**5th Annual Golf Tournament**

Wiregrass Angel House will be hosting its 5th Annual golf tournament Thursday, April 12th at the Highland Oaks Golf Course in Dothan, Alabama. This is Angel House’s major fundraiser for the year. Please join us to help raise funds for families that have been affected by homicide in the Wiregrass area.

Door prizes for participants --- Lunch will be provided.
Putting Contest at 11:00.
Hole Sponsors are $500.00 and corporate sponsorships start at $2,500.00.

Come be a part of this worthwhile cause. All proceeds go to benefit families of homicide victims in the wiregrass.
Sponsorship for Wiregrass Angel House’s 5th Annual Golf Tournament

Please help us with our yearly fundraiser. Please know that all donations go to help with families of homicide victims in the Wiregrass area!

2012 Wiregrass Angel House Charity Golf Classic
- Helping families that have been affected by violence, especially those who have lost someone to murder-

DATE: Thursday, April 12, 2012
(Registration begins at 10 a.m.; lunch at 11 a.m.; shotgun start at noon. No rain date. No refunds.)

LOCATION: Highland Oaks Golf Course, Dothan, Alabama

SPONSORSHIPS:

_____ $10,000 Gold Sponsor: Includes EXTREMELY PROMINENT recognition on large banners, T-shirts, players’ brochure, thank you ad in newsletter, and name promotional items in golfers’ gift bags. Sponsorship also includes green fees, cart and lunch for 4 golfers.

_____ $5,000 Silver Sponsor: Includes SIGNIFICANT recognition on large banners, T-shirts, players’ brochure, thank-you ad in newsletter, and option to include promotional items in golfers’ gift bags. Sponsorship also includes green fees, cart and lunch for 4 golfers.

_____ $2,500 Bronze Sponsor: Includes VERY VISIBLE recognition on large banners, T-shirts, players’ brochure, thank-you ad in newsletter, and option to include promotional items in golfers’ gift bags. Sponsorship also includes green fees, cart and lunch for 4 golfers.

_____ $500 Hole Sponsor: Includes recognition on hole signage, T-shirts, thank-you ad in newsletter, and option to include promotional items in golfers’ gift bags. Sponsorship also includes green fees, cart and lunch for 4 golfers.

Team/Sponsor Name: ________________________________________________ E-Mail Address ________________________________

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FOR MORE INFORMATION: Contact Gary Maxwell 334-702-7010
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Thank you to the following for donations to our organization. Without you our job would not be possible...

Houston County Pre-Trial Program
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Mark Coskrey
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A tribute to Miriam and Edward Shehane
Who lost their son

CREP Corner
By: Don Salt

I have taught the CREP course for 1 year. During that time, I have learned a lot about the types of people who come through our course. They can all be grouped into one category – they are people who have made a mistake. We have had business owners, hourly laborers, elected officials, housewives, retirees, military personnel, college students, and just about any other category you can think of. Most of them knew better than to drink and drive or to use the drug they were using, but they slipped up. When they show up in our class, they are typically embarrassed and not wanting to be there. By the time the class is over, almost everyone has told me the class was worth the time and that they learned a lot from the course.
Miss Angel Pageant

The pageant was held Feb. 5th at the Dothan Opera House

Waiting backstage

Area queens

Newly crowned queens visit Angel House

The Miss Angel Pageant raised over $1450.00 for our organization. We would like to express a great big thank you to Ashley Thomas, the director, for all of her hard work in making this pageant such a huge success! There were 42 girls that participated in the pageant.

Baby Miss Angel Emily King, Toddler Miss Angel Reagan Greenwood, Tiny Miss Angel Autumn Fulford, Future Little Miss Angel Mallory Webb, Little Miss Angel Guinevere Black, Petite Miss Angel Rachel White, Junior Miss Angel Mackenzie Holley, Teen Miss Angel Jordan Mcinnis, Miss Angel Ashley Lynn, Mrs Angel Mallory Ruiz

Presenting check to Director, Shelly Linderman
In 1996, Jerry Jerome Smith made a decision that forever changed the lives of three families. He gunned down, James Flint Flournoy, Denise Helms, and David Bennett.

It has been over 15 years and yet again, the families of these victims had to endure another week of pain and agony as they sat in the courtroom listening to the explicit details of how their loved ones suffered in their final hours. Most would think after this amount of time, it would be easier for the families. But it’s not! To each family member they re-live the final moments of their loved ones life. The re-sentencing brings back the emotions and memories as if the tragedy had just occurred. It is so unfair these three families have to once again suffer through this court system because a federal appeals court felt the defendant should be resentenced.

According to the Supreme Court opinion, the death sentence was reversed because of comments made by some of the relatives of victims in the murders during the jury selection of the trial.

I wonder if one of those judges has ever had a loved one murdered. If they had, you can rest assure their defendant wouldn’t be resentenced for the third time!

District Attorney Doug Valeska said Smith has now had his 3rd jury trial to determine whether he will spend the rest of his life in prison without the opportunity for parole or be sentenced to death.

I'll seek the death penalty again if needed. He killed 3 people at a cocaine house," Valeska said. "He shot the girl 5 to 7 times, and she was running to get away. He shot one man in the back of the head who was asleep in the chair." Because of the vigorous prosecution the jurors were moved by the evidence and the atrociousness of the crime.

The jurors, with a 12-0 vote, recommended Smith receive a death sentence, once again. Judge Mike Conaway will sentence him in April.
On Thursday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, a Clayton jury returned a guilty verdict against Akeem Fekyto Russaw, age 21 of Clayton, for the 2010 attempted murder of Sean Eric Craig.

After a day-long trial, the jury deliberated approximately 40 minutes before returning the verdict. District Attorney Ben C. Reeves, Jr., who prosecuted the case, said “I am very pleased with the outcome of the trial. I had a strong jury that listened closely to the evidence and rendered a just verdict.”

District Attorney Reeves called eight witnesses to testify for the State. The jury heard from three Clayton police officers, a paramedic, three eye witnesses, and the victim.

The evidence presented at the trial showed that in the early morning hours of April 18, 2010, the victim, who was the disc jockey at a local club called Gilbert’s Place, was lured outside the club by Russaw and jumped by Russaw and another individual. During the altercation, Russaw pulled out a handgun and fired three times at Craig. One bullet hit Craig in the left chest and another grazed his forehead.

Russaw, who fled the scene after the shooting, was arrested later that night at an apartment in Eufaula. Craig was transported to Medical Center Barbour by Clayton Rescue at approximately 2:02 a.m.

Reeves also stated, “I want to thank Chief Williams, Lt. Aaron Grubbs, and Officer Thomas Phillips for the job they did in working this violent crime. They were able to take statements from four eye witnesses to the shooting and to also protect the crime scene. I want to also thank the jury for the job they did.”

D.A. Reeves further stated, “I hope this verdict will help send a message that this community is not going to tolerate violent crimes or any other crime.” Reeves also said, “One more inch and I would have been prosecuting a murder and that would have been the ultimate tragedy.”

Attempted Murder is classified as a Class A felony, which is punishable for 10 years to 99 years or life in prison.

We would like to remember three families as they grieve the loss of their loved ones recently:

Mr. Mike Johnson, killed January 30, 2012
Mr. Anthony Robinson, killed January 22, 2012
Mr. Willie David Pugh, killed January 14, 2012
Dale/Geneva News

Ashley Dean Simmons, 26 was sentenced to serve 15 months in a state prison and five years on probation after she pleaded guilty for causing the death of 78-year-old Ernestine Barfield Pipkin of Ozark.

Ashley Simmons was originally charged with driving under the influence and murder.

Ms. Pipkin died at the hospital a day after the wreck.

According to DA Kirke Adams, Simmons had gone to the hospital the night prior to the wreck and was prescribed Loritab, in addition to receiving another medication and signing a waiver that she would not operate a vehicle. At the time of her arrest, the defendant also tested positive for methamphetamine and marijuana.

We are glad that DA Adams wanted to make sure he sought justice for Ms. Pipkin and her family.

Samson Memorial

The guest speaker was Mr. Charles Myers, grandfather of Corrine Myers who was the youngest victim.

Mr. Charles Myers

Most of the families came to remember and reflect on their loved ones.

Judge Fred Hamic

The entire Samson High School Senior Class attended the service and served dinner to the attendees of the service. This was done in honor of Dean Wise, their classmate, who was also killed March 10th.

There were over 160 friends and family members in attendance.

Victim Families

A special thank you to Judge Stephen Smith for coordinating the event and to Pastor Sam Totten of Samson Baptist Church who welcomed the families and friends with open arms to his church.

The 3rd Annual vigil was held Saturday, March 10th at the Samson Baptist Church to remember those who were killed March 10, 2009.
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