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## Trussville a go for new stadium construction

by Gary Lloyd

Editor

Trussville City Schools last week received permits from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to move forward with the construction of the Hewitt-Trussville Stadium behind the Trussville Civic Center.

Facilities Coordinator Barry Davis confirmed Thursday that the school system received the permits.

Davis said the school system has signed the contracts with Blalock Building Company and construction should start soon. A community-wide groundbreaking ceremony is tentatively set for Sept. 24 at 5 p.m. Details for the event will be released soon, Davis said.

“We are very excited to begin the construction of the project,” Davis said. “We want to say a big ‘thank you’ to Mayor



photo by Gary Lloyd

Blalock Building Company has a sign outside the construction site on Trussville-Clay Road.

(Gene) Melton and (the) Board of Education in city council for securing July approved Blalock Building Company to build the new stadium, winning the project as

the low bidder with an adjusted base bid -- after a \$240,000 deduct -- of \$13,353,900. After six alternate bids for aspects of the project -- precast concrete visitor seating, multipurpose field lighting package and overflow parking, kitchen equipment upgrade for the visitor concession, precast concrete for a home side and visitor side expansion and soccer concessions/restroom building -- Blalock's bid totaled \$14,626,550.

The Trussville City Council recently authorized Melton to establish an \$18 million line of credit for construction of Hewitt-Trussville Stadium, the bridge over the Cahaba River and the completion of Husky Parkway.

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## Weekenders program expands for Chalkville Elementary

by Gary Lloyd

Editor

The Weekenders Backpack program, part of the Community Food Bank of Central Alabama, has expanded this school year at Chalkville Elementary School.

Last school year, at the end of every other week, qualified students received a “blue bag” with food for the weekend. This year, however, qualified students will receive one of the bags at the end of each week, said Chalkville Elementary School Counselor Lynn Wasylenko. The weekly program began Wednesday at Chalkville and Green Valley Elementary School in Hoover.

The Weekenders Backpack program provides healthy, nutritious food options for children on the weekends and holidays that otherwise might not



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The Weekenders Backpack program

have food available.

The Weekenders Backpack program since 2007 has provided kid-friendly bags of food for elementary students to take home every other weekend. Each child who qualifies for the program has to be identified by a school counselor or teacher as being food insecure, a term that means the child may not have access to adequate meals on the weekends.

About 73 percent of the student body at Chalkville last year qualified for free or reduced lunches. There will be 24 students who will participate in the Weekenders Program this year.

In March, Goodwyn, Mills and Cawood employees teamed with Clay-Chalkville High School students from their Future Business Leaders of America association to pack weekend meals for elementary school students. They packed almost 1,900 meals for the Weekenders Backpack program.

For more information about the Weekenders Program or the Community Food Bank of Central Alabama, visit www.FeedingAL.org.

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## Trussville shaking up recycling pickup

by Gary Lloyd

Editor

The city of Trussville will be shaking up its recycling pickup when a new contract begins Dec. 1, Mayor Gene Melton said last week.

Melton said a new contract that will go out for bid will include recyclable garbage being picked up once per week. Recycling in Trussville is currently picked up every other week on each resident's specific garbage pickup day.

Melton said that 60-gallon rollout recycling carts,



file photo by Ron Burkett

Trussville Mayor Gene Melton says recycling pickup in Trussville will be weekly in the future.

complete with lids so recycled newspapers don't get wet, will be provided.

Waste Management currently holds a contract with the city for garbage collection. Glass, plastic bags and other types of plastics are not accepted in homeowners' recycling.

For more information, call 205-655-7478 or click “Streets and Sanitation” under the “City Services” tab at www.trussville.org.

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## Clay removes GVCC annexation from agenda

by Lee Weyhrich

Staff Writer

The Clay City Council removed the potential annexation of Grayson Valley Country Club into the city limits of Clay from its agenda Tuesday night.

The annexation will likely come up for a vote at a future meeting.

The 18-hole golf

course on Grayson Valley Drive, just off Chalkville Mountain Road, also features a pro shop, driving range, pool, tennis courts, dining facility and ballroom.

The country club is built on the original Carraway Dairy Farm, formed by Ronald J. Moore and Joseph F. Yarborough in the spring of 1976.

The city council on



photo by Gary Lloyd

The entrance to Grayson Valley Country Club

Tuesday voted 4-2 to annex three homes on Carraway Street -- near the country club -- into the

city of Clay. Councilmen Ricky Baker and Kevin Small were the dissenting votes.

Annexation has been a popular discussion for the city council this year.

When the city council in July approved of purchasing three police cruisers from Irondale, the council agreed that additional deputy presence is needed as the city grows, something

it hopes happens soon. The council hopes to annex the nearby Millington neighborhood

on Chalkville Mountain Road. The Committee on Community Development and Annexations

earlier this summer sent 87 letters to Millington residents, and have already received several responses, Councilman Mark Halstead said in July.

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# LOCAL

## Husky Parkway bridge construction approved

by Gary Lloyd

Editor

A contractor was approved by the Trussville City Council last week for the construction of a bridge over the Cahaba River to link Hewitt-Trussville High School to the area where the future Hewitt-Trussville Stadium will be.

Birmingham-based Brasfield & Gorrie was approved with a base bid of \$3,281,445.13.

Opelika-based Scott



file photo

The site of the future Hewitt-Trussville Stadium

Bridge Company came in with a base bid of \$3,336,000 and a deduct of \$7,500 for a

total of 3,328,500. Wright Brothers Construction bid \$3,418,536 with a deduct of \$5,000 for a

total of 3,413,536. Construction can't begin until after the city receives a permit from

the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Mayor Gene Melton said the bridge can be built in a year and will cover three lanes and a pedestrian lane. It will be more than 300 feet in length.

"It's wide," Melton said.

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# Trussville fitness club owners upset over new tenants

by Gary Lloyd

Editor

Some Trussville fitness club owners are upset over the Trussville City Council approving two new businesses -- including 24e Fitness -- to occupy the former Food World on Main Street.

As part of the approval, the city will spend \$912,000 to divide the former Food World into two spaces. The city council also approved abating a portion of the sales tax as an incentive for the Triple N Enterprises grocery store, which amounts to



file photo by Gary Lloyd

The former Food World on Main Street will be divided for a grocery store and fitness center.

\$800,000 over a four-year period. Anytime Fitness owner Rick Plourde said he had

a letter from his attorney, Donald Brockway, saying he reviewed the legality of the leases. The

letter stated that the approval promotes the interests of a select number of private citizens while

violating, selectively, the rights of others. He asked the city council to table the decision until at least its next meeting.

Performance Fitness Center and Trussville Rehab owners Chris and Robbie Lynch also expressed concerns at Tuesday's meeting. Robbie Lynch said the decision is "very disheartening."

"We don't have enough members to share," she said.

Chris Lynch said he didn't understand why it would cost up to \$471,000 for the city to handle buildout and construction costs related

to dividing the building for the fitness center. He called it an "exorbitant amount."

"It's what we're responsible to do to get them in there," said Councilman Buddy Choat.

Chris Lynch said another fitness center will hurt his business, and others, that have been in Trussville for a number of years.

"This is our livelihood," he said.

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# Trussville PD aided in multi-state identity theft conspiracy

by Gary Lloyd

Editor

A federal judge last Wednesday sentenced a Birmingham woman to more than six years in prison for her role in a multi-state identity theft and counterfeit check scheme that included recruiting homeless people to cash the fraudulent checks, said U.S. Attorney Joyce White Vance, U.S. Postal Inspector in Charge Keith Morris, FBI Special Agent in Charge Richard D. Schwein Jr. and U.S. Secret

Service Acting Special Agent in Charge Jeff Anderson.

Daphne Collette Tate, 42, pleaded guilty in April to conspiring with five other people to defraud more than two dozen banks in Alabama, Georgia and Florida. She also pleaded guilty to aggravated identity theft, possessing a business check stolen from the U.S. mail and possessing a counterfeit check. U.S. District Judge L. Scott Coogler sentenced her to six years and two months in prison for those crimes.

The five other defendants charged along with Tate in the multi-state identity theft conspiracy are Tate's cousin, Keith Lamar Reese, 46, also of Birmingham, and four Atlanta-area residents, Colundria Seats, 37; Demario S. Mormon, 27; Clifton A. Mormon, 30; and Brett E. Falconer, 27.

Reese and Falconer have pled guilty to conspiracy to commit bank fraud and aggravated identity theft. DeMario Mormon remains a fugitive. Seats was arrested in June. Clifton Mormon was arrested in July, and

their cases are proceeding toward trial.

According to Tate's indictment and other court records, Tate and other conspirators conducted their scheme in Alabama, Georgia and Florida between September 2011 and February 2013 as follows:

They obtained account and routing information for various businesses' legitimate checking accounts in at least 25 banks through various means, including stealing checks from the mail and engaging people who had access to account information. Falconer was employed by Regions Bank and accessed the bank's records for the conspiracy during her employment. Falconer provided co-conspirators

with information from Regions' accounts and from checks presented at Regions Bank. Other conspirators, including Demario and Clifton Mormon, used that genuine account and routing information to manufacture counterfeit business checks.

Tate, Seats and Reese would locate people, often the homeless, who had government-issued identification cards and would join the conspiracy as check cashers. Tate, Seats, Reese and other co-conspirators would transport the check cashers to locations where they would cash or attempt to cash the counterfeit checks. Members of the conspiracy would divide the proceeds of the successfully cashed

checks among themselves.

Trussville Police Department Detective Jamie Goolsby said the department didn't have much involvement with Tate. He said usually in these cases, the department arrests someone for trying to cash a forged check at a bank in Trussville, then contacts the Secret Service and Postal Service, which follow up on the investigation, which generally leads to the "ring-leader."

Other municipalities that investigated the case included departments in Pelham and Vestavia Hills.

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# Clay library hosts 'Paying for College' Sept. 12

by Gary Lloyd

Editor

Struggling with how to pay for your child's college education? Interested in learning about various loans, scholarships and grants?

Next Thursday at 6:30 p.m., the Trussville Public Library, in conjunction with the public libraries in Clay and Pinson, will present "Paying for College." Assistant Professor of Finance at UAB, Andreas Rauterkus, Ph.D., will present a one-hour seminar at the Clay Community Center.

The program is free and open to the public.

Rauterkus, whose research projects have been funded by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, has been pub-

lished in the Commercial Lending Review and other scholarly publications.

The Jefferson County Library Cooperative, the consortium of public libraries in Jefferson County, was one of 14 public libraries nationwide chosen through a competitive process to win a grant from the American Library Association in partnership with the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority Investor Education Foundation. This grant

will enable the public libraries of Jefferson and Shelby counties to provide effective, unbiased financial and investor education to the community.

For more information or to view a calendar of Jefferson County library programs that are part of this grant, visit [www.Making-Cents.org](http://www.Making-Cents.org).

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# OPINION

## The perils and triumphs of the fixer-upper

For those of you who know me, you know that I am into fixer-uppers. I have the ultimate fixer-upper and for the most part, I love it. My wife would tell you she's the project manager in chief and there is no doubt that it's a love affair because there is no way that we'll ever profit a penny.

I work with a lot of clients that see the potential opportunity in a fixer-upper. I see it as integral to what I do to be sure the buyer understands what they are getting into, knowing that fixer-uppers aren't for everybody. Here are some of the major items I advise buyers to consider in making their final decision.

### Why are you buying?

There are a lot of reasons to buy a property in need of TLC. Frequently, as happened to me, you can fall in love with a property that has history. Maybe it's a history con-

nected to your family, maybe it's a history that you want to be connected to, maybe a history you want to create. All these fall into the category of a love story, and thus an emotional purchase. Others buy with the hope of making a profit, or believing they have found a deal. All these reasons are valid motivations for making a purchase. Understanding and being clear about your motive(s) is step one of checking your decision making process. These motives will be the fuel that drives you through the process of restoration. My advice: make sure that tank is full.

Now you're clear about the why. Let's now look at the what. There are two big whats. First: What are your expectations? Second: What needs to be done?

### What are your expectations?

If this is to be a love



Dave Parrish

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about the real estate  
market and related topics.*

story purchase, that is a known, confessed and stated out in the open emotional purchase. I would advise examining those expectations to see if you are really up to the challenge. If your motivation is "This is such a deal" meaning: "I am saving money" or "I can turn a profit here," this becomes an easier decision process, as you aren't looking at the intangible benefits that come with the "love pur-

chase." In this case, your expectations can be stated in terms of time and money. Do you have enough of both to reach the end of the project and realize your expectations?

### What needs to be done?

Time to make an honest assessment of what needs to be done. So does it need a new roof? What about the foundation? What kind of electrical and plumbing updates are needed? Do walls need to be moved? Floors redone? Windows? Paint? Landscaping? Look behind, under and around everything. Make a detailed list of everything you can imagine that needs to be done. Nothing is too small to be listed here. Those seemingly little projects can add up to serious time and money projects, even when you are doing the work yourself.

### Who will do the work?

Will you do all or some of this work yourself?

Do you have any special skills/experience doing these things? Will you hire others? A job poorly done adds no value to a home. My wife and I have taken on many projects only to end up convinced it would have been both faster and cheaper to hire a professional. After 15 years of working on our old house, we've finally come to know that you have to know your limits and be willing to pay for your education.

### When will the work be done?

Much of the work done on our old house was done by us after work and on the weekends. Our idea of a date was going to Lowe's or Home Depot to buy supplies. We worked on the house for seven months before we could even move in. I've quit flying and sailing because there was no time to do all that had to be done. After 15 years of working on our project (which

includes four rental properties), it is still rare for us to do much other than work on our old house.

### How much will it cost?

Get estimates. What kind of time frame do you have to work with? If you are flipping a property, time is often a critical factor in turning a property for profit. Refer to "Who will do the work?" Doing it yourself is frequently more expensive than hiring a professional. Get multiple estimates.

In the end, the fixer-upper can be a dream come true or a nightmare. So much of that outcome is dependent on the research you do up front, knowing your limits, your motivation and ability to see a project through to the end. The payback can be life changing, but it is not without cost.

May the market be with you.

## Alabama shows promise for future

Recently, Alabama was mentioned in articles from national publications such as The New York Times and the Associated Press, all highlighting the resurgence of cities and culture in Alabama. From the redevelopment of downtown Birmingham to the beaches of the Gulf Coast, these articles prove it is an exciting time to be in Alabama and in surrounding areas like Trussville. From new developments to new attitudes, Ala-

bama is certainly showing a lot of promise for the future.

As your state senator, I have made it a priority to focus on ways in which we can develop small businesses and make it easier to do business in Alabama. I believe our small business owners are truly the basis for our economy in Alabama. Over the past few legislative sessions, my legislative colleagues and I have worked hard to pass major legislation that will continue to

spur economic development in Birmingham and throughout the state by providing tax incentives for investing and developing new businesses.

The Historic Preservation Tax Credit bill is one that I am especially proud of and one mentioned in the recent New York Times article about the rebirth of downtown Birmingham. This bill provides an income tax credit of up to \$5 million for the rehabilitation of historic structures in the state. I am excited to see



Slade Blackwell  
*From the  
Statehouse*

how this bill will affect the redevelopment of towns and cities across Alabama. Additionally,

the Red Tape Reduction Act, which aims at protecting small businesses, is a milestone for the business community in Alabama.

The legislature begins the 2014 legislative session in January. Until then, I am working on legislation to help our Alabama businesses and create a strong economic community for the state. While we have already accomplished a lot to create jobs and help our small businesses, there is still a lot to be done. The

momentum in Birmingham and in Alabama is changing for the better and I am excited that we are all a part of it.

*Slade Blackwell is serving his first term in the Alabama State Senate representing Jefferson and Shelby counties in District 15. For more information about Slade, visit [www.sladeblackwell.com](http://www.sladeblackwell.com) or follow him on Facebook or on Twitter @sladeblackwell.*

## CCMS dance team qualifies for nationals

by Gary Lloyd

Editor

The Clay-Chalkville Middle School Cougar Paws Dance Team this summer qualified for

UDA Nationals, which will be in February 2014.

At the UDA Summer Camp at the University of Alabama at Huntsville, the team competed against other middle school and junior varsity

dance teams from Alabama and Georgia, and placed second for their home pom routine, qualifying the team for UDA Nationals in Orlando, Fla.

The team received Su-

per Spirit Stick for their attitudes and sportsmanship and a Superior trophy for its performance of routines that it learned while at camp. Three team members received the "Pin It Forward" pin.

The girls were awarded the pin by the members of the UDA Varsity staff and girls from other teams because of their willingness to help others.

Kiara Smith, Beth

Ludy, Kaylin Bone, Taylor Isbell and Kayla Warren were selected as UDA All-Americans and invited to march in the UDA Thanksgiving Day Parade at Disney World.

## Daybreak, Rotary golf tournament Sept. 16

by Gary Lloyd

Editor

The Trussville Daybreak and Trussville Noon Rotary clubs have announced that their 21st annual charity golf tournament will be Sept. 16 at Grayson Valley Country Club.

Proceeds will go to fund scholarships for deserving high school seniors attending schools in the eastern area of Jefferson County. The scholarships will be awarded based on finan-

cial need. The requirements include above average grades, demonstration of good citizenship and a genuine desire to attend the college or university of their choice.

The tournament entry fee is \$150 per person and includes three mul-ligans and a closest to the pin entry fee. Checks should be made payable to the Rotary Scholarship Fund. A box lunch will be served at 11 a.m. and the team scramble tournament starts at noon with a shotgun start.

There will be prizes

for first-, second- and third-place teams. Refreshments will be available on the course during play, provided range balls and an awards dinner at the conclusion of play.

The deadline for entries is Monday, Sept. 9. Grayson Valley Country Club encourages soft spikes during play.

For hole sponsorship and more information, contact Frank Jett at 205-542-4234 or Bill Huber at 205-915-2535.

## Pinson votes to buy SUV

by Lee Weyhrich

Staff Writer

The Pinson City Council last week voted to purchase a new SUV for the city.

The council approved up to \$12,000 for the purchase of a vehicle, but no final decision has been made on a specific vehicle.

The council has been discussing the need for a new SUV since storms several months ago severely damaged one of the city's Chevrolet Tahoes.

"Both of our Tahoes are

ailing the least little bit," Mayor Hoyt Sanders said. "One did suffer a fatal injury not long ago in a storm."

The answer to the council's wishes may be a used civilian-model SUV currently owned by the city of Altoona. The vehicle had been used for police work and is in very good shape, Councilman Joe Cochran said. Altoona is asking \$11,250 for the vehicle, less than half the price of a new municipal-use vehicle.

Councilman John Churchwell said the city received \$6,000 in insurance from the totaled

Tahoe. Sanders said additional funds for a vehicle may come from either the city's miscellaneous road fund, or the 7- and-2-cent gas tax fund.

The council also entered into executive session to discuss real estate, and trade and commerce, which was deemed of a "competitive" nature, Sanders said. After more than 20 minutes in executive session, the council returned, but with no resolution offered. A real estate acquisition may be discussed further at the regularly scheduled council meeting today at 6:30 p.m. at Pinson City Hall.

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# CALENDAR

## Child Find at Trussville City Schools

Pursuant with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act and Act 106, Trussville City Schools offers special programs for children with disabilities and for children who are gifted. Child Find is an attempt to locate and provide appropriate educational and related

services to all children with disabilities between birth and age 21 and all school age children who are gifted who reside within the city limits of Trussville. If you are the parent of a child between the ages of 3 and 21 with disabilities or would like to make a referral for gifted services and reside within the city limits of Trussville, contact the Exceptional

Education Office for Trussville City Schools at 205-228-3043.

## Wrestling at Palmerdale Homesteads Community Center

GCW Wrestling is the first Saturday each month at 7 p.m. at the Palmerdale Homesteads Community Center. The Mark Taylor Band performs the fourth Saturday each month, clogging and line dancing, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.

when faced with hurricane headaches. Reservations are encouraged and are \$12. Contact Janice at 205-853-3022 or email rfoaster5@bham.rr.com.

## Cycle boot camp in Trussville

Misty Marlow's cycle boot camp and spin class is every Monday at the Trussville Civic Center at 6:15 p.m. For more information, call the civic center at 205-655-2503.

## Western square dance Sept. 23, Sept. 30

Kurly Q's Square Dance Club will sponsor "Western Style" square dance lessons on Sept. 23 and Sept. 30 at Purser-Ray Hall at Odenville Middle School at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call 205-467-7907 or 205-525-5128.

## Trussville superintendent calls SROs 'breathtaking group'

by Gary Lloyd

Editor

Trussville City Schools has announced additional security measures to ensure the student safety, including seven school resource officers now at the four city schools.

Paine Primary and Paine Intermediate schools both have a full-time school resource officer, Hewitt-Trussville Middle School and Hewitt-Trussville High School each have two full-time school resource officers and Sgt. Todd Posey is stationed at the Alternative Learning Center to coordinate the staff of school resource officer personnel.

Trussville Police Department Lt. Jeff Bridges and Trussville City Schools Superintendent Pattie Neill introduced

the SROs at the TCS Institute. Neill described the SROs as a "breathtaking group" and thanked them for making staff and students feel safe and protected.

Resource officers include Chuck Bradford (Paine Intermediate School), Brian Williams (Hewitt-Trussville Middle School), Keith Rosetta (Hewitt-Trussville High School), Josh Payne (Paine Primary School), Rob Hicks (Hewitt-Trussville Middle School) and Mike Roberson.

In addition to the school resource officers on site, security improvements are in progress at each of the schools. A new software program was recently installed to control access to all school buildings. The software enables card swipes and access-

controlled entrances at the Paine campus and Hewitt-Trussville Middle School. The access control has been in place at the Alternative Learning Center for two years. The system is waiting for delivery of equipment to finalize installation of this program at Hewitt-Trussville High School, where the SROs monitor those who enter and exit the school.

Building improvements involving security updates were completed during the summer. Several areas were re-keyed to a secure key system. Areas of concern were retrofitted with security doors and enforced materials.

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# New program at Trussville library begins Sunday

by Gary Lloyd

Editor

A new program sponsored by the Friends of the Trussville Library and the Trussville Public Library begins Sunday.

"In Our Own Words," a program in which writers and authors share excerpts aloud from their works, begins Sunday at the Trussville Public Library. The first meeting begins at 2 p.m. in the library's meeting room.

"We encourage interested writers to participate in these readings," said Friends of the Trussville Library copresident Mary Lynne Robbins. "There's nothing like having a live audience to get response and feedback. We hope for a coffee house atmosphere, with informal discussion."

Guidelines established for participants include:

- Readers must pre-register for the program.



photo courtesy of the Trussville Public Library

The Trussville Public Library

- In most cases, writers must read their own works, although surrogates may be used if approved by the Friends.
- At least six writers must register in order for the program to be held.
- Estimated reading time, including introductions, should be less than eight minutes per participant.
- Material read should be in good taste.
- Long works, such as

novels or biography, must be excerpted to meet time limits.

If time permits, there will be an opportunity for audience questions or feedback. The library will provide light refreshments.

To register or for more information, call 205-655-7694.

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# Trussville railroad crossing closings planned starting today

by Gary Lloyd

Editor

A few railroad crossings in Trussville will be closed beginning today while Norfolk Southern performs construction.

According to the Trussville Police Department,

the crossing at Trussville Springs will close today from 9 a.m. to noon. On Friday, the railroad crossing at Commerce Drive will close from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. On Monday, the railroad crossing at Carrington Drive will close from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Railroad crossings will be open for school and work traffic to minimize inconvenience, according to Trussville police.

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