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Motivational Speaker and Author

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Your cover photo features Dale Smith Thomas, a renowned motivational speaker and best-selling author, who will serve as the guest speaker at the Dothan Area Chamber of Commerce's 105th Annual Meeting. For more information, see page 4.

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EventsCalendar

September

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2 **Labor Day - Chamber Closed**

3 **Ambassadors and Diplomats Committee Meeting – 9 a.m.**
Location: 102 Jamestown Blvd. (Chamber)

4 **LEADS Group 2 Biweekly Meeting – 8 a.m.**
Location: 1740 S. Oates St. (Ray's Restaurant)

5 **Leadership Dothan Class 43 Reception and Orientation – 5:30 p.m.**
Location: 200 S. Cherokee Ave. (Dothan Country Club)

9 **Youth Leadership Dothan-Houston County Class 33 Application Deadline – 4 p.m.**
*See page 13 for more information.

10 **Ribbon Cutting: CB's Restaurant Authentic Southern Food - Dothan – 2 p.m.**
Location: 1036 Ross Clark Circle

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

12 **Women's Networking Coffee and Conversations – 8 a.m.**
Location: 2710 Ross Clark Circle (Carpetland USA)

Ribbon Cutting: Raceway #6960 Expansion – 10:30 a.m.
Location: 3605 Reeves St.

17 **Ambassadors & Diplomats Appreciation Luncheon – 11:30 a.m.**
Location: 101 Magnolia Ridge Place (Magnolia Preserve, LLC)
*Preregistration required (334) 792-5138.

18 **LEADS Group 2 Biweekly Meeting – 8 a.m.**
Location: 1740 S. Oates St. (Ray's Restaurant)

Leadership Dothan Class 43 Opening Retreat – 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Location: 300 W. Main St. (First Baptist Church)

Board of Directors' Meeting – 8:15 a.m.
Location: 102 Jamestown Blvd. (Chamber)

Ribbon Cutting: WOOF AM/FM 60th Anniversary – 11 a.m.
Location: 2518 Columbia Highway

19 **Leadership Dothan Class 43 Opening Retreat – 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.**
Location: 300 W. Main St. (First Baptist Church)

Ribbon Cutting: Hunt and Harvest, LLC – 11:30 a.m.
Location: 102 Jamestown Blvd. (Chamber)

20 **Wiregrass Women's Networking Lunch – 11:30 a.m.**
Location: 3205 S. Oates St. (Zaxby's)
*See page 14 for more information.

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

Business Workforce Development Champion Awards – 8 a.m.
Location: 102 Jamestown Blvd. (Chamber)
*See page 10 for more information.

26 **Wiregrass Professional Series State of Healthcare – 7:30 a.m.**
Location: 102 Jamestown Blvd. (Chamber)
*See page 11 for more information.

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Join Us As We Celebrate!

105 Years Of Serving You

You're invited to join the Dothan Area Chamber of Commerce Tuesday, Oct. 22, for the organization's 105th Annual Meeting. The DACC's premier event, this year's luncheon will take place at the Dothan Civic Center beginning at noon (doors and buffet will open at l l :30 a.m.).

Since its inception, the DACC has worked hard to grow this area's business community and serve its members. During this year's celebration luncheon, meeting highlights will include the passing of the gavel to Jeff Williams, SmartBank, and giving recognition to the Chamber's Ambassador and Diplomat Star and Spotlight of the Year, Nonprofit of the Year and Volunteer of the Year.

This year's guest speaker will be Dale Smith Thomas, a renowned motivational speaker and bestselling author, known for her powerful messages of inspiration and personal transformation. Often referred to as ''The Hope Doctor" by her audience, Smith Thomas possesses a unique ability to uplift and motivate. She holds a degree from Mississippi State University and currently resides just outside of Nashville.

Her books, including *Ten To Win* and *Good Morning Gorgeous*, are celebrated for their practical and inspirational advice. Dale's own experiences of overcoming adversity fuel her mission to empower others to face challenges and embrace change.

As an international speaker, Smith Thomas captivates audiences worldwide, inspiring them to set ambitious goals and realize their potential. Her diverse clientele includes sales groups, hospitals, real estate companies and many more. She has been featured in various national media and is a respected authority in motivation and personal development.

Smith Thomas' philosophy emphasizes the importance of self-confidence, resilience, and continuous growth. Her impact as a speaker and author continues to inspire individuals and organizations globally, making her a symbol of hope and success in the personal development world.

Motivational speaker and best-selling author Dale Smith Thomas

Tickets are now on sale and are $50 per person and reserved tables (seats eight) are $510. Tickets have historically sold out quickly, so members are encouraged to purchase their tickets early. To purchase your ticket, contact Alicia Etheredge, director of events and programs, at (334) 792-5138 or **aetheredge@dothan.com**.

So mark that calendar and make plans to join us as we celebrate 105 years of serving you, our Chamber members!

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Dothan City Schools

What makes your organization stand out?
Located in southeast Alabama, Dothan City Schools serves more than 8,000 Pre-Kindergarten through 12th-grade students throughout Dothan, Alabama. Nineteen schools comprise the district, including two Pre-Kindergarten centers, 11 elementary schools including one special admission math and science school, one school that exclusively serves sixth grade, one middle school that serves grades seventh-eighth, one ninth grade academy, one virtual school for grades seventh-12th, and one high school that serves grades 10th-12th, and two program sites dedicated to specialty education: one for students receiving alternative education and a career-technical education facility for grades 10th-12th. Each program seeks to develop engaging and meaningful opportunities for students at the elementary, middle, and high school levels.

Traditionally, children are assigned to a public school according to where they live. DCS allows families to select the elementary school that is most suited for their child. All students who live within the DCS attendance zone are eligible to attend other schools within DCS.

Kelly Springs Elementary, Hidden Lake Primary, Beverlye Intermediate, Highlands Elementary, Heard Elementary, Selma Street Elementary, and Morris Slingluff Elementary, Girard Elementary School Jerry Lee Faine Elementary serves our students in grades Kindergarten through fifth grade using a variety of hands-on lessons to engage students in work that is challenging, adventurous, and meaningful.

Carver School for Math, Science and Technology is the system's math, science and technology school and heavily emphasizes investigation and discovery and seeks to prepare students for STEM-related college and career pathways. It retains a competitive admission policy, where students are accepted based on test scores. Carver MST serves grades third-sixth.

Dothan Sixth Grade Center is our newest school that now exclusively houses our sixth grade students from across the district. Their focus is on fostering a nurturing and collaborative atmosphere where students thrive. With a dedication to integrating real-life connections, offering enriching learning experiences that equip our students with the essential skills for success.

Our Secondary Schools develop a diverse pipeline of students prepared for rigorous high school coursework and promote Advanced Placement courses so that more Alabama graduates will be prepared for college, the workforce and life. Dothan Preparatory Academy serves our grades seventh through eight, Carver Ninth Grade Academy serves our ninth grade and Dothan High School serves our 10th through 12th grades. Dothan Tech serves as the career and technical school for students attending Dothan High, offering students opportunities in Automotive Repair, Health Sciences and more.

Dothan City Virtual School provides a flexible and engaging virtual learning experience for motivated, independent learners in grades seventh-12. Students may also participate in specialized courses at Dothan Tech or other DCS schools.

First Class Pre-Kindergarten is offered through Dothan City Early Education Center for children zoned for DCS. Dothan City Head Start Center provides services to DCS as well as Houston County Schools.

Describe an exciting recent highlight for your organization:
In the 2023-2024 school year, Dothan High School had over 25 students enter the 30+ ACT Club for students who achieved a 30 or higher on the ACT and Dothan City Schools awarded eight Seal of Biliteracy Recipients

How has your organization changed in the last 12 months, and what do you see for the future?
At the Feb. 20, 2024, Dothan City Board of Education meeting, the board approved District Rezoning that will go into effect for the 2024-2025 school year to accommodate the changes approved in its short-term capital plan.

Under the short-term capital plan:

- Establish Dothan Sixth Grade Center;
- Convert Girard Primary School to a K-5 School now named Girard Elementary School;
- Convert all K-6 schools to K-5 schools; and
- Convert Jerry Lee Faine Elementary School from K-6 to PreK-5.
- Additionally, the Board of Education has approved the construction of four additional classrooms at Highlands Elementary School and Morris Slingluff Elementary School to accommodate for future growth in these zones.

What advice would you offer to someone looking for the type of services your business/organization provides?
Please feel free to reach out to any Dothan City School to learn how your child can join the DCS family. Or visit us online at **www.dothan.k12.al.us.**

Business Spotlight Presenting Sponsor
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ELDER CARE

Welcome to the September Member Highlight featuring Elder Care, where we turn our focus to the valuable services that cater to the well-being and dignity of our senior community members. These businesses highlight the importance of Elder Care, featuring businesses that provide compassionate support, comfortable living options and thoughtful end-of-life services. From funeral homes offering respectful and personalized services to assisted living facilities providing a caring environment, our community is home to a range of dedicated services for our elderly population. Join us in recognizing the businesses that contribute to the health, comfort and dignity of our seniors.

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Look for this feature each month highlighting different themes.

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Ambassadors&**Diplomats**

Star Of The Month

Kevin Payne
Slingluff United Insurance

The Star of the Month is awarded to the DACC Ambassador or Diplomat who has achieved the most points during the month for attending Chamber events, performing renewal calls, recruiting new members and delivering new member packets.

Mark Krystyn
Edward Jones - Mark Krystyn, Financial Adviser

The Ambassador and Diplomat Spotlight of the Month is awarded to the DACC Ambassador or Diplomat who has received the most nominations from their peers for going above and beyond the general duties as an Ambassador/Diplomat during the month.

Flowers Hospital Welcomes New CFO

Tyler Adkins

Flowers Hospital is pleased to welcome Tyler Adkins as the new market chief financial officer for Flowers Hospital and Medical Center Enterprise. As a member of the executive leadership team, he will be responsible for leading the financial operations of each hospital and their physician clinics.

"We are excited to have Tyler join our leadership team," said Jeff Brannon, Flowers Hospital CEO. "His knowledge and experience in healthcare finance will help position our hospital and clinics for continued growth as we work to care for our patients and bring advanced medical care to the Wiregrass area."

Originally from Philadelphia, Mississippi, Adkins earned a bachelor's and master's degree from Mississippi State University. He brings with him 15 years of experience in financial management for healthcare facilities, most recently serving as market CFO for Vaughan Regional Medical Center in Selma, Alabama, and Andalusia Health in Andalusia, Alabama.

Throughout his career, Adkins has managed the operations of accounting, patient access, medical records and supply departments in hospitals in Alabama, Mississippi and Oklahoma where he has led department managers to improve efficiencies, secure needed equipment and capitalize on growth opportunities.

"Flowers has a strong reputation in Dothan and beyond the Wiregrass, and I am proud to have the opportunity to join this team. Since the first introduction, it has been clear that patient care is at the forefront of everything they do," said Adkins.

Flowers Hospital has served the healthcare needs of the Wiregrass for more than 70 years. The facility is an important resource for the Dothan community, and it also serves as a major, 235-bed tertiary referral center for the tristate area of south Alabama, southwest Georgia and northwest Florida. By combining responsible personnel of approximately 1,500 employees, modern equipment and supplies, effective management, sophisticated support services, up-to-date professional education programs and a staff of more than 300 exceptional physicians, Flowers Hospital is able to assure patients of quality healthcare.

For more information, contact Emily Darnell, director of marketing, at (334) 794-5000, ext. 8575, **edarnell@flowershospital.com** or visit **www.flowershospital.com**.

Supporting Fort Novosel

Supporting Fort Novosel, the U.S. military installation located approximately 25 miles west of Dothan, is a priority within the Dothan community. Committed to the success of our nation and its protection, Fort Novosel symbolizes for Dothan citizenry the continuing efforts to protect democracy and the American way of life.

In recognition of Fort Novosel and all it does for our area, the Dothan Area Chamber of Commerce would like to share with you a series of articles that were published in reference to the facilities 2023 name change. The first set of articles were a three-part series *Perfect Choice - Part 1,2 & 3: Post's namesake 'the epitome of Army Aviation'* and then a redesignation article. Check them out:

- March 31, 2023 - *Perfect Choice: Post's Namesake 'The Epitome Of Army Aviation'* **www.army.mil/article/265373**;
- April 7, 2023 - *Perfect Choice — Part 2: Post's Namesake 'The Epitome Of Army Aviation' – CW4 Michael J. Novosel Sr.* **www.army.mil/article/265604**;
- April 7, 2023 - *Perfect Choice — Part 3: Post's Namesake 'The Epitome Of Army Aviation' – Cw4 Michael J. Novosel Sr.* **www.army.mil/article/265606**; and
- April 11, 2023 - *Army Redesignates 'Home Of Army Aviation' To Fort Novosel During Ceremony.* **www.army.mil/article/265653**.

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Don't miss this opportunity to invest in yourself and be part of a supportive community striving for excellence!

For more information or to buy tickets, contact Alicia Etheredge at the Chamber.
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Simpkins Joins HudsonAlpha Wiregrass

Aubri Simpkins

Aubri Simpkins has joined HudsonAlpha Institute for Biotechnology as an educator professional learning specialist. She becomes the fifth HudsonAlpha employee working full-time in the Wiregrass.

Simpkins comes to HudsonAlpha from the Enterprise School System, where she has taught since 2023. Before that she taught at Andalusia High School for eight years. A native of Andalusia, Simpkins earned her bachelor's degree in biology/biomedical sciences from Troy University and her master's in education and biology at Auburn-Montgomery.

"We couldn't be more pleased to have Aubri join our team and know she will make a tremendous difference in the lives of students all across the Wiregrass," said Madelene Loftin, HudsonAlpha's director of educator professional learning. "There is so much positive energy in the Wiregrass for science and STEM right now and we're excited to have someone of her caliber join our team."

HudsonAlpha is involved in a variety of educational programs in the Wiregrass, including the WIREGRASS (With Innovative Regional Experience Growing Real Advancements through Student Scientists) Peanut Project. The WPP allows students to gain real-life research experience while using the power of genomics to develop more drought-and-disease-resistant peanut varieties.

The WPP is a first-of-its-kind opportunity for area high school students to learn from HudsonAlpha Faculty Investigator Dr. Josh Clevenger, and work under the direction of HudsonAlpha's Educational Outreach team, including Vice President of Educational Outreach, Kelly East.

HudsonAlpha Wiregrass also offers summer programs for middle and high school students, embedded teacher training to expand learning opportunities and a community education program called "HudsonAlpha U."

For more information, contact Dean Mitchell, director, at (334) 446-9111 or visit **www.hudsonalpha.org/wiregrass**.

Heersink Joins Foundations Dental

Dr. Stella Heersink

Responding to the growing dental needs in the area, Foundations Dental Group is pleased to announce the addition of a new dentist to its practice - Dr. Stella Heersink. Coming to the Wiregrass from Society Hill Dentistry in Philadelphia, she joins the Foundations team comprised of Dr. Bayne Heersink, Dr. Wilkerson Mahone, Dr. Jordan Rains and Dr. Riley Rains.

"After recently moving to the area, I have felt warmly welcomed by the Dothan community. I'm thrilled to be joining the accomplished team at Foundations in providing top-notch dental care to local patients," said Dr. Stella Heersink.

Originally from Springfield, Ohio, Dr. Heersink obtained her bachelor's degree in biochemistry from Ohio's Miami University and her DMD from the University of Louisville School of Dentistry. She spent a year in Columbus, Ohio, followed by three years in Philadelphia. She is a member of the American Dental Association and the Alabama Dental Association.

Personally, Dr. Heersink loves sewing and DIY projects, staying active and spending time with her friends and family. She and her husband, Dr. Marius Heersink, are excited to plant roots in the Wiregrass where Marius grew up.

Founded as Healthwest Dental Associates, the practice became Foundations Dental Group in 2022. The practice is located in the Health Center South Medical Tower, 2826 Ross Clark Circle, Suite 302, and its scope of services include advanced general dentistry and prosthodontics.

For more information, contact Foundations Dental Group at (334) 702-1101 or visit **www.foundationsdentalgroup.com**.

Attention Vendors!

Vendors are encouraged to mark their calendars for Sunday, Jan. 26, 2025, from 2-5 p.m. and come be part of the Windmill Station's Annual Vendor Showcase.

The event is a fantastic opportunity to connect with a diverse array of local vendors across the event industry, including caterers, bakeries, photographers and videographers, bridal hair and makeup salons, businesses with bridal registries, food trucks, florists, event coordinators, bridal shops, kids' entertainment providers, and more.

This showcase is the perfect platform to present your services to a large audience of potential customers and to network with some of the best vendors in the Wiregrass area. Whether you're a seasoned professional or a newcomer to the industry, this event promises to be a day full of fun, entertainment and invaluable connections.

Activites include raffles, food trucks, a fashion show, music, kids activities and much . To sign up for a vendor spot or to purchase a ticket to the showcase, visit **www.windmillstationdothan**.com or simply scan the QR code.

For more information, call (334) 805-9057 or email **info@windmillstationdothan.com**.

Landmark Park Purchases New Planetarium Projection System

Landmark Park is pleased to announce it has purchased a state-of-the-art Theta Portable Nightshade G3 Projection System for Digitalis Education Solutions. The system offers top-of-the-line video and audio features.

The new Digitarium Theta 3 is the brightest planetarium system. It uses a 4k UHD projector plus an innovative proprietary fisheye lens to project high contrast imagery over a full dome. The Digitarium Theta 3 uses a laser phosphor projector with an incredible expected lifetime.

Your family or class can enjoy live shows, videos and field trips. Each week, the Park will feature different videos in its Planetarium so that your family can enjoy a variety of educational shows. There will be two different films each week.

Some of the topics that will be available include Apollo11, Astrology: Fact or Fiction, earthquakes, Eclipses and Moon Phases, Foreign Skies, Gravitational Waves, Halloween Astronomy, How Do We Know, Hubble Space telescope, Mars, Moons of the Solar System, Planets, Star Quest, Stellar Evolution, Stellar Lunar, Sky Stories, The Sun and more.

The programs are available for people of all ages. if you are a teacher, the Park also has lesson plans to match the program of your choice. These programs vary in length on average from 20 minutes to 70 minutes depending on the specific program you select.

If you have a class interested in participating in Landmark Park's soft opening the last two weeks in October, contact Kelley Curington at (334) 794-3452 or **education@landmarkpark.com**.

If all goes well, the Park hope to host its Grand Opening at the beginning of November 2024. Plan on joining it for this adventure and kick back while soaking up the stars.

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New Development In Downtown Dothan

National Construction Firm Brasfield & Gorrie Opens Field Office

The city of Dothan is pleased to announce that Brasfield & Gorrie, a national general contractor that specializes in large commercial projects, is opening a field office in the heart of downtown Dothan. The office will serve employees who are working on projects the company is constructing locally.

Brasfield & Gorrie was recently selected to complete the Dothan Opera House expansion and renovation project, Porter Park & Events Plaza, City Center Park Amphitheatre, and the Wiregrass Innovation Center. Each of these projects is currently under construction.

"A strong vibrant downtown is critical to the success of our community, and our downtown is growing and getting stronger every day," said Dothan Mayor Mark Saliba. "Dothan's City Center project is attracting private dollars for development and growth. It has been decades since cranes have highlighted our downtown landscape, and we are excited about the opportunities ahead. Many thanks to each of the City Commissioners for their commitment and vision to invest in our downtown area. Growth and development would not be possible without their support."

Brasfield & Gorrie's new field office will be at 154 E Main St. The office continues to solidify the growth in downtown Dothan as redevelopment continues throughout the core downtown area.

Houston County Commission Chairman Brandon Shoupe added, "Brasfield & Gorrie's presence in downtown Dothan is a major win for our community, and we are excited to see them flourish in our downtown."

Alabama Sen. Donnie Chesteen and Alabama Rep. Paul Lee shared in a joint statement, "Brasfield & Gorrie is an excellent construction firm, and we are fortunate to have their footprint part of the downtown Dothan community."

For more information, contact Colton Cureton, DACC's vice president of economic development, at (334) 685-7036 or **ccureton@dothan.com**.

Wiregrass Warehouse

In The News

Paul Hodges

Paul Hodges, CCIM, is now the representative of Wiregrass Warehouse. The broker of Hodges Commercial Real Estate, Hodges has been a licensed real estate broker for 36 years.

Hodges is fully involved in the family warehouse and logistics business Hodges Warehouse + Logistics. He has extensive experience buying, selling and managing large varied real estate portfolios for the family company and acting as an agent advising others.

Hodges has been involved in the management of over 5,000,000 square feet of warehouse and distribution facilities in Montgomery, Prattville and Dothan, Alabama. He also represents owners of retail, office, land, investment and multifamily properties.

Hodges specializes in helping individuals, corporations and government clients make and implement strategic commercial real estate decisions in Alabama. He works with owners to sell or lease their property and represents tenants in the search for the perfect location for their business. Various sizes ranging between 10,000 - 70,000 square feet are immediately available.

For more information, contact Hodges at (334) 315-1382. Wiregrass Warehouse is located at 119 Anderson Court in Dothan.

Dothan Regional Airport

Airport Adds Third Flight

The Dothan Regional Airport is continuing to see growth and development with commercial transportation. Executive Director Adam Hartzog recently announced that starting Nov. 11, Delta Air Lines will add a third departure and arrival time.

The new departure times will be 6:45 a.m., 11:30 a.m. and 2:45 p.m., with arrivals scheduled for 10:51 a.m., 1:51 p.m. and 8:59 p.m.

With this announcement, the Dothan Regional Airport will have more market seats than before the COVID-19 pandemic. The flights will be serviced by the CRJ 700, which has a 69 seat capacity.

"We sincerely appreciate the unwavering support from our community and will continue to collaborate with Delta Airlines to enhance our service and improve our pricing," said Hartzog.

For mor information, contact the Dothan Regional Airport at (334) 983-8100 or visit **www.flydothan.com**.

YOUTH LEADERSHIP

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for the 2024-2025 Youth Leadership Class

Youth Leadership Dothan-Houston County is a program sponsored by the Dothan Area Chamber Foundation. This seven-month leadership program prepares high school juniors for constructive leadership, committed involvement and responsible participation in the future of our community.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Must be at least 15 years of age and a high school junior
- Attend high school in Houston County
- Home school applicants must be affiliated with a local home school association and reside in Houston County
- Must be academically sound. The program requires students to miss seven days from school.

ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY MONDAY, SEPT. 9TH, AT 4 P.M.

Applications can be found on the DACC website at www.dothan.com.

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EAGLE EYE OUTFITTERS

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YourChamber

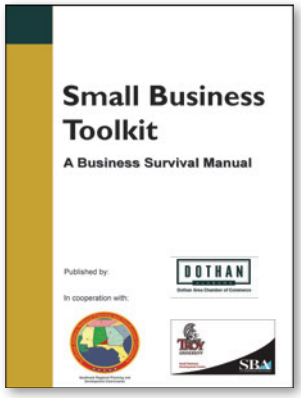
Verification Form Reminder!

Have Your Reviewed Your Membership Information?

Chamber members recently received their membership Verification Form for the upcoming production of the *2025 Membership Directory and Business Guide*. As a reminder, the deadline for submission **Friday, Sept. 6**.

If you have not already submitted your Verification From, please do so either by mailing, faxing or emailing the completed form back to the Chamber at P.O. Box 638, Dothan, AL 36302-0638, (334) 794-4796 or **aprilm@dothan.com**.

For more information, please contact April McCreight, special projects coordinator, at (334) 792-5138 or **aprilm@dothan.com**.



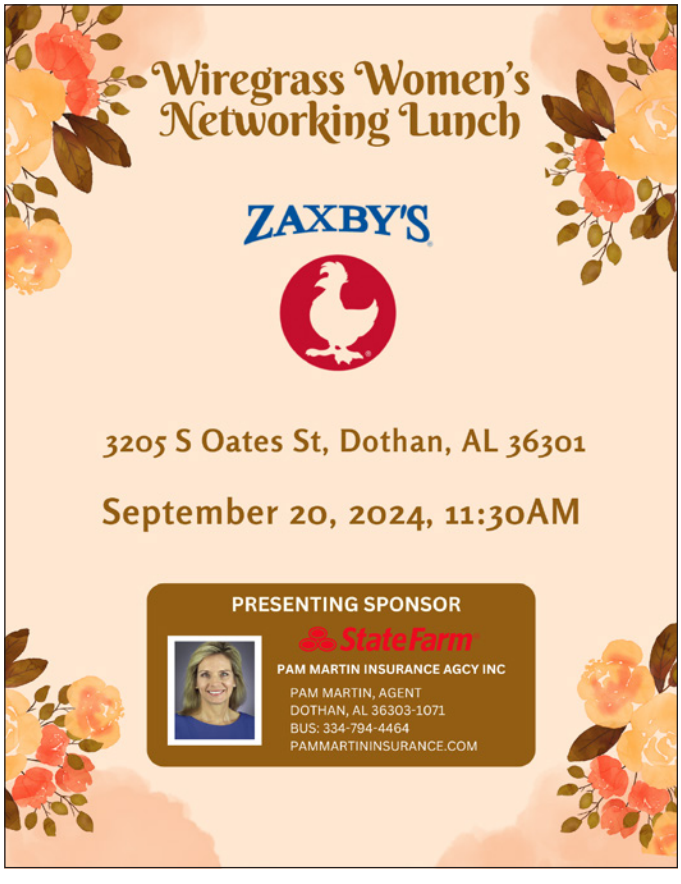
Your Small Business Resources

Small Business Toolkit

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

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

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



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Dothan's Official Welcome Guide & Membership Directory

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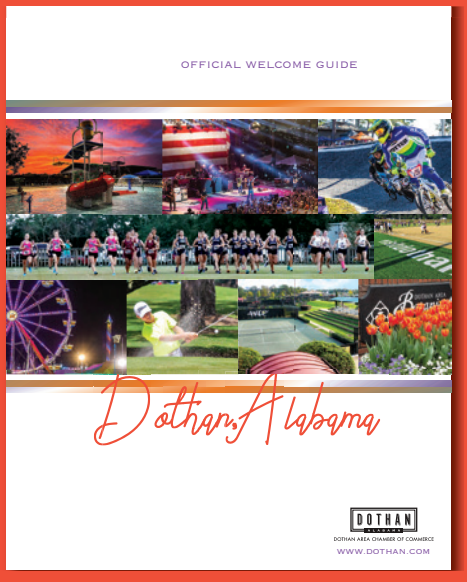

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ECONOMIC INDICATORS FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE

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		2023	2024
↓	Labor Force For The Dothan MSA:	67,679 65,688 (Employed)	66,238 64,3158 (Employed)
=	Unemployment For The Dothan MSA:	2.9%	2.9%
↓	Residential Building Permits For The City Of Dothan:	30 Issued ($6.15 Million)	15 Issued ($5.73 Million)
↓	Home Sales in Dothan:	194 Sold	158 Sold
↑	Enplanements For Dothan Regional Airport:	3,290	3,450
↓	Houston County & Dothan Sales And Use Tax Collections ($):	$2,231,676 (County) $8,219,241 (City)	$2,095,039 (County) $8,186,508 (City)

Editor's Note: Sources for this information vary; call the Chamber for details. Data as of 8/8/24. Visit www.dothan.com for the most current information.

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