

## BBB Shred Event Friday

FLORENCE—Better Business Bureau of North Alabama will host Florence Shred Day on Friday, April 14 from 9am-noon at the Florence-Lauderdale Coliseum on Veterans Drive in Florence.

This event will give area residents and small businesses the opportunity to help protect identities and the environment in a quick and easy drive-thru set up.

Free document shredding will be available onsite. Only paper documents will be accepted. All other materials such as cardboard, plastic, metal, and binders must be removed. There is a limit of three large trash bags or file storage boxes per vehicle.

This year's event sponsors are the City of Florence, Cook's Pest Control, ElderCare Services, Family Security Credit Union, ICS Roofing and Construction, Inc., and Simpson's Collision Repair & Wrecker Service.

For more information, call 256-533-1640.

## Farm Card Registration

SHOALS—Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program is a federally-funded program administered by the Alabama Department of Agriculture and Industries' Farmers Market Authority



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## The Key is for an Early Detection

FLORENCE—Area women will be able to have some health concerns addressed when the Catherine Barnes Women's Health Fair takes place on April 19 and 28.

This event is co-sponsored with the UNA Anderson College of Nursing and Health Professions and the Alabama Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program. They make this service available to women aged 40-64 who do not have health insurance.

The fair will offer free cervical and

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**C. B. Women's Health Fair**

April 19 & 28  
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## A History

### Not in the History Books

SHOALS—Huston Cobb, Jr. celebrated his 98th birthday on March 10, making him one of our community's longest-living members.

Huston Cobb, Jr. is a man of great distinction who has devoted his life to serving his country and his community. A survivor of the Black slave descendants in northwestern Alabama, Cobb is a Navy veteran,



Cobb



former T V A foreman and supervisor, political advocate, and former member of several prestigious local boards including the UNA Board of Trustees and the Colbert County Board of Equalization.

In celebration of this impressive milestone, Bluewater Publications

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## 10 Years of Fellowship

FLORENCE—Broadway Fellowship in Florence is celebrating its 10th Anniversary this weekend with several events.

This revitalization developed through the efforts of Highland Baptist Church in Florence.

Church growth has been significant over the last decade and members want to celebrate with their community and beyond.

"The Broadway family is a special family because it understands we are all just broken people in need of a savior," said Ryan Tyler, the Broadway Fellowship Pastor.

"If you don't have roots in a church, we invite you to plant your family with us



so that we can all grow closer to our Lord."

Through Highland Baptist, Broadway Fellowship has become one of the first successful revitalization churches in the state of Alabama.

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### 2023 Cedar Grove Lecture Day

# GROWING

## in the *Grace* and in the *Knowledge* of our Lord and Saviour

2 Peter 3:18



Allen Webster

**8:30 AM**  
"Why Growth Is So Important?"  
Dan Winkler

**9:30 AM**  
"Grace – Defined, Described, And Demonstrated"  
Allen Webster



Cliff Goodwin

**10:30 AM**  
"Knowledge – Why? How? What?"  
Cliff Goodwin

**11:30 AM**  
"A Lifelong Task / Commitment"  
Aaron Gallagher



Aaron Gallagher



Dan Winkler

**April 15<sup>th</sup> is the day** • the assembly building of the church at Cedar Grove (6421 County Road 26, 5 miles from Rogersville, AL) is **the place** • four talented, powerful speakers will deliver **the truth** • and **the subjects** are relevant to EVERY Christian everywhere • LUNCH will be provided after the 11:30 lesson (in the annex) • We invite YOU and ALL who attend where you worship • Please help spread the word about this spiritual feast.

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# Truth

Ephesians 4:15

In Love

## "Growing In Grace And In The Knowledge Of The Lord"

These words are found in 2 Peter 3:18 of the Holy Bible. Christians are encouraged and required to GROW spiritually.

On Saturday, April 15th the church at Cedar Grove will host a series of lessons on this theme. Four speakers will challenge us regarding

"Why Growth Is So Important" (Dan Winkler, Spring Hill, TN).

"Grace – Defined, Described And Demonstrated" (Allen Webster, Jacksonville, AL).

"Knowledge – Why? How? What?" (Cliff Goodwin, Talledega, AL).

"A Lifelong Task / Commitment" (Aaron Gallagher, Memphis, TN).

April 15th is the day.

The church at Cedar Grove is the place (6421 County Road 26, Rogersville, AL).



The Truth Of God's Word will be presented in love and power.

The lessons will be presented at 8:30 am, 9:30 am, 10:30 am and 11:30 with lunch provided after the lessons are concluded.

We invite YOU and all who attend where you worship to come for the "spiritual feast" on this special day.

Consider 2 Timothy 2:15 as we are told to "Study to be approved of God" and as babes to "desire the sincere milk of the word" (1 Peter 2:2) that we will grow to "full age" (Hebrews 5:12-14). We must "hunger and thirst after righteousness" (Matthew 5:6) as our Lord exhorted.

We the elders of the church at Cedar Grove and all the members here sincerely invite you to come be with us. It will be an honor to have you. It is our prayer that we can "grow" in knowledge and better serve our Master day by day.

### Searching The Scriptures...

Can we know what we must do to be saved?

(Answer: YES! Read the accounts of conversion in the book of Acts. Almost a dozen obeyed (took steps to be saved. Do what they did to be saved.



Elders of the Cedar Grove church

(Newell Graham, Richard McLemore, Randy Baker, Paul Sain)

Questions, comments, or criticisms are welcomed. Responses may be sent to:

**Church Of Christ at Cedar Grove**

6421 County Road 26, Rogersville, AL 35652 or email to: [Cedargrovechurchofchrist@gmail.com](mailto:Cedargrovechurchofchrist@gmail.com) [www.cedargrovechurchofchrist.org](http://www.cedargrovechurchofchrist.org)

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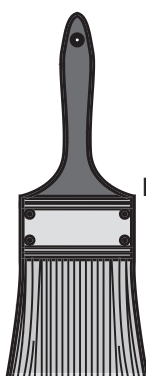
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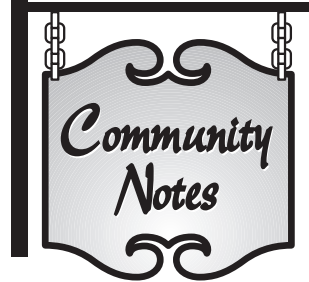
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**The Colbert County Domestic Violence Response Coalition (CCDVRC)** is hosting a diaper drive during the month of April. The coalition is collecting diapers, primarily larger than newborn size, and wipes for Colbert County families experiencing domestic violence and its consequences. Pick up locations include: the Customer Service Desk at the Tuscumbia Foodland, the Leighton Town Hall, The Healing Place (2409 Wildwood St. Muscle Shoals), WBTV Radio (1605 Gospel Road in Sheffield), and Renaissance Antiques (3803 Florence Blvd. Florence). Monetary donations are accepted as well. Checks can be sent to PO Box 434 Tuscumbia, AL 35674, or via PayPal to [jenniferccdvrc@gmail.com](mailto:jenniferccdvrc@gmail.com).

**LifeSouth Blood Drive Dates**  
**Friday, April 14** Florence Parks and Rec, 11am - 5pm  
**Saturday, April 15** Sam's Club, Florence, 10am - 4:00 pm  
**Sunday, April 16** Elgin Missionary Baptist Church, 11am - 4pm  
**Monday, April 17** Colbert Heights High School, 8am - 3pm  
**Wednesday, April 19** American Wholesale Book Company, 5am - Noon  
**Thursday, April 20** American Wholesale Book Company, Noon - 7pm  
**Friday, April 21** Covenant Christian School, Tuscumbia, 8am - 3pm  
**Thursday, April 27** North Alabama Medical Center, Florence, 9am - 5pm  
**Friday, April 28** CVS, 1715 Woodward Avenue, Muscle Shoals, Noon - 6pm  
**Saturday, April 29** Walmart, 2701 Cloverdale Rd, Florence, 10am - 4pm  
**Sunday, April 30** Salem Church of Christ, 9671 Highway 17, Florence, 11am - 3:30pm

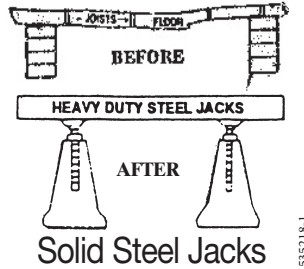
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It is part of a national initiative that helps low-income women who are under-insured receive access to breast and cervical cancer screening, diagnostics, and treatment services. Patients are navigated through all phases of quality treatment for timely care.

The Catherine Barnes Women's Health Fair is named after one of the clinic's founding officers and first directors,

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Services are free to those who qualify. However, you must call for an appointment in advance, 256-760-4713.

Cancer continues to be a leading cause of women's illness and death. There are no cures for breast and cervical cancer, but these conditions can be preventable and successfully treatable with early detection.

This event will allow women to gain knowledge on what health factors affect them most. Call the clinic at 256-760-4713 to see if you qualify for the free program and to set up an appointment.

## 10 Years ...

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The congregation has grown from a handful of senior adult attendees to a church with a weekly Sunday attendance of over 120, a thriving children's ministry, a women's ministry, and a developing youth program.

"We serve the community through several ministry programs, including our weekly Daily Bread ministry, Women's Weeden School ministry, participation in the Shoals Sleep-in-Heavenly Peace, and a monthly clothing closet," said Tanya McCalpin, a member of the 10th anniversary committee. "God has truly blessed us and allowed us to serve both the physical and spiritual needs of our local community in our church family."

Join the Broadway

family at their Community Party on Saturday, April 15 from 10:30am-2pm. It will be a day full of music, games, prizes, plenty of food, and kid activities like blow-ups, face painting, and balloon animals.

**Community Party**  
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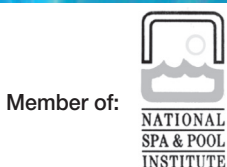
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# Medicare Minute

## Medicare "Donut Hole"

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Here's the way the coverage gap works. Imagine you have a prescription that retails for \$400 per month. Your copay, hypothetically, is \$30. This means your plan would pay the rest of the cost or \$370. Medicare will track what you paid (\$30) and what your plan paid (\$370) and count the cost of the drug as \$400 for that month. Let's also say that the other prescriptions you are taking equals \$100 per month. You are now at \$500 per month. In this example you would reach the coverage gap sometime in September.

Under most plans in 2023 once you have reached the coverage gap your plan will temporarily stop paying anything on your drugs. This means you will be responsible for the entire cost of your prescriptions. The silver lining around this very dark cloud is Medicare has negotiated a discount on the drugs you use. For name brand drugs and/or generic drugs you will pay 25% of the retail price.

If you are eligible for Medicare but still on employer coverage you may wonder why you have never reach the coverage gap. This is because employer coverage does not have the "donut hole". The coverage gap only applies to Medicare prescription drug plans. Also remember that Medicare drug plans can vary which means your coverage in the gap can vary.

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# Cobb Writes on Local Black History

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announces the release of Cobb's first published work, *Black Folktales of the Muscle Shoals*. This historical memoir, coauthored with Rickey Butch Walker, captures the history and heritage of the Black individuals of northwest Alabama.

This book explores the long history of Black people in the region from the 18th century frontier and antebellum slavery to the rise of Jim Crow segregation and the civil rights movement. Cobb and Walker reconstruct a lost history of men and women who built "the very foundation of the Muscle Shoals" but whose stories "were left out of the Alabama history books in most cases."

Combined with the extensive genealogical research and personal interviews conducted by Walker, Cobb's own experience and

interviews help provide a detailed account of the development of this region from the perspectives of those who live there.

*Black Folktales of the Muscle Shoals - Question & Answer* with slide show program is set for Saturday, April 15 at 12 noon in the Helen Keller Public Library in Tuscumbia. The program is free to the general public. It includes a display of many of Cobb's pictures and memorabilia. Seating takes place at 11:45.

VIP packages to the event are available for \$40 that include lunch with Rickey Butch Walker and Angela Broyles beforehand and one signed copy of *Black Folktales of the Muscle Shoals*. VIPs will also have a special video of an interview with Mr. Cobb to share over lunch.

The general admission presentation opens at

11:45 for public seating and begins at 12:00.

Birthday cupcakes for everyone while supplies last.

Cobb was unable to go out and celebrate his birthday in March. Therefore, there will be special birthday cards at this event for everyone to sign that will be delivered to him.

Butch Walker and Bluewater Publications will also have other beautiful books for your consideration to purchase on site before or after the presentation.

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Commentary

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# MSM Says 'They' Were Not at Fault

**L**istening exclusively to mainstream media spin doctors, one could conclude that the six innocents killed at recent school shooting in Nashville were a minor part of the whole equation.

Sure, six died, others were wounded, families are suffering, and children will be traumatized for years. However, according to many of them, the shooter, Audrey Hale, was the real victim here. Her rampage that left three 9-year-olds and three adults dead at the Covenant School on March 27 notwithstanding, she could not emotionally process the lack of respect and understanding that came along with her self-identifying as male. Therefore, we need to hold ourselves accountable for this result.

All school shootings are horrific. However, all are the fault of the killers, no one else. No laws or lack of, no intimidation or brow beating, no religious pressures or principles, etc. If a killer can't deal with

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In A Few Words



TOM MAGAZZU  
Editor

# Courier Journal

in the Shoals

# THIS WEEK

April 12, 2023

Happening THIS WEEK

## Lesson on Indigenous Food and Agriculture

FLORENCE—The Florence Indian Mound Museum is hosting a series of children's programs where students can explore the early history of the Shoals through short lessons and hands-on learning exercises.

The program at 10am on Saturday, April 15 features work by Janie Simms Hipp, founder of the Indigenous Food and Agriculture Initiative at



Hipp

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## A Marvelous Show

TUSCUMBIA—The Tennessee Valley Museum of Art is exhibiting *Pop!: The Art of Comics* through April 29. This exhibition explores the processes and legacy of comics and sequential art. Visitors get to see original pencil and ink drawings and rare, vintage, and contemporary comics.

The museum has partnered with the Tishomingo Arts Council to display original

Above: Tandra artwork by Christopher Hanther. Below: Comics/Art display case of classic titles



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DEAR Y'ALL - AN EVENING FOR EDDIE HINTON; A TRIBUTE TO A MUSICAL LEGEND, takes place at 6:30pm, Wednesday, April 19 at The Ritz Theatre in Sheffield.

This benefit for Ka Ly Band School in Kon Tum, Vietnam. *Dear Y'all: An Evening for Eddie Hinton* includes a panel conversation that begins at 6:30pm, the movie screening of *Dangerous Highway* (a documentary film on the life of Eddie Hinton), and performances after with Eli "Paperboy" Reed, Kelvin Holly and Will McFarlane, and Fathers and Sons.

A VIP reception will follow for those who purchase VIP seats. The event is presented by Impound Productions, Marabí Productions, Inc., and Jack Pine Social Club. Ticket prices range from \$35-\$55 and are available at <https://tennesseevalleyarts.ticketspice.com/hinton> or by calling 256-383-0533.

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## The Fear Campaign

To the Editor:

The results of the polymerase chain reaction (PCR) tests were used during the announced "Covid Pandemic" in an attempt to justify the lockdowns, employees being forced to take the so-called vaccine, mask wearing, the 6 feet distance rule, the loss of thousands of small businesses, suicides, school closings, and the closure of many professing Christian churches.

Kary Mullis was the inventor of the PCR test. He was awarded the Nobel Prize in Chemistry in 1993 for his invention of the PCR method. According to Mullis, if you do it well, you can find almost anything

in anybody. He said, "The PCR test is just a process that's used to make a whole lot of something out of something and that it doesn't tell you that you're sick and it doesn't

*All council members voted in favor of the bond issue except for council member Simmons, in District 1, who stated, "West Florence (her district) wants a piece of the action."*

tell you that the thing you ended up with really was going to hurt you or anything like that."

So, the fear campaign promoted by the mainstream media and the corrupt government in D.C. was used to impose life-altering restrictions on our God-given rights and to pave the way for compliance to their so-called "Covid vaccine." It was also used to better acclimate people into accepting a one-world tyrannical government, a "Social Credit Score System," and a government-controlled digital currency (CBDC) that will allow your money flow to be turned off if you do not comply!

Janice Gross Williams  
Killen  
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### Farm Card Registration

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income must not exceed \$2,096/mo for a household of one or \$2,823/mo for a household of two. Sign-ups are online only which can often be confusing.

However, on Wednesday, April 19 from 11am-2pm, Shoals 4-H leaders will be on site in the Colbert County Courthouse basement to help applicants apply

online so they can receive their free benefits card or to reload last year's card.

When your application submission is complete, a benefit card will be mailed to the address provided on the application for new recipients. Applicants must reapply every year.

Those comfortable applying from home may visit <https://agi.alabama.gov/> or at <https://agi.alabama.gov/farmersmarket/>

### Five Days of Action at Y

FLORENCE- The YMCA of the Shoals is participating in the Five Days of Action, April 24-28, a week-long campaign to raise awareness and inspire adults to take action to protect children from sexual abuse.

YMCA of the Shoals encourages adults and organizations to join in marking this special week as the Shoals comes together to make the community a safer place for children to live,

learn, and play. With summer right around the corner—when children gather for activities and camps, it is a wonderful time to bring attention to the simple ways we can all make the children in our community safer.

The Know. See. Respond. campaign is back this year, tying in three impact areas – preventing child sexual abuse at both summer camp and in youth sports, and internet safety.

“The children of our Shoals community have the right to a happy and safe childhood. It is our responsibility as adults and organizations to stand up to protect that right,” said Jason Harbison, Youth Development Director of YMCA of the Shoals. “By joining in the Five Days of Action campaign, we hope to inspire other organizations and members of our community to create safe spaces that protect children from sexual abuse.”

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# Pop!...

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illustrations by Christopher Hanther, a Memphis artist who worked for Marvel Comics and illustrated the long-running action-adventure comic Tandra. The exhibit also includes contemporary original and printed comics art from members of the Mid-South Cartoonists Association, a non-profit organization comprising professional cartoonists,

aspiring cartoonists, and cartooning enthusiasts. Visitors can also see a large collection of rare and vintage comics on loan from private collectors. These comic titles include Marvel and DC heroes such as Wonder Woman, Thor, and Wolverine, and a variety of adventure and sci-fi comics. Rounding out the exhibition are Japanese wood block prints from

the museum's permanent collection. These prints are from the mid-1800s, and their techniques serve as predecessors to today's manga comics. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for students, and free for members of the Tennessee Valley Art Association. Visitors can also get free admission to the exhibit by bringing a receipt from Superhero Chefs restaurant in Tusculmbia. They can get one free entry per meal listed on their receipt. Museum hours are Tuesday-Friday, 9am-5pm and Saturday, 10am-5pm. For more information, visit [tennesseevalleyarts.org](http://tennesseevalleyarts.org) or call 256-383-0533.

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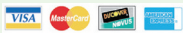
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**A FEW YEARS AGO, A NEW SOCIAL MEDIA APP** stormed into the digital world called TicTok. TikTok is a Chinese-owned video-sharing app. Users can shoot, edit, and share short videos jazzed up with filters, music, animation, special effects, and more. Like other social media apps such as Facebook and Twitter, users can also follow, like, and comment on everything they see. That sounds like fun except that security experts have been sounding the alarm that TicTok could be used by the Chinese government to spy on Americans.



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These experts are concerned that TicTok could be used to collect sensitive personal data

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including location data and other information that could be used for nefarious purposes. Additionally, there are concerns that the Chinese government could use TicTok to spread propaganda or influence public opinion. This was a big issue with Facebook and Twitter during the past two presidential elections and will be an even bigger issue in 2024.

Some other concerns are that TicTok's vast amount of user data could be used to gather intelligence on individuals, organizations, and governments including sensitive information such as personal contacts, and political affiliations. Chinese

authorities could use Tiktok data to track the movements and activities of people of interest, including political dissidents, human rights activists, and other individuals who are seen as a threat to Chinese interests.

In response to these concerns, the US government has taken steps to restrict the use of Tiktok by government employees and contractors and has also attempted to force the owners of TicTok to divest its ownership to a US-based company.

However, it's important to note that Tiktok is just one app in a vast, commercial surveillance ecosystem. If you

have a smartphone and don't use any social media apps at all, vast numbers of people still know everything about you; your location, name, address, where you work, shopping habits, income level, and whatever else wireless phone companies can glean from your phone. If you use social media apps, then Facebook, Twitter, and even weather apps know even more about you than you and they share that data with others. So from that standpoint, TicTok is no more of a threat than any other app.

Experts have scoured the data that TicTok gathers and there is currently no conclusive evidence that TicTok is being used to collect sensitive data or engage in malicious activities. It's possible that the concerns about TicTok are overblown, and that the app is no more of a threat to national security than

other social media platforms. But it is owned by a Chinese company, and China and the US currently have an adversarial relationship. That should give any American some pause.

Ultimately, the question of whether Tiktok is a threat to national security is a complex and multifaceted issue that requires careful consideration of all the available evidence. However, I won't be installing it as long as it is owned by a Chinese company.

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**Re 13:1&2** "And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy. And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as the feet of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority." **Re 13:11-14** "And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon. And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed. And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men, And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live."

Any serious Bible student that studies numbers, animals, colors, history and speech will easily see who these composite critters are. The goal of this unholy trinity is to get worship and power and accomplish it supernaturally. Study: **Revelation 14:9b-11** "If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand, The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb: And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosever receiveth the mark of his name. Save this. More coming."

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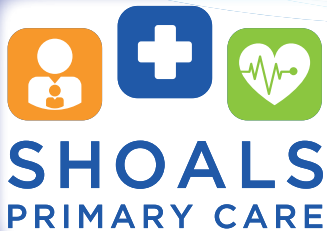
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**Rogers High School Alumni Banquet - April 22 at 6:30pm** at Rogers School Cafeteria. Honoring Classes of: '53, '63, '73, '83, '93, '03, & '13.

**TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED BY APRIL 13.** \$20 per ticket. Tickets are available at Curtis's Restaurant, Pop's BBQ and the Rogers High School Office. Please check the Rogers High School Alumni page on Facebook for ticket information.

**FREE Youth Leadership Institute - Kick Off Session, Sunday April 16,** at the Florence Lauderdale Public Library, 2:30pm Meets once a month, for 11-13 year olds!

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Ev Devin Brimer, Cherry Hill Church of God - Sunday, April 16 at 10:45am and Friday, April 21 at 7pm.

Bishop Gary Phillips, Pattilo St. Church of God - Monday, April 17 at 7pm and Tuesday, April 18 at 7pm.

Bishop Jeff Bennett, Wednesday, April 19 at 7pm and Thursday April 20 at 7pm.

**2023 Shoals Cornhole Tournament April 22 - benefiting Muscle Shoals Education Foundation** at the Muscle Shoals Amphitheater, 200 East Avalon Ave., Muscle Shoals. Sign in: 8am, Bags fly at 9am. Bring your own bags or use bags provided.

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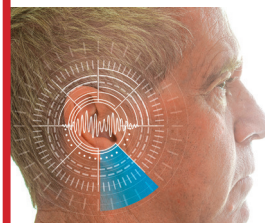
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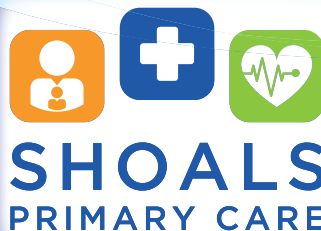


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**GENERAL HOSPITAL** Nina announced some bad news. Sonny sprung into action. Diane took on a new client. Laura shared her suspicions. Trina was determined. Valentin felt frantic. Dante reached a grim conclusion. Cody was desperate. Gladys fished for information. Felicia and Laura put their heads together. Curtis supported Portia. Willow made an urgent request. Michael heard Sonny out. Jordan demanded answers. Spencer issued a threat. Sam sought out Alexis. Maxie was distressed. Brook Lynn made a big decision. Finn put Gregory on the spot. Holly Sutton reunited with an old friend. Chase voiced his gratitude. *Wait to See: Robert berates Sonny. Carly and Josslyn offer their help. Alexis receives a touching offer.*

**THE YOUNG AND THE RESTLESS** Daniel plotted his revenge. Ashley stood her ground with Jack. Kyle struggled to connect with Summer. Victor made a confession. Christine commiserated with Lauren. Danny kept a secret from Daniel. Chance uncovered some damaging evidence. Nikki and Lauren joined forces. Abby took Devon up on an offer. *Wait to See: Jack vows to protect Diane. Mariah and Tessa return home. Nick gives Nate an ultimatum.*

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### \$33 Million+ and History

Editor:

A February *TimesDaily* article, entitled, "City approves over \$33M in bonds" details how the Florence City Council plans to spend the approved \$33.38 million bond issue. The largest chunk would be for parks and recreation projects. The projects listed include McFarland Park - \$10.6 million; Sportsplex pod - \$8.7 million; Sportsplex synthetic turf field - \$2.1 million; pickleball and tennis courts at Veterans Park - \$10.9 million; Seminary Street - \$1 million; and the proposed College Street bridge - \$2.5 million.

It is disappointing that this item was not shown on the agenda posted on the internet prior to the meeting. This means the item was added at the meeting which is unfair to citizens. The proper procedure would be to provide the projects and cost to the *TimesDaily* for inclusion in a Sunday article beforehand or even in Tuesday's paper, the day of the nighttime meeting. The city did not provide the *TimesDaily* with the annual payments, length of bond issue, or the total interest to be paid. All council members voted in favor of the bond issue except for council

member Simmons, in District 1, who stated, "West Florence (her district) wants a piece of the action."

Why ignore one sixth of our citizens? City elections will be in August of 2024.

The \$10,939,125 allocation for pickleball and tennis courts at Veterans Park deserves attention.

Let's review prior history:

The following item appeared on the Council's Agenda for the July 11, 2017 meeting: Resolution to request the Public Park Authority of the Shoals approve the redevelopment plan for Veterans Park, including the construction of the tennis facility complex and request the release \$2,000,000 reserve funds to be used to construct the proposed improvements, sponsored by Bill Musgrove. The resolution did not receive immediate consideration. Therefore, it will be presented at the next City Council meeting on July 18, 2017.) The resolution appeared on the agenda for the July 18 meeting, but it was later removed. At the August 1 Council meeting, a vote was taken on the resolution and it failed. President Jordan and then-member Betterton voted yes. Members Simmons, Bradley, Eubanks, and Edwards voted no.

In August, 2017 two interesting and related

articles appeared in the *TimesDaily*. One article was entitled, "Bronner requests \$2M be turned over." Bronner, the Retirement System of Alabama's(RSA) chief executive, asked that the money be turned over for renovations of the Conference Center in Florence. RSA had taken over management of the conference center and of the adjacent Renaissance Center. There was an agreement that called for the construction of an attraction in Veterans Park to help drive guest to the Marriott. This is being met with the work on the Heritage Trail that begins at Marriott plus \$2M for convention center. Remember, too, that the Tennessee Valley Authority, which owns the Veterans Park and leases it to Florence, would not allow commercial activity there.

The other article was entitled, "Council gets dozens of ideas." Mayor Holt called for a meeting of citizens on how Veterans Park could best be used. At the September 5, 2017 council meeting, all members voted to give the \$2,000,000 to RSA for improving the Convention Center and ignoring citizens!!

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It seems difficult and overly complicated, and it can be. One of the difficulties that lawyers occasionally encounter are judges who have different standards for approving a settlement. Some judges just will not close future medical benefits and other judges require future medical benefits be handled by a third party administrator. All judges advise injured workers of their rights in a settlement. Some judges do it very simply by telling the injured worker that if they get better, they keep the money, but if they get worse, they don't get any more and advise them about their rights to keep their future medical benefits open for life. I've never seen a judge do a bad job, but I have seen different standards applied by different courts.

In my opinion, sometimes it's extremely advantageous to close future medical benefits simply because there is no future medical treatment related to the injury. If someone is on expensive medication or has hardware that can potentially cause problems, then absolutely leave medicals open. On the other hand, the next time somebody has a fall or a car accident, the workers compensation carrier will deny treatment and the injured worker won't get medical treatment and may not be entitled to it.

There are other ways to get settlements approved, but the important point is that the injured workers understand their rights and make the decision that is best for them.

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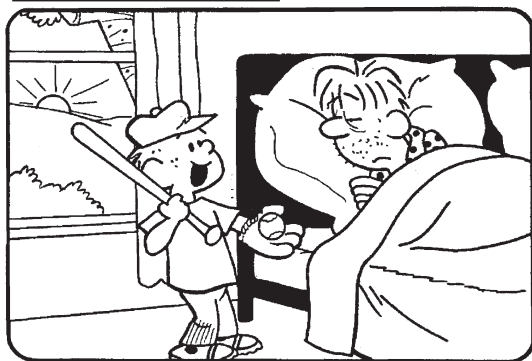
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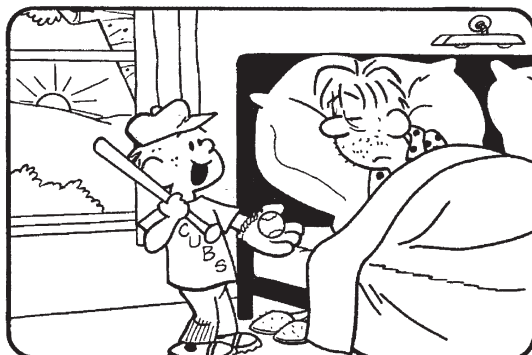


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**Commentary**

**'They'...**

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something in society or needs to get back at someone personally, why not choose a more appropriate target? Why takes a coward's way out and find the softest source to exact vengeance before being taken out?

It's a cowardice. Tougher gun laws were not the problem. The shooter skirted the law to obtain the weapons she had with her.

There are plenty of opportunities to seek psychological help if one is tormented that badly. We referenced something as basic as the 2-1-1 resource in last week's issue.

But, oh no! How dare we associate her gender-based delusions and destructive actions with mental illness? Fault lies with the REST of society for not understanding and supporting her.

It's not surprising that the media rushed to her defense.

Using incorrect grammar with the term, "they" and "them" when referencing Audrey (since that was her preferred pronoun) demonstrates more irresponsible foolishness by many in the media. They are as deranged as she was.

We could say it was some skewed postmortem tribute to her, but it's not. It is standard media fare these days.

If those outlets can be that flippant with obvious facts, how can they be trusted to report ANYTHING accurately?

I also wonder why the shooter's manifesto has yet to be released as of this writing. The FBI has yet to complete an analysis of its contents. That seems a little shady.

The FBI? Based on the last few years, they too are NOT trustworthy.

If the shooter were a right-wing Christian, you can bet the manifesto would be released before the investigation reached day nine.

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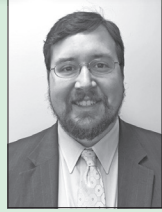


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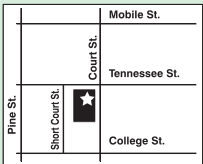
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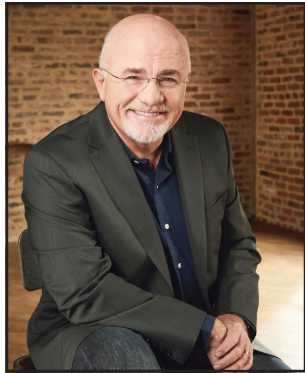


# DAVE Says

by DAVE RAMSEY

**DON'T BUY A HOME WHEN YOU'RE BROKE AND IN DEBT**

*Dear Dave, I'm thinking more seriously about buying a home in the next year*



*or so. It seems like the housing market has cooled off a bit, so I am also planning to get a secured credit card to help me rebuild my credit score in the meantime. I make \$60,000 a year, and I have about \$15,000 in debt and \$3,100 in savings. Is this a good idea and a good start toward getting my credit back on track and taking control of my finances?*

*Martin*

Dear Martin, In a word, no. I want you to become debt-free before you buy a home. I also want you to have an emergency fund of three to six months of expenses set aside, and have a down payment—preferably of at least 20%, so you can avoid having to pay private mortgage insurance—before buying a home.

Let me tell you a couple of things. Number one, your income is your most powerful wealth building tool. If you don't have any payments, you have the ability to build wealth and be generous. When you have debt, all you do is send money out the door to make

payments. So, being in debt is a guaranteed way to stay broke. That means getting a secured credit card is not a good idea, either.

Also, did you know you can get a home mortgage with no credit score through a process called manual underwriting? All you have to do is make sure you have a good, long history of paying other things, like your utilities and rent, on time. Most mortgage lenders who do manual underwriting would also require that you have all your debts paid off completely and the accounts closed for at least six months.

Buying a house when you're in debt and broke is a really bad idea, Martin. It's the fastest way I know to turn something that should be a blessing into a financial and emotional curse. Just be patient, get out of debt and save up. Getting control of your finances is the smartest thing you can do before buying a home!

— Dave

*Dave Ramsey is an eight-time national bestselling author, personal finance expert and host of "The Ramsey Show." He has appeared on "Good Morning America," "CBS This Morning," "Today," Fox News, CNN, Fox Business and many more. Since 1992, Dave has helped people regain control of their money, build wealth, and enhance their lives. He also serves as CEO of Ramsey Solutions.*

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