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Your cover photo features the finalists for the Dothan Area Chamber's 2022 Small Business Person of the Year award. Pictured are Anita Dawkins, Community 1st Real Estate; Katie Eubanks, Barberitos - A Southwestern Grille & Cantina / Cheeburger Cheeburger; and Josh Steltenpohl, Marketing Services, LLC. For more information about the events planned for Small Business Week and/or each of these outstanding business owners, see pages 7 and 15.

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EventsCalendar

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3 **Ribbon Cutting: Flats at Midtown Place – 2 p.m.**
Location: 1924 W. Main St.

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

Ribbon Cutting: Superior Stone Co. – 10:30 a.m.
Location: 4145 Ross Clark Circle

Dothan Area Young Professionals Weekly Eats – 11:30 a.m.
*For more information, visit Facebook.

5 **Ribbon Cutting: Clark's Hardwood Refinishing, LLC – 4 p.m.**
Location: 2568 Ross Clark Circle

9-13 **Small Business Week**
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11 **LEADS Group 1 Biweekly Meeting – 8 a.m.**
Location: 102 Jamestown Blvd. (Chamber)

DAYP Weekly Eats – 11:30 a.m.
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12 **Youth Leadership Dothan-Houston County Healthcare Day – 8 a.m.**
Location: 1736 E. Main St. (Encompass Health)

16 **Ribbon Cutting: Catering Queens – 10:30 a.m.**
Location: 102 Jamestown Blvd. (Chamber)

17 **Ribbon Cutting: Bloomin Blinds – 10:30 a.m.**
Location: 102 Jamestown Blvd. (Chamber)

Community-Wide Shred-A-Thon and Food Drive – 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Location: 102 Jamestown Blvd. (Chamber)

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

DAYP Weekly Eats – 11:30 a.m.
*For more information, visit Facebook.

Youth Leadership Dothan-Houston County Graduation – 6:30 p.m.
Location: 795 Ross Clark Circle (Wiregrass Rehabilitation Center Inc.'s Sterling Event Services Rotary Hall)

19 **Leadership Dothan Closing Retreat – 7:45 a.m.**
Location: 500 University Drive (Troy University Dothan)

Ribbon Cutting: Southeast Alabama Coalition for the Homeless – 10:30 a.m.
Location: 301 W. Lafayette St.

20 **Ribbon Cutting: Crumbl Cookie – 10:30 a.m.**
Location: 4650 W. Main St., Suite 603

24 **Ribbon Cutting: Chrysalis Home for Girls – 10:30 a.m.**
Location: 102 Jamestown Blvd. (Chamber)

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

Ribbon Cutting: Azalea Swim & Tennis Club – 4 p.m.
Location: 1210 N. Pontiac Ave.

26 **DAYP's Professional Development Luncheon – 11:30 a.m.**
Location: 200 S. Cherokee Ave. (Dothan Country Club)
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Ribbon Cutting: Southern Anchor Fresh Market, LLC – 4 p.m.
Location: 105 S. Cherokee St., Suite 1

30 **Memorial Day – Chamber Closed**

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Kevin Payne
Slingluff United Insurance

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Ambassador & Diplomat Spotlight

Anissa Smith
Property Champions Real Estate

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Celebrating America's Entrepreneurs

Small Business is the heart of it all. You … America's entrepreneurs are what make every community vibrant and such a great place to live, work and play! In recognition of the foundation you have laid, the Dothan Area Chamber of Commerce will honor its small business members during the organization's Small Business Week 2022 celebrations. Officially set for May 9-13, the week will be filled with some great activities where members can gather together and imagine the possibilities. There will be no place better to discover the power of shared knowledge.

Within the DACC membership, over 85 percent of its members report 25 or fewer employees on their payrolls and each year in recognition of this, the Chamber plans a series of events to honor small business owners for their contributions to the area's economy.

Even though Small Business Week doesn't officially begin locally until May 9, activities got underway Tuesday, April 19, when the Dothan City Commission issued a Proclamation designating May 9-13 as Small Business Week. The Houston County Commission issued its Proclamation Tuesday, April 26.

The BIG event of the week will be the announcement of the DACC's 2022 Small Business Person of the Year (see page 15 for a list of this year's nominees) during the Small Business Week Award Luncheon at the Windmill Station. Our guest speaker will be Jo Bonner, president of the University of South Alabama, and will get underway at noon, buffet and doors open at 11:30 a.m. Tickets are $35 per person and $475 for a reserved table (seats eight). Pre-registration is required.

For a complete list of all the wonderful activities planned during the week to celebrate you and to see a list of our Small Business Week sponsors, please see the following page.

We hope you will join us for this exciting week filled with activities to honor you our members. For more information, or to make reservations for any of the events, call Hayden Camp, the DACC's director of membership, at (334) 792-5138 or email **hcamp@dothan.com**.

Small Business WEEK 2022

The Heart of It All

Jo Bonner To Be Luncheon Guest Speaker

Jo Bonner, President

Jo Bonner is the fourth president of the University of South Alabama.

Previously, Bonner served as chief of staff to Alabama Gov. Kay Ivey. He joined the Ivey Administration in 2018, as the governor's senior advisor. Before joining the governor's office, he served as vice chancellor for economic development at The University of Alabama System from 2013 to 2018. During his final year at UAS, he was an executive on loan, serving as interim executive director of the Tuscaloosa County Industrial Development Authority.

For more than a decade, Bonner represented Alabama's First District in the U.S. House of Representatives. He was first elected to the 108th Congress in November 2002, and was reelected to five additional terms. As a student at The University of Alabama, he worked on Capitol Hill as an intern for Congressman Jack Edwards. After graduation, he returned to Washington as press secretary and later chief of staff to Congressman Sonny Callahan.

In Congress, Bonner earned a reputation as a respected and influential voice of reason in both Alabama and Washington. He was a member of the House Appropriations Committee, where he served on three key subcommittees, as well as the House Ethics Committee. Widely respected on both sides of the aisle, he was selected by House Speaker John Boehner to serve as chairman of ethics during the 112th Congress. His crowning Congressional accomplishment came in 2012 when Airbus announced plans to build their first U.S. Final Assembly Line in Mobile. Over the years, Congressman Bonner developed friendships and strategic partnerships with the top corporate leaders at Airbus, one of the world's largest aerospace and defense companies. The Airbus project has resulted in more than $1 billion being invested in Alabama, creating thousands of new jobs in the aerospace industry and putting Mobile on track to become the fourth largest commercial aviation city in the world.

Small Business Week - May 9-13, 2022

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Monday, May 9, 9 a.m.
Kick-Off Ribbon Cutting Spectacular
Location: Chamber Lobby
Cost: FREE To Attend

Tuesday, May 10, Noon
Small Business Person of the Year Award Luncheon
Speaker: Jo Bonner, University of South Alabama President
Location: Windmill Station *(doors and buffet open at 11:30 a.m.)*
Cost: $35 per person; $375 reserved table (seats eight) if purchased by April 28 / $475 afterwards
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Wednesday, May 11, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Surprise Patrol Visits
Location: Various Chamber-Member Businesses
*Chamber Staff and Sponsors Only

Thursday, May 12, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Business Growth Series Workshop
"Entrepreneur Pop-Up Workshop"
Presenters: Dr. Lakami Baker and David Mixson, from Auburn University
Location: Chamber
Cost: Free to Attend
*Preregistration required (334) 844-4782

Thursday, May 12, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Women's Night Out
Presented by: Untrained Edit
Location: Windmill Station
Cost: $20 + Additional Cost Based on Project Choice
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Friday, May 13, 7:30 - 9 a.m.
Small Business Roundtable & Coffee Spotlight
Location: Chamber
Cost: FREE to attend
*No registration required

Libraries are a part of our economic development strategy!

By Brad Kimbro

Did you know that within 10 miles of the city of Dothan, there are approximately 2,800 available jobs? Did you know that there are more public libraries than McDonald's in the U.S.? And did you know that libraries, like the Dothan Houston County Library System serve a valuable role in our area's economic development strategy?

National Library Week was April 3-9, and it was a time to celebrate the important role that libraries play all across our region. The theme for National Library Week 2022, "Connect with Your Library," promoted the idea that libraries are places to get connected to technology by using broadband, computers and other resources. In addition to books, libraries also offer opportunities to connect with media, programs, ideas and classes. Most importantly, libraries also connect communities to each other.

As chairman of the Board of Directors for both the Dothan Houston County Library System and the Dothan Area Chamber of Commerce, I have had the unique opportunity to see the excellent work that each of these organizations do every day in serving our citizens. Creating partnerships and working together is the recipe for success in building better and brighter communities, and I am thrilled that our local library is working in concert with our many economic development partners to help drive the local economy.

Public libraries support jobseekers through a variety of means. They provide access to public computers and Wi-Fi, as well as trained staff who can assist with the ins and outs of applying for a job online. The Dothan Houston County Library System patrons can now access JobNow, a resource that will connect jobseekers with live, one-on-one assistance with resume writing, interview preparation and every step in the job search process.

Public libraries serve as civic anchors providing a sense of social and economic stability for communities and economic catalysts by driving foot traffic to nearby businesses and other establishments.

Public libraries enhance quality of life. Through its collection's resources and programs for all ages, public libraries are essential to the growth of communities that are literate, curious and engaged. If you do not have your local library card, I encourage you to get one. If you are looking for a computer to use, visit your local library. If you are looking for assistance in finding a job, the Dothan Houston County Library System is one of many entities that can help.

Join me in celebrating National Library Week, and let's continue to work together to make Dothan and the Wiregrass the best that it can be.

Brad Kimbro is the chief operating officer of Wiregrass Electric Cooperative and currently serves as chairman of the Board of Directors of the Dothan Houston County Library System and the Dothan Area Chamber of Commerce.

#SaveTheDates 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.

1st Saturday Family Day
May 7 • 10:30 a.m.
Wiregrass Museum of Art. This educational program offers free art activities the first Saturday of every for lifelong learners of all ages. For more information, call 794-3871 or visit www.wiregrassmuseum.org,

Health Chats
May 24 • 6:15 p.m.
Harvest Church. Carnes Chiropractic Health Chats are held the fourth Tuesday of the month. The monthly topic varies. Health Chats are free and open to the public. Topics vary. When existing patients attend four Health Chats, they receive a free office visit. For more information, call (334) 794-2225.

HCRW Monthly Meeting
May 26 • 11 a.m.
Wiregrass Rehabilitation Center Inc.'s Sterling Event Services Rotary Hall. The Houston County Republican Women hold monthly luncheon meetings the fourth Thursday of the month. May's guest speakers will be Sen. Donnie Chesteen, Rep. Paul Lee, Rep. Steve Clouse and Rep. Jeff Sorrells. Events include 11 a.m. Meet and Greet, 11:30 a.m. lunch and 11:45 a.m. meeting. Reservations are required by noon the Tuesday prior to meeting. To make your reservation, or for more information, email hcrwlunch@gmail.com or call (334) 392-0705.

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

Has Your Address Changed?

Don't forget to let the Dothan Area Chamber of Commerce know if your mailing address has changed so we can be sure to keep you up-to-date on activities and events.

Call Hayden Camp at (334) 792-5138 or email hcamp@dothan.com.

M.Y.Cakes And Pastries Names New Head Chef And Office Manager

Sun Young

Emily Flowers

M.Y. Cakes and Pastries, is pleased to announce the addition of Sun Young as head chef.

Sun Young attended the International Culinary School in New York City with M.Y. Cakes and Pastries owner Margaret Young. Upon graduating, she also worked with Young at Ron Ben-Israel Cakes. As one of the world's preeminent bakers, Ben-Israel is well-known throughout the baking world for his wedding and special occasion cakes and for his detail in sugar paste flowers. He is also nationally-known for hosting Food Network's *Sweet Genius* and as a judge on *Cake Wars*.

"Since opening the bakery here, I have hoped that Sun Young would eventually join me and we could work together again. I am thrilled she accepted the position and moved from New York to Dothan!" said Margaret.

Young specializes in custom cakes, custom cake pops, royal icing cookies, sugar paste flowers & pipe buttercream flowers.

Emily Flowers has also been promoted to office manager and will handle the day-to-day activities of the bakery. Emily is a long-time employee who also continues her duties in the kitchen decorating baked goods, making macarons and producing cinamon rolls.

Located in the Homegoods Shopping Center on Ross Clark Circle at West Main Street, M.Y. Cakes & Pastries offers a variety of fresh-baked-daily breads and pastries, specialty cakes, and Young's distinctive custom wedding cakes. The bakery also serves a variety of coffees, espressos and teas in a tabled area where customers can sit and enjoy coffee and pastries while watching the daily activities conducted in the bakery's large glassed-in kitchen area.

For additional information Margaret Young at **margaret@mycakesandpastries.com** or visit **www.mycakesandpastries.com**.

DAYP Invites Readers To Join Them

The Dothan Area Young Professionals invites readers to join them for their first Professional Development Luncheon of the year to be held Wednesday, May 26, at 11:30 a.m. at the Dothan Country Club. Guest speaker will be Robby Thomas, WTVY-TV Gray Television Inc.'s vice president and general manager.

In his award-winning career, Thomas has helped build powerful brands and profitable partnerships for many small business in multiple markets. The topic of discussion with be Marshall Marketing, a research , analysis and consulting firm with over 30 years of experience working with local, regional, and national businesses to providing relevant marketing intelligence gleaned from consumer market and media research.

The luncheon is free for DAYP members and $15 for non-members. To register for the luncheon, email Hayden Camp at hcamp@dothan.com or call (334) 792-5138. For more information about DAYP, or to become a member, visit **www.dothanyp.com or www.facebook.com/pg/dothanyp**.

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Wilcoxon Joins Chamber Leadership Team As Vice President Of Administration And Investor Relations

Lori Wilcoxon, Vice President of Administration and Investor Relations

The Dothan Area Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce that Lori Wilcoxon has joined the Chamber's leadership and management team as vice president of administration and investor relations effective April 11. Wilcoxon brings 32 years of management, budgeting, strategic communications, team building and leadership experience to the Chamber's operations.

"We are thrilled that Lori has agreed to be apart of our growing and thriving chamber. She has many key skill sets that will enhance the Chamber's day-to-day operations, event execution, strategic planning, investor relations and continued growth," said Dean Mitchell, DACC executive director. "Lori is a proven leader and has been successful at every point in her career. Her positive attitude and team spirit will help the Chamber continue to be the best and biggest business organization in the Wiregrass area. Serving our membership will continue to drive our every decision, and I know Lori will help us be better every single day. Welcome, Lori!"

Wilcoxon's experience includes general manager of the Wiregrass Commons Mall and 2020 Census coordinator for Houston, Henry and Geneva counties. She has been very involved in local community activities to include City of Dothan Planning and Development, Board of Directors of Southeast Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission, City of Dothan Board of Zoning and Board of Directors of Houston County Economic Development Authority and Visit Dothan.

For more information, contact the DACC office at (334) 792-5138.

Landmark Park To Host Touch A Truck, Car Show

Landmark Park will host its annual Touch A Truck and Car Show events Saturday, May 21, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. This will be the first year the two events will be combined for a one-of-a kind event.

Touch A Truck gives kids of all ages a chance to see more than 50 different vehicles up close and learn about their uses. Along with vehicles on display from local companies, representatives will be on site to teach kids about safety. Kids and adults are invited to sit in the drivers' seats and honk the horns on these large pieces of equipment. A quiet hour will take place from 10-11 a.m. for kids who may be afraid of loud noises. There is no charge to enter a piece of equipment into the Touch A truck event. To register, call Laura Staklum at (334) 794-3452 or email **laurav@landmarkparkdothn.com**.

On the other side of the park, the annual juried Car Show will be hosted. The cost to enter a vehicle in the show for judging is $20. The top 50 vehicles will receive a trophy. Registration will begin at 9 a.m. and the cars can be viewed from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Awards will be distributed at 2 p.m.

Refreshments will be available. Admission to view all the vehicles is $7 adults, $5 kids (3-11) and free for children 2 and under and park members. For more information, call (334) 794-3452 or visit **www.landmarkparkdothan.com**.

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Tice Named Vice President

South Alabama Loan Administration Lead

Heather Tice, Vice President

SmartBank, a $4.6 billion bank, with locations across Tennessee, Alabama and Florida announces the promotion of Heather Tice to the position of vice president – South Alabama Loan Administration Lead. In this new role, Tice will lead loan administration for the south Alabama region of the bank, with commercial and private banking offices in Dothan, Montgomery and Auburn.

South Alabama Regional President Jeff Williams said, "We quickly recognized in Heather someone who takes full ownership of the loan administration process from due diligence to closing and is already leading the team of loan administrators throughout the region. Whether it's a $20,000,000 commercial real estate loan or a $100,000 line of credit, its managed by Heather, so we are truly thankful to have her expertise and passion for providing our clients with a Wow experience through the approval and closing process."

For more information, contact Cathy Amos, corporate marketing manager, at (865) 868-068, **cathy.amos@smartbank.com** or visit **www.smartbank.com**.

SEACH Plans Homeless Connect Event

The Southeast Alabama Coalition for the Homeless will sponsor a Homeless Connect event in Dothan Saturday, May 14. On that day, a meal and much needed supplies will be delivered to homeless areas, camps and individuals.

Items needed include:

- Food items - Pop-Top, quick eat nonperishable food items, bottled water, Vienna sausages, Beanie Weenies, Ramen Noodles, fruit cups, granola bars, ravioli, tuna, peanut butter crackers, cheese crackers, small bags of chips, crackers, and nuts, Spam/potted meat, canned soup, SpaghettiOs, cookie packs, apple sauce, beef jerky, boxed raisins, fruit snacks, trail mix, and small canned veggies.
- Toiletry items - shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, toothbrush, toothpaste, razor, shave cream, body lotion, bath soap, shower gel, comb, toilet paper and feminine pads.
- Baby items – diapers and wipes.
- No clothing please - except for jeans, only new underwear/ socks for men, women and children. Note: There are many local organizations providing clothing on a daily basis year-round.
- Living Items - hat/cap, bandana, sunglasses, umbrellas, rain coats, purses, wallets, blankets, sheets, tents, bikes, air mattresses/ cots, camping chairs, Colman stoves, mini propane tanks, large propane tanks, flash lights, belts, back packs, bug spray, batteries, sunscreen and can openers. All donations can be dropped off at the Wiregrass 2-1-1 office, located at 545 W Main St., Suite 313 Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Any monetary donations need to be made at SEACH, also located at 545 West Main St., Suite 100.

Volunteers area also needed on event day from 7-10 a.m. to help sort and pack the food and supplies and deliver the supplies to homeless areas, camps and people. If you would like to volunteer, go to the Covan trailer in the back parking lot at Wiregrass 2-1-1.

For additional information, you can dial 2-1-1.

MidSouth Bank Names Siner Chief Credit Officer

Mark Siner, Chief Credit Officer / Executive Vice President

MidSouth Bank, an independent community bank dedicated to serving communities in Alabama and North Florida, is pleased to announce that Mark Siner has joined the bank as chief credit officer and executive vice president. Siner brings more than 25 years of commercial lending, real estate lending and credit management leadership experience to his new role.

"We are pleased Mark is joining our bank's leadership team. His deep industry knowledge and strong experience in lending and organizational process improvement complements MidSouth's dedication to bringing the best and brightest talent to our team. As we grow, we will continue to deliver best-in-class service to the communities we serve," said W. Davis Malone, MidSouth Bank CEO and chairman of the board.

During his banking career, Siner has served as a senior lender, ALLL director, commercial real estate lending manager and chief credit officer. A long-time resident of Port Orange, Florida, he is a graduate of Florida State University where he earned bachelor's degrees in accounting and finance with a concentration in business administration-real estate appraisal. He has worked extensively in credit risk management with experience in driving process improvements to positively impact customer relationships. Under his leadership, Siner has mentored teams for improved performance as well as professional growth.

Siner and his wife, Debbie, recently moved and now live in the Dothan area. They are the parents of three adult children who all reside in Florida.

For more information, contact LuAnne Hart at 334-702-7774, **LuAnne.Hart@bankmidsouth.com** or visit w**ww.bankmidsouth.com**.

Pathfinder Digital Marketing Is Now The Area's Only Local Homegrown Google Partner

Pathfinder Digital Marketing is proud to announce that it is now the Wiregrass area's only local homegrown Google Partner and is a fully licensed digital marketing agency.

Google Premier Partners and Partners are recognized for maximizing campaign success for clients, driving client growth by maintaining clients' campaigns, and demonstrating Google Ads skills and expertise with certifications.

Many of Pathfinder's account strategists are certified, with at least one certification in each of the following areas: search, display, video, shopping and aps.

For more information about all the services that Pathfinder Digital Marketing can provide your company, contact Tec Tony Lloyd at (334) 758-6691 or visit **www.tonyppc.com**.

Dothan Freezer Warehouse Announces Expansion

25 new Jobs, $8 Million Investment

Dothan Warehouse is pleased to announce its second expansion at the Dothan Freezer Warehouse located at 3570 Westgate Parkway, Dothan, Alabama. This expansion will create 25 new jobs in the Dothan market and will include an $8 million investment.

"This investment is very important to our region's economy because it strategically improves our efforts to diversify our economy. As we continue to enhance our community's infrastructure, we are excited to see companies like Dothan Warehouse succeed in the distribution, warehousing and logistics industry. Dothan Warehouses' expansion will increase our market's capacity to grow in the sector of food storage and distribution, which uniquely increases the health of our economy in the southeastern United States by creating valuable jobs. The Phase 1 and 2 expansions represent an investment of $28 million and will add more jobs upon full implementation." said Mayor Mark Saliba, City of Dothan.

Houston County Chairman Mark Culver indicated his appreciation for this investment and the continued efforts with companies like Dothan Warehouse to invest in the area. "Our city, county and region continue to grow and support existing businesses that have a strong history like Dothan Warehouse. Their continued investment is further proof we are building a business climate to spur growth in the Wiregrass region," he said.

During Phase 1, Dothan Warehouse created 55 new jobs for people in the Wiregrass and invested $20 million by expanding its footprint by 75,000 square feet with the capability of blasting 16 truckloads of product per day.

During the Phase 2 expansion, which is currently underway, Dothan Warehouse is expanding its warehousing space by 30,000 square feet, while also doubling its trailer parking capacity. The Phase 2 expansion leads to the creation of 25 additional jobs, accompanied by an $8 million capital investment.

The expansions described above allow Dothan Warehouse to increase its overall throughput, which results in increased customer service. These expansions are also a direct result of the increased output of the poultry industry in our region. Dothan Warehouse has been in business since 1980 and has always provided quality third-party logistics services to its clients. The strategic location of Dothan Warehouse places the organization at a competitive advantage because of its proximity to the major ports in the Southeast. Currently, the company utilizes 845,000 square feet of dry storage space, 185,000 square feet of cold storage space and 100,000 square feet of frozen storage space.

Dothan Warehouse can manage a company's entire storage and shipping operation in their facility, reducing the need for large, expensive capital improvements. The company can also customize its processes and services for unique needs. In addition, Dothan Warehouse has the capability to adequately store and distribute specialized products, such as those in the biopharma industry. Dothan Warehouse believes the biopharmaceutical industry will continue to grow in our local market and their unique capabilities position them well to meet the needs of this specialized industry in the future.

"We also provide a warehouse management system with a scanning capability and the ability for customers to check inventory online," explained Dothan Warehouse President Turner Jones. "From loading, unloading, trans-loading, freight consolidation, freight brokering and repacking, Dothan Warehouse has a diversified portfolio to serve the variety of needs for companies needing dry storage, cold storage and freezer storage, Dothan Warehouse will have you covered. We appreciate the strong support we have received from the State of Alabama Department of Commerce, Alabama Industrial Development Training, City of Dothan, Houston County, Dothan Area Chamber of Commerce/ Grow Dothan, the Industrial Development Board of the City of Dothan, Wallace Community College and Southeast AlabamaWorks."

Alabama Department of Commerce Secretary Greg Canfield said, "Dothan Warehouse's expansion will provide a boost to the Wiregrass' logistics and distribution cluster and open the region to more investment opportunities in the food and beverage sectors. With its diverse dry, cold and freezer storage portfolio, Dothan Warehouse's project complements our efforts to spark growth in many critical sectors of Alabama's economy. Adding additional freezer storage capacity positions the facility to offer these services to new food-related companies needing blast-freezing capabilities. We are excited to see them continue to invest in Alabama."

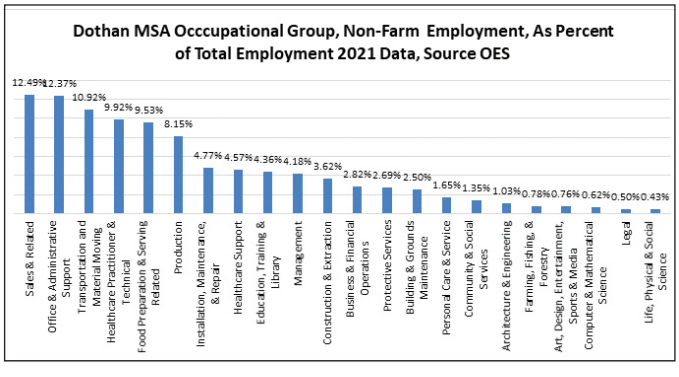
For more information about Dothan Warehouse, visit www.dothanwarehouse.com. You may also call (334) 793-6003 for a consultation or e-mail **turner@dothanwarehouse.com**.

Region 6 Occupational Projections By Sector And Historic Occupation Data By Occupational Group And NAICS Sector

Steve Turkoski, Project Manager

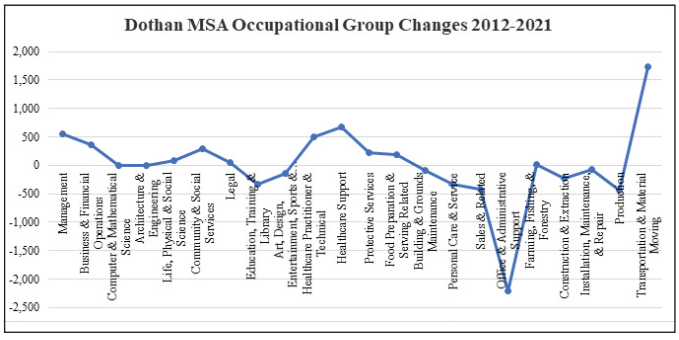
The Alabama Department of Labor provides projections for industry sector growth for 1-year periods. The following table shows the net projected employment change by sector for Region 6, for the period 2018-2028.

Sector	Projected Net Change
Utilities	0
Construction	330
Manufacturing	720
Wholesale	120
Retail	370
Transportation and Warehousing	250
Information	-140
Finance & Insurance	70
Real Estate	40
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	270
Management of Companies and Enterprises	10
Admin Support and Waste Mgmt.	240
Educational Servicers	220
Healthcare and Social Assistance	1,460
Leisure and Hospitality	670
Arts and Entertainment	60
Accommodation and Food Service	610
Other Services Except Government	40
Government	30

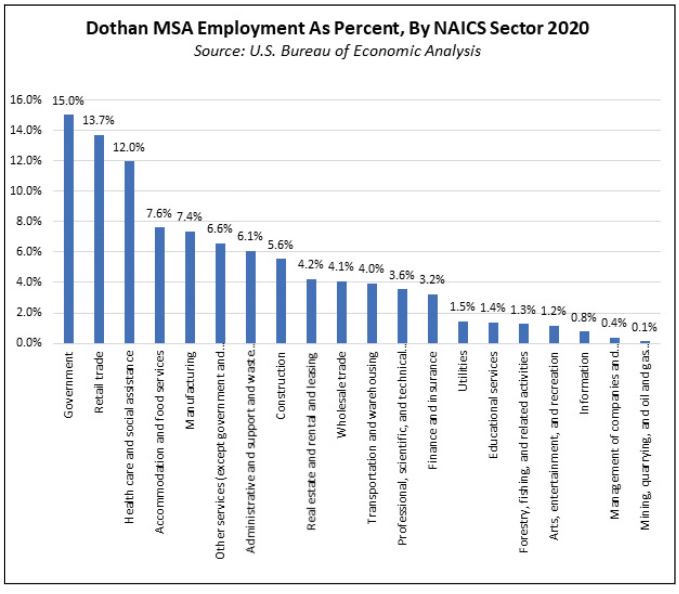


The combination of Healthcare Practitioners and Healthcare Support yields 14.49 percent of employment.

For a historical perspective of sector employment changes, the following graph shows Dothan MSA employment changes between 2012 and 2021.



Office and Administrative Support employment was 9,190 in 2012 and 6,980 in 2021. Transportation and Material Moving employment was 4,420 in 2012 and 6,160 in 2021.



There is no direct employment correlation between Occupational Codes and Industry Codes

LEADERSHIP DOTHAN

Now Accepting Applications

Deadline: June 17, 2022

The Dothan Area Chamber Foundation is now accepting applications for Leadership Dothan Class 41. 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. 14 and 15, 2022, and attendance is mandatory. Participants meet one day per month, usually the third Thursday, for nine hours starting in October.

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

The application is also available on the Dothan Area Chamber of Commerce website **www.dothan.com** and the deadline is Friday, June 17, 2022. A maximum of 35 people will have the opportunity to participate in Leadership Dothan each year. Tuition is $850 for each participant. The tuition covers the Opening Retreat, meals, program materials and transportation.

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

Either mail, fax or email completed applications to:

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

Applications are due by June 17, 2022

Class XLI Calendar (2022-2023)

Orientation & Reception
THURSDAY | AUGUST 25, 2022

Opening Retreat (Mandatory attendance)
WEDNESDAY | SEPTEMBER 14, 2022

Opening Retreat (Mandatory attendance)
THURSDAY | SEPTEMBER 15, 2022

Health/Human Services and Quality of Life Day
THURSDAY | OCTOBER 20, 2022

Education Day
THURSDAY | NOVEMBER 17, 2022

Communication Workshop & Diversity Day
THURSDAY | DECEMBER 8, 2022

Government & Board Training Day
THURSDAY | JANUARY 19, 2023

Leadership Luncheon (Mandatory attendance)*
WEDNESDAY | FEBRUARY 8, 2023

Economic Development Day
THURSDAY | FEBRUARY 16, 2023

Public Safety Day
THURSDAY | MARCH 16, 2023

Health Care Day
THURSDAY | APRIL 20, 2023

Closing Retreat
THURSDAY | MAY 18, 2023

Graduation
THURSDAY | JUNE 8, 2023

*Leadership Luncheon – joint meeting with Youth Leadership Dothan-Houston County – 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

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Small Business Person Of the Year

2022 Finalists

Anita Dawkins

Community 1st Real Estate

Anita Dawkins is the owner/broker of Community 1st Real Estate. A native of Slocomb, Alabama, she was raised by her loving grandmother, the late Eloise Campbell, and she graduated from Northview High School. After high school, she attended Wallace Community College and Central Texas College where she received her cosmetology certification.

After moving back to Dothan, she attended Yarbrough and Associates Real-Estate school in Birmingham where she received her real-estate license and just recently received her broker license. From 2009-2017, she was a realtor at Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Showcase Properties where she later became an associated broker.

Dawkins is an award-winning realtor, first time homebuyer's expert, trainer, executive coach and is e-certified. She has presented workshops, seminars and training in seven counties in the Wiregrass area for over seven years. She hosts free monthly workshops that include the fundamentals of real-estate on buying and selling.

In 2011, Dawkins received recognitions and awards as #1 Agent for units sold in 2011. She has also been accepted in the Multi-Million-Dollar club for most units sold. In March 2017, Dawkins stepped out on faith and started her own brokerage firm where she is currently the qualifying broker/owner of Community 1st Real-Estate and Property Management. LLC.

Dawkins has received honors from the HRDC Board of Directors for her dedication of volunteer services to help educate low income to moderate families on what to look for when shopping for a home. She has received recognition from the Alabama Association of Realtors and was also recognized in the June 2021 issue of Business Alabama as a Mover and Shaper around the state.

Dawkins currently serves as co-chair on the City of Dothan Community Block Grant Board, on the Alabama Association of Realtor Grievance Committee and enjoys being a member of the Tuesday Rotary Club.

Katie Eubanks

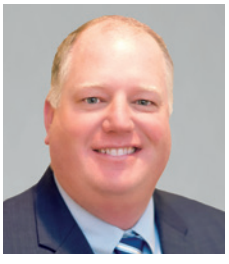
Barberitos - A Southwestern Grille & Cantina / Cheeburger Cheeburger

Katie Eubanks and her husband, Jason, opened Alabama's first Barberitos Southwest Grille & Cantina in 2017 and then in 2019, they became the new owners of Cheeburger Cheeburger. Eubanks oversees the daily operations of both restaurants and can be seen delivering catering orders all over Dothan. After just one year of being open, she was selected as the Barberitos Franchisee of the Year and was recently awarded the Bigger Than A Burrito award for standout community service in 2020.

Since opening Barberitos, Eubanks works to fulfil the restaurant's mission, which focuses on food, community and people. Barberitos and Cheeburger Cheeburger have been actively involved in fundraising efforts for many local charities, schools and athletic teams. Furthermore, she serves on the boards of the Dothan Area Young Professionals and Visit Dothan. She also previously served on the Dothan Area Chamber of Commerce's Board of Directors. She was selected as one of Dothan's Top 40 Under 40 in 2019.

Eubanks is a Wiregrass native who grew up right outside of Ozark. She graduated high school from George W. Long, then attended Troy University Dothan where she graduated with a bachelor's degree in accounting and a MBA. While in college, she worked with Register Realty Co. as the operations manager for seven self-storage facilities and obtained a real estate license. The knowledge and experience she gained from Register Realty became very valuable, as she is the managing member of Kason Holding Group, where her and her husband own many rental properties in Dothan. Additionally, they are part owners and Katie works as CFO of Security Services, LLC based in Slocomb. Security Services employees over 150 people throughout Alabama and provides armed and unarmed security for transport, hospital security, corporate and retail security.

Prior to life in the restaurant industry, Eubanks worked with the Gulf Coast Watermelon Association, previously the Alabama Watermelon Association, as the promotions coordinator. The Gulf Coast Watermelon Association promotes the watermelon industry throughout the southeast by educating consumers on the health benefits and versatility of watermelon, aiming to increase consumption and boost the economic impact of the industry on Alabama. While working with the GCWA, she secured multiple Specialty Crop Block Grants for the association.



Josh Steltenpohl

Marketing Services, LLC

Josh Steltenpohl is the president of Marketing Services, an advertising agency based in Dothan, Alabama, since 1979. As a Dothan native, he has seen the Wiregrass area grow and understands the area's market well. Using that knowledge and experience, he links local and regional businesses with their targeted clients through all advertising mediums including: digital, social, print, radio, outdoor, web and television. Working closely and through careful consultation, Steltenpohl also creates strategies, budgets, branding and marketing campaigns for clients represented in many different industries.

Steltenpohl began working at Marketing Services in 2005 and was named president in 2018. Over the last 17 years, he has been instrumental with implementing many brand changes for companies throughout the Southeast. He also works closely with Wiregrass residents interested in running for political office by developing campaign strategies and materials tailored to each race. Marketing Services has had great success in the automotive industry as well as many other small business areas.

Before starting his tenure with Marketing Services, Steltenpohl served as the sports and event marketing director during the transition of Troy State University to Troy University and was heavily involved with the rebranding and logo development of that change.

Steltenpohl has been involved with several local nonprofits throughout the Wiregrass area, serving on the Dothan Tuesday Rotary Club Board, The Boys & Girls Club of the Wiregrass Board, Dothan American League Board, Youth Leadership Dothan Advisory Committee, Pastoral Council at St. Columba Catholic Church and president of the Wiregrass 2-1-1 Board of Directors. He is a graduate of Auburn University where he earned a degree in business administration. He and his wife, Jessica, have been married for 16 years and have three wonderful children. He enjoys spending time with his family, golfing and traveling.

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ECONOMIC INDICATORS FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY

DOTHAN ALABAMA
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		2021	2022
↑	Labor Force For The Dothan MSA:	64,838 62,366 (Employed)	65,849 63,901 (Employed)
↓	Unemployment For The Dothan MSA:	3.8%	3.0%
↓	Residential Building Permits For The City Of Dothan:	25 Issued (8.84 Million)	11 Issued ($3.65 Million)
↑	Home Sales in Dothan:	132 Sold	153 Sold
↑	Enplanements For Dothan Regional Airport:	1,871	3,001
↓	Houston County & Dothan Sales And Use Tax Collections ($):	$1,649,897 (County) $6,434,203 (City)	$1,527,081 (County) $5,939,574 (City)

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