

Closure of Sixth Street

MUSCLE SHOALS — A portion of Sixth Street near the Shoals Research Airpark will be closed temporarily. This is to raise the elevation of the two-lane road that has been prone to flooding during heavy rains.

Carcel & G Construction of Hanceville submitted the low bid of \$749,184 for the project. It is being funded by the Alabama Department of Transportation and the Shoals Industrial Development Committee. The only part of the project the city may be liable for is \$73,721 that was spent on project design.

The contractor will install another drainage culvert under the road, widen the shoulders, and add fill dirt which will be compacted. A new base, pavement, and striping will leave the new road 2.5 feet higher at its lowest point.

According to city Engineer **Brad Williams**, the project is expected to take about 45 days to complete. Residents who normally turn off Wilson Dam Road onto Sixth Street will have to take an alternate route. Motorists will have to use East Avalon Avenue, **Bob Riley Drive**, and Counts Drive to access Sixth Street and the industrial park. Detour signs will be posted.

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FLORENCE — In another year of uncertainty, United Way of Northwest Alabama recently announce total contributions of \$972,429 for the 2020-2021 period.

The traditional campaign raised \$879,500 and \$92,929

can be attributed to a special effort Northwest Alabama Covid-19 Emergency Fund.

“We are absolutely thrilled with the results of our fundraising effort,” said Terry Wicker, United Way of Northwest Alabama’s

Board President. “Because the health and safety of our community was an enormous priority for all of us, we primarily fundraised through a virtual platform.

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Heritage Christian and Faulkner In Pursuit of that Ph.D

FLORENCE—Officials with Faulkner University and Heritage Christian University recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that will benefit graduates seeking to earn a Ph.D. in Biblical Studies.

The agreement will allow Heritage

alumni who earn a Master’s degree to pursue a Ph.D. in Biblical Studies at Faulkner. If accepted for admission, they will be eligible for a scholarship to aid with the cost.

“Having these kinds of bridges

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W. Kirk Brothers, left, Heritage Christian President and Mike Williams, Faulkner University President. Photo: Robin Phillips

Bank Independent Community Engagement Team (L-R): Nikki Randolph, Caroline Bobo and Kat Fretwell

Courtesy photo



Bank Team is Doing Good

SHEFFIELD — Bank Independent was recently recognized by Mastercard as the winner of the “Doing Well by Doing Good” 2021 award. This national award is conferred annually to one financial institution deemed best for their

use of assets in community service or charitable contributions.

Bank Independent was nominated for their concerted community engagement efforts

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Shorts...

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Mapping the Story of Deep South Cotton

FLORENCE— Architect and artist **Valerie S. Goodwin** was commissioned to create a textile art map for the slavery and cotton exhibit at Pope's Tavern with a grant from the Alabama State Council on the Arts and support from the Kennedy-Douglass Volunteers.

Goodwin will discuss her process of creating the textile art map at the Kennedy Douglass Center for the Arts at 5:30pm on October 7. After the discussion, participants will be able to walk one block to the exhibit building at Pope's Tavern for the unveiling of the piece and the opening of the slavery and cotton exhibit at 6:30pm. The exhibit explores the institution of slavery and the production of cotton in the Shoals area. There will be a small reception



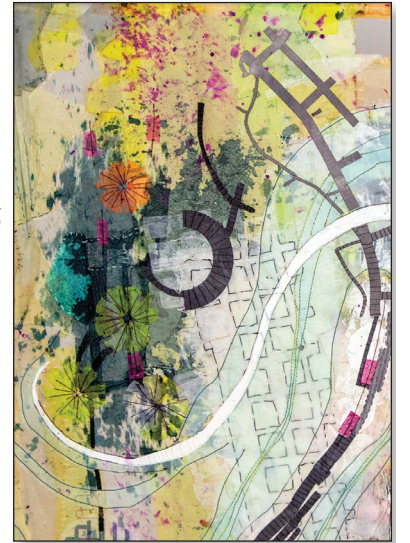
Goodwin

in the yard at Pope's Tavern featuring food by Soul Wingery and Records.

Associate Professor Goodwin has roots in Tuscumbia and Sheffield. She applies laser-cutting technology to the traditional practice of quilt-making to create layered works inspired by real and imaginary landscapes. She received degrees in architecture from Washington University and Yale University, and she taught architectural design at Florida A&M University for over 26 years. Her award-winning work has been widely published and exhibited. Goodwin also lectures and gives workshops nationally and internationally. This program is sponsored by the city of Florence Department of Arts and Museums, with support from the Kennedy-Douglass Art Center Volunteers and the Alabama State Council on the Arts. Call 256-760-6427 for more information.

Meanderings of an Imaginary River

by Valerie S. Goodwin



innovative ways to connect with others."

The store created COVID Care Packages which customers could purchase and have sent to friends and family, plus care packages that could be purchased for health-care workers. The owners also donated their time to training and one-on-one coaching sessions to help struggling businesses navigate the pandemic.

"Ashley's business has been a beacon during an otherwise very difficult year," said **Caitlin Holland**, president of the Shoals Chamber, who nominated the retailer for the award.

The Gee Emerging Retailer of the Year Award is named in memory of the late **Morris "Mickey" Gee**. He is a former Alabama Retail board member, small business owner, and University of Alabama at Birmingham professor. The annual award goes to an innovative and effective Alabama retailer who has been in business for at least two years, but less than five.

COVID Clinics at NW-SCC

MUSCLE SHOALS -- Northwest-Shoals Community College will host COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics from 8am-5pm October 5, 14, and 19 in the Patriot Center (gym) on the Shoals Campus.

The clinics will be administered by Helen Keller Hospital and will include first and second vaccine doses as well as the Pfizer booster dose

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TUSCUMBIA: 500 N. MAIN St. Sat. 8 a.m.-?, Sun. 8 a.m.-?, Multi-family garage sale. Everything you can imagine except large appliances. **MAP ID #271**

SHEFFIELD YARD SALE, 911 Edgewood Dr., Sat. 7 am-until? Baby toddler clothes, high chairs, strollers, household items, pop collectors \$5 firm, and more!

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MUSCLE SHOALS MULTI-FAMILY YARD SALE 4113 Sportsplex Dr., (Parking lot of Vintage South Marketplace) Sat. 8 am-until? Furniture, Clothing, Glassware, Tools and more!

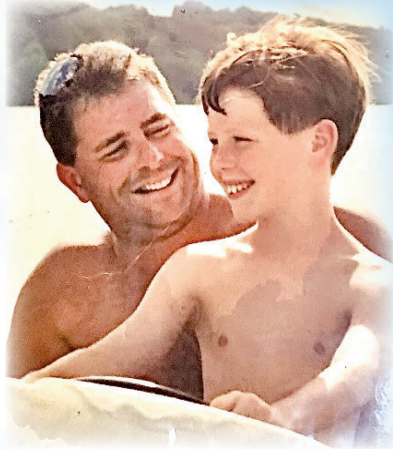
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MUSCLE SHOALS YARD SALE, 1405 Brookford St., Sat. 7am-noon, Window fans, furniture, adjustable window screens, dining room table & chairs, drum set, music equipment, office chairs & supplies, home decor, drill press, Craftsman edger and more! "Cancelled if Raining"

TUSCUMBIA: 206 PINE RIDGE Road (Colbert Heights) Fri. 7AM- Until, Sat. 7AM-1PM, Downsizing and MOVING SALE! Even a over 3000 sq. ft. house for sale. Cleaning out 2 garages: lots of furniture and appliances, riding and push mower, washer, baby items, yard tools and 3 filing cabinets. **TOO MUCH TO LIST!**

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In Loving Memory of Nicholas Robert Tackett October 3, 1990 ~ September 23, 2021



Dear God,
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Nicholas learned at an early age his love for hunting and fishing which he shared with his father, Bobby Tackett.

He was a member of the Sheet Metal Workers Union and a proud Master Mason with the Greenhill Masonic Lodge 402.

Survivors include his loving father, Bobby Tackett (Caroline Jenney) and beautiful daughter, Maci Crockett

Grandfather - Gene Tackett (Gloria)

Grandmother - Hilda Keeton

Brothers - Brandon Murray, Landon Tackett, and Parker Stone

Aunts - Kathy Holder Davenport and Gina Aycock

Uncle - Russ Tackett

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Chris Webb (Brianna),

Michelle Wilkinson (Jake),



Shelley Spidel (Tim), and Sarah Beth Weeks

Niece - Braelee Murray

Nephews - Tanner Murray and Ethan Murray

He is preceded in death by Aunt - Bridget Davis,

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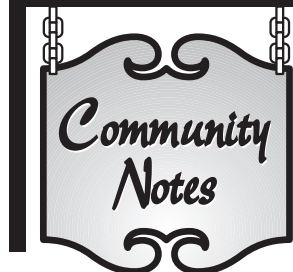
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Lenz of the LaGrange Living Historical Association, were used as a fundraiser for the LaGrange College Site Park.

The 2021 Car Audio Championship takes place October 8-9 at North Alabama State Fairgrounds, 65 Sportsplex Drive in Muscle Shoals. Come out and experience the loudest Car and Bike Systems in Alabama! Hundreds of vehicles will be on display and competing with their systems in over 50 formats of competition. Vendors will have products on display and will be showcasing new technology for consumers interested in after-market audio and accessories. Show hours are 10am-6pm each day. Tickets available at gate for \$10/day. (Demo Pass \$50/day) Information: www.facebook.com/CarAudioChampionship or www.CarAudioChampionship.com

Harry Wallace, for the Forks of Cypress Historic Home Site & Cemetery Historic Walking Tour on October 9 at 10am. The Forks of Cypress Historic Home was one of the oldest antebellum mansions in Alabama. It was built in 1822 by James Jackson, one of the first settlers in Lauderdale County and a friend of Andrew Jackson. Bring your lawn chairs for the beginning portion of the tour.

Directions to the site areas follows: Take Cox Creek Pkwy. to Jackson Road and turn right (no traffic signal at intersection) and turn right at the dead end. Park along the road or enter the gate to park in the field leading to the columns.

Shoals Dragon Boat Festival will take place on Saturday, October 9, 8am-5pm at McFarland Park, Florence.

Total team registration is \$1,250 (approx \$60 per person) For registration forms visit https://www.shoalscholar.org

Murphy's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church is host a Revival October 10-13 with Brother Tim Hall from Kentucky is the guest evangelist. Sunday night service at 6pm Monday-Wednesday night at 7pm

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Paths to Recovery: Thursdays - 6pm and Saturdays - 10am at Crosspoint Church of Christ Adult Center at 1350 Cox Creek Pkwy, Florence

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LifeSouth Shoals Area Blood Drives - Donate at the Center, 307 Veterans Drive, Florence. Schedule an appointment, 256-765-7038. www.lifesouth.org. The hours are: Monday,

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As cooler weather approaches, Belle Mont Mansion will host a new exhibit titled "Cold Weather Comforts," featuring a display of antique and vintage quilts and oil lamps 10am-4pm every Wednesday-Saturday, October 6-30.

The annual October quilt show has been expanded this year to include historic oil lamps. Local collector Mary Carton has been acquiring oil lamps for more than 20 years. Her collection now numbers about 50 lamps dating from the late 1800s through the early 20th century when TVA brought rural electrification to the Shoals. Some of her favorite lamps will be displayed along with the history of each.

Glenn Rikard's quilt collection has formed the basis of Belle Mont's annual display for many years. This year's display will again feature his personal collection, with many pieces being shown for the first time. He will present a program each Friday at 1pm. Attendees are invited to bring quilts to share during the program's "show and tell," when Rikard will be available to help identify unknown patterns and estimate dates of crafting.

The Friday programs will be held on the courtyard, weather permitting. Programs will be canceled in the event of inclement weather. Those who visit the museum's exhibit will be asked to wear a mask and to maintain social distancing while indoors.

Belle Mont is located at 1569 Cook Lane, Tuscumbia, Alabama. Regular museum admission rates will apply: Adults \$6; Seniors, College Students and Military \$5; youths 6-18 years \$3; Children younger than 6 are admitted free. For more information, call 256-381-5052, www.bellemontmansion.org.

Forks of Cypress & Cemetery Historic Walking Tour - Join tour guide,

Florence-Lauderdale Farmers Market Open at 451 Fairground Road. The market will be open Saturdays during October. Hours are 6am-1pm each day.

Clothes Give Away - Thursday, October 7 from 8-10am at the Care Center, First Baptist Church, Killen

Author John Wakefield will be signing his book, "Rescue: Sin and the Old Testament" (Cypress Publications, 2021), on Thursday, October 7 from 6:30-8pm in the auditorium of Heritage Christian University. All are invited to attend. The university is located at 3625 Helton Drive in Florence.

"From These Threads: Cotton Culture," will be on display October 1- November 12 at Tennessee Valley Museum of Art, 511 N Water St in Tuscumbia. Dozens of beautiful quilts will be on display at the TVMA for this exhibition. Cotton in the South has a long, rich, and complicated past. "From These Threads: Cotton Culture" will offer visitors the opportunity to travel through some of the history of cotton, its production, and its use in the creation of quilts over the past 190 years. The exhibit will feature historical quilts dating from the 1830s through contemporary pieces created by today's quilt artists. The quilts are drawn from private collections in the area. For more information, call 256-383-0533 or visit www.tennesseevalleyarts.org

The popular **Haunted Hayrides** through the LaGrange College site normally scheduled for October have been cancelled this year due to the rise in cases and public vulnerability to the COVID-19 virus. The rides regularly took place at the historic site every Friday and Saturday in October leading up to Halloween, according to Louise

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COVID Clinics at NW-SCC

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vaccine to those eligible. The clinic is open to NW-SCC students, faculty, staff, and the public - free of charge.

Walk-ins are welcome and will be seen on a first come, first serve basis. In addition, appointments may be made through the following links:

- October 5 - <https://forms.gle/xkqVYtC4hDKjm6CS8>
- October 14 - <https://forms.gle/fojDQ5mL7W2EzceS8>

- October 19 - <https://forms.gle/JJUt9FL7QpCkuFmb7>

Face coverings must be worn by all parties at the clinics. Participants 12 and up will receive the Pfizer vaccine. Due to vaccination age restrictions, participants 12 and 13 years of age must be accompanied by a parent/guardian to receive the vaccine.

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Speaker Series is Scheduled

FLORENCE- The Florence Arts and Museums Speaker Series is a monthly program meant to inspire thoughtful conversations about the history and culture of north Alabama, with a focus on how the past shapes the present. Each month will feature a different presentation from a local author, historian, or community member.

Each program will take place 2pm at the Florence Indian Mound Museum.

This program is sponsored by the city of Florence Department of Arts and Museums and the Kennedy-Douglass Art Center Volunteers. For more information about membership and events, go to: <https://www.florencealmuseums.com/>.

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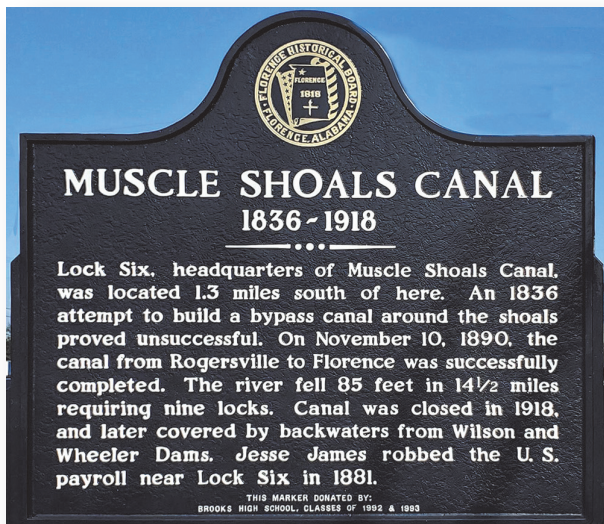
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Correction: 1830 Indian Removal (not 1930) in Sept. 21 Courier Journal

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Psalms 68:19 "Blessed be the Lord, who daily loadeth us with benefits, even the God of our salvation. Selah." **1 Timothy 6:7** "For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out." **It is certain! Job 1:21a** "And said, Naked came I out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return thither..." We easily forget when occupied continually with ourselves and the devil's distractions that soon one lifetime will be over and we must stand and give account of ourselves before God. Even the smartest, richest, famous king admitted: **Ecclesiastes 1:14** "I have seen all the works that are done under the sun; and, behold, all is vanity and vexation of spirit." Vanity is pursuing ones' fulfillment and ending with destruction. Are you looking for yourself? Good. Look in the bible. It has a lot to say about you.

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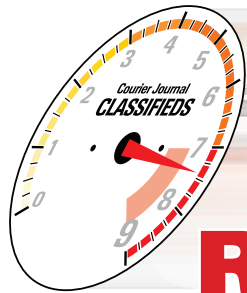
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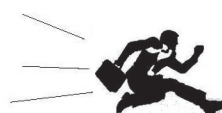
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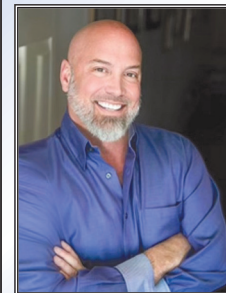
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October 31: Jordan Collier, "The Civil War in the Shoals and North Alabama."
November 28: Nita Flanagan, "The Impact of Trail of Tears on Tribal Identity for the Cherokee"
December 19: Kurt Veters, "Confederate Winter and Freedom Spring."
January 30: Scott Shaw, "Cave Archaeology"
February 27: Hannah Garmon, "Historic Preservation in Alabama."
March 27: Anita Cobb, "The Black History – Eastside of Florence during the Mid 1900's"
April 24: Marie Taylor, "The Cherokee Missionary School on Chickamauga Creek: Exploring the History of Indigenous Missions in the Tennessee River Valley."
 The Florence Indian Mound Museum is located at 1028 S. Court St. in Florence and is open Tuesday - Saturday from 10am-4pm and Sundays from 1-4pm. Call 256-760-6427 for more information.

Comforts for the Cold Weather

TUSCUMBIA—As cooler weather approaches, Belle Mont Mansion will host a new exhibit titled "Cold Weather Comforts," featuring a display of antique and vintage quilts and oil lamps 10am-4pm every Wednesday-Saturday, October 6-30.
 The annual October quilt show has been expanded this year to include historic oil lamps. Local collector **Mary Carton** has been acquiring oil lamps for more than 20 years. Her collection now numbers about 50 lamps dating from the late 1800s through the early 20th century when TVA brought rural electrification to the Shoals. Some of

Mary Carton's Oil Lamps for exhibit at Belle Mont Photo: Mary Carton



her favorite lamps will be displayed along with the history of each.

Glenn Rikard's quilt collection has formed the basis of Belle Mont's annual display for many years. This year's display will again feature his personal collection with many pieces being shown for the first time. He will present a program each Friday at 1pm. Attendees are invited to bring quilts to share during the program when Rikard will be available to help identify unknown patterns and estimate dates of crafting.

The Friday programs will be held on the courtyard, weather permitting. Programs will be canceled in the event of inclement weather. Those who visit the museum's exhibit will be asked to wear a mask and to maintain social distancing while indoors.

Belle Mont is located at 1569 Cook Lane in Tuscumbia, Alabama. Regular museum admission rates will apply. Adults \$6; Seniors, College Students and Military \$5; youths 6-18 years \$3; Children younger than 6 are admitted free. For more information, call 256-381-5052 or visit www.bellemontmansion.org.

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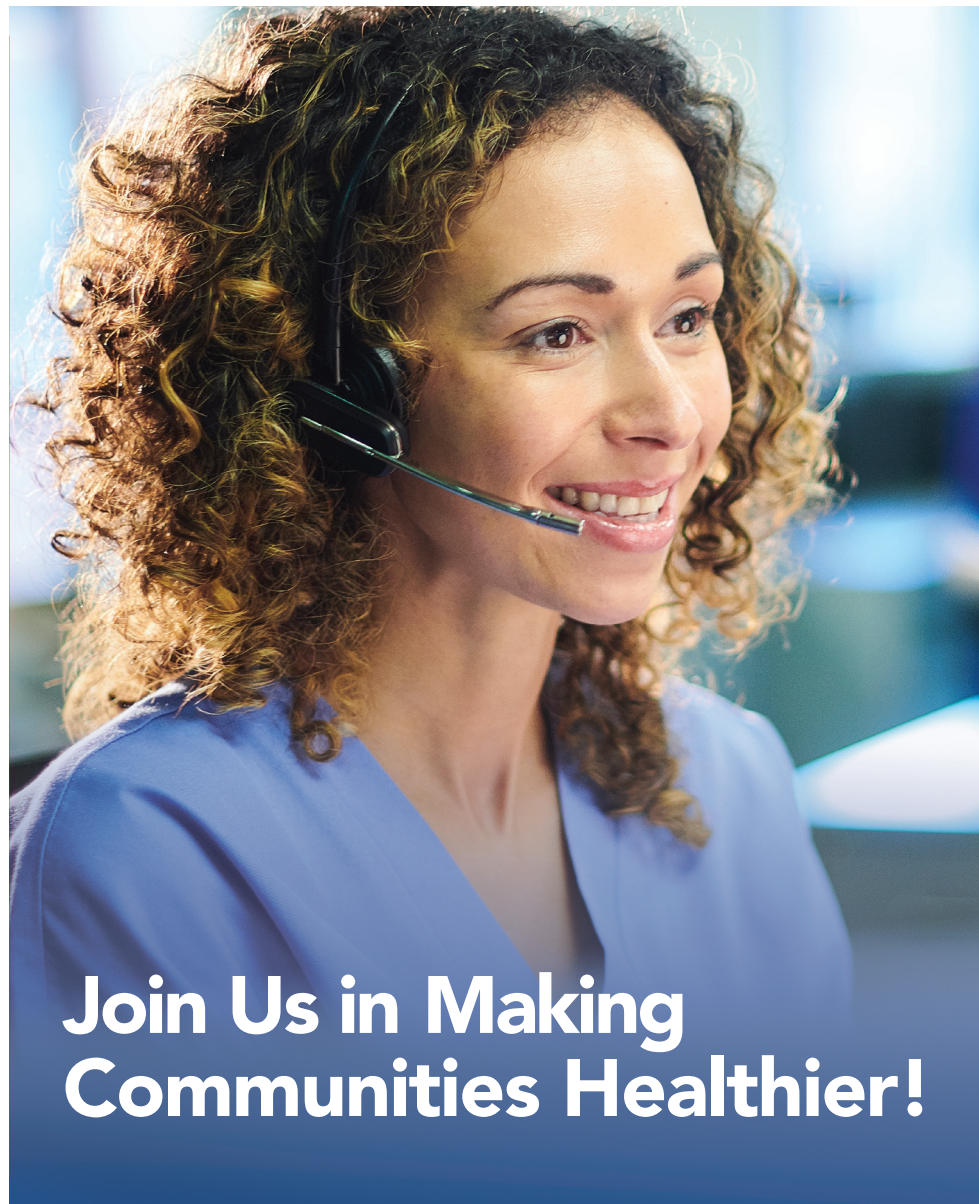
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Commentary

Slavery Comparison is Highly Insulting

Looking for a choice comment on something politically sensitive? These days and with this administration, we don't have to wait long.

We all saw pictures and/or video footage of the Border Patrol agent positioning himself on horseback between the man in the water and dry land.

Initial media reports used those photos as a basis for accusing one or more Border Patrol agents on horseback of whipping Haitian migrants.

However, the photographer who took the photos in question immediately debunked the story when it surfaced. Photographer Paul Ratje of Las Cruces, NM had been at Del Rio since September 17 primarily taking pictures from the Mexico shoreline. Ratje told El Paso NBC affiliate KTSM that the photos in question taken on September 19, aren't what they appear to be. He said that he and his colleagues saw mounted agents using long straps to control their horses but they did not whip Haitian refugees trying to cross the Rio Grande River into Del Rio Texas.

"Some of the Haitian men started running,

See **HIGHLY INSULTING...** on Page 36

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In A Few Words



TOM MAGAZZU
Editor

Courier Journal

in the *Shoals*

THIS WEEK

September 29, 2021

Happening
THIS WEEK

October Big Day!

The Best Time to Enjoy and Document the Birds

SHOALS—Saturday, October 9 will be the biggest day for birders this fall. So, wherever you are, plan to join the world of birders as we enjoy birding on October Big Day.

You can report birds from anywhere in the world, for as long as you wish, within the 24-hour period from midnight to midnight – even 20 minutes or more in your own yard will help. Simply identify and count all

See **BIRDS...** Page 27

The Eastern Bluebird *Sialia sialis* was one of the 7,167 species included in 2020's October Big Day tally.

S. K. Jones



Rosa Parks on a Montgomery bus in 1955. Getty Images

How Rosa Began the Move Forward

FLORENCE— A traveling exhibit is on display at the Florence-Lauderdale Public Library from October 5-29 highlighting Rosa Parks and the Montgomery Bus Boycott. "Tired of Giving In" is presented in partnership with Troy University's Rosa Parks Museum and is co-sponsored by the Alabama Humanities Alliance, a state affiliate of the National Endowment of the Humanities.

Parks stepped aboard a public bus in Montgomery on December 1, 1955 and sat in the first of several rows designated for "colored" passengers. At that time, the government of Alabama was a strong enforcer of Jim Crow laws which legalized racial segregation and

See **ROSA PARKS...** on Page 30

THE SHOALS DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL will take place on Saturday, October 9, 8am-5pm at McFarland Park, Florence. Registration forms www.shoalsscholardollars.com Proceeds benefit Shoals Scholar Dollars.

IN HONOR OF BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH - Keller Breast Center is offering \$40 mammograms October 11-15 from 8am-6pm. It is for women over age 40, no previous history of breast cancer, and not covered by insurance or Medicare. Call 256-386-4114 to schedule an appointment. Sponsored in part by Surgical Associates of the Shoals and Helen Keller Hospital.

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Democracy For All

Dear editor,

I see a troubling effort by the GOP to make voting difficult for minorities and people of color in our country. It is wrong for law-abiding, qualified citizens to face obstacles in their efforts to vote.

The Freedom to Vote act will bring our country's voting laws into the 21st century. Our senators must do everything they can to pass this legislation, including fixing the filibuster, to realize the promise of democracy for all.

Kerry Shapiro
Florence

Word of his firing will make this sold out event become standing room only...

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From Shock to Anger

Editor:

Joe Biden has fired Lee Greenwood from the National Endowment for the Arts. First appointed by President George Bush in 2008, Greenwood was reappointed to the six-year term by both Barack Obama and Donald

Trump.

I went from shock to anger. I guess there is no room for a true American Patriot in Joe Biden's world. From woke generals running the military to the National Endowment of the Arts, he wants to tear down the America we love. This is disgusting. Lee's masterpiece *God Bless the USA* has become a patriotic hymn behind only the *National Anthem* and *God Bless America* in importance to the soul of our great country.

Greenwood released *God Bless the USA* as a single in 1984. That same year the song was played at the Republican National Convention with President Ronald Reagan and his wife, Nancy, in attendance. Over

See **LETTERS...** on Page 24

Notes...

256-332-6800.

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Wednesday, Friday 9am-5pm; Tuesday and Thursday 9am-7pm; Saturday 9am-3pm; Sunday 1-5pm.

Want to list your event in Community Notes? Email your information to editor@CourierJournal.net.

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Monthly Book Club Discussions at the Florence Lauderdale Public Library 350 N. Wood Ave. Florence. For more info contact: 256-764-6564 ext.136 or katie@fjpl.org.

Thursday, October 14, 5:30pm - "Mexican Gothic" by Silvia Moreno-Garcia

The Shoals Writers Guild Honorary Member Luncheon previously set for Friday, October 15 will be rescheduled.

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Shoals Writers Guild will be at 10am on Saturday, October 16 in the Conference Room of the Florence-Lauderdale Public Library, 350 N. Wood Ave., Florence.

The speakers will be Shannon Millman and former Miss UNA, Jacque Rainwater. For more information email: shoalswritersguild@gmail.com.

UNA Homecoming Parade will be held on Saturday, October 16 at 11:30 am.

Homecoming Theme: Year of the UNA Woman - Legends, Trailblazers, Heroes
All local Shoals businesses, non-profits, and civic organizations are invited to participate. The entry fee is \$25.

To register: www.una.edu/alumni/homecoming/parade-route.html

If you have any questions contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 256-765-4201 or email alumni1@una.edu.
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We can help with understanding the medicare benefits and programs as well applying for those you may qualify for. During the open enrollment period (October 15 - December 7), we can assist in a possible savings for the coming year through these programs. We also help to prevent and report health care fraud. We cover lauderdale, colbert, franklin, marion, and winston counties. There is no cost for these services. Call 256-389-0538. In partnership with the state of Alabama and Alabama department of senior services.

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This need in our area is great! If you are interested please contact our office at

Join us for our 2nd Annual SIOD Superhero 5K & Fun Run at Muscle Shoals Middle School on October 16 at 8am! The race will follow the Swamper's 5K course.

Get out and run, walk, or jog while dressing up as your favorite superhero. This fundraising event is presented by Quad Cities Pediatrics to promote awareness and raise money for SIOD research.

Schimke immuno-osseous dysplasia (SIOD) is an extremely rare genetic disease that affects multiple systems in the body, including the kidneys, growth plates and cartilage, heart and arteries, lungs, and immune system.

SIOD has been championed in the Shoals area by Kyle and Jessica Davenport along with scores of friends and volunteers. The Davenports founded the Kruzn for a Kure Foundation on behalf of their two children, Kruz and Paizlee, both of whom have SIOD.

To sign up for the 5k and Fun Run or for more information, please visit www.kruznforakurefoundation.org

Pink Alabama presents "A Pink Day" Join in on the free social event recognizing and celebrating local cancer survivors on October 17 at Underwood Petersville Community Center, 840 County Road 7, Florence.

The Shoals Writers Guild has finalized the remainder of its 2021 Schedule. Update your calendars.

All meetings at Florence-Lauderdale Public Library, 350 N. Wood Avenue, Florence unless otherwise indicated.

Saturday, October 23-24 10am-6pm and noon-6pm respectively. Event: Booth at the Alabama Renaissance Faire Wilson Park, Florence. Registration required.

Saturday, October 23 noon-2pm, Book Launch, "The Edge of Everywhen", by AS Mackey (Allison Mackey) at FLPL

Saturday, November 20 10am-noon Speaker: Author Lisa Phillipart

Saturday December 18 10am-noon, Speaker: Author Bradley Sides, Event: Christmas Social

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American Foundation for Suicide Prevention: Out of the Darkness Community Walk - Sunday, October 24 at Florence High School. Registration begins at 1pm, walk at 2pm.
To register visit: aisp.org/Shoals. For additional information contact Meesha Emmett at 256-394-7141.

2021 Shoals Walk to End Alzheimer's - October 24 at 2pm at McFarland Park - 200 James M Spain Dr in Florence
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As of July 13 there were 55 participants and 25 teams registered. \$20,817 of this year's 70,000 goal has been raised/pledged.

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Cat & Kids

by Cathy Turner

Mama's Food

Eating is important to my body, but it's also important to my soul, my family, and to my culture. In recent years, I have generally been told that the way I grew up eating was bad and unhealthy. But I think important to my soul, my Mulla, who died at 97, would disagree with that thought. I, in my life, have had good health numbers - cholesterol,

blood pressure, heart rate, etc. But I believe that's because I came from a family that always gave thanks for the food before we ate it, and we also believed in physical movement. Mulla walked to the post office every morning. My husband's family had similar fare and faith. Both of our families ate high off the hog, which didn't take much money. There was always food and love and smiles around the table.

My husband is the oldest of eight children - six boys and two girls. He grew up on pinto beans and biscuits, spaghetti and sweet potato pie as a side dish. He can sop anything up with a piece of bread and every plate is left sparkling clean. Bless my husband's heart though, he married a woman who doesn't like pintos. I don't like to smell them cooking, I don't like their mushiness. But somebody cooks pintos every day. My husband has never gone lacking. His childhood food was such that could stretch far, and it created attitudes of thankfulness and contentment in him.

My childhood food

was a little different than my husband's. Our food was influenced by the fact that my father spent his formative years in Charleston, South Carolina. Charleston was rice country. Slaves from Africa brought various types of rice to Charleston's shores. My dad didn't think that a meal was a meal without rice. And my mom topped rice with red-eye gravy (from ham drippings), yellow gravy (from canned chicken soup), dark brown gravy (from roast beef drippings), or brown gravy (from sausage, fried chicken, or bacon drippings). The brown gravy was made with drippings, salt and pepper, milk or water, and thickened with a flour/water mixture. We would have meat with rice and gravy and green beans or green peas or corn. This was Sunday dinner.

During the week, we would have cheaper things like meatloaf or liver and onions. The liver was dredged in flour and fried, then soaked in brown gravy and always served with rice and peas. This was

one of my favorites as a child. I always loved the smell of onions cooking. I still think to convince guests that you can cook, just cook some onions before they arrive for dinner. Whether you use the onions are not, your guests will think that there is a chef in the kitchen. One other childhood favorite was salmon croquettes. Take two pink cans of salmon, fourteen Captain's Wafers, two eggs, and pepper to taste. Then make into patties and fry and brown in an oil and bacon dripping mixture. Last, plate and smash together with grits and

biscuits. Some of the best eating ever! Is it healthy? I don't know - but it's good.

I am talking about my cultural food heritage. We all eat a lot like our mamas, and they ate like their mamas, etc. Things like yams, okra, watermelon, rice, and hot sauce came from Africa's coast to ours and they were all on my mama's table [Watch High on the Hog on Netflix]. All of our cultures have influenced us. Mama's cooking defines who we are. Let's all give thanks and eat.

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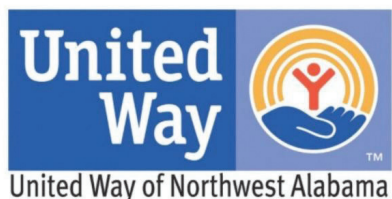
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If you are currently on or are considering a MA or PDP you want to look at the premium, copays, deductibles, coinsurance and the providers that take the plan. You will also want to look at the plan's drug formulary to be sure the prescription drugs you are taking are covered. Plan details can change from year to year so don't assume the 2022 plans will be exactly like the 2021 plans. Also, companies may introduce a new plan in your area for 2022 that may fit your needs better than the plan you are currently on.

A confusing thing about AEP is how Medicare supplements are treated. If you are on a Medicare supplement you do not have to wait until AEP to change plans. If you want to change to another supplement you can do that at any time during the year if you meet the new plan's guidelines. But if you are enrolled in a stand-alone PDP with your supplement the only time you can change the PDP is during AEP.

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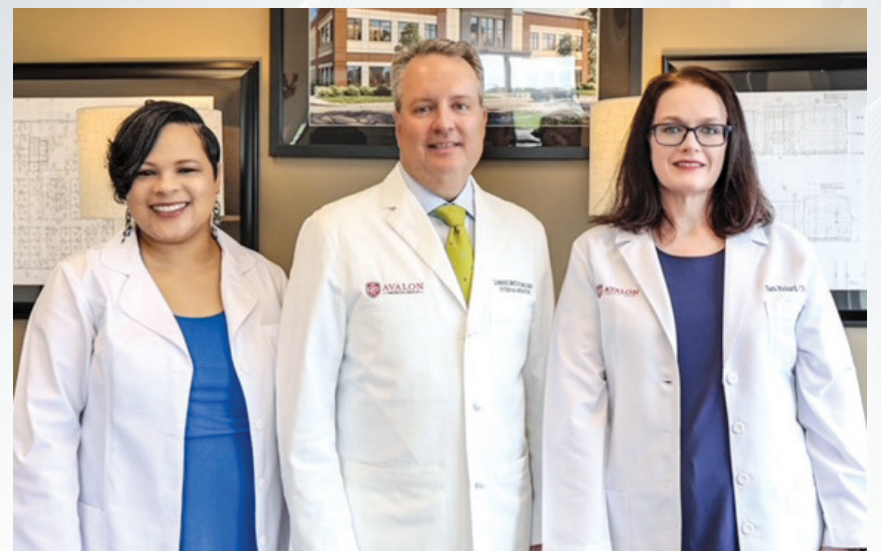
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From Shock to Anger...

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Lee Greenwood will be honored at a VIP Dinner the night before he is celebrated for 40 years of hits at a Televised All-Star Tribute Concert October 12 at the Von Braun Center in Huntsville. Word of his firing will make this sold out event become standing room only as Alabamians show their support for an adopted favorite son, Lee Greenwood.

Perry O. Hooper, Jr
Montgomery

P.S. – Biden's nominees for the National Endowment for the Arts are:

- **Fiona Prine** – President of Oh Boy Records.
- **Kamilah Formbes** – Executive Producer at the Apollo Theater; director of

Broadway's Soul Train.

- **Jake Shimabukuro** – Asian-American ukelele player.

- **Ismael Ahmed** – Co-founder of the Arab American National Museum of Dearborn, Michigan.

- **Kinan Azmeh** – Clarinetist and director of the Damascus Festival Chamber Players

- **Christopher Morgan** – Washington dance choreographer.

- **Constance Williams** – Businesswoman, politician and chair of the board of the Philadelphia Museum of Art.

Take Dithering Joe as Well

To the editor:

Mr. Ray Jefferies, based on your recent letter in another local publication, entitled, "Conservatives do nothing but complain," it seems to me that you and your ilk should be looking for a new country. May I suggest Venezuela? The same history you quote is what started THIS country. I guess if my logic is correct and your premise is accurate, that means this country was established as CONSERVATIVE. So perhaps you're the complainer and should be going elsewhere.

Until quite recently,

the whining left wing extremist terrorists have been hiding under rocks and sparing us their usual never Trump diatribe, typical left wing lies, and the usual blame game for the very things that your extremist party have done.

If you don't have a problem with the lying media and swamp plus the censoring by the big tech social media, then perhaps YOU should relearn the history of this country. Remember? The one that conservatives created here.

It has been a pleasure to not hear from you and your usual left wing scribes in the editorial section lately. I'm sorry you feel a need to try and muddy the waters again instead finding something Dithering Joe has done correctly to espouse.

Perhaps you should go back and read Mr. Magazzu's commentary on the accomplishments for President Trump. Your current administration couldn't and won't come close to achieving what President Trump accomplished.

So, when you board ship to leave our country, look back and see the best country in the world going down the toilet because of delusional people such as yourself and Dithering Joe.

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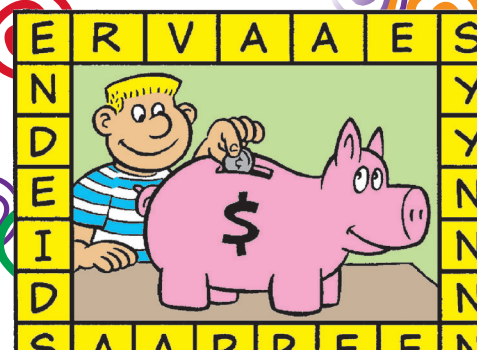


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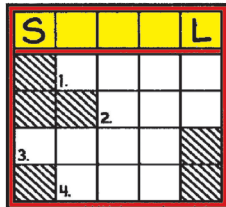
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1. Hooded robe.
2. Nocturnal bird.
3. Flat-bottomed boat.
4. Domestic cattle.



Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend

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Forward Please!

Now that the football season is well under way, it's time to work on word "passes." At left are eight words, each of which contains a "pass." Figure out what the words are using the following hints:

1. Alternate route.
2. Direction finder.
3. Adequate.
4. Stalemate.
5. Travel document.
6. To go beyond.
7. To go where forbidden.
8. It opens many locks.



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taking a person who has no real authority and calling them an assistant manager, putting them on salary and requiring them to work far more than 40 hours a week.

Many, if not most restaurants, pay wait staff \$2.35 an hour plus tips as long as the combination of the hourly rate and the tips adds up to at least minimum wage. Most restaurants require wait staff to perform duties that do not result in a tip, thus paying these workers \$2.35 for cleaning duties. For example, if a person who waits tables is required to prepare food for several hours and then allowed to work enough tip work to average minimum wage, that was considered to be legal. A recent federal decision against Denny's modifies that practice substantially.

If the employer requires a server to spend an hour performing sidework after taking their last table of guests, but before the employee can clock out and go home, it may be reasonable in an eight-hour shift where the employee had seven hours to perform tip generating work. However, it would be less reasonable in a three-hour shift where the employee only has two hours to earn tips.

Denny's had their employees preparing food such as cutting fruit, preparing pancakes and french toast, as well as filling delivery orders for Uber Eats and Grub Hub when tips from those orders always went to the driver. Denny's would have their wait staff act as hosts or perform extensive cleaning before they could clock out.

The Federal Court ruled that Denny's should have had their servers clock in under full minimum wage jobs after waiting on the last guest and did not do so and instead captured the cost savings of the tip credit. The Court ruled that a ratio of 80% tip work to 20% non-tip work was reasonable.

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Birds...

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Last year 33,671 birders from more than 170 countries submitted 80,619 checklists during the October Big Day 2020. This added up to an amazing 7,167 species! That included 703 species in the United States and Canada.

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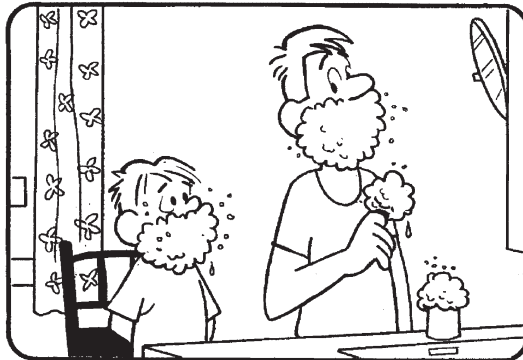
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- **Know what to do if blinded.** Drivers can be affected by the oncoming glare of headlights as far as 3,000 feet away. If you feel you won't be able to see after a vehicle approaching you has passed, slow down and try not to look directly at those headlights. If blinded by oncoming headlights while driving at night, look to the right side of the road. You will be able to see other vehicles with your peripheral vision.
- **Use reflecting tape on your vehicle.** Bright color and high contrast make objects visible at night.
- **Align headlights.** The alignment of headlights is important to aid visibility and to be effective. Tests can be performed by a qualified mechanic to see if the lights on your vehicle are aligned properly.
- **Keep headlights clean.** Keeping headlights clean is especially important in winter, when they're frequently covered with road dirt, snow and encrusted with salt.
- **Keep a clean windshield when driving day or night.** Streaks and smears on windshields can produce extremely disorienting kaleidoscopic effects when lights shine on them at night. Make sure your windshield washers work, that your windshield wiper blades are clean and not old and worn out and that the windshield wiper fluid container is kept filled.
- **Be cautious when turning.** Headlights only allow you to see where the vehicle is pointing.
- **Keep your eyes moving and scan the area.** Don't just focus on the middle of the lighted area in front of you and continually scan the area for oncoming lights and vehicles. Be aware of hilltops, curves and intersections. In areas with many distracting neon signs or brightly lit buildings, try to concentrate on street-level activities.
- **Know when to dim your high beams to oncoming traffic.** Use high beams when possible and switch to low beams when following another vehicle or encountering oncoming vehicles. Dim lights when you are within 500 feet of oncoming traffic.



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How Rosa Began the Move Forward

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marginalized the rights of black Americans.

Montgomery city code required separate accommodations for white and black passengers through seat assignments. White passengers were to sit in the front of the bus, black passengers in the back. Black passengers were often required to board at the front of the bus, pay their fare to ride the bus, then get off and re-board the bus through the back door.

On that December

day in 1955, the bus filled with many white passengers, and the bus driver noticed some of them were standing in the aisle. When the driver demanded that black passengers give up their seats so white passengers wouldn't have to stand, Rosa Parks refused. She is quoted as saying she didn't refuse because she was tired from working all day at a department store. She refused because she was tired of giving in. She was arrested that day and released later that night.

On the day of her trial, December 5, African Americans were asked not to use city buses as a show of protest. Approximately 40,000 bus riders who were black - the majority of the city's transit bus riders - boycotted the system. Organizers of the protest believed a longer boycott would have an even greater impact. The Montgomery Bus Boycott continued for over a year and only ended when the Supreme Court ruled segregation on public transit systems was unconstitutional.

Several free events are planned in conjunction with the library's 2nd floor exhibit.

Events include:

6pm Tuesday, October 5

Zoom event -- Dr. Shari L. Williams will present "Come Now, and Let Us Reason Together" on the crucial role African American women played in the civil rights struggle in the United States. Williams is the first African American woman to be conferred a doctorate in History from Auburn University and is the executive director of The Redge Macon County Archaeology Project. Email archive@flpl.org for the Zoom link. NOTE: Viewing will be set up in the library's colonnade for those who don't have home access to Zoom.

12pm Tuesday, October 12

in-person event, library colonnade -- Jeanne Theoharis, author of the definitive political biography of Rosa Parks, will examine Parks' six decades of activism.

6pm Tuesday, October 19

in-person event, library colonnade - Dr. Karla Zelaya, assistant professor of English at the University

of North Alabama, will lead a discussion on the full history of Rosa Parks' activism and contribution to the civil rights movement long before that fateful day on the Cleveland Avenue bus.


12pm Tuesday, October 26

Zoom event - Steve Fiffer, with special guest Denise Morse, will present "C.T. Vivian: Man of Action." Morse is C.T. Vivian's daughter. "Martin Luther King Jr. called my father the greatest preacher to ever live," she said. "Through his commitment to his faith and the nonviolent movement, he became internationally known for his work for education and human rights and against racism, hatred

and economic inequality." Fiffer is coauthor of "It's in the Action: Memorial of a Nonviolent Warrior." Email archive@flpl.org for the Zoom link.

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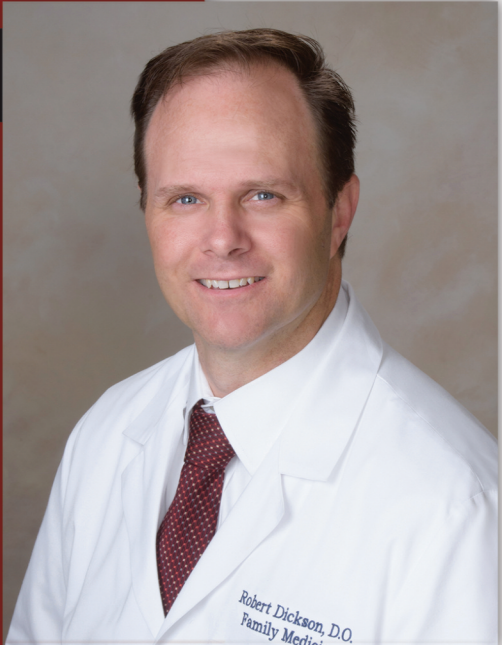


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PROTECT AGAINST INFLATION?

Dear Dave,
All the talk on the news about inflation is a little scary. Is there any way to protect yourself against it on a day-to-day basis?

Garret

Dear Garret,
When people start talking about inflation, it seems like there are always some who want to start collecting gold, fill every container they own with gasoline and stick their cash under their mattresses. But listen, you can prepare for inflation and address the results without being panicked.

You are still in control of your money, inflation or not. You'll be able to make sure your money is going toward the right things, while being able to find places where you can cut spending, if you're living on a written, monthly budget. If you're noticing the prices of things like food and gas rising in your area, you'll need to adjust your budget to account for this. That way, you'll know exactly what you're working with, and it will help you avoid any nasty surprises.

If you're really feeling the pinch and want to

save even more, look for specific ways to lower your grocery bill or save money on gas. Maybe it's time you switched to generic brands, or started a carpool into work. If you find great deals on canned food and things you can stock your pantry with—I'm talking about stuff you'll actually use—go ahead and buy a little extra. Just make sure you've budgeted for it before heading to the grocery store. You'll want to already know exactly what you're going to spend, so you don't get swept up into impulse buying.

Like it or not, inflation is a thing. If you plan on retiring one day, it's pretty much guaranteed that the cost of a loaf of bread, a tank of gas and even a cup of coffee will have gone up by then. The best way to protect yourself against inflation that's bound to happen is to invest your money—and the sooner the better. But remember, if you still have debt other than your mortgage, and don't have an emergency fund of three to six months of expenses, you need to take care of those things first!

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If that cycle is allowed to go for long enough, an individual may find themselves having to file for bankruptcy. If it is caught early enough, however, it is often possible to fix the issue. This is generally done by stopping the use of all credit cards. Movies and TV shows are well-known for showing characters cutting up their credit cards at this point.

While nothing that drastic needs to take place, the truth is that continuing to use a credit card that you can barely afford is detrimental to your recovery. If you currently rely on credit to pay for necessary expenses, you will likely have to analyze your budget and find ways to cut your budget down, or even potentially obtain a 2nd job.

In addition to this, you will need to take a look at all of your accounts to find out which ones are costing you the most, month-by-month. By that, I mean interest rate. Many accounts will lure people in with talk of low interest rates, but in the fine print, the account details will outline that if an individual is ever late or misses a payment even if by one day, the

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Interest is wasted money, so it is crucial to check on a monthly basis what your interest rates are, so that you can focus on paying off the ones with the highest interest rates first. You will then be able to roll that payment amount into the next account as well, picking up speed as you go. Often referred to as the snowball method of paying off debt!

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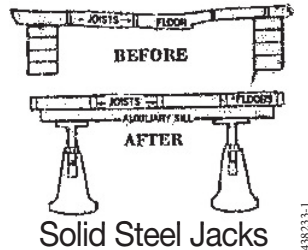
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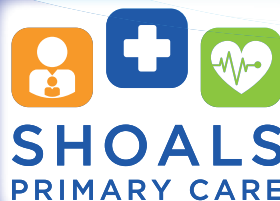


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Commentary

Highly Insulting Comparison...

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trying to go around the horses," Ratje said. "I've never seen them whip anyone," he added. "He was swinging it, but it can be misconstrued when you're looking at the picture."

Regardless, the media ran with the incendiary elements like the photographer's statement didn't exist.

Some of BIDEN'S comments:

"To see people treated like they did, horses barely running over, people being strapped — it's outrageous. I promise you, those people will pay. There will be an investigation underway now and there will be consequences. There will be consequences."

The White House and the Department of Homeland Security announced that the Border Patrol's horse unit will no longer be operating. In addition, the agents at the center of the photos were placed on administrative leave amid an investigation.

It's amazing that Joe Biden of all people can contrive a controversy, promise an investigation, and then declare the coming consequences for people who've done nothing wrong.

And then we have MAXINE WATERS, the

illustrious California Congresswoman from District 43 who we can always count on to weigh in if there is a potentially divisive racial component.

"What we witnessed takes us back hundreds of years. What we witnessed was worse than what we witnessed in slavery. Cowboys with their reins, again, whipping black people."

How predictable. Her statement couldn't be more uninformed and tone-deaf. However, as is usually the case with her, it WAS politically opportune for residents in her largely insulated district comprising much of South LA and Inglewood.

She can exacerbate the false narratives and the statement of stupidity will go unquestioned.

BORDER CZAR KAMALA HARRIS finally addressed a border issue, albeit falsely, as what she and the President foisted on border patrol agents "evoked images of some of the worst moments of our history, where that kind of behavior has been used against the Indigenous people of our country, (and) has been used against African Americans during times of slavery."

It's called gaslighting - political pandering to the uninformed

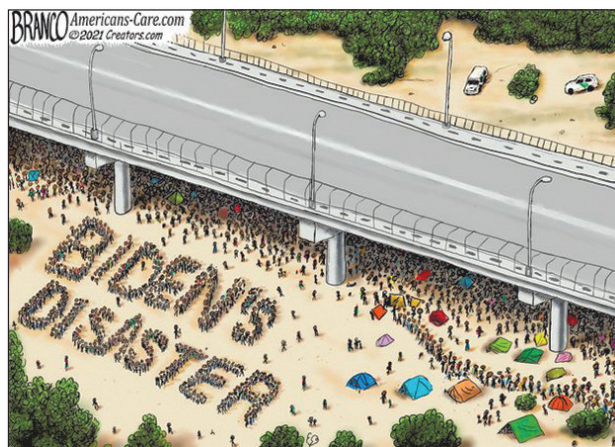
and misinformed with information that when repeated often enough ostensibly becomes fact, and finally history.

The whole ruse is hugely insulting and demeaning to those many years ago who suffered under the lashes, whose flesh was left gaping in the hot sun for days at a time for scars and infections to manifest. They were not isolated events. Those who endured that brutality and unimaginable suffering should always be held in the highest regard today, because we know and cherish freedom.

If Waters and Harris truly had empathy for previous generations and respect for the members of their race that make up slavery's lineage in this country, both would be embarrassed in comparing that treatment with how border patrol agents control their horses. Yet, each has grossly trivialized what slaves endured in exchange for political points and some semblance of relevancy. It's even more absurd for Harris considering her family was one of the most prominent slave-owners in the Caribbean.

Can either feed any closer to the bottom?

Horses are invaluable to border patrol agents with their ability to traverse desert, mountainous,



and beach/waterfront environments that exist along the stretch of the southern border.

Each border patrol horse is trained initially in the prison program through the Bureau of Land Management. When appropriate, some are brought in for additional training as a partner for Border Patrol agents. Each agent is partnered with his/her horse for an entire three year detail, so the bond between rider and horse is extremely tight. Horses are very instinctive, have keen night vision, and can be totally quiet. Landowners along the border really appreciate the horses because they don't destroy the land like ATV's.

In the wild they are prey animals so self-preservation is at a premium, and they will keep their partner safe as well. If you haven't had to do it, you have no idea what skill it takes to maneuver, pull, and swing reins enough to direct/control a

horse in knee-deep muddy water, the bottom of which is not visible. Add to that the horse is carrying an unsteady 150-220 lbs. and perceives this evasive if not aggressive, person in front of it. Therefore, border patrol agents are essentially trying to keep two humans and the horse from experiencing serious injury with nothing more than a set of reins.

When was the last time those three blowhards were on a horse even in a calm environment? At the kiddie fair in the grocery store parking lot?

While we are trying to wind down from a global pandemic as he threatens Americans' liberties and livelihoods over a very new vaccine, and makes us the military superpower laughing stock, Biden opens the door to the third world masses of unvaccinated, untested, undocumented, unvetted, and often unproductive people and fights for their "rights" to be here.

After all, the democrat

plan is for those to eventually be democrat voters. Why not take advantage of the chaos while it's available?

In the process, democrats have made enforcing the law a criminal offense.

If we want to discuss immigration policy, arbitrary limits in current law, or why we open the borders bailing migrants to come and temporarily detain them in squalor, those are viable discussions.

However, no honest person can look at those pictures or videos from the border and truly believe those agents were whipping anyone. If so, you are jaded, period.

"It's an embarrassment, but beyond an embarrassment, it is dangerous. It's wrong, it sends the wrong message around the world, it sends the wrong message at home. It's simply not who we are."

That's also from Joe Biden.

And no, he's not talking about his absolute ineptitude in recent months, the comments of which here would be a gross understatement.

This is Biden still deflecting attention from his multiple treasonous acts toward these scurrilous claims at the border. He calls for the heads of US border patrol agents for simply doing a difficult job that was needlessly and carelessly dumped upon them.

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THE BOLD AND THE BEAUTIFUL Hope offered Finn some emotional support in his dilemma with Sheila. Eric experienced an epic epiphany about his situation. Steffy became concerned about Thomas' feelings for Hope. Zende and Paris flirted while designing the Hope for the Future fashion line. Liam set up a romantic and passionate rendezvous for Hope. Paris took Zende on a date to Dodger Stadium, where she delivered a big surprise. Zende made it clear that he wanted a future with Paris. *Wait to See: The drama unfolds when an unexpected visitor arrives in Los Angeles. Sheila sets a new plan in motion to drive a wedge between Steffy and Finn. Later, Finn feels guilty for keeping a secret from Steffy.*

DAYS OF OUR LIVES Doug tried to stop Marlena from harming Julie. Chanel assisted Abe with his romantic surprise for Paulina. Meanwhile, Paulina and Lani talked about the past. EJ picked up Nicole for their date. Chad made a deal with Johnny. Abe proposed to Paulina. Rafe and Ava had an awkward run-in with Nicole and EJ. Chanel interrupted Eli and Lani's romantic evening. Maggie returned home and shared some sad news with Brady and Chloe. Ava gave Philip the dirt on Jake. Xander roped Justin into his plan. Gwen played dirty to help Xander. Philip gave Gabi an ultimatum. Ava put on an act for Jake. Brady invited Chloe to join him and Rachel on a fall outing. Gabi demanded the truth from Jake. *Wait to See: Philip blasts Chloe for her "betrayal." Maggie and Ciara console Julie about Doug. The Devil continues to torment Marlena.*

GENERAL HOSPITAL Dante and Sam's plan started to work a little

too well. Spencer shocked and disappointed Nikolas. Esme celebrated at The Savoy. Trina showed compassion. Sam was comforted by Dante. Peter gave Victor an ultimatum. Curtis and Portia reconnected. Brook Lynn apologized to Austin. Maxie had a realization about one of her friendships. Sam and Dante grew closer. Anna sought out Valentin. Victor made a startling revelation. Sonny and Carly welcomed an unexpected guest. Britt gave some sound advice. Esme sought out help from Cameron. Josslyn doubled down on her suspicions. Portia and Trina had a heart-to-heart talk. Spencer was apologetic. Nina faced the cost of what she'd done to her relationships. *Wait to See: Josslyn and Cameron don't see eye to eye. Alexis admonishes Nikolas. Shawn talks to Jax about Hayden's investigation.*

THE YOUNG AND THE RESTLESS Ashland asked Nick to keep a secret. Sally went on the defense with Adam. Amanda kept Devon on his toes. Victoria and Ashland arrived in Tuscany. Mariah struggled with her maternal instincts. Adam kept tabs on Billy. Ashland put his relationship with Victoria in danger. Nate and Elena covered for a friend. Some shocking information fell right into Billy's lap. Victor and Nikki did some damage control in Tuscany. Billy put his plan in motion. *Wait to See: Victor and Nikki find themselves on opposite ends of a debate. Mariah surprises Tessa. Victoria makes a decision about her future with Ashland.*

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Depending on where you live and the funeral home you choose, the average cost for a direct cremation runs between \$1,000 and \$3,000. If you want additional services beyond what a direct cremation offers, ask the funeral home for an itemized price list that covers the other services cost, so you know exactly what you're getting. All providers are required by law to provide this.

To locate nearby funeral homes, look in your local yellow pages, or Google "cremation" or "funeral" followed by your city and state. You can also get good information online at Parting.com, which lets you compare prices from funeral providers in your area based on what you want.

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If your family wants a memorial service, they can have it at the graveside at your place of worship or at home without the body.

These services usually cost between \$1,800 and \$3,500, not counting cemetery charges, which can run you an additional \$1,000 to \$3,000. All funeral homes offer direct burial.

Green Burial

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#21B-099A, 4 Door, Leather, Nice Local Trade



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17 Ford Escape

#21G-280A, 4 Door, Leather, Full Power, Nice!



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16 Nissan Rogue

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#21B-065A, 4 Door, 6 Yr./100K Limited Warranty!



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16 Dodge Challenger

#18P-0227A, 2 Door, Auto, Nice Local Trade!



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15 Chevy Traverse

#21G-235B, 4 Door, LTZ, Leather, 3rd Row!



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19 Jeep Renegade

#17P-2653B, 4 Door, Latitude Edition, Nice!



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15 Lincoln Navigator

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17 Buick Cascada

#21B-099A, Convertible, Leather, 1 Owner!



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18 Ford Edge

#22G-001A, 4 Door Titanium Pkg, Nice!



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18 GMC Terrain Denali

#21G-240A, Leather, 6 Yr./100K Limited Warranty!



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18 Ford Edge

#19P-7465A, Titanium Edition, 1 Owner, Nice!



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17 Ford F150 Supercrew

#21G-258A, 4x4, Eco Boost, FX4, Nice!



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17 Ford F150 Supercrew

#21G-149A, XLT, 4x4, 41K Miles!



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17 GMC Sierra Crew Cab

#21G-202A, Z71, 4x4, SLT 44K Miles, 6 Yr./100K Limited Warranty



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18 GMC Sierra Crew Cab

#21G-261A, Z71, Premium Plus, 1 Owner!



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17 Ford F150 Supercrew

#21G-224B, Lariat, Sunroof, 1 Owner, Nice!



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19 GMC Sierra AT4

#22G-007A, 1 Owner, Technology Pkg, Sunroof, Nice!



\$57,888

19 Toyota Sequoia

#21G-267A, 4 Door, Leather, 1 Owner, Nice!



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18 GMC Sierra 2500HD

#22G-006A, Crew Cab, Z71, 4x4, Duramax, Nice!



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18 GMC Sierra 2500HD

#18C-0599, 1 Owner, Diesel, Z71, 4x4, Nice!



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