Upcoming Events:

**May 13:** Enterprise Chamber of Commerce Legislative Luncheon. Lunch is $12. RSVP to 347-0581.

**May 13:** Coffee County Republican Club Meeting, 6 pm, Po Folks Restaurant. Guest Speaker will be Attorney Valerie Judah, who will discuss civil asset forfeiture. Everyone is invited and no reservations are needed. POC is Chairman Ed Foy, 494-4663.

**May 15:** RWCC Meeting, 11 am, Enterprise Country Club. Guest Speakers: AL Assistant Attorney General Audrey Jordan and Stacy Luck, a Coffee County Social Worker, who will discuss human trafficking. We will also be collecting pencils, scissors, and glue sticks for Annie’s Back to School Bash—details on page 5.

**June 19:** RWCC Meeting, 11 am, Enterprise Country Club. Guest speaker TBD.

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Enterprise City Council President Perry Vickers and Enterprise City Clerk/Treasurer Bob Dean gave an update on the state of the city at the April RWCC meeting. Pictured above, left to right: Robert Dean, VP for Programs Robin Foy, RWCC President Johnna Roberts, and Perry Vickers. More on the meeting on page 4.
President’s Message . . . .

April was a busy month for us. We had a great meeting with Enterprise City Council President Perry Vickers and City Clerk/Treasurer Bob Dean, who gave us a state of the city report. I wish everyone in Enterprise could have been there. I’m sure many citizens don’t know why curbside recycling was stopped. I’m also sure not many citizens don’t know the state of our budget or that we have the lowest budget in years thanks to the Council working with Bob Dean to do a line-item review. They are also working to review issues that have not been addressed in decades. Hard to believe, isn’t it? Perry concluded by saying that he hopes that any decisions he makes and the votes he casts are for the betterment of Enterprise and not for a popular vote. In my opinion, that is the difference between a politician and a citizen servant. We need more office holders like Perry. I also think that Enterprise is most fortunate to have Bob Dean on board.

We awarded $500 scholarships to Cody Haddan and Kelli Cook, students at the Alabama Aviation College. The money will be used to pay for their certification testing fees. More on this on page 7. We were very proud to be able to do this because not everyone needs to go to college or can afford it. Carol Boylston, Lisa Beebe and I attended the Alabama Aviation College Honors Day ceremonies where these scholarships were presented. Both Cody and Kelli received other honors, and Kelli has a 4.0 GPA. Kelli was unable to attend the ceremony, but Cody was there as were his parents. They were very grateful for the scholarship and proud of Cody. Both Kelli and Cody are going to have a great future. Aviation College Director Stan Smith noted that every graduate who had received their airframe and power plant certification already had a job—that’s just amazing.

Hope to see you at our May 15 meeting. Happy Mother’s Day!

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Check Out Our Social Media Sites

Gail Evelyn, our webmaster, has been doing a wonderful job keeping our website updated. The website contains our bylaws, our list of officers, upcoming events, and photos from our events.

Our web address is: www.rwcc-al.com

We also have a Facebook page: Republican Women of Coffee County. It is also a place to go for information on upcoming events and photos from past events.

It is time to renew your RWCC dues for 2019. Membership has its privileges. You get access to our awarding-winning newsletter and emails to let you know of upcoming events and the latest on what the Republican Party is doing in our county, state and country. Dues are still $30, which includes membership in the Alabama Federation of Republican Women. A membership form is attached for your convenience.

Our Membership VP, Peggy Autrey, will be glad to take your dues at our May 15 meeting if you prefer to renew in person.

As of April 24, we have 64 members and 33 associates. If you know of someone who would enjoy becoming a member of our group, please bring them with you to our next meeting.

RWCC VOLUNTEER HOURS (REPORTED): 6095

Please welcome RWCC's newest members—Laura Rowell, Kathy Wilson, and Hilda and Tim Allen. We also welcome back Iris and Buddy Keen. We appreciate your membership and look forward to seeing you at our meetings.
RWCC April Meeting

We had a packed program at our April RWCC meeting. Enterprise City Council President Perry Vickers gave us an update on the state of the city. He talked about the progress they’ve made in getting the financial records in order to determine where the city stood. The council is addressing many issues that have not been addressed in decades. The recycling program was restructured because it was costing the city $300,000/year and most of it was put in the landfill. Enterprise City Clerk/Treasurer Bob Dean said he is always thinking about how they can improve “anything and everything.” As a result of a line-item budget review, the city’s budget is the lowest since 2008. We also heard from Alabama’s Distinguished Young Woman Kyla Mathner, who is from Enterprise. She talked about her experience during the County DYW competition and the upcoming national competition in Mobile. Lastly, RWCC presented Alabama Aviation College Director Stan Smith with a check for $1000, which will be used to award 2 $500 scholarships to deserving students for their certification testing fees. Pictures are below:

Pictured top row, left to right: (1) Perry Vickers; (2) Bob Dean; (3) Robin Foy, Stan Smith, Johnna Roberts, Virginia Howard, and Bonnie Gilmore. Bottom row, left to right: (1) Michelle Mann, Caroline and Kenneth Quattlebaum, Jim Thompson, and Sue Neuwien; (2) Kyla Mathner; (3) Stan and Lisa Smith, Elizabeth and Perry Vickers, Bob and Nicole Dean, and Robin Foy.

Hope to see you at our May 15 meeting!
Matt Larson, Annie’s Outreach, and Coffee County Family Services are teaming up this year to host a Back to School Bash on August 3. They will be providing 250-300 needy children with backpacks filled with school supplies, one pair of pants, one t-shirt, socks, and underwear. Also, the children will be provided lunch and haircuts.

Because so many of you pitched in with RWCC’s Enterprise Day of Service project of providing diapers and wipes to Coffee County Family Services, their diaper supply is in great shape. So, instead of our annual diaper drive, we will be assisting with the Back to School Bash. To do this, we are asking our members to bring yellow #2 pencils, school scissors (blunt or pointed), or glue sticks. You may bring some of each if you want, and donations are welcome, also.

**We will collect these items at our May 15 meeting.**

If you have any questions, please contact our Caring for America Chairperson Elaine Ridenour, 334-301-1345.
Human trafficking will be the focus of the May 15 RWCC program. Our guest speakers will be Audrey Jordan, Alabama Assistant Attorney General and Stacy Luck, a social worker who works with victims of human trafficking. Audrey has worked at the Alabama Attorney General’s Office since 2004. During this time, she has represented the state in both capital and non-capital criminal cases. She has handled cases in juvenile and circuit court, in the state and federal appellate courts, and in state post-conviction proceedings.

In 2017, Audrey became the human trafficking coordinator for the Attorney General’s Office. She is Attorney General Marshall’s designee on the Human Trafficking Task Force for the Middle District of Alabama, sits on the Advisory Board of the Alabama Statewide Human Trafficking Protocol Project, and is a member and vice-chairperson of the Alabama State Human Trafficking Task Force. She also assisted drafting the 2018 legislation amending Alabama’s human trafficking provisions.

Human trafficking is modern-day slavery and involves the use of force, fraud, or coercion to obtain some type of labor or commercial sex act. It involves millions of men, women and children around the world, including Alabama. It is estimated that human trafficking generates many billions of dollars of profit per year, second only to drug trafficking as the most profitable form of transnational crime. Traffickers use force, fraud, or coercion to lure their victims and force them into labor or commercial sexual exploitation. They look for people who are susceptible for a variety of reasons, including psychological or emotional vulnerability, economic hardship, lack of a social safety net, natural disasters, or political instability. The trauma caused by the traffickers can be so great that many may not identify themselves as victims or ask for help, even in highly public settings.

Please make plans to attend this important meeting.
The Republican Women of Coffee County (RWCC) have established two $500 Alabama Aviation College scholarships to be used to pay for student certification testing fees. The scholarships were awarded to the two winners, Cody Haddan and Kelli Cook (Kelli was unable to be there), at the College’s Honors Day ceremony on April 30 at the school campus in Ozark.

At a recent Coffee County Republican Club meeting, Alabama Aviation College Recruiter Jenna Strickland spoke about the courses the college offers and how their graduates go on to get great paying jobs. She said Pell grants and student loans are available, but they do not cover the certification testing fees, which can run as much as $1000. Because some of their students do not have the money for the tests, RWCC decided that they might be able to help. They worked with Dr. Chip Quisenberry at ESCC and Colonel (Ret) Stan Smith and came up with a plan to establish two $500 certification fee scholarships. The winners are based on merit, academic potential, and potential.

There are many scholarship opportunities for those who want to attend college, but not everyone wants, can afford, or is ready to go to college. In fact, some tech school graduates go on to make much more money than college graduates. However, before they can become employed in their field of study, they must pass their certification tests. Pictured above, left to right: RWCC members Carol Boylston, Johnna Roberts, Cody Haddan, RWCC Member Lisa Beebe, and Aviation College Director Stan Smith.