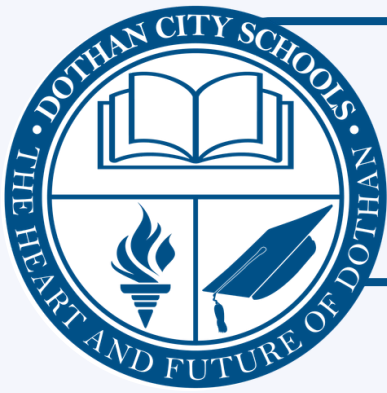




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Thursday, May 14th
7:30 PM – 9PM

UPCOMING EVENT

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Tuesday, May 19th
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UPCOMING EVENT

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Full steam ahead, Wolfpack! We are entering the final stretch of the school year. This month, our district will celebrate several important milestones. We honor our graduating seniors as they prepare to take their next steps, whether that be college, career, or military service. We also recognize the accomplishments of students across all grade levels who have demonstrated academic growth, leadership, and character throughout the year. May also gives us the opportunity to recognize the amazing educators and staff members who make a difference and strive to empower everyone everyday. This year's success and hard work is a reflection of the strong partnership between our schools, families, and community.

May is not only a time to celebrate, but it's also a time to continue our momentum. As we close out the school year, our focus remains on finishing strong and building on the progress we've made together. The work happening across our district continues to move us forward and we are committed to ensuring every student is prepared for success.

Thank you for your continued support of Dothan City Schools and for being an important member of the Wolfpack.

- *Dr. Garrick Askeew*
Superintendent
Dothan City Schools



PRIDE OF THE WOLFPACK MARCHING BAND INVITED TO WASHINGTON D.C.

The Pride of the Wolfpack Marching Band at Dothan High School is making DCS history after it was selected to perform in the 2027 National Cherry Blossom Festival Parade in Washington, D.C. This invitation-only event showcases outstanding bands from across the country. This marks the first time DHS has received this honor. The band will perform on April 10, 2027 along Constitution Avenue in the nation's capital, representing the Wiregrass on a national stage. We couldn't be more proud of our Pride of the Wolfpack students and staff as they represent not only our district, but our community at this prestigious event.



LETTER TO THE WOLFPACK FROM DHS SENIOR CLASS PRESIDENT

To the Wolfpack,

As this year comes to an end, I just want to say how proud I am to be part of this community. Being here has taught me so much, not just academically, but about growth, resilience, and supporting one another. We've all had our ups and downs, but that's what makes the journey real.

To everyone still here, keep going. Even when things feel stressful or overwhelming, don't give up on yourself. You're capable of more than you think, and your hard work will pay off. Stay focused, stay positive, and don't forget to enjoy the little moments along the way.

To my fellow graduates, we did it! No matter what comes next, we should all be proud of how far we've come. Let's keep pushing forward and chasing what's meant for us.

- Jada Hardrick
DHS Senior Class President
Class of 2026



WOLFPACK WINS

WOLFPACK EDUCATOR NAMED STATE "SWEET 16" FINALIST

Dothan City Schools is proud to celebrate Jessica Freeman, an educator at the Carver School for Mathematics, Science, and Technology for earning a place among Alabama's 2026-2027 Teacher of the Year "Sweet 16." Selected from more than 155 educators across the state, this prestigious recognition places Ms. Freeman among the top 16 teachers in Alabama and highlights her outstanding impact in the classroom and beyond.

With 23 years of experience, Ms. Freeman currently teaches 6th grade mathematics at Carver MST, where she is known for creating an engaging, student-centered learning environment. As a National Board Certified Teacher, Ms. Freeman brings a wealth of expertise in mathematics, science, gifted education, and instructional technology. Her lessons go far beyond the textbook. In her classroom, she emphasizes hands-on learning, critical thinking, and real world problem solving. Through her teaching style she helps students build both confidence and a genuine love for learning.

Ms. Freeman's influence extends well beyond the classroom. She plays an active role in strengthening STEM programming, contributes to professional learning teams, and supports afterschool initiatives that



enrich student experiences. Her dedication to student success, combined with her leadership and compassion, has earned her well deserved recognition from the Alabama State Department of Education.

The Alabama Teacher of the Year program is one of the highest honors in education in the state. Dothan City Schools is incredibly proud of Ms. Freeman for being selected as one of Alabama's top teachers. Her statewide recognition reflects the excellence happening across our schools and the powerful difference our educators make in the lives of students.

Congratulations, Ms. Freeman! Your Wolfpack family is so proud of you!

Last month, Ms. Freeman sat down with WTVY News 4 and WDHN News to discuss the major accomplishment. Want to learn more about Ms. Freeman and what inspires her to teach?

Watch [WDHN's story "Dothan teacher named Top 16 finalist for Teacher of the Year"](#)

or WTVY's story ["Dothan math teacher makes Alabama's Sweet 16 for top teaching honor"](#)



Employee of the Month April 2026: Rosemarie Bedesem, Selma Street Elementary School

As a Special Education Teacher at Selma Street Elementary School, Mrs. Rosemarie Bedesem consistently places students at the center of her work. She is committed to ensuring each student receives individualized support that meets their unique academic and developmental needs, which creating a clear and meaningful path for success. Mrs. Bedesem works intentionally to remove barriers to learning by tailoring instruction to each student's strengths and needs. Her calm, patient, and compassionate approach creates a structured and supportive classroom environment where students feel safe, valued, and prepared to grow.

She is known for her dedication to building strong relationships with students and her ability to meet challenges with a positive, growth oriented mindset. Mrs. Bedesem goes above and beyond

to support not only academic progress, but also the social and emotional development of her students by fostering confidence and independence along the way. Her professionalism, care, and unwavering commitment to student success reflect the values and mission of Dothan City Schools. Thank you, Mrs. Bedesem, for the important impact you make every day.



Staff Salute: Janice Horn, Health Services



Ms. Janice Horn, a school nurse serving our Head Start program, has been a dedicated member of Dothan City Schools since 2004. As the longest tenured nurse in the district, Ms. Horn brings a wealth of experience, consistency, and compassion to her role each day. Through her work, she plays an essential part in supporting the health and well being of our youngest learners, helping create a safe and nurturing environment where students can grow and thrive.

Known for her positive attitude and willingness to step in wherever needed, Ms. Horn consistently puts students and staff first. She is committed to providing quality care, supporting her colleagues, and maintaining a team oriented approach in all that she does. Recently earning her Bachelor of Science in Nursing and currently pursuing her Nurse Practitioner degree, Ms. Horn continues to invest in her growth to better serve our schools. Thank you, Ms. Janice Horn, for your dedication and for the difference you make in DCS.

HEALTHY HABITS AT SELMA STREET ELEMENTARY

Selma Street Elementary 5th graders welcomed representatives from ACOM and Southeastern Pediatrics for an engaging Health and Hygiene presentation. Students learned valuable tips on staying healthy while also receiving goody bags filled with essentials to support their well being. Experiences like this help reinforce healthy habits and give students practical tools they can use every day.



BRIGHTER STUDENTS, BRIGHTER FUTURES

DNA DAY ACROSS DCS

DNA Day brought hands on science to life for Dothan City Schools students, as all 3rd graders explored the basics of genetics through interactive learning experiences. With support from HudsonAlpha Institute for Biotechnology Wiregrass, students extracted strawberry DNA and gained a deeper understanding of how science connects to the world around them.

A special thank you to the HudsonAlpha Institute for Biotechnology Wiregrass for helping make this experience possible. From curiosity to discovery, it was a day full of excitement, engagement, and future scientists in the making.



Wolf Spotlight: Caleb Lawson



Dothan Preparatory Academy student Caleb Lawson is making a strong impact as a well-rounded scholar and emerging leader. Known for his positive attitude and respect for others, Caleb always leads by example through encouraging his peers, demonstrating integrity, and creating a supportive environment wherever he goes.

His leadership extends across academics, athletics, and service. As President of the Junior Beta Club, Caleb shows a strong commitment to scholarship and service, while also representing DPA's golf team and serving as the manager of the DPA football team. Just this year, he was selected as the keynote speaker for a Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebration in Enterprise, AL. Being named the keynote speaker at a young age reflects not only Caleb's confidence, but also his character.

Caleb's dedication and leadership continue to make a meaningful impact on those around him. He carries himself with purpose and pride, representing the very best of the Wolfpack.



DONUTS WITH DAD AT JERRY LEE FAINE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Jerry Lee Faine Elementary's Pre-K students shared a special morning last month with their dads and father figures during the Donuts with Dad breakfast. Filled with smiles and meaningful moments, the event gave families and role models a chance to connect over sweet treats.

These opportunities to build strong school-family connections create memories that last far beyond the classroom. These small moments together make big impacts on our students.



Wolf Pup Spotlight: Ivy Grace Dawson

Kelly Springs Elementary School 1st grader Ivy Grace Dawson is already making a meaningful impact both in the classroom and throughout the community. Ivy Grace is known for her kindness, leadership, positive attitude, and serves as a role model among her peers. She approaches each day with a love for learning and a willingness to help others, consistently showing respect and compassion in her actions. Whether she's supporting a classmate or participating in lessons, Ivy Grace leads by example and reflects the values of Dothan City Schools.

Beyond the classroom, Ivy Grace continues to make a difference in thoughtful and inspiring ways. Recently crowned Little Miss Dothan, she has used her platform to give back by collecting snacks to donate to local schools, helping ensure students have access to something to eat during the day. She even includes encouraging notes with her donations, spreading kindness and positivity to others. Through her involvement in school activities like Spirit Club and her participation in service efforts with her House of Revur, Ivy Grace demonstrates a strong commitment to helping others. Her generosity, leadership, and heart for service truly represent what it means to be a member of the Wolfpack.



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30+ ACT CLUB

The "30+ ACT Club" is an academic initiative designed to honor and support students who have achieved a score of 30 or higher on their American College Testing (ACT) exams. Congratulations to our 2025 - 2026 30+ Club members!



**Teagan
Bryant**



**Caroline
Churchill**



**Kylie
Davis**



**Catherine
Farmer**



**Marques
Gibson**



**Paul
Griffin**



**Matthew
Hays**



**Jilian
Hogan**



**Sebastian
Hughes**



**Athena
Hutto**



**Aubrey
Lechner**



**James
McAlister**



**Brantlee
McCarthy**



**William
Peacock**



**Allison
Peel**



**Sadie
Pfister**



**Emma
Sanders**



**Kaitlin
Simmons**



**Makenzie
Strain**



**Abigail
Tankersley**



**Indira
Thummala**



**Elena
Vasquez**



**Kennedy
Watford**

Principal's Pride: Principal Christina Johnson, Beverly Intermediate School

Principal Christina Johnson leads Beverly Intermediate School with purpose and a deep belief that every student can succeed, and that belief shows up in everything she does. With more than 30 years in education, she brings a wealth of experience spanning classroom teaching, instructional leadership, and student support. Principal Johnson strives to make sure that both academic and social-emotional needs of the students are met, resulting in stronger student outcomes and a more cohesive learning community.

Originally from Illinois, she grew up in Atlanta and Miami, bringing a broad perspective to her work with students and families. She earned her bachelor's degree from St. Leo College and later completed her master's degree and Educational Leadership certification from Troy University.

Before leading Wolf pups at Beverly, Johnson also led Dothan City Virtual School as its founding principal and held leadership roles across the district, including Morris Slingluff Elementary and Girard Middle School. Her leadership style centers on building a strong school culture, supporting the whole child, and creating environments where students and staff feel seen, supported, and motivated to succeed.

Beyond the school day, Ms. Johnson stays active in the community through and enjoys spending time with her nephew, Jacob, traveling with family with a Buc-ees' stop always on the itinerary, and hunting for unique finds and thrift and antique shops. It is a fun reflection of her creative and thoughtful personality.

Starting July 1, Ms. Johnson will return to Dothan City Virtual School as principal, where her passion for innovation and student-centered learning will continue to make a lasting impact.



COMMUNITY PARTNER

This month we want to highlight the Southeast Regional Child Advocacy Center. Thank you for coming to Heard and Highlands Elementary School last month and for bringing Henry, the adorable and hard working therapy dog, for a special visit with students!

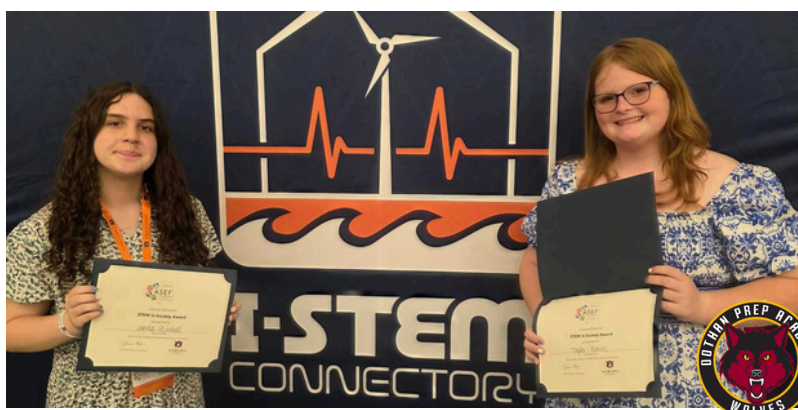
ALABAMA STATE SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING FAIR (ASEF) WINS

Dothan City Schools students soared at the Alabama State Science and Engineering Fair, with many students winning and earning recognition across multiple categories.

Students received top honors and awards:

- Logan Rogers (Carver School of Mathematics, Science, and Technology) – 1st Place, Junior Division Energy; Biosystems Engineering Award
- Alexis Saffold (Dothan High School) – 2nd Place, Biomedical Engineering; Chemical Engineering Award
- Gabrielle Saffold (Carver 9th Grade Academy) – 3rd Place, Chemistry
- Webb Griggs and Noah Freeman (Dothan Preparatory Academy) – Engineering Efficiency Award; Best Robotic Project
- Brooke Baker and Emmalyn Sutton (Dothan Preparatory Academy) – 2nd Place, Earth & Environmental Sciences
- Jenna Mitchell and Taylor Barron (Dothan Preparatory Academy) – STEM in Society Award
- Adyson Green and Adyson Harden (Dothan Preparatory Academy) – Most Practical Project
- Lily Hurley and Anne Mustin – Grossest Project

Congratulations to these students on their accomplishments at the State Science Fair! Job well done, Wolfpack!



DTC WINS BIG AT STATE SKILLSUSA CONFERENCE

Dothan Tech Graphic Arts and TV Production students attended the State SkillsUSA Competition in Birmingham last month. The SkillsUSA Alabama competition is a premier statewide showcase for career and technical education (CTE) students, featuring multiple industry-judged events in trade, technical, and leadership fields. And at this year's competition, DTC won big, taking home multiple top finishes. The following categories won by DTC students include:

- **Advertising Design**
 - 1st Place – Alexis Saffold
 - 2nd Place – Gregory Helms
 - 3rd Place – Maysen Duddy
- **State T-shirt Design**
 - 1st Place – Maysen Duddy
 - 3rd Place – Lilly Mathis
- **State Pin Design**
 - 3rd Place – Shephard Whiting
- **Digital Cinema Production**
 - 1st Place – Hugo Escalera and Kate Pologruto
 - 3rd Place – Grayson Roedl and Elia Dumas



Also representing Dothan Tech: Gregory Helms, Krisztian Hofeller, Samiya Williams, Allison Peel, Abigail Bolinger, Leia Braden, and Payden Roberson.

All 1st place winners will advance to compete at the SkillsUSA Conference in Atlanta in June. We cannot wait to cheer them on. Huge congratulations to our DTC students who attended this conference, way to make the Wolfpack proud!

DCS ELEMENTARY STUDENTS HONOR THEIR HEROES

Second and fifth grade students from across Dothan City Schools came together at Dothan High School for the annual Super Citizen Program Celebration hosted by the Liberty Learning Foundation. This event recognizes student selected heroes in our schools and community and the values they represent. During the event, students took the stage to share speeches about their chosen heroes, highlighting the heroes' character, courage, and service. Throughout the program, students gain a deeper understanding of civic responsibility and leadership.

A special thank you to the Liberty Learning Foundation for hosting this meaningful event and helping inspire the next generation of leaders.



MILITARY SIGNING DAY

Last month, Dothan High School honored members of the Class of 2026 who have committed to serve in the United States Armed Forces during its Military Signing Day ceremony. More than 30 seniors were honored for their decision to enlist across multiple branches, including the Alabama Army National Guard, U.S. Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps.



Students enlisting after graduation include:

Alabama Army National Guard

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|---------------------|-----------------------|
| • Johnathan Bennett | • Tierra Robenson |
| • Dana Centeno | • Shuntravious Walker |
| • Faith Childree | • Brandazia Thompkins |
| • Joshua Guilford | • Jaylon Ward |
| • Makayla Johnson | • Sariyah Thomas |
| • Nellie Lewis | • Brantlee Chavis |
| • Tysheria Snell | • LaDarius Thomas |
| • Syed Taha | • Kaylah Doss |
| • Javian Thomas | • Lazyria McKinney |
| • Tiffney Thoas | • Barber Dunn |
| • Nicholas West | • Kira Key |
| • Kennedy Crews | • Chris Hughes |
| • Natessa Matthews | • Aaliyah Chapman |
| • Jasiah McGriff | • Shakarhi McCall |

United States Navy

- Hunter Andres
- Jonathan Bass

United States Air Force

- Caleb Adkison
- Haylie Harle
- Nathaniel Brewer
- Michael Mendoza

United States Army

- NyShawn Hart

United States Marine Corps

- Charles Gilmore
- Cardiya Jackson
- Darian Jackson
- Kyria Ingram
- Tnyreah Williams
- Zavior Carter



Surrounded by family, friends, and school leaders, students were celebrated for their commitment to service and the path they've chosen after graduation.

DCS STUDENT SHINE AT 45TH ANNUAL DOTHAN/HOUSTON COUNTY SPECIAL OLYMPICS

The 45th Annual Dothan/Houston County Special Olympics brought so many unforgettable moments as our student athletes, volunteers, and supporters came together for a truly special day, celebrating this year's theme: *Everyday Superheroes*. The event was held at Dothan High school, kicking off with an athlete parade and opening ceremonies before students took to the track to compete and give it their all. Throughout the day, athletes and community members supported each other, celebrating each win, and truly embodying what it means to be an everyday superhero.

The crowd also showed up in a big way. Fans showed up with signs, school pride, and plenty of noise to cheer on each participant. That support helped make the day even more meaningful for the athletes.

It was a powerful reminder that our everyday superheroes are all around us and are worth celebrating every single day.



CREATIVITY ON DISPLAY

STUDENT ARTISTS TAKE OVER THE DOTHAN REGIONAL AIRPORT & HOST END OF YEAR ARTS OPEN HOUSE

Creativity took flight last month as Dothan High School students showcased their talent at the Dothan Regional Airport through a unique student art exhibition. The exhibition featured work from DHS Visual Arts and Dothan Technology Center students, highlighting the skill, creativity, and craftsmanship of the pieces. The opening event for the exhibition brought Wolfpack pride with live music from the DHS Jazz Band, a warm welcome from National Honor Society students, and school spirit from DHS Cheerleaders, all while student artists connected with guests and shared their work.

This partnership gives students a platform to shine beyond the classroom while sharing their artwork directly with the community. The exhibition will remain on display at the Dothan Regional Airport through May 9. Be sure to check it out!

DHS also held it's End of Year Arts Open House, where students displayed artwork and enjoyed performances from theatre students, Carver 9 DHS Mixed Choir, Dothan Dynamics Show Choir, Jazz Band, Colorguard, and the Concert Band. The open house provided students with an opportunity to share their artistic gifts and talents with the community.



HIGHLANDS STUDIO 1400

Highlands Elementary's annual art show, Studio 1400, transformed the school into a vibrant gallery featuring artwork from every student. Families and community members explored themed displays throughout the building, highlighting a wide range of creative expression across our students. This year's exhibit was made possible in part by a \$2,250 Alabama Arts Alliance "Support the Arts" License Tag Grant, which helped make the event possible.



YOUNG ARTISTS HONORED AT STATE CAPITOL

Morris Slingluff Elementary School student Camden Morris and Beverlye Intermediate School student Apollo Solomon recently represented Dothan City Schools at the All Across Alabama Student Art Program, presented by the Alabama State Council on the Arts.

This year's theme, "What Makes Alabama Great?," inspired student artists from across the state to reflect their unique perspectives through creative expression. Camden and Apollo's artwork was selected for display at the Alabama State Capitol in Montgomery, highlighting their talent and artistic ability. Their artwork was showcased throughout the month of April, where visitors from across the state had the opportunity to view their work.

We are incredibly proud of Camden and Apollo for their creativity on a statewide stage and representing our Wolfpack with excellence!



DHS PROMS

From the dance floor to picture perfect moments, prom season in Dothan City Schools was one to remember. These snapshots, captured by the DHS yearbook team, showcase some memorable moments from DHS Prom and Special Prom. Looking sharp, Wolfpack!



EMPOWERING EVERY WOLF

MIKE SCHMITZ CHALLENGE

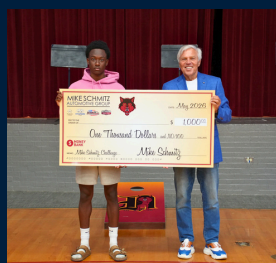
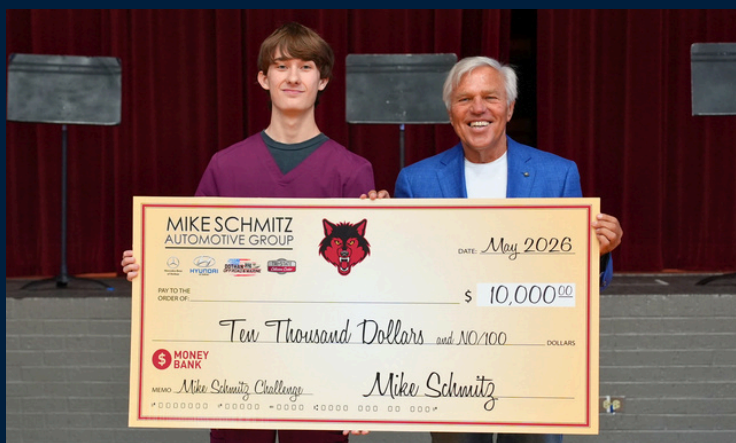
Students from Carver 9th Grade Academy and Dothan High School earned their way to the Mike Schmitz Cornhole Challenge through consistent effort all year long. To qualify, students maintained at least a 90% attendance rate and met key academic benchmarks, including completing the Pre-ACT or ACT, achieving benchmark scores, and earning CCR designations, and additional entries into the challenge along the way.

More than 1,000 students qualified throughout the year, with 183 advancing to the final round, a 21% increase from last year, to compete for a share of \$25,000 in scholarships, made possible for the third year in a row by Mike Schmitz Automotive Group.

Scholarship Winners:

- \$10,000: Brody Apida, 10th grade
- \$5,000: Allyson Peppers, 11th grade
- \$3,000: Cooper Hall, 12th grade
- \$1,000: Jack Johnston, 11th grade
- \$1,000: Jermicheal Shackelford, 10th grade
- \$1,000: Jaylon Ward, 12th grade
- \$1,000: Nolan Wood, 10th grade
- \$1,000: Jose Pimentel Alvares, 12th grade
- \$1,000: Houston Fetsko, 10th grade
- \$1,000: Graham Davis, 12th grade

This year's challenge is a clear example of turning effort into opportunity. Students earned their place in this moment through consistency all year long.



DCS CARES

SOUTHEAST CHILD ADVOCACY CAMPAIGN BRINGS A SPECIAL VISITOR

Highlands Elementary School and Heard Elementary School are two of the top three schools in this year's Blue Ribbon Campaign and were rewarded with a special visit from Henry, a therapy dog from the Southeast Alabama Child Advocacy Center. The Blue Ribbon Campaign raises awareness and funds by selling Blue Ribbon t-shirts to support children and families impacted by abuse, and students across the district showed up in a big way.

At both schools, Henry quickly became the star of the day. Henry showed off a few of his best tricks, soaked up belly rubs, and brought plenty of smiles to our students along the way. Students not only got to spend time with Henry, but they also learned how Henry helps children feel safe, supported, and comfortable during difficult moments. It was a sweet and meaningful experience for everyone involved.



DPA BAND INSPIRES FUTURE WOLVES

Kelly Springs Elementary 5th graders got a special treat when the Dothan Preparatory Academy 8th Grade Band stopped by for a lively performance. Led by Mr. Taylor, the band played several songs that had students clapping along and singing along to a few familiar tunes. The annual visit gives fifth graders a preview of what's ahead as former Kelly Springs students returned to inspire the next group of musicians. Many of the Kelly Springs students left the performance excited about joining the band once they leave Kelly Springs. Thank you to Band Director Mr. Taylor and the DPA band for sharing their time and talents and inspiring younger students to find their rhythm.



CARVER 9 STUDENTS HOLD MOCK INTERVIEWS

Last month, students at Carver 9th Grade Academy participated in mock interviews and gained valuable real world experience as they prepare for future career opportunities. Through this hands on experience, students practices professional communication skills, learned how to confidently present themselves, and received feedback to help strengthen their interview techniques.

This experience helped students build confidence in an interview space and helped prepare them for success in professional endeavours. Opportunities like this reflect Carver 9's commitment to equipping students with the skills they need to thrive in college, careers, and beyond.



HANDS-ON LEARNING IN ACTION

DPA VISITS WALLACE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

In April, DCS Career Coaches and Dothan Preparatory Academy 8th graders recently took learning beyond the classroom with a hands-on career exploration experience at Wallace Community College. Through the Alabama Community College System's Innovation Center "Skills for Success" simulation trailer, students engaged with real world equipment, including a semi-truck forklift, excavator, police vehicle, and fire truck.



Students also toured the Industrial Systems and Welding programs and explored Health Sciences simulation labs, gaining valuable insight into a variety of high demand career fields. Experiences like this help students connect classroom learning to future opportunities and empowers them to make informed decisions about their career paths.

MAY 2026 COMMUNITY EVENTS

SEASONAL

- 9 | Mother's Day Breakfast at Harley-Davidson of Dothan from 9:30-11AM
- 16 | Blooms & Breezes: A Mother's Day Celebration at Kiwanis Park from 9AM - 12PM
- 16 | Freedom Ignited - Armed Forces Day Celebrations at the National Peanut Festival from 11AM-9:30PM
- 16 | Armed Forces Day Freedom Ride hosted by Harley-Davidson of Dothan starting at 9AM
- 16 | 14th Annual Armed Forces Day Dice Run hosted by CVMA 28-3 starting at 9AM at Old Homestead Biker Wear

LOCAL FESTIVALS & MARKETS

- 2 | Fantasy Book Fair at Windmill Station from 10AM - 3PM
- 9 | 8th Annual Spring Craft & Vintage Market at Black Sheep Antiques & Gifts from 9AM-2PM

COMMUNITY EVENTS

- 1 | Ahoy Summer at Andrew Belle Splash from 3:3-4:30PM
- 2 | Cardboard Boat Regatta at Walton Park from 9-11AM. \$25 per team.
- 2 | Fit2Fight 2026 5K/10K/5K Firefighter Ruck hosted by Dothan Fire Department starting at 8AM
- 2 | Board Game Day at Dothan Houston County Library System (Westgate Branch)
- 2-3 | Dinosaur Adventure at the National Peanut Festival
- Sat. from 9AM-8PM and Sun. from 9AM-7PM
- 8 | Denim & Diamonds at The Plant starting at 6PM
- 22 | Movies in the Park - Guardians of the Galaxy at Porter Park starting at 7PM
- 26 | 2026 Summer Reading Kickoff at Dothan Houston County Library System from 2-5PM
- 27 | A-Day: Celebrating Good Grades at Water World from 1AM to 5PM
- 29 | The 1865 Legends Ball - America: Celebrating 250 Years of Impact hosted by Tri-State Expo: Dothan at the National Peanut Festival starting at 6:30PM
- 30 | Water Safety Day at Andrew Belle Pool from 10-11AM
- 30 | Splashin' Storytime at Westgate Wellness Pool for ages 0-12 from 9-10:30AM
- 30 | Landmark Park Fifth Saturday Freebie

MAY 2026 COMMUNITY EVENTS

SHOWS/PERFORMANCES

- 1 | Given to Fly – The Pearl Jam Experience at the Dothan Opera House starting from 8–10PM
- 2 | Nashville Nights at the Dothan Opera House from 6:30–10PM
- 4 | Star Wars – A New Hope at the Dothan Opera House from 7–9PM
- 8 | Tracy Lawrence – No Alibis Tour at the Dothan Civic Center from 7:30–11PM
- 9 | Gene Watson at the Dothan Opera House from 7–9PM
- 10 | Dr. Seuss's Cat in the Hat, Live on Stage! at the Jimmy H. Baker Center for the Arts at 1:30PM and 6:30PM
- 10 | Staind – Break the Cycle 25th Anniversary Tour at the Dothan Civic Center from 7–10PM
- 15 | 70s' Rock Revival, Troubadour Project at the Jimmy H. Baker Center for the Arts from 7–9PM
- 22 | Ill Kings Presents: A Night of Laughter starring Charleston White feat. Cliff P & Bama Deer at the Dothan Opera House starting at 7PM
- 23 | Pynk Beard at Porter Park starting at 7PM
- 29–30 | Landmark Park PRCA Rodeo at Landmark Park starting at 7:30PM. Gates open at 6PM
- 30 | Highly Suspect and the Tour of Yellow Roses at The Plant at 7:30PM

ARTS

- 1 | Dothan's First Friday Art Crawl in Downtown Dothan from 5:30–8PM
- 2 | First Saturday Family Day at the Wiregrass Museum of Art from 10:30AM–2:30PM
- 11 & 18 | Main Character Energy: Painting Textured Backgrounds workshop with Jacqueline Furlong at the Wiregrass Museum of Art from 10AM–1PM
- 12 | Write Night: Open Mic Night at the Wiregrass Museum of Art from 6–7PM
- 14 | Sip 'N Act at the Wiregrass Museum of Art for 21+ from 5:30–7:30PM
- 16 | Meet the Strings at the Dothan Houston County Library System (Main Branch) in the Main Community Room from 11AM–12PM
- 30 | Charm School: A Clay Jewelry Making Workshop (Adult Summer Camp) at the Wiregrass Museum of Art for those 18+ from 10AM–1PM

CLASSES & EDUCATIONAL EVENTS

- 2 | Junk Journaling & Altered Book Workshop at the Daleville Public Library from 10AM–12PM
- 20 | Master Gardener's Lunch & Learn (Garden Budgeting) at the Dothan Houston County Library System (Main Branch) in the Main Community Room from 12–1PM
- 27 – May 7 | Swim Lessons, M – TH, for Guppies (4–5 years old) from 6–6:45PM at Westgate Wellness Pool

MAY 2026 COMMUNITY EVENTS

CAMPS/WEEKLY CLASSES

Wiregrass Museum of Art

- June 1 –5 | **Drawing 200: Expanding Technique** at the Wiregrass Museum of Art for ages 15–17 years old from 9AM–12PM
- June 8–12 | **Design 126: Costumes & Characters** for ages 12–15 years old
- June 15–19 | **Read a Little, Art A LOT!** at the Wiregrass Museum of Art for ages 5–8 years old from 9AM–12PM
- June 22–26 | **Comic Craze – Sequential Narratives** at the Wiregrass Museum of Art for ages 12–15 years old from 9AM–12PM
- July 6–10 | **Drawing 101 Fabulous Fashion** at the Wiregrass Museum of Art for ages 8–12 years old from 9AM–12PM
- July 13–17 | **Art Exploration** at the Wiregrass Museum of Art for ages 5–8 years old from 9AM–12PM

Cultural Arts Center

- 4-Day Camps June 15–19 | Three camps available with one for K4/K5 (10–11AM), 1st –2nd Grades (10–11AM), and 3rd –6th Grades (10–11:30AM)
- 4-Day Camps July 6–9, 13–16, and 20–23 | Six camps available for K–6th graders

Camp CornDodgers

- June 1–5 & June 8–12 | Camp CornDodgers at CornDodgers Farm for ages 5–12 years old from 8AM–12PM (\$175 for First Child/per week; \$150 for per additional child)

HudsonAlpha Institute for BioTechnology

- **Code of Life (Basic Camp)** | For rising 6th –9th graders. Two sessions available, June 8 – 12 from 1–4PM and July 13–17 from 9AM–12PM. Cost per student/session is \$150
- **I Want to Work In A Lab (Advanced Camp)** | For rising 6th –9th graders. Session happening July 20–24 from 9AM–12PM. Cost per student/session is \$150.
- **BioSkills Microbiology Level 1** | For current 10th–12th graders. Session happening June 15–18 from 1–4PM. Cost per student/session is \$175.

Boys & Girls Club of Wiregrass

- June 8th – July 31st | For upcoming 1st – 9th graders. Happening each week day for 8 weeks from 7:30AM–5:30PM.

Wiregrass Public Safety Academy

- June 8 – 19 | A tuition-free, two week immersive experience for students 16–18 and recent high school graduates interested in a career in public safety. Spots are limited. Apply today!

MAY 2026 COMMUNITY EVENTS

CAMPS/WEEKLY CLASSES

Wallace Community College

- Growing the Future - 2026 Kids College | For rising 1st -6th graders. Four sessions available in June from 8AM-3:30PM. Cost per student/session is \$120
 - Wallace Campus | June 1 & 2 (Grades 1-3) and June 3 & 4 (Grades 4-6)
 - Sparks Campus | June 22 & 23 (Grades 1-3) and June 24 & 25 (Grades 4-6)

Dothan Leisure Services Summer Camps

- **Art Camps** | 7 different options all throughout the summer like "Jungle Life Camp," "Modern Art Camp," and "The Art of Wales Camp." Each session is \$100.
- **Camp Choctaw** | Four sessions throughout the summer at Westgate Recreation Center for ages 6-12 years old on weekdays from 7:30 AM - 5:30PM (\$140 for each 2 week session)
- **Camp Seminole** | Four sessions throughout the summer at Walton Park for ages 6-12 years old on weekdays from 7:30 AM - 5:30PM (\$140 for each 2 week session)
- **Camp Cherokee** | Happening June 1 - July 24 at Wiregrass Park for ages 6-9 years old on weekdays from 7:30 AM - 5:30PM (\$180 for full summer camp)
- **Camp Chickasaw** | Happening June 1 - July 24 at Andrew Belle for ages 10-12 years old on weekdays from 7:30 AM - 5:30PM (\$180 for full summer camp)
- **Gross Out Camp** | Four sessions throughout June and July. Cost per session is \$250.
- **Preschool Art Camp** | Happening at Westgate Park July 13-16 from 10AM-2PM. Cost for camp is \$60
- **The Art Circle** | Happening Mondays and Wednesday in May from 4-5:30PM at Westgate Park for 6-18 years old. Cost per student is \$80.
- **Tri-State Soccer Camp** | Happening July 20 - 24 from 8AM-12PM for 6 to 16 years old at Westgate Park. Cost for camp is \$195

SCHOOL EVENTS

- 1 | Special Graduation at DHS from 10-11AM
- 7 | DHS Girls Soccer Team Final Four Game at the John Hunt Park Championship Soccer Stadium in Huntsville, AL
- 11 | DHS Baccalaureate Service at Ridgecrest Baptist Church from 6-7PM
- 11 | DPA Basketball tryouts for rising 7th graders from 3:45-5:15PM at Dothan 6th Grade Center Gymnasium
- 14 | 2026 DHS Graduation at Rip Hewes Stadium from 7:30-9PM
- 15 | DHS Football: Spring Game vs Wetumpka at Troy University from 7-9PM
- 21 | Last Day of School for Students (Half Day)

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