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## Man charged with murder in shooting of elderly Trussville man

by Gary Lloyd

Editor

A Trussville man has been charged with murder in the Thursday afternoon shooting death of 81-year-old Ken Millar, of Trussville.

Freddie Earl Patton, 53, was charged Friday with murder after allegedly shooting Millar in

the chest Thursday at his home in the 500 block of Rockridge Avenue in Trussville. Patton is in Jefferson County Jail with bond set at \$150,000.

Millar was shot in the chest in his home during an altercation with Patton, who also lived at the home, said Trussville Police Department Lt. Jeff Bridges.

Millar was transported to an area hospital but did not sur-



photo courtesy of Trussville Police Department

Freddie Earl Patton

vive the shooting.

Bridges said the report of the shooting came in to dispatchers about 4:30 p.m. Thursday. Bridges said Patton was still on the scene when police arrived.

Bridges said that the week prior to the shooting, a neighbor filed a harassment complaint against Patton, though he said the neighbor chose not to prosecute. Bridges said Mil-

lar's son last Monday filed an identity theft complaint against his sister -- Millar's daughter -- alleging she stole Millar's identity. At press time, the police department was still investigating.

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## Neighbor remembers Trussville shooting victim as 'surrogate father'

by Gary Lloyd

Editor

When Ralph Mitchell's father died about 48 years ago, a neighbor stepped up.

The neighbor taught Mitchell, then 12 years old, how to water ski, how to track a deer while hunting, how to shoot and carefully take care of his gun, how to skin a rabbit and squirrel.

The neighbor was Ken Millar, 81, who was shot and killed in his Rockridge Avenue home in Trussville last Thursday. Freddie Earl Patton, 53, is charged with murder.

"Ken kind of stepped in as a surrogate father," Mitchell said Friday.

Millar encouraged Mitchell to join the National Guard, which he's now retired from.



photo courtesy of Adam Wiggins

Ken Millar, shown at lunch on a hunting trip last year

"He was just a real positive influence on me as far as encouraging me to do things," Mitchell said. "He took me under his wing."

An avid rabbit hunter, Millar convinced Mitchell's mother to allow him to buy a 16-gauge single-shot shotgun at Western

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## McAdory apologizes for pre-game football banner against Pinson Valley



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A look at the controversial bust-through banner

by Gary Lloyd

Editor

McAdory High School Principal Tod Humphries on the school's website Monday morning apologized for a bust-through banner that was held up prior to Friday's McAdory vs. Pinson Valley Class 5A playoff football game.

The banner read "Hey Indians, get ready to leave in a trail of tears, round 2."

"This was not condoned by the school administration, the Jefferson County Board of Education or the community," Humphries wrote in a public apology. "The person who would normally be responsible for approving such signs is out on maternity leave, and I take full

responsibility that arrangements were not made to have the signs pre-approved before the ballgame. Please accept our sincere apologies to the Native American people and to anyone who was offended by the reference to an event that is a stain on our nation's past forever."

Humphries said that in response to the bust-through sign, all social studies and history teachers will re-teach and/or review units concerning Native American displacement following the Indian Removal Act of 1830.

The Trail of Tears refers to the U.S. government's removal of Indians from areas in the Southeast to Oklahoma. The Trail encompassed the relocation of various Indian nations.

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## First year 'enjoyable' for Clay mayor

by Gary Lloyd

Editor

Clay Mayor Charles Webster said last week that he's had an "enjoyable" first year as the city's mayor.

"It's been enjoyable for me," he said. "I've enjoyed this year."

Webster's goals entering the role this time a year ago included implementing a more frugal city government by using a budget, cut the city's debt and promote the Clay area to potential businesses.



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Clay Mayor Charles Webster

"I think we're in good shape, a lot better shape than we were in," said Webster, who served four years on the Clay City Council before his election as mayor.

The first year in office has been a busy one for Webster. The city has raised its sales tax two cents, approved a 2013-2014 fiscal budget and hired more Jefferson County sheriff's deputies to patrol the city. Re-

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## Trussville mayor, state to work toward archery park

by Gary Lloyd

Editor

The Trussville City Council last week authorized Mayor Gene Melton to work with the state to possibly find land for an archery park.

Melton said he is in the

"infant stage" of considering a possible site in Trussville.

One archery park will be built in Jefferson County, and city officials are hoping it's built in Trussville. It would be the first archery park in the county. Melton said the possibility of an archery park in

Trussville came up some years ago but the state land conservancy didn't approve of a site in the city.

Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources Hunter Education Coordinator Marisa Lee Futral said partner-

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## Center Point man charged in murder near Clay

by Gary Lloyd

Editor

A 54-year-old Center Point man is charged with murder for the Sunday shooting death of his girlfriend and the wounding of another woman in the 6500 block of Kathy Circle, according to authorities.

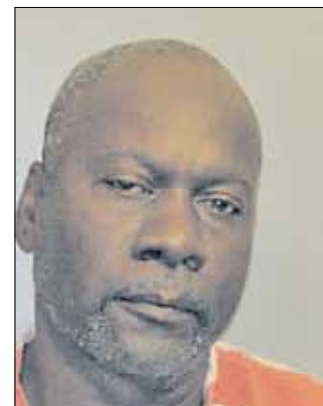


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Cedric Devon Lowe

Cedric Devon Lowe is charged with murder, attempted murder and certain persons forbidden to

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## Amari to run for District 44 seat

by Gary Lloyd

Editor

Trussville resident John Amari announced Monday that he will be seeking the Republican nomination to replace the retiring Arthur Payne in the State House of Representatives District 44, which includes Trussville, Clay, Pinson and part of northeast Jefferson County.

"My family has always lived in the eastern area of Jefferson County. I love it here so it was an easy decision for me to start my family in this area," Amari said. "My campaign slogan is Homegrown Conservative Leadership. I chose this slogan because I come from a family that has deep roots in this area. My grandparents first farmed here and later opened the Huffman Curb Market.

"They demonstrated family values and devel-

oped deep ties with this community. I share my grandparents' commitment to the service of one's neighbors and community. I believe Montgomery needs more representatives who reflect the convictions and values of this community and will have the strength to stand up and demand government reflect those same values."

Amari is an attorney and small business owner. He is on the junior board for Sav-a-Life, which is a faith-based, pro-life organization. He is also a member of the Greater Birmingham Young Republicans and is on the executive committee for the Jefferson County Republican Party. He belongs to the Trussville Area Chamber of Commerce and the Clay-Pinson Chamber of Commerce.

"We are fortunate to live in an area that is extremely attractive to businesses,"



submitted photo

John Amari

he said. "We have three communities, Clay, Pinson and Trussville, which value hard work, faith and family. We need an energetic representative that is willing and able to go after these businesses and show them what a great opportunity they have to locate in our communities. As a resident of this area, I want to see more local restaurants, revitalized downtowns and zero unemployment."

Amari, 32, was born and raised in the area, attended public schools and graduated from Hewitt-Trussville High School in 1999. He and his wife, Amber, have three children, John Paul (5), Maya (3) and two-month-old Vinny.

"Like many parents in this area I have children who will attend school in this area," he said. "I have a vested interest in seeing that all of our children are safe when they are in school. I will ensure that all of our children have up to date technology and well-trained professional teachers who will work to provide a safe learning environment."

Danny Garrett and Joe Freeman have also announced their candidacy for the seat.

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file photo by Ron Burkett

Trussville Mayor Gene Melton will work with the Alabama Land Conservancy to possibly find a site in the city for an archery park.

ing with a local Parks and Recreation Department to build a park is good so that there is someone to do maintenance and also to conduct archery programming, camps and more.

Futral said the conservation would like an archery park to be located near other activities, such as

softball and other recreational venues.

"We do not want to be located on the back 40," Futral said. "We want families to feel safe taking their kids there."

Futral said three to five acres are needed for a basic park and 15 or so acres are necessary for a place to host tournaments.

Melton said there are many green spaces in Trussville for development of an archery park, but the city must be careful to not diminish future economic development in certain areas.

"We've just got so much open space," Melton said.

Melton said an archery park would provide training for bowhunters. There are similar parks in Cullman and Decatur, Melton said.

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# Trussville property tax increase vote likely in February or March

by Gary Lloyd

Editor

A vote of Trussville residents for or against a property tax increase to fund two new community elementary schools will likely take place in February or March.

Trussville City Schools Superintendent Pattie Neill presented a probable plan to the Parent Advisory Council last Wednesday.

On Friday, the city of Trussville mailed out letters to all city residents with an eight-question survey asking about various city services. Two of the

questions address the possible property tax increase. The letter also provides information on the city's new garbage pickup service and contact information for city officials.

The Trussville City Board of Education on Monday approved a letter to be sent to the Trussville City Council requesting a property tax vote to fund two new elementary schools. The city council could approve of a possible tax referendum at its Dec. 10 meeting, scheduled for 6 p.m. at Trussville City Hall.

Dates for the special vote could be Feb. 25, March 11



file photo by Gary Lloyd

The Magnolia Place site in Trussville

or March 25. School officials seemed to talk more about the Feb. 25 date at

Monday's work session.

Mayor Gene Melton was at Monday's meeting and said he'd like to receive more responses to a survey mailed to Trussville residents last week, a survey that includes thoughts on how to fund the new schools.

"We need everybody to respond to the letter, good or bad," Melton said.

A seven-mill property tax increase would fund one community school in the Magnolia Place area and the renovation of the New Deal-era school building on Parkway Drive. Both schools would be equipped with Federal Emergency

Management Agency-approved community tornado shelters.

A seven-mill increase would mean \$70 per year extra in property taxes for homeowners who own homes appraised at \$100,000. That number would be \$140 on \$200,000 homes and \$210 on \$300,000 homes.

The funds from the increase would also support school resource officers at all city schools and possible retrofit existing schools to have community tornado shelters.

Public hearings about the possible increase are expected to be scheduled in

January and February.

In March 2010, Trussville residents voted overwhelmingly against a property tax increase. That tax proposal was to be split between the city and the schools and included projects such as renovating or rebuilding the football stadium and renovating the Parkway property to relieve overcrowding at Paine Primary and Intermediate schools.

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## Clay-Chalkville student arrested for threatening to 'shoot up' school

by Gary Lloyd

Editor

A Clay-Chalkville High School student has been arrested after authorities learned he was overheard threatening to "shoot up" the high school Tuesday, according to authorities.

Jefferson County sheriff's deputies received information before midnight Monday from the school's assistant principal that a threat that had been made to shoot up the school, said Jefferson County Sheriff's Chief Deputy Randy Christian.

Last week, a 16-year-old male student had been overheard telling other students

not to come to school next week because he was going to "shoot up" the school, Christian said. He told them that he planned to do this Tuesday. On Monday night, one of the students came forward about the threat because the student was afraid to go to school. That student's mother contacted the assistant principal, Christian said.

Deputies went to the home of the suspect and spoke to his father, who agreed to come to the sheriff's office to be questioned about the threat. The teen was searched for weapons and none were found.

He was found to be in possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia,

Christian said. The teen was questioned by detectives and admitted to making the threat, saying he was only kidding. He also said he thought it would be a funny thing to say, Christian said.

He was charged with making a terrorist threat, possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia. He was placed in the custody of the Jefferson County Youth Detention Facility.

The investigation indicated that the teen did not have access to any firearms.

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Jefferson County Schools Superintendent Stephen Nowlin said the cheerleading squad at McAdory will be disciplined.

"We can use this unfortunate event as an impor-

tant teachable moment," Nowlin said on the school district's website. "We apologize to all Native Americans and to any person who was offended. Our curriculum department will ensure that all

students in the future will have a lesson on the Trail of Tears."

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surfacing Old Springville Road from the southern city limits to the Jefferson County line was also listed among many Alabama Transportation Rehabilitation and Improvement Program projects. The local match is \$184,000 while ATRIP will cover \$736,000 for a total of \$920,000 for the project. Webster, however, now believes the city

match may be closer to \$500,000.

Webster said the city is going through its 2013 audit now, and the company performing it has said it's one of the "easiest" it's ever done.

Webster said the plan is to continue annexing nearby unincorporated areas to expand and define the city's borders. It could

eventually lead to Clay having its own ZIP code.

"I enjoy working with people and I enjoy this little community," Webster said. "My goal is to make it better."

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possess a pistol.

Tyna Delmay Spivery, 43, was killed in the shooting. Lowe is also accused of shooting Spivery's 23-year-old sister, who was taken to UAB Hospital to be treated for at least one gunshot wound, according

to the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office. The sister had not been identified at press time.

After the shooting shortly after noon Sunday, Lowe allegedly fled from the home but was arrested when a sheriff's sergeant

spotted his vehicle in Trussville and pulled him over with the aid of Trussville police officers.

The home where the shooting occurred is in unincorporated northeast Jefferson County, near Clay and Pinson.

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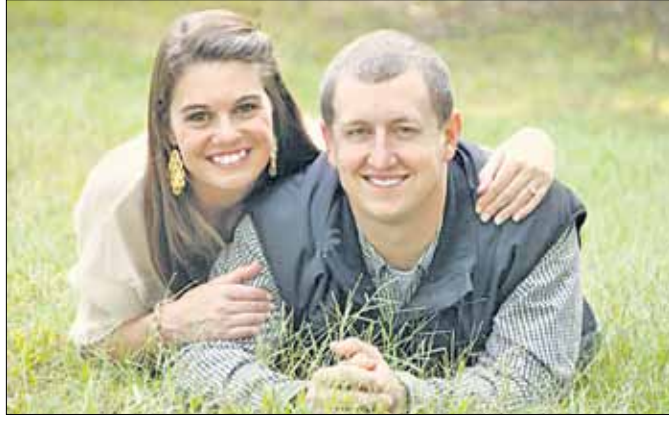
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## Smith-Williamson engagement announcement

For The Tribune

Jack and Tina Smith of Birmingham are pleased to announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Haley Michele Smith, to Trenton Marshall Williamson, son of Robert and Lisa Williamson of Trussville.

Haley received her Associate Degree from the Radiology Technologic Program at Jefferson State Community College. She is currently employed as a Radiologic Technologist at Davis Orthopedics in Birmingham, AL. Trent will complete his Bachelor of Science Degree in Forestry



submitted photo

from the School of Forestry and Wildlife Sciences at Auburn University in May. The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Robert and Sara Ashworth, and the late Jack and Beulah Smith. The prospective groom is

the grandson of Jack and Pat Hatfield and Patricia Williamson and the late William Williamson.

The wedding is planned for September 13, 2014 in Springville, AL.

## Pinson neighbor charged with burglary found hiding in girl's bedroom

by Gary Lloyd

Editor

A Pinson man was arrested shortly after 1 a.m. Monday after authorities said he broke into a neighbor's home.

Mauricio Bravo-Hernandez, 30, is charged with second-degree burglary and was in Jefferson County Jail with bond set at \$30,000.

Deputies responded to a burglary in progress call at a home in the 6700 block of Crossbrook Lane, said Jefferson County Sheriff's Chief Deputy Randy Christian. Christian said



photo courtesy of the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office

Mauricio Bravo-Hernandez the homeowner told deputies he was awakened by the sound of someone opening his front door.

The homeowner went to

investigate and in the living room of his home, he saw that his front door was open, Christian said.

The homeowner went to check his 4-year-old daughter's bedroom and found the man hiding there. When he confronted him, the man fled. Christian said the daughter was not in her room at the time because she was sleeping with her parents.

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## Birmingham PD arrests 4, including Trussville man, in burglary

by Gary Lloyd

Editor

The Birmingham Police Department reported this week that detectives have arrested and charged four suspects in connection with a Nov. 15 burglary in the 1400 block of Carson Road.

Officers responded to the incident location at about 10 a.m. to investigate a call of a possible burglary in progress. Officers received information that the suspects were in the process of entering the victim's apartment when they were surprised by the victim. Officers arrived and received information on the suspects and their vehicle. Officers were able to locate the suspects' vehicle a



photo courtesy of Birmingham Police Department

Octavious Allison

short distance away.

While investigating the incident, officers observed the four suspects described in the incident pull into the parking lot in another vehicle. After further investigation, officers were able to identify the suspects as

the offenders and recover a stolen handgun from the suspect's vehicle.

One suspect, Octavious Allison, 19, is from Trussville. A burglary warrant has been obtained against him. He is in Jefferson County Jail.

Others with burglary warrants who are in custody are 34-year-old Michael Gaines, of Birmingham, and 20-year-old Nicholas Miranda, of Birmingham. A fourth suspect is a 17-year-old juvenile from Birmingham. That suspect is in the custody of Jefferson County Juvenile Detention.

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## 2 gunmen attempt to rob bank on Chalkville Mountain Road

by Gary Lloyd

Editor

Two gunmen attempted to rob the BB&T Bank on Chalkville Mountain Road in the Grayson Valley area Tuesday, according to authorities.

The robbery happened sometime before 1 p.m., said FBI Public Affairs Specialist Paul Daymond.

Daymond described the suspects as two black men wearing hoodies and blue jeans.

A weapon, possibly a pistol, was seen

on video surveillance cameras, Daymond said.

Jefferson County Sheriff's Chief Deputy Randy Christian said the black males were armed with guns and attempted to rob the bank. He said bullet-proof glass and a locked door prevented them from accessing the teller area.

"They left with no money," Christian said. "The pair fled in a brown Ford pickup. No one was injured."

The suspects fled in an unknown direction. At press time, the suspects had not been arrested.

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Auto in Trussville. Millar bought Mitchell's hunting license and ammunition, purchased his lunch each time they went hunting.

"He took care of everything," Mitchell said.

Mitchell said Millar, raised in Pinson and a retired mechanic from Algasco, had a "good heart" and was "very caring." He said Millar was very active at First Baptist Church Trussville's ministries and choir. He taught Sunday school for 45 years.

"He was awesome, the kindest, sweetest soul," said Susan Millar, Millar's daughter-in-law.

She remembers that her father-in-law, a dedicated Alabama football fan, tended to a vegetable garden in the Cahaba Project area of Trussville. She said Millar used to take fresh

vegetables to a lady who lived nearby, placing them in a basket and setting it on her front porch while she was at work.

"He'd give you the shirt off his back if he could," she said.

First Baptist Church Trussville's minister of music and worship, Joe Estes, emailed the choir after news spread of Millar's death Thursday night.

In part, the email read, "Ken loved his family and his Savior and served HIM faithfully. There's no doubt that tonight he looked into the face of Jesus and heard the words, 'Well done, good and faithful servant.'"

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# Public safety meeting tonight focuses on emergency response

by Gary Lloyd

Editor

Tonight's Trussville Public Safety Committee meeting will focus on a community emergency response team.

The public meeting will be at 7 p.m. at the Trussville Fire and Rescue Administrative Building on Cherokee Drive.

One item on the agenda includes presenting a community emergency response team course that educates people about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their area, and trains them in basic disaster response skills such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization and disaster medical operations.



file photo by Gary Lloyd

The Jan. 23, 2012 tornado's path can be seen behind where a home used to be on Patriot's Pass in the Pilgrims Rest subdivision in Trussville.

Using the training, members of the response team can assist others in their neighborhood or workplace following an event in which professional responders are not immediately available to help. Team members are encour-

aged to support emergency response agencies by taking a more active role in emergency preparedness projects in their community.

The other item on tonight's agenda is the development of a basic disaster preparedness class that covers home safety, how to prepare for a disaster and what actions to take after an event.

Nine three-hour training modules will be held at the Trussville Civic Center beginning in 2014. The first module is Jan. 9, 2014, and will focus on disaster preparedness. Other modules each week after that focus on fire safety and utility controls, disaster medical operations (two parts), light search and rescue operations, CERT organi-

zation, disaster psychology, terrorism and CERT operations, and graduation. All modules must be completed to graduate.

To enroll for the CERT course, email John Griscom at [jgriscom@charter.net](mailto:jgriscom@charter.net) by Dec. 20.

A total of 17 homes were totally destroyed in the Pilgrims Rest subdivision in Trussville by an EF-3 tornado in the wee hours of Jan. 23, 2012. Seven were severely damaged and 31 were moderately damaged. In the nearby Legacy neighborhood, two homes were severely damaged, 18 moderately damaged and seven had minor damage.

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# Trussville OKs reimbursement plan for lighting

by Gary Lloyd

Editor

The Trussville City Council last week approved a resolution that plans for the city to be reimbursed if it spends funds up front for lighting at the Trussville Sports Complex and public park.

According to the resolution, the city proposes to issue approximately a \$2.5 million aggregate principal amount of its general obligation warrants for the purpose of paying the costs of acquiring and constructing various capital improvements to the lighting system in the sports complex and public

park. The improvements are expected to reduce energy consumption by at least 20 percent.

City officials expect the warrants will be issued no later than Dec. 1, 2014. Prior to the issuance, the city expects to incur certain costs in connection with the improvements

and proposes to expend certain moneys in payment of such costs prior to the issuance of the warrants.

The city will allocate to itself, from the proceeds of the warrants, moneys to reimburse itself for the

expenditures made prior to the issuance of the warrants. It's expected that the maximum amount of the proceeds won't exceed \$2 million.

Pending the issuance of the warrants, the city will pay acquisition and con-

struction costs out of its general fund, according to the resolution.

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# Civitan Park project split into 2 jobs

by Gary Lloyd

Editor

The Civitan Park greenway project in Trussville has been divided into two jobs, Mayor Gene Melton said at last Tuesday's Trussville City Council meeting.

Melton said the first will be let for bid in December.

The Trussville City Council approved of spending \$16,053.20 with engineering company KBR to supervise the project. The state is paying 80 percent of the project, which amounts to more than \$80,000, Melton said. KBR will only be performing engineering services, Melton said.

Melton said the first job will involve finishing the parking at the park and landscaping around the Veterans Memorial monument. The second aspect involves



A look at the Civitan Park area this spring

file photo by Scott Buttram

the rest of the site, including linking the greenway from Civitan Park to the

Trussville Sports Complex along the Cahaba River.

The first job could be

done by February 2014 and the rest of the project by the middle of summer 2014.

The \$1.7 million greenway project began in April 2012 and was supposed to

have been completed last fall.

Melton spent much of this year's Memorial Day weekend at Civitan Park as crews from the Alabama Department of Transportation worked to address the problems the Alabama Department of Environmental Management listed in a project status report. Trussville could have faced a \$50,000 fine had the problems not been corrected, which they were.

Prior to that, several Trussville residents at a May Trussville City Council meeting asked about the project's status. One called the area surrounding the memorial a "disgrace."

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## Road to link Pop Stone Circle to Deerfoot 'very strong' possibility

by Gary Lloyd

Editor

Trussville Mayor Gene Melton said last Tuesday that a road connecting the Pop Stone Circle area of Roper Road to Deerfoot Parkway is a "very strong" possibility.

The connecting road could be discussed at the Nov. 26 Trussville City

Council meeting. That meeting is scheduled for 6 p.m.

Melton said there is a good possibility that the Alabama Department of Transportation could acquire federal funds for the potential road.

That road would likely span part of the Cahaba River and emerge near the Deerfoot Parkway-U.S. Highway 11 intersection.

Melton said that link as well as other new roads, including Husky Parkway linking the Hewitt-Trussville High School area to Trussville-Clay Road, will "forever change" traffic patterns in the city.

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## Trussville City Schools testing phone system Sunday

by Gary Lloyd

Editor

Trussville City Schools will test its School Messenger emergency phone system Sunday at 2 p.m.

If parents of students receive the "test" message by phone, there is no need to follow up. Those who do not, however, should email Sandra.Vernon@trussvil-

lecityschoos.com, including the names of your children and their school.

The school system also announced that if you would like to be notified by text message of delayed bus routes or sudden changes, you are encouraged to use the Remind 101 service. A text message will include any message for all Trussville City Schools buses, so memorize your child's bus

number.

You can sign up by texting the words @busroutes to 334-375-7449. If you pay for text messaging, there may be a charge.

You can also follow the school system's bus service on Twitter at @TCSBuses.

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# BUSINESS

## Attorney-client privilege most valued role of attorney

Most people understand that an attorney's most valued role is to keep the thoughts and statements of his clients protected from disclosure. However, this "duty of confidentiality" is often mistaken for a similar concept called "attorney-client privilege." The duty of confidentiality is the duty an attorney has to not disclose the client's information without the informed



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consent of the client. This duty can extend to after the

death of the client.

Attorney-client privilege is the right of an attorney to not be forced to testify as to the attorney's dealings with the client during the course of the attorney's representation. To put it simply, the duty of confidentiality deals with keeping the client's information free from disclosure to anyone else. Attorney-client privilege means an attorney cannot be called to testify as to the

attorney's dealings with the client in court.

In most situations, the duty of confidentiality can be counted on to protect the client's information. Certain limited situations, like a court ordering the disclosure, can cause the attorney to disclose this information.

Generally, most courts will first make a determination whether the information can be discovered from another source or whether it

was directly related to the attorney's representation in the pending matter before the court. If the answer to either of these questions is yes, the court will generally decline to force the attorney to release this information. Attorneys can disclose information if the attorney feels the client is using his services to perpetuate a crime or if the attorney determines that doing so will avoid death or serious bodily injury.

ly injury.

However, in most situations, the attorney's first rule is to protect their client and, in turn, the confidentiality of the client's information. In this era of information theft, people should be comforted by the fact that nothing short of a court order issued after a strenuous review of the request will allow confidential information to be released by their attorney.

## New fitness center plans to open mid to late January

by Gary Lloyd

Editor

24e Fitness plans to open

in mid to late January in a section of the former Food World building on Main Street in Trussville, according to Vice President of

Operations Jack Robertson. Construction began on the 15,000-square-foot fitness center Oct. 1. The building will be completely

renovated.

"Since 2007 we have been looking for the right location in Trussville," Robertson said. "While it has taken the better part of the last six years, our team was finally able to find the location we wanted at the former Food World. We are excited to be able to deliver the type of product area residents have been asking for and help revitalize downtown Trussville."

A grand opening will be held once construction is completed.

Sharing the space with 24e Fitness will be Fresh Value Marketplace, a grocery store that plans to open in December.

In October, a lawsuit was filed on behalf of Anytime Fitness owner Rick Plourde and former city councilman George Glenn, stating that the Trussville City Council and Downtown Redevelopment Authority "acted in violation of applicable law in regards to the subject property." The lawsuit states the individuals or administrative bodies may

have acted "arbitrarily, capriciously, negligently or carelessly in the development of or approval for the subject property."

The city council in August approved \$800,000 in tax abatements for Fresh Value Marketplace and \$912,000 to remodel the building.

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A rendering of what 24e Fitness may look like on the exterior

## Redevelopment authority approves \$147,000 for new grocer's construction

by Gary Lloyd

Editor

Trussville's Downtown Redevelopment Authority last Thursday approved a resolution to pay \$147,000 toward the next construction phase for a new grocery store on Main Street.

Authority Chairman Jef Freeman said the resolution was approved after hearing from the construction man-

ager and Josh Earnest of Retail Specialists, Inc.

Freeman said the authority also heard from the store owner, store manager and project manager of Fresh Value Marketplace, which plans to open Dec. 6.

The Trussville City Council last week voted to provide the authority \$109,035.25 for broker lease commissions associated with leases for the new tenants of the former Food

World building on Main Street.

The city council in August approved the two new tenants, Fresh Value Marketplace and 24e Fitness, for the former Food World building and incentives for them to locate their businesses there.

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# LIFESTYLE

## Seasonal intruders return to scene of previous cold-weather crimes

Yep, they're back, dadgum it. I haven't seen them, but I heard them skittering around overhead late at night during the below-freezing temperatures we had last week.

And I'm mad as, well, heck, about it.

Even after an expensive new roof and soffit repairs, those blasted raccoons (or maybe some of their offspring) who so rudely invited themselves into our attic a couple years ago have apparently found a way back inside.

If I didn't know better, I'd think there's a neon "Vacancy" sign hanging from the eaves. And Jimmie and I suspect that

somewhere around here, a red carpet has been rolled out to welcome every shelter-seeking raccoon for miles around. We've obviously got a five-star establishment here, and now that winter is coming, word of our hospitality (unintended, though it may be) is spreading fast.

Just knowing our backyard bandits are once again scaling door facings, siding or anything else that helps them in their climb, drives me nuts, and I'm not one for letting anything drive me nuts for very long before taking action. I inherited that quality from great-Grandmaw Harper, who tripped over an old wooden chair on her back

porch only twice before taking a hatchet and turning it into firewood.

But so far I've learned that spouting bad language and banging on the ceiling with a walking shoe doesn't help in the long run. The sneaky little devils will get quiet for a while, like they want who they must consider "The Crazy Lady Downstairs" to think they've left the premises. But before long, I'll hear them creeping around again.

And while a hatchet might render a more permanent solution – at least until the next raccoon family comes along – I'm neither willing to chop holes in the ceiling nor shed



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the blood of innocent animals instinctively seeking warmth. It's tempting, I admit, but I haven't reached the point of raccoon-directed violence just yet.

I've heard that annoying music will drive small animals away, so I've seriously thought about installing

a loudspeaker in the attic and playing a continuously-looping mix of Billy Ray Cyrus's greatest hits at full blast. Of course that means I'd have to listen to it, too, and I'm really not up for that.

I used to consider raccoons cute, and back when I wore blue eye shadow and pink plastic door-knocker earrings I thought Billy Ray Cyrus was a decent singer. But times change, tastes change and circumstances change. Once you've had a raccoon or two living in your attic and suffered through nearly an entire season of Billy Ray on "Dancing With the Stars," neither are very appealing anymore.

So here we are, once again subject to providing a winter home for uninvited guests and once again seeking to rid ourselves of our neighborhood home invaders for good. I'm not sure how we're going to manage it. They've already proven themselves much shrewder than the humans on the premises.

But we'd probably better do something before they start inviting the relatives over for Thanksgiving dinner. They've proven capable of breaking into the attic and doing damage to the house in the process. The next thing we know, they'll be stealing the good silverware, too.

## 'Everything Christmas' in Trussville this weekend

by Gary Lloyd

Editor

The third annual "Everything Christmas" event in Trussville is scheduled for Friday and Saturday.

The event will be Friday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Sponsored by the Trussville Historical Society, Trussville Fire Department and the city of Trussville, the event features vendors with all arts and crafts related to Christmas.

Local and state artists will show off picture frames, wreaths, jewelry, clothing, personalized embroidered items, tupperware, stationery, candles, Alabama and Auburn items and more.

There will be live performances from area musicians, as well as Trussville City Schools bands and choirs. Santa Claus will take pictures with attendees on Saturday and the Trussville Fire Department will be giving out cookies and hot chocolate to the children that visit Santa.


Raffle tickets will be solid for two trees that will have \$300 to \$500 in gift cards on each of them. Tickets are \$5 each or one new unwrapped toy for the fire department's "Christmas for Kids" program. Kids 12 and under get in free. For more information, call 205-655-8566.




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A scene from a past Everything Christmas event in Trussville

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# Paine Primary announces September respectful bus riders

by Gary Lloyd

Editor

Paine Primary School in Trussville earlier this month announced its respectful bus riders for the month of September.

They are Lilly Stanberry, Ryan Lewis, Haven White, Preston Healy, Mia Sellers, Ahkeela Honeycut, Yewon Kil, Jasneen Multani, Breah Harvey, Joseph Gallagher, Shazie Bryant, Skylar White, Mareli Martinez, Tristan

Atwood, Natalie Reeves, Shaylan Patel, Sara Lynn, Ethan Ridley, Kaylee Fortenberry, Jack Erwin, Stella Shipman, Landon Phillips, Luke Allen, Kaitlyn Stow, Emma Lombardo, Kali Cahalan, Cade Underwood, Reese Johnson, Devon Amick, Luke Wolfe, Ashley Lutz, Blaze Henning, Mattie Adcock, Justice Eaves, Clara Nielsen, Ty Bamberg, Zariah Salter, Jase Butler, Andrea Chandler, Gavin Isbell, Landon Tass, Zeke Lockett and Caleb Bugaj.



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The September respectful bus riders from Paine Primary School

# Jefferson County Schools musical festival tonight

by Gary Lloyd

Editor

The 64th annual Jefferson County Music Festival is tonight at the Boutwell Auditorium in Birmingham.

"Music in the Air" is free and a

public celebration at 7 p.m.

The music festival is sponsored by the Jefferson County Schools Department of Arts Education. About 1,100 students in the fourth through 12th grades from more than 50 arts programs in Jefferson County Schools will participate.

Music will be performed by

choir and band students. Some of the holiday selections include, "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" performed by the Senior High All-County Choir, and "Secret Agent Santa" performed by the All-County High School Band.

Several selections of a multicultural nature will also be pre-

sented, including "Do Di Li!" an Israeli Folk Song performed by the Elementary Choir; "Let Carols Ring," a Swedish Folk Melody performed by the Middle School All-County Choir Girl's Choir; and "Goin' to Bethlehem," a gospel selection performed by the High School Men's Choir.

The concert will conclude with a singalong featuring the All-County choirs and band.

Dianne Johnson and Jon S. Remley will direct the program.

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# Area fifth-graders honored as scholars

by Gary Lloyd

Editor

Area fifth-graders last Tuesday were honored in a fifth-grade scholars ceremony at Gardendale First Baptist Church.

Jefferson County Schools recognizes selected fifth-graders using their performances on the ARMT+ for fourth grade. Qualifications include a scaled score of 692 or higher on reading or math, level IV proficiency on the other subject if the student made a 692 or above

on only one area of the ARMT+ or be in good standing and recommended by the school's administration.

Recognized from Chalkville Elementary School were Lance Bates, Mason Beard, Dyniah Burt, Victoria Chavez-Romero, Dajeh Cope, Caleb Couch, Candace Creel, Sydney Crum, Arron Gilmore, Jerrald Goodgame, Ashley Hatcher, Jaylen Jones, Pershya Jones, Chauncey Knott, Odin Lawson, Alexis McKinney, Karlye Mahoney, Kelsey Martin, Jaida May, Mercedes Me-

dina, Aja Moore, A'Kyra Nwosa, David Roper, Fred Samuel, Jaylon Sanders, Lauren Scott, Taylor Simpkins, Skyler Smith, Jordan Toles, Noah Wadle and Lauren Waters.

Recognized from Clay Elementary School were Andrew Adams, Alex'Ah Boone, Emma Cole, Brayden Hardin, KeShawn Hayes, Nyonia Ivy, Peyton McDonald, Zackary Mills, Gracie Reeves, Bryant Spivey and Jacob Tapscott.

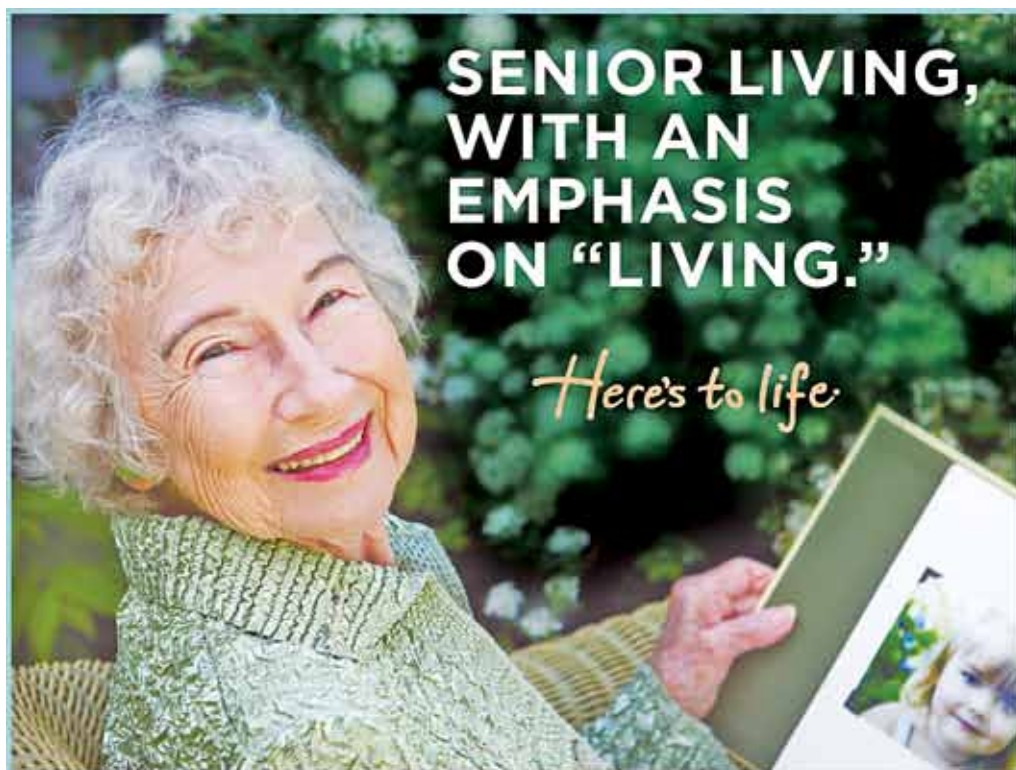
From Johnson Elementary were Ahmante Altman, Jade Andrews,

Makenna Bentley, Kaylyn Blackwood, David Bradford, Ethan Cargile, Zackary Coleman, Seth Conner, Savana Crocker, Cornelius Crum, Kaylee Davis, Skylar Deavers, Ian Fifer, Hannah Golden, Thomas Hitt, Rayna Irby, Parker

Jackson, Vivianna Lopez Boyzo, Kavaree McGhee, Faith Miller, Dakota Owens, Ayana Penick, Joseph Potter, Ian Roberts, Brittan Self, Briana Smith, Christopher Stewart, William Tarpley, Jennifer Torres, Janya Trotter, Emma

Trucks, Satori Vancleaf, Armando Velasquez, Madelyn Weekly, Chelsea Wilson and Amiyah Woods.

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# CALENDAR

## Zumba on Mondays, Wednesdays in Trussville

Zumba with Karla is at the Trussville Civic Center Mondays and Wednesdays at 9 a.m. The \$7 classes are for members and non-members. For more information, email kgeopet@yahoo.com or call the civic center at 205-655-9486.

## Georgiana Davis Masonic Lodge meetings

Georgiana Davis Masonic Lodge No. 338 in Trussville meetings are at 7:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Monday each month. Practice nights are on the first and third Monday. Family nights are on the fifth Monday of the month. The lodge is at 190 Beechnut St. in Trussville. For more information, call Bryan Stover at 205-706-5220.

## Bake and Craft Sale at Faith Lutheran Nov. 22-23

There will be a bake and craft sale with raffle at Faith Lutheran Church in Clay Nov. 22-23 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. both days. Jewelry, craft items and baked goods will be for sale. Raffle tickets are \$2 for a chance to win a handmade quilt.

## Everything Christmas in Trussville Nov. 22-23

Everything Christmas will be Nov. 22-23 at the Trussville Civic Center. Organized by the Trussville Historical Society, the event features local retailers, arts, crafts, trees, Santa Claus and entertainment. Nov. 22 hours are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Nov. 23 hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Admission is \$5 for adults and children 12 and under get in free. In lieu of admission, you can donate a new, unwrapped toy to benefit the "Christmas for Kids" program through the Trussville Fire Department. For more information, contact Donnette Plant at 205-492-8008 or Jane Alexander at 205-655-3144.

## HTHS fall musical Nov. 22-25

Hewitt-Trussville High School's fall musical "Guys and Dolls" will be Nov. 22-25 at the school's Performing Arts Center. Evening shows are at 7 p.m. The Sunday show is at 2 p.m. Admission is \$7 for adults and \$5 for students. For more information, call 205-228-4000 or visit www.trussvillecityschools.com/schools/hths.

## Christmas Around the World Saturday

Christmas Around the World at Palmerdale Community

Center is Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free, and there will be arts and craft booths. Food booths will include a taste of international food from eight countries. Tickets for food booths are \$5 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

## Baking for the Battle in Trussville Nov. 23

Baking for the Battle Against Cancer will be Nov. 23 in Trussville. The bake sale fundraiser benefits Laurie Echols and Tracy Rodman. The bake sale will be at the Trussville Area Chamber of Commerce at 225 Parkway Drive from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

## Clay tree lighting Dec. 1

The Clay Christmas tree lighting will be Sunday, Dec. 1 at 5 p.m. at Cosby Lake Park on Old Springville Road. For more information, call Clay City Hall at 205-680-1223 or email snelson@clayalabama.org.

## 'Madeline's Christmas' at ACTA in December

"Madeline's Christmas" at ACTA Theatre in Trussville will show Dec. 6-8 and Dec. 13-15. Friday and Saturday shows are at 7 p.m. and Sunday matinees are at 2:30 p.m. For more information and for reservations, call 205-655-3902.

## Trussville Christmas Parade deadline Dec. 6

The registration fee for entry into the Trussville Christmas Parade is \$20 until Dec. 6. After Dec. 6, the fee is \$25. Applications are available at www.trussvillechamber.com. The parade will be Dec. 14 at 3 p.m. in downtown Trussville.

## Jennie June Croly Study Club Dec. 5

Jennie June Croly Study Club will host its 44th annual Christmas Coffee on Dec. 5. Hours are 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Trussville Civic Center. For more information, call 205-655-3144 or email janealex@centurytel.net.

## Solid Rock Lutheran turkey, toy outreach Dec. 7

On Dec. 7, Solid Rock Lutheran Church will celebrate the fourth annual Food, Turkey and Toy outreach to the community. The doors will open at 8 a.m. and the distribution of food and toys will begin at 9 a.m. There will be toys for children ages 12 and under. In addition, there will be 125 boxes of food containing cans of corn, green beans, yams, peaches, a dozen eggs, milk, bread,

macaroni and cheese, stuffing and cake mix. Distribution also includes 125 turkeys along with the box of food. Everything is free and there are no reservations required. Solid Rock Lutheran is located at 1935 Highway 11 in Argo.

## Clay Christmas Parade Dec. 14

The Clay Christmas Parade will be Dec. 14 at 3 p.m. starting in front of Clay-Chalkville High School. A form to fill out to participate in the parade is available at www.clayalabama.org.

## Jazzercise at Trussville Civic Center

Jazzercise is Mondays at 5 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., and Saturdays at 9 a.m. at the Trussville Civic Center. For more information, contact Beth Gilbert at 205-966-9893.

## 'Singing Christmas Wreath' at Sulphur Springs Dec. 13-15

The Music Ministry of Sulphur Springs Baptist Church in Trussville invites you to see and hear the sights and sounds of Christmas as the Adult Choir and Drama presents the "Singing Christmas Wreath." This year's theme is "Changed by a Baby Boy." Presentations will be Dec. 13 at 7 p.m. and Dec. 15 at 4 p.m. The wreath stands 11 feet tall with 3,600 lights, 1,000 feet of garland with the 25-voice choir making up the heart of the wreath.

## Jazzercise Holiday Camp Dec. 14

A Junior Jazzercise Holiday Camp is Dec. 14 from 9 a.m. to noon at Miss Kelley's Dance Studio in Trussville for ages 5 to 9. The cost is \$40 per child. Register by calling Beth Gilbert at 205-966-9893.

## Candlelight Christmas Eve service in Clay

Mt. Calvary Presbyterian Church in Clay will have a Candlelight Christmas Eve Service on Tuesday, Dec. 24 at 5 p.m. For more information, visit www.mtcalvarypca.org or call 205-681-4119.

## 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.

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# Sarah Edwards now president of GSNCA board

by Gary Lloyd

Editor

Sarah Edwards is now the president of the Girl Scouts of North-Central Alabama Board of Directors.

Former president Dawn Stanley resigned last Monday. Edwards was named the president the next day.

"I want to thank Dawn for her service to Girl Scouts during this time of transition within our council," Edwards said in a prepared statement. "Any time there is a shift in organizational direction it is to be expected that some board members will voluntarily

transition off. This transition allows for new leaders to be recruited who have been identified with the experience and skills needed to successfully carry out some of the organizations new key strategies.

"Each of our previous board members brought invaluable expertise and a passion for Girl Scouts that positioned the organization for future growth, and we thank them. It is my goal as the new president, as it is with my fellow board members, to utilize my more than 40 years of experience in Girl Scouts to work in a collaborative spirit with our incredible girls, volunteers and com-

munity partners."

Edwards was instrumental in the development of Friends of Camp Coleman last year, a group whose mission is to preserve Camp Coleman and its outdoor opportunities in order to build girls of courage, confidence and character now and in the future.

News of Edwards' naming as president spread quickly last week, particularly among supporters of the Friends of Camp Coleman. A retired registered pharmacist, Edwards is a lifetime Girl Scouts member. She first attended Camp Coleman in Trussville in 1979. Edwards was president of a local Girl



file photo

Camp Coleman in Trussville

Scouts council in 1993, 14 years before several councils merged to form the Girl Scouts of North-Central Alabama.

Patricia K. Coghlan, who had served as chief executive officer of Girl Scouts

of North-Central Alabama for more than four years, resigned last month.

Camp Coleman was to be closed for good May 31 — part of the GSNCA's three-phase property plan approved in May 2012 — but instead was rested. The Girl Scouts of North-Central Alabama board of directors in June unanimously voted in favor of a resolution to reconsider the three-phase property plan. The resolution states that no GSNCA camp properties will be sold during the re-evaluation process pending the outcome of a new comprehensive strategic plan that will be developed for the organiza-

tion. This plan will include obtaining new input from the membership, outside experts and community partners.

Camp Coleman is the longest continuously operating Girl Scouts camp in the state, in use for 88 years. The camp consists of 34 wooden structures and outbuildings constructed between 1925 and 1994. The camp is situated on approximately 140 acres along the Cahaba River.

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# HT junior first runner-up in Miss Alabama Teen USA

For The Tribune

A Hewitt-Trussville High School junior earlier this month finished as the first runner-up in the Miss Alabama Teen USA Pageant in Montgomery.

Taylor Elliott finished first runner-up in a competition that included 54 other teenage contestants from around the state of Alabama.

The pageant included interview, evening gown and swimsuit competitions. Along with a \$40,000 scholarship to Lindenwood University, Elliott received other awards and prizes.



submitted photo

Taylor Elliott

# HT table tennis teams 3rd, T-1st in tournament

by Gary Lloyd

Editor

The Hewitt-Trussville High School Division A and Division B table tennis teams last week finished third and tied for first, respectively, in the 2013 Bumpnerts High School

Holiday Table Tennis Team Championships in Hoover.

The team in A Division posted a 2-2 record and finished in third place. The team in B Division posted a 3-1 mark and tied for first place.

Team members include Brandon Minyard, Carter Pharis, Alec Talley, Josiah

McCarty, Bradley Hufftutler and Tucker Brown.

The team is coached by Hewitt-Trussville varsity baseball coach Jeff Mauldin.

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# Clay Youth Basketball registration extended

by Gary Lloyd

Editor

Registration for Clay Youth Basketball has been extended.

Those wanting to participate can now register through Sunday.

The league is open to boys and girls ages 5 through 15.

Those wishing to register may do so Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. or Sunday from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Clay Community Center.

The registration fee can also be paid online at [www.clayalabama.org](http://www.clayalabama.org).

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For more information, call Clay City Hall at 205-680-1223.

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# Bake sale Saturday benefits 2 affected by cancer

by Gary Lloyd

Editor

A bake sale is scheduled for Saturday in Trussville that benefits two people affected by cancer.

Baking for the Battle

Against Cancer is scheduled for 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday at the Trussville Area Chamber of Commerce at 225 Parkway Drive.

The bake sale fundraiser benefits Laurie Echols and Tracy Rodman.

The bake sale is sponsored by the Trussville Huskies Junior 3 Cheerleaders.

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# Pinson man dies in Sunday crash

by Scott Buttram

Publisher

A 47-year-old Pinson man died in an early morning crash Sunday.

Clarence Williams Jr. died when his vehicle

left roadway at the 3100 block of Sweeney Hollow Road on Sunday. The vehicle struck a chain link fence and a utility pole before coming to rest on the driver's side, said Jefferson County Deputy Coroner Bill Yates.

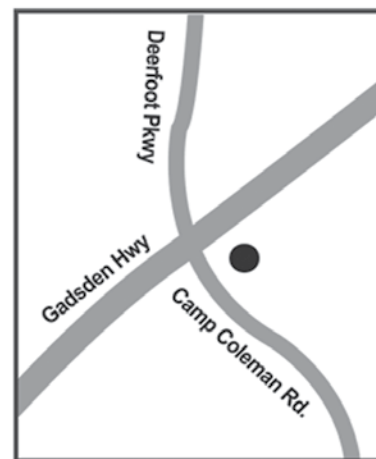
Williams was ejected from the vehicle, Yates said. Williams was discovered and pronounced dead at the scene.

The victim was driving a 1994 Nissan Altima at 2:20 a.m. Sunday when the crash occurred.

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