Wilson Takes State Post

MONTGOMERY- Former Florence-Lauderdale tourism director, Debbie Wilson, will become North Alabama regional director for tourism and the manager of the state's welcome center program according to last week's announcement from state tourism director, Lee Sentell.

Wilson resigned her Florence-Lauderdale position January 13 after serving in the position for twenty years. She will join the state agency February 16. She will supervise forty people at eight information centers on interstates at the state borders and will create displays that communicate messages to five million visitors each year.

Sentell said Governor Robert Bentley instructed cabinet members to recruit the best possible people for senior positions during his second term which begins next Monday. "I approached Debbie several months ago and didn't stop until she agreed,"

Sentell said. Wilson will remain involved with the Shoals community as the North Alabama regional director. The state tourism Wilson agency assigns a

staff member to be a liaison with each of the state's four regions.

'I've worked with Debbie for most of the twenty years she has been at Florence-Lauderdale Tourism. She is a creative, high energy professional who is totally committed to our industry... She will be fantastic in her new role," Sentell added.

20 Ounce 14U Nets \$2,566

FLORENCE-The Tuscumbia Division of Buffalo Rock-Pepsi recently presented a check to the Community Action Agency on behalf of the Shoals Meals on Wheels program for \$2,566. The check represents proceeds from a holiday season Pepsi Challenge fundraiser.

The Courier Journal, Shoals Radio Group, and Big River

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SHEFFIELD-Over 1400 toys and \$500 in cash and gift cards were collected in the Shoals area during the fourth annual Bank Independent and WAFF-48 Toy Share toy drive. This surpassed 2013 donations. All donations in the Shoals were presented to the William Porter Foundation and Safeplace of the Shoals for distribution to local families prior to Christmas Day.

"We have seen the donations to our Toy Share drive grow every year since we started the program. Watching the community continue to give back to their neighbors has been

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New Women's Center Helps Consolidate

reast Health

FLORENCE - Eliza Coffee Memorial Hospital will celebrate the opening Wednesday of a dedicated out-patient center designed to meet the health needs of women in the Shoals and beyond.

The Tri-State Center for Breast Health at ECM East consolidates recommended annual

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12 for Life Banner for Florence High

MONTGOMERY - Florence High School has been selected as a 2014 CLAS Banner School. The CLAS Banner School program was created in 2001 to recognize schools **CLAS** Alabama that showcase outstanding programs and service to students. There were 152 schools or programs

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Liz Johnson and Wanda Lamp **Grant for TEF** present a check to Dr. Jimmy **Gardiner, President of the Tuscumbia Education Foundation,** on behalf of the Enterprise Holdings Foundation. In November 2014 the **Tuscumbia Education Foundation** awarded thirty-two grants to the Tuscumbia City Schools totaling \$38,387. Their fund-raising goal for 2015 is \$50,000. Enterprise Holdings Foundation will be a **Superintendent's Circle level** corporate sponsor, having donated \$2,500 to TEF for the upcoming year. Courtesy photo

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The fundraiser fell a little short of the \$3,000 goal, according to local Buffalo Rock GM, **Mike** Hamilton. However, Hamilton plans on taking a little bit different approach as he prepares for the 2015 campaign. He plans on approaching the fundraiser differently later this year.

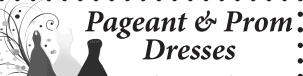
Meals on Wheels program director, **Eva Graham**, said the fundraiser was a big help. She said, "I have a waiting list and I want to get those people on the program as fast as I can." The medical community is also referring older patients to the Meals on Wheels program when they are released. However, with more private funds still to come in for the new year, Graham is hopeful she can feed more people this year. "We've had several new people who have joined the effort to try to

fund the program."
You also may donate to the Community Action Center of North Alabama by mailing a check a check for Meals on Wheels to 745 Thompson St. Florence, AL

Site Review at NWSCC

PHIL CAMPBELL - Northwest-Shoals Community College will host a site review January 21-23 for continuing accreditation of its Associate Degree Nursing Program by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN).

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While the holidays typically bring a slowdown to blood donations, this winter's flu epidemic and the cold weather in the southeast cut even deeper into the blood supply. LifeSouth Community Blood Centers is now in emergency need for blood. Donations are down 40% from where the supply needs to be to provide hospitals with enough blood for patients. This has especially impacted the supply of Type O blood which is needed most.

O-negative is the universal blood type that can be used by anyone in emergencies. O-positive can be used by anyone with a positive blood type. The Centers for Disease Control reported in early January that 43 states, including Florida, Georgia and Alabama, are experiencing either high or widespread flu activity.

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Open Enrollment will take place through February 15, 2015. Information sessions will begin this month to highlight the Health Insurance Marketplace application process, tips, and success stories. All sessions are free and open to the public.

Enrollment sessions will be held at the following dates and times at the Muscle Shoals Public Library:

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The schools honored include:

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Leaders in Alabama Schools

an incredible experience," said Bill Howard, Bank Independent Shoals Area President. "I want to thank everyone who helped make our 2014 Toy Share drive such a great success.'

Since the Bank Independent Toy Share drive was introduced in 2011 as the Joy of Sharing, both participation and community need continued to increase. This year a total of 3400 toys and over \$800 in donations were collected at Bank Independent's 28 locations across northwest Alabama.

In addition to the William Porter Foundation and Safeplace of the Shoals, recipient Share organizations included the Angel Tree Program

partnership with Lexington High School, Committee on Church Morgan Cooperation of County, North Alabama Christian Children's Home, Department of Human Resources of Franklin Department County, Human Resources Lawrence County, Department of Human Resources of Limestone County and Rogersville Volunteer Fire Department.

PAGE ONE PHOTO: left to right with just a portion of the toys collected are Bank Independent's Selina Swinea and Hillary West, **Elaine White and Melanie** Vick of Safeplace, and **Debbie Gardner of Bank** Independent.

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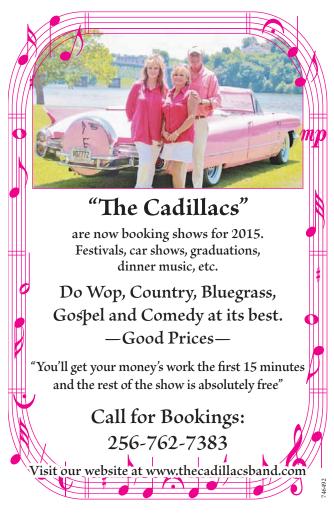
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DAYS OF OUR LIVES JJ flipped out when he found Paige getting close to an old foe of his. Melanie told Daniel about her decision to date Brady. Rafe impulsively pulled Jordan into a kiss. JJ and Eve shared another heated moment. Daniel expressed major concern about Melanie seeing Brady. Chad, feeling betrayed by Jordan, retaliated in a sneaky way. Ben was arrested. Jennifer became suspicious when she unexpectedly found JJ and Eve together. Nicole met with her mysterious source, who gave her a tip about Serena. The war escalated between Victor and Clyde. Wait to See: Chad realizes he's made a terrible mistake.

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new friend at Shadybrook. Ava

awakened from a nightmare and realized that someone was cryptically watching over her. Lulu offered Morgan a job. Wait to See: Nina realizes that she's in danger.

THE YOUNG AND THE **RESTLESS** Avery asked Dylan to back down from the fight over the coffeehouse. Phyllis warned Kelly to stop playing games. Billy told Chelsea there was something about Gabriel he didn't trust. Ashley asked Stitch if he shared private information about Jabot with Victoria, but he denied it. Adam urged Sage to keep her end of the deal and press Nick for information on Gabriel's past. Lauren confided in Jill about Michael's condition. Summer and Fen met in the coffeehouse and proceeded to get into an argument about Austin. Later, Fen asked Kevin if he had feelings for Mariah. Wait to See: Nikki's drinking gets out of control.



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Commentary

The Right Time to Take a High Road

ebbie Wilson has been the executive director of Florence-Lauderdale Tourism for twenty years. I was among a few dozen people in the mayor's conference room the day Eddie Frost held the press conference for the announcement. I did not know

announcement. I did not know Debbie beforehand. However, she had a contagious attitude and we could tell she couldn't wait to get started. After the news conference, I told the mayor that I thought he had made a good choice. He smiled and said, "I think so."

He was right.

Twenty years later Florence-Lauderdale Tourism is used as



OM MAGAZ Editor

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An Impressive Run

he Lauderdale County girls basketball team has won eleven state championships. That is more than any other boys or girls team in Alabama. They have two different back-to-back championship runs under two different coaches, Larry Sinyard from 1991-1993 and Brant Llewellyn from 2012-2014.

The current team has an array of players whose talents, tenacity, and basketball acumen routinely overwhelm opponents. Among those players is a set of identical triplets, Emma,

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FLORENCE - On Stage Concert Series is proud to present The StepCrew in performance on January 27 at the University of North Alabama's Norton Auditorium. The StepCrew is a sensational new Celtic inspired

evening with six of the most charismatic dancers performing today. Led by the Pilatske Brothers (Jon & Nathan) from Ontario, The StepCrew is the first of its kind to combine three unique styles of dance: Irish Step, traditional tap dancing, and the extraordinary Ottawa Valley Step dancing.

The group takes Celtic

The group takes Celtic dance to the next level as

the production demonstrates with flair and humor the similarities between these various forms. It introduces the loose-limbed and hilariously virtuosic Ottawa Valley style. The Pilatske Brothers and Cara Butler are well-known by fans of The Chieftains, having toured with them for over a decade. This is a Celtic show unlike any other.

Two Will Present at TVHS Meet

T U S C U M B I A - T h e Tennessee Valley Historical Society will hold its winter quarterly meeting at 2:30pm on Sunday, January 25 at the Helen Keller Library Conference Room located on North Main Street in Tuscumbia. There will be two complementary presentations.

The first, in recognition of Black History Month, will feature TVHS Vice President, Rev. Dr. David E. Gregg's power-point presentation: "The Genesis of Black Schools and Education in the Shoals Area (circa 1866)."

This comprises a timeline snapshot of history and events covering a couple of cross river institutions: Burrell Slater School in Florence and the Colored School of Tuscumbia, as it was commonly referred to during the early 1900's.

Gregg is pastor of the Florence Blvd. Baptist Church in Florence and has researched Civil War history for more than 35 years.

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THIS WEEK

HERITAGE PRESERVATION INC. (HPI), THE COMMUNITY-BASED HISTORIC PRESERVATION **ORGANIZATION** for Florence and Lauderdale County, will host its annual public meeting on Sunday, January 25 at 2pm in the meticulously-restored Keystone Business Centre building at 205 South Seminary Street in downtown Florence. The ninety-minute meeting will feature a presentation by Mr. David Breland of Decatur, Alabama, who will talk about the guidelines for preservation/ restoration of structures that are used in his city. Refreshments will be served and a tour of the fine old building which was originally a cotton exchange will be conducted for those who wish. For further information, contact: Billy Warren, President of Heritage Preservation, Inc. at 256-768-3031 or email bwarren@florencek12.org

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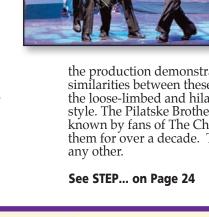
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Did You Live Through It?

LIONS!

Editor:

In her letter of January 14, Irene Billingham wonders why sexually abused victims don't tell or why they wait for months or years to tell.

It is obvious that you have never had it happen to you. You should be thankful for that.

You need to look at how these types of cases are handled in the 'justice' system.

Girls and women are bashed for how they dress, who they talk to, or how they may act. They are treated as if they were asking for it. They are usually dragged through the mud by defense lawyers trying to get the pigs they represent out of criminal charges. Then you have the threats that are made to the one molested or raped. For instance, "Your family will be killed," "Nobody will believe you," "I will return to do it over again or make it so you are never seen again." Any threat they think will keep the victim from spilling. Nine times out of ten



The idea that if we make nice

with an enemy that he / she will tell us everything we wish is a fantasy.

times those threats work.

In addition, these cases aren't about the sexual side. Rather, it is about control over the victim. The assault takes part of the person and makes them feel ashamed and dirty. Sometimes the assault is so harsh the person's only protection is making their mind go to a place that protects them. Sometimes the truth doesn't come out for months or years because of how far back in the mind the person shoved it.

As a SURVIVOR of child molestation

and rape, I can tell you that it never goes away. It makes trusting another person even tougher and you are treated like you are damaged goods.

you are damaged goods.

Before you want to judge why it takes a victim so much time to tell, try asking a person who lived through it.

Also, the perverts do know right from wrong. They just choose to not do the right things.

Tracy Lieb Waterloo

Education is Not 'Truth'

Dear Editor:

With so much false teaching and perversion of the Scripture, it is no wonder that a massive amount of people are confused and are increasingly becoming unconcerned about religious things.

How long a person has been

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Commentary

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a template for other agencies in Alabama. It is among the most respected in the southeast and Wilson has a lot to do with that.

However, some animosity among board members and the tourism staff has surfaced over the past couple of months. A video of the December 11 meeting may have been the tipping point. The meeting was posted to YouTube (December 11, 2014 Tourism Board Meeting) as is normal practice. The circus atmosphere was met with outrage by many. Board members Kelly Kelley and Kelli Gaputis (chair), and director Wilson were on the defensive several times during the meeting as David Abramson, David Muhlendorf, and Alex Nelson controlled most of the discussion. Concerns from Kelley and Gaputis about several procedural issues and thousands in questionable outsourcing expenses were met with an especially unprofessional attitude by Nelson.

The ladies remained dignified in that meeting when blindsided with a motion that was apparently discussed by other board members beforehand. Reasoned objections by the ladies were met with insults and innuendo. It rivaled a third grade argument about who gets to take the ball out to recess. Although some regrets were reported in the days afterward, no public applications.

apologies were forthcoming.
The January meeting was more tempered.

Then, last Tuesday, Wilson abruptly resigned her position as executive director in a letter to board chair Gaputis.

The next morning, state tourism director, Lee Sentell, named Wilson to a state tourism position. She will be overseeing forty staff people in eight welcome centers and will also have oversight of the north Alabama region that covers the Shoals area.

The Florence-Lauderdale Tourism office will be fine while the board considers someone for the open executive director's position. There are several highly-experienced people on staff. They all know their jobs and there shouldn't be as much as a bump in the road in the short term.

Wilson will take a couple of weeks off and will start her new role with the state February 16.

Good for her.

Regardless of the reasons for the resignation, she shouldn't have to put up with such disrespect.

Wilson took the high road when an opportunity ar ose. Sentell's gain is our loss.

Let's hope that the two ladies on the tourism board receive a little more respect as they continue through 2015. Maybe an ideal agenda item would be to consider expanding the board beyond the current five members. Do you think that will happen?

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Ella and Ivy Wallen, whose mother, Buffy Thompson Wallen, played on the first state championship team at LCHS in 1987.

Many others are daughters of former LCHS state championship team members and/or have also been coached by them at various levels. Allison Cruce's father, Brian, was a key member of Bradshaw's state championship team in 1976. The winning at LCHS is expected, anticipated, and contagious.

The Lady Tigers are 26-0

in games played through January 16 of this year. Most of the current players have played together since early grade school.

addition opportunity of defending their string of three consecutive championships, other accolades could loom on the horizon. The 2014-2015 version of the Lady Tigers have continued team winning streak which began after a loss to Lexington almost two years ago, on February 1, Ćoach Llewellyń will insist that it was not a team goal when the season started. However, if top-ranked LCHS is still undefeated on Thursday, January 22, this team has an opportunity to set a new girls state basketball record of 73 consecutive wins during the semi-finals of the Lauderdale County Tournament. Just being in a position to discuss such a possibility is phenomenal. No let downs, off-nights, or prolonged defensive no coaching fatigue, no allowing opposing players to have a special performance - for 70

consecutive games.

Regardless of whether the record is attained this week or a fourth consecutive state championship is secured in March, coach Llewellyn and these young ladies at Lauderdale County High School deserve a special tip of the cap.

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The second presentation by president, Tom McKnight, "The Great Medicine Wheel of Life," is a talk based on an American Indian conceptual, ideological and philosophical framework that generated personal insights and impact.

McKnight's service with the United Nations in nineteen countries and member of Tuscumbia American Legion Post 31 Color Guard, involvement with a number of other community oriented organizations highlight his profile.

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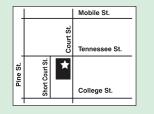


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Here's an example. In year.

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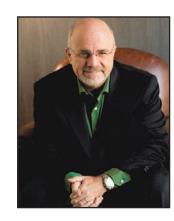
–Dave

DROP THE ARROGANCE!

Dear Dave,

has been married for seven He's authored four New years to a girl from a wealthy York Times best-selling family. Her parents provided books: Financial Peace, them with a lot of financial More Than Enough, The support over the years, but Total Money Makeover and now they're getting divorced EntreLeadership. The Dave and he has come to us for the Ramsey Show is heard money to make this happen. by more than 5 million On top of all this, when we listeners each week on more ask him why he doesn't have than 500 radio stations. the money he tells us it's none Follow Dave on Twitter at of our business. We don't like @DaveRamsey and on the his attitude, but we're not sure web at daveramsey.com. what to do.

Dee



Dear Dee,

umbrella policy. If so, how if he's going to take on much?

Dean of a grown-up he needs to act like one and take Dear Dean, care of his responsibilities. If you've started to win I understand he's your with money and build some son, and he's hurting right wealth, an umbrella policy now. Still, it takes a ton of is some of the cheapest arrogance to beg money insurance you can buy. It's from someone and tell just about the biggest bang them the reason they don't have it is not their business.

If he seriously wants most states, you can get an to get into some financial extra \$1 million in liability counseling and start coverage added to your car becoming accountable for insurance and homeowners his money — to himself insurance as an umbrella and to you — then you policy for as little as \$200 a might consider helping him out financially. But at There's no problem if this point, you're giving a you don't have any money. drunk a drink if you just But if you've got some hand him money because

Anyone can make a thing to have that extra mistake, Dee. But it's umbrella insurance policy not your job to fund his irresponsible behavior or his arrogance!

—Dave

Dave Ramsey is America's trusted voice My son is in his thirties and on money and business.

Letters... **Education** is Not 'Truth' **Continued from Page 12**

preaching or how high an education one may have bears no weight when it comes to truth or error. Just ask Saul of Tarsus who was dead wrong when it came to his knowledge of the truth and Jesus Christ. (Acts 9:4-5) Just ask Peter, Andrew, James, and John who were mere Galilean fishermen. (Acts 2:7)

The Gospel is for all men and women of all walks of life. Since we all must listen to the words of God's Prophet Jesus (Acts 3:22-23, Hebrews 1:1-2), and Jesus said, "The word that I have spoken the same will judge him in the last day" (John 12:48), all men and women must be able to comprehend what is written. What is what is written. What is written in Scripture answers the question, "What must I do to be saved?" (Luke 13:3, Matthew 10:32-33, Mark 16:16) The Bible answers the question, "Once I am saved, am I always saved?" (Colossians 1:21-23 1 Timothy 4:1) Is there 23, 1 Timothy 4:1). Is there a place of eternal damnation called hell? The Bible has the answer. (John 5:28-29, Matthew 25:31-46). Gospel of Jesus Christ is God's power unto salvation and not the doctrines of men. God's word alone is truth. (John 17:17) God's word alone reveals the will of God for all of mankind. "Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord, as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him, who called us by glory and virtue." (2 Peter 1:2-3) While a letter like this will

not suffice in addressing each of these questions to point of satisfaction to the reader, a careful study of the Bible will provide the answer to the very important questions that are often addressed here on the editorial page.

"...let God be true but every man a liar..." Romans 3:4.

Stacy Dean Crim Tuscumbia

Threats Are NOT Torture

Dear Sir:

There has been extensive discussion and the media has devoted considerable editorial space to the torture issue. However, much of the dialogue involves opinions by persons who have no idea what they are talking about. The word torture causes emotional response which evokes images of Nazi torture chambers. Sen. McCain does not help with his analogy of what he went through in Vietnam which was vengeance by a sadistic enemy rather than a search for information.

The CIA program was different; it was restrained and closely monitored. The report issued by the Senate Intelligence Committee is

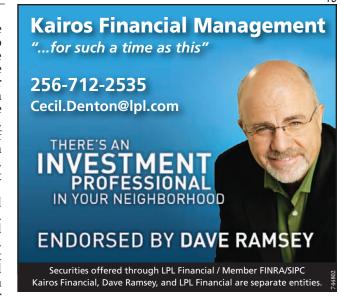
a self-serving, incomplete smear job that is unfair to the men and women of the Agency. I worked alongside the foreign service for almost ten years. Although I had nothing to do with the so-called torture program, I became very aware of the CIA culture which patriotism, encourages professionalism, and respect for law.

I expect that there are bad apples, but I never met one. The fact is that he/she would be quickly outed by peers. The report in question cost \$40 million. The writers did not interview a single person involved in the program, nor did they describe anything related to torture except for water boarding used in training programs for special military forces and CIA officers. I would give odds that any Democratic zealot, Paul Krugman for example, would have written the document for a fraction of the cost with equal creditability.

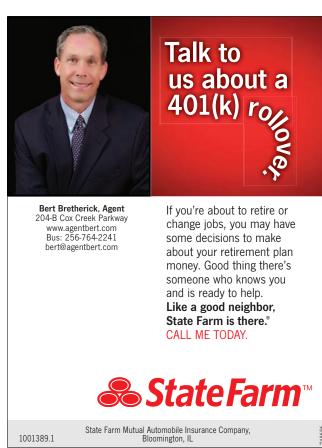
The inferences in the report are that any use of coercion including threats is torture. That is simply not true. The idea that if we make nice with an enemy that he/ she will tell us everything we wish is a fantasy.

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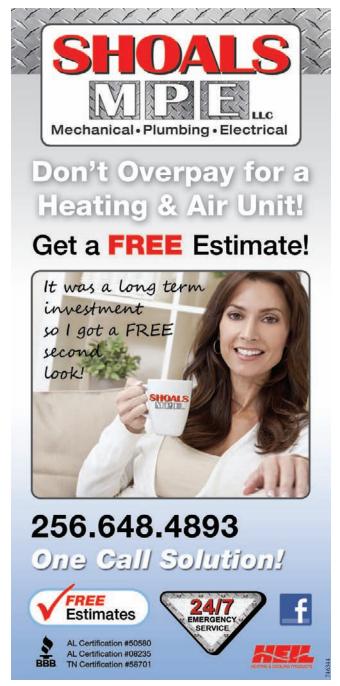




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PREVENT FIRES AT HOME THIS WINTER

synonymous with **V** W many things, but few people would rank home fires atop their list of things that remind them of winter. However, according to the United States Fire Administration, more than \$2 billion in property loss occurs in winter home fires each year, and more than 900 people per year lose their lives to winter home fires.

Perhaps the troubling thing about those statistics is that winter home fires are entirely By preventable. taking certain precautions, men, women and children can greatly reduce the risk of home fires.

• Have the furnace inspected. Ideally, furnaces should be inspected and any problems addressed before the arrival of winter. But many homeowners forget this routine maintenance until that first cold day when it's time to turn the heat back on. If you have not yet had your furnace inspected, schedule an inspection with a local HVAC professional, who can make sure all controls and emergency shutoffs are fully functioning. If you discover an issue during a self-inspection, call a professional to make the repairs. Unless you have experience in HVAC repair, it's best to let the pros handle any repairs because the stakes are so high. Home fires often result from faulty equipment, so only trained professionals should be inspecting and repairing your home furnace.

• Be especially careful when using portable heaters. Portable heaters can warm up those areas of the house that always seem to be too cold in winter, and such devices also provide a backup plan in case of a broken heating system. But the USFA notes that, in 2011, heating equipment was involved in more than 53,000 home structure fires in the United States,



accounting for 14 percent cleaned to reduce the risk of all reported home fires. When using portable heating equipment, such as space heaters, radiators and portable fireplaces, do not place such devices anywhere close to items that can burn. Upholstered furniture, bedding, mattresses and clothing can ignite in seconds, so keep portable heating devices away from such items. And always turn portable heating devices off when leaving the room where they are in operation.

 Address frozen pipes correctly. Water pipes in a home can freeze depending on how cold the home gets. It might be tempting to thaw such pipes with an open flame, but such an approach is highly dangerous, as the pipe may begin to conduct the heat and ignite the wall structure inside the space. When addressing pipes you suspect are frozen, thaw them with hot water or even a laboratory-tested handheld dryer rather than an open flame.

• Treat your fireplace with kid gloves. Fireplaces make great gathering spots for families in the winter, but only when they are operated safely. Before lighting the first fire of the season, have the fireplace and chimney inspected and

possibly igniting any nearby items or materials. • Inspect smoke alarms. Properly functioning smoke alarms can save both your

home and your life. When functioning properly, smoke alarms can alert you to a fire early on, giving you time to extinguish a small fire before it spreads or to escape a larger fire before it threatens your life. Inspect your smoke alarms periodically regardless of the season and make sure you have at least one functioning alarm on each level of your home.

and make sure you have installed a screen in front

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of fire. Once the time comes

to spark your first fire, do

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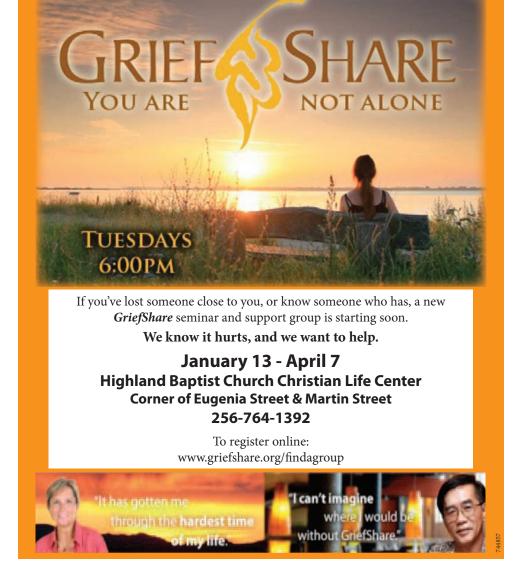
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		GOVERNM	IENTAL		FIDUCIARY	
FUND TYPES DESCRIPTION	GENERAL	SPECIAL REVENUE	DEBT SERVICE	CAPITAL PROJECTS	EXPENDABLE TRUST	TOTAL (Memo Only)
REVENUES STATE REVENUES FEDERAL REVENUES LOCAL REVENUES OTHER REVENUES TOTAL REVENUES	21,256,968.96 1,540.00 16,201,747.34 381,064.73 37,841,321.03	148,500.67 5,107,266.50 1,687,663.64 172,682.56 7,116,113.37	286,063.66 0.00 7,799.38 0.00 293,863.04	642,942.34 0.00 3,144,564.81 0.00 3,787,507.15	0.00 0.00 1,022,876.23 0.00 1,022,876.23	22,334,475.63 5,108,806.50 22,064,651.40 553,747.29 50,061,680.82
EXPENDITURES: INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT SERVICES OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE AUXILIARY SERVICES GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES CAPITAL OUTLAY DEBT SERVICES	22,475,739.68 6,725,293.68 4,403,934.63 1,820,334.35 1,249,209.59 0.00	3,157,125.30 880,241.51 6,312.94 3,169,028.35 148,548.33 0.00	0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00	205,629.83 175,803.70 161,998.65 0.00 35,393.00 8,183,891.79	321,015.44 406,185.54 11,426.50 29,726.14 0.00 0.00	26,159,510.25 8,187,524.43 4,583,672.72 5,019,088.84 1,433,150.92 8,183,891.79
PRINCIPLE INTEREST OTHER DEBT SERVICES OTHER EXPENDITURES TOTAL EXPENDITURES	0.00 0.00 0.00 301,082.98 36,975,594.91	0.00 0.00 0.00 427,329,28 7,788,585.71	875,370.20 1,321,286.75 3,044,339.35 0.00 5,240,996.30	294,802.08 5,330.33 0.00 0.00 9,062,849.38	0.00 898.46 100.00 194,783.39 964,135.47	1,170,172.28 1,327,515.54 3,044,439.35 923,195.65 60,032,161.77
OTHER FUND SOURCES (USES): TRANSFERS IN OTHER FUND SOURCES TRANSFERS OUT OTHER FUND USES TOTAL OTHER FUND SOURCES (USES)	290,748.35 204,711.65 415.862.18 0.00 79,597.82	325,042.11 0.00 145,065.68 0.00 179,976.43	2,000,739.15 3,040,981.85 0.00 0.00 5,041,721.00	677,295.94 0.00 2,671,897.09 0.00 (1,994,601.15)	80,404.08 27,500.00 141,404.68 0.00 (33,500.60)	3,374,229.63 3,273,193.50 3,374,229.63 0.00 3,273,193.50
EXCESS REVENUES & OTHER SOURCES OVER(UNDER)EXPENDITURES & OTHER FUND	D USES 945,323.94	(492,495.91)	94,587.74	(7,269,943.38)	25,240.16	(6,697,287.45)
BEGINNING FUND BALANCE - OCT 1 ENDING FUND BALANC - SEP 30	5,760,878.87 6,706,202.81	1,691,101.61 1,198,605.70	239,532.86 334,120.60	20,758,782.15 13,488,838.77	446,583.03 471,823.19	28,896,878.52 22,199,591.07

FLORENCE CITY SCHOOLS

G/O School Warrants Series 2009-A

	Debt Service Scriedule				
Period					
Ending	Principal	Interest	Total		
9/30/15	580,000.00	89,682.50	669,682.50		
9/30/16	595,000.00	72,782.50	667,782.50		
9/30/17	615,000.00	53,863.75	668,863.75		
9/30/18	635,000.00	33,233.75	668,233.75		
9/30/19	655,000.00	11,298.75	666,298.75		
TOTALS	3,080,000.00	260,861.25	3,340,861.25		

Apple Lease

Debt Service Schedule				
Period				
Ending	Principal	Interest	Total	
9/30/15	297,455.31	2,677.10	300,132.41	
TOTALS	297,455.31	2.677.10	300.132.41	

Tax Anticipation Warrants, Series 2012

	Dept del vic	c concaute	
Period			
Ending	Principal	Interest	Total
9/30/15	140,000.00	830,000.00	970,000.00
9/30/16	1,240,000.00	810,000.00	2,050,000.00
9/30/17	1,280,000.00	765,800.00	2,045,800.00
9/30/18	1,335,000.00	713,500.00	2,048,500.00
9/30/19	1,390,000.00	659,000.00	2,049,000.00
9/30/20	1,550,000.00	592,450.00	2,142,450.00
9/30/21	1,625,000.00	513,075.00	2,138,075.00
9/30/22	1,710,000.00	429,700.00	2,139,700.00
9/30/23	1,800,000.00	341,950.00	2,141,950.00
9/30/24	1,890,000.00	249,700.00	2,139,700.00
9/30/25	1,975,000.00	162,950.00	2,137,950.00
9/30/26	2,065,000.00	92,475.00	2,157,475.00
9/30/27	2,050,000.00	30,750.00	2,080,750.00
TOTALS	20,050,000.00	6,191,350.00	26,241,350.00

Tax Anticipation Warrants Series 2008

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Period			
Ending	Principal	Interest	Total
9/30/15		273,285.00	273,285.00
9/30/16		273,285.00	273,285.00
9/30/17		273,285.00	273,285.00
9/30/18		273,285.00	273,285.00
9/30/19		273,285.00	273,285.00
9/30/20	575,000.00	273,285.00	848,285.00
9/30/21	600,000.00	249,710.00	849,710.00
9/30/22	625,000.00	224,510.00	849,510.00
9/30/23	650,000.00	197,635.00	847,635.00
9/30/24	680,000.00	169,035.00	849,035.00
9/30/25	710,000.00	138,775.00	848,775.00
9/30/26	745,000.00	106,825.00	851,825.00
9/30/27	775,000.00	72,927.50	847,927.50
9/30/28	810,000.00	37,665.00	847,665.00
TOTALS	6,170,000.00	2,836,792.50	9,006,792.50

QSCB Funds Debt Service Schedule

Period			
Ending	Principal	Interest	Total
9/30/15	0.00	28,590.44	28,590.44
9/30/16	0.00	28,590.44	28,590.44
9/30/17	0.00	28,590.44	28,590.44
9/30/18	0.00	28,590.44	28,590.44
9/30/19	0.00	28,590.44	28,590.44
9/30/20	0.00	28,590.44	28,590.44
9/30/21	0.00	28,590.44	28,590.44
9/30/22	0.00	28,590.44	28,590.44
9/30/23	0.00	28,590.44	28,590.44
9/30/24	0.00	28,590.44	28,590.44
9/30/25	0.00	28,590.44	28,590.44
9/30/26	1,533,000.00	7,147.76	1,540,147.76
TOTALS	1,533,000.00	321,642.60	1,854,642.60

Series 2014 PSFA Bonds (Leveraged) **Debt Service Schedule**

Period			
Ending	Principal	Interest	Total
9/30/15	181,481.30	113,462.85	294,944.15
9/30/16	185,925.74	108,859.15	294,784.89
9/30/17	191,851.66	103,192.49	295,044.15
9/30/18	198,888.69	96,336.94	295,225.63
9/30/19	206,666.46	88,225.83	294,892.29
9/30/20	216,296.08	78,685.10	294,981.18
9/30/21	227,407.18	67,592.52	294,999.70
9/30/22	238,888.65	55,935.13	294,823.78
9/30/23	251,110.86	43,685.15	294,796.01
9/30/24	264,073.81	30,805.53	294,879.34
9/30/25	277,777.50	17,259.24	295,036.74
9/30/26	206,296.09	5,157.40	211,453.49
TOTALS	2 646 664 02	809 197 33	3 455 861 35

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Debt Service Scriedule				
Period Ending	Principal	Interest	Total	
9/30/15	5,395.20	851.50	6,246.70	
9/30/16	5,125.73	1,120.97	6,246.70	
9/30/17	5,383.24	863.46	6,246.70	
9/30/18	5,658.66	588.04	6,246.70	
9/30/19	5,937.17	301.08	6,238.25	
TOTALS	27,500.00	3,725.05	31,225.05	

Period	Total	Total	Total
Ending	Principal	Interest	
9/1/15	1,204,331.81	1,338,549.39	2,542,881.20
9/1/16	2,026,051.47	1,294,638.06	3,320,689.53
9/1/17	2,092,234.90	1,225,595.14	3,317,830.04
9/1/18	2,174,547.35	1,145,534.17	3,320,081.52
9/1/19	2,257,603.63	1,060,701.10	3,318,304.73
9/1/20	2,341,296.08	973,010.54	3,314,306.62
9/1/21	2,452,407.18	858,967.96	3,311,375.14
9/1/22	2,573,888.65	738,735.57	3,312,624.22
9/1/23	2,701,110.86	611,860.59	3,312,971.45
9/1/24	2,834,073.81	478,130.97	3,312,204.78
9/1/25	2,962,777.50	347,574.68	3,310,352.18
9/1/26	4,549,296.09	211,605.16	4,760,901.25
9/1/27	2,825,000.00	103,677.50	2,928,677.50
9/1/28	810,000.00	37,665.00	847,665.00
TOTALS	33,804,619.33	10,426,245.83	44,230,865.16

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Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) State Executive Director Daniel Robinson announces dates and locations for additional public meetings on new Agricultural Risk Coverage (ARC) and the Price Loss Coverage (PLC) programs which provide revenue and price loss payments to eligible producers for the 2014-2018 crop years. These meetings are being conducted in collaboration with the Alabama Cooperative Extension System and the Alabama Farmers Federation. following public meeting sessions are scheduled in NM Alabama. ADVANCE REGISTRATION is Necessary! January 28 10am -Morgan County Extension Office, Hartselle 256-773-2549. January 30 10am – Lawrence County Extension Office, Moulton 256-974-

Each meeting will begin with an overview of the 2014 Farm Bill and a comprehensive presentation on using online decision tools. the afternoon, producers will be able to work in the computer lab beginning at 1pm. To use the online tools, producers must set up a user identity with a password. The meetings are free and open to the public; however, producers are asked to contact the facility hosting the session where they want to attend and register by phone. Producers can register for the morning session, the afternoon session or both sessions. During the afternoon hands-on exercises. seating will be limited to ensure all participants have access to a computer.

Autism Support Group - Living with Autism - will meet January 10am-12noon at Florence Lauderdale Public Library, 218 N. Wood Ave. across from Wilson Park. Refreshments served.

Contact bridgethodges4@gmail. com or 256-764-6414 for more info. Meets every 4th Thursday of the month with special guest speakers.

Marvin Morrow Will Be **Singing** Friday, January 23 at 7pm at Piney Grove Holiness Church, Waterloo, located off Hwy 20 near AL-TN state line. For info call 256-766-1534. Everyone welcome.

Florence Parks & Recreation/ The Club (where boomers and seniors come together as one), offering chair exercise classes Joints In Motion! There is no charge for these classes. M/W/F 8:45-9:30am, at The Club, 450 Country Club Drive, Florence, AL 35630, for more information please call the Club M-F 8am-5pm. 256,760,6420.

Fourth Saturday Breakfast at the Zip City Community Center, on January 24 from 6:30-9am. Menu includes eggs, sausage, bacon, biscuits, gravies, grits, juice and coffee. Adults \$6, children under 12, \$3. Proceeds used for Center expenses. Everyone is invited.

The American Legion Post #11 Florence/Lauderdale will be have a free Veterans' Breakfast from 7-9am on January 24. Hosted by the Auxiliary Unit #1 members.

The Singing Prayer Warriors from Tupelo, MS will be singing at the Cloverdale community Center Saturday, January 24 from 7-9pm. Everyone is welcome.

The Monthly RSVP Luncheon at the Cloverdale Community Center will be Tuesday, January 27 at 11:30am. Entertainment will be the Friday Fretters.

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NAMI Shoals Educational **Meeting** Tuesday, January 27 at 7pm at NAMI Shoals office, 749 Thompson St., Suite A, Florence (behind Burger King on Florence Speaker and topic to be announced.

Florence Parks & Recreation/ The Club (where boomers and seniors come together as one), offering an activity that will not only challenge you but get you stepping in time. Square Dance Classes are sponsored by the Singing River Squares on Friday nights, 7-8:30pm, at The Club, 450 Country Club Drive, Florence, AL 35630, for more information please call the Club M-F 8am-5pm. 256.760.6420.

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Colossians 1:18 "And he (Christ) is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn (Christ) from the dead; that in all things he (Christ) might have the preeminence." Being raised in a religious system for 21 years, I can verify the errors that can come from over-regulating Christianity. Christ was proclaimed by its leaders to be the supreme object of all worship, but over time He (Christ) was through subtilty and inductive reasoning, replaced with rituals, ordinances, ceremonies, and the greater emphasis was placed more on the church than on Christ. Any church that affirms that it is part of being saved has replaced Christ with another Christ and another gospel that Paul the Apostle warned us about in: Galatians 1:6&7 & 2 Corinthians 11:4 & verses 12-15, and Christ in Matthew 24:24, which also see. The blindness and darkness is greatly increased when defending a lie. Christ is ignored when emphasis is placed on men and their own efforts to save their's and other men's souls.

As a kid, I was surrounded by religious people who believed that ours was the right way and the only way. I had no peace or security or assurance of anything. I have been asked frequently what caused me to leave this religious system. My simple answer was this: "A man showed me a Bible and asked me if I believed it and I said yes." In short, this man directed me to faith in a living Saviour (Christ) and not in a "situation changing system." A system that was drawn up out of motivation through doubt, worry, uncertainty and fear. If you are in church that is more concerned about your righteousness and your works than the finished work and righteousness of Christ, you are in the wrong church. Notice this warning in: 2 Corinthians 11:3 "But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ." Notice Christ's words in: <u>Acts 26:18</u> "To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me." Have you ever made that transition?

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Charcot-Marie-Tooth Branch Group **Meeting** - Mt. Zion Church of Christ Activity Building 6900 CR 61 Florence on Thursday January 29 from 6–8pm. Guest speaker. Rodney Vaden Representative of ALLARD. This meeting will focus on orthotic management of CMT, education, awareness, advocacy, current events for the CMTA. CMTA branch groups are for those who have Charcot-Marie-Tooth disorder,

their families/caregivers/supporters.

If you plan to attend or would like general information; please call: Tina Smith at 256-366-5273 email TinaSmith@rcmh. org or Todd Oyen 256-810-6582 email ToddOyen@gmail.com. You can also visit the CMTA website at www.cmtausa.org/ supportgroups. Refreshments served.

Call For Entries - Artistic Renderings of Youth - The deadline for entry in Artistic Renderings of Youth is February 20. This is a juried exhibit of art work open to 7th -12th grade students from Colbert, Franklin and Lauderdale counties. The exhibit opens March 3 and runs through April 10 at Kennedy-Douglass Center for the Arts in

The exhibit and competition coordinated by area art teachers. Schools may participate or students can enter up to their own. Each student can enter up to if may participate or students can enter on three works. Entries are juried and, accepted, are eligible for ribbons awarded in different grade level groupings. Works must be original and can be in any medium. All 2-dimensional entries must be matted or framed

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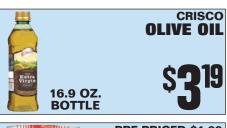
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