

NEWS & VIEWS

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May 9 Luncheon Blake Wilson, Manufacture Good

lake Wilson was born and raised in Tuscaloosa, AL. Now, in his thirties, he lives in Birmingham, with his loving wife and twin 3-year-old children. As God radically changed Blake's life, he turned towards full-time ministry for the treatment of drug and alcohol abuse patients, while running a treatment center for four years. Following his work at the treatment center, he began working at Magic City Woodworks, which was recently rebranded to Manufacture Good. Blake is celebrating his eighth year leading at MFG as the Chief Experience Officer (CXO) and is proud to continue his ministry by serving the people of Birmingham, the state of Alabama, and now all over the country. He cannot wait for what is in store for his future and Manufacture Good!



United Community Bank

Progress Bank is officially United Community Bank! We're thrilled to now provide you with expanded access to personal banking, business banking, and wealth management solutions while maintaining the customer focus and local decision-making you have come to expect. With a shared commitment to serving customers, the team members you know and trust are excited to assist you as part of the United family.

United Community Banks, Inc. (NASDAQGS: UCBI) provides a full range of banking, wealth management, and mortgage services for relationship-oriented consumers and business owners. As of December 30, 2022, United had \$24.0 billion in assets and 206 offices in Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Alabama, and Tennessee, along with a national SBA lending franchise and a national equipment lending subsidiary.

The company, known as "The Bank That SERVICE Built," has been recognized nationally for delivering award-winning service. United was also named one of the "Best Banks to Work For" by American Banker in 2022 for the sixth consecutive year based on employee satisfaction.

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Hard to believe May is here and soon the kids will be out of school for the summer. Congratulations to those that will be graduating from the high school and others that will be graduating college! I hope all families are enjoying the gorgeous Spring weather we are having. Take advantage now, before the HEAT arrives! Visit one of our many Vestavia parks, new venues, and of course, drop in and patronize a Vestavia business you may have not visited previously. As I say often, Vestavia Hills has so much to offer!



Donnie Dobbins

The Chamber board, Chamber staff, and Ambassadors stay in full swing attending ribbon cuttings and planning events. The calendar is filled with ribbon cuttings, and all are invited. It's quite an exciting and rewarding

experience to welcome new businesses to our City. These folks have chosen Vestavia Hills as the community to establish their businesses-let's help fulfill their dreams of a prosperous future of growth and success!

Don't forget special holidays/events that we all enjoy in May. Cinco de Mayo is one of my favorites and our community has several delicious Mexican restaurants to choose from. Find your way to one of our gift shops to pick up that special gift in appreciation of our teachers. Take time to celebrate Mother's Day and Memorial Day with your families.

Sandra Cleveland represented The Vestavia Hills Chamber Foundation at Vestavia Hills High School Awards Day in April. Sandra led the Foundation Scholarship Committee through the selection process and presented the Foundation Scholarship to an outstanding senior student. The Foundation raises funds for this annual scholarship with the Viva Vestavia event that was most recently held in January of this year.

The Dogwood Prayer Breakfast held on April 18th was another great success. The speaker was Lindy Cleveland from Unless U. Lindy shared her inspirational story of the many services Unless U offers to adults with developmental disabilities and their families. A huge void for these type services and needed programs are now being delivered right here in Vestavia to families from all over the greater Birmingham area. Thanks to the planning committee and the sponsors – we are very thankful for the financial support of our business to make events like this possible.

It's official, the 41st Annual I Love America Night celebration will be held on June 22^{nd.}, 6 -9 pm. You will not want to miss this exceptional family event! The planning committee is fully engaged to pull all the moving pieces together. Our local vendors will be there to welcome the community and share about their businesses. All will enjoy patriotic music offered by our local church orchestras, kids will have a blast playing in the bounce houses, cooling off in the swimming pool, and the evening will wrap up with a spectacular firework show. If you haven't attended before, please plan to join us this year and invite your friends too. This is open to the public. Join your community in this patriotic event. You will be glad you did.

Looking forward to seeing you soon as we get the summer off to a great start!

Donnie Dobbins First Horizon Bank Board Chair, 2023

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Hello and Happy MAY from your Vestavia Hills Chamber of Commerce! I hope everyone is excited and anticipating a productive and active month. It's a busy month for most businesses right before it starts slowing down over the summer months, while other businesses are gearing up for a super active summer. We are here and always working to SERVE and PROMOTE our members. Please let us know how we can better serve you.

April was a busy and exciting month with The Dogwood Festival events. Lindy Cleveland, the keynote speaker at our 32nd Dogwood Prayer Breakfast, was amazingly inspirational. If you were not able to attend, I encourage you to check out the website www.unlessu.org to learn more about their mission to serve adults with developmental disabilities and their families through continuing education, job training, and life & social skills. Their services create an environment that promotes independence. It's a perfect time of year to visit Unless U Scoops at 737 Chestnut Street,



Michelle Hawkins

Vestavia Hills. A safe and fun work environment for the students of Unless U while serving the community with the sweetest of skills. Hours of operation: Monday – Friday 1PM-5PM.

Like May flowers, Vestavia Hills Chamber is growing, blooming, and adding fun events celebrating and promoting businesses with Ribbon Cuttings, Business After Hours, Lunch and Learns, Try it Tuesday's, Coffee and Classrooms, engaging Business Development, Ambassador events such as our "Birdies and Bites" and fabulous networking and intriguing monthly Chamber Luncheons.

We will PROMOTE YOU! Please let us know if you have an event and we will help promote it! JOIN US! Most events are only one-hour long, and there is usually food involved (Yay!) and the benefits of networking and member development opportunities are substantial. Get involved and you will find how beneficial being a member is – the more you participate, truly, the more you will receive. Okay, so that's the pep-talk, now... Mark your calendar and join us at these upcoming events!

Morningside of Vestavia Hills Coffee and Contacts – Tuesday, May 2nd 10AM

BCR Wealth Strategies Networking Event at Back Forty (Benefiting Alabama Goodwill) - Tuesday, May 2nd 4-7PM

Donatos Pizza Ribbon Cutting – Thursday, May 4th 3PM

Vestavia Hills Chamber Luncheon – Tuesday, May 9th 11:30AM

VHHS Living Room Ribbon Cutting – Friday, May 12th 10AM

Coffee and Classrooms at Vestavia Hills Elementary West – May 16th 10AM

Overture Tributary Grand Opening - May 19th 5-8PM

Lunch and Learn with Workplace Safety - Vestavia Hills PD In the Chamber Conference Room - May 23rd 12PM

 41^{st} I Love America Night – June 22^{nd} at Wald Park

I want to share our Vestavia Hills Chamber of Commerce values and encourage everyone to strive to work together and to encourage creativity, innovation, and economic vitality.

Chamber Values

Integrity: Adhering to the highest ethical standards in everything we do Excellence: Committing to meeting our high expectations for all that we do

Stewardship and Transparency: Managing our resources and delivering our services in a wise, responsible, and open

manner.

Collaboration: Engaging with members and partners to accomplish our goals – together

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May 9 Luncheon

Reservations must be made by 4:00 PM Thursday, May 4, 2023 and cost \$25. Late reservations will cost \$30. Make your reservation by visiting www.vestaviahills.org or by calling 823-5011.

Please Note:

- Reservations that are made and not cancelled by 4:00 pm Thursday, May 4 must be paid for, as we must
 pay for the number reserved.
- Please pay online or call the office with a credit card prior to the luncheon, or we can send you an invoice afterwards.
- Please make every effort to make your reservation on time. The number of reservations we have by the deadline is the number that we and the Vestavia Country Club prepare for.

Please remember the Vestavia Country Club policy of <u>NO JEANS</u> in the ballroom where we hold our monthly luncheons.

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Forbes recognized United as one of the top ten World's Best Banks in 2022. Forbes also included United on its 2022 list of the 100 Best Banks in America for the ninth consecutive year. United also received ten (10) Greenwich Excellence Awards in 2021 for excellence in Small Business Banking and Middle Market Banking, including national awards for Overall Satisfaction and Likelihood to Recommend.

Luncheon Business Spotlights

As a benefit of Chamber membership, you are welcome to choose two luncheons to have a booth to showcase your business. The Vestavia Country Club will provide covered 6 foot tables*-you just bring whatever information and items you would like to display! If you would like reserve your spots for 2023, please email katiew@vestaviahills.org

2023 Dates:

*Depending on number of participants each month, you may be sharing a table with another business.

May 9
June 13
August 8
September 12
October 10
November 14
December 12

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Please support our newest Chamber members and remember to 'Shop Vestavia Hills First'!!

Hami Brows

Hami Ladhani 618 Montgomery Highway Vestavia Hills, AL 35216 (205) 600-1535 www.hamibrows.com Category: Spa; Hair/Beauty Salon

ARC Realty

Amy Stump 3215 Endeavor Lane, Suite 141 Vestavia Hills, AL 35242 (205) 730-2359 www.arcrealtyco.com Category: Real Estate (Com.) and (Broker)

Souders Underwriting Group

Blake Souders 200 Office Park Drive, Suite 120 Birmingham, AL 35223 (205) 918-8883 www.soudersgroup.com Category: Insurance

Little Soles

Michelle Crim 4232 Dolly Ridge Road, Suite 110 Vestavia Hills, AL 35243 (205) 970-6990 Category: Shoes; Retail

ProLift Garage Doors

Michael Miller Hoover, AL 35226 (205) 215-6105 Www.proliftdoors.com/s

Www.proliftdoors.com/southeast-birmingham Category: Home Services

 The Simpson Law Office Marvin Simpson
 P.O. Box 135

> Dolomite, AL 35061 (205) 257-3223 Category: Attorneys

On-Site Productions

Justin Davis 3434 Lorna Lane Birmingham, AL 35216 (205) 434-4040

www.onsiteproductionsllc.com

Category: Event Planning; Party Rentals

Green Home Solutions Birmingham

Frank Poticny
2260 Rocky Ridge Road, Suite C
Birmingham, AL 35216
(205) 968-1425
www.greenhomesolutions.com
Category: Home Services

Spiritual Systems

Janine Hagan Vestavia Hills, AL 35243 (205) 967-7804 www.spiritualsystems.net Category: Consulting; Publications



@ the Chamber
May 23rd 2023 12:00-1:00 PM

Subject: Safety in the workplace with VHPD

A light lunch will be provided

Sign Up here Please!

Hear from VHPD about how to be safe in the workplace. They will be speaking on current issues that affect our community the most!







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- Give Mom the gift of relaxation and much-needed time out from her busy schedule. From a Hot Stone Massage to luxurious Facials, Hand & Stone Massage & Facial Spa's expert staff will ensure that she feels pampered and relaxed. Call (205) 286-2713 for details on their Mother's Day Gift Card Specials!
- The **Birmingham Boys Choir** invites you to their 45th Annual Spring Concert on Tuesday, May 16 at 7:00 pm at Mountain Brook Baptist Church. Free Admission
- America's First Federal Credit Union's Sporting Clays Charity Tournament is one of the largest fundraising opportunities for AmFirst's Community First initiative. In the prior fundraising year, three local charities were awarded a total of \$150,000. This year's tournament will take place on Friday, May 19 at Selwood Farm. Registration starts at 7:30 am and the tournament begins at 9:00 am. Find more info at amfirst.org/sportingclays
- Everyday from 1:30pm till 2pm everything left on the shelves at **American Kolache** is 1/2 price. They are great for school lunches or out of the fridge the next day. Walk in only! No call ins. Does not apply to any orders placed before 1:30 or online orders. 1031 Montgomery Highway, Suite 123
- Celebrate Global Running Day with Fleet Feet Birmingham! This year's 5K race will be held on Saturday morning, June 10th at 7:30am from Fleet Feet Birmingham. All proceeds from the race will benefit the Children's S.H.I.N.E. Clinic to help combat childhood and adolescent obesity. After the race, join us for an after party with prizes, raffles and more fun to be announced soon! The first 50 participants to register will receive a Big Run shirt. Register online at runsignup.com/Race/AL/Birmingham/ TheBigRunBirmingham
- The Vestavia Hills Farmers Market opens May 3 from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm and will be open every Wednesday through August 30! Located at Scout Square, right off of Highway 31, the Farmers Market is an outreach ministry of Vestavia Hills Methodist Church, created to bring local crafts and seasonal goods into our community!
- **Town Village Vestavia Hills** invites you to Rolls & Referrals Networking Event the 3rd Wednesday of Each Month! Pop in anytime from 8 am-9:30 am. Local businesses can build relationships and create awareness for themselves or their company. Casual networking while enjoying warm cinnamon rolls and coffee. Also, door prize drawings. Free to attend and no RSVP is needed. 2385 Dolly Ridge Road
- VIVA MEDICARE is a 5-Star rated Medicare Advantage plan, which means Alabamians can enroll in VIVA MEDICARE any time of the year for their 2023 coverage. Call us today at 1-888-830-8482 (TTY: 711) or visit www.VivaHealth.com/Medicare to enroll in the highest rated plan in Alabama.
- Birmingham Physical Therapy in Cahaba Heights has a couple of small group fitness classes led by PTs! The first is Fit for Life, which is held from 12-1pm Monday-Thursday and focuses on improving the strength, balance, and endurance of its participants. The second is Fit for Life: Mobility, which will be held at 7am on Tuesdays and Thursdays and will focus on improving the mobility and flexibility of its participants. If you are interested in learning more, please email melaniecosio.dpt@gmail.com."
- Read the latest issue of Birmingham Christian Family that features Chamber members Children's of Alabama and more online at https://birminghamchristian.com/issues/.

If you have any news or events you would like to put in the News & Views, email it to chamber@vestaviahills.org.

41st Annual I Love America Night

June 22, 6:00 pm at Wald Park 2023 Sponsor Information Package

Traditional Levels

GOLD LEVEL - \$375

- A 10' X 10' tent provided for your use with a 6' table and two chairs to display promotional materials and information regarding your business; Sponsor booths are open from 6:00-8:00 pm.
- Logo on posters
 - -will be included on flyers sent home with Vestavia Hills elementary students & in Vestavia Voice ad if sponsor form is received by May 5
 - -logo will need to be provided to the Chamber in a pdf or jpg format
- Business Name listed in Over the Mountain Journal ad and News and Views (the Chamber's newsletter) and smaller flyers
- I Love America Night Sponsor Gift

SILVER LEVEL - \$250

- Business name listed in printed materials: News and Views (the Chamber's newsletter), Over the Mountain Journal ad, posters, press releases, etc.
 - -will be included on flyers sent home with Vestavia Hills elementary students & in Vestavia Voice ad if sponsor form received by May 5
- I Love America Night Sponsor Gift
- Opportunity to bring promotional items or brochures for Chamber to give out at our table

Register by May 5 to be included in Vestavia Voice ad and School Flyers, and May 19 for all other advertising.

*Rain Date: June 29

*Please note: This event would not be possible without our sponsors, therefore, only sponsors will be allowed to hand anything out at the event.

I Love America Night

Sponsorship Form

Please complete the following and return to the Vestavia Hills Chamber of Commerce by May 19.

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Vestavia Hills Chamber of Commerce 1090 Montgomery Highway Vestavia Hills, AL 35216 Phone (205) 823-5011 Email: chamber@vestaviahills.org



To be entered in the 2023 Second Quarter Refer and Win prize drawing, simply refer someone to the chamber who joins as a new member. Contact the Chamber at (205) 823-5011 or email annilynw@vestaviahills.org. We will be happy to provide complete membership information to your prospects and will diligently try to "close the deal" so you can be included in the 2023 Second Quarter drawing for a \$250 gift certificate from Leaf & Petal!



2023-2024 Vestavia Hills Living

Ad Sales are now open for the 2023-2024 edition of the Vestavia Hills Living magazine!

Ensure consumers know that you're a Chamber member by advertising in the Chamber/City's Official Magazine -Vestavia Hills Living! Produced only once a year, V.H. Living's editorials spotlight what makes our City unique and include the membership directory, transforming it from a mere lifestyle magazine to a valuable resource for trusted goods and service providers.

Not only is it mailed to EVERY single-family household in Vestavia Hills, but it is also digitally published for access 24/7/365. Overruns are distributed to welcome new families and businesses to our City throughout the year.

Contact Lisa Christopher, lchris10@bellsouth.net; call or text 205.862.3445 or call the office at 205-823-5011 with questions.

Join us for a ribbon cutting for the new look of

DONATOS

Every piece is important.

May 4th 3:00 PM 629 Montgomery Hwy Vestavia Hills Al 35216

There will be giveaways, coupons and swag!

They are giving away free pizza for a year to one lucky person!



The Vestavia Hills Chamber of Commerce with the Vestavia Hills City Schools and Vestavia Hills PTO Council invite you to Coffee & Classrooms!

Each month, a different Vestavia Hills School will host a coffee and networking event for 15-20 Chamber Members to meet with school officials and learn about the school's needs and opportunities for them to get involved at the school and with the PTO.

Our next Coffee & Classrooms will be on Tuesday, May 16 hosted by Vestavia Hills Elementary West at 10:00 am. RSVP is REQUIRED! Call (205) 823-5011 to register.



Trustee Spotlight





Beth Moody-The Welch Group

Beth Moody joined The Welch Group, LLC in 2011. She serves as a Member & Senior Advisor, the firm's Director of Talent Development, and is actively involved with The



Welch Group Foundation. Beth is a CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNERTM practitioner and is an active member of the Estate Planning Council of Birmingham and the Financial Planning Association of North Alabama, where she served as Past President. Beth's passion for financial planning is demonstrated in her relationships with client families. She finds joy

in helping families live out their values during their lifetimes and through their legacy planning.

Beth and her husband, Ben, have been residents of Vestavia Hills since 2013. She loves spending time in the active Vestavia Hills community with her husband and their two daughters, Darcy and Morgan. She has loved getting to know the people of Vestavia Hills and currently serves on the boards of Leadership Vestavia Hills and the Vestavia Hills City Schools Foundation.

The Welch Group is a fee-only, employee-owned wealth management firm committed to enriching the lives of its clients. Founded in 1984, The Welch Group helped pioneer the fee-only financial planning and investment management movement and has continued to put clients' needs first ever since. Offering wealth management and family office services to retirees and young professionals, The Welch Group team strives to simplify financial management and help clients secure their financial future so they can focus on what matters most. Our personalized and comprehensive approach helps clients plan for their goals, needs, and concerns, including estate planning, cash flow, charitable and tax planning, and retirement strategies.

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Inclusion and Diversity: Treating everyone fairly and respectfully as we gain perspective, strength, and wisdom from our differences.

Innovation: Embracing fresh, new ideas and methods to continuously improve our processes and services

Happy Mother's Day to all the wonderful special women in our lives and please remember to SHOP DINE and PLAY LOCAL! Share the Love of the Hills

With Warm Wishes,

Michelle Hawkins, President

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*Chamber Past Chair

2023 Chamber Champions

























































Board of Directors Chair: Donnie Dobbins, First Horizons Bank		Upcoming Chamber Meetings		
Chair Elect: Clabe Dobbs, United Community Bank	May 9	Monthly Luncheon, 11:30 am, Vestavia Country Club		
Vice Chair Membership Development: Keri Bates, Rocky Ridge Drug Co.	May 18	Board of Directors, 7:45 am, Chamber Office		
Vice Chair Business Development: Jamie Pursell,	,			
Leaf & Petal		Events		
Vice Chair Community Affairs: Tyler Kime, Standard Heating, Cooling & Plumbing	May 4	Ribbon Cutting: Donatos, 3 pm		
Vice Chair Programming: Chris Thomas,				
America's First Federal Credit Union Vice Chair Public Education: Rachel Patterson,	May 16	Coffee & Classrooms, VHEW, 10 am		
Bradford Health Services	May 23	Lunch & Learn, 12 pm, Chamber Office		
Treasurer: Ben Chambliss				
Jackson, Howard & Whatley, CPAs Secretary/Legal Counsel: Mark Macoy	Other Meetings & Holidays			
Mark W. Macoy, LLC	May 8	City Council Meeting, Council Chambers 6 pm		
Immediate Past Chair: Sandra Cleveland, BCR Wealth	May 11	Planning & Zoning Commission, 6 pm		
Past Chair: John Henley, State Farm Directors	•			
Christina Babineaux, IRA Innovations	May 18	Board of Zoning Adjustment, 6 pm		
Jamie Black, McDonald's Taylor Burton, Taylor Burton Co., Inc.	May 22	City Council Meeting, Council Chambers 6 pm		
Erin Holtz, Pure Fitness				
Marty Martin, B.L. Harbert				
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