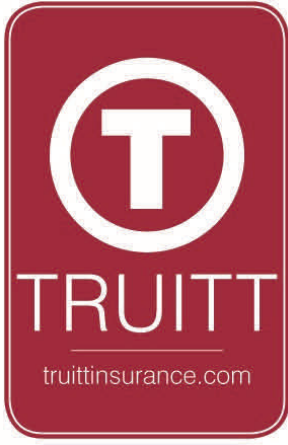


# THE TRUITT NEWS

THE OFFICIAL SKINNY FROM TRUITT INSURANCE & BONDING INC.



**CONGRATS:**

To: **Lisa & Keary Chandler** of Rainsville Funeral



Home on the arrival of their first grandchild, Levi Thomas Etherton, born Aug 25th.

To: **Frank Savage** on his upcoming retirement from the Catholic Diocese of Birmingham at year's end. Frank has done a great job serving as the Diocesan Director of Catholic Education and Lifelong Formation for the past 16 years.

To: **George Pierce** of ABC's Alabama Chapter & Vestavia Hills City Council member on the Sept 24, 2012 birth of his first granddaughter, Elizabeth Avery Pilcher,

To: **REV Birmingham**, the newly renamed & reorganized entity joining the groups formally known as *ONB & Main Street Birmingham* together. We look forward to David Fleming and staff's plans.

To: **Interiorscapes, Inc.** on being chosen to design, install and maintain all of the interior plants at the new Benjamin Russell Hospital for Children in Birmingham.

**Truitt Is The Answer (Just Saying)**

## Happy Holidays!

We Sincerely Wish Everyone A Merry Christmas & Happy Holiday Season. We Hope 2013 Is Full of Love, Laughter and Success For Each of You. If You Decide You Want To Pepper It With A Little Extra Shot of Truitt, Well.....Then, That is Alright, Too.

**HO-HO-HO!**

**JHT WINS AWARD**

For his outstanding contributions and support of the Fire Mark Circle of the Americas, John Truitt was surprised with the Morton T. Werner Award, the highest award the FMCA gives, at the their annual meeting & auction held in San Antonio, TX, October 18th - 20th. A past president of the organization, the convention has been one of the highlights of JHT's year for sooo long as he catches up with old friends and, as he likes to tell Tony, "spend your inheritance" (Editor's note: Tony always cringes upon hearing this phrasing).

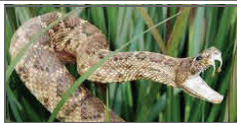


**BEST STEAK IN ALABAMA AWARDED TO THE BRIGHT STAR**

On October 26th, The Bright Star Restaurant in Bessemer was recognized by The Alabama Cattlemen's Association as as having the best steak in the state. We wasted no time in verifying they have a really, really good one. Get on out there and give it a test drive for yourself, you will not be disappointed. Other finalists in this year's contest include the Conestoga Steakhouse (Dothan); McLin's Restaurant (Daleville); Fire Steakhouse (Atmore); and Nick's Ristorante (Huntsville). All are great choices.

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**COPPERHEAD JOE!**

Cincinnati Insurance Company's Joe Cravens may have the story of the quarter. He goes outside his house in the Cahaba Heights area one night, shoeless, to get his dog. Guess what he steps on? Yup, a copperhead snake that bites him right on the arch of his foot. Well, a hospital stay, what sounds like a whole lot of pain and several rounds of anti-venom later, Joe was back on the job. He also notes he still goes out on the patio shoeless. Now that is one tough insurance guy.



Wayne, Spain & Gillon attorney John McKleroy and TT at the closing. Welcome aboard JWS.

**TRUITT WELCOMES J. WAYNE SMITH**

We are thrilled to announce that the J. Wayne Smith Insurance Agency has merged in with the Truitt family effective November 16th.

Wayne is a 30+ year insurance veteran and agency owner, and has also served for the past 12 years on the Town of Steele, AL's city council. We feel Wayne's experience is a huge asset and look forward to having him as part of our team. Give him a call and put his expertise with business, home & auto coverage to work.



**TRUITT HITS THE ROAD FOR ARWA BOARD TRAINING CLASSES**

Wetumpka, Enterprise, Decatur, Demopolis, Jasper, Monroeville.....Matt & JHT hit them all in the last couple of months as we were happy to help out as a sponsor when some state funding for these meetings was cut this year. We were amazed at the turn-out for the voluntary, nighttime classes. It is a great testament to how seriously the board members take their positions in a critical, if sometimes overlooked, role in their communities. We learned some good info, had fabulous food & met some really nice folks.



**DUNN'S NEW DIGS**

Congrats to the Dunn Building Co. team on building and relocating to their really nice, new HQ on the Dunn Campus in Bham.

**CONGRATS:**

To: Everyone who helped make our **BOO Halloween Party**, once again benefitting the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, successful for another year. We are already looking forward to bringing it back for its 18th version next fall. Check out [www.boohalloweenparty.com](http://www.boohalloweenparty.com) for more info on our party.



To: **Jason Grimmitt** of Drinkard Development on being named one of Cullman County's "Mover & Shapers" in the Sept 2012 issue of Business Alabama.

To: **Doster Construction Co.** for picking up the new \$30M, 220 Riverside residential mixed-use project in Jacksonville, FL.

To: the extremely talented **Kate Darden** on her new job with Baptist Health System. She will be serving as the VP Marketing & Communications and is a fantastic addition to their team.

To: Our friend, **Adam Snyder of Conservation Alabama**, on being appointed to the Jefferson County Transit Authority Board.

To: This Truitt Hat for making it all the way to the **Hoover Dam** during the ICSC ReCon Convention in late May. Please note, a black hat in the desert may not be the wisest of choices.



To: **John & Holly Mattioli**, owners of Dry Clean City in Vestavia, on the Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> opening of their new store, 5 Star Cleaners, on Valleydale Road.

To: **Chef Tom Saab** on the opening of his new restaurant, Bistro Two Eighteen. Located on 20th Street in downtown Bham, this is a really cool looking space with a fantastic menu. Our friend **Mark David**, a great cook himself, is serving as sous chef. Get in and try it out soon!



3-story, Corporate HQ for US Steel Real Estate located in The Preserve, Hoover, AL. Completed in 2012.



Renovation of historic fire station near downtown Bham (and Truitt's rocking office) into new space for Bogue's restaurant and adjacent retail.



New construction of 2-story Target store at Brookwood Mall in Birmingham. Scheduled for completion in early 2013.

**Hats Off To Stewart & Perry!**

We wanted to recognize what a great job Merrill Stewart and all the folks at Stewart & Perry Construction have done the past few years during an absolutely horrible stretch in the economy, especially for a company that has historically concentrated on national retail construction. While many other retail builders are no longer operating or have experienced severe issues trying to stay afloat, Merrill early on made the comment "we will find something to build" and has been true to his word. We are sure it has not been easy, but we tip our cap to Stewart & Perry on having a positive attitude, adjusting on the fly and successfully navigating some truly tough waters.

**HE SAID IT BEST:**

Go confidently into the direction of your dreams.  
Live the life you have imagined.  
- Henry David Thoreau



We would like to congratulate **Keith Cromwell** of Red Mtn Theatre Company on his selection to serve on National Alliance for Musical Theatre's Board of Directors. Way to go Keith. On an interesting side note (well, at least it is to Tony), Tony Truitt originally negotiated for the space Red Mountain Theatre occupies in downtown Bham to be donated to the group for their use.

**JAKE PRETTY MUCH NAILS IT!!!!**

Homewood, AL's Shades Cahaba Elementary School recently had their annual Grand Pals Day. This provided 8-year old Jake Truitt the chance to present his grandparents, John & Gail Truitt, this assessment of what he thinks they do each day. Jake seems to be pretty observant from what we see of his work here.

**A DAY IN THE LIFE OF MY GRANDPAL:**

In the morning he walks the dog and she eats.

Then he eats and she relaxes.

After that he takes a nap and she folds the laundry.

Next he gets up and both of them eat lunch.

Finally he does his work and she watches tv.

At night they go upstairs and go to bed.



Find us on Facebook We need some new friends. Like the Truitt FB page and we will like you back ... a lot!



**THE BIG ONE**

Congrats to Cullman's Trent Boyd for growing the new AL state record pumpkin. This monster officially hit the scales at over 884 lbs AFTER it had actually lost about 45 lbs in transit to the weigh-in. The record was around 550 lbs. WOW! Thanks Bobby Barrett for sending this tidbit in to us.

Congrats to Truitt's Don Adams for completing the Brett Robinson Alabama Coastal Triathlon Sept 8th in Gulf Shores. Don, 75 yrs old, is in better shape than any of us (excluding Matt D., of course).

**ALABAMA'S PUBLIC SPACES WINNING NATIONAL AWARDS**

- The American Planning Association picked **Mobile's Bienville Square** as one of the 10 best public spaces in the nation for 2012.
  - Meanwhile, **Railroad Park in Birmingham** recently won the Urban Land Institute's 2012 Urban Open Space Award beating out some of the top parks in the country.
- Both are truly great places. Stop by to take a break, people-watch and enjoy some of the city vibe.



**ALABAMA TRIVIA**

The Rolling Stones recorded **Brown Sugar, Wild Horses & You Gotta Move** at Muscle Shoals' Sound Studios December 2 - 4, 1969.



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