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## House District 44 candidates answer 16 questions at forum

by Gary Lloyd

Editor

The three Republican candidates for the vacant House of Representatives District 44 seat answered 16 questions about present issues in the state and country at the Trussville Civic Center last week.

John Amari, Joe Freeman, and Danny Garrett, all from Truss-



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John Amari



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Joe Freeman



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Danny Garrett

ville, answered questions about limited home rule, wasteful spending at the state level, restrictions on the job market, lobbyists, Common Core Standards, Medicaid expansion, the Second Amendment, education funding, prison overcrowding, custodial rights, term limits for politicians, and why they want to run for the seat.

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## Matt Pitt set for Palm Sunday release

Family asks for 'few weeks of privacy,' attorney says

by Gary Lloyd

Editor

Youth evangelist and The Basement founder Matt Pitt is scheduled to be released from Shelby County Jail on Palm Sunday.



photo courtesy of the Shelby County Sheriff's Office

Matt Pitt

Shelby County Circuit Court Clerk Mary Harris said Palm Sunday, April 13, is the date calculated by the Shelby County Sheriff's Office.

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## Woman charged in 'heinous' murder of Pinson woman

by Gary Lloyd

Editor

A 25-year-old Birmingham woman has been charged with capital murder and robbery in the Friday killing of a Pinson woman in northern Birmingham.

Bianca Holman is in Jefferson County Jail with no bond on the murder charge and a \$150,000 bond on the robbery charge in the shooting death of 63-year-old beauty salon owner Chay ya Anders, of Pinson.

The Birmingham Police Department reported that Anders was found dead inside Ebony Beauty Supply in the 2900 block of 27th Street North on Saturday around 10:30 a.m. Customers notified police after arriving for their scheduled appointments, only to find the doors locked and Anders' vehicle parked out front. The vehicle appeared to have stayed the night in the same spot. After forced entry, the Birmingham Fire and Rescue Service pronounced Anders dead on the scene.



photo courtesy of the Birmingham Police Department

Bianca Holman

Detectives believe Holman robbed the business and shot Anders. Detectives were able to connect the suspect to a robbery that occurred the day before at Jack's Food Store. Holman was identified by a witness as the person who robbed the store that Friday

afternoon. Detectives also learned from a witness that the suspect who matched the description in the earlier robbery was at the scene of the homicide Saturday.

"This was an extremely

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## Pinson tables discussing rezoning of land for Kellogg's warehouse

by Lee Weyhrich

Staff Writer

Tony the Tiger might not be welcome in Pinson, at least without some restrictions.

The Pinson City Council voted last Thursday to table a discussion regarding the rezoning of property to allow a Kellogg's brand distributorship warehouse.

The property, located at 7068 Highway 75, is owned by Jason Stidham, who currently has a warehouse elsewhere for the cereal giant. Stidham bought the property in order to build a much larger facility.

Stidham's contractor, Chase Harrison, spoke to the city council about the proposed facility. The company currently employs around six people, and Harrison believes an additional six



photo by Gary Lloyd

A Pinson historical marker

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## Trussville man one of two charged in Center Point burglary

by Erik Harris

For The Tribune

A Trussville man is one of two people charged in a burglary that occurred Saturday morning.

Taylor Payton Kling, 31, of Trussville and Jamie Bruce Crawford, 45, of Center Point have been charged with burglary after being caught in

the act Saturday in the 1900 block of Spring Lake Court near Center Point.

A witness spotted the two men climbing onto the victim's roof in order to gain access to a window. This happened in broad daylight, according to the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office.

The witness alerted police of a burglary in progress and Jefferson County sheriff's

deputies were waiting on the alleged bandits when they crawled out the same window they used to gain entry.

After climbing down from the roof, Kling and Crawford were taken into custody and charged with third-degree burglary and possession of burglary tools. Both men were found with women's jewelry and stolen cell phones on their person.



photo courtesy of the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office

Taylor Payton Kling

## Trussville woman dies in Monday crash

by Erik Harris

For The Tribune

A 21-year-old Trussville woman died in a single-vehicle accident in Trussville on Monday.

Beatrice Crystal Mirelez was found dead in a vehicle down an embankment

on County Road 10 between Smith Sims Road and the Cahaba Cove subdivision around 8:45 a.m. Monday, Trussville Police Department Lt. Jeff Bridges said.

Police believe Mirelez lost control of the vehicle around a

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# NEWS

## Ham fundraiser aims to help send HTHS Culinary team to national competition

by Gary Lloyd

Editor

The Hewitt-Trussville High School Hospitality and Culinary Arts Academy is holding a honey-baked ham fundraiser to help send the culinary team to a national competition.

The deadline for ordering a ham is Wednesday, April 16. Hams will be available for pick-

up at Hewitt-Trussville High School on Friday, April 18.

A 3.5-pound boneless ham that serves up to eight people is \$33. An eight-pound boneless ham is \$62 and a 10-pound boneless ham is \$76. A roast turkey breast that serves six to eight people is \$25, as is a smoked turkey breast.

The culinary team, which consists of Deja Rae Stoddard, Kyle Walker, and Matt Phillips, won the ProStart Invitational at Cul-



submitted photo

Kyle Walker, Matt Phillips and Deja Rae Stoddard

nard in Birmingham earlier this year. The head of the team is Chef Laura Rinsky.

The team will represent the state of Alabama against 47 other teams in the National ProStart Culinary Competition in Minneapolis, Minn., on May 5. This is the first time the state of Alabama will be represented in the national competition. A percentage of the proceeds from the honey-baked ham fundraiser will

benefit the culinary team as it competes for the national title.

For more information, contact Rinsky at 205-821-2253 or email her at laura.rinsky@trussvillecityschools.com. The team can be followed on Twitter @htculinaryteam.

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## Cahaba River Boil set for Saturday

by Gary Lloyd

Editor

The Cahaba River Crawfish and Shrimp Boil is scheduled for Saturday, April 12 at Trussville Springs in Trussville.

The event will begin at 4 p.m. and last until 9:30 p.m. Admission will be free.

The boil will feature boiled crawfish and shrimp, live music and a

fireworks display.

"Bring your lawn chairs, and spend a relaxing evening along the banks of the beautiful Cahaba in the heart of Trussville," said Cahaba River Crawfish and Shrimp Boil Chairman Wendell Gibson. "The music will be great and the food even better."

Free kids' activities are planned, said Gibson, including face painting and picnic games such as corn-

Musical entertainment will feature DJ Austin Jones along with II Da Maxx opening for headliner band Sidecar.

The Cahaba River Crawfish and Shrimp Boil is a fundraising event benefiting the Trussville City Schools Foundation and Hewitt-Trussville Athletic Foundation. Last year's event raised \$20,000.

For more information, visit www.cahabariverboil.com.

## Business briefs:

by Gary Lloyd  
Editor

### Trussville police, fire chiefs to speak at luncheon

The featured speakers at the Thursday, April 17 Trussville Area Chamber of Commerce luncheon will be Trussville Fire Chief Russell Ledbetter and Trussville Police Chief Don Sivley.

The luncheon begins at 11:30 a.m. at the Trussville Civic Center.

In other business news, BB&T Bank held a ribbon cutting April 4 at its Calumet Parkway location in Trussville.

Casey Mann State Farm Insurance will have its ribbon cutting on Chalkville Mountain Road in Trussville on Friday. MOSTraining will have its ribbon cutting at the chamber of commerce office on Parkway Drive in Trussville on May 20.

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## Hewitt-Trussville HS teacher a nominee for Teacher of the Year

by Gary Lloyd

Editor

Hewitt-Trussville High School exceptional education teacher Carrie Jones is one of 16 nominees for Alabama's 2014-2015 Teacher of the Year, according to a release from the Alabama State Department of Education.

Two educators in an original list of 152 teachers will be Alabama's 2014-2015 Teacher of the Year and Alternate State Teacher of the Year.

The 2014-2015 Teacher of the Year will be announced

at a ceremony hosted by the Alabama State Board of Education and the Alabama State Department of Education on May 14.

"Alabama continues to be represented with some of the most outstanding educators in the nation," said State Superintendent of Education Tommy Bice. "Their dedication to education, commitment to learning and compassion are reflected in the accomplishments of their students. We are proud to have teachers of this caliber working in our schools."

Jones earlier this year won a Gatekeeper award

at the Trussville Area Chamber of Commerce's annual banquet. Jones and Independence Place won in the group category.

She's the executive director of Independence Place, a nonprofit organization created to meet the social and recreation of special needs adults. Her design of the Life Skills Academy at Hewitt-Trussville High School provides a full-scale apartment used to prepare many of her students with basic independent living skills for day-to-day functioning.

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# Tribune editor's book on Trussville history releases Tuesday

From staff reports

The Trussville Tribune editor Gary Lloyd has published a book on the history of the city of Trussville, and it releases Tuesday, April 15.

Published by The History Press in Charleston, S.C., "Trussville, Alabama: A Brief History" features information about all things Trussville, including its early beginnings, the Cahaba Project, Cahaba River, landmarks, people, schools, churches, businesses, government history and how the city looks today.

The 128-page book is available wherever books are sold, and also online at [www.historypress.net](http://www.historypress.net)

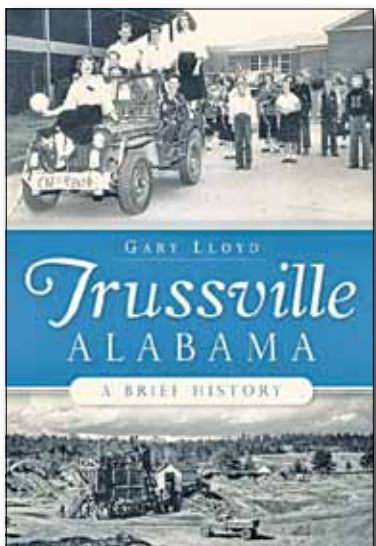


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The cover of "Trussville, Alabama: A Brief History"

and [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com). The book is also available as an e-book.

Lloyd began working on the book last spring, spending several hours most weekends researching at the Trussville Public Library.

Several book signings have been set up. Lloyd will sign copies of "Trussville, Alabama: A Brief History" on Wednesday, April 16 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at Alabama Booksmith in Homewood, located at 2626 19th Place South. He will have a signing Sunday, April 27 at the Trussville Civic Center from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. and one Sunday, May 18 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Trussville Public Library. Other signings are planned at the



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Gary Lloyd

Little Professor in Homewood and Costco in Hoover. Dates and

times are to be determined.

Lloyd, a Trussville native, has been the editor of the Trussville Tribune from November 2010 to June 2012 and January 2013 to present. Lloyd has also been a general assignment reporter for The Magee (Miss.) Courier/Simpson County News; an associate editor at Cahaba Media Group in Birmingham; and a freelancer for The Tuscaloosa News and The Birmingham News. Lloyd earned his bachelor's degree in journalism from the University of Alabama in December 2009, minoring in American studies. He graduated from Hewitt-Trussville High School in 2006.

# Paine schools' Boosterthon Fun Run Thursday, Friday

by Gary Lloyd

Editor

Paine Primary School's Boosterthon Fun Run will be Thursday, April 10.

The Boosterthon program helps the school raise funds and also promotes fitness, leadership and character.

The program is about developing the friendships students already have and viewing everyone as a friend, no matter who they are, or how different they

may first appear to be.

Students will secure pledges toward the number of laps they will run at the Boosterthon Fun Run. Students typically run between 30 and 35 laps. Thirty-five is the lap maximum. Every student participates in the Fun Run regardless of pledges raised, and every student receives a daily character sticker and access to Boosterthon character resources.

The school last year

raised approximately \$38,000. With the funds, the school purchased iPads and iPad minis for the classrooms, and set aside money to help fund the installation of a rubber surface for the playground. The plan this year is to purchase interactive projectors and pens that make any surface in the classroom an interactive learning space.

Paine Intermediate School's Boosterthon Fun Run will be Friday, April

11 at Faith Community Church. The school's goal with funds raised is to expand the gardens that were started by teachers a couple years ago. The space will be used as an outdoor classroom for reading and writing activities.

"Our team motivates students across the country to get excited about fitness, leadership and character," said Chris Carneal, Boosterthon founder and president. "We love watching schools

exceed their financial goals with our program, but what really fires us up is developing leaders at the elementary-school level."

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heinous crime where there was no regard for the victim or this community," Birmingham Police Chief A.C. Roper said. "I appreciate the detectives and the various enforcement units for their investigative intensity in this case. This was a casebook investigation where we went from absolutely nothing to an identified suspect in a matter of hours.

"Our criminal homicides have decreased significantly so far this year but we realize a single homicide is one too many for the affected family. We can't prevent every homicide but we have solved every case so far this year. The bottom line is if you commit a homicide in this city, we will never stop looking for you."

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curve and ended up down an embankment in a wooded area. Bridges said police believe Mirelez was driving north on the road and crossed through the southbound lanes when she lost control. Authorities aren't sure if slick roadways caused Mirelez to crash.

Bridges said that a person driving up their driveway spotted the wrecked Mazda on Monday morning and notified the authorities.

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"The date is conditioned on good time, which we do not have access to because we have no way of knowing of any 'violations' he might have while serving his time, which would have an impact on his release date," Harris said.

Shelby County Sheriff's Office Captain Jay Fondren said inmates scheduled for release are released anywhere between 6 a.m. and 10 a.m.

"It depends upon the number of people set to be released that morning, including those that are time served, being picked up by

other agencies or simply making bond," Fondren said.

One of Pitt's attorneys, Brian Ritchey, released this statement last Wednesday: "We are excited about Matt's release from detention in Shelby County on Palm Sunday and are mindful of the significance of this time of year. Matt has had a unique opportunity to reach many, many people who are in need of his energy and passion for spreading the Good News. He feels blessed to have had the opportunity to minister to them during his

incarceration. But this episode needs to end and as a result we are withdrawing our Petition in Shelby County and are focusing our efforts on clearing his name in Jefferson County. We also have appreciation for the Shelby County Sheriff's Office and Jail in how they have tried to accommodate Matt's family, friends and his legal team. The family requests a few weeks of privacy once he is released so they can enjoy this time with him without distraction."

Pitt in September 2012 pleaded guilty to imper-

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to 12 jobs might be created in the Pinson area as a result of this expansion.

"As far as aesthetics, visual look, noise control and that kind of thing, Mr. Stidham and his company are not doing any kind of manufacturing in this building," Harrison said. "There will be nothing more than a forklift. It's a storage building for the Kellogg products."

Harrison insisted that the warehouse wouldn't increase traffic significantly. The warehouse would receive a maximum of two semi truck deliveries per week and would only have two smaller delivery trucks moving products from the warehouse to retailers.

There are a few problems with the proposal for city officials. For one, the property, currently zoned agricultural residential, is adjacent to Pinson Valley High School. For another thing, the prop-

erty touches on a neighborhood on Henry Black Drive. The rezoning would also clash with the city master plan and was unanimously voted against by the Planning Commission.

Harrison believes the warehouse would have no effect on the school. On a road where hundreds of semi trucks pass by each day, Harrison said, two more per week would make little difference. As for the residences and the school property itself, he insists that the warehouse would be quiet and hidden well.

According to the drawings, the building would be placed on a part of the property furthest away from the high school and the houses, with buffer zones surrounding the property. The property is located in a valley surrounded by trees.

Lynn Hogan, who owns property adjacent to that in

question, believes that despite the company representative's assurances, the warehouse could only lead to trouble down the road.

"I have nothing against someone expanding their business or what have you," Hogan said. "However, he says he's planning on doubling everything. Well, six employees goes to 12 to 15 employees. That's in a curve (on the highway). It's right next to the school. Traffic there is already atrocious and I just feel that this is not a good area for us to have this."

Two other property owners spoke against the rezoning, one claiming that the dry food products could attract rats to the area around the school.

Since the property is currently zoned for residential agriculture, Councilman Robbie Roberts believes the impact of a warehouse might

not be much different. Roberts said the impact of the warehouse might not be any worse than if a farmer were to put the legally allowed number of chickens, goats or cows on the property.

Despite the unanimous decision of the Planning Commission to deny the rezoning, Roberts believes that with the proper covenants in place -- legally binding agreements between the property owner and the city on what can and can't be done on the property -- the warehouse could be beneficial to everyone.

These covenants would extend to any future owners of the property as well. Violation of the covenants could lead to jail time.

Councilman John Churchwell made a motion to table the decision until all options had been investigated. The Pinson City Council next meets Thursday, April 17 at 6:30 p.m. at Pinson City Hall.



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# Land being cleared for new Trussville Springs entrance

by Gary Lloyd

Editor

Land is being cleared in preparation for the construction of a new entrance to Trussville Springs, a community on U.S. Highway 11 in Trussville.

The new entrance will be located on U.S. Highway 11 approximately halfway between

Mohawk Drive and Maplewood Drive.

Trussville Springs spokesman Barry Stalnaker said the highway will be widened to accommodate turn lanes. He said several commercial building pads will be constructed, as will a new street to connect U.S. Highway 11 to Spring Street.

Stalnaker said the commercial areas of Trussville Springs will

eventually be home to shops, restaurants and offices.

"We anticipate that the areas closest to the new entrance will be retail establishments," he said.

Specific shops, restaurants and offices are not yet known.

Construction will require the relocation of several major utility lines and will include the installation of warning lights and gates at a new grade level

crossing on the Norfolk Southern rail line, Stalnaker said. Paving operations will be coordinated to immediately follow the planned Alabama Department of Transportation repaving project for the existing highway lanes.

Completion of the new entrance is expected to take place by the end of summer, but that is "very tentative" because of complexities and the number of

entities involved, Stalnaker said.

Trussville City Clerk Lynn Porter said the clearing on the north side of U.S. Highway 11 is a "borrow pit," a place that can have dirt removed to be used where it's needed on the other side of the highway.

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# Land deal ends road paving dispute in Pinson neighborhood

by Lee Weyhrich

Staff Writer

The Pinson City Council last Thursday approved a settlement between the city and Salisbury Development Company,

which resolves an ongoing problem with the company and failing to finish paving streets in the Aspen Ridge neighborhood.

"The developer did not put seal coats on the roads," City Attorney Shane Black said. "Years

ago they posted a bond to handle some of that work but that bond is not in a sufficient amount to get the job done."

The city of Pinson will now finish the paving in the parts within city limits and will work with

other residents to set up a referendum to annex the rest into Pinson so that paving can be done there.

In return, the developer will give the city a 30-acre parcel of land that's adjacent to the Pinson Valley Youth Association

complex. City officials said the land is valued at about \$100,000, which is about what it will cost the city to finish the neighborhood's paving. The land will likely be set aside for Pinson Valley Youth Association use.

Mayor Hoyt Sanders said it will likely take a few months for the land to be closed on and the paperwork done to execute other parts of the settlement. Paving won't be done until this has all been fully executed.

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All three believe Common Core should be repealed. The trio believes education shouldn't be controlled by the federal government.

The three all were against expanding the Medicaid program. Garrett called Obamacare a "mess" and said the free market can take care of things. Amari said expanding Medicaid is "kicking the can down

the road." Freeman said the whole process has been "hijacked by the federal government."

On the Second Amendment, all three candidates supported no more gun laws being implemented. Garrett said he believes in Second Amendment rights, and Amari and Freeman both are members of the National Rifle Association.

The three candidates agreed that the best way to restore more funding for education was to cut unnecessary bureaucracy.

Freeman said overcrowding in state prisons is "a serious problem" the state is about to have. He said the state should consider releasing nonviolent offenders after training them to become productive members of society. Gar-

rett said there needs to be a strategy to improve the legal system because right now the state is just spinning its wheels. Amari said reforming sentencing for inmates is something that should occur, because the federal government isn't going to build new prisons. It's going to tell the state to release inmates. He said local judges should decide sentencing, not have man-

datory sentences.

In closing, Freeman said he's "a fighter," and he believes District 44 needs a fighter. Garrett said he loves this community and wants to be a problem solver for it. Amari said he's been going door to door on a "listening tour," to speak with families about the issues he plans to tackle.

The District 44 seat is

being vacated from the retiring Arthur Payne, who has spent 30-plus years in the House of Representatives. District 44 includes Clay, Pinson, Trussville and part of northeast Jefferson County.

Primaries are June 3.

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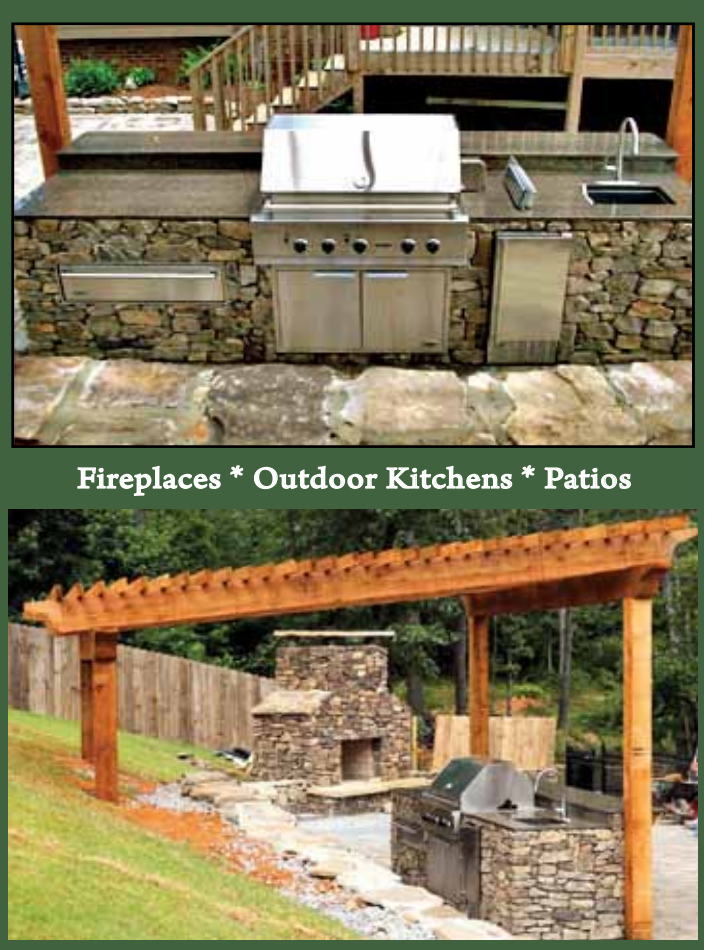
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# LIFESTYLE

## Clay-Chalkville freshman's art honored by city of Birmingham

by Gary Lloyd

Editor

A Clay-Chalkville High School freshman was announced as a winner in the city of Birmingham Mayor's Office Division of Youth Services inaugural SMART ART logo design contest.

Jaylen Callins, 15, is this year's winner of the student-created logos contest for SMART ART, an upcoming youth cultural arts fair. The contest was for Birmingham-area students in the sixth through 12th grades.

Callins will display his design and his other artwork at the SMART ART Festival on Satur-



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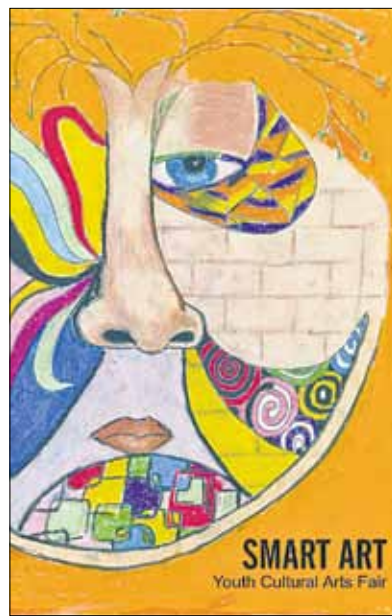
Jaylen Callins

day, May 17 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Boutwell Auditorium in downtown Birmingham. The

event is free and open to the public.

"The inspiration for this piece came from my knowledge of what cultural art is, and I wanted to do something that was creative, colorful, and one that represents multiple cultural themes," Callins said. "I believe this piece covers different art forms, and it represents the world in which we live in."

The SMART ART Festival will bring together ethnic and cultural groups, dancers, theatre groups, balloon artists, magicians, bands, singers, jugglers and storytellers. Other activities include live performances, demonstrations, children's activities, careers in art,



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The logo Jaylen Callins designed

and an arts and crafts booth.

As the student creator of the winning logo, Callins will receive a shadow opportunity with one of the judging marketing companies, The Modern Brand or Birmingham Magazine. His logo will also be used in all print and online advertisements of the SMART ART event.

"Jaylen still has that same passion and desire for the arts that he had at 3 years old," said his parents, Brad and Rachel Allen. "He wants to pursue a career in architecture and own his own firm. We are very proud of Jaylen, and will continue to help support him in his passion for art to be successful in the future."

## Trussville Earth Day registration deadline Saturday

by Gary Lloyd

Editor

The deadline for registering to participate in Trussville's Earth Day is Saturday.

Earth Day is scheduled for Saturday, April 26 in Trussville, beginning on The Mall at 7:45 a.m.

Each participant will get a hot dog and T-shirt.

Participants on April 26 will be given a packet that includes the route, gloves, bags and markers. Participants are encouraged to be back at The Mall by 11:15 a.m. to turn in the garbage they've collected.

All children under the age of 18 must have adult

supervision.

For more information, visit [www.trussville.com](http://www.trussville.com), or contact Courtney Dollar at 205-228-1048 or [cdollar@trussville.com](mailto:cdollar@trussville.com).

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## ACTA announces next play, auditions

by Gary Lloyd

Editor

ACTA Theater in Trussville has announced its summer musical will be "Fiddler on the Roof."

The play is directed by Paige Turner. Auditions will be held May 5-6 at the theater on Parkway Drive at 7 p.m. A large cast is

needed including 10 to 20 men and women (teenagers are welcome) and five to 10 children.

Children will audition at 7 p.m. (only sing and dance) and will not need to read. Adults and teens will follow and need to be prepared to cold read from the script and sing a prepared Broadway-style song of 16 bars. Those

auditioning should bring piano music.

Show dates are July 11-13 and July 18-20.

For more information, contact the theater at 205-655-3902.

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## Clay Easter egg hunt April 13

by Gary Lloyd

Editor

The fourth annual Easter Egg Hunt in Clay will be Sunday, April 13 at 2 p.m.

The hunt will be on the field next to the Clay Public Library on Old Springville Road.

There will be prizes, snacks, the Easter Bunny and a balloon artist.

The egg hunt will start promptly at 2 p.m.

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# Rotary learns about exchange student program

by Gary Lloyd

Editor

The Trussville Rotary Daybreak Club last Wednesday heard from Rotarian Stephen Valdes about a foreign exchange student program, an opportunity the club has been considering.

Valdes was previously a foreign exchange student.

Opportunities for the student can be for a six-week summer program or a nine-month program during the school year. Students can choose from more than 80 countries. He or she will live with a host family, and that host family also sends a student to this country for the same opportunity. The program is for students age 15 to 18, though younger students usually opt for the shorter program in the summer.

Requirements include a good working knowledge of the host country's language and the ability to adapt to the native foods and to being away from home for an extended period. The student must also sign a contract that details expectations for the



photo by Diane Poole

Stephen Valdes

entire stay. The student usually receives a monthly stipend from a sponsoring organization.

For more information, visit [www.trussvillerotaryclub.org](http://www.trussvillerotaryclub.org).

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# Turkey Creek announces first-ever summer camp

by Gary Lloyd

Editor

For the first time ever, the Turkey Creek Nature Preserve in Pinson will offer summer day camp programs.

The programs will provide a daily mix of adventure, science, art, water activities, hiking and games.

There are three summer sessions to choose from.

The first is June 2-6. The next is June 9-13 and the final session is June 16-20. Daily sessions will start at 9 a.m. and continue until 3 p.m.

Registration is \$225 per child. There will be no more than 15 campers per session. Any sessions that do not fill will be canceled and deposits returned.

Any child who is a current or rising third- through fifth-grader is welcome to

apply.

For a registration form, visit [www.turkeycreeknp.wordpress.com](http://www.turkeycreeknp.wordpress.com). For more information about the summer camp, contact the preserve's manager, Charles Yeager, at [cyeager@bsc.edu](mailto:cyeager@bsc.edu) or 205-680-4116.

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# Relay for Life celebration dinner April 15

by Gary Lloyd

Editor

Relay for Life of East Jefferson-Trussville and surrounding areas will host a Survivor Celebration Dinner on Tuesday, April 15 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Trussville Civic Center.

The free event is open to survivors and their families.

Those who wish to attend should RSVP by Friday, April 11 with Joy Hobbs at 205-834-0344.

This year's Relay for Life event will be held from 6 p.m. on Friday, April 25 to 6 a.m. on Sat-

urday, April 26 at the youth football field in the Trussville Sports Complex.

For more information, visit [www.relay.org/east-jeffersonal](http://www.relay.org/east-jeffersonal).

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# Hewitt-Trussville High School students win in state science, engineering fair

by Gary Lloyd

Editor

A trio of Hewitt-Trussville High School students won the Central Alabama Regional Science and Engineering Fair at UAB last week.

Amber Gibson, Isaac Searcy and Billy Smith will travel with 14 other students from the state of Alabama May 11-17 to compete in the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair in Los Angeles. They will compete against 1,600 students from around the world for more than \$4 million in prizes and scholarships.

The trio's project, a renovated cane to aid indoor travel for the visually impaired, won first place in the Mechanical and Electrical Engineering category, and also won the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Award.

Also at the regional fair, the group of Thomas Maynard, Callie Olszak and Lucas Riddle won first place in the Energy and



Transportation category for its high altitude battery charge using temperature differential as sole source. It won the Greater Huntsville Rotary Award, IEEE Huntsville Award and the U.S. Army Science and Engineering Award.

The group of Logan McAlpin, Ian Smith and Micah Starnes won second place in the Materials and Bioengineering category for its project on the absorption of cations from aqueous solutions using functionalized carbon nanotubes. The project won the ASM Materials Education Foundation Award.

Hewitt-Trussville High

School Biomedical Sciences Academy Instructor Chris Walters said the students should be commended for their ability to explain the scientific concepts and their data collection to a diverse collection of science professionals and university professors.

"These students worked very hard on their projects in Mr. (Christopher) Bond's and my class, and they represented the HTHS community in a very positive manner," Walters said.

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# Corner of Camp Coleman Road and Highway 11 could be commercialized

by Gary Lloyd

Editor

The pond at the intersection of Camp Coleman Road and U.S. Highway 11 could be filled and the area commercialized.

Trussville City Clerk Lynn Porter said Danny Buchanan bought the property, which came with a house across U.S. Highway 11.

Porter said Buchanan is trying to fill in the pond in

hopes that it could become a commercial lot in the future. Another business, possibly a bank, could go across the highway.

The body of Michael Chris Carroll, 40, of Odenville was found in a crashed truck in the bottom of the pond in January 2013. Officials said Carroll had been reported missing to the Margaret Police Department in February 2012. There was also a white minivan in the pond at the time, which the Trussville

Police Department knew about. The property owner didn't want the minivan removed by authorities at the time, authorities said last year.

Guardrails were later installed around the curve from U.S. Highway 11 to Camp Coleman Road due to vehicles ending up in the pond in the past.

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