



Lake Martin Dadeville Area Chamber Newsletter

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Letter from the President

The year 2020 has started off well. Lets hope that this abundance of rain brings a fruitful year to our community and area.

Congratulations to our 2019 award winners at our Annual Awards Banquet. Farmers & Merchants Bank awarded Business of the Year for all their support of our community activities. Ed Shikoski awarded Person of the Year for all of his contributions to all our events throughout the year including a fantastic job of being our MC at the Dadeville's Spirit of a Hometown Christmas Parade. Thank you to former Police Chief David Barbour for all your hard work over the years keeping our community safe. Thanks also to Lieutenant Investigator William Hough for all your efforts and programs that you put in place to safeguard our families.

With the submission for a Small Town Makeover to the HGTV program, we have highlighted our ever changing needs and improvements in our town that are bringing excitement to the community that hasn't been felt in quite a while. Search "HGTV Dadeville ALABAMA" on Youtube to watch our submission. Thank you to all who participated in this video! This is another example of how our community comes together when called upon.



As always, this is "A Great Place to Call Home!" -Michael Carter

New Chamber Members:

- ◇ C & T Electric
- ◇ Edward Jones-Allison Devenport, Financial Advisor
- ◇ Forbus Custom Pools LLC
- ◇ Jeff's Appliance & Furniture
- ◇ Lake Martin Realty-Jeff Cochran
- ◇ Lakeshore Delux Cleaners
- ◇ OGSA Tournaments DPA OGStournaments
- ◇ Sam's Kountry Kitchen
- ◇ Stillwaters Self Storage
- ◇ Team Windy Mindy Real (360 Real Estate)

Please be sure to check out our newest Lake Martin Dadeville Area Chamber members. Each brings a uniqueness to the community that can help make our lives a bit better!



Business Spotlight

Gary Ingram Grading & Paving, Inc.
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Board of Directors: President-Michael Carter, 1st VP-Jim Cahoon, 2nd VP-Sandra Carlisle, Treasurer-Carol Sellers, Presidential Advisor-Karen White; Board Members: Ashley Benton, Auggie LaTorre, Chris Kizziah, Ed Shikoski, "GW" Warren, John Buono, Larry Whitfield, Peggy Bullard, Sharon Fuller, Tina Parker; Executive Administrator-Molly Parker

Lake Martin Dadeville Area Chamber's 2019 Awards Banquet

Our 2020 Board of Directors (from left to right): John Buono, Jim Cahoon, Ed Shikoski, Peggy Bullard, Tina Parker, G.W.Warren, Auggie LaTorre, Sandra Carlisle, Carol Sellers, Michael Carter (Tal East, Probate Judge non-Board Member about to swear them in at the microphone), Larry Whitfield, Ashley Benton, Sharon Fuller and Chris Kizziah.



David Barbour,
retired Police Chief of
Dadeville Police Dept.



Our honored **Guest Speaker**
John Merrill,
Alabama Secretary of State.



William Hough
Retired Lt. Investigator
Tallapoosa County Sheriff's Dept.



Our **Person of the Year Award** was Ed Shikoski for his tireless efforts at all our events including the wonderful job he did as our MC for our Dadeville Spirit of a Hometown Christmas Parade.



Congratulations to the **Lake Martin Area United Way** and the receipt of a donation check from our Denim & Diamonds Charity Ball.



Our 4 honored Board Members who have stepped down and were recognized for all their contributions were: Janice Roe, Kurt Pfitzher, Phil Blasingame and Randall McClendon.

We welcomed 2 new Board Members: Larry Whitfield and Chris Kizziah who cannot wait to get started working with our Chamber.

Our **Member of the Year Award** was Farmers & Merchants Bank for all their continued support and contributions to our Chamber.



A special Thank You to all of those who helped make this such a successful evening.

Business Tips / Advice

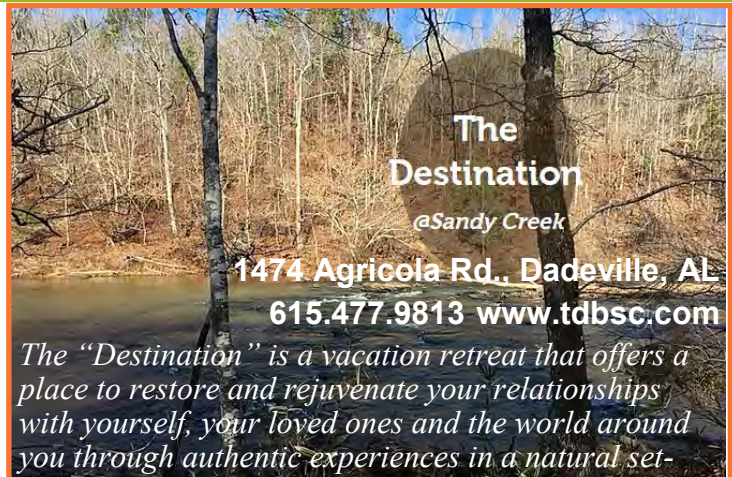
Why setting up your business as an LLC is top advice from small business owners? It almost instantly protects your personal assets from any legal trouble your business might get into. Most small businesses never do, however this is a one-time investment that protects "you". It doesn't matter whether you are self employed with no employees or several employees, set up your business as a separate taxable entity from day one. This protects you personally from law suits, the IRS and even your business financial troubles from touching your personal assets. The worst that could happen is your business dissolves.

Along with setting up an LLC (or if you are not able to before you open your business), small business owners advise that you should keep your personal & business finances separate. Keep your credit cards and bank accounts completely separate, even if you have to open a second personal account for your business transactions. When filing taxes, this can be a red flag for an audit even if you've done nothing wrong.

Financially speaking, small business owners suggest that you purchase accounting software as soon as possible. There are a lot of easy-to-use software packages out there and they will pay for themselves with the time saved. They will keep track of your receipts, keep track of income and expenses easily, send out professional looking invoices and have a neat and tidy package for your accountant.

Along with Accounting software, have an Accountant (CPA) that you can use as needed for software help or advice and for doing your taxes. They can be used to review your cash flow and help you set up for unpredictable slumps in business.

- Forbes, Dec. 2019



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To Do Around Dadeville, AL

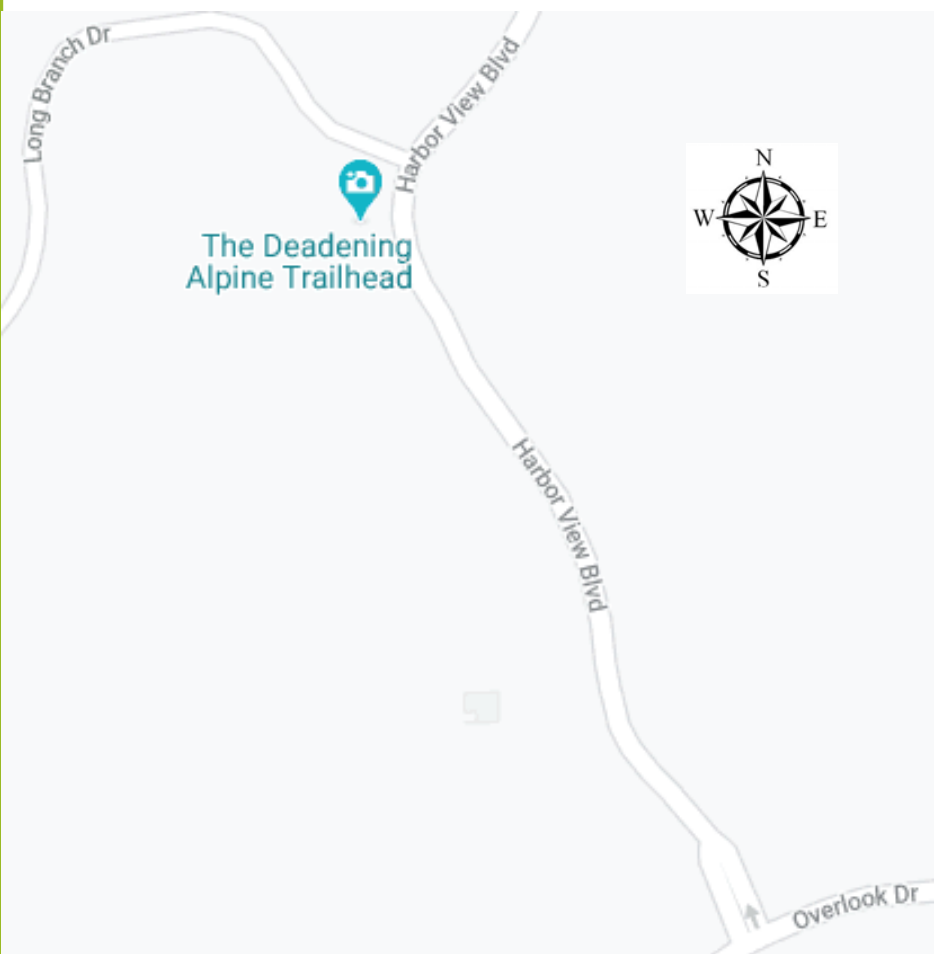
Pick of the month...

Hike Cherokee Ridge on The Deadening Alpine Trail. This is one of the Dadeville area's hidden gems.

Your hike will take you on a marked trail through the forest, across streams, over a hilltop, down into valleys and along the Lake Martin shoreline.

There are 2 trails (3.1 miles and 4.2 miles) and a map posted for your view. It would be a good idea to take a picture of the map with your phone to use for reference along the way. The trails take you along the Lake Martin shoreline where you can observe both Chimney Rock & Acapulco Rock and down towards Goat Island. One trail takes you to a viewing place atop a large rock jetting out above the water, the other trail takes you down closer to the waters edge with the same views.

These trails are a bit of a challenge at times and not for anyone who is physically challenged. Since these are nature trails, there may be branches/trees across the trail. The trail is sometimes narrow or steep or both. Take it slow and bring plenty of water. Please be respectful of the forest and take out anything that you bring in. Below is a map to the start of the trail. Overlook Drive is off of Hwy. 50. This trail entrance and parking is located inside the Harbor entrance. Happy trails...



CHAMBER EVENTS CALENDAR

March 10

Quarterly Member Gathering

May 12

Quarterly Member Gathering

May 16

Annual Cornhole Tournament

August 11

Quarterly Member Gathering

October 3

Dadeville Fall Festival

November 1

Dadeville Business

Christmas Open House

November (T.B.D.)

Denim & Diamonds Charity Ball

November 11

Quarterly Member Gathering

December 6

Dadeville Spirit of a Hometown
Christmas Parade

If you would like to volunteer
to help at any of our Chamber
hosted events, please stop by
or contact our office:

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DADEVILLE Community Calendar

March 1 Plug Day on Lake Martin! The proverbial plug drops to the bottom of the lake, closing winter's drain. Summer pool is 491 feet, this winter pool was to be maintained at 484 feet.

March 7 Bead Jewelry class for 5th & 6th grade students 10am to noon, \$15 registration fee. Visit "Everything'sart.org" for more information.

March 10 United Way Campaign Celebration & Annual Meeting. "BUILD ROADS TO A BETTER FUTURE". 5:30p-7:30p at The Mill Two Eighty, 3562 Hwy. 280.

March 23 & 30 and April 6 & 13 4 day Pottery Class for adults from 1p-3p. The cost is \$150 and includes all supplies. Visit "Everything'sart.org" for more information.

March 28 206th Anniversary of the Battle of Horseshoe Bend. 9a-4p at Horseshoe Bend National Military Park.

WEEKLY:

BINGO at Niffer's Every Tuesday night at 6pm, Niffer's holds their Charity BINGO. You can contact them to arrange for this fundraiser for your organization.

Dadeville Kiwanis Meeting Seeking people to join in their efforts to support education and community with their programs. Meets every Thursday, 11:45a, First Presbyterian Church, 171 Okefuske St..

Library Storytime in Dadeville Storytime for children aged 5 and younger held at the Dadeville Public Library Tuesday at 10:00a.

Open Studio The Artists Assoc. of Central Alabama sponsor an open studio Mondays 10a-1p at the Dadeville Senior Center. Come and paint your own project or join in special projects. Eliminate stress, laugh, share a love of painting.

MONTHLY:

\$20 on the 20th The Dadeville Area Chamber of Commerce encourages the community to spend \$20 on the 20th of each month to help the local economy.

Clean Community Project 1st Saturday of every month, 8:30am at City Hall. Bring a friend and help keep our city clean; sponsor or adopt a Saturday. Contact Dianna Porter 256.750.0075 for more information.

FERST Readers The Dadeville Public Library hosts the FERST Readers program every first Thursday, 1pm for Children up to age 5. Children living in Tallapoosa County are eligible for free books.

Tallapoosa County Cares Meeting Seeking people who are dedicated to help find ways to resolve the issue of underage drinking that will deter youth from going down a path that could lead to addiction. Meets every 3rd Tuesday, 3p-4p, at 287 N. Tallassee St., Dadeville in the East Alabama Mental Health Center conference room. For info contact Ashley Williams 256-373-3538 ashley.williams@eamhc.org



Do you have a community event coming up? Are you thinking about starting one? Send us the information and we'll post it on our social media sites.

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Dadeville Interesting History

Dadeville was named for Major Francis Langhorne Dade, who died in the Seminole War in 1835. The town was granted a charter in 1837 and was first incorporated in 1858, lost its charter during the Civil War, and was incorporated a second time in 1878. Dadeville has been the Tallapoosa County seat since 1838.

Folklore?

The Harper Hill Church and Cemetery on Prospect Road, Dadeville, AL (located just west of Turkey Trail), have been abandoned and in disrepair for many years, but some visitors say that its former residents still linger there. Local Legends state that well over a century ago the minister who lived in the church went utterly mad and murdered his entire family, then killed himself. Ever since then there have been reports of strange apparitions in the small church's windows, or even the sound of the old minister preaching to his congregation. They say that you can still experience them today whether it's the sound of someone walking through the leaves around you, a woman or children heard screaming or the apparition in the window. - Anonymous

Folklore?

The Tallapoosa County Courthouse is haunted? It was reported by a cleaning crew who had worked there at night to clean the offices that there were ghosts. "You could hear voices out of nowhere. Scary voices..." One of the other cleaning ladies said she had seen a man, a chubby man in a nice suit. He had come up to her and she got scared and yelled out and then he disappeared. They were always scared to be in that building and always stayed close together. They even tried to cover up the voices by singing songs together but they could still hear them.

"They never hurt us but it was really scary all the time." Apart from the ghosts she liked the job very much, but the ghosts just made it real scary. - Anonymous

Looking for people to submit the following to the Lake Martin Dadeville Area Chamber for our newsletter.

We are looking for **jokes**, funny **stories**, funny **pictures**, **advice** (words of wisdom, do's/don'ts, etc.), **Folklore** - stories about anything in the Tallapoosa County area that are true; stories your family have told you that "may" be true; or stories you're pretty sure are not true, but are interesting just the same. Or just interesting historical trivia about Dadeville.

Please let us know if you wish your name to be published with your submittal.