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Pinson could change highway name

by Lee Weyhrich

Staff Writer

The Pinson City Council on Thursday held a first reading of a plan to change the name of all portions of a highway that passes through the city in order to cut down on confusion.

Highway 75 currently changes names in the middle of Pinson from Center Point Road to Highway 75. It changes from Center

Point Parkway to Center Point Road between St. John Drive and Brumbeloe Drive, meaning that the same stretch of road, within city limits, has three names. Mayor Hoyt Sanders suggested changing the name of the road to Highway 75 to simplify matters. He has already been in discussion with the Alabama Department of Transportation, as well as Center Point Mayor Tom Henderson.

The farmers market may make a move closer to Highway 75 in

the future as well. The market, which is currently closed for the winter, has been taking place at the Pinson City Hall parking lot. A location change might not be the only change for the market. The council is considering hiring a farmers market coordinator. The position would be for a "paid volunteer" who could make as much as \$100 per week. City employees have been handling the market thus far. Sanders said a designated coordinator would be a welcomed

addition.

"The city staff here has done a great job with it, but they -- and we -- are not really farmers market coordinators," Sanders said.

Now that Pinson has closed on the Old Rock School property there are plans to move the market there to make it more accessible from the highway, as well as to make more room at Pinson City Hall. Farmers market vendors might not be the only group able to use the Old Rock School

property. Sanders said the city might entertain the possibility of renting out part of the old school to tenants. The property might be a good place for a church, as that was what it was most recently used for, Sanders said.

The school is not the only city-owned property that could possibly see potential renters. The council also recently closed on the old railroad hotel building on Spring Street. That property was most recently used as a law office.

Public forums set on Trussville property tax vote

by Gary Lloyd

Editor

Dates have been set for two public forums on the proposed seven-millage property tax increase that would fund two new elementary schools in Trussville.

The first will be Thursday, Jan. 30 at 5:30 p.m. at the Trussville Civic Center. The second public forum will be Tuesday, Feb. 18 at 5:30 p.m. at the Trussville Civic Center.

The city of Trussville won't hold any public hearings, Mayor Gene Melton said.



photo courtesy of Trussville City Schools

A rendering of what the elementary school in the Cahaba Project will look like, as seen from where Jack Wood Stadium currently stands

The vote of Trussville residents for or against the seven-millage property tax increase is Tuesday, Feb. 25.

Trussville City Schools Superintendent Pattie Neill said the benefits of two new elementary schools are eliminating all portable classrooms at the Paine Ele-

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RISKY INTERSECTION Clay wants traffic light at Clay-Palmerdale, Old Springville



photo by Gary Lloyd

The Clay-Palmerdale Road and Old Springville Road intersection in Clay

by Gary Lloyd

Editor

The city of Clay, since its first administration, has wanted a traffic signal at the intersection of Clay-Palmerdale Road and Old Springville Road.

City Manager Ronnie Dixon says one could be erected in a month, citing work with the Jefferson County Engineering Department and two drawn designs.

But there is one holdup. Roger's Quick Stop is located at the corner of this

intersection, and Dixon says Roger Roper, the owner of Double R Realty that owns the service station, has said no to the idea, which could bring a guardrail or curb along the backside of the building, possibly eliminating some parking spaces.

Dixon said a guardrail or curb would also prevent people from cutting through the Roger's Quick Stop parking lot, forcing motorists to obey the signal.

Dixon said Jefferson County's plan is "sound and makes sense." He said the traffic signal would be bet-

ter served to be erected with two cantilever poles instead of one.

"The city has taken a big lead in working with the county to finally get this traffic signal," Dixon said.

Dixon said Roper would have to sign a right of entry order so that the guardrail or curbing could be installed. If he doesn't sign, a judge would probably have to decide on the matter, Dixon said.

Roper said Tuesday that he's "all for" a traffic signal at the intersection, but that

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Judge asked to dismiss lawsuit over Trussville business incentives

by Gary Lloyd

Editor

Attorneys for the Trussville City Council and Downtown Redevelopment Authority are asking a Jefferson County judge to dismiss the two entities as defendants from a lawsuit filed over incentives used to bring new businesses to the city's former vacant Food World building.



file photo by Gary Lloyd

Fresh Value Marketplace opened in Trussville on Dec. 6.

The lawsuit, filed in October on behalf of Anytime Fitness owner Rick Plourde and Trussville resident George Glenn, alleges the two bodies "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."

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Clay discusses traffic cameras, public safety

by Lee Weyhrich

Staff Writer

The Clay City Council on Monday discussed the possibility of installing cameras at key intersections, such as Old Springville Road and Chalkville Mountain Road.

The cameras would not be used for catching speeders, but

rather for tracking suspicious vehicles used in crimes.

The city of Center Point in 2011 placed traffic cameras at several intersections after state legislation allowed it. In 2012 a lawsuit was filed over the cameras, claiming the ordinance initiating the enforcement process was invalid due to the procedure for appeal for issued tickets was unconstitutional. The use of the

cameras was suspended the same year after the lawsuit was filed.

The council continues to expand police service for Clay residents. The council discussed acquiring three lockout kits, one breathalyzer and an additional radar gun for officer use in three police cars the city recently acquired.

One Clay resident, Bruce Seward, who is the president of

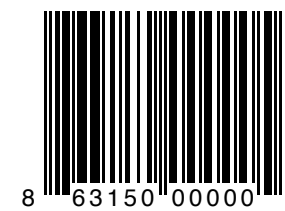
the Highland Trace Homeowners Association, addressed the council with a petition to install speed bumps in his neighborhood.

"On any given day, several vehicles can be seen driving at high rates of speed on Highland Trace Drive as well as Highland Trace Circle," Seward said. "This is in spite of our posted 20 mph speed limit sign."

Residents of more than 30

homes out of the 52 in the neighborhood have signed the petition. The neighborhood already has a sign warning drivers that a blind child is in the area, Seward said, but people continue to speed. Councilman Ricky Baker felt that the Public Safety Committee would likely approve the request for speed bumps at the next Public Safety Committee meeting.

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NEWS

Pinson annexes property for park entrance

by Lee Weyhrich

Staff Writer

The Pinson City Council on Thursday voted to annex property at Center Point Road and Oak Street North that already belongs to the city to be used for one of the new city park entrances.

The park is still in the planning stages and several changes are in discussion for the project. Some items from the original plan will likely be dropped and others added. One change involves public showers.

“We looked at our plan a little bit and feel it would be in our best interest to drop four showers, which will leave the two handicap showers and the family shower,” Mayor Hoyt Sanders said. “We could possibly relocate the diaper stations into those (now empty) units and add three concrete pads (outside); one at the splash pad and one at the playground.”

The pads would be converted into covered pavilions that could be rented for parties and other functions. Once the pads are installed, the pavilions could be installed later by volunteers as a civic project. The use of the pavilions has been inspired by the park in Springville.



file photo

This graphic shows the particulars of the park.

“Those pavilions (in Springville) are extremely popular, and actually they charge a fee for the use of them based on, I believe, two-hour windows,” Councilman Robbie Roberts said. “We got to looking at the cost of operation of the splash pad and discussed that with them.”

The installation of the pads would be relatively inexpensive and rental would offset the cost of maintaining the splash pad. Another system that the council is looking at to offset the operational cost of the splash pad involves charging a ticket fee for its use.

Other changes to the park design include additional outdoor power outlets that could be used during events, as well as conduit for a future video security system. Actual work could begin as early as this summer, Sanders said.

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Green Drive construction complete; now waiting on paving

by Gary Lloyd

Editor

Trussville Mayor Gene Melton said last week that construction on Green Drive is complete, except for paving.

Melton said paving should be completed within the next two weeks.

The Trussville City Council in September 2013 voted to award the bid for the culvert replacement and repairs to Green Drive to Bob Smith Construction for \$379,000.

The road has been closed since May 2013, when one of the culverts collapsed due to stormwater washing away soil beneath the road next to the culverts.

The city council approved Schoel Engineering doing



file photo by Ron Burkett

Green Drive in Trussville

the engineering for the Green Drive repair at a cost of \$30,600 last year.

Green Drive remains closed from Norrell Drive to Trussville-Clay Road. The closed road is a popular link from Chalkville Mountain Road to Trussville-Clay

Road, on which Hewitt-Trussville Middle School and the Trussville Civic Center are located.

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Superintendent to speak at Trussville luncheon

by Gary Lloyd

Editor

Trussville City Schools Superintendent Pattie Neill will be the featured speaker at the Jan. 16 Trussville Area Chamber of Commerce luncheon.

The luncheon is scheduled to begin at 11:30 a.m. at the Trussville Civic Center.

Reservations are \$17 and are needed by noon on Tuesday, Jan. 14.

Neill will likely discuss the plans for two new elementary schools and the Feb. 25 vote of Trussville residents for or against a seven-millage property tax increase that would fund them.

A seven-millage increase equates to \$70 per year extra on homes appraised at \$100,000, \$140 extra per year on homes appraised at \$200,000 and \$210 extra per year on homes appraised at \$300,000.

Neill has been Trussville's schools superintendent since July 30, 2012.

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Trussville City Schools Superintendent Pattie Neill

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Alabama firearm background checks up in 2013

by Gary Lloyd

Editor

National Instant Criminal Background Check System checks in the state of Alabama were up in 2013, according to FBI statistics.

From Jan. 1, 2013, through November 2013, 486,506 background checks were performed on Alabama citizens looking to purchase firearms from federally licensed dealers. For all of 2012, that number was 431,356. In 2011, 336,102 background checks were performed on

Alabama citizens and there were 308,607 in 2010.

In 2009, 317,868 background checks were performed against Alabamians, and in 2008 there were 299,432. The number was 245,355 in 2007, 243,176 in 2006 and in 2005 there were 235,873 background checks. In 2004 there were 229,997 background checks in Alabama and in 2003 there were 225,479.

For the first 11 months of 2013, only 13 states -- California, Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Minnesota, Missouri,

North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Texas and Washington -- had more citizens checked than Alabama.

The population in Alabama is more than 4,800,000, meaning that a background check was performed on one in almost every 10 Alabamian in the first 11 months of 2013.

The statistics from the FBI represent the number of firearm background checks initiated through the NICS. They do not represent the number of firearms sold. Based on varying state laws and purchase scenarios,

a one-to-one correlation cannot be made between a firearm background check and a firearm sale.

A new Alabama gun law took effect Aug. 1, 2013, clarifying the ability of people without a permit to carry a pistol openly in public unless there is signage indicating otherwise, to store a pistol in their vehicle at work under certain conditions regardless of objections from an employer and to transport a pistol in their

vehicle without a permit if it is unloaded and out of reach of the vehicle's occupants.

The law also requires a sheriff to approve a pistol permit within 30 days or justify why not. According to the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office, the sheriff may deny a permit application if a determination has been made that the person is prohibited from the possession of a pistol or firearm pursuant to state or federal law, or has

a reasonable suspicion that the person may use a weapon unlawfully or in such other manner that would endanger the person or others. Applicants denied a pistol license have 30 days to file an appeal with the District Court of Jefferson County.

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LAWSUIT continued from page 1

In a filing last Tuesday on behalf of the Downtown Redevelopment Authority, attorneys argue that the claims made in the lawsuit were settled in 2011 when a court ruling allowed the city of Trussville to purchase the Village in Trussville shopping center. The attorneys further argue that Downtown Redevelopment Authority members are protected from civil liability by state law because they serve as volunteers.

The filing states that the authority has "the power and discretion to purchase and/or to lease" the property.

Glenn said at an August city council meeting that there was "so much illegal in this." Councilman Brian Plant responded to Glenn at the meeting, saying he had "every confidence in

the world" in the city's and authority's attorneys. At that meeting, the city council approved incentives and leases for Fresh Value Marketplace and 24e Fitness to occupy the former Food World.

As part of the approval, the city spent \$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 grocery store, which

amounts to \$800,000 over a four-year period. The rent for 24e Fitness will not begin until Aug. 1, but the business will receive no tax abatement.

Fresh Value Marketplace opened in the former Food World on Dec. 6. 24e Fitness plans to open later this month.

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Adamsville man nabbed in burglary north of Pinson

by Gary Lloyd

Editor

A 45-year-old Adamsville man was in Jefferson County Jail on Friday after a burglary that occurred just north of Pinson in unincorporated Jefferson County.

Timothy Bryan Campbell is charged with second-degree

burglary, third-degree burglary, third-degree theft of property, second-degree criminal mischief, resisting arrest, attempting to elude and possession of burglary tools, according to the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office. Campbell's bonds total \$85,000.

Sgt. Jack Self said that while in the area, deputies received a call reporting two vehicles broken

into in the 4300 block of Patty Lane. The complainants went out Friday morning and found their cars had been broken into, he said.

Self said two deputies were investigating the vehicles when two girls, ages approximately 9 and 14, ran toward them in their pajamas. Self said the girls were "distracted" and told deputies that someone was trying to break into

their house in the 8200 block of Tennessee Pike Road. Deputies went to the address and found the front door open, Self said.

While clearing the house deputies found Campbell inside. He appeared to be going through the house looking for food or other items to steal, Self said. The girls said that the suspect came to the house and knocked on the

front door. When they did not answer, he went to the side of the house and attempted to break the window out, Self said. The girls ran out the front door and found the deputies nearby.

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Online car tag pre-commitment system now live

by Gary Lloyd

Editor

Vehicle owners wishing to pre-order one of the currently-approved new specialty license plate designs can now do so.

Beginning last week, the

Alabama Department of Revenue started accepting pre-commitments for new distinctive license plate categories, approved by the Legislative Oversight Committee on License Plates.

Pre-commitment purchases will now be

handled online," said State Revenue Commissioner Julie P. Magee. "No longer will owners, who want to support an organization's efforts to acquire the necessary number of pre-sale license plate commitments before the organization's license

plate can be manufactured, have to visit their county licensing plate issuing officials' offices to do so. Vehicle owners will now be able to use their computers to purchase the license plate pre-commitments at their convenience — on any day of the week and at any time."

Here is how the license plate pre-commitment process works: An organization submits a proposed license plate design to the Legislative

Oversight Committee on License Plates for review and approval. The design submitted determines the "quantity class" of the license plate design. A Class 1 design license plate requires at least 250 pre-sale commitments over a one-year period. A Class 2 design license plate requires at least 1,000 pre-sale commitments over a one-year period. Once the required number of pre-sale commitments is reached for the particular

license plate design, either 250 or 1,000, the license plate is manufactured and available for issuance.

Starting Jan. 1, the process moved from county license plate issuing offices to an online electronic process.

The online system is available at <https://precommit.mvtrip.alabama.gov>. For more information, visit <http://revenue.alabama.gov/motorvehicle/>.

College panel discussion at HTHS tonight

by Gary Lloyd

Editor

Hewitt-Trussville High School will host a panel of college experts to answer questions from parents and students regarding college applications and admissions, as well as financial aid, tonight.

The discussion will last from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the school's auditorium.

Colleges that plan on attending the discussion include Auburn University, the University of Alabama, Birmingham Southern College, Jefferson State Community College, Samford University, Shelton State Community College and UAB.

The focus group for the discussion will be for students in the ninth through 12th



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The Hewitt-Trussville High School auditorium

grades, as well as their parents.

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Business briefs:

by Gary Lloyd
Editor

Tortugas opens, pharmacy name change, Clay ACE opens

Two Trussville businesses held ribbon cuttings this week.

Tortugas Cafe opened for business Thursday in the Trussville Plaza Shopping Center on U.S. Highway 11.

Owners Paul and Dawn Gagliano also have a Tortugas Cafe in Meadowbrook in the U.S. 280 corridor. The business features Chicago style pizza, thin crust pizza and other Italian entrees.

A ribbon cutting was also held Wednes-

day at Carroll Pharmacy, formerly Trussville Total Care Pharmacy, at 115 N. Chalkville Road in Trussville. The business has a new logo and name, but the owners are the same.

In other business news, an ACE Hardware has opened in the left side of the Piggly Wiggly on Deerfoot Parkway in Clay. ACE Hardware carries Stihl and Craftsman products. A sign on the building says that Piggly Wiggly and ACE Hardware are "Better Together."

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LIFESTYLE

St. Vincent's East names new president, COO

by Gary Lloyd

Editor

Michael Korpiel has been named the president and chief operating officer of St. Vincent's East.

Korpiel brings more than 20 years of health care operations experience, including serving most recently as chief operating officer of the University of Mississippi Hospitals and Health Systems in Jackson, Miss. In addition, he has served as the chief operations officer of Methodist Hospitals of Dallas, as well as director

of physical medicine rehabilitation, vice president of surgical services and senior vice president of Parkland Health and Hospital System in Dallas.

"Michael's diverse experience in a large health system, a faith-based hospital system and an academic health system uniquely equips him to bring great value and knowledge to our patients and the surrounding community," said Vicki Briggs, executive vice president and COO for St. Vincent's Health System. "He's a great asset to our organization, and we're excited to have him lead our St. Vincent's East hospital."

Korpiel holds a bachelor of science degree in health education from Slippery Rock University in Pennsylvania, a master of science degree in health care administration from Texas Woman's University, and is currently a student in the Doctorate of Healthcare Administration Program at the University of Mississippi in Oxford, Miss.

St. Vincent's Health System is comprised of St. Vincent's Birmingham, St. Vincent's East, St. Vincent's Blount, St. Vincent's St. Clair, and the St. Vincent's Ambulatory Healthcare Network, which includes St. Vincent's One Nineteen and a network of additional services and entities.



photo courtesy of St. Vincent's Health System

Michael Korpiel

Paine Primary names 2013 Furry Friends Club members



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Paine Primary School's Furry Friends Club members for 2013

For The Tribune

Paine Primary School has named its Furry Friends Club members for 2013.

These students were nominated for displaying good character and for being helpful to others, being a good friend, demonstrating acts of kindness to peers and standing up for a friend.

The students are Caleb

Bugaj, Jake Butler, Nathan Angeles, Bragan Long, Ella Kate Clark, Brynlea Franklin, Cooper Huffman, Mason Parlier, Reagan Hill, Molly Brown, Antonio Delgado, Jason Tan, Colby Durden, Keelani Waldrop, Jalyn Patterson, Stephen Andrews, Solveig Surgden, Jack Woodward, Luke Perkins, Ava Nafziger, Anna Grace Owen, Callie Ann Armstrong, Brody

Robbins, Tristan Nelson, Logan Commire, Noah Clark, Mason McIntyre, Thomas Pair, Victoria Romero, Riley Edwards, Riggs McLeod, Evan Bates, Audrey Daniel, Lola Murphy, Kate Harrington, Cole Allen, Andrew Barksdale, Avery Burke, Eli Nelson, Anna Boutwell, Riggs Dunn, Jackson Karcher, Sara Beth Slaughter and Drennan Jones.

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Center Point Fire answers more than 7,000 calls in 2013



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Center Point Fire Station No. 2 on Pinson Valley Parkway

by Gary Lloyd

Editor

The Center Point Fire District received 7,108 calls in 2013, it announced last week.

This was the third year in

a row that the fire district answered more than 7,000 calls in a year.

The Center Point Fire District serves about 65,000 residents in a 70-mile radius, including in Clay, Pinson, Center Point and surrounding areas.

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JeffCo Distinguished Young Women program open

by Gary Lloyd

Editor

The Distinguished Young Women Program of Jefferson County is accepting applications from high school girls graduating in 2015 and residing in Jefferson County.

The deadline for receiving applications is March 10.

The program, formerly Jefferson County's Junior Miss, is July 18-19 at Samford University. Interested girls may visit www.DistinguishedYW.org and click on the icon "Participate" to receive an application or they may contact Chairman Eddie Macksoud at jefferson@distinguishedYW.org or 205-907-0210.

There is no entry fee. Participants compete in the categories of fitness, self expression, interview, scholastics and talent. More than \$13,000 in cash-tuition scholarships was awarded and more than \$489,000 in college-granted scholarships last year. Any participant in the program may qualify for a full tuition, room and board scholarship with a qualifying grade point average and test score.

The Jefferson County representative will advance to the Distinguished Young Women Program of Alabama in Montgomery, where she will compete for more than \$40,000 in cash-tuition scholarships and more than \$1 million in college granted scholarships.

All state winners will travel to Mobile to participate in personal development activities and community service projects before competing for the opportunity to become the Distinguished Young Woman of America for 2015 and for a share of more than \$125,000 in cash scholarships.

Distinguished Young Women is a scholarship program that inspires high school girls to develop their full, individual potential through a fun, transformative experience that culminates in a celebratory showcase of their accomplishments.

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Mental training instructor encourages Trussville coaches, teachers

by Gary Lloyd

Editor

Joshua Medcalf gave the coaches and teachers two minutes to write their own obituaries, to scribble down bits of information they'd like to be remembered for.

There was a football coach who has 150 career wins, a longtime basketball coach with numerous accolades, a baseball coach who has led teams to four state championship appearances. There were

teachers with master's degrees, with track records of leading kids to As and Bs.

Medcalf bet that none of them wrote down personal accolades, championships won or test scores raised. He bet they wrote about relationships, about personal characteristics.

Medcalf, a consultant and mentor to coaches and athletes who spoke to Trussville City Schools coaches and teachers last Thursday, said he's never seen a coach ink the paper with title games or career wins, never witnessed a

teacher boast about improving students' grades.

Medcalf's focus isn't about the goal, the final destination, but the journey, the process.

"Make sure you know what your mission is," Medcalf said. "Follow your mission. Stick to your mission."

Medcalf, the director of mental training for UCLA women's basketball and Oregon women's golf, encouraged the coaches and teachers to love people, serve people and provide value. He said expend-



photo courtesy of Hewitt-Trussville Athletics

Joshua Medcalf speaks to Hewitt-Trussville athletes last week.

ing energy on the process -- something leaders can control -- as opposed to final goals -- something uncontrollable -- is the most beneficial performance method.

"Winning and results are going to take care of themselves," he said.

Medcalf spoke about encouraging a growth mindset instead of a fixed mindset, about kids' leaders needing to live out the principles they are trying to teach. He said coaches and teachers should respond to

players and students in a manner that they want the kids to respond.

"Authenticity is inspiring," he said.

Medcalf, who lives in Los Angeles, said he is "optimistically delusional," that encouraging people with specific and sincere compliments can change the entire trajectory of people's lives. He suggested the coaches and teachers read five books: "Mindset" by Carol Dweck, "How Children Succeed" by Paul Tough,

"Real Talk for Real Teachers" by Rafe Esquith, "In a Pit with a Lion on a Snowy Day" by Mark Batterson and "Wooden on Leadership" by John Wooden.

"Words hold our world together," said Medcalf, who is working on a book titled "Burn Your Goals" with friend Jamie Gilbert. "I think goals just get in our way a lot."

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Camp Coleman opens on 'limited use' basis Jan. 15

by Gary Lloyd

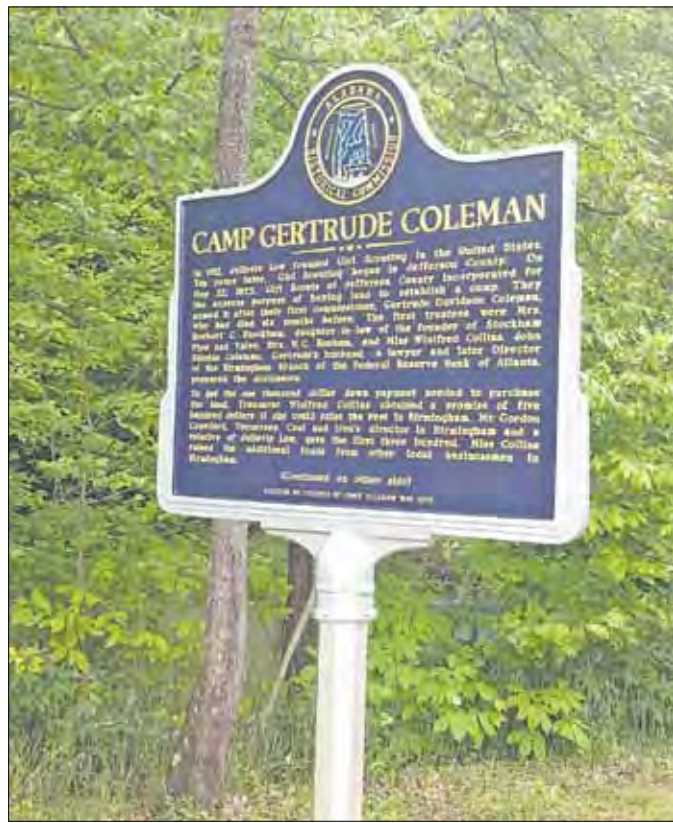
Editor

Camp Gertrude Coleman in Trussville will be available for use on a "limited use" basis for Girl Scouts troop camping beginning Jan. 15.

The Girl Scouts of North-Central Alabama Board of Directors on Nov. 20 unanimously approved a resolution to allow the closed and rested camps to be re-opened on a limited use basis.

Girl Scouts of North-Central Alabama Community Partnership Chief Russell Jackson said he wasn't aware of any plans set for Jan. 15 at Camp Coleman. Jackson said that Jan. 15 is the first day that troops can start making reservations.

The Girl Scouts camps will remain open pending the outcome of the re-evaluation and strategic planning process. The camps included are Camp Coleman in Trussville, Camp Anderel in Florence,



file photo by Gary Lloyd

The historical marker at Camp Coleman in Trussville

ing the outcome of the re-evaluation and strategic planning process. The camps included are Camp Coleman in Trussville, Camp Anderel in Florence,

Camp Tombigbee in west Alabama and Camp Trico in Guntersville.

"Since the three-phase property plan was approved, we've had a number of members step forward with creative ideas and solutions that will allow the camps to re-open on a limited use basis," Board of Directors President Sarah Edwards said in November. "The board of directors is ultimately responsible for the fiduciary management of the organization and therefore we recognize the importance of ensuring that the re-opening of the camps is done so with a great deal of thought."

"Limited use" means that no staff, instructors or services will be provided and that troops will be responsible for bringing their own equipment and supplies.

"Opening the camps on a limited use basis provides us with an opportunity to see if this particular model is feasible and more importantly, sustainable," Edwards said. "We just recently began the process of conducting a comprehensive strategic plan for the organization, so this test run will help us in that process."

The Board of Directors in May 2013 approved an amendment to its three-phase property plan, which rested Camp Coleman instead of closing it permanently. At the May 9, 2012, Girl Scouts of North-Central Alabama Board of Directors meeting, a 13-4 board vote approved of divesting the Camp Coleman property as part of Phase 2 of the group's property plan.

Camp Coleman in June 2012 was favorably re-

viewed and listed on the Alabama Register of Landmarks and Heritage by the Alabama Historical Commission. A historical marker was unveiled near the bridge at the camp's entrance in early 2013. The marker was dedicated in remembrance of all the "courageous women who established this site and those who sustained it over the years so that girls could enjoy the benefits of camping envisioned by (Girl Scouts founder) Juliette Low," according to the marker.

Camp Coleman, in continuous use for nearly 89 years, consists of 34 wooden structures and outbuildings constructed between 1925 and 1994.

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Clay youth baseball, softball registration begins this month

by Gary Lloyd

Editor

Youth baseball and softball registration in Clay begins this month.

Registration dates are Jan. 18-19, Jan. 25-26, and every Saturday and Sunday in February from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. at Clay City Hall at 2441 Old Springville Road.

Registration is open for children ages 3 to 14.

The fee is \$165. There is a \$20 discount per additional player.

Coaches are needed for the upcoming season, and an application is required to be filled out.



file photo by Gary Lloyd

Clay City Hall

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

HTMS announces December teacher of month

For The Tribune

Hewitt-Trussville Middle School has announced its Teacher of the Month for December.

Exceptional education teacher Ginger Eaves won the award.

Eaves won the HTMS Awesome Silver Teacher of the Month Pumpkin, a \$25 gift card of choice, a \$25 gift card to Cracker Barrel, 10 percent off from Lone Star Steakhouse in Trussville, \$5 off from Applebee's in Trussville and a red Hewitt-Trussville long-sleeve shirt.



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Ginger Eaves, left, with Principal Lisa Berry

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Burglary reported in Pinson subdivision Saturday

by Gary Lloyd

Editor

One burglary was reported in a Pinson subdivision Saturday, according to the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office.

Christian said a burglary was reported in the 5200 block of Carriage Drive between 1:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. on Jan. 4.

The victim came home to find the back door kicked in, Christian said. No items were reported stolen, he said.

Christian said there are no suspects at this time.

If you have information, call the sheriff's office at 205-325-1450.

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it could be done in a more "up-to-date" way. He hasn't seen drawings, he said, and he's only been contacted by phone about deeding some of the Roger's Quick Stop property.

"I think they could update the drawings and put a more modern type traffic light here, from what they tell me they're going with," Roper said.

Roper said he wants an "up-to-date signal" at the intersection and for it to hopefully be done without acquiring any right-of-way property from him.

"It's something they've been talking about for 10, 15 years," said Roper, whose business has been located at the intersection since 1983.

Jefferson County Sheriff's Office Chief Deputy Randy Christian said that nine traffic accidents were reported at the intersection of Clay-Palmerdale Road and Old Springville Road in 2013.

"I don't know how that compares to other intersections, but I do know that any intersection, especially



photo by Gary Lloyd

This sign is at the corner of Clay-Palmerdale Road and Old Springville Road in Clay.

one that is a high traffic area is dangerous if there is the least bit of inattention by a driver at or approaching the intersection," Christian said. "Generally, we can all get home safely if every driver involved pays attention to the road and strictly obeys the traffic signals and rules of the road. They are in place to keep us safe. Just the least bit of inattention can lead to an accident in the blink of an eye, most especially in highly traveled areas such as Old Spring-

ville at Clay-Palmerdale."

Christian advised motorists to be defensive drivers 100 percent of their time behind the wheel.

"Try to anticipate what the other driver may do that isn't paying attention," he said. "That can go a long way in not becoming an accident victim of someone else being careless."

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mentary Campus, improving school safety with Federal Emergency Management Agency-approved community tornado shelters, improving the quality of education with smaller class sizes and improving property values.

Seven additional mills in property taxes would cost Trussville residents \$70 per year on homes appraised at \$100,000, \$140 per year on homes appraised at \$200,000 and \$210 per year on homes appraised at \$300,000.

The seven mills would be used for new construction, renovation, additions and operations of Trussville City Schools for 25 years. The plan is to renovate the city's original high school in the Cahaba Project and to build a new school near the Magnolia Place subdivision.

"We can't hold overcrowding at Paine any longer," Neill said last month. "This particular solution gives us room for growth for many years."

Neill said that despite spreading students across three elementary campuses, the Paine campus will not lack students. Projected city growth, notably in the new Stockton subdivision, will prevent Paine from lacking students.

Board President Bill Roberts said it should be stressed to city residents that two new schools will improve traffic con-



photo courtesy of Trussville City Schools

A rendering of the elementary school that will be built in the Magnolia Place area

gestion in downtown Trussville and other areas.

Melton mailed about 8,200 letters to Trussville residents last month, and one question asked if a property tax increase would be supported. Of the 1,102 responses to that question, 603 were in favor of the increase, while 456 opposed.

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 Drive school property to relieve overcrowding at Paine Primary and Intermediate schools.

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Coldest temps in years earlier this week

by Gary Lloyd

Editor

Most cities in the state of Alabama experienced their lowest temperatures ever Tuesday.

The official record for Birmingham on Jan. 7 was 7 degrees, according to ABC 33/40 Chief Meteorologist James Spann. Tuesday was the coldest

morning in Birmingham since Feb. 5, 1996, according to Spann.

According to daybreak temperatures from Spann's team of skywatchers Tuesday, the temperature in Pinson was 3 degrees and 6 degrees in Trussville.

The cold temperatures caused about 27,000 outages in the state Tuesday morning. Of that number, about 2,700 of them were

in metro Birmingham.

On Thursday and Friday, the area is expected to be in the 50-degree range. This weekend, rain should move into Alabama after midnight Friday. Saturday's temperature could be in the 60s.

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CALENDAR

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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.

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.

Online safety meeting at Chalkville Elementary

An online safety meeting will be held Tuesday, Jan. 14 at Chalkville Elementary School. The meeting will be at 8:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. The Jefferson County Sheriff's Office will provide ways parents and teachers can monitor and restrict children's access to websites and apps. Participants will receive written instructions on blocking and monitoring to protect and keep families safe on the Internet.

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.

Square dancing Jan. 20, Jan. 27

A free introduction to square dancing class will be Jan. 20 and Jan. 27 from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Friendship Hall in Fultondale. For more information, contact Dan Bailey at 965-8572 or Rilla Mewbourn at 680-4711.

Trussville property tax vote Feb. 25

A special property tax election in Trussville will be Feb. 25, 2014, for the purpose of two new elementary schools. Voting places will be Trussville City Hall and First Baptist Church of Trussville. Polls will be open that day from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Seven additional mills in property taxes would cost Trussville residents \$70 per year on homes appraised at \$100,000, \$140 per year on homes appraised at \$200,000 and \$210 per year on homes appraised at \$300,000.

First Trussville City Council meetings of 2014

The Trussville City Council's January meetings will be Jan. 14 and Jan. 28 at Trussville City Hall. Both meetings are at 6 p.m.

Trussville school board meeting Jan. 21

The Trussville City Board of Education will hold its first meeting of 2014 on Jan. 21 at 6 p.m. at the Trussville City Schools Central Office on North Chalkville Road. A public work session begins at 4:30 p.m.

Literary reading session at Trussville library Jan. 12

The Friends of the Trussville Public Library will host its next literary reading session, "In Our Own Words," Jan. 12,

2014, from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. In most cases, writers must read their own works, although surrogates may be used if approved by Friends. At least six writers must register in order for the program to be held. Estimated reading time for the family-friendly material, including introductions, should be less than eight minutes. To reserve a spot, call Mary Lynne Robbins at 205-655-7694.

Trussville Public Library Storytime Jan. 9

The Trussville Public Library has outgrown its regular 10 a.m. Storytime on Thursday mornings. Starting Jan. 9, 2014, Storytime will change. The Trussville Public Library will have two presentations of the same Storytime. There will be one at 9:30 a.m. and a repeat presentation at 10:30 a.m.

Reading book club meeting in Clay Jan. 21

Join the Clay Public Library's popular reading book club, which meets on the third Tuesdays of most months. Our January selection is "The Astronaut Wives Club" by Lily Koppel. The meeting will be Jan. 21 at 6 p.m. at the library at 7257 Old Springville Road in Clay. Please register if you would like to attend. Call 205-680-3812 for more information.

'The Night Sky' storytime at Pinson library Feb. 21

Join Ms. Allison for "The Night Sky" storytime on Feb. 21 at 10 a.m. at the Pinson Public Library. Hear songs, stories and enjoy a snack. The library is located at 4410 Main St. in Pinson.

Springville dance Feb. 1

The Traylor 8-piece band will play Feb. 1 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at The Shack Burgers & BBQ at 5393 Highway 11 in Springville. For more information, visit www.bandmix.com/traylor8-pieceband or

call 205-467-0770.

Emergency response trainings in Trussville

The first community emergency response team module in Trussville will be Jan. 9 at the Trussville Civic Center. Sponsored by the city of Trussville, the module will focus on disaster preparedness and last from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Other modules each week after that focus on fire safety and utility controls (Jan. 16), disaster medical operations (two parts Jan. 23 and Jan. 30), light search and rescue operations (Feb. 6), CERT organization (Feb. 20), disaster psychology (Feb. 27), terrorism and CERT operations (March 6) and graduation (March 13). All modules must be completed to graduate. For more information, email John Griscom at jgriscom@charter.net.

Clay City Council meeting Jan. 21

The Clay City Council will meet Tuesday, Jan. 21 in its second meeting of 2014. The meeting was moved from Monday, Jan. 20 to Tuesday, Jan. 21 due to Martin Luther King Jr. Day. The meeting is at 6:30 p.m. at Clay City Hall, located at 2441 Old Springville Road in Clay.

First board meetings in Clay of 2014

The Clay Planning and Zoning Commission will meet Jan. 16. The city's Board of Zoning Adjustments and Parks and Recreation Board meet Jan. 13. The Clay Public Safety Committee will meet Jan. 27, the School Committee meets Jan. 23 and the Library Board meets Jan. 28. For more information, call Clay City Hall at 205-680-1223 or visit www.clayalabama.org.

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OPINION

Developing, sticking to your personal wellness plan

It's that time of year again, time for New Year's resolutions.

If you're like many Americans, it's around the middle of January, and you've already fallen short of your goals. You started out with good intentions, but the goals seemed so lofty, so impossible, you were unable to follow through. If that is you, I have good news. You can succeed in the goal of improving your health and lifestyle if you center your goals around

wellness. What is wellness, and what does it look like for you? My personal definition is this: Wellness is when the body is working and functioning at a high optimal level, just as God designed.

That sounds great, but how do you get there? The first thing you must realize is that wellness doesn't just happen, it must be achieved. If you want to achieve it, you must plan out and follow through with a wellness plan. This goes beyond interest. This



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requires commitment. You must not only set goals but must also follow through, even when times get tough. When times get tough, you have to re-

member to weigh the consequences of not following through with goals.

This week, I want you to start formulating your wellness goals. What would you like to achieve in 2014 that will carry on throughout the rest of your life? What would make a difference in your life and in the lives of those you love? Would you like to spend more time with God and develop a deeper connection? Eat healthier foods to fuel your body? Exercise? Get your spine

adjusted? Spend more time with family and friends?

As you begin to develop your goals, I want you to keep something in mind. Think of your life as a bank account. As you deposit good things into your body, your personal account rises positively. This positive health account is something that can prove to be very beneficial if negative health does come your way. If you do get sick or a disease, you are much better

off because you have been making deposits into your health account, and your body has a surplus to draw from.

You can go into more detail about formulating a specific wellness plan. This week, though, get started by looking at your life and deciding which areas need to see improvement. As you do this, remember that with each step toward wellness, you are filling up your personal wellness savings account. Let's build ours together.

Christmas offers lessons for church

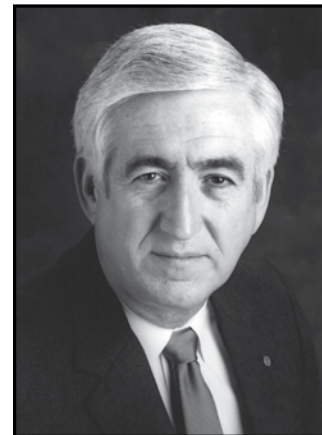
“God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life” (John 3:16).

Now that Christmas is over and all the hustle and bustle that goes with it, we need to think about the lessons that Christmas

teaches.

The first lesson teaches us about God and his love. A father took his young son to the top of a mountain one day, and they talked about God and his love. The father looked north and said, “God’s love extends as far as we can go that way.” Then he turned east, south and west, each

time saying, “God’s love extends as far as we can go that way.” There was quietness for a moment or so as the boy thought about what his father had said. Then his face lit up, and he blurted out, “Oh, Dad, we are right in the middle of it!” No matter who we are, or what we have done, we are all right in the middle



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of God’s love.

Christmas offers several lessons for the church. If

God couldn't win people by staying home, neither can we. We are like life-guards; we must get into the water to save people. Once among the people, the best way to win them is not to judge, condemn or criticize them, but simply love them.

Christmas offers a lesson for those who don't know God at all. Jesus came to seek and to save those who are lost. That includes the vilest among us, and the most moral

and ethical, who have simply never come to know him. Salvation is personal and relational. If we seek Christ, we will find him, because he is seeking us.

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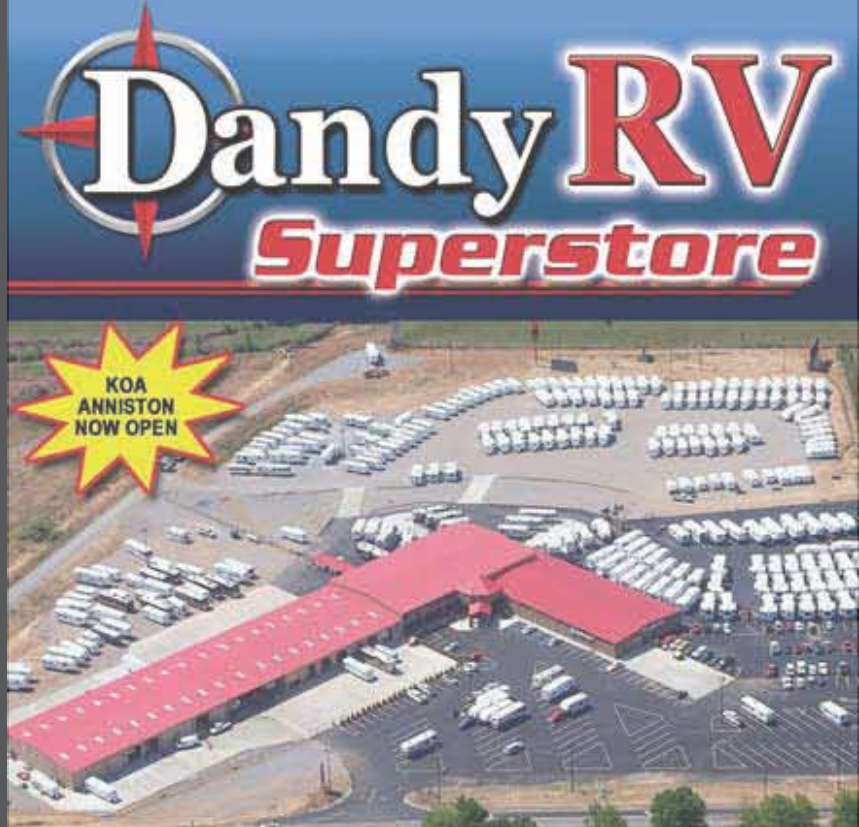
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