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Your cover photo features Leadership Dothan Alumni Luncheon guest speaker Nicole Pinkham, M.Ed., lead senior training consultant for SummaSource at Auburn University at Montgomery, and Rich Merrell, PRemployer Inc. and Leadership Dothan Class 34 alumnus.

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## Events Calendar

# April

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- 2 ▶ **Ribbon Cutting: Encompass Health (formerly HEALTHSOUTH) – 11 a.m.**  
Location: 1736 E. Main St.
- 3 ▶ **Ambassador & Diplomat Committee Meeting – 9 a.m.**  
Location: 102 Jamestown Blvd. (Chamber)  
**Ribbon Cutting: Xtreme Air Trampoline Park – 10 a.m.**  
Location: 441 Nypro Lane, Suite 2
- 4 ▶ **LEADS Group 1 Semi-Monthly Meeting – 8 a.m.**  
Location: 3124 W. Main St., Suite 3 (Studio Grace Training Center)  
**Ribbon Cutting: Outback Steakhouse – 10:30 a.m.**  
Location: 2925 Ross Clark Circle
- 5 ▶ **Ribbon Cutting: Daniels Insurance – 10:30 a.m.**  
Location: 102 Jamestown Blvd. (Chamber)
- 10 ▶ **Troy University Small Business Counseling – 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.**  
Location: 102 Jamestown Blvd. (Chamber)  
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**Ribbon Cutting: Sprint by Absolute Wireless – 10:30 a.m.**  
Location: 3500 Ross Clark Circle, Suite 610
- 11 ▶ **Youth Leadership Dothan Public Safety 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: Law Office of Kristy Kirkland – 10:30 a.m.**  
Location: 200 N. St. Andrews St., Suite 2
- 12 ▶ **Ribbon Cutting: MRS BPO, LLC – 10:30 a.m.**  
Location: 4930 W. State Highway 52, Suite 1
- 13 ▶ **Ribbon Cutting: Synovus Re-Grand Opening – 9:30 a.m.**  
Location: 3680 W. Main St.  
**Leadership Dothan Economic Development Day – 7:45 a.m.**  
Location: 102 Jamestown Blvd. (Chamber)
- 18 ▶ **21st Annual Community-Wide Prayer Breakfast – 7:30 a.m.**  
Location: 126 N. St. Andrews St. (Dothan Civic Center)  
\*See page 8 for more information. Reservations required: (334) 792-5138  
**LEADS Group 1 Semi-Monthly Meeting – 8 a.m.**  
Location: 3124 W. Main St., Suite 3 (Studio Grace Training Center)
- 19 ▶ **Leadership Dothan Economic Development Day – 7:45 a.m.**  
Location: 102 Jamestown Blvd. (Chamber)
- 21 ▶ **Spirit of Service Day**  
\*See page 8 for more information
- 24 ▶ **Ribbon Cutting: Whitten Homes – 10:30 a.m.**  
Location: 1314 Westgate Parkway, Suite 6
- 25 ▶ **LEADS Group 1 Semi-Monthly Meeting – 8 a.m.**  
Location: 3124 W. Main St., Suite 3 (Studio Grace Training Center)  
**Ribbon Cutting: TriState Graphics Inc. Relocation – 10:30 a.m.**  
Location: 2865 Hartford Highway
- 26 ▶ **Small Business Seminar: How To Speak Millennial – 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.**  
Location: 102 Jamestown Blvd. (Chamber)  
\*See page 14 for more information. Reservations required: (334) 792-5138



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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 Groundbreaking 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](mailto:hcamp@dothan.com).




 New Chamber Members Will Now Be Featured in Hi-Def at  
**• JUSTICE PARK MEDIA CENTER •**  
 (Located in the Heart of Downtown Dothan)  


# Bringing Leaders Together

## Leadership Dothan Alumni Luncheon

The Dothan Area Chamber Foundation recently held the organization's annual Leadership Dothan Alumni Luncheon March 1, at the Windmill Station. The guest speaker was Nicole Pinkham, M.Ed., a renowned keynote motivational speaker who energizes, challenges and positively impacts leadership across the country.

Passionate about pursuing her purpose of inspiring and equipping leaders through her role as lead senior training consultant for SummaSource at Auburn University at Montgomery, the subject of Pinkham's presentation was "Being Present and Productive Leaders in a World Filled with Tasks and Demands"

"As leaders, it is vital that we are present and productive. Yet, in a world full of distractions and time-consuming tasks, many have constant feeling of overwhelming busyness," said Pinkham. "Do you constantly juggle priorities? Do you struggle to find time for the tasks both at work and home while building strong relationships? As leaders, it is vital that we are present and productive. Yet, in a world full of distractions and time-consuming tasks, many have a constant feeling of overwhelming busyness," said Pinkham.

In her presentation, Pinkham used the Five Gears concept from the book *5 Gears: How to Be Present and Product When There is Never Enough Time*, by Jeremie Kubicek and Steve Cockram, to give attendees tools and leadership strategies they can use in their daily lives to help them become more productive both professionally and in their private lives. The concept allows for renewed confidence when facing daily tasks and increases individual leadership capacity. The leadership strategies enhance social connectivity, increase emotional intelligence and create a greater work-life balance.

The Five Gears are:

- First Gear, The Recharge Mode - Personal recharge, completely unplugged and Reverse Gear Responsive Mode – Backing up or apologizing when necessary.  
Ask someone you trust to help you appropriately schedule recharge time and keep you accountable for taking it.
- Second Gear, The Connect Mode - Being present with family or friends without work;  
Practice Third Gear and Fourth Gear before simply jumping into Second. Learn to value the other and see how it benefits Second Gear.
- Third Gear, The Social Mode - Present with people and can shift up or down easily;  
Choose three relationships in your life that you want to deepen and create a plan to make sure it happens.



Guest speaker Nicole Pinkham, M.Ed.



Leadership Dothan Alumni.

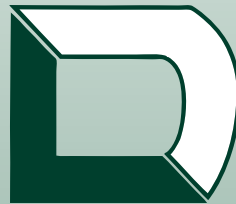
- Fourth Gear, The Task Mode - Multi-tasking; working hard in various ways; and  
Avoid email before breakfast – replace it with something that inspires you and charges you for the day!
- Fifth Gear, The Focus Mode - task-centered, fully focused and moving quickly.
- Schedule Fifth Gear times for an entire month on your calendar and practice entering in and sifting out of it intentionally.  
Pinkham said, "We should fill our world with leaders worth following." Quoting Socrates, she said, "The unexamined life is not worth living. An unexamined leader is not worth following. Think of the leader or leaders who helped bring out your very best, someone you consider a leader worth following."

In her closing remarks, Pinkham again encouraged everyone to discover leadership strategies to enhance social connectivity, increase emotional intelligence, and create a greater work-life balance.

Leadership Dothan is a nine-month program that focuses on community resources, education, local and state government, health care, public safety, agricultural and quality of life. Applications for the 2018-2019 Leadership Dothan class will be available on the Dothan Area Chamber of Commerce website: [www.dothan.com](http://www.dothan.com) starting April 2 until the application deadline June 11, 2018.

For more information about the program, contact Linda Kelley, Director of Community Development, at (334) 792-5138 or [lkelly@dothan.com](mailto:lkelly@dothan.com).





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## 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.

# RenewingMembers

## 50-59 Or More Years

AAA Cooper Transportation  
Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Alabama  
Dothan Hardware and Supply Co. Inc.  
Century 21 James Grant Realty  
Houston County Farmers Federation  
Todd & Sons

## 40-49 Years

Carriage House Apartments  
Colony Square Apartments  
Southern Bone and Joint Specialists

## 30-39 Years

Action Buick GMC  
Burnett Valuation Services, LLC  
Coldwell Banker - Alfred Saliba Realty  
Dothan Country Club  
Jackson's Trophies & Awards Inc.  
Professional Lane Dental Associates  
Southeast Alabama Medical Center  
Southeast Cardiology  
U.S. Business Products Inc.

## 25-29 Years

Anesthesia Consultants Medical Group, PC  
DANCO Industrial Contractors Inc.  
Dothan Specialty Clinic  
ERA Jack Hughes Realty Golf  
Highland Oaks Golf Course  
SunSouth John Deere  
Wiregrass Rehabilitation Center Inc.

## 20-24 Years

Children's Hospital of Alabama  
City of Slocomb  
Edward Jones - Randy Hurst, Financial Advisor  
Office Depot  
Southern Nuclear  
Surgery Center South  
Synovus  
The Terrace at Grove Park

## 15-19 Years

AFLAC  
Construction Partners Inc.  
Hall Housing Investments Inc.  
The Mobile Attic  
Prim & Mendheim, LLC  
RealTime, LLC  
SunSouth Bank  
Tarragon Hills Apartments, Ltd.  
Toyota of Dothan

## 10-14 Years

The Berry Co.  
Carnes Chiropractic & Wellness Center  
Dothan Association of Realtors  
Fortis College  
Houston Printing Co. Inc.  
Lewis Construction, LLC  
Noland Hospital Dothan  
Road-Runners Delivery Services  
Wiregrass Construction Co. Inc.  
Wyatt Shiver Construction

## 5-9 Years

AGF Machinery, LLC  
Apaxx Inc.  
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Eagle Eye Outfitters Inc.  
Express Employment Professionals  
Faulkner University

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The Home Depot #0808  
LaQuinta Inns & Suites  
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Norman Coaching, LLC  
Patti Rutland Jazz Inc.  
The Real Estate Group  
Security Finance Corp.  
Sims, James  
U.S. Coupling & Accessories Inc.

## 1-4 Years

Dothan Police Foundation  
Genesis Housing Development Corp.  
Murray Vision Source  
Penny Profit Cleaners  
Penske Truck Leasing  
Shwinco Architectural Products  
Statera Health  
The Main Event, LLC dba  
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Tippy Toes Nail Salon  
Transformation Media  
Window World of Dothan, LLC  
WIRED Ministries Inc.  
Wiregrass Courier, LLC  
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## Star Of The Month



**Lisa Baity**  
Alabama Kidney Foundation



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

*Book & Save Deposit Date Extended*

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](mailto: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)*

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## 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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## 21st Annual Community-Wide Prayer Breakfast

Dothan Civic Center  
April 18, 2018 • 7:30 a.m.



Guest Speaker  
David Money

Henry County Probate Judge and Chairman of the Henry County Commission David Money will be the guest speaker at the 21st Annual Community-Wide Prayer Breakfast at the Dothan Civic Center Wednesday, April 18, 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 \$125.00. To purchase tickets by phone with a credit card, or for more information, call Janice Shepard at (334) 792-5138 or email [janice@dothan.com](mailto:janice@dothan.com).



## Spirit of Service Set For April 21

The 29th Annual Spirit of Service Day will be held Saturday, April 21. Houston County Commissioner Doug Siquefield will chair the event.

The main focus of this year's Spirit of Service Day will be a "Clean Up Litter Campaign." Alabama PALS (People Against A Littered State) statewide spring cleanup will be held April 21-28. All materials and supplies will be furnished by Alabama PALS. For more information, visit [www.alpals.org](http://www.alpals.org) or call (334) 263-7737.

This year's event is also partnering with Houston County Gives Day, which will take place Friday, April 20, from 4-6 p.m. at Eagle Eye Outfitters Inc. There will be more than 35 nonprofits present with informational booths set up and some great entertainment.

## Upcoming Member Events

### Community-Wide Easter Service

April 1 • Times Vary

Harvest Church. Join Harvest Church for a Community Wide Easter Service at 7:40 a.m., 9:20 a.m., 11 a.m. Childcare is provided at all services. For more information, call the church office at (334) 702-6555 or visit [www.harvestdothan.com](http://www.harvestdothan.com).

### Easter Sunrise Service

April 1 • 6:30 a.m.

Landmark Park. The Ministerial Union will host the annual free Easter Sunrise Service at the gazebo. This is an interdenominational service and is open to everyone. There are benches available, but attendees are advised to bring lawn chairs to ensure adequate seating. In the event of rain, the service will be held in the Headland Presbyterian Church located adjacent to the gazebo. The park will close immediately after the service and re-open at noon for its regular Sunday hours. For more information, call (334) 794-3452 or visit [www.landmarkparkdothan.com](http://www.landmarkparkdothan.com).

### Adult Art Class

April 4 • 9:30 a.m.

Wiregrass Museum of Art & Conference Center. Join WMA in the studio the first Wednesday of each month to explore a new medium for ages 18 and over. The cost is \$15 for members; \$20 for non-member. For more information and to preregister, call the museum at (334) 794.3871 or visit [www.wiregrassmuseum.org](http://www.wiregrassmuseum.org).

### Sacred Harp Sing

April 14 • 10 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Landmark Park. The sweet and powerful sounds of Sacred Harp music will fill the air when the park hosts a Sacred Harp sing in the church. The singers will gather under the spreading branches of a nearby live oak tree to enjoy a traditional dinner on the grounds from noon - 1 p.m. Prior to the sing, there will be a short introduction for visitors unfamiliar with the tradition, also known as Shape Note or Fasola, beginning at 9:30 a.m. Singers attending this event may simply show your songbook for free admission. For more information, call (334) 794-3452 or visit [www.landmarkparkdothan.com](http://www.landmarkparkdothan.com).

### "The Cemetery Club"

April 24 - 28 • Times Vary

The Cultural Arts Center. Southeast Alabama Community Theatre will present "The Cemetery Club" a production about three Jewish windows who meet once a month for tea before going to visit their husbands' graves. The friends are bound together by their hurt, healing and discovery that they are more alike than they ever knew. Tickets are \$19 adult; \$17 students, seniors 65+ and active military. For more information and show times visit [www.seact.com](http://www.seact.com).

**Have an upcoming event planned?**  
Send your event information to [mmckean@dothan.com](mailto:mmckean@dothan.com)

## Drs. Powers and Jablonski To Speak At Alzheimer's Conference

The Alzheimer's Resource Center and Wallace Community College will host the 29th Annual Alzheimer's Conference Tuesday, April 17, at the Dothan Civic Center from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. with registration beginning at 7:30 a.m. The theme this year is "A Positive Approach to Understanding Alzheimer's Disease" and the guest speakers will be Richard E. Powers, MD and Rita A. Jablonski, PhD, CRMP.

Dr. Powers, a geriatric psychiatrist and neuropathologist, serves on staff at the Memory Disorders Clinic at the University of Alabama at Birmingham. He is also an adjunct professor of pathology at UAB. He has previously served as the director of the PTSD Treatment at the VA Hospital in Birmingham. His presentations will be: Dementia 101 - Understanding the Basics of Dementia, Dementia Other Than

Alzheimer's Disease, and Memory Health in Veterans.

Dr. Jablonski is a professor at UAB's School of Nursing and a scientist in UAB's Comprehensive Center for Healthy Aging. She is also a nurse practitioner in the Memory Disorders Clinic at UAB. Her presentation will be: If Only Someone Had Told Me - Practical and Proven Methods for Handling Dementia-Related Behaviors.

The registration fee is \$75 with CEUs and \$25 without. The cost includes lunch and break refreshments, as well as certificate of completion.

To register, call Wallace Community College at (334) 556-2205. Registration will be available the morning of the conference. For sponsor or vendor information, call (334) 702-2273.



## Friends Of The Library Plan Lunch and Learn Program



Kristy Woodson Harvey

The Friends of the Dothan Houston County Library System invite everyone to their Lunch and Learn program with author Kristy Woodson Harvey at the Dothan Country Club Wednesday, April 11, at 11:30 a.m.

Southern author Harvey's fourth novel, *Secret to Southern Charm*, will debut April 3. Her previous novels are *Dear Carolina*, *Lies & Other Acts of Love* and the first novel in her Peachtree Bluff Series *Slightly South of Simple*. *Secret to Southern Charm* is the second novel in her new Peachtree Bluff series.

Filled with Southern charm, past secrets and strong family bonds, the Peachtree Bluff series chronicles the journey of three sisters and their mother. The best-selling author Elin Hilderbrand has said that Harvey is "A major new voice in Southern fiction." Harvey also posts daily on the popular interior design blog [www.mydesignchic.com](http://www.mydesignchic.com).

Come enjoy a delicious lunch buffet and author presentation for just \$20 (cash or check payable at the door). Harvey's books will also be available for purchase at the event.

Pre-registration is required. To RSVP, email [friends@dhcls.org](mailto:friends@dhcls.org) or call (334) 791-2706.

## Temple Emanu-el's Deli Day Is May 3

Temple Emanu-el will host its annual Deli Day selling a bag lunch to individuals and businesses for \$12.50 each Thursday, May 3.

Enjoy a fabulous deli-style quarter-pound Kosher corned beef sandwich on Jewish rye bread, a Kosher dill pickle, bag of Lay's potato chips, Grey Poupon mustard, a Sweet & Sassy chocolate chip cookie and a picnic pack created by the John Conti Center at Vaughn-Blumberg Services and Wiregrass Rehabilitation Center Inc.

Lunches will be ready for pick up at the Temple from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. on that Thursday. Delivery is available on orders of eight or more lunches to the Dothan area location that you request. Deadline to place orders is Friday, April 20, with payment due by Tuesday, April 24

To place your order, you can buy ticket(s) from members of Temple Emanu-El, call the Temple office at (334) 792-5001 for an order form or visit [www.dothandeliday.org](http://www.dothandeliday.org). Temple Emanu-El is located at 188 N. Park Ave., Dothan.

## Hunt Joins Dothan Real Estate Team



Sandra Hunt, Realtor

The Dothan Real Estate Team welcomes Sandra Hunt to the ever growing agency. As a realtor, Hunt is proud to bring her love for people and a desire to walk those buying or selling a home through the process with expertise and confidence every

step of the way.

Hunt has called Dothan home for over 12 years. After graduating high school, she studied human relations and music at Samford University in Birmingham. She also holds a bachelor's degree in psychology/counseling from Liberty University in Lynchburg, Virginia.

Hunt is married to Randy Hunt and they are blessed with seven children, two daughter-in-laws, one son-in-law, two grandsons and another grandbaby on the way. She is actively involved in the ministries of Rehobeth Baptist Church where her husband is minister of music. She continues to homeschool her two youngest children and is active in teaching co-op classes. Hunt is also a parent leader in FLOW - Future Leaders of the Wiregrass, which is an avenue for her ongoing involvement with Habitat for Humanity.

Though holding to the career of full-time mom, Hunt kept her hand in business while her children were growing up through the avenue of direct sales. In 2014 she blended her homemaking skills with business by successfully

opening a small bakery called Loafin' Around Homemade Breads, LLC. In 2016 with her children one-by-one leaving the nest, it was one of her loyal bread customers who encouraged her to add real estate to her business ventures. Not wasting any time, she jumped in with both feet and three months later held a real estate license.

For more information, contact Hunt at (334) 699-7653.

## Tickets Now On Sale Annual Large Green Egg And Ham Fundraiser

It's that time of year again when Wiregrass 2-1-1 is selling tickets for a lucky person to win a large Green Egg Grill/Smoker package and a large ham.

One Hundred percent of your contribution remains in the Wiregrass and proceeds go to Wiregrass 2-1-1, which connects people with critical health and human services information and referrals for residents in seven Wiregrass counties 24/7.

Tickets are \$10 each or three for \$25 and may be purchased by calling (334) 836-1963. The winning ticket will be drawn on Houston County Gives Day at Eagle Eye Outfitters Inc. Friday, April 20. You do not have to be present to win.

Wiregrass 2-1-1 thanks everyone in advance for helping to support the 2-1-1 program. For more information about Wiregrass 2-1-1, visit [www.wiregrass211.com](http://www.wiregrass211.com) or call (334) 836-1963

## Superhero 5K Run/Walk Returns April 28

The Exchange Center for Child Abuse Prevention, a nonprofit dedicated to stopping child abuse and family violence through counseling, in-home support and prevention education services, will host the 2018 Superhero 5K Run/Walk to Prevent Child Abuse Saturday, April 28, at 8 a.m. at the Westgate Tennis Center.

Presented by the Mike Schmitz Automotive Group, running enthusiasts and superheroes of all ages are invited to participate or attend the event to raise funds and awareness for the fight against child abuse and family violence. The 3.1 mile course follows the Westgate Trail Run beginning at the Westgate Tennis Center and is perfect for first time 5K runners. There is also a one-mile fun run for kids ages 12 and under.

Awards will be given to first, second and third place runners in each age division, and to overall first, second and third place walkers. As in previous years, participants are encouraged to form a team and bring together friends and family members to challenge themselves to complete the course and raise additional funds.

The Superhero 5K Run/Walk is a family-

friendly event, and the day's festivities will feature various forms of entertainment, including kid's games, inflatables and face painting. New this year is a costume contest for (super) humans and pets. Come dressed as your favorite superhero for the chance to win fun prizes.

Participants are encouraged to register before April 6, to receive a T-shirt. Registration is \$20 for adult 5K runners with T-Shirt, \$15 for child one-mile fun runner with T-shirt and \$5 per costume contest participant.

For more information, to volunteer, register or to be a sponsor, visit [www.exchangecap.org](http://www.exchangecap.org) or contact Liz at (334) 671-1966 or [communityrelations@exchangecap.org](mailto:communityrelations@exchangecap.org).





## DSI Security Selected As National Provider For BMW

DSI Security Services is pleased to announce that it has been selected as the contract security provider for BMW in the United States. BMW is known around the globe as the premiere luxury vehicle for its commitment to uncompromising quality and delivering to the customer the "Ultimate Driving Machine."

BMW (Bayerische Motoren Werke) was founded in 1916 as an aircraft engine company that expanded production to motorcycles and eventually cars. Today BMW also owns Mini and Rolls-Royce.

BMW's North America Corporate Headquarters is located in Woodcliff Lake, New Jersey. The BMW U.S. Manufacturing Co., also known as BMW Plant Spartanburg, is a vehicle assembly facility located in Greer, South Carolina; it is BMW's only assembly plant in the U.S. The BMW Manufacturing Co. employs more than 9,000 people in South Carolina to produce the X3 and X5 Sports Activity Vehicle and the X4 and X6 Sports Activity Coupe at its 1,150-acre, six-million-plus square-foot campus. In addition to these locations, DSI will also be providing security services to other BMW non-production facilities across the United States. The new project will involve over 200 DSI security officers across the country.

DSI Chairman of the Board Alan Clark announced this historic partnership by emphasizing the value that BMW adds to the DSI Security customer base. Clark stated, "We are very proud of our association with BMW, and we are extremely blessed to have this opportunity to provide our services to such a prestigious brand. We look forward to continuing to earn their trust and confidence each day as we strive to deliver the most effective security solutions possible."

DSI was started in Dothan in 1969 by then Sheriff A.B. Clark. The company is still family-owned and operated by Alan Clark (A.B.'s son) and his wife Marsha Clark. Today, with more than 3,000 security personnel spread throughout the United States, DSI continues its long history of providing uniformed officers, technology solutions and consulting services to manufacturing facilities and a wide range of other industries.

For more information contact, Tiffani Thompson, marketing coordinator, at [tthompson@dsisecurity.com](mailto:tthompson@dsisecurity.com).

## Community 1st Welcomes New Agents



*DeVaughn Moore, Realtor*

Community 1st Real Estate invites readers to join them in welcoming the agency's newest team members - DeVaughn Moore and Jennifer Truitt.



*Jennifer Truitt, Realtor*

Moore is a Dothan native and recently graduated from Troy University where he earned a bachelor's degree in finance and a master's in management. Although well-known for a few of his other business endeavors, he never lost his passion for real estate. Believing that everyone should have a fair opportunity at achieving the American dream, he strives to help his clients do just that.

Moore is the proud father of four children, two of which are currently attending college. His hobbies include music production, wine tasting and boating.

Truitt is a Cincinnati, Ohio native and after graduating from the University of Alabama, she moved to Dothan to pursue her dream of being a school teacher. Things took a different turn

in September 2017 when she decided to step away from education and make a drastic career change to become a realtor.

In October 2017, she started her journey to getting her real estate license and by Thanksgiving of 2017 she had achieved that goal. She hit the ground running the moment that license was in her hand. She might have just started, but Truitt is dedicated to helping others. She gives it her all and will not stop until the job is completed.

Truitt is the eldest of four girls to retired Master Sgt. John Truitt Jr., a Skipperville, Alabama native. She is also an avid dog lover and takes her 90-pound overgrown fur baby Duke to the trail almost daily.

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## Pediatric Pulmonologist Joins Dothan Pediatric Subspecialty Clinic



Dr. David Lozano

Dothan Pediatric Subspecialty Clinic is pleased to announce the addition of David Lozano, MD, pediatric pulmonologist.

Dr. Lozano earned his Doctor of Medicine degree from the University of Texas and completed the Pediatric Residency program at the University of Florida, Sacred Heart Children's Hospital. Afterward, he completed a three-year Pediatric Pulmonology Fellowship at the University of Alabama at Birmingham and Children's of Alabama, Birmingham.

Dr. Lozano practiced pulmonary medicine at Children's of Alabama for 13 years and in January 2018 joined Dothan Pediatric Healthcare Network specializing in pediatric pulmonology at Dothan Pediatric Subspecialty Clinic, 540 Westgate Parkway,

Dr. Lozano is certified in general pediatrics

by the American Board of Pediatrics and is certified in pediatric pulmonology by the Pediatric Pulmonary Medicine Board of the American Board of Pediatrics. He is also certified by the Sleep Medicine Board of the American Board of Pediatrics.

His clinical interests include bronchopulmonary dysplasia, sleep medicine, continuous positive airway pressure therapy, technology-dependent patients/pediatric home ventilation, and Asthma.

"The addition of Dr. Lozano 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 with a child who has breathing problems, or a problem with his or her lungs, now have the benefit of a specialist with the experience and qualifications to treat their child closer to home."

For more information, or to make an appointment, call Office Manager Anna Barron at (334) 699.3733.

## Ladi Vee's Announces Fashion Week Dothan Events

The Sixth Annual Fashion Week Dothan will be held April 19-22. An extravagant, kid-themed event that features several energetic fashion, modeling, fitness and etiquette sessions for the Wiregrass area's youth, there are many community volunteers and companies partnering with Vanessa Riley Harris of Ladi Vee's Etiquette and Consulting to bring FWD to life each year.

In addition to celebrating children each year, FWD gives the LVEC Veteran's Award for service "beyond the uniform" in the community. Nominations are now being accepted at [www.ladivee.com](http://www.ladivee.com). The award includes a trophy, a \$50 gift certificate and a special item from Platinum Sponsor. The deadline to nominate a veteran is March 30.

Fashion Week events include:

APRIL 20: FWD's Kids Fitness Challenge. Register online at [www.fwdfitnesschallenge.eventbrite.com](http://www.fwdfitnesschallenge.eventbrite.com) or call (334) 446-3803 for more information or visit Fashion Week Dothan's Facebook page.

APRIL 21: Etiquette Boot Camp for Kids. Register online at [www.fwdbootcamp.eventbrite.com](http://www.fwdbootcamp.eventbrite.com).

APRIL 22: Kids Fashion Show. Tickets are available at [www.fwdtickets.eventbrite.com](http://www.fwdtickets.eventbrite.com).

## You're Invited To Walk A Mile In Her Shoes

House of Ruth board members will hold Dothan's Third Annual "Walk a Mile in Her Shoes" event Saturday, April 7, at 10 a.m. The purpose of the event is to raise awareness about the serious causes and effects of sexual assault and gender violence.

Individuals or teams are invited to walk, and there will be playful opportunity for male participants to walk the mile in a pair of women's high heels. While high heels and costumes are encouraged, they are not required. A limited number of red high heels for male participants will be available on a first-come basis.

Onsite preregistration will begin at 8:30 a.m. on Foster Street in downtown Dothan. All proceeds benefit the House of Ruth. Sponsorship opportunities are also available.

For more information, call Bobby Dykes at (334) 712-7529 or [bobby.dykes@midsouthpaving.com](mailto:bobby.dykes@midsouthpaving.com), or Tessie Stevenson at [jlane@cochranfirm.com](mailto:jlane@cochranfirm.com).

### YOURCHAMBER

### 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](mailto:hcamp@dothan.com).

## Berkshire Welcomes New Agents



Robert Brewer, Realtor

Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Showcase Properties welcomes two new agents to its team – Robert Brewer and Kayla Goff.

Brewer graduated from college with a degree in industrial electricity, is a member of National Beta Thi Cappa, and also is an active member of Ridgecrest Baptist Church. In addition to a



Kayla Goff, Realtor

40-year career in construction and sales, he first attained his real estate license in 2003.

Brewer is now active with Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices as a partner of The Brewer Team, Real

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Brewer is married to Betty Brewer and has six children and six grandchildren. Whether you're looking to build, buy or sell a home, when you're ready give Robert or Betty a call (334)790-6201 to help turn your dream into reality.

Goff was born and raised in Georgia and is a 2006 graduate of Tift County High. She studied business administration at Valdosta State University and later received certification as a nursing assistant.

After moving to Dothan in 2013 with her husband and children, Goff fell in love with the community. She decided to finally pursue her dream of being a realtor and is looking forward to having a long and fulfilling career. If you're looking to buy or sell a home, give her a call at (334)350-1012.

### YOURCHAMBER

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## Thank You Wiregrass Electric!



Each quarter, the Wiregrass Electric Cooperative hosts a Grow Dothan meeting with area Geneva County elected and school officials for a briefing on economic and workforce development activities occurring in the region. At the meeting the Director of Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA), Kenneth Boswell, met with the group and briefed them on programs and support from ADECA. Pictured (l-r) are Les Moreland, Wiregrass Electric Cooperative CEO; Bob Woodall, Bob Woodall Air Care Systems Inc.; Matt Parker, Dothan Area Chamber of Commerce President; Alabama Rep. Donnie Chesteen, 87th District (Geneva and Houston); Kenneth Boswell, ADECA director; Mayor Jeff Sorrells; City of Hartford; Nikki Dyess, Geneva County Schools career coach; Chris Duke, G-Tech director; Brad Kimbro, Wiregrass Electric Cooperative COO; and Jason Thrash, Wiregrass Electric Cooperative vice president of engineering and operations.

## Wiregrass Transit Now Providing Daily Routes To Wallace Community College and Troy University

In March, the Wiregrass Transit Authority implemented new daily routes Monday through Thursday to Wallace Community College and the Troy University Dothan Campus.

Wiregrass Transit will make trips to and from Wallace Community College for any person needing a ride to the college. Only round trips are offered to Wallace and the fair is \$5, which must be paid in advance. The Wallace pick up times start at 6:30 a.m. The return time from Wallace is up to 4:30 p.m. The Troy University Dothan Campus is also included, but is offered as both a one-way fair for \$2 and round trips for \$4, which also must be paid in advance.

The Wiregrass Transit Authority is a public non-profit organization providing essential transportation services as well as tailored transportation to the general public in Dothan and Houston County. It currently operates a fleet of 20 vehicles and provide a range of capabilities to transport individuals, groups and to accommodate the disabled. All vehicles are ADA accessible and are equipped with wheel chair lifts and stations.

Riders are highly encouraged to call ahead to schedule their ride(s) for both locations by calling (334) 794-4093, ext. 1 or (800) 489-7606.

For more information about Wiregrass Transit Authority, visit [www.wiregrasstransit.org](http://www.wiregrasstransit.org).



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■ seven Regional Workforce Councils of Alabama are conducting a business and industry workforce needs assessment.

This 5-minute survey will help provide insights into regional workforce opportunities and how services may be created or expanded to meet business and industry needs.

Each region will collect the responses from companies in their respective counties. Please be sure to submit one survey per company.

To complete the brief survey, click the link above or enter the URL above into a browser.

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## How Many People Work In Houston County?



Steve Turkoski,  
Project Manager

The latest report by the Alabama Department of Labor (December 2017) lists Houston County employment as 42,521. That number does not include agricultural workers or proprietors. Also, that number is specific to how many Houston County residents are employed, not how many people work within the county.

In order to capture all of the employment within the county, we must wait two years for the Bureau of Economic Analysis to consolidate their data and then report it in their Regional Accounts, or the Census Bureau in their Factfinder series, or the OnTheMap website <https://onthemap.ces.census.gov>. The 2016 BEA data shows the total jobs in Houston County as 63,694. Of that number 12,974 were proprietors, with 729 being farm proprietors and the rest (12,245) being non-farm proprietors. So the BEA tells us how many jobs are in Houston County, but it doesn't tell how many are second or third jobs for one person.

The OnTheMap program allows this determination. The OnTheMap program count of jobs includes agricultural, forestry, fishing and hunting jobs, but it does not include proprietorships. In 2015, the latest report, there were 3,250 secondary jobs within Houston County. The OnTheMap program also indicates that 6,824 more persons from outside Houston County came to work in Houston County in 2015, than those departing the county to work elsewhere (20,347 inflow versus 13,523 outflow). Additionally, of those commuting in, 1,184 were coming in for "secondary jobs," while 872 were commuting out for "secondary jobs." You can see why this information takes a few years to come out as there is much to analyze.

A third source of information on the number of people employed within the county is the Harvard Cluster Mapping Project. They get their data from the Census Bureau, but provide further analysis of the data and create information on sector and cluster employment.

Something that surprises many people is the fact that the number of persons listed as unemployed (1,541 in December 2017) for the county is not determined by counting the number of persons looking for work

## Local Eighth-Grader Selected As Girls Inc. National Scholar



Aniyah Dent

Aniyah Dent, a member of Girls Inc. of Dothan and student at Beverly Magnet School, was recently chosen as a 2018 Girls Inc. National Scholar and awarded a \$500 Girls Inc. Lucile Miller Wright scholarship. Dent is one of 10 Girls Inc. National Scholars selected in 2018 from across the United States and Canada.

Dent has been a member of Girls Inc. of Dothan for over five years and was selected for her outstanding academic achievements, and dedication to the Girls Inc. mission of inspiring all girls to be strong, smart and bold.

"I've been taught to respect others, but to respect myself first. Girls Inc. is fun and exciting, but it is also a learning experience," said Dent. "The programs have taught me to always be me, to treat people how I want to be treated, and how to build myself up."

"Aniyah Dent is our first ever eighth-grade Girls Inc. National Scholar, and we are so proud of her. This once timid little girl has now blossomed into a young lady with confidence. She has impressed me with her growth, maturity, accomplishments and resiliency," said Jaime Hale, Girls Inc. of Dothan executive director.

To date, Girls Inc. of Dothan alumni have received a total of \$85,500 in college scholarships. The Girls Inc. Lucile Miller Wright Scholarship program was created in 1992, when the female pilot and long-time supporter gave a bequest for scholarships for young women.

For more information about Girls Inc. of Dothan or the scholarships, give Hale a call at (334) 793-2321 or visit [www.girlsincdothan.org](http://www.girlsincdothan.org).

or drawing unemployment, but rather it is estimated by conducting a monthly community survey. A detailed explanation of benefits can be found in the Bureau of Labor Statistics "How the Government Measures Unemployment" found at [www.bls.gov/cps/cps\\_htgm.htm](http://www.bls.gov/cps/cps_htgm.htm).

## Chamber Committee Presents JROTC 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 2017-2018 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. **Carroll High School - Army JROTC**  
Cadet Command Sgt. Maj. Chandler Stockton  
Program Commander: Col. Milton Shipman (SAI)
2. **Daleville High School - Army JROTC**  
Cadet Lt. Col. Graysen Faulk  
Program Commander: (Ret) Col. Teresa Townsend
3. **Dothan High School - Army JROTC**  
Cadet Lt. Col. Shamari Reams  
Program Commander: Sgt. Maj. Tracy Adams
4. **Northview High School - Marine JROTC**  
Cadet Maj. Elizabeth Martin  
Program Commander: Sgt. Maj. Ron Roland
5. **Rehobeth High School - Navy JROTC**  
Cadet Cmdr. Maggie Willis  
Program Commander: Lt. Cmdr. Jeffrey Treude

"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 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 presented Cadet of the Year Leadership awards to five local area high school JROTC cadets. Pictured (l-r) are retired Col. Tom Boyle, DACC Military Affairs Committee chairman; Cadet Cmdr. Maggie Willis and Lt. Cmdr. Jeffrey Treude, Rehobeth High School - Navy JROTC; Cadet Maj. Elizabeth Martin and Sgt. Maj. Ron Roland, Northview High School - Marine JROTC; Cadet Command Sgt. Maj. Chandler Stockton and Col. Milton Shipman (SAI), Carroll High School - Army JROTC; Cadet Lt. Col. Graysen Faulk and retired Col. Teresa Townsend, Daleville High School - Army JROTC; Cadet Lt. Col. Shamari Reams and Sgt. Maj. Tracy Adams, Dothan High School - Army JROTC; and Lt. Col. Ryan Reid, Auburn University Montgomery Military Science professor*

## Small Business Seminar

### How to Speak Millennial

Dothan Area Chamber of Commerce

April 26 • 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

The number one problem in business today isn't your competition or how to control your costs – it is labor. How can this be when we have more people that are "working age" than ever in history? Immediately you might be thinking, "These kids today just don't want to work." Well, we better be figuring it out, because within five years the Millennial Generation will be more than 50 percent of our workforce, and we will have five generations working at our plants and offices.

We all know that each generation has their own way of communicating and the Millennials are no different. So mark your calendar and join the Dothan Area Chamber of Commerce and Chris Lasseter, owner of DASH Leadership Development Group, for the seminar "How to Speak Millennial" Thursday, April 26, at 11 a.m. We will learn how to communicate with these "digital natives," engage with them and begin to harness their tremendous potential.

The cost per person is \$10, which includes lunch. To reserve your seat, contact Susan at (334) 792-5138 or email [statom@dothan.com](mailto:statom@dothan.com). Deadline to register is Tuesday, April 24, at noon.

## Small Business Resources

### Small Business Toolkit

The Dothan Area Chamber of Commerce has a Small Business Toolkit that is available to anyone looking to start a business, or just to provide guidance to new or current businesses. The publication is available for purchase at \$5, or it can also be downloaded for free directly from the DACC's website at [www.dothan.com](http://www.dothan.com).

In its continuous efforts to serve and assist small businesses, the DACC has this document and many other resources available for entrepreneurs and businesses, including monthly free small business counseling sessions with representatives from Troy University's Small Business Development Center.

For more information about the available resources, give the DACC a call at (334) 792-5138.

## YOUR CHAMBER



### Are You Registered To Vote?

If you are not registered to vote for the 2018 Primary Election June 5, it's not too late. The last day to register is May 21 (10 business days prior June 5).

To register, visit the Board of Registrars located on the third floor in the Houston County Administrative Building, 462 N. Oates St. The office is open Monday-Thursday, 7:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m.

To download a Voter Registration Application to complete prior to visiting the Board of Registrars, visit <http://sos.alabama.gov/alabama-votes/voter/register-to-vote>. For more information, call (334) 615-3161.

Remember ... every vote counts!

## Entrepreneurship Council Holds Networking, Recognition Event

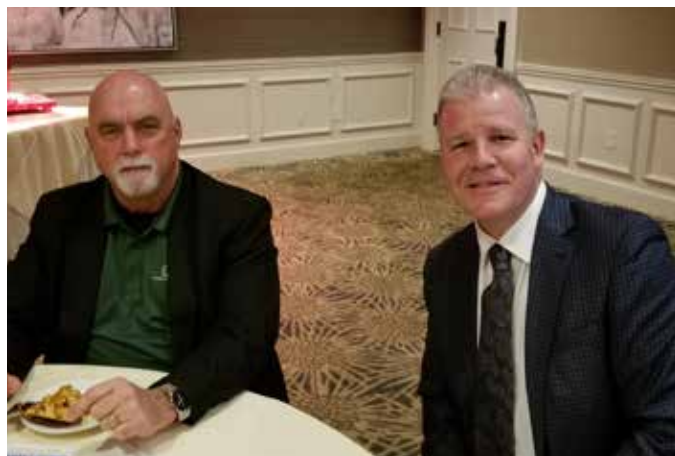
The Entrepreneurship Council of Dothan held its Annual Networking and Recognition Event recently. The purpose of the evening event was to show gratitude to members, speakers, sponsors and participants of the council.

Recognition activities also included the council presenting the first Mackroyce Corbitt Sr. Inspiration Award to Dothan Board of Education Chairman and Past Mayor Mike Schmitz, a true example of an entrepreneur who has proven to be hard working, caring and dedicated to helping others.

At the end of the evening, everyone was invited to join the Entrepreneurship Council's newly launched website [www.cpeprojecta.com](http://www.cpeprojecta.com), a business directory and events calendar with membership that offers members discounts, an opportunity to advertise and a way to give back or raise funds.

The council wishes to give special thanks to BBVA Compass, the Dothan Area Chamber of Commerce, Computer Printing Etc., Mixson Business Center and Troy University Dothan Campus Sorrell College of Business for their sponsorship and support over the years.

If you would like more information about the Entrepreneurship Council, contact Mackroyce Corbitt Jr. at (334) 678-9075 or visit their Facebook page.



Steve Turkoski, Dothan Area Chamber of Commerce project manager, and Jeff Williams, BBVA Compass Bank market president.



Dothan Board of Education Chairman and Past Mayor Mike Schmitz.





# 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](http://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 [lkkelley@dothan.com](mailto:lkkelley@dothan.com).

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**Applications are due by June 11, 2018**



# DOTHAN Business Hall of Fame

## Laureate Nomination Form

*Deadline: June 1, 2018*

The Dothan Business Hall of Fame's board of advisors is now accepting nominations for the 2018 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 500 words) and on a separate sheet please submit information for each section below (1-5). 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**

Thank you for taking the time to put forth your nominee for the 2018 Dothan Business Hall of Fame. Laureate inductees will be notified in mid-June, 2018.

Nomination submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Nominations are due by June 1, 2018. Mail your nomination to:**

Dothan Business Hall of Fame  
Dothan Area Chamber of Commerce  
Attention: Janice Shepard  
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Dothan, AL 36302

# CONNECTIONS



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## Economic Indicators

▼	<b>Labor Force for the Dothan MSA for January:</b> 61,730 in 2017; 60,437 in 2018 57,986 in 2017; 57,839 in 2017 Employed
▼	<b>Unemployment for the Dothan MSA for January:</b> 6.1% in 2017; 4.3% in 2018
▼	<b>Residential Building Permits for the City of Dothan for January:</b> 18 issued (\$6.27 million) in 2017; 17 issued (\$4.3 million) in 2018
▼	<b>Home Sales in Dothan for January:</b> 100 sold in 2017; 90 sold in 2018
▼	<b>Enplanements for Dothan Regional Airport for January:</b> 3,513 in 2017; 3,280 in 2018
▼	<b>Houston County &amp; Dothan Sales and Use Tax Collections (\$) for January:</b> \$1,972,007 in 2017; \$1,848,039 in 2018 (County) \$6,940,195 in 2017; \$6,467,452 in 2018 (City)

Editor's Note: Sources for this information vary; call the Chamber for details.  
 Data as of 3/12/18. Visit [www.dothan.com](http://www.dothan.com) for the most current information.

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