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Good to Know

American Legion Mid-South Baseball Tournament

Opening Ceremonies:
Monday, August 1, 2023
7:00 p.m.
Pelham High School

Tournament play:
August 2 - 6, 2023
[View the complete schedule.](#)

AMERICA'S PASTIME

American Legion Baseball Tournament Returns

The American Legion Mid-South Regional Baseball Tournament is back. The tournament festivities begin with Opening Ceremonies on Tuesday, August 1, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. at the Pelham High School baseball stadium. Teams from Mississippi, Oklahoma, Missouri, Arkansas, Louisiana, Alabama, and Kansas will compete from August 2nd through 6th. The winner of the tournament will move on to the American Legion Baseball World Series in Shelby, NC, which will be broadcast on ESPN.

The program for the Opening Ceremonies includes patriotic music, a motorcycle parade, a presentation featuring the history of the U.S. flag, an introduction of the teams, a USMC reenactment of the raising of the flag on the island of Iwo Jima, and an aircraft flyover.

Matthew Blount Post 555 is the host team, which is comprised of players from Pelham High School, Helena High School, and Thompson High School. The team has had a stellar season, with a 25-0-1 record in the regular season. In the state tournament, the team went 2-2, falling to Troy Post 70, the defending American Legion World Series Champions, in the state championship. The team goes into the Mid-South Tournament as the Alabama State Runner-Up.

Team Representative Kyle Phillips encourages Pelham residents to show up and
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Photo courtesy of Alabama American Legion Baseball.

root for the home team. "This is a unique opportunity for the Shelby County community to come together through baseball. Throughout the high school season, these guys were competing against each other to win a championship. Now, we get to see them play together to hopefully earn a spot in the American Legion World Series."

At least five of the players have offers to continue their baseball career in college. Next year, you'll see these guys on the diamond at Montevallo, Gadsden State, Marion Military Institute, and Wallace-Selma. "The rest of the team are still in high school and are actively being scouted by college coaches," said Phillips.

Matthew Blount Post 555 will play in Game 4 against the Kansas state champions on Wednesday, August 2nd. The first pitch is at 7:00 p.m.

When asked about the biggest season highlight for the Matthew Blount "Triple Nickel" team, Phillips said it's hard to narrow down just one. "We had many amazing plays and games this year. Pelham native Jett Hopwood threw a no-hitter against the American Legion team out of Perdido. Colton Willmon from Helena almost had a no-hitter against Franklin County but gave up one hit in the last inning. We currently have five players batting over .400 for the season as well."

Aside from the loaded roster of talent, there's another reason to support the tournament. "American Legion Baseball is more than a game. It's about connecting the community and our veterans. Throughout the tournament, we honor veterans, first responders, and community leaders. The overall message is that without these individuals, we wouldn't be able to enjoy freedoms, like playing or watching a sport we love. At each game, the National Anthem is played, and we have a veteran throw out the first pitch. We even honor Medal of Honor recipients from each state represented in the tournament," explained Phillips.

All games will be played at Pelham High School. Tickets are \$10 for the day. Active and retired military and first responders receive free admission.



THE AMERICAN LEGION
MID-SOUTH
REGIONAL TOURNAMENT

OPENING CEREMONY
TUESDAY, AUGUST 1
7 PM
BOBBY HAYES STADIUM
Pelham High School
FREE ADMISSION

FEATURES:
PATRIOTIC MUSIC
MOTORCYCLE PARADE
HISTORY OF US FLAG PRESENTATION
INTRODUCTION OF TEAMS
USMC REENACTMENT OF IWO JIMA FLAG RAISING



Pickleball Clinic

Pickleball is one of the fastest-growing sports in the world, and with the City's addition of new outdoor courts at the Pelham Senior Center (coming soon!), now's your chance to learn the game. Pelham Parks & Recreation is hosting a Pickleball Clinic on Saturday, August 12, 2023, with classes for beginner, intermediate, and advanced players.

The beginner class will be held from 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. This class is for those that have never played or are just beginning. Participants will learn basic shots and game concepts, including scoring and overall strategy.

The intermediate class is scheduled for 10:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. Intermediate players are those that have some concept of the game and scoring. These players can keep the ball in play with others of similar skills. Instructors will teach skills such as the placement of shots and the court coverage needed to cover the shot. Participants will be introduced to drops from mid-court and why you need them. You'll work on a consistent serve and the best strategy for serving and returning. The goal is to learn the overall approach to better court positioning.

The last class of the day will be for advanced players from 12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. You'll learn how to hit a lob and when to use it. Participants will develop pressure patterns to their play that will win points without adding risk.

The clinic is open to players aged 14 and up. The cost is \$18 per person. Space is limited for all three classes, so be sure to register on the [Pelham Parks and Recreation website](#). If you have additional questions, please call 205.621.4773, or [email Alicia Walters](#).

SOUTH CITY THEATRE PRESENTS

COVERING DISH



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Pelham, AL 35124

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A SOUTHERN COMEDY

Written by David Garrett Directed by Deano Stinson Williamson

IF YOU CAN'T TRUST FAMILY WHO CAN YOU TRUST?

August 11, 12, 18 & 19, 2023 at 7:30p
August 13, 2023 at 2:00p

Tickets in Advance (Online)
General \$18/Student \$15/Senior \$15
Groups of 10+ \$12
At the Door - All Tickets \$20

South City Theatre Unveils 2023-2024 Season

South City Theatre begins a new season on August 11 with the debut of "Covering Dish", a Southern comedy written by local playwright David Garrett. Show dates are August 11-12 and August 18-19. [Ticket information can be found here.](#)

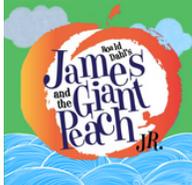
Additional shows planned for the season include "Dracula", "A Tuna Christmas", "Crimes of the Heart", "The Wild Women of Winedale", and "Catfish Moon".

South City Theatre's Kid's Program, ACTING UP! will hold a children's workshop for the fall musical Roald Dahl's "James and the Giant Peach Jr.". The workshop begins September 9th, with rehearsals held each Monday from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. and Saturdays 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. leading up to the November performances. Children ages 8-18 are welcome, and the cost is \$275 to attend. Visit [South City Theatre's website](#) for more information.









ACTING UP!

South City Theatre Kid's Program
Workshop

Mayhem on the Mountain

Alabama's largest outdoor functional fitness competition is coming to Oak Mountain State Park. Mayhem on the Mountain will be held August 19-20, with over 600 competitors from around the southeast. Athletes of all skill levels will compete as individuals or on four-person teams through six events.

Read more about Mayhem on the Mountain on the group's [Facebook page.](#)



HAPPENING IN PELHAM



THURSDAY | AUGUST 3 6:00 P.M. | PELHAM CITY PARK Movies Under the Stars: "Sing 2"

Free, family fun in the park. Bring your blanket or lawn chair and enjoy dinner from one of our local food trucks, and a movie under the stars! The movie begins at 8:00 p.m.

Free. All ages.
Additional details can be found on the [Parks & Rec website](#).

SATURDAY | AUGUST 5 2:00 P.M. | OAK MOUNTAIN STATE PARK Scales & Tales: Live Animal Program

Join Park Interpreters for an educational experience on a variety of animals. Get an up-close encounter with our teacher creatures!

Free with park admission.
Read the complete details on the [OMSP Event page](#).

SUNDAY | AUGUST 6 2:00 P.M. | OAK MOUNTAIN STATE PARK Whoo's in Your Forest? Screech Owl Encounters

Meet Acer the screech owl and learn about the owls of Alabama. Oak Mountain Interpretative Center.

Free with park admission.
Read the complete details on the [OMSP Event page](#).

TUESDAY | AUGUST 8 11:00 A.M. | PELHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY The Black & White Families of Faunsdale Plantation

Using historical documents, this talk explores the lives of both black and white families on one Alabama plantation.

Free.
Register on the [Pelham Public Library website](#).

WEDNESDAY | AUGUST 9 PELHAM CITY SCHOOLS First Day of School

The 2023-2024 school year begins for students of Pelham City Schools. Watch for increased traffic and children walking to and from the bus stop.

Grades K-12
[See the 2023-2024 PCS School Calendar here](#).

THURSDAY | AUGUST 10 10:00 A.M. | PELHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY Pelham Garden Club Field Trip

This month's Pelham Garden Club will feature a tour of Petals From the Past in Jemison, AL. Meet at Petals From the Past, NOT the Library. 16034 County Road 29, Jemison.

Free. All adults are welcome.
[You can find additional details on the Library website](#).

HAPPENING IN PELHAM



SATURDAY | AUGUST 12 2:00 P.M. | OAK MOUNTAIN STATE PARK DIY Nature Weave

Use elements found in nature to make a nature weave. We will make our own loom and weave natural items to make a beautiful piece of art.

Free with park admission. Interpretive Center Classroom.
Learn more on the [OMSP Event page](#).

SATURDAY | AUGUST 19 7:30 P.M. | OAK MOUNTAIN AMPHITHEATRE Summer Block Party Presents Jodeci with SWV & Dru Hill

R&B and soul music fans can look forward to a throwback extravaganza as the Summer Block Party comes to Pelham.

Ticket prices vary.
[Follow this link for ticket availability & seating.](#)

SATURDAY & SUNDAY | AUGUST 26 - 27 8:00 A.M. | OAK MOUNTAIN STATE PARK Nature Scavenger Hunt

Explore OMSP in a whole new way with a fun and engaging scavenger hunt. Take in the views as you play your way through the park. Pick up instructions at the Main Office.

Free with paid park admission.
[Learn more on the OMSP event page.](#)

Fall Youth Sports Registration

Going on Now - August 16

- Baseball
- T-Ball
- Softball
- Volleyball

Register online:
[Pelham Parks & Recreation](#)



Pelham High School 2023 Football Schedule

Aug. 25	Jackson-Olin	Away
Sept. 1	Oak Mountain	Home
Sept. 15	Briarwood Christian	Away
Sept. 22	Helena	Home
Sept. 29	Chelsea	Home
Oct. 6	Calera	Home
Oct. 12	Benjamin Russell	Away
Oct. 20	Homewood	Away
Oct. 27	Chilton County	Home
Nov. 2	Spain Park	Away

Happening at PRC

Beginner Junior LTP Tennis Session

- 6-week course
- Begins August 21, 2023
- 4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
- Mondays and/or Wednesdays
- Racquets provided
- Call 205.621.3380 for pricing

Ladies Tennis Camp

- August 30-31
- 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
- Multiple pros
- Levels 2.5 - 4.0
- \$85 for both days/meals included



LEARN TO PLAY GOLF

SATURDAYS - 9AM TO 10AM

\$10 PER SESSION

1ST SATURDAY | LEARN TO PUTT

2ND SATURDAY | LEARN TO CHIP

3RD SATURDAY | LEARN TO SWING

4TH SATURDAY | LEARN TO DRIVE

EVERY SATURDAY - AUGUST TO OCTOBER

ATTEND ONE CLINIC OR ATTEND ALL - CLUBS AVAILABLE
CONTACT THE GOLF SHOP AT 205-620-4653 TO REGISTER

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