

"1929"

I'm sure that for you some years carry more significance than others. There a few years that stand out to me personally: one is 1969 when I turned 21 during the midst of the 'hippie movement'. 1972 has to be at the top of the list. I married the 20-year-old lady who changed my life forever – and also finished college. 1975, 1978, 1980, 1985 were all very memorable years...they were the birth years of our four children. And, tragically, the year 2001 always brings back shocking memories of the terrorist attacks of September 11th. Those things all happened during my lifetime. But another year with huge significance came 19 years before I was born. History shares many events of 1929...Herbert Hoover was inaugurated, an influenza epidemic killed more than 200,000 people and the notorious Al Capone was finally arrested. But what most senior citizens remember was the effect of 'The Great Depression'. During a widespread panic the last week of October, investors sold over thirty million shares of stocks. From one week to the next, thousands of investors lost everything they had. Banks closed all over the country, thousands of Americans lost all they had and could not pay their debts. This lasted a full decade – from the 'Wall Street Crash' until the outbreak of World War II.

But one event of 1929 later had a tremendous impact on my life. On June 4, 1929, Joe and Lula Money welcomed the birth of the fourth of their nine children, a ten plus pound son born at home near Shorterville. They named him Charles Lindbergh Money. Those who know him call him 'Lindy'. He's responsible for my love of sports – all sports. Especially baseball. Had it not been for him, I would have never gone to college (or met Coach Bryant). Uncle Lindy encouraged me to become involved in public service - he and Mayor Charles Vickrey convinced me to run for the Abbeville City Council when I was 28...and for mayor eight years later. Had it not been for Uncle Lindy making it financially possible, I would have never had a 40-year career in the Ford business. He has always been an advisor, an encourager and, at times, was almost as much a father to me as my own. (I guess it was predestined that I marry a girl who shared his June 4th birthday.) I owe this man more than he knows and I'll never be able to repay him. But one thing I can do – two days late – is wish him a very happy birthday. Happy 95th Birthday, Uncle Lindy.

30 Day Review:

- Probate cases in April: six wills probated, two administrations, three final settlements, eight miscellaneous hearings, four guardianships, one name change, two involuntary mental commitments and five marriage certificates
- If your last name begins with the letters 'I' or 'M', June is your month to renew tags.
- May 10/17 – we welcomed WTVY to Abbeville for their 'Hometown Tour'
- May 15 – attended the STEM Ecosystem Kick-Off at the ATTA
- May 16 – May commission meetings
- May 16/17 – attended the Jimmy Rane Foundation scholarship event in Montgomery
- May 20 – attended the HCHR board meeting

- **May 20 – attended the Camp SAYLA board meeting**
- **May 27 – attended the American Legion Post 119 Memorial Day program**
- **May 29 – attended an RSA retirement meeting in Montgomery**
- **June 4 – attended the Wallace College Foundation board meeting**
- **June 4 – attended the Camp SAYLA board meeting**

Dates to Remember:

- **June 12 – attended the ‘Henry County Economic Development Workforce Summit’**
- **June 14 – final date to submit budget requests to the county commission office**
- **June 18 – tour of Fort Novosel**
- **June 19 – Juneteenth holiday**
- **June 20 – June Administrative meeting – 9:00 – Herndon Building**
- **June 20 – June Commission meeting – 11:00 – Annex Building]**
- **June 30/July 3 – Alabama Probate Judges Summer Conference – Gulf Shores**
- **July 4 – Independence Day holiday**