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to put up \$50,000 of his personal funds to help secure the loan from PNC Bank.

Gullette voted in favor of the UBT providing the \$75,000 guarantee. Tony Haygood, Mayor Pro Tem and UBT member, stated that the information for the urgent care center in his opinion wasn't presented clearly. "We were given the information and then it was withdrawn — and then presented to us again for our support. It was never explained in a way that would make me comfortable to make a decision on it," said Haygood, who cast the only dissenting vote when the UBT agreed to help guarantee the loan.

Ala Whitehead and Chris Lee, like Haygood, are members of both the Council and UBT. Whitehead voted in favor of committing to the \$75,000 guarantee when the UBT voted. Lee was absent at that UBT meeting and was not in attendance at the April 28 Council meeting when the matter was discussed.

Dr. June Samuel, director of student health services at Tuskegee University and a member of the Tuskegee Medical Clinic Board, also stood in favor of the Urgent Care Center. She stated that the University and the City have been talking for several years about getting urgent care in the community for the students.

"We need to reassure to the parents that progress is being made and we are working to get the center in the community," Samuel commented.

Several Tuskegee University students were in the audience, including a young lady who gave a personal example how important it is for the City to get an urgent care facility to the community.

After the citizens' comments, Care Ambulance gave a presentation about the service calls they receive in the community and asked for support from the city for an additional ambulance to be housed in the community.

Care Ambulance service is willing to provide the additional ambulance, but wants the city to sign a contract with them to be able to provide additional ambulance service. Care does not have a contract with the city or with the county.

Other business during the meeting:

- The city passed a resolution to purchase the Trader Property on the Downtown Square in Tuskegee at the market value of \$11,000 to make improvements to the vacant building.
- A resolution was passed for the resurfacing project on Old Montgomery Road from Payton Drive to Franklin Road.
- The city will change personnel policies to allow employees to have electronic time entry, instead of using a punch-in time clock.
- The city will open an operating account at Liberty Bank, which be where the additional 2-cent sales tax (of the city's 10-cent sales tax) will be deposited. Liberty Bank is the former

First Tuskegee Bank.

- A resolution was passed giving the City Manager Harvey Smith authority to apply for a Transportation Alternative Program grant. The grant will allow the city to build a sidewalk from Webb Street to Booker T. Washington High School. It is a safe route grant.
- The Public Works Department was commended for cleaning up the city and a resolution was passed to officially welcome Michelle Obama, First Lady of the United States to the community. She will speak at the May 9 Tuskegee University commencement.
- Head Start has a new website that was presented to the council. The site has ways to enroll a child into Head Start, the different services Head Start has to offer, mandatory information such as Financial Reports and a way to make donation, either by volunteering time or making a monetary donation. The site was launched at the beginning of May.

Bill (From Page A-1)

Marsh circulated to senators last week, will be the spear point of the first major push for gambling legislation in the Legislature in over five years, according to published reports. Minutes after Marsh's press conference concluded, the Alabama House Republican Caucus endorsed a budget plan that included a gaming compact with the Poarch Band, who have offered to give the state \$250 million to address next year's budget woes.

Marsh said at the press conference he did not know what the ultimate growth numbers would be, but suggested that the gambling plan could give the budget breathing room.

"It should take us many years in the future to get these other things under control," said Marsh, referring to growing costs.

Bentley sharply attacked Marsh's proposal in a speech to the Montgomery Area Chamber of Commerce on Monday, calling it "the worst piece of legislation I have ever seen."

"To think we have to depend on some of the most dependent people in our population to fund our government when corporations won't even pay their share — we're better than that," he said.

"The governor seems to think this is an ugly piece of legislation," Marsh said. "I think it's a pretty good choice

for people to make. What I've seen is a pretty ugly tax package."

The governor has threatened to veto the General Fund budget and bring the Legislature back into special session if the budget does not include his revenue package.

The legislation authorizes the governor to enter into a compact with the Poarch Band of Creek Indians, who operate casinos in Atmore, Montgomery and Wetumpka.

The tribe has offered the state \$250 million to address this year's General Fund woes in exchange for a monopoly on gaming operations. Marsh has said that Republican senators do not want to grant a monopoly to any en-

ty.

Non-exclusivity would significantly lower the amount of revenue the state would gain from an Indian tribal compact, but by taxing other entities at a higher rate, the state could potentially see more revenue from those locations.

Allowing slot machines and table games at any location in the state would allow the Poarch Band to have the machines, though the process could take time, depending on Bentley's willingness to negotiate a compact with the tribe. The governor said Monday he would not negotiate a compact before his revenue package was put in place.

Graduation information

Thursday, May 7
 • 10 a.m.
 Commencement Rehearsal, Daniel "Chappie" James Center
 • 6 p.m.
 Social Work Pinning Ceremony, Bioethics Center Auditorium
 • 7 p.m.
 Annual Teacher Education Induction Ceremony, Kellogg Hotel & Conference Center

Friday, May 8
 • 10 a.m.
 Baccalaureate Service, Mrs. Judy Forte, Superintendent, Martin Luther King Jr., NHS, TU Chapel
 • 11:30-1 p.m.
 Parents and Graduates' Reception, Grey Columns
 • 1 p.m.
 ROTC Commissioning Ceremony, Speaker: Admiral Michelle Howard, Vice Chief of Naval Operations; Remarks: Dr. Brian L. Johnson, TU President, TU Chapel
 • 2 p.m.
 Nursing & Allied Health Capping & Pinning Ceremony, TU Chapel
 • 3 p.m.
 Order of the Engineer Ceremony, Speaker: Michele Wise-Wright, Ph.D., Senior Director of the National Biotechnology & Pharmaceutical Association and Former CEO of the American Red Cross for the Greater Ozarks-Arkansas Region, Luther Foster Hall Auditorium

Saturday, May 9
 • 11 a.m.
 (Doors open at 9 a.m. for ticket-holders only. No one admitted after 11 a.m.), Commencement Exercises, Speaker: First Lady Michelle Obama, First Lady of the United States of America, Daniel "Chappie" James Center
 • Immediately following Commencement, Veterinary Oath Ceremony, Tuskegee University Chapel

- How many tickets will graduates receive?**
 Only students identified as being eligible for participation in spring commencement will receive five tickets for admission into the Daniel "Chappie" James Arena.
- Do I need a ticket to attend the actual ceremony in Daniel "Chappie" James Arena?**
 Yes. Only persons with a ticket will be granted admission to the arena. Non-ticket holders may view the ceremony from one of the streaming locations on-campus including the University Chapel.
- Can I get extra tickets?**
 At this time, extra tickets are not available for this year's commencement.
- I do not have a student graduating at Tuskegee University, how can I attend the speech?**
 Unfortunately, tickets are only available to eligible graduating students and not for the general public.
- Will security procedures mean I can't walk across the stage?**
 No. Security procedures will not prevent graduating students from walking across the stage to receive their degree.
- How will security procedures change our plans?**
 All persons entering the Daniel "Chappie" James Arena will pass through security clearance.
- Will the event be live-streamed?**
 Yes. The event will be live streamed and can be viewed online at www.tuskegee.edu/live.

Suspect (From Page A-1)

were already looking for Cox on charges in both Tuskegee and Auburn when he was apprehended only hours after a reported burglary in Auburn, according to a statement from Patrick.

"Once Cox was developed as a suspect, our investigators called in the U.S. Marshals Task Force to assist in locating this suspect so we could get him off the streets as soon as possible, once we became aware of the crimes in Auburn, we all join forces and worked together. Cox is a suspect in at least two other crimes in Tuskegee and at least three that occurred in Auburn," Patrick stated.

The arrest was made by the U.S. Marshals Service Fugitive Tax Force after locating the suspect in Tuskegee only hours after a burglary

was reported at approximately 5:30 a.m. the morning of April 30. That burglary was in the 200 block of North Donahue Drive in Auburn, according to a report in the Opelika-Auburn News.

At approximately 9:46 a.m. Thursday, Cox was taken into custody. The 2007 Dodge Caliber reported stolen earlier in the day was recovered.

In an interview with WSFA television, Macon County Sheriff Andre Brunson stated, the "dangerous" suspect was caught with the help of several local and federal agencies. The crimes occurred in areas of the city he's familiar with," the sheriff said.

He applauded the work of the agencies involved to get the alleged predator off the streets.

"We apprehended a subject that was wanted in four sexual assaults and four home invasions," Brunson said. "Anytime you have someone assaulting females, anytime you have someone breaking into homes, you want to get them caught as quickly as possible and we did that. I would like to thank the Macon County Sheriff's Department, the Auburn Police Department, the Tuskegee Police Department and I want to give a special thanks to the U.S. Marshal's Fugitive Task Force for a job well done."

Brunson pointed out that the Sheriff Department's involvement in the case is because two of the department's deputies are assigned to aid the U.S. Marshals Service Fugitive Task Force.

Arrests (From Page A-1)

that a second subject identified as Michael Walker had also been shot at the same location. Walker, the brother of Marquez, had received a non-life threatening gunshot wound to the foot.

On April 27, Tuskegee Police investigators and agents from The Alabama Law Enforcement

Agency (ALEA) arrested Antonio Bernard Rump, 26 of Tuskegee and charged him with one count of murder and one count of attempt to commit murder.

On April 30, 2015, investigators arrested Sidney Pointer Jr. of Tuskegee on charges of murder and attempt to commit mur-

der.

Both Rump and Pointer were placed in The Macon County Detention Center.

The case is still under investigation and we are asking anyone with information to please contact the Tuskegee Police Department.

Dillman (From Page A-1)

is willing to expand that "illegal" activity across the state? Attorney General candidate Joe Hubbard, severely criticized for accepting Poarch Creek money for his campaign, may witness tribal money buying control of an entire industry.

Intense and expensive lobbying of the legislature from both sides of the lottery and gaming

issue has begun. I have written many times that issues capture voters' attention not candidates. Let the television ads begin.

Our Notasulga community recently tragically lost Flora Griggs, 98, in an automobile accident. Keep the family and friends in your prayers.

Calendar
 • May 11: Macon County Com-

mission work session, Commission Annex, 4:30 p.m. For more information call, 334-724-2555.

- May 11: Macon County Commission regular meeting, Commission Annex, 6:30 p.m. For more information call, 334-724-2555
- May 11: Notasulga Planning Commission, Town Hall, 7 p.m.

TU Commencement (From Page A-1)

the first African-American first lady of the United States. She has become a national and international role model for women and an advocate for poverty awareness, higher education, and healthy living.

A product of Chicago public schools, Mrs. Obama studied sociology and African-American studies at Princeton University. After graduating from Harvard Law School in 1988, she joined the Chicago law firm Sidley & Austin, where she later met Barack Obama. They have been married since 1992 and have two daughters: Malia and Sasha.

Tuskegee University's commencement ceremony is a ticketed event reserved for graduates, their families and guests and is not open to the public.

A live stream webcast of the ceremony will be available at www.tuskegee.edu/live.

Death Notices

GRIGGS, Mrs. Flora Manning, a resident of Notasulga, died on Tuesday, April 28, 2015, at the age of 98. Funeral services were held on Friday, May 1, from Salem-Macon Baptist Church. Burial followed in church cemetery.

WALKER, Marquez of Tuskegee, died on Tuesday, April 28, 2015. His funeral was held at Mt. Silla Missionary Baptist Church on Saturday, May 2. Burial followed in the Mason Cemetery.

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