

## NEWS & VIEWS

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#### September 12 Jeh Jeh Pruitt, WBRC Fox 6 Sports Anchor/Reporter

WBRC FOX6 Sports Anchor/Reporter Jeh Jeh Pruitt began his television career at KWES-TV in Midland, Texas. He worked in the "Lone Star State" for eight months before coming back to Birmingham and WBRC FOX6 News in April of 1996.

He started as a news photographer but joined the Good Day Alabama team in 1997.



Jeh Jeh can be seen each weekday morning, reporting on anything from the latest exercise craze to

breaking news coverage. He played football at Jacksonville State University as a running back from 1990-1994. He was on the 1992 Division II National Championship team. Nowadays, he gets his sports fill working on WBRC FOX6 Sideline.

He also gives back to the community by working with children, speaking at schools, and being a mentor. He also emcees events for non-profit organizations and companies. Jeh Jeh and his wife Kerri co-founded The Dannon Project in 2003. It was established to help persons in the transition from prison, the unemployed, underemployed, at-risk youth and adults,

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## **Cellular Sales Authorized Agent of Verizon Wireless**

Cellular Sales was founded in 1993 by Dane and Meg Scism. The company marketed service on behalf of Cellular One and GTE Wireless prior to the advent of Verizon Wire-

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less in April 2000. Cellular Sales continued to grow through the late 90's and early 2000's by making its original independent sales representatives, partners in new territory markets it opened.

The fourth region opened was the Alabama Market in 1998 with the original Alabama Headquarters opening in Gadsden. The company set itself apart from other cellular agents in the market by impressing a professional dress code and providing a unique buying experience by focusing on total customer satisfaction.

Nationally, Cellular Sales operates in 40 states with more than 750 locations. Today Cellular Sales of Alabama's main offices are here in Birmingham and consists of thirty-one locations including seven stores in Tallahassee and Panama City and South Georgia. Cellular Sales' Alabama Market employs over two hundred sales and administrative associates.

As Regional Directors, Jason Love and David Surber contribute the success of the company to a "People First" approach. The people who make the daily sacrifice to provide for their family by spending their "work life" with Cellular Sales, and the clients the company is so fortunate to serve, are together the people Cellular Sales serve first.

Hello Vestavia Hills Chamber!

Happy September -- it's a trio of happiness today! Not only is this first day of September a Friday, but it's the Friday that kicks-off the Labor Day Weekend and today is the first day the all the discounts begin with the Vestavia Hills Shares Card! What a Happy Day!

Our August Luncheon had great energy and attendance. 150 attendees came to enjoy networking and to hear VHCS superintendent, Dr. Todd Freeman as our guest speaker. Our business spotlight tables were busy and energized. We've recently received more interest in business spotlight tables, so I want to share more information about this Chamber membership benefit.

Here a few things to know about Spotlight Tables:

- As a Chamber member, you can have two spotlight tables a year.
- Set up begins at 10:45 AM to be completed by 11:15 AM.
- We have 10 covered 6-foot tables provided by the Vestavia Country Club. One full table is provided to the luncheon sponsor, the nine other spotlight tables are available for up to 18 businesses. Based on the number of businesses participating, tables may be shared with another business.
- You may bring any promotional items for your spotlight table.
- If you plan to stay for lunch after the spotlight time, you will need to make a reservation by 4:00 pm Thursday, before the luncheon which will cost the normal \$25.
- Contact the office at 823-5011 or email Katie at katiew@vestaviahills.org to sign up for at spotlight table at our next luncheon.

Our next Chamber Luncheon is Tuesday, September 12, 2023. Networking starts at 11: 30 AM and our guest keynote speaker is Jeh Jeh Pruitt WBRC FOX6 Sport Anchor/Reporter, and a committed enthusiast for the community. Please visit our website www.vestaviahills.org ; click on events; then click on Register.

We are so excited about our September Ribbon Cuttings! Come welcome and celebrate with our new Chamber members and enjoy these networking opportunities.

**Ribbon Cuttings:** 

Thursday, September 7th 4:00 PM FleetFeet Sports 3060 Healthy Way Vestavia Hills Al 35243

Thursday, September 28th 12:00 PM Drew Carter State Farm 2521 Rocky Ridge Rd Vestavia Hills Al 35243

We love events here at the Vestavia Hills Chamber of Commerce. Please join us and get involved, if you would like more information, please contact our office at 205-823-5011.

Viva Vestavia Hills Committee Wednesday, September 6th 8:00 AM

Ambassador Pizza Party Thursday, September 14th 4:30 PM at Davenport's Pizza Palace Vestavia City Center For those interested in learning more about becoming an Ambassador for the Chamber, please sign up to join the party.

Alabama Retailer of the Year will Present – CLOVER + BEE Retailer of the Year Nominated by Vestavia Hills Chamber of Commerce Monday, September 25th 9:00 AM 3150 Heights Village Birmingham, AL 35243 Michelle Hawkins



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Coffee and Classrooms Tuesday, September 26th 8:30 AM Vestavia Hills Cahaba Heights Elementary September 26, 2023, 8:30 AM – 9:30 AM

Trustee Reception Tuesday, September 26th 5:30 PM

Business Development Committee Meeting September 27, 2023, 7:30 AM

Haunt the Hills October 28, 2023, 4:30 PM

Vestavia Hills Shares Card

Check out the September Hot Deals from our participating Chamber businesses with OUTSTANDING discounts, or FREE food and merchandise! The card can pay for itself in one day with the amazing hot deals AND you can continue to use the card every day for nine months!

Scan our QR code or visit www.vestaviahills.org/vestavia-shares-card to purchase a Vestavia Hills Shares Card and view the most up to date list of discounts from our participating businesses. Cards are \$30 each and good September 2023-May 2024. Unless otherwise noted, deals may be used once per day, every day, September 1-30, 2023. A new list of deals will be released each month through May 2024.

There is no cost to businesses to participate - It is a WIN WIN for everyone! Right now, we have 66 businesses participating and we would love more! Please contact our office if you are interested 205-823-5011. As always, it is my honor and joy to serve all our Vestavia Hills Chamber members.

With Warm Wishes,

Michelle Hawkins, President

September 12 Luncheon

Reservations must be made by 4:00 PM Thursday, September 7, 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, September 7 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.

both male and female and specifically non-violent offenders reentering society. He is also involved with helping raise money and awareness for organ donation after he gave a kidney to his mother 25 years ago. Jeh Jeh and Kerri have one daughter, Jehme who is a recent Business graduate of the University of Alabama. His unflagging enthusiasm for the job, his commitment to the community, and his high personal standards make Jeh Jeh Pruitt a favorite among his co-workers and those in the community. WBRC is proud to have such a dedicated person on the news and sports teams.

#### 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.

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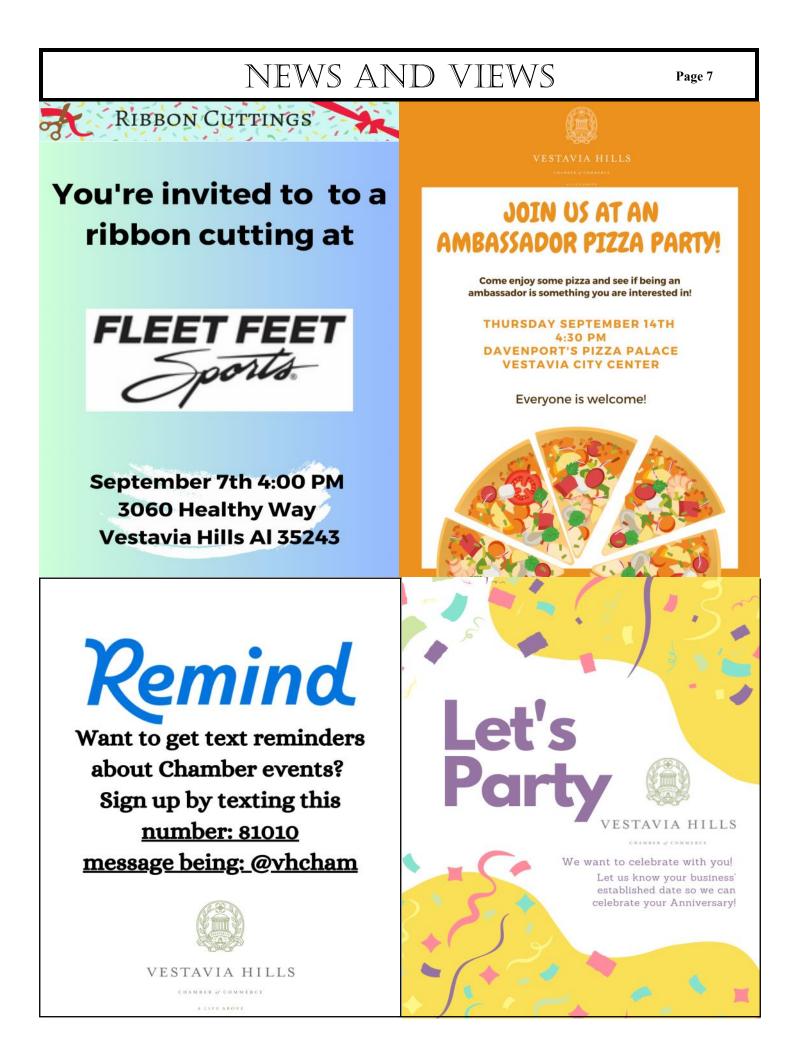
## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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

Cahaba Nutrition	Vestavia Nails
Julia Keffer	TuLe
2409 Acton Road, Suite 101	2531 Rocky Ridge Road
Vestavia Hills, AL 35243	Vestavia Hills, AL 35243
(205) 582-2215	(205) 979-3303
Category: Restaurants; Nutrition	Web: www.vestavianails.com
	Category: Nail Salon, Massage Therapy
Millennial Bank	
Clabe Dobbs	Six16 Creative
20 Meadowview Drive	Stephanie Farrell
Birmingham, AL 35242	Vestavia Hills, AL 35226
(205) 702-2278	(205) 276-1568
Web: www.millennial.bank	Web: www.six16creative.com
Category: Banks	Category: Retail; Gifts
Millennial Bank	Capital Growth Buchalter
Dave Mason	Kathie Carnes
20 Meadowview Drive	361 Summit Blvd, Suite 110
Birmingham, AL 35242	Birmingham, AL 35243
(205) 702-2282	(205) 968-9220
Web: www.millennial.bank	Web: www.cgbuchalter.com
Category: Banks	Category: Real Estate
Millennial Bank	Vestavia Hills Nutrition
Ryan Blackenburg	Mike Ledford
20 Meadowview Drive	670 Montgomery Highway
Birmingham, AL 35242	Vestavia Hills, AL 35216
(205) 702-2278	(205) 238-5608
Web: www.millennial.bank	Category: Restaurants; Weight Loss; Nutrition
Category: Banks	
	Service Dogs Alabama
Millennial Bank	Caroline Sease
Matt Rockett	8365 Mobile Highway
20 Meadowview Drive	Hope Hull, AL 36043
Birmingham, AL 35242	(334) 676-3733
(205) 702-2265	Web: www.servicedogsalabama.org
Web: www.millennial.bank	Category: Organizations
Category: Banks	
	Law Offices of C. Clark Collier
Millennial Bank	Clark Collier
Brad Collins	100 Centerview Drive, Suite 120
20 Meadowview Drive	Vestavia Hills, AL 35216
Birmingham, AL 35242	(205) 502-7400
(205) 702-2289	Category: Attorneys
Web: www.millennial.bank	
Category: Banks	

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## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS Please support our newest Chamber members and remember to 'Shop Vestavia Hills First'!! **Birmingham Squadron** ۲ Leslie Claybrook 950 22nd Street N., Suite 925 Birmingham, AL 35203 (205) 516-9655 Web: www.birminghamsquadron.com Category: Athletics; Entertainment Birmingham Squadron ۲ Nick Weldon 950 22nd Street N., Suite 925 Birmingham, AL 35203 (205) 516-9655 Web: www.birminghamsquadron.com Category: Athletics; Entertainment The Palm and Pig **Douglas Smith** 633 Montgomery Highway Vestavia Hills, AL 35216 (205) 566-8817 Web: www.thepalmandpig.com Category: Restaurants



## **Trustee Spotlight**

#### Steve Mote-Hollywood Outdoor Living

Hollywood Outdoor Living (Hollywood Pools) was founded in 1986 at its original location on Hollywood Boulevard. As a family-owned business, Hollywood takes pride in knowing their customers, selling high quality products, and offering reliable pool and spa services.

In March 2021, Hollywood Pools acquired Alabama Gaslight & Grill, a 52 year old company that offered gas and charcoal grills, lighting, and fireplace products and accessories. In early 2022, the companies completed a rebranding with the help of Scout Branding. Hollywood Outdoor Living, the name chosen during the rebrand process, reflects the company's new identity and sustains its legacy of providing luxury pools, spas, lighting, logs, grills, and furniture. They remain a leader in the pool service business throughout the greater Birmingham area.

With these two companies combined, Hollywood's retail offerings include luxury outdoor furniture like Lloyd Flanders and Breezesta. They also carry Sundance Spas and Big Green Egg as well as grills and fire pits by Modern Home Products (MHP), Smokin' Brothers, and Goldens' Cast Iron. Hollywood Outdoor Living also stocks grilling accessories and natural lump charcoal, spices and seasonings, fresh wood chips and chunks to make your cooking experience unique and fun! Their gas logs and fireplace burner product lines include Monessen and Rasmussen, and they offer gas and electric lighting by Everglow, St. James, and Legendary Lighting.

Even with its recent growth and changes, Hollywood Outdoor Living maintains its commitment to being a service-oriented organization that provides regular maintenance and repair services on pools and spas and offers many types of chemicals and cleaning supplies.

Visit their new website (hollywoodoutdoorliving.com), drop by the store, and follow them on Instagram, Facebook, and LinkedIn!

CEO, Steve Mote, has lived in the Birmingham area since 1976. Steve and his wife, Michelle Mote, live in Highland Park, but they can frequently be found hanging around in local restaurants in Vestavia Hills or spending time with their kids and grandkids who also live in the area. In their free time, they enjoy bird hunting across the Southeast and deep sea fishing in Perdido Key, Florida.









Our second annual **Haunt the Hills** Trick-or-Treat Night will be on **Saturday, October 28** on the Grand Lawn at Wald Park with festivities starting at 4:30 pm! Sponsor businesses will be setting up booths on the Lawn to give out candy and other promotional information. We'll also be having inflatables, music, and costume and pumpkin carving contests. We'll finish off the night with a Halloween movie.

We have several sponsor levels available:

#### GOLD SPONSOR-\$500

- Limited to 6 businesses-Only 2 Spots left! Contact the Chamber office to sign up!
- Logo displayed on screen before the movie
- Provided with a 6' table and two chairs to decorate and give out candy and promotional items-Sponsor booths are open from 4:30-6:00 pm.
- Access to electricity if needed for booth

 Logo in News and Views (the Chamber's newsletter), posters, press releases, flyers sent home with Vestavia Hills elementary students, etc.-logo will need to be provided to the Chamber in a pdf or jpg format

#### SILVER SPONSOR-\$200

- Logo displayed on screen before the movie
- Business Name listed in printed materials: News and Views (the Chamber's newsletter) posters, press releases, flyers sent home with Vestavia Hills elementary students, etc.
- Provided with a 6' table and two chairs to decorate and give out candy and promotional items-Sponsor booths are open from 4:30-6:00 pm.

#### Trick-or-Treat Business-FREE

• Bring your own table and chairs to decorate and give out candy and promotional items-Sponsor booths are open from 4:30-6:00 pm.

- Not included in any publicity
- Please submit the registration form or email katiew@vestaviahills.org to let us know you plan on coming. We will have you on our contact list for set up instructions and any weather updates.

#### Sponsors are welcome to sell items at the event, as long as they have a Vestavia Hills business license. We are also accepting food trucks and vendors for this event.



2023 Haunt the Hills Sponsorship Form

Please complete the following and return to the Vestavia Hills Chamber of Commerce by <u>September 22, 2023</u> (September 8 to be included in the Vestavia Voice ad).

Business NameAs you	a would like the publicity to	o read. P	lease print legibly.	-
Contract				_
Address: Street				_
City			Zip	
Phone		nail		
After Hours Phone				
	Sponsorsh	ip Packa	ige	
S500 Gold Sponsor	□\$200 Silver Sponsor	□Tri	ick-or-Treat Table-Fre	e
□Food Vendor-Free (will be	selling food items)			
Check Invoice	Credit Card			
Credit Card #	E	xp	Security Co	ode:
Name on Card			Zip Code:	

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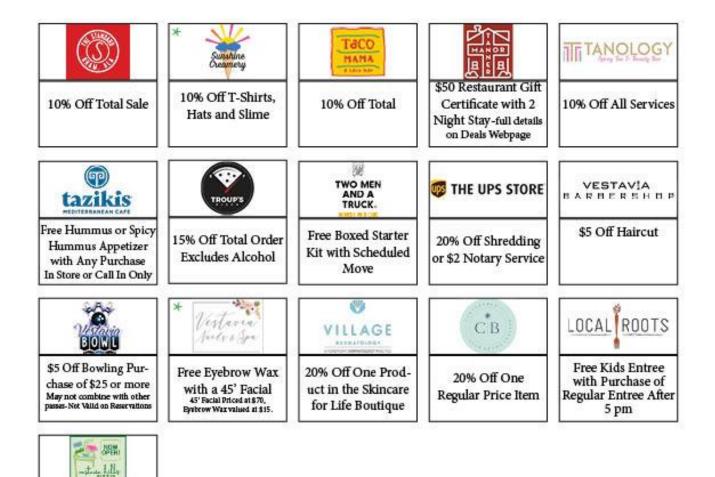
- The VHHS Band and Choir cordially invite you to relish in a Taste of Italy in the event of the season on September 12, 2023. Enjoy performances featuring the talented Vestavia Hills High School Band and Choir and a delicious Italian dinner. This special event is a fundraiser to assist in the cost of a unique combined Band and Choir performance tour to Rome, Italy at the end of 2023. Both groups will be performing in various venues and your support will go a long way in helping students participate! Buy your ticket now: https://www.myschoolshares.com/schools/vestavia-hills-vestavia-hills-al/store/ school fundraiser/291 A to-go option is also available at https://www.myschoolshares.com/schools/ vestavia-hills-vestavia-hills-al/store/product detail/1683 for pick up at the high school on September 14 from 4-6 pm.
- Puppy Palooza is coming to Vestavia City Center on September 16 from 11-2PM on the green! This free event will be supporting the Greater Birmingham Humane Society and all of their efforts. There will be adoptable dogs onsite! Stop by this fun-filled puppy event for live music, over 15 notable vendors, giveaways, activities for your pups and kids, and more! 700 Montgomery Highway
- Birmingham Christian Family is celebrating 23 years! Read the latest issue that to get details on the Celebrate the Family Expo on September 16 and much more online at https://birminghamchristian.com/issues/.
- Addiction Prevention Coalition is hosting an Alabama Workplace Evolution Conference Supporting Mentally Healthy Work Environments on Thursday, October 5, 2023 at 9 am-3:30 pm at Jefferson State Community College. Register at https://www.eventbrite.com/e/alabama-workplace-evolution-supportingmentally-healthy-work-environments-tickets-689568557117?aff=oddtdtcreator
- The 4th Annual Jimmie Hale Mission Rescue Run 10K, 5K, & 1 Mile Fun Run! On October 14th, 2023, join us as we proceed through the charming community of Homewood, starting and finishing on 29th Avenue South between 18th St. S. & 19th St. S. Race attendees will receive a high-quality race t-shirt & swag bag filled with goodies. After the race, we will provide post-race food items along with water and sports drink. Register at https://runsignup.com/Race/AL/Birmingham/JimmieHaleMissionsRescueRun

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

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Chair: Donnie Dobbins, First Horizons Bank Chair Elect: Clabe Dobbs, Millennial Bank	Cont 10	
Vice Chair Membership Development: Keri Bates,	Sept 12	Monthly Luncheon, 11:30 am, Vestavia Country Club
Rocky Ridge Drug Co.	Sept 21	Board of Directors, 7:45 am, Chamber Office
Vice Chair Business Development: Jamie Pursell,		
Leaf & Petal Vice Chair Community Affairs: Tyler Kime,		Events
Standard Heating, Cooling & Plumbing	Sept 7	Ribbon Cutting: Fleet Feet Sports, 4 pm
Vice Chair Programming: Chris Thomas,	•	• · · ·
America's First Federal Credit Union	Sept 14	Ambassador Social, 4:30 pm, Davenport's Pizza
Vice Chair Public Education: Rachel Patterson, Bradford Health Services	Sept 26	Coffee & Classrooms, 8:30 am, VHECH
Treasurer: Ben Chambliss		
Jackson, Howard & Whatley, CPAs		Other Meetings & Holidays
Secretary/Legal Counsel: Mark Macoy		<b>C</b>
Mark W. Macoy, LLC Immediate Past Chair: Sandra Cleveland, BCR Wealth	Sept 11	City Council Meeting, Council Chambers 6 pm
Past Chair: John Henley, State Farm	Sept 14	Planning & Zoning Commission, 6 pm
Directors	Sept 21	Board of Zoning Adjustment, 6 pm
Christina Babineaux, IRA Innovations Jamie Black, McDonald's	Sept 25	City Council Meeting, Council Chambers 6 pm
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