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SHOALS—With so many people suffering as a result of recent hurricanes in the southeast, Lost Pizza Co. wants to do its part to help raise some dough on Wednesday, October 16. According to their press release, a portion of sales from all 30 Lost Pizza Co. locations that day will go directly to aid 2024 hurricane victims across the Southeast. Stop by and dine with Lost Pizza Co. in Florence at 201 N. Seminary St on Wednesday, or place an order by phone or online to help support this effort 256-415-8693 or www.lostpizzacom/locations/shoals/

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Southwire's 3 Teachers

ATLANTA—Southwire communities across the country have focused on helping students in need head back to school with all the right supplies for 20 years. The company celebrated the 20th anniversary of its Back to School giving efforts by expanding its impact in the communities where team members live and work, including here in northwest Alabama. This year alone the company donated 30,000 backpacks filled with school supplies to students in over two dozen Southwire communities.

In addition to the school supplies, the company also

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Cadillacs, Shoal Nuff Play Shoals for One Place

FLORENCE—One Place of the Shoals will host a 10-year Anniversary Celebration Concert at 2pm Sunday, October 20 at the Shoals Theatre. The afternoon features music from the Cadillacs and the Shoal Nuff Band.

Tickets are \$20 and are available at One Place of the Shoals, TVA Community Credit Union, and Counts

Brothers Music. Tickets are also available online at www.oneplaceoftheshoals.org.

All proceeds benefit One Place of the Shoals, a non-profit organization that serves as a

one-stop in providing services to those who have suffered from domestic violence, sexual assault, and child or

elder abuse.

The Cadillacs are Alabama and Tennessee favorites, performing the top musical hits of the '50s, '60s and the '70s era, doo-wop. Dennis Odem is the longtime leader of the group that routinely helps raise money for

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Six in UNA's HoF

FLORENCE—UNA inducted the 35th class into its Athletic Hall of Fame this past Saturday during Homecoming weekend. The 2024 class includes a trio of former Lion baseball players, a men's golf All-American, and individual standouts from UNA football and women's basketball.

The list of former Lion baseball players includes Chad Boughner, Matt Hancock and Harry Shelton. They are joined by All-American golfer Jake Greer, the late Demarcus Blount, who scored more

NORTHERN LIGHTS

This image of the Northern Lights was captured on the horizon Friday morning October 11 at about 12:45am in Killen. An iPhone 13 was used with long exposure. This stunning phenomenon is rarely seen this far south and is not as visible to the naked eye. An outburst from the sun earlier last week created a geomagnetic storm and these resulting lights, also known as the Aurora Borealis. Staff photo TVM

touchdowns than anyone in UNA football history, and point guard Starr Ferguson, who led the Lions' women's basketball team to a third-place national finish.

Following its creation in 1990, the UNA Athletic Hall of Fame has inducted at least four members each year. This year's induction

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**Southwire's
3 Teachers**

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expanded its My Favorite Teacher competition to award 20 teachers with \$500 gifts for the current school year. Students and parents are invited to nominate an educator who has made a positive impact on their family. Three teachers from northwest Alabama were among those selected as winners in the competition.

Local teachers include Amy Reeves of Muscle Shoals Early Learning Center, Elaine Price of Allen Thornton Career Technical Center and Rebecca Beavers of Lexington High School. The 20 winning teachers represent school districts across five states: Alabama, Georgia, Indiana, Michigan and Texas.

"I encourage all eligible Alabama citizens to register to vote and make plans to head to the polls on November 5," Allen said.

To be eligible to vote in Alabama, one must be a citizen of the United States, reside in Alabama, and be 18 years old on or before election day. One must not be barred from voting due to a disqualifying felony conviction or have been judged "mentally incompetent" by a court of law.

Sample ballots for the 2024 General Election are available at: www.sos.alabama.gov/alabama-votes/2024-general-election-sample-ballots.

Polls will be open 7am-7pm on election day. Voters are required to present a valid form of photo identification when voting at their polling place or by absentee ballot.

For questions about registering to vote in Alabama, please contact the Elections Division of the Secretary of State's office by dialing 334-242-7210. You may also contact your local county Board of Registrars.

**Last Chance
to Register**

MONTGOMERY—The office of Wes Allen, Alabama Secretary of State, issued a press release last week reminding Alabama citizens that the deadline to register for the November 5 General Election is Monday, October 21.

Electronic voter registration may be completed by visiting www.sos.alabama.gov/alabama-votes/voter/register-to-vote. A paper voter registration form may be delivered in person or by mail to your local Board of Registrars.

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FLORENCE—Chloe's Fund is getting ready to pack the Florence Lauderdale Animal Services Classroom with baked goods, assorted decorated and fun treats, and delicious homemade breads for HOWL-O-

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 • Email to editor@courierjournal.net

Free Clothes - The Samaritan House, 600 Geneva Ave., Muscle Shoals, gives away free clothing each Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Donations accepted.
 Tuesday, October 15, 9am-11:30am
 Tuesday, October 22, 2024, 9am-11:30am

Are you 8, 9, or 10 and looking for something fun to do after school? Join us for crafts, games, and more! Visit Florence-Lauderdale Public Library
 Thursday, October 17, 3:30pm-4:15pm
 For more info 256-764-6564

Zip City Covered Dish Lunch & Program - Zip City Community Center, 10511 Alabama 17, Zip City, AL
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 Thursday, October 17, 11:30am

The Central Community Center will have breakfast 7-9 a.m. the third Saturday of each month. Saturday, October 19, 7am - Central Community Center - 4130 Lauderdale 6, Florence.

Shoals Artists Guild Meeting Friday, October 18, 10am-Noon at the Southall-Moore House, next to the Kennedy-Douglass Art Center, Downtown Florence. For more info, contact Carolyn Wear, 256-710-6854.

Howl and Growl - Saturday, October 19, 4pm-8:30pm at the Colbert County Animal Shelter, 5010 Missouri St. Tuscumbia. Celebrate with the Colbert County Animal Shelter - Haunted walk, trunk-or-treat, bake sale, vendor booths, food trucks and kissing booth.

Sunday, October 27th, Bethel Lauderdale Missionary Baptist Church will be celebrating the Pastor Demetres Towns', First Pastoral Anniversary.

Hosting the morning service will be Pastor Ricky Bonner of Mt. Hope Missionary Baptist Church, Sheffield, AL beginning at 11am.

The 2pm service will be hosted by Pastor Jeffrey Braxton of First Missionary Baptist Church, Sheffield. Dinner will be served between services. Everyone is welcome.

Evening of poetry - Thursday, October 17, 6pm-8pm, Next to Kennedy-Douglass Art Center, 209 E. Tuscaloosa St., Florence

The Kennedy-Douglass Center for the Arts is excited to host an evening of poetry by poets connected to Seven Points Press from 6-8 p.m. Oct. 17 at 209 E. Tuscaloosa St., Florence, (next to the center). The event will feature poetry readings, and light refreshments. The free event will feature the poetry of Hank Lazer, Jared McCoy, Shannon Millman, Nancy Owen Nelson, Dorlea Rikard and Tyler Young.

Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 5140 meets - Thursday, October 17, 6:30pm. 127 South Royal, Florence, AL
 The Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 5140 meets the 3rd Thursday of every month at 127 South Royal, Florence. Meetings start at 6:30 pm. For more information contact vfwpost5140@gmail.com

Adult Book Club - Thursday, October 17, 5:30pm-6:30pm at the Florence-Lauderdale Public Library, 350 N Wood Ave.
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"We are incredibly grateful to our dedicated volunteers, board members, supportive partners in the community and those who have been integral to our success throughout this remarkable journey," said Donna Beck, Executive Director of One Place. "This anniversary signifies the years of hard work, determination, and the immense dedication of those at One Place as we continue our mission to help those in need."

For more information, contact One Place of the Shoals at 256-284-7600.

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Your link to community resources

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Howl-O-Ween Treats Order

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WEEN! The menu for pre-order sales can be found on the following Facebook Pages: Chloe's Fund for Medical Needs of Florence Shelter Animals, Florence Lauderdale Animal Services and Friends of Florence Lauderdale Animal Services. Pre-order sales end Tuesday afternoon, October 22 and the HOWL-O-WEEN BAKE SALE is Saturday, October 26 from 10am-1pm at Florence Lauderdale Animal Services, located at 3240 Roberson Rd in Florence.

Pre-order just in time for HOWL-O-WEEN celebrations, no need to spend your time in the kitchen! Our Bake Sale Coordinator, **Lisa Wilson Rim**, can text the menu to you. Contact her (located locally) at 804-240-6880. You can also Direct Message Lisa on Facebook or call her to place your order. If you don't get a chance to pre-order, the volunteer bakers are usually inspired and may have baked more than ordered.

Chloe's Fund was started in March of 2017 after shelter volunteers, Glen and Debby Nelson lost their beloved dog of 16 years, Chloe. After Chloe's passing, the Nelsons and several of their friends set out on a mission to help as many sick and injured Florence Lauderdale Animal Services animals as possible. Since its inception, Chloe's Fund has vetted and saved the lives of more than 600 animals suffering from various illnesses in need of medical attention.

FLORENCE-Kennedy-Douglass Center for the Arts is proud to host Huntsville artist, **Monica Yother**, at the Southall House on

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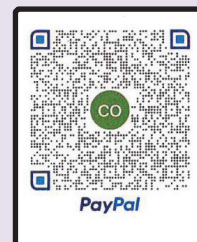
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FLORENCE-TEDx WilsonPark is thrilled to announce its seventh annual event scheduled for Friday, October 25. Over the past seven years, TEDxWilson Park has generated more than 1.5 million YouTube views on its gallery of speakers and attracted hundreds of out-of-town guests to experience this exclusive, limited-capacity conference. This year, the event will take place at The Mane Room in Florence, from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm, and plans to expand a broader digital footprint of the Shoals impact on the greater global community. TEDxWilsonPark has



curated an exceptional lineup of speakers who will share their groundbreaking ideas, inspiring stories, and unique perspectives, aiming to ignite conversations and foster positive change.

TEDxWilsonPark 2024 will feature speakers both local and non-local, from diverse backgrounds, each prepared to offer thought-provoking insights on the concept of "being human." Topics covered include reestablishing boundaries of "hustle culture," the value of slow AI, meteorite hunting, greater birth outcomes in the state of Alabama, and improving relationships in unexpected ways. To learn more about the speakers, visit the official TEDxWilsonPark website at www.tedxwilsonpark.com.

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brings the total number of inductees into the UNA Athletic Hall of Fame to 167. This is the first induction class to include three former Lion baseball players. This year's induction also gives UNA baseball five alums in the last two classes.

Brief points about each inductee follow.

DEMARCUS BLOUNT (Football 2002-05)

The late Demarcus Blount set school and conference records for rushing touchdowns and he ranks as the fourth leading rusher in UNA history with 3,116 yards on 661 carries from 2002-05. Blount, a four-year starter, was the Gulf South Conference Freshman of the Year after rushing for 705

yards and a school-record 20 touchdowns as a freshman in 2002. He tied his own TD mark with another 20 in 2003 to go with 866 rushing yards.

He earned first team All-GSC and first-team All-Super Region 2 honors as a sophomore. He rushed for 706 yards in 2004 and was a second-team All-GSC pick. With 835 yards as a senior in 2005, he led the Lions in rushing for the fourth straight season.

Blount had 12 career 100-yard rushing games, with a career-best 165 yards against Arkansas-Monticello in 2003. His 57 career rushing touchdowns set UNA and GSC records and his 63 total touchdowns are the most in Lion football history.

He passed away earlier this year.

Blount becomes the

fifth former Lion of the Mark Hudspeth coaching era to be inducted, joining Evan Oglesby (2015), Blake Farris (2017), Lance Ancar (2020) and Will Hall (2022).

CHAD BOUGHNER '12, '14 (Baseball 2009, 11-13)

Chad Boughner pitched for UNA baseball teams in 2009 and from 2011-13. The Florence native closed his career as the winningest pitcher in school history with 31 career wins. He is also tops in most innings pitched in a career (331.0), most career strikeouts (280) and most career starts (52). He holds UNA records for most strikeouts in an individual season (115), most innings pitched in a season (114.2) and most starts in a season (16), all

set in 2012. That season he ranked second nationally in the NCAA Division II in strikeouts, seventh in starts and 12th in wins.

He had a 31-13 career record on the mound and a 10-5 mark in 2012, when he helped lead the Lions to a 39-18 record and into a second straight NCAA Regional appearance. Boughner also helped lead the Lions to an NCAA appearance in 2012 when the team went 37-14. He started 52 of the 56 career games in which he pitched and struck out 280 career batters, while walking just 100.

Boughner earned second-team All-Gulf South Conference honors in 2011 and was a first-team selection in 2012. In 2012, he was also selected first-team Daktronics All-South Region and first-team NCBWA All-

South Region. He was a third-team All-American selection by the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association and a third-team All-America pick by Daktronics/D2CCA in 2012.

STARR FERGUSON [JONES] (Women's Basketball 1994-95)

A two-year starting guard for North Alabama women's basketball teams in 1993-94 and 1994-95, Starr Ferguson helped lead the Lions to the NCAA Division II Elite Eight as a junior, with UNA finishing third nationally. The Lions went 22-10 that season, claiming a Gulf South Conference East Division and NCAA Division II South Region titles.

The Mt. Juliet, TN native was named first-

team All-Gulf South Conference in 1993-94 and 1994-95, as well as 1994 GSC Newcomer of the Year. She added All-South Region Tournament honors in 1994 and finished 10th in the nation that season in free throw percentage at 83.5 (86-of-103).

Ferguson led the team in three-point field goal percentage both seasons, going 39-of-125 as a junior (31.2 pct) and 33-of-125 as a senior (26.4). She also led the Lions in free throw percentage in 1994.

In North Alabama's 45 years in the GSC, she is one of just 11 women's basketball players to earn first-team all-conference honors twice.

In two seasons at UNA, she scored 615 career points in 54 games,

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making 198 field goals and 147 free throws.

JAKE GREER - '12 (Men's Golf 2009-12)

Jake Greer is one of just 11 student-athletes in school history to earn All-American and Academic All-America honors with the Lions.

In 2009, the Golf Coaches Association of America (GCAA) selected him as the winner of the Phil Mickelson Award as the NCAA Division II Freshman Golfer of the Year. He was a four-year member of the UNA men's golf team from 2009-12 and earned all-conference honors four times. He was second-team All-Gulf South Conference in 2009 and first-team All-GSC in 2010, 2011 and 2012. He earned NCAA Division II All-South Region honors in 2009, 2011 and 2012, and was the South/Southeast Super Regional individual

champion in 2009 with a 201 three-round total.

The Birmingham native became the third Lion in school history to claim the region individual championship and was Academic All-GSC in 2011 and 2012, Academic All-District in 2012 and second-team Academic All-America® in 2012. He was also named Cleveland Golf/Srixon GCAA/NCAA Division II National All-America Scholar in 2011 and 2012.

Greer helped lead UNA to four straight NCAA regional appearances and a 2009 regional crown. UNA won 23 team tournament championships in 51 tournaments played during his four seasons with the Lions.

He was a second-team selection on the GSC Men's Golf Team of the Decade for 2011-20.

MATT HANCOCK -



'06, '08 (Baseball 02-05, Baseball Coach '06-18)

Matt Hancock was a four-year letterman for the Lions as a pitcher from 2002-2005, and then spent 13 seasons on the UNA baseball coaching staff.

He posted a 20-5 career record on the mound,

going 6-0 as a freshman, 5-0 as a sophomore, 2-2 as a junior and 7-3 as a senior. His 20 wins rank fourth best in school history and he is one of just six 20-game winners in Lion baseball history. The Lions had season records of 37-16, 35-15, 34-20-1 and 39-19 in the four seasons Hancock completed as a player, winning GSC East Division crowns in 2002 and 2005.

After completing his playing career, Hancock stayed at UNA and ascended into the coaching ranks. He spent the 2006 season as a student assistant coach, followed by two seasons as a graduate assistant coach for the program. In late 2008, Hancock was hired as a full-time assistant coach with a focus on pitching. He remained the pitching coach at North Alabama for the 2018 season. He coached five of UNA's nine all-time winningest pitchers in Chad Boughner (31-13), Trey Mitchell (23-10), Riley Sanderson (20-15), Brantley Claunch (18-13) and Tyler Joyner (18-7).

HARRY SHELTON (Baseball 1984-86)

Harry Shelton was a three-year starter on UNA baseball teams from 1984-86 who was drafted and went on to play six seasons of minor league baseball before embarking on a 30-year career as a Major League Baseball scout.

As a player, his 10 triples in the 1986 season still stand as a school record and his 15 career triples ranks second best in school history. The West Point,

Shelton had a .327 career batting average at UNA with 135 runs

scored and 125 runs batted in. He batted .364 as a sophomore and .345 as a junior. Shelton also has 71 career walks. He was voted first-team All-Gulf South Conference in 1986, was a GSC All-Division selection in 1985 and 1986 and was a second-team All-South Region selection in 1985. He helped lead UNA to a 28-24-1 record in 1984, the school's first winning season in five years. That record included winning the first GSC Baseball Championship in school history and the first-ever NCAA Division II Playoff appearance. The Lions followed with an incredible 46-11-1 record in 1985 that included a second-straight NCAA Tournament appearance. Shelton was a key figure in the 1985 UNA team setting an NCAA Division II record with 260 stolen bases in a season.

The West Point, MS native had 75 career stolen bases in 86 attempts, ranking seventh in school history. His 162 consecutive games played from 1984-86 set a school record. He was drafted by the Chicago Cubs in the 17th round of the 1986

MLB June Amateur Draft and spent four years in the Cubs' organization.

Reunion of 1984 Baseball

Members of UNA's first baseball team to win a Gulf South Conference Championship and advance to the NCAA Playoffs will return to the Shoals this weekend to mark that 40th Anniversary and celebrate with Harry Shelton in his induction. as he joins 1984 teammates Cedric Landrum and Rick Chavez, who were previously inducted into the Hall of Fame, along with former head coach, Mike Lane.

In its first season under Lane in 1984, UNA faced an uphill battle as the school had suffered four straight losing seasons, and had losing records in 11 of the previous 14 campaigns.

Lane's 1984 Lions defied the odds, winning the GSC North Division title, then hosted and swept the GSC Championship series over Mississippi College, 4-1 and 16-5, to win the conference title and its first-ever NCAA Tournament bid. The Lions defeated Troy St. and Jacksonville State in its first two NCAA games to advance to the Regional finals. Although the Lions came up short in the final, the team's 28-24-1 record started a streak of 30-consecutive winning seasons for the baseball program at UNA that ran through the 2013 season.

Lane spent 25 total seasons with the Lions, winning 908 games, five conference titles and making ten NCAA Tournament appearances.

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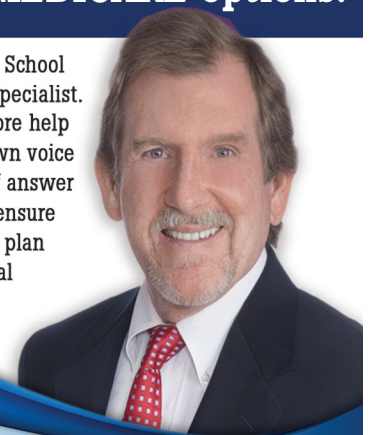
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Trump had accused her twice earlier in the debate of having "a plan to confiscate everybody's gun." Memo to Harris's army of "fact-checkers": That was hyperbole, but not that far off from the literal truth, which I'll get to momentarily. In any case, Harris owning a gun doesn't disprove the confiscation claim. After all, the government agents who would be tasked with "taking anybody's guns away" don't show up unarmed, knock, and ask nicely.

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The public is invited to attend this community-inspired event and enjoy the opportunity to meet the talented members of our Shoals Artists Guild.

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CR 46 Needs Signal

Editor,

It seems like I remember there being an issue years ago with improvements to County Road 46 (Gresham Rd.) in Florence due to the debate over what agency would bear the responsibility as it may be part county and part city, on/near the lines.

Regardless, something needs to be done to improve this road.

There have been problems entering it from Mall Road and Seville Street for decades due to the speed of traffic and limited visibility. New apartment complexes have been built there. Then, the Hunters Ridge subdivision was built with the

It's time for the (Florence City Council) to decide on the wording for the marker and share that with citizens prior to a final vote...



entrance directly across from Seville St. at the CR 46 intersection. When driving north on Seville from Publix, Belk, and that area, I have had cars pull out from the subdivision turning

in front of me when it was my time to go. If I hadn't been anticipating it, I would have been hit.

Now, there is a mega church building a campus on it and Florence Utilities has added the payment center on Seville. Both of those are going to add more traffic and necessitate riskier maneuvers getting onto CR 46.

I'm surprised a deadly accident hasn't already happened, but it is only a matter of time. Whether it is city, county, or a joint effort, someone needs to do something soon. It needs more lanes as well as traffic signal at that intersection.

Mike Kelly
Florence

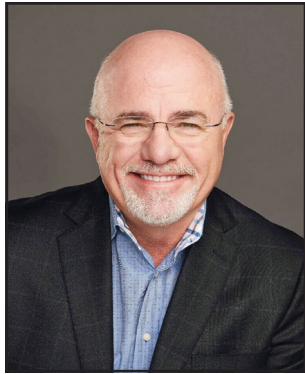
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DAVE Says

by DAVE RAMSEY

A DIFFERENT SITUATION THAN MOST

I'm getting married next month, and my fiancé and I are both following your plan. I'm on Baby Step 3. I make \$65,000 a year and have \$14,000 in my emergency fund. My fiancé made \$90,000 a year, and he's on Baby Step 2 paying off his car loan. He has his beginner emergency fund in place, and we already have \$3,000 set aside for a honeymoon trip. I said he



"made" \$90,000, because the company he was working for just went out of business. He's an experienced heating and air technician, and he has already had a few companies reach out with offers or interviews. Do you think we should still go on a honeymoon, or wait until he officially finds another job and things are a little more stable?

Charlotte

Dear Charlotte, I'm not generally a big fan of spending when someone loses a job. But honestly? I think your situation is a little different than most. I also think you two are different than a lot of folks I talk to. Here's why.

First off, you're both serious about dumping debt and getting control of your finances. That's the big thing. Plus, you make good money, and he will again very soon, based on his prospects and the line of work he's in. On top of all that, you've got

a nice pile of cash in the bank. This tells me you're both wise enough and mature enough to know the importance of being on stable ground financially.

Your guy will have another job in a couple of weeks, considering his experience and the fact companies are already reaching out to him. If he's lucky, he might even be able to work a deal that would allow him to start a new job right after the honeymoon. So, I like the future you two are looking at, Charlotte. You have some financial padding, he's in a field that pays well and I'm pretty sure his income is about to be restored.

Congratulations on your upcoming wedding, and God bless you both. Go have a great time on your honeymoon. I hope you two will have long and happy lives together!

— Dave

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Silent Book Club - Thursday, October 17, 4pm-5pm at the Florence Lauderdale Public Library

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Sheffield Ghost Talk - Saturday, October 19, 7pm-8:30pm at The Ritz

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Consumer 101 Facts

Editor,

Here is a lesson, not just in economics, but in history as well. Not alternate facts. Real facts.

America is a capitalistic nation. What that means is the government does not and can never control prices unless it's an actual emergency or catastrophic event.

On the other hand, no branch can stop you from stupidly spending. Consumers run the economy. Inflation or recession is our fault. Supply and demand. If they supply it, they will raise the price accordingly.

I purchased sour candy for \$2 per large bag. I purchased 40 at that price because I loved them. I say "loved" because when I returned to replenish my supply, the price had gone up astronomically. Sadly, I will boycott this candy at that price because they were so overstocked. I also bought my rescue dogs' treats online at \$1 a bag. Due to the lower price, I bought 50. The next invoice was for the same 50 bags...once again tripled.

Now you see, the rise in price was essentially my fault. But the actual verdict for the seller and the buyer was greed. I wanted things for 2 bucks. They wanted more. So, I boycott sour candy.

Don't complain that prices were lower during Covid. I already said it cannot ever be the fault of the government. Neither Republicans nor Democrats can stop capitalism. Only greed.

On a nicer note, the boycott worked with my rescue dogs. We now get treats again.

Linda Johnson
Florence

Let's Decide the Wording

Editor,

In a previous letter, published in the 9/18/24 of the Courier Journal, I addressed the actions

taken by the Florence City Council (FCC) concerning the marker to be placed in proximity to the Confederate statue at the Lauderdale County Courthouse.

The Council realized that the confederate monument at the Lauderdale County Courthouse could not be moved due to a state law. For several months, the FCC held discussions with Project Say Something (PSS) on the wording for the marker. At the May 7 FCC meeting, a vote was taken on the resolution for the marker which was defeated by a 3-2 vote with one member absent. The prior letter also requested that the FCC resolution only reference Florence citizens and that after an agreement is reached between FCC and PSS on the wording, that it be shared with the citizens of Florence prior to a final vote.

Prior to each FCC meeting the agenda for that meeting is posted on the internet which allows citizens time to review. The posted agenda for the May 7 FCC meeting was reviewed. The resolution for the marker was NOT SHOWN! A visit to the City Clerk's office confirmed it was not shown in the posted agenda. The FCC

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Cat & Kids *by Cathy Turner*

The Other Side

Helene and Milton were horrific and gargantuan storms. Watching them wreak havoc made me tire of life. These storms were so destructive, taking lives and destroying property and vegetation. And there was nothing that we could do about it, except pray and ride it out. Then help each other to rebuild, to be thankful and to learn.

The storms of life have been compared to the storms of the sea and sky, and these comparisons and lessons are so true and enlightening. Helene and Milton certainly showed us that we cannot always be in control. The 100+ miles per hour winds and 20 feet high water surges were literally and figuratively over

our heads. They showed us that there is power bigger than us. The very thing that we enjoy, the wind and the waves of the ocean, can be destructive when they grow big and stretch beyond their normal boundaries. The storms of life such as addiction, immorality, greed, etc can demonstrate that same kind of spiritual destruction in one's heart and to the people around. We need to do what we can to protect ourselves before things get out of our control.

Another thing about those physical storms was that they were not quick. I read about a man who clung to a tree, in raging waters, yelling and waiting

for help for seven hours. My brother and his wife, who live in our hometown of Hendersonville in western North Carolina, were in their basement an entire night listening to that train of wind blowing and to trees snapping all around sounding like gunshots. You and I, like them, are here now after enduring some hardship that we thought we wouldn't make it through. But here we are on the other side of that life storm. How many of those have you been through? But here they are, here you are, here we are proving that there is the other side of the storms of life.

Storms are expected and unexpected. Storms can come straight at you or they can make a balloon curve and tear up your mountains that are supposed to be unreachable and indestructible. One minute you think you have food poisoning; the next minute there's fourteen hours of surgery and chemo. One minute you're standing upright; the next minute you are prostrate

on the floor unable to move, because you can't do anything about a decision a loved one has made. Storms can leave us feeling powerless. But we can prepare by having supplies and support around. The big old generator at my brother's house made all the difference. He fed his neighbors. He had a power source in the darkness. I hope you have a power

source in the darkness. Without the power of God, I would still be on the floor and in darkness. There is a power greater than the power of the winds and the waves, and the storms of life. We can have access to that power. Some would say, "Why does He allow the storms to rage?" A better question might be, "Why did He allow me to get to the other side of

that storm?" If there's a true fear of not making it through a storm, seek Him.

Storms do leave things thrown about and different. But the stability of God and the love of others makes us able to rebuild. And eventually we look back and learn, and are thankful. He is Bigger!

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Guest Commentary – Nate Jackson

Glock Owner..

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They will be bearing firearms themselves, almost surely vastly outgunning any private citizen in his home.

Remember, Joe “Double-Barrel Shotgun” Biden routinely threatens the American people with superior firepower, but I digress.

Harris, who heads Biden’s White House Office of Gun Violence Prevention, has reiterated a few times since the debate that she’s a gun owner, including telling Oprah Winfrey that anyone breaking into her house is “getting shot.” In her Sunday interview with CBS’s “60 Minutes,” she went further, claiming, “I have a Glock, and, um, I’ve had it for quite some time. Look, my background is in law enforcement, so there

ya go.” When asked whether she’d fired it, she responded with a nervous giggle, “Yes, of course I have. At a shooting range.”

Well then. What model Glock? Most Glocks are considered by California to be “unsafe handguns” and cannot be sold there. Many Glocks also have standard ammunition capacity that exceeds California’s draconian 10-round limit. Does hers exceed that limit or otherwise run afoul of state law? Is it registered as California and DC laws require? She didn’t say, and CBS’s Bill Whitaker didn’t ask.

Notice in her X post of the video clip that whatever staffer made that post apparently doesn’t even know that Glock is a brand and should be capitalized.

My background is in law enforcement. Yes, I own a glock. pic.twitter.com/gTbjrEMCPA

– Kamala Harris (@KamalaHarris) October 8, 2024

National Review’s Charles C.W. Cooke emphasizes the important point here: hypocrisy. “From her previous statements, we know that it’s a Glock handgun, and from her previous actions, we therefore know that it’s exactly the sort of firearm that, at two points in her career, she’s tried to prevent her fellow citizens from owning.”

That’s right. When Harris was San Francisco’s district attorney, she backed Proposition H, which would have banned

buying, selling, or possessing handguns in the city. Fortunately, it was struck down as unconstitutional in court, but there’s no question Harris would enact it nationwide if she could. Undeterred, she backed the gun banners in Washington, DC, by signing an amicus brief in DC v. Heller, in which the Supreme Court struck down the District’s handgun ban as unconstitutional.

“As California attorney general,” notes The Federalist’s Jordan Boyd, Harris “attempted to enforce experimental microstamping of firing pins as a requirement for any sellable guns.” For a time, that made most firearms manufactured after 2013 illegal for sale in California.

Meanwhile, the Biden-Harris administration

was before the Supreme Court just yesterday arguing against so-called “ghost guns.” The Team Biden-Harris overall argument is essentially this: You might be able to keep (in a locked box) and bear (in extremely limited contexts) arms (that aren’t especially scary looking), but you can’t make your own.

Would an interviewer somewhere ask Harris why it’s okay for her to own a Glock and to shoot an intruder while her fellow citizens in the only two places she has lived in the last 20 years should not be able to own a firearm?

Maybe that interviewer should also ask Harris about what she said as San Francisco DA: “We’re going to require responsible behaviors among everybody in the community, and

just because you legally possess a gun in the sanctity of your locked home doesn’t mean that we’re not going to walk into that home and check to see if you’re being responsible and safe in the way you conduct your affairs.”

Speaking of which, given the red-flag allegations that Harris’s husband, Doug Emhoff, has been a philanderer and domestic abuser, maybe someone should check on their home to ensure that Kamala’s Glock is being handled safely and responsibly.

Harris’s unchanged “values” demand no less.

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Let's Decide the Wording

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added the resolution to the agenda when they gathered on May 7 for a 3pm work session and a meeting following at 5pm. This is not proper! Also, this action by the Florence City Council has not been previously reported! Citizens did not have the opportunity to know the wording for the marker when FCC voted on it at the May 7 meeting. This action defies understanding. A second vote by the FCC on the wording has not been taken. In addition, since the City Council no longer posts the minutes of its meetings, the posted agenda must be followed.

It's time for the FCC to decide on the wording for the marker and share that with citizens prior to a final vote. The FCC could also decide against installing (Vote 'NO' on) installing the new marker, or the new wording can be voted upon by Florence citizens as part of city elections in August of 2025.

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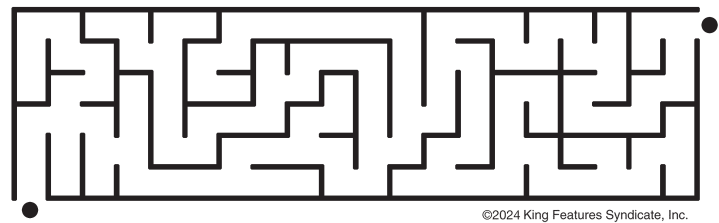
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When can government authorities search your phone? How do you assert your rights if you choose to do so? Police in most cases need a warrant signed by a judge to seize your phone and search its contents. Even if you've been arrested, they can take your phone, but still need a warrant to access what is on the device. Obviously, if you give permission, police don't need a warrant.

Even when there's a search warrant for your phone, there is some conflict over whether you can be forced to unlock it. Some judges have said being required to unlock your phone for government authorities is analogous to being forced to testify against yourself, which is protected under the Fifth Amendment. Other courts have said there's no such protection for your locked phone. Some courts have found you have Fifth Amendment protections if your phone is locked with a passcode, but not if it's locked with a face or fingerprint scan.

Lawyers typically recommend that you politely refuse a search. I recognize that it may not be practical or safe to do so. You could say "I do not consent to a search of my phone," and ask to talk with a lawyer.

Even though police cannot search your phone or require you to unlock it without a warrant, they can legally make it uncomfortable to say no. For example, if you're stopped for speeding and an officer asks to look at your phone, refusing would likely make the traffic stop a lot longer.

The police can search phones even without the owner's permission. Law enforcement and prosecutors with court orders can use technology to break into locked phones. Prosecutors say they haven't gotten in Mayor Adam's locked personal phone that they obtained with a court order nearly a year ago. Prosecutors alleged that the former police commissioner Adams said he forgot the passcode and couldn't provide it to the FBI.

In civil cases where no crime is committed, we are able to access much more information. It can cost as much as \$10,000.00 to access the information on a phone.

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

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such as asking for protection, welcoming visitors, to celebrate weaving, life, and friendship, and during different ceremonies. During this event, youngsters will be learning about Diné (Navajo) dances with a short presentation and a fun activity afterward.

The Young Learner series of children's programs lets students explore the early history of the Shoals through short lessons and hands-on learning exercises. Each month features a practice that relates

to Native American culture, and participants will explore the history and cultural meaning behind each practice while engaging in an activity related to that practice.

This program is free and is sponsored by the City of Florence Department of Arts and Museums and the Muscle Shoals National Heritage Area. The Florence Indian Mound Museum is located at 1028 S. Court St. in Florence. Call 256-760-6427 for more information.

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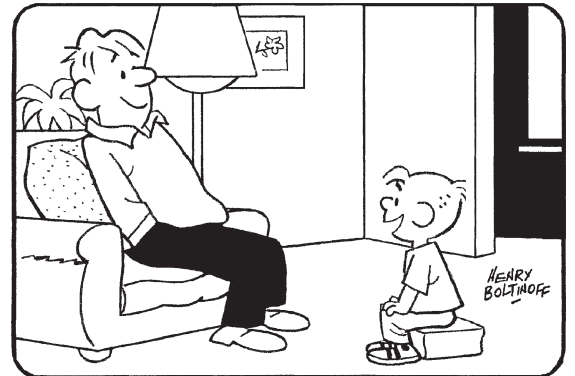
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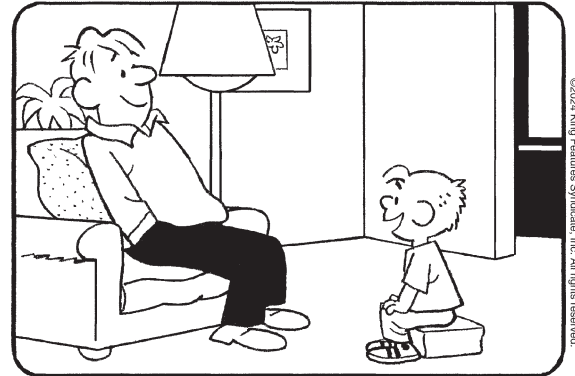
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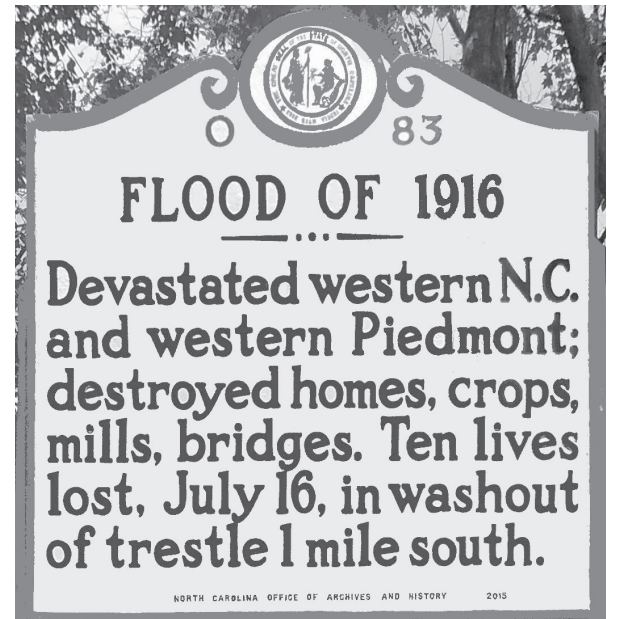
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This marker in North Carolina reminds us that we have had storms in the past. However storms today contain more water due to climate change and we are seeing much more destruction. Tragically over 220 people died in NC during Helene.

~ Courtesy David Curott ~ author of Historical Markers & other "Signs of the Past"

Community Notes...

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The Annual Paint the Clinic Pink for the Well Woman Project event at the Shoals Community Clinic offers free medical exams, mammograms, and cancer screenings for qualifying patients in October by appointment. These services are free for low-income women ages 40-64 without health insurance, or women 65 and over who do not have Medicare Part-A.

October is designated Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and the Shoals Community Clinic's Well Woman Project is helping the women of our area know their health status. Breast cancer is the second most fatal of cancers in women after skin cancer. A mammogram can detect possible breast cancer much sooner than an at-home breast exam, making better the chances for a positive outcome.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, call the clinic at 256-760-4713.

165th Church Anniversary - Sunday, October 20, 11:30am, St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church, Florence. Our guest church will be Rev. Vicky Kirkman and Tennessee Valley Community Church. The public is invited. Bishop Will Boyd, Pastor.

Fall Family Nighty Thursday, Oct 17, 5:30pm at the Florence-Lauderdale Public Library. Put on your costume and join us in Youth Services for silly stories, fun games, creepy crafts and spooky snacks! This is one of our favorite nights of the year!

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Sunday, Oct. 20, 7:30pm-10:00pm
Thursday, Oct. 24, 7:30pm-10:00pm
Friday, Oct. 25, 7:30pm-11:59pm
Saturday, Oct. 26, 7:30pm-11:59pm
Sunday, Oct. 27, 7:30pm-10:00pm
Thursday, Oct. 31, 7:30pm-10:00pm

The Cpl. Matthew D. Conley Detachment of the Marine Corps League has begun fundraising for the local Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots program. Watch for toy drop boxes at many merchants. New, unwrapped toys are accepted. Detachment members are working at the Belk's Charity Sale through the end of the sale, November 8-11. Your donation of \$5 is returned to you as a coupon valid for \$5 off any purchase during the sale, plus you get a 25% off coupon that is stackable and reusable throughout the sale. Stop by and "Join the Marines" in this effort!

The Florence Camerata has resumed rehearsals on Thursdays, at 6:30pm in the choral room at UNA for our Holiday concert Thursday, December 5.

Florence Camerata is a popular community chorus that performs three major concerts each year as well as occasional smaller performances as requested. Our conductor is Rebecca Rockhill, a well-known and appreciated choral director who has worked with high school and college choirs in the area for decades. Our collaborative pianist is Karen Cantrell. She is also well-respected for her work with choirs and soloists statewide.

The Florence Camerata welcomes new singers. For more information, please call 256-810-9512.

Coldwater Founders' Day will be celebrated on Saturday, October 19, 10am-3pm at the pioneer log cabin, 300 N. Dickson St. in Tusculmbia. The free event will feature live music by the Cane Creek Cliff Dwellers, crafts demonstrations, tours of the cabin museum, homemade chicken stew, bake sale, and Smashed food truck. Tusculmbia was settled 1815-1817 by pioneers who were greeted by the Chickasaw at Big Spring, a place first known as "Coldwater." Bake sale and chicken stew sales will benefit preservation of the cabin and other local historic sites. Event sponsor is the Colbert County Historical Landmarks Foundation. For more information, call 256-710-9081 or follow on Facebook.

Tennessee Valley Museum of Art will feature the works of Dr. LaRue Harding and Muriel Harding Now through October 26.

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Babytime Storytime (Birth to 18 months) - Friday, October 18, 10:30am - 11:30am . Every Friday at the Muscle Shoals Public Library. Caregivers must remain with children for all programs.

Trekking the Trails - Tishomingo State Park - Experience Mississippi's best hiking trails with guided hikes every Sunday afternoon in October at 2pm!

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Saturday October 19, Colbert County Animal Shelter, 2pm - 8pm

Sunday October 20, Austin's Shoes - Florence, Noon - 5p
Tuesday October 22, Northwest Shoals Community College - Student Life - Muscle Shoals, 9 am - 3pm

Thursday October 24, Muscle Shoals Electric Board, 10am - 4:30pm
Monday October 28, Hatton High School, 8am - 2pm

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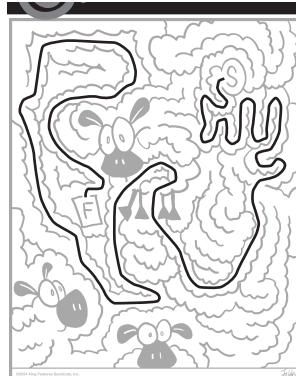
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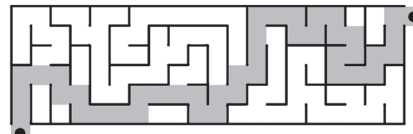


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Medicare Minute

"Value of a Local Agent"

If you are turning 65 soon, coming off employer coverage, or you are in Medicare's Annual Enrollment Period, you will find that there are many ways to sign up for your 2025 Medicare health or drug plan. You can enroll online, enroll over the phone, have a non-insurance person help you enroll or you can enroll in your plan through a local insurance agent that is certified to offer Medicare plans.

If you want to deal directly with a particular insurance company you can do that online or over the phone. All insurance companies now have a website and toll free number to call. Some people feel as though they need help in choosing a plan. They will call on a friend, family member or non-insurance person to help them. All three of these methods are perfectly acceptable under Medicare guidelines. If you choose to enroll without the help of an insurance agent it will be up to you to read and understand the plan's summary of benefits, assure that the doctors, hospitals and pharmacies you want to use are in the plan's network and make sure your drugs are covered on the plan's drug formulary.

There's an important question you'll want to ask yourself; "If I have a problem with my plan can the person helping me enroll go to the insurance company on my behalf to help me solve it?" If the answer is "no" then you will be on your own to deal with the company. Your local insurance agent must be appointed by the company they enroll you with. Therefore, if you have a problem with your plan the agent that enrolled you can go to the company on your behalf. Next week we will look specifically at the value of a local agent and how an agent earning a commission can actually be a good thing for you!!

If you have questions regarding any aspect of Medicare or Medicare health plans feel free call us at Alabama Health Guidance (256-648-5710), stop by our office at 885 Florence Blvd (Four Lane Shopping Center) or email me at ikey@alabamahealthguidance.com. Alabama Health Guidance is an independent insurance agency and is not affiliated with Medicare or any other government agency.



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