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Community Briefs

ROCK SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH TO CELEBRATE HOMECOMING

Homecoming at Rock Spring's Baptist Church will be held on Sunday, July 19. Sunday School will begin at 9:45 a.m. and the worship service at 11 o'clock a.m. Guest speaker will be Rev. Jack Day, retired Missionary to Brazil, who now resides in Opelika. Lunch will be served in the fellowship hall following the worship hour. There will be no evening services. Rev. James Caulfield, church pastor.

NEW HOURS FOR CHAMBERS COUNTY LAKE

The lake is now closed on Tuesday and Wednesday. The lake remains open Monday, Thursday, and Sunday from sunrise to sunset. On Friday and Saturday the lake is open from sunrise until 10:00 p.m. Any questions, please call the lake at 334-864-8145.

HUMAN RESOURCE MEETING

The Chambers County Human Resource Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 20 at 9 a.m. EST and will be held at Skip McCoy's Law Office located at 117 North Lanier Avenue in Lanett.

JULY COMMISSION MEETING

The July regular Commission meeting of the Chambers County Commission is set for Monday, July 20. Commission meetings begin at 4 p.m. CST and are held in the Commission Chambers located at 2 South LaFayette Street in LaFayette. The Rules, Ways, and Means Committee will meet on Monday, July 20 at 2:30 p.m. CST in the Commission Office Board Room.

BOATING SAFETY COURSE

The Outreach Program Office at Auburn University in conjunction with the Alabama Marine Police will conduct a Boating Safety Course on August 4 and 6. The class has been rescheduled from its original time in July. The class will meet from 6-9 p.m. both evenings. Please contact the Outreach Program Office at 334-844-5101 or visit www.auburn.edu/cconline to find out more about the course and to register.

AGRICULTURAL PAGEANT

The Chambers County Farmers Federation will hold the Miss Chambers County Agriculture at the annual Farmers Federation meeting on August 15. The contest is open to all girls who are residents of Chambers County between the ages of 17 and 25. The winner will receive a $750 scholarship. A Little Miss Ag Pageant will also be held for girls ages 5-8, 9-12, and 13-16. Deadline for registration is July 29. Applications may be picked up at the ALFA building.

WELCH/WELSH REUNION

The Welch/Welsh family reunion will be held Saturday, July 25 at the Union Hill Community

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CST WILL EMPLOY 75. Canadian firm Commercial Spring and Tool Company Limited (CST) officially announced plans Monday to locate in LaFayette. Official documents were signed Monday evening at the LaFayette City Council Meeting. The company will locate in the former King Power Building on C.L. Torbert Parkway and will employ 75 people. Pictured in front, from left, are Frank Martinitz, President Commercial Spring and Tool; LaFayette Mayor Matthew Hurst; Chambers County Commission Chairman Jack Bunn, and Chambers County Commissioner Debbi Wood. Pictured in back, from left, are Representative Richard Laird, Chambers County Commissioner Danny Kendrick, Chambers County Commissioner Wayne White, LaFayette Councilmember David Ennis, LaFayette Councilmember Tammy Williams, LaFayette City Clerk Louis Davidson, Chambers County IDA Board President James Williams, Gurmail Gill, Vice President Commercial Spring and Tool, LaFayette City Councilmember Allen Tucker, LaFayette City Councilmember Steve Rowe, Chambers County Commissioner Rosa Dunn, LaFayette City Councilmember Cornelius Reese, and Chambers County Commissioner Henry Osborne.

New Industry Coming To LaFayette

Canadian firm Commercial Spring and Tool Company Limited (CST) announced plans Monday to expand operations into the United State of America. The State of Alabama, City of LaFayette, Chambers County Commission and Chambers County Development Authority finalized the agreement between all parties late Friday evening, July 10 and the final signing of the paperwork was done at Monday night's LaFayette City Council meeting.

Locating in the former King Power building located at 13438 C.L. Torbet Parkway, CST will manufacture metal stamped parts and tool and die assemblies for a variety of customers and plans to hire 75 full-time team members within the first 36 months of operation.

"Chambers County is making tremendous strides in the recruitment of new industry to our area," said LaFayette Mayor Matthew Hurst. "We are excited to welcome CST to the City of LaFayette and look forward to a strong partnership over the coming years."

Incorporating the latest in technology and utilizing the production knowledge and innovation of their people, CST has continued to be a leader in the manufacture of springs, wire forms, clips and is developing as a leader in special assemblies as well as metal stamping, tool and die assemblies, heat treating and plating.

"This is a great win for Chambers County and Alabama," said Chambers County Development Authority Executive Director Valerie Gray. Contact with CST began in April 2008 when representatives of the Alabama Development Office (David Hutchison) and the Economic Development Partnership of Alabama (Greg Knighton) visited their facility in Canada. After considering a number of Alabama communities, LaFayette was selected because of the availability of a building that met the needs of CST as well as its proximity to existing and potential customers. The project was won as a result of a total team effort that included ADO, EDPA, the City of LaFayette and the Chambers County Development Authority (Valerie Gray and Bruce Emfinger).

Established in 1972, the company operates 6 facilities employes 450 individuals at its Mississauga, Ontario Canada location. "We're really anticipating our first entry into U.S. industry and we're especially pleased to become a part of the new development of Chambers County and especially the City of LaFayette," said CST President, Frank Martinitz. "We look forward to being an

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Renowned Writer Robinson Dies Friday In West Point

Chris Busby
Correspondent

The LaFayette Sun lost one of our own this past week, as columnist and legendary journalist Bill Robinson passed away on July 10th, he was 79. Editor and Publisher Michael Hand remembered him saying "Bill was an artist and words were his colors. My what beautiful pictures he could paint."

Bill Robinson

Bill was born in Birmingham, but moved to nearby Buffalo, Alabama when he was eight. The family moved to Macon, Georgia when Bill was in high school, and it was there that his writing career began. Robinson twice served in the Navy, before attending The University of Alabama where he studied journalism.

Bill made a name for himself as a brilliant sports writer for the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*. He covered sports of all types from Georgia Tech and Alabama football to NASCAR racing and the NFL.

Former executive editor of the Atlanta Journal-Constitution, Jim Minter was a close

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Storefront Project Continues Progress

Volunteers with the Downtown LaFayette Storefront Project are continuing to work despite the extreme heat of the last several weeks. The purpose of the project is to clean, paint and put window displays in storefronts around the square.

According to Carolyn Wheeler, whose vision inspired the project, work has begun on the east side of the courthouse and five buildings remain to be given a face lift.

"Hopefully these last buildings will be close to completion by the end of July," Wheeler said. "What has not been completed by the end of the month will be done on several Saturdays each month."

A Saturday workday is scheduled for July 25th, starting at 8:00 a.m. "We had a great turnout on our first Saturday workday and are encouraging others to join us," Wheeler said. "There will be numerous small jobs to complete on that day, and lunch will be provided."

The group has worked closely with business owners and a tremendous amount of progress has been made since May. "Thanks to each of you who have made this endeavor a success, by your generous donations of money, food, and labor," she said. "We encourage those of you who haven't donated in some way to do so.

All improvements benefit every resident and business

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English Teaching

County Looks To Place Computer

Chambers County Extension Systems Director Kim Wilkens told Chambers County Commissioners at a meeting Monday of last week that her agency had acquired a computer with Rosetta Stone software which would be of benefit to county residents who do not speak English. The computer comes free of charge through a pilot program involving some Alabama counties and Wilkens is looking for a place to put it.

She said she thought of the Lanett Annex as a good location for setting up the equipment. There would be no cost involved, she said, as long as the computer had Internet access.

Commissioners asked if she had considered other locations, and Wilkins said she came to the commission first because she thought this was a positive program and would be good for the commission to be involved.

Commissioner Danny Kendrick said he thought the county should consider what would be the best location, and it was decided to research the matter further and make a decision at a subsequent meeting.

The program allows non-English speakers to sit down at the computer and with headphones get instructions in their

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Stallings Will Speak At CVHS Meeting Sun.

The author of *Georgia Confederates Soldiers who died as Prisoners of War 1861-1865*, James E. Stallings, Sr. will be the guest speaker at the quarterly meeting of the Chattahoochee Valley Historical Society. The meeting will be held Sunday, July 19 at 3 p.m. EDST in The Lanier Room at H. Grady Bradshaw Library in Valley. Stallings is a resident of Macon, Ga.

In a recent interview Stallings reflected on his reason for writing the book. "Even though I had been interested in genealogy for a number of years it was my desire to join the Sons of Confederate Veterans organization that would lead me into specific research for a Confederate ancestor that would qualify me for membership in that group.

'Although the ancestor under whose substantiated record I was accepted into the organization was not the one I had originally intended, nevertheless it was the impetus that caused me to continue my search for a namesake. That research eventually carried me to Elmira, New York the site of one of the infamous United States Prison Camps utilized during the War Between the States. My visit to Woodlawn National Cemetery in that city, where the remains of my great-great-grandfather William C. Stallings are interred, was the inspiration to begin over six years of research and writing the manuscript. As a result I have identified over 3,600 Georgians who died in the

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CHAMBERS ACADEMY VARSITY CHEERLEADERS. The 2009-10 Chambers Academy Cheerleaders are in Montgomery this week for the AISA, UCA cheerleading camp, held at Huntingdon College. The Rebel cheerleaders are (L-R) Cambree Fuller, Co-Captain; Shannon Hill, Kaylee Porter, Captain; Ashley Martin, LeAnna Ison, Bailey Meacham, Emily Milford and Jane Elliott, Coach.