

## Community Calendar

This forum is open for submission for events from non-profit organizations, churches, and other groups.

**Every Fourth Saturday**  
MEETING, VFW Post 5848 and Auxiliary, Shiloh CME Church, 1 p.m.

**Every Second Monday**  
CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP meeting, Choctaw General Hospital, 1 p.m.

**Every Second Tuesday**  
MEETING, American Legion Post 81, Choctaw General Hospital, Room B, 1 p.m. for VFW, 2 p.m. for Post 81

**Sunday, Jan. 12th**  
INSTALLATION SERVICE, for Rev. Dock Lake Jr., Mt. Mariah Baptist Church, 2 p.m., guest speaker: Rev. Jonathan Byrd.  
ANNUAL CHOIR DAY, Pine Grove AME Zion Church, 2:30 p.m., Asking all performers to render 2 selections.

**Sunday, January 19th**  
PASTOR'S ANNIVERSARY, honoring Rev. Joe E. Johnson, John the Baptist Church, Halsell, 2 p.m., guest speaker: Rev. Joseph Harper  
USHER BOARD PROGRAM, St. John CME Church, 2 p.m., special guest: Rev. Eddie Marzette.

**Monday, January 20th**  
MLK JR. FESTIVAL, Gilbertown, 9 a.m., guest speaker: Dr. Lewis Jefferson. Call 251-542-9249.

**Sunday, January 26th**  
TRUSTEE PROGRAM, Fairfield CME Church, Halsell, 2 p.m., guest speaker: Rev. Gerald Goodman.

## Stout-Walker named UWSWA's new V-P of Community Impact

MOBILE – The United Way of Southwest Alabama (UWSWA) announced that Trista Stout-Walker has been named the new Vice President of Community Impact.

Stout-Walker has served the UWSWA as Manager of Regional Development - County Relations since May 2018, working in Choctaw, Clarke, and Washington counties in both fundraising and community engagement. During that time, she exceeded all the 2018 and 2019 Campaign goals, according to a press release from the UWSWA.

As Vice President of Community Impact, Stout-Walker will be responsible for leading the strategic in-



Trista Stout-Walker

vestment of UW's financial and non-financial resources to help improve outcomes for individuals

and families. Essential to this work is developing and adopting community-wide goals and implementing a strategic and cohesive plan for impact to make progress on these goals, all based on an understanding of community needs, an awareness of community resources, a knowledge of local and national best practice strategies (financial, advocacy, volunteer, other), leveraging and aligning UWSWA's unique strengths and abilities to support the strategies, engaging in relationships and

partnerships, and measuring results.

"I am excited to begin this new position," said Stout-Walker. "I know that our efforts help our neighbors in southwest Alabama. My hope is that we can change someone's life for the better each day."

Stout-Walker, a resident of Jackson, Alabama, prior to joining UWSWA was employed for twelve years at a nonprofit community service provider in Clarke County.

She received a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of South Alabama and volunteers her time with Sacred Heart Parish and Relay for Life.

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about our power grid here in Alabama, as well in Mississippi, and our vast deposits of lignite here in Alabama," Taylor said. "Most of this hands-on experience will relate well in decision-making concerning our road and bridge projects here in Choctaw County."

Once economic conditions stopped the Kemper project, Taylor went to work as a PSM Consultant at WestRock in Demopolis. In August of last year, he took on a role as a Technical Shift Supervisor for WestRock.

In addition to his career, Taylor bought his first real estate property in Choctaw County in 1987 and contin-

ued to invest in the rental market in Butler over the next few years as Taylor Enterprises, LLC, with several properties under management.

Taylor and his wife have raised two boys in Butler and attend First Baptist Church where he has been a deacon for 20 years. He has been a Gideon for 19 years and often fills pulpits as a Gideon and layspeaker.

He has been a member of the Lions Club in the Choctaw County for over 20 years.

Active in his community, Taylor has volunteered as a summer league t-ball and baseball coach for many years as his two sons went through the Butler Little League over a period of ten years. Early on, he became a volunteer for Ducks Unlimited and was nominated Chairman, spending

many years in that position and progressing to the State Council in the organization.

In seeking the office of Commissioner, Taylor said that he has been both a proven leader and a dedicated servant and has a servant's heart for Choctaw County.

"It is my desire to bring more industry into our county and work on getting the state highways in parts of the county 4-laned, as well as continue to improve our county roads," he said. "We can't sit here and let all the industry relocate or build in surrounding counties."

Taylor said he plans to approach the state and federal government in his effort to bring Choctaw County back to being an industry leader in the area.

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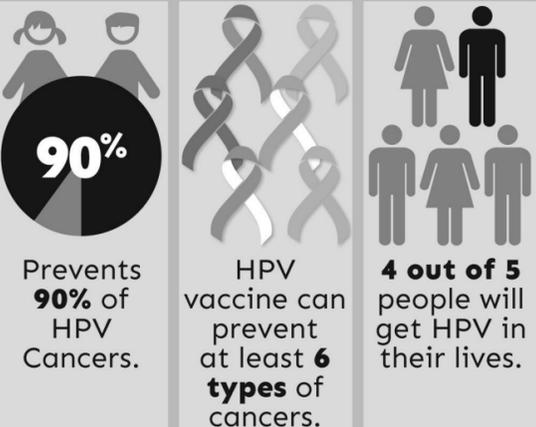


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