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Your cover photo features (l-r) Darian Bell, Ashford High School, guest speaker Elizabeth "Liz" Huntley, who is an attorney, motivational speaker and author of the book "More Than A Bird". and Claire Aplin, Ashford High School, at the Youth Leadership Dothan-Houston County Class 27 Graduation Banquet.

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Events Calendar July

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2 **Ambassador and Diplomat Committee Meeting – 9 a.m.**
Location: 102 Jamestown Blvd. (Chamber)

3 **LEADS Group 2 Biweekly Meeting – 8 a.m.**
Location: 102 Jamestown Blvd. (Chamber)

4-5 **Independence Day – Chamber Closed**

8 **Ribbon Cutting: Southern State Truck Driving School – 10:30 a.m.**
Location: 12962 Cottonwood Road

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

Ribbon Cutting: Something To Talk About – 10:30 a.m.
Location: 116 E. Slocomb St., Slocomb

10 **LEADS Group 1 Biweekly Meeting – 8 a.m.**
Location: 102 Jamestown Blvd. (Chamber)

Ribbon Cutting: Holly Sawyer Law Firm – 10:30 a.m.
Location: 294 W. Main St., Suite 103

11 **Ribbon Cutting: Encore Rehabilitation, Inc. – 10:30 a.m.**
Location: 1811 E. Main St., Suite 3

16 **Ribbon Cutting: Pearly Gates Funeral Home – 10:30 a.m.**
Location: 1039 N. Range St.

17 **LEADS Group 2 Biweekly Meeting – 8 a.m.**
Location: 102 Jamestown Blvd. (Chamber)

Board of Directors' Meeting – 8:15 a.m.
Location: 165 Technology Drive (The Pepi Companies)

18 **Ribbon Cutting: Meadow Ridge Apartments – 10:30 a.m.**
Location: 2600 N. Denton Road (Formerly Cedar Heights Apts.)

Small Business Seminar – Building And Strengthening Your Networking Skills – 2-3:30 p.m.
Location: 102 Jamestown Blvd. (Chamber)
*See page 14 for more information. Reservations required: (334) 792-5138

19 **Ribbon Cutting: Wiregrass Payment Solutions - Spot On – 10:30 a.m.**
Location: 102 Jamestown Blvd. (Chamber)

23 **Ribbon Cutting: S.A. Jones Construction – 10:30 a.m.**
Location: 3246 Ross Clark Circle

24 **LEADS Group 1 Biweekly Meeting – 8 a.m.**
Location: 102 Jamestown Blvd. (Chamber)

25 **Ribbon Cutting: Legacy of Hope – 10:30 a.m.**
Location: 102 Jamestown Blvd. (Chamber)

Dothan Area Young Professionals' Professional Development Luncheon – 11:30 a.m.
Location: 200 S. Cherokee Ave. (Dothan Country Club)

30 **Ribbon Cutting: SpectraCare Health Systems Inc. The Haven – 10:30 a.m.**
Location: 831 John D. Odom Road

31 **LEADS Group 2 Biweekly Meeting – 8 a.m.**
Location: 102 Jamestown Blvd. (Chamber)

Ribbon Cutting: Blessed Designs By Renae – 10:30 a.m.
Location: 1820 W. Main St., Suite 2

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Meet Tomorrow's Leaders

Foundation Holds Graduation Ceremonies

If you ever had any doubt that our community is filled with dedicated and strong individuals who would be able to take on the role as future leaders, then let us introduce you to the graduating 2019 Youth Leadership Dothan-Houston County and Leadership Dothan classes.

Forty-four high school juniors from 11 area schools in Houston County graduated from Youth Leadership Dothan-Houston County Class 27. Held May 15 at Wiregrass Rehabilitation Center Inc's Sterling Event Services Rotary Hall, the guest speaker was Liz Huntley. Abbey Knight from Northside Methodist Academy also provided attendees with an overview of the year's highlights from visiting the local area hospitals during Healthcare Day, to performing volunteer work during Community Service Day.

The Leadership Dothan's Class 37 had 33 graduates and held its graduation ceremony June 6, at the Dothan Country Club. During the evening event, course highlights were provided by class leaders Betsey Marshall, TownPlace Suites, and Courtney Whitehead, Encompass Health. Closing remarks were given by Lori Wilcoxon, Leadership Dothan Steering Committee chair and Wiregrass Commons Mall.

Both leadership programs are operated through the Dothan Area Chamber Foundation and serve as important leadership resources to this area. The programs not only help raise a participant's awareness of the local issues and increase their understanding of different perspectives, but also help to encourage the individual to become involved in solving the challenges facing their community.

Youth Leadership Dothan-Houston County is a seven-month training program that prepares high school juniors for leadership, involvement and participation in the future of the Wiregrass region. The program's goal is to interest students in civic and volunteer activities, encourage them to recognize their potential and assist them in identifying their special skills and talents.

Leadership Dothan is a nine-month program that focuses on community resources, education, local and state government, health care, public safety and quality of life.

Each year, both classes are required to complete a community service project or fundraising effort to enhance the community. For their service project, Youth Leadership chose Beverlye Magnet School and Wiregrass Habitat for Humanity Inc. The class completed a beautification project at Beveryle Magnetic which included landscaping the grounds at the school. Class members worked with other community volunteers and laid sod at one of the Habitat houses.

Leadership Dothan held the Whitney DeVane Memorial 0.5K benefitting Wiregrass Habitat for Humanity Inc in historic downtown Dothan. The event raised over $16,989 for Habitat. The class also donated money to Selma Street Elementary School students who were purchasing clothing and coats for 14 students in the amount of $1,140.91 and the class also donated $994 to the Wiregrass United Way Campaign. Total amount raised by the class was over $19,124.

Plans are currently underway for the 2019-2020 programs. If you would like more information about either of the classes, contact Linda Kelley, program coordinator and director of community development, at (334) 792-5138 or **lkelley@dothan.com**.

Youth Leadership Dothan-Houston County Class 27's Graduation Banquet was held at Celebration at Jones Crossing. The class had 44 graduates.

Leadership Dothan Class 37's held its Graduation Banquet at the Dothan Country Club. The class had 33 graduates.

Congratulations

Youth Leadership Dothan-Houston County & Leadership Dothan Classes 2019 Graduates

Youth Leadership Dothan-Houston County Class 27

Allee Alexander
Northside Methodist Academy

Lucy Alford
Houston Academy

Claire Aplin
Ashford High School

Annabeth Applefield
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Hannah Brown
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Logan Cox
Wicksburg High School

Katie Croft
Northview High School

Jeniyah Culver
Dothan High School

Anna Dorsey
Providence Christian School

Anna-Grace Dumas
Houston Academy

Morgan Franklin
Providence Christian School

Marty Gary
Emmanuel Christian School

Carson Herring
Rehobeth High School

Morgan Hogans
Northview High School

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Payton Jinks
Rehobeth High School

Abbey Knight
Northside Methodist Academy

Emmett Lee
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Robert Woodall
Providence Christian Academy

Meaghan Zeh
Houston County High School

Leadership Dothan-Houston County Class 37

Justin April
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Stephanie Butler
Larry Blumberg and Associates (LBA Hospitality)

Ben Chapman
Henderson Wealth Management

Donna Clemmons
Wiregrass Habitat for Humanity

Drew Coleman
Coleman Worldwide Moving

Jennifer Doherty
Southeast Alabama Community Theatre

Desmond Douglas
Edward Jones Investments

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Personnel Resources

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Troy University Dothan

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The Dothan Area Chamber and Print Services Inc., the Chamber member awarded this project, have begun the ad sales campaign for these 2020 publications. Chamber members (primary contact and/or advertising agent) will begin receiving the Chamber's project introduction letter, verification form(s) and a "Reserve Your Space" brochure.

Print Services will be contacting members about the advertising opportunities and has a media kit available online at www.psiprinter.com.

The *Welcome Guide* and *Membership Directory & Business Guide* will be mailed to Chamber members in late January 2020. High visibility through great distribution has been the key to the *Welcome Guide's* success. Increased usage of the *Membership Directory* is a direct result of its convenience to find fellow business members to promote our business-to-business relationships. Don't miss out on these important publications! Your company will benefit greatly by reaching all who look to the Dothan Area Chamber for information about Dothan businesses in 2020.

Distribution of the *Welcome Guide* (10,000) includes economic development prospects, new residents, prospective retirees and relocation families requesting information through the Chamber, 15 Chamber member apartment complexes for new residents, 15 Chamber member hotels/motels in-room distribution and the Dothan Utilities and Wiregrass Electric Authority offices to all new service customers. Great web exposure is another avenue of distribution for the *2020 Welcome Guide*. The publication will be on the following websites: The City of Dothan, Houston County, Visit Dothan, Dothan Area Chamber of Commerce and Print Services Inc.

For more information about this opportunity, please contact:

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Star Of The Month

Mary Colburn
Wiregrass Auto Care

Team Of The Month

Chamber Six Pack

Congratulations to the Ambassador and Diplomat Team of the Month "Chamber Six Pack" for claiming this month's title. Team members (seated l-r) **Tara Ryals**, Troy University; **Mary Colburn**, Wiregrass Auto Care; **Karen Forehand**, MidSouth Paving Inc.; (standing) **Elizabeth Buntin**, Century 21 James Grant Realty; **Tim Rockwell**, Country Financial; and **Sheila Cestaro**, WDHN TV-18. Team member not pictured is **Kelley Massingill**, Mary Kay Cosmetics.

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.

NAPA Sets New World Record

In April, over 200 NAPA Auto Parts stores and GPC businesses across the country attempted to break a Guinness World Record for the most cars washed in eight hours across multiple venues … and they did it.

After reviewing the car wash totals, it was revealed that the final number of vehicles washed was 7,197 cars, which set a new Guinness World Record. This broke the previous record held by another GPC business, Repco Australia and New Zealand, which was 6,277 cars washed across 89 stores on October 2012.

The participating NAPA store locations and GPC businesses were spread across the continent. Each NAPA Auto Parts store partnered with a charity or nonprofit organization within its community on the day of the event and donated all proceeds from the car wash to their selected group.

Congratulations to NAPA Auto Parts and everyone who participated in a job well done. For more information, give Ben Kennard, Dothan's

SEACT To Hold Auditions

The Southeast Alabama Community Theatre will hold auditions for its production of *Once On This Island Jr.* on Sunday-Tuesday, July 28-30, at The Cultural Arts Center. Audition times vary.

Adapted from the celebrated Broadway musical, this rousing Calypso-flavored tale follows one small girl who finds love in a world of prejudice. *Once On This Island Jr.* is the theatrical adaption of Hans Christian Andersen's popular fairy tale, *The Little Mermaid*.

The musical tells the story of Ti Moune, a peasant girl who rescues and falls in love with Daniel, a wealthy boy from the other side of the island. Daniel returns to his own people, and the fantastical gods who rule the island guide Ti Moune on a quest that will test the strength of her love against the powerful forces of prejudice, hatred and even death.

Performance dates for the production are Sept. 13-14 and 19-21. There are also scheduled daytime performances for the schools Thursday, Sept. 12, and Wednesday, Sept. 18.

To make audition reservations, or for more information, contact the SEACT office at (334) 794-0400 or visit **www.seact.com**. An audition deposit is required.

Local Church Plans Revive Conference

Christ Church International invites area youth to join the church for its annual Revive Conference being held Friday-Sunday, Aug. 2-4. Revive '19 will bring together a collective of Spirit-filled teams who foster the presence of the Lord and whose goal is to see lives transformed through Jesus Christ.

On Friday, Aug. 2, the conference will get underway at 7 p.m. with guests Matt Gilman and Chosen; on Saturday, Aug. 3, the conference times are 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. with guests Matt Gilman, Casey Doss and Catherine Mullins; and then on Sunday, Aug. 4, the conference will close at 10:30 a.m. with Youth Pastor Michael DelVecchio and Josh Williams.

Revive began from a desire to see the area youth revived in the Lord. Since its inception, the vision has grown to see the presence of God sweep across this entire region and for a great awakening to break forth.

"The youth of today are searching for love, belonging and connection," said Youth Pastor Michael DelVecchio. "Our goal at Revive is to set an atmosphere where young people can experience Jesus in a new fresh way by providing an atmosphere for Jesus to change hearts and lives."

The conference is free, and all are invited to attend. To register, visit **www.experiencerevive.org**, or for more information, contact the church at (334) 671-1150.

Glover Acquires Kent Funeral Homes

Kendall Glover, owner of Glover Funeral Home, a locally-owned funeral facility in Dothan, Alabama, is pleased to announce the acquisition of Kent Funeral Homes in Eufaula and Clayton, Alabama.

A native of the Eufaula/Clayton area, Glover began his funeral career at Kent Funeral Homes in 1988, working with Donna and Ricky Kent. He left to pursue his education in funeral service and returned to Kent Funeral Homes in 1990, remaining there until 1996 when he moved to Dothan where he continued his funeral service career, opening Glover Funeral Home in 2012. Donna and Ricky Kent have owned the Clayton funeral home since 1982 and opened the Eufaula facility in 1985. The two funeral homes have served those communities for almost 40 years.

"My family and I are very honored and humbled to continue the long heritage and tradition that the Kent family has provided the communities they served," stated Glover. "I am very thankful to Donna and her children for the trust and confidence they have placed in my family to carry on their tradition of service. This acquisition will provide Glover Funeral Home with three locations in Alabama and will help to contribute a greater value to the families we serve."

Glover is a member of the National Funeral Directors Association and the Alabama Funeral Directors Association where he has served as district director, secretary/treasurer, and presently serves as vice president. He and his family are active members of First United Methodist Church of Dothan.

Glover Funeral Home, celebrating seven years in Dothan, offers a full array of funeral services; traditional and personal services and burial, cremation, and preplanning. For more information, or to contact Glover, call (334) 699-3888 or visit **www.gloverfuneral.com**.

Caroline Hanahan Glover and Kendall Glover, Glover Funeral Home owners.

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King's Appliances Under New Management

Howard and Stefanie King

King's Furniture and Appliances has been serving the Wiregrass for 42 years. Graham and Norma King opened Kings Furniture in Dothan originally on South Oates Street in 1977. The business then moved to 2821 Ross Clark Circle in 1990 right across from Eye Center South.

The King's son, Howard, and his wife Stefanie, moved back to Dothan from Roanoke, Virginia, in 2010 when Mr. King's health started failing in order to help Mrs. King in the store. When Mr. King passed away in November 2011, Howard continued to work with his mom in the family business.

When Mrs. King had back surgery in August 2018, and was unable to return to her business, Stefanie joined Howard in operating the store. Since then, Mrs. King has officially retired and turned the business over to the next generation.

Howard, Stefanie and all the employees welcome customers to the store with a friendly smile and always strive to create a great shopping experience. At King's you can find appliances by Speed Queen, Whirlpool, Maytag, Amana, Electrolux and Frigidaire. You will also find beautiful furniture by Ashley, Catnapper, Southern Motion and others. If you need a bedroom suite, mattress, foundation, or just a bedframe, King's can help you find what you need. The store also still offers layaway with 20 percent down and financing.

Be sure to stop by and welcome the next generation of management to King's. Or for more information, contact Howard or Stefanie at (334) 793-3045 or visit them online at **www.kingsdothan.com**.

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HCRW Plans July Meeting

The Houston County Republican Women will hold its next monthly meeting Thursday, July 25, beginning at 11 a.m. at Wiregrass Rehabilitation Center Inc.'s Sterling Event Services Rotary Hall. Guest speaker to be announced.

HCRW holds monthly luncheon meetings the fourth Thursday of each month. The activities include a Meet and Greet at 11 a.m., lunch at 11:30 a.m. and then the meeting at noon. Reservations are required by noon the Tuesday prior to the meeting date.

The Houston County Republican Women are strong, caring, conservative women dedicated to a sovereign, secure and prosperous United States while serving and promoting the conservative values of the Republican Party; nominating and electing those candidates at all levels of government: local, state and national.

Regular membership is open to any woman who supports the Houston Country Republican Women's objectives and pays the subscribed dues of $25 per calendar year. An associate membership is open to any Republican man who pays the subscribed dues of $25 per calendar year. Associates attend meetings and assist when called upon, but cannot vote at the HCRW meetings.

For more information about the organization, or to make your reservation to attend the monthly luncheon, call Sue at (502) 321-2475 or visit **www.hcrw.us**.

Carnes Chiropractic Invites You To Join Them

Carnes Chiropractic & Wellness Center invites you to join it for its next monthly Health Chat to be held Tuesday, July 9, beginning at 6:15 p.m. Held in Friend Bank's Community Room, 3105 Ross Clark Circle, July's discussion, presented by Dr. Ashley Carnes, will be on natural ways to help your neck, shoulders and rotator cuff.

Free and open to the public, Health Chats are usually held the fourth Tuesday of each month and last only an hour. Also, when existing patients attend four Health Chats, they will receive a free office visit.

For more information, give Carnes Chiropractic a call at (334) 794-2225 or visit **www.carneswellness.com**.

WIRED Announces "Game Changer" Initiative

In June, WIRED Ministries announced its "Game Changer" initiative taking place this year to radically improve 10 nonprofits ministries' ability to reach people for Christ as they meet physical, emotional, financial and spiritual needs.

The initiative began 12 years ago when WIRED asked, "Have you ever really thought of what might happen in our community if all of God's people joined together with an unwavering commitment to reach others for Christ?" This thought ended up being a God-sized vision that became a Game Changer for the community.

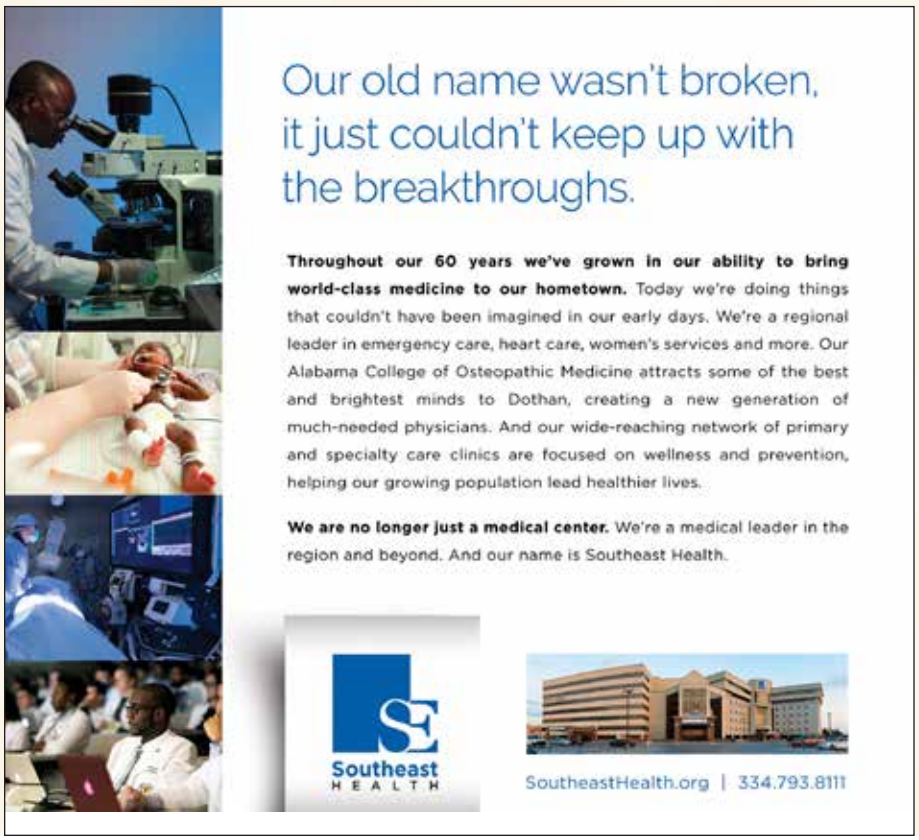
In fact, you can go as far to say that WIRED 2019 was a Game Changer for 10 local nonprofit ministries, as well as the students and adults that participated in WIRED week June 23-28. WIRED's God-sized vision was to raise $250,000 to be dispersed between the 10 local ministries to fund their own Game Changer project.

What is a Game Changer project? It's a project that each ministry would love to do or needs to do in order to more effectively reach and serve the community but have not been able to implement due to a lack of resources. These projects will allow each ministry the ability to provide on-going ministry opportunities focused on sustainable change within the community.

The 10 Game Changer partners are: Alabama Baptist Children's Home, The Ark, Dothan Rescue Mission, The Harbor, Hope Rising, Living Hope, Living Waters, Love In Action, Southeast Alabama Baptist Association and Wiregrass Hope Group.

For more information about WIRED and the different Game Changer projects, visit them on Facebook or give Mark Anderson a call at (334) 673-2878.

Mark Anderson, Eagle Eye Outfitters Inc. president/owner, talks about the WIRED Ministry's "Game Changer" initiative at a press conference.



#SaveTheDate For These 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 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!"

Poplar Head Farmer's Market
Every Saturday • 8 a.m. - noon
Corner of Main and St. Andrews streets. This is an open air market featuring fresh locally grown vegetables, fruit, flowers, herbs, etc. For more information, call the Dothan Downtown Redevelopment Authority at (334) 699-8118 or visit **www.dothandowntown.org/poplar-head-farmers-market**.

Foster Fest
July 5 • 6 p.m.
Foster Street downtown Dothan. Hosted by the Dothan Downtown Redevelopment Authority, this is a free, pet-friendly event showcasing downtown Dothan, the local arts, crafts and music scene, downtown businesses and classic cars. For more information, contact the DDRA at (334) 699-8118 or visit. **www.facebook.com/fosterfest**.

Music By Moonlight
July 11 • 7:30 p.m.
Landmark Park. Pack a picnic supper, bring the family and friends and enjoy an evening of great music under the stars on the Gazebo lawn. Free admission. For more information, call (334) 794-3452 or visit **www.landmarkparkdothan.com**.

Homebuyers Workshop
July 13 • 10 a.m.
Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Showcase Properties. Free monthly Homebuyers Workshops are held the second Saturday each month, except for in November when the workshop date is Nov. 16. To register or for more information, call (334) 792-7474.

Art After Hours
July 18 • 5:30-8 p.m.
Wiregrass Museum of Art and Conference Center. WMA's quarterly event will mark the opening of new exhibitions. Come wander the galleries and take in the new art on display. Light snacks will be served, and drinks available for purchase. Cost: members free; non-members $5. For more information, call (334) 7894-3871 or visit **www.wiregrassmuseum.org**.

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

Eagle Eye Announces New Store Manager

Rick Walz, Store Manager

Eagle Eye Outfitters Inc. is excited to announce the hiring of Rick Walz as the company's new store manager. Walz, who is no stranger to retail, has worked in the industry for 17 years working for Old Navy, Blockbuster and Barnes & Noble.

Out of the 17 years, Walz has been in management for 12 years where it is clear that he has obtained great experience and success. He is also widely known for his gift with people and has made many lasting impacts on the lives of those he has developed and trained in the past.

"All of us cannot wait to see the impact Rick will make on our staff, our customers and our community through his new position," said Mark Anderson, Eagle Eye Outfitters' president/owner.

Originally raised in the Florida Panhandle, Walz moved to Dothan when a job opportunity with Barnes & Noble arose. He met his sweet wife in Dothan, and they have been married for 10 years. He and his wife have three children and have also been active foster parents for the last two years.

For more information, contact Clara Maria Warren, content marketing and media specialist, at (334) 673-2878, **clara@eagleeyedothan.com** or visit **www.shopeagleye.com**.

WCC And Michelin Provide Students Opportunity To Explore Careers

Wallace Community College and Michelin Tire Manufacturing teamed up to introduce area students to careers in industrial systems technology and industrial maintenance. The students, who are from area high schools, pre-registered for the opportunity to explore this in-demand career field.

During the three-day Fundamentals of Modern Maintenance workshop, students received training in industrial hydraulics and pneumatics and lab activities. Topics include theory of fluid power systems and operation of air and hydraulic test systems.

Applied Engineering Technology is a growing field and is instructed at a technical level, involving applications of mathematics, science, as well as hands-on training in AC and DC fundamentals, process controls, industrial mechanics, robots, and other fields.

For more information, contact Barbara Thompson, director of public relations and marketing, at (334) 556-2629 or **bthompson@wallace.edu**.

SHRM EXCEL 2018

WHRMA Receives Excel Award

The Wiregrass Human Resource Management Association is proud to announce it recently was awarded the 2018 Bronze Excel Award by the Society for Human Resource Management. This award recognizes major accomplishments, strategic activities and tactical initiatives that elevate the profession of human resources.

WHRMA is an affiliate of the SHRM and is a local starting point for networking, information, professional development and continued support of excellence in human resources.

For more information about the organization, or to join WHRMA, contact President Jill Lord at **whrmadothan@yahoo.com** or visit **www.whrma.shrm.org**.

Glasstream Powerboats Celebrates Expansion

Glasstream Powerboats, LLC held an expansion celebration in June to commemorate the company's 13,500-square-foot expansion and to announce its partnership with Fassmer to land major military and law enforcement contracts.

Glasstream will build the hull and deck for the boats and ship them to Fassmer's Florida facilities. Fassmer will then outfit the boats with an engine and accessories for delivery to customers.

Area federal, state and local officials were on hand to congratulate the company on its growth and recognize it for its commitment to the area. Part of Glasstream's second phase, the expansion will allow it to hire 40 more workers to fill various production positions.

"Glasstream's motto is 'Live the dream.' Well the dream is alive and expanding," stated Mary Beth Maddox, Dothan Area Chamber of Commerce chair and Personnel Resources senior executive vice president. "The dream is vibrant and alive because of the vision of A.L. Kirkland. We're thankful you chose Dothan."

Glasstream Powerboats is a proven world leader in designing and manufacturing fuel-efficient, high-performance boats. The company has a 39-year history of powering its way through the boating industry. Creating center console boats that separate it from the industry mediocrity first starts with having the finest craftsmanship; unparalleled boat building experience.

For more information, contact Ashley Strong, director of sales and market development, at (334) 873-6205, ext. 108, **ashley@glasstream.com** or visit **www.glasstream.com**.

Health Center South Medical Tower Holds Grand Opening

Grow Dothan, Dothan Area Chamber of Commerce and area officials were all part of the recent grand opening celebration and ribbon cutting for the new Health Center South Medical Tower.

A $25 million expansion, the medical tower offers 200,000-square-foot of state-of-the-art Class A space. It is five-stories with four floors of leased customizable office space, has an underground parking deck and offers the fastest fiber optic internet currently available within the area. Located at 2826 Ross Clark, it is conveniently located by two major area hospitals, making it the healthcare hub of the Wiregrass.

Health Center South fosters a collaborative network of medical professionals committed to excellence and innovation in their fields. The center offers customizable suites, outpatient surgery center, latest Olympus High Definition technology and a 12-suite OR.

To schedule a private showing, call (334) 500-4455. Or for more information, contact Tara Black, director of development, at (334) 793-2211, **tblack@healthcentersouth.com** or visit **www.healthcentersouth.com**.

It was a packed house at Health Center South Medical Tower's recent grand opening celebration and ribbon cutting.

Houston County Chairman Mark Culver (left) and City of Dothan Mayor Mark Saliba congratulate and thank Dr. Marnix Heersink for his commitment and investment in Dothan.

Dr. Kelly Nichols, UAB School of Optometry dean, congratulates Dr. Marnix Heersink and officials on the Health Center South Medical Tower grand opening. Also pictured is Mary Beth Maddox, Dothan Area Chamber of Commerce chair and Personnel Resources senior executive vice president.

Dr. Marnix Heersink speaks to the crowd at Health Center South Medical Tower's Celebration Open House.

Dothan MSA Occupations And Employment

Steve Turkoski, Project Manager

Each year, the office of Occupational Employment Statistics, a division of the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, completes an employment and wage survey of the states and the metropolitan statistical areas. The latest survey data is from May 2018.

The occupations are listed in 21 major groups and individual occupations presented by descriptive title and their occupational code. The following tables are for the Dothan Metropolitan Statistical Area. For simplicity, codes are not included here.

Major Occupation Groups	Employed
Office and Administrative Support	8,200
Sales and Related	8,190
Food Preparation and Serving Related	5,500
Healthcare Practitioners and Technical	5,430
Transportation and Material Moving	5,170
Production	5,040
Installation, Maintenance, and Repair	2,910
Education, Training, and Library	2,510
Healthcare Support	2,050
Construction and Extraction	2,030
Management	1,920
Protective Service	1,570
Building and Grounds Cleaning and Maintenance	1,550
Personal Care and Service	1,480
Business and Financial Operations	1,250
Architecture and Engineering	610
Arts, Design, Entertainment, Sports, and Media	570
Community and Social Service	450
Computer and Mathematical	450
Farming, Fishing, and Forestry	380
Life, Physical, and Social Science	200
Legal	190

Within the major occupational groups, the following occupations employed the most people:

Top 20 Occupations	Employed
Retail Salespersons	2,930
Cashiers	2,410
Registered Nurses	2,020
Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers, Including Fast Food	1,900
Secretaries and Administrative Assistants, Except Legal, Medical and Executive	1,280
Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	1,270
Waiters and Waitresses	1,250
Laborers and Freight, Stock and Material Movers, Hand	1,100
Nursing Assistants	980
Office Clerks, General	930
Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners	850
General and Operations Managers	780
First-Line Supervisors of Retail Sales Workers	770
Sales Representatives, Wholesale and Manufacturing, Except Technical and Scientific Products	770
Light Truck or Delivery Services Drivers	730
Bookkeeping, Accounting, and Auditing Clerks	720
Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses	640
Elementary School Teachers, Except Special Education	620
Security Guards	610
Stock Clerks and Order Fillers	580

MSA Occupations with Location Quotient Greater Than 3	Employed	LQ
Textile Cutting Machine Setters, Operators and Tenders	40	6.75
Pipelayers	90	5.65
Millwrights	100	5.49
Logging Equipment Operators	60	5.38
Nurse Anesthetists	90	5.09
Coin, Vending and Amusement Machine Servicers and Repairers	60	4.67
Structural Metal Fabricators and Fitters	130	4.40
Merchandise Displayers and Window Trimmers	220	4.27
Farm Equipment Mechanics and Service Technicians	50	3.89
Pest Control Workers	120	3.79
Helpers—Electricians	110	3.73
Medical Equipment Preparers	80	3.60
Legislators	70	3.44
Farmworkers, Farm, Ranch and Aquacultural Animals	50	3.40
Credit Authorizers, Checkers and Clerks	40	3.10

Explanation of Location Quotient - A location quotient is an analytical statistic that measures a region's industrial specialization relative to a larger geographic unit (usually the nation). An LQ is computed as an industry's share of a regional total for some economic statistic (earnings, GDP by metropolitan area, employment, etc.) divided by the industry's share of the national total for the same statistic. For example, an LQ of 1.0 in mining means that the region and the nation are equally specialized in mining; while an LQ of 1.8 means that the region has a higher concentration in mining than the nation (Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis, **www.bea.gov/help/faq/478**).

SOUTHEAST ALABAMA WORKS!

Southeast AlabamaWorks To Host Job Fair

The Southeast AlabamaWorks will host the 16th Annual Fort Rucker - Wiregrass Area Job Fair Wednesday, July 31, from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. at Enterprise State Community College, 600 Plaza Drive.

Open to the public and free to attend, job seekers should come dressed to impress, bring plenty of resumes and be prepared to interview onsite. Veterans are also encouraged to attend and will be provided with an American flag sticker to be easily identified. Job seekers need to pre-register prior to attending the job fair at www.bit.Ly/ftrwajf19.

There will be approximately 150 Wiregrass area employers on hand ready to hire. Any business interested in participating in the job fair, can register at **www.bit.ly/ftruckerjf19**.

Other partners supporting this event include the Alabama Department of Labor, Alabama Career Center System, Army Community Services , Fort Rucker Soldier for Life - Transition Assistance Program, Enterprise State Community College and Enterprise High School.

For more information, contact Ryan Richards, director of workforce development, at (334) 792-5138 or email **rrichards@southeastalabamaworks.com**.

Mark Your Calendar For These Upcoming Seminars

Building & Strengthening Your Networking Skills

Dothan Area Chamber of Commerce

Thursday, July 11 • 2-3:30 p.m.

How many of us have said at one time or another "I hate networking"? A majority of people are uncomfortable when it comes time to network with individuals we don't know. But, in today's business world, networking is a necessity. Successful networking can open doors to more business opportunities and jobs. And what business out there doesn't want more opportunities?

To help you achieve networking success, the Dothan Area Chamber of Commerce and Mary Beth Maddox, Personnel Resources and DACC chair, will present a Building & Strengthening Your Networking Skills workshop Thursday, July 11, from 2-3:30 p.m. at the chamber facility

In this workshop, you will learn different skills and pick up tips that will help you come out of that "uncomfortable" shell to now be able to go out and establish great business connections and relationships.

The workshop is free; however, pre-registration is required. To reserve your seat, call Susan at (334) 792-5138 or email **statom@dothan.com**.

Financing Your Business

Mixson Business Center

Thursday, July 25 • 5:30 p.m.

Mark your calendar and make plans to join the Entrepreneurship Council and Troy University's Sorrell College of Business for a Financing Your Business seminar being held Thursday, July 25, at the Mixson Business Center at 5:30 p.m.

This is your opportunity to learn about various forms of funding for your business from banks, the Small Business Administration, Regional Planning and other funding sources.

The seminar is free; however, pre-registration is required. To reserve your seat, call (334) 678-9075 or visit www.entrepreneurshipcouncil.org.

Are You A Chamber Member-To-Member Participant?

Being a participant not only helps promote your business, but also demonstrates your Dothan Area Chamber of Commerce membership commitment.

For more information about this DACC benefit or to become a participant, call Hayden Camp, director of membership, at (334) 792-5138, email **hcamp@dothan.com** or visit **www.dothan.com/membertomemberprogram**.

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Back-To-School Sales Tax Holiday

July 19-21

Alabama's 14th annual sales tax holiday for school-related items will be observed from 12:01 a.m. Friday, July 19, 2019, until midnight, Sunday, July 21, 2019.

For three days only, pay no sales tax on:

- Clothing and footwear ($100 or less per item)
- Certain school supply items ($50 or less per item)
- Computers or computer equipment ($750 or less)
- Any book valued at $30 or less

For more information, visit
www.alabamaretail.org/resources/salestaxholidays

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AMBASSADOR / DIPLOMAT COMMITTEE APPLICATION

2019-2020

Are you good at promoting your belief in the Chamber?

Do you enjoy people and networking?

Is your business interested in connecting with the community?

Then you may have what it takes to be a Chamber Ambassador or Diplomat.

The Dothan Area Chamber of Commerce Ambassador and Diplomat Committees are gearing up for its 2019-2020 fiscal year and are looking for a few good volunteers who enjoy teamwork and meeting people. The program year runs October-September and the committees meet the first Tuesday of each month at 9 a.m. at the Chamber office.

Serving as an Ambassador or Diplomat allows you to become more involved in your business community. This results in increased networking opportunities, enhanced visibility of your business and numerous opportunities to market and promote your products and services.

If you are interested in serving as an Ambassador or Diplomat for the Dothan Area Chamber of Commerce please complete and return the application. The commitment is for one year.

The Chamber has 50 Ambassador positions available for the 2019-2020 year and will accept applications until Aug. 1, 2019, or until all positions are filled.

Returning Ambassadors/Diplomats must also re-apply for the 2019-2020 year.

For more information, contact the Director of Membership, Hayden Camp, at (334) 792-5138 or email **hcamp@dothan.com**.

(To be a Diplomat you must have been an Ambassador for three consecutive years.)

Name: _____

Business Name: _____

Title or Position: _____

Address: _____

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Economic**Indicators**

^	**Labor Force for the Dothan MSA for April:** 62,680 in 2018; 63,854 in 2019 60,466 in 2018; 61,640 in 2019 Employed
v	**Unemployment for the Dothan MSA for April:** 3.6% in 2018; 3.5% in 2019
v	**Residential Building Permits for the City of Dothan for April:** 23 issued ($6.64 million) in 2018; 20 issued ($5.34 million) in 2019
^	**Home Sales in Dothan for April:** 145 sold in 2018; 171 sold in 2019
^	**Enplanements for Dothan Regional Airport for April:** 4,650 in 2018; 5,071 in 2019
^	**Houston County & Dothan Sales and Use Tax Collections ($) for April:** $1,754,782 in 2018; $1,840,073 in 2019 (County) $6,063,559 in 2018; $6,536,819 in 2019 (City)

Editor's Note: Sources for this information vary; call the Chamber for details. Data as of 6/10/19. Visit www.dothan.com for the most current information.

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