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## Legal concerns force Clay to to rescind vote on tax earmarks

by Lee Weyhrich

Staff Writer

When Clay City Council voted in their last meeting to take the earmarks off a five-mill property tax, the vote was not done legally, according to state law.

Councilman Ricky Baker cited Alabama Code 11-45-2(b) which states “No ordinance or resolution intended to be of

permanent operation shall be adopted by the council at the same meeting at which it is introduced, unless unanimous consent of those present is given for the immediate consideration of such ordinance or resolution...”. Baker also cited the League of Municipalities handbook which states that an ordinance of this nature may only be changed by means of another ordinance, and that the ordinance must be voted

on as written in its entirety.

Since the earmark change was introduced during mayor and council comments as a motion, was not read as a whole, and was not voted on during unanimous consent, the change did not actually pass into law.

“It needs to be rescinded tonight, a new one needs to be written, read at the next meeting and either placed under unanimous consent at the next

meeting, or read at the next meeting and voted on at the following meeting,” Baker said.

The council voted unanimously to rescind the previous motion in order to straighten out the error.

Councilman Bo Johnson stated his goal in attempting to remove the earmarks was to keep the money from being untouchable in the event a police force or school system was not feasible. He still hoped much of that

funding would go to improving schools and public safety.

At least one Clay resident expressed his wish that the earmarks stay in place.

“I’m here to register my position in regard to your recent action which removed the schools and police force as earmarks that were attached to the recently passed 5-mill ad

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## Summer reading program makes proud readers

by Chris Yow

Editor



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Children dress up in costumes during a costume party at the library.

The Trussville City Library enjoyed another successful summer reading program this summer, and that’s something for which readers can be proud. The annual program brought in more than 1,100 children from ages birth to 5th grade this year, and added a little more than 500 teens and adults as well.

Children’s Librarian Becky Burchfield said she was very excited, along with the children to have such a successful program.

The summer reading program offers anyone of any age the chance to track their reading by filling out log books and receiving rewards for meeting reading

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## Paving the way



photo by Chris Yow

Road work on Chalkville Road between Poplar Street and Green Drive is almost complete, and work will begin on Poplar Street soon.

by Chris Yow

Editor

The City of Trussville has taken several steps to improve roads throughout the city lately. Current projects include minor finishing touches to Chalkville Road, including striping and raised pavement markers, but those projects won’t be completed until Poplar Street is complete as well according to Wayne Sullivan, director of the street department.

Sullivan said the traffic on Poplar Street will likely be down to one lane at a time as the project moves along. The city plans to begin on Poplar Street as soon as the

weather permits. Until that time, traffic lights in the area will remain on timers.

Mary Taylor Road is open once again, and drivers can expect the road to remain open and construction free until Magnolia Elementary gets closer to opening.

The city also recently passed a resolution to allow the Alabama Department of Transportation to resurface the area of Interstate 59 from Chalkville Road to Edwards Lake Road.

ALDOT is also in the pre-construction phase of adding a lane to the I-459 and U.S. 11 ramp according to Jefferson County Public Information deputy Linda Crockett. Construction on that should begin within the week she said.

## Local authors release pair of books

by Chris Yow

Editor

Trussville residents Pat and Karen Schlatzline have been ministering across the globe for almost 20 years, and Pat has written a total of three books helping others and ministering to many who may not have any background in churches or the Bible. Karen has just written her first book, set for release in September.

Pat recently released his latest work “Unqualified” on June 2, and the website for the book gives a little background into what readers can expect from the work.

The website states on its homepage, “Maybe you have a tainted past. You let yourself get pulled into promiscuity, drugs, sabotage, or theft. Maybe you’ve never had any of these major struggles, but you still battle insecurity. You can’t imagine God would ever use you! You’re completely unqualified. But the truth is God wants to use you exactly where you are because you are unqualified.”

Pat stated he wrote the book to minister not only to Christians who feel unworthy of being used by God, but even to unbelievers who feel like all hope is lost.

“This book is about the fear of feeling unqualified,” Pat said. “It’s for anyone who has ever felt like they were not good enough for God to use.

“No matter your history or what

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## TRIBUNE AREA WEATHER

Here is The Trussville weather conditions in page by scanning the QR Tribune’s area weather Trussville, Clay, and code below with your forecast for the next Pinson, see The Trussville smartphone. seven days. For current Tribune weather web



## Joint project could help Floyd Bradford Road be paved

by Chris Yow

Editor

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The Birmingham City Council plans to vote this week on a joint services agreement allowing Mayor William Bell and the city of Birmingham to work with the cities of Irondale, Leeds and Trussville according to Bryan Davis of the Birmingham Business Journal.

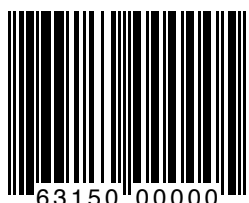
Davis reports the project, a road surface improvement project of Floyd Bradford Road, will cost a total close to \$1 million, and that cost will be divided among the municipalities. Jefferson County is slated to pay the bulk of the cost with a \$649,452 commitment.

Trussville would pay \$174,860 in the current agreement. Trussville Mayor Gene Melton said that number could decrease depending on private support.

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# NEWS

## Trussville woman guilty of conspiracy to defraud

From staff reports

A former employee of Serra Nissan was convicted of conspiracy to commit fraud by a federal jury last week. Kimberly H. Branch, 34, of Trussville, was convicted after three days of testimony. Branch was acquitted of 15 counts of wire fraud. No sentencing date has been set, and

Branch remains free on bond.

“Whether it is consumer or corporate victims, my office takes fraud very seriously and will continue to prosecute those who deceive and cheat other,” U.S. Attorney Joyce White Vance said in a release.

Court testimony showed Branch, among others, falsified sales reports

submitted by wire to Nissan between March 2013 and April 2013 according to the press release. Serra Nissan then received sales incentive payments it did not earn.

The sales reports showed 15 specific vehicles were sold at the Birmingham dealership, but were actually sold at Serra Visser Nissan in Cullman.

The process is sometimes called “pooling sales” and occurs when a dealer who owns or is associated with more than one dealership combines or attributes sales from one dealership to another in order to meet sales incentives levels that each dealership would not reach on its own the release said.

The total unearned

incentives pay equaled \$82,750 from Nissan of North America to the dealership.

Randy Visser, general manager of Serra Nissan, entered a guilty plea in July to conspiracy to defraud Nissan North America through incentive programs. Visser admitted he directed employees of the Birmingham dealership

to failly reports in order to pool sales from the Cullman dealership. He is set to be sentenced Nov. 17.

Eight other Serra Nissan managers or salesmen pleaded guilty early this year in a separate conspiracy to boost loan approvals and car sales by creating and submitting falsified loan documents to lenders.

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goals. “Having a set goal really encourages kids to read and meet those goals,” Burchfield said. “The kids definitely don’t want to be the ones who don’t get their reward, so they meet those goals.”

The Trussville area has a very active readership at all ages, according to Burchfield. After working in other Jefferson County libraries, she said the Trussville kids are proud of their accomplishments and get a little more excited about reading than other places.

“These kids really enjoy reading. They have a great time with the activities, and we’re proud for them,” she said.



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Adults enjoyed classes as well in the program. Here a class learns about glass art during the summer reading program.

The program will feature several activities throughout the summer, and along with those activities, the library will assign books on a similar subject, making the kids more interested in the books after the activity.

“Having activities makes a big difference here because everyone loves to interact with each other, and we want people to know that reading is fun,” Burchfield said.

The library had just shy of 65,000 visits over the summer and more than 3,000 people attended the program.

The library will also be holding its annual book sale Aug. 20-23, and will have several books that have never been available for



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XXXX shows off a bearded dragon during a presentation as children gather around to learn.

purchase before. The sale will be held in the Library

Meeting Room during regular business hours.

## SouthPoint Bank

The Trussville Area Chamber of Commerce (TACC) hosted a ribbon cutting for the new building of SouthPoint Bank on Friday, August 14.

SouthPoint Bank is now located at 7278 Gadsden Highway in Trussville on the other side of the Publix parking lot.



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Shown in the photo are (l. to r.): TACC Board President Melissa Jones; City Councilman Alan Taylor; Ted Wood, Butch Motley, Rob Richardson, Christy Smith, Branch Manager Donika Roll, Becky Knowles, and President/CEO Steve Smith, all from SouthPoint Bank; City Councilman Brian Plant; TACC Board Members Michael Lynam and June Mathews; and TACC Executive Director Diane Poole.

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valorem property tax,” resident Rick Barlock said. “The 5-mill increase was sold to the public with the promise that the money generated by it would be used for improving both the city’s schools and its police force. To renege on that promise without public input is to betray the public’s trust.”

Baker also laid out the

basic plans and expenses for a possible Clay police force. With the combined property tax added to what the council already spends on contract deputies, Baker believes there should be more than enough money to support the police force, and even more if the council chose to only buy one new police vehicle a year to replace the old

patrol cars in current use rather than buy all the vehicles at once.

He also believes the proposed police force can use an existing structure such as at Cosby Lake or City Hall.

The court system would likely pay for itself but, according to Baker, some area court systems actually put money back into the

city. Baker presented his proposal to the council to be voted on at a later date. A public meeting will be held September 21 at 5:30 p.m. to discuss the force. Baker has lined up a municipal judge to speak at that date.

The next council meeting will be September 8 at 6:30 p.m.

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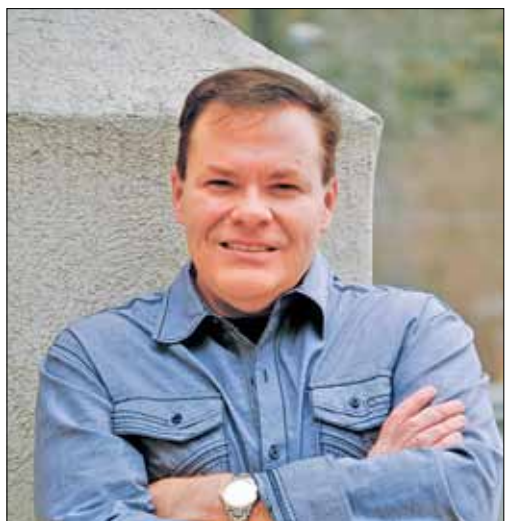
Within the book, Pat shares his personal stories, as well as stories from the Bible to prove anyone can be a vessel. His stories and those from the Bible show the ability of God to use anyone throughout the book.

Currently, Pat is travelling the world speaking and teaching, and has found the book to be popular almost everywhere he's gone.

"I have highly successful pastors who have told me the book lifted the burden of feeling unqualified from them," Pat said.

Karen now joins Pat as an author as her first book "Dehydrated" will be released officially Sept. 1.

Karen never really



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Pat Schatzline

planned to write a book, but she said the calling of God and a phone call from a publisher changed her mind.

"God had been dealing with me for a long time, and one night I really felt Him saying 'It's time.' Maybe

three days later I got a call from (the publisher) saying they wanted me to write a book," she said.

The book tells a story of how to continuously look to Jesus for strength and to be fulfilled just as the woman at the well in the Bible story.

"The Bible says that we are to produce fruit in season and out of season. We can only do that if our roots grow deep enough to reach the life-giving water and store up that water regardless of whether or not we are in a season of drought," the book's website says.

"Everywhere I went speaking, I kept hearing how life had dehydrated



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Karen Schatzline

people. How it had taken their joy away and they didn't have energy," Karen said. "So I wanted to help

those people who felt like they were empty."

Pat praised the book, even going as far to say he believes it is better than any of his three works to date.

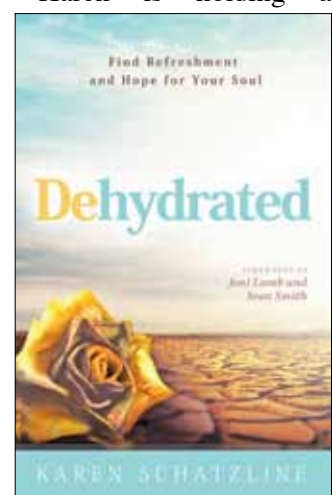
Having Pat around was very helpful for the new author, as he was able to help Karen throughout the process.

"Pat was with me every step of the way," Karen said. "I often say I would never have been able to do this without him."

Both Karen and Pat are full time evangelists, and they recently started an online school for those who feel called to share

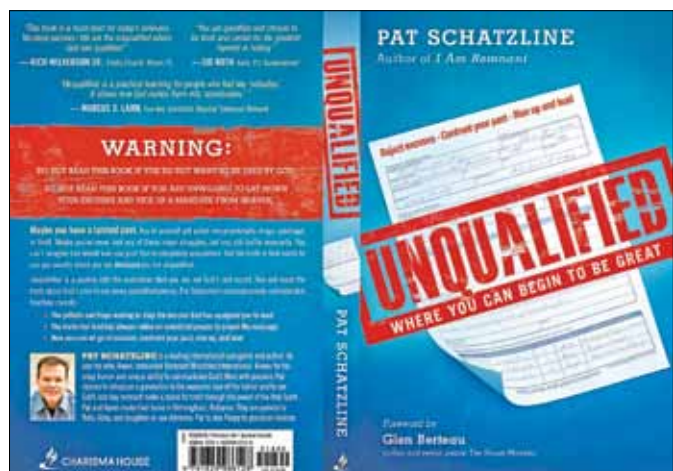
the Word, but can't go to a normal school or seminary.

Karen is holding a



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release at Daystar Church for "Dehydrated" on Sept. 6 with a book signing.



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## 2015 TACC Bridal Show successful

From Staff Reports

The annual Trussville Chamber Bridal Show was a success over the weekend. According to a press release, the show saw 50 brides and close to 90 guests at the show. The chamber awarded Alexander's the Great Events and RealtySouth-Trussville with "crowd favorite" awards.



photos courtesy of TACC

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Floyd Bradford Road runs from Roper Road near the Trussville Country Club to U.S. 78, but Melton said he was unsure exactly where the plans to pave would end.

"If it goes all the way

to Roper Road, the whole thing would get paved," Melton said. "That would be great."

Davis also reported this potential agreement comes after several cities along U.S. 280 began talking

about a collaborative effort to reduce congestion on one of the metro area's biggest traffic problem areas.

These two agreements could begin a movement toward more municipal cooperation.



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# LIFESTYLE

## Real Estate: McMansion vs. Tiny House...

While for decades the thought “bigger is better” has ruled, it looks like the tide may well be turning in the real estate industry. This change in trend is being brought about by two very different groups: Baby Boomers and Millennials. The Tiny House Movement has caught the imagination of these two outwardly dissimilar groups due to many shared realities as well as shared dreams or desires.

**Simplicity...** As a rising number become aware of the complicated lives brought on by burdensome

debt, both groups seem to be leaning toward a more simple existence led largely by the desire to be less encumbered with debt. Simplicity, however, for both groups also includes a desire for peace of mind, as well as eliminating or reducing both the fiscal and emotional costs of following the aspirations of others.

**Mobility...** Another strong motivator for both groups seems to be mobility or the ability to see more of the world or to take advantage of developing opportunities for either career or life experience. The large expensive home



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is often viewed by members of both groups as an anchor holding them back from

experiencing life without the limits of a permanent homestead.

**Lifestyle...** Much of this could be summed up as a refocusing on life experience rather than the acquisition of things. Lifestyle is seen more as experience than assets.

**Independence...** Of equal importance is the desire for independence. Millennials are so often burdened with excessive student loan debt and reduced or limited employment opportunities, and are opting for the independence of their on space rather than having to live through what feels

like a protracted period of adolescence living with parents. Living smaller means being on their own sooner. For the Baby Boomers, living smaller means less to maintain and more independence to complete their bucket list.

**Freedom...** All of this should sound rather familiar. It really sounds like the forces that drove the development of the American persona for most of the past 400 years. The great American spirit seems to be more embodied in the search for freedom, independence and a better life beyond that our predecessors experience.

I'm reminded of the words of Kris Kristopherson from the song Me and Bobby McGee: “Freedom’s just another word for nothing left to lose.”

Now, I realize that this transition may seem counter cultural if not counter intuitive for many. And almost certainly, the masses are not moving toward living in a space less than 500 square feet. But the move is strong enough to impact the way the masses look at where and how they live and this will affect us all.

May the Market be with you...

## Restaurant Ratings

|                               |   |     |                              |  |     |
|-------------------------------|---|-----|------------------------------|--|-----|
| Chick-Fil-A #20               | 746 Brookwood Village Homewood Al       | 97  | Jessies Steaks & Seafood     | 150 Main Street Hoover Al              | 91  |
| Vulcan Center Kitchen         | 1701 Valley View Drive Birmingham Al    | 99  | Sprouts Farmers Market       | 5250 Medford Drive Hoover Al           | 95  |
| Walmart Neighborhood Market   | 312 Palisades Boulevard Birmingham Al   | 95  | Publix #1085 Bakery          | 3141 Overton Road Mountain Brook Al    | 94  |
| Purple Onion                  | 479 Greensprings Highway Homewood Al    | 92  | Pandys Sno Biz               | 8670 North 31 Highway Kimberly Al      | 98  |
| Platinum Of Birmingham        | 821 North 2nd Avenue Birmingham Al      | 96  | Publix #1085 Produce         | 3141 Overton Road Mountain Brook Al    | 94  |
| Ocarrs                        | 3150 Cahaba Heights Village Vestavia Al | 95  | Papa Johns Pizza             | 426 Decatur Highway Gardendale Al      | 94  |
| Publix #1059 Seafood          | 1325 Montclair Road Birmingham Al       | 98  | Redeauxs Sandwich Shoppe     | 710 North 20Th Street Birmingham Al    | 85  |
| Steak-Out                     | 1717 South 28th Avenue Homewood Al      | 88  | Fellowship House I           | 1625 12th Avenue, South Birmingham Al  | 96  |
| Mcdonalds Restaurant          | 5170 Medford Drive Hoover Al            | 95  | K-Maxx #1                    | 9251 East Commerce Avenue Trafford Al  | 91  |
| Bam Sports Grill              | 3144 Cahaba Heights Village Vestavia Al | 100 | Z's Takeout                  | 104 North 17th Street Birmingham Al    | 93  |
| Mings Garden                  | 1046 Main Street Gardendale Al          | 92  | California Pizza Kitchen     | 3470 Galleria Circle Hoover Al         | 91  |
| Gwens Catering                | 20 South 3Rd Avenue Birmingham Al       | 100 | The J Clyde                  | 1312 Cobb Lane Birmingham Al           | 96  |
| Grayson Valley Cty Club       | 2201 Grayson Valley Dr Birmingham Al    | 94  | Little Italys Pies & Pints   | 1924 South 11Th Avenue Birmingham Al   | 96  |
| Publix #1059 Bakery           | 1325 Montclair Road Birmingham Al       | 95  | Barnes & Noble #2175         | 171 Main Street Hoover Al 35244        | 100 |
| Grayson Valley Ctry Club      | 2201 Grayson Valley Drive Birmingham Al | 90  | Southeastern Meats           | 1630 Forestdale Plaza Forestdale Al    | 95  |
| Rafikis Grill                 | 367 Valley Avenue Birmingham Al         | 93  | Dollar General Store # 15423 | 3194 New Castle Road Birmingham Al     | 100 |
| Food Bar                      | 3154 3156 Heights Village Vestavia Al   | 94  | Pauls Hot Dogs & Grill       | 5950 Chalkville Mtn Road Birmingham Al | 99  |
| Gyros Cafe                    | 5614 Chalkville Mt Road Birmingham Al   | 92  | Ensley Foods                 | 1432 20th Street Birmingham Al         | 92  |
| Krystal Bir #9                | 1119 Main Street Gardendale Al          | 93  |                              |  |     |
| Krystal                       | 5975 Service Road Birmingham Al         | 95  |                              |  |     |
| Brookwood Bapt. Church E.C.C. | 3449 Overton Road Birmingham Al         | 99  |                              |  |     |
| Applebees                     | 2933 John Hawkins Parkway Hoover Al     | 90  |                              |  |     |
| Sprouts Farmers Market        | 5250 Medford Drive Hoover Al            | 95  |                              |  |     |
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# OPINION

## Alabama home to many great companies

Last week we discussed the legendary story of Aflac. Three more remarkable business success stories are just as magnificent. Again, all three of these companies are Alabama born and raised fairytale ventures. Alfa is Alabama's largest property and casualty insurance company. Today, Alfa employs more than 2300 people and has almost 450 agents in Alabama. It has 229 offices in Alabama, with an office in every county.

Alfa and its affiliates provide insurance in 11 states and has more than a million policies in force. Alfa is also Alabama's leading provider of life insurance with \$27 billion of life insurance on the books.

Alfa was formed out of necessity less than 70 years ago. The Alabama Farmer's Federation was established in 1921 to help farmers garner political power. During the 1920's, 30's and 40's which spanned the Great Depression and economic catastrophe, Alabama farmers found it impossible to get fire insurance to cover their homes and barns. In 1946, the Farmer's Federation

formed a fire insurance company. Farmers put up \$11,225 to start their own company. The rest is history.

Liberty National Life Insurance Company was founded in 1900 in Birmingham. During the next 60 years, it became the greatest business success story in Alabama insurance lore. As late as the 1960's, Liberty National had more life insurance policies on Alabamians than every other company in the world combined. It became one of Birmingham's biggest businesses. It had a dominating presence on 20th Street with a gigantic bronze replica of the statue of liberty on top of their distinguished building. The company had so many Alabamians insured for their burials, they figured they might as well own the funeral homes too. So in 1944 the company formed Brown Service and established ownership in most of the funeral homes in the state. In the 1970's Liberty National acquired Globe Life and created Torchmark Corporation as a holding company.

Liberty National was founded by Frank P. Samford. Mr. Samford was born in Troy in 1893. He was the son of a judge and



**Steve Flowers**  
*Inside the Statehouse*

a grandson of Governor William J. Samford. He graduated from Auburn in 1914.

Frank Samford became very wealthy as the President of Liberty National for over 30 years, especially from his stock ownership in the company. A good many of his associates and business partners also gained tremendous wealth throughout the phenomenal growth of their Liberty National stock. Mr. Samford gave so much of his wealth to Howard College in Birmingham that the school he endowed moved to the beautiful campus in suburban Homewood. The school Samford University is named in his honor and rightfully so. He and Liberty National stock paid for the gorgeous elite private college in Homewood.

Another magnificent Alabama business story has been EBSCO. The company is named after its founder, Elton B. Stephens. Thus, EBSCO is an acronym for the founder Elton B. Stephens.

Elton Stephens was born and raised in the small Barbour County hamlet of Clio. Remarkably he and George Wallace were raised in Clio during the same era. So arguably it could be said that one of the greatest businessmen in Alabama history and the state's greatest politician grew up in the same small southeast Alabama village at the same time.

Both Stephens and Wallace sold magazines door to door in the summer to help work their way through college. The idea resonated with Stephens. He started a business selling magazine subscriptions to military

bases. Elton Stephens started this business with his wife Alys Robinson Stephens in 1944. Now, 70 years later, EBSCO is a global company with nearly 6000 employees and 50 different companies operating in 23 countries. It has a tremendous diversity of business interests, which include information services, publishing and digital media, outdoor products, real estate and manufacturing.

EBSCO is one of the state's largest private companies. When Elton Stephens dies in 2005 at age 93, he was one of the wealthiest men in America. He was listed as the 66th wealthiest person in the country with an estimated net worth of \$4 billion.

However, he is best known for his magnificent philanthropy in his

later years. Some of his gifts included the Alys Robinson Stephens Performing Arts Center at UAB, as well as the Elton B. Stephens Science Center at Birmingham-Southern. He gave \$15 million to revive the Alabama Symphony Orchestra. The Stephens family is also responsible for developing the futuristic eco-friendly pristine developments of Mt. Laurel in Shelby County and Alys Beach on Florida's Gulf Coast.

See you next week.

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# Guest opinion: Library supporters got the wrong end of the deal

by Pat Feemster

For The Tribune

For the first eight years of its existence, the City of Clay had no public library. In its ninth year, that changed due to a vision shared by some Clay citizens. Initially, this vision was a struggle and at times seemed as though it would not happen. Clay has a public library today only because of citizen determination and dedication.

Though there were many library supporters, there are a few who played significant roles in attaining that goal and have remained steadfast in their service. The purpose of this letter is to acknowledge those citizens and their roles in the establishment and operation of the Clay Public Library.

At one of the lowest points of the library mission, Sheryl Spivey, a Clay citizen who was a Clay-Chalkville Middle School teacher at the time, learned about the situation and spoke out forcefully at a council meeting about the importance of a library. A library committee was ultimately approved by the Clay mayor and

council with Sheryl Spivey and Jackie Hambrick, also a Clay citizen, serving along with others.

Jackie was later elected to the Clay city council. She requested that her city responsibilities include serving as library liaison. Turning a vision into a reality requires that someone take the lead. That someone was Jackie Hambrick. She devoted extensive time and energy to research authentic restoration and funding options for the 1905 Queen Anne farm house; to work through the process of establishing a library; to seek experienced and talented library staff and, finally, to organize the opening of the library. Much of that time consisted of her personal vacation days. In less than a year from the time she took office in November 2008, the Clay Library opened its doors to the public on October 1, 2009. That was a huge feat, accomplished with help of others, of course, but all under Jackie's direction and with her carrying the load.

In spite of the fact that library boards require significant time, especially for newly established libraries, two of the original library board members, Sheryl

Spivey and Clay businessman Ron Self have served since it was formed.

The first board priority was recruiting and hiring library staff and they set the standards high. In 2010, Karen Moody, with over 20 years of experience in public library administration, circulation and youth services, was employed as library director. In 2010, Joy Lee, with a master's degree in Library and Information Studies from the University of Alabama and 11-year tenure with the Trussville Public Library, was hired as assistant library director. Under their capable management, the library thrived and quickly gained recognition for its rapid growth in services and patrons.

In 2012, Jackie was rewarded by the Jefferson County Public Library Association for her tireless work when presented with the Library Champion Award. At the time, Library Director Karen Moody stated, "The importance of her contribution is simple. Clay Public Library would not be what it is today without Jackie's countless hours of volunteer labor. We have seen circulation and patron visits increase nearly

every month since we've opened. Thousands of people are now enjoying their own library and taking advantage of all we have to offer because of Jackie's hard work."

For almost six years, the Clay Public Library served the community well, receiving well deserved praise from the Jefferson County Library Cooperative, the Alabama Public Library Service, other libraries and citizens.

Unfortunately, within the past year, both the director and assistant director resigned and the library board was "dismantled and reformed" by Mayor Charles Webster and the city council upon the recommendation of City Manager Ronnie Dixon. Two members were reappointed and three members were replaced - Sheryl Spivey, recently appointed Jackie Hambrick and Ron Self - the same three individuals that had served so selflessly.

Public accusations and demeaning comments by Clay city officials prior to that action regarding operation of the Clay Library generated negative publicity that has tarnished the library's good reputation in the minds of many citizens. Such

comments continue to be made at council meetings, even by library liaison, Councilman Kevin Small. If there were, indeed, valid issues with the library, would it have not been better for Councilman Small to attempt to work through the issues with the staff and board?

There are proper, professional ways in which to handle personnel and board issues when warranted. For the record, however, the city's assessment of the library is in stark contrast to that of local and state library leadership, whose library credentials and comprehensive knowledge of Clay Library operations far outweigh city officials' assessment ability and call into question the credibility of their accusations.

All of this has been hurtful to the previous director, assistant director and dismissed board members. To each of you, I say, "Thank you for your outstanding service to the City of Clay. The establishment and successful operation of a public library cannot be accomplished without dedicated and determined volunteers and a well qualified staff. Because of your contributions, that goal was achieved."

# Center Point set to begin use of red light cameras again

by Chris Yow

Editor

Center Point's controversial red light cameras may be coming back sooner, rather than later, thanks to the creation of a new Public Safety Department by the city, according to Mayor Tom Henderson and his

city council hired former Fairfield police officer Antonio Weatherly as a full-time public safety director to head a department. Henderson said the city is still awaiting an Originating Agency Identification Number, required by all law enforcement agencies.

"That number has been applied for, and as soon as that comes through, we'll let people know in plenty

of time when we start using them," Henderson said.

Weatherly will take over the patrolling of traffic camera footage, and will determine disbursed traffic citations, according to Henderson. Weatherly will also be able to make arrests, enforce city codes and ordinances, but this will not be a city police force. The city will still contract Jefferson County deputies

for patrol.

When the traffic cameras were installed, Jefferson County deputies were siphoning through the photographs taken by the cameras and sending traffic tickets to drivers. After a lawsuit surfaced, Sheriff Mike Hale then ordered deputies to strictly patrol the area. The lawsuit was eventually dismissed.

State Sen. Linda

Coleman, D-Birmingham, sponsored legislation to allow the traffic cameras to be used with several appeals revisions. Former state representative Arthur Payne, R-Trussville, previously sponsored and passed a bill stating the city could use the cameras, despite the lack of a full appeal process.

When the cameras were in use prior to the lawsuit,

the city was seeing between \$80,000 and \$100,000 monthly in revenue. That money, however, could only be used for public safety.

Center Point contracted with Arizona-based Redflex Traffic Systems Inc. to install and operate traffic cameras, as well as handle billing.



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# CALENDAR

## 2015 Trussville City BOE meetings

The Trussville City Board of Education will meet Aug. 17, Sept. 21, Oct. 19, Nov. 16 and Dec. 14. All board meetings are at 6 p.m. at the Central Office.

## 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.

## Center Point Masonic Lodge meetings

Center Point Masonic Lodge No. 872 located off Old Springville Road meets every Thursday at 7:30 p.m. For more information call Mike Lann at 205-687-7160.

## 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.

## Republican Women of Trussville meetings

Republic Women of Trussville meetings are at Sherry's Cafe on Valley Road near Trussville the first Thursday of each month. Meet and greet is at 5:30 p.m. and the meeting follows at 6 p.m. The August speaker is U.S. Rep. Gary Palmer. For more information, visit [www.rwot.net](http://www.rwot.net) or email [cherylamathews@gmail.com](mailto:cherylamathews@gmail.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.

## Congressman Palmer to speak at August luncheon

The Trussville Area Chamber of Commerce will welcome Congressman Gary Palmer to its August 20 luncheon at the Trussville Civic Center. Network development time begins at 11:30; lunch will be served at noon. Reservations are

\$17 each and are needed by noon on Tuesday, August 18. For more information, visit [www.trussvillechamber.com](http://www.trussvillechamber.com) or call 655-7535.

## Trussville Historical Society takes summer break

The Trussville Historical Society will not meet for the months of July or August. Its next meeting will be September 10, 6:30 p.m., at Heritage Hall.

## Karen Schatzline Book Release

Karen Schatzline will hold a book release party and book signing Sept. 6 at Daystar Church at 200 Daystar Dr., Cullman, AL after each service.

## Cahaba Fry-Down coming up in October

The 6th Annual Cahaba River Society

Fry-Down, a competitive catfish cooking contest to celebrate the Cahaba River, is October 11, 2015, 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Railroad Park in Birmingham. Proceeds will benefit the Cahaba River Society. Presenting sponsor is Amerex Corporation. A donation of \$20 gets admission to the event; children 12 and under free. For more information, visit [www.frydown.com](http://www.frydown.com).

## Cahawba Art Association meetings

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

*Have events you want to share? Email them to [news@trussvilletribune.com](mailto:news@trussvilletribune.com).*

## 2015 City Council meetings

### Trussville

The 2015 Trussville City Council meetings will be Aug. 25, Sept. 8, Sept. 22, Oct. 13, Oct. 27, Nov. 10, Nov. 19, Dec. 8 and Dec. 17. All meetings are at 6 p.m. at Trussville City Hall on Main Street.

### Clay

The 2015 Clay City Council meetings are scheduled for Sept. 7, Sept. 21, Oct.

5, Oct. 19, Nov. 2, Nov. 16, Dec. 7 and Dec. 21. All meetings are at 6:30 p.m. at Clay City Hall on Old Springville Road.

### Pinson

The Pinson City Council typically meets the first and third Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. The meetings are at Pinson City Hall, located at 4410 Main St. in Pinson.



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