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Reid Leads HBAA in '16

SHOALS-Reid Construction Company president, **Mark Reid**, a long-time active member of the Shoals Home Builders Association, was recently selected president of the Home Builders Association of Alabama for 2016.



Reid

Reid has earned Certified Graduate Builder and Graduate Master Builder professional designations from the National Association of Home Builders.

The second-generation home builder has served on the Shoals Homebuilders Association board of directors since 2001. He has been membership chairman, Parade of Homes chairman, national director, vice president, and president.

Reid has been a member of the Home Builders Association of Alabama executive committee since 2005.

The Holiday Jubilation

FLORENCE – SSWA Recycling is presenting Holiday Jubilation December 3-11 at Florence Mall. Performances with a holiday theme will take place in the Sears Court at various times for the listening pleasure of mall patrons. There is no charge. Schedule:

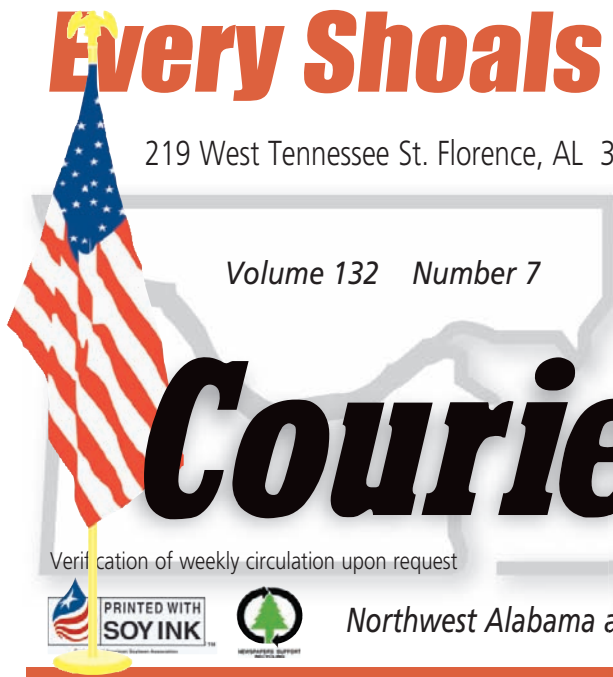
- December 3, 11:30am**
Rogers Middle School Band
- December 3, 6:30pm**
UNA Vocal Jazz Ensemble
- December 4, 6:30pm**
Quad Cities Mass Choir
- December 7, 7pm**
Weeden Elementary Show Choir
- December 8, 11am**
Harlan Elementary Show Choir
- December 8, 6pm**
Brooks Elementary Band & Chorus
- December 11, 2pm**
Florence Nursing & Rehab Bell Choir (Zales' Court)
- December 11, 6pm**
Laura's Studio of Performing Arts

RHP, Shoals Celebrate VBP

MUSCLE SHOALS – Employees, physicians, and volunteers from Shoals Hospital celebrated a RegionalCare Partners first last week.

"Congratulations are in order to everyone in the RegionalCare family," said Dr. Herman Williams, a Senior

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Northwest Alabama



Andrew Reed films a few of the **Phil Campbells** as they work to clean-up their name sake town following the devastation from the tornado in April, 2011.



Reed

Filmmaker Discovered Career Path at NW-SCC

MUSCLE SHOALS -- Award-winning filmmaker and university professor, Andrew Reed, a native of Phil Campbell, had no idea he would develop a love of videography at Northwest-Shoals Community College that would shape his career path.

According to Reed, during his freshman year on the Phil Campbell campus of NW-SCC he began an on-campus job to make some extra money. "While I was (at NW-SCC) I worked at the Alabama Center for Advanced Woodworking Technology creating instructional videos," he said. "That experience really cemented my career path in video production."

After graduating from NW-SCC and receiving his bachelor degree from UNA, Reed received a Fellowship to pursue his Master's degree in Telecommunications at the University of Alabama. It was there that he found his other

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Dollar General store locations in Courtland and Red Bay will also accept Toy Share acceptance points.

"Over the past four years we've collected nearly 10,700 toys through our Toy Share drive," says Bank Independent President Macke Mauldin. "We can't thank everyone enough for helping us make the holidays brighter for local families. Our customers, neighbors, team members, and friends are the reason this program has been such a success."

Bank Independent's toy drive collected 3,470 toys and nearly \$850 in gift cards and cash in 2014. All were distributed to ten organizations throughout North Alabama.

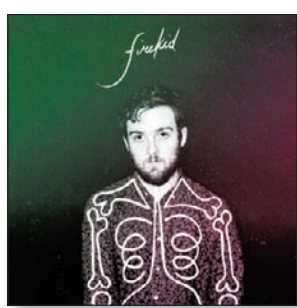
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Hodges' CD as Firekid

By **Bryan Rachal**
UNA University Communications

FLORENCE – University of North Alabama 2012 alumnus, Dillon Hodges, aka Firekid, released his self-titled CD in November. North Alabama and the country are certainly buzzing about it. Hodges has received a lot of good publicity lately, including articles on *BuzzFeed.com* and *USAToday*. Hodges graciously answered a few questions for his alma mater.

Q? You have just released your first CD as Firekid. Obviously, this is a big deal. How huge is this for you?
A. Two



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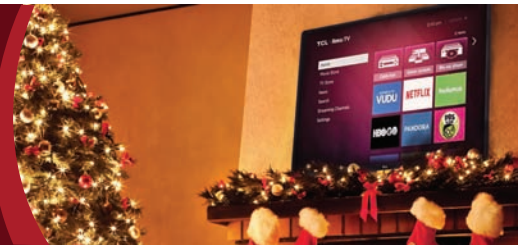


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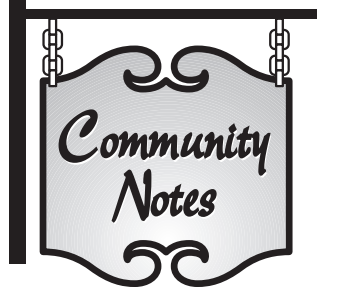
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Additional vendors are welcome December 5. Booths are 10'x10' for \$25 or 20'x20' for \$40 payable to Shoals Animal Advocates. Free children's activities are also encouraged at the booths.

Contact Stephanie Flanagan if you interested in having a booth. Call or text 256-415-7155 or email shoalsanimaladvocates@yahoo.com

The following vendors are already attending the SAA Fall Pet Festival- 102.7 KISS FM - Mojo the DJ, Casa Canines & Kitties, REAL, Young Living, Matilda Jane, Little Faces, Plunder, Bead Angels by Denise, Spurs Big Fix, Younique, KikisPupShop from Etsy, PLUS... more vendors who will be there with Christmas items that will make great gifts!

Dr. Kevin Walls will present a program, "What Everyone (Even Women) Should Know About Prostate Cancer", at Red Bay Hospital on Wednesday, December 2. The program is free and will begin with a light lunch at 12:30pm in the hospital's Education Room. The program will last about an hour and is free. A light lunch will be provided and seating is limited. Please call Red Bay Hospital at 256-356-9532 to reserve your seat.

"Farragut North" a play by Beau Willimon runs December 3-5 at the Zodiac Theatre. The play is presented by J & L Productions. Doors open at 7pm. Show time is 7:30pm. Admission: \$10-Cash only.

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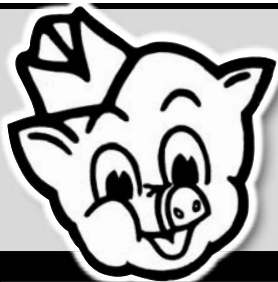
Directors are Jesse Sockwell and Lily Holly. Assistant Director/Stage Manager is Brandon Willcutt. The cast includes: Jesse Sockwell, Christian Hetrick, Lily Holly, Edwin Huertas Jr., Micheal Terrell, Amanda Perry, and Brian Jennings.

Clothes Give Away - Thursday, December 3, from 8-10am at the Care Center, First Baptist Church, Killen

Sheffield Christmas Parade - December 3 at 6pm in Downtown Sheffield, along Montgomery. There will be blow ups (if weather permits), vendors, sales, and specials going on.

The Shoals Praise and Worship Choir (SPWC) presents the 2nd Annual Homecoming: Christmas in the Shoals at 7pm December 4 after the Florence Christmas Tree lighting. Join us for an evening of seasonal favorites featuring special guest Mike Adams as Elvis, Kevin Dockery and Chris Thomas at the Shoals Theater, 123 N Seminary St. in Florence. Concert proceeds will help Hospice of the Shoals patients that are uninsured or their coverage does not cover hospice care. Hospice of the Shoals covers all costs related to the patient's illness, such as medicine and equipment. Tickets: \$8 in advance; \$10 at the door; \$5 for children under 12. For tickets, call 256-767-6699.

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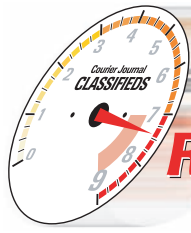
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All Bank Independent lobby locations will be drop-off points for collecting toys to distribute to partner organizations in Colbert, Lauderdale, Morgan, Franklin, Lawrence and Limestone County through Saturday, December 19.

Bank Independent will partner again with ten local organizations: The Angel Tree Program in partnership with Lexington High School, Committee on Church Cooperation of Morgan County, William Porter Foundation in the Shoals, Safeplace of the Shoals, North Alabama Christian Children's Home, Cornerstone Church of Lawrence County, DHR of Franklin County, DHR of Lawrence County, DHR of Limestone County and Rogersville Volunteer Fire Department.

Phil...

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passion. "I got into documentary filmmaking and developed a passion for teaching production courses there," stated Reed. He earned his Master of Fine Arts degree at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro and has now taught video production courses at four different universities.

It was after Reed completed his Masters and returned to UNA to teach that he began working on his most well-known film, *I'm with Phil*, a documentary about a man from New York named Phil Campbell who discovers a rural town in Alabama with the same name. He then invites Phil Campbells from all over the world to join him there. When a deadly tornado strikes the town, his stunt turns to one of disaster relief and awareness.

According to Reed, *I'm with Phil* and the deadly tornado taught him a valuable life lesson that everyone can benefit from. "Both April 27, 2011, and *I'm with Phil* taught me that we all have opportunities to try to do some good in the world. When we are presented with those opportunities, it's our God-given duty to do the right thing. We saw a lot of potential with the convention and film to help raise awareness for the town's plight, and we acted on it. I think the *I'm with Phil* story has impacted a lot of people and encouraged them to do more for their communities."

Twenty Phil Campbells from around the United States came together to raise \$42,000. That was given to Habitat for Humanity to help build a home for a deserving family in Phil Campbell who lost theirs in the tornado.

Aside from festival screenings, *I'm with Phil* was released on Alabama Public Television (APT) April 24, 2015. It was selected for the Heartland Film Festival's Best of the Fest event in 2015

and won "Best of Show" and "Best Director" awards at the George Lindsey UNA Film Festival in 2012. Reed has directed and/or produced ten films since 2010 and is now working on four others. Currently, Reed balances his time between filmmaking and teaching his Film and Media Arts classes at the University of Pikeville in Pikeville, KY as the Assistant Professor of Film and Media Arts.

"NW-SCC helped me get my feet wet in the real world without drowning in it," Reed said. "People need an opportunity to gradually transition into the different phases of life and NW-SCC allowed me to do that."

SHORTS...

RHP, Shoals Celebrate VBP

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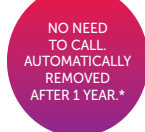


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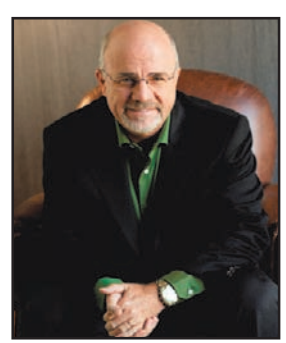
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HOW DO YOU HAVE A WEDDING WITHOUT DEBT?

Dear Dave,
How do you have a wedding without debt?
Lynn

Dear Lynn,
Wow, where do I start on this one? I guess the best way is to tell the truth. Honey, that question kind of makes you sound like a little princess.

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The questions were direct yet were presented in a somewhat antagonistic tone. That is not unexpected when considering what the university environment now considers important elements of education.

- Do you view race as a biological construct?
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- How do you feel when you're around people of color, different religions, homosexuals/bisexuals?
- Do you think racism is still prevalent today?

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In A Few Words



TOM MAGAZZU
Editor

Courier Journal

THIS WEEK

in the *Shoals*
December 2, 2015

Happening
THIS WEEK

Talented Trio at the Music Hall

TUSCUMBIA-All the music and laughter you want for Christmas can be found at the Alabama Music Hall of Fame on Tuesday, December 8 as the multi-talented trio of Aaron Wilburn, Mark Narmore and Bobby Tomberlin come home for Christmas.

Aaron Wilburn is a singer, songwriter, and comedian from Bobo, Alabama. He was featured on the Gaither Homecoming Tour and videos. He has endeared himself to thousands of laughter-loving fans with his own down-home brand of humor, as he talks about his southern roots, his family, children and his faith.

Mark Narmore is a singer songwriter from Center Star, Alabama. He has had over 80 cuts to his name. He has had songs recorded by Josh Turner, John Michael Montgomery, Shenandoah, Blackhawk, Terri Clark and Craig Morgan

See **TRIO...** on Page 32



A Plantation Christmas will take place Sunday, December 6 at Belle Mont Mansion in Tuscombria from 1-5pm. The event is sponsored by the Colbert County Historical Landmarks Foundation.
Courtesy photo

Belle Mont Welcomes Seasonal Guests

TUSCUMBIA - One of Alabama's most distinguished antebellum homes, Belle Mont Mansion in Tuscombria will host an old-fashioned holiday celebration Sunday, December 6. A *Plantation Christmas* will welcome visitors to the historic home which will be decorated for an old fashioned Christmas and filled with period music

and dancing.

Fresh greenery, fruit, and traditional decorations will fill the elegant 1828 mansion as vocalists and musicians present period music and dancers perform vintage ballroom dance. Costumed docents will be on hand to share the history of the house and to serve refreshments.

See **BELLE MONT...** on Page 16

THE HEALING PLACE will have its Annual Holiday Open House & Family Game Night on Thursday, December 3 from 6-8pm at The Healing Place. This is a great event to learn more about the services that the Healing Place provides and to tour the facility. In addition, Santa Claus will be the special guest! Children are welcome to take pictures with Santa free of charge. There also will be minute to win it holiday games to play. Light hors d'oeuvres will be served.

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CHARLES E. CABLER will have a book signing for his new book, "First Time Manager," on Friday, December 4 from 2-4pm at Cold Water Books at 101 W 6th Street, Tuscombria. Come by and meet the author! Cabler is a retired bank vice president and author - Charlescabler.vpweb.com

THERE WILL BE A BAKE SALE for the Florence Animal Shelter - Saturday, December 5 from 9am-2pm at the shelter, 702 E College St, Florence. We need baked goods for humans and pets! The event is organized and staffed by shelter volunteers. Proceeds go to the care and upkeep of the animals at the shelter.

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Stupid, Stupid Leaders

Editor:

After hearing of the Paris terrorist attacks and the latest plane bombed, I have to agree with Trump. Our country and other governments are run by very stupid, stupid people.

Many of us have been writing and begging countries and governments of the world to join together in a full scale operation to destroy terrorists, whether it be ISIS, Al Queda, or other factions. Hitler was able to kill millions of people before a joint effort of countries came together to destroy him. Why do world leaders wait until so many people die and these groups get more powerful and stronger and harder to deal with?

Trump, you are right. We have stupid, stupid, stupid leaders.

Paul Sabatino
Florence

Farming Fits Veterans, Veterans Fit Farming

Editor:

The Center for Rural Affairs has worked to support and assist beginning farmers and ranchers for over 25 years. Increasingly, beginning farmer and rancher inquiries come from military veterans. They have the same needs as other new farmers: access to land, financing and information. However, they also bring new issues: disabilities, returning to civilian life, a drive to help fellow veterans, a powerful desire to be of service to their country.

The Center's Veteran Farmers Project was launched to provide information, encouragement, connections, and referrals that help beginning farmers and ranchers access land and financing, identify markets, build business plans, and more.

We also connect veteran-farmers with other veterans. This helps retain

and rebuild bonds with others who have served in the military. It also helps each veteran overcome the obstacles of building a farm business and returning to civilian life. We refer veteran-farmers to resource providers who can help with disability services, business advising, finding mentors, gaining production and marketing experience, and other needs.

Farming fits veterans, and veterans fit farming. Many veterans want to return to small town America to raise their families, and we welcome them home.

However, educational opportunities, off-farm jobs, health services, and young peers are in short supply across much of rural and small town America. That makes networks such as those built through the Center's Veteran Farmers Project and the infrastructure and public policies we're working to create vitally important to our veterans who want to farm and ranch.

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NOT A DAY GOES BY that someone doesn't ask me, "How do I keep all this junk off my computer?" This is usually asked after the client pays us a respectable chunk of change to clean up the mess they made of their computer.

Examples of this junk include registry optimizers, fake antivirus software, driver updaters and technical support software that trick many of you into calling "Microsoft" to fix a computer problem that you probably don't even have. All these programs can slow your computer down and produce annoying pop-ups.

My honest answer to their query is, "I have no clue." In the



Fisher

TRICKY JUNK

by "The Computer Skeptic"

old days, 5 to 10 years ago, the common source of this kind of junk was peer-to-peer file sharing (the source of "free" music) and pornographic websites. Now days, it is more common that little old ladies come in with this kind of junk. They insist they are doing nothing more than playing the occasional online card game or basic word processing. I believe them when they say they honestly don't know. These little old ladies are rapidly supplanting grandchildren as excellent revenue generators for my business.

I suspect that most people are simply being tricked into clicking on stuff. For example, you may visit an online card game website and see an advertisement that says, "Your computer is SLOW! Click here to make it faster!" Click that link and you'll be seeing someone like me in no time.

Another way of attracting junk is to download free software from various otherwise-legitimate websites. When downloading free software, you'll often run across a fake download link — or multiple fake download

links — on the software's web page. You'll often find large, brightly colored buttons with text like "Free Download" or "Download Now" while the legitimate download link is in very small text. These are often advertisement banners designed to mimic real download links, tricking you into clicking them and installing different software.

Another way of attracting junk is when trying to download the Flash Player from Adobe's official download page or the Java update. You find that McAfee Security Scan Plus or the uber-annoying Ask toolbar is checked by default. Users who accept the default option or don't read it will end up with this additional software on their computers.

To avoid this sort of thing, be careful on download pages — uncheck any additional software

you don't want to install before downloading the intended installer. To remove the bad software, you'll generally just need to hunt it down in the list of installed programs in the control panel and uninstall it. A particularly bad installer might pull in multiple junk programs that you'll have to remove. A decent bit of software called MalwareBytes Antimalware will often remove much of the junk automatically. Get it from Malwarebytes.org.

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Belle Mont

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Hours are 1-5pm and admission is \$8 for adults, \$3 for children 6 to 12 years old, and free for children under six years old. The annual event is sponsored by the Colbert County Historical Landmarks Foundation.

Proceeds benefit Belle Mont and local historic preservation projects. Belle Mont Mansion is located at 1569 Cook Lane (County Road 53), approximately ¼ mile west of Highway 43 South in Tuscumbia. For more information on "A Plantation Christmas", call the Colbert County Tourism and Convention Bureau at 256-383-0783 or Belle Mont Mansion at 256-381-5052.

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The Shoals area woke up the morning of November 28, 1963 and was greeted by cold weather and rain on this Thanksgiving Day. A somber mood still surrounded most people who were still mourning the death of President John Kennedy just six days earlier. To sports fans in the area, a different kind of sadness was being felt because this day would close the book on one of the state's most endearing football rivalries.

It would be the last time the Coffee Yellow Jackets and Sheffield Bulldogs would meet in their annual Thanksgiving Day Classic. This great series had its beginning back in 1919 and played to sold-out crowds practically every year. And there were some great games in the series with both teams enjoying history-making victories.

On this 1963 Thanksgiving Day, neither team was having a great season. That didn't matter. It was still Coffee versus Sheffield. There were plenty of stars on both teams. The Bulldogs featured standouts Sparky Box, Jimmy Bratton, Ricky Lindsey, Benny Foust, and many others. Coffee standouts included Joe Hollis, Richard Thigpen, Mike Gooch, Dan Riley, and many others.

The scene was Sheffield Stadium. The game was played in a driving rainstorm but 5,000 fans braved the elements to sit in on the series finale. The Bulldogs jumped out front 13-0 in the first quarter on touchdown runs by Ricky

Lindsey and Joe Gilbert. The lead was short-lived as the Jackets, behind the passing of Joe Hollis and ground attack led by fleet-footed Richard Thigpen came roaring back.

Hollis was red-hot in the passing department. He was six of seven through the air with three touchdown passes while rushing for another score. Thigpen was unstoppable, rushing for 127 yards on just 11 carries. Thigpen was quoted as saying: "the seniors huddled

together after we fell behind two touchdowns and said, hey, if we lose this game, we'll have a losing record this season." Hollis said: "Sheffield had a great team and great players, but it was just our day." When the final horn sounded, the Jackets had scored 28 unanswered points to win 28-13. I'm sure when the 5,000 rain-soaked fans filed out of Sheffield Stadium that day, they were thinking "could this really be the end of this great Thanksgiving Day Classic?"

No more Sheffield-Coffee Thanksgiving Day games. No More. The book was closed. The curtain had fallen. It was truly the end of an era. One thing's for sure—it will never be forgotten.

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Breakfast with Santa Saturday December 5 from 8-10am at the Lion's Den downtown Cherokee. No charge, donations appreciated. Free gift to children.

Underwood-Petersville Community Center Breakfast - Please join us for our First Saturday Breakfast, December 5 from 6-9am. Menu: scrambled eggs, sausage, bacon, biscuits, pancakes, grits, wonderful chocolate gravy, sausage and regular gravy, orange juice, regular and decaf coffee. Adult plates are \$6 and children 10 and under is \$3. Proceeds go toward the center expenses.

Second Annual 2015 Green Hill Christmas Parade - December 12, line up 1pm, start time 1:30pm, same route as the Rogers Homecoming Parade. Donations will be for High School Band, Green Hill Fire Department, Green Hill Neighborhood Watch (sponsor's choice).

Float fee: \$10, Antique cars: \$5. If you would like to be in this parade, please contact Ricky Johnson at 256-762-7058. Sponsors are welcome to put floats in.

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The Music Ministry of Woodmont Baptist Church will present "CHRISTMAS REFLECTIONS: Songs & Stories of the Season" Sunday, December 6 at 6:30pm. WBC is located at Darby Drive and Rickwood in Florence.

A Special Program of Dulcimer Music will be provided by the North Mississippi Dulcimer Association from 10am-1pm on Saturday, December 5 at the Parkway Visitor Center located at milepost 266 near Tupelo, Mississippi.

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Firekid...

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years of love were put into this project by a village of people. This record is what I've worked my whole life for.

Q? Tell me a little about the length of time and all the effort that goes into getting a CD out.

A. *I started writing for the project back in March of 2013. We played our first show in October 2013, started hitting the studios hard in summer of 2014, and then mixing and mastering in December. The better part of this year has been spent building an audience to hear the record by touring and playing shows.*

Q? Of course, all the songs are your favorites, but which one on the CD sums you up the best? If someone's never heard your music before, which track would you tell him/her to listen to first?

A. *Two songs hit the perfect middle ground on the record. "Magic Mountain" and "Gospel" are heavily influenced by old-time and bluegrass melodies, but they also have hard-hitting pop production.*

Q? UNA probably seems like forever ago and you had a lot of success in music before college. Did you ever see yourself getting to *this* point?

A. *I was actually thinking about that today. The bluegrass world and the pop world used to be completely separate. I existed exclusively in the former. However, the genre lines recently have been blurred by wide digital availability so that someone like me can get where I am.*

Q? What's next - touring, back to the studio?

A. *I'd like to play a thousand shows before I even start thinking about a second record. That being said, I've never stopped writing and making tracks!*

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WHEN A PERSON FIRST earns a driver's license, they've earned more than just the right to legally operate an automobile. To many drivers, a driver's license is symbolic of freedom and self-sufficiency.

The significance of a driver's license never truly dissipates, which makes it difficult for aging men and women to address their abilities as a driver and whether or not they can still safely share the road with other motorists. Though many drivers can safely stay behind the wheel well into their golden years, others begin to recognize their skills are starting to diminish as they approach senior citizen status. For those who want help gauging their abilities as a driver, some self-examination can help.

ASSESS YOUR EYESIGHT

Healthy eyes are essential to being a safe driver, and drivers can assess their eyesight in a number of ways. In addition to visiting an eye doctor for an eye examination, drivers should look for signs that they're having difficulty with driving. If signs and street markings aren't so easy to read anymore, you might need a new prescription for eyeglasses. When the glare of headlights at night makes it difficult to see, your driver's seat might need to be adjusted or you might want to consider antiglare eyeglasses that make it easier to see at night.



ASSESS YOUR COMFORT LEVEL

Safe drivers are also comfortable drivers. To assess your comfort level as a driver, ask yourself the following questions before getting back behind the wheel.

- Is it troublesome to look over your shoulder and change lanes?
- Has steering become difficult?
- Has your reaction time when switching from the gas pedal to the brake pedal decreased?

If you can answer "yes" to any of the questions above, then it could be that you're beginning to lose strength, coordination and/or flexibility, which can make it more difficult to operate a motor vehicle. Answering "yes" doesn't mean you have to give up your driver's license. In fact, your doctor might be able to prescribe therapies or medicines or suggest a fitness regimen that can make it easier for you to comfortably drive a car. In addition, if you're having trouble steering or operating a motor vehicle in any way, you might just want to find a vehicle that's easier to drive, such as one with an automatic transmission that has power steering and brakes.

When assessing your comfort level, also examine your mental state while driving. If other drivers make you uncomfortable or traffic signs are confusing, this can make it difficult to safely operate an automobile. Such feelings when driving could also be a side effect of a particular medication, so discuss the issue with your doctor to see if that's the case and if there are any alternatives.

HONESTLY ADDRESS LOVED ONES' CONCERNS

Aging drivers are often the last to notice if their abilities behind the wheel are starting to diminish. Loved ones are often put in the position of talking to aging drivers about their abilities, and this can cause friction. If loved ones have expressed concern about your abilities as a driver,

out of genuine concern for your well-being, so don't look at it as an assault on your self-sufficiency. Some organizations, including the AARP and AAA, offer driving classes for mature drivers to help them more adequately handle the challenges aging drivers might face.

Aging drivers face obstacles they may or may not be prepared for. When such challenges arise, that doesn't necessarily mean it's time to stop driving entirely. Instead, honestly weigh a host of factors before deciding if it's still safe for you to be behind the wheel.

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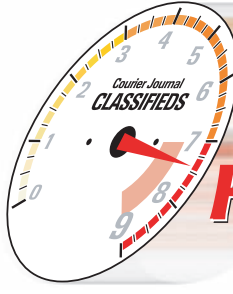
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Commentary...

Privileged...

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- Do you think you have white privilege?
- Do you view homosexuality as a choice or part of a person's biological make up?

It was the white privilege question that spurred the most thought for me.

Wikipedia defines it as follows: The white privilege (or white skin privilege) is a term for societal privileges that benefit white people in western countries beyond what is commonly experienced by the non-white people under the same social, political, or economic circumstances.

I can't speak to the horrors of American slavery. Unless we are of advanced age and one of our grandparents or great-grandparents shared some first-hand experiences, we don't even have a second-hand reference point. However, the term "white privilege" is divisive.

My grandfather was a child survivor of the Messina earthquake/tsunami of 1908 that killed anywhere from 80,000-120,000 people. He and two of my other grandparents passed through Ellis Island separately soon afterward. They came of their own accord; they were free people. They had to learn English on the fly just to get by. They received no courtesies, no respect, no charity, and no welcome mat. There was no safety net. Food and shelter were daily concerns as was the case with most immigrants of the time. They were catholic, so outside of their ethnic communities in NYC they were largely ridiculed. They were not an asset and had no monetary value to anyone. No part of American society was glad to see them.

All four of my grandparents had to work their backsides off - sewing, selling clothes, repairing doorways and floor tiles, and working construction to make ends meet. My maternal grandfather lost a leg in construction. In addition, my paternal grandfather was in an American military uniform overseas only a few years after coming here. He was wounded twice.

All had to wait for the process of obtaining legal citizenship to run its course. That included learning English and learning about U.S. history. No one in my family tree has received a job for which they were not qualified because a predetermined quota needed to be met or maintained. No one in my family has benefited from a race or ethnic-related discount, reduced mortgage rate, investments, or specially-targeted auto financing.

My first real job was at age sixteen as a part-time cashier/stocker at a local convenience store. The pay rate was 2.10/hr. for night/weekend part-time hours. The manager was writing checks to the store for merchandise and discarding the checks when they got to his desk in the back office. The rest of us were blamed for the losses.

Other than a few semesters on an athletic scholarship, my parents paid most of my college expenses and I worked to cover many others. I had no loan program or pell grants. My pay rate right after graduation was \$3.55/hr. in the graphic arts field that included some nights and every Saturday.

What I DO KNOW is that I am blessed because of my grandparents' decision to come here. I benefited from their hard work and a drive to assimilate as a new generation of Americans. That goes double for my parents' hard work and sacrifice. Many of us can share a similar dedication in family histories. That is what made America great for generations.

Did I benefit as an American from my white European ancestry? I find no evidence of that. The socialist left is not guiltling me into thinking I fell into something undue. I hope they are unsuccessful at guiltling my niece as well. She is growing up in an even tougher time as whites of European ancestry are getting more social backlash.

Instead of gloating or complaining about color, social differences, and looking for how we have been wronged by society and history, most of us should consider how fortunate we are to have been raised in America.

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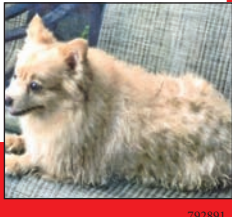
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About 12 years ago Jim Marlboro teamed up with then 16 year old Tina Canerday who is now Tina Layne. They did 200 bookings as a duet in a three year period, including being one of two bands that started the music/entertainment on Court Street for First Fridays. They were mainstays for three years at First Fridays. They went their separate ways when Tina got married and moved out of the area. They are back together this weekend to help celebrate the tenth year of First Fridays. The Bama Cruisers include Jim Marlboro (rhythm guitar), Tom Pallardy (saxophone and keyboard), and Ernie Norton (lead guitar). *Courtesy photo*

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to name a few. His hit song, "That's What I Love About Sunday," was the most played country song of 2005 and spent five weeks at number one.

Bobby Tomberlin is a singer songwriter from Luverne, Alabama. Tomberlin co-wrote the number one country and top five adult contemporary hit, "One More Day," recorded by Diamond Rio. He has also had songs recorded by Faith Hill, Kenny Rogers, Chris Young, and Josh Turner.

We'll Be Home for Christmas, Part 2 features the holiday music, original songs and comedy of Wilburn, Narmore, and Tomberlin. This will be the final concert of the year.

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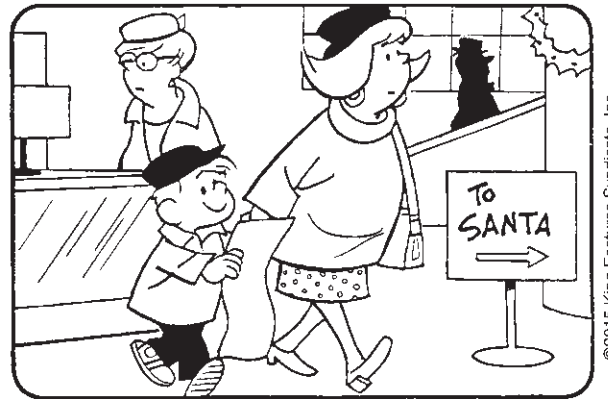
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People say, "well, I believe in God!" Notice in **James 2:19** "Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: **the devils also believe, and tremble.**" There is more required to get eternal life than just believing in one God. The devils also confessed in **Matthew 8:28-29** "And when he was come to the other side into the country of the Gergesenes, there met him two possessed with devils, coming out of the tombs, exceeding fierce, so that no man might pass by that way. And, behold, they cried out, saying, **What have we to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of God? art thou come hither to torment us before the time?**" The devils know that Jesus is the Son of God, and the torment that awaits them, and tremble. Your eternity will start shortly, and if you die lost, like the devils, all that is ahead for you is torment. Do you know Christ? If not, you are headed for a world of permanent pain and horror. You need a savior, now before it is too late. Receive Christ today. See John 1:11&12. It's amazing how you can reject the free gift of salvation, and the opportunity to live and stay young and happy for eternity. See Philippians 3:21.

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THE BOLD AND THE BEAUTIFUL Ivy was embarrassed when Liam admitted that he knew about her cheating. Quinn surprised Thomas by offering to conspire with him. Ivy was left to do damage control after Steffy was able to tell Wyatt the truth before she could. A heartbroken Wyatt asked Ivy what it was about him that drove her into Thomas's arms. Quinn and Thomas's scheming was interrupted by a minor crisis in the Forrester showroom. *Wait to See: Someone overhears a confession.*

DAYS OF OUR LIVES Victor forced Brady to choose between Theresa and Titan. Daniel wasn't thrilled by Fynn's continued flirtation with Nicole. Gabi and Paul embarked on new job opportunities. Hope interrogated Claudia about who was behind Bo's kidnapping. Shawn bid farewell to a heartbroken Belle. Fearing for her life, Abigail made a desperate

appeal to Ben. Meanwhile, Chad was on the verge of making a daring rescue, with Lani and JJ not far behind. Hope played a dangerous game by tracking down Dr. Malcolm. Belle got sucked into Sami's mess. Caroline had a disturbing vision about Victor. *Wait to See: Brady gives up everything for Theresa.*

GENERAL HOSPITAL Nina had big plans for Crimson. Maxie was caught off guard by Dillon's announcement. Sabrina turned to Felix for help on how to cover up her lie. Carlos overheard something he shouldn't have. Ava got a little too inquisitive for her own good. Andre gave Anna an ultimatum. Maxie urged Lulu to "go big or go home." Elizabeth's happiness was short-lived after receiving a distressing call from Nikolas. Mac was at Anna's side during her time of need. *Wait to See: Hayden tells Nikolas about her life before coming to Port Charles.*

THE YOUNG AND THE RESTLESS Cane told Paul and Christine about some evidence that proved he wasn't trying to extort money from Devon. Chelsea asked Adam if he was working with Victor to destroy Jabot. Adam denied being in cahoots with his father, but Chelsea was reluctant to trust Victor. Billy

told Victoria that her father would get what he deserved. Later, Victoria asked Nikki how she was able to endure being in such a volatile relationship with Victor. Noah vowed to do whatever it took to reunite Marisa with her daughter. *Wait to See: Ashley puts all her cards on the table with Victor.*

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Tharptown Baptist Church at 5140 Hwy 48 invites you December 6 as they welcome the Grammy-nominated group, The Nelons. The performance begins at 6pm and everyone is welcome.

The North Alabama Ballet company will perform "The Nutcracker" Friday, December 11 at UNA's Norton Auditorium. The school performance is at 9:30am and is reserved for students and field trip opportunities. The evening performance for the public at 7pm. Tickets are available at the door or reserved seating is available. Stop by Parkway Shopping Center, Florence at The Dance Academy or call 256-366-6136. Student and senior citizen discounts are available.

The University of North Alabama Association of Computing Machinery (ACM) Student chapter will co-host a local "Hour of Code" event with the Florence Lauderdale Public Library, December 11, from 4-5:30pm. "Hour of Code" is a one-hour introduction to computer science with game-style activities for ages 4 and up. Participants will have the opportunity to learn about a variety of computer-related things, including how phone and computer apps, and programs are made. No prior programming experience is required. For more information on the "Hour of Code": Dr. James Jerkins at jjerkins@una.edu or the FLPL at 256-764-6564, ext. 24.

"It's a Dickens Christmas, Y'all" will be celebrated in Tuscumbia on December 11-12. The Dickens Feast (advance tickets required) takes place at the Roundhouse of the Tuscumbia RR Depot at 7pm on Friday, December 11. The Dickens Christmas Festival (free) will be held on the streets of downtown Tuscumbia on Saturday, December 12, 10am - 5pm. Event includes Dickens characters and carolers, with entertainment throughout the day. Expect snow, carriage rides, trolley tours, arts & crafts and food vendors, Victorian dancers, and more special events, including new surprises. Sponsored by Tuscumbia Retail Development, Inc. For info: 256-383-9797 or 256-383-0783.

3rd Annual Holiday Showcase will be on Saturday, December 12 from 9am - 4pm at the A.W. Todd Center in Russellville. Lots of great vendors and no admission. This is a fundraiser for the Relay for Life. For more info call Buffie at 256-332-8643.

The Natchez Trace Parkway presents "The Ball of Christmas Past" in conjunction with TRD's "It's a Dicken's Christmas Y'all" Saturday, December 12, 7-10:30pm at the Historic Winston Home, Tuscumbia. Featuring: Live music, Country English dancing, light refreshments and holiday decorations. Advance tickets are \$15 each or \$25 per couple available at OH! Bryan's, Downtown Tuscumbia. \$5 surcharge per ticket at the door.

Mt. New Home M. B. Church, Leighton will be Celebrating its 145th Church Anniversary & Homecoming, December 13. Speaker of the 11am service is the Rev. Cornell Martin, Pastor of Tabernacle M. B. Church, Pulaski, TN. Speaker of the 2pm service is the Rev. Chris Mayes Pastor of Sand Creek Chapel M. B. Church Starkeville, MS.

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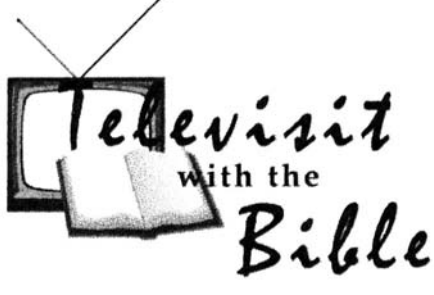
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