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**APRIL 2013**

## Eggs N' Issues

The Eastern Shore Chamber Eggs N' Issues will focus on the "Economic Re-set for the Eastern Shore" with Keivan Deravi, professor of economics and Special Assistant to the Chancellor at Auburn University Montgomery (AUM). The breakfast is scheduled for Tuesday, April 9, 2013, 8:30 am. Deravi is the architect of the Alabama Economic Forecasting Model, which is used to generate For4casts for the state's major economic variables.

Over the last 27 years, his forecasts have been utilized by every administration in developing the General Fund and Education Trust Fund budgets, which are presented to the Alabama Department of Finance, Executive Budget Office, and Legislative Fiscal Office.

He has been involved with the economic impact and feasibility of ThyssenKrupp Steel and Stainless USA, EADS, North America Inc, Hyundai, Toyota, Honda, Mercedes-Benz, Boeing, and Northrop Grumman on Alabama's economy.

Most recently, he has been involved with an update of economic analysis on Hyundai Motor Manufacturing of Alabama, LLC, Alabama Power Corporation, The Alabama Retirement Systems, the new proposed baseball stadium in Birmingham, the Alabama Department of Postsecondary Education, and Airbus investment in Alabama. In 2010, he was asked by Governor Riley's administration to conduct the preliminary analysis, of the economic damage, of the BP oil spill, on the Alabama Gulf Coast and the entire State.

Deravi has been a consultant to a major lobbying firm in Washington, D.C., and many law firms in New York and Alabama. He has been quoted in The Wall Street Journal, London Financial Times, Bloomberg News, Forbes magazine, the New York Times, USA Today, National Public Radio, and Fox News Channel. He was presented a special award of recognition by Gov. Fob James, which,

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## Community Calendar

**April 2013**

- 5 Denim & Diamonds, Hollow Farm, 626-5255.
- 7 5th Annual Rolling on the River for Literacy Fundraiser, 5 Rivers Delta Resource Center, 5 - 8 pm, benefiting Eastern Shore Literacy Council, 990-8300.
- 16 Taste of Rotary Benefit at Fairhope Civic Center, 6-9 pm, 928-5383.

among other things, commended him for the accuracy of his economic projections at the state and national level.

Sponsors of the event are Hartmann, Blackmon & Kilgore; The Lady's Lawn Service; Harbor Communications; and NOLA Lending Service.

The fee to attend the Eggs N' Issues is \$10, which includes a hot breakfast. It takes place at the Daphne United Methodist Church at 2401 Main Street, Daphne. RSVP is a must. Call 928-6387 to sign up or sign up online at the Chamber's website at [www.eschamber.com](http://www.eschamber.com).  
Eastern Shore Chamber Business Academy

18 Morning Marketing Meeting, 8 am, Scenic Overlook Office. *An Eastern Shore Chamber of Commerce event.*

19 8th Annual Ballroom Dance, Daphne Civic Center, 626-5300.

19 Thomas Hospital Foundation Golf Classic, Lakewood Golf Club, tee time 1 pm, 990-1512.20&21 Baldwin County Home Builders Spring Tour of Homes. [www.bchba.com](http://www.bchba.com). 928-9927.

21 Sunday Sunset Concert Series, Bayfront Park, Daphne, 5:30 pm, Baldwin Pops, 583-1963.

22 Earth Day, 10 am - 6 pm, Fairhope Municipal Park. 990-0218.

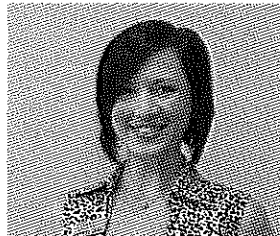
26 Hoot Scoot 5K Run & 1 mile walk with the Owl for the Fairhope Library, 6:30 pm, 928-7483.

27-28 Delta Woods & Water Expo, 5 Rivers Delta Resource Center, Spanish Fort, 626-4884.

27 Dauphin Island Race, Mobile Bay, 928-3276.

28 Concert by Baldwin Pops at Henry George Park on the Bluff, Fairhope, 6:30 pm, 232-1013.

## Ambassador of the Month



Congratulations to Tabitha Raus for being selected Ambassador of the Month for February. Tabitha was selected because she attended numerous Chamber functions, delivered new member plaques and served as a liaison for the Chamber.

A native of Mobile, Tabitha moved to Baldwin County two years ago and resides in Spanish Fort. She has a bachelor's degree from the University of West Florida in Communication Arts. She is unmarried and her "only child" is her pet god Sophie. Tabitha has worked in the banking field for 14 years and has been employed with Pen Air Federal Credit Union for two years. She is currently the Investment Executive for Pen Air Asset Management.

When not working and volunteering for the Chamber, Tabitha enjoys running, bike riding, fitness training and spending time with her family.

## Mayors' Prayer Breakfast



The Eastern Shore Chamber of Commerce is proud to present the 29th Annual Mayors' Prayer Breakfast, which will be held on the National Day of Prayer, Thursday, May 2 at 7:30 am at the Grand Hotel Marriott Resort, Golf Club and Spa.

The Mayors' Prayer Breakfast brings communities together for an inspirational and uplifting breakfast with special guests of Mayor Dane Haygood of Daphne, Mayor Tim Kant of Fairhope and Mayor Mike McMillan of Spanish Fort.

The keynote speaker for this year's event is Brad McClain of Brad McClain Ministries. The theme of his presentation will be "Life, Liberty and Happiness". Rev. McClain's degrees include a B. A. from Texas Wesleyan University in Fort Worth, Texas and an M. Div. (Magna Cum Laude) from Candler School of Theology at Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia. Rev. McClain has over 28 years experience in Christian ministry including service as a pastor, church-planter, evangelist, retreat leader, consultant and author. He is currently the pastor of Graceport Church, a new church plant which meets every Sunday and at other times in two locations, Mobile and Fairhope, Alabama.

Rev. McClain has been married to Shannon for 31 years and the McClains have six children and eight grandchildren, with a ninth on the way. They make their home in Monroese, Alabama on the beautiful eastern shore of Mobile Bay. Visit his website at [www.bradmcclainministries.com](http://www.bradmcclainministries.com) or email him at [revbradmcllain@aol.com](mailto:revbradmcllain@aol.com).

Sponsors for the 2013 Mayors' Prayer Breakfast are BancorpSouth, Infirmary Health System, Hargrove Engineers & Constructors, Urgent Care by the Bay, Thomas Hospital, Baldwin EMC, Mobile Gas, Volkert, Citizens' Bank, Ecumenical Ministries, United States Sports Academy, Wells Fargo Hampton Inn of Fairhope and Bellator Real Estate. Sponsorships are still available.

"The Mayors' Prayer Breakfast is a time for our business community to pause, be thankful for what we have and recognize the strength of working together," said Darrelyn Bender, president/CEO of the Eastern Shore Chamber of Commerce.

The cost for attending the event is \$40 per person or a table of 10 for \$350. The general public is invited to attend. Reservations must be made and paid. Call 621-8222 to RSVP and for more information.

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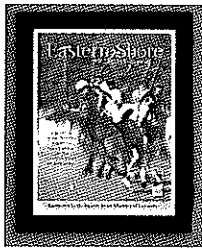
## Jubilee Festival

The Jubilee Festival in Olde Towne Daphne, is scheduled for September 28 & 29, 2013. The Eastern Shore Chamber has 139 slots available for participants in the fine arts & Crafts Show. Life local entertainment will be performing on the festival stage every hour. The Kids Art in the Park will have about 10 booths set for young folks to explore their creative side. The City of Daphne will have a large screen TV set up in City Hall for those who don't want to miss the Alabama or Auburn football games, but also don't want to miss their kids performing.

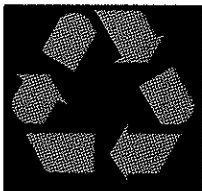


The Chamber is seeking sponsors to help put on the event. There are still several slots available. This is a great way to promote your business to community. Call Amy or Pat at 928-6387 for more information.

## The Eastern Shore Magazine is Here!



The newest issue of the Eastern Shore Magazine is here! The publication is chocked full of great information about the Eastern Shore. There are write-ups about our real estate, businesses, education, health care, demographics, fun things to do and much more - and it is FREE. Chamber members will be receiving the magazine in the mail soon or you can drop by either Chamber office and pick one. Call us at 928-6387 or 621-8222 for more information.



## Business After Hours

The Eastern Shore Chamber's April 4 Business After Hours will also feature our annual Environmental Expo. Booths will be set up by Chamber members to exhibit their environmentally friendly businesses and sustainable practices. The Business After Hours will take place at the American Legion Post 199, 700 S. Mobile St., Fairhope. It is 5 - 7 pm and is free of charge. Hors d'oeuvres and beverages will be served.

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