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### National Night Out

Angel House queens, Emily, Reagan, and Hayden register participants at the Angel House booth.

Betty Bryant of Dothan won the drawing for a $50 BP gas card

Wiregrass Angel House teamed up with the Dothan Police Department and other local agencies and organizations to promote crime and drug prevention throughout the City of Dothan/Houston County for the 30th Annual National Night Out on Saturday, August 3, 2013, at the Dothan Civic Center.

Thank you to all the Miss Angel queens who came out and worked the booth. We also thank our families for coming by and visiting.

Tripp Phares of the Dothan PD shows how the K9 unit works

Reagan Greenwood, Queen of Queens, pictured with the National Night Out Knight
Director’s Note

Sentencing hearing gone wrong

After working with victims for over 15 years it never ceases to amaze me how victims can still be overlooked and not acknowledged during the sentencing of an offender. In 1984 many of the victims’ rights laws were passed in Alabama. One of those laws was to assure victims or their family representative they could give a victim’s impact statement at sentencing. In this particular case, in a county 100 miles away, that did not happen. Although the family agreed to a plea bargain of 20 years, they still wanted to express the loss of their child. They wanted the court, the defendant, the prosecutors, and the defense team to hear about what a wonderful child they had and what a loss to their family this was. They wanted Antonio’s name to be mentioned and let the courts know he was a living breathing human who brought so much to others. They wanted the court to know the choices the defendant made had devastated their lives forever. Since neither the court nor the prosecutor saw fit to allow them to speak, I am printing her victim’s impact statement so all of you will know about Antonio and what he meant to his family.

“Judge, your honor, let me tell you about my son, Reverend Antonio Trayon Glanton. At birth he weighed 2 pounds and 13 ounces. They flew him to Baptist hospital where he spent the first month of his life in Montgomery. He was a good son. He would help anyone. He loved meeting and helping people throughout his life. He extended his hand—not his fist. His love of Christ was his calling. Antonio was a good and upstanding man. He was in school to help him go further in life and his life was taken at the young age of 32. It is hard to say the word Murder. I never thought that word would have any place in my family. My son wasn’t a gang banger. He was raised proper. Now my daughter doesn’t have a brother; her children don’t have an uncle. My mother is no longer with us—she died of a broken heart. She won’t know why and I still want to know why. We want to know why he was murdered. One day maybe we will learn the truth. I am still having a hard time this this.” Thank you—

Mary McKinney
Daleville, Alabama
Mother

Shelly Linderman
Balloon Release for Cameron

In a quiet cemetery surrounded by family and friends is not quite what the Eubank’s family had in mind for celebrating Cameron’s 21st birthday. This was a day that should have been filled with fun times, laughter, cake, etc. Instead it was filled with sadness, anger, and emptiness.

To commemorate Cameron’s birthday the family didn’t want the day to go by without doing something to reflect on his life. They had a sweet time of prayer and released balloons. Some of them had notes to Cameron telling him how sad they felt without him. Some told him how angry they were that he had to leave them at such a young age. Although it was a somber time, it was good to see the family remembering Cameron and trying to begin their healing.

Angel House’s Annual Day of Service

Sunday, October 20th
3:00 – 5:00 PM

We will be weeding and mulching the flower beds, spreading pea gravel, clearing the walkways, cleaning the memorial pond, trimming shrubbery, breaking up the old cement driveway, and cleaning up the parking lot. Please bring work gloves and tools to use on the projects. See you there!

Memory Pavers

The Pavers have been ordered for the Arbor. By October 1st the project should be complete for you to come by and enjoy some time in the garden.
Friday, August 9th, was the one year anniversary of the triple murder in Wicksburg, where Cameron Eubanks, Tiffany Grissett and Rocky Robins lost their lives. Wiregrass Angel House held a tree planting ceremony and balloon release in the memorial garden. The ceremony was attended by family members who planted a dogwood tree in memory of each their loved one.

Please continue to pray for these families as they seek justice through the judicial system.
**Words of Wisdom**

**Tips for “On-lookers”**

Have you ever felt helpless when watching a friend go through such a horrific tragedy? Have you ever felt you didn’t know what to do? Here are a few ideas that might help you both-

Be there for your friend, even when you don’t understand.
Be a source of comfort by listening, laughing, and crying.
Stick close to your friend and defend their right to grieve.
Allow your friend to make mistakes—or at least to grieve differently from the way you think you would grieve.
Send cards. The message doesn’t need to be long. Just let them know you haven’t forgotten.
Answering machines and email are great ways to keep in touch allowing the friend to respond only when they feel up to it.
Avoid offering easy answers and platitudes. This only invalidates grief.
Be patient.
Ask them questions. But DON’T tell them how they should feel.
Don’t assume because your friend is having a good day that it means they are over their loss.

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**S.E. VOCAL Chapter News**

Southeast Vocal resumed their regular support group meeting August 20th. Dinner was served with over 25 in attendance. Next meeting will be held Tuesday, September 17th, 6:00 PM at Wiregrass Angel House.

**Donations**

Henry County Pre-Trial
Houston County Pre-Trial
IBM Employees
Todd Parker
Target Employees
UPS Employees
Wiregrass United Way

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A very special thank you to **Villani Painting** for donating two days of time and talent, to repair the front doors at Angel House. What a treat to walk in everyday now to such wonderful craftsmanship. Thank you again!
Houston/Henry County News

A meeting with the Douglas family and DA Valeska was held July 12th. Mr. Valeska wanted to give an update to the family of how their case was progressing. Their father was murdered at the convenience store close to Northview High School in 1982. The case became cold and was not solved until last year. It seems there are 14 open capital murder cases in Houston County that are awaiting trial. The DA’s office explained to the family even though, this is the oldest murder case since it occurred in 1982, it is not the oldest one for the defendant’s arrest. Mr. Valeska assured the family he will be filing a motion to ask this case to be set for the next criminal jury trial session. The family is praying Judge Conaway will be able to set it soon.

A hearing was held in Judge Anderson’s courtroom for Antwaun Wingard, who is charged with murdering Jarvis Daffin in 2012. The hearing was in reference to the Supreme Court ruling for juveniles charged with capital offenses not being able to be sentenced to execution or life without parole as mandatory sentences. The attorney general’s office was also in attendance to argue the merits of the case to move forward to a trial. Judge Anderson tentatively set the case for October 21st. It is great Judge Anderson is having this case move forward in hopes justice will be given for the Daffin family. Defense attorneys are Eric Davis and Arthur Medley.

The case against Tareka Green Stoddart went to grand jury this month. The DA met with the family of Thomas Clayton who was stabbed to death last month to assure them their case is important to the DA’s office.

Featured Unsolved Homicide case-

March 17, 2010 was a normal Wednesday for Grace Bridges. She had opened her used furniture store located on South Park Avenue that morning. Her husband was making another trip to Florida to pick up furniture. Her daughter, Wendy, had come by to visit and work that morning, as she always did. Nothing out of the ordinary—a normal day, until later that morning, approximately 11 a.m., when an unknown assailant came to her store robbed and murdered her. She left behind four daughters, six grandchildren, and three great grandchildren. This family misses her immensely. They want to see justice for their mother’s murder.
We are really working hard on several cases for the upcoming docket in October and November including several trials including, burglary, assault and child abuse.

**Parole Hearings**

JASON CREEL  AIS 181033  
TOP 15 YRS CS  
POSS/REC 15 YRS CC  
ATT. CONTROLLED 15 YRS CC  
**OUTCOME: 14 DISPLINARIES IN PRISON  DENIED 5 YRS**

JOSE MONTEVERDE AIS 189702  
RAPE 1st LIFE CS  
SODOMY 1st x 4 LIFE CC  
CRIM SOLICITATING x 2 LIFE CC  
**OUTCOME: DENIED 5 YRS**

DAVID ROBERTS AIS 149863  
BURG 2nd 25 YRS CS  
ROB 1st LIFE CS  
**OUTCOME: DENIED 4 YRS**

KENDRICK LASHAW FRANKLIN AIS 251930  
POSS FORGED INS 15 YRS CS  
**OUTCOME: EOS MARK OVERALL**

BENJAMIN SMITH AIS 283687  
AGGRAVATED CHILD ABUSE 8 YRS  
**OUTCOME: EOS**

“Courage doesn’t always roar. Sometimes courage is the little voice at the end of the day that says I’ll try again tomorrow.” - Mary Anne Radmacher
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