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Christmas at Pond Spring

HILLSBORO—The festiveness of the holidays will be on full display on Sunday, December 9 as the General Joe Wheeler Home hosts Christmas at Pond Spring from 1-4pm. The Wheeler Home, Pond Spring, is a historic property of the Alabama Historical Commission. It is located off alternate US 72 just east of Courtland in Hillsboro.

This fun and family-friendly event offers a memorable start to the Christmas season! You are invited to tour the Wheeler Home which is adorned with live greenery and decorations and enjoy refreshments of sweet treats and hot cocoa. Visitors can take rides in a horse drawn buggy, and enjoy choral concerts featuring local choirs.

A very special guest will be at this year's celebration, so be sure to bring your camera/smartphone to take your picture with Santa Claus.

Entrance to the grounds, a horse-drawn carriage ride, and choral concerts are FREE. Admission to the exquisitely decorated Wheeler Home is \$8 for adults, \$5 for seniors/college students/military, \$3 children 6-18, and free for children under 6. Proceeds go toward upkeep and improvements of the home and grounds.

For more information, contact **Bruce Lipscombe** at PondSpringAHC@gmail.com or 256-637-8513.

2nd Annual Guild Event

FLORENCE—The Shoals Writers Guild presents the second annual Christmas in the Renaissance City in Historic Downtown Florence on Friday,

December 7 with two events. "Readings from Christmases Past" will be read by City Historian, Billy Warren at the Keystone Senior Community at 201 N.

Cedar Street at 11am. The Mayor's Madrigal Caroling March with Mayor and Mrs. Steve Holt takes place at 4:30pm on Court Street in Florence.

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Signature Event



The horse-drawn carriage is a familiar sight at It's a Dickens Christmas Y'all!
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It's a Dickens Christmas, Y'all!

By **Ninon Parker**
Tuscumbia Retail Development, Inc.

TUSCUMBIA—Scrooge, Marley, and all the familiar faces from Charles Dickens' beloved holiday classic, *A Christmas Carol*, will return to Tuscumbia on December 7-8. They will join merchants and townspeople in presenting the signature Christmas festival, "It's a Dickens Christmas, Y'all." The event adds a festive touch to the season and will bring a hint of "Merry Ole England" to this historic

Alabama town for the eighth year. Costumed characters will stroll the streets on Saturday, December 8 when most of the activity takes place.

The Dickens Feast kicks off festivities at 7pm Friday, December 7. An English Christmas dinner with a Southern twist will be catered by Chef Alan Phillips, Red Clay Epicurean, in the Roundhouse at the Tuscumbia Railway Depot at 204 West Fifth Street. Entertainment will feature "An Evening with Charles Dickens," starring International

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Big Bad Breakfast, Staggs' in State Quarterfinals

SHOALS—The stage is now set for an early morning food fight as eight Alabama restaurants have been selected to compete for the title of Bama's Best Breakfast. Nominees are based on the number of Facebook comments on "Simply Southern

TV's" post announcing the contest.

One winner will be selected through a bracket-style tournament on "Simply Southern TV's" Facebook page. From December 10-13, two restaurants will be pitted against each other, with the top vote-

getter in each moving on to a second round.

The overall winner will receive \$300 and a plaque, along with the chance to be featured in "Simply Southern TV's" fourth season.

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UNA's Chief in Academy

QUANTICO, VA—UNA PD Police Chief, Dr. Kevin Gillilan has been selected to attend a 10-week FBI National Academy in January.

This is the first time a representative of the UNA

Police Department was chosen for attendance at the FBI National Academy. Gillilan will join the less than one percent of all police officers who are selected to attend the special training.

The goal of the National Academy is to support, promote, and enhance the personal and professional development of law enforcement leaders, preparing them for complex, dynamic, and contemporary challenges.

Participation is by invitation only and the invitations go through a nomination process. Participants are selected from every state, U.S. territories, and from over 150 international partner nations.

The curriculum is taught to 250 law enforcement officers annually by FBI teaching staff and other professional educators at the FBI Academy in Quantico, Virginia. The training focuses on leadership development and emphasizes critical thinking. Courses are accredited through the University of Virginia. Students must pass every course in order to receive a diploma from the Academy.

Gillilan has been the UNA Chief of Police since 2015 and has more than 20 years of law enforcement experience. He has served as patrolman, sergeant, police captain, and sergeant and lieutenant of investigations. He has also been the police chief for three different departments and has earned several local and national awards during his career.

Gillilan has a Bachelor of Science degree in criminal justice, a Master of Science in justice administration, and a Doctor of Business Administration in criminal justice administration.

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Medicare Minute

"Prescription Drug Plans 3"


Last week we discussed prescription drug plan premiums, deductibles and coinsurance. This week we will continue to look at Medicare prescription drug plans by looking at copays, formularies and provider networks. When choosing a prescription drug plan these six things are very important to consider.

A copay is a fixed amount you pay for each individual prescription. Copays can vary depending on the tier of your prescription. Typically the lower the tier, the lower the copay. A tier 1 drug usually has a lower copay than a tier 2 drug, tier 2 drugs have a lower copay than tier 3, etc. Because different plans may categorize drugs in different tiers it's a good idea to know how your plan treats your prescriptions.


The prescription drug plan's formulary will tell you two important things. First, it will tell you if the prescription you are taking is covered under the plan. Second, it will tell you the tier of the prescription. Knowing the tier of your prescription is important in determining the copay. For example, Plan A may list your prescription as a tier 2 whereas, Plan B may have it as a tier 3. This should tell you that Plan A will have a lower copay on your prescription than Plan B. It will also tell you if your drug will fall in the deductible phase of the plan.

The plan's provider network is a list of pharmacies that accepts the plan. All pharmacies do not accept all plans so if you have a particular pharmacy you would like to use check to make sure they accept your plan. You can do this by simply asking your pharmacist. Also, pharmacies are listed as "preferred" and "standard" under some plans. In this case a "preferred" pharmacy may have lower copays than a "standard" pharmacy.

If you have questions regarding any aspect of Medicare or Medicare health plans feel free call us at Alabama Health Guidance (256-648-5710), stop by our office at 885 Florence Blvd (Four Lane Shopping Center) or email me at ikey@alabamahealthguidance.com. Alabama Health Guidance is an independent insurance agency and is not affiliated with Medicare or any other government agency.



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Community Notes

COMMUNITY NOTES may be submitted for non-profit, civic or church-related events and published free of charge. Community Notes must be submitted in writing by 3pm Friday for consideration in the following week's issue. As space is available in the Courier Journal.

- Email to editor@courierjournal.net;
- Look for "Submit News" on our website at www.courierjournal.net.
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- Bring in person.

All properly submitted Community Notes which are dated will be posted weekly at www.courierjournal.net. Visit our website for a complete list.

The American Legion Christmas Party - Saturday, December 8 at 6pm at American Legion Post #11/AUX Unit #11, 318 South Court St., Florence. The Annual Christmas Party for our Legion Family is free to members of the Auxiliary, Sons of the American Legion and the Legionnaires. Members-please join Auxiliary President Trish Montgomery and Post Commander Bill Phillips at our 99th Christmas Party hosted in our historical building-in celebration of the Holiday Season. Free gifts to veterans and family members may be donated to put under our tree.

Menu: smoked ham, chicken & dressing, cranberry sauce, corn, mashed potatoes, carrots, baked beans, roasted veggies, green beans, mixed salad, coleslaw, rolls from Texas Roadhouse, homemade desserts, tea, coffee, or soda.

More info: 256-764-5122 or President Trish Montgomery 256-810-3755.

Hosted by The American Legion Auxiliary Unit #11. Please bring a covered dish.

The USW Local 1535 Women of Steel will be hosting the Steel of a Deal Vendor event on December 8 from 9am - 3pm at their Union Hall at 818 Howell Heilin Lane in Tusculumbia. Southern Legacy Outreach will be selling Hamburger/Hot Dog plates. All proceeds will go to help people in our community. Vendor booths are still available. For more information, please call Angie Grimes at 256-762-8366.

Vendors include: Plunder, Thirty-one Gifts, Younique, Paparazi, Diligent Hands Design, Osborne Books, Honeycomb Designs, K's Natural Creations, Cokiez Bath & Body, Tupperware, Scentsy

Day by Day, a grief support group for bereaved parents/grandparents, will have the Annual Candlelight service Sunday December 9, 3pm at Crosspoint Church, 1350 Cox Creek Pkwy, Florence. For information, email debbiec2414@aol.com or anita.watkins@comcast.net.

The Zip City Community Center will NOT serve Breakfast in November and December. This will give our volunteers more time with their own families during the holidays.

We will resume serving breakfast January 26, 2019. Happy holidays!

The Cloverdale Community Center will NOT have the monthly breakfast for the month of December. We look forward to seeing everyone on January 12, 2019. We wish everyone a happy and healthy Holiday Season!

The NW AL Chapter #2 of the Korean War Veterans Assoc. will meet for breakfast and business at Hampton Inn and Suites, 505 S. Court St. Florence, at 8:30am on Wednesday, December 5. We will be using a meeting room separate from the dining area so come earlier and eat a free breakfast before we move to the meeting room. Rick Singleton, Lauderdale County Sheriff, will be the speaker.

If you have ever served in Korea 1945 to present...(or served outside of Korea June 25, 1950 - Jan. 31, 1955), then we encourage you to attend this meeting. Please direct any questions to Commander Jim Taylor at 256-383-8172.

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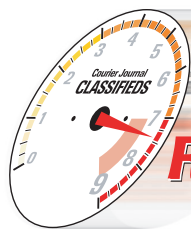


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Look Good

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the lives of the women it serves. This award-winning volunteer was chosen as the LGFB Certified Volunteer from other candidates within the state of Alabama and was presented with her award at the Alliance Cancer Center on November 27. Caperton has been an integral part of the Look Good Feel Better program for many years. As a licensed cosmetologist and cancer survivor herself, Shirley has been a leader in promoting the program and giving women hope.

"Shirley embodies the attitude of a servant's heart," said Anna Duncan, community development manager for the American Cancer Society. "Her dedication to local cancer patients is unparalleled. I'm so thankful to not only have her as a volunteer, but also as a friend."

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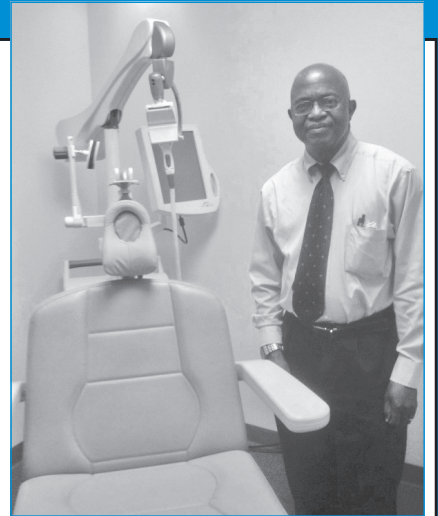
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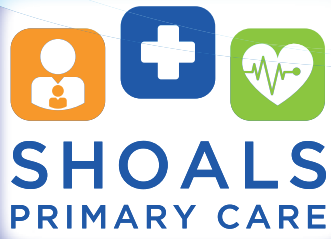


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THE ONLY BAPTISM THAT SAVES

Question: When you read the word "baptism," what comes to mind? If you answered "water baptism" then you aren't alone. Satan has been very successful in covering up the scriptural truth about baptism and its importance. Our land is filled with ignorant preachers (though often well-meaning ones) who are teaching heresies about water baptism while they have been completely blinded to the fact that there is another baptism which is far more important.

We only have to consider the words of Jesus to realize this great truth: *"And he saith unto them, Ye shall drink indeed of my cup, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with: but to sit on my right hand, and on my left, is not mine to give, but it shall be given to them for whom it is prepared of my Father."* (Mat. 20:23) Here Jesus tells the mother of Zebedee's children that her sons would be BAPTIZED with the same baptism as Himself, yet He and they too had already been baptized in water. There was yet ANOTHER baptism to come.

Again in Luke 12:50 Jesus says, *"But I have a baptism to be baptized with; and how am I straitened till it be accomplished!"* He had been baptized in water in Luke chapter 3, yet here Jesus is speaking of ANOTHER future baptism. What could it be?

First of all let's understand that "baptism" simply means "immersion." The word "baptism" itself does not indicate any certain KIND of immersion. God's word always tells us what KIND of baptism a text is presenting. For example, John said in Matthew 3:11, *"I indeed baptize you with WATER unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the HOLY GHOST, and with FIRE."* That's three different baptisms in one verse! So when Jesus said His followers would be baptized with the same baptism as Himself, He was not speaking of water baptism. Likewise, when Paul said there is "one baptism," he was not speaking of water baptism.

I Corinthians 12:13 says, *"For by one SPIRIT are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit."* This is a SPIRITUAL baptism which places one into the body of Christ. Water baptism cannot place one into Christ's body for this text plainly states that this is done by spiritual baptism.

Now, please consider a key passage of Scripture on this subject: *"Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?"* (Rom. 6:3) We already know from I Corinthians 12:13 that we are baptized INTO Christ by Holy Spirit baptism, not by water. Here we find that when this happens we are also baptized into His DEATH and we are identified with the same baptism as Jesus. It is not necessary for me to die and pay for my sins on a cross, because I am already identified with Jesus Christ who has paid the price for me.

Now, if Jesus went through a baptism on the cross, then what

exactly was He baptized in? The answer is found in the Old Testament where the prophets foreshadowed this very event: *"The sorrows of death compassed me, and the floods of ungodly men made me afraid. The sorrows of hell compassed me about: the snares of death prevented me."* (Psa. 18:4-5) Notice how David compares his SUFFERING to being compassed about with water (like a baptism). He wasn't in a literal flood of water, but he uses this analogy to illustrate how deeply he had been immersed in suffering. This is a perfect picture of the agony endured by our Lord on Calvary.

Again, notice Psalm 69:1-4: *"... Save me, O God; for the WATERS are come in unto my soul. I sink in deep mire, where there is no standing: I am come into deep WATERS, where the FLOODS overflow me. I am weary of my crying: my throat is dried: mine eyes fail while I wait for my God. They that hate me without a cause are more than the hairs of mine head: they that would destroy me, being mine enemies wrongfully, are mighty: then I restored that which I took not away."* This is a prophecy about Jesus on the cross and the BAPTISM which He endured.

Psalm 88 also speaks of the same: *"For my soul is full of troubles: and my life draweth nigh unto the grave. I am counted with them that go down into the pit: I am as a man that hath no strength: Free among the dead, like the slain that lie in the grave, whom thou rememberest no more: and they are cut off from thy hand. Thou hast laid me in the lowest pit, in darkness, in the DEEPS. Thy wrath lieth hard upon me, and thou hast afflicted me with all thy WAVES. Selah."* (Verses 3-7) Verses 14 through 17 continue: *"LORD, why castest thou off my soul? why hidest thou thy face from me? I am afflicted and ready to die from my youth up: while I suffer thy terrors I am distracted. Thy fierce wrath goeth over me; thy terrors have cut me off. They came round about me daily LIKE WATER; they compassed me about together."* Friend, this is the real ONE BAPTISM which Satan has hid from people. It is the fact that Jesus suffered and died for our sins under the wrath of God. He was baptized in GOD'S WRATH! Jesus paid the price because we couldn't!

Notice how clear the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ is foretold in Lamentations 3:52-56: *"Mine enemies chased me sore, like a bird, without cause. They have cut off my life in the dungeon, and cast a stone upon me. WATERS flowed over mine head; then I said, I am cut off. I called upon thy name, O LORD, out of the low dungeon. Thou hast heard my voice: hide not thine ear at my breathing, at my cry." Jesus suffered and died under God's wrath to pay for sin. He was immersed (or baptized) in God's wrath. II Corinthians 5:21 says, *"For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him."* Jesus was immersed so deeply in God's wrath that He became SIN for us, and His Father momentarily FORSOOK Him*

("My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" - Mat. 27:46).

Jesus paid the price and bore the curse of sin for us. Galatians 3:13 says, *"Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree."* This very same chapter goes on to say, *"For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ."* (verse 27). How does one get baptized into Christ? By the Holy Spirit (I Cor. 12:13), not by water. When a sinner places his trust in the Lord Jesus Christ and receives Him as Lord and Saviour, God's Spirit baptizes that person into the body of Jesus Christ with all other believers. He is BAPTIZED BY THE SPIRIT into Christ's body (I Cor. 12:13). This is the ONE BAPTISM which Paul spoke of in Ephesians 4:5, and this is the baptism that Jesus said His followers would receive (Mat. 20:23), because it identifies us with the very baptism that Jesus Himself received on the cross (Luke 12:50).

Consider Micah 7:19, a verse often quoted in regards to salvation: *"... thou wilt cast all their sins into the depths of the sea."* What sea might this be? It is the very sea that engulfed our Saviour upon Calvary's cross, the sea of God's wrath on sin!

Friend, you may have been baptized in water, but have you been baptized in the ONE BAPTISM which takes all your sins away? Only the BLOOD of Jesus Christ can wash away your sins (Rev. 1:5; 5:9; I John 1:7), and only God's Spirit can bring you in contact with Christ's redeeming Blood! Hebrews 9:14 says, *"How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?"* Water baptism cannot wash away your sins because water baptism cannot bring you in contact with the Blood of Jesus Christ. Perhaps you've placed far too much faith in WATER baptism and you've completely overlooked the REAL baptism that God has for you.

We aren't saying that water baptism isn't important. It is important because it PICTURES the real baptism that we've just studied. You should have the real baptism which washes your sins away and places you into Christ, and then you should publicly illustrate your salvation by being baptized in water. But don't think for a second that the water baptism has power to save. Ephesians 2:8-9 says, *"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast."* Once you exercise true believing faith in the finished work of Jesus Christ, then you can become a child of God. Only by receiving Jesus Christ as your Saviour can you become a true child of God and escape the damnation of Hell. There is no other way. *"Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father but by me."* (John 14:6) If salvation is only through Jesus, then it is NOT through water baptism. (Author Unknown)

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Commentary

Don Rohling Was Salt of the Earth

My family moved here in the summer of 1970. One of the first couples I remember as a kid at St. Joseph church in Florence was Don and Eleanor Rohling. They were newlyweds and they were already looked upon as active leaders in the church and mentors for older teens at the parish. Almost five decades later they were still leaders and great examples.

The last few decades Don and I saw each other primarily through business and community functions. Don passed away unexpectedly in mid-November and it brought to mind just how active he was in our community.

Don was involved with television and newspapers as a young man and carried that promotional mindset throughout his life. If Don was involved with a non-profit, those in the media were going to know about coming events, and they were going to get reminders.

Don was an active member of the Downtown Florence Kiwanis Club, twice serving as President and as a Lieutenant Governor (district president). Don was also an active member of the Knights of Columbus, he was the current President of NAMI Shoals, and he was past President of the local Alzheimer's Association. Don also delivered Meals on Wheels and was active with Relay for Life.

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In A Few Words



TOM MAGAZZU
Editor

Courier Journal

THIS WEEK

Symphony Home Alone

FLORENCE—The Shoals Symphony Orchestra will present 20th Century Fox's Feature Film, "Home Alone," at 3pm on Sunday, December 9 in Norton Auditorium.

"This concert will amaze audiences, with Home Alone showing on a massive screen while the Shoals Symphony Orchestra underscores the entire movie LIVE," said Dr. Daniel Stevens, music director and conductor for the orchestra.

A 40-foot movie screen will be constructed on the Norton Auditorium stage to showcase the full-length film.

This concert comes to the Shoals as the fourth

Dec. 9



installation of the Shoals Symphony Orchestra's now annual movie concert. The first movie concert in February of 2016, Disney's *Pirates of the Caribbean*, broke records for the orchestra as the first sold-out concert in the organization's

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Happening THIS WEEK

THE FLORENCE GARDEN COUNCIL AND THE FLORENCE DEPARTMENT OF ARTS and Museums will host the annual "Every Light a Prayer for Peace" program at Pope's Tavern Museum on December 7 at 5:30pm as part of the Florence Bicentennial Celebration. A special exhibit will be on display to mark the 77th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor. The museum will be decorated inside and out with natural greenery. Refreshments will be served. The program will take place on the front porch of the museum. Everyone is invited. Admission inside is \$5 for adults and \$2 for students. Call 256-760-6439 or 256-764-4945 for more information.

Best Christmas Pageant at the Ritz

SHEFFIELD— *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever* will be presented by Timeout for Theatre at the



Ritz Theatre on Sunday, December 9 at 2pm. Tickets are \$8 and \$7 for students and are available for purchase through the Tennessee Valley Museum of Art at 511 N. Water St. in Tusculmbia, by calling 256-383-0533, or at tvaa.net.

The Best Christmas Pageant Ever, written by Barbara Robinson and directed by Darren Butler, tells the story of a church aghast when the wildest,

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THE CHRISTMAS VILLAGE in Spring Park in Tusculmbia is open now through December 24. The park's Fountain Light Show will thrill visitors daily at 7, 8, and 9pm. The Santa Express Christmas Train will begin running through Spring Park for the season from December 10 through Christmas Eve. The train and carousel will run daily from 4-8pm. Tickets are \$5. For more information, call 256-389-1357.

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Among the Deceived

Dear Editor:

Mr. Bob Mader is 100% wrong in his advertorial ad space of November 21 entitled, "Did You Know the Only True God Is Not Jesus?"

In John 10:30 Jesus said, "I and the Father are one."

John 1:1-3 - "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through Him all things were made; without Him nothing was made that has been made."

Col. 1:15-16 - "The Son is the image of the invisible God....All things have been created through Him and for Him."

Philippians 2:5-6 - "Jesus who being in the very nature of God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to His own advantage."

Matt. 1:23 - "He is Immanuel - God with us."

John 8:58, Ex. 3:14 - He is "I am".

Rev. 1:8 - "He is Alpha and Omega, the Almighty."

God's name Elohim is plural. Gen. 1:28 - "Then God said, let us make mankind in our image."

Matt. 28:19 - "We are baptized in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit."

Jesus is equal with the Father and the Holy Spirit. It takes the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit to make one God.

Mr. Mader is in the 99% of deceived preachers he talks about.

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The confederate soldiers fought to maintain slavery and white privilege...



Nationalist is a Patriot

Editor:

When the President declared that he is a nationalist, the reaction by the media was almost as aggressive as it would have been had he used the other "N" word referring to Black people. While I was serving my country in the army, including three tours in Vietnam, I could not have imagined any American citizen criticizing someone for being a patriot.

Some claim that there is a difference in being a patriot and a nationalist. A nationalist is one who is loyal and devoted to a nation--placing primary emphasis on promotion of its culture and interests as opposed to those of other nations. Those in this nation who despise this notion would allow those who would champion the destruction of the freedoms we enjoy to take over the government.

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Commentary

Rohling...

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Don wasn't flashy, and he preferred not to draw attention. He was reliable and unafraid to get his hands dirty. Maybe his

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Don was outgoing, humble, and sincere - just salt of the earth. He always had a smile, an encouraging word, and a positive perspective. He found good in everyone, reminding us that every person is created in the image of God. Don will be missed.

He wouldn't be one to consider himself special. Many of us know otherwise. If we had a few hundred more Don Rohlings running around, this community would REALLY be something special.

Home...

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history. Every movie concert performed by the orchestra has continued the trend, each selling out Norton Auditorium respectively. The success of the Disney movie concerts has allowed for the orchestra to now partner with another major movie house, 20th Century Fox.

"It's always fun to dissect the intricate work of a movie such as *Home Alone* to fully remove the soundtrack as you begin to prepare with a live orchestra. It is at this point that you realize that the characters aren't as bright and colorful without the mastery and imagination of composer John Williams," said Stevens.

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He came across another guide who also offered to lead him to his destination. The explorer asked him, "Have you ever been to this place before?" He answered, "Well, I have been to the top of the mountains and have looked down on the place you are speaking of. Surely we can make it the rest of the way." But the explorer was still not sold.

The search led to the third guide. Again one of the first questions asked of him was, "Have you ever made this journey before?" The quick reply was, "Absolutely! As a matter of fact, I live there. I am planning to return in three days and would be glad for you to accompany me and I would love to show you my home." Needless to say, he was the one chosen for the job.

There is an obvious spiritual analogy that can be made here. When it comes to the destination of our eternal souls, we need to be cautious of who we use as a guide. For sure, we are incapable of making it to heaven on our own. As Solomon penned long ago, "There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death" (Proverbs 14:12).

Hence, we must look beyond ourselves to find a guide who is capable of leading us to heaven. And while there are many who make the claim, there is only one who said in various ways, "It is My home and I would love to have you accompany me there!" Further, there is only one who can say, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me" (John 14:6). Is He your guide?

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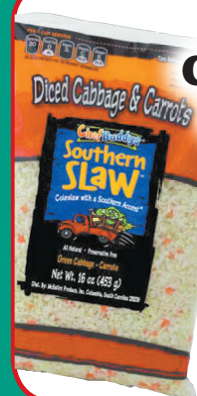
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Letters...

Nationalist is a Patriot

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President's speech where he made this declaration, the traitorous reporters of the major news outlets gave the impression that he was declaring himself a "white nationalist."

It is shameful that these reporters are not held responsible for their actions.

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Confederate Symbols and White Privilege

Editor:

The U.S. Civil War between the states was not waged to abolish slavery as the majority of White Americans, North and South, were morally corrupt. The United States' principles of equality in the constitution were but lies written by and for the white privileged class. The lies were told so often that the underclasses bought the lie and have been struggling mightily ever since to make

it a reality.

One of the probable reasons for the civil war was political agitation and lobbying of special interest groups such as abolitionists that opposed slavery expansion into the territories vying for statehood and the paranoia of southern farmers and slave traders who instigated the institution of slavery as their wealth was measured in the number of slaves they owned and the culture and aristocracy that evolved from slavery.

Aristocratic slave-owning farmers dominated the agrarian southern states politically, economically, and socially. They established strict laws and codes

governing the institution of slavery, resulting in a legal and social caste system based on white privilege.

Even poor and uneducated southern whites fought in the Civil War to perpetuate their white privilege. White privilege is the belief that being Caucasian or white, even if indigent or uneducated, makes them superior to the most learned and accomplished person of color.

After the war Southerners passed segregationist laws, black codes, and erected Confederate monuments. This was done to reassert their superior status and white privilege that was

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Celebration at NW-SCC

PHIL CAMPBELL -- Northwest-Shoals Community College's Music Department will host a Christmas concert and show choir performance, *A Christmas Celebration!* on Sunday, December 9, at 3pm in the Lou B. Beville Center on the Phil Campbell Campus.

The concert will feature two of the college's musical groups: The Northwest-Shoals Chorale directed by Gene Anne Gifford and The Northwest-Shoals Jazz Ensemble directed by George Crummie.

In addition to performances by the traditional NW-SCC music groups, the college is partnering with the Ritz School for Performing Arts in Sheffield to offer a show

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Dickens...

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Saturday's schedule then pulls out all the stops! This downtown experience with carolers and costumed Victorian characters from 10am-5pm is free. Expect to find snow falling on Main Street and to visit with Santa Claus and his English counterpart, "Father Christmas." The Clydesdale horses, Clyde and Pride, will return to give carriage rides. An outdoor holiday market will be filled with arts and crafts and food vendors, while the shops of Tuscumbia will offer their own holiday specials. Performances throughout the day will be presented by brass ensembles, a bag piper, vocalists, and choral and dance groups.

In his first Shoals area appearance, David Mitchell of Birmingham will greet festival goers as the miserly Mr. Scrooge. Mitchell is recognized throughout the Southeast for his Scrooge portrayals. Also appearing for the first time, The Magic City Magician, Patton Gillen, will present street

performances. This gifted young man has ties to the town of Tuscumbia where his great-grandparents once owned and operated J&P Jewelers on Main Street.

"Scones and Moans," a light breakfast of English pastries and tea will be offered during morning hours. Marley and all the Ghosts of *A Christmas Carol*, designed by make-up artist Amanda Chapman, will make their first appearances of the day. Youngsters may join Mickey Mouse for "Muffins with Mickey" and a showing of *Mickey's Christmas Carol* at the Helen Keller Library. For reservations, call the Library at 256-383-7065.

Other events will be taking place including Trolley Tours through the historic district. The younger set will surely enjoy the Tiny Tim Train Ride, cookie decorating organized by Aunt Bea's Bakery, and Milk and Cookies with Tiny Tim at Cold Water Books. There will also be a reading of *A Christmas Carol*.

Enjoy a ride through Spring Park at dusk to see the illuminations and the dancing waters set to Christmas music. Then join friends at Helen Keller Library for a showing of MGM's 1938 classic movie version of *A Christmas Carol*.

For more information and the complete schedule, visit 2018 It's a Dickens Christmas, Y'all or 2018 Dickens Feast (both on Facebook) or call TRD / Fiddledee D! at 256-383-9797.

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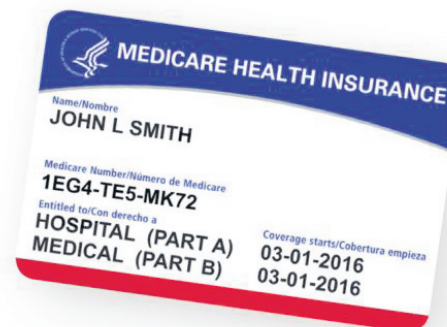
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It's Christmas Again at HoF

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Aaron Wilburn is a singer, songwriter, and comedian from Bobo, Alabama. Aaron was featured on the Gaither Homecoming Tour and videos. He has endeared himself to thousands of laughter-loving fans with his own down-home brand of humor. Wilburn talks about his southern roots, his family, children and his faith.

Mark Narmore is a singer songwriter from Center Star with a long career in the songwriting business. His hit song "That's What I Love About Sunday" was the most played country song of 2005 and spent five weeks at number one.

Bobby Tomberlin is a singer songwriter from Luverne, Alabama. Tomberlin co-wrote the #1 Country and Top Five Adult Contemporary Hit, "One More Day," recorded by Diamond Rio. He has also had songs recorded by **Faith Hill, Kenny Rogers, Chris Young, and Josh Turner.**

"We'll Be Home for Christmas" features the holiday music, original songs, and comedy of Wilburn, Narmore, and Tomberlin.

Get the Christmas spirit with this festive Christmas concert on December 11 at 6:30pm. Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased at the Hall of Fame or TicketLeap (amhof.ticketleap.com/xmas18). For additional information, call 256-381-4417. Doors open at 6pm and seating is limited.

Open House in Courtland

COURTLAND—Historic Courtland will host its annual Christmas Open House on Sunday, December 9 from 1-4pm. Tickets will be sold for \$5 at the Courtland Heritage Museum, which is located on the east side of the town square. The fees benefit the Courtland Community Revitalization Committee which oversees Courtland's events throughout the year. Refreshments will be available.

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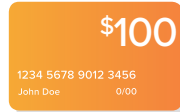
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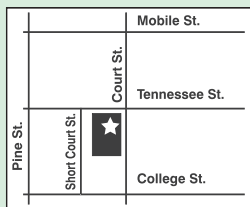


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I've been blessed throughout my sportscasting career to meet not only a lot of great coaches, but also a lot of great people. One of my all-time favorites is the late Eddie Frost. Frost was not only one of Alabama's most popular mayors, but also one of the Shoals area's most celebrated athletes.

Frost started his celebrated career as a four-year letterman in basketball and baseball at Sheffield High School. He was a tenacious play maker at guard in basketball and a slick fielding infielder in baseball. His athletic talents earned him a scholarship in both sports at Florence State Teachers College.

Frost lettered all four years in basketball and baseball for the Lions. In basketball, he helped take the Lions to the NAIA National Championship Tournament in 1960. He averaged 11 points per game as a senior while pulling down 5 rebounds per game from his guard position. In baseball, he was selected the Lions Most Valuable Player as a junior and was one of the most consistent players in school history.

After graduation, Frost embarked on a coaching career that made him one of the most successful coaches in Alabama. He became head basketball coach at Appleby Junior High where he compiled an amazing 214-18 record in just six seasons including winning two Junior High state championships.

During one stretch, his teams won 64 consecutive games. When Bradshaw High School started their school program, Frost was named head basketball coach and assistant principal. Over the next 19 seasons, the Bruins won 253 games. His 1976 Bruins team won the Class 4A state championship. That year, he was named Alabama Coach of The Year for all classifications.

He started the first basketball camp for children ages 6-12 and along with Bubba Scott, founded the annual Alabama-Mississippi All-Star basketball game. Frost left coaching and jumped into the political arena and was elected Mayor of Florence for his fifth term just months before he died. He lost his battle with leukemia just two days before he was to be inducted into the Lauderdale County Sports Hall of Fame and just four days before his induction into the Alabama High School Sports Hall of Fame.

In 2000, he was inducted into the UNA Athletic Hall of Fame. Eddie Frost was truly a Shoals legend and a dear friend. I still miss him.
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THE BOLD AND THE BEAUTIFUL Realizing her father needed to hear it from her first, Steffy told Ridge about Taylor's crime. Brooke was stunned to learn why Bill didn't press charges. Brooke and Ridge had very different viewpoints when it came to Taylor's mental stability. Taylor and Reese were introduced at a party, and Taylor wasted

Soap Opera Preview

no time giving him the scoop on her longtime rivalry with Brooke. Hope and Liam couldn't contain their excitement over their baby's upcoming arrival. Reese questioned Zoe about Brooke. *Wait to See: Steffy and Taylor discuss how much they miss Phoebe.*

DAYS OF OUR LIVES Ted tried to get Ben to confess to starting the fire at the cabin. Rafe questioned Hope about her trip to Smith Island. Sonny and Will realized that Leo had some damning evidence against them. Eli suggested to Rafe that Hope might be cheating on him. Ciara and Ben went on their first date. John and Marlena shared a romantic evening at the Brady Pub. Brady came up with an idea to try to mend fences with Eric. Sarah begged Maggie to let Eric raise Holly. Chloe and Lucas' relationship took an unexpected turn. *Wait to See: Kate and Gabi decide to frame Stefan.*

GENERAL HOSPITAL Sonny ran into Margaux. Felicia was curious about Maxie's relationship. Finn reassured a nervous Anna. Julian lashed out. Franco began his day in art therapy. Lulu ran into Willow. Valentin shared his experience. Laura gained a little perspective. Jordan began obsessing over her case. Sam had something important for Alexis. Chase looked for answers surrounding Mary Pat's murder. Laura was caught off guard. Willow received

an invitation. Anna bet on Obrecht's motherly instincts. *Wait to See: Carly visits Morgan's grave.*

THE YOUNG AND THE RESTLESS Nikki, Phyllis, Victoria and Sharon decided to attend so that they could get closer to Mia and hopefully learn more about Rey's investigation. Tessa and Mariah attempted to rebuild their shattered relationship, but were unable to overcome the dishonesty and secrets between them. Billy and Phyllis bonded while working on a new business proposal, making Billy wonder if a reconciliation was soon possible. Despite their efforts to remain civil, tensions flared between Mia and Sharon over Rey. *Wait to See: Cane and Devon make amends.*

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Letters...

Symbols and White Privilege

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explicit in antebellum slavery and is implicitly racist today.

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Southern defiance in celebrating and honoring their confederate heritage by erecting monuments and displaying confederate symbols is racist as were their black codes and segregationist laws.

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James E. Bankston
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The Obvious is Overlooked

Editor:

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While sipping on cider guests can tackle their Christmas shopping and browse for unique holiday decorations. Merchants of downtown Athens will serve up plenty of gift ideas and

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Early Tickets for Winefest

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In past years VIP-level admission to the festival and tickets to specialty attractions such as the Bubbles Tent sold out quickly. In an effort to accommodate as many guests as possible this year organizers will celebrate the festival's fourth anniversary by expanding the festival to two-days.

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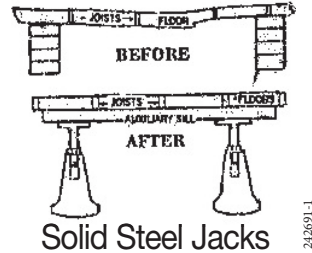
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Name	Unit #	Brief Description of Items
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JAMES FOSTER II	206	Mattress, Washer and Dryer, Couch
PHYLLIS CLOPTON	223	Toys, Totes, Clothes
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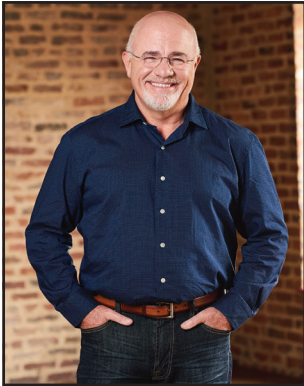
Dear Dave,
I'll be graduating from college with no debt in a couple of weeks, and I have a good job waiting for me in January. During the last few years, I've managed to save almost \$25,000 from my part-time jobs while in school. My car is pretty beaten up and old, so I've been shopping at a couple of car dealerships recently. Every time I talk to a salesperson, they tell me I should finance something new instead of paying cash for a used car. What should I do?
Ethan

Dear Ethan,
I hope you'll keep one very important thing in mind. This is *your* purchase, not theirs. The only reason they want you to finance something is so they'll make a lot more money off the deal. Forget what *they* want. You need to do what's best for *you*.

You've been a hard-working, smart guy over the last few years. The fact that you've been able to save nearly \$25,000 is proof of that. I don't think you want to throw a big chunk of your savings—or your new income—into something that's going to go down in value like a rock. New cars lose about 60 percent of their value during the first four years of ownership. That means a \$28,000 car would be worth around \$11,000 after that period. That's not a smart investment.

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—Dave



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Dear Dave,
As part of your Baby Steps plan, you always advise people to put 15 percent of their income toward retirement. Would you explain the details of this, please?
Mallory

Dear Mallory,
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* Dave Ramsey is CEO of Ramsey Solutions. He has authored seven best-selling books, including *The Total Money Makeover*. The *Dave Ramsey Show* is heard by more than 14 million listeners each week on 600 radio stations and multiple digital platforms. Follow Dave on the web at daveramsey.com and on Twitter at @DaveRamsey.

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THE HOLIDAY SEASON

As we enter December and continue through the holiday season, I thought the timing was right to discuss whether or not this is a good time to put a home on the market.

My rule of thumb on this is simple: If you are ready to sell and mentally committed to sell, it's time to put your home on the market, regardless of the season, month or even the market for that matter.

You may have fewer showings this time of year, but the showings you DO get might actually be higher quality showings than other times of the year. By higher quality I mean that the potential buyers looking at your home may be more "ready, willing and able" than at any other time. The fact is, if someone is looking at your home from mid November to late December and into early January, they are probably very serious. This is a very busy time of the year and the "tire kickers" are far too busy with shopping, office parties, family gatherings, travel, etc... Think Quality over Quantity.

Another reason is that buying a home is emotional and how could you possibly make a home feel warmer or more inviting than with Christmas decorations, lighting and music. Imagine when someone walks into your home from the winter temperatures and is welcomed by the smell of freshly baked goods in the kitchen and the warmth of a fireplace...

Tips for selling this time of year:

- Keep the gutters clean and clear of debris.
- Make sure trees and shrubs are neat and trimmed and landscaping is free of leaves and debris.
- Clean windows and doors.
- Make sure all walkways are clean and clear.

Statistics might tell you that more homes are traditionally sold from April to October, but people still buy homes from October to April. The best time to have your home on the market is the time when you are committed to selling it. Once you decide that you are ready to move forward, start the process immediately, regardless of the time of year. Your buyer may be headed to town to look over the next two weeks and you don't even know it yet. Let's be ready for them!-mr

Please feel free to send your questions.

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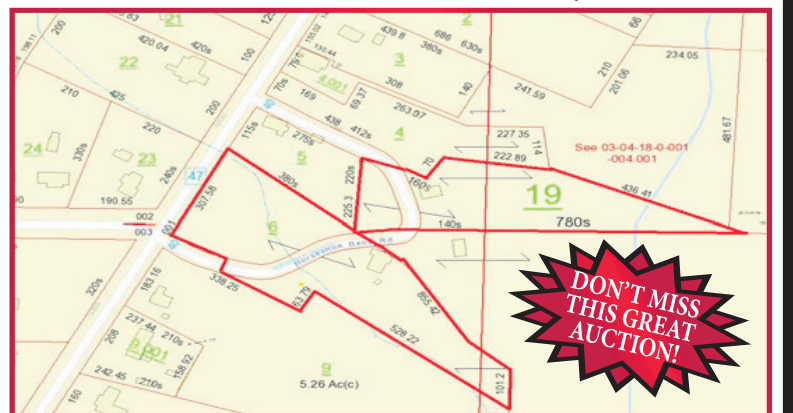
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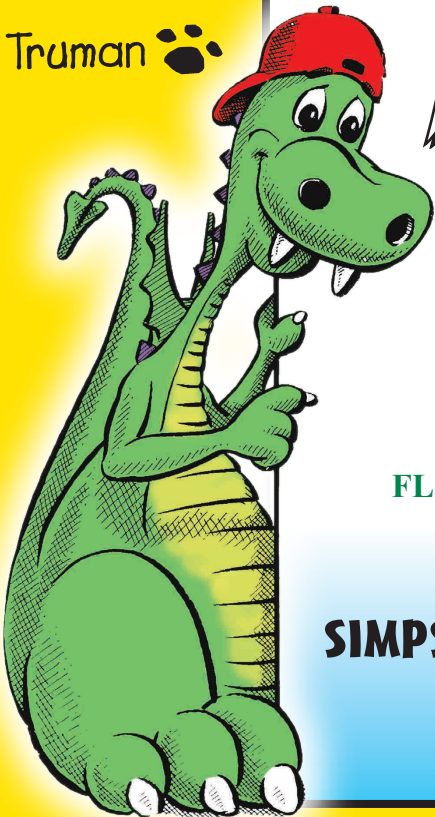
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December 7 - 51st Kiwanis All-American Poster and Essay Contest Winner Awards Presentation (Part II)
December 14 - Christmas Music - Florence High School Chorus, under the direction of Kevin Reese
December 21 and 28 - the club will not meet.

The "Hi Neighbors of the Shoals"

meeting will be at 10:30am Tuesday, December 4, at the Florence Public Library. This group welcomes all newcomers to the Shoals area. Contact Janice Hilborn, 256-577-8355, for further information

LifeSouth Community Blood Drives for December - Keller Center - Monday thru Friday 9am - 5pm, 1208 South

Jackson Highway, Sheffield - 256-383-3535

ECM Center - Monday thru Friday 9am - 5pm, 205 Marengo St., Florence, 256-765-7038

Wednesday, December 5, 8am - 4pm, Muscle Shoals High School, 1900 Avalon Avenue, Muscle Shoals

Thursday, December 6, 8am - 3:30pm, Covenant Christian School, 1900 Covenant Drive, Tusculmbia

Thursday, December 6, 4:30- 8pm, Pet Depot, 519 West Avalon Ave, Muscle Shoals

Friday, December 7, 10am - 5pm, Lauderdale County Health Department, 4112 Chisholm Rd, Florence

Saturday, December 8, 9am - 4pm, It's Dickens Christmas Ya'll, Main Street, Tusculmbia

Sunday, December 9, 8am - 1pm, Knights of Columbus - St. Joseph's Catholic Church, 1111 E College Street, Florence

Monday, December 10, 11am - 6pm, Car-Mart, 1221 Florence Blvd, Florence

Tuesday, December 11, 8am - 3:30pm, Lauderdale County High School, 201 Cedar Street, Rogersville

Wednesday, December 12, 7:30am - 4pm, Phil Campbell High School, 65 School Street, Phil Campbell

White Oak Community Watch Group meets the first Sunday of each month at 2pm, except when holidays fall the week before or after. Our goal is to make our community a safe place to live. Volunteers are needed. To join attend a meeting and fill out a form for a background check.

Every Light A Prayer For Peace program at Pope's Tavern will be December 7 at 5:30pm. There will be lighting of Christmas tree in honor of veterans, display of Pearl Harbor and music by the Florence Middle School Girls Ensemble.

Shoals Civic League, Inc. meets every Thursday at noon at the Clarion in Sheffield. If you are interested in being a part of a group of citizens who empower our community? Join us! The Shoals Civic League was created by two national civic clubs coming together to form a local 501(C)3 organization with all proceeds staying in the Shoals.

Keller Hospice of Tusculmbia Alabama is asking for donations of Personal Care items during this holiday season. Examples (toothpaste, deodorant, shampoo, also dry goods/nonperishable items, etc.). These donations will tremendously help Caregiver /patients during this holiday season. Donations can be dropped off at Keller Hospice 1404 East Avalon Suite C, Tusculmbia AL 35674. Office hours are 8am-4:30pm Monday-Friday. If you have any questions feel free to call 256-314-1204.

Shoals Symphony Orchestra concert "Home Alone" with Daniel Stevens, conductor will take place Sunday, December 9 at 3pm in Norton Auditorium on the UNA Campus. A Pre-concert lecture takes place at 2:15pm. Cost: \$20-\$35/adult, \$15/youth (17-under)
Tickets: 256-710-1623, shoalssymphony.una.edu, or in person at Shoals Symphony Orchestra Office, 409 N Court St, Suite 100, Florence-Weekdays 3pm-6pm

Central Community Center will have their Christmas Covered Dish Dinner Monday, December 10 at 6:30pm. Drinks and paper goods will be furnished. We will have great

entertainment by "Willie Willie" and the Men's ensemble from Central Heights Baptist Church. Come and enjoy.
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NAMI Shoals Family Support Group and the NAMI Connection Recovery Support Group meet Tuesday, December 11 at 7pm at the NAMI Shoals office, 749 Thompson St., Suite A, Florence. Need directions or more information, call 256-765-2081.

The Monthly Covered Dish Lunch and Christmas Party at the Zip City Community Center, 10511 Hwy 17, Florence, on Thursday, December 13 at 11:30am. Optional \$5 gift, if you wish to exchange. Please bring a covered dish. Also, please bring a canned item for Food Drive.

Florence/Lauderdale Tourism will celebrate their **Tourism Tacky Sweater Day** December 14 from 10am-4pm at the Visitor Center located in McFarland Park. Visitors and local residents are encouraged to stop by wearing their ugliest holiday attire and enjoy refreshments, special treats and register for prizes. Photos will be posted on the Visit Florence, AL Facebook page for voting on the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place for the tackiest sweater. Winners will be announced on the 21st! Prizes will vary from Gift Certificates to Attraction Passes.

During the event, local historians, Carolyn Barske Crawford and Brian Murphy will have a book signing beginning at noon. During the presentation of their newly released book, "The Tennessee River and Northwest Alabama," Crawford and Murphy will discuss their research process and highlight some of the images from the book.

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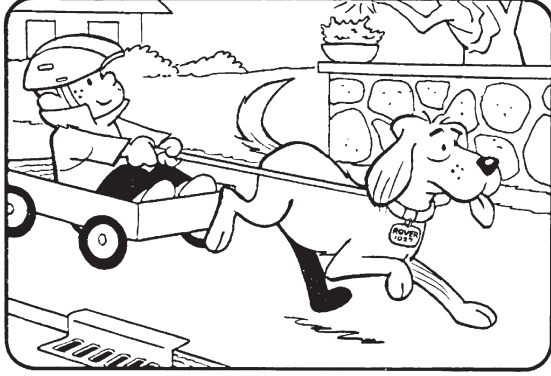
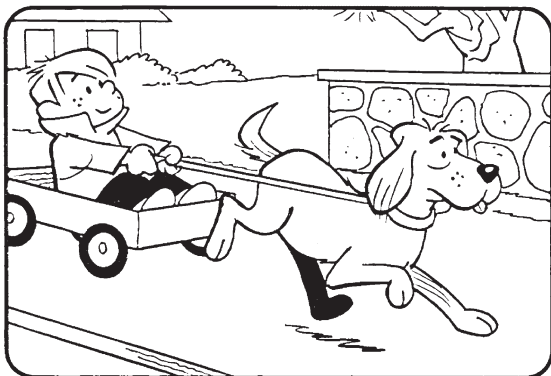
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So on this Tuesday night, two weeks after Thanksgiving and 3 weeks before Christmas, I find myself reflecting upon my job as a bankruptcy attorney and the many things for which I am thankful this Holiday Season.

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In the almost twenty years that I have been helping people with money problems, I never cease to be amazed at the difficulties that people can endure. Good, hard-working people get into financial difficulties that are often no fault of their own. It may be a job loss, an illness, a heart-wrenching divorce, the loss of a loved one, a failed business, or something altogether different. But folks find themselves with financial challenges that are hard to imagine if you haven't been in these circumstances personally.

Financial challenges can cause emotional problems, marital problems, and health problems. They can become debilitating. Be it pride, stubbornness or simple procrastination, people have often put off facing their financial challenges for far too long by the time they come to see me.

We're Thankful for Our Ability to Help

But, I am thankful that when they do arrive, we are almost always able to help. I am thankful that these good hard-working people become our clients and trust us to help navigate out of the difficulties which they face. I am thankful for the people with whom I work. They are some of the most talented, compassionate professionals and administrators you will find anywhere.

I am thankful for a bankruptcy system. Although sometimes complicated, allows honest debtors to achieve a fresh start. We have a tremendous bankruptcy court system with judges, clerks, administrators, and other personnel focused on helping people and businesses address their debt problems. I am thankful for all of these people.

We live in a country with a big heart. The United States of America treats its debtors with dignity and the opportunity for a second chance. This isn't the case in many parts of the world so I am so thankful that God placed me where he did.

I am thankful for my friends (including many of the people mentioned above) and family. The world presents itself with many challenges but I feel blessed to be able to face those challenges with the people whom I have in my life.

I hope if you are reading this article that you had a Happy Thanksgiving and that you will have a Merry Christmas and God bless you!

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