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Corbin

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different responsibilities. Over time, those roles have evolved in various ways, adding and subtracting tasks along the way.

“If you just Google public works departments across the country, you’ll find various combinations. Some of it’s very narrow, some of it’s very wide,” Corbin said. “It’s just according to what fits the community.”

At different times and for varying periods, Corbin’s purview included Dothan Utilities, the engineering department, environmental services, sewer, street and other facets of the city government. Several smaller departments resided in some of those areas, like planning and zoning falling under engineering’s responsibilities until the mid-2000s.

Technically, Corbin oversaw every department for almost a full year as interim city manager before Mike West filled the position in November 2004. That is why department directors from all across the city have relied on Corbin for advice for several years, said assistant public works director Charles Metzger, who is set to replace Corbin on Jan. 1.

“Most all of the departments depend on him for information,” Metzger said. “Most everyone depends on public works.”

While four areas now huddle under public works’ umbrella — engineering services, environmental services, street division and traffic engineering — other departments rely on various aspects of each of them.

“There’s a certain symbiosis of those,” he said. “Quite often there’s some

overlap, where one needs something that the other one’s got — equipment, street barricades. A lot of what engineering services does in-house design-wise is something that we bid out to contractors. A lot of it is handled in-house. It’s just one big family.”

While public works houses four smaller units now, there hasn’t been a shortage of work.

The city has cleared a litany of hurdles regarding zoning and several other concerns in the past five years in an effort to expand its landfill. The city received a permit Nov. 1 that would allow them to move forward with the expansion, but a group of residents who live near the landfill have issued a request for a hearing from the Alabama Department of Environmental Management to discuss the issuance.

Of course, the major issue Corbin and the city have addressed is an Environmental Protection Agency administrative order that required Dothan to make several upgrades to the sewerage system. At issue were overflows that caused sewage to spill out of the system.

Corbin, whose background is primarily in wastewater systems, said Dothan experienced such expansive growth in the past few decades that a lot of public works’ efforts attempted to ensure the wastewater system could handle the expanding demand.

Additionally, the city accomplished all goals set out in a comprehensive sewer plan created in the 1970s — and at the times those steps were recommended.

Corbin also noted the city repaired any sewer outflows it identified. Out-

flows, however, can be hard to track, especially when they occur in wooded areas.

When the EPA toughened regulation and enforcement of sewer outflows in the last decade, Dothan faced several multimillion-dollar projects to fix its outflows issues.

Step by step, the city has completed major rehabilitation projects, installed more meters to monitor outflow and created a fats, oils and grease, or FOG, ordinance that regulates how the grease and related items is handled in the city. Corbin said sewer lines clogged with grease and fat provides the main source of most dry-weather sewer outflows.

Some of the projects continue to this day, but Corbin estimates the city might be able to apply to be released from the administrative order within the next two years.

Though many challenges popped up over the years, Corbin said great relationships with fellow employees helped him navigate the tasks at hand.

“I’ve been fortunate to have three jobs since I came out of Auburn, and all three of them, I had good fellow employees,” he said. “I had good supervisors, department heads that were educated and compassionate. They were mentors to me and others.”

Through all of the challenges, roles and changes, Corbin tried to keep a few things in mind.

“I tried to be fair and ethical with all of my decisions and frugal with city money,” he said.

“Hopefully, I served the city well. Hopefully, I made a positive impact for our citizens and the growth of our city and a positive impact on my fellow employees.”

SUNDAY’S NUMBERS


GEORGIA:	Fantasy 5: 8-15-19-23-37	FLORIDA
Cash 3 Evening: 5-9-9	Georgia FIVE Evening: 3-8-7-6-8	Fantasy 5: 10-15-17-27-35
Cash 3 Midday: 2-7-6	Georgia FIVE Midday: 5-8-8-0-4	Pick 2 Evening: 8-3
Cash 3 Night: 0-7-4	Georgia Lotto: galottery.com	Pick 2 Midday: 6-3
Cash 4 Evening: 7-3-2-7		Pick 3 Evening: 8-1-5
Cash 4 Midday: 5-5-7-8		Pick 3 Midday: 4-0-2
Cash 4 Night: 2-6-3-2		Pick 4 Evening: 8-3-9-2
	Florida Lotto: flalottery.com	Pick 4 Midday: 7-8-9-5
		Pick 5 Evening: 2-0-1-9-5
		Pick 5 Midday: 8-7-1-4-0

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FORECAST FOR TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2017


TODAY



Sunny, with a high near 57. East northeast wind 5 to 10 mph.

57°

TONIGHT




A 50% chance of rain after midnight. Increasing clouds, with a low around 44. Northeast wind around 5 mph.

44°

LAST SUNDAY


HIGH: 65° LOW: 48°

WEDNESDAY




51° 42°
Rain likely. Cloudy. NNE wind 5-10 mph.

THURSDAY




48° 40°
A 50% chance of rain. Cloudy.

FRIDAY



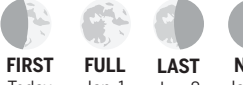
53° 36°
A 20% chance of rain. Partly sunny.

SATURDAY



54° 37°
Mostly sunny. Partly cloudy at night.

MOON PHASES



FIRST Today FULL Jan. 1 LAST Jan. 8 NEW Jan. 16

ALMANAC

Sunrise 6:39a

Sunset 4:46p

Moonrise 12:02p

RAINFALL

24hrs 0.00"

Month 2.26"

YTD 49.91"

Mon last year 10.36"

LAKE LEVELS

Eufaula 188.74

Harding 520.55

Jordan 251.46

Martin 483.89

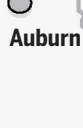
Seminole 76.73

West Point 629.30

AROUND THE NATION


City	Hi	Lo	w
Atlanta	48	33	s
Birmingham	49	33	s
Boston	26	11	s
Chicago	8	-1	ms
Denver	28	14	ms
Detroit	12	3	ps
Honolulu	80	66	sh/r
Kansas City	15	2	sn
Knoxville	40	25	ps
Las Vegas	62	39	ms
Miami	78	70	sh
Minneapolis	-3	-13	s
Nashville	40	21	fl
New Orleans	58	47	mc
New York	31	17	ps
Orlando	74	59	s
St. Louis	19	7	sn
Savannah	56	43	ms
Seattle	37	32	ps
Washington, D.C.	36	24	ps

Auburn




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Troy




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Dothan




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Marianna



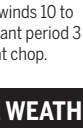
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Panama City Beach




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Port St. Joe




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Pensacola




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Destin



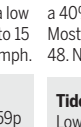
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Destin/Fort Walton



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Panama City Beach/Port St. Joe



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Tides

Low: 10:45a High: 6:59p

Seas

Northeast winds 13 to 18 knots diminishing to 8 to 13 knots. Seas 2 to 3 feet. Dominant wave period 5 seconds. At night, northeast winds 10 to 15 knots increasing to 13 to 18 knots. Seas 1 to 3 feet.

Tides

Low: 8:35a High: 5:15p

Seas

Northeast winds 10 to 15 knots. Seas 2 to 3 feet. Dominant period 3 seconds. Protected waters a light chop. At night, northeast winds 10 to 15 knots. Seas 1 to 2 feet. Dominant period 3 seconds. Protected waters a light chop.

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Source: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, www.noaa.gov

Local Brief

No one injured in Christmas morning house fire

A Christmas morning fire heavily damaged a home in a Dothan subdivision off John D. Odum Road.

Dothan Fire Department Battalion Chief Pete Webb said smoke was visible when units responding to the 9:53 a.m. call arrived at 514 Riveredge Parkway.

The fire quickly burned through the roof, but firefighters were able to pull out a lot of heirlooms and personal effects for the family, Webb said.

The home sustained a lot of water damage, but no one was injured.

Webb said the fire is under investigation but it appears a gas stove somehow vented into the overhead space.

Jimmy Sailors

DANNY TINDELL/EAGLE FILE

A large lighted peanut hangs near the clock tower in downtown Dothan during the inaugural Downtown Countdown on Dec. 31, 2016.

Eve

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allowing people to shop, drink and dine.

“We will have several food vendors set up downtown as well,” Parker said. “For those who love our Foster Fest and love the Downtown Christmas celebration, this is just another event that sets Dothan apart from other cities. It is truly an event to be enjoyed by all.”

Jeff Strickland with Musicman Productions will kick off the entertainment at 7 p.m.

“We will have a play area in the Wadlington Green on North Foster,” Parker said. “B&B Inflatables will be set up around the area offering the children in attendance activities galore.”

Denney Vision is sponsoring the children’s countdown Balloon Drop at 9 p.m. Live music starts at 9 p.m. on the Bud Light Stage spon-

sored by Adams Beverage.

“Just before midnight, we will count down to lower our peanut, and our firework display will kick off 2018.”

People planning to attend this year’s event should arrive early for parking, Parker said.

“A portion of Foster Street and Troy Street will be closed for everyone’s safety,” Parker said. “Several streets will have parking available, except for the parking lot located near the clock tower across from the police station. That parking lot will be closed completely for the peanut lowering and the firework display.” Officers with the Dothan Police Department will be on hand to help ensure everyone’s safety during the event.

For more information on Dothan’s Downtown Countdown New Year’s Event, visit its Facebook page at 2nd Annual New Year’s Eve Downtown Countdown.

Shootings

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One victim — Eddie Blair, 56, of Troy — was found in the backyard of a nearby residence. Police said Blair had been shot in the leg and was pronounced dead in the yard.

All but one of those who survived the shootings had been released from the hospital by Monday morning, WSFA-TV reported. One of the wounded people was transferred to a Montgomery hospital for further treatment, the station reported.

All had been shot with a large-caliber handgun, The Troy Messenger reported.



Charles Louis Foster, 54, surrendered to officers at the police department, Troy police said.

Foster drove himself to the station and surrendered after the shooting, also surrendering the weapon, Troy Police Chief Randall Barr said.

He was being held Monday on one murder count and four counts of attempted murder, police said. It wasn’t known late Monday whether Foster has a lawyer who could be reached for comment.

Police said the shootings appeared to be connected to Foster’s relationship with the woman who was shot. Foster and the woman both live at the residence, police said.

Troy is about 45 miles southeast of Montgomery.



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