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Northwest Alabama and...

**A Champion for Adult-Ed**

MUSCLE SHOALS—Northwest-Shoals Community College (NW-SCC) Adult Education Director, **Donald Sweeney**, recently received the Champion Award from the Alabama Adult Education Directors' Association.

"I look at this as an award for Northwest-Shoals Community College and the Adult Education program's teachers and staff," said Sweeney. "Our teachers and staff are the real champions for our program and college."

Sweeney has worked in education for 46 years and served as the NW-SCC Adult Education Director for the past nine years. Previously, Sweeney served as the Vice President for Instruction and Student Services at Northeast Mississippi Community College.



Sweeney

The Champion Award recognizes the Adult Education Director in Alabama that best acts as a defender and advocate for the Adult Education cause. Honorees are those who are known to enthusiastically support Adult Education, Adult Education Directors, and Adult Education students in every way possible.

The Alabama Adult Education Directors' Association presents three awards annually: Champions Award, Leadership Award, and the Hall of Fame Award.

**Korean Vets Plan for 65th**

FLORENCE—Korean War Veterans, Chapter #2, will host a 65th Anniversary Picnic for all Korean War Veterans, Saturday, September 12 at Veterans Park in Florence, from 11am-2pm in shelter #2. The Korean War Veterans, Chapter 2 would like to invite all local veterans of the Korean War to this special event.

"June 25 marked the 65th anniversary of the beginning of the Korean War when North Korean forces crossed the 38th parallel into South Korea," said **Jim Taylor**, president of the Korean War Veterans, Chapter 2. "The war results are a success story for South Korea in that freedom has brought great economic advances. Meanwhile, North Korea is mired in communism and has among the world's worst economies."

For additional information on the September 12 picnic, call Taylor at 256-381-8172.

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**Gold Record Renovations**



**Beats Grant Preserves the Sound**

**This memorable early '70's photo of Muscle Shoals Rhythm Section founding members (The Swampers) outside the original Muscle Shoals Sound Studio includes, from left, Barry Beckett, Roger Hawkins, David Hood, and Jimmy Johnson.**  
Courtesy davidhoodbass.com

SHEFFIELD—Renovations to the iconic Muscle Shoals Sound Studio at 3614 Jackson Highway in Sheffield will start in early September. They should be completed by the end of this year.

This one-of-a-kind project is made possible through a grant from Beats Electronics, co-founded by Dr. Dre and Jimmy Iovine. The renovation will include carefully staged construction, rendering the studio structurally sound while preserving the ambience that made it one of the most important recording studios in the world.

Muscle Shoals Music Foundation board member, Rodney Hall, spearheaded the foundation's purchase of 3614 Jackson Highway from a private owner so that

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SHEFFIELD—Over 16,000 items were donated during Bank Independent's second annual School Share drive to benefit local children. Donations were collected at all branches in recent weeks, at School Share "Pack the Bus" events in Florence and Decatur on August 8, and through separate drives conducted by Shoals area United Methodist Churches and Texas Roadhouse in Florence.

In addition, cash donations of \$768 were collected from July 25-August 8. More than 10,000 of the 16,000 items were collected at four United Methodist Churches in Florence by stuffthebus.org, a charitable organization that travels across the country in a brightly colored bus to promote similar drives and benefit events.

"Once again we were overwhelmed by the generosity of folks in the communities we serve,"

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**Documentary on W.C. Handy**

FLORENCE—William Christopher Handy is the subject of a new documentary film by Emmy award-winning producer, Joanne Fish. The film follows in the footsteps of the Florence native and his journey to St. Louis, the Mississippi Delta, Memphis, and New York City. Fish has been working on the documentary for more than eight years, and has now completed filming. She said, "I have interviewed more



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**Mitchell Event for MSEF**

MUSCLE SHOALS - The Muscle Shoals Education Foundation is sponsoring a golf tournament and silent auction benefiting the Lt. Col. Michael Mitchell Scholarship Fund August 22 at the Cypress Lake Golf Course in Muscle Shoals. Tee off is at 8am. The four-person scramble



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**Star-Spangled Girl Opens**

SHEFFIELD—The Tennessee Valley Art Association's (TVAA) Center Stage theatre company opens *The Star-Spangled Girl* on Thursday, August 27 at the historic Ritz Theatre in downtown Sheffield. Additional performances will take place August 28 and September 3 and 4. Curtain time each evening is 7:35pm.

*The Star-Spangled Girl*, written by Neil Simon, is a fast-moving, hilarious comedy about two earnest young men using their apartment as a publishing office for a protest magazine. Sophie, the all-American girl, moves in next door. Her charm and friendly manner sends them both into a romantic tailspin.

*The Star-Spangled Girl* cast features Katlyn Barnes, John Michael Curtis, and Forrest Harlan. The production is directed by Amy Johnson.

A dinner catered by George's Steak Pit will be served prior to each performance. An option of chicken, filet mignon, and vegetarian entrées are available. Tickets for the dinner are \$30 each.

The Ritz Theatre is located at 111 W. Third Street in Sheffield. Tickets for the show are \$12.50 for adults and \$12.50 for students. For tickets or more information, please contact the TVAA at 256-383-0533 or tvaa.net.

**First Car Show is Successful**

SHEFFIELD—The 1st Annual Sheffield Car Show took place recently and was a huge success raising over \$1,300 for the Be Nice Foundation and Northwest Alabama Cancer Caring and Sharing Fund.

The event was sponsored by the town of Sheffield Business District. Funds raised are used to support and assist patients with cancer.

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A) Sharon Tate, B) Barbara Parkins, C) Patty Duke, D) A, B, & C
- The "Pussycat Dolls" are what type of group?  
A) Pop Music, B) Dance Troupe, C) Gay Men, D) Bank Robbers
- "Guys and Dolls" is a 1955 musical film starring both, Frank Sinatra and Marlon Brando  
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**Monthly Covered Dish Lunch** at Zip City Community Center on Thursday, August 20 at 11:30am. Program will follow lunch. Please bring a covered dish. Everyone is welcome.

**Central Volunteer Fire Department Fish Fry,** August 20, 4-7pm. Fish, shrimp and chicken catered by Swamp John's. Plates \$10. Eat in or carry out. Proceeds go to fire department.

**Fourth Saturday Breakfast** at the Zip City Community Center on August 22 from 6:30-9am. Menu includes eggs, sausage, bacon, biscuits, gravies, grits, juice and coffee. Adults \$6, children under 10, \$3. Proceeds used for Center expenses. Everyone is invited.

**Breakfast at the Lexington Senior Center,** Saturday, August 22, 6:30-9am. All you can eat, \$6 per person.

**S.A.M.S. Single Adult Ministry for Seniors,** (Non-denominational 40 and over) will meet at the Cross Point Student Center Saturday, August 22 at 6pm for dinner and bingo. Please bring your favorite dish and a \$2 wrapped gift for Bingo. 256-767-1869.

**Shoals Elks Lodge 2860 Dance** begins at 7:30-11:30pm Saturday August 22, at the Elks Lodge, 408 N. Nashville Ave., Sheffield. Admission \$5. Attire: Casual. Featuring "The Showtime Band". Details: Ron or Micki, [krnc47@gmail.com](mailto:krnc47@gmail.com) or 256-383-7874, proceeds used to support Elk Charities.

**The Alabama Barbecue Battle 2015** is officially underway. The competition is part of the Alabama Tourism Department's Year of Alabama BBQ and pits 50 nominees against one another in five categories to decide who gets bragging rights for the best barbecue in the state. Smokin' on The Boulevard in Florence is in the competition again this year in two categories, 'The Rookies' and 'The Dives'. Last year they won the title for 'Best Ribs'. The top 10 restaurants in each category were selected based on more than 1,600 nominations taken from social media over the past several months. Voting in each category began Thursday, Aug. 6, and will conclude Aug. 31. Winners will be announced Sept. 1. Voting is open online at The Alabama Barbecue Battle website at [www.alabamabbqbattle.com](http://www.alabamabbqbattle.com).

**The City of Florence is accepting nominations for the 2015 Walk of Honor Inductees** through 5pm September 11. The public is invited to make nominations. The Walk of Honor recognizes individuals of Florence and Lauderdale County who have achieved national or international acclaim. Areas of national or international accomplishment include, but not limited to: agriculture, art, athletics, business, education, government, humanities, literature, medical, military, music, public service, religion, or science and technology. Procedures for making a nomination and form to submit your entry may be obtained by:  
1) Visiting the City's web site, [www.florenceal.org](http://www.florenceal.org), and selecting the "Walk of Honor" listing under the "Happening Now" section; 2) Picking up a copy from the Mayor's Office, 102 South Court Street - Suite 200, Florence, AL 35630; or 3) Calling the Mayor's Office at 256-760-6400. Please include any substantiating data and picture, if possible, with your nomination form.  
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it could be operated by a nonprofit organization. "We are thrilled that this important piece of music history can be permanently restored and made available to the public," Hall said. "The foundation was able to purchase the building through the generosity of private investors, like Gene Hamby who understand the importance of preserving the legacy of Muscle Shoals Music."

The studio was founded in 1969 by Swampers Jimmy Johnson, Roger Hawkins, David Hood, and Barry Beckett. It became one of the most influential recording studios in the world, attracting artists such as the Rolling Stones, Paul Simon, Bob Seger, Linda Ronstadt, Cher, Bob Dylan, Joe Cocker, Rod Stewart, the Staples Singers, Art Garfunkel, Traffic, Cat Stevens, Lynyrd Skynyrd and many more. Since the 2013 release of the critically-acclaimed documentary *Muscle Shoals*, more than 24,000 music enthusiasts from throughout the world have made pilgrimages to the iconic studio.

"We are grateful to Beats for supporting our community's efforts," said MSMF chair, Judy Hood. "Jimmy lovine, Dr. Dre, and Beats understand that the Muscle Shoals Sound Studio is magic. We are now protecting and preserving that distinct and authentic sound. The studio will be open to the public as well as to musicians for sessions. We expect both hit records as well as selfies of visitors from all of the world to come out of the Muscle Shoals Sound Studio." The foundation has also purchased land behind the studio for later development.

"Everyone who loves Muscle Shoals music owes an enormous debt to filmmakers Stephen Badger and Freddy Camalier for their documentary *Muscle*

*Shoals*. The financial support from Beats is a direct result of their film," said state tourism director, Lee Sentell.

Les Tillery of Fuqua & Partners Architects, B. H. Craig Construction, and Michael Cronin Acoustic Construction have come together to ensure a precise renovation while minimizing the amount of time the site will be closed to the public.

More information and photos will be released as the project progresses on the Muscle Shoals Music Foundation website, [msmusicfoundation.org](http://msmusicfoundation.org). Please visit the website for information regarding visiting hours including mandatory closure dates for construction. The Muscle Shoals Music Foundation's mission is to enhance the legacy and sustain the future of the legendary Muscle Shoals sound.

**Share...**

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said Macke Mauldin, president of Bank Independent. "We were especially touched by the extraordinary efforts of the folks at stuffthebus.org, whose drive contributed tremendously to our goal of benefiting local children."

Thirty Bank Independent volunteers collected school supply donations from the public August 8 at the "Pack the Bus" event at Walmarts on Hough Rd. in Florence and Beltline Rd. in Decatur.

Bank Independent presented the proceeds of the School Share drives to partner organizations for immediate distribution to local children. Locally, those were DHR in Lawrence and Limestone Counties and Sidney's Safe! Foundation in the Shoals. The UMC collections were also delivered to Sidney's Safe.



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includes a box lunch, awards, and silent auction afterward. Registration is \$75 per person or \$300 for a foursome. Registration is available online at [www.planmygolfevent.com/27718-MikeMitchellMemorialGolf/](http://www.planmygolfevent.com/27718-MikeMitchellMemorialGolf/)

Additional sponsorships and auction items are needed for the event. Auction items can be dropped off at the Muscle Shoals City Hall to Ricky Williams, Mitchell's father-in-law.

Mitchell was a 1991 graduate of Muscle Shoals High School. He served as class president his sophomore, junior, and senior years as well as being an outstanding football player.

He was a Lt. Col. in the U.S. Air Force Special Operations. The highly-decorated pilot was recognized for saving many lives. Mitchell was honored with a full military funeral as well as a large U.S. Air Force Memorial at his base in Florida.

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than thirty people about W.C. Handy's incredible contributions to Blues and early Jazz, and have captured at least that many performances of his classic songs by current artists. I feel that the memory of his great accomplishments is fading. I hope the film sends the message that while he lived and worked more than 100 years ago, W.C. Handy's story and his legacy are still alive and well today."

The filmmaker worked closely with the Kennedy-Douglass Center for the Arts, the Handy Home and Museum in Florence, and members of Handy's immediate family. The crew also interviewed Barbara Broach, Peggy and James Clay, Nancy Gonce, Dr. David Musselman and Professor Willie Ruff about their roles in the creation of the first W.C. Handy Music Festival in Florence in 1982.

The documentary features Blues luminaries Taj Mahal and Bobby Rush, as well as family members, historians, musicologists, and musicians.

"Mr. Handy's Blues: A Musical Documentary" is a production of Cinema South, a non-profit 501 C-3 corporation based in Nashville, TN.

Cinema South has received grants from the Alabama State Arts Council, the Alabama Tourism Department, and the Tennessee State Arts Commission as well as donations from private foundations and individuals for the production and promotion of the documentary.

The film is ready to be edited, and there is an Indiegogo online crowdfunding campaign to help with the costs of post production. To join the campaign and contribute to this intriguing portrait of the Father of the Blues, please go to <http://igg.me/at/mrhandysblues>.

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The law is clear on this point and I think that any suit filed would be unsuccessful. Nonetheless, don't make a statement and don't talk to other people about this experience without talking to your insurance company or your lawyer first. If you were my client, I would insist that you not make a statement and not talk to anyone about the incident including mothers, brothers, friends and Facebook.

The person who was traveling in the lane beside you has the right to sue the person who turned in front of them. They had the right of way and they should win their case. Don't signal other drivers' intentions and don't wave other drivers through.

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This year's song and talent contest concluded recently at the Family Theater in Lexington.

Grace Hand of Madison, Alabama is this year's \$2,500 scholarship recipient. She received a keyboard and saxophone and will receive free weekly lessons



Hand

from former Lexington High School band director, Darrell Glover. She will also be invited to sing and perform on her instruments in next year's talent expo event.

Former Rogersville resident now living in Madison, Dr. Yvette Meredith Bolen, was the top winner in the song contest. She won Songwriter of the Year honors, a gold record album and prizes valued at \$4,400.



Bolen

Yvette will be recording her new CD this fall at Glover Farm Recording Studio in Lexington. Her award-winning songs will be distributed and released to 200 radio stations worldwide. This year's contest.

## Bill for Craft Beer Event

SHOALS—Earlier this summer the State of Alabama House of Representatives passed House Joint Resolution 75, making the Shoals host to the State of Alabama Craft Beer Championship.

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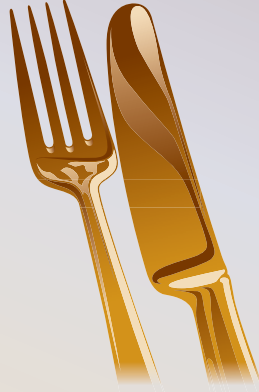
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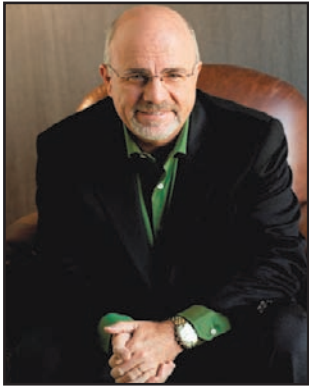
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Linda

Dear Linda,  
There's no way I'll ever tell you to lease or finance a car. You have a nice, peaceful financial life, and you don't want to mess that up.

New car leases are one of the biggest rip-offs on the planet. Consumer Reports, and my calculator, both say leasing is the most expensive way to operate a vehicle. And why would you want the hassle of car payments when you're in such good shape with your money?

I'm alright with you buying a new car, because for someone like you it's such a small portion of your overall financial picture. I advise people to always buy good, used cars unless they have a net worth of \$1 million or more, and you definitely fall into that category. Still, my advice is to pay cash or don't do the deal. You're more than able to do this every few years and not move the needle where your finances are concerned.

Go get that new, better car, Linda. Just don't go into debt to make it happen!  
—Dave

### NO, NO, NO!

Dear Dave,  
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Jeremy

Dear Jeremy,  
Are you serious? You're in a financial crisis, and you ask if it's okay to buy a rental property? No, no, no!

Right now, you guys are acting like Congress. You have a huge mess on your hands, and you're both going to have to work like crazy to clean it up. That means living on rice and beans for the foreseeable future. It means no vacations, and you should not see the inside of a restaurant unless you're working there to make extra money.

Again, no! You should not buy a rental property. Even if you did, this plan assumes that it's constantly occupied and the renter actually pays. Those are two pretty big assumptions. Use whatever money you have to get out of debt, and live simple, inexpensive lives until you get this behind you.

Stop trying to borrow your way through all of your dreams, Jeremy. Doing that will only turn those dreams into nightmares!  
—Dave

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**Commentary**

**Plastic Gloves Are Not the Cure All**

The laws differ from state to state, but restaurant patrons in the Shoals will see virtually all employees in the food preparation business wearing gloves. The law is intended to curb food-borne illnesses.

Intended is the operative term. Whether it is a traditional family dining establishment or a fast food prep line, many of the employees I've seen are far too casual in their preparation process.

Years ago it was about constant hand washing. Many of us were comfortable with that because workers seemed more conscientious and greater effort was made to prepare food with tongs and other utensils. The use of gloves has become health law, and that has become a detriment to precaution.

Watch where those gloves go sometimes... One sandwich business requires the handling of bread, meat, and vegetables along with an array of door handles and levers. Handling processed meat and vegetables means water and oil-based moisture getting handles wet over and over again. Food is handled with the same hands that grab the handles, sweep off the food prep surface, pick up and discard fallen cucumbers, wrap and bag up the food, etc.

A salad bar stocker at a nice chain restaurant came out wearing gloves and carrying several containers, each with a different variety of lettuce

See **GLOVES...** on Page 15

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**In A Few Words**



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**THIS WEEK**

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**THIS WEEK**



**Smith at AMHOF**

TUSCUMBIA—Celebrated music historian and journalist, Michael Buffalo Smith, will perform and sign copies of his new book *Rebel Yell: An Oral History of Southern Rock* at the Alabama Music Hall of Fame Saturday August 22 at 2pm. Joining Smith to perform will be Scott Boyer of the Decoys and Jay Johnson of Skinny Molly.

Smith is an author, music journalist, and performing songwriter from Spartanburg, SC. He grew up there during the '70s as southern rock boomed and his hometown heroes, The Marshall

See **REBEL...** on Page 29

**Lion Night**



**Lion Night 2014**  
Courtesy photo

FLORENCE—Florence Main Street has partnered with the UNA Student Government Association (SGA) and the University Program Council (UPC) to host Lion Night 2015 on Friday, August 21 from 6-11pm. Lion Night has become a special night for UNA

See **LION NIGHT...** on Page 29

**THE FLORENCE-LAUDERDALE PUBLIC LIBRARY** will host an exhibit and series exploring the significance and impact of the Emmett Till case on the Civil Rights Movement. The exhibit will be on display August 17-September 17. There will be a variety of lectures and discussions related to the exhibit. This project is supported by the UNA Department of History and the Muscle Shoals National Heritage Area. The 1955 murder of Emmett Till, a 14-year-old black male, was one of the most significant events of the Civil Rights Movement. In addition to displaying the exhibit, Florence-Lauderdale Public Library will also host a series of five discussions related to Emmett Till and the Civil Rights Movement. All events are free and open to the public. The first takes place Monday, August 24 at 6pm. 'So All the World Can See': Emmett Till and the Long Black Freedom Struggle - Dr. Ansley Quiros, UNA Assistant Professor of History.

**Founders Day Heroes**

KILLEN—Unsung Heroes of Killen is the theme for the annual Killen Founder's Day celebration this year on Friday and Saturday, August 21 and 22. This theme was chosen to honor the many men and women who have

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**Welcome Home to Appreciation Week**

KILLEN—Bank Independent welcomes home all residents of the Killen community August 17-21 for its first annual

Community Appreciation Week. Refreshments will be served in the lobby from 9am-5pm at the Killen branch,

located at 1081 Highway 72. "Our team can't wait to open

See **WELCOME...** on Page 25

**A NEW CELEBRATE RECOVERY** group is underway in Rogersville at the United Methodist Church each Tuesday. There will be a free dinner at 5:45pm and a meeting at 6:30. Our Celebrate Recovery is a chapter of Saddleback Church Celebrate Recovery. CR is a program that helps ANYONE with a hurt, habit or hang-up. Call 256-247-3307 or email Gene Hastey at ewhastey@outlook.com

**THE GREENHILL NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH** Meeting takes place August 25 at 7pm at the Greenhill Community Building next to fire dept. It is of the utmost importance that all new members come to this meeting and we have everyone involved. Everyone is welcome.

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**Not Acts of God**

To the Editor:

I have a problem with the courts and judges in this country.

If a tree falls on your house from your neighbor's yard, the court judge calls it an "act of God". How do you think God feels about that?

Everyone should read Jesus' words at John 10:10, "The thief comes but to kill, steal, and destroy." Jesus said, "I have come that they may have life, and they may have it more abundantly."

The devil is the thief, so the courts accuse God falsely.

Jesus did say that He "comes as a thief in the night" - He did not say He is a thief. (The devil is the thief.)

So a tree falling on your house can't be an act of God. The judges do err.

Lola Van Gamache  
Florence

**The Liberals' Tenets**

Editor:

I created a detailed version of the Tenets of Liberalism/Socialism in March/2002. Those tenets still hold true. Presented here is an abridged version to allow for publication.

1. Being in power is all that matters.

“Demonize conservatives at every opportunity; the media will champion your cause.”

2. You shall fear only truth.
3. Our ideas are superior to all others.
4. To further our agenda, you shall sort people by race, age, income, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation and physical condition.
5. When race baiting and conservative bashing doesn't work, you shall use the children.
6. Conscience being the greatest weakness of conservatives, you shall have none.
7. Bi-partisanship in politics means they do it our way.
8. When your position is indefensible you shall demonize and demagogue your opponent.
9. Your compassion shall run as deeply as your ability to tax.
10. In all matters involving a minority, you shall inject race.
11. In employment, wages, education, housing and criminal justice, only equal outcomes are acceptable.
12. Class envy, income redistribution, and GOP hatred for women shall be the

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Commentary

Gloves...

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or vegetables. She sat some down and started pouring the lettuce into an existing container sweeping, pulling it, and patting into place with her hand. She paused to move several serving tonks to the side, then resumed sweeping the lettuce out of the bowl and emptied other bowls in a similar manner.

A front counter employee at yet another fast food restaurant had a problem getting a transaction to process on her register. She called the shift manager to the front who happened to be preparing sandwiches in open view only a few feet behind the counter area. He came to the front, listened to the concern, and hit several register keys to solve the problem. Then he was right back preparing the food without changing his gloves.

Now that plastic gloves are required, workers wash their hands less, don't change gloves often enough, and don't seem to understand contamination.

Believe it or not, the New York State Health Department does not require workers to change gloves after handling money because, according to its website, food outbreak investigations have not identified the handling of money as a cause of illness. What idiot decided that?

Signs being required to remind food prep workers in the restrooms are troubling. That should be common sense... and a firing offense for non-compliance. However, some people are just not raised properly to wash hands, trim fingernails, and avoid contamination. In addition, many workers from other cultures simply do not observe the same hygiene ideals and food preparation precautions that most of us expect in the United States. That is another huge topic

unto itself.

I am still amazed at how many people born and raised in the U.S. use the restroom and don't wash their hands before walking back out into the restaurant. It has to be laziness, apathy, or ignorance.

In addition, the warm, moist environment created by trapped body heat inside every plastic glove is an ideal place for bacterium proliferation. Some gloves are also more susceptible to rips, pinch creases, pin holes, or other breaches. Bacteria can travel through the tiniest places. Long fingernails or rings which harbor more harmful bacteria than bare hands can also compromise disposable gloves.

Studies in the United Kingdom have concluded that gloved hands can contribute as much if not more bacteria to foods and food-preparation surfaces than bare hands. Gloves can be a cause of cross-contamination in food service if not changed often and if multi-step processes are not constantly adhered to.

California Governor Jerry Brown signed a bill that became law January 1, 2014 requiring all food prep workers to wear gloves in every instance. There was an instant backlash against the bare-hand ban. Within six months, the state assembly repealed the law and the California Senate voted 32-0 for repeal, reverting instead to the prior law that required food employees to minimize hand contact with ready-to-eat foods.

I think I would rather see hair nets than the current version of our glove laws. People are way too comfortable handling food with a gloved hand that has been in contact with too many surfaces. They are also less likely to take the most basic sanitary precautions.

I remember watching the folks at Subway wash their hands before every sandwich that was made.

That was more reassuring.

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# Junior Whirl

by Hal Kaufman

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1. Anne's watch is 10 minutes fast, and she thinks it's 5 minutes slow.
2. Jim's watch is 5 minutes slow, and he thinks it's 5 minutes fast.
3. Bill's watch is 5 minutes fast, and he thinks it's either correct or 5 minutes slow.

Who among the three will be likeliest to make the connection?

**CAMP SIGHT!** A local resident is causing a stir at the camp site above. Draw dot to dot to complete the scene.

• **SITE STUDY!** Studies made at a questionable dump site resulted in the capsulated report contained in the diagram at right.

Are you able to decode it? Give it a try.  
Hint: Starting at lower right-hand corner, read upward, then down next column, up next, etc.  
What does it say?

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**BRUSH UP!** Dobbin obviously likes to be brushed. Add these colors to the picture: 1—Red, 2—Lt. blue, 3—Yellow, 4—Lt. brown, 5—Flesh tones, 6—Dk. green, 7—Dk. brown, 8—Dk. blue

**Answers On Page 34**

• **HUE'S WHO!** Find a traffic light color in each sentence:  
1. The pig reentered the pen. 2. Let's hear it for education.  
3. I am Bermuda bound.

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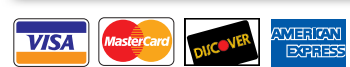
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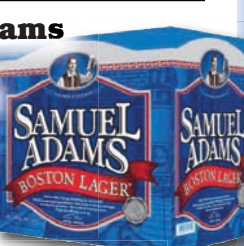
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**THE BOLD AND THE BEAUTIFUL** Ivy had some harsh words for Liam. Later, Liam interrogated Steffy more about the night that Aly died. Wyatt put Ivy on the spot about her commitment to their relationship. Ridge ran in to an old flame at lunch and confided in her about the trouble brewing within his family. Caroline unintentionally got Thomas to reveal Steffy's secret. Ridge and Katie rehashed the circumstances surrounding their failed engagement. Following Thomas's confession about Steffy's predicament, Caroline had a confession of her own regarding Ridge. *Wait to See: Rick and Maya return from their honeymoon.*

**DAYS OF OUR LIVES** Chad and Abigail had a fraught encounter. JJ took a big risk to get the goods on Kyle. Aiden and Clyde had a major showdown. Rafe contemplated another career change, which would put him back in Hope's orbit. Marlena was upset when she discovered that John had been keeping a secret. JJ's fate was left in Paige's hands. Tensions arose when Marlena confronted John about his plans for the future. Someone caught on to Rafe's feelings for Hope. JJ admitted to Paige that he still loved her. Clyde threatened Aiden. Victor visited Caroline at the hospital. *Wait to See: Nicole scores a major victory over Serena and Xander.*

**GENERAL HOSPITAL** Dillon and Lulu discussed their respective futures. Ava came clean with Julian after he witnessed a confrontation between her and Obrecht. Sonny and Carly's concerns about Morgan continued to escalate. Nina offered to sacrifice herself for Franco. Olivia continued to fret about revealing the truth about her baby. Molly worried about TJ living with Sonny. Scott figured out what Ava had been hiding. Nina confided in Nathan. Olivia and Sonny shared their suspicions about Julian. Sabrina and Michael discussed his family's history of bipolar disorder. *Wait to See: Jake and Little Jake spend time together.*

**THE YOUNG AND THE RESTLESS** Lily and Cane took steps toward mending their marriage. Dylan made a decision about his future after talking with Paul. Jack received an important message. Nikki planned a baby shower for Sage. Marco pretended to be Jack when he ran into at Marisa and

Noah at Chancellor Park. Shortly thereafter, Summer mentioned to Noah that Jack was supposed to be at the wedding. Summer got closer to solving the murders. Nikki asked Victoria how she could ever trust her father again. *Wait to See: Adam plans a fresh start with Chelsea away from Genoa City.*

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basis of our agenda.

13. An oft repeated lie will become accepted as truth. Therefore, you shall never stray from the "party" line.

14. An informed public being our greatest enemy, you shall use all means available to deceive the masses.

15. A biased, slothful, and liberal news media being our greatest ally, you shall cultivate and feed it daily.

16. As self-sufficiency is a mortal enemy of liberalism, you shall use your greatest efforts to create and maintain dependency.

17. To attain and keep power, you must have victims. Therefore, where none exist you must create them.

18. The words illegal aliens, Islamic terrorists, left wing radicals, Communism, and homosexuals are inflammatory words and shall never be used.

19. Demonize conservatives at every opportunity; the media will champion your cause.

20. You shall never encourage individual responsibility.

21. With the authority to tax and redistribute wealth being your ultimate power, you shall never relinquish this authority.

22. The religion, comfort, health, and US Constitutional rights of all captured terrorists must be maintained at all times.

23. Keep the flames of racial divisiveness and turmoil burning eternally. Your power and influence will depend on it.

24. Guns in the hands of law-abiding citizens shall be removed by any means available.

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Editor:

Heritage Foundation's Daily Signal reported on August 13 that two Republican states, Alabama and Louisiana, and one Democrat State, New Hampshire have recently denied taxpayers' money to Planned Parenthood

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# HOME & Garden IMPROVEMENT

**B**ird watching is a pastime enjoyed by people of all ages. While many people trek into the woods to see their favorite birds, homeowners can take steps to entice these fascinating and feathered friends right to their backyards.

Homeowners who want to attract birds to their properties can do so by providing the birds food, shelter and places to wash up or cool off. Installing a bird feeder and a bird bath in your yard is one way to attract a bevy of winged creatures that can provide hours of enjoyment.

Establishing a bird-friendly environment may seem as simple as hanging a feeder on a pole or tree and erecting a bird bath nearby. But a certain level of maintenance is needed to keep birds healthy and happy.

According to the experts at the Bird Watcher's Digest, recent research indicates feeders can sometimes be a source of disease for the birds visiting them. The Audubon Society echoes that warning, saying that bird feeders and baths can serve as transmission stations for diseases such as aspergillosis, avian pox and salmonellosis.

Such warnings are not meant to deter budding birding hobbyists. Organizations like the Audubon Society hope that such warnings send the message that disinfection and maintenance is necessary to maintain sanitary environments for birds. Doing so is relatively easy and well worth the time for birding enthusiasts.

The Humane Society of the United States advises cleaning hanging feeders once every two weeks or more often if they're

## MAINTAINING BIRD FEEDERS & BATHS

heavily used. Ground-feeding designs should be cleaned every two days. Feeders can be immersed in a very-diluted solution of bleach to water (nine parts water to one part bleach). Let soak for a few minutes, and then scrub with a stiff brush or scouring pad before rinsing. Allow the feeder to dry completely before refilling it with seed.

- Bird baths should be emptied of water each day. Brush or wipe the bath clean, then rinse and refill with fresh water. Leaving water overnight can lead to a breeding ground for mosquitoes and other parasites.

Frequently collect discarded seed hulls and clean bird droppings from beneath feeders. If the area around the feeder has become especially soiled, relocate the feeder elsewhere and clean its initial location.

- Follow proper instructions with regard to seed and other bird food. Reduce the amount of suet offered in hot weather. Heat can cause suet to spoil, and sticky suet can become stuck in birds' feathers and make it hard for them to keep clean.

- Try to provide more than one feeder and bird bath to prevent overcrowding. Crowding

can contribute to the spread of disease.

- Do not situate feeders and bird baths under perches where they can be soiled by droppings.

- If you notice birds look sick or are not acting strangely, halt feeding and bathing to prevent healthy birds from becoming ill. Wait a week before resuming feeding and notify wildlife officials if you find dead or sick birds around your property.

- Locate feeders and baths at least 30 feet away

from windows so birds do not get confused by reflections and collide with the glass.

- Store seed in a dry container with a tight-fitting lid to prevent mold from forming and moisture from getting in.

Creating a thriving habitat for bird watching is easier than one might think. But once birds begin visiting a yard, homeowners must diligently maintain clean feeders and bird baths to ensure the birds stay as healthy as possible.





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## Killen...

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volunteered through the years to help make our community better and stronger. So often they have received no recognition, but they served willingly and tirelessly. The Grand Marshal is Morris Killen, a long-time volunteer who will lead the parade on Friday night at 6pm. The parade route is along J.C. Mauldin Highway from Brooks Elementary to the Foodland Marketplace.

Opening ceremonies will begin in the Killen Park at 7:30pm. Musical entertainment will begin at 8pm with the KGB Band kicking off the weekend. The local favorites play an array of music from country to classic rock to bluegrass to gospel. They cover anything from Motown to Merle Haggard.

Saturday will be full of activities starting with the 5K Run which will begin at First Baptist Church in Killen. The car show will be an early morning Cruise-In of antiques, classic cars, and trucks from 9am-noon in the upper parking lot at the park surrounding the tennis courts at Killen Park. Other fun activities include the Watermelon Seed Spitting Contest, Corn Hole Toss, Singles and Doubles

Horseshoe Tournaments, and the Fashion Show sponsored by Belk. There will be wonderful food along with plenty of Arts and Crafts and even fun rides for the kids.

Saturday has a full lineup of musical entertainment starting at 1pm. There will be featured many of our local talent going through 5pm at which time we will begin the Fashion Show. Chad Bradford from Hatton, Alabama will perform at 6pm. Chad is one of the most promising up and coming artists out right now. His music is a reminder that not everybody has forgotten what it means to be country.

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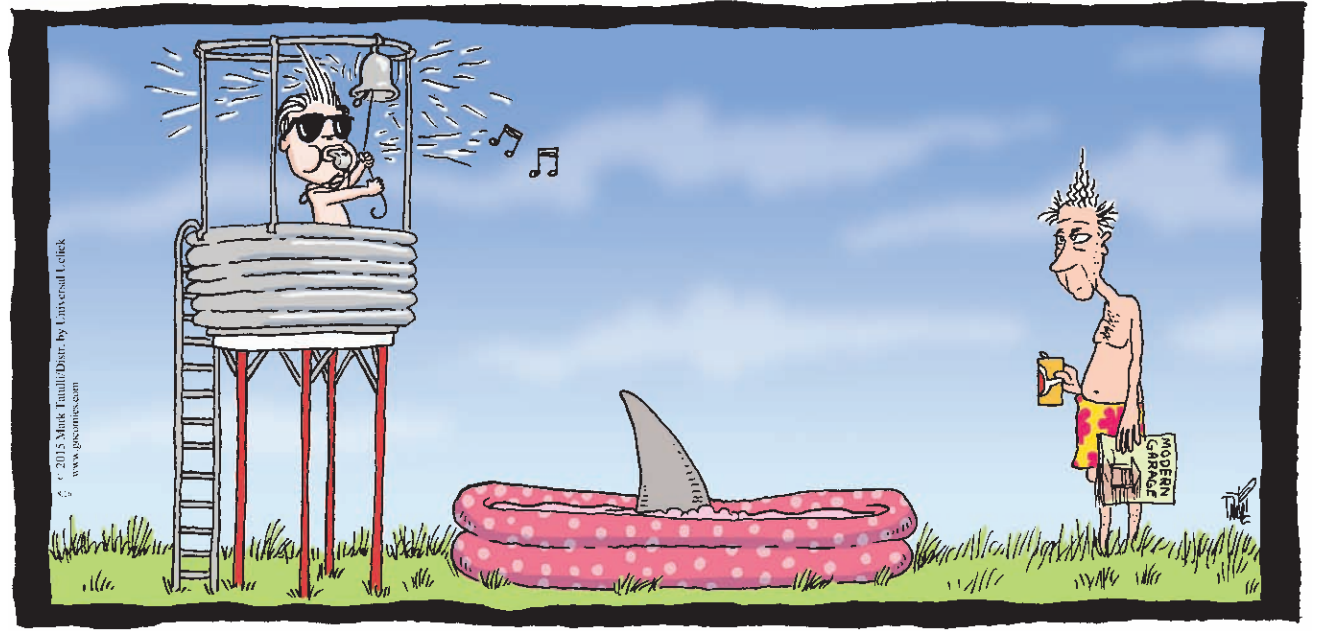
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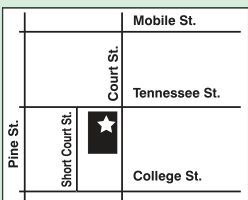



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Many national parks limit the presence of dogs, but Acadia is a beautiful exception

By Kim Campbell Thornton  
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There were dogs everywhere: on trails, on top of Cadillac Mountain, kayaking on a lake and enjoying lunch with their people at Jordan Pond House. Where were we? Acadia National Park, on Maine's rugged coastline.

Last year, I wrote about taking pets to national parks. It can be done, but for the most part, pets are limited in where they can go. They are usually banned from all but paved trails, as well as lodges and visitor centers (although they can walk around outside them).

An exception is dog-friendly Acadia. The 74-square-mile park encompasses much of Mount Desert Island, and its features include ocean shoreline, lakes, forests and Cadillac Mountain, the highest point on the north Atlantic coast. Dogs must be on a leash for their safety and that of wildlife, but that said, they have access to 100 miles of hiking trails and 45 miles of crushed-rock carriage roads, which are shared by hikers, bicyclists and horse-drawn vehicles. Dogs are allowed on carriage roads and on most trails; exceptions include difficult trails such as Precipice and Beehive, which require climbing iron ladders or rungs or crossing narrow ridges along cliff edges. The east side of Jordan Pond trail isn't recommended for dogs, either; as we discovered, it requires quite a bit of scrambling over boulders.

While we saw a pair of Brittany spaniels kayaking with their people, neither dogs

nor people are allowed to swim in most of the lakes because they are public water supplies. Echo Lake and Sand Beach restrict pets during summer. Other restricted areas include the Wild Gardens of Acadia and public buildings.

Dog-friendly excursions include horse-drawn tours of the carriage roads, a windjammer cruise on the Margaret Todd, a trip on a lobster boat and a nature cruise of Frenchman Bay. Leashed dogs may also ride the Island Explorer Buses that go to, from and through the park.

Pets are permitted at Seawall and Blackwoods campgrounds. If that's a little too rustic for you, the town of Bar Harbor and surrounding areas have several pet-friendly accommodations, including cottages through Ryan Estate Rentals, Balance Rock Inn (which has a steep pet fee) and chains such as Holiday Inn and Quality Inn.

Dawn Celapino of San Diego and her cairn terrier Jack visited Acadia on a recent 10-week road trip to promote fitness for people and dogs (Jack's Journey USA). When they weren't driving through the park or hiking in the rain, they parked their RV at Hadley's Point Campground, a few miles west of Acadia. Amenities included a laundry facility and Wi-Fi.

An alternative suggested by Marie C. Taylor in her book "Doggy Walks and Destinations: Acadia National Park and Vicinity" is to board your dog at a kennel with in/out privileges so you can take him



When you visit a national park with your dog, follow the rules so other pet owners can continue to enjoy its beauty.

on some outings but still have a place for him to stay if you go somewhere he can't. Boarding him also increases your choice of lodgings.

Ironically, our dogs didn't accompany us on this trip. Flying one of them cross-country, let alone three, just wasn't in the cards, but if we go back, we'll definitely hope to bring them along.



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- Residents at One Brooklyn Bridge Park condominium complex in Brooklyn, New York, are facing an inescapable poop patrol: they must now have their dogs' DNA tested and registered. Owners can no longer get away with not cleaning up their dogs' feces, urine and vomit. Using forensic science in the form of a product called Poo Prints, building management can identify scofflaws and levy \$250 fines per incident. Overall, the program has proven to be a significant deterrent, reports The New York Times. Since enforcement began in May, seven matches have been made.
- You probably haven't given your pet's microchip much thought since it was implanted. Out of sight, out of mind, right? But it's a good idea to check the status of your pet's chip annually during his veterinary exam. You may need to update your address or phone number, for instance. Without accurate information in the registration database, your pet may not be returned to you if he's ever lost. And if your pet isn't already 'chipped, that's something to schedule at his next visit. In combination with a collar and tag, it's the best way to ensure his safe return.
- The spotted Egyptian mau may well descend from the cats worshipped by ancient Egyptians. Who wouldn't worship a cat depicted on a 3,400-year-old tomb as retrieving a duck? The present-day mau loves to fetch toys and is a highly competent hunter of live prey if given the chance. Reserved toward strangers, he is fiercely loyal to his family and chortles to them in a quiet, melodious voice. The mau's medium-length coat has silky, fine fur in silver, bronze, smoke and black, plus blue versions of those colors. His light-colored eyes are described as gooseberry green.

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## Lion Night...

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students to explore downtown businesses and have a chance to win cash prizes.

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For the finale of Lion Night, Main Street and SGA invite all students and members of the community to join us for Laff with Us in Downtown, a special event

at the Shoals Community Theatre at 123 N Seminary Street, beginning at 9pm. The Laff Company, an improv comedy troupe from Oxford, Mississippi, is coming to downtown to make everyone laugh! Before they take the spotlight, local comedians of Florence Duell F. Aldridge and Brian Johnson will perform as opening acts.

Admission to Laff with Us in Downtown is free to UNA students with a current Mane Card. A limited number of tickets is available for general admission at the box office: \$5 for adults, children 12 years and younger get in free. The comedy show will be family friendly.

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## Rebel...

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Tucker Band, were at the top of their game. Even then, Smith was sowing the seeds that would one day have him referred to as the Ambassador of Southern Rock.

Smith's first book, *Carolina Dreams: The Musical Legacy of Upstate SC*, was published in 1997. It featuring a history of the Marshall Tucker Band and all the other great music that came from the region. Smith began writing for various regional and national publications including *Rolling Stone*, *Mojo*, *Relix*, *The Atlanta Journal Constitution*, *Y'all*, and many others. When CMT needed a southern rock authority, they enlisted Smith.

Released in September, 2012, *Prisoner of Southern Rock*, with a foreword by Billy Bob Thornton, was published by the prestigious Mercer University Press of Macon, Georgia. His latest book is also on the Mercer imprint.

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I'm sure you've all been in a similar situation before. When you're a homeowner, you sometimes have to deal with replacing big ticket items, and purchasing those items doesn't give you the incredible feeling of excitement that you would've gotten from spending the same money on something you can enjoy—a boat, a vacation, etc. Not just for your own immediate comfort, but for the buyer down the road, the expense is necessary.

You see, buyers have great expectations for the property they are looking for. No matter if the amount they're spending is a little or a whole lot, there are certain expectations that must be met. Unless you're selling your home "as is," at a deeply discounted price, things should be in good working order. The roof, HVAC, appliances, plumbing, electrical, and other areas of the home should be serviceable and well maintained. Putting a new roof on your house will not thrill you, but when a future buyer is considering your home versus others, that newish roof could be a real point on your side. It can also mean the difference in spending a little money along the way as opposed to a big chunk of change just before closing. Or, worst case scenario, losing the sale.

You may be intrigued by the mention above of selling "as is." Don't be fooled, this almost never means that you have to do nothing. Even a home sold "as is" must pass certain inspections in order for a buyer to secure financing on that home. So unless you're selling to a rare cash buyer, you could still be responsible for making some repairs before closing. And don't forget the deeply discounted price I talked about. Buyers willing to deal with an "as is" are expecting a DEAL.

While not taking away the sting completely, I hope this helps a little. That money you have to spend on your home's maintenance is not as immediately gratifying as, say, a kitchen remodel. While not exciting, it's still money well spent. - mr

Please feel free to send your questions. Rest assured I will only use your first name when I answer your questions. Email to: [questions@mikerandallhomes.com](mailto:questions@mikerandallhomes.com) or mail to:

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## Midway Church of Christ Where We Stand

**We want to let you know where the Midway Church of Christ stands on various topics.**

We are open to having a bible study to answer any questions you may have. We also want to invite you to visit our worship services. You will find the Christians at Midway trying to do what the Lord says. We are a loving and friendly congregation who try to portray the character of Christ (John 13:35).

**We Stand for the Unity of All Believers**

The religious world is filled with division because churches have taught the commandments of men and some have even named themselves after mere men (Matthew 15:7-9; 1 Corinthians 1:10-13). Church creed books have been elevated above the inspired Scriptures causing various denominations to form. If individuals and churches would only teach and follow God's Word they would be unified (1 Corinthians 14:33). We stand for only having the Bible as our rule of faith and only calling ourselves Christians (1 Peter 4:11; Acts 11:26). Truth alone can unite all believers in Jesus (Philippians 3:16; John 17:17-23).

**We Stand for Jesus Christ**

We believe Jesus is God and that He created all things (John 1:1-4, 13; Colossians 1:15-16). Jesus came to this earth performing many miracles to prove He was from Heaven (Acts 10:38; Colossians 2:9). Jesus never sinned (1 Peter 2:21-25). He also demonstrated a great love for all people and worked to save everyone's soul from Hell (Luke 19:10). Jesus died for our sins and was resurrected from the dead (1 Corinthians 15:3). He will one day judge the world (Acts 17:30-31). We stand for imitating Jesus Christ in doing good works and not disobeying the commandments of God.

**We Stand Against Sin**

Sin is the transgression of God's Law and it separates man from God (1 John 3:4; Isaiah 59:2). Sin will condemn many to Hell (Matthew 7:21-29). We stand opposed to all doctrines that are contrary to the teachings of Christ (Galatians 1:6-10; 2 John 9). We stand opposed to the works of flesh such as hatred, jealousies, outburst of wrath, selfish ambitions, drunkenness and a host of other things (Galatians 5:19-21). We also speak out against sexual sins (premarital sex, adultery, and homosexuality). We want to see souls saved rather than condemned by God so we stand very firmly against sin (1 Corinthians 6:9-10).

**We Stand for Scriptural Worship**

We strive to worship God exactly as He has said He wants to be worshipped (John 4:24). You will find our worship services very simple in nature. We partake of the Lord's Supper (1 Corinthians 11:23-34) and give as the Lord has prospered us on the first day of every week (1 Corinthians 16:1-2). We sing songs of praise to God and make melody in our hearts (Ephesians 5:19). We pray (Acts 2:42). We only teach and preach the Word of God (2 Timothy 4:1-5). We keep in the forethought of our minds those in scripture who did not do exactly as the Lord had commanded in worship and were rejected by God (Genesis 4:3-7; Leviticus 10:1-2).

**We Stand for the Church being the Church of Christ**

The church belongs to Jesus Christ (Matthew 16:18-19). He is the head of the church (Ephesians 1:22-23). Jesus' words alone are to be executed in the church which bears His name (Romans 16:16). All things that are believed, taught, and done should be by the authority of Jesus or in His name (Colossians 3:17). Our attention is not given to all kinds of entertainment as do many who love pleasure more than God (2 Timothy 3:1-5). Many churches have become little more than social and recreation clubs designed for the pleasure of their members (Romans 14:17; Galatians 1:10). We want to be completely guided by Jesus and His desires for the church. We therefore focus on teaching God's truth and helping people get to Heaven (Matthew 28:18-20).

**We Stand for the Plan of Salvation that is recorded in Scripture**

A person must hear the word of God which creates faith in them (Romans 10:17). They must believe in the Lord Jesus Christ (Acts 16:30-33). They must repent of their sins (Acts 2:38). They must confess the Lord Jesus with their mouth (Romans 10:8-11). They must be baptized which is by immersion (Romans 6:4-buried) and for the washing away of sins (Acts 22:16). We stand for a man's need to believe and be baptized in order to be saved because Jesus stands for this truth (Mark 16:16). We also believe a person must be faithful until death to receive the crown of eternal life (Rev. 2:10).

**We hope you will stand with us to help support Jesus and the Truth.**



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**LifeSouth Blood Drives - August**  
 Wednesday, August 19, 1-7pm, Burkes Outlet, 519 W Avalon Ave., Muscle Shoals  
 Thursday, August 20, 9am-4:30pm, Colbert County Court House, 201 N Main St., Tusculmbia  
 Friday, August 21, 12-7pm, Wal-Mart, 13675 Hwy 43, Russellville  
 Saturday, August 22, 12-8pm, Killen Founder's Day, Killen Park, Killen  
 Sunday, August 23, 11am-6pm, Gander Mountain, 340 Seville St., Florence  
 Monday, August 24, 12-7pm, Wal-Mart, 13675 Hwy 43, Russellville  
 Tuesday, August 25, 10am-5pm, UNA - Alpha Phi Alpha, Flowers Hall, Florence  
 Wednesday, August 26, 2-6:30pm, Florence Blvd Church of Christ, 2502 Florence Blvd., Florence  
 Wednesday, August 26, 9am-1:30pm, Kmart, 105 Cox Creek Pkwy, Florence

**The Jackson-Carroll Parker Reunion**  
 Saturday, August 22 at noon, at North Carolina Church of Christ activity building. Please bring a covered dish.

**Friends and graduates of Waterloo High School** are invited to the 42nd Annual Banquet August 29. The Social Hour begins at 5pm. The all you can eat (as long as it lasts) turkey and dressing buffet begins at 6pm.

The 1965 and 1990 classes will gather in their special room, during the social hour to share their stories and hugs. They are encouraged to select the more flavorful memories to share with all, when they are recognized during the banquet for a lot of memorable laughs. You are encouraged to bring memorabilia saved from your years at Waterloo. Find your classmates on the net and encourage them to come!  
 Contacts: email: marthamosakowski@att.net; phone 256-767-1118 or mail donations Waterloo Alumni President, C/O Sylvia Orrick, 2460 Co. Rd. 1 Waterloo, AL 35677

**Sweetwater Depot**, 520 South Royal Ave., Florence, will have Live Music on Saturday, August 22 with performances by EG Kight, Michael "Buffalo" Smith, and Shoals Blues Band. Tickets are \$10 in advance or \$15 at the door. Doors open at 8pm, music at 8:30pm.

EG Kight and The Blues South Band took the stage at the 2015 Blues Music Awards in Memphis, TN and rocked the house with her contemporary blues style. She was also nominated for the Koko Taylor Award for 2015 As a respected rising star in the blues world, she has been nominated six other times in various categories for a Blues Music Award. As far as a rising star goes, EG Kight was named one of the Top Five Blues Artists of 2014 by AXS.com.  
 For more info call: 256-443-1297.

**Longshore Cycle Center** will be hosting the 3rd Annual Ride for Kids benefit ride on Saturday, August 29. Registration opens at 9am, with kickstands up at 10am. This year's ride should be about 45 miles and will stop by North Alabama Christian Children's Home before returning to Longshore Cycles. Free dogs and brats lunch will be provided at noon for all participants. Over \$1000 in door prizes will be awarded including jackets, helmets, and much more! The cost is \$20 for single rider, and \$5 for passengers. There will also be a 50/50 drawing. All proceeds will be donated to the North Alabama Christian Children's Home!

**The Greater Shoals Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA)** will meet on Thursday, August 27, at 5:30pm at Sweet Basil Cafe, 1627 Darby Drive in Florence. For more info, call 256-247-5234 or 256-383-4204.

**Jacksonburg Church of Christ** will host **Ladies Day** at 9am Saturday, August 29. The speaker will be Judy Abrams, of Tusculmbia Church of Christ, on the subject, "Sowing God's Love." Registration and breakfast is 9-10am, with the program 10am-noon. 414 Lauderdale 28 - just off Chisholm Road.

**Northwest Alabama Reading Aides** in conjunction with the American Stroke Assoc. and ECM Hospital sponsors a Stroke support Group for stroke survivors and their caregivers on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of every month at the Reading Aides Office, 501 N. Seminary St. Please call Jim at 256-766-5709 for more info.

**5th Saturday Night Singing** at 2nd Baptist Church Sheffield, corner of 5th and Frankfort, Saturday, August 29 at 6:30pm. Featuring The Caltons. Everyone welcome.

**Shoals Labor Council** invites the community to Labor Day in the Park at 11am on Monday, September 7 at Spring Park in Tusculmbia and a Parade down Main Street at 10am to honor the working men and women in our area. Free music by the area group "The Hitmen". Prizes given away and recognition of our Labor Day Award Recipients. Come out and enjoy the day. More info call 256-383-2758 Monday-Friday, 8am-12noon.

**The Kennedy Douglas Brown Bag Lunch Meeting** will be 11:30am-1pm on Friday, September 11 at The Kennedy Douglas Center for the Arts, 217 East Tusculooosa Street in Florence. Beverages and desserts will be furnished. At 12noon our speaker will be Barbara Broach, Exec. Director of Kennedy Douglas. For questions, please call 256-760-6379.

**Singing River Squares Dance Club** is sponsoring on going beginning square dance classes. Plus level dancing on Friday 6-7pm. Beginner class 7-8:30pm and the Callers Choice from 8:30-9pm. For more information call The Club at 256-760-6642 M-F, 8am-5pm. Ladies, gentleman, couples, singles and families are welcomed to try a great family fun activity.

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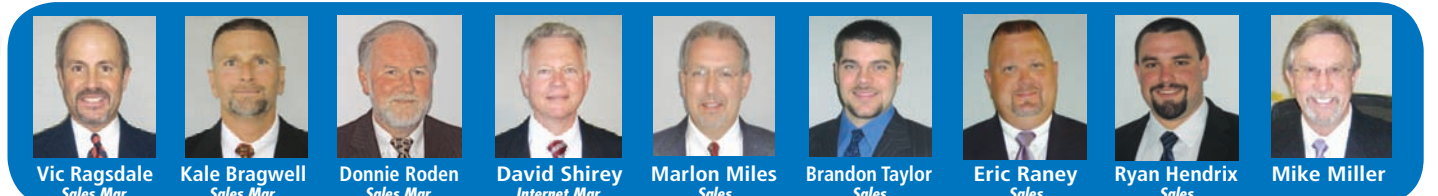


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