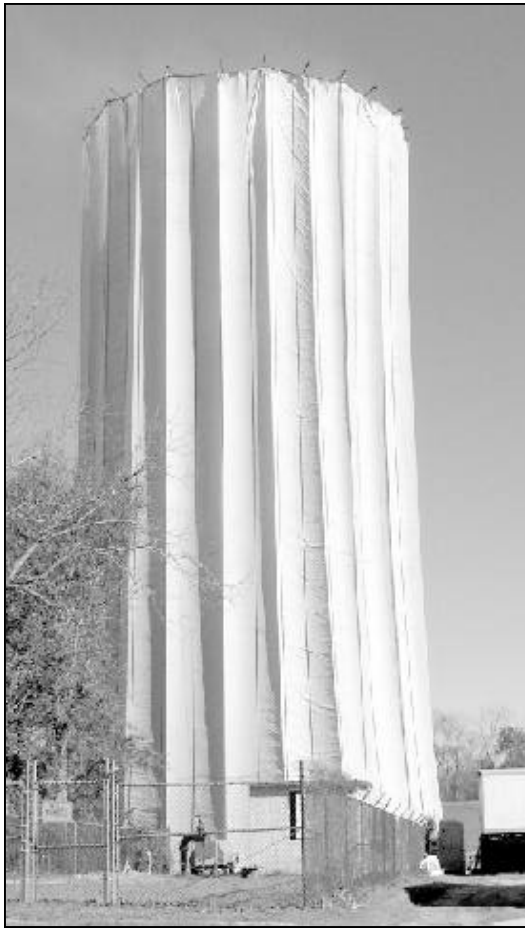


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The water tower in downtown Geneva is undergoing a face lift these days. (Staff photo by Stephen Crews)



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Community Briefs

May 12 Last Day for Changes to the CenturyTel Yellow Pages

The final day for changing or adding a listing in CenturyTel's upcoming Geneva telephone directory is May 12, according to Jennifer Doherty, public relations manager for Alabama. Area customers in Geneva, Hartford and Samson should review their listings in the current directory to determine if changes are needed. The 2006 CenturyTel Yellow Pages is scheduled for distribution to residents and businesses in September.

Doherty also said the CenturyTel directory contains a wide range of useful information including

CenturyTel products and services, Yellow Page advertising, local business listings, Alabama ZIP codes, area maps, and government and community listings. Residents and businesses can obtain additional copies of the CenturyTel Yellow Pages, or update their published white pages information, by calling the Customer Care Center at 1-800-201-4099 (residential) or 1-800-201-4102 (business). For Yellow Page advertising, customers can call 1-800-396-9099.

The CenturyTel Yellow Pages are distributed throughout the year to every home and business in CenturyTel serving areas. Customers can also access each directory's listings on the new CenturyTel Yellow Pages Internet site, at www.centurytelyellowpages.com <<http://www.centurytelyellowpages.com>>.

Businesses and residential customers that do not update their listings by May 12 will not be able to submit changes until next year.

CenturyTel (NYSE: CTL) delivers advanced communications with a personal touch. The company, included in the S&P 500 Index, is a leading provider of consumer and business communications solutions in rural areas and small to mid-size cities in 26 states. Visit CenturyTel at www.centurytel.com <<http://www.centurytel.com>>.

Geneva City Council Regular Meeting Agenda

The meeting is scheduled for February 6 beginning at 6 p.m. at Geneva City Hall.

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Invocation
- B. Pledge of Allegiance
- C. Mayor's Report

II. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Approve Minutes of January 16, 2006
- B. Ordinance Traffic on Levee
- C. Set Time for Budget Workshop

III. REPORTS

- A. City Clerk
- B. City Attorney
- C. Department Heads
- D. Council Members

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Bond Amount Cut for Rodgers

Stephen Crews Geneva Newspapers

John Gilbert Rodgers saw his bond cut from \$400,000 to \$100,000 on Monday, January 30 by Geneva County District Judge Charlie Fleming. The decision leaves the Geneva County District Attorney's office very concerned.

"The victim in this case is a minor and she is obviously frightened of the defendant. The state's main concern is the safety of the minor victim as well as the community as a whole....we will be watching the defendant closely," said Assistant District Attorney Stephen Smith who objected to the bond reduction on behalf of the State.

Rodgers, 64 from the Geneva area, is charged with first degree sexual abuse and three counts of sexual torture to a 15-year-old. He was arrested on

November 8 by Geneva County Drug Task Force Agent Tony Helms and charged with the four felonies.

The definition for first degree sexual abuse is, "subjecting a minor child to sexual contact by forcible compulsion," according to Smith. Smith also stated that Fleming initially ordered a \$400,000 bond for Rodgers when he was charged on November 8, 2005 but reduced it to \$100,000 on Monday.

Rodgers is accused of penetrating the victim with a screwdriver, a small vibrator and a wooden handle of some kind according to Smith. These three things resulted in the three counts of sexual torture which is a Class A felony.

Smith stated that the State is also very concerned about the Defendant being allowed to live within close proximity to the victim's location. The

defendant was ordered not to have any contact with the victim by Judge Fleming according to Smith.

Rodgers is a former corrections officer.

Editor's Note - Judge Charlie Fleming was contacted about this story but was not available for comment as of our Tuesday morning deadline.