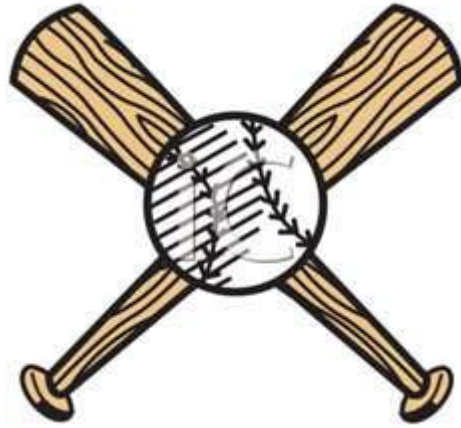


PLAY BALL!



That was the cry heard in 1946 as the Class “D” Alex City Millers took the field. It’s been over sixty years since the Avondale Mills baseball team began play in Alexander City, Alabama. Most of the original players have now passed on; taking with them treasured memories of an almost forgotten era of small-town baseball.

Renowned author Bob Whetstone, an Alexander City native, served as batboy for the last Avondale Mills team in 1945 and the Millers start-up team the following year. This gifted writer has crafted his memories into a work of fiction, bringing to life an oft forgotten slice of baseball history.

Come and join us at the Adelia M. Russell Library in Alexander City for the release of Bob Whetstone’s newest book *“MYSTIC BAT”*. Mr. Whetstone will autograph copies and share other memories of the 1946 Avondale Mills baseball team to whom the book is dedicated.

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