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KILLEN—McDonald's on Hwy 72 in Killen is hosting a Hiring Event from 1-5pm on Thursday, October 14 for both the Killen and Rogersville locations. Starting pay for motivated, customer driven applicants is \$10/hour, more based on experience. Premium Pay is offered for openers and closers.

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There is more information and many more job openings listed in this week's Employment Section.

Dozier New at WHNT-19

HUNTSVILLE—Nexstar Media, Inc. last week named Danielle Dozier as Chief Meteorologist for its WHNT News 19 property.

Dozier is an award-winning Certified Broadcast Meteorologist, previously serving viewers in Pittsburgh, Indianapolis, and Oklahoma City. Dozier has been recognized for her outstanding severe weather forecasts and she has received EMMY nominations for her coverage

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Dozier



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SHOALS – More than 100 law enforcement vehicles from across north Alabama escorted the body of Sheffield Police Sgt. Nick Risner in his return to the Shoals last Monday. Risner was killed in the line of duty from an exchange of gunfire Friday

afternoon, October 1. He died on October 2.

The procession came through Decatur and entered the area on US Hwy 72/20 traveling through parts of Tuscumbia, Muscle Shoals, Sheffield, and across the Singing River Bridge into Florence on the way to Williams Funeral home in preparation for Friday's funeral. Thousands of solemn residents lined the streets and highways several people deep in areas

Sheffield Police Sgt. Nick Risner with K9 partner Wiske
Courtesy photo



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Sgt. Nick Risner's body is escorted across Singing River Bridge by law enforcement and an appreciative community. *Staff photo: TVM*

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NWSCC's Metallica Scholars Event has Local Favorites

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Iron Horse calls Killen, Alabama home. The bluegrass band consists of Vance Henry, who plays guitar and is a lead vocalist for the



The Fiddleworms



Iron Horse

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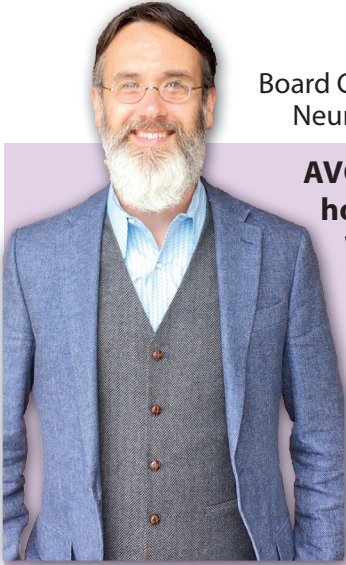
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Dozier New at WHNT-19

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of tornado and flash flooding events.

Ms. Dozier's passion for forecasting and tracking severe weather started as a child growing up in Virginia Beach. In addition to her love of weather, she's an advocate for STEM and in her free time, Dozier loves to bowl.

"We couldn't be more pleased to welcome Danielle to the News 19 family," said Stan Pylant, Vice President and General Manager of WHNT/WHDF. "She brings strong forecasting knowledge, big market experience, and a passion for accurately tracking severe weather."

"I'm so excited to call the Tennessee Valley home," said Dozier. "I'm looking forward to serving our viewers and getting to know them on TV and on social media. I know I have an important job to do in keeping viewers safe. WHNT has a great team. I'm thrilled to be a part of it."

Ms. Dozier holds the Certified Broadcast Meteorologist seal

of approval from the American Meteorological Society. She is a Chesapeake, Virginia native and earned her Atmospheric Science degree from the University of North Carolina at Asheville.

Ms. Dozier debuts on air October 11. In the meantime, viewers can connect with her through her social media accounts, Instagram, and Facebook. Dozier replaces Jason Simpson, who spent ten years with the company before announcing his acceptance of another local opportunity outside of the news profession.

first come, etc first serve basis. NO Appointments. Please call 211 for more information.

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FLORENCE – United Way and Marine Corps League of the Shoals is holding registration for Toys for Tots Thursday-Saturday October 14-16 at three locations this year. Florence registration will be in the Academy Sports parking lot; Colbert County registration will be at the National Guard Armory in Muscle Shoals, and Franklin County registration will be at Tractor Supply in Russellville. Registration will take place Thursday-Friday from 8am-3:30pm and on Saturday from 8-11:30am. This is on a

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Shoals Artists Guild Meeting Friday, October 15, 10am-Noon at the Southall-Moore House, next to the Kennedy-Douglass Art Center, Downtown Florence. Bonnie Davis will do an acrylic painting demo. Non-members are welcome to attend. For more info, contact Carolyn Wear, 256-710-6854.

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

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 The church is located at 9090 County Road 8 in Waterloo. Greg Eaton/evangelist.

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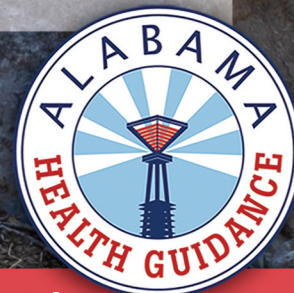
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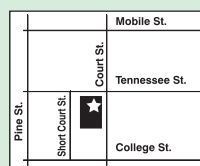
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Obituary reprinted from TimesDaily, October 7, 2021

Sgt. Nick Risner

James Nicholas "Nick" Risner, age 40, of Florence, Alabama, passed away October 2, 2021, at Huntsville Hospital.

Visitation will be Friday October 8th, 2021 at Faith Church, 3601 Florence Blvd., Florence, Alabama, from 11a.m. - 2p.m. Service will follow with Pastor Eric Taylor officiating. A private graveside will be held for family and fellow officers. The service will be streamed live on Faith Church Facebook page, starting at 2:00 p.m.

Nick was preceded in death by his grandparents, James and June McDonald; brothers, Anthony Ray and Terrell.

He is survived by his parents, Carl and Vicki Risner; grandparents, Harold and Jeanette Wesson; wife, Brandy Risner; daughter, Aili Risner; brothers, Billy Risner (Kristy), Tony Risner (Whitney); nieces and nephews who adored "Uncle Nick"; numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins; and his best friend, and faithful partner "K9 WISKE".

Nick was born and raised in Florence, AL, where he attended Central High School. Nick married Brandy, his wife of 15 years, and they have one daughter, Aili, who is a true daddy's girl and was the light of his life. Nick served eight years in the Army/National Guard and then became an officer with Sheffield PD in 2012 and was currently a K9 sergeant. Nick was a people person



Sheffield Police Sgt, Nick Risner, and his K9 partner, Wiske, are pictured here with Neveah Bevens, 7, who helped raised money to buy Wiske a bullet-proof vest in 2019. TimesDaily file photo / Matt McKean

Risner...

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showing their respect and appreciation for his nine years of service in the Sheffield police department and eight years with the U.S. Army Reserves.

The accolades for Risner in the past ten days have been numerous. Since he was a registered

with a servant's heart always helping others in any way. His infectious laugh and personality could light up a room.

He loved Alabama football and was his daughter's biggest fan in

organ donor, Risner was still giving after his death.

Risner's family, friends, local law enforcement brethren, and his police canine partner, Wiske, will need this community's continued prayers and support in the coming weeks and months.

sports and academics. He was a loving son, friend, and big brother. Nick was selfless and it showed as he served his community with pride and made the ultimate sacrifice. Matthew 5:9

Nick was the true definition of a HERO and continues to be through organ donation with Legacy of Hope.

On behalf of the family we would like to thank his two special friends, Max Dotson and Ray Terry. Thank you to all police agencies across the state of Alabama and beyond who have honored our true hero. Thank you to Helen Keller E.R and EMS, Air EVAC, and Huntsville Hospital staff. Special thanks to Huntsville PD and Williams Funeral Home for serving our family in a time of need. Thank you Sheffield PD for your support to Nick's family and his career over the years. The family could never repay the community and businesses for the outpouring love, support and donations.

Pallbearers will be Tony Risner, Billy Risner, Max Dotson, Trent Anthony, Ray Terry and Kaegan Cook. Honorary pallbearers will be fellow officers of Sheffield PD, K9 partner WISKE and the Boys in Blue.

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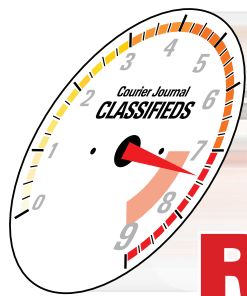
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group; Tony Robertson, lead vocalist and mandolin player; Ricky Rogers, bassist and lead baritone vocalist; and Anthony Richardson playing the banjo. Cassidy Koonce takes part when a fiddle player is needed. Iron Horse creates much of its own music with an innate ability for cross-genre arrangements. Three self-produced albums contain previously unreleased compositions and Iron Horse-composed originals. Included in that is the 2011 release, *Small Town Christmas*.

Iron Horse was approached in January 2003 by Los Angeles-based CMH Records to record a bluegrass tribute album to the heavy metal band, Metallica, which was released in October 2003 (*Fade to Bluegrass*). Since then Iron Horse has recorded eleven similar tribute projects for CMH Records, including Led Zeppelin, Ozzy Osbourn, Modest Mouse, The Shins, Guns & Roses, The Goo Goo Dolls, Hank Williams, Black label Society.

The Fiddleworms are a well-known Shoals area rock music band which consists of Russell Mefford on vocals and guitar, Rob Malone and Mitch Mann on guitar, David McKay on bass, and John Tombyll on drums. The band plays

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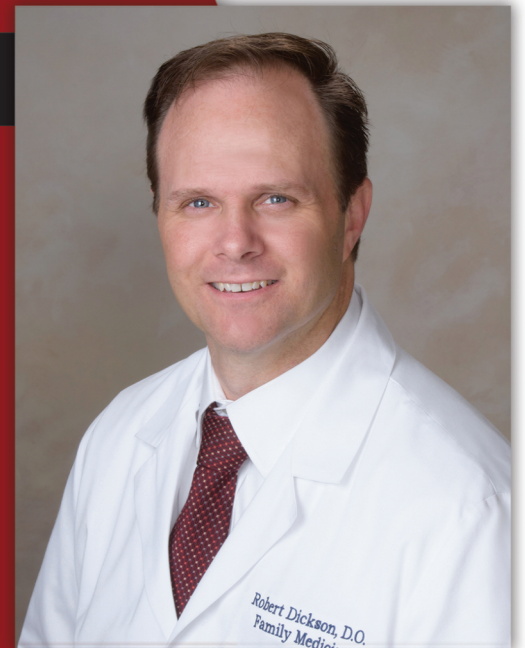
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Manufacturing Day is held annually on the first Friday in October to promote manufacturing careers with events held throughout the month. NW-SCC will provide an opportunity for college students, high school students, and the general public to experience and learn more about six manufacturing careers: Carpentry, Electrical, Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC), Industrial Maintenance, Machining, and Welding.

Each NW-SCC program's open house will be joined by local business and industry representatives in the area. "This is a tremendous opportunity for our current students and prospective students to network with our local business and industry and see how our program ties directly into our local workforce," said NW-SCC Associate Dean John McIntosh. "Our business and industry partners have been incredible supporters of our individual programs and the college as a whole. That relationship helps us to provide them with a



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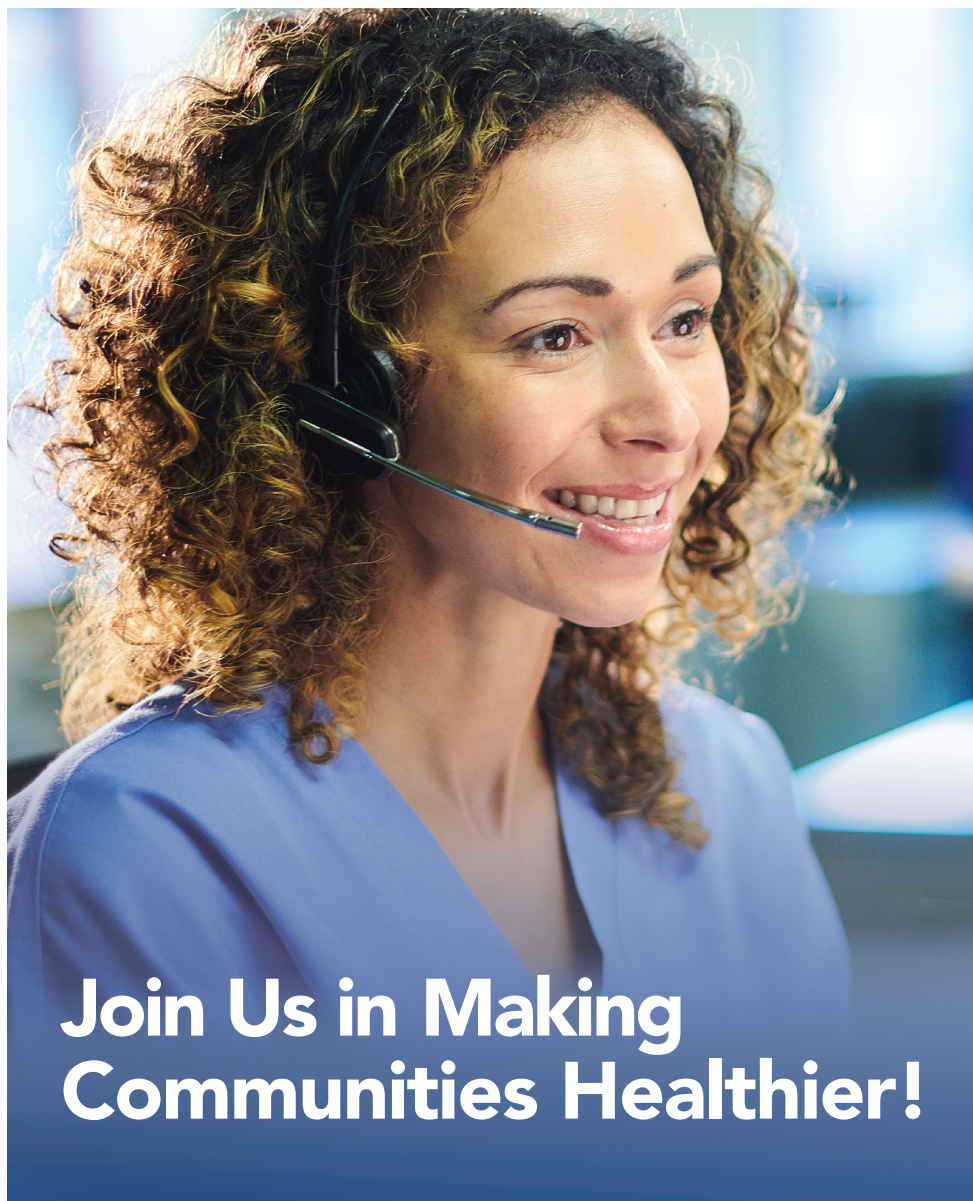
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I try not to use this article to advertise, but it is widely known that these computer programs consider whether the attorney for the injured person has a record of taking cases to court when they get a low offer. I almost always end up suing Allstate because the offers that Allstate makes are absolutely ridiculous.

If you don't believe me, I encourage you to google and read "Alabama Judge Sanctions Allstate for Egregious Conduct". This happened in June of 2020. Don't get me wrong, all insurance companies try to pay as little as possible. These computer-driven programs coupled with in-house lawyers means that Allstate has no incentive to pay a claim short of a jury verdict. I understand that other insurance companies simply pay a flat rate to their attorneys whether they settle the case or take it to court. There is no monetary incentive for settlement for the insurance company.

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- Problem solving skills and ingenuity to operate the facility with minimal resources.
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Johnson passed away in 2019 at the age of 76 and was a successful and talented session guitarist, engineer, and record producer from Muscle Shoals. He gained prominence when originally attached to Rick Hall's FAME Studios in the 1960's, before co-founding one of America's most storied music studios, Muscle Shoals Sound Studio in 1969 with drummer Roger Hawkins, bassist David Hood, and keyboardist Barry Beckett. These four became affectionately known as

"The Swampers," a name infamously mentioned in Lynyrd Skynyrd's "Sweet Home Alabama."

His notable discography includes Colbert County native Percy Sledge's iconic classic "When a Man Loves a Woman," Wilson Pickett's "Land of 1,000 Dances" and "Mustang Sally," Etta James' "Tell Mama," The Rolling Stones' "Brown Sugar," "Sticky Fingers," and "Wild Horses," Bob Seger's "Night Moves," "Main Street," and "Old Time Rock and Roll," Aretha Franklin's "I Never Loved a Man the Way I Loved You," and Lynyrd Skynyrd's "Street Survivors," "Skynyrd's First...and Last," and "Platinum and Gold," among hundreds of others.

Johnson and his fellow Swampers were inducted into the Alabama Music Hall of Fame in 1995 and the Musicians Hall of Fame in 2008. His Fender Telecaster guitar is on display at Cleveland's Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.

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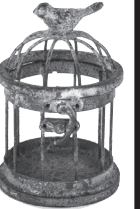
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I can't imagine anyone better-suited to help quell the turmoil inside a grieving young person than Kay Parker.

This area lost a special lady when Kay passed away September 25. I met Kay around the time she and Sharon Scogin founded the Healing Place in 2001. I knew her only through my association with The Healing Place and on occasion at other events or meetings we may happen to attend.

Although the term, unique, is highly overused, Kay truly qualified. She possessed a calming quality that is just beyond anything I experienced with anyone else. Her soft-spoken manner and unassuming personality was so much of her charm. Just being seated at a conference table with her fifteen feet away was refreshing. It was almost like you were getting a

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In A Few Words



TOM MAGAZZU
Editor

Courier Journal

THIS WEEK

in the *Shoals*

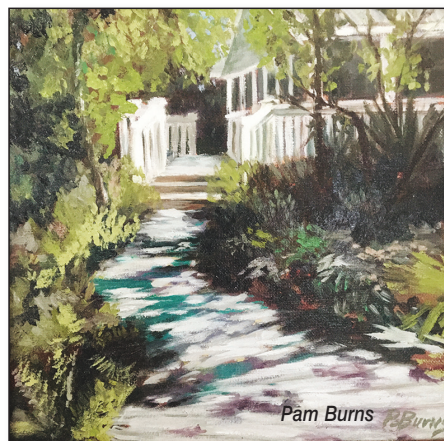
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Happening
THIS WEEK

GUILD'S ART EXPRESSIONS Work is 2 or 3 Dimensional

FLORENCE—Kennedy-Douglass Center for the Arts will present Art Expressions: Shoals Artist Guild Annual Members Show October 17-November 15 in the Kennedy-Douglass Annex Galleries. The group exhibit will include 3-dimensional artwork for the first time; to be judged in a separate category from the 2-dimensional pieces in oil, watercolor,

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Pam Burns

Guest Commentary

Sergeant Risner and the Costliness of 'Reform'



STEVE MARSHALL
Alabama's
48th Attorney
General

With the death of Sergeant Nick Risner last weekend, our state has lost ten law enforcement officers in ten months and twenty-four officers in five years.

Sergeant Nick Risner was killed by a man whose name isn't worth mentioning. That man had killed before—in fact, he killed his own father. The man was sentenced to ten years in prison for manslaughter in 2013. A mere two-and-a-half years after entering prison, he was given the benefit of a parole hearing. His parole was denied.

While in prison, the man racked up a lengthy rap sheet. Records indicate that he got into a fight and seriously injured another inmate. He was disciplined for disobeying a correctional officer.

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UNA'S HOMECOMING PARADE will take place on Saturday, October 16 at 11:30am. The 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, visit: 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. Roar Lions!

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He is No Gentleman

Editor:

Perry O. Hooper Jr's letter from Montgomery references America's favorite son, except in Alabama.

Many of you will remember when Lee Greenwood stood on the stage in the Florence-Lauderdale Coliseum back in the late 80's. He said the only reason he was putting on a show here was because of a band member

coming from here. He angrily ranted that this was the worst and most backward place he had ever been to in his entire career.

He took ten minutes of his intro and criticized his accommodations, the backward city, and the redneck state. There was no need for him to disrespect any of this.

Lee Greenwood is just a man that has used this one song to climb the ladder. He isn't a gentleman, nor is he above anyone else. His crassness at that 'concert' was the end of my

affinity for his singing. You don't get a pass at being a total jerk because of a song he made millions on.

It's all about the green, just not all about Greenwood. Every time I hear 'God Bless the USA', I cringe.

Linda Johnson
Florence

America's Need

Editor:

Our country stands today in a time almost like no other. If you do not believe that we are in a big mess, you must be reading and looking at the

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Judgement is falling everywhere, but God is waiting for America to return to Him...



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You can get your items from any Junior League Member or on our website at jitheshoals.org/system/store.

Order placement deadline is October 15! All proceeds go to support non-profits benefiting women and children in the Shoals. Thank you for your support!

Look for the Ladies in the Red Tights on Friday, November 5 around the Shoals.

Paint the Shoals Community Clinic Pink This Month For Breast Cancer Awareness

October 14 is Paint the Clinic Pink for the Well Woman Project event at the Shoals Community Clinic. The clinic will offer free medical exams and cancer screenings for qualifying patients by appointment. (You can make an appointment for another clinic if you are not available on the 14th.) These services are free for low-income women ages 40-64 who do not have health insurance, or women 65 and over who do not have Medicare Part A.

The Well Woman Project provides cancer screening to low-income, uninsured women of the Shoals throughout the year with medical exams, mammograms and education programs that promote healthy lifestyle choices. Partnering with the Alabama Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program (ABCCEDP), Lauderdale County Radiology, and the Tri-State Center for Breast Health, the clinic provides free clinical exams and referrals for free mammograms for qualifying women. No one is left alone in the process of screening, detection, and treatment for breast cancer in this program. There is always someone helping you to navigate your way through the process in a safe and encouraging atmosphere. The pandemic has caused many women to fall behind on their regular health screenings, and it is important to stay on schedule with breast cancer detection. A mammogram can detect a suspect spot much sooner than an at-home breast exam, and the earlier breast cancer is detected, the better the chances of a positive outcome. Call 256-760-4713

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 Milliman and former Miss UNA, Jacque Rainwater. For more information email: shoalswritersguild@gmail.com.

State Health Insurance & Assistance Program (SHIP) - Medicare and Medicaid counseling is provided to those becoming eligible for medicare through age or disability in Alabama. 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.

"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

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ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 4TH, FACEBOOK experienced a colossal outage that affected all 3 billion users across the planet. Lots of people depend on Facebook for their livelihood and some of us are just plain addicted and we deserve to know what happened.

Okay, we may not deserve anything but I was super curious over how a supremely technical company could be taken down so astonishingly hard. The story is interesting from a technical standpoint if you're a nerd. However, it also gives some insight into how the internet works, so that may be interesting to everyone else.



Jim Fisher

WHAT REALLY HAPPENED WITH FACEBOOK?

by "The Computer Skeptic"

Everything connected to the internet has an Internet Protocol (IP) address. An IP address is usually a string of numbers such as 67.23.254.53. That's the IP address of my company's website. But numbers are hard to remember at cocktail parties so we invented something called Domain Name Service ("DNS" - think of it as a phonebook for the internet) that allows us to associate a name to these long numbers so we can remember them. In this case, it is ExcelAL.com. You can access my website by typing those numbers or those letters thanks to DNS.

When you type those letters, the DNS "routes" your computer to the proper website address.

The Facebook outage involves more than just DNS, but explaining BGP records will put all of you to sleep. None of you even care, so "DNS" will suffice.

Unlike everyone else, Facebook owns their own DNS phonebook servers located deep in the bowels of Facebook headquarters. These servers aren't available to the rest of the world. Turns out some goober in the big, huge server room at Facebook headquarters implemented an ordinary update

to the DNS records and, well, Mark Zuckerberg (Facebook CEO) was suddenly 6 billion dollars poorer.

Ordinarily, this would be no big deal. Any good technician would simply "undo" or restore from a backup. But this was different. During the pandemic, a lot of technicians work from remote locations. Once the update broke the DNS, all the technicians were blocked from remote access. No big deal, they can just go on-site and work, right? Nope. When Facebook servers went down, so did all the key cards that grant physical access to the server rooms. No big deal, the technicians will simply send a message to a security guard to come manually unlock the door. Welp, the messaging service runs through the same equipment so a big NOPE there,

too. Isn't that funny? It took them 6 long hours to sort it all out. I've had days like that and they are not fun.

All this comes on the heels of an unflattering whistleblower report aired by 60 Minutes the night before. I know it's fun to think there was a relation between the two, but there is no evidence of any connection, whatsoever. Conspiracy theorists are abuzz about it because that's what conspiracy theorists do.

Jim Fisher owns Excel Computer Services in Florence. Reach him at www.ExcelAL.com



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Letters...

America's Need...

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liberal networks. We have a President who frequently knows not where he is and recently could not find the White House door. He stands at his news conference and states, "THEY told me not to say this or that." Who are they? If you will be honest, you plainly know who the "they are."

Our relations with many nations are at a low ebb.

Our border that Trump was getting under control stands in chaos with people by the thousands coming into our nation with unchecked Covid and Delta variant.

Congress is trying to spend 3.5 trillion dollars. A huge part of that money is going to Climate Change.

I believe this is wasted money, for Almighty God who created this world states this in Genesis 8:22, "While the Earth remaineth, seed-time and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter and day and night shall not cease."

The cost of what you and I buy is and will be going up.

The President killed the pipeline, and gas for our cars will continue to rise.

We were exporting gas and oil, but that has now stopped.

Most of our military leaders need to be fired and bring in people with a will to stand up for our nation.

Gross sins have swept our land. Our church membership is down and most are not alarmed about it. How many remember that when we were back in school, we had a Bible reading and short prayer to start our day. When you misbehaved, we were sent to the principal's office and sometimes got paddled. When we got home, we got another one. We said, 'yes sir' and 'no sir' and 'thank you' and 'please.'

How far we have fallen! What is the answer?

The answer is found in 2 Chronicles 7:14, "If my people who are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from

heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will HEAL THEIR LAND."

Not the question before us is this-Will We Do It? Please God, hear us and help us at this time of our country's great need.

Michael Dale Beck
Florence

Science is Not Always Good

Dear Editor:

I haven't taken the Covid jab because I can't be sure it's scripturally clean. Vaccine researchers should focus on developing something that's Biblically approved for the human body.

Actually, something like our present situation was foreseen by a number of writers in the distant past. The ghoulish practice of DNA and fetal-tissue research is nothing but reckless, unrestrained human nature at work.

Some of our civilization's most prominent novelists warned about the danger of a morally unbalanced scientific community. Two of the novels, Mary Shelley's "Frankenstein: or, the Modern Prometheus," and Robert Louis Stevenson's "Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde," have led to several popular movies. Even Bram Stoker's "Dracula" touches on the theme of modern immorality in cold, hard practice. These novels are fictional. However, their authors knew a great deal about unchanging, unrestrained human nature.

The idea that science is entirely good is absurd. There is factual evidence that tells us to beware. Whether we're remembering Dr. Josef Mengele or the more recent "Dr. Death," we should keep in mind that science needs a strict, moral base. Without that base, it can be dangerous.

Thomas Ponder
Killen

The Ball Is In Our Court

Editor,

Sir Isaac Newton introduced his third law of motion in 1686 called

"The Law of Action and Reaction". He discovered that for every action there is an equal and opposite reaction.

In the nineteenth century another law was introduced call "The Law of Cause and Effect", stating that every effect has a specific and predictable cause.

Millenniums before the Bible alluded to these laws. Galatians 6:7 states, "Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." It's the same law and principle as the afore mentioned laws.

Everything transpiring in the world today is the fulfillment of these laws. Today's news is the consequence of yesterday's actions.

Decades ago, America's problems and issues were solvable. They were "trickles". Through

negligence and/or apathy, they became steams, then rivers. Now these rivers have merged into an unmanageable flood! Everywhere you look we see the innumerable consequences of our sins! We see the news. Barney was right - "Nip it in the bud!" had we followed his advice, we wouldn't be "eating the fruit " of yesterday's sins.

Numbers 32:23b: "You can be sure your sin(s) will find you out".

Recovering from World War II, we were a great nation, united and sustained by our biblical foundation. Tragically, we changed direction.

That infamous day in American History when we "ejected" God and the Bible out of our country was the very day our

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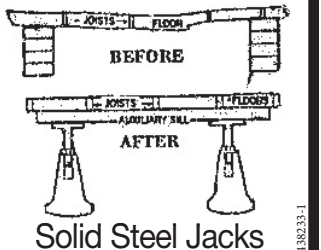
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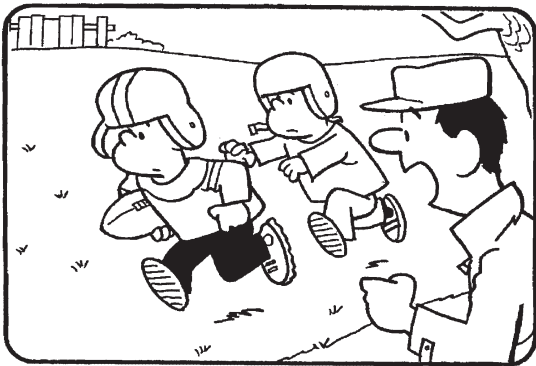
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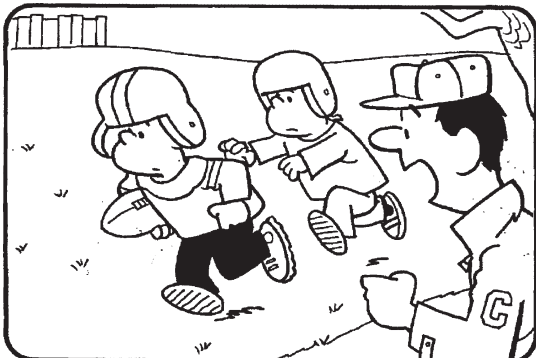
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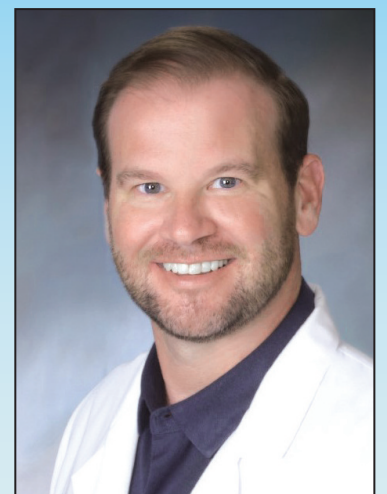
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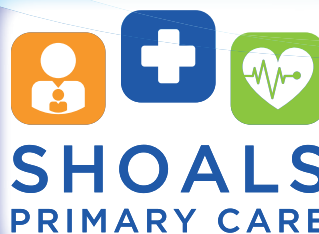
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Guild...

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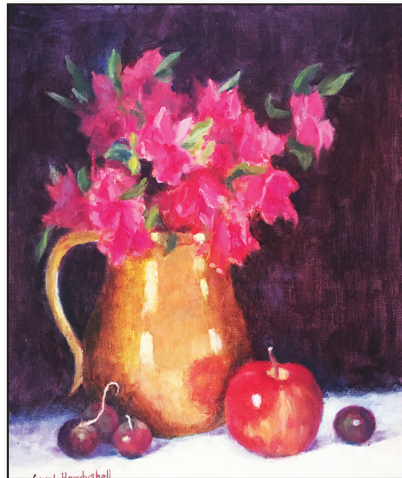
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Kay earned the honor of being named the *Times Daily's Shoals Woman of the Year* in 2007. That meant so much to her because of the recognition and attention it brought to The Healing Place, and she knew THAT would benefit people in need.

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Guest Op-Ed – Steve Marshall

Prison Reform...

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He got caught with drugs in his possession, twice. Naturally, the man was awarded "good time," provided for in statute, for this stellar behavior while incarcerated. As a result,

the man served three years, two months, and fifteen days of his ten-year sentence. He was released from prison in May of 2016. Had he served the full length of his sentence, he would have been in prison rather than the

Walmart parking lot last Friday afternoon when Sergeant Risner was shot.

When the news of Sergeant Risner hit the wires over the weekend, politician after politician tweeted their support for law enforcement and

their sympathy for the victims. However, only days before, at the end of a five-day legislative session, a new law was enacted mandating that all inmates—including violent ones with histories just like this shooter's—be let out of prison up to one year early to be "supervised" before the formal end of their sentence. Twenty-three house members and only six senators thought this was a bad idea.

Had this law been in effect when Sergeant Risner's killer was initially sentenced, his ten-year sentence would have been reduced to a little over three years with automatic "good time," and his paltry three years behind bars would've been further reduced to only two.

Consider too, that just six months ago the legislature enacted yet another law that would reduce time

served in prison under the "Education Incentive Time Act." As introduced and passed unanimously by the Alabama Senate, rapists and murderers were to be considered for parole up to twelve months early for taking advantage of educational programming while in prison. Despite being publicly chided by a Republican member of the legislature for getting involved, my Office successfully fought to have most violent offenders removed from this legislation.

Each time, the same tired rhetoric is used as justification for passage: our prisons are "overcrowded" and the inmates "are eventually going to get out anyway." The current population of Alabama's prisons is 81% violent. The population that is non-violent does not serve any appreciable time inside the prison walls. As

evidenced by the so-called reforms pushed last week, we are at a point where any further "reforms" will benefit primarily violent offenders—there is simply nobody else to reform.

I'm glad we've all agreed that we need to build prisons. However, I seem to be alone in the view that most of our current prison population ought to stay locked up. The policymaking in this state is completely and utterly detached from what law enforcement and prosecutors see daily. There must be a reckoning for the real-life consequences of these decisions. It is time that the Alabama public speaks out about this dangerous trajectory of "criminal justice reform."

Your state leaders are not listening.

Steve Marshall is the 48th Attorney General of the State of Alabama

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THE BOLD AND THE BEAUTIFUL Brooke and Liam laid down the law to Hope about Deacon. Sheila used her skills of manipulation to persuade Deacon to team up with her. Liam and Hope disagreed about Deacon's role in their lives. Deacon then went undercover to pay a surprise visit to Hope at Forrester. Paris received an unforeseen gift from an unexpected person. Ridge argued with Carter. Thomas and Paris celebrated their new arrangement. *Wait to See: Ridge gives Quinn an angry earful about Eric. Bill goes to great effort to set things straight with Katie. Eric makes a heartbreaking demand of Quinn.*

DAYS OF OUR LIVES Johnny urged Allie to be in his movie. The Devil forced Marlena to do his bidding. Ciara was thrilled when Ben agreed to have a baby. EJ interrupted a close moment between Chad and Abigail. Marlena was horrified to learn of the Devil's diabolical plan to take full control of her. Ciara assured Ben that they made the right decision. Abigail and Chad had a major breakthrough. Eli and Lani helped Paulina and Abe celebrate their engagement. EJ blindsided Chad and Abigail. Jake gave Philip a warning. Gabi ripped into Ava for plotting with Philip. Rafe questioned Nicole about her date with EJ. Marlena told John about her disturbing nightmare. *Wait to See: John tries to talk Johnny out of making his movie. Rafe and EJ have a heated confrontation about Nicole. Philip loses it when he walks in on Brady holding Chloe again.*

GENERAL HOSPITAL Jax and Sonny forged an unlikely truce. Jason caught Carly about to do something she might regret. Brando and Sasha were interrupted by a visitor. Sonny laid down the ground rules with Nina. Carly made an unexpected choice. Austin tried to win over Jason. Brook Lynn took things to the next level. Sonny confronted Jason. Trina was surprised by her feelings. Austin cautioned Maxie. Britt weighed her options. Sonny and Carly talked about the future. Spencer was forced to make a choice. Esme made an emotional appeal to Nikolas. Britt sought help from an unexpected source. Robert unearthed a shocking discovery. Curtis revealed more about his past to Portia. Spinelli confirmed Jason's suspicions. *Wait to See: Anna and Robert make a surprising decision. Sam and Dante are thwarted. Victor dictates some malicious commands.*

THE YOUNG AND THE RESTLESS Victor helped Ashland protect his reputation. Nick tried to make amends with Victoria. Billy brought a surprise guest to Tuscany. Nick and Phyllis considered a change of plans. Victor and Nikki reconnected with someone from their past. Billy and Lily defended their actions to Victoria. Summer and Kyle arrived in Tuscany. Adam and Sally made a bold move. *Wait to See: Jack takes the high road. As Victor prepares to walk Victoria down the aisle, Nikki makes a shocking discovery. Trouble looms as family and friends gather to celebrate the wedding of Victoria and Ashland.*

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Letters...

The Ball Is In Our Court

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decline and demise as a nation began.

Let me conclude with a word of hope. In spite of everything, there's hope for America—GOD ALONE! All the wells of human resources are drying up. The cup of America's iniquity is filling up fast. Judgement is falling everywhere, but God is waiting for America to return to Him. He promised to forgive our sins and heal our land if we would return (2 Chronicles 7:14). Even though we've sown the sin and are reaping the whirlwind (Hosea 8:7), there's HOPE! If America will stop its rebellion against God, return to Him, and restore the Bible to its rightful place as the final authority in all things, we will begin reversing our path to self-destruction and rise to recovery and restoration from our borders to our inner city ghettos. How much more can we take? Its up to us—the ball is in our court!

Jim Thacker
Florence

The Epitome of Corruption

Editor:

There is a certain irony in the fact that the socialist Democrats are calling for a tax on the rich, especially since they are rich. The only difference between them and many other rich people is that they became rich while serving in political office. They have served themselves very well. This idea of enriching yourself by getting elected is not something new.

Lyndon Johnson was a school teacher until he found out how lucrative serving in political office could be. As a result of his political connections Johnson and his family became very rich.

Elizabeth Warren (who claimed Indian heritage in order to further her political ambitions) and her husband are also multi-millionaires.

Bernie Sanders also became a millionaire during his 40 years in political office.

The Obama's who were originally communists and members of Rev. Williams Communist-oriented hate-America church became multi-millionaires while supposedly serving the public. They are now capitalists

buying properties from Massachusetts to Hawaii.

Joe Biden also became rich while serving in public office and over the years used his position to enrich himself and his son in their dealings with China and the Ukraine.

Probably the most corrupt couple in American history were the Clintons. They may have started out to do good, but quickly found out how they could enrich themselves using their positions in political office. On their rise to national prominence they left a trail of destroyed and lost records and several unexplained deaths of former associates. Their corruption on the national scene must have made the mafia envious. They even tried to steal some of the White House furniture on their way out.

But the epitome of corruption came when Hillary became Secretary of State. She would travel to foreign countries and announce the release of millions of dollars in American aid. Bill would follow and give a speech and come back with a million or more which was laundered through a Canadian bank. That way they did not have to reveal the source. From the Canadian bank it would be transferred to The Clinton Foundation Charity which was

actually a giant slush fund, funding the lavish lifestyle of the Clintons and their friends and supporters.

We were fortunate that she was defeated in the Presidential election, by the "basket of deplorables" or their corruption would have taken over the government completely.

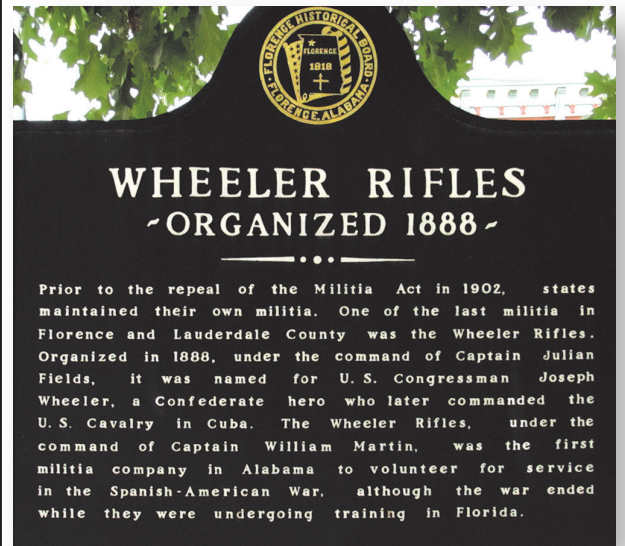
Trump's election saved the middle class working people of America, at least temporarily. Whether the working middle class can survive the socialist democrats is still a question. If it doesn't, then America will end up with two classes of people, the rich and politically employed, and the rest of us.

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~ Courtesy David Curott ~ author of "Signs of the Past" and "More Signs of the Past"

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BOBBIN' ALONG! Connect the dots to complete the harvest-game picture. Also, why did the jelly roll?

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2	P				
3	P				
4	L				
5	E				

- Firm, edible fruit (Apple, in place).
- Where people vote.
- Earnest requests.
- South American animal.
- Short literary composition.

Answers On Page 38

Illustrated by David Coulson

DAVE Says

by DAVE RAMSEY

HOPE IS A GOOD THING

Dear Dave,
What is the main difference between people who follow your plan, stick with it and succeed, and those who fall off along the way?



Damon
Dear Damon,
I've walked with thousands of families through financial problems. Some of them were just speedbumps that

needed to be smoothed out, while others seemed like mountains. The biggest factor I've noticed separating those who stick with it and gain control of their finances, from those who give up and go back to their old ways, can be boiled down to one simple word—hope.

Hope is stolen when we misunderstand failure and believe lies. One of the biggest lies that robs people of hope is the one that says failure is permanent. The moment we start seeing failures of the past as predictors of our futures, it extinguishes that ember of hope. Failure

happens to all of us at times. It's natural, and it is normal. The way to reach your goals, though, is to keep failure in its cage. And failure is caged when we begin to understand it isn't permanent.

Winston Churchill once said, "Success is going from failure to failure without loss of enthusiasm." If we believe failure is here to stay, we lose enthusiasm. And that leads to an inability to re-focus on success. People often make dumb, short-term decisions when they're in financial difficulty. If you talk yourself into believing you'll never be able to save

enough money to pay cash for a car, you'll lose hope and borrow the money. Debt not only robs you of the ability to build wealth, but it's also usually the result of losing hope.

Have you done something stupid or wrong in the past that you are still reliving daily? Is that memory haunting you, and stealing your hope? Remember, the past only has power over you if you let it have that power. Don't get me wrong. The past can hurt, and it can be disappointing. But you can either give in to it and let it control you, or you can learn from it and make

a conscious decision to keep moving forward.
The choice is yours!
— Dave

Dave Ramsey is a seven-time #1 national best-selling author, personal finance expert, and host of "The Ramsey Show," heard by more than 20 million listeners each week. He has appeared on "Good Morning America," "CBS This Morning," "Today," Fox News, CNN, Fox Business, and 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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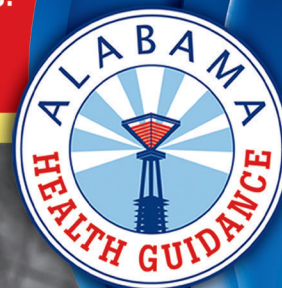
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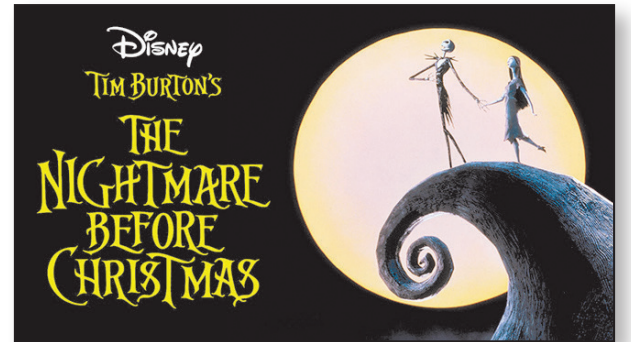
The Ritz Theatre is hosting an interactive screening of the creepy classic *The Nightmare Before Christmas* on Friday and Saturday, October 22-23 at 7pm!

Watch Jack Skellington and his Halloween Town buddies make Christmas creepy, all while you boo, scream, and use fun props along with the film. This event is perfect for all ages of fans of the movie.

Tickets are \$13 each and are available at tennesseevalleyarts.org/nightmare.

The evening will begin with local actor Nick Grigsby performing a dramatic reading of Tim Burton’s original 1982 poem, which served as the inspiration for the film. Everyone will receive an interactive kit with a script and props. Then, the audience will enjoy the movie on the theatre’s big screen, and the script will provide simple prompts for when to yell, make spooky sounds, or use one of the props. (For instance, the audience will laugh like a witch anytime a witch appears on screen). Costumes, as well as decorated or spooky face masks, are encouraged. Everyone in a costume or with a Halloween-themed mask will get a trick-or-treat goodie bag to enjoy for the trip home.

“We’re really excited to offer this chance for fans of *The Nightmare Before Christmas* to enjoy the film in a new way,” said Jennifer Butler Keeton, the marketing director at the Tennessee Valley Art Association, which operates



the Ritz Theatre. “Our goal for this event is for it to be a fun Halloween celebration. Multiple generations have fallen in love with the movie’s groundbreaking visuals and themes about embracing who you really are. This is an opportunity for people all ages to be spooky and weird together while watching one of their favorite films.”

Masks are required, and there are two showings to allow for better distancing. In order to ensure a seat

and an interactive kit, attendees are encouraged to purchase tickets in advance online, by calling 256-383-0533, or stopping by the Tennessee Valley Museum of Art. Tickets will also be available at the door, but may be limited.

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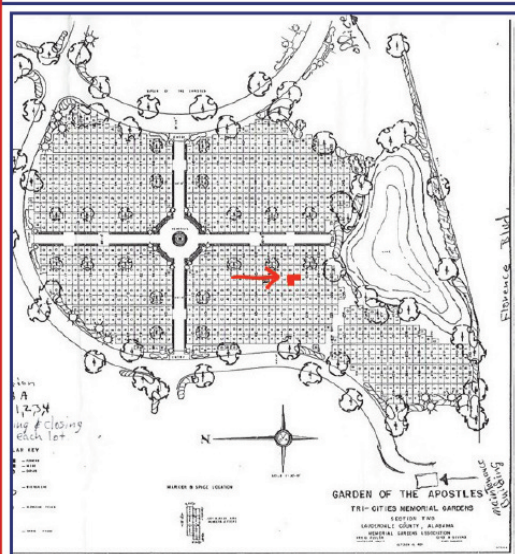
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Thursday, October 14, 5:30pm - "Mexican Gothic" by Silvia Moreno-Garcia

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 Kruz 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.kruzforakurefoundation.org

Shoals Christian School is having a fundraiser on Saturday, October 16. The pancake breakfast gets things started from 7-9am. A Yard sale takes place from 7am-2pm in the gym with bake sale items plus many yard sale treasures along with live music and entertainment. Come enjoy the morning and help support SCS.

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- 1. Think about lifestyle.** How will your baby impact your day-to-day activities? Include family outings and increased expenses into your budget to avoid surprises. Keep in mind that future hobbies, like traveling soccer team, music lessons or private coaching, may take additional investment. If your ideal lifestyle involves a new car or home, consult a financial professional about the pros and cons of making the move today – or further down the road.
- 2. Consider childcare costs.** Care.com's 2021 Cost of Care Survey found that more than 3/4 of parents in the U.S. spend >10% of their income on childcare. In some U.S. states the cost for one year of care can be more than one year of college. So, whether you choose daycare, a nanny, an au pair, an afterschool sitter or a combination of options, make planning for this expense a priority.
- 3. Re-evaluate your career.** The arrival of a new child may cause you to think differently about your career goals. Perhaps you want to earn a promotion, a higher salary or better benefits, or pursue continuing education. You might be ready to reduce your hours or become a stay-at-home parent. Evaluate how the move may affect your paycheck, retirement savings and benefits.
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- 5. Prepare for the unexpected.** Unexpected events can affect your finances at any time. Resolve to build or maintain an emergency fund that could cover three to six months of expenses, in addition to prioritizing your retirement savings. After your baby arrives, update your estate plan and insurance coverage (e.g. medical, life, disability policies) as necessary.
- 6. Ponder family values.** Start thinking about how you want to teach your child about financial responsibility. Will you give him or her an allowance? What is your vision for giving birthday presents, holiday gifts, vacation souvenirs and other items to your child? What money values do you want to pass down? Being intentional early can help set clear expectations and ensure you and your spouse are on the same page.
- 7. Plan for your family bucket list.** Many parents dream of showing their children new places and allowing them to have a variety of experiences. Think about what activities matter to you and incorporate them into your financial plan. Taking an annual vacation, owning a vacation home, buying season tickets to your favorite team or purchasing a boat are common goals for many families. Expanding your family often has a way of putting your priorities into perspective. If you would like an objective opinion on how to best plan for your goals, talk with a financial advisor in your area.

¹ "This is how much childcare costs in 2021" Care.com, June 10, 2021.

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