

First Metro Tabs Hardy

MUSCLE SHOALS—First Metro Bank and its Board of Directors recently announce the promotion of **Laura Hardy** to Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer. She has been filling the role of interim CFO since November 2023. Hardy began working at First Metro in 2008 as a part-time teller at the bank's Hough Road office in Florence. She accepted a full-time position as head teller in 2009 and graduated from UNA with a Bachelor of Science in Accounting. Hardy has since received numerous promotions and gained valuable experience as a customer service representative, lending assistant, and assistant branch manager at the bank's Downtown Florence office. She was promoted to Accountant I in July 2016 and in May 2021, she was promoted to Comptroller. "Laura has provided excellent leadership since joining the accounting department in 2016, and we have full confidence in her and her role in the bank's continued advancement," said First Metro President and CEO, **Rodney Howard**.



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Town Honors Bailey

LEIGHTON- WZZA Radio founder, Robert "Bob" Carl Bailey, was recently honored by the Town of Leighton with a historical marker designating First Street as Bob Carl Bailey Memorial Drive. The unveiling of the sign took place June 8 during Leighton's annual SledgeFest.



Bailey was a Leighton native who made history in many ways. He was the first African American to own an FCC licensed radio station in northwest Alabama and the first to operate a Black formatted AM and FM

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Lyric Winner

The VIP Songwriters Hall of Fame Museum downtown Lexington, AL hosted the judging of its Annual Song Contest for 2024 last month inside the museum theater. The local winner was Norma Sullivan who won First Place for lyrics in the song competition. Museum owner and radio and television show hostess, Kim Terry Glover, left, is shown presenting Sullivan her awards package valued at \$600.

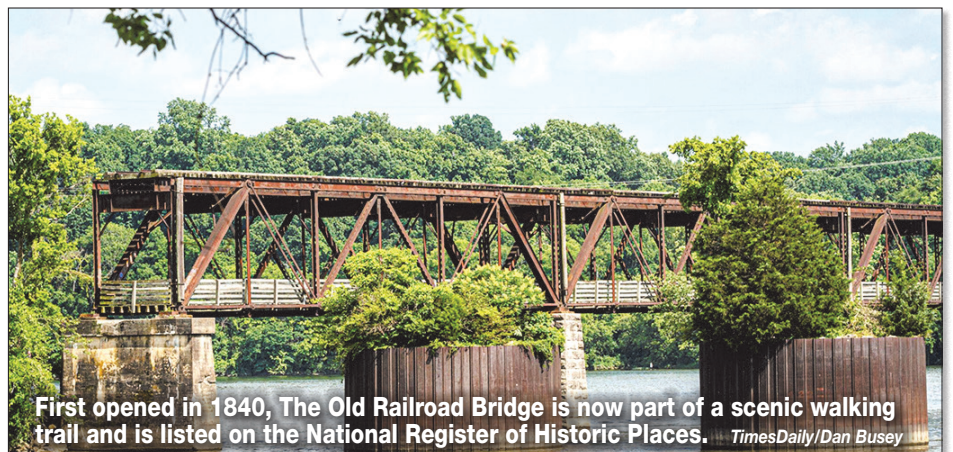
National Register!

by **Russ Corey**
Times Daily Staff Writer

SHEFFIELD — Now that the Memphis & Charleston Railroad Bridge, known locally as "the old railroad bridge," has been placed on the National Register of Historic Places, it's time for the board to determine how the designation will impact the structure moving forward.

The National Park Service made the

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First opened in 1840, The Old Railroad Bridge is now part of a scenic walking trail and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. TimesDaily/Dan Busey

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24 NWSCC Students Sign into FAME

MUSCLE SHOALS-- Northwest Shoals Community College hosted a Federation for Advanced Manufacturing Education (FAME) signing day last week on the Shoals Campus as 24 students were sponsored by 10 local companies.

The FAME Advanced Manufacturing Technician (AMT) program at NWSCC is a pathway to a challenging and well-paying career as a multi-skilled technician. Students will attend classes two full days (16-20 hours) per week while working three full days a week (24+ contract hours) with a sponsoring company.

"With the help of our industry partners, the FAME program is making a tremendous impact on the lives of our students," said **John McIntosh**, Dean of Workforce Development, Institutional Effectiveness & Advancement. "This is truly a local workforce led program and our students along with the community are reaping the benefits."

The NWSCC FAME program currently has 43 students in the program.

Each student participated in an interview process and was matched with a sponsoring company to begin the pre-employment process with each of the respective companies. The 2024-2025 FAME class are currently working with their sponsoring companies and will begin fall semester classes on August 15.

Participating companies include Alabama Cooperage, Constellium, Essity, Flexco, G&G Steel, Linamar, North Alabama Lighting, NUCOR, Southwire, and TASUS.

Lions Among Teams in 1st Softball Event

MADISON-- The Rocket City Trash Pandas recently announced a first-time event to take place early in the 2025 softball season. The University of North Alabama will take part in the first-ever Rocket City Softball Showcase at Toyota Field in February 2025.

The Trash Pandas also announced UNA's five opponents, as the Lions will battle SEC opponents Mississippi State, Ole Miss and Auburn. The Lions are also facing ETSU and in-state rival Jacksonville State.

"We are so excited about this opportunity for our program," said UNA head coach **Ashley Cozart**. "The level of competition and atmosphere will be amazing to play in, as we get to experience the first-ever softball tournament at Toyota Field. The facilities there are incredible. What a great time for our fans and our team. We're looking forward to a great week of softball in February!"

Other NCAA Division I teams participating will be 2024 College World Series finalist Alabama, Alabama A&M, James Madison, Louisiana Tech, and Miami (Ohio). Over 16 games will be played during the event.

"This is an exciting event that showcases our stadium and our community in a completely new light," said Madison Mayor **Paul Finley**. "Our region is known for being on the cutting edge of big things and we believe this week of softball will be one that will continue the momentum of everything here in the Town Madison development."

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Shoals Artists Guild Annual Night Meeting - Friday, June 21 6pm at Art & More, 124 E Tennessee St., in Downtown Florence. For more info, contact Carolyn Wear, 256-710-6854.

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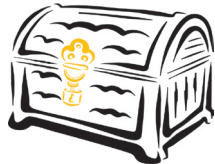
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announcement June 1. Angela Broyles, the newly appointed president of the Old Railroad Bridge Co., said she will meet with the 12-member board to begin discussions.

Broyles said she will also discuss the designation with Muscle Shoals National Heritage Area Executive Director Carrie Crawford.

The MSNHA played a role in securing inclusion on the National Register.

"I'm sure it will help in getting some funding for the bridge," Broyles said. "But it's always been really hard to obtain funding."

The bridge is owned by the Old Railroad Bridge Co., a 501(c)(3) non-profit, and maintained by a group of volunteers.

The non-profit has received several grants over the years, Broyles said.

"The National Register process is really about documenting the historical significance of the site," Crawford said. "It's recognizing in that designation the bridge's history and contributions to northwest Alabama. It's more of an honor. It doesn't necessarily open

up more funding sources, but it can."

Crawford said the Alabama Historical Commission will have to review and approve major projects.

"We've already done that on the replacement of the (deck planks)," she said.

Tim Wagon, who until recently served as president of the Old Railroad Bridge Company, said the bridge's inclusion on the National Register is a "fantastic thing."

"It will bring more notoriety to the bridge — more visibility," he said.

Though he's stepping back, Wagon said he will still be involved with the organization, just not as a member.

He said he has met people from all over the country who stopped to walk on the bridge for the views of the Tennessee River, O'Neal Bridge, Patton Island and Wilson Dam.

In September, plans were unveiled for major improvements to the bridge and a proposed connection from the bridge to Patton Island, including a series of walking trails on the island.

Broyles said she

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Bridge...

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expects to learn more about future plans after meeting with the board and Crawford.

"We need to look, as a board, at what is the best thing for the bridge and how to move forward," Broyles said.

In early May, the Alabama Historical Commission review board recommended adding the historic bridge to the National Register following a meeting in Montgomery.

Clayton Davis, a historic preservationist with the Muscle Shoals National Heritage Area, crafted the document

presented to the review board and the "Keeper of the National Register," who has the final say on approval and listings on the register.

The nomination process, however, began around 2015 when the late Richard C. Sheridan, a local historian and former TVA chemist, submitted a National Register documentation form to the Alabama Historical Commission, according to the MSNHA. The Alabama Historical Commission commented on and made suggestions for revising the nomination draft and asked the MSNHA to get involved in the process for extra support.

The document remained dormant for some time and Sheridan died May 8, 2023.

Broyles said the Old Railroad Bridge Board's major fundraiser is July 4. Shoals residents are invited to come and enjoy the Independence Day fireworks from the bridge. The cost is \$3 per person, she said.

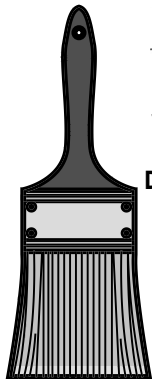
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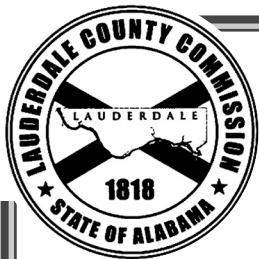
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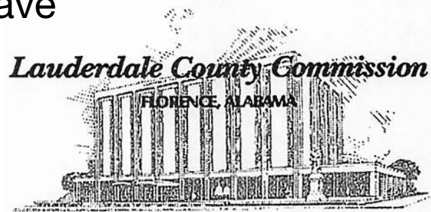
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Alabama's Small Business Administration. Bailey was the first President of the Shoals Area Business Association, a charter member of the Shoals Economic Development Authority, and a contributing partner in the establishment of Shoals Industrial Development

Authority. He hosted a regularly scheduled television talk show in northwest Alabama called "Sunday in the Shoals" on WOWL-TV. Bailey also introduced his friend and fellow Leighton native, Jimmy Hughes, to Rick Hall at FAME Recording, resulting in the recording of the international hit song "Steal Away" that was featured in the documentary "Muscle Shoals."

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In A Few Words



TOM MAGAZZU
Editor

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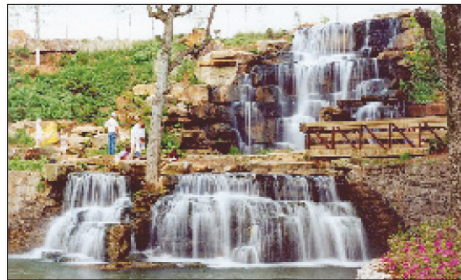
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Credit to Democrats

Editor,

I recently addressed the Colbert County Commission after seeing news that the Commission was meeting to allocate funds to each commissioner. The last time I had addressed the commission, most of them were Democrats.

Recent newspaper articles indicated that each Colbert County Commissioner would be awarded \$50,000 to make improvements for the citizens of Colbert County in the district that each commissioner represents.

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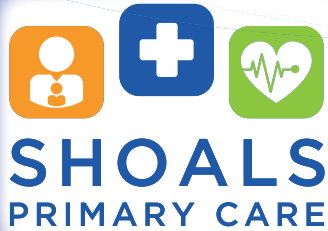
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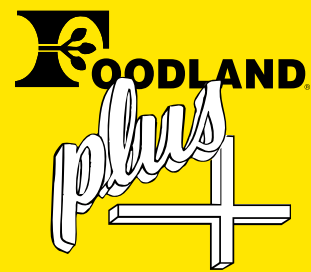
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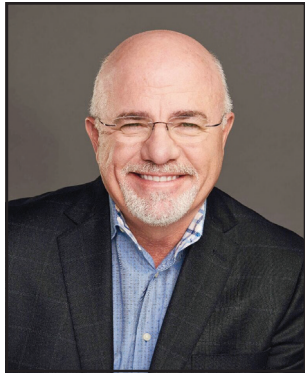
by DAVE RAMSEY

PART OF YOUR MONTHLY BUDGET

Dear Dave,
How important do you feel identity theft protection is today? Should my husband and I buy it just for ourselves, or should we cover the kids, too? Lastly, where does identity theft protection fall in your Baby Steps plan?

Lanie

Dear Lanie,
Unless you've gone completely off the grid, and have been there for a long, long time, there's a good chance someone out there has a few of your numbers. Unfortunately, that's all part of living in today's world. Between consumer carelessness and data breaches—which have become an all-too-common occurrence these days—almost everyone has experienced, or will experience, some sort of identity theft during their lifetime.



I confront him about this, or just ignore it until it becomes a real problem?
Karl

Dear Karl,
This may sound hardnosed, but it's already a problem. He's in obvious violation of the lease agreement. If it were me, I'd have a face-to-face talk with this guy today. I'd let him know how much I appreciate that he's been a good, respectful tenant in the past, but the subleasing has to stop.

An agreement is an agreement. I have several rental properties myself, and I always try to be gentle and nice, but really clear about things. You may not have experienced any problems up until now, but what happens next time? If you don't know and trust who's in the house, you could end up with holes in the walls, ruined carpets and worse. On top of all that, what if they don't have the money to fix things when they leave? It'll be on you, because you lost control of your property.

Again, be decent when you talk to this guy. It sounds like you two have a good history. But remind him he's in violation of the lease agreement. And gently let him know if anything like this happens again, you'll begin the eviction process.

—Dave

So, yes. I recommend everyone have identity theft protection. I don't really consider it part of the Baby Steps, because in my mind it's like car insurance or life insurance, in that it's something virtually everyone needs. And things about that should just be part of your regular monthly budget.

Good question, Lanie!
—Dave

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The Bating Brigade Quilt Guild, meets (July 8) the second Monday of the month at: Edgemont United Methodist Church, 1330 Eauclaire Ave., Florence. For additional information call Liz Linebrink 601-590-4367. If no answer leave message.

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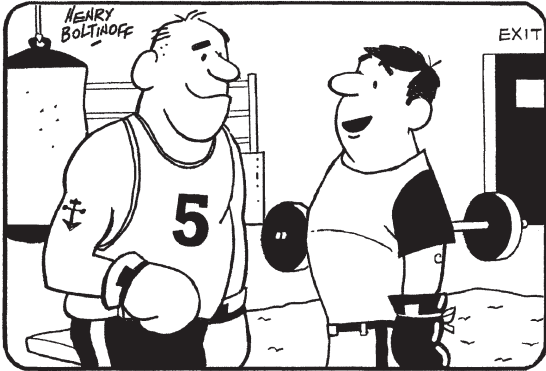
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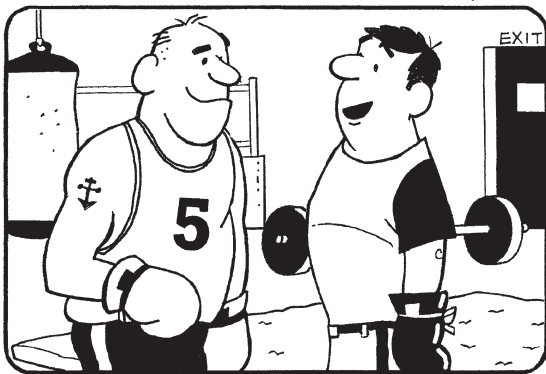
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Commentary

Willie...

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It opened in 1910 and was the home of the Birmingham Black Barons of the Negro Leagues from 1924-1960. Rickwood Field was placed in the National Register of Historic Places in 1993.

The broadcast will begin at 6:15pm CDT televised nationally on FOX. All living Negro League players have been invited to the game (157 total), and about 60

are confirmed to attend. Willie Mays, now 93, is not expected to be able to travel for the pregame ceremonies at Rickwood. It's a shame. He, of all people, deserves to be there.

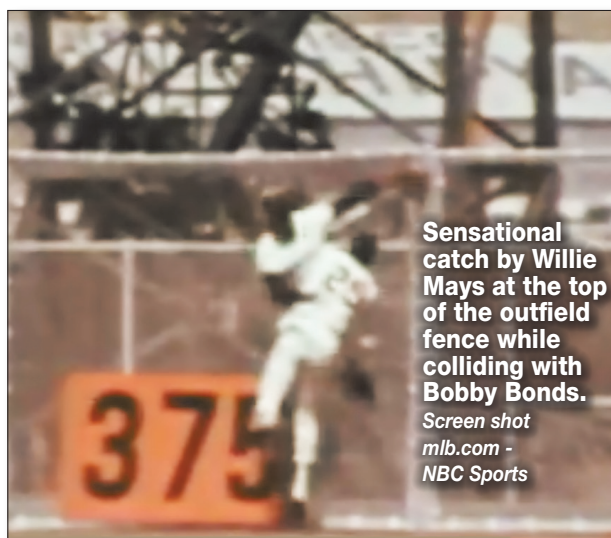
The Westfield, Alabama native began his professional career at age 16, playing with the Semi-pro Chattanooga Choo Chos and then the Birmingham Black Barons in the segregated Negro Southern League. As a minor, he needed his father's permission to play. "Cat" Mays wouldn't let Willie play full time

with the Barons in 1948 until classes were over in May. However, the teenage Mays manned center field for the Black Barons that year as they played in the final Negro League World Series. Mays would play two more seasons for the Barons before making his debut with the New York Giants in 1951.

My first introduction to baseball was all about the Giants (after their move to San Francisco) and Willie Mays in the mid 60's.

Nicknamed "The Say Hey Kid," Mays' engaging personality, joy of life, energy, and wide smile captivated fans and teammates alike. Despite growing into the game during a challenging time for many Blacks in our society, Mays always had time for the younger fans of all races and backgrounds. This kindness and consideration makes him one of the most beloved and respected players in baseball history. His giving legacy still reaches out to this day, well into his 90's.

In the Bay Area, Mays



Sensational catch by Willie Mays at the top of the outfield fence while colliding with Bobby Bonds.

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statistics. He was the 1951 NL Rookie of the Year, a two-time National League MVP, and an All-Star in 20 of his 22 MLB seasons.

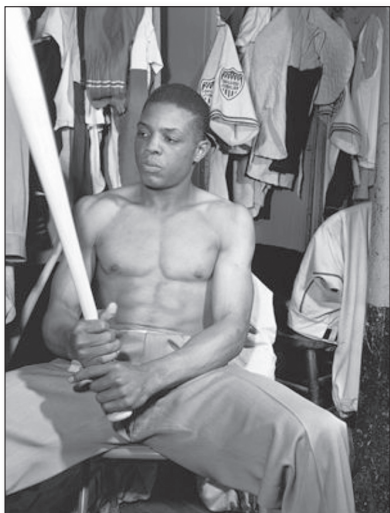
During one season, 1955, he led the Majors in home runs (51), triples (13), and total bases (382). He also led MLB in steals three times in his Hall of Fame career. Mays is the only player in MLB history with at least 3,000 hits, a .300 average, 300 home runs and 300 stolen bases. He exceeded some of those plateaus rather easily, finishing with 3,283 hits, 660 homers, and 338 stolen bases. His lifetime batting average was .302, he scored 2068 runs, and had 1909 runs batted in (RBI's).

Mays may have been among the most popular, athletic, and outgoing players, but he was far from the only notable talent there. Joining Mays in San Francisco during the late 60's and early 70's were four additional future MLB Hall of Famers, Bobby Bonds, Juan Marichal, Willie McCovey, and Gaylord Perry.

Baby boomers have enjoyed watching many outstanding baseball players through the years. However, for my money Mays tops them all. We didn't realize it at the time, but Willie Mays was what we needed in "America's Pastime" just when we needed it.

Sixteen year-old Willie Mays with the Birmingham Black Barons in 1948. Mays' father did not allow him to join the Black Barons full-time that year until school was over at the end of May.

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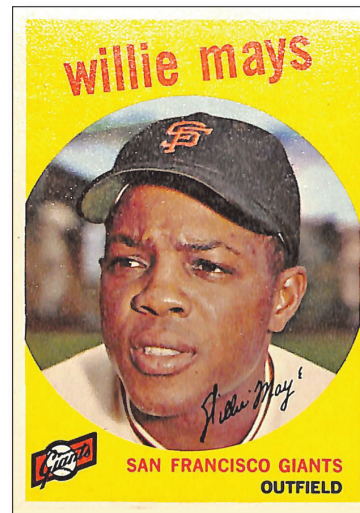


was bigger than life, yet the 20-time All-Star was a slight 5' 10" and 175 pounds by most accounts. That helped him running the bases and covering center field, but it didn't mean he lacked strength. Mays led Major League Baseball in home runs three times between 1955 and 1965 and led the National League another year.

Mays is flatly regarded as one of the greatest all-around players in baseball history. He hit, hit for power, could fly around the bases, and made incredible plays in center field. Those plays earned him a dozen Gold Glove Awards, all in succession from 1957-68. All of those were won after Mays made one of the most famous defensive plays in MLB history. Simply called "The Catch," Mays' over-the-shoulder snag in deep center field at the cavernous Polo Grounds in Game 1 of the 1954 World Series also included a whirlwind throw back to the infield that prevented a run from scoring. Many of us have seen that highlight.

According to mlb.com however, Mays' most famous catch probably wasn't his best. He made an incredible catch as he ran into his right fielder, Bobby Bonds, at the top of the right-center field fence in San Francisco's old Candlestick Park. Mays was knocked virtually unconscious on the play but managed to hold on to the ball. Bonds had to reach into Mays' glove and show the umpire that it was caught.

Mays also made two different bare-handed catches on fly balls while running hard to his right when he knew he would not be able to reach across



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his body far enough with his left (glove) hand. Video link: <https://www.mlb.com/news/most-gold-glove-awards-all-time-each-position>

Those plays, and the fact that Mays owns the most Gold Glove Awards of any center fielder in MLB history, can get overshadowed by so many of his other

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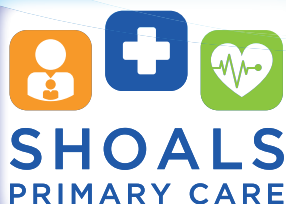


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Bake Sale

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Quantities will be limited that day, so it is best to pre-order your preferred items by Tuesday, June 25. Menus will be up by noon June 18 on the following Facebook pages: Chloe's Fund for Medical Needs of Florence Shelter Animals AND Florence Lauderdale Animal Services. The Bake Sale Coordinator, Lisa Wilson Rim, can also text the menu to you. Contact her at 804-240-6880 (she's local). You can also Direct Message Lisa on Facebook or call her to place your order that can be picked up on June 29.

Those who don't have a chance to pre-order may find a few excess items that day, but selection will be limited.

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BY THE TIME BOTH OF MY DEAR READERS SEE THIS, I'll be sailing along the coast of Alaska pondering old memories that still bring a smile. I'll share a couple of them here. Speaking of that, I so very much enjoy hearing from you via the email address at the end of this article. Please stay in touch!

I have shared some horror stories over the years of customers who are not always right. I hope I didn't give the impression that those stories are a regular occurrence and especially hope I didn't indicate that I dislike any customer because, as long as you are paying, I'm your



Jim Fisher

Good Times :)

by "The Computer Skeptic"

friend! But I'd like to balance those negative articles with some positive stories about clients who have made this job worth doing for nearly 27 years. This one happened just yesterday. The subject of this story reads my column so I'm sure she will get as much of a kick out of this as I.

The client fell for one of those Microsoft scams that I've covered before. A quick summary is that you may receive a big message on your computer screen that warns you of all sorts of bad things and has a toll-free number to call to get help. If you call them,

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So we cleaned up her mess and gave her some advice on how to undo the harm done to her credit card. On her way out, she turned to me and said, "I hope you don't mind me telling you this but your picture in the Courier does you no justice. You're much better looking in person." I ignored

her obvious lack of taste in men but getting that kind of complement is awesome even when it comes from an 82-year-old hottie. So thank you, Ms. Francis. You're not too bad yourself!

I have a literal wall full of thank you letters I've collected over the years. I tack each of them to my office wall and the wall is full. They all occupy a treasured place in my heart but one of them stands out. Ms. Gallaher wrote a letter to me a while back to tell me how much she appreciated this column. She made some hilarious intentional strikeouts and corrections on the letter (substituting nice terms for words that were more "colorful") that, two years later, still makes me giggle when I read it. Ms. Gallaher may be a regular reader of this column

so I hope this gets back to her. Thank you!

These stories might kind of sound braggadocious. I don't mean it to be that way because my two admirers are clearly in the minority. But I hope you'll absorb these stories of appreciated clients as reminders that a "thank you" or sincere compliment goes a very long way. I don't hand out nearly as many as I should but we should all take the time to do so.

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 (Continued from other side)

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Notes...

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Auditions for "Legally Blonde" – The sisters of Delta Nu will hold auditions for "Legally Blonde" at the Shoals Community Theatre, 123 N. Seminary St., Florence. Auditions will be held in person 6-9 p.m. July 12 by appointment only, and 3-9 p.m. July 13 open auditions. Self-tape and auditions by appointment are available but will not be offered after July 13. The show will run from Oct. 3-6. Auditions will include a one minute

monologue, 16 bars of a song sung by the character you are auditioning for, a song of your choosing to showcase your vocal abilities, and one minute choreographed routine. Email justin@jmnfreelance.com for information or call the Shoals Theater at 256-764-1700.

Gingerbread Players season – The Gingerbread Players have the following plays scheduled: "Willy Wonka" July 18-21, directed by Dylan Bales; "Little Women" Nov. 14- 17, directed by Macy Ladner; "Julie B Jones" March 6-9, 2025, directed by Katie Dalymple. The plays will be at Shoals Theatre, 123 N. Seminary St., Florence. For ticket information, or to become a patron, call 256-764-1700 or go to theshoalstheatre.org.

Zodiac Players season – The Zodiac Players have the following plays scheduled: "The Beverly Hillbillies" Aug. 22- 25, directed by Jacob and Jennifer Adams; "Legally Blonde the Musical" Oct.

3-6, directed by Justin Nicholson; "Steel Magnolias" Jan. 16- 19, 2025, directed by Dylan Bales; "South Pacific the Musical" April 17-20, 2025, directed by Jacob Adams. The plays will be at Shoals Theatre, 123 N. Seminary St., Florence. For ticket info, or to become a patron, call 256-764-1700 or go to theshoalstheatre.org.

The Shoals' Rivertowns Community Paddle on Waterloo's 2nd Creek. Saturday July 13, 9am-Noon, Waterloo Boat Ramp, Lauderdale County Road 14, Waterloo. Ticket: Free, but space is limited so registration is required.

This event was rescheduled from May 18. The paddle will begin and end at the Waterloo Boat Ramp. Kayaks, personal-flotation devices, paddles and other necessary equipment are provided free. Reserve a kayak when you register. You also can bring your own boat. If you register and can't attend, cancel your reservation. Details: <http://www.eventbrite.com>

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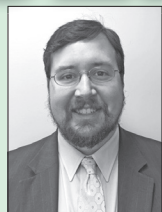
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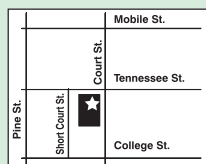
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Invitation to Bid - Bid #2024-02 — Solid Waste Disposal Service:

To Whom It May Concern:

In compliance with the Alabama Bid Law, Act 2016-298, Alabama Legislative Session 2016, Muscle Shoals City Schools will be receiving sealed bids for the above referenced service.

All bids must be received in the business office by 10:00 AM, CST, on Tuesday, July 16, 2024. All bids must have "Sealed Bid-Open Only at Bid Opening for Bid #24-02 - Solid Waste Disposal Services for Muscle Shoals City Schools" clearly written on the outside of the sealed envelope, and submitted to Sherry Langley, Chief School Finance Officer. Bids will be opened publicly in the conference room at 3200 South Wilson Dam Road, Muscle Shoals, AL 35661. The official bid specification/required bid packets are available at the Board of Education - Central Office or on our website under Documents > Bids.

Contact for specifics and to schedule a site visit: Terry Pearson, Maintenance Supervisor - 256-349-9797 or tpearson@mscs.k12.al.us.

Muscle Shoals City Schools reserves the right to reject any and all bids All bids are subject to board approval. Bid decision may be based on total project cost presented or by various location pricing, based upon what is best for the system.

Thank you for your interest in providing these services.

Letters...

Credit to the Democrats...

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going to be used for improvements in Colbert County with the funds being spent for public road paving, Rose Trail County Park improvements, purchases of defibrillators for sporting venues in Muscle Shoals, and improvements to assist the Colbert County Animal Shelter.

It has come to my attention through local media that there is normally credit given to politicians awarding said monies from the American Rescue Plan Act for the improvements. On some occasions the picture of our Republican Governor, Kay Ivey, has appeared in articles relating to the award of the American Rescue Plan Act funds.

I want to clear the record and give credit to our President Joe Biden, and our Democrats in Washington for awarding over \$10 million to Colbert County through the American Rescue Plan Act. For the record, this plan was voted against by 100% of the Republican congressmen and the Republican senators, including both of our Alabama Republican senators and all of our Republican Alabama congressmen.

On another note, our U.S. Senator, Tommy Tuberville, touted the benefits of a broadband funding act that is benefiting Colbert County with millions of dollars to install broadband internet across the county, yet he

voted against this bill. It is President Joe Biden and the Democrats who should be given credit for helping Colbert County.

William J. (Billy) Underwood
Former Chairman,
Colbert County
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Still Can't See a Profit

Editor,

There is legislation trying to pass on medicinal and recreational cannabis.

When you drink alcohol, there's more of a chance you get mean, or violent, or just pass out. That shouldn't be legal.

Have you ever seen anyone on marijuana get violent? Think of the medicinal properties it has. Treats pain, muscle ache, and even hunger. The munchies don't affect everyone. It can actually help in weight loss.

The very legal .3% of THC never causes anyone to be violent. Even your enemies are forgiven. It makes you calm during a storm. It can help panic and anxiety attacks.

It never should have been banned in the 1930s. I'm sure it was a war over alcohol, cocaine in Coca-Cola, and marijuana because of taxes.

They still can't see a profit in taxing a trillion-dollar industry that is almost worldwide. Canada is extremely smart. We don't teach economics here as mandatory, if it's even offered. Of course, a lot of states like Alabama, make more money by building prisons for profit. See Covid Money used to build new prison in Alabama. It made the news.

Almost all states have some form of lottery. Not here. We don't need those filthy taxes. We're the 50th state in the nation helping its citizens. And we are the 50th state in education that doesn't stop at high school. If Puerto Rico were a state or D.C., we'd still be dead last.

I don't have but one vote. Go. Research. Think about the taxes you wouldn't have to pay

because the coffers are overflowing. Then vote. I'm sure there are still people that think aspirin is bad.

Linda Johnson
Florence

Tuberville Failing His Constituents

Editor:

Well, Tommy, it's time for some tough love. The eight signatories of the May 31, 2024, letter pledging no cooperation with Democrats have once again shown that you all lack the intelligence, maturity, cooperative spirit, concern for your constituents, and the ability to make forward-thinking decisions which are all necessary to work effectively with other people in the US government and move our country forward.

You and your colleagues are trying to punish President Joe Biden because Donald Trump, now a convicted felon, was fairly judged to be guilty of 34 felony counts by a jury of his peers. The crimes were all related to Trump's paying hush money to a porn star to try to impact the outcome of the 2016 Presidential election.

Trump cares nothing about the rule of law, and if he had not conducted himself all of his life as if he was above the law, perhaps he could have avoided this. You are on the wrong side of history by supporting him and his sleazy political career.

The actions of you and your seven Senate cohorts negatively impact everyone in these seven states. Each of you who signed this letter swore an oath to serve all of the people in the states in which you were elected, not just the ones who think like you. These people elected you all to work for them, to help them get better jobs, and to help their children obtain better educations so they can have brighter futures, to achieve 'The American Dream'. You are failing them.

Shame on you all!

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