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Chamber News

MONTEVALLO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WELCOMES NEW 2021 BOARD MEMBERS



Alison Baggett

Alison Baggett is the owner of The Art Studio, a local creative studio for kids and adults. She has been a resident of Montevallo for a decade where she lives with her husband and four kids.



Obie Moore

Obie Moore is Co-owner of Moore Brothers Automotive, 59 years old, moved to Montevallo in 1971 and has lived here on and off ever since. Married for 41 years and has two daughters and four grandsons. Moore Bro. Automotive was inducted into the Montevallo business hall of fame in 2019.



Kira Thomas

Kira Thomas is a hometown girl who attended the Montevallo schools from preschool all the way through to the University of Montevallo where she earned her bachelor's in marketing. Kira serves as the Director of University Marketing and Communications at UM.

2021 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Alison Baggett

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Mary Lawson
Obie Moore
Julie Smitherman
Kira Thomas

CHAMBER STAFF

Adele Nelson, Executive Director
Mike Galloway, Marketing Consultant



NELSON NAMED NEW CHAMBER DIRECTOR

After serving in the capacity of the director's assistant for five years, Adele Nelson was recently named the Montevallo Chamber of Commerce Executive Director. The Montevallo Chamber of Commerce has served Business and Community for over 70 years. Established in 1949, the Chamber is a core business organization that supports the economic well being of its members and the community.

Throughout her adult life, Adele has been an active volunteer in several community, arts, and service organizations. She serves on the Board of Directors for Shelby Emergency Assistance, Montevallo Main Street, Montevallo ArtWalk, Tinglewood Festival Committee, and Alabaster Arts Council. She is also a member of Montevallo Arts Collaborative, Geographic Technical Advisory Group, Shelby County Camera Club and Shelby County Arts Council.

Adele was born in England as part of a military family that was stationed along the east coast, as far north as Bangor, Maine and as far south as Key West, Florida. After her Dad retired, the family moved back home to Alabama.

After obtaining her CAPZO from the University of North Alabama, Adele worked in local government as a planning and zoning coordinator before returning to Montevallo to work for the Chamber. Her previous experience as a Montevallo business owner gives her valuable insight.

Adele and her husband of 41 years, Mark, have two grown sons and daughter-in-laws.



March

2nd TUESDAY

IMPACT MONTEVALLO COALITION VIRTUAL MEETING
9:00am, email - impactmontevallo@gmail.com for link

10th - 13th WED - SAT

UM COLLEGE NIGHT

2021 will be held virtually. For info -
<https://www.montevallo.edu/about-um/traditions/college-night/2021cn/>

12th FRIDAY

MONTEVALLO SCHOOLS

MES, MMS & MHS No School - Teacher Workday

13th SATURDAY

(cancelled) **4th ANNUAL LOVE MONTEVALLO DAY**

14th SUNDAY

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS

17th TUESDAY

ST. PATRICK'S DAY

(postponed) **MONTEVALLO CHAMBER MONTHLY LUNCHEON**

20th SATURDAY

SPRING BEGINS

27th SATURDAY

FREE DUMP DAY AT SHELBY COUNTY LANDFILL

Montevallo residents can take advantage of trucks on March 27th from 7am - 2pm to haul off unwanted items. Trucks will be available at Montevallo Recycling Center - 1120 Overland Rd

22nd - 26th MON - FRI

SPRING BREAK

Shelby County Schools & University of Montevallo

28th SUNDAY

PALM SUNDAY

30th TUESDAY

SPECIAL PRIMARY ELECTION

AL House District 73 (HD73) and AL Senate District 14 (SD14)

Make sure to visit Love, Montevallo photo op located to the left past Smitherman's in Owl's Cove Park.

Photo Op will be up till the end of March .



Montevallo Civitan Club's annual Vidalia Onion Sale

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An Illinois Yankee in King Cotton's Court

Submitted by Marty Everse

Louesa Jane Keys arrived in Montevallo in 1913 wide-eyed and holding a fresh diploma from the University of Illinois in Household Science. She had landed a position as Instructor at the Alabama Girls Technical Institute and soon began snapping photographs in what must have been a new and unfamiliar environment for a Midwestern woman. Pasting and labeling the images in a scrapbook, she recorded views of the campus and town, African American families, Davis Falls, and what was probably especially novel to her, cotton. At the time, Robert Fulton McKibbin had cornered the ginning market in Montevallo and so Louesa wandered over to his place and clicked a couple scenes of his steam powered gin. As an aside, McKibbin is most remembered today for the elegant Victorian home he constructed on the corner of East Boundary and Shelby Streets.



"Cotton on scales at gin"



"Cotton gin"

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SMOKE ALARMS ARE A KEY PART of a home fire escape plan. When there is a fire, smoke spreads fast. Working smoke alarms give you early warning so you can get outside quickly.

Safety Tips

- Install smoke alarms in every bedroom. They should also be outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home. Install alarms in the basement .
- It is best to use interconnected smoke alarms. When one smoke alarm sounds, they all sound.
- Test all smoke alarms at least once a month.
- People who are hard-of-hearing or deaf can use special alarms that have strobe lights or bed shakers.
- Replace all smoke alarms when they are 10 years old.



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ABOUT APRIL WEAVER

April Weaver served ten years as an accomplished state legislator in the Alabama House of Representatives, including five years as Chair of the House Health Committee. She was the first woman in Alabama history to serve in this position. She served as the Chair of the Shelby County House Delegation from October 2016 until May 2020. Her former House District included Shelby, Bibb and Chilton counties, the same counties that are in Senate District 14. During her tenure in the State House, Weaver had a reputation of being a strong conservative on both fiscal and social issues.

In May 2020, April was appointed to serve as the Regional IV Director for the United States Department of Health and Human Services during the height of the Covid pandemic. Her leadership and experience in both public service and the private sector were the paramount reasons she was asked to serve in the Administration. A registered nurse who holds bachelor's and master's degrees in business administration, Weaver worked for over 23 years as a hospital leader in various management roles in urban, suburban and rural hospitals.

April is married to Dr. Darrel Weaver and is a member of Pelham First Baptist Church.



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BARBARA MAYWEATHER BELISLE
9/21/1936 - 2/6/2021

Bobbie Jean Mayweather Belisle was born to the late William Mayweather and Betty Mayweather on September 21, 1936. (Later in life she changed her name to Barbara.) She accepted Christ at an early age at Ward Chapel AME Church in Montevallo where she sang in the choir and was a member of the YPD. She later became a member at a Catholic church in Birmingham, Alabama, then St. Paul Lutheran Church in Birmingham, AL. Later she moved to New Orleans, Louisiana where she attended Trinity Lutheran Church. After returning home to Montevallo, she rejoined Ward Chapel AME where she remained a faithful servant of the Lord.



Barbara graduated from Prentice High School (now Montevallo Middle School). She went on to attend Alabama A&M University, LSU-NO (now the University of New Orleans) and Miles College, where she graduated with a Bachelor's degree in English. She went on to further her education and attended Alabama State University and the University of Montevallo, where she received her Master's degree in English.

While living in New Orleans, she worked as a librarian for New Orleans Public Library. She later returned to Montevallo where she worked at Calera High School as a librarian. In 1966, she went on to become the first African-American teacher in Shelby County and taught at Montevallo High School. After 28 years, she retired. She went on to work as the Night Manager of Circulation at Carmichael Library at the University of Montevallo where she retired after 20 years.

During her teaching venue, she received one of Alabama's first Golden Apple for the Teacher awards, was listed in

Who's Who Among America's Teachers, was selected as Teacher of the Year at her school, and was presented the Community Service Award. She also won the WENN Radio Favorite Teacher contest where students in Shelby and surrounding counties called in to the radio station and voted for their favorite teacher. She won with over 1,000 votes.

In addition, she held memberships in many professional education associations, including The American Association of University Women. Other community organizations included the Montevallo Arts Council, Montevallo Main Street Players (where she enjoyed acting and singing), the Montevallo Park and Recreation Board, the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute, the Birmingham Museum of Art, and the Alabama Writers' Conclave. She was also a member and active volunteer of the Smith Scholarship, Inc., where she was a speaker, lecturer, and mentor for over a decade.

Because of her love for reading and writing, Barbara also added "author" to her list of talents. Some of her publications include *The Red Hills of Alabama*, *A Wish Away*, *Where's U're*, *The Say and Duck Chronicles, Part 1*, and *Reaping Tenants*. In addition, her writing also included poems. One of her poems, "Do Fence Them In," was published in the National Library of Poetry's "Windows of the Soul."

Barbara Belisle was a "phenomenal woman." She was one of the most caring, gentle, kind, humble, and loving individuals. She always put others in front of herself and would go above and beyond to make sure everybody was happy. She "genuinely" loved and cared for everyone, and always wanted to make sure that everyone was "okay." She will always and forever be an inspiration. She was loved so much. She will truly be missed.

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12 HEALTHY HABITS TO ADOPT IN 2021

Submitted by Nicole Heaton, Pharmacist, Montevallo Drug

Did you make a New Year's resolution this year? Have you stuck to it? Healthy living is much more than a resolution, which are often forgotten by this time in the year. Instead, it is a 365-day process made up of small steps that can add up to a big change. Make 2021 the year you become the best you that you can be. Here are 12 healthy habits to get you started:

1. Eat more fruits and vegetables: A diet rich in produce can help lower blood pressure, reduce the risk of heart disease and stroke and protect eye health.

2. Move more: Exercise can improve brain health, help you manage your weight, and strengthen your bones and muscles. Regular physical activity can also reduce your chances of developing medical conditions like type 2 diabetes, heart disease, or stroke. Try to get at least 150 minutes of exercise each week.

3. Eat earlier: Consuming calories later in the day may be associated with higher rate of obesity. When researchers compared 6 p.m. dinners to 10 p.m. dinners, they found higher blood sugar levels and less fat burned overnight for the late dinners.

4. Practice gratitude: Grateful people are more likely to take better care of themselves, including eating better and exercising more. Practicing gratitude also reduces toxic emotions and lowers stress.

5. Eat breakfast: In addition to giving you a boost to start your day, recent studies have shown that people who eat a healthy breakfast may burn twice as many calories as those who eat their biggest meal in the evening. Another study showed that adults with type 2 diabetes were better able to control their blood sugar by eating a high-energy meal for breakfast and a low-energy one for dinner. Simply changing the timing of meals can reduce glucose peaks throughout the day.

6. Drink more water: Your body needs water to survive, yet many of us don't drink enough. You have likely heard that you should drink

at least eight 8 oz. glasses of water a day. This may be a reasonable goal, but the fact is each of our needs is different, based on our health and activity level.

7. Power down: One in four Americans brings their cell phone to bed with them. Six in 10 use a laptop within an hour of going to bed. Studies have shown that the blue light from devices can interfere with sleep. Power down at least an hour before bedtime and make your bedroom a device-free zone.

8. Get more sleep: Not getting enough sleep is linked to increased risk of obesity, stroke, heart attacks, type 2 diabetes, depression, even Alzheimer's disease.

9. Try new things: Trying new things keeps your mind and body active. In fact, learning a new skill can lead to changes in adult brains, creating new connections between brain cells.

10. Quit smoking: The benefits of quitting smoking can be seen almost immediately. In fact, within 20 minutes of quitting, your heart rate and blood pressure will drop. Over time, circulation and lung function will improve, and the risk of heart attack, stroke and smoking-related cancers will decrease.

11. Build muscle: For most adults, adding strength training to your exercise plan two to three times a week can have many health benefits, especially seniors. In addition to increasing muscle strength, strength training can preserve bone density and reduce the risk of osteoporosis. (Always make sure to check with your doctor before starting a new exercise plan).

12. Get outside: Nature has been linked to many health benefits, from lowering stress to increasing attention, even improving empathy and cooperation. From a walk in the park to hiking in the wilderness, there is increasing evidence that nature positively impacts both our physical and mental wellbeing.

Here's to a healthy year, and healthy habits to help you the rest of your days! Pick one to get started on your healthy journey today!



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MONTEVALLO SUSTAINABILITY

Contributed by Olivia Barone
City of Montevallo,
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I hope everyone has used our new single stream recycling system! Your patience and understanding have not gone unnoticed. For those of you who have not been yet, recyclers must follow the arrows and traffic cones to the big machine (compactor). Once at the compactor, put all recyclables into the compactor – yes all! Plastic, paper, cardboard, etc. even bagged is okay!! This change, to single stream recycling, makes the system easier, saves the city over \$13,000 a year on labor costs, and all the materials stay domestic allowing for economic and job growth in the southeast.

We have magnets available to take home as a reminder of what is and is not accepted. These magnets were purchased as part of the 2020-2021 ADEM Recycling Fund Grant. In 2008, the Solid Waste and Recyclable Materials Management Act (SWRMMA) passed legislation placing a \$1 per ton tipping fee on all solid waste sent to the landfill. Twenty-five percent of these fees go to the grant. Montevallo was one of 16 communities awarded and continues to be recognized for its sustainable initiatives.

It may seem too good to be true, but we have been working on this contract since March of 2020. Though, there are some areas that still need to be worked out, this new system

has already spoken for itself. In January 2021, we recycled over 15 tons compared to January 2020, where we recycled 1.79 tons.

From January to December 2020, we recycled 117,560 lbs. (58.78 tons). I believe this new system will allow us to double, even triple these diversion rates.



In addition to the single stream recycling program, we have donated 39,500 lbs. to America's Thrift Store from May to December 2020 and 5,000 lbs. since January 2021. We also recycled an estimated 3,500 lbs of E-waste. Electronics recycling is now available during all open hours at the Recycling Center. Please go to cityofmontevallo.com/sustainability for the list of what is and is not accepted.

In addition to the recycling efforts, sustainability is integrated in other areas of the Montevallo community. Including but not limited to, projects relating to quality of life and healthy habits, energy efficiency, and walkability.

If you are interested in learning more:

1. Follow us on Facebook @sustainablemontevallo
2. Regularly check cityofmontevallo.com/sustainability.aspx
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3/12 - Teacher work day
3/18 - Spring Pictures
3/19 - Report Cards
3/22-3/26 Spring Break

MONTEVALLO HIGH SCHOOL:

March 2nd-5th: MHS Cheer Clinic & Tryouts
March 2nd: MHS Softball vs. West Blocton
MHS Soccer vs. Indian Springs
March 4th: MHS Tennis vs. John Carroll
MHS Softball @ Maplesville
MHS Baseball @ Jemison
March 5th: MHS Softball @ Wetumpka Tournament
MHS Tennis @ Shelby County Tournament
March 6th: MHS Baseball vs. Jemison
March 9th: ACT for 11th-grade students;
E-Day for 9th, 10th, and 12th
MHS Softball @ Billingsley
MHS Soccer vs. Sylacauga
March 11th: End of the 3rd 9wks grading period
MHS Softball vs. Bibb Co
MHS Baseball @ Calera

March 12th: Teacher Workday - No school for students
March 13th: MHS Baseball @ Vincent
March 15th: MHS Soccer @ Talladega
March 16th: MHS Baseball @ West Blocton
MHS Softball @ West Blocton
March 17th: MHS Tennis vs. Ramsey
March 18th: MHS Tennis @ Corner
MHS Baseball vs. West Blocton
MHS Softball vs. Isabella
MHS Soccer @ SCHS
March 19th: Report cards will be distributed;
All school fees are due
March 20th: MHS Baseball @ Mortimer Jordan
March 22nd-26th: SPRING BREAK
March 22nd-24th: MHS Baseball @ Leeds Tournament
March 30th: MHS Baseball vs. Dallas Co

UNIVERSITY OF MONTEVALLO:

The University of Montevallo offers one of the top online education master's degree programs in the nation, according to *U.S. News and World Report*. The publication recently released its 2021 list of the Best Online Programs, and UM's College of Education & Human Development ranked among the top in Alabama and in the top 70 in the nation for online education master's programs. U.S. News compiled the list while ranking online programs at schools across the nation based on five categories: engagement, expert opinion, faculty credentials and training, services and technology and student excellence.

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If you're thinking of selling your house for any reason (retirement, moving closer to family, downsizing...), now is the perfect time. You can sell at the top of this very strong market and have lots of interest and plenty of offers.

Why is the market so good for sellers now? You remember supply and demand, right? One of the few things any non-economist knows about economics. Well, with traditional home-buying season approaching in March and April and people looking to move away from population centers because of the pandemic, this is a great market for sellers, especially sellers not located in city centers.

Besides the migration away from cities, here are some of the other reasons the market continues to heat up:

- The inventory of houses for sale is low. Across the nations, the number of homes for sale in rural areas has dropped 44% compared to this time last year.
- Interest rates for loans are near historic lows
- Appraised values are on the rise across the board.
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Dr. Evans served as a Chaplain at Shelby Brookwood Baptist Medical Center and as a trustee and instructor at the Shelby Springs District Association. He volunteered with Habitat for Humanity and was a member of the We Care Ministry. His services serve as the light for men and women in all walks of life to follow.



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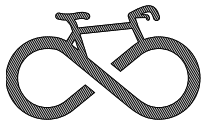


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THE MONTEVALLO BIKE SHARE

HOW TO WASH YOUR BIKE IN 15 MINUTES

Cleaning your stallion at least once a month will ensure your components function better and last for years to come. Washing your bicycle is easy, but there are a few components that need a bit more attention than others. To wash your bike, prepare the following items:

1. Bucket of warm, soapy water – bike wash is best, but car wash or dish soap work well too.
2. Rinse water – in the form of a garden hose or bucket
3. Clean sponge – or a clean rag/towel
4. Dirty sponge – or a dirty rag/towel
5. Degreaser – WD-40 can work in a pinch
6. Chain Lubricant – you can find wet or dry lubricants (dry is recommended for Alabama riding)

Our basic washing strategy is to WET, WASH, RINSE, then LUBRICATE

PREP – if you have multiple gears, place your front chain on the biggest chain ring, and your rear on the smallest. This will help clean the chain later and more easily remove the rear wheel (if you are so inclined).

WET – spray down your bike with a garden hose or some rinse water. The goal is to get off the large chunks of gunk without blasting out the grease from your bearings. Keep in mind most of the dirt is going to be on the back wheel, around the drive train, and on the underside of your bicycle.

DEGREASE – spray degreaser on your drive train. Apply liberally to the chain, front chainrings, and rear freewheel/

cassette gears. Applying this on a wet bike allows it to set into the dirt that collects on your drive train. Take special note to not spray it into your drivetrain bearings such as the bottom bracket where your pedals pivot through, rear hub on your back wheel, or the rear derailleur pulley wheels. Our goal is to remove grease from the external components of your bike, not to remove the needed lubricants inside delicate components.

WASH – use your clean sponge or rag to liberally douse and scrub your bike frame from top to bottom with warm soapy water. Often forgotten places include under the seat, between the front and rear forks, brake pads and calipers (on bikes with hand brakes), and under the bottom bracket. Wash your tires, wheel, spokes, and hub. Use your old/dirty sponge to go over the chain to pull off the old gunk (it can be fairly dirty). Use more degreaser if needed at this point. Pay special attention to your front chain rings and rear gears to get in between them and remove the gunk. Pull off the dirt from your rear derailleur and pulleys (they tend to get caked in muck).

RINSE – spray down your bike again to remove all the soapy water and remaining dirt.

LUBRICATE – dry off your chain (it should look shiny and new). Apply chain lubricant per the manufacturer's instructions (usually one drop per link, for the entire chain, then a quick wipe off of the excess after it has penetrated the chain). Consider lubricating your brake calipers but be careful to not get lubricant on your brake pads or braking surfaces.

TUNE-UP – if you want to go a step further take out your wheels (if you have quick release hubs) and inspect them for debris in the tires. Carefully remove/pick out any thorns or rocks that could later puncture your inner tubes. Inspect your brake pads for the same debris. Look for signs of wear on the pads or the brake surfaces and replace if needed.

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RUSTY NIX, MAYOR

Having a background of 37 years in the forest industry, we like to use the phrase that the “sap is starting to rise” when Spring arrives. Trees start budding and the woods start to come alive with new growth. Wood is a renewable resource and I have witnessed two clear cuttings and regrowth in the Pea Ridge area over the last 50 years. Hurricane Zeta took out a lot of our older trees but we will replant new ones in their place.

Thanks to the work of former Mayor Sharon Anderson, Montevallo is recognized as a Tree City. We have celebrated Arbor Day in Montevallo for over 25 years. The Arbor and Beautification Board give away bareroot seedlings and other trees to our citizens and citizens in surrounding areas during this event.

We can also say that the sap in Montevallo is starting to rise with two Dollar Generals coming online this month. One will serve the north end of town and the other will serve the Highway 25 business district. Both are going to be great assets to the city. Also, we have five major subdivisions that are expanding. This means that more citizens will Shop Montevallo. In addition, we are close to having several new businesses open in the Downtown Main Street district. Plus, we have two business space openings on each side of Lucky's Supermarket for new businesses. Let's remember to shop Montevallo first. Support local businesses and keep the tax dollars in the City of Montevallo so the sap will continue to rise.

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Come on warm weather! This month we welcome another spring season, celebrate Women's History month and honor National Vietnam War Veterans Day.

Women's History Month is a dedicated month to reflect on the often-overlooked contributions of women to United States history. From Abigail Adams to Susan B. Anthony, Sojourner Truth to Rosa Parks, the timeline of women's history milestones stretches back to the founding of the United States. If you enjoy history, check out some of these pioneers in our U.S. Armed Forces:

Commander Darlene Iskra
Lt. Kelly Flinn
Lt. Kara Hultgreen
Dr. Mary E. Walker
Ms. Annie G. Fox

These women and so many others like them, should have been taught in some sort of history class. However, I had not heard their names, or read their stories, until I took it upon myself to balance out the information I had been served in school.

In addition to Women's History month, I also learned about National Vietnam War Veterans Day. According to museumofmilitaryhistory.com, "National Vietnam War Veterans Day is observed every year on March 29 and is a way to thank and honor our nation's Vietnam veterans

and their families for their service and sacrifice. There are five objectives with Vietnam Commemoration and the other four are:

- Highlight the service of our Armed Forces and support organizations during the war
- Pay tribute to wartime contributions at home by American citizens
- Highlight technology, science and medical advances made during the war
- Recognize contributions by our Allies.

National Vietnam War Veterans Day will be observed on Monday, March 29, 2021. My father fought in the Vietnam War and ultimately lost his life from injuries sustained through his service. I wish my story was unique, but sadly it is not. If you know someone that served during this particularly harsh war, please take a minute on the 29th, to say thank you. Perhaps sit and listen to them, if they want to talk. Once these great men and women are gone, so will be the opportunity to learn from them.



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Dr. Yarnell currently resides in Helena, AL, with his wife Heather, two sons Noah and Benjamin, and cats Charlie and Lucy.


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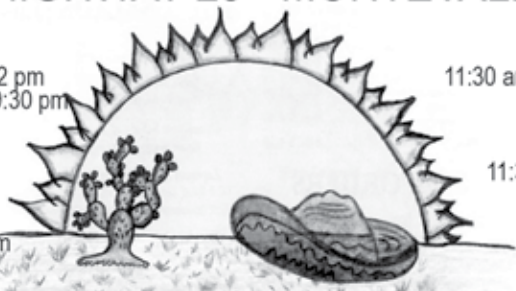
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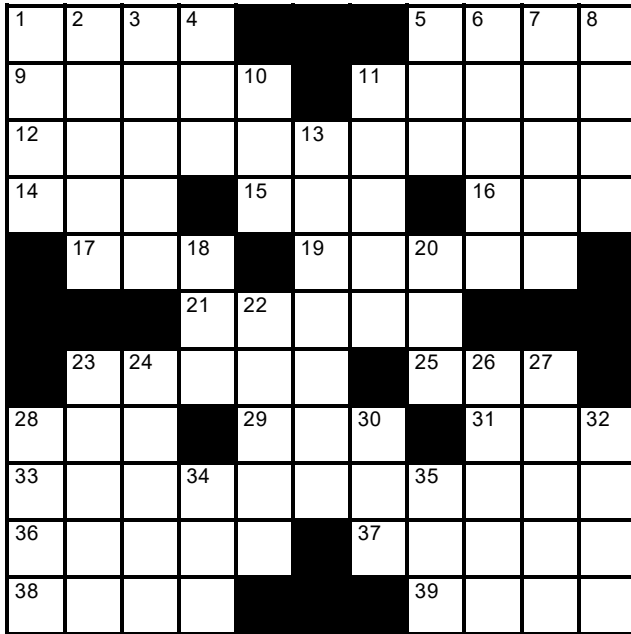


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SUNDAY	MARCH	7TH	12:00 PM	VALDOSTA STATE	SB	MONTEVALLO, AL
WEDNESDAY	MARCH	10TH	2:00 PM	COLUMBUS STATE (DH)	SB	MONTEVALLO, AL
THURSDAY	MARCH	11TH	7:00 PM	AUM	VB	MONTEVALLO, AL
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WEDNESDAY	MARCH	31ST	1:00 PM	SHORTER UNIVERSITY	TENNIS	MONTEVALLO, AL

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



by Steve Forrester

Across

1. Back of the pack
5. 1st place medal
9. Up and about
11. Creme de ____
12. Like an easily proven criminal case
14. Gluttony, for one
15. Dog's coat
16. Bard's "before"
17. Corn holder?
19. 'Hooded' snake
21. Mild, as weather
23. Ill-gotten gains
25. Approx.
28. Slangy affirmative
29. Deface
31. Bottle topper
33. Magnum Opus
36. Beliefsystem
37. ImpressionistClaude

Down

1. Southeast Asian nation
2. Old-style gelatin dish
3. Court recorder, informally
4. *Sn* on the Periodic Table
5. Fuel
6. Yellowishbrown
7. Actresses Linney or Dern
8. Heap affection on
10. Her Majesty's fighter planes
11. Kind of drive
13. Type of submarine
18. TV in the UK
20. "See ya!"
22. Packing
23. Retainnewknowledge
24. Emotional
26. Play part

32. Animal pals

34. Golfer's gadget

35. + or - item

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