



# Rockville Gazette

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Rockville Community Outreach  
"Changing the world one  
community at a time".

## Grant Application and Building Project Update

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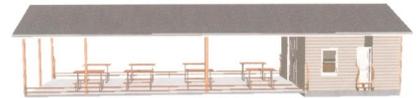
Great things have happened since the last newsletter in February. Our Executive Director, Lisa Burrell, submitted a grant proposal in January to the J.L. Bedsole Foundation and on April 15th Rockville Outreach, Inc. was awarded a **\$15,000** grant toward our building project. On January 17th the Foundation's Director, Mr. Chris Lee, came to Rockville to tour the building site and was very impressed with the proposed project as well as the programs we plan to offer in the multi-purpose room. Mr. Lee encouraged Alesia to stay in contact with the Foundation to give status updates on the building project. Rockville

Community Outreach will be eligible to apply for another grant from the foundation next year.

The building project will be completed in 2 phases.

Phase 1 will be the construction of the youth basketball court. Phase 2 will be the pavilion and multi-purpose room. The original "soft estimate" was \$50,000 but due to rising construction cost the estimate, especially the truss, is tracking toward \$60,000.

We have approximately \$9,000 of our targeted \$15,000 (**we need \$6,000 more**); \$15,000 from Bedsole Foundation and we



Proposed Pavilion Sketch

will be submitting a grant proposal to Clarke County Parks and Recreation Board asking for \$30,000.

As you can see we've been hard at work with fundraisers and grants and will be in the final push in order to begin construction this summer. We will gladly accept monetary or product donations to complete this project.

### Special points of interest:

- \* Check us out on the web: [www.rockvilleoutreach.org](http://www.rockvilleoutreach.org)
- \* We are on Facebook
- \* All donations to Rockville Community Outreach are **tax deductible**.

## Community Cookbook Fundraiser

Rockville Community Outreach, Inc. will be publishing our very own cookbook. This will be a memorable cookbook that will feature family recipes passed down through the generations.

We are asking you to support this project by submitting your treasured recipes,

any food related stories passed down from your elders, even old pictures related to food and cooking! We would like to dedicate each recipe to the ancestor or family member who passed it down to you. For this to be a success, we need your help!

Submit recipes and information (**no later than June 19, 2013**) to:

Marye Law, 4646 Burning Tree Lane, Pelham, AL 35124 or Elizabeth Burrell, 119 Murphy St., Jackson, AL 36545 or email to [mlaw72@bellsouth.net](mailto:mlaw72@bellsouth.net).

## FUNDRAISING

We are planning a fish dinner and fish sandwich sale on Friday, May 31st by **pre-order only** and on Saturday, June 1st at the Old School House. Dinners will be \$6 or \$6.50 with soda and sandwiches \$3. Food will be ready for purchase at 12:00 noon both days. So that we don't have to take money out of the treasure we're asking community residents to donate food items or money to this event. Please



contact Ruthie Burrell at 251-246-4073 to let her know what you can donate and if you are able to assist during the fundraiser.

The fishing tournament had to be rescheduled due to the high water conditions. Due to limited interest in the bass tournament it will instead be a Bream and White Perch Tournament. Entry fee is \$10 per person. It will be a timed event. Official details coming soon. Be on the look out for announcements in the newspaper, on our website and Facebook page for the date.

## DONATIONS

To help offset the construction costs we are looking for individuals or companies to donate the following items:

- LVL's (laminated veneer lumber)
- 8 x8 treated posts
- Vinyl siding (35 x 24 room)
- 2x4's or 2x6's yellow pine 16 feet

If you or your company are willing to donate these items please contact Lisa Burrell at 251-246-0180. When discussing possible donations with your company please don't forget to let them know all donations (monetary or product) are tax **deductible**.

## 2013 High School Graduates

Congratulations are in order to all of our graduates: Marquez Jackson, Alaina Martin, Christopher English Kaylan Williams and Alexis Perine.

Marquez Jackson will be attending Alabama Southern and has been awarded a \$11,400 scholarship in the field of Instrumentation & Electronic Technology. He is the son of Wendell and Debra Jackson.

Alaina Martin graduated with an over-

all "A" average, a member of the Beta Club and received an advanced diploma. She will be attending the University of South Alabama. She is the daughter of Melody Hughes.

Christopher English will be attending Pensacola Christian College majoring in Music. His is the son of Bernard and Tammy English.

Kaylan Williams has received her CNA license and will be pursuing a degree in

Nursing. She is the daughter of Wayne and Marilyn Williams.

Alexis Perine is the daughter of Henry and Debra Perine.



## Academic and Band Honors

Congratulations goes out to Joshua Jackson for academic and band honors. The United States Achievement Academy recently announced that Joshua has been recognized as a student of excellence in Mathematics and Band/Fine Arts. The Academy recognizes fewer than 10 percent of all high school students with this prestigious honor. His name will appear in the United States Achievement Acade-

my's Official Yearbook which is published annually.

Joshua recently attended the Solos and Ensembles Festival in Spanish Fort on May 4th. He received a "Superior" rating and medal for his performance.

Way to go Joshua!!

His proud parents are Eric and Terri Jackson.



## COMMUNITY SERVICE

Question of the day: Am I my brother's keeper?

Answer: Yes I am.

What do you do when you see someone asking for change? Do you automatically think they will buy alcohol with it instead of the food they said they need?



When someone asks you to donate (your time or money) to a cause or event, do you automatically think that the organization will squander the money

or are asking under false pretense?

When you see someone trying to better his/her community, do you think to yourself that the person is wasting his/her time because the residents don't care.

Well, have you considered that the issue is not the person but in fact your attitude. If you have negative thoughts before giving what is asked of you, then the problem is yours not the person asking. When you give out of love for God then you aren't accountable for what that person does with the

money. You've given with a sincere heart and that is what God asks of us. Give because you know that it pleases God and that when you bless someone then you'll be blessed. Your blessing may not be in money in return, it could be in good health, a sound mind, peace, joy, etc.

Am I my brother's keeper, Yes I am.

Jesus said that HE came to serve and not be served. Love is an action word. What does your actions really say?

Service is the rent we pay for our space here on earth. ~ *Marian Wright*

## Attention 2014 high school seniors

The J.L. Bedsole Foundation has scholarship funds available. If you will be a senior next school year you need to go online ([www.jlbedsolescholars.org](http://www.jlbedsolescholars.org)) and apply for their scholarship in the month of **September**. You can win up to \$6,000.

The mission of the scholars program is to enable high school graduates from Southwest Alabama with leadership ability, academic commitment and fi-

nancial need to attend that Alabama college of their choice in pursuit of a Bachelor's Degree.

Per the Foundation Director, Mr. Chris Lee, an important factor in selection a scholarship recipient is whether or not the student is involved in community service and/or membership in a service focused organization.

He told Alesia about a parent contacting the foundation upset that her daughter

who was graduating with a 3.6 grade point average was not selected to receive a scholarship. He explained that yes having an excellent grade point average was good but that her daughter had done nothing else.

The moral of the story, in this day and age good grades aren't enough. You need to get active in the community building your leadership and volunteer skills. Foundation and employers are expecting more.

## THANK YOU

A very big and special thank you to everyone who came out on very short notice on Thursday, May 2nd to attend a meeting hosted by the Ala-Tom RC & D and USDA Natural Resources Conservation Services. You showed up in great number and made a great impact on the meeting facilitators. Rockville Community Outreach was listed as a host for the meeting and we received \$1,000.00 which is will go

toward our building project.

Everyone who attended the meeting walked away with some valuable information. The most interesting part of the presentation was "Community Farming Hoop Houses" presented by Dr. Victor Khan a professor at Tuskegee University. He was informative as well as entertaining.

## END OF YEAR PARTY

The end of school year celebration being planned to reward the students for good conduct on the school bus has been **CANCELLED**. The bus driver unfortunately had to report a few students to the main office 3 weeks ago. We are disappointed that it has come down to the last month of the school year and a few students have tarnished and otherwise good year. Thank you and job well done to