

ENTERPRISE

City of progress



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Located west of Fort Rucker, Enterprise features a wealth of attractions, both historical and contemporary. This charming southern community, known as “the city of progress,” takes pride in its people, lifestyles and interests.

Enterprise community members and Fort Rucker personnel share a close relationship, interacting through many local and installation events. In addition, a Fort Rucker-based unit, 1st Battalion, 212th Aviation Regiment, assists Enterprise organizations with projects throughout the year.

“We value Fort Rucker from an economic standpoint,” said Enterprise Mayor Kenneth Boswell, “but, the post’s greatest value to the city is the relationships we build with the Soldiers. We can’t put a dollar value on our friendships.”

While wandering through Enterprise, visitors may encoun-

ter several landmarks that reflect the city’s history.

The world’s only monument to a pest, the Boll Weevil Monument stands at the intersection of College and Main streets in the heart of downtown. In 1915, boll weevils devoured two-thirds of Coffee County’s cotton crop forcing local farmers to diversify their crops.

Turning from cotton to peanuts, by 1917, the county harvested more peanuts than any other in the nation. The Boll Weevil Monument serves as a symbol of the city’s endurance and ability to adjust to adversity.

The Enterprise Depot, located behind the Historical Rawls Hotel on Main Street, was built in 1903. It welcomed the first freight shipments and once served as Enterprise’s transportation focus. Today, Depot Museum staff welcome visitors and host the farmers market during summer months.

Recreation opportunities abound in the community.

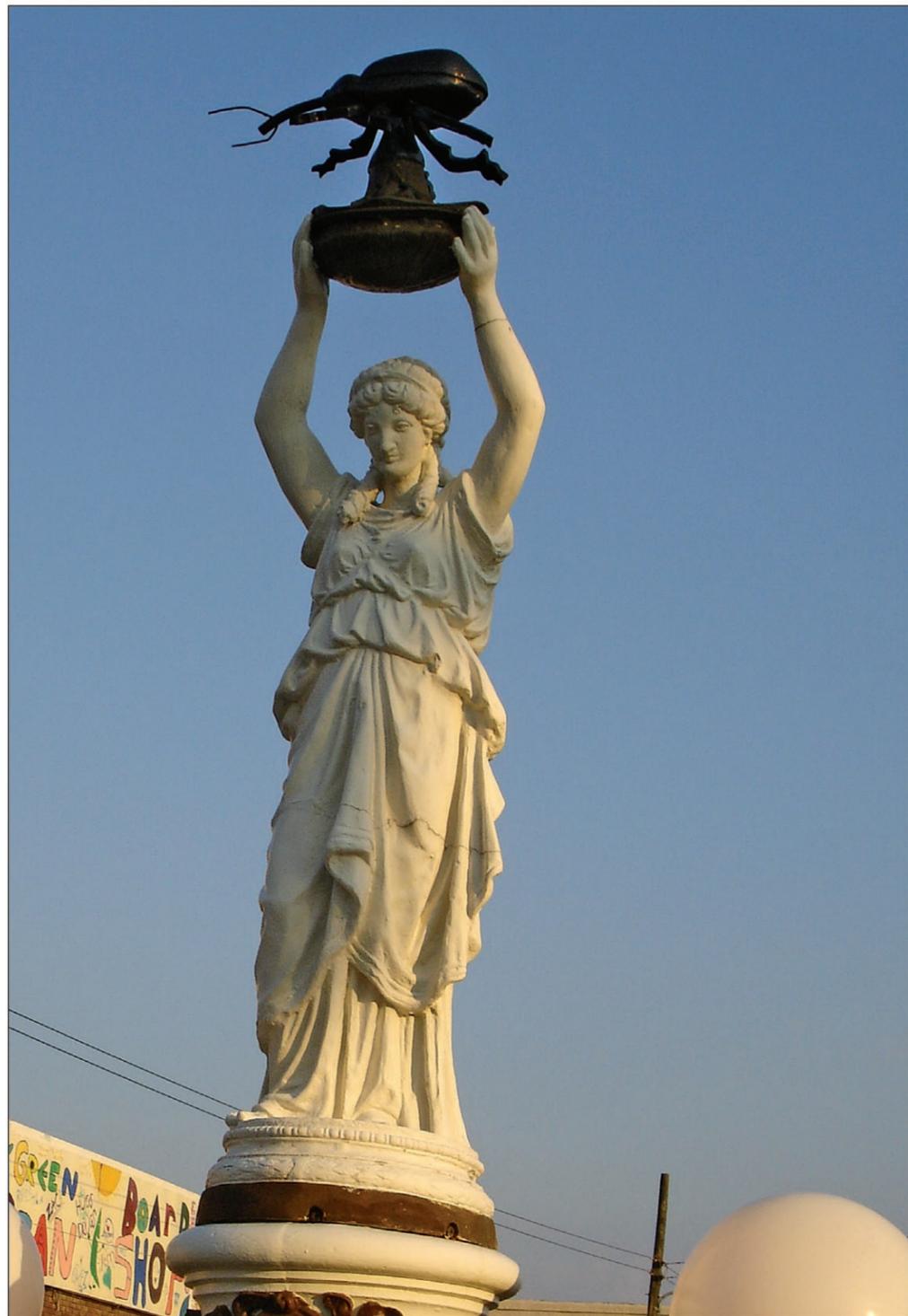
Enterprise’s public golf course, Tartan Pines, offers world-class golf without leaving the city limits.

Each hole has three tees with different difficulty levels and also features a women’s tee. PGA professionals are on staff.

Perfect for children and adults alike, Enterprise Recreation Complex features walking trails with wetlands, a lake complete with a new bridge, playgrounds, a softball complex, soccer fields and a pavilion for picnics.

The complex is also home to the Wall of Freedom. Situated under a UH-1 Huey helicopter, the wall honors Coffee County military members of all branches who died while serving in action.

Reminding students that “any dream can start right here,” the city is home to a two-year college, accredited school. Enterprise-Ozark Community College offers associates degrees in arts or sciences that prepare students to transfer to other colleges and universities.



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Top left: The historic Enterprise Railroad Depot Museum was built in 1903 and was once the main transportation hub for Enterprise citizens. It now houses a museum.

Top right: The world’s only monument to a pest, the Boll Weevil Monument stands at the intersection of College and Main streets in the heart of downtown Enterprise. It is a testimony to Enterprise citizens’ ability to prevail in the face of adversity.

Right: The Enterprise Recreation Complex houses the Wall of Freedom honoring Coffee County military members of all military branches who died while serving in action. The complex also features trails, a lake and other recreational facilities.

Below: The Rawls Hotel was once the only building in town that had heated grates and electric lights. It is now home to a restaurant, bed and breakfast, retail outlets and professional offices. A fountain sits in its courtyard.

