### **Trussville man's book being adapted to TV mini series**

by Gary Lloyd

#### Editor

A book a Trussville man authored about the Cold War is being adapted into a television mini-series in Hollywood.

The second printing of "Secrets of the Cold War" by Lee McCaslin focuses on a dark period of a silent war and offers a perspective on the struggle between the superpowers of the world told in the words of those who were there.

McCaslin has been designated as assistant producer for the TV project, he said in an email.

McCaslin said it's too early to know what network the mini-series may appear on.

McCaslin, his brother, father and mother were all Army officers. McCaslin graduated from Mississippi State in 1969, where he majored in communications, studied military science and obtained



The "Secrets of the Cold War" book cover



submitted photo

Lee McCaslin

his Army commission as a second lieutenant in the Intelligence Corps.

He served at Military Headquarters, the Pentagon from 1973-1976. In 1979, he arrived in Heidelberg, Germany, and served 16 years at U.S. Army Europe, where he participated in the Cold War.

After he retired from civil service, McCaslin taught speech at several local colleges. With his background in security and intelligence, he worked as a contract investigator for Immigration and Customs Enforcement with 9/11-related duties.

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## Trussville 'still working on details' of car tag issuing at city hall

by Gary Lloyd

#### Editor

Trussville is "still working on the details" of when it may open Trussville City Hall for the issuance of car tags, Mayor Gene Melton said Monday.

Is there a target date for Trussville to be operational?

"Not yet," Melton said.

Vestavia Hills became the first Jefferson County city to offer residents the option of buying vehicle tags at city hall instead of standing in long lines at county courthouses. Vestavia Hills began its program April 1.

Trussville in March sent City Clerk Lynn Porter, Administrative Assistant

Bob Christmas and Chris Coleman to Montgomery for three days for training with the Alabama Department of Revenue. Melton said the three were trained on how to use the Department of Revenue's programs and learned what they'll be expected to do.

One of the questions on a survey mailed to more than 8,000 Trussville addresses in November 2013 by Melton asked if residents would renew vehicle tags at Trussville City Hall if allowed to do so. Of 1,048 responses to the question, 985 said they'd favor the renewal process at Trussville City Hall. Just 63 said they would not favor it.

The new law allows cities to charge up to \$5 more to cover their costs.

The Clay City Council in June approved an ordinance establishing a local convenience issuance fee for the renewal of automobile tags at Clay City Hall. The renewal process in Clay will begin Monday, Aug. 4. A \$5 fee will be applied to any tags renewed at Clay City Hall. Tag renewals and online sales within city borders will all be routed through Clay City Hall at 2441 Old Springville Road. Online sales will mail out from Clay City Hall.

Pinson will not consider issuing car tags at Pinson City Hall at this time.

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### Anniston church names Clay man as pastor

by Gary Lloyd

Editor

Clay resident Robert Wilkerson has been called by the Presbyterian Church of the Good Shepherd in Anniston as its new pastor.

Wilkerson has more than 50 years in the pastorate and has served churches in four states.

Wilkerson is a writer of

devotionals and Christian editorials for a syndication of newspapers in Alabama and Mississippi, as well as writing four books. Wilkerson is a former contributor to The Trussville Tribune.

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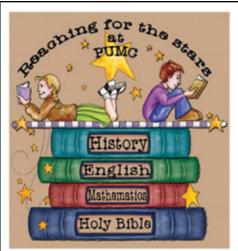
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### **P&Z** recommends consultant for mixed use development

by Gary Lloyd

#### Editor

The Trussville Planning and Zoning Board on Monday recommended that the Trussville City Council appropriate funding to hire a consultant to assist with the drafting of a plan for a possible mixed use development downtown.

Officials from the Trussville City Council, Planning and Zoning Board, Downtown Redevelopment Authority and Design Review Committee last month heard from a group about a possible mixed use senior housing development for downtown Trussville.

The meeting focused on a possible amendment to the planned unit development portion of the city's zoning ordinance, which could pave the way for a mixed use development.

If approved, the amendment would allow a planned unit development on sites of four acres or more when situated within the downtown district or the transition district.

The Planning and Zoning Board on Monday discussed the possibility of eliminating the acreage and density requirements and tweaking the uses.

Planning Had the Zoning Board and recommended the zoning ordinance amendment to the Trussville City Council, then the council could have considered it at its Aug. 12 meeting. Now, however, the possible amendment will remain with the Planning and Zoning Board until it gets a draft it likes. The board meets Aug. 11 but a consultant may not have time to prepare a draft by that time. The board meets again Sept. 9.

In June, real estate developer Aaron Conley, Greenville, S.C.-based Johnston Design Group's Scott Johnston and The Cottages President Cliff



file photo by Gary Lloyd

Johnston Design Group's Scott Johnston speaks to Trussville officials in June at Trussville City Hall.

down.

White presented their plans and answered questions about the proposed development, which would be located on the six-acre Wheeler property beside Captain D's in the downtown Trussville area. If the development eventually happens, the historic home on the property would come

The plan would be for The Cottages, a Huntsvillebased senior living community, to construct a mixed use senior housing development. White called it an "innovative product," which would include an independent living space, assisted living space, small storefronts, a restaurant, Creek and a small park. Johnston said it would have a "retail town center kind of feel." The mixed use development would pedestrian oriented be and would work with the city's downtown master plan. The goal of the development would be "to engage" the whole community, not just the senior living community, Conley said.

The assisted living space would likely be for 33 people, and the independent living for between 75 and 95 people. The Cottages has locations in Decatur, Florence, Hartselle, Hoover, Huntsville, Montgomery, Mountain Brook and Russellville, as well as one location each in Mississippi and Tennessee. According to a draft of the ordinance, the planned unit development is designed to permit the "flexible development of comprehensively planned projects which

a bike trail near Pinchgut permit one or more uses to be developed on a tract of land, taking into consideration the compatibility of specific uses with the surrounding uses in accordance with approved an master development plan."

The Trussville City Council last year adopted a new downtown master plan. The main component of the new revitalization plan involves a major redesign of downtown Trussville, with the primary focus being placed on road construction and commercial property. The downtown area extends from Kay Avenue on the west side to the Cahaba River on the east side. It also extends north of U.S. Highway 11 to Hewitt Street and down to the railroad tracks on the south side of downtown.

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### Accessory, clothing tips for back-to-school shopping

ummer break is ing tips. coming to an end, which means it's time to gear up for school's fall term.

Although the idea of getting back in the swing of school is no fun, shopping for new things is. With everything on sale from classroom essentials to apparel, now is the time to get more bang for your buck. To get you started, here are a few money-sav-

Take advantage of the great deals on school supplies and buy in bulk. This tip will also save you a trip to the store for another binder, if you lose one like I'm prone to do. So, pick up a few extras while prices are mega pocketbook friendly.

Get an ultimate haul of new clothes by setting a back-to-school budget and by shopping the sales. If

your budget is tight or you have limited time to shop, freshen up your current wardrobe with new and trendy accessories. Don't be afraid to embrace your inner "Pinner" and thrift shop for cute pieces to doit-yourself with your besties. Also, be honest with yourself. If you don't see yourself dressing up every day for school, invest in more practical and comfortable clothes.



**ABBY HATHORN** 

You're never too old to carry a lunch box. I learned

this lesson really quickly while getting geared up for my college commute. Take time to find a lunch box that is not only adorable but also functional. Make sure the lunch box you or your student picks will have enough room to comfortably fit a lunch and snacks because no one likes a smooshed PB&J and crushed potato chips. If you already have a great lunch box, but it has seen

better days, find a local shop that offers monogramming. Talk with store associates about adding patches or a cutesy monogram.

Search for store coupons online and compare prices of the items you need using the local sales papers.

And last but not least, take advantage of Alabama's tax free weekend, scheduled for Aug. 1-3.





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### Terror in the front yard: Feathered bullies cause big flap in the neighborhood

have set up housekeeping in our front yard, and it's not just a single family nest with a mama, daddy and kids. Apparently the aunts, uncles, cousins, grandma and grandpa have moved in, too. It seems like mockingbirds are everywhere.

To make matters worse, they evidently think they own the place. But I guess that's a fair assumption on their part since they outnumber Jimmie, the dogs, the parrot and me by a dozen or more.

And considering they're the newcomers around here, their lack of manners toward those of us who were here first is astonishing. They perch high

**C** ome mockingbirds above us in the trees and loudly scold us for such offenses as sitting on the steps, walking across the yard or watering the plants on the front porch.

When I dared to pull a few weeds from one of the flower beds, one of the bigger birds set up a fuss, swooping back and forth between two tall oaks directly overhead. I got the distinct impression it was about to use me for target practice, reminding me of the time long ago a pigeon landed a rather sizable stream of poop on my aunt's newly coiffed head as she strolled through a downtown park. I quickly retreated inside.

But my issues with the mockingbirds are noth-



June Mathews Somewhere in the Middle...

ing compared to what the dogs have been going through. Remember the old Alfred Hitchcock movie, "The Birds"? The Chihuahuas, bless their hearts, are living it. Whenever they make their routine morning round of the front yard, they're subject to strafing by a low-flying

bird or two. I've witnessed at least two instances in which birds came within an inch or two of landing sidesaddle on a furry back.

The proximity of the fluttering wings, however, didn't seem to bother the dogs too badly. They simply ducked their heads and with squinted eyes and flattened ears, plowed through the onslaught. But I figure living with an indoor bird, namely, Murray the Evil Parrot, is tempering my buddies' reaction to the attacks. They're used to flapping wings. In fact, they're often the cause.

One of the larger Chihuahua's greatest delights is jumping up and popping the base of the bird cage with his front paws, caus-

ing Murray to madly flap his wings while struggling to remain upright on his cage-top perch.

In the meantime, the smaller Chihuahua dances underneath, obviously hoping for a nip or two should Murray hit the floor. What both dogs fail to consider is the pinching power of an Amazon parrot's beak. One swift, well-placed bite could take the end of one of their noses off.

So truth be told, the pesky mockingbirds are only giving the dogs what they deserve, causing me to wonder if the yard birds and Murray, through some mysterious avian ESP, could possibly be in cahoots.

Whatever the case, I usually enjoy feeding and watching the birds that visit our yard each spring and summer, but this terrorist variety is getting on my nerves. Once the babies leave the nest, I'm hoping the parents will move on and take the relatives with them.

Until that happens, the Chihuahuas would do well to – quite literally – watch their backs. Otherwise, they could soon be giving the newest generation of mockingbirds in the neighborhood what amounts to pony rides around the yard.

Email June Mathews at jmathews120@charter. net.

### Cahaba Springs names preschool director

#### by Gary Lloyd

#### Editor

Cahaba Springs Presbyterian Church on Deerfoot Parkway in Trussville has named a preschool director.

Mandy Mitchell is the new director of the Grace at Cahaba Springs Preschool. Mitchell has a background in accounting, teaching and preschool leadership. She grew up in Trussville and graduated from UAB.

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Cahaba Springs Presbyterian Church

#### Public Notification **Career and Technical Education Opportunities Trussville City Schools**

Notice: All Career and Technical Education (CTE\Academy) opportunities at Hewitt Trussville High School and Hewitt Trussville Middle School are offered to all students without regard to race, religion, national origin, sex, age, or disability. Lack of English language skills is not a barrier to admission and participation in Career and Technical Education (CTE\Academy) Programs. There are no specified admissions criteria for program participation. The following CTE\Academy Programs are available: Engineering Academy, Biomedical Sciences Academy, Business and Finance Academy, Hospitality and Culinary Arts Academy, Information Technology Academy, Electrical Construction Academy. CTE/Academy accessibility concerns should be directed to Joy Young, Trussville City Schools Career and Technical Education Administrator, Hewitt Trussville High School, 6450 Husky Parkway, Trussville, AL 35173.

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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.

#### **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.

#### 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.

#### Upcoming Trussville City BOE meetings

The Trussville City Board of Education will meet July 21, Aug. 18, Sept. 15, Oct. 20, Nov. 17 and Dec. 15. All meetings are at 6 p.m. with public work sessions at 4:30 p.m. The Oct. 20 meeting will include a board retreat that begins at noon. All meetings are at the Central Office on North Chalkville Road.

#### Day camp at Camp Coleman **July 21-25**

Day camp at Camp Coleman in Trussville will be July 21-25 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. each day. To happen, the minimum amount of participants is 20 and the maximum is 80. The cost is \$120 per camper per week and the registration deadline is July 14. Adult volunteers are needed. The camp includes archery, hiking, lawn sports, team-building games, hopscotch, arts and crafts, rock climbing, kayaking, development, leadership canoeing, water scavenger hunt, tubing, and more. To register, visit https://thriva. activenetwork.com.

#### **Fundraiser July 25 for Friends** of the Trussville Library

A Friday night "frosted" fundraiser to benefit the Friends of the Trussville Library will take place at Gigi's Cupcakes at 1483 Gadsden Highway in Trussville is July 25. Ten percent of any sales made between 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. will be donated to the organization. Funds raised by the Friends of the Trussville Library help support summer reading programs and meet other library-related needs.

#### **Trussville book signing July 26**

The Trussville Tribune editor Gary Lloyd will sign copies of his book, "Trussville, Alabama: A Brief History," on Saturday, July 26 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at Books-A-Million in Trussville. The store is located at the Colonial Promenade at Tutwiler Farm on U.S. Highway 11.

#### 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.

#### Meet your child's football coach in Clay

Parents of youth football players will have the chance to meet their child's football coach and athletic directors at a football parent and coach meet and greet July 29 at 6:30 p.m. at the Clay Community Center. Clay youth football and cheerleading signup is open through July 27 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on the weekends at Clay City Hall.

Blessing of the Backpack community block party will be held Saturday, Aug. 2 at Taylor Memorial United Methodist Church from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.There will be games, music, food and giveaways. Attendees should bring an empty backpack to be filled and blessed. The church is located at 2501 Sweeny Hollow Road.

#### **'Cougar Tracks' for CCHS** freshmen Aug. 5

Cougar Tracks for all incoming freshmen students at Clay-Chalkville High School will be Tuesday, Aug. 5 from 8 a.m. to noon in the school's auditorium. Students should arrive at 7:45 a.m. for check-in.

#### **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.

#### Kurly Q's dance club in **Odenville Aug. 9**

The Kurly Q's square dance club will host the "Kool Kats," a doo wop 1950s and 1960s group with Belynda Sims on Aug. 9 from 7 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. at Purser Ray Hall at St. Clair Middle School at 100 First Avenue in Odenville. Reserved tickets are \$10 and general admission is \$8. For more information, call Donna Hayles at 205-640-8939.

#### **Trussville Bridal Show Aug. 10**

The third annual Trussville Bridal Show will be Sunday, Aug. 10 from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Trussville Civic Center. Admission is \$5 per person. Brides are admitted free with a paying guest. Attendees must pay in cash. No credit cards will be accepted.

#### **Trussville flag football registration** open until Aug. 10

Youth flag football registration in Trussville is open for the fall season. The cost is \$115 per child. Registration will close Aug. 10. For more information, call 205-661-3777 or visit www. trussvilleparks.org.

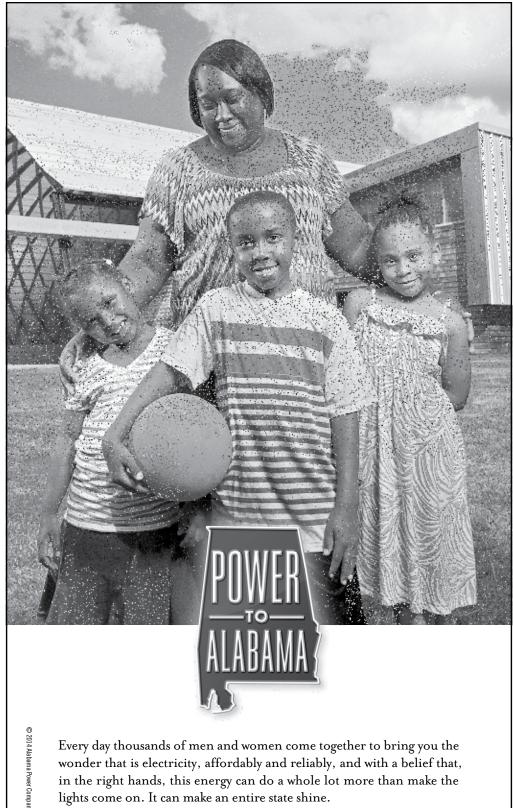
#### **Trussville Public Safety Committee meetings**

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.

#### Cahawba Art Association meetings

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







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# **UPINION**

### **Eyeglasses and baseball a dangerous combination**

Safety Awareness Month, I thought I would bring up a subject I take very seriously, and that's safety eyewear for sports.

Ask anyone who knows me and they'll tell you I am a big sports fan. I played sports growing up and played college baseball for about a week (actually, it was two years, but it felt like a week). I still like to watch sports at all levels, especially baseball.

I cringe every time I see

ince July is Eye a young person playing any sport with regular eyeglass frames. It makes for a dangerous situation.

> Regular frames for everyday wear are not made for contact from a ball, elbow or foot. Frames will break if hit hard enough and the resulting injury can be sight-threatening.

> Imagine a "bad hop" in a little league game that happens to hit the shortstop wearing his or her eyeglasses. Most likely the lenses will not shatter, but the frame will. A broken

frame can have razor sharp edges that can lacerate the globe of the eye, causing permanent injury.

You may scoff at the odds of something like this happening, but I saw this catastrophic injury first hand.

I was 14 and a teammate of mine named Josh was running on a play from first to second base. While making an attempt at a double play, the opposing second baseman inadvertently threw the ball right into Josh's face. His glasses shattered, slicing his eye.



DR. ZACK STEELE, O.D.

My teammate and friend had emergency surgery that night on his eye. Josh's retina on his right eye was torn, causing permanent vision loss. His promising

baseball career was over. I remember those few moments like they were yesterday. I still wince when I think about it. Every day, when a child comes in needing glasses that plays a competitive sport, I am reminded of Josh.

That's why I always tell my patients and parents to make sure to have standard sports frames and lenses. I know when we think of sports glasses we are reminded of the goggles of Kareem Abdul-Jabbar. But these days, they actually

look stylish, and most importantly, they protect the eves from situations like what I've described.

Believe me, it's worth the extra money on a pair of these glasses to protect your child's eyes from harm.

Dr. Zack Steele is a 2003 graduate of the UAB School of Optometry. His practice, Trussville Vision Care, is located on Chalkville Mountain Road in downtown Trussville

### **Inside the Statehouse: Looking back at, analyzing the 1958 governor race**

s the 1958 governor's race dawned, the shadow of Big Jim Folsom loomed over the scene. Even though Big Jim couldn't be on the ballot, because the Alabama Constitution prohibited a governor from succeeding himself, his larger than life presence was pervasive.

Although Big Jim was prohibited from seeking a record third term in 1958, the aspirants couldn't decide if they wanted his support or not. On one hand he was popular with rural Alabamians but, on the other hand, his second term had been as tumultuous and chaotic as his first and probably more scandalous and corrupt.

As was the custom, because you couldn't succeed yourself, the man who ran second became the frontrunner four years later. It was called running get-acquainted race. а This pattern had been played out throughout the decades. The runner-up to Big Jim in 1954 was Jimmy Faulkner, who was a state senator from Bay Minette. Faulkner was a successful businessman who owned a string of newspapers. He was sharp, handsome and articulate with a little more polish than Big Jim but not nearly the charisma. However, having finished second in 1954, Faulkner emerged as the frontrunner when the 1958 governor's race began.

gest rival. Wallace was a fiery circuit judge in Barbour County and had been running for governor since he was in knee pants. He had been traveling and organizing the state for four years preparing to run. Wallace was especially well organized in south Alabama. He'd been Big Jim's south Alabama campaign manager in 1954 and was poised to build on and use those contacts. It was apparent that Wallace was a political force to be reckoned with in this race and in years to come. He had a magnetism that connected with voters and a phenomenal ability to remember people's names. He was also a gifted orator and debater. John Patterson was the

attorney general of Alabama. His father, Albert Patterson, had been elected four years earlier but was assassinated shortly after his election. The elder Patterson was a Phenix City lawyer who had run on a platform of cleaning up Phenix City, which had emerged as one of the most corrupt cities in America. It was a poor man's Las Vegas with gambling and prostitution catering to the vast army of soldiers stationed at Ft. Benning in Columbus, Ga., just over the Alabama line. The city was run by a tough local mafia. After Albert Patterson was elected, they killed him. He was assassinated outside his office by the mafia the night he was elected.



**Steve Flowers** Inside the Statehouse

young son and law partner, John, ascended to attorney general after his father was elected and assassinated. John Patterson had a successful term as attorney general and fulfilled his father's promise to clean up Phenix City. He ran the loan sharks out of Alabama and prosecuted some of Big Jim's political cronies who had gotten too greedy.

In the meantime, a movie entitled "The Phenix City Story" had been made about the corruption and cleanup of Phenix City that portrayed John Patterson favorably. It seemed every Alabamian had seen the film. There was still a lot of sympathy for what the mob had done to Patterson's father. When Patterson joined the governor's race, Faulkner and Wallace didn't realize what an icon Patterson had become. It wasn't until the votes were counted that Faulkner and Wallace realized they had been running against the wrong man.

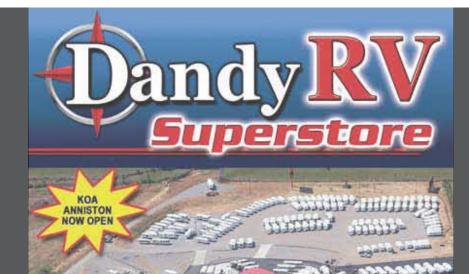
ran third with 91,512. A.W. Todd, the popular commissioner of agriculture from Russellville, ran fourth with 59,240. Patterson had run a brilliant, well-organized campaign, masterminded by Charles Meriwether, who had become a power behind the throne capitol power broker. Patterson also captured the race issue. Although Wallace and Faulkner were racist segregationists, Patterson had become the most ardent and was perceived as the He was endorsed by the Ku Klux Klan.

Faulkner endorsed Patterson in the runoff against Wallace. Wallace fought hard and tried to bait and debate Patterson. However, Patterson adroitly ignored Wallace and hid out campaigning in the country. Patterson beat Wallace by 65,000 votes in the June 3 runoff and became the youngest man, 36, to ever be elected governor.

Patterson beat Wallace soundly. Wallace realized race was the issue and

with 162,435. Faulkner anti-integration candidate. Patterson had won with it. Wallace was distraught at the loss. He went into a month of deep depression. Afterward, he got up, started campaigning and never stopped for four years. Wallace would not be denied in 1962.

> Steve Flowers is Alabama's leading political columnist. His column appears weekly in 72 Alabama newspapers. Steve served 16 years in the state legislature. He may be reached at www.steveflowers.us.



It was apparent early on that George Wallace would be Faulkner's big-

Albert Patterson's

Patterson led the 14man field with 196,859 votes. Wallace ran second



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# **Sports**

### Trussville's Andrew Rape taken in National Pro Grid League draft

by Gary Lloyd

#### Editor

Trussville native Andrew Rape was selected last Thursday in the first-ever National Pro Grid League draft.

The 5-foot-11, 220-pound Rape was selected 14th overall in the second round by the New York Rhinos. There are eight teams in the league.

"It's been a great ride already and I've already learned so much," Rape said on his Facebook page before the draft began last Thursday.

Rape, 25, is a 2007 Hewitt-Trussville High School graduate and owns CrossFit Trussville.

Much like CrossFit, the NPGL pushes its athletes to their physical limits by testing their strength, speed and cardiovascular endurance. Unlike CrossFit, the league is team oriented and involves a high degree of



photo courtesy of the National Pro Grid League

Andrew Rape

#### strategy.

No athlete drafted is required to relocate. With the first season being ab-

breviated, Rape hopes to continue his duties as CrossFit Trussville owner.

"CrossFit Trussville is my No. 1 priority and everyone here means so much to me," Rape said last month. "I'm not going anywhere (long term)."

He added that he will likely leave for a three-week mini-camp. The New York Rhinos will likely fly Rape out to each event throughout the season, allowing him and wife Candace to stay planted in Trussville.

"I'm always going to stay the owner, I'm not selling this baby," he said last month.

The league begins its first season in August.

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### Flag football game to benefit Clay-Chalkville grad

by Gary Lloyd

Editor

A flag football game scheduled for Saturday, July 19 will benefit a Clay-Chalkville High School graduate with Sudden Unexpected Death in Epilepsy.

The tournament will benefit the impending treatment and surgery for 2011 graduate Trey Belvin.

The tournament is being hosted at Clay-Chalkville High School, put on by The Darrin Reaves Foundation, a new foundation created by former Clay-Chalkville and UAB running back Darrin Reaves, now a member of the Carolina Panthers.

Pre-registration for the tournament is \$5. Registration on the day of the tournament begins at 10 a.m. Games begin at 11 a.m.

For more information, email TheDarrinReaves Foundation@gmail.com.

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### 6 area athletes head to Montgomery for All-Star Sports Week

#### by Gary Lloyd

#### Editor

Six area athletes will head to Montgomery next week for the 18th annual Alabama All-Star Sports Week.

Two area baseball players were named to the North All-Star team. Clay-Chalkville rising senior pitcher Matthew Calvert and Hewitt-Trussville rising senior shortstop Carter Pharis were named to the team.

The North-South All-Star game is scheduled for Tuesday, July 22

in Montgomery. The North swept last year's doubleheader 6-0 and 13-5. The North leads the alltime series 17-10-1.

Hewitt-Trussville rising senior catcher Taylor Beshears was named to the 2014 North softball All-Star squad for the July 22 North-South game at Lagoon Park in Montgomery.

Beshears, who also plays third base, is verbally committed to play college softball at Arkansas. The South and North split last

year's two games with the South winning game one 3-0 and the North prevailing in the second game 8-4. The North currently holds a 22-8-2 advantage in the series, which began in 1997.

One Hewitt-Trussville soccer player, rising senior forward T.J. McGettigan, was named to the North boys team for the North-South All-Star soccer game, scheduled for July 22 at the Emory Folmar Soccer Complex in Montgomery. The North boys lead the all-time series over the South 8-4-1.

A Clay-Chalkville football player will play in the North-South All-Star football game July 24 at the Cramton Bowl. Offensive lineman Josh Davis was selected as one of 74 senior student-athletes to play in the game. Davis, a 6-foot, 298-pounder, was named as an Alabama Sports Writers Association honorable mention player in Class 6A last season as a senior.

The South staged a dramatic comeback in the second half to win last year's game 22-21. The South holds a 29-23-2 edge in the North-South series, which began in 1948.

Clay-Chalkville girls basketball rising senior guard Kristian Hudson was named to the 2014 North-South Basketball All-Star squad for the 18th annual Alabama All-Star Sports Week competition.

The North swept last year's competition at Alabama State University's Dunn-Oliver Acadome with the boys winning 96-60 and the girls rolling to an 84-36 victory. The North leads the girls' series 15-2.

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## **Former Clay RB** starts foundation

by Gary Lloyd

#### Editor

Former Clay-Chalkville running back and current Carolina Panther Darrin Reaves has started a foundation.

Reaves announced the Darrin Reaves Foundation on Twitter on Monday.

The foundation can be followed on Twitter @TheDRFoundation.

"We aim to create opportunities for a healthy and successful future while teaching our youth how to be leaders," the Twitter account's biography states.

Reaves, who went undrafted during May's NFL Draft, agreed to terms with the Carolina Panthers. Reaves signed with UAB after his senior season at Clay-Chalkville High School and rushed 79 times for 372 yards as a freshman. Reaves in 2012 rushed for 1,037 yards and a school-record 13 touchdowns, while catching 41 passes for 302 yards and one score. He was named a Conference USA First Team selection. As a junior at UAB last season, Reaves rushed 201 times for 928 yards and 12 touchdowns. He was named an honorable mention All Conference USA player.



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#### Darrin Reaves

As a senior at Clay-Chalkville in 2010, Reaves rushed for 1,223 yards and 17 touchdowns. He also caught 21 passes for 287 yards and a touchdown.

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### **2** schools stand out for **Pinson Valley RB Gibson**

by Gary Lloyd

#### Editor

Pinson Valley rising senior running back Nick Gibson says two schools are standing out to him in his recruitment.

After practice last Tuesday, Gibson said he'll likely choose between Mississippi State and Alabama for his college destination.

Gibson said he'll likely make his college decision known this month.

Gibson also holds scholarship offers from Tennessee, Arkansas, Kentucky, Florida State, Louisville, North Carolina State, South Alabama and Jacksonville State.

Gibson, the Alabama Sports Writers Association Class 5A Back of the Year as a junior in 2013, rushed 293 times for 2,205 yards and 27 touchdowns. He also caught 25 passes for 266 yards and three scores. In his three years of varsity football, Gibson has rushed 496 times for 3,724 yards and 40 touchdowns. Gibson is one of 11



photo by Ron Burkett

Pinson Valley rising senior running back Nick Gibson carries the ball during practice last week.

Alabama high school Player finalists along with football players announced U.S. Army All-American earlier this year as a Marching Band musicians candidate to play in the announced will be nationwide throughout the U.S. Army All-American Bowl on Jan. 3, 2015. The fall, with the Selection Tour ending in early December.

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### Hewitt grad becomes youngest OC in Tennessee

#### by Gary Lloyd

#### Editor

А former Hewitt-Trussville football player and coach has become the youngest high school offensive coordinator Tennessee, according in to Oak Mountain head football coach Cris Bell.

who coached football and baseball at Hewitt-Trussville Oak and Mountain, was recently named the offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach at Northwest High School in Clarksville, Tenn. Roupe is a 2009 Hewitt-

Trussville High School

Bell said J.J. Roupe, graduate and a three-year letter winner in football and baseball, Bell said.

Roupe later played wide receiver at Samford University.

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