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Shoals Open Registration August 1-3

MUSCLE SHOALS—Northwest-Shoals Community College will host a Special Open Registration August 1-3. "Many of our students hold a full-time job while enrolled at the college," said, NW-SCC President Dr. **Glenda Colagross**. "We want to make it as easy on them as we can to get their classes. This also will give them a chance to complete any other requirements before the fall semester."

NW-SCC will remain open until 7pm on Thursday, August 1 and will open from 10am - 2pm on Saturday, August 3. During this time, NW-SCC will help new and current students apply and register for the fall semester. The night and weekend open registration will offer one-stop assistance in the registration process with admission to NW-SCC, course advising, financial aid, placement testing, and with payments through the cashier's office.

Night and weekend open registration will take place on the Shoals Campus in the **Victor P. Poole** Administration Building (building 100). Placement testing will take place in building 127.

Those who have not yet applied for admission may apply online at nwsc.edu. Students who have not already applied for financial aid are encouraged to complete the free application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) immediately. The FAFSA can be submitted online at www.fafsa.gov, and the NW-SCC school code is 005697. Fall semester classes begin on Thursday, August 15. For more information,

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King

King joined First Metro Bank in 2012 as an integral part of the Technology Operations Department. He has in BS in Computer Science a Juris Doctorate from the University of Alabama. His responsibilities include oversight of the Bank's cybersecurity program and the maintenance and operation of the IT infrastructure of the company.

See **FIRST METRO...** on Page 9

WORLD FINALS PROVIDES A BIG Economic Impact

FLORENCE— Florence-Lauderdale Tourism hosted the High School World Finals in June at McFarland Park for the fourth year in a row in partnership with The Bass Federation. Economic impact figures now tabulated show that an estimated \$2.1 million of visitor-related expenditures occurred in The Shoals area as a result of the event.

Pickwick Lake hosted the 384 team field that participated in this year's tournament. A team consists of two anglers and one driver. In first place for the 2019 tournament was Anthony Cicero IV and Dakota Snyder representing Elizabethtown High School in PA.

Visitors included participants, coaches, parents, and siblings who stayed on average

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Anthony Cicero IV and Dakota Snyder, winners from Elizabethtown HS in PA.

APA's Coveted Advertising Sweepstakes Award Included



Courier Journal Earns 31 Awards

BIRMINGHAM — Winners of the 2019 Alabama Press Association Media and Advertising Awards were announced recently by Dee Ann Campbell, chairman of the association's contest committee. This year 90 publications submitted 3,394 entries which were judged by the Illinois Press Association membership. The awards were presented earlier

this summer at the 2019 APA Summer Convention at the Perdido Beach Resort in Orange Beach, AL.

This is the seventh year that the *Courier Journal* has been able to enter the Press Association Awards- competing in Division E. That includes all Associate Member newspapers, University publications, and Active Member affiliate free-circulation

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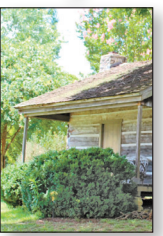
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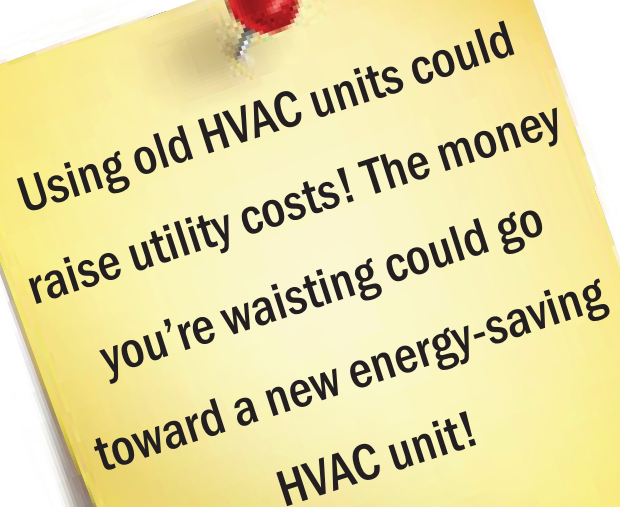
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Shorts...

Shoals Open Registration...

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please contact Dr. Crystal Reed, Assistant Dean of Student Success at cingle@nwscc.edu or visit nwscc.edu.

LifeSouth Plea for Donations

SHOALS—Summer months take a toll on the blood supply, and this year has been especially difficult here in the Shoals and across the country. Local hospitals (North Alabama Medical Center, Helen Keller Hospital, Shoals Hospital, Russellville Hospital, Lakeland Hospital, and Red Bay Hospital) rely on LifeSouth and LifeSouth blood donors to make sure blood is available before it is needed. All blood types are necessary, and donors are asked to donate now to ensure local hospitals have the blood needed to help patients suffering from traumas, cancer, and chronic illness.

First-time donors are always welcome and encouraged to give blood donation a try. All donors receive a thank you gift, including blood pressure, temperature, iron level and cholesterol screen.

Donors must be at least 17, or 16 with parental permission, weigh a minimum of 110 pounds, and be in good health. A photo ID is needed. LifeSouth's donor center in Florence is located at 307 Veterans Drive. LifeSouth's bloodmobiles will also be out at many locations in coming days.

For additional information, call LifeSouth toll-free at 888-795-2707 or visit www.lifesouth.org. Appointments can also be made online.

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Medical Center -
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- Friday, August 9**
5-10pm and
Saturday, August 10
Noon-9pm
Killen Founders Day
Killen Park

First Fridays' Last 5-9 Set

FLORENCE—The extended hours of 5-9pm for First Fridays in downtown Florence will end after the August 2 event. Come and enjoy the last summer edition of First Fridays on Court Street in historic downtown Florence.

Attendees will have the opportunity to participate in our Favorite Yearly Vendor Contest. Stop by the Downtown Florence Alliance booth located on the corner of Court and Mobile St. to cast your vote! The winner will receive a free booth space for 2020.

Music will kick off on the Big River Stage on Mobile Plaza at 5pm with Outlaw Apostles. Katlyn Barnes will follow at 6:30pm and Lenox Hills will close out the night from 8-9pm.

Summer Grads Hear Bergeron

FLORENCE - The University of North Alabama will have its first summer commencement on Saturday, August 10 at 10am in Flowers Hall. The speaker for this event is Dr. **Peggy Bergeron**, an assistant professor of nursing as well as the 2019 **Eleanor Gauder/Phi Kappa Phi Teaching Excellence Award** Recipient.

"The addition of a summer commencement ceremony is a testament to UNA's growth, health, and vibrancy," said Dr. **Ross Alexander**, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost. "Our summer graduates will have the same first-rate experience as our December and May graduates."

Peggy Bergeron is married to **Wayne Bergeron**, the chairman of the Geography Department at UNA. They have three children: **Josh, Lauren, and Connor.**



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

You are Invited to a Gospel Meeting July 28-31 hosted by Smithsonia Church of Christ at 8525 County Road 2 in Florence. Dr. Billy Moore with Delmar Avenue Church of Christ in Cleveland, MS is the guest speaker.

Service times: Sunday Morning Bible Class 10am, Worship 11am, Fellowship Meal from noon-1:30pm, Sunday Evening 2pm, Monday-Wednesday 7pm

Marie Osmond: Presented by Heritage Christian University, August 10 at the Marriott Shoals Hotel & Spa. For tickets: www.hcu.edu, or call: 800-367-3565.

2nd Annual Southern Gospel Singing Saturday, August 3 at 6pm at the Central Community Center, 4130 County Road 6, next to the Central Volunteer Fire Dept in the Central Heights Community. Featured groups will be The Revealers Trio, One Accord Trio, and the host group will be One Heart Quartet. Admission is free.

It's Hawks Reunion Time Again! Anyone who attended Courtland Elementary, Courtland Jr. High, or Courtland High School as a Courtland Hawk is cordially invited to attend the next Courtland Hawks Reunion Saturday, September 21 at the Courtland Park and McCarley Center (old train depot) in Courtland.

Activities: 12-2pm: Registration (McCarley Center) 2-5pm: Welcome, recognitions, games, music, socializing. 5-6pm: Dinner. 6-8pm: Entertainment

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Please mail payment and completed Hawks Reunion Questionnaire NO LATER THAN AUGUST 1.

Fish Fry at East Colbert Church of Christ Saturday, August 3, Noon-5pm. All you can eat. Adults and carry outs \$12 each. Children ages 5-11 \$6. 4 and under free. (All proceeds to mission work and benevolence.)

You are invited to our Homecoming & Gospel Meeting at Red Rock Church of Christ August 4-8 with speaker, John McMath from the Decatur Highway Church of Christ in Gardendale, AL

The Schedule of Services is Sunday Morning Bible Classes 10am • Worship 11am "Covered Dish Lunch" at noon. Congregational Singing at 2pm. Evening Services: Sunday-Thursday - 7pm. The church is located at 1845 Red Rock Road, Tusculmbia.

The Florence/Lauderdale Tourism Board will hold a regular business meeting at 8:30am on Thursday, August 1 in the Visitor Center Board Room. The Visitor Center is located at 200 Jim Spain Drive in McFarland Park. The Industry Partner Presentation will be given by Shayla Hill from the Robert Trent Jones Golf Course.

Florence/Lauderdale Tourism Board meetings are held the first Thursday of each month and are open to the public. Please call 256-740-4141 for additional information.

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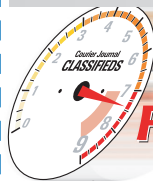
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31 Awards...

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products that are not subscriber-based. The Courier Journal won the coveted First Place Advertising Sweepstakes Award which is the top advertising award given in each division. It reflects an aggregate of excellence, consistently outstanding from issue to issue. This is the third time in the last four years that the Courier Journal has claimed that first place distinction. Last year the paper earned a Second Place.

"That really speaks for itself in the areas of ideas and creativeness," said Tom Magazzu, Courier Journal editor and publisher. It's one thing for our advertisers to know about our staff's creative abilities that help drive customers to their businesses. It is a whole separate statement when our efforts are recognized by members of four other state press associations in consecutive years."

The Courier Journal won a total of 31 APA awards this year, after winning 23 last year and 22 in 2017.

Following is a list of other Alabama Press Association Advertising Awards. Individuals who were primarily responsible for the honors are also listed.

Advertising Sweepstakes Award 1st Place - Staff

Best Classified Page or Section 1st Place by Russell Roden, Jim Allen

Best Single Ad 1/2 page and under B&W 1st Place

"Final Concert-Elvis" by Gwyn Jones

2nd Place: "Wilson's Food Center" Sadonna Magazzu, Russell Roden
3rd Place "From The Beacon Hill" Sadonna Magazzu, Rita Stricklin



Best Single Ad 1/2 page and under - Color 1st Place:

"Genesis Jewelry" Judy Cox, Gwyn Jones
2nd Place:

"Lauderdale Lanes" Gregg Scott, Gwyn Jones

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Courier Journal

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First Metro...

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Jeanne Soni began her banking career as a customer service representative at First Metro Bank in December 2008 after receiving a Bachelor of Business Administration degree from UNA. Soni's work ethic and customer service efforts have earned her promotions to lending assistant, assistant branch manager, and branch manager of the Muscle Shoals office. She will continue to oversee the day-to-day operations of the Muscle Shoals office while serving customers' banking needs.

2017. He received his Bachelor of Business Administration in Finance from the University of Alabama and currently serves as a loan officer at the downtown Athens location. Skipworth is actively involved in the Athens community and serves on numerous committees and boards in the area. He will serve as an officer of the bank and the Athens Branch Manager.



Soni



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Honors...

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Best Single Ad over 1/2 page B&W
1st Place: "Piggly Wiggly" Sadonna Magazzu, Russell Roden, Jim Allen

Best Single Ad over 1/2 page Color
1st Place: "Spring Bridal" Rita Stricklin
3rd Place: "Frederickson's" Toyce Dixon, Gwyn Jones



Best In-Paper Promotion of Newspaper
1st Place: "Until Christmas" Andrea Gray
2nd Place: "Shoals Santas" Tom Magazzu, Jim Allen, Russell Roden

Best Original / Creative Idea - 2nd Place: "WC Handy Music Festival" Sales Staff, Gwyn Jones



Best Classified Display Ad
1st Place: "Ray Miller Buick/GMC" Heather Ridinger, Andrea Gray
2nd Place: "Ray Miller Buick/GMC" Heather Ridinger, Andrea Gray
3rd Place: "Toyota of the Shoals" Judy Cox, Gwyn Jones

Best Signature Page
2nd Place: "W.C. Handy Music Festival" Sales Staff, Gwyn Jones
3rd Place: "Unsung Heroes" Haley Walden, Gwyn Jones, Tom Magazzu

Best Use of Humor
2nd Place: "Killen Urgent Care" Gregg Scott, Gwyn Jones

Best Innovative Online Advertising - Single Ad
1st Place: "Avalon Discount Drugs" Russell Roden, Toyce Dixon
2nd Place: "National Advance Auto Sales" Russell Roden, Sadonna Magazzu

The Courier Journal won ten awards this year in the editorial component



of the Alabama Press Association Awards.

"We really appreciate all of the writers who contribute such captivating and engaging pieces week after week," Magazzu added. "So much of what we include is 'must read' informative material for many. It is a primary reason why our 2018 readership survey and audit through the Circulation Verification Council indicated that 66% of Courier Journal readers keep their papers an average of 3-4 days or longer before discarding or recycling them."

"That strong shelf life proves that our readers aren't rushing through the paper quickly," Magazzu continued. "They are taking their time and reading when they have time to savor and retain what they are reading. That also adds to reader response for advertisers. The two work hand-in-hand."

Below is a list of the Courier Journal's Alabama Press Association Media (Editorial) Awards. Individuals who were primarily responsible for the honors are also listed.

APA Media Awards Editorial Contest Winners

Best Production /Printing
2nd Place:

Best Editorial Page or Section
2nd Place - Tom Magazzu

Best Editorial -
1st Place: for "Tensions Still High" by Tom Magazzu

Best Humorous Column
1st Place: "Driving Me to Drink" by Jim Fisher
2nd Place: "Sextorted" by Jim Fisher
3rd Place: "5G Hate Mail" by Jim Fisher



Best Human Interest Column
2nd Place: "The Wooden Bowl" by Steve Shelton

Best Editorial Column or Commentary
1st Place: "Shelters Deal with Ignorance, Vanity" by Tom Magazzu

Best Local Sports Column
2nd Place: "A True Hero" by Jerry Knight
3rd Place: "Memories Past" by Jerry Knight

The Colbert County Commission will be accepting applications for the position of **MECHANIC I** For The Colbert County Road Department
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World Fishing Finals...

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"It was an honor to be able to work with such a great event," said Tyler Dolan, manager of Sport and Group Sales for Florence Lauderdale Tourism. Being a small part of something that is giving back to your community and giving opportunities to high school students is extremely rewarding."

Economic impact figures are compiled through several areas of spending which include food/beverages, fuel, shopping, fishing supplies, lodging and miscellaneous categories. A total of 3,500 room nights were sold as a result of the tournament which is the largest category of spending in the analysis.

"We've assembled an Events Advisory Committee which allows us to vet proposed events with industry partners who have a mutual interest in the visitor economy," said Dolan, "While fishing tournaments are the lion's share of our programming, we are always looking for diversity in our sport programming."

The 2019 event celebrated 10 years of the High School World Finals. More than

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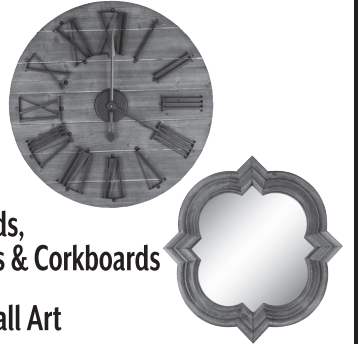
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Commentary

They'll Dig-In After Hearing

Last week's Congressional hearing with Robert Mueller could not have gone much worse for overzealous democrats confident of an impeachment presentation on a platter. Mueller gave them and the drooling media nothing but a wasted day at the office. That should end the charade once and for all and finally allow President Trump to concentrate on important matters at hand. After all, the only provable obstruction is the democrat-led effort to impede the Trump's stated objectives for his first term.

Other than all the ever-mounting evidence against Hillary Clinton during the 2016 election cycle which was conveniently buried / deleted, the real collusion involves the blatantly partisan provenance of the whole Russian collusion angle as it pertains to the Trump campaign.

The RINO's and never-Trumpers close to and inside his administration leak information to democrats and the press, stabbing him in the back whenever they can.

Close to 100 democrats in the house still wanted to open an impeachment inquiry up until the close of the hearing.

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TWO GUEST OPINION EDITORIALS

Free to Leave Our Land of Liberty

Democrats continuously try to drum up controversy harping continuously on how racist President Trump is.

Funny how in the recent past almost every politician sought financial backing from then businessman Donald Trump. Black entertainers and other celebrities loved being in his presence, staying at his luxurious hotels, casinos and being front and center at boxing events. Obviously, Trump was not racist back then.

He wasn't too racist to receive the Ellis Island Medal of Honor in celebration of "patriotism,

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Defending the Call for Haters to Leave

As a former candidate for Lt. Governor and U.S. Senator in Virginia, a radio talk show host, and CEO of a national conservative nonprofit organization, I have thrown my enthusiastic support behind the President's recent remarks.

In response to anti-American comments by Representatives Ilhan Omar, Rashida Tlaib, Ayanna Pressley, and Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, President Trump asked them to go back

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The Label of Others

Editor:

After the past week of bloviation abAfter the past week of bloviation about President Trump and the new communist / facist / racist / islamic wing of the Democratic Party, I have come to the realization that I have been lying to myself and to others for my entire life. I am a man of color. It never really dawned on me, because I fell prey to the label of others. All of my life I have had friends tell me how they wished their skin color was like mine. In fact, they often stop me and hold out their arms comparing their skin to mine. It never dawned on me that I was special, but, apparently, I am. Since I am a man of "color", I can't in good conscience fill out any more forms and accept the designation of "white".

How can a person be a color anyway? Each individual is his own person with physical, emotional and spiritual traits and character. How can we continue to identify people as a color in a supposedly intellectual world? How trivial "color" truly is, yet we have let our enemies drive a wedge between us that we as a nation removed before I was even born. How pathetic for a nation that calls herself trusting in God. We know better. All

...Mr. Tanner also naively recommends that we can improve the living conditions in Central American countries and root out corruption...



my life I have been discriminated against because of my "color", or more accurately because my color wasn't what some people thought it should be. I've been passed by for scholarships, job interviews, career positions, loan opportunities, and the list goes on, but I don't hate anyone for that. I don't take to the streets to protest my rights as a person of "color". Instead, I put my head down and work my tail off and put my trust in God. My life is too short to waste it on the Democratic rhetoric about "color".

Show me what this squad of "color" has done for the people they represent. Nothing is what they've done. They should be putting their heads down and working their tails off for their congressional districts rather than taunting a President who needs them to fund a fix to the border crisis, make cuts to address the debt crisis, and

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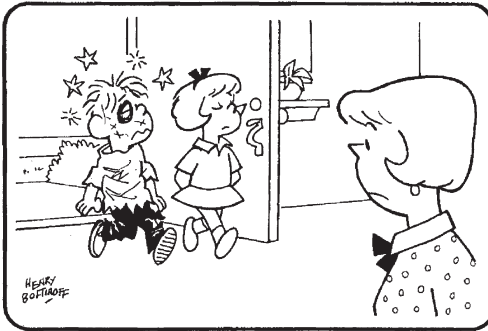
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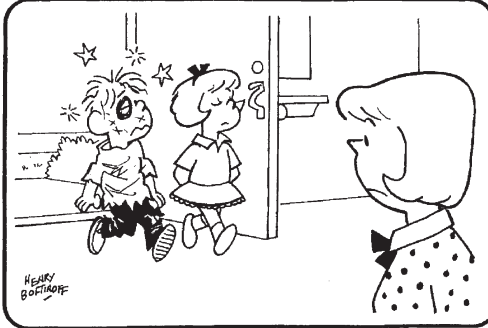
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When I write about drinking from a fire hose, I am talking about a completely different experience. Imagine putting your face in front of a fire hose and attempting to quench your thirst. The force of that blast is something akin to what many may feel daily. Doesn't it seem that life is sometimes just like that? Life can be overwhelming.

When you are overwhelmed by the tasks of life, give yourself permission to slow down. Step away and look from a different angle. Search for what is most important. The urgent is oftentimes the least important part but it screams so loud you leave the important undone. Neglecting the important parts of life only adds to the pressure of that fire hose. Remember the answer to the question,

"How do you eat an elephant?" "One bite at a time". If we put first things first, the lesser matters often fix themselves. This solution doesn't happen accidentally. We must prioritize on purpose.

Growing up, we always had boxing gloves at our house. Dad would coach us as we boxed one another. (Dad was a noted Golden Gloves boxer as a young man) One thing that was always difficult was to take Dad's advice while taking a left to the chin or while dodging

a flurry of haymakers. Sometimes we just need to find our corner and listen to sound council. Yes, we should learn to ask for help and listen to others as they seek to assist us. "No man lives to himself and no man dies to himself" Romans 14:7. We need each other.

Do you think that slowing down, stepping away, taking a corner, seeking advice and accepting the assistance of others would slow down the fire hose? I do. I hope you'll take this gentle nudge.



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I am sure that some of you remember the sad and perplexing story that made the news a few year ago. It involved a twenty-year-old man from England who died from complications suffered from playing a video game- - too long. Some news feeds called him an "Xbox addict." He developed a pulmonary embolism (i.e. fatal blood clot) resulting from sitting in the same position for several hours.

Though his story garnered a lot of attention, he was not the first to die from "over-gaming." Back in 2005 a man died in South Korea after playing online games for three days without taking a break! Further, I have read that it is fairly common throughout Asia for gamers to collapse after spending as many as 15 hours in front of a video game.

I cannot remember the last time I played a video game. In fact, my "gamer days" would probably be set in the Pac-Man, Donkey Kong and Frogger era. I must admit, I did enjoy them but not enough to let them take over my life- - and certainly not enough to put my health at risk.

Finding balance in life between play and reality is a challenge for many of us- - and we are not just talking about young people and video games. Recreational activities are fun and even healthy as long as we are not obsessed by them. Brad Paisley sang the humorous line, "Well, I love her, but I love to fish..." where a man chooses fishing over his wife. Well, it might be funny in a song, but not in real life.

When we choose recreation over more important matters like making a living, nurturing a family and especially devotion to God, we have let our priorities become terribly skewed. Solomon taught us long ago, "To everything there is a season, a time for every purpose under heaven" (Ecclesiastes 3:1).

Perhaps we could all profit from placing ourselves in the scales of life periodically to check our balance (cf. Daniel 5:27). A timeless adage states: "The key to keeping your balance is knowing when you've lost it."

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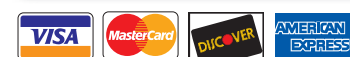
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Last week's fiasco won't change most of those attitudes. They have no salient points. So, other than screaming about Trump being a racist, a beneficiary of white privilege, and a corrupt SOB who has not been exonerated, they have nothing else of substance to contribute for their \$174,000 annual salaries.

It still comes down to the fact that neither Trump nor his campaign conspired with Russians to influence the presidential election, PERIOD. So, it's all about character assassination. Trump has his share of flaws and repeatedly makes them evident. He is not above the law as we hear from the press daily. But neither is he below it. So, why is there no presumption of innocence with this person when there is still no evidence of a crime?

Congressman John Ratcliffe, (R)-Texas who was formerly a former US Attorney had a great point for Mueller.

"Can you give me an example, other than Donald Trump, where the Justice Department determined that an investigated person was not exonerated, because their innocence was not determined?"

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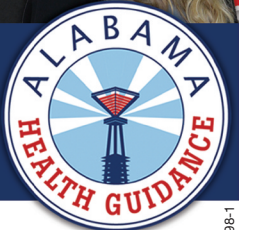
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show examples of character to the next generation rather than showing what a perpetual victim looks like. It's time we as a people stop worrying about ourselves and how "horrible" we have it. We live in the best place on Earth, at least for the moment. So much so, that hundreds of thousands are flooding over our borders right now just to be able to eat, sleep and work in freedom (or to be able to steal, rob and pillage in freedom depending on the circumstances). These people (read, "the Squad") need some global perspective before it is too late.

Jason Howton
 Florence

About Affluent Influence

Editor:

The *TimesDaily* July 21 editorial explained that good economic conditions are not enough for people to feel upbeat about their overall well-being and leadership. Divisiveness and other factors affect morale.

In addition to points in the paper, the public is concerned about:

- Growing inequality in wealth and opportunity, including economic mobility
- Overhanging student and other personal debt
- Escalating national debt (see July 24 *TimesDaily* editorial)
- Inaction on climate change

• Confusion in foreign policy that adds to tension with Iran and others

• Uncertainty about trade objectives that tax consumers and spur subsidies to farmers

• Political favoritism for wealthy and powerful donors, e.g., tax breaks

Regarding the last point, the respected *Economist* magazine recently cited a study and included a chart depicting wealth influence based on a 15-year analysis of voting patterns in the US Senate. For example, when rich and poor favor opposing sides on an issue, "the average Republican Senator votes in line with rich constituents instead of their poor ones 86% of the time." The average Democratic Senator does so 35% of the time.

No surprise. But the study also noted that "party trumps the purse when senators have to take sides. The poor get what they want more often from Democrats. The rich get what they want more often from Republicans - but only if Republican constituents side with the rich. Thus, partisanship induces, shapes, and constrains affluent influence."

The lesson is that informed voting and political activism can complement and help reinforce prosperity.

Dan Waterman
 Killen

A Naive Set of Suggestions

Editor:

In His Sunday July 21 *Times Daily* letter, Roger L. Tanner echoes the irrational allegations of the Democratic candidates and their lapdog media supporters,

that the President's desire to secure our border makes him a racist. Then Mr. Tanner in his "four principles for comprehensive immigration reform" suggests that we should only deport those with serious criminal records and devise way to citizenship for those law-abiding immigrants. Anyone who entered this nation without going through the lawful process has committed a crime and is a criminal.

Mr. Tanner also naively recommends that we can improve the living conditions in Central American countries and root out corruption. How can we do that? Certainly not by giving them money that would never get past the crooked dictators.

The only way we could change the condition in those countries would be to overthrow the dictators, and to use a popular adjective of the liberals that would be "un-American."

Euell White
 Florence

A Stagnant Recovery?

Editor:

Recently, there was an Associated Press article titled "Stagnant recovery." It stated, "The richest Americans now hold a greater share of the nation's wealth than they did before the Great recession of 2007. Fewer middle-class Americans own homes. Fewer are invested in the stock market. The bottom half of the population gained less than 2%." Why? Whose fault is that? We older persons were taught

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There are a few exceptions for certain types of debt that are protected by specific statutory provisions such as most student loans, child support and most tax debts. These cannot be discharged in a Chapter 7 Bankruptcy.

I am going to focus on tax debts with this particular article. For the most part, very recent tax debt is generally non dischargeable in a Chapter 7. The exception would be tax debts that meet certain criteria. All of the following criteria must be met to discharge tax debts:

1. The tax debts must be income tax debts and not payroll taxes or penalties for fraudulent filings.
2. You must have filed a tax return for the tax years you are wishing to discharge, and they must have been filed at least two (2) years prior to the filing your Chapter 7 Bankruptcy. This means that you have to file your tax return at least two (2) years prior to your Bankruptcy in order to receive a discharge of the debts.
3. You cannot have committed fraud or attempted to willfully evade paying your taxes. This means filing a fraudulent return, having a false Social Security number, or otherwise committing tax fraud of any kind.
4. The tax debts must have been due at least three (3) years prior to the filing of your Bankruptcy case. For example, your tax debts for the 2010 tax year, which would have been due by April 18, 2011, might can be discharged unless you filed for an extension or the due date was extended for some other reason. The extension due date was October 17, 2011. For example, if you were to file your Chapter 7 Bankruptcy on December 16, 2014, then you can discharge tax debts that were filed timely for the years 2010 or older.
5. Your tax debt must have been assessed by the IRS over 240 days prior to filing your Chapter 7 Bankruptcy or not have been assessed when the Bankruptcy is filed. This is known as the 240 day rule.

This blog does not even cover the additional relief that can be obtained if you were to file a Chapter 13 Bankruptcy where you can obtain a discharge of all taxes if paid in full over the life of your Bankruptcy Plan.

If you are thoroughly confused right now, that is perfectly OK, because taxation is a very complex area of the law. If you owe any tax debt of any kind and are wondering how to deal with it, please contact us to schedule an appointment for a free initial consultation.

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Cat & Kids
by Cathy Turner

Grand Moments

Being Gran is grand. I am on the way home from the beach, I am sitting in the car beside my newly crowned three year old grandbaby, Mica. Her birthday celebration was one of the reasons that we all got together. It was the first time that Mica and her four month old cousin, Jericho and Ruby had been to the beach with us together. It's over now and Mica is quietly placing stickers on blank faces in her pad. She's putting eyes on, then crooked, funny mouths or two noses and then sunglasses or bowties on heads for bows and crowns on top of that. But mostly her creations are perfect. And that is how our first grandbaby trip was – mostly perfect.

Their parents and uncle and friend were there. We shared some challenging inquiries, played *Heads Up!* on, and completed our 1000 piece puzzle in two days. But we did have some of those slap yourself moments when there was weeping and wailing. You know, when no one wants to leave the beach or when you wait in line at the restaurant for an hour after a full day and every child present is too tired to see straight, much less eat. The whining and crying gets so crazy that you should slap yourself for pushing them beyond reason. That's when we realized that we were no longer on our time, but on theirs. So we ate in, required naps and slowed down. That was the best part – slowing down and watching them – the grands.

So many wonderful moments to see – watching Mica toddling behind her granddad as he pushed our supplies in our beach cart and she carried her toys in hand. Him with his safari hat on and her curly ringlets flowing from under one of my wide-brimmed sunhats with her drop-shoulder flowery swimsuit – super sweet!

Then there was Jericho Joy, who always woke up with a big, wide toothless grin, especially if he has rolled onto his back. On his back, smiles were automatic – just make close eye contact and his whole body would smile. And the babble would just come pouring out – “Ooooo...Aw, Aw.... and deep throated, “Uh heees..” made me smile which would make him smile. We had a laughing and cooing good time. Such natural joy!

And the moment when the cousin girls saw each other's matching play dress that had unicorns on them, was priceless. “Oh...wow!” “Oh girl!” – with a ring-around-the-roses approval circle. Perfect!

And the mid-morning nap that Ruby and I took on a quilt on the beach, where Ruby sang us to sleep, because I didn't have any music on my phone – I will cherish that memory forever.

But the most memorable final moments were when Mica, who is still figuring out all of the relationships said, “That's granddad,” and turning to me said, “And you are my grandmother.” It was the way she said it – quietly, sweetly with a chin dip and an eyelash flutter. Like the baby bird in, *Are You My Mother?* by Eastman. Like she finally got it. She got me. But probably the best moment was when Mica (who usually refuses) joined hands with everyone, and with closed eyes, smiled sweetly and shook her head as we prayed together. Then she later reported that she had been in a restaurant with her family and we had prayed. It was the first time that “we” – meaning she - had participated in prayer with us, and the first time that I had ever heard her use the word “family” for us. Heavenly treasure!

It was a perfect trip! My cup is spilling. My heart is calm. Grands are grand! They make you feel grand. You know the feeling. Blessed again.

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Sara

Dear Sara,
If there's something you need, and you agree on it together and choose to buy it as a couple, that's cool. I've got no problem with that. But you guys are still just starting out, and you've got debts to pay. I'm sure your husband has a good heart, but I think it's time for him to grow up a little and realize the importance of getting your financial house in order.

Did your parents have specific and reasonable thoughts on how they'd like you to use the money? If so, you should honor their intent. If not, then how it gets used is pretty much up to you guys. But in your situation, life's not a birthday party when this kind of thing happens. You should be making mature, responsible decisions together regarding any money that comes into your household. It's really no different than a paycheck. You take care of obligations and other important things first.

Adults waste money on play things and fun stuff just because it was handed to them by mom and dad. That's how a 10-year-old behaves. Sit down with your husband, and explain how important it is that you guys start making better decisions with your money. If you two start working together, you could knock out this debt in a hurry!

—Dave

FIRST, CATCH UP!

Dear Dave,
I've had enough of living

paycheck-to-paycheck. I'm going to start following your plan, but I have a question. Should I catch up on my past due bills before beginning Baby Step 1?
Simon

Dear Simon,
Go for it! You're sick and tired of being sick and tired, and you're going to get control of your money. I love it!

First, make sure you're up to date with necessities—food, clothing, shelter, transportation, and utilities. Next, get current or make arrangements for any other types of debt you have, including credit cards.

You mentioned Baby Step 1, which is getting \$1,000 in the bank for a beginner emergency fund. Baby Step 2, the debt snowball, comes next. Start paying off all debts, except for your home, from smallest to largest. Then, in Baby Step 3 you'll save more and increase your emergency fund to a full three to six months of expenses.

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—Dave

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

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Guest Op-Ed -- Day Gardner

Racist?...

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tolerance, brotherhood and diversity" in 1986, or the President's Medal by the Freedom Foundation (Washington) for his support of youth programs (1995) and the Muhammad Ali Entrepreneur Award 2007.

So, Donald Trump wasn't racist back then.

Donald Trump apparently suddenly became racist when he decided to run for the highest office in the land and on his own dime.

The fact that he had tens of thousands of supporters who came out to his rallies to hear truth spoken like never before scared Democrats to death.

The fact that he won the Presidency state after state, pushed the Dems totally over the cliff, after all, he threw political correctness out the proverbial window. Yikes! What a concept.

He also promised to drain the deep, dank and nasty swamp which is where most of the old school politicians wallowed, and many still do. They fear having their secrets exposed.

As a young woman, I

dealt with extreme racism. I competed in a contest that did not welcome black girls. Racial slurs and death threats were a constant. What got me through those days was my faith, amazing parents who believed in me, and the promise of the greatest country on earth--that all men are created equal.

I love America and I truly understand why millions of people want to come here.

But like President Trump and so many other Americans, I want people to come here LEGALLY. I want people to love this country as I do, for its richness, beauty -- and most of all freedom.

As a black woman who gets it, I say this to Reps. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, Ilhan Omar, Rashida Tlaib, and Ayanna Pressley:

"I agree with President Trump, that if you come to the United States, even as a child, and find that you hate America, our Constitution, our laws and way of life, then LEAVE America.

If you are an American citizen, but you hate our laws, especially those regarding protection of our country, then LEAVE this country. If you prefer a more socialist society, go!"

I'm sure there are countries who will be happy to have you -- or not.

The bottom line is no matter how much Democrats and the fake news media regurgitate the racist Trump taunt, we, the millions who love and pray for America and our President, attend rallies and donate to his campaign, know the truth.

The more you use the old stale racist Trump slur -- the more Americans will turn away from you.

That is especially true in the black community which has been used and taken for granted for more than 50 years.

With high job numbers, low unemployment, criminal justice reform/First Step Act, President Trump has done more for my community than every other President since Lincoln.

GOD BLESS President Trump and GOD BLESS AMERICA!

** Day Gardner as Miss Delaware 1976 was the first black woman to place in the semi-finals in the Miss America Pageant.*

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HISTORICAL MARKER LOCATION:
Franklin Co Rd 68 & Co Rd 99

This marker is on the Lawrence/Franklin Co. line. It describes an historical toll road which started in Lauderdale Co at Jackson's Military Rd, crossed the TN river at Bainbridge Ferry, ran through Colbert Co. to North Port. As the 1st state road, it was called "the Main Street of Northwest Alabama." The Florence Historical Board is considering a marker for Lauderdale County.

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Guest Op-Ed --
E.W. Jackson

Haters...

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to where they came from. When President Trump told the four freshmen Democrat women to go back where you came from, he was referring primarily to Ilhan Omar who was given asylum here as a teenager in 1995 after her family escaped civil war-torn Somalia. She has never expressed an ounce of gratitude. I join the President in saying to her, if you think America is racist and unjust, go back where you came from. Millions of Americans are tired of having our country denigrated, our Flag desecrated, and the American people slandered as racists for loving this land of liberty.

As for Tlaib, Ocasio-Cortez, and Pressley, I know that they were born here. Still, they are part of a cabal of leftists who hate this country. They can go to Cuba, China, Vietnam, Iran, or any communist or totalitarian country that suits their fancy. This is not about skin color or race, but who we are as a

people. We will not have their radical, Godless ideology and racial demagoguery destroy our future.

However, this is a bigger problem than the four freshman representatives. Colin Kaepernick convinced Nike that the Colonial flag of Betsy Ross is a racist symbol. The US Women's Soccer Team stained a great Olympic victory by treating the American Flag and our National Anthem as symbols of oppression. As far as I am concerned, they can all leave. But they won't leave, will they? They are evil, not stupid. They know their success couldn't happen anywhere else.

All Americans should stand with the President and not allow radicals to turn our country into another socialist basket case.

E.W. Jackson was born in Chester, Pennsylvania. He is an honorably discharged United States Marine and he graduated Summa Cum Laude with a Phi Beta Kappa Key from the University of Massachusetts at Boston in 1975. He graduated from Harvard Law School in 1978. While in law school, he studied at Harvard Divinity School and was licensed as

a Baptist minister. Jackson was ordained in 1979 and consecrated a Bishop in 1998.

Jackson practiced small business law for 15 years in Boston, and he taught Business, Commercial and Regulatory Law at the college and graduate levels. He is the founder of The Called Church in Chesapeake, Virginia and S.T.A.N.D. - Staying True to America's National Destiny. He has also authored two books.

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How do you increase the value of your property?

The biggest factor outside of a homeowner's control is market conditions. But other issues -- including the condition of the property, specific home improvements and neighborhood stability and safety -- can influence property values.

Specific home improvements can increase the value of a home. Some of the improvements can actually increase the value of the home above the cost of the improvements. According to Remodeling magazine, which publishes an annual "Cost vs. Value" remodeling report, a remodeled bathroom returns 81% to the owner, a bathroom addition, 89%, and a master bedroom suite, 82%.

Remember, quality pays. Well-planned and well-executed remodeling jobs are a good investment while bad work seldom enhances value or livability.

Kitchens and bathrooms still sell homes today. Buyers love nice kitchens and glamour bathrooms with those big nice tile showers.

Stability and safety can also affect property value. If you live in a high-crime area, an organized community watch program not only will lower the crime rate but also have been known to enhance property values.

What kind of return is there on remodeling jobs?

Most recently, the highest remodeling paybacks have come from updating kitchens and baths, home-office additions and extra amenities in older homes. While home offices are a relatively new remodeling trend, for example, you could expect to recoup 58% of the cost of adding a home office, according to the survey.

What about a pool?

I've been asked several times about the value that a pool will add to a property. This is not as simple to answer as it depends on several factors that you might not think of right away. For example, how many pools are there in your neighborhood? Let's say that you live in a neighborhood where the homes are relatively similar, the average home value is 100,000, and you spend \$25,000 installing a new swimming pool. If you have the only pool in the neighborhood it will not be worth as much as if there are other comparable homes with a pool. It could mean the difference in recouping 30-50% of your investment vs. 60-70%. Price range of the neighborhood would be another major factor.

Determining what types of improvements to make to your home vs. the value it will add can be difficult. Before starting an overhaul of your home, talk to a REALTOR or an Appraiser about what your home will be worth with the improvements you want to make. -mr

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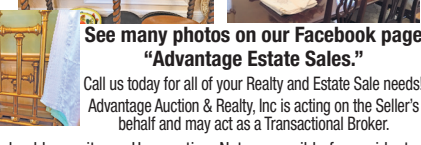
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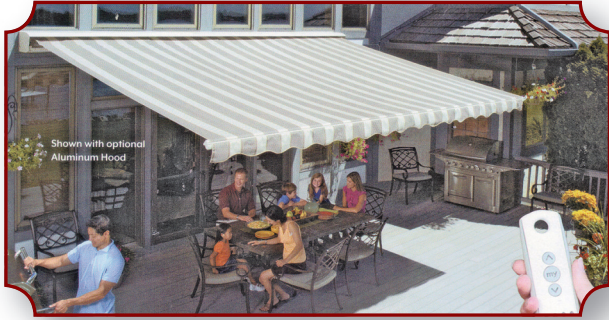
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Soap Opera Preview

THE BOLD AND THE BEAUTIFUL Hope was surprised when Thomas popped some champagne and tried to get romantic. Liam received a call from a doctor in Las Vegas with information about Flo and her baby. Vinny gave Thomas a special wedding gift to give to his new bride. Surprised by Liam's outburst, Flo began to tell her story as Wyatt watched in disbelief. Thomas pressured Hope to make love. Steffy called Ridge to tell him what was happening. Thomas panicked when he learned from Steffy that Liam was on to him. Meanwhile, Liam raced against time to get to Hope before it was too late. *Wait to See: Hope has an emotional reunion with Beth.*

DAYS OF OUR LIVES Jack demanded a divorce from Eve. Jennifer received some upsetting news. "Nicole" roped Brady into her plan. Jennifer and Eve had a heated exchange about Eve's deception. Jack offered Eli a new job. "Nicole" was furious when Tony pulled a disappearing act. Will shared with Hope a curious discrepancy about Ted's story. Lani and Eli celebrated his unexpected good news. "Nicole" dropped a bomb on Stefan and Gabi. Sarah made a monumental slip of the tongue. Eric was shocked when he learned that "Nicole" got married. Hope made a stunning discovery in Ted's apartment. *Wait to See: Sarah comes clean with Rex about her feelings for Eric.*

GENERAL HOSPITAL Shiloh felt too comfortable for Jason's liking. Nina welcomed a house guest. Ava received some disappointing news. Lulu took a personal day. Drew suffered a setback. Jax focused on the task at hand. Michael and Sasha were on island time. Sonny met Neil for dinner. Alexis received encouragement from an old friend. Hayden made a fool of herself. Nina caught on to Valentin's plan. Laura checked in on Lulu. Peter had dinner with Maxie. Alexis and Neil were put in

a precarious situation. Jason refused to see Liz's side. Franco made strides with Cameron. Alexis received some bad news. Finn relied on Epiphany's expertise. *Wait to See: Elizabeth receives an alarming phone call.*

THE YOUNG AND THE RESTLESS Abby and Nate continued to grow closer, but she started getting nervous when he began talking

about the future. Elena was distraught after losing a patient at work. Despite Lola's attempts to reconcile with Celeste, things remained tense between mother and daughter. Later, Summer did the right thing and told Celeste that Kyle was a good man and that she shouldn't worry about Lola. Adam told a gloating Phyllis that he outmaneuvered her to keep the Grand Phoenix Hotel out of her possession. Needing a fresh start, Rey went to Paul and asked for his job back. Paul agreed to bring Rey back as a detective, but warned him that there was no room for error. *Wait to See: Sparks fly between Sharon and Adam.*

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The four parts of Medicare are labeled Part A, Part B, Part C and Part D. Over the next few weeks we will discuss each of the four parts in detail but for today let's simplify things by saying that Part A is your inpatient or hospital care, Part B covers your outpatient services, Part C is called Medicare Advantage and Part D is your prescription drug plan.

The two parts of Medicare that you receive through the federal government are Parts A & B. The two parts that can be purchased through private insurance companies are Parts C & D. So which parts are optional for most people? That would be Parts B, C and D.

It's very important for the Medicare beneficiary to be familiar with each of the four parts of Medicare and what they cover. Here are some ways you can do that. First you can go to Medicare.gov. This is an excellent website that will tell you everything you want to know about Medicare. You can also refer to the "Medicare and You" handbook. Another way to learn about the basics of Medicare is to attend one of the Medicare Education Classes our company conducts. They are free of charge and open to the public. Just contact our office for times and dates. Of course you can also check out the "Medicare Minute" each week in the Courier Journal!!

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Monday and Tuesday, 7:30pm with Matt Heupel speaking. Wednesday 7:30pm with Larry Murdock speaking.

Congregational singing at 7pm on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday.

Registration day for Colbert County Community Bible Study will be Thursday, August 1 from 9-11am in the lobby of the fellowship building of our host church, Barton Baptist. Please join us for an enriching, practical everyday guidance

study of: Christian Living - Philemon, 1, 2, and 3 John, Jude; Christian Leadership - 1 and 2 Timothy, Titus, and James. The registration fee is \$35/adult (scholarships available), and \$10/child (infants-12th grade). Classes meet on Thursday from 9:30-11:30am, beginning August 22. For more information, or to register on-line go to colbertcounty.cbssclass.org.

Northwest Alabama MS Warriors, a support group for those dealing with multiple sclerosis and their families, will meet at 5:30pm, Thursday, August 1 at the Muscle Shoals Public Library, 1918

Avalon Avenue, Muscle Shoals. For more information, call 256-356-8548.

Clothes Give Away - Thursday, August 1 from 8-10am at the Care Center, First Baptist Church, Killen.

The extended hours of 5-9pm for First Fridays in downtown Florence will end after the August 2 event. Come and enjoy the last summer edition of First Fridays by dining at local restaurants, shopping our maker's market vendor booths, and listening to live music. The event will take place on Court Street in historic downtown Florence.

Attendees will have the opportunity to participate in our Favorite Yearly Vendor Contest. Stop by the Downtown Florence Alliance booth located on the corner of Court and Mobile St. to cast your vote! The winner will receive a free booth space for 2020. Music will kick off on the Big River Stage on Mobile Plaza at 5pm with Outlaw Apostles. Katlyn Barnes will follow at 6:30pm and Lenox Hills will close out the night with a performance from 8-9pm.

Live Well Alabama Recipe Food Tasting hosted by Lauderdale County Farmers Market, 451 Fairground Rd., Florence, presented by Alabama Cooperative Extension System Educators: Meagan Taylor, SNAP-ED Education and Susan Hill, Food Safety and Quality.

Free tastings will be offered on Saturday, August 3 - 6am-1pm - Grilled Vegetables.

The Alabama Cooperative Extension System (Alabama A&M University and Auburn University) is an equal opportunity educator and employer. Everyone is welcome.

"Stuff the Bus" Campaign - Walmart and The Salvation Army are joining forces to provide new school supplies to local children in need at Muscle Shoals and Russellville locations on Saturday, August 3.

As part of a nationwide effort, the "Stuff the Bus" campaign event in the Shoals Area is one of nearly 3,000 similar events taking place at Walmart stores across the country. In-store shoppers on August 3 will receive lists of supplies needed, and all they have to do to participate is purchase and drop off the requested items at The Salvation Army collection bins at the front of each store.

A special program of dulcimer music will be provided by the North Mississippi Dulcimer Association from 10 am to noon on Saturday, August 3 at the Parkway Visitor Center located at milepost 266 near Tupelo, MS. The North Mississippi Dulcimer Association teaches dulcimer history, tradition, craftsmanship, and music by sharing its knowledge and talents. This program is free. For additional information, call 1-800-305-7417.

The Great Zip City Mud Slide behind the Zip City Volunteer Fire Department, 9301 Chisholm Road, on Saturday, August 3 at 3pm. 100 ft. Slip n' Slide into Mud Slop. 30 tons of mud. Games, events, contests, and concessions.

Dennis Odem and the Cadillacs perform at 6pm. All proceeds benefit the Zip City Volunteer Fire Department.

One Heart Quartet will be hosting their 2nd Annual Southern Gospel singing at 6pm Saturday, August 3 at the Central Heights Community Center. The community center is located next to the Central Volunteer Fire Dept on County Road 6 in the Central Heights community. Featured groups will be: The Revelers trio from Rogersville, One Accord trio from Moulton, and the host group, One Heart Quartet. For more information, call 256-762-1075.

Purpose Ministry Team's 8th Anniversary - 6pm, Saturday, August 3 at Gateway Church of God, 15988 Hwy. 43 N. in Russellville. Refreshments will follow. There will also be some special guests! For more information, call 256-627-8784

The Bertha (Ma) Killen Family Reunion will be on Sunday, August 4 at Green's Chapel Park. Bring food, drinks, and desserts. We will eat around 12:30 or 1pm. All family and friends welcome.

The "Hi Neighbors of the Shoals" meeting will be Tuesday, August 6 at 10:30am at the Florence-Lauderdale Public Library. This group welcomes all newcomers to the Shoals area. Contact Laura Engdahl at 512-965-9023 for further information.

Community Bible Study - Open registration for Community Bible Study, a women's interdenominational Bible

study, will take place in the chapel at the host church, Woodmont Baptist Church, on Wednesday, August 7 from 9 - 11am. Please join us for an exciting, in-depth study of the book of Acts. The registration fee is \$35 for adults (scholarships available) and \$10 for children (infants - 12th grade). Classes meet on Wednesday from 9:45-11:45am beginning August 28. If you prefer, you can register on-line at <http://florenceal.cbssclass.org/>

The NW AL Chapter #2 of the Korean War Veterans Association will meet for breakfast and business at Hampton Inn and Suites, 505 S. Court St. in Florence at 8am on Wednesday, August 7. Come earlier and enjoy your free breakfast in the dining area. Florence Mayor Steve Holt will be our guest speaker.

If you have ever served in Korea from 1945 to present or served outside Korea during the period June 25, 1950 to Jan. 31, 1955, then we encourage you to attend this meeting.

Please direct any questions to Commander Jim Taylor at 256-383-8172.

The Shoals Chapter of the Order of St. Luke will meet in the Sheffield Room at Park Place, 501 N. Montgomery Ave. in Sheffield on Thursday, August 8 at 2:30pm. Grace Anderson will lead a study called, "Anointed to Heal" by Larry and Audrey Eddings.

We believe that God heals spiritually, physically, and emotionally. Prayer for healing will be offered. All are welcome.

The Athens-Limestone County Tourism Association hosts the 2019 Summer Concert Series in downtown Athens with sponsor Jimmy Smith Buick GMC. The free-to-the-public concert series taking place on the Marion Street side of the Limestone County Courthouse from 7-9pm on select Fridays through August.

The Summer Concert Series will say goodbye to the 2019 season with the Athens State University Community Band on August 9. The all-volunteer band will take to the steps for a night of thrilling music favorites.

For more information, please contact the Athens-Limestone Visitors Center at 256-232-5411.

Auditions for Wayne Miller's "Bloodless: The Lizzie Border Mystery" at The Z are scheduled for Saturday, August 10 from 10am-noon and Monday, August 12 from 6-8 pm. Actors should be prepared for cold readings from the script. Roles are available for 5

women, 4 men, and 2 of either gender. Characters range in age from mid-20s to 70. For additional details about the characters, please follow Historic Zodiac Playhouse on Facebook or call 256-768-5586. Performances are scheduled for October 17-20. The play will be directed by Amanda Perry.

Children and their families are encouraged to come enjoy the Read with a Ranger program at 10am on Saturday, August 10 at the Parkway Visitor Center in Tupelo, MS. This month's featured story is "My, Oh My - a Butterfly," a fun Dr. Seuss book that explores the stages of metamorphosis from an egg to a butterfly. Participants will learn fun facts about butterfly communities found not only along the Natchez Trace Parkway but also in their own backyards.

Read with a Ranger is a 45-minute program that is most appropriate for ages six and under, but all ages are welcome. Participants listen to a story, join in a fun activity, and can go on an easy half-mile hike. Read with a Ranger features a new story on the second Saturday of the month. To confirm the time and program scheduled each month, please check our website calendar at www.nps.gov/natr/planyourvisit/calendar.htm.

This program is free to the public. The visitor center is located at milepost 266 on the Natchez Trace Parkway, near Tupelo. For additional information, call 1-800-305-7417.

Swamp John's Dinner at Lexington Senior Center August 13, 4-7pm. Your choice of shrimp, fish, or chicken. Meal includes slaw, fries, dessert, and drink. \$12 per plate.

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<p style="font-size: 18px; font-weight: bold; background-color: yellow;">2005 Nissan Frontier</p> <p style="font-size: 12px;">Crew Cab, 4WD, 127k Miles</p>  <p style="font-size: 24px; font-weight: bold; background-color: yellow;">\$1,500 Down</p> <p style="font-size: 18px; font-weight: bold; background-color: yellow;">+ \$90/week</p>	<p style="font-size: 18px; font-weight: bold; background-color: yellow;">1999 Chevy Suburban K1500</p> <p style="font-size: 12px;">4 Wheel Drive, 183K Miles</p>  <p style="font-size: 24px; font-weight: bold; background-color: yellow;">\$500 Down</p> <p style="font-size: 18px; font-weight: bold; background-color: yellow;">+ \$50/week</p>	<p style="font-size: 18px; font-weight: bold; background-color: yellow;">2007 Ford Mustang</p> <p style="font-size: 12px;">V6, Automatic, 150K Miles</p>  <p style="font-size: 24px; font-weight: bold; background-color: yellow;">\$1,500 Down</p> <p style="font-size: 18px; font-weight: bold; background-color: yellow;">+ \$80/week</p>	<p style="font-size: 18px; font-weight: bold; background-color: yellow;">2006 Dodge Dakota</p> <p style="font-size: 12px;">139K Miles</p>  <p style="font-size: 24px; font-weight: bold; background-color: yellow; color: red;">SOLD</p> <p style="font-size: 24px; font-weight: bold; background-color: yellow;">\$1,200 Down</p> <p style="font-size: 18px; font-weight: bold; background-color: yellow;">+ \$70/week</p>
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Cardiovascular institute of the Shoals is having its 2nd annual Paint the Shoals Purple 5k/1mile fun run (Glo-run) on August 24 beginning at 8pm. This year is will start at Marriott Splash Pad and the runners will be running across the Wilson Dam. This event will start at 8pm and registration will open up at 7pm at Marriott Splash Pad 15 Hightower Place in Florence beside the Conference Center. Advance entry for the 5K is \$20 and day of the event it is \$25. Advance entry for 1 Mile Fun Run is \$10 and the day of the event is \$15. Register at: <http://bit.ly/painttheshoalspurple> or register on Cardiovascular's Facebook Page they have a pinned tab and they have an event created.

Florence 2019 Walk Of Honor—Nominations will be accepted until September 3 for the 2019 City of Florence Walk of Honor recognizing individuals from Florence and Lauderdale County who have achieved national or international acclaim. Contact the Florence Mayor's Office at 256-760-6400 or www.florenceal.org for nomination forms and information.

Handy Head Start Program located at 955 Beale Street, Florence is now taking applications for Pregnant Moms and children ages 6 weeks to 4 years for the upcoming 2019-2020 school year. Parents must bring the following items to register: Child's Birth Certificate, Verification of Income for 2018 (W-2 form, Income Tax Return, Social Security Statement, Child Support, Unemployment, etc.), documentation of Public Assistance such as TANF and Insurance card (if applicable). Additional information needed if available: WIC, food stamps, College ID, IEP, or IFSP. Services are provided at NO COST to parents. Children with special needs and/or disabilities and homeless families are given priority. Call 256-768-3400 to set up an appointment.

The Z (formerly the Zodiac Playhouse at 416 N. Court St. in Florence) will open its 2019-20 season with a visit to the world's most famous detective!

The world's greatest detective has seemingly reached the end of his remarkable career when a case presents itself that is too tempting to ignore: The King of Bohemia is about to be blackmailed by a notorious photograph, and the woman at the heart of this crime is the famous opera singer, Irene Adler. With his trusted companion, Doctor Watson, at his side, Sherlock Holmes pursues first the case, and then the affections of Miss Adler—and in doing so, marches right

into the lair of his longtime adversary, that malevolent genius of crime: Professor Moriarty.

In this spirited, fast-moving and thoroughly theatrical adaptation, Steven Dietz presents Holmes at the height of his powers—surrounded by all the elements that fans of his exploits have come to expect: danger, intrigue, wit, humor, and surprise. "The game is afoot, Watson—and it is a dangerous one!"

Performances are August 9-10 at 7:30pm, August 16-17 at 7:30pm, and August 18 at 2pm. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$12 for students and are available at www.HistoricZodiacPlayhouse.com/thezticketsnstuff or at the door beginning 30 minutes prior to curtain. Please call 256-768-5586 for more information.

Paint the Shoals Purple 2019 is a GLOW RUN! Join us August 24 for a run to raise awareness for Peripheral Artery Disease. Registration begins at 6pm, with the 5K and Fun Run starting at 8pm.

Registration fees are as follows: 5k - \$20 preregistration, \$25 day of race, 1 Mile - \$10 preregistration, \$15 day of race. Register today at: <https://itsyourrace.com/EventContact.aspx?id=11260>

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 for more details. 256-764-4432.

Edgemont UMC welcomes you to a stimulating evening with popular blogger/writer Zack Hunt. Hunt will discuss what he hopes to accomplish with his new book, "Unraptured." He is an ordained elder in the Church of the Nazarene and holds a Master of Christian History from Yale Divinity School. Hunt's writing on faith and politics have appeared in the Huffington Post, Relevant magazine, and Patheos, as well as cameos in the Boston Globe and New York Magazine.

This event will be Thursday, August 29 at 7pm at Edgemont United Methodist Church, 1330 Eauclaire Avenue, Florence. For more information, contact the office at 256-766-3606. Childcare will be provided.

Central High School Class of 1969 Reunion is October 5, Save the Date! Send contact info to centralhighschool69@gmail.com, our Facebook page, or mail to CHS '69, 2701 Mall Dr., Ste 7, PME 110, Florence, AL 35630

When God Gets Angry

When you preach a lie long enough, even the preacher believes it. Most folks today only hear about the love side of God. The word "angry" and its derivatives appear in the Bible 269 times. The word "wrath" appears in the Bible 194 times, and should be studied closely in conjunction with the word "angry". Our current world has never seen the real anger of the Lord, or His wrath, but they will. Biblical history does reveal some. Some examples are Genesis chapters 6 & 18. Coming soon at your local earth, Zephaniah 3:8, Isaiah 2:19&21, Jeremiah 51:19-23, Ezekiel 38:18-23, Zechariah 14: 1-14, Matthew 24:24-30, 2Thessalonians 2:1-12, 2Peter 3:1-11, Revelation 1:1-7, Revelation 6:17, Revelation 19:1-16. There are many more scriptures on this subject. Look these references up and call my hand on them. When you do read them, you will find out why the world, governments and churches, and homes and schools and colleges had to get rid of this book. Conflicting authorities. That's the problem.

Isaiah 14:20b "the seed of evildoers shall never be renowned." **Galatians 6:7** "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap". **This is the law of sowing and reaping.** Because of the bad seed sown for years, get ready for the worst crop failure this world has ever seen. Coming soon: **Zephaniah 3:8** "Therefore wait ye upon me, saith the LORD, until the day that I rise up to the prey: for my determination is to gather the nations, that I may assemble the kingdoms, to pour upon them mine indignation, **even all my fierce anger: for all the earth shall be devoured with the fire of my jealousy.**" **Ezekiel 39:12** "And seven months shall the house of Israel be burying of them, that they may cleanse the land." **Revelation 14:20** "And the winepress was trodden without the city, and blood came out of the winepress, even unto the horse bridles, by the space of a thousand and six hundred furlongs." You think the tribulation and Armageddon are a joke? Get ready for one of the biggest disappointments of your life. God's longsuffering and patience has just about run out. Even God has deadlines, and when you cross them, you've gone too far. God loved Solomon (2Samuel 12:24.) but got angry (see 1Kings 11:9) with his bad living and he lost the kingdom and his life. Man, wake up.

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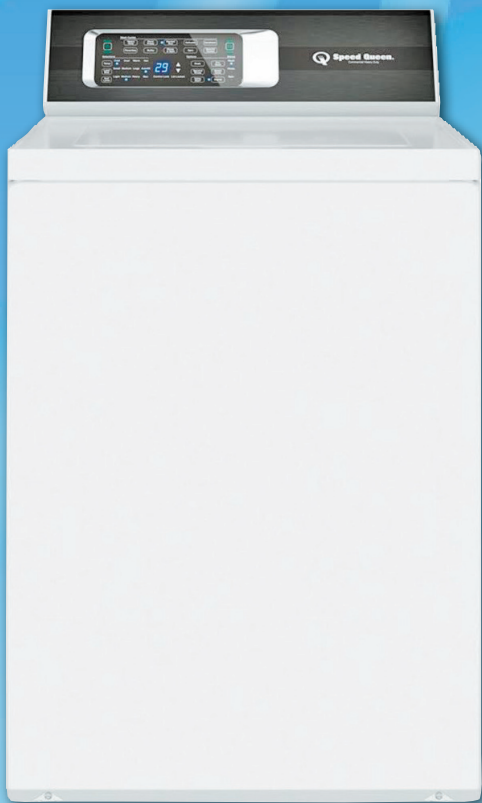
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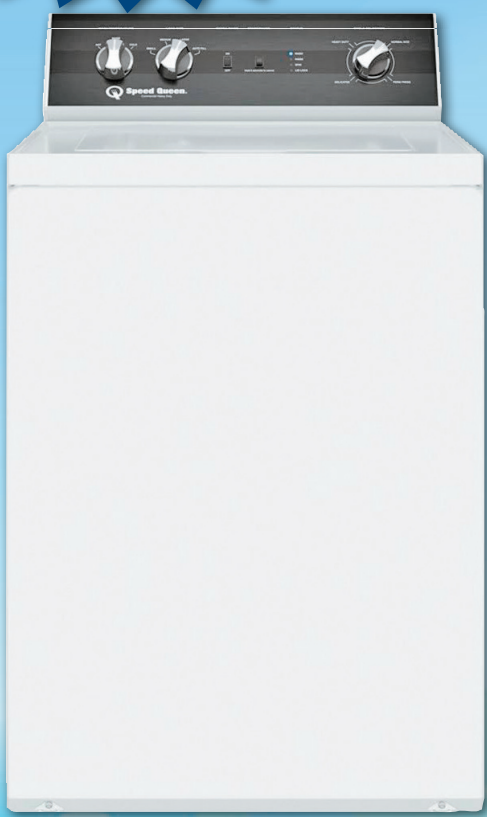
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