

“New Beginnings”

It happens about this time every year. Things (and people) emerge from their winter slumber and seek new beginnings. The weather warms, the grass turns green, the birds begin their singing, new buds appear on our scuppernong vines...but so does POLLEN...and snakes...and humidity. But the good always outweighs the bad. Spring is perennially the ‘season of hope’. Optimism abounds.

It’s a ‘new beginning’ for Major League Baseball. As this is being written on March 29th, ‘Opening Day’ is just hours away. All 30 teams think they have a good chance to still be playing in October. Most folks down our way are Braves fans and post season play for them has become a rite of passage. For the few of us who are New York Yankees fans, hope springs eternal – hoping that things will once again be ‘the way they used to be.’

It’s a ‘new beginning’ of sorts for our son-in-law, Bubba Pollard. Bubba has been driving stock cars on ‘short tracks’ all over the country since he was 14. He has an opportunity to try something a little different. We leave this afternoon for Richmond, Virginia, to support Bubba as he drives Dale Earnhardt, Jr’s #88 in NASCAR’s Xfinity series this Saturday.

It’s a ‘new beginning’ for college football teams as spring practice begins to wind down. Many teams have new coaches, all have a positive attitude, everyone’s undefeated and fans are trying to rush through the spring and summer months to get to that first game in late August.

It’s a ‘new beginning’ in local government. The end of the year will bring new leadership in some of the county commission and board of education districts, a new district judge, a new circuit clerk and a new probate judge/county commission chair.

Yes, this is a time of excitement, newness, expectancy...a time of the earth’s awakening and nature bursting with energy. But, as much fun and excitement as this season of change brings, the most important ‘new beginning’ in history took place 2,000 years ago when, on Easter Sunday morning, Mary Magdalene discovered the empty tomb...representing the pinnacle of new life, new hope and a ‘new beginning’ for believers all around the world. Happy Easter!

30 Day Review:

- Probate cases in February: six wills probated, three administrations, one miscellaneous hearing, three final settlements, one guardianship, no name changes, one involuntary mental commitment and seven marriage certificates recorded
- If your last name begins with ‘F’ – ‘G’ – or ‘N’, April is your month to renew your tags.
- March 1 – Henry County Economic Development Authority board meeting
- March 5 – Primary Elections

- **March 7 – Abbeville Chamber luncheon**
- **March 12 – Canvassing of the Primary Election**
- **March 14 – SEARP&DC board meetings – Dothan**
- **March 15 – Abbeville Methodist Auction/Dinner for Missions**
- **March 19 – Henry County Youth Leadership ‘Local Industries Day’**
- **March 21 – February commission meetings**
- **March 21 – Commission work session at the Road & Bridge office**
- **March 25 – Henry County Health and Rehab board meeting**
- **March 29 – Good Friday holiday**
- **April 2 – Wiregrass Prayer Breakfast – Dothan Civic Center**
- **April 2 – Community Corrections meeting – Dothan**
- **April 3 – Henry County Youth Leadership board meeting - Headland**

Dates to Remember

- **April 5 – Abbeville Recreation Department’s ‘Youth Day’**
- **April 9 – Henry County/ACCA Legislative Advocacy Day – Montgomery**
- **April 11 – Wallace College Eufaula and Dothan Foundation Meet & Greet – Abbeville**
- **April 17 – Henry County Youth Leadership ‘State Government Day’ – State Capitol**
- **April 18 – April Administrative meeting – Herndon Building – 9:00**
- **April 18 – April Commission meeting – Annex Building – 11:00**
- **April 24 – Henry County Schools Student Government Day – Henry County Courthouse**
- **April 24 – ACCA board meeting – Montgomery**
- **April 26 – Wallace College Foundation Education Society Brunch – Dothan Country Club**
- **May 3 – Henry County Economic Development Authority board meeting**