



# THE TRUITT NEWS

THE OFFICIAL SKINNY FROM TRUITT INSURANCE & BONDING INC.

HOLIDAY 2010

## CONGRATS:

To: *David & Maretta Ashford* on the birth of their new addition, *Charlie*, in late November.

To: Newly elected Jefferson County Commissioner *David Carrington* on being named President of the Jefferson County Commission.

To: *Julie & Corey Bush* on the exciting news they are expecting their first child.

To: Vestavia Hills Board of Education Leader *Jamie Blair* for being named Alabama Superintendent of the Year by the School Superintendents of Alabama.

To: *Will French* on being named CEO of Dunn Investment Company.

To: *Jennifer Address* (wife of Baker Donelson's Keith Address) on completing the New York Marathon November 7th.

To: *Elbert Boothby* on being named CPM of the Year by the local IREM chapter.

To: *Bryan Holt* of Southpace Properties for becoming a principal in the firm.



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### NEW LOOK FOR THE TRUITT GANG: TRUITT TURNING 20!

It is hard to believe but as we head into 2011, Truitt will be celebrating our 20th year in business. When we started, John wasn't receiving his senior-citizen discount on coffee at McDonald's and Tony had a head-full of hair while weighing half-a-human less. Boy, things change! And as such, we are very pleased to showcase our new logo and invite you to check out the new and very much improved website at [www.truittinsurance.com](http://www.truittinsurance.com). We are absolutely thrilled with our new look. The new website, developed by Jay Brandrup's team at Kinetic Communications, is a huge step forward for us and will offer our clients, friends & associates even greater service and access to us. Check it out and let us know what you think. We also now have a fan page on Facebook where we will be able to keep you updated on everything we have going on. So you can now look forward to being plugged in for the next 20 years of Truitt history. We know you are all excited.

### RAILROAD PARK



If you have not been to Birmingham's new Railroad Park, please take time to check it out. It is exactly the type of amenity our city has needed for a long time. In fact, all of us at Truitt Insurance & Bonding have been so impressed, we are proud to announce we have become donors for the park. We invite you to consider doing the same. Check out the website at [www.railroadpark.org](http://www.railroadpark.org) for info.



### BAGGING A MONSTER

EG&S's real estate juggernaut Tyler Miller went on a elk hunting trip to Colorado in early November. Turns out he is either a good shot or elk are too big to miss. Either way, he came back happy and bragging. So, if you are considering taking a similar trip or

if you need commercial real estate advice, contact Tyler anytime and he can set you straight on either topic.



### FOOD ALERT

We happened on to Johnny's BBQ on a recent trip to Cullman. Everyone knows a good sign of good food is a crowded parking lot and Johnny's was packed during lunch time. Great sandwiches, good service and affordable. Try it out.



### CORNERSTONE AWARD WINNER

Truitt Insurance & Bonding would like to congratulate Mr. James French of Dunn Investment Company for receiving the Associated Builders and Contractors highest honor, the Cornerstone Award. Honored at ABC's Excellence in Construction Banquet held November 4th, Mr. French is truly deserving, having led one of our region's most recognized construction companies since 1977. Mr. French joins a select group of past honorees who have set the bar extremely high for others in the construction field to follow.



### PARKER GETS ENGAGED!

Congratulations to former Truitt employee Parker Smith on his recent engagement to Melissa Henley. Parker, now a force at Gray Surety, is a fantastic guy & great catch. Best wishes to them.

## HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO EVERYONE

**CONGRATS:**

**To:** Kinetic's **Jay Brandrup**, for being being noticed as a Magic City Fashion Icon in the October issue of B-Metro Magazine.

**To:** **Bug Greer, Colin Coyne** and the Vestavia Hills Library Foundation on the official opening of the new Vestavia Hills Library In the Forest. The facility is incredible and it is the first LEED certified library in Alabama. Check it out.

**To:** **Davis Goodson** of National Bank of Commerce (formerly Red Mountain Bank) for signing on as the Director of Commercial Banking with the bank's new management team.

**To:** **Tommy Wells** and **Greg Curran** of Maynard Cooper & Gale PC on being named Birmingham Lawyers of the Year for 2011 in "The Best Lawyers in America" publication.

**To:** **Zach Truitt** for bringing home the October 20th good citizenship award for his K-5 class. I'm just saying....this kid has a bright future.

**To:** our own **Tony Truitt** on being appointed to the Vestavia Hills Planning and Zoning Commission by Mayor Butch Zaragoza.

**To:** **Ruwena Healy & Marketing 24/7** for being a national finalist for the 7th annual Stevie Awards, held this November in New York. The Stevie Awards honor women executives and the companies they run. More than 1,200 entries from 30 countries, a record for the competition, were submitted this year so it is quite an accomplishment.

**BOO! 15 Halloween Party: Another Great Year**



On the night of October 29th, BOO! rocked the B&A Warehouse for its 15th year. Thanks to Susan Mason at B & A, Monty Todd and the folks at Birmingham Budweiser, 106.9 The Eagle, and everyone involved for making it another memorable party. Once again, we were proud for BOO! to help benefit the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's Team in Training. The party's increasingly middle-aged founders (Tony, Paul, Chris, Jace, Mike) continue to be amazed that people keep showing up each year in such numbers, but they are happy they do. Check out the website, [www.boohalloweenparty.com](http://www.boohalloweenparty.com) for a look back at BOO 15. We are all looking forward to BOO! 16 when we can do it all over again so put it on your calendars now for next Halloween.

**TRUITT GOES GREEN (Well....Somewhat)**

Truitt Insurance & Bonding has decided to do our part in trying to save the planet. OK, that may be a little bit of an overstatement but we have, at least, started a recycling bin in the office. In an industry that generates paper on top of paper, our opinion is at least every little bit helps. Who knows, next you might be seeing the Truitt Prius fleet attacking the state. After all, Don already is driving his Smart Car.

**THE BIG COUGH**



Burr & Forman's bankruptcy attorney par excellence, Derek Meek, recently had an interesting vacation. While on a fun-filled and fantastic trip to the Napa Wine Country with his lovely wife, they were having breakfast with a long-time friend of his. This is where it gets interesting: Derek began to cough, and did so until he cracked a rib, ending up in the ER for medical attention. Wow! You just don't hear that kind of thing everyday.



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**PLEASE NOTE**

The Birmingham News reported in their October 5th Business section that State Farm, Allstate & Alfa will be increasing homeowner's rates in Alabama by as much as 18% effective this past November 1st. We ask that you please let us compare our rates with any of these carriers if your coverage is with them.

**THE NEW GUYS**



**Matt Denton** joined Truitt this fall from Auction Insurance Agency. Matt will primarily be focusing on commercial account sales & service. Matt is presently a

CPCU candidate and also pursuing his CRIS.

**Brandon Baird**

joined Truitt this fall from Farmer's Insurance Group. Brandon has been a home & auto sales machine so contact him to see how much he can help

you save on your personal insurance costs.

