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## Two With 20 Years at TEC

CHEROKEE—Two employees at the TEC local office in Cherokee have been working with the company for over 20 years.

Mark Singleton is an Outside Plant Technician who works on TEC Security products, installs, and troubleshoots for copper and fiber. He has been an Outside Plant Technician for 27 years and has helped in restoring services to other TEC locations after natural disasters.



Singleton

Rebecca Woodis is Customer Service Representative. She has also been a Customer Account

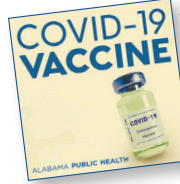


Woodis

Manager and a Sales Representative, and is licensed by the State of Alabama for TEC Security. Over the past 23 years Rebecca has seen the business grow from phone service only to all DSL services and fiber internet. "Having lived in the Cherokee area all my life I am proud to work for a company that services our rural area of Colbert County and gets involved in supporting our local schools and organizations," stated Woodis.

## Vaccine Now for 65 & Up

MONTGOMERY – Governor Kay Ivey and the Alabama



Department of Public Health (ADPH) announced Friday starting February 8, ADPH will

extend eligibility for COVID-19 vaccinations to include people 65 or older,

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## Three Promoted Internally

Bank Independent Also Adds Two

SHEFFIELD – Bank Independent recently announced the internal promotions of team members Tracey Williams, Kyle Mangum, and David Greenfield. Williams will serve as the new Officer – West Area Sales Leader.



Williams

She will lead the sales and service efforts in area offices to ensure the exceptional service standards customers expect from Bank Independent. Tracey joined Bank Independent in 2011 and most recently served as the first leader of the Digital Sales Office. Tracey is a graduate of the University of Alabama in Huntsville with both a bachelor's and master's degree in nursing.



Mangum

Mangum has been promoted to Sales Officer at the Pine Street office in Florence.

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Greenfield

Greenfield has been promoted to Sales Officer at Village Square in Russellville.

David will be positioned to develop financial strategies and enhance customer relationships. He joined the Bank Independent team in 2014 as a roving teller moving into positions of

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## PLEIN AIR WORKSHOP FEATURES

# Full View Outdoors

TUSCUMBIA—The Tennessee Valley Art Association welcomes noted Birmingham artist and Notre Dame graduate, Amy R. Peterson, for an all-day plein air workshop on Saturday, May 1 from 8:30–4 at the Tennessee Valley Museum of Art in Tuscumbia.

The outdoor workshop will feature two live demonstrations, one on one instruction, and group critique at the end of day. Lunch and snacks will be included. The cost is \$300 for general public and \$275 for TVAA members. Non-members can choose to include a TVAA membership. The workshop is limited to ten students, and they will need to furnish their own supplies. Students can choose any paint medium, although Pederson's instruction will be geared toward oil.

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Plein air is the act of painting in the outdoors with a full, open view of your landscape or structure.  
Courtesy TVAA



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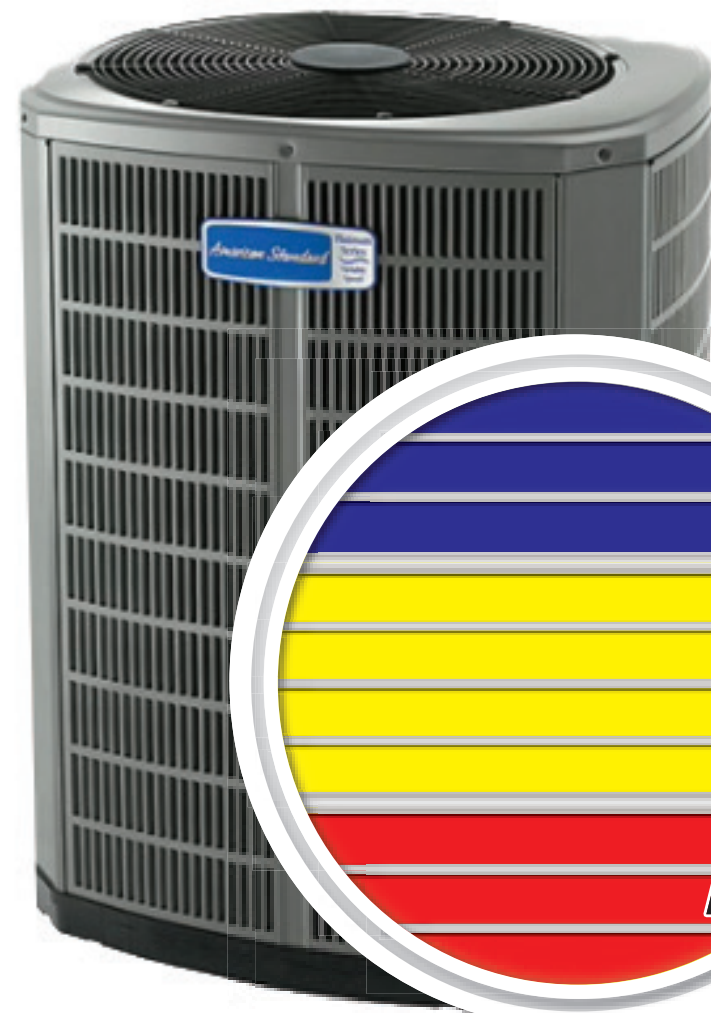
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**Q** I have an employee who tries to talk politics to my customers, and I have had several of them ask me if I knew that this was going on. I think this person is making my customers uncomfortable. Can I do anything about this? *Janelle - Florence, AL*

**A** You sure can. I think you can warn your employee not to continue and if that doesn't work, fire your employee if he or she is damaging your business.

This type of person typically believes they have a First Amendment Right to free speech. They do not have the right to free speech on your time if it impacts your business.

There is a common misconception that the First Amendment protects speech in any place. It does not. Therefore, a private employer may make rules about what is or is not appropriate for discussions at work.

For the most part, when employees are not at work, they are on their time. However, they still represent your company and should behave in a professional manner.

People shouldn't forget that's why they call it work. Someone else is paying for their time and that has consequences.

People can not be fired for having a particular religious belief or national origin. People can be fired for engaging in activities while on the employer's time on the employer's property. Generally speaking, people can be fired for good cause, bad cause or no cause at all but there are certain protected classes that are protected by law.

The right of an employer to control workplace discussions that they deem inappropriate is protected by law, but this control must be exercised even handedly and an employee should only be fired after a fair warning.

Buckle up, drive safely, and as always, your referrals are appreciated! 256-764-0112



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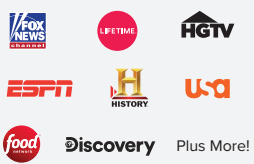
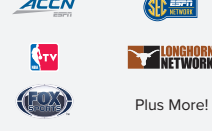

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The exhibit and competition are coordinated by area art teachers. Schools may participate or students can enter on their own. Each student can enter up to three works. Entries are juried and, if accepted, are eligible for ribbons awarded in different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

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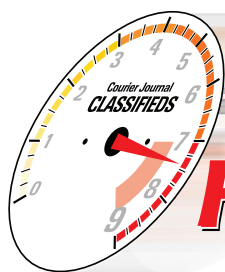
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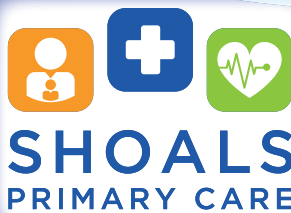
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The 2005 University of Notre Dame graduate is a member of the Oil Painters of America; the American Impressionist Society; the Alabama Plein Air Artists; the Mountain Brook Art Association; and the Cahawba Art Association.

"As an outdoor enthusiast and conservationist, I value plein air painting as an opportunity to document a place in time, on canvas, immersed in the weather, the season, and the uniqueness of each location. I rely greatly on my plein air experience to infuse my studio paintings with light, life, and confident brush work. While I often paint from my own photographic references, painting from life remains my greatest teacher. Plein air is at the heart of my approach to teaching."

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**Commentary**

# Is it Indifference or Selfishness?

**W**e've been over this to a degree, but the changes are not good. Regular readers know I am not an advocate of government-mandated mask-wearing. When it was optional, it was up for discussion. However, for the last 5-6 months it has

been a state law to wear a mask and social distance in public and places of business.

I'm not sure whether it is negligence, impatience, selfishness, or indifference, but IT IS bullheadedness.

In just a six-week period from mid-December to late-January, Colbert and Lauderdale's official Covid cases went from 9,115 to 13,774. Statewide cases were up 149,000 - to over 452,000. Deaths over the same period locally more than doubled, 114 to 231. Deaths went from 4,124 to 7,340 statewide.

I understand it is easy to go stir-crazy with months of restrictions. Yet, people are still going mask-less into stores and paying very little attention to social distancing guidelines in restaurants and night spots. We also HAVE TO self-isolate after knowingly coming in contact. Our restlessness and impatience breeds foolhardy personal justification. "Well, just this once," or "I know them - they don't have it," or "I can't afford to miss work." Those philosophies create asymptomatic carriers who can infect others, some of whom can't fight it off.

It is costing us too precious many lives.

**In A Few Words**



**TOM MAGAZZU**  
Editor

## Courier Journal

# THIS WEEK

in the *Shoals*

February 3, 2021

**Happening THIS WEEK**

## NW-SCC to Offer Virtual University Transfer Day

**MUSCLE SHOALS**-- Northwest-Shoals Community College's Student Support Services will provide a Virtual University Transfer Day on Thursday, February 4 for NW-SCC students interested in transferring credits to ten partnering universities.

According to NW-SCC Student Support Services Director, Beth Brewer, SSS would traditionally host a transfer panel to provide students with valuable insights on what college life will be like in a university setting. However, the program is having to handle events slightly different due to the pandemic.

Students should sign-up prior to the Virtual University Transfer Day on Thursday, February 4 at <https://nwsccmoodledemo.com/virtualtransfer/virtualtransfer.php>.

"This is a great opportunity to show our students what life is like on different university campuses," said Brewer. "Many of our students are having to prepare for a big transition to universities at a very difficult

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## Be Two of the Thousand Eyes

**FLORENCE**--The Florence Indian Mound Museum is seeking volunteers for the Shoals Chapter of the Thousand Eyes Program. The program trains volunteers to assist archaeologists by helping to monitor archaeological sites in the Shoals for looting and vandalism. Thousands of Native American objects are stolen from burial sites around the Shoals each year.

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### Still Voted for Him

Editor,

In response to the January 20 letter from Pam Gargis, "What is Wrong?" I'll keep this short and sweet.

I supported President Trump because he WASN'T a politician.

I feel sorry for you. You knew Biden's policies, believed his double talk, and still voted for him.

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**Daniel Seaman**  
Tuscumbia

### For Me It's Logic

Editor:

Each side working to destroy the other  
 What do you think the end will be?  
 Imagine what might happen

If we built each other up in unity.  
 For me it's just logic,  
 for I defy the world of hate.  
 For you it's a decision,  
 Either side the choice they make.

Jesus and Lincoln both spoke:  
 "A house divided cannot stand."  
*Matthew 12:25*

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*How many more of the Rights bestowed upon us in 1791 will be sacrificed?*



### I Hate Lies and Liars

Editor:

This is to answer the letter from Pam Gargis on January 20, "What is Wrong?"

The simple fact is you are wrong. Donald Trump was the best President since Ronald Reagan. You need to watch and listen to something other than CNN, ABC, NBC, CBS, and MSNBC. They all hate Donald Trump.

I don't even listen to the regular Fox News anymore. I hate lies and liars.

What you need to do is go to church and get saved. And don't tell me you are saved. How can anyone say they are saved when they support a party that is for homosexual marriage, murdering innocent little babies? You need to read 1 Corinthians 6:9-10.

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Macs comprise only 10% of the computers out there and it feels like we've seen all of them. For the uninitiated, a "Mac" is an expensive Macintosh computer manufactured by Apple.

It seems that PCs are seen as tools for PC people but Mac people treat them as if they were favorite stuffed animals. I'm not judging; I have the same love for some of my gadgets -- just not my computer. I suspect this has much to do with the purchase price of a Mac. They start at



**Jim Fisher**

# I HATE MACS

by "The Computer Skeptic"

\$1,300 and go way up from there. That sounds expensive but it's not 100% fair. When you buy a new Mac, you are getting the top-of-the-line, cutting edge technology and excellent support should you need it during the warranty period. If the post-warranty issues that I discuss here.

If you're in the market for a new computer, I suggest you not buy a Macintosh--at least not until they get their stuff together and make them remotely affordable to fix. Following are a

few examples of why I hate Macs and why you shouldn't own one.

After years of pleading from customers (and a class action lawsuit or two), Apple finally acknowledged a problem with the tiny, thin little cable that runs between the main body of their laptop and the display. Symptoms are that the display backlight continuously or intermittently shows vertical bright areas along the entire bottom of the screen or the display backlight stops working completely (aka, "blank screen").

This problem is prevalent in Macbooks from 2016 - 2018. It is so prevalent that it has a name, "Flexgate." If you have this problem, call Apple and let them fix it for you at no charge. Before this issue was addressed by Apple, we were charging \$600 - \$800 to replace displays. That is a ridiculous amount of money to pay for the repair for just a little cable but that's what the repair requires. On a PC, this would cost \$25 for the part and 10 minutes to repair. My shop would hit you up for \$65 if you can't do it yourself. Speaking of displays, crack a Macbook screen and you'll pay at least \$500 and up to \$900 for a replacement. On a PC, that's typically \$150 - \$350.

If your keyboard stops working, or your cat pulls the keys off a notebook PC keyboard you'll pay about \$100 to \$300

to replace the keyboard. Do the same on a Macbook and pay \$400 - \$500. That's ridiculous.

Don't get me wrong; I love taking your money for these repairs but this just isn't acceptable. I recently had a college-age woman cry when I told her how much it was going to cost to fix her Mac. She gave me the inspiration to write this article. I don't need that kind of drama in my life, nor do you.

You normally get what you pay for but Macs just aren't worth it.

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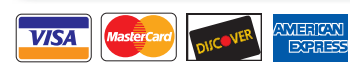
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*Darrell M. in Severna Park, MD*

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*F. B.*

## WHIPPED CREAM CHEESE

My son loves whipped cream cheese, but since it is often more expensive than the bar style, I have now started whipping my own. I add a little bit of milk and whip it with the mixer to get it soft and fluffy. He thinks it's great, and I save a little bit of money for just a few minutes of time on my part.  
*Rebecca G.*

## THE OFFICE COFFEE MAKER

I've asked my coworkers to save our used coffee grounds in the empty plastic coffee containers the coffee comes in. Then I take the used grounds home in the plastic coffee "cans" and dump the grounds in my compost pile, rinse the grounds out, and pour that water on my hydrangeas.  
*Janice C.*

## SELLING USED TOYS

If you hold an annual garage sale or sell your kids' toys at a consignment store, try to save the original toy boxes. So many toys are great for a short while and then become a bore for my kids (and just one more thing for me to

dust and clean up!) so I store many of the boxes. I have found that I can price items four times higher at garage sales, and definitely get a much higher trade price at the consignment store when I present the toy in the original box. Try it!  
*Jennifer in Rio del Mar, California*

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# Soap Opera Preview

**THE BOLD AND THE BEAUTIFUL** Busted by Ridge, Zoe informed Carter that she was ready to set an immediate wedding date. Brooke was furious

when Hope confided that Steffy might be pregnant with Liam's child. Ridge informed a shocked Carter of Zoe's ultimate betrayal. Steffy and Finn took a paternity test. Brooke confronted Steffy about what she put her through. Zoe fervently attempted to save her relationship with Carter. Off the heels of her conversation with

Carter, Zoe hurled some accusations. *Wait to See: Steffy confesses to Ridge about her night with Liam and her pregnancy. Paris gives as good as she gets when Zoe presents her with a document to sign. Ridge attentively listens when Finn reveals his intentions with Steffy.*

**DAYS OF OUR LIVES** Jack and Gwen received their DNA results. Laura paid Jennifer a visit -- and revealed a stunning secret. Nicole received some upsetting news regarding Eric. Tony gave Jake advice about Gabi's proposal. Laura explained to Jennifer and Abigail the truth about Gwen's story. Later, Gwen lashed out at Jack. Eli and Lani lured Dr. Raynor into a trap. Rafe comforted Nicole. Ivan presented Vivian with Eli and Lani's twins. Dr. Raynor gave Eli and Lani a key piece of information. Jack was stunned by Laura's revelation. Chad covered for Abigail. Eli and Lani put the pieces together. Susan Banks provided answers for Ben and Claire. Ciara fought to get home to Ben. At the hospital, Brady awoke to find Chloe at his bedside. Brady and Kristen argued about Chloe. *Wait to See: Philip kisses Chloe. Ciara makes a run for it. Lani and Eli confront Ivan.*

**GENERAL HOSPITAL** Nina reflected on a missed opportunity. Valentin snapped at Carly. Finn pushed Britt for information. Obrecht made a desperate plea. Nikolas went to Laura for advice. Franco looked to Kevin for help. Anna attempted to put the pieces together. Sam harbored an obligation to Dante. Jordan gave Alexis guidance. Maxie was sympathetic to Liz's situation. Maxie paid Dante a visit. Laura confronted Carly. Cyrus turned the heat up on Brando. Curtis

gained strength from his peers. Portia encouraged Trina. Maxie visited Nathan's grave. Anna updated Valentin on her investigation. Finn, Chase and Gregory tried to connect. Jax tried to assure Carly that Nina was her ally. Jackie and Scott reunited. Chase told Willow he missed her. Sonny searched his memory. *Wait to See: Jax defends Carly. Anna continues to piece together information on Peter. Britt lays into Peter.*

**THE YOUNG AND THE RESTLESS** Victor gave Victoria an ultimatum.

Nate and Devon discussed some family matters. Gloria asked Lauren for a second chance. Billy received mixed signals. Sharon took action. Faith resisted Nikki's help. Victoria examined her past with Billy. Elena protected Devon. Abby and Mariah reached an understanding. Amanda pointed Lily in the right direction. *Wait to See: Chelsea is pushed too far. Sally keeps a secret from Jack. Kyle's past catches up with him.*

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### I Hate Lies and Liars

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are democrats. They say they are Christians, but are deceived because the Bible clearly states what God hates. The Democratic platform supports much of what God hates.

I wish the Lord would return soon. Then you, Biden, Pelosi, Shumer, and Maxine Waters can have what's left of this world.

**Bobby Merryman**  
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### Plan of Action Successful

Editor,

So the truth has finally raised its head. All this information was on Facebook, but it was immediately removed. That is why it is being sent to the *Courier Journal*. Other papers would never print it.

All that we are seeing take place today began in 2015 when Obama set into play a long drawn-out plan to get Hillary Clinton elected. With the help of the Justice Department, he set Hillary up by having a foreign entity offer her an \$18 million bribe, which she accepted. This was done to make Hillary obliged to do Obama's bidding while in office. There was a person involved in the

bribe who has come forward to tell how this thing came about. He is Patrick Byrne, the CEO of Overstock.

However, something happened that Obama did not expect: Donald Trump got elected. So they had to start over with a way to destroy Trump. In 2018 a plan was put into action to steal the election from Trump. They were successful, and got Joe Biden elected. Now Joe Biden is indebted to Obama and the next four years will be Obama's third term. He has already started signing into law all those things that Obama wanted. It is a shame that we the people have to live under a government that would be so corrupt.

You may doubt the validity of this information if you wish; that is your choice. The information given by this Mr. Byrne creates

speculation as with a lot that is written these days. But, just suppose it really did happen as he said. Would it make you stop and think about what is happening right now in America? And who is going to investigate to find the truth? The Justice Department?

**David Hollingsworth**  
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### Unity Through Punishment?

Editor:

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

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

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Every Home - Every Week

# THE DOLLAR Stretcher



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the verge of going bad in our refrigerator drawers. This allows us to have more money in our pockets and more time to do fun family things at home. The added bonus is that we get to taste

different cooking styles from people with different backgrounds.  
*Jenna*

### WHAT'S YOUR SETTING?

My washer has four timer settings, including 3, 6, 9 and 12 minutes. We used the 12-minute setting for years. As we've looked for more ways to save, we decided to use the shorter settings. We now wash on the 6-minute setting, saving on electricity. As a bonus, the wash gets done in half the time! And, yes, our clothes are just as clean.  
*Babette in Colorado*

### EARLY START ON SPRING GARDEN

We live in an apartment-style condominium with a sunny balcony and we decided to grow a bunch of herbs and vegetables this year to save money. Instead of buying pots at \$2 to \$3 each, I asked my coworkers to bring in their empty gallon milk jugs and two-liter bottles that I could cut in half. We also planted seeds early to avoid the high cost of transplants.

I was surprised, however, to see that one big bag of quality potting soil with compost was \$6, so I did some research and found a local supplier who sells a pound of red wiggler worms for \$15. I shredded some newspaper and then added non-meat and non-dairy food waste, and the worms are turning the trash into new soil for free! They don't take up much room either. We live in a one-bedroom apartment and they're in our kitchen in an old container. No more expensive bags of dirt and we're helping the environment at the same

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### CUSTOM CAKES

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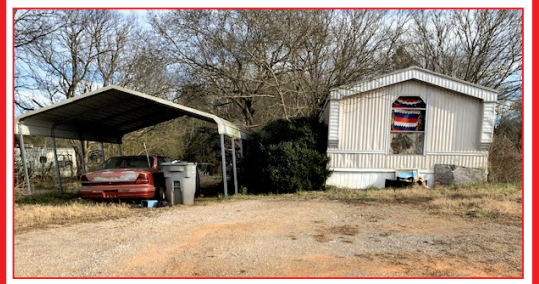
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"No, problem, you just saved yourself \$5!" So, anytime you have a fancy cake in mind, look around in your child's toy box. You may have the most expensive decoration already on hand!  
*Jean G. in Elkton, MD*

**HOLIDAY FLAGS**

I was tired of replacing my fabric holiday flags that I hung on a pole outside of my house. They would fade from being in the sun and didn't look as decorative and bright after only a

couple of seasons. I now paint the faded areas with fabric paint that I got from a local craft store. The paints are waterproof once they dry and have a very long shelf life as long as they are closed tightly. I'm especially glad that I can revive my favorite flags that are usually irreplaceable.

Sandra L. in New Jersey  
**Extra Zucchini**  
For everyone like me who has far too many zucchini to deal with, here is a good tip. Peel the vegetable and grate it. Then put it in your blender and blend until very creamy. Now, bag it in resealable freezer bags in 1 1/2-cup portions and freeze. This milk can be used for all of your baking, saving you the cost of milk. I have been doing this for about 30 years now and have never had a failure. This can also be canned by pressure canning if you have no freezer. I do this when my freezer is full, using the canning time for squash. Next year, when planting your garden, put in a good row of zucchini and save many dollars in dairy costs.  
*Annemarie*

**END OF THE DAY SAVINGS**

I am a single person that works long hours. Many evenings, I do not feel up to cooking a healthy meal. At my local grocery store, I have found that at the end of the day, they mark down the prices of the deli food. I'm not sure how they calculate it, but I can sometimes get a full meal for 61 cents to a \$1.16.

Last night, I had rotisserie chicken (a very large portion) for \$1.16. I imagine most deli departments in grocery

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**DAVE Says**

by DAVE RAMSEY

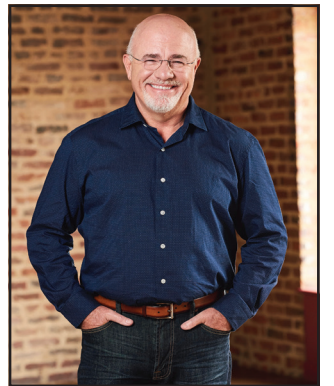
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Dear Dave,  
Your plan has been a lifesaver for us. Why do you think some people are unwilling to listen to good advice, and make changes in their finances?  
*Tammi*

Dear Tammi,  
Thank you so much for all the kind words. I'm really proud of you two for putting in the effort and hard work that goes along changing your financial behaviors and gaining control of your money.

I think there are several reasons why some folks resist making changes in their lives, even when those changes would make things a whole lot better and easier for them. One of those things is often denial.

My dad used to tell me 90 percent of solving a problem is realizing and admitting a problem exists. I'm convinced that one of the major factors keeping people from winning with money is they don't realize they even have a problem. If you are apathetic because you think things like debt and living paycheck-to-paycheck are okay or just the way things are, you'll be unwilling—or even afraid—to make the big changes necessary to achieve big results. Debt is so ingrained into our culture that most Americans can't envision a car without a payment, or college without student loans. We've been sold on the idea of debt so aggressively that most folks don't believe life



without a pile of payments is possible.

Also, change is painful. Most people won't change until the pain of where they are exceeds the pain of change. No matter who you are, where you're at right now financially is, in large part, a sum total of the decisions you've made to this point. If you don't like where you are, you have to acknowledge the fact that things need to change—you need to change.

Finally, there's an element of ignorance involved. Don't get me wrong, I don't mean being dumb or stupid. What I'm talking about is a simple lack of good information. Anyone can learn things, if they'll just admit they don't have all the answers and set their minds to studying and educating themselves on a topic. If you're not careful, what you don't know about money will make you broke and keep you broke!

*\* Dave Ramsey is a seven-time #1 national best-selling author, personal finance expert, and host of The Dave Ramsey Show, heard by more than 16 million listeners each week. He has appeared on Good Morning America, CBS This Morning, Today Show, Fox News, CNN, Fox Business, and many more. Since 1992, Dave has helped people regain control of their money, build wealth and enhance their lives. He also serves as CEO for Ramsey Solutions.*

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# Letters...

## Unity Through Punishment?

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enough the 46th President plans to reverse or remove most of the Trump policies, domestic and foreign? Isn't it enough after four years working for no salary to put America first, but being slandered by the press, Democrats and the ignorat?

It is true that President Trump has been brash and sometimes arrogant in his desire to improve America by making us

energy independent, but is it wise to depend on the Arab states to furnish us oil? Day one of the new administration, sees the Keystone Pipeline cancelled. No more "fracking" oil permits. Trump negotiated new and better trade treaties with our neighbors, Mexico and Canada. Trump pressed China on trade, their theft of our technology, and getting companies to return jobs to America. The "new" administration as the previous one blessed the transfer of manufacturing to China. President Obama told us jobs would never return. President

Trump did get some back and before the Covid pandemic, the country had record employment of all citizens.

The Rule of Law is what the Constitution is based on, not mob rule, Democracy IS ruling by the majority. If the majority would rule, California, New York, and a few other states, would control the rest of the country. That is why the president is selected by "electors" per Article II of the Constitution. Only the ignorant would wish to change that Article of the Constitution.

The First ten Amendments are known as the Bill of Rights. Speaking of which, some of the ignorant leadership, not content just to change the Republic, have ignored our First Amendment rights! How many more of the Rights bestowed upon us in 1791 will be sacrificed? Legally it will be difficult as these changes require a two thirds majority of Congress to propose and three fourths of the states to ratify said changes to our Constitution.

In the meantime, it would be nice to stop the name calling and thoughts of punishment. Punishing someone who has a different opinion than you is not the way to unify the USA.


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stores do the same thing. I find it works perfect if I stop in on my way home between 5-6pm. They are glad to give large portions for a very cheap price to clear out the pans for the evening. Our local grocer deli closes its hot food section at that time of evening.  
Mary R.

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**Christian, Shrove Tuesday, February 16**  
**Christian, Lent begins, February 17**  
**Jewish, Purim, February 26**

**The Shoals Writer's Guild** is tentatively planning to resume meeting on February 20 pending the library's permission. Membership dues will be postponed until the Guild resumes meeting. If you have already paid your dues, and you would like a proration please email Joy Willow at shoalswritersguild@gmail.com.

Governor Kay Ivey and the Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) announced Friday that starting February 8,

ADPH will extend eligibility for COVID-19 vaccinations to include people 65 or older, and additional groups of frontline workers. Details about the Vaccine Allocation Plan are available at [www.alabamapublichealth.gov/covid19](http://www.alabamapublichealth.gov/covid19).

**Frontline Critical Workers listed in the plan are as follows:**

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- People who work in the education sector (teachers, support staff, community college and higher education)
- Childcare workers
- Judiciary (including but not limited to) circuit judges, district judges and district attorneys

The additional priority groups will add over 1 million people that are eligible to receive a COVID-19 vaccination in Alabama. While just under 2 million people will qualify to receive the vaccine, the state continues to only receive around 100,000 doses each week.

**The Florence Senior Center/The Club** is serving curbside meals Monday-Friday from 10:30-11:30am. Please call in to reserve your meal between 8:30-10:30am. Call 256-760-6668 for a menu. Participation requirements: Over 60 years old and a tidbit of information. You can register over the phone.

**COVID-19 and Rapid testing is now available** at the SHOALS COMMUNITY CLINIC - FREE to the public. The clinic has partnered with the Alabama Department of Public Health to administer these tests. The new COVID Rapid test takes only 15 minutes. 256-760-4713

**The Manufacturing Skill Standards Council (MSSC)** currently offers industry-led training certifications at Northwest-Shoals Community College.

The MSSC training center at NW-SCC is an industry-led training, assessment, and certification system focused on the core skills and knowledge needed by the nation's front-line production and material handling workers. MSSC training offers both entry-level and incumbent workers the opportunity to demonstrate that they have acquired the skills increasingly required in the technology-intensive jobs of the 21st century.

If you have questions regarding MSSC certification at NW-SCC, please contact Taylor Franks. You may call 256-331-8092, text 256-415-6992, or email at [msscstraining@nwscce.edu](mailto:msscstraining@nwscce.edu).

A phone scam involving Florence Utilities customers was reported last week. The caller demanded payment and threatened disconnection of utilities. Please be advised that Florence Utilities will NOT call customers to ask for payment information over the phone. If you have any concerns about your utility account, please call our Customer Service department at 256-760-6512. If you ever have a question about a scam call or someone at your door, call the Florence Police Department at 256-760-6610 or 911.

**Nominations are open for the LONG-LEWIS LOCAL HERO OF THE MONTH AWARD.** In an effort to reward local people

for Outstanding Community Service, Long-Lewis Automotive Group in cooperation with The Long-Lewis Foundation, will be awarding one person each month \$500 and a Certificate of Appreciation to recognize their efforts in serving The Shoals.

Simply visit the Long Lewis of the Shoals Facebook page and nominate someone you feel deserves this award for Outstanding Community Service. The recipient of the Award will be determined by the nominee post that gets the most Likes from the community at the end of each month. We will announce the recipient, via social media, on the 1st of the following month. The Certificate and \$500 Award will be given to the recipient at the local dealership by the 10th of each month.

**The charming town of Linden, TN is pleased to announce the 13th annual Blooming Arts Festival** on March 26-27. Blooming Arts Festival is Linden's annual signature event and one of the region's leading outdoor festivals. The free event, had more than 150 artists registered in 2019 and attendance near 10,000.

"This year, more than ever in our history, we are excited to invite people to attend our premiere"

Linden's downtown Main Street features wide sidewalks, retro lampposts, restored architecture, and beautifully landscaped trees; the perfect backdrop for showcasing creative arts and crafts. Past exhibitions have included fine art - oil paintings, watercolors, acrylics, clay sculptures and photography. Fine hand-crafted artisans

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For more information, including how to register for a booth, visit [www.bloomingartsfestival.com](http://www.bloomingartsfestival.com)

**Pay it Forward: Donate to Educate**  
- Shoals Scholar Dollars is an Education Foundation raising money to pay tuition at Northwest Shoals Community College and transfer scholarships to the University of North Alabama for Lauderdale and Colbert County students who meet certain criteria. Donate to Scholar Dollars at any participating financial institution the second Friday of each month.

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**The Friends Bookstore at the Florence-Lauderdale Public Library has now reopened!** The bookstore was closed from mid-March-August due to the Covid-19 pandemic, but has now reopened with the new business hours of 12-4pm Monday-Friday. Don't forget your mask!

The Friends Bookstore has a large variety of books at great prices, so be sure to go shop their selection! Proceeds from the bookstore help the library provide more free books and services to the community. 350 N Wood Ave. in Florence.

The Friends Bookstore is beginning to accept donations again, starting with

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