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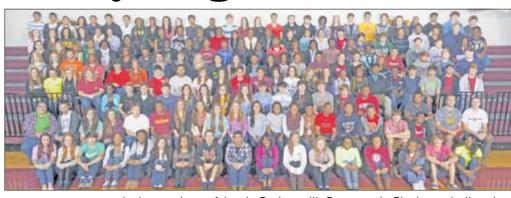


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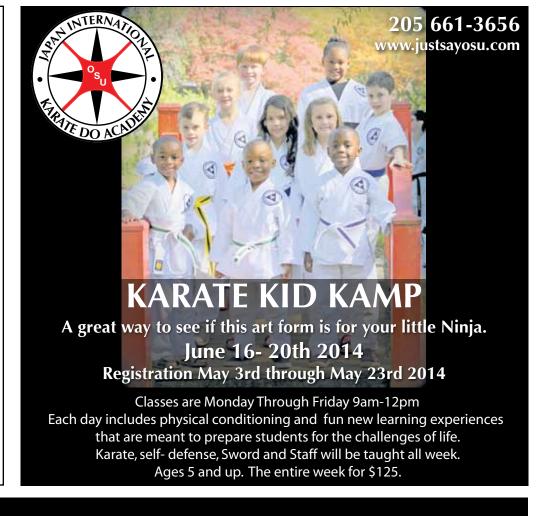
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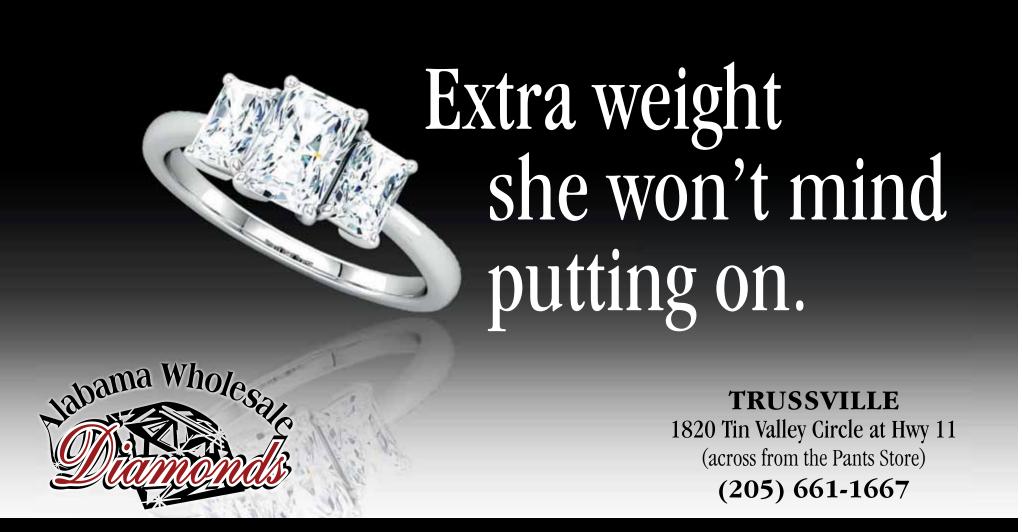
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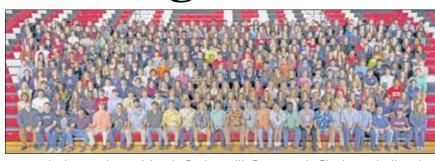


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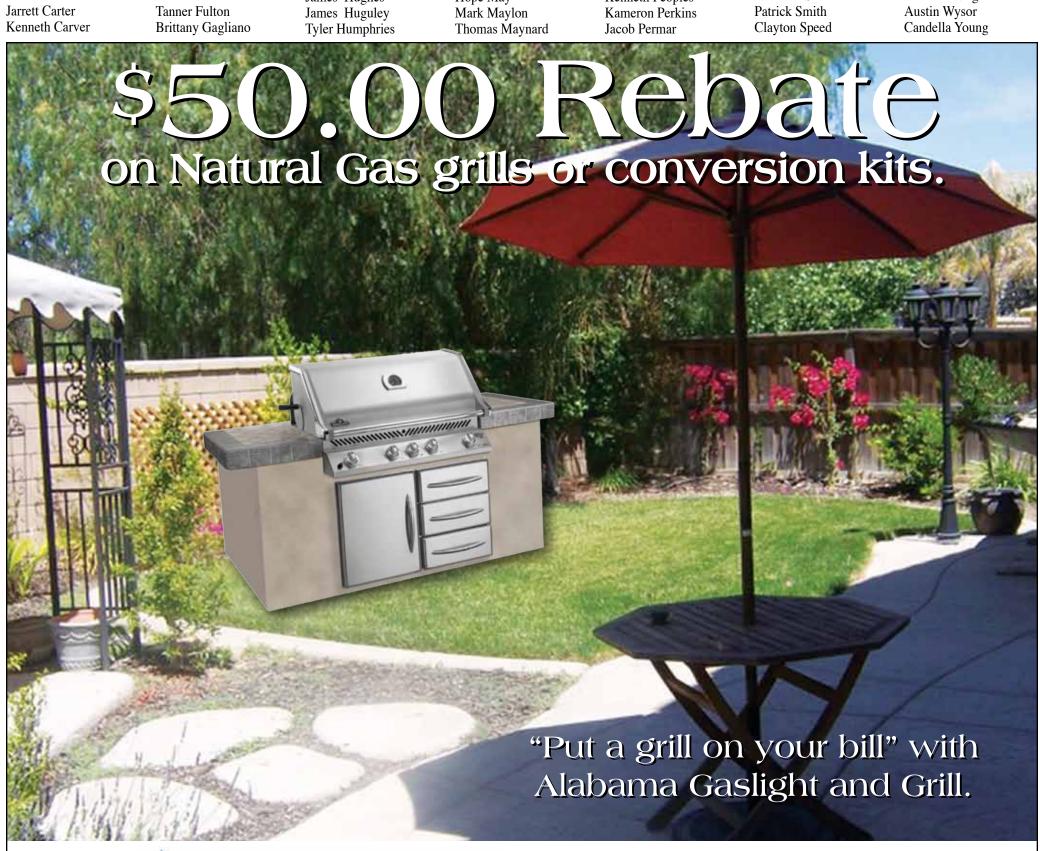
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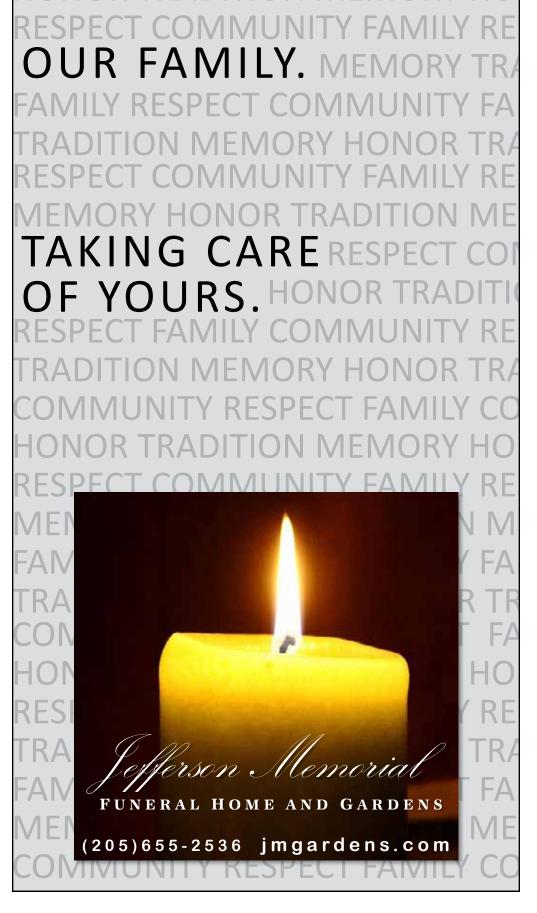
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CALENDAR

Palmerdale Homesteads Community Center events

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

Cahawba Art Association meetings

The Cahawba Art Association meets monthly on the second Monday at 6:30 p.m. at the Trussville Public Library.

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.

Springville Military Order of the Purple Heart meetings

The Military Order of the Purple Heart Chapter 2213, Springville, meets at the Smokin Grill at 85 Purple Heart Boulevard on the first Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m.

Tribune editor signs new book on Trussville history

The Trussville Tribune editor Gary Lloyd will sign copies of his new book, "Trussville, Alabama: A Brief History" on May 25 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Costco in Hoover and Saturday, June 7 at The Little Professor in Homewood.

Trussville City Council meetings in May

The Trussville City Council will meet Tuesday, May 27 at 6 p.m. at Trussville City Hall, located on Main Street in Trussville.

Area high school graduation ceremonies

Hewitt-Trussville High School's graduation will be Thursday, May 22 at 7 p.m. at Jack Wood Stadium. In case of rain, graduation will be held at Bryant Bank Arena at the high school. Clay-Chalkville High School's graduation will be Thursday, May 29 at 2 p.m. at the Pete Hanna Center on the Samford University campus. Pinson Valley High School's graduation will also be Thursday, May 29 at 4 p.m. at the church formerly known as Cathedral of the Cross in Center Point. Doors will open at 2 p.m.

Opus 8 singing in Trussville

Opus 8, a professional chamber choir, will appear at Church of the Holy Cross in Trussville on May 29 at 6:30 p.m. The event is part of Holy Cross' educational outreach ministry and will be free to the public.

Preschool enrollment at Faith Lutheran

Faith Lutheran Church is now accepting students for the 2014-2015 school year for 2-, 3- and 4-year-olds. There is a

low student to teacher ratio. For more information, call the church office at 205-680-2144.

Summer Mother's Day Out at Faith Lutheran

Faith Lutheran Church will be having a summer Mother's Day Out Program for ages 2- to 5-year-olds from June 3 to July 24 on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information, call the church office at 205-680-2144.

'Ride for Kids in Crisis' May 24

The first annual "Ride for Kids in Crisis" will be May 24 beginning at Palmerdale United Methodist Church. Registration that day will be from 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. Bikes leave at 10:15 a.m. Registration is \$25 per bike and \$10 per passenger. For more information or to RSVP, contact Cindy Wynn at 205-837-5331.

3 summer camp sessions at Birmingham Children's Theatre

The BCT Summer Academy of Performing Arts is accepting advance registrations for the 2014 term. Classes are grouped by age, and any child ages 4K-10th grade is eligible to attend. The registration deadline is June 2. For more information, visit www.bct123.org/academysummer. html.

Trussville City BOE meets June 16

The Trussville City Board of Education will meet Monday, June 16 at 6 p.m. at the Central Office on North Chalkville Road. A public work session will begin at 4:30 p.m.

Trussville Public Safety Committee meetings

Trussville's Public Safety Committee meets Aug. 21 and Nov. 20. Both meetings are at 7 p.m. at the Trussville Police Department Training Building at 127 Main St

Summer Blast in Springville

Summer Blast in Springville will be June 2-6 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Big Springs Park. It's for kids up to age 12. For more information, visit http://www.fbcspringville.com/#/grow/summer-blast.

Clay Fishing Rodeo set for June 7

The annual fishing rodeo in Clay has been scheduled for Saturday, June 7. The fishing rodeo will be at Cosby Lake Park. More details will be released as the date approaches.

'Charlotte's Webb' auditions in Trussville July 14-15

Auditions for "Charlotte's Webb" at Trussville's ACTA Theater will be July 14-15 at 7 p.m. at the theater on Parkway Drive. Roles are available for adults and children ages 8 and up. Those auditioning need to be prepared to read from the script. Anyone auditioning for any barnyard animal or spider should be prepared for a short movement audition, so dress comfortably. Those auditioning should bring a headshot. Resumes are optional. Rehearsals will begin July 21 and the show will be presented Sept. 19-21 and Sept.

26-28. For more information, contact the theater at 205-655-3902.

The Warblers Club at Mountain Brook June 21

The Warblers Club men's chorus is having a show June 21 at Mountain Brook High School at 7 p.m. Admission is \$20. The show is titled "Warblers 85th Anniversary Show." For tickets, call 205-591-6080.

Young Rembrandts in Trussville June 9-13, July 7-11

The Young Rembrandts summer drawing workshop for those ages 6 to 12 will be at the Trussville Civic Center June 9-13 and July 7-11. Each session is from 9 a.m. to noon. The cost is \$150 per week. To enroll or for more information, visit www. youngrembrandts.com/Birmingham-AL or call 205-943-1923.

Float Your Boat in Pinson July 19

The fifth annual Float Your Boat Summer Festival will be at Turkey Creek Nature Preserve in Pinson on July 19 at 11 a.m. This event offers games, boat races, trail runs, food and music. Proceeds benefit the preserve's Environmental Education Programming, which reaches 10,000 students every year. For more information, visit www.turkeycreeknp.wordpress.com.

Hewitt-Trussville High School Class of 1964 50-year reunion

A reunion for Hewitt-Trussville High School classes of 1963 through 1966 will be Saturday, Aug. 9 at Grayson Valley Country Club from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. The cost is \$45 per person and the attire is casual. Checks should be made payable to HTHS Reunion and are due no later than Aug. 1. Checks can be mailed to Dianne Mize at 2664 Altadena Road, Vestavia Hills, AL 35243-4503. For more information about the 1963 class, contact Sue Wilkins at swilkins2712@charter.net. For more

information about the 1964 class, contact Carolyn Green at zmnana5@gmail.com. For more information about the 1965 class, contact James Alexander at 205-854-1219. For more information about the 1966 class, contact Mary Louise Sutter at mlsutter@cs.com. For more information, find the HTHS Reunion Group on Facebook.

National Night Out Aug. 5

Trussville's second National Night Out will be Aug. 5 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Target parking lot. For more information, visit www.nationalnightout.org.

Trussville Bridal Show Aug. 10

The Trussville Bridal Show will be Sunday, Aug. 10 at the Trussville Civic Center. More details will be released as the date approaches.

Trussville Muscle and Fitness Classic Sept. 6

The first annual Trussville Muscle and Fitness Classic will be Sept. 6 at the Trussville Civic Center. To register or for more information, visit www. trussvillemuscle.com.

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.

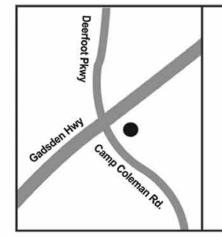


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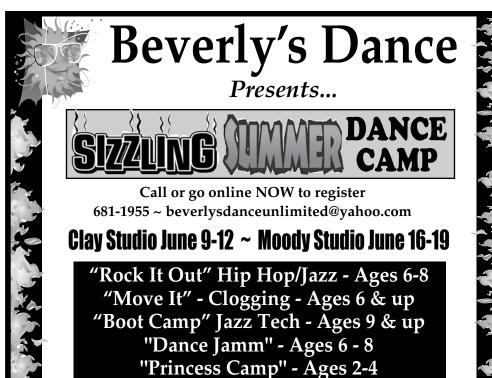
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UPINION

History deems May a hazardous month for members of this writer's family

ere we are in the middle of May again, halfway through the month that Daddy's side of the family considers "the valley of the shadow," if you catch my

According to family lore, it's the month in which members of our branch of the Harpers are most likely to give up the ghost, meet Our Maker, kick the bucket, pass over, perish or turn up our toes. Thus, we tend to move warily through the month of May, occasionally glancing over our collective shoulder for any indication that the Grim Reaper is about to claim another of our own.

MeeMaw Harper was the first to give voice to the trend. In May 1971, her husband, my Granddaddy Harper, succumbed to a heart attack. Then six Mays later, her eldest son, my Daddy, suffered a similar fate. So after two such traumatic losses during the fifth month of the year, MeeMaw wanted nothing to do with May anymore, indeed preferring that it be banished from the calen-

"Bad things happen to Harpers in May," she'd occasionally declare.

So you can imagine her reaction when early in 1979, Jimmie and I announced our plans to wed the coming May 19. Though she didn't oppose the marriage itself, MeeMaw clearly thought scheduling the nuptials in that particular month was asking for trouble.

"Bad things happen to



June Mathews Somewhere in the Middle...

Harpers in May," she repeated for perhaps the thousandth time in a dark kind of way, pursing her lips and shaking her head slowly from side to side. In her mind's eye, I'm sure she envisioned nothing but rocky marital roads ahead for any Harper who dared tie the knot during the month she so dreaded.

By that time, I was

springtime phobia and took her reaction in stride. In fact, I expected it. Jimmie, on the other hand, was taken aback. Until that moment, he'd basked in the glow of MeeMaw's good graces but was suddenly left to wonder if she considered him a "bad thing" about to happen to this Harper.

(Thirty-five years later, Jimmie could well be pondering if the tables were somehow turned, and the Harper "bad thing" was visited on him instead of me. But for the sake of household harmony during the week of our anniversary, I'm going to let that sleeping dog lie for the time being.)

Though MeeMaw joined Granddaddy and Daddy

homeplace in 1984, her influence in terms of family traditions, beliefs and dessert preferences (she made the best banana pudding EVER) remains strong. So if expecting something bad to happen in May will make it happen, well, at least one of us could be in deep trouble during the coming days.

In recent years, the youngest of MeeMaw's three sons, a grandson-inlaw and a great-grandson were also lost to us in May, so I'd be lying if I said we Harpers don't proceed with caution this time of year. But considering MeeMaw and one of her sons-in-law died in January, her eldest daughter died in June, and her middle son passed in October, we don't get near

well aware of MeeMaw's at the heavenly Harper as stressed about the May family curse as we did when she was still around to constantly remind us of

> But the way I look at it, why take chances? For the next couple weeks, I'll be driving a little slower, eating a little healthier, monitoring my blood pressure and maybe even exercising every day...

> Oh, who am I kidding? Scratch that part about the exercise. There's no sense going overboard. Whether it's in May or not, I figure when it's my time go, it's my time to go, and I seriously doubt anybody ever got into Heaven on a tread-

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Snake finds way into Trussville Public Library

by Gary Lloyd

Editor

A snake found its way into the Trussville Public Library on Friday.

Library employees are not sure how the snake made its way in, but Trussville Library Board trustee Clyde Bolton saw it slither under a shelf.

The snake was believed to be a baby Eastern Kingsnake.

"Public' library usually means it's open to anyone, but we'll draw the line at snakes...," says a post on the Trussville Public Library's Facebook page.

The snake was captured and released at a remote location.

news@trussvilletribune. com and follow him on Contact Gary Lloyd at Twitter @GaryALloyd.



photo courtesy of the Trussville Public Library

The snake that made its way into Trussville Public Library

ACTA announces 2014-2015 plays

by Gary Lloyd

Editor

ACTA Theater in Trussville has announced its upcoming plays for the 2014-2015 season.

The summer musical July 11-13 and July 18-20 will be "Fiddler on the Roof." "Charlotte's Webb" will be Sept. 19-21 and Sept. 26-28.

"The Rented Christmas" 12-14. "Death by Chocolate" will be Feb. 13-15, 2015 and Feb. 20-22, 2015. "Sense and Sensibility" will be April 10-12, 2015 and April 17-19, 2015.

Shows are at 7 p.m. on week nights and Saturdays, and 2:30 p.m. on Sundays. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$15 for the summer musical. Tickets for chil-

dren and students are \$8 will be Dec. 5-7 and Dec. and \$10 for the summer musical. Seniors get in for \$10 and \$12 for the summer musical.

> For more information, visit www.actatheater.com or call 205-655-3902.

Contact Gary Lloyd at news@trussvilletribune. com and follow him on Twitter @GaryALloyd.



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Do tablets, iPhones cause macular degeneration?

aware that ullight tra-violet is harmful to the eve and may lead to cataracts and other eye diseases such as age-related macular degeneration. Without getting too much into technical stuff. UV light is that portion of the spectrum of invisible light below 286nm to 400nm. While the primary source of UV light is the sun, other sources include welder's flash, video display terminals, fluorescent lighting, high-intensity mercury vapor lamps (for night sports and high-crime areas) and xenon arc lamps. UV light is divided into three segments, which are designated as A, B and C.

UVC (below 286nm) is effectively filtered by the earth's ozone layer. UVB (286-320nm) is that solar energy that is the cause of sunburn and snow blindness, and is absorbed by the cornea. UVA (320-400nm) is that part of the invisible spectrum of particular concern to eye care professionals. It's the most damaging of UV radiation and is the radiation transmitted to the crystalline lens of the human eye, where cataracts form.

Researchers have identified melanin as the substance in the skin, hair and eyes that absorbs harmful UV and blue light. It's the body's natural sunscreen protection. Higher amounts of melanin afford greater protection against damaging light rays, which is why

fair-skinned people like me, who have little melanin tend to burn. Melanin is also lost as we age. By age 65, about half of the protection is gone so that we are more susceptible to eye disease such as macular degeneration. The Schepens Eye Institute reports that "the blue rays of the spectrum seem to accelerate AMD more than other rays of the spectrum." Very bright lights such as sunlight or its reflection in the ocean or desert may worsen macular degeneration. The institute recommends that sunglasses protect against blue/violet and UV light. But here's the really scary part: Your iPhones, tablets, computers and other devices that are backlit with LED lights are concentrated blue rays.

What's worse, our children are getting this in huge doses. The average for a child age 8-18 on a device is about eight hours a day, with gaming, homework and texting. Is there enough melanin in a child's body to combat the harmful effects of blue light? At this point we really aren't sure. Will we begin to see people develop earlier signs of AMD? Based on my experience, it may already be happening.

There is a way to combat this. By including synthetic melanin in our sunglasses, we may be compensating for the melanin lost as we age. With such sunglasses, the colors are filtered in proportion to their damage potential and the danger



DR. ZACK STEELE, O.D.

of macular degeneration may be reduced. Many eye care professionals that sell prescription eyewear now have melanin lenses avail-

Recent studies suggest the blue end of the light spectrum may also contribute to retinal damage and possibly lead to AMD. The retina can be harmed by high-energy visible radiation of blue/violet light that penetrates the macular pigment found in the eye. A Schepens study found a low density of macular pigment may represent a risk factor for AMD by permitting greater blue light dam-

Retinal damage is the most important hazard from light. The three types of retinal damage are structural, thermal and photochemical. The type of damage depends on the wavelength, power level and exposure time.

Who needs protection from harmful UV light? Those who work or play in the sun. For example, construction workers, farmers, truck drivers, sports participants and spectators, police officers, skiers, lifeguards

and beach goers.

Who else? Those in certain light environments. For example, if you work in an environment that is brightly lit with fluorescent light fixtures or if you spend hours in front of a computer terminal.

Anyone else? Those taking medications. There are many photosensitizing drugs on the market today including certain tranquilizers, diuretics, oral contraceptives, and antibiotics as well as anti-diabetic and anti-hypertensive medications, and even artificial sweeteners such as cyclamates.

Patients are advised to protect their eyes from potentially harmful UV light. UV radiation up to 400

Not only is harmful UV light present on sunny days, it's also present on overcast or hazy days. UV protection is available for clear lenses and sunglasses. The UV protection that's available is an invisible coating that doesn't change the color of the eyeglass lens.

Misleading claims about certain glasses providing UV protection can be easily confusing to consumers. A pair of glasses might be labeled UV-absorbent, for example, but the label might not indicate exactly how much UVA and UVB rays are blocked. Sunglasses should be labeled UV 400. It's recommended that you protect yourself from

nanometers, which extends into part of the visible spectrum to ensure complete blockage of ultraviolet light. This is what distinguishes "cheap" sunglasses from more expensive ones.

Ask your eye care professional if your eyewear has been treated for UV light protection. He or she will be glad to answer your questions and ensure that your eyes are adequately protected from UV radiation damage.

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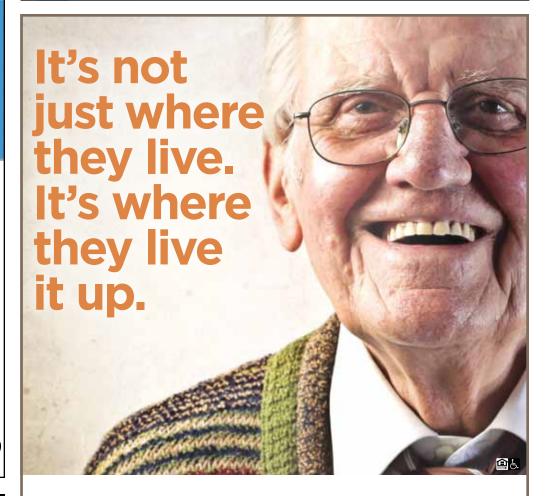




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Hewitt girls hoops coach leaves for Mountain Brook, new coach approved

by Gary Lloyd

Editor

Hewitt-Trussville varsity girls basketball coach Stu Stuedeman has left to become an assistant coach for the Mountain Brook varsity boys basketball team, and Trussville City Schools has filled his position.

Tonya Hunter was approved on Monday as the next Hewitt-Trussville varsity girls hoops coach. Hunter comes to Hewitt-Trussville after 10 seasons at Shades Valley, which posted a 31-4 record last season and won the Class 6A state championship 63-49 over Sparkman. Hunter won more than 200 games at Shades Valley. She was also an assistant coach for the Auburn University-Montgomery women's basketball team for four years. Hunter played on the 1994 Eufaula High School state championship team.

"I just think Hewitt-Trussville has untapped greatness here," Hunter said. "I just feel like if



file photo by Ron Burkett

Stu Stuedeman

you can get into the community and get the kids excited about playing basketball and competing and seeing the results of playing and competing hard, it'll keep the kids excited. So many kids here, from rec league to high school, I feel like could be successful here."

Hunter likes to play an up-tempo style.

"I'm a defensive coach," Hunter said. "I believe defense creates offense."

Hunter said she believes the community will see a "rise" in the girls basketball program at Hewitt-Trussville.

"They're definitely going to see the energy and effort," Hunter said.

Stuedeman posted a 26-33 record in two years as the Hewitt-Trussville head coach.

"I am extremely thankful for the opportunity I was given to coach girls' basketball at Hewitt-Trussville High School," Stuedeman said. "I enjoyed my time working at HTHS and loved every minute of coaching my girls and building this program together with them. I truly wish I could have remained the head coach at Hewitt but the unfortunate circumstance was that I made more money as a custodian at an elementary school while finishing up my master's degree in education than I did as the inschool detention aide and head girls basketball coach at Hewitt. So when the back-to-back state champions and best boys basketball program in the state called



photo by Gary Lloyd

Tonya Hunter

me and asked me what it would take for me to join their staff and the best public high school in the state interviews me and offers me a job where I can earn a living it kind of forced my hand to leave."

Stuedeman said it was "disappointing that a school as great as Hewitt-Trussville would not find an opportunity for a passionate certified teacher and coach to remain on staff and earn a living."

Stuedeman said he was hurting for the girls at Hewitt-Trussville.

"The girls' hard work helped establish a foundation to get this program on a winning path and with the team coming back and core concepts our girls have embraced the new coach is set up to succeed," he said. "The job the girls and I had placed before us to rebuild this program was a seemingly impossible one but through dedication, hard work, toughness, and togetherness we chased our lions and got this program on the right track. I am so proud of my players and I will miss them greatly. This was the hardest decision I ever had to make in my life, these girls are my family, but I am excited for this new opportunity at Mountain Brook. I am truly grateful for Mountain Brook High School and coach Bucky McMillan for recognizing and appreciating my talent and passion for both education and basketball, and providing me with this amazing opportunity."

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Clay-Chalkville shuts out Parker in spring game

by Gary Lloyd

Editor

Clay-Chalkville scored two touchdowns in the first quarter and another in the second quarter to cruise to a 21-0 victory over Parker in its spring football game Friday.

Rising senior running back Terrelle West capped a five-play, 23-yard drive on the Cougars' first possession with a 1-yard touchdown run to put Clay-Chalkville up 7-0.

With 3:10 remaining in the first quarter, rising junior quarterback Tyrell Pigrome hit rising junior T.J. Simmons in the right side of the end zone to double the Cougars' lead.

On Clay-Chalkville's first possession of the second quarter, Pigrome found Simmons again, this time for a 62-yard bomb

down the right side.

In the first half — the junior varsity and freshmen played the second half — Pigrome completed 5-of-7 passes for 124 yards and two touchdowns. Fellow rising junior quarterback Darryien Wilson was 2-of-4 for 19 yards. West rushed seven times for 43 yards and a touchdown. Sim-

mons caught two passes for 73 yards and two touchdowns.

For Clay-Chalkville on defense, rising senior defensive lineman LaDarius Harris recovered a fumble and rising junior linebacker Nick Battle collected an interception. Rising senior linebacker Jarrod Reedus totaled five tackles, and

Battle and rising senior Ricky Samuel totaled four run and rising sophomore tackles each.

Berry scored on a 65-yard run and rising sophomore running back Toney Gur-

"I was well pleased," Clay-Chalkville head coach Jerry Hood said. "I saw some very good things that I liked a whole bunch."

In the second half, Wilson scored on a 62-yard touchdown run, rising junior running back Brandon

run and rising sophomore running back Toney Gurley scampered for a 5-yard touchdown. Rising sophomore linebacker Reginald Carr recovered a fumble.

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Clay-Chalkville rising junior quarterback Tyrell Pigrome

Hewitt football job likely to be filled in June

by Gary Lloyd

Editor

There was not a recommendation to the Trussville City Board of Education for a new Hewitt-Trussville head football coach at Monday's meeting.

Trussville City Schools Superintendent Pattie Neill said the search for a new coach should end in June.

"I am delighted by the number of coaches interested in coming to Trussville and many coaches wanted to wait until after the spring game to talk to us," Neill said in an email. "In the meantime, practice and summer workouts will continue as scheduled."

Hal Riddle was "relieved of my duties as coach" last month, after compiling a 79-55 record in 12 seasons at Hewitt-Trussville. Riddle is now the director of student services for Trussville City Schools, taking over for the retiring Bill Hamilton.

The upcoming season will be a tough one for Hewitt-Trussville. With new reclassification in place, Hewitt-Trussville is in Class 7A, Region 3 with Hoover, Mountain Brook, Oak Mountain, Spain Park, Thompson, Tuscaloosa County and Vestavia Hills. Other teams on the Huskies' 2014 schedule include Gardendale, Gadsden City and Clay-Chalkville.

Hewitt-Trussville will play a jamboree game Aug. 22 against a team to be determined.

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Pinson Valley hobbled without offensive coordinator

by Erik Harris

For The Tribune

For the first time since falling at McAdory, 34-17, in the Class 5A state playoffs in November, Pinson Valley took the field to hit someone wearing another

The bitter taste of defeat that's plagued the Indians for six months wasn't washed clean as Mortimer Jordan beat Pinson Valley 13-6 in the varsity session of the spring scrimmage Friday. Each team

12-minute quarters.

"I just wanted to get our kids to play hard," said Pinson Valley head coach Matt Glover.

Of the eyes not focused in on rising senior running back Nick Gibson, many landed on rising junior Errius Collins, who is first in line to replace Brooks Garrett at quarterback.

Collins had his highs: 9-of-15 for 90 yards and a touchdown; and his lows: three interceptions and -27 yards in sacks.

Pinson Valley worked left a lot to be desired.

fielded their varsity for two through spring camp without its soon-to-be offensive coordinator/quarterbacks coach who has yet to officially join the coaching staff and remains anony-

> "We will be a totally different offensive football team next year," Glover

Without the assistance of his OC, Glover kept his offensive attack vanilla. The unit, led by a new quarterback, accumulated 118 yards of total offense, but two red zone interceptions

"I just told (the team) that they had the worst offensive coordinator in the nation calling plays because I had to do it this spring, so our offensive play calling was very limited," Glover

Gibson, a four-star recruit, carried the ball six times for 55 yards. He also caught the ball four times for 18 yards. He accounted for 62 percent of the Indians' offense.

A bright spot came in the form of Collins airing out a 35-yard touchdown pass to rising senior Trey Underwood on fourth and long. The slightly under-thrown ball was caught above a Blue Devil defender by Underwood and cut the Mortimer Jordan lead to 7-6 in the first quarter.

Collins also showed his ability to create a spark on the ground. On a do-or-die fourth-and-6 late in the contest, the quarterback eluded defenders in the backfield before escaping the pocket and out legging the defense for a 15-yard scamper to keep the Indians alive.

"I was going to run out

of bounds, but then I saw an open hole so I just hit it and I was gone," Collins said.

However, two plays later he threw his third interception of the game with only 49 seconds remaining on the clock to end the contest at 13-6 in favor of the

"We did a lot of experimentation this spring," Glover said. "We have a lot of good players that play hard. We just have to get them in the right place and doing the right things."

Trussville Mets win 12U

by Gary Lloyd

Editor

The 2014 Trussville 12U champions are the Trussville Mets.

The Mets finished the regular season with a 13-1 record.

Shown in the photo, front row from left, are Alex Kosmus, Drake Wingard, Austin Hicks, Edward Bowlin and Tanner Dodd. Back row from left are assistant coach Eric Kosmus, Cole Trest, Ben Bian-



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The Trussville Mets

chi, Carter Wates, Trevor Brown, Keith Lanum and head coach David Lanum.

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Rudd Middle girls track recognized by Pinson council



photo by Lee Weyhrich

Pinson Mayor Hoyt Sanders speaks as Rudd Middle School girls track team members

by Lee Weyhrich

Staff Writer

The Rudd Middle School girls track team was recognized by the Pinson City Council last Thursday for its "exceptional season."

The girls won the Jefferson County Championships on April 17.

The girls were presented with personalized certificates signed by the Pinson City Council members.

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Hewitt athlete 4th in state decathlon



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The top five finishers in the 2014 Decathlon Championships were, from left, Jonathan Harvey of Hoover, Luc Riddle of Hewitt-Trussville, Caine Robinson of Fairview, Chris Taylor of McGill-Toolen, Joseph Lee of Vestavia Hills and AHSAA Executive Director Tony Stallworth.

by Gary Lloyd

Editor

A Hewitt-Trussville athlete placed fourth in last week's 2014 Decathlon Championships at Hoover High School.

Luc Riddle finished, in order, behind Vestavia Hills' Joseph Lee, McGill Toolen's Chris Taylor and Fairview's Caine Robinson. Hoover's Jonathan Harvey placed fifth.

More than 80 participants finished the competi-

Lee finished with 5,722

points. Riddle had 5,306. The competition featured

pole vault, javelin throw and 1,500-meter run.

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UAB football coach to Chamber: 'Everything counts'

by Gary Lloyd

Editor

Last Thursday was a luncheon for members of the local business community, in a combination of Rooms Cahaba Fireside 2 and Cahaba Fireside 3 at the Trussville Civic Center.

Bill Clark, the first-year UAB head football coach, was the featured speaker, and he spoke to political candidates, business owners, and more as if they were his players, acted as if a nicely carpeted room with a fireplace was a team meeting room in downtown Birmingham.

Clark, who was hired by UAB in January after Garrick McGee bolted to



photo courtesy of UAB Athletics

UAB head football coach Bill Clark

become the offensive coordinator at Louisville, told Trussville Area Chamber of Commerce members that there was apprehension in the meeting room in January when he met with players for the first time,

some of them now under the leadership of a third head coach at UAB.

He showed them UCLA basketball coaching legend John Wooden's Pyramid of Success and delivered three rules. One: Always

whining, complaining or excuses. Three: Be ready.

That first rule is about players representing themselves well on and off the field, because their actions reflect on UAB. The No. 2 rule is self-explanatory. The final rule is about being on time all the time.

"We want to be known for great effort," Clark said.

Clark said he also wants the program to be known enthusiasm, tough and playing smart.

"We want to be smart in everything we do," Clark

Clark said the on-field philosophy is to keep the ball on offense and to take it away on defense. The

protect the team. Two: No style is all about the ball. Clark said. "Practice is ev-He mentioned that of the 48 Super Bowls played in the NFL, he believes just one team who lost the turnover battle came out with the Lombardi Trophy.

"Every minute detail counts," he said. "Everything counts."

To that point, Clark brought up Allen Iverson, the former NBA All-Star point guard who's famous for his play on the court, infamous for his press conference in which he incessantly reiterates, "We talkin' about practice." Clark said he "totally" disagrees with Iverson's mindset that practice isn't important.

"We want to practice to be harder than the game,"

erything."

Clark said he wants his players to enjoy competing and so far they are, he said. He said guys are choosing to participate in voluntary workouts and compete. They're in a relentless pursuit of a competitive edge,

Clark mentioned having a terse mission statement for UAB football, a simple yet all-encompassing sen-

"Do things better than they've ever been done before," he said.

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Hewitt-Trussville softball coach resigns from position

by Gary Lloyd

Editor

Hewitt-Trussville varsity softball coach Dusti Roberts has resigned from the position.

Roberts told the team Monday. Roberts did not immediately respond to a message seeking comment.

Roberts spent three seasons as the Lady Huskies varsity softball coach. Hewitt-Trussville was the Class 6A, Area 13 champion in 2012 and posted a 2-2 record in the state tournament.

Hewitt-Trussville was the Class 6A, Area 12 champion in 2013 and posted a 39-12 re-

cord. This year, the Lady Huskies were the Class 6A, Area 12 champion and posted a 32-16 record and a 2-2 record in the state tournament.

The search for a new softball coach now begins. Hewitt-Trussville has a lot of talent coming back next season. Catcher Taylor Beshears is an Arkansas verbal commitment, shortstop Maddie Dorsett is verbally committed to Mississippi State and Callie Shields is the team's top pitcher.

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Clay-Chalkville honors Mekail Evans before spring game

by Gary Lloyd

Editor

Clay-Chalkville football players honored the late Mekail Evans before Friday's spring game against Parker.

When Cougars emerged from the locker room to run onto the field, rising junior defensive back Kambri King and rising senior wide receiver Tyler Chatman carried Evans' No. 30 away jersey, each holding one sleeve up in the air.

A moment of silence was held prior to kickoff.

The PA announcer called it a "somber occasion" and described Evans as a great person and ferocious tackler.



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Kambri King (22) and Tyler Chatman (84) hold up Mekail Evans' No. 30 jersey before Friday's spring game against Parker.

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Evans died at home after working out at a local YMCA last month. A vigil at Cougar Stadium

Players this season will wear a was held shortly after his death.

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