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Tolliver wins runoff election for City Council Place 2

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Nita Tolliver defeated incumbent Place 2 city council member, Patrick Stewart, by 209 votes. In the Oct. 6 election, Tolliver received 1,058 votes and Stewart received 849 votes.

The runoff election saw a total of 1,907 votes cast.

"I'm here to work for the citizens," said Tolliver. "I'm representing all the citizens of Scottsboro

and I'm here with the utmost respect of the city. I want to move us forward. I want to move us into a position where we can all work together to be the city we can be."

Tolliver's journey to the city council started three years ago, when she says that one day she turned to her husband and said, "I want to run."

Since then, Tolliver has saved money so that her campaign could be entirely self-

funded and take no donations from outside sources. She stated that the road to the election wasn't always easy and was filled with ups and downs.

According to Tolliver, going into the runoff was the most difficult part of the election process — both physically and mentally.

"The last two weeks were the hardest," she added, and stated that she felt she had to "dig deeper" and rely on her family, friends, and

church community to pull through to the end of the election.

Tolliver said that throughout her campaign for City Council she was intent on personally knocking on every door in Scottsboro, and the doors that she couldn't make it to she says her kids went to, even though she always tried to go back and talk to each voter in person.

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Nita Tolliver was elected to the Scottsboro City Council Tuesday night, defeating incumbent Patrick Stewart in the runoff. Pictured, front row: Kevin Tolliver. Back row, left to right: Tavaras Tolliver, Nita Tolliver, Zayden Willis, Jessica Willis and Ann Craft.

JACKSON TALES

Scottsboro's "Little Fox"
The Bocanita Theater

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Those who remember the Bocanita Theater might find it remarkable that what seemed at the time to be such a palatial building was no wider than the footprint of the building that stands on the site on the north side of the courthouse square today, Berry and Dunn Office Equipment.

The Bocanita Theater was the ambitious dream of Claude Bobo, who prior to opening the Bocanita in 1930, owned and operated Scottsboro's Dreamland Theater which he opened in 1924 on the second floor at 203 Market Street on the east side of the courthouse square.

The Dreamland was a silent movie house, with musical accompaniment provided by pianists such as "Miss Syd" Telford, who taught piano and until the 1960s served as organist at St. Luke's Episcopal Church. One Scottsboro resident recalls seeing a Tarzan movie in the old Dreamland with the musical soundtrack provided by a phonograph recording of a classical opera. Still visible in the old Dreamland space today is a railing thought to have overlooked the first floor lobby of the theater. Incandescent light fixtures dangle from the wall where sconces once hung.

But Claude Bobo envisioned for Scottsboro a movie theater modeled on the Fox Theater in Atlanta, and he secured the financial banking of Margaret Minerva Hess "Texas" Snodgrass, familiarly known as "Aunt Tex."



The July 19, 1928 Progressive Age newspaper announced, "All excavation and preliminary work completed, materials assembled and forms ready for concrete pouring at the new Bocanita Theatre site, our \$30,000 picture palace, which is to be the very latest thing in style, beauty, and convenience."

Bobo arrived at the unique name of the theater by combining his own name with that of his wife and a relative: "Bo" for Bobo, "CA" for brother-in-law Charles Ambrester, and "Nita" for Claude's wife, Nita. The unique name is unduplicated in theater history. Before coming to Scottsboro, Bobo had established and run the similarly named Bonita Theater in Chattanooga.

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City Council donates excess travel to Veterans Park

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The Scottsboro City Council donated the excess from their travel budget to assist the Jackson County Veterans Memorial Park pave the parking lot.

"I can't say enough for what our veterans park has come from, and where it is today," said Patrick Stewart, the city council president. "It's something to honor all of those who have served and I don't know of a better way to spend the money that was allocated for my travel."

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UGF campaign kicks off with \$120,000 goal

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The annual Jackson County United Givers Fund (UGF) campaign is underway with a goal of raising \$120,000. To date, the campaign is at \$3,500, according to Ellie Smith, the UGF executive secretary.

Smith said the UGF campaign kicked off this year without a kickoff event due to the COVID challenge.

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