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Sparks Earns LSCU Honor

SHEFFIELD–Valley Credit Union is proud to announce that CEO, **Hillard Sparks**, has been awarded the 2019 Distinguished Service Award by the League of Southeastern Credit Unions. Sparks was presented the award at the Southeast Credit Union Conference and Expo in Orlando last week. This award recognizes Sparks' 48 years of dedicated service as CEO and Secretary/Treasurer to Valley Credit Union and to the chapter, state, and national credit union movement.

Sparks

In conjunction with the outstanding service award, Sparks will also be inducted into the Credit Union House Hall of Leaders in Washington D.C. at the Credit Union National Association Governmental Affairs Conference in February 2020. The name of Sparks and VCU will be permanently placed in the Hall.

"I would like to thank the Valley Credit Union Board of Directors, Supervisory Committee, employees, members, and everyone who has encouraged me through the years," said Sparks.

Sparks has volunteered in various leadership roles in Civitan Club, Optimist Club, and Alabama State Credit Union Boards. He was also instrumental in working with local DA's to revive Crime Stoppers.

UNA Theatre *Little Shop*

FLORENCE – The University of North Alabama Summer Theatre program will produce *Little Shop of Horrors* for its

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A Greater Shoals

WORKING GROUPS DETAIL SOME OPTIONS

FLORENCE–The Committee for a Greater Shoals was formed in 2018 with an eye on growing and improving the Shoals area.

A series of community meetings took place in recent months that included close to 200 interested volunteers from all walks of life.

The meetings were spawned from a Public Affairs Research Council of Alabama (PARCA) report released in February, commissioned by the Greater Shoals steering committee. The PARCA report recommended that the Shoals community build on existing areas of cooperation, its strong education base, and enhancing the area's unique assets.

Some specific recommendations in the PARCA report included expanding the use of the Shoals Economic Development Fund; solidifying the Shoals Scholar Dollars program; broadening educational and workforce alliances between K-12 schools, NWSCC, and UNA; creating more governmental cooperation; and exploring the merging of tourism agencies.

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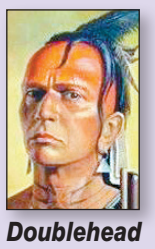

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FLORENCE—The city of Florence hosted the annual ceremony for the 2018 Walk of Honor Inductees last week at the Marriott Shoals Conference Center. The Walk of Honor at beautiful River Heritage Park recognizes individuals from Florence and Lauderdale County who have achieved national or international acclaim. This is to honor and perpetuate the name and achievements of deserving current or former citizens through a form of civic recognition.

Areas of national or international accomplishment include agriculture, art, athletics, business, education, government, humanities, literature, medicine, military, music, public service, religion, and science and technology.

The 2018 Inductees and their achievements are as follows:

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Officials, Friends Celebrate

Joe Wheeler's Renovations

ROGERSVILLE – Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources Commissioner Chris Blankenship was joined last week at Joe Wheeler State Park by Alabama State Parks Division Director Greg Lein and local dignitaries to celebrate the completion of renovations that will make the visitor experience even more enjoyable.

Blankenship

Among the projects completed at the park were upgraded lodge hotel rooms, a renovated lodge front desk area, new lobby windows in the lodge, new indoor and outdoor furniture at the Lakeside Cottages, new televisions in some cabins, an upgraded security system, renovations in staff offices, new fuel pumps at the marina, landscaping at the lodge, new road signs, and improvements at *The General* Golf Course driving range.

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summer 2019 production. The show will be June 28 and 29 at 7:30pm and again June 30 at 2pm. All performances will be in Norton Auditorium. Tickets are $15 for adults and $5 for UNA students, faculty, staff, and alumni.

Charlton James, Creative Director of the UNA Theatre Program, is directing the show. Department of Music Alumnus, **Nicholas Murphy** will serve as the Musical Director. **Benjamin South**, who is a student in the Department of Music, is the Assistant Music Director.

Little Shop of Horrors is a delightful sci-fi horror musical with an electrifying 1960s pop/rock score by **Alan Menken** and **Howard Ashman**. Seymour Kelborn is a meek and dejected assistant at a floral shop who happens upon a strange plant, which he affectionately names "Audrey II" after his crush at the shop. Little does Seymour know that this strange and unusual plant will develop a soulful R&B voice, a potty mouth, and an unquenchable thirst for human blood. As Audrey II grows bigger and meaner, the carnivorous plant promises limitless fame and fortune to Seymour as long as he continues providing a fresh supply of blood. Just when it's too late, Seymour discovers Audrey II's extra-terrestrial origins and his true drive for world domination.

Tickets may be purchased at https://www.una.edu/schoolofthearts/purchase-tickets.html or by calling the School of the Arts office at 256-765-4559. You may also visit the School of the Arts Box Office at 128 W. Tombigbee Street between the hours of 8am-4pm. Monday-Thursday and on Friday from 8-11:30am.

Max Increase 4.1% for Fall

FLORENCE – The University of North Alabama last week announced a move toward a transparent, true cost-of-attendance tuition model for students and parents. This includes a reduction in fees (from seven to one); fee inclusion in overall tuition cost; and a "truth in advertising" methodology, which sets UNA apart from many peer institutions.

"UNA is extremely conscious of and sensitive to a total cost-of-attendance for our students, evidenced by the comparison to our peers, all of whom receive significantly more funding from the state to provide essential services," said Dr. **Ross Alexander**, UNA's Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost.

The impact of the new plan on students will vary depending on course load. Some students will see little to no change in overall expenses, while others will see an increase. The maximum increase for students taking 15 hours will be 4.1%, and officials expect UNA to remain 9th out of the 14 public universities in Alabama in total cost of attendance.

That cost will include tuition plus fees. Further, UNA receives between $10 million and $20 million less annually in state funding compared to peers with enrollments of 5,000-8,000 students. University officials have created "Project 208" – named for the distance in miles from Florence to Montgomery – to highlight the need for fairness in funding for UNA.

UNA President **Ken Kitts** notes that impact of the funding deficit extends to the region.

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have come to this campus over the last decade," said Kitts. "And that translates to fewer jobs in the Shoals, fewer contracts with local businesses, and less tax revenue for local governments."

Belle Mont to Host Exhibit

TUSCUMBIA –"The Art of the Dish" - Antique and Vintage China Exhibit, an Alabama Bicentennial event, will open at Belle Mont Mansion, 1569

Table setting at "The Art of the Dish"

Courtesy photo

Cook Lane, Tuscumbia, on Thursday, June 27, and will continue through Saturday, June 29. China and porcelain graciously provided from individual private collections will be displayed throughout the museum to showcase decorative arts in 19th Century Alabama through

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Community Notes

Join us for a Gospel Meeting June 23-28 at Underwood Heights *Church of Christ with speakers, Bros. Dwight McGee and Stacy Crim. Sunday 9:30am, 10:30am, and 7pm. Monday-Friday 7pm. Underwood Heights is located at 151 County Rd. 457 (Hendrix Road). Everyone is welcome.*

Monthly Covered Dish Lunch *at Cloverdale Community Center Tuesday, June 25 at 11:30am. Special group visiting: The Nu Tones. Bring a dish and join us.*

We Speak Autism - *The Autism Support Group meets on the 4th Thursday of every month in the Florence-Lauderdale Public Library from 10am-noon. Refreshments will be served. June 27.*

For more information, please contact Helene Lewis-Anderson at 256-633-7520 or heleneanderson3@aol.com

Join us at the monthly Parkinson's Support Group Meeting: Thursday, *June 27, 2pm at The Renaissance of Florence Senior Living. This month we will hear from Rock Steady Boxing and the benefits of this program. This is a free event. Renaissance is located at 3275 County Rd. 47, Florence. 256-740-6999.*

Florence Kiwanis Club Meets Fridays *at noon at Marriott Shoals Conference Center In Florence*

The June 28 meeting will have as our guest speaker Prof. Richard B. Hoover, Buckingham Centre for Astrobiology, Univ. of Buckingham, Buckingham, UK; and Astrobiology Laboratory at Athens State University in Athens, Alabama– Will share a presentation entitled, " Back to the Moon and Beyond"

Gospel singing *Friday night June 28 at 7pm at Cloverdale Community Center. Heavenly Blessed, Jimmy Cox & Friends, and many more. Come and enjoy good singing, food, and fellowship.*

5th Saturday Night Singing *at Second Baptist Church Sheffield, 420 Frankfort Ave, Sheffield (corner of 5th and Frankfort) Saturday, June 29 at 6:30pm. Featuring: Heartfelt Trio. Everyone welcome.*

In honor of Independence Day*, the City of Florence-government will be closed on Thursday, July 4.*

Garbage and Recycle collection will be delayed one day. Thursday's route will be collected on Friday. Friday's route will be collected on Saturday

Visitor Day at Bethel Berry Church of Christ *is Sunday, June 30. The Special Speaker will be Brother Alvin Alston. Sunday 10am – Worship: Will We Know Each Other in Heaven or Hell?*

Sunday 11am – Lesson: When I Die Where Do I Go Until Judgment?

Lunch – Following Sunday School No PM Service. The church is at 3100 Co. Rd. 139 in Florence. Directions: Travel Hwy 157 North (Cloverdale Rd.), turn right on CR 11, go to the third stop. Turn left on CR 139, church is about a 1/4 mile on the left. Everyone is welcome.

Chloe's Fund Red, White & Blue Bake Sale *is Friday, June 28 from 8am-2pm at the Florence Lauderdale Federal Building Lobby. All sales benefit Chloe's Fund –a medical fund assisting Florence Lauderdale Animal Services.*

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Dr. Taylor's education began at Florence State Teacher's college. He later studied at Peabody College (Vanderbilt) and Columbia Universities. He also worked with the foreign exchange program at Columbia.

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Celestial Thoughts

While traveling in my car one day, I noticed the person in the car in front of me, spit out his window. We've all seen it before. No big deal, right? Well, some of the saliva ended up on my windshield. – GROSS - .

Rather than spewing out our gross stuff on society, let's have some self-control. Let's sing out of our car windows. Let's wave at each other out of our car windows. Let's give money out of our car windows. Let's pray for others out of our car windows. Let's keep our spit to ourselves.

Dawn

"…in humility count others more significant than yourselves." Philippians 2:3

Gospel Meeting
June 23-28

Speaker **Jeff May**
from Athens, AL

Sunday 9:30am: Power in the Blood
Sunday 10:30am: Reclaiming Surrendered Ground
Sunday PM: The Need For Distinctive Preaching
Monday: Jesus in My Home
Tuesday: Marriage, Divorce & Remarriage: Words To Speak On God's Behalf
Wednesday: Salvation: God To The Rescue
Thursday: What Hinders Me From Being Baptized?
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SNAIL MAIL SCAM

by "The Computer Skeptic"

SCAMMERS ARE GOING OLD-SCHOOL AGAIN. A friend of mine popped into the office a couple of weeks ago, handed me an envelope, and asked me what I thought of it. Inside the envelope was 3 legitimate-looking checks for $998.33 each ($2,995 total) made out to my friend. Enclosed with the checks was an official-looking letter from a "Mystery Shopper" company. The instructions said that my friend was chosen at random to participate in a Mystery Shopper program. All he had to do was to deposit all three checks in his bank account, travel to an Apple Store, and purchase 2 Apple gift cards and 1 iTunes gift card for a total of $2,695. He was then required to text the gift card numbers to the Mystery Shopper people. For his trouble, my friend got to keep the remaining $300.

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Easy money, right? Wrong. Here's what would have happened had my friend allowed himself to be roped into the scam: his bank would have accepted the checks, my friend would buy the gift cards, texts the gift card numbers to the scammer, and, knowing my friend, would buy $300 worth of beer with the proceeds.

The scammers would then use the gift card numbers to purchase expensive merchandise from the Apple Store. A couple of days later, my friend would get a sad call from the bank informing him that the 3 checks were fake, and the funds would be removed from his account. My friend would be on the hook for the entire $2,985.

I talked with a banker friend of mine to get his opinion on whether or not my friend would have been on the hook for the $2,995. He said that Federal law requires that banks reimburse clients for certain kinds of scams, mainly electronic scams. For example, if your bank account is hacked and thieves transfer your entire balance to some other account, you have 48 hours to report the breach. After that, the bank is not obligated to reimburse you one penny. They still might pay you back, but they aren't obligated under the law. But this particular check scam is non-reimbursable. My friend would have been out $2,995 and no way to get it back unless he owned the bank.

My banker friend also told me that tellers are trained to look out for these kinds of things. So if you show up at the bank with this kind of thing, you might be asked to speak with the branch manager. The manager may warn you of the dangers of proceeding but they cannot stop you from making a bad decision. So if you're approached by the branch manager, please pay attention.

Everyone is susceptible to this kind of scam, of course, but the usual targets are our older folks who simply aren't able to recognize the dangers as well as they once did. So please share this story with your favorite old person.

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WWII, Dr. Taylor was featured in the *Saturday Evening Post* for his work in helping to restore education in Germany."

LIN DUNN

Plaque reads: Serving as head coach in women's collegiate basketball, 1970-1996, Lin Dunn became a 17-year coach in the Women's National Basketball Association (WNBA) and was inducted into the WNBA Hall of Fame in 2014.

Coach Lin Dunn is well-chronicled as one of the nation's foremost pioneers of women's basketball and one of its most prominent coaches and leaders. She has been a proven winner at both the college and pro levels with three hall of fame inductions, 2010, 2012, and in 2014, she was inducted into the National Women's Basketball Hall of Fame.

Dunn's coaching career preceded the passing of Title IX legislation in the 1970s. Her storied career includes trips to the NCAA Final Four and the WNBA Finals. A native of Dresden, Tennessee, she spent her early years in Florence, Alabama. She attended Gilbert Elementary School and Appleby Junior High School. She played basketball for Coach Noona Kennard's independent girls' team before moving back to Tennessee after the 10th grade.

During her distinguished 44-year coaching career, Coach Dunn had 683 college and pro wins including the WNBA postseason. In her 38 seasons as head coach, she coached 1,156 games. She had 25 years as a collegiate head coach and went on to coach 17 seasons in professional women's basketball with 13 years as head coach.

In addition, Dunn served on USA Basketball staffs for the 1992 Olympics and the 1990 gold medal-winning World Championship and Goodwill Games teams.

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Doublehead (1744-1807), or Incalatanga (Taltsu'tsa in Cherokee), was one of the most feared warriors of the Cherokee during the Cherokee-American wars. Doublehead was among a delegation of Cherokees who visited U.S. President George Washington in Philadelphia in 1791. After the peace treaty at the Tellico Blockhouse in 1794, Doublehead served as one of the leaders of the Chickamauga Cherokee or "Lower Cherokee". Upon the death of his nephew, Principal Chief John Watts, in 1802, Doublehead was chosen as a leader of the Chickamauga.

In addition to being one of the leaders of the Lower Towns, Doublehead was elected first Speaker of the Cherokee National Council when the Cherokee formed their first nascent national government in 1794. He became one of the foremost advocates of acculturation and one of the richest men in the Cherokee Nation.

Doublehead owned several tracts of land given to him for signing treaties with the US Government, the largest being the Doublehead Reserve, which he received in 1806. The Reserve contains most of what is now Florence and stretched from Elk River in the east to Cypress Creek in the west.

After receiving nominations from the public, the Walk of Honor Selection Committee chose the four inductees to join the forty-two individuals selected from previous years. A bronze plaque with a picture of each inductee, along with a brief inscription of their accomplishments, has been placed on the Walk of Honor monuments in the park. The public is invited to visit the site. More detailed information on these individuals is available in the Local History and Genealogy Department at the Florence-Lauderdale Public Library.

Rising From The Dead

Mark 9:10 "And they kept that saying with themselves, questioning one with another what the **rising from the dead** should mean." It means when you die, you will live somewhere for all eternity. It means how you lived in this life finally catches up with you. It means you will have your day in court and give account of yourself to your Maker, Almighty God. It means you will see friends and family and folks again. It means you will see the final destination of every soul that has ever lived. It means you will see the One who you either cursed, loved, worshipped, prayed to, laughed at, joked about, made fun of, and or trusted to get to heaven. It means the One who shed his blood for your sins will meet you face to face. It means Jesus Christ will be seen in his glory by the entire world. It means if you refused to receive Jesus Christ as your saviour, you will see what you missed for that mistake.

I've talked to many that said that "death ends it all. I am going six feet under and that is it." What we believe doesn't change the truth of an issue one bit. It is very easy to slip into eternity believing a host of lies. What really will be heart-breaking is to have tried to warn as many as we could and still see them go into eternity unprepared, scared, uncertain, and not sure of where they will finally spend eternity. Imagine facing the younger years, the best years of your life, wasted on the pleasures and cares of this world. Life has no re-runs. You only have one lifetime to meet God, ***prepared. Your soul is your responsibility, not your teacher or preacher, or your mom and dad, or your church.*** This 12 year old minimum-age salvation is another lie. As soon as you realize what sin and its consequences are, you are ready to be saved. Repent, change your mind and receive Christ today.

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Commentary

Progressivism is Not Progress

In A Few Words

TOM MAGAZZU
Editor

The Committee for a Greater Shoals made a nice presentation to a room full of area business leaders and other interested community members last week. Several volunteers took us through a Powerpoint presentation that tied in over six months of work that began with a Public Affairs Research Council of Alabama (PARCA) report and continued with a series of meetings on the local level. However, the presentation represents the beginning of the real work, implementing a plan for the area's growth. Topics included Digital Infrastructure, Tourism, Workforce Development, Economic Development, Quality of Life, and Governmental Collaboration.

We already know about the low cost of living, good educational and recreational opportunities, courteous neighbors, extensive cultural listings, beautiful surroundings, southern charm, respect for hard work, and so on.

One highlight to brag about is that 83% of high school seniors in the Shoals are college and career ready. That is the highest

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THIS WEEK in the Shoals

June 26, 2019

Museum of Art After 5

TUSCUMBIA – The Tennessee Valley Museum of Art will be hosting *Art After Five*, a carefree evening to stroll through the galleries while enjoying light refreshments. The event will be 5-7pm on Thursday, June 27 at the museum, 511 N. Water St., Tuscumbia. Admission is free. Visitors will be able to roam the exhibitions at one's ease, and a curator-led tour will begin at 6pm for those who are interested.

June 27

Art After Five is an incomparable way to explore the three current exhibits the art museum has to offer: The Helen Keller Art Show of Alabama, "The Rise of the Southern Craft Movement"

See AFTER 5... on Page 39

Macy Ladner as Anne Sullivan and Nora Murphy as Helen Keller - recreate a scene from *The Miracle Worker* play.

June 27-30

Pretty Rocking

Tanya Tucker Among Artists at Keller Festival

by Dennis Sherer
Colbert County Tourism

TUSCUMBIA – Fletch Brown, the entertainment coordinator for the Helen Keller Festival doesn't mince words when it comes to describing this year's music lineup.

"The year this entertainment is pretty rocking," Brown said. The festival is June 27-30 in Tuscumbia.

A star-studded lineup of entertainers, including

See KELLER... on Page 36

Happening THIS WEEK

JOIN US AT THE MONTHLY PARKINSON'S SUPPORT GROUP MEETING Thursday, June 27, 2pm at The Renaissance of Florence Senior Living. This month we will hear from Rock Steady Boxing and the benefits of this program. This is a free event. Renaissance is located at 3275 County Rd. 47, Florence. 256-740-6999.

VISITOR DAY AT BETHEL BERRY CHURCH OF CHRIST is Sunday, June 30. The Special Speaker will be Brother Alvin Alston. Sunday 10am – Worship: Will We Know Each Other in Heaven or Hell? Sunday 11am – Lesson: When I Die Where Do I Go Until Judgment? Lunch – Following Sunday School No PM Service. The church is located at 3100 Co. Rd. 139 in Florence. Directions: Travel Hwy 157 North (Cloverdale Rd.), turn right on CR 11, go to the third stop. Turn left on CR 139, church is about a 1/4 mile on the left. Everyone is welcome.

CHLOE'S FUND RED, WHITE & BLUE BAKE SALE is Friday, June 28 from 8am-2pm at the Florence Lauderdale Federal Building Lobby. All sales benefit Chloe's Fund –a medical fund assisting Florence Lauderdale Animal Services. BAKERS ARE NEEDED. Call Dianne Michael for more information, 256-740-2386

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God's Clear Direction

Editor:

The United States has been given by God the great gift of demonstrating to the world the truth of the concept of one human family, a concept enshrined in all the world's great religions. This is the first time in the history of the world that it has been possible to build a multiethnic democracy in which no single ethnic group is in the majority. The extent to which the United States accepts that mission and moves toward a society in which political equality, social equality, and economic justice can be achieved is the extent to which God's blessings will be showered on our nation.

It appears that our great nation is moving in the opposite direction. It's easy to see that many great difficulties lie before us as we defy God's clear directions to unite and work together to solve the global problems that threaten not only our peace and tranquility, but that of the entire world.

Jacqueline Osborne
Florence

...The results? "The stunning increase in homelessness announced in Los Angeles this week -- up 16% over last year citywide...

Rights Stop at Death

Editor:

In response to Senator Kirsten Gillibrand comparing the pro-life position to racism, two prominent black women take issue with her claim.

According to Dr. Alveda King, the niece of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Director of the African-American outreach for Priests for Life, Gillibrand wants to protect the rights of only some women. She points out that the little girls in the womb will grow up to be women after they're born.

Dr. King points out that Americans need to embrace the sanctity of life regardless of political affiliation and embrace the civil rights of the unborn. She called abortion one of the most heinous forms of racism that exists

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Calendar of Events

JULY 2019

Helen Keller Hospital

FRIDAY 5

Blood Pressure & Glucose Check Health Screenings

8-11:30am
Main Lobby

Tuesday 9

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Wednesday 10

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Thursday 11

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Mon. & Tues. 15 & 16

Childbirth Class

6-9pm
Helen Keller Education Department

Wednesday 17

Free Medicare Education Class

3:30pm
Community Education Room

Hosted by Alabama Health Guidance

Friday 19

Blood Pressure & Glucose Check Health Screenings

8-11:30am
Main Lobby

Thursday 25

Newborn Care & Breastfeeding Class

6-9pm
Education Dept.

Thursday 25

ACLS Renewal

12pm

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Friday 26

AHA Basic Life Support Renewal

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Shorts...

Belle Mont to Host Exhibit

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the mid-20th Century.

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Tickets for the luncheon and program are $20 and are on sale at Belle Mont, Colbert County Tourism, and Fiddledee D gift shop, all in Tuscumbia.

Tickets may also be purchased online: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/art-of-the-dish-tickets-62665915440.

The exhibit may be viewed during regular museum hours, 10am-4pm, when regular admission rates apply. For more information, call 256-381-5052 or email info@bellemontmansion.org.

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2001 Kia Optima	White	KNAGD124315057853	-	3/16/2019	4th St Sheffield
2007 Lexus IS	Silver	JTHBK262X75040167	33CA975	4/11/2019	Pine Ave Littleville
2000 Lincoln LS	Blue	1LNHM8650YY793209	6672AY8	2/1/2019	Hwy 72
2000 Lincoln Continental	Cream	1LNHM97V9YY865782	20BP816	3/31/2019	Main St Tuscumbia
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2000 Nissan Xterra	Black	5N1ED28TXYC549327	TJT939	3/22/2019	Underwood Mnt
1996 Oldsmobile 88	Tan	1G3HN52K1T4811805	20BP835	4/9/2019	Hwy 72 East
2001 Oldsmobile Aurora	Silver	1G3GR64HX14236219	-	3/15/2019	Robertson
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That report helped create six general areas of focus that the Greater Shoals committee members would consider: Digital Infrastructure, Tourism, Workforce Development, Economic Development, Quality of Life, and Governmental Collaboration.

Committees were formed to discuss those areas in detail. Each committee met three times in recent months with solid attendance of between 25 and 40 at each one. Among the general findings by the working groups was that the Shoals is fragmented, the area has more deaths than births, has too many agencies of government, and has a need for updated economic development and tourism marketing plans.

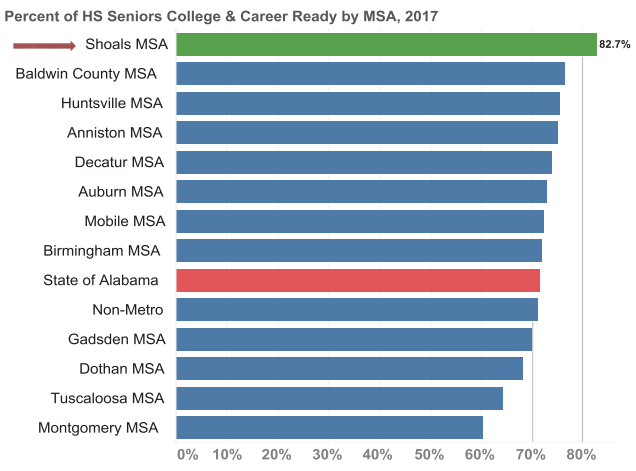
A spokesperson from each committee shared those recommendations through a Powerpoint presentation to a packed room of community leaders and interested parties at the Sweetwater Depot in Florence last week.

Bank Independent President, Macke Mauldin, former University of North Alabama President, Robert Potts, Shoals Chamber of Commerce President, Caitlin Holland, and Alvin Rosenbaum, author of "The Muscle Shoals: First Frontier of These United States," formed the steering committee.

Mauldin welcomed everyone to last week's event and gave a brief overview before handing it off to the presenters. He wrapped up the presentation by reminding the gathering that the presentation they just saw and participated in represented a beginning to the process rather than an end.

"We have the framework for how we're going to make the Shoals a better place to live," said Mauldin. "We have a mandate, so now we need the leadership of the private and public sectors to move toward getting these things done."

Mauldin closed by saying the steering committee will review polling from the meeting, establish priorities, develop a budget for implementation, and report back to the community in early November.



One huge positive from the PARCA study was that the Shoals MSA is FIRST in Alabama in the percentage of high school seniors who are college and career ready. That is a positive combination of early reading, access to resources, stability, teachers, mentoring, specialized programs, and much more covering all 13 years. *PARCA Graphic*

Working Group Findings:
1. Expand and clarify uses for the Shoals Economic Development Fund.
2. Explore a stronger collaboration among the Generator, Small Business Development Center, and the Shoals Business Incubator to better expand opportunities for small business, to include more effective funding levels.
3. Expand SEDA's focus on

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DIGITAL INFRASTRUCTURE

Develop a digital infrastructure in the Greater Shoals in order to become one of the best-connected communities of our size in the USA.

Working Group Findings:
1. Create a new entity as shaped by all the Shoals utility departments to design, finance and implement a modern digital infrastructure throughout the Greater Shoals to take advantage of the significant TVA investment in broadband fiber resources already installed in the Shoals area.
2. Assure that the implementation, availability, affordability and customer service provided are markedly better than that which is currently available from existing providers.
3. Provide widespread training on uses of the Internet as services continue to migrate to online-only communications.

SUGGESTIONS:
- *Develop broadband coverage throughout the Greater Shoals.*
- *Attract, train, and retain a highly talented digital workforce.*
- *Provide Incentives to speed the development of highest access to broadband in the Greater Shoals.*
- *Attract high-tech companies to locate in the Greater Shoals.*

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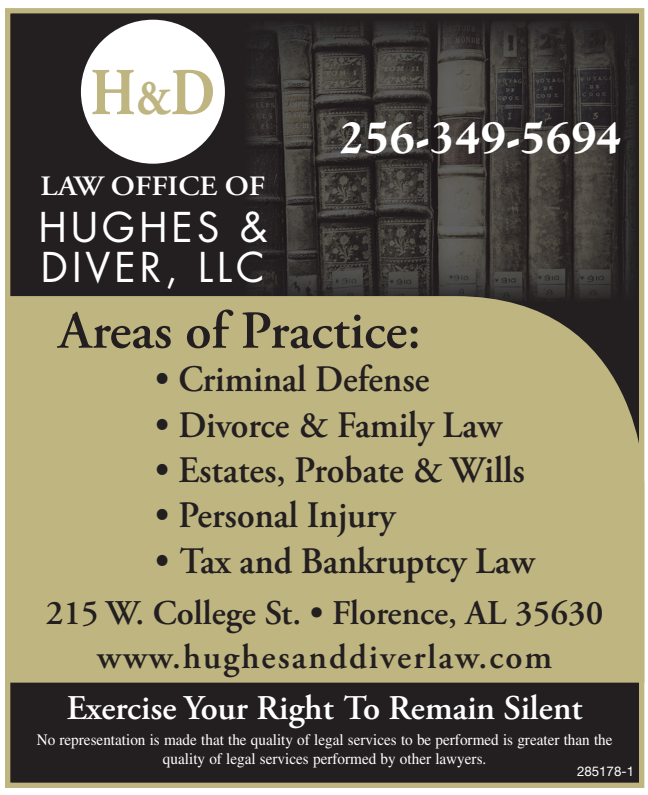
workforce development.

SUGGESTIONS:

• *SEDA should develop and implement a 21st Century Economic Development Model for the Greater Shoals.*
• *Use the Shoals Economic Development Fund and other resources prudently and strategically.*
• *The SEDF should provide funding support to additional mandated, local organizations that contribute to important economic development to include: Shoals Business Incubator, Shoals Scholar Dollars, and UNA and NWSCC Business and Work Force Development Programs*



WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

To leverage our well-documented educational successes and to combat poverty, the Greater Shoals education, business and employer communities must more closely cooperate and communicate to meet the needs of our evolving economy

Working Group Findings:

1. Expand Shoals Scholar Dollars support.
2. Marry skills development more closely with labor needs.
3. Increase education and vocational retention and quality

SUGGESTIONS:

• *Scholar Dollars leadership should explore and develop ways to expand students' access to NWSCC and UNA.*
• *Develop Computer Coding Certificates and/or degrees.*
• *Develop a retention plan for NWSCC and UNA graduates.*
• *More closely collaborate all workforce development groups in The Greater Shoals.*
• *Develop a mentoring program for workers.*
• *Determine the level and causes of under- employment in The Greater Shoals and then develop programs to address them.*

QUALITY OF LIFE

With our planned smart growth, the Greater Shoals must maintain and improve access to our abundant natural and cultural resources. Additionally, we need to work to become a regional model of collaboration to foster poverty alleviation.

Working Group Findings:

1. Develop riverfront beauty, recreational facilities and more public access to the Tennessee River.
2. Encourage and promote cooperation among agencies and organizations concerned with poverty alleviation.
3. Anticipate, recognize and address the possible unintended consequences of actions taken to improve the Greater Shoals and the impact they may have on the Quality of Life.

SUGGESTIONS:

• *Mesh local businesses and industries into providing support for all areas to enhance the Quality of Life.*
• *Develop a Greater Shoals Poverty Council that can work cooperatively with existing programs and create needed new ones to provide assistance and relief for the mentally ill, underemployed, homeless, aging, disabled, and unemployable.*
• *Promote and educate the Greater Shoals of its natural, recreational, cultural, and historic assets.*

UNIFIED TOURISM

Tourism leadership must leverage the Greater Shoals global recognition to boost regional tourism through collaboration with all tourism groups, hotels, restaurants, museums and tourism related entities or attractions

Working Group Findings:

1. Create a single brand for the Greater Shoals.
2. Expand "things to do and buy" and product development.
3. Use data analytics to target generating markets and areas to expand offers.

SUGGESTIONS:

• *Eliminate friction and promote cooperation between the two tourism organizations in the Greater Shoals or merge them.*

GOVERNMENT COOPERATION

To compete in the new digital economy, we must leverage the cooperative spirit of elected officials to seek every opportunity to combine public services, while at the same time, maintaining names and unique identities of each Greater Shoals Community.

Working Group Findings:

1. Seek to harmonize and recodify ordinances among the four cities.
2. Combine municipal services where efficiencies can be achieved.
3. Move, with dispatch, towards consolidation of adjacent cities and other government entities with a collaborative metro government.

SUGGESTIONS:

• *Tuscumbia and Sheffield should develop an immediate plan to share sewer and water plants saving the Greater Shoals taxpayers millions of dollars in unnecessary expenses and debt.*
• *Develop a working group for Tuscumbia and Sheffield and other interested entities to seek opportunities for cost savings or consolidation of identical municipal services.*

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It was a surprise party and I was surprised! My husband had taken me dress shopping, and told me that he had made a reservation for the night of my birthday. When he parked across the street from Rhoda P's in Sheffield, he told me to close my eyes. Now I must admit that, as is my habit, I had checked our bank statement that day. When I saw that there had been a major expenditure, I thought someone had stolen our identity. No joke. Then I clicked on the line item and the details said that it was a jewelry purchase. So, I thought that he was going to take me somewhere fancy and give me a ring. Therefore, I didn't understand why I was having to close my eyes to go into Rhoda P's since I had been there before. I didn't understand, until I opened my eyes.

"Surprise!" There were dozens of people who I love! In front of me was about 20 of my Turners from Memphis – including my 82 year old mother-in-love and a new infant nephew! "Oh my goodness!" Then I saw my church folks! "Oh my gracious!" Then our son from NYC…tears. "Wow, wow, wow!" And my sisters and brothers-in-law! More tears…"Wow!" These people had already called or Facebooked to wish me a happy birthday! And then through some spindles, I saw my co-workers in the next room. I shouted as I pointed to them, "My Y people!" But everyone in the room, I later found out, thought that I had said, "My white people!" Even though, I did remark, at some point, that it was great that my white people met my black people, because my co-workers and church family don't get to see me in that context and haven't gotten to hang out with my family much – especially not with my husband's side. It was wonderful, and while they waited on us to get there, everyone fully enjoyed each other.

We had a delicious sit-down dinner, but before that there was a professional photographer with a backdrop, who captured the night. There were decorations, done by my sister, which made the place look like a palace. Our son, the sound guy, was the DJ and Skyped his sister into the program. There was a program! And it had a theme, "Pearl of a Girl"! (June's birthstone – pearl.) There were printed programs and napkins! They had a loved one from every segment of my life speak. Our daughter watched my reaction on one brother's phone as her other brother played a video that she and Ruby, our granddaughter, had made reviewing all the silly skits and songs that we have done at camps, at home, and in our car during her childhood. "A legacy of fun," she said. They went all out. And then my husband presented me with a strand of pearls (which went rather well with my dress). Crazy, amazing! By the time the program was finished, I thought no one should be talked about this much unless they were dead! Well, I can die happy!

But that's how my family loves each other. We express our love and care now and always. They filled my cup to overflowing again. So much. How can sixty be a problem when I have such love from my family, the awesome folks at my party, the others that couldn't be there, my community, my church family world-wide and my God? Come on 60! Bring it! Happy birthday to me!

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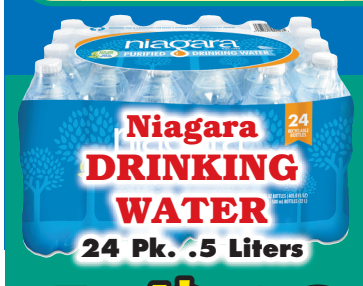

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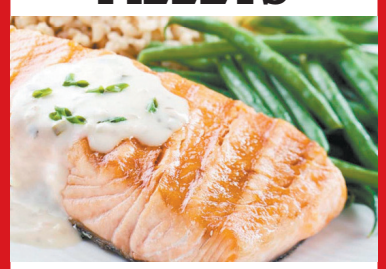

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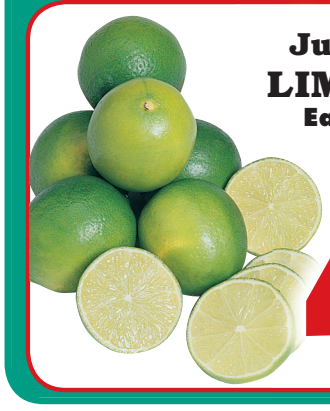

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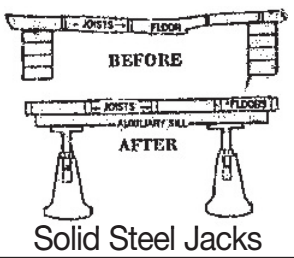

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Highway Hypnosis

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Have you ever been driving down the road and your mind goes into autopilot? It happens most frequently when you are driving on a familiar road. You can go for miles in deep thought about something other than driving and then you kind of "wake up" and wonder, "How did I get here?" You do not remember driving through familiar areas, the cars you met or passed, or the stops and turns you made- - but somehow you did it!

Probably most drivers can identify with this phenomenon. There is even a name for it. It is called "highway hypnosis" or "white line fever." A textbook definition for "highway hypnosis" is *"a mental condition in which a person can drive an automobile great distances, responding to external events in the expected and correct manner with no recollection of having consciously done so."*

I will admit that I have been a victim of highway hypnosis from time to time. But even though I have lived to tell the story, I do not believe it is a good thing for me or any other driver.

Even worse is the thought that this type of hypnotic trance can slip into our spiritual lives. For example, it could easily happen during worship services. We might mouth through the songs, bow our heads during prayer, stare at the preacher during a sermon, partake of the communion, and make a monetary offering as we have often done before, but with our minds in another place. Surely, that is not a good thing either!

Jesus taught, *"The hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship him. God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth"* (John 4:23, 24). Hence, there are two ways our Lord specified that are essential for acceptable worship. One is "in truth," meaning that we much worship in the manner he prescribed in his teaching. The second is "in spirit," which means our hearts and minds must be engaged when we worship.

Worshiping God in both spirit and truth are equally important. Thus, we cannot worship with our minds in autopilot and think God will be pleased. God expects our proper attention as well as our proper actions.

But as you know, worship is just one component of Christianity. We must give *"all our heart, soul, mind and strength"* 24/7 (cf. Mark 12:30). But "highway hypnosis" is a danger along any stretch of heaven's road! That is why Paul warned, *"Let us not sleep, as others do, but let us watch and be sober"* (1 Thessalonians 5:6).

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Commentary

Progress...

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percentage of any Metropolitan Statistical Area in the state. Efforts to increase the quality and readiness of the local workforce have been nothing short of sensational. The credit can be spread far and wide from basic reading skills early, to innovative programs late, teacher efforts throughout, and so many other factors and directives within those 13 years.

That doesn't leave much room to improve. Between those who really aren't interested in working or continuing their education and those who can't pass a pre-employment drug screen, 85% may be a best case. Apathy and excessive drug use are already crippling local employers looking to increase their work roles.

Another valid consideration was brought up by the working group that was looking at quality of life, albeit maybe not for the reasons mentioned here. They recognized that accelerated growth may create some unintended consequences for our community that may impact our quality of life.

Many of us would say that we like living here because it's relaxed with comparatively little traffic and road congestion, rural areas are literally 10 minutes away from anywhere, courtesy seems to reign on the roadways, long-held Southern values, little added stress, and so on. Accelerated growth could change all that quickly.

If we wanted more hecticness and headaches, we could move to suburbs of Huntsville, Nashville, San Antonio, or Greenville, SC.

Another thing that happens when growth comes in from the outside is that communities become more liberal. That trend toward liberalism occurs naturally enough in young people anyway. Their gleeful ignorance is often pro-government, pro-social equality, and pro sex of any kind. When a community grows quickly and people come in to accommodate that growth and fill newly-created positions, they often bring a more progressive, urban, fast-paced mindset, that is not conducive to a small-town, individual-driven America.

Therefore, if more progressivism is a mandated part of accelerated progress, we need to decelerate a little.

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Sunday, 1–3pm.
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Tuesday – Friday, 9am-3pm
Admission: $2.
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101 West 6th Street, Tuscumbia
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For more information, visit our Coldwater Books Facebook page or call 256-381-2525.

Tuesday, June 25

Kids On Commons, Ivy Green
Time: 5-7pm
Admission: FREE Attention all kids….face painting, bouncy houses, Lego building, robots, and much more! Come join us on the Commons in front of Ivy Green, birthplace of Helen Keller where you can have fun and learn too. Home Depot will also be joining us for a really cool activity. Some events may charge a fee.
Thursday, June 27

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Keller Kids, Multi Purpose Center, North High Street, Tuscumbia
8am–3:30pm
Keller Kids is the disability education outreach of the annual Helen Keller Festival. This program offers elementary school children (3rd-6th grade) the opportunity to learn about the everyday life of persons who are hearing impaired and/or blind. This fun filled day of hands on educational experiences includes a Keller Kids T-shirt and lunch. Keller Kids graduates may participate in the Festival Parade.

"The Tuscumbia I Know / A Talk by Captain Keller" at the Helen Keller Library
Time: 4pm
Admission: $5 (adults), $3 (students)
A solo performance created by and starring Ronald Rand, International Goodwill Cultural Ambassador, from the words of Captain A.H. Keller, U.S. Marshall, Northern District of Alabama; editor of "North Alabamian" Newspaper; and Father of Helen Keller.
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Helen Keller Festival Parade
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Music in the Park,
Spring Park, Tuscumbia
The Velcro Pygmies 7pm
$5 admission

The Marketplace, Spring Park, Tuscumbia
5:30–8pm Featuring arts and crafts, boutique, retail and food vendors from throughout the Southeast.

Friday, June 28

Helen Keller Library Annual Book Sale,
Helen Keller Library,
511 N. Main Street, Tuscumbia
Friday, 10am- 4pm Great deals on books. Proceeds support library events. For more information contact 256-383-7065.

The Marketplace, Spring Park, Tuscumbia
Friday, noon–8pm

Box Lunch on the Belle Mont Mansion Courtyard, 1569 Cook Lane, Tuscumbia
Noon
Admission: Requires $20 ticket. Purchase ADVANCED TICKETS at Colbert County Tourism, Florence-Lauderdale Tourism, or Belle Mont Mansion.
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$5 admission

The Miracle Worker,
Home of Helen Keller, Ivy Green
Gates open: 6:30pm
Show Time: 8pm
Reserved seating: $15
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William Gibson's powerful drama depicting the early life of Helen Keller and the "miracle" that occurred at the pump. The production is in its 56th year at Ivy Green, Helen Keller's home, Tuscumbia. For ticket information contact 256-383-4066.

Sunday, June 30

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Music in the Park, Spring Park, Tuscumbia
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The Power of Small Things

If you were to take a penny and hold it between your thumb and index finger, with Abe Lincoln facing you, you could hold it up between you and your view of the sun in such a way as to eclipse the sun. Imagine that. Something as small as a penny and yet it can block your view of something so enormous. Too often we are impressed with those things that are bigger than life and discount the small things. I would like to speak today on behalf of the power of small things.

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Have you ever considered the power of one small word of encouragement? This last week I stood to one side at a funeral visitation and watched as friends encouraged the grieving members of a family. There were no speeches offered. No attempts to comfort the hurting by reciting lengthy prose. There were men and women saying, "I'm so sorry." "I love you." "I'm here to help." They were all speaking volumes by saying very little in a soft, kind and heartfelt way. One or two words spoken with meaning can soothe an aching heart.

What about the power of one small touch? At that same visitation, I saw those who did not speak a word. Instead they offered a hand resting on the shoulder of another or clasp in the hand of the bereaved. One small touch but it was of more value than medicine. No words could have conveyed the meaning of that touch. It said what couldn't be said.

Over the course of the next few days, I am sure that members of that family will go to their mailboxes and will find cards of sympathy. Not a book about grief but a simple card or letter. However, those cards will provide a continued source of help during a difficult time. A few lines written on a piece of paper but more powerful than a shelf full of books.

A word, a touch and a note. Could it be that those who gave these gifts had wished they could do more? They might have thought that their gifts were of little consequence. Remember that penny? Our small deeds can change another's life. Every one of us should look for little ways to use small things to make a big difference. One gigantic fact about small things is that none of us can excuse ourselves from doing them. If they were huge and difficult, we might have a reason to leave them undone but we are all able to do the small things.

Get your penny and go outside and block out the sun. Remind yourself of the power of small things.

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DAVE Says

by DAVE RAMSEY

HELPING IS OFTEN MORE THAN JUST GIVING

Dear Dave,

My husband and I met a young woman through an outreach program at church. She is a single mother with a small child, and recently she asked us for money, so she could buy baby food and diapers. This isn't the first time she has asked us for money. In the past, she has used money we've given her to buy alcohol for herself after telling us it was going to be used for the baby. She truly does need financial help, though. Can you give us some advice on handling this situation?

Angela

Dear Angela,

Financially speaking, her problem sounds as much like a mismanagement of money as it is a lack of money. That, and she seems to have an issue with lying. If you're determined to help this woman, you can put conditions on your help designed to improve her decision-making abilities and her life.

If someone is bold enough to ask for your money, you have every right to attach requirements to the money for their own good. One of two things will happen if you handle it this way. She'll either graciously accept your conditions and welcome the help, or she'll get angry and say you have no right interfering in her business. I've never had a problem helping people who have good hearts and just need a break. But if someone cops an attitude with me in a situation like this, I wouldn't be breaking out my wallet anytime soon.

If you choose to do this, make the money a gift and not a loan. Concentrate on trying to get her on a path where she's a little more honest with you and thinks a little straighter. Hopefully, as a result she will start making better choices. Teach her how to create and live off a budget, or help her enroll in a personal finance course, too. Right now, just handing her money is like giving a drunk a drink.

This whole situation is a lot bigger than helping someone with baby food and diapers. The answer to that is easy. In this case, however, I'd probably give it to her in the form of a gift card. Some of those don't allow alcohol purchases. You could avoid that possibility, too, by getting things for the baby yourself and taking them to her.

In many cases, truly helping someone is a lot more work than just throwing money at them. Sometimes, you have to get down in their mess, get real with them, and walk with them.

—Dave

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Soap Opera Preview

THE BOLD AND THE BEAUTIFUL Bill joined Brooke at Il Giardino. Another person learned the secret about baby Beth. Lies and deceit took a twisted turn, which resulted in a tragic demise. Pam made a confession to Hope. Friends, family and even enemies gathered together for a touching memorial service. An accusation of murder was made. Wyatt was faced with giving someone he loved some very bad news. An intense Thomas told an unhappy Douglas exactly what to say and do at the family's beach party. Later, Thomas got nervous when everyone saw his friend and accomplice, Vincent. Hope had a visceral reaction to seeing baby Phoebe. *Wait to See: A marriage proposal is made on Independence Day.*

DAYS OF OUR LIVES Kate overheard a shocking conversation. Eric agreed to marry Sarah and Rex. Eve made Justin a surprising offer. Jennifer told Jack that Dr. Rolf's diary had been found and urged him to take the serum to get his memory back. Kate found herself in hot water. Lani tried to work things out with Eli. Abe did damage control with Stefan on Nicole's behalf. A curious Jack questioned Kayla about Dr. Rolf's formula. Claire made a confession to Shawn. Tripp and Ciara set a trap for Claire. Gabi and Stefan shared a romantic night. JJ received a stunning surprise. Marlena got Ben to open up about why he was so suspicious of Claire. *Wait to See: Claire holds Ciara hostage.*

GENERAL HOSPITAL Lucas confided in Bobbie. Jax offered Josslyn a change of pace. Diane began biding her time. Ava continued to feel uneasy. Franco received some bad news. Chase made an unlikely arrest. Sonny enlisted some help in keeping an eye on Josslyn. Kim got mixed signals. Lucas' suspicions were confirmed. Julian vowed to protect his family. Epiphany was very supportive. Michael came to Jason's rescue. Alexis was furious with Julian. Sam stepped in to help Lucas. Kim made a fateful decision. Shiloh was summoned to Kim's apartment. Brad was determined to keep his family safe. *Wait to See: TJ shares his findings from the DNA search.*

THE YOUNG AND THE RESTLESS Ana reluctantly told Mariah and Tessa that Devon didn't have faith in their video. Meanwhile, Elena comforted Devon during a panic attack, and he admitted that he was having a difficult time letting go of Hilary. Victor came to visit Nick, and the father and son reached a heartfelt truce. Adam asked Kevin to do some dirty work for him, reminding him that he wouldn't see Chloe again unless he cooperated. Abby hosted a bridal shower for Lola, which Summer crashed and apologized for her recent behavior. Abby then announced that she had a surprise for Lola -Ð the arrival of her mother, Celeste. Nate told Victor that he found a new experimental trial to treat his blood disease, but warned that there could be serious side effects. *Wait to See: Victoria plots her revenge.*

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Students in the program get hands-on instruction from people in the car repair field. They also participate on the committee that reviews applications for the refurbished cars.

"We're building hands-on skillsets for automotive technicians, but we're also building community service, outreach and connecting them with student ambassadors," Eric says.

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The council has a committee that works with at-risk youth from the foster care system in the area to determine good candidates for the "Recycled Ride". Providing a car for someone who is underprivileged but hard working is empowering. It is a great way for the insurance and auto body industry to have impact on a local community.

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Keller...

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country music legend Tanya Tucker, are headed to this year's Helen Keller Festival. The festival features daily concerts at Spring Park in Tuscumbia.

Tucker, whose hits include Delta Dawn, What's Your Mama's Name, Blood Red and Goin' Down, and Strong Enough to Bend will headline the entertainment on Saturday, June 29.

"She's bringing country back to the Helen Keller Festival," Brown said.

Tucker's concert at 8:30pm will follow performances by Katlyn Barnes at 5pm, Outlaw Apostles at 6pm, and Joseph Baldwin at 7:15pm.

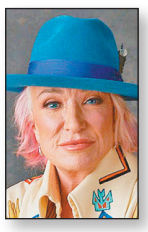
Admission is $5 for the Thursday, Friday and Saturday night concerts and free on Sunday.

The Tuscumbia concert comes as Tucker is preparing to release While I'm Living, her first new album in 17 years. The album is scheduled to be released Aug. 23.

Mixtape, a nationally famous '80s tribute band, will headline the entertainment on Friday, June 28. Also performing on Friday are Electric Zen at 6pm and CC Jags at 7pm. Mixtape's concert begins at 8:30pm.

Christian music star Jason Crabb will close out the entertainment for this year's festival with a concert at 7pm Sunday, June 30.

The festival kicks off on Thursday, June 27 with a parade down Main Street in Tuscumbia that begins at 6pm. Dr. Kenji Hamada of Oregon is this year's grand marshal. A concert by The Velcro Pygmies will follow the parade at 7pm in Spring Park.


Tucker

The Miracle Worker will be performed on Friday and Saturday nights at Ivy Green, the Home of Helen Keller. Gates open at 6:30pm and the play gets underway at 8pm. Tickets are $15 for reserved seats and $10 for general admission. Purchase tickets at Ivy Green or by calling 256-383-4066.

In addition to the entertainment, the festival will feature several activities for children from 5-7pm. Tuesday, June 25 on The Commons in front of Ivy Green and "Keller Kids" 8am-3:30pm. Thursday, June 27 at the Tuscumbia Multi-Purpose Center.

A marketplace featuring more than 70 vendors will be at Spring Park throughout the festival.

People from around the world will make their way to the Shoals to attend the festival. Tuscumbia Mayor, Kerry Underwood, said, "We will have guests coming in from all over."

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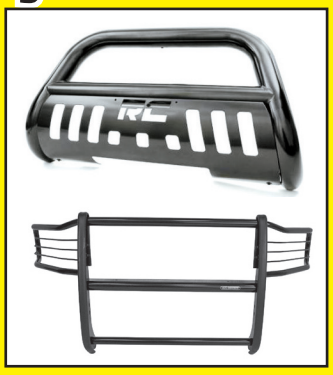
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Festival...

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festival are available by downloading the Helen Keller Festival app for Apple or Android devices or by calling 256-383-0783.

Look for the complete Helen Keller Festival schedule inside this issue sponsored by your local Foodland Stores.

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Visitors to the Helen Keller Festival should bring a lawn chair to most Festival events.

WHAT NOT TO BRING

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PARKING IN SPRING PARK IS VERY LIMITED. There will be no public parking inside the park. There will be limited handicapped parking which can be accessed by entering at Main Street next to Coach's Steakhouse. Please consider riding the FREE festival shuttle buses that are handicapped accessible as well. ATV's, golf carts, and other mobile devices are not allowed in park area. Only those designated by Tuscumbia Police Department are allowed inside the park.

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Letters...

Rights Stop at Death

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and said a woman's reproduction rights should never include the death of an innocent human being.

Another black woman, Star Parker, founder and president of the Center for Urban Renewal and Education, points the Democrats to the racial past of Planned Parenthood and the death of almost 20-million potential African-American humans at the hands of abortionists. Parker feels the 2020 election is going to come down to moral truth.

Should our culture be free, or should our culture be beholden to big government and abortion fanatics?

Euell White
Florence

Concern Over Education

Editor:

I am writing this because the children here in Florence, AL are not being taught English or the importance of using it properly. If they are, one would never know it. I have to wonder what the requirements are for a Bachelors degree these days, and even more importantly, a state of Alabama teaching certificate.

There are two reasons I make that rather bold statement. The first is that the students with whom I interact through my places of employment are unable to speak in complete sentences; using dangling participles; use the wrong verb (or tense) if a verb is used at all; end sentences with prepositions; use the incorrect pronoun; and have very poor vocabularies. I could point out other deficiencies. However, those are the most glaring. I am not referring to only those in kindergarten, or first grade. I see the problem in all K-12 students.

The problem, and remedy appears to be the teaching staff. I believe that if tested, a very large number of teachers don't know or choose not to use grammatically correct standards themselves.

I have been on field trips with a lot of them, and I hear teachers saying things such as "me and her", or incorrectly using "is" with a plural subject. They don't know the difference between bring and take.

I also grew up during a time when ALL teachers considered grading for grammar and spelling to be part of their job, even if Biology was the subject for which I had to write a paper. I don't see that anymore. In fact, when I have asked, I have been told by a teacher that their job was to teach History, or whatever subject, and they left the grammar to the English Department.

We no longer diagram sentences in school. Why? The answer I was given for that by the head of the English Department in the high school where I taught was that the "kids found it boring." I too found it boring, but I learned how to construct a sentence, which was a skill obviously lacking in too many of the students we were graduating. We do not, or so it would appear, constantly teach and reinforce grammar in the classroom. I doubt there is a classroom filled with K-6 students in the entire State (probably few across the country) in which the students are corrected every time they say something grammatically incorrect. I don't wish to sound like the "back in my days as a student" old fogy, but we were all but brow beaten when we made those mistakes, or so it felt. We did however, grow up knowing that good grammar, and a large vocabulary were important to a successful life.

It is my belief that something must be done at the level of the Superintendent of Schools to get the attention of the Principals and teachers in our schools. I don't think they are bad at what they do; however, I do believe they are missing something very significant, and which I also believe as a retired high school teacher, is a primary responsibility. It is fundamental to education to ensure that the teachers being hired have an excellent command of the English language.

They need to know that if they fail in that aspect of the education of their students, they (as the teacher) have failed those students. Frankly, I don't believe that many of the teachers realize the significance of this preparatory hurdle for their students' futures.

David K. Ellis
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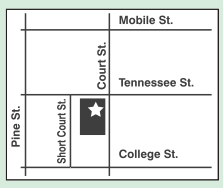

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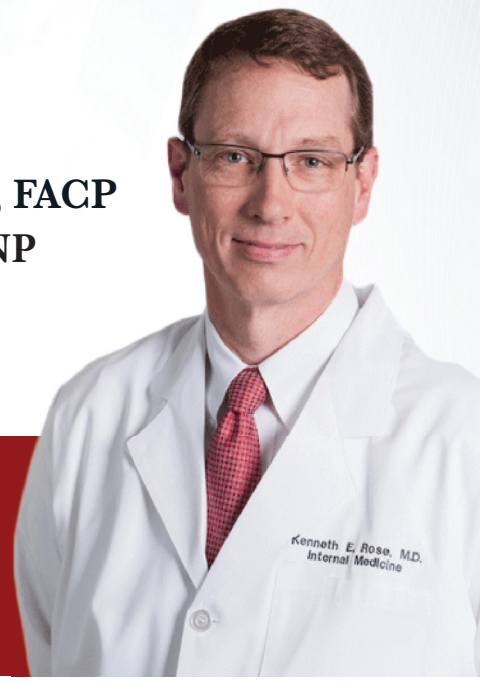

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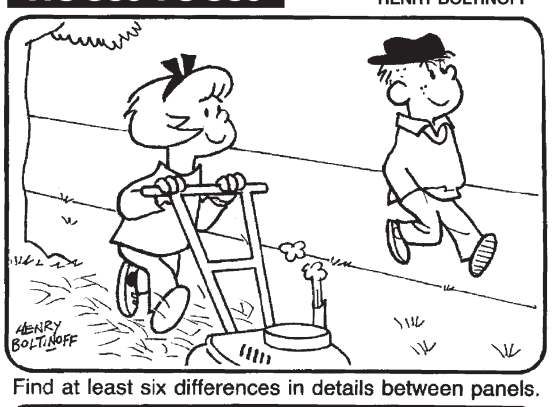

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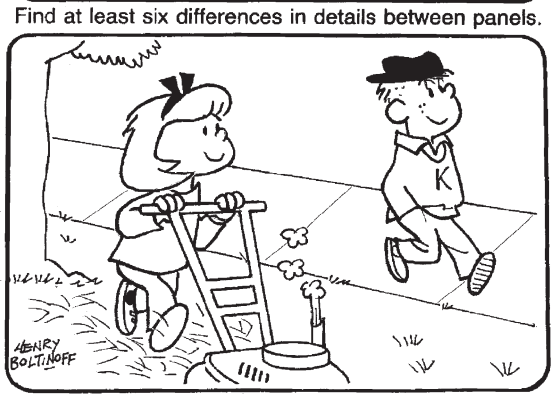

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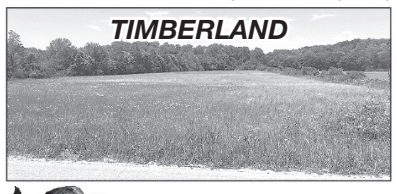

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Los Angeles Homelessness and Econ 101

Editor:

"We can't arrest our way out of this. We can't shelter our way out of this. We have to house our way out of this," Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti said last year while campaigning for a measure to spend $1.2 billion in taxpayer money over ten years on housing for his city's homeless population.

Los Angeles County Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas, who backed a $355 million county sales tax initiative to provide services to the homeless in the county, called it the height of contradiction that homelessness is growing in a prosperous state.

The results? "The stunning increase in homelessness announced in Los Angeles this week -- up 16% over last year citywide," reports CNN, "was an almost incomprehensible conundrum given the nation's booming economy and the hundreds of millions of dollars that city, county and state officials have directed toward the problem." There's nothing stunning or incomprehensible about it.

Eric Garcetti, Mark Ridley-Thomas, meet Ronald Reagan, "If you want more of something, subsidize it."

Los Angeles is already an inherently attractive destination for the homeless for several reasons. Homelessness in the Midwest can mean freezing to death if you can't find a shelter bed, to jobs, to transportation, to an already larger concentration than rural areas of both private charities and government services aimed at their problems.

What did Ridley-Thomas and Garcetti EXPECT to happen when they announced their plans to stack hundreds of millions of dollars in new government assistance on top of those inherent attractions?

If I were homeless in the western United States, I'd make a beeline for LA.

Garcetti is correct that housing is key to reducing homelessness. If Garcetti and Ridley-Thomas want to address homelessness with housing, they should get to work reducing tax and regulatory burdens that make it more expensive, difficult, time-consuming, and less profitable, to build new housing in Los Angeles than it should be.

However good their intentions, politicians hate giving up any amount of power and control over any activity. LA's politicians will probably just continue pouring gasoline on the fire and wondering why it gets hotter instead of burning out.

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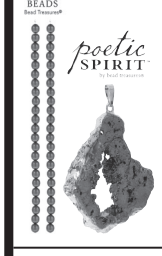

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The Shoals Chamber of Commerce is now accepting applications for the 31st class of Leadership Shoals. *Applications will be accepted through Monday, July 8 at 4pm. Leadership Shoals is a program offered through the Shoals Chamber of Commerce. It has been in existence for three decades and has seen more than 750 community leaders graduate from the program. The class offers participants a better understanding and appreciation of the Shoals area while incorporating several leadership training topics for group discussion targeted at enhancing leadership skills.*

In addition to monthly events related to the Shoals area, participants will be charged with creating a group project to help or enhance the local community. Applicants must own or be a representative of an organization/ business that has a current chamber membership along with cover tuition cost for the program. The general class size is 25-30 individuals and spans nine monthly sessions from August-May.

The Chamber hosts a graduation ceremony for all participants who have met program requirements. Call Chelsea Kauchick, Director of Marketing and Leadership Programs, for more information, 256-764-4661

The Shoals British Car Club *meets the second Tuesday of the month at Golden Corral, 362 Cox Creek Pkwy, Florence at 6pm. Contact information at our website: www.shoalsbritishcars.org*

The City of Tuscumbia Parks & Recreation Department will host a STEAM Camp t*his summer for children entering grades 3-5. This three-day STEAM Camp will be offered from 9am-12pm July 8-10 at The Round House in Tuscumbia. UNA's Department of Elementary Education will provide programming, which will include Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math activities. Students who participate will engage in innovative activities that include designing, coding, building, planting, problem solving, writing, history and art. Camp fees are $25 per child for the three-day camp. To register, visit The Tuscumbia Depot at 204 W. 5th Street in Tuscumbia. Registration forms are also available on the City of Tuscumbia's website. For more information, email Parks & Recreation Director Joel Kendrick at joelkendrick@comcast.net or Dr. Lorie Johnson at ljohnson15@una.edu.*

Wheeler Renovations...

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"Usually a ribbon cutting is for a new attraction, but today we're proud to cut a ribbon to mark a kind of rebirth for this amazing state park," said Blankenship. "There has been a beehive of activity here at Joe Wheeler where the staff has been busy making improvements all over the park. It is great to share this celebration with all the staff, our park volunteers and our friends and local partners in the Rogersville/Lauderdale County area."

Joining the Blankenship and Lein at the ceremony were Alabama state Sen. Tim Melson of Florence, Rep. Lynn Greer of Rogersville, Rep. Phillip Pettus of Greenhill, and Rogersville Mayor Richard Herston.

"We are very happy to put a spotlight on these improvements that we have wanted to tackle for some time," Lein said. "Our dedicated staff worked hard to continue to provide excellent service while the maintenance was ongoing and the fact that Joe Wheeler State Park earned a TripAdvisor.com Hall of Fame designation this year is proof of their efforts paying off."

Parks officials at last week's ribbon cutting to mark the completion of renovations at Joe Wheeler State Park. In center from left are state Rep. Phillip Pettus, Rep. Lynn Greer, Alabama State Parks Division Director Greg Lein, Sen. Tim Melson, and Alabama Dept of Conservation and Natural Resources Commissioner Chris Blankenship.
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Gospel Meeting *at Midway Church of Christ, 6000 Highway 43 Florence in the Greenhill area, June 23-28. Service times: Sunday - 9:30am, 10:30am and 7pm. Monday-Friday - 7pm. The guest speaker is Jeff May from Athens, AL*

Sunday 9:30am: Power in the Blood
Sunday 10:30am: Reclaiming Surrendered Group
Sunday 7pm: The Need For Distinctive Preaching
Monday: Jesus in My Home
Tuesday: Marriage, Divorce & Remarriage: Words to Speak on God's Behalf
Wednesday: Salvation: God to the Rescue
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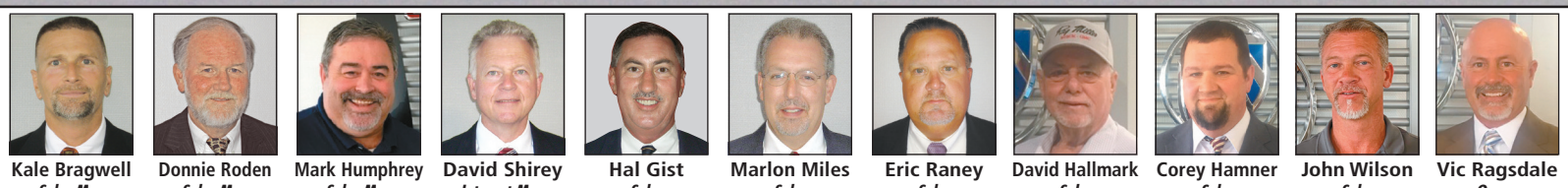

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