Transition to New Shelter

FLORENCE - Animal intake will cease at the current Florence Animal Shelter effective Friday, April 19 according to a press release sent out by Mayor **Steve Holt**'s office.

The timeline is in preparation for the Florence-Lauderdale Animal Services (FLAS) move to its new location at 3240 Roberson Road in the Florence Industrial Park. The transition to the new animal services facility is expected to take place the week of May 6. Although FLAS will not accept any new animals after April 19 into the current shelter, it will continue to excipt with owner. continue to assist with owner surrenders by appointment only. Appointments can be made by calling 256-760-6676. Animal Services will be

scheduling training sessions for employees as well as equipping the new facility with necessary supplies in the weeks leading up to the move. Cheryl Jones, Director of FLAS, says, "We are currently working diligently with Rescue partners to transport animals in the College Street shelter to Rescue organization." shelter to Rescue organization locations. An Adoption Events Calendar is available on the FLAS website and Facebook page to view events featuring dogs which are eligible for adoption. The \$25 adoption fee will remain in effect until all animals in the current location are adopted. This includes spay/neuter and necessary

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CORINTH - A highly therapeutic farm-to-bottle CBD is now available in

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Dr. Jeremy Thompson, center, with **REACT board members from left: Leah** Moore, Maria Warren, Celeste Nix, Chip Wicker, Missy Montgomery. Courtesy photos

Physicians Try to **Curb Readmissions**

By Celeste A. Nix for the Courier Journal

SHOALS-When physician cares, it shows. Ďr. Kevin Kelly (Franklin County), Therese Lango (Lauderdale County), and Dr. Jeremy Thompson (Colbert County) work diligently to keep their patients from having to return to the hospital after an initial stay. The Regional Effective Action Care Transitions Team (REACT) Coalition recently recognized these physicians with the REACT Physician Excellence

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Food Share Drive

Goal is to Surpass Last Year's 5,000

SHEFFIELD - Bank Independent will kick off its sixth annual Food Share drive to benefit local food banks. All locations of the Bank will serve as donation points through April 26 for non-perishable food items and **FOOD** cash donations. These donations are designated for local charitable organizations for distribution to area families in need.

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YLS Gifts for Foster Kids

SHEFFIELD – Students from Youth Leadership Shoals (YLS), a program of the Shoals Chamber of Commerce, were on hand at Shoals CASA, Court Appointed Special Advocates for Children, to deliver boxes of hygiene products for local foster children this week.

Youth Leadership Shoals offers high school juniors

understanding better appreciation of the and Shoals community, includes participation in a group project to make a positive impact on the Shoals. After learning about last year's Leadership Shoals project that provides bags to children

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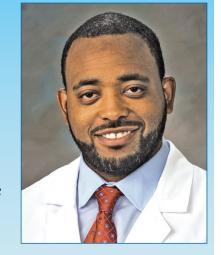
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Youth Revival at Peppertown FW Baptist Church April 7-10. Kaleb Thomas - Sunday night 6pm,Clint Davison Monday-Wednesday at 7pm. Everyone is welcome, young and old.

Spring Revival Sunday, April 7-Wednesday, April 10 at Leighton Baptist Church, 2630 College St., Leighton. Bro. Mickey Bracken will be our guest speaker. Bracken serves as Pastor of Mars Hill Baptist Church in Lawrenceburg, TN

Service times are Sunday Morning at 10am, Sunday Evening at 6pm and Monday-Wednesday at 6:30pm Childcare will be provided.

Florence Kiwanis Club meets Fridays at noon in the Marriott Shoals Conference Center, 10 Hightower Place, Florence

Programs - April 2019 April 12 – Treavor Simpson, 2018 Shoals Student of the Year - will share his story of success

Memory Meal - Never Forgotten - Bring a meal in memory of your loved ones. The meal will serve the homeless in our community while remembering your loved ones. Meals can be brought to 1601 Huntsville Rd, Florence, The Salvation Army. Call us if you want more details. 256-764-4432.

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Catch the excitement at Children's Museum Shoals! Join us for one or many of the fun activities planned for the

month of April. Join us for our annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 20. Egg hunts begin at 10:30am for ages 4 and younger and 12:30pm for ages 5 and up. The Easter Bunny will be available for pictures from 12-2pm. Activities on April 20 are free for members and included in the special event price of \$5 for non-members. This event is sponsored by the Lauderdale County Commission.

On Saturday, April 27, join Puppeteer Mr. William Freeman for a puppet show sure to delight visitors of all ages. Shows are at 11am, 11:30am, 12pm, & 12:30pm. Activities are free for CMS members & are included in the \$10 admission price for non-members.

We hope to see you at CMS! CMS is located at 2810 Darby Drive Florence,

The Muscle Shoals National Heritage Area and the Florence Arts and Museums are partnering on a vear-long series of presentations and workshops based around the city's wealth of historic buildings, neighborhoods, and landscapes. Cemetery preservation is the fourth topic in the series and the presenter will be Hannah Garmon from the Alabama Historical Commission. Hannah is a graduate of the University of North Alabama's public history program and works as a historical preservation specialist with the Commission, where she serves as the director of the Alabama Register, the Historic Cemetery Program, and the Alabama Historical Marker program.

This program will focus on the preservation of historic cemeteries in the state of Alabama. It will cover the permit process—whereby organizations can become stewards of our state's historic cemeteries, and the Alabama Historic Cemetery Register. The program will take place on Thursday, April 11 at 6pm at the Florence Indian Mound Museum.

This program is free and is sponsored by the City of Florence Department of Arts and Museums and the Muscle Shoals National Heritage Area. Call 256-760-6427 for more information.

The Shoals Chapter of the Order of St. Luke will meet in the Sheffield Room at Park Place, 501 N. Montgomery Ave. in Sheffield, Thursday, April 11 at

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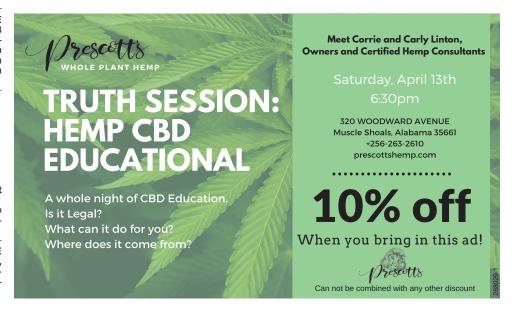
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Dr. Kevin Kelly flanked by REACT's **Celeste Nix and Missy Montgomery**

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b y a nurse in the home, a seamless transition would include home health nurse The REACT Coalition being set up for a patient after a hospital stay. This a 2012 through a additional care in the artnership with the home can help a patient remain at home versus having another hospital because stay their qualifying condition was not monitored.

Congratulations and a special thank you go to Dr. Kelly, Dr. Lango, and Dr. Thompson for the extra effort they give every day to their patients and this community!

REACT board members with Dr. Therese Lango, are from left: Michelle **Sweeney, Chip Wicker,** Missy Montgomery, Dr. Lango, Leah Moore, and Celeste Nix.



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resources available to local shelters.

"Food disparity in our community is the driving need behind our Food Share initiative," says Rick Wardlaw, CEO of Bank Independent. "We focus our efforts in the spring because much of the were used to supplement assistance our local food

banks receive over the holidays is depleted by this time of year. The summer months ahead also mean many school age children will miss the consistency of a school lunch program. The charities we support provide vital assistance for families undergoing hardships. We hope our Food Share efforts make a positive impact."

The donated supplies will be distributed to local organizations that maintain food banks to fill emergency food needs. In addition to the Committee on Church Cooperation Morgan County, recipients included the Neighborhood Christian Center in Decatur, the Departments of Human Resources of Lawrence County and Franklin County, Limestone County Churches Involved, Inc., Sidney's Safe! Foundation in the Shoals, and Manna House in Huntsville.

The Food Share drive is part of Bank Independent's Helping Hands program, which " also includes employee volunteer efforts, donations and sponsorships.

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Youth Leaders...

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moving into the local foster system, the students decided to contribute items to further that project. Youth Leadership Shoals conducted individual hygiene drives at each of their high schools and then presented those items to Shoals CASA.

When children are removed from their home for safety, there is often little notice to gather items for the move. Children placed in foster care often do not have clean clothes or basic hygiene items to



an example of communitywrap-around based, care for the abused and neglected children in our area," said Andrea Holt, Executive Director of Shoals CASA. "When Braden Hall, a participant from Muscle Shoals High

that sometimes we take for granted. For CASA to be able to be a part of a project created by children that helps other children – that truly warms my heart."

"The YLS class project is School, approached me with their class project idea, I immediately knew this was a special group of students with a desire to make a meaningful difference in the lives of

others – especially in the lives of their peers."
"What these students have accomplished as a Youth Leadership Shoals project is a dream come true," added Shoals CASA Board Member Daysha Lowery. "There are so many children in foster care who need our support. They need everyday essentials



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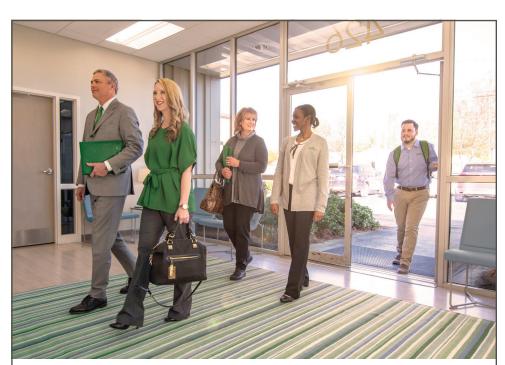
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CASA's Depot **Difference**

SHOALS-Depot Difference, a philanthropic initiative of Office Depot, will be collecting office supply items for Shoals CÁSÁ during the Florence store's first community give-back event of 2019. Depot Difference will take place at the Office Depot location on Florence Boulevard from April 15-26. Shoals CASA has provided a wish-list of instore office supply needs. Office Depot customers will be offered discount coupons to partner in the *Depot Difference* event by placing those office supply donations in the store's designated collection corner. Shoals CASA representatives will be present at specific times during the event to answer questions. Any purchase donation made during the *Depot Difference* enter the donating customer in a drawing for various prizes, including Office Depot Gift Cards.

'All of us here at Office Depot really do care about our community and the people in it," said store manager, **Gary Mansell**. "We live, work, play, and raise families here. As a corporation, Office Depot always believes that supporting our local communities is the best way to do business,

Shoals CASA (Court appointed Special Advocates) is a local nonprofit agency providing volunteer advocacy for abused and neglected children caught in the local court system through actions by their parents.

Hernandez is Among the 48

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FLORENCE - The University of North Alabama will host three summer STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) Camps starting in June.

The camps are *Engage* in STEM, June 3-5 and June 5-7; *Learn to Program* Microcontrollers, June 10-14; and Robot Programming, June 10-14.

According to Dr. James **Jerkins**, professor of Computer Science, topics will include robotics, astronomy, computer programming and mathematical applications.

"The camps will incorporate project-based learning, will promote scientific inquiry and the application of mathematics and technology in the context of experimental design, problem solving, technical briefing and report writing," Jerkins said. Prior experience is not required.

Camp instructors will consist of UNA faculty, while UNA math and computers science students will be counsellors. The camps range in price from \$145-\$275 and have certain grade restrictions associated with them.

Registration and additional information is available at: https://www. una.edu/stemcamp/

Outreach Has an Egg Hunt

SHOALS-Crossroads Community Outreach will host its Annual Egg Hunt Fun Day on Saturday, April 20 from 2-5pm at Lewis Field in Florence. Scheduled activities include an Egg Hunt, bounce houses, games, food and prizes. This event is open to children of all ages.

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Commentary

Weekend Success **Totally Unplanned**

onsidering the obstacles placed in front of *Unplanned* prior to its opening two weekends ago, it's really remarkable the movie even found enough

Few

Words

TOM MAGAZZU

Editor

screens to make an impact. The American pro-choice movement and its primary death merchant, Planned Parenthood, threw all their might and influence against the movie in an effort to make it fail.

The movie is the true portrayal of Abby Johnson, the former Planned Parenthood clinic director who fell for the Planned Parenthood deceit over an extended period. She had two abortions herself, became

a pro-choice activist, and later the youngest ever director of a Planned Parenthood clinic. Johnson was named Planned Parenthood's employee of the year in 2008. She estimates that she was involved in the termination of over 20,000 lives in her eight years with PP.

However, Johnson's eyes were opened to the reality of abortion when she was needed to assist in an abortion procedure for the first time. She watched the ultrasound monitor as a living, moving, unborn baby at 13 weeks was torn from its mother's womb. Johnson's

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Courier Journal

Stories in the Cotton

Walker About History, Preservation

TUSCUMBIA-Rickey Butch Walker showcases the important role that cotton

played in history along the Tennessee River Valley. Along with cotton stories, Walker released his first

volume of the Alabama Plantation Series,

co-authored with

former Florence Historian, William McDonald. Walker soon discovered that each county should have the records easily available in one researched document for other counties. Walker has listed

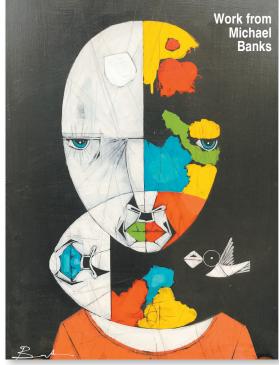
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available research from census records for each county. The records reflect

number of slaves listed with each plantation owner as reported in census records. Although a sad part of history, the research Walker has compiled will cut hours of work for family

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Abandoning Traditions

FLORENCE-The vibrant, powerful art of renowned Alabama folk artist, Michael Banks, will be exhibiting at Wylde Gallery

at 124 East Tennessee St. in Florence through April 30.

By abandoning traditions on many

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Drop off at Cross Point Church Thursday, April 11 and Friday, April 12 from 11am-1pm and 4-8pm. No clothes, please. Receipts available for donations. For more information, look for our FB page, Shoals Community Yard Sale and Pancake Breakfast, or call 256-324-4018. Proceeds will go to Night of Harmony event, May 8, featuring Bob Goff, author of "Everybody Always." **TISHOMINGO STATE** PARK'S ANNUAL EASTER

THE COMMUNITY YARD SALE AND PANCAKE

BREAKFAST fundraiser is

Saturday, April 13 at Cross

Point Church at 1350 Cox Creek

Pkwy in Florence. The Pancake

breakfast is from 7am-12pm

with pancakes, sausage, and

drink for \$8. Donation items

are needed for the yard sale.

EGG HUNT is Saturday, April 13 at 11am at the Activity Field/ Swimming Pool area. There is no entrance fee to the park. Over 3,000 candy, toy, and cash-filled eggs will be hidden. Bring your own basket. Ages walkers-12 years. Lots of prizes and 3 age groups. Bring your camera to take pictures with the Easter bunny. In the event of rain, the hunt will be on April 20.

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is April 13 at Colbert County Cowboy Church at 3440 AL Hwy 157, Leighton. Breakfast at 8am, fish and chicken at 11:30am. To donate yard sale items, to reserve a space, or for more information, contact 256-627-4848 or 256-247-8022. Vendor spaces \$25, tables not included. All proceeds from yard sale go to St. Jude.





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Too Much Raising

To the Editor:

It appears that the Trump economy has raised all boats.

raised the Florence City employee's salaries by 3%. It raised the city sales tax by 11.8%. It raised the city's share of the sales tax by 28.6%. It raised the state gasoline tax by 10¢ per gallon. It raised the employment rate by more than 3%.

Maybe we have had enough raises and should return to the Obama "Happy Days."

Jack Sullivan Florence

Spirit of the Law

Editor:

Did the Florence City Council violate the spirit of Alabama law with their gifting of Cox Creek Park property to UNA for a softball/baseball complex? Please note that my concern is with the property for a baseball field. City Attorney Musgrove, the sponsor of the ordinance, listed the following as justification for the City's action.

"The city of Florence, Alabama owns certain surplus real property located at Cox Creek Park that has been approved for subdivision and

conveyance by the Florence Planning Commission. The City Council hereby finds and determines that the property is not needed for public or municipal purposes and that it is in the best interest of the public to transfer the property."

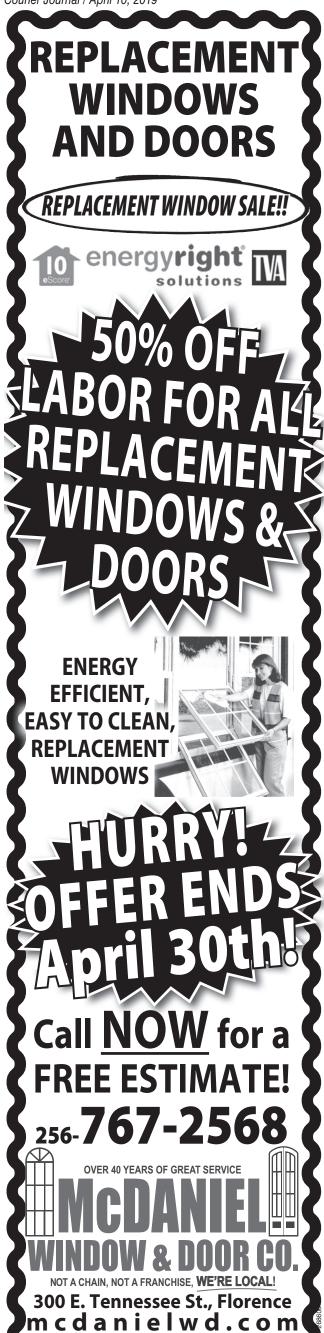
Advance notice of this action was not given to the citizens of Florence.

A review of council's agendas for February, March, and for April 2 did list where the Florence Planning Commission (FPC) appeared before the council to state their approval for the 'subdivision and conveyance.'

Before granting this approval, the FPC should have known how far is it from home plate to the outfield fences, how far it is from home plate to screen behind the plate, how far from first and third bases to the sideline fences, the room needed for bleaches, press box, locker rooms,

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Notes...

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Auditions for William Gibson's "The Miracle Worker" play at Ivy Green will take place Thursday, April 11 from 7:30pm The Helen Keller Birthplace Amphitheatre, 300 N Commons West, Tuscumbia - Enter through back gate. Auditioning Helen Keller, Blind Children at Perkins ONLy. This is the only audition time for the role of Helen Keller

Saturday, April 13 at 10am --Auditioning Annie Sullivan, Cpt. Keller, Kate, James, Aunt Ev, Viney, Mr. Anagnos, the Doctor, Percy, Martha, Blind Children and Perkins School for the Blind. Note: There will be no "live" flashback scenes this year. They will be recorded.

· Callbacks will be at 2pm on Saturday afternoon as needed.

Additional Information: Those wishing to audition will read from the script of "The Miracle Worker." Those auditioning must be available for seven weeks of rehearsal and six weekends of performances. For more details, please contact the Director, Darren J. Butler at 256.856.2934 or by email,djbwriter@gmail.com E-mail is the preferred method of communication.

Parenting & Healthy Relationship Skills Classes in Florence at Lauderdale Cooperative Extension System office at 802 Veterans Drive on Fridays from 9-11am on the following dates: April 5th (Building a Strong Family); April 12th (Communication); April 19th (Healthy Relationships; May 3rd (Stress & Conflict Mgt.); May 17th (Positive Discipline = Self-Discipline); Register by calling Instructor Melanie Allen, Human Sciences Extension Agent at 256-200-2996. Everyone is welcome!

Open Mic Gospel Singing at Rhodesville Methodist Church on Friday, April 12 at 6:30pm. Everyone is invited to come out and sing, or just listen to good singing. You'll surely get a blessing. Several Gospel Groups will be singing.

Burrell Slater Association will sponsor their second safety session on sexting, texting, vaping, bullying, and more at the Burrell Museum on Saturday, April 13 at noon. Florence Police Officer Greg Smith will conduct the sessions, which are especially intended for those ages 10-18, along with their parents, or any adult who would like to be enlightened about what young people are encountering and involved in. Some will be surprised to learn what young people today are into. Attend this session and learn the

truth in order to better understand and be able to help the community's youth. The museum is located in Burrell School. Please use the Cherokee Street entrance

Cloverdale Community Center Breakfast will be held on Saturday, April 13 from 6:30-9am. The cost of the breakfast is \$6 for adults and \$3 for children. Profits from the breakfast will go toward the upkeep of the center.

The Easter Color Run for Safeplace is a 5k and 1 Mile Fun Run with a serious splash of color and fun takes place Saturday, April 13. The race will begin and end at Highland Baptist Church, 219 Simpson Street, Florence. To register to run visit: https://www.itsyourrace.com/ event.aspx?id=11880

All profits from the event will go to Safeplace Inc a nonprofit organization in our area whose mission is to promote healthy relationships by providing education, intervention and safe places. roarams include not only sl lter and counseling for families homeless due to domestic violence, but also outreach programs such as court advocacy services, prevention education programs and batterers intervention programs.

All registered participants will receive a T-shirt* (guaranteed for those registered by April 1) and a bag of color for the final throw. The 5k race will include timing. and awards will be given to the top 3 male and female finishers overall and top 3 male and female finishers in each age category: 12-under, 13-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70+. COST: 5K - \$25 pre-registration, or

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in the CLC of Highland Baptist Church on Friday, April 12 from 8am-1pm and on

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The Natchez Trace Parkway invites children and their families to come enjoy the Read with a Ranger program 10am on Saturday, April 13 at Parkway Visitor Center at milepost 266 in Tupelo. This month's featured story is "The Prairie that Nature Built. Discover the plants and animals that make a prairie community flourish. After the story, participants will learn what flowers, insects, and other animals can be found in the Parkway's Blackland Prairie. Participants can then plant native flower seeds in small pots to take home and create their own backyard (or back porch) prairie!

Read with a Ranger is a 45-minute program that is most appropriate for ages six and under, but everyone is welcome Participants will listen to a story, join in a fun activity, and go on an optional and easy half-mile hike at the visitor center. This program is free to the public. For additional information, please call 1-800-

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KbeeQue Wins Best Overall in Cookoff

aroma dishes filled the air at the Alabama Wildlife Federation Kimber Manufacturing Quad Cities Wild Game Cook-Off last Saturday. Cook teams fired up their grills at the Longhorn Arena in Tuscumbia and prepared various mouthwatering dishes like Kenai Alaska Butter Salmon, Grilled Sweet and Sour Quail, and Buffalo Bill.

Wildlife Alabama proud Kimber Federation is have Manufacturing serve as a Title Sponsor of the 2018-19 Cook-Off Series to help raise funds and awareness for the conservation of Alabama wildlife and natural resources.

the top prize of "Best Overall," with their "Ol "Good delicious Gumbo. Kin Merchant and Michelle Merchant of KbeeQue will be invited to the state finals at Lanark in Millbrook

TUSCUMBIA-An on August 10 to compete roma of delicious for the title of AWF 2019 Wild Game Cook-Off State Champion. Other winners:

Fish Division: First Place – KBeeQue with Kin Merchant and Michelle Merchant cooking Good 'Ol Gumbo; Second Place – Hobo Jungle with Terry Pace and Gerald Aker cooking Kenai Alaska Butter Salmon; Third Place – Lumbee Smokers with Bracy Cummings Jr., Bracy Cummings Sr., Derrick Cummings and Tim Bordan cooking Fish of the Stream.

Fowl Division: First Place – Lumbee Smokers with Bracy Cummings Jr., Bracy Cummings Sr., Derrick Cummings and Tim Bordan cooking Talk; Second Sutton's Deer Turkey Place -Processing with Deborah Sutton, Jimmy Sutton, Tiffany Sutton and Kimberly Sutton cooking Grilled Sweet and Sour Quail; Third Place - Rib Ticklers with Murrell Frazier, Debbie Frazier, Patty Bolin and Leslie Frazier cooking Going Cheesy Turkey Meatloaf.

Place – J. B. Creations with Julia Henderson cooking Deer Potstickers with Pineapple Sweet Chili Sauce; Second Place – Red Hen with Dan Nelson, Gwen Nelson,

Game Division: First Hank Donald and Mindy Donald cooking Venison Appetizer Tray; Third Place – Dream Catchers with Anita Cummings, Kris Raley, Beth Raley and

Matt Nelson, Jenn Nelson, See COOKOFF...on Pg 17

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The Deceitfulness of Riches

Sometimes when Jesus told a parable he would also give the application. Such was the case in the Parable of the Sower. He explained what happened to the seed that fell by the wayside, on stony places, among the thorns and on good ground. Of particular interest to me is what He said about the seed that fell among the thorns. It was noted that this seed would have its life choked from it by "the cares of this world and the deceitfulness of riches" (Matthew 13:22).

Jesus spoke of money in one form or another about as much as anything else during His earthly ministry. And

most of these teachings had to do with warning us about the dangers of material things. Such is also the implication of the "deceitfulness of riches."

I read a lot of surveys about people and what they are looking for in life. Usually somewhere in these surveys a question will be asked like: "What is something you want more of in life?" And almost without exception "money" will be somewhere near the top

Why? Well, I think most of us already know the answer. A lot of folks believe that money (or more of it) is the key to solving all of our problems. Even though Jesus said, "One's life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses" (Luke 12:15), somehow that message has yet to take hold. Many are still under the spell of the "deceitfulness of riches."

I am reminded of the mythical story of King Midas. He was a man of wealth who lived in a castle with his daughter whom he dearly loved. However, he thought that life's greatest happiness was brought by the possession of gold. Thus, when one day given a wish of his choice, he wished that everything he touched would turn to gold.

The wish was granted and the king was delighted that all he touched turned to gold until he touched his cherished daughter and she too was turned to gold. He then realized that what he thought was a blessing was actually a curse and he prayed to have it removed from him.

Though this story is a myth, we seem to have no trouble understanding its moral. It fits well the words of Solomon: "His own iniquities entrap the wicked man, and he is caught in the cords of his sins" (Proverbs 5:22).

And that is the great deceit of riches! While we think more money will be a blessing, it might indeed become a curse (cf. 1 Timothy 6:9). In other words, if we are not careful, our possessions can become our possessors!

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Typical peers will be determined through a drawing

process. The drawing will be held the first week of

May, 2019. Names not drawn will be placed on a

waiting list. Three-year-olds will go two days per week

(Tuesdays and Thursdays), and Four-year-olds will

go three days per week (Mondays, Wednesdays, and

Fridays). There is no tuition charged for attendance

at the TOPS Preschool programs. Applications will

be available at www.lcschools.org. All typically

developing peers must go through the application

process to attend the TOPS Preschool Program.

Children who qualify for special education services, do

not need to go through the application process. Their services will continue to be determined by their IEP

Cookoff...

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Lori Cummings cooking Buffalo Bill.

Youth Division: First Place – KbeeQue, Jr with Kindall Merchant, Cameron Quick and Wendy Smith cooking Deer 'Ol Pizza; Second Place – Hobo Jungle 2 with Luke Peden and Landen McCalpin cooking Deer Sausage Soup with Kale and Potatoes; Third Place – Jr. Rib Ticklers with Ari Frazier, Coral Frazier and Monroe Howse cooking Gobble Gobble Pasta.

Pot Luck Division: First Place – Two Deer Heads with Leslie Frazier

cooking Turlacca.

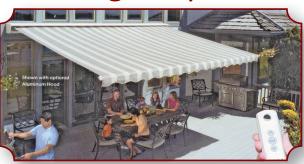
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Dear Dave,

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refunds me for these expenses, which always run \$300 to \$400 per trip, but usually it takes about three weeks for this to happen. Do you have any advice for someone in my situation?

Roxanne

Dear Roxanne,

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Everyone who travels a lot does some stress eating and stress spending. Why? Because being on the road often, or for long periods of time, is no fun. The only people who think travel for work is glamorous are those who don't do it for living!

—Dave

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The Spirit of The Law

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for players, and for restrooms. Also the FPC should known have whether fair or foul balls can reach Cox Creek Parkway and Fairground Road which are heavy traveled.

In addition, did the FPC know the location at the new site for the Josh Willingham Batting Cage. Also, will the building having public restrooms remain if the baseball field is at the park?

The noted concerns should have been known by the FPC prior to giving their approval. The same is true for the council.

I also do not agree with the statement, "The property is not needed for public or municipal purposes and that it is in the best interest of the

This field has lights and a scoreboard. I am not sure if league games are played at this field. There is also a small playground that needs some care. This playground is used by very young children and it serves as a bridge to the playground at Diebert Park. What is the basis of the proof that this transfer is in the best interest of the public?

My guess is the council and Musgrove will deem the Florence Golf Course property and the ECM property to be surplus and will approve it being gifted to UNA at some

future meeting.
Please note that I support UNA by my attendance at sporting events, especially basketball. As noted basketball. As noted above my biggest concern is with how this was handled by the Florence City Council, Florence Planning Commission, and UNA President Kitts.

Bill Smoak

the president's private

company.

firm recently announced that its hotels, resorts, and golf clubs would adopt E-Verify -- the free, online federal program which allows employers to check the legal status of prospective workers.

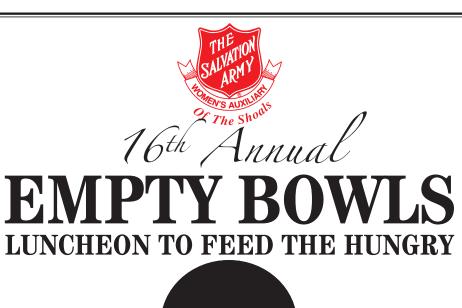
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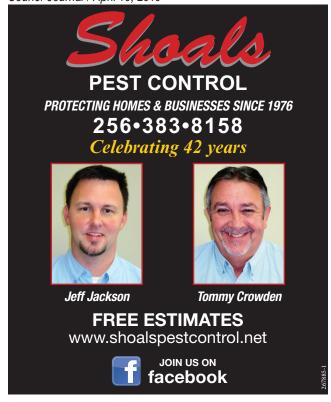
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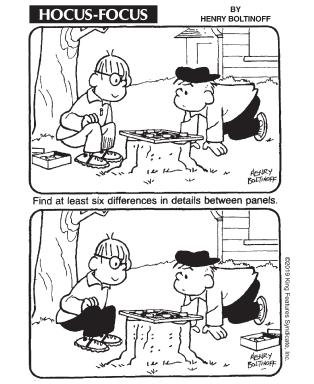


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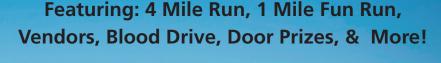
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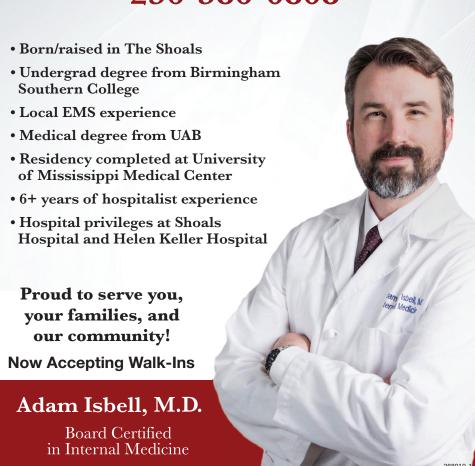


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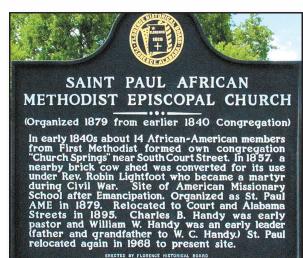
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DAYS OF OUR LIVES Will anxiously awaited his test results. Claire helped Haley prepare for her wedding to Tripp. Rex and Sarah gave Will and Sonny some shocking news. Lani urged Rafe to keep custody of David. Jennifer pulled out all the stops to prevent Jack from marrying Eve. Ted pressed Hope about leaving Rafe for him. Claire made a huge confession to

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THE BOLD AND THE EVE. Haley and JJ shared an intimate moment. Rafe shared his decision with Hope that he would be taking on the parental role in the care of baby David. Ciara comforted Ben. Wait to See: Jennifer fears that she may have

lost Jack for good.

GENERAL HOSPITAL Chase put Shiloh on notice. Kristina made plans with Alexis confided Daisy. in Neil. Lulu made an important announcement. Michael was left shaken. Neil offered some words of caution. Ava challenged Carly. Chase attempted to lift Willow's spirits. Harmony sent out a distress call. Alexis was eager to speak to Sonny. Anna was very emotional. Willow finally felt safe. Alexis feigned ignorance. Molly confronted Michael asked Chase for help. Monica gave Drew an update on Oscar. Finn offered his expertise. Valentin crossed with Spencer. Ava refused to back down. Robert was suspicious. Wait to See: Alexis learns that Julian helped out Kristina.

YOUNG THE AND THE RESTLESS Victoria continued hiding out in Vegas with a musician she just met named Brandon and watching high-stakes poker games with a gambler named Spider. Victoria Spider. heard that her father was in town looking for her, but it was Billy who showed up at her door to bring her back to reality. The two shared a passionate kiss, and Victoria persuaded him to stay in town with her to see if Victor was in Vegas too. Traci helped Cane realize that he was responsible for the deeper issues in his marriage. Seeing a real change in Tessa, Devon decided to give her another chance and assigned Ana to

manage her career. Back in Genoa City, Jack encouraged Billy to attend a Gamblers Anonymous meeting. Wait to See: Arturo makes a deal with Rey.

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Law and Order "SUV" (Update)

Unfortunately, the episode of Law and Order SVU, "Dearly Beloved," we were told. The network bumped it up and it showed on April 4th. I am so sorry that there was no time to let this readership know.

It was surreal to see Garrett in his favorite show! You can find it online at nbc. that our son, Garrett, is in, com. His scene is at about aired a week earlier than the 12 minute mark. It was crazy awesome! Sorry for the confusion, but enjoy the show! The ending was also unexpected.

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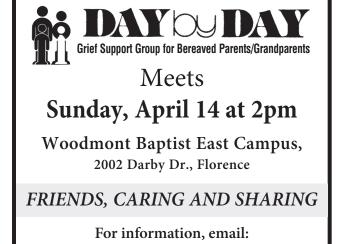
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Commentary

Unplanned

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incredible pro-life transformation began in that moment.

This is a triumphant story full of harsh realities. Abortion is not the simple procedure the abortion industry would have us believe - complete with pizza and cookies on the back side like we are donating blood

donating blood.

The traditional movie industry mouthpiece, The Hollywood Reporter, saw the early agenda, writing, "If you haven't seen a commercial for "Unplanned," an antiabortion movie critical of Planned Parenthood, it isn't for a lack of trying on the part of marketers. . . Outside of the Fox News Channel, every other mainstream television outlet has declined to air the ad."

One America News and Christian Broadcasting Network also ran trailers for the movie, but all other cable affiliates and networks refused, including feminist pillars, Lifetime, Travel Channel, Cooking Channel, HGTV, Food Network, Hallmark Channel, and USA Network.

In addition, *Unplanned* received no daytime or evening talk show reviews like most other highly-anticipated or ground-breaking films.

Twitter temporarily took down the movie's official account. However, after intense and immediate pressure, it was restored - minus 100,000 of its followers who simply vanished.

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The Motion Picture Association of America even went as far as giving Unplanned a restricted rating, denying admission to those under the age of 17 unless accompanied by a parent or another adult guardian. The reason for the rating according to the MPAA is because of "some disturbing/bloody images."

So, a child of 16 or 17 can go to a Planned Parenthood clinic and get an abortion without her parents' knowledge, yet she needs parental accompaniment to watch a movie on the subject?

One News Now reported:
"According to The Hollywood Reporter, MPAA informed the filmmakers that the "R" rating would remain unless all scenes of abortions were either removed or altered. The filmmakers declined to change those scenes."

change those scenes."

That R-rating is to keep as many young people away as possible, both as individuals going to the movie, or by making parents think twice before allowing their teens to

see it. Hollywood and its pro-choice allies wanted viewing at an absolute minimum, preferring a box-office flop. They don't want anything taking away the gains they have made with impressionable young minds.

We have been sold a bill of goods for decades, the epitome of healthcare propaganda, for an idea that should be too gut-wrenching to contemplate.

Ashley Bratcher, whose own mother almost aborted her, plays the part of Abby Johnson. She has not been silent during the onslaught of criticism by the militant pro-abortion crowd. If the focus is all about women's rights, Ashley wants to know about the rights of the millions of soon-to-be women.

"One problem is you're forgetting about the rights of women within the womb," she told *Deadline Hollywood*. "If feminism is all about equal rights, then

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where are her rights?"

In spite of all efforts to limit publicity and exposure for the Pure Flix feature film, *Unplanned* came in as the No. 4 film at the U.S. box office during its opening weekend with \$6.4 million in revenue.

Many who have seen *Unplanned* say it is not an easy movie to watch. It also takes a mature set of young eyes to process the visual images and the associated heartache.

As of press time, the movie is scheduled to run through Wednesday, April 10 at the AMC Florence 12 behind Florence Mall.

The chasm of opinion and support on this topic has reached its widest point ever in recent months, ranging from no exceptions to no restrictions.

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While it is exciting to receive that check in the mail and rush out to make those purchases you've been putting off over the past year, it isn't really the best outcome when it comes to your taxes. Ideally, taxpayers should strive to neither owe taxes nor receive a refund, meaning that you paid the exact amount of taxes for which you were liable.

Why Would I Not Want to Receive a Large Refund?

Again, as long as you do not owe taxes, you shouldn't be upset if you don't receive a refund. When you don't receive a refund, it means you had more money throughout the year and were able to spend it as necessary.

That few hundred to few thousand dollars likely could have come in handy over the past year when the inevitable unexpected expense pops up. Wouldn't it have been nice to easily pay off that high power bill during the winter cold front? Or immediately replace the car battery when it died?



The stress caused by not being able to afford surprise expenses could potentially be avoided by adjusting your W-4 allowances and having the correct amount of taxes withheld from each paycheck.

Does Anyone Actually Land on Zero?

While it may be hard to imagine hitting the zero mark on your tax return, it does happen, but not often. On average, only about 6% of tax payers will neither owe nor receive a refund on their tax returns

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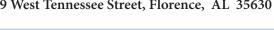


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Ivey Kicks-Off Census Effort

MONTGOMERY – More fair share of funding. The maximum an 200 mayors, county federal government also while adh than 200 mayors, county commissioners, legislators and other community from Alabama joined Governor Kay Ivey last week to kick off the Alabama Counts outreach initiative aimed at maximum participation among Alabamians in the 2020 census.

With a little less than one year until the U.S. government's 10-year census count in spring 2020, the governor urged the local leaders to join her in raising awareness of the importance of the state's performance in the census to the state's future.

"We as Alabamians have a tremendous opportunity to positively affect the future of our state and our children by simply taking about five minutes to say, 'I Count' and completing our census forms in 2020, Ivey said. "Our goal with Alabama Counts is maximum participation. We are going to be working hard over the next year to secure a brighter future for our communities."

The governor unveiled the Alabama Counts logo, introduced the state's official 2020 census website www.census.alabama. gov, and named the state's 2020 census theme of "I Count." She was joined by members of the Alabama 2020 Counts Census Committee, Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs Director Kenneth Boswell the U.S. Census Bureau for the event at the State Capitol.

The stakes are high for Alabama in 2020. Many Alabamians directly benefit from the federal programs with funding allocations that determined in part by census data. In fact, it represents federal funding of about \$1,600 per person in Alabama, according to a George Washington University ' study. Completing a census form will help ensure that Alabama receives its

will use 2020 census data to allocate the nation's congressional seats. Many projections currently have Alabama at-risk of losing one of its seven congressional seats.

Starting in mid-March 2020, Alabama households will receive a letter from the U.S. Census Bureau with instructions completing 2020 census forms. The Census Bureau is encouraging an online response, but will have a toll-free number for households to complete their information over the phone or request a traditional paper form. The Census Bureau plans to mail paper forms to households in rural areas with potentially low internet access. The information collected during the census is confidential and cannot be used against a person by any group or agency.
ADECA serves as the

governor's liaison to the U.S. Census Bureau and is leading the initiative at the state government level. Alabama Counts is a partnership that extends to the private sector as well. The governor announced that the Birminghambased nonprofit Alabama Possible will coordinate ADECA, which will manage the public ensure side effort achieves

while adhering to state requirements. Alabama Possible will bring their skills and experience to coordinate efforts with community organizations, foundations, businesses and other groups.

Formed by a governor's executive order August, the Alabama 2020 Counts Census Committee is an advisory group of agencies and organizations committed working together ensure that each Alabamian is counted.

new Counts website is designed to serve as an information and resource hub for community leaders, groups and individual Alabamians. New features and resources will be added regularly over the next year. Information will also be shared on social media through the dedicated Alabama Counts Instagram, Facebook and Twitter accounts.

ADECA began work on the 2020 census almost two years ago by encouraging Alabama municipalities and counties to submit address updates for their new developments as part of the Local Update of Census Addresses, or LUCA, process. Alabama's participation more than doubled from the LUCA process in the 2010 census.



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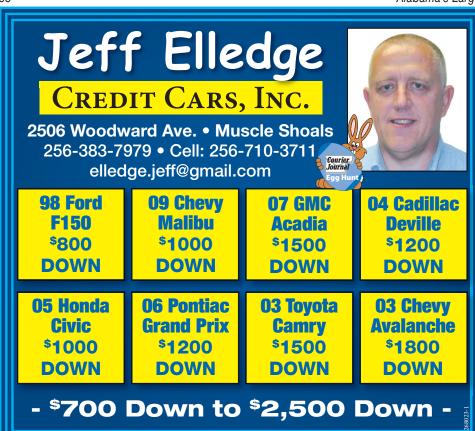
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Make E-Verify The Norm

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Nearly 99% of new hires are verified as eligible within 24-hours. Most of the remaining 1% are eventually found to be illegal immigrants.

E-Verify is free and available to every employer in the country.
My employer, Clemson University, has been using E-Verify for years now, and I've never heard of a local immigrant having a loca

Unfortunately, just 10% of employers currently use the program. Why? Because illegal workers

illegals in America's three largest cities reported being paid less than the minimum wage.

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T h e s e exploitative pra exploitative practices carry significant financial benefits for businesses.
According to Harvard University economist, George Borjas, illegals generate as much as \$128 billion in added value for their employers each year.

why pay legal employees fairly -- or hire them in the first place? The result, according to Borjas, is that illustrations to the state of the state lower operating costs. In illegal immigrants lower a recent survey, 37% of the wages of native-born

Americans bv between \$99 and \$118 billion a year.

Mandatory E-Verify ameliorate many of

the problems arising from illegal immigration. As job opportunities for unauthorized workers dried up, the incentive to enter the country unlawfully would Businesses plummet. accustomed to exploiting cheap illegal workers would finally have to pay fair wages to American workers.

Dr. Mark Thies Dow Chemical Professor of Chemical and

Biochemical Engineering Clemson University Clemson, SC

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Cotton...

and genealogy research work.

Walker released his latest book, *Cotton Was King*, *Colbert – Franklin Counties* with a presentation followed by a book-signing at beautiful Belle Mont Mansion featured on the book cover.

Walker will be at several locations in North Alabama answering questions and signing books over the next few weeks beginning with a special appearance at the Belle Mont Home this weekend.

Belle Mont Home in Colbert County
1569 Cook Lane in Tuscumbia April 14 2-4pm

Belle Mont Home will graciously host Mr. Walker to speak with the public as a courtesy from the beautiful home. Donations are much appreciated to assist with museum operations and site preservation.

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Strawberry Festival in Moulton 14451 Market St May 3, 4 8am-4pm

Walker is a native son of the Warrior Mountains descending from Cherokee, Creek, and Celtic (Scots Irish) people. He is a member of the Echota Cherokee Tribe of Alabama. He attended the University of North Alabama and worked part time as a biological aide with the TVA Forestry, Fisheries, and Wildlife. He graduated from UNA, and four days later he was drafted into the United States Army. Since he was enrolled in a Masters Degree program on a stipend from TVA in the Tennessee Cooperative Fisheries Unit at Tennessee Tech University in Cookeville, he joined the Tennessee Army National Guard. He was commissioned a second lieutenant as an infantry rifle platoon leader in 1974. He was honorably discharged on August 11, 1978.

Walker earned post graduate degrees in science, education, and supervision from TTU, Athens State, Alabama A&M, and UNA. He worked in public education for over a decade before becoming Director of Lawrence County Schools' Indian Education Program in 1987, and later Oakville Indian Mounds Education Center. The Indian program was awarded a National Showcase Project by the U.S. Department of Education in 1995. He served as Alabama Indian representative on a grant reading committee for the Department of Education in Washington, DC. In 1994 he was selected to serve on the National Trail of Tears Committee from Alabama with Poarch Creek Chief Eddie Tullis and historian Richard Sheridan. While with Lawrence County Schools, he secured funds to complete the Oakville Indian Mounds Museum and purchase some 120 acres of land containing two ancient Indian mounds. Walker retired in 2009 after 33 years with Lawrence County Schools.

Walker began working to help establish the Sipsey Wilderness Area in 1966 which was dedicated in 1975. For a few years, he wrote weekly articles called Bankhead Back Trails for the *Moulton Advertiser*. In 1992, he teamed up with Lamar Marshall to begin the *Bankhead Monitor* to protect the sacred Indian Tomb Hollow, Kinlock Rock Shelter, and High Town Path which became designated historic districts. Walker served as Chairman of the Board of Directors of *Bankhead Monitor*, *Wild Alabama*, and *Wild South* from its beginning in 1992 until it merged with the Southern Appalachian Biodiversity Project in 2006. Walker remains an advocate for protection and preservation of historic sites in the Warrior Mountains and the Tennessee River Valley.

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The Example of Sin is Clear

To the Editor:

The "UMC" Needs to

It seems that the United Methodist Church at it again over the homosexual issue. It should not be so, for the this cause shall a man Word of God is very plain leave father and mother

about this sin.

In the Old Testament you would be stoned to death under the law. The twin cities of Sodom (where we get the word sodomy) and Gomorrah were destroyed by God Almighty because of this

In the New Testament our Lord Jesus restated what God said in the Old Testament about marriage. In the book of Matthew, Jesus said, "For

and shall cleave to his wife and they two shall be one flesh." Marriage is between two people, a man and a woman, not between two women or two men. To God this is an abomination. Paul stated in Romans 1:24-32 that this sin was a vile affection and those who are guilty know the judgment of God and are worthy of death.

Then in 1st Corinthians Chapter 6, Paul states that those who do these things, shall not enter

the Kingdom of Heaven. Then he gives hope to these people by saying, "And such were some of you, (they turned from this sin and were saved) but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified, in the name of the Lord Jesus by the Holy Spirit." This is as clear as it can be that some of those people in Corinth had been homosexuals, but they heard the Gospel message and had received

salvation from their sins. Finally, there is not one proven fact by any reputable doctor physician that a person is born this way. Think of it this way. If you believe a person is born this way, then God is condemning a person who had no choice. No, our God does not act that way. People make a choice to be that

Now back to the UMC; the Bible-believing members of that church and also the Episcopalians need to come out now, for God is likewise displeased with those who defend and support this gross sin. They need salvation, not church membership. Christians are to love them, but they also are to hate their sin just as God months, and now they are

does. He sent Jesus to die on that cross for the sins of all men and women.

Michael Beck Florence

Still Am Not Convinced

To the Editor:

There is still much debate about the need for an increase in gas taxes. The reason for the need is said to be improvements for roads and bridges, etc.

am a retired industrial, manufacturing Engineer with 42 years in the practice. I am a lifetime member of the Institute of Industrial and Systems Engineers. The first question when considering any supposed need would be, "Was this **REALLY Necessary?**"

As I have traveled for a few years on the construction site Highway 43 from Killen to the Tennessee State line, there has always been very expensive earth moving equipment and trucks standing idle. The project has shown little improvement over the

re-paving the original side of the four-lane again. Is this considered as a need

to raise the gas tax?
Small bridge work as on Route 16 has closed that road for long periods of

It may be that additional planning and scheduling of the use of equipment, materials, and manpower would show that it is not more money that is needed, but improved efficiency. Possibly those who do this planning work could use some Systems Consultants who would cost less than the cost of idle equipment.

The suggestion that the gas tax would finance roads and sewers to rural areas to build new business there, should raise the same question. Is this necessary? New business and development raise the local tax income by their existence and should pay for itself over time.

More taxes or increase in taxes should be the very last thing considered. Was this REALLY Necessary?

Jake Van Dyke Florence

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most The

The guilt rests on unbelievers and believers, too.

we failed to stand on God's Word. That Word of God tells us that "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction

A murderous heart requires repentance or hell will be the judgment. Saying the wall or barrier is immoral does not cancel the horrible immoralities

Manuel Ybarra, Jr. Coalgate, OK Courier

These leaders cannot take care of their own. offer However, most sanctuary to illegals even if they are known criminals. By doing so, they are encouraging the world to migrate to America against our

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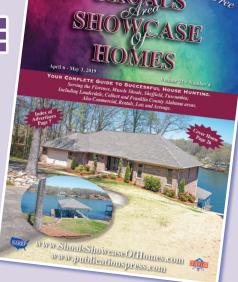
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On one end of the spectrum, there are sellers who remove every last bit of trash or miscellany. Those people then clean the house as if they themselves were about to move right back into it. Besides being the right thing to do, this indicates that they take pride in themselves and their surroundings. Into the middle fall those who leave it "broom swept" and relatively clean. Then there are many who seem not to consider their buyer at all. Some appear to have gathered up as much as possible and made a dash for it, leaving dust bunnies the size of Chewbacca and all sorts of miscellaneous things that the buyer has to remove before moving in. I've seen it all, and some of it you would not believe. Old mail, (seemingly) important documents, broken toys, junk in drawers and cabinets, food, personal items (yes, quite personal). Sometimes people leave perfectly nice things. The problem with that is, it's impossible to

tell if the buyer actually wants those things. Sometimes, especially in an estate situation, a house is left empty of people but full of useful things. In those situations, the sellers have several options. They can do the work themselves, holding an estate sale or donating the contents to charity. Several charities will bring a truck and pick up the items, all you have to do is call and schedule it. There is also the option of hiring a company or individual to conduct the estate sale. Either way, whatever is not sold or donated must be disposed of in some way by the seller. It is never the buyer's responsibility, and I have seen buyers postpone closing until a property is emptied.

This is one of many situations in life that fall back on the Golden Rule. Do unto others as you would have them do unto you. Would you rather open the door into a clean, empty space, fresh-smelling and ready for your possessions to make it a home, or a dirty space filled with junk that you have to clean and empty before you can even move in? -mr

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Rest assured I will only use your first name when I answer your questions. Email to: questions@mikerandallhomes.com or mail to:

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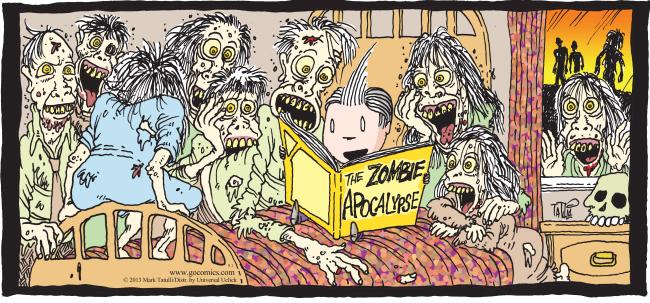




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How SSI Can Help Low-Income Seniors and the Disabled

Dear Savvy Senior,

What can you tell me about the Supplemental Security Income program and what are the eligibility requirements? My father is very low-income, so I'm wondering if this is something he may qualify for. Searching Daughter

Supplemental Security Income (or SSI) is a program administered by the Social Security Administration that provides monthly cash benefits to people that are disabled or over 65 based on financial need. Currently, more than 8 million people are receiving SSI benefits. Here's what you should know.

Eligibility Requirements

To qualify for SSI your dad must be either age 65 or older, blind or disabled, and must be a U.S. citizen or lawful resident. He must also have limited assets and

His assets must be less than \$2,000 or \$3,000 for couples. This includes cash, bank accounts, other personal property, and anything else that could potentially be converted to cash. His home, household goods and one vehicle, along with life insurance policies and burial funds valued under \$1,500, do not count towards countable assets.

The income limit to qualify for SSI, however, is much more complicated. Countable income includes wages or any other kind of money your dad earned from working, plus money he gets from other sources like unemployment, Social Security retirement, or gifts from

friends, but also, free food or shelter. In 2019, the SSI allowable income limit is \$771 a month for an individual or \$1,157 a month for a couple. So, if your dad's countable income is over the SSI allowable limit (this is based on a complex set of rules and calculations – see SSA.gov/ssi/text-income-ussi. htm) he would not qualify. But if he's under it, he would qualify for some benefits depending on his countable

To help you determine if your dad is eligible for SSI, help him take the Social Security Administration's benefits screening test at SSAbest.benefits.gov. This online questionnaire takes approximately 5 minutes to complete and screens for a variety of benefits, not just

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How to Apply

If you think that your dad is eligible for SSI, call 800-772-1213 and set up an appointment to apply at his local Social Security office.

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sure that when we leave this life, we will live somewhere for all eternity, whether we believe it or not. The devil will do everything he can to keep our minds off of eternity. Pictures and false hopes and false promises and a private interpretation of the bible by this ecclesiastical religious generation have made slaves of its followers and most of these folks have sour looks on their faces continually. You can tell an individual that has really been saved and is full of the Holy Spirit by the look of joy and peace on their face and in their smile and demeanor.

I met a fellow recently that thought he was saved but had trouble with the same sin he kept trying to stop. His flesh was disappointing him. I convinced him that when a person is saved, God doesn't save our fleshy body. Sometimes our thoughts are so embarrassing that we don't dare bring them up. **Proverbs 24:9** "The thought of foolishness is sin: and the scorner is an abomination to men." **2 Corinthians 5:21** "For he (GOD) hath made him (CHRIST) to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him." **2 Corinthians 11:3** "But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ." What part of simple don't you understand? You owed a sin debt to God and Christ paid the debt that you owed. If you want to be saved and know it, trust the one (CHRIST) who paid your debt, and ask Him to forgive you and save your soul. THAT WILL CURE YOUR DEPRESSION.

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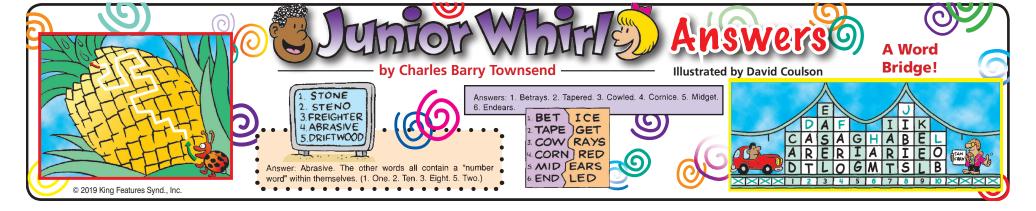
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The Appeals Court went on to explain that an employee must prove they need medical care. Usually, this proof is the opinion of a doctor. The Appeals Court stated that a lay person (a person without medical training) could not make medical decisions without the testimony of a doctor.

Remember, if you are injured on the job, the employer's doctor controls the treatment. This means that your healthcare insurance coverage cannot be required to pay for treatment for an on-the-job injury. Second, if the employer's physician won't authorize needed treatment, you probably need an attorney and a new doctor.

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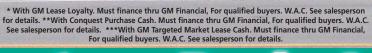






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