

# THE TRUITT NEWS

THE OFFICIAL SKINNY FROM TRUITT INSURANCE & BONDING INC. INC.

**CONGRATS:**

To: **Linda Parker**, of Vestavia Hill's Bruster's Real Ice Cream, on winning the Alabama Retail Association's Retailer of the Year Award in the category of businesses with sales of less than \$1M. They do a fantastic job so go see them.

To: Attorney **Angie Godwin McEwen** on being confirmed as a LEED Green Associate by the Green Building Certification Institute. Angie is an attorney with Johnston, Barton, Proctor & Rose LLP and is an alumnus of Leadership Vestavia Hills.

To: Mountain Brook City Manager **Sam Gaston** on becoming the President of the International City/County Management Association.

To: **Shades Mountain Baptist Church** in Birmingham, AL on celebrating its 100th anniversary in September. John & Gail Truitt have been members at SMBC since 1971.

To: **Aux Plumbing, Heating, Cooling & Electrical** on opening a second location. The Birmingham-based company is now also serving the Tuscaloosa area.

**A SINCERE HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM ALL OF US AT TRUITT.**  
*We wish you a much-improved 2012.*



**TRUITT JOINS AUCA**

Truitt Insurance & Bonding is proud to be a new member of the Alabama Utility Contractors Association. This is a great group making sure people understand the importance of underground construction. We are looking forward to being actively involved.



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We have recently formed a new company, Truitt

Promotional Products, and are looking to take care of all of your needs regarding pens, hats, coffee mugs, water bottles and anything else you need to help market your company. More info coming soon but contact Tony ([tony@truittinsurance.com](mailto:tony@truittinsurance.com)) for pricing.



Joanne getting ready to rock at the BMA. For more info on upcoming events, check out [www.artsbma](http://www.artsbma)

**ROCK N'ROLL NEVER FORGETS**

We were able to fit in a little fun this fall by attending the "WHO SHOT ROCK & ROLL" exhibit at the Birmingham Museum of Art on September 18th. Elvis, Madonna, Aretha, Tupac, Bow Wow Wow, and many more images were displayed of artists throughout their careers. This was first rate and one of the most successful exhibits the BMA has ever hosted. Awesome!

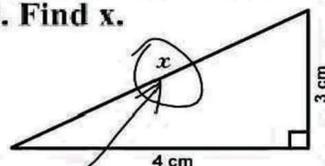


Norm's Gnomes celebrating after The Bourbon Chase. Where were you Jennifer Address?

**BIG FINISH IN KY**

Congratulations to Cary Morgan and his Norm's Gnomes teammates on their 4th overall finish in the mixed division of the 2011 Bourbon Chase. The Chase, held in October, is a 200 mile over-night relay race taking participants across the Bluegrass State. If you are a runner, you need to put this one on the calendar. Bet the after-party was pretty fun, too.

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*Here it is*

**WHY MAKE BONDING HARDER THAN IT IS?**

This is the Truitt approach to placing bond accounts. Contractors are made to go through all the motions and jump through all the hoops, especially these days, but most times the answer is pretty obvious from the start. Bottom line is we get it done for our clients, day-in and day-out, while trying to eliminate as much of the hassle as possible. We welcome the opportunity to work with you and hope you will contact us.



**ONB CHOOSES DAVID FLEMING TO LEAD ORGANIZATION**

Truitt would like to congratulate David Fleming on being named the new Executive Director of Operation New Birmingham. We have known David for many years and think he is going to do a fantastic job creating a new vision and leading the redevelopment efforts of Birmingham's City Center. Truitt is proud to say we are investors in ONB and look forward to the direction David will take the organization's efforts.

**CONGRATS:**

To: **Ashley Tilley** at Citizen's Water Authority on the birth of her newest, Cohen Wyatt Tilley.

To: **Sandra Marbury's** grandson McKinsley Marbury for being named the Champion of Character for Lane College's football team this year.

To: **Randy Robertson**, on being named The City of Vestavia Hills' first City Manager. Randy joins Vestavia Hills from his previous position in Mt. Juliet, TN.

To: Truitt's own **Jean Wilson** on being recognized by her church with the Unsung Hero Award for being a genuine, generous and an all-around good person. We agree, her church got it right on the money with this selection.



To: **Jim Ward** on the upcoming marriage of his daughter, Linda to Mr. Aaron Bennett.



Thanks to the senior class for hosting us for a lunch & learn November 28th. We brought out the big guns for this group bringing in Mike Terrell of Cincinnati Insurance Company. Mike and our own Matt Denton gave the group a lot to think about regarding the risk management issues they will be facing as they move into the work force and begin operating their businesses. Mike's slip & fall claim story involving someone being blinded with a dental drill was worth being there by itself. Anyway, congrats to all these folks and we wish them good drilling and much success.



Congrats to the new slate of officers recently chosen for The National Association of Women in Construction's Greater Birmingham Chapter. Serving will be **Stephanie Crane**, President (M.J. Harris Inc.); **Amber Strain**, Vice President (J. Adkins Mechanical); **Michele Dunn**, Secretary (Alabama Graphics); **Deborah Williams**, Treasurer (M.J. Harris). In addition, board members include **Rhonda Grounds** (M.J. Harris); **Carol Alford** (Print Resources Inc.); **Dana McDonald** (Dunn Building Co.); and **Tonya McLaughlin** (Ram Tool & Supply). Immediate past president is **Donna Campbell** (Highlands Publications). If you would like more info on this group, check out their Facebook page or go to their website at [www.nawic.org](http://www.nawic.org).



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**NEW AL CCIM DESIGNEES**

As proud members of the Alabama CCIM Chapter, we are excited to announce the latest group of commercial real estate wunderkinds receiving their Certified Commercial Investment Member (CCIM) designation:

**Robert Cook**, White Spinner & Associates ; **Todd Drummond**, Drummond Group; **Royce Emerson**, Engel Realty Co.; **Tripp Alexander**, Sandner Commercial; **Josh Lowder**, Colonial Commercial Realty; **West Harris**, Harris Tynes Realty Group; and **Brooks Corr**, Retail Specialists Inc.

Only about 6% of the estimated 150,000 commercial real estate practitioners nationwide hold the CCIM designation so this is quite an accomplishment. If you need some outstanding real estate advice, these are some of the go-to-folks to seek out for help.



The Alabama Cattlemen's Association recently crowned the Callaghan's Irish Social Pub in Mobile as having the best burger in the state. We will be checking it out shortly. Others placing high on their list include Montgomery's Stockyard Grill & Hamburger King, the Rattlesnake Saloon in Tuscumbia and Mugshots in Vestavia & Tuscaloosa.



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**BOO 16! ANOTHER SUCCESS**

It gets harder to believe each year that we are still holding

a successful Halloween Party sixteen years after we started, but BOO! is still going strong. Thinking back on what all has changed in that time, BOO! has out-lived Tony's hair and 32-inch waistline pants, 3 governor's, Former Mayor & Current Inmate Larry Langford's Birmingham 2020 Olympic planning, Carnival Cruise Lines port in Mobile, no heavy-petting going through airport security, and N'Sync (thank goodness) just to name a few. Thanks to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, B & A Warehouse, Birmingham Budweiser, 106.9FM, WIAT CBS-42, and everyone else who helps us make this happen each year. Put it on the calendar for 2012. We are already looking forward to more fun.



**KUDOS TO THE FOLKS AT ARWA**

The Alabama Rural Water Association brought home some new hardware at the National Conference October 4-6 held in Louisville. Picking up the "Excellence for Technical Assistance Award", the ARWA won one of the six major categories. What fantastic recognition for Kathy, Jerena and all the staff for their great work in an industry that affects us all.

**HE SAID IT BEST:**

"Why don't we just live here?"

4-year old **Vince Truitt**  
Last day at DisneyWorld, Nov 2011



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