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# **A Kindness** Challenge

FLORENCE--Riverhill School is excited to announce plans to participate in the Great Kindness Challenge, January 25-29. The Great Kindness Challenge is a positive, proactive bullying prevention initiative which reaches millions of students during the last full week of January each year.

In an effort to create a consistent, positive message throughout the school and community, Riverhill is implementing a week of kindness activities involving community leaders, staff, parents, and students.

A few of the themed days include: Crazy for Kindness (crazy socks), Team Kindness (sports attire), and Dream of Kindness (pajamas). During this special week Riverhill students will also collect one thousand Kind Cans for a local food pantry and will create a Kindness Wall recognizing their peers who are caught

being kind. The Great Kindness Challenge was created by Kids for Peace to provide schools a tool for creating a positive school environment. Over two million students participated in the program in 2015 and performed over one hundred million acts of kindness nationwide. Kids for Peace is a global non-profit organization that provides a platform for young people to actively engage in socially-conscious leadership, community service, arts, environmental stewardship, and global friendship.



# Burrell Athletes to be Honored

FLORENCE - The Burrell-Slater School Athletic Hall of Fame Committee will induct its third class of athletes at 6:30pm on Friday, February 5. The induction will take place in

the gymnasium of the Florence Educational Center on College Street, the original site of the school for black students during segregation. Burrell-Slater should always be



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remembered as an outstanding educational institution that served black Americans in Florence/Lauderdale County with pride and dignity. The Crimson Tigers brought high honor and glory with their many victories the gridiron, on basketball court, diamond, baseball and track field. three Thirty

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# **Mountain Breeze**

**RUSSELLVILLE-The Franklin** county teenage quartet known as Mountain Breeze burst on the local scene in 1985. The group comprising Joey Holmes, Kelly Cole, Trent Stephenson, and Kerry Gilbert cemented its local legend winning an evening competition in 1986 on the Nashville Network's You Can Be A Star, the forerunner to *American Idol*. The group placed second on the weekly competition. They parlayed that exposure into a Southeast tour and earned an avid following across the region. However, as quickly as they rose the four took their own paths in life.

It has been thirty years since the four had their first taste of fame and the group is reuniting for the anniversary as a celebration of the quartet's music and a benefit for former member Kerry Gilbert.

The reunion concert will also feature The Secret Sisters and Jarred Pierce. It takes place Saturday, January 23 at the Russellville High School auditorium in Russellville, the hometown of all four members.

General admission tickets are \$25. Reunion T-shirts and a remastered CD of Mountain Breeze's album, "In Dixie," will

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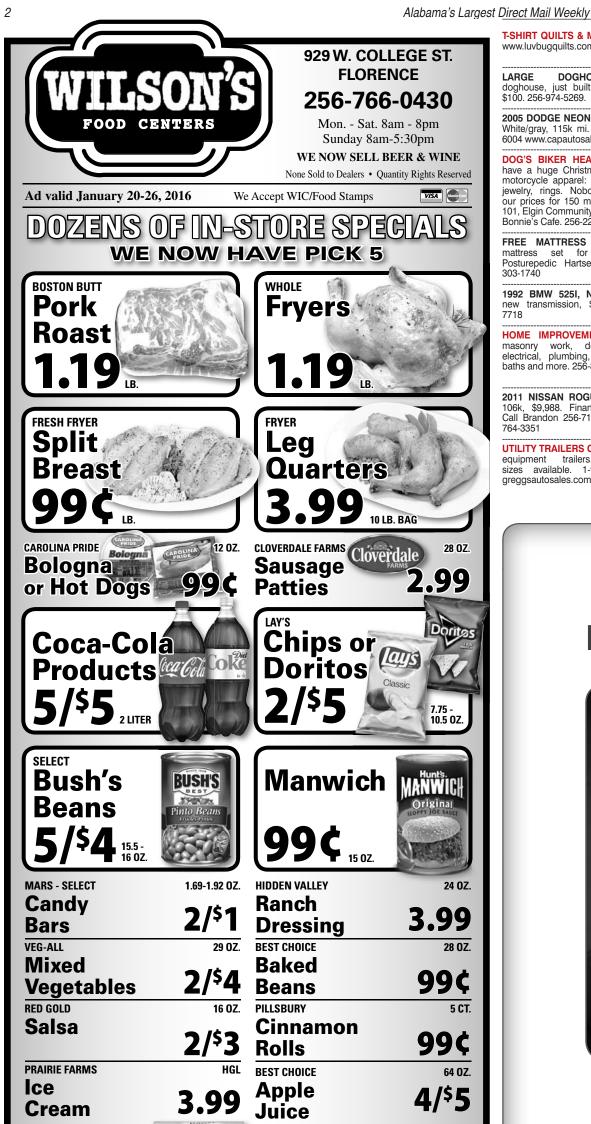
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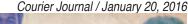


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13 Kia Soul	KNDJT2A57D7773174	2nd St., Sheffield	
00 Honda Accord	1HGCG566XYA093232	Hwy 72 / 247	
98 Mercury Sable	1MEFM50U2WA641991	Co. Line Rd.	
05 Saturn Vue	5GZCZ23D45S843965	S. Montgomery Ave.	
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04 Chevy Malibu	1G1ND52F44M648120	2nd St.	
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96 Ford F150	1FTEX15N9TKA06402	Carver Homes	
02 Ford Taurus	1FAFP55U02A196135	Florence Blvd.	
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04 BMW	5UXFA53563LW24611	Co. Rd. 3, Waterloo	
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Florence City Schools
COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES AND EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2015

FUND TYPES DESCRIPTION		GOVERNM	IENTAL		FIDUCIARY	
DESCRIPTION		SPECIAL	DEBT	CAPITAL	EXPENDABLE	TOTAL
	GENERAL	REVENUE	SERVICE	PROJECTS	TRUST	(Memo Only)
EVENUES						
STATE REVENUES	22,082,068.72	347,543.69	323,412.45	647,263.55	0.00	23,400,288.41
FEDERAL REVENUES	2,478.00	5,080,360.10	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,082,838.10
LOCAL REVENUES	16,479,424.26	1,662,630.89	10,848.93	3,164,965.18	1,113,837.03	22,431,706.29
OTHER REVENUES	271,487.00	125,694.30	0.00	0.00	0.00	397,181.30
DTAL REVENUES	38,835,457.98	7,216,228.98	334,261.38	3,812,228.73	1,113,837.03	51,312,014.10
(PENDITURES:						
INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES	22,777,202.26	3,620,146.01	0.00	444,617.27	257,690.44	27,099,655.98
INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT SERVICES	7,059,567.27	812,186.33	0.00	404,513.37	483,178.75	8,759,445.72
OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE	4,895,180.87	29,338.37	0.00	155,064.15	14,971.62	5,094,555.01
AUXILIARY SERVICES	1,734,510.93	3,075,055.12	0.00	0.00	77,813.62	4,887,379.67
GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	1,169,511.25	117,813.50	0.00	40,716.58	0.00	1,328,041.33
CAPITAL OUTLAY	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,432,460.24	0.00	3,432,460.24
DEBT SERVICES						
PRINCIPAL	0.00	0.00	901,481.30	423,318.68	5,391.14	1,330,191.12
INTEREST	0.00	0.00	1,255,600.63	10,617.70	862.65	1,267,080.98
OTHER DEBT SERVICES	0.00	0.00	6,790,931.55	0.00	0.00	6,790,931.55
OTHER EXPENDITURES	270,397.89	244,834.62	0.00	0.00	196,681.48	711,913.99
DTAL EXPENDITURES	37,906,370.47	7,899,373.95	8,948,013.48	4,911,307.99	1,036,589.70	60,701,655.59
THER FUND SOURCES (USES):						
TRANSFERS IN	235,179.22	927,245.34	2,520,903.15	1,400,000.00	51,449.71	5,134,777.42
OTHER FUND SOURCES	185,605.49	0.00	7,200,000.00	364,799.25	0.00	7,750,404.74
TRANSFERS OUT	910,861.00	185,099.32	0.00	3,920,903.15	117,913.95	5,134,777.42
OTHER FUND USES	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
DTAL OTHER FUND SOURCES (USES)	(490,076.29)	742,146.02	9,720,903.15	(2,156,103.90)	(66,464.24)	7,750,404.74
CESS REVENUES & OTHER SOURCES						
VER(UNDER)EXPENDITURES & OTHER FUND USES	439,011.22	59,001.05	1,107,151.05	(3,255,183.16)	10,783.09	(1,639,236.75)
EGINNING FUND BALANCE - OCT 1	6,706,202.81	1,198,605.70	334,120.60	13,488,838.77	471,823.19	22,199,591.07
NDING FUND BALANC - SEP 30	7,145,214.03	1,257,606.75	1,441,271.65	10,233,655.61	482,606.28	20,560,354.32

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Financing. Tony 931-213-1386 or 256-	9/30/17 6	515,000.00	53,863.75	668,863.75		9/30/17	110,000.00	164,795.00	274,795.00		9/30/17	1,280,000.00	765,800.00	2,045,800.00
764-3351 01-20	9/30/18 63	35,000.00	33,233.75	668,233.75		9/30/18	110,000.00	163,227.50	273,227.50		9/30/18	1,335,000.00	713,500.00	2,048,500.00
	9/30/19 65	55,000.00	11,298.75	666,298.75		9/30/19	110,000.00	161,027.50	271,027.50		9/30/19	1,390,000.00	659,000.00	2,049,000.00
2006 CHRYSLER SEBRING, 4 CYL,	TOTALS 2,50	00,000.00	171,178.75 2	2,671,178.75		9/30/20	690,000.00	153,027.50	843,027.50		9/30/20	1,550,000.00	592,450.00	2,142,450.00
gray, 128k mi., auto, \$3,950. 256-247-						9/30/21	705,000.00	139,958.75	844,958.75		9/30/21			2,138,075.00
6004 www.capautosales.com 01-20	Apple Lease					9/30/22	715,000.00	126,640.00	841,640.00		9/30/22		429,700.00	2,139,700.00
	Debt Service Sched	lule				9/30/23	730,000.00	111,277.50	841,277.50		9/30/23	1,800,000.00	341,950.00	2,141,950.00
ICE MACHINE AND 3 HOLE SINK.	Period .					9/30/24	745,000.00	94,125.00	839,125.00		9/30/24			2,139,700.00
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	9/30/16 1	13,116.21	12,747.15	125,863.36		9/30/26	785,000.00	55,855.00	840,855.00		9/30/26	2,065,000.00	92,475.00	2,157,475.00
1974 CHEVY CAMERO, JUST Body,	9/30/17 1	19,319.67	6,543.68	125,863.35		9/30/27	805,000.00	34,581.25	839,581.25		9/30/27	2,050,000.00	30,750.00	2,080,750.00
Need transmission and engine, Solid	TOTALS 23	32,435.88	19,290.83	251,726.71		9/30/28	825,000.00	11,756.25	836,756.25		TOTALS	19,910,000.00	5,361,350.00	25,271,350.00
Car, \$2,000. 256-412-1092 01-20						TOTALS	7,200,000.00	1,457,602.50	8,657,602.50					
2013 MERCEDES BENZ C300.														
leather, 33k, \$23,988. Financing	QSCB Funds			Series 2014 P	SFA Bonds (Leverag	(hav		Progress Bank	- Band Booster		Period	Total	Total	Total
available. Call JD 256-577-1056 or	Debt Service Schedule			Debt Service S		,cu)		Debt Service S	Schedule		Ending		Interest	lotal
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01-20	9/30/18 0	28,590.44	28,590.44	9/30/19	206,666.46	88,225.83	294,892.29	9/30/18	5,658.66	588.04	C 24C 70		296.08 852,753.	
01-20	9/30/19 0	28,590.44	28,590.44	9/30/20	216,296.08	78,685.10	294,981.18	9/30/19	5,941.23	301.08	C 242 21		407.18 749,216. 888.65 640,865.	
2010 DODGE GRAND CARAVAN	9/30/20 0	28,590.44	28,590.44	9/30/21	227,407.18	67,592.52	294,999.70	TOTALS	22,108.86	2,873.55	24 092 41		110.86 525,503.	
	9/30/21 0	28,590.44	28,590.44	9/30/22	238,888.65	55,935.13	294,823.78						073.81 403,220.	
SE, 89k, \$9,968. Financing available.	9/30/22 0	28,590.44	28,590.44	9/30/23	251,110.86	43,685.15	294,796.01						777.50 284,422.	
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	9/30/25 0	28,590.44	28,590.44	9/30/26	206,296.09	5,157.40	211,453.49						000.00 85,331.	
I BUY JUNK AND REPAIRABLE	9/30/26 1,533,000.00	7,147.76	1,540,147.76	TOTALS	2,465,182.72	695,734.48	3,160,917.20				TOTAL		727.46 8,001,082.	
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Florence Parks and Recreation Department will be conducting online registration for:

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The IRS is moving to an appointment service at this TAC as part of an ongoing effort to eliminate lines and reduce frustration for taxpayers and for IRS employees wanting to assist them. The agency tested various methods of scheduling an appointment.

Prior studies show that many taxpayers visit the IRS site to get a tax transcript, make a payment, resolve a notice, obtain a form or publication or ask about their refund. All of these issues can often be resolved at IRS.gov without traveling to an IRS office.

The agency reminds people that IRS.gov offers numerous online options that can save them time and effort.

Burrell Slater 70's Social Saturday, January 23 from 7-11pm. 610 West College Street in Florence. Tickets are only \$10. For more information, call 256-248-2060 Mon.-Fri. 8-4:30. featuring Anthony 'AB' Brooks, -Keepin' It Live; and performing live Dorothy Cole as Tina Turner and Mike Adams as Elvis Pressley. Proceeds benefit the SPAN program. (Special Program for Acheivement Network)

Monthly Covered Dish Lunch and **Program** at the Zip City Community Center, Thursday, January 21 at 11:30am. Please bring a covered dish. Everyone is welcome.

A Race Unity Devotional will take place at the Baha'i Center, 2037 Huntsville Rd. in Florence January 21 from 7-8pm.





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Breakfast at the Lexington Senior **Center** Saturday, January 23, 6:30-9am. All you can eat. \$6 per person

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#### by Freddie Groves

# **VA Paperless Claims Processing Hits Snag**

An anonymous call to the hotline of the Department of Veterans Affairs Office of Inspector General claimed that mail wasn't being properly handled by the regional office in St. Petersburg, Florida. Little did they know ...

A photo at the contractor scanner facility taken by the VAOIG shows 1,600 boxes haphazardly stored. It was discovered that veterans' claims were comingled with the contractor's documentation, as well as office furniture and boxes of trash. Those claims to be scanned had come from five different regional offices.

It turned out that it was taking 30 days to scan materials, even though the contract calls for a five-day turnaround. Part of the problem was the condition of the material within the boxes when they arrived: scattered, jumbled documents, loose and sometimes blank. A report photo shows what might be a box of junk for recycling. Forms with personally identifiable information weren't secured within the piles of material.

However, scanning-facility management claimed to be unaware of improper storage of the files until OIG inspectors found the storage room. Additionally the OIG "observed malfunctioning video surveillance of the rear storage area, employees freely roaming in this area, and adjacent unlocked and unarmed exit doors.'

In rebuttal, the VA claimed that of the 1,600 boxes, approximately 40 percent had already been scanned and were awaiting shipment. Further, the VA claimed that documents were "date stamped, rubber banded with the original envelope, and carefully placed in boxes for shipment" to the scanning facility.

Welcome to paperless claims processing. From the photos, here's what it looks like to me: Those opening the mail just threw material in boxes without regard for security or organization of those documents, and those receiving the boxes for scanning just threw them into a storage room with unused office furniture.

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# Burrell.

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members of Burrell-Slater High School's 1961 undefeated football team along with six individuals will have their feats honored with the induction this year. The event takes place in the gym on College Street. Tickets are \$15 and may be obtained from a committee member or by calling 236-627-7271. No tickets will be sold at the door.

The individual HOF inductees are: James Barnett, Robert Bennett, William Guice, Willie Lee Jones, Elijah Smith, Mary Hooks Thompson, and the 1961 football team. The public is urged to purchase tickets and come out to honor this third class of inductees.

James L. Barnett Barnett played football and basketball from 1958-61. He was co-captain for football and team captain on the basketball team. He was selected three times all-conference, two times all-state, and six times alltournament. In 1960 Barnett was selected all-state and all-conference. He averaged 18 points and 10 rebounds per game in 1959-1961. He received three letters in football and basketball.

Barnett graduated from Burrell-Slater He went Alabama A&M University on a basketball scholarship. He also studied at Tuskegee University and Atlanta University as well as North Carolina Central University.

Barnett has been associated with several organizations, such as the past-president of the Lauderdale County Voter's League and the Alabama Democratic Conference. He is a founding member of the YMCA of Northwest Alabama and founding member of the Boys and Girls Club of the Shoals.

Barnett is also a member of the NAACP Tri-County Branch, and vice-president of the Martin Luther King Jr. Foundation. He is selfemployed as a barber/ stylist and has owned businesses. He several retired Reynolds from in 1990, where he was a security guard.

Robert Bennett - Played guard in basketball for four years and was a member of 1961 undefeated regular season basketball team (30-0). Bennett averaged 10 points, seven assists, and six rebounds per game as a senior. He was quarterback for the 1961 undefeated football team and had 20 touchdown passes and 85 pass completions. He lettered four years.

Left Florence in 1962 after graduation and joined the military. While serving he met his wife, Essie. They have been happily married for forty-nine years.

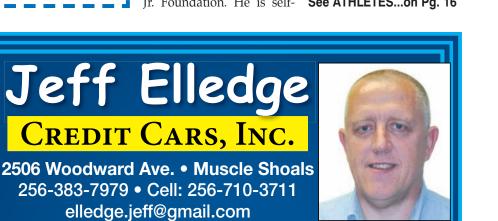
Bennett worked and retired from POHANG Steel after 32 years in 1998. He has been an ordained minister since 1978 and now in full time ministry with (I AM THAT I AM MINISTRY) and the Center of Hope Pittsburg in Antioch, CA.

William Lee "Bill" Guice - attended Burrell-Slater High School during 1948-1950. He left Burrell-Slater in 1950 and joined the United States Air Force where he served his country for four years. Although he was an outstanding basketball and football player during his high school years, he had a love for baseball as well.

Guice played for the Albuquerque Dukes in New Mexico from 1952-1953. The Chicago Cubs bought his baseball contract from the Albuquerque Dukes in 1953.

A career-altering knee injury forced him to give up professional baseball. He and his wife, Gladys, moved to Lima, Ohio in 1955 where he worked for General Motors and Teledyne Ohio Steel Foundry. They still saw talent as an athlete and his potential value to the company. Guice relentlessly played baseball for Teledyne as well as the Bradfield Community Center while also remaining a key bowler

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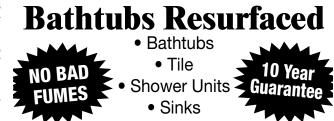
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Secondly, we see rear-end collisions. Everybody knows or thinks that they know that if a driver hits someone from the rear, it is automatically their fault. I don't think that is true. I think there are circumstances where someone who makes a very abrupt stop unexpectedly could cause an accident. The person who got hit would not have caused it but they may have contributed to it and in Alabama that is enough to lose. Nonetheless, the law is the driver of a vehicle shall leave a distance of at least 20 feet for each 10 miles per hour of speed between the vehicle that he is driving and the vehicle they are following. The interesting point about this particular rule is that if it is broken and a collision results, the law finds negligence as a matter of law. I want each of you to do me a favor and please leave enough distance between the front of your car and the rear of the car in front of you to see the rear tires of the car in front of you. We see people all the time who get hit from the rear and then are slammed into the car in front of them. This secondary blow often causes significant injury.

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Lumos advertised that its games would help increase cognitive and behavior brain off including mild cognitive impairment, and Alzheimer's disease. products between Jan. 1, Lumos even claimed to 2009 and Dec. 31, 2014, help with traumatic brain and to send all those injury, attention deficit customers an email or hyperactivity disorder app message notifying and stroke. It also has them of all of the above children's products and providing a way and cited "improved to instantly end their performance" in school and athletics. The big problem: The company didn't have any research have to pay only \$2 to back up its claims million to the FTC. The about what the products consumers who got would do.

or deceptive acts and false of that money in the form advertising, and ordered of refunds. Lumos to stop making claims unless it has clinical testing of the products answer reader questions, to prove what they do. but will incorporate them Additionally, was ordered to disclose possible. Send email to its relationship with any *columnreply2@gmail.com*. person who gives it an endorsement. In one

saying nice things about the product.

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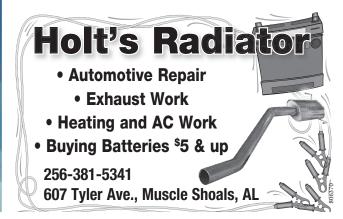
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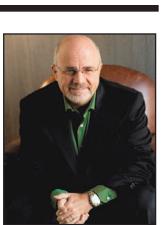
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in-laws are really generous needs to pitch in and do people. They're trying to certain things to help out do something nice for you when they're part of a family. two, but they kind of got But once you've taught him out ahead of things with this about work, make sure to idea. And in the process, they also teach him about the three violated some boundaries in uses for money-saving, your relationship with your spending, and giving fiancé.

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TOM MAGAZZU

Editor

start showing blooms this spring.

No, Atlanta Braves radio fans know that is the motto of the Georgia Lottery. Although technically truthful, it is very

deceptive and disingenuous. A few other state lottery mottos include, "Hey, You Never Know." "Imagine the Possibilities," "Everyone is a winner," "Anything's Possible." Pretty enticing isn't it? State by state, catchy phrases make it seem like our time of glory imminent. Powerball operates in 44 states, two territories, and Washington D.C.

Last week's Powerball craze brings up a few drawbacks.

The IRS takes 40% of the mega winner's lump-sum for federal income tax. State income taxes can take as much as another 9%. Local taxes can grab a few more percentage points. So of the \$1.5 billion that was up for grabs, the government will essentially get \$750 million in taxes and billions more in revenue from ticket sales themselves.

You are almost ten times more likely to get struck by lightening than win the Powerball Lottery. Chances are overwhelming against

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# **Scale Back**

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#### Ten-Weeks of Positive Benefits

SHOALS - Last week the 2016 Scale Back Alabama began program signing up participants. The free statewide

weight-loss program actually kicked off January 8 by breaking the Guinness World Record for the most people on one scale.

Organizers

are hopeful the excitement generated from the event will result in an

increase in participation. To enroll in the competition, individuals 18 years of age and older register at www. scalebackalabama.com, print

a copy of their registration and then visit a local weigh-in site during the week of Jan. 25–31. Registration will be available on-site as well for those who may not have computer access. During the

ten-week contest participants will receive a free phone app to help track their exercise and eating pattern, weekly health tips and the chance to

be entered into a drawing for cash prizes. "We are excited to participate in community

said Patty Wilson, Nurse Shoals at Florence, one one of the weigh in points for participants in this year's challenge.

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Helen Keller Wellcare Center 1021 11th St. SW Sheffield 256-386-4747 Jan 25, 28 6am-8pm Jan 30 8am-2pm Jan 31 1-4pm

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Dear Editor:

Mr. Dillon recently wrote a letter entitled, "What If He Favors ISIS?" In it he proposes that President Obama really wants the radical Muslim terrorist organization ISIS to overthrow the government of the United States, that this is his real reasoning for wanting our country to shelter the Muslim refugee victims of ISIS, and that on the eve of his leaving office he intends to enact martial law and declare himself dictator. Then Mr. Dillon asks who will rise up to lead the faithful patriots against the "Muslim-in-chief".

There is absolutely no merit to any of his assertions. They are meant to whip up the fringe radical element of the conservative base into a frenzy by throwing a few more conspiracy theories into the already boiling cauldron of conservative malcontent.

Disrespecting a sitting president is setting a dangerous precedent. The

policies, even the ideals of the person holding the office, but the office itself must be held above the petty political mudslinging we have seen these past eight years.

Will these same conservatives be okay with their president-elect being treated with the same level of respect they have shown to President Obama?

The other dangerous element of Mr.



members of our society to commit acts of homegrown terror in the name of patriotism. What if one such poor misguided soul decides that President Obama must be stopped before he paves the way for ISIS to overthrow the US and declares himself dictator?

Could a letter to the editor be seen as inciting violence, a call to arms? Be careful opening Pandora's Box.

**Owen Jones** Florence

#### I'm Too Opinionated?

Editor:

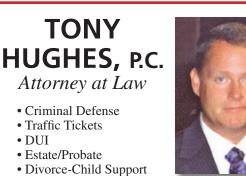
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your ever winning as much as a four-figure prize.

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government Yet the lottery pimps will impress you with such noble purposes - solving all of our economic shortfalls - everything from economic development to environmental protection and senior citizens' to programs public education; you know ... "the children." They don't dare tell you

that one third of lottery winners end up broke, according to the Certified Financial Planner Board of Standards.

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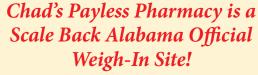
This predatory governance over an at-risk target audience of elderly citizens, subsidy recipients, and low-wage workers goes as far as saturating airwaves, cable channels, and digital media around the first of each month in order to capitalize on peak disposable income periods for those receiving social security and government benefits.

It is amazing that the government can get away with such a ruse. It's amazing that some people don't mind the less fortunate being treated so shabbily.

Instead of promoting responsibility, temporary sacrifice, and discipline, our government officials promote a fantasy, an illusion of a more secure

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# Athletes...

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for a local bowling league. Willie Lee "Sleepy" Willie Lee Jones - presently resides in Oak Park, Michigan. He is a 1960 graduate of Burrell-Slater High School. He served as captain of the basketball and football teams during his junior and senior years.

HIGH-SPEED INTERNET Jones enlisted in the US Navy after graduation from high school and played on the Base basketball team at Pearl Harbor from 1960-1964. He received commendations for repairing shafts for ships and was hired at Chrysler Motors in 1964. He was a pipefitter and a Union apprentice representative for twelve years. Jones was certified as an Apprentice instructor by the Union to teach pipefitters. Jones authored a booklet that can be found in the Library of Congress. He retired in 2004. He is married to the former Sarah Marie Scott, his high school sweetheart, a retired nurse and medical transcriptionist.

His pastime is bowling. Willie will never forget the "Valley Boys" (Caanan Hill) playing basketball outside against the Handy Hill Boys, the Stewart Spring Boys, and the East Florence (Pine Ridge) Boys. Elijah Smith - was born in Killen and began his high school sports career at East End High School Rogersville where in played football and he basketball. His family moved to Florence during the middle of his ninth grade year. Smith started all three years that he was there as a running back. During the three years he played football he led the school in most touchdowns scored and most total scored. Smith points was one of the first black football players to win the Muscle Shoals Area Back of the Week Award an honor given by Florence Times Daily.

After graduating from Alabama State University his first job was as director of W.C. Handy Recreation Center in Florence. After leaving the recreation department he began his career as a teacher in the Florence City School System. He taught at three different schools for a total of thirty years. Smith with the W.C. vorked Handy Music Festival as one of its Directors for twenty three years. He also served on the Florence City Historical Board for eleven years. Smith is a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc.. He is a faithful member of East Side Church of Christ in Florence. Mary H. Thompson -graduated from Burrell-Slater High School. played Thompson baseball for four years and basketball for six years. Mr. W.H. Lewis was her basketball coach. Her basketball teams were very competitive. However, the playing were very conditions different from those of today. On several occasions,

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at Central High School from 1964 - 1984. For several years, Elwyn served as the choir director at Northwood Methodist Church and St. James Methodist Church, both in Florence.

Mardia Butler Irby served for 37 years as a teacher at Waterloo High School, Colbert County High School, Lauderdale County High School, Underwood Elementary School and Weeden Elementary School, teaching first grade at Weeden for her final 25 years of service to the students of Lauderdale County and Florence.

James attended Harlan Elementary School, grades 1-6; Forest Hills Jr. High School, grades 7 and 8 and Bradshaw High School, graduating from Bradshaw in 1975. Upon graduating from Bradshaw in 1975, James entered UNA. James was elected President of the UNA Band



-James Elwyn Irby

his junior and senior years. Upon graduating from UNA, with honors in 1979, James was hired by the Sheffield City Board of Education in July, 1979, as band director where he remained until 1990

On July 1, 2003, James entered the private practice of law with the prestigious Athens, Alabama, law firm of Sherrill, Batts and Shipman,

L.L.C. In 2004, James joined the prestigious Florence law firm of Potts and Young, LLP, one of, if not the, longest continuous law firms in the area.

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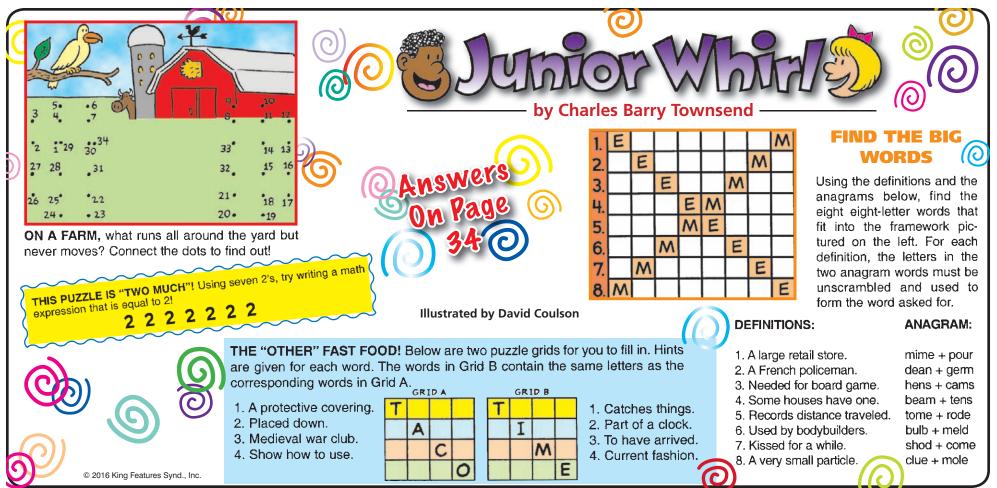
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# **RADON POSES A SIGNIFICANT HEALTH RISK**

fter smoking, nothing causes more cases Lof lung cancer than exposure to radon, which the EPA notes is linked to roughly 20,000 lung cancers death a year in the United States alone.

An invisible, odorless, and tasteless gas that's a byproduct of naturally occurring uranium in soil and water, radon is a proven carcinogen, putting both children and adults at risk of lung cancer. Numerous organizations, including the World Health Organization and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, have classified radon as a known human carcinogen based on a wealth of evidence illustrating a link between exposure to radon and lung cancer.

Though exposure to radon can prove deadly, preventing that exposure is entirely possible, and the better a person understands radon the more equipped he or she is to avoid exposure.

How is a person exposed to radon?

Radon can be found just about anywhere, be it at home, at school, at the office or any other building, new or old. If a home or building is built on radon-contaminated soil, the radon can seep in through the structure's foundation. Radon can also find its way into a home or building if the structure's water supply contains radon. In such instances, the radon will enter the home through appliances that use water, drains, faucets, or pipes. Though often found in basements, radon can be present in a home even if the home does not have a basement. Once radon has

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entered a home or building, the gas is trapped inside, where it can gradually build up and pose a health risk to anyone who spends time inside the structure.

Does radon exposure produce any symptoms?

One of the more dangerous things about radon exposure is that it typically produces no symptoms, and people who have been exposed to radon may not be aware of that until they are diagnosed with lung cancer.

Smokers are at a higher risk of lung cancer from radon exposure than those who don't smoke, but radon exposure can cause lung cancer in smokers and nonsmokers alike.

Can a home or building be tested for radon?

Yes, there are ways to test a home or building for radon, and the EPA as well as the U.S. Surgeon General recommend that all homes be tested for radon levels.

Homeowners can do the test themselves with a radon test kit or hire a professional to conduct the test for them. Some tests or kits may offered free of charge by the local government, while

other homeowners might have to pay for the kits themselves. When using a kit on your own, be sure to follow the instructions with regard to both using and disposing of the device once the test has been completed.

What if the test uncovers high levels of radon?

No level of radon gas is completely safe, but if a test indicates a home or building has high levels of radon and radon testing radon, reducing those levels visit www.epa.gov/radon.

becomes paramount. The EPA notes that the average indoor radon level in the United States is roughly 1.3 picocuries per liter (pCi/L), and 0.4 pCi/L in outdoor air. Ventilating with fans and blowers can help lower high indoor radon levels, but it's also necessary to take preventive measures so those levels don't begin to increase once you stop taking measures to ventilate. Sub-slab depressurization vents air from beneath the foundation, and such a task is best left to a licensed contractor.

preventive Further measures include using air cleaners and sealing any cracks in the foundation and the walls.

Once measures have been taken to reduce radon levels and prevent their recurrence, it still may be necessary to test again down the road. For more information about radon and radon testing,



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# Commentary...

#### Lottery... **Continued from Page 15**

future cloaked with fun and entertainment.

Packed parking lots of lottery fever are driven by financial largely desperation, and delusion, not by fun or entertainment. During downturns, lottery sales spike, and purchases always increase in the areas with the least income. In addition, states with lottery revenues earmarked for the money in state and out education usually end up spending an even smaller percentage of their budgets them. on education. Lottery funds end up replacing previously allocated funds instead of adding to it. When the economy perks up and lottery spending slows, so does the pool of education money.

And we seriously believe some of the very same slugs who claim they want to help the poor?

Sure it's fun discussing with friends and coworkers what steps we would take initially, what we would say to the boss on the way out the door (without a two-week notice), what charitable or personal causes we would support, and how we would save or spend the money. What's \$20 a week?

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Throw \$2 at a lotto ticket economic just to take part in the ery sales novelty? Sure, why not? purchases But some simply can't stop there. Someday Alabamians will vote for a state lottery with the mantra of keeping of Tennessee and Georgia. I hope it works out well for

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# pet connection Travels With Felix

#### Moving cross-country with cats? Ten tips to help the journey go smoothly

By Kim Campbell Thornton Úniversal Uclick

road trip with a dog is a classic experience, but you don't hear so much about traveling with cats. Felines can be fine traveling companions, though, especially if you prepare them beforehand and take some common-sense precautions to keep them safe and happy. Here's our expert advice on taking cats for a ride — whether your destination is a day away or on the other moved around the world with various side of the country.

supplements that can have a calming effect. If your cat shows signs of motion sickness, such as drooling or vomiting, he may benefit from a prescription for Cerenia, an anti-nausea medication.

Plot your trip based on the location of pet-friendly hotels. Even if a website says a particular hotel or chain permits pets, call beforehand to confirm that cats are welcome.

Stock up on disposable litter boxes. Annette Maxberry-Carrara, who has cats, recommends buying one for every stop until you reach your destination and opportunity they needed until we stopped 8 to 10 hours later."

\* On the road, keep your cat in his carrier. It's safer for him and for you.

✤ At hotels, take the cat in first — in his carrier - place it in the bathroom and close the door. Then you can bring in other items from the car without fear that the cat will bolt. "Try to make a corner of the hotel room as cozy as possible for the cat, with his carrier, familiar food dishes and litter box," says former Cat Fancy editor Debbie Phillips-Donaldson.

 Plan ahead for your arrival. Terry Albert, who moved her cats from Seattle to San Diego and back again, says, "I'm probably the only person who ever checked luggage with an unwashed litter box in a trash bag so the cats would have something that smelled like home when we got to the new place."

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#### Dogs at risk may benefit from canine flu vaccine

· It's flu season for you, but what about your dog? Does he need a flu vaccination? Canine influenza isn't common, but it's making an appearance in some parts of the country, including a recent outbreak in Austin, Texas. The H3N2 virus is a newer infection, making dogs more susceptible, but a vaccine is available for dogs at risk. If your dog spends a lot of time with large numbers of other dogs - at dog parks, boarding kennels or dog shows, for instance already sick or has a weak immune system, or will be traveling to areas where there is an outbreak, ask your veterinarian if the vaccine is right for your dog

 An online database created to track animals who are taken in by shelters and rescue groups is up and running. Shelter Animals Count, which has on board organizations including the University of Wisconsin and University of Florida Veterinary Schools, the Association of Shelter Veterinarians and Maddie's Fund, will help animal welfare organizations large and small accurately count the numbers of animals entering and leaving shelters, share and compare data and improve their efforts to save animals' lives and prevent pet homelessness · Captain Cat? Bailey, a sealpoint Siamese with a yen for adventure, sails the bounding main with his humans, Louise Kennedy and her partner, James. The seafaring feline blogs about his life on their sailboat, Nocturne, and has clawed his way to literary fame with his book, "Bailey Boat Cat: Adventures of a Feline Afloat. The Museum of Maritime Pets even named him an Ambassador at Sea. Like any good sailor, Bailey is skilled at climbing ropes and ladders. He also enjoys watching seagulls and other birds, as well as dolphins and snacking on the occasional fish that mistakenly lands on board. – Dr. Marty Becker, Kim Campbell Thornton and Mikkel Becker

If you have a few weeks or months before the big move, begin now to accustom your cat to his carrier. Leave it out in the house for him to explore, and make it extra-appealing by placing treats or catnip toys inside for him to find. You may also want to feed meals in it, leaving the door open. If you see your cat napping in the carrier, lavish him with praise, treats or a nice head scratch.

Accustom your cat to car rides that don't involve going to the veterinarian. Start with short trips down the street or around the block and right back home. Always make sure the ride is comfortable, with the carriers resting on a level, stable surface. Gradually increase the distance of the trips, with occasional stops for a treat such as a tiny bite of your hamburger at a drive-through or other special treat.

Feline pheromone sprays or wipes can enhance a carrier's allure and may help your cat relax when he's in it.

Tranquilizers are usually not a good idea, but if you have an anxious cat, talk to your veterinarian about chewable nutritional

using "crystal" litter, individually bagged for each stop. "It's lighter than clay, cuts the stink in the hotel room or car and absorbs liquid quickly," she says. Toss the whole thing when you leave the

hotel." Feed your cat at least an hour before departure every morning so he has a chance to use the litter box before you set out. "Cats generally eat and drink less while traveling," says JaneA Kelley, who moved from Maine to Seattle with her three cats, ages

17, 13 and 1 year. "That gave my cats all the



Cats may be better long-distance travelers than you think. Many curl up and sleep the whole way.

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# Motherhood at **Its Best**

Cat and Kids column the link to the commencement can find Garrett's full speech at his YouTube page: <u>https://</u> www.youtube.com/user/ <u>garrettturner7</u>

on motherhood:

a lot of things. The biggest thing was that it made me get over myself.

me hold down my eighteen medicine on it.) month old son through screaming which I have never heard since, so that a doctor could stick a needle through his stomach to drain fluid from his spine through the Y, or grandmother's without one of our children. It happens. Motherhood to see if he had meningitis. - which he did. That made me have to sleep for a week on one of those hard lounging chairs while my toddler was kept in a crib with iron bars.

One time motherhood made me have to keep pressure on our six year old son's head who had tripped while running in church and hit his head on the corner of a pew. Church, at the time, was thirty minutes from our house

Writer's note: In the last and our hospital. So I had to entertain him as we rode in our bouncy conversion speech was incorrect. You van across town with head wound type blood flowing. Then there was the matter of the two layers of stitches which after the seven *And now for a few thoughts a motherhood:* Motherhood made me do Motherhood made me do

was hungry, so we went to McDonald's in between head wound and all. Once, motherhood made (By then it had numbing

Motherhood is crazy and hard. We have all left church, school, a restaurant, makes you lose things like your mind, sleep, socks, or the keys (in the refrigerator or on the dining room chair that was never pulled out). Motherhood is a madeto-order way to convince yourself that you are not sane – how did an apple get in my bed? Really, when did I mean to eat this apple?

Motherhood will make you wipe dirty noses with your fingers and catch throw-up in your hands. And motherhood makes Alabama's Largest Direct Mail Weekly

you give up things such as the biggest piece, the last bite, the longest fry... Wow, this was huge for me! When I was growing up, if anyone had reached their hand into my plate, I would have really let them have it. But those little ones with those big-browed Turner those big-browed Turner eyes looking at me and wanting the best bite that I had saved for last - well, they got it.

Motherhood allowed me to watch the natural birth process that brought our granddaughter into this world. I will never forget that! And this grand motherhood brought me sweet moments with her this Christmastime her this Christmastine – her eyes sparkled at the shimmery tree, glistened at the books that Santa left and her eyes soaked in everyone's pleasure, one face at a time, when she was put on the plush brown and neon green rocking giraffe neon green rocking giraffe (that was so ugly that he was cute) with his big green eyes that her Gran had to get for her. Yes, all of it has been so worth that moment.

Christmaswaswonderful. And one holiday evening when my daughter looked at me with her hazel eyes and said that she wanted to go see Star Wars with everybody and wanted to know if I would stay and keep the baby, I (who had seen the original Star Wars when it came out my senior year in high school, long before she was born) said, "Yes." Because that's what motherhood does and motherhood never stops.

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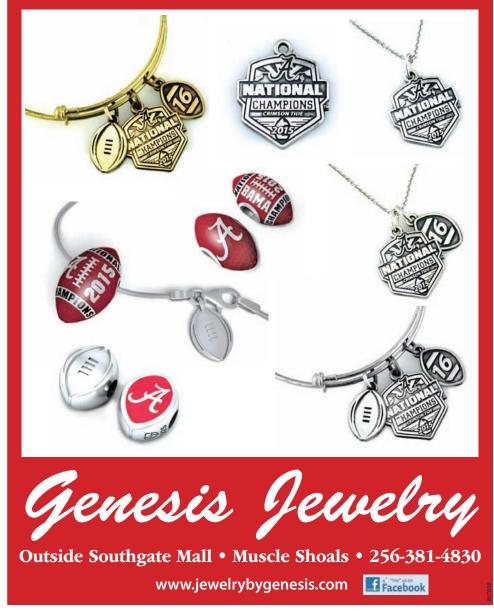
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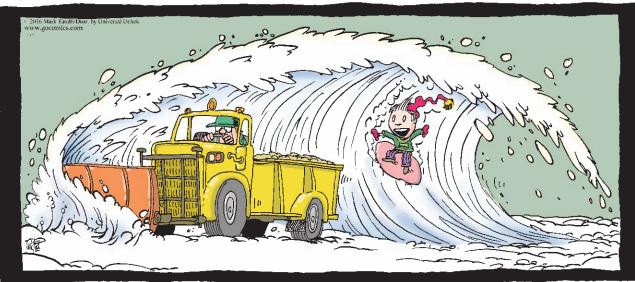
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Letters...

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Can you imagine if no one ever spoke out regarding what's going on around them, how overrun this world would become with people who think they can do anything they want against other people? Freedom of speech may be the only thing we have left that can change or defend injustices and bad behavior. Some people will just observe and walk away. Opinionated people will protect and defend. Which person are you? And which one would you want if one of your family members were being accosted... one who sat back and watched or one who would intervene?

**Paul Sabatino** Florence

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#### Editor:

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Dear Mike,

My daughter and her fiancée have mentioned trying to find a home to "rent-to-own." Is this a good idea? Thanks, L.

Thanks for the question, L.! I would love to be able to give you a straight yes or no answer, but there are variables involved that would affect my answer. First, I would ask why they want to

pursue those routes. Sometimes people who have not ever bought a home, especially young people who are not as familiar with financing processes, wrongly assume that they would not qualify for a mortgage. The remedy for that is simple, and (most of the time) free. They need to make an appointment with a lender. Remind them that they are not inconveniencing anyone—they're doing them a favor by offering them their business! The lender will pull their credit reports and sit down with them and figure out what their options are. Choosing a lender that is right for them is important. They need to be with someone whom they feel comfortable asking questions, and someone whom they feel is truly interested in helping them.

There are things that can make buying a home easier for those just starting out. One of those is USDA loans that require 0% down. The USDA loan requires that the property being bought is in what they consider to be a rural area, but we live in and around small southern towns, so "rural" may be closer in than you think. You can view their parameters online at usda.gov, where you enter your location and see a map of eligible property areas. Another example is a new Fannie Mae program called HomeReady. This program requires that borrowers complete a first-time homebuyer's course, whether or not they are truly first-timers.

If your daughter and her fiancée have credit problems that truly prohibit them from getting a mortgage, then they may need to find a property that is rent-to-own or owner financed. Those two things are actually two very different options. So different, in fact, that I will devote my whole next column to a comparison of the two. What they both have in common is that I would advise them to proceed with caution. It is important to deal with a seller who is very experienced in the process and to have someone knowledgeable (preferably a professional) look over the contract on their behalf before they sign it.

Good luck to them!

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*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 or mail to:

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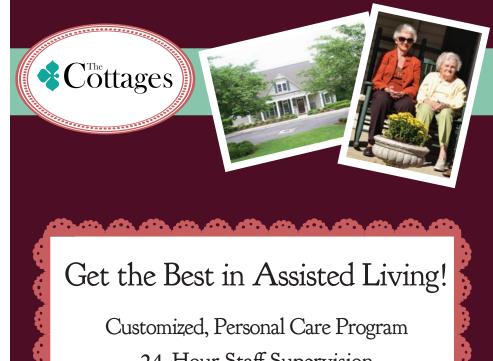
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anyone in a negative way. Ultra-libertarian Neal Boortz, who used to have a radio talk show, often railed against Christians who opposed the legalization of same-sex marriage. He would ask, "How do two people having sex together and marrying affect you?"

'If someone can make the case that a married gay couple living down the street or across town was going to have any negative impact on your own life, then I would say that we need to have a debate on the subject. Nobody has shown me that yet, so how about getting your GOP noses out of other people's bedrooms? Never in my 42 years of being on talk radio has anyone been able to tell me how Joe and Steve living down the block in wedded bliss will have any impact on their life.'

The bakers, florists, and photographers who have been impacted by same-sex 'wedded bliss' could answer Boortz's questions. He used a similar argument for his pro-abortion views, never admitting that the ultimate victim in an abortion was a dead unborn baby.

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Rights The Human Campaign (HRC) which the nation's largest is gay-rights organization, recently released a chilling report that investigates a disturbing trend of religious colleges taking legal measures to exercise their religious liberty, using waivers available to them under Title IX."

The attitude of the HRC is:, "How dare these Christians appeal to their religion to oppose us!" Muslim radicals have been

making the same argument for years and following through by demolishing Christian churches, raping their wives and daughters, and beheading Christians for being Christians.

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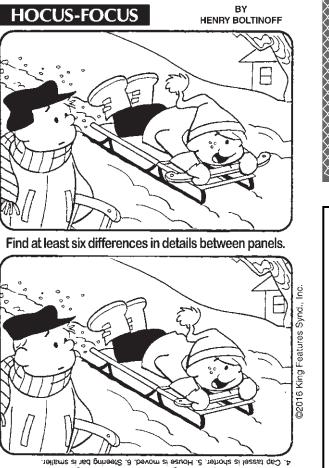
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# **Community Notes...**

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WE CARE After School Ministry of Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church in Central Heights is still enrolling students. Contact Melissa at 245-483-2559 for more information.

**Celebrate Recovery Group** meets on Tuesday nights at Rogersville United Methodist Church. Free dinner at 5:45pm, large group at 6:30pm. We are a caring group who wants to help with solutions to everyday life and the hurts, hang-ups, and habits we all face everyday. We pledge anonymity. Small groups start at 6:30pm with a group for men and a group for women. Call Rogersville Methodist Church with any questions. 256-247-0512.

The Monthly Shoals Second Amendment Meeting will take place on Tuesday, January 26 at the Momma Jeans #3 restaurant on Cloverdale Road. We eat at 6pm and the guest speakers begin This month Shadrack McGill, a at 7pm. candidate for U.S. Senate, will be speaking and will be available for Q&A as well. The meeting is open to the public and free to attend. For more information please visit Shoals Second Amendment on FaceBook or contact Jeff Hopper at 417-527-2223.

The Barnett Brothers Band will be at West Side Village Community Center, Hwy 99 in the Owens Community, Friday, January 22, 7pm. Admission is \$5. All ages are welcome. No smoking allowed, no drugs or alcohol permitted. Bring finger foods to share at break. For more information call 256-771-0586.

VFW Sheffield Post 4919 will have a dance every Friday and Saturday Night. The doors open at 6pm, the band starts at 7pm.



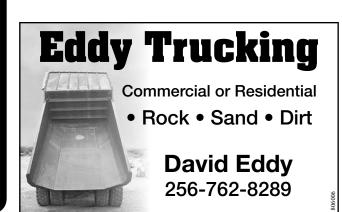
Wednesday, January 27, 9am-2pm, Florence High School, The Dome Gym, 1201 Bradshaw Dr, Florence. Donors can schedule an appointment at or get additional information at www. redcrossblood.org Teresa Becker 256-990-0830.

#### The Florence-Lauderdale Public Library January Event:

• The X-Files Premiere Party Sunday, January 24: party starts at 6pm, premiere viewing starts at 9pm It's been over 13 years since Mulder and Scully made us want to believe on our TV screens. Now, "The X-Files" is returning for a 6-episode event. Watch the premiere on our big screen with other X-Philes! Join us starting at 6pm for screenings of favorite episodes, activities and games, and X-Files themed snacks and drinks from Bookmarks Coffee Shop. At 7pm, Dr. Cheryl Blake Price will lead a discussion exploring how "The X-Files" uses and changes conventions of detective fiction. Then, we'll all watch the premiere on our big screen at 9pm. For more information about events, call

256-764-6564, ext. 28.

Edgemont UMC Young Adult Sunday School Class will study a series by Adam Hamilton called "Confronting the Controversies" each Sunday through February 14. Controversial issues of our time are looked at from a Biblical perspective as well as the focus on how to engage in this kind of dialogue while respecting all those involved. Class will meet at 10am in conference room. The church is located at 1330 Eauclaire Ave., Florence



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January is the time of year that we begin to consider ways to live better, and women of all ages have perhaps more priorities to balance than ever before. Celeste Coffman, an Associate Licensed Counselor under supervision of Alicia Kelly, LPC-S, will host "Organization & Productivity for Women" on Saturday, January 23 at Mosaic: A Wellness Place, 1801 N. Wood Avenue in Florence at 1:30pm and advance tickets are required. Ticket cost is \$50. Women who attend will spend time reflecting on their goals and achievements from 2015 while making plans for an even better 2016. Coffman will provide guidance in setting priorities and managing goals, as well as multitudes

of tips for organizing meals, children's schedules, work and more. Interested schedules, work and more. Interested parties may read more about this event at buy tickets at https://goo.gl/JL7wrr.

Body 4 Believers - Saturday, January 23, 9am-2pm, at Valdosta Baptist Church, 103 E. Marlon Ave., Tuscumbia. Learn how to eat real foods that taste good and satisfy while removing fat. Register for door prizes. For more info: 205-399-4421.

Tennessee Valley Community Church, 119 North Pine Street, Florence, will be giving out food, Saturday, January 23 from 8am until all food is gone. Food will be given to one family per household. Please bring recent utility bill.

The Leighton Public Library and Museum at 8740 Main Street in Leighton will have a "Frozen" storytime on January 23 at 1pm. Come join us for an afternoor of fun and take your picture with Olaf Elsa, and Anna.

Get Out of Town: Antarctica -Sunday, January 24, 2pm at the Florence-Lauderdale Public Library.

For the second event in FLPL's annual travel series, Dr. Michael Pretes will share stories, photos, and information from his recent trip to Antarctica. For more information, call 256-764-6564, ext. 28.

Florence Parks and Recreation Department/The Club (Florence Senior Center), 450 Country Club Drive in Florence will host two free nights of modern western square dance lessons Monday, January 25 and Monday, February 1. This is NOT like the square dance you experienced in school. Fun, healthy, hobby for men, women, kids, couples and singles New friendships set to music. Give it a try. Hosted by The Singing River Squares. Caller/Instructor: Chuck Bermele. The Club is an alcohol/drug free facility. For inquiries call 256-760-6420 or 256-767-7946.

2nd Annual Steampunk Event January 30, 12-2pm at the Florence Lauderdale Public Library, 350 N. Wood Ave., Florence. Join The Kabiu Society Steampunk Club for their 2nd annual steampunk event. It's a free local event. Q & A discussion about steampunk culture, history, characters, etc. Local cosplayers and LARPs are encouraged to come in costume. Let's mingle and socialize. More info: 256-224-3449.

Swamp John's at the Lexington Senior Center, Thursday, February 4, 4-7pm. Fish, chicken and shrimp, with slaw, hushpuppies, fries, drink and homemade desserts. \$11 per plate.

5th Saturday Night Singing at 2nd Baptist Church, Sheffield, corner of 5th and Frankfort, Saturday, January 30, 6:30pm. Featuring Three in One. Everyone welcome

Shoals Christian School Key Club resents Coffee House, a benefit to build a fresh water well in Zambia with Water282. on January 30, 6-9pm at Woodmont Baptist Church. Coffee and desserts available for purchase. Admission is \$5. Featuring: Jordy Searcy, Jake Eliff, Madeline Frankfort, Ashley White, Emily Whitehead, and McKenzie Lockart.

For tickets or more information, call Shoals Christian at 256-767-7070 or Beth Benson at 256-335-3381.

Get Out of Town: Rwanda - Sunday, January 31, 2pm at the Florence-Lauderdale Public Library.

For the final event in FLPL's annual travel series, Tyler Putt will share stories, photos, and information from his trip to 'Rwanda. For more information, call 256-764-6564, ext. 28.

Harris Chapel Baptist Church and Mountain Spring Baptist Church will host a Southern Convention type singing Sunday, January 31 at Harris Chapel Church on North Pike in Cherokee. Singing will start at 6pm and refreshments will be served following the singing. Everyone is invited.

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