that could have been paid had the disaster not occurred. The loans are not intended to replace lost sales or profits.

Applicants may apply online using the Electronic Loan Application (ELA) via SBA's secure website at **www.DisasterLoan.SBA.gov**.

Disaster loan information and application forms may also be obtained by calling the SBA's Customer Service Center at 800-659-2955 (800-877-8339 for the deaf and hard-of-hearing) or by sending an email to **www.DisasterCustomerService@SBA.gov**. Loan applications can be downloaded from the SBA's website at **www.SBA.gov/Disaster**. Completed applications should be mailed to: U.S. Small Business Administration, Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155.

Completed loan applications must be returned to SBA no later than Oct. 2, 2018.

For more information about the SBA's Disaster Loan Program, visit **www.SBA.gov/Disaster**.

NxLevel Entrepreneur Training

Tuesdays, March 13 – May 8
5:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Troy University, Dothan Campus
Adams Hall, Room 206

Troy University's Small Business Development Center will hold NxLevel Entrepreneur Training Tuesdays, March 13 - May 8, in the Dothan Campus' Adams Hall from 5:30-8:30 p.m.

Education for entrepreneurs and startups, NxLevel for Entrepreneurs is a nine-week program designed to teach you how to plan for success. In each week's three-hour session, a certified instructor leads you through the business plan process helping you to: examine all the pros and cons of a business opportunity; analyze the consequences of different strategies and tactics; and determine the human and financial requirements for turning an inspired idea into a viable business venture.

The course is $199 per person and includes all nine sessions, books and materials. Seating is limited and reserved for the first 25 paid registrants. To register, visit **http://bit.ly/NxLevelDothan**. Or for more information, contact Brenda Marcum at (334) 674-2425 or **bmarcum@troy.edu**.

How To Get On A GSA Schedule

Wednesday, March 14
9-11 a.m.
Dothan Area Chamber of Commerce

Troy University's Small Business Development Center will present the informative program "How To Get On A GSA Schedule" Wednesday, March 14, from 9-11 a.m. at the DACC.

Kelly Zimmerman, a customer service director with the General Services Administration Federal Acquisition, Southeast Sunbelt Region (R4), will discuss: GSA multiple award schedules and other GSA programs; determining if a MAS is right for you; submitting an offer; competing after award; and maintaining the contract.

To register, visit **http://bit.ly/GSADothan**. For additional information, contact July Callin at **jcallin@troy.edu** or (334) 674-2425.

LEADERSHIP DOTHAN

Application

Deadline: June 11, 2018

The Dothan Area Chamber Foundation is now accepting applications for Leadership Dothan Class 37. The nine-month program focuses on community resources, education, quality of life, political arenas, health and human services and public safety. Local professional conduct lectures, participate and 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. 12 and 13, 2018, and attendance is mandatory. Participants meet one day per month, usually the third Thursday, for nine hours starting in October.

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.

The application is also available on the Dothan Area Chamber of Commerce website **www.dothan.com** and the deadline is Monday, June 11, 2018. A maximum of 40 people will have the opportunity to participate in Leadership Dothan each year. Tuition is $800 for each participant. The tuition covers the Opening Retreat, meals, program materials and transportation.

For additional information contact Linda Kelley at (334) 792-5138 or **lkelley@dothan.com**.

Name: _____

Business/Organization: _____

Mailing Address: _____

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E-mail Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

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
lkelley@dothan.com

Applications are due by June 11, 2018

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2018 Small Business Person of the Year Award Nominations

The Dothan Area Chamber of Commerce has been presenting the Small Business Person of the Year award to deserving outstanding business owners since 1987. Agnes Simpson of WOOF Radio was the Chamber's first Small Business Person of the Year award recipient. This prestigious recognition is awarded annually to an individual owner of a local small business (1-25 employees). The candidate must show growth or sustainability of their business, have strong employee relations, show commitment to social responsibility and exemplify strong community involvement. Although the candidates will be judged in all of these areas they do not have to excel in every area to win.

Do you know a small business owner with a success story and who is making a contribution to the local community and the economy? If so, nominate them. The Chamber will accept nominations for the 2017 Small Business Person of the Year from Jan. 15 to March 14, 2018. The winner will be announced in May at the Small Business Week General Membership Luncheon.

Each nominee must meet the following criteria:

- Employ between one and 25 people.
- Be the founder, partner or owner of the business.
- Business must be a member in good standing of the Dothan Area Chamber of Commerce.
- Have been an active Chamber member for at least three continuous years.
- Business must have been operating in the Dothan area for a minimum of three years.
- Business must exhibit growth and longevity, involvement in community development, innovative practices, and success in the face of adversity.
- Adhere to ethical business practices.
- Candidate can not have won award within the past 10 years.

To nominate a small business person, fill out the information below. *(Please type or print)*

Name of Nominee: _____

Company: _____

Nominated By: _____

Your Phone Number or Email Address: _____

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Why this individual deserves recognition: *(For additional comments, attach an additional sheet.)* _____

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Return this form to:
Dothan Area Chamber of Commerce • Attn: Hayden Camp
P.O. Box 638 • Dothan, AL 36302 • Fax: (334) 794-4796
Or email Hayden at **hcamp@dothan.com**

Nominations are due by March 14, 2018
Thank you for your nomination!

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Economic**Indicators**

▼	**Labor Force for the Dothan MSA for December:** 62,734 in 2016; 62,332 in 2017 59,019 in 2016; 59,144 in 2017 Employed
▼	**Unemployment for the Dothan MSA for December:** 5.9% in 2016; 3.6% in 2017
▼	**Residential Building Permits for the City of Dothan for December:** 20 issued ($5.14 million) in 2016; 9 issued ($2.40 million) in 2017
▲	**Home Sales in Dothan for December:** 92 sold in 2016; 112 sold in 2017
▼	**Enplanements for Dothan Regional Airport for December:** 4,128 in 2016; 3,869 in 2017
▼	**Houston County & Dothan Sales and Use Tax Collections ($) for December:** $1,579,839 in 2016; $1,582,050 in 2017 (County) $5,644,022 in 2016; $5,619,635 in 2017 (City)

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