

Distinguished Local Women

SHOALS-The annual Northwest Alabama Distinguished Young Women Scholarship Program took place recently at Norton Auditorium on the campus of The University of North Alabama. Nineteen young women from Colbert, Franklin, and Lauderdale counties competed in scholastics, interview, fitness, talent, and self-expression categories. One participant from each county was selected to represent her county at the state program in January 2017.

Colbert County's 2017 Distinguished Young Woman is **Gracie Jenkins**. Jenkins also won in fitness, talent, and self-expression. First Alternate was awarded to **Bridgett Nelms**.

Anna Grace Winsett won the scholastics category and was also named Second Alternate.

Franklin County's 2017 Distinguished Young Woman is **Ana Castillo**. She also won the self expression and talent categories.

Abby Swinney won the fitness category and was awarded First Alternate. **Layne Boyd** won the scholastics category and was awarded Second Alternate.

Lauderdale County's 2017 Distinguished Young Woman is **Anne-Walton Herston**. Anne-Walton also won the self expression category. **Lori Pounders** won the fitness and talent categories, and was awarded First Alternate. **Madeline Cox** won the scholastics category. **Katie Clanton** was awarded Second Alternate. **Anne-Walton** was also awarded the Distinguished Young Women Spirit Award, and **Lydia Martel** won the Be Your Best Self Essay Contest.

For more information on scholarship opportunities for young women in this area, please contact **Susan Hargett** at 256-710-9239, **Beth Hammock** at 256-356-9286 or **Katarnia Cole Coffey** at 256-332-8880.

GSC's #2 for Volleyball?

BIRMINGHAM - The UNA volleyball team was picked to finish second in the Gulf South Conference pre-season coaches' poll. The Lions collected five first-place votes and five second

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Commission. The City of Florence has designated the Florence Memorial Grove to honor and memorialize, past and present Florence citizens.

The Memorial Grove is located at the site of the old National Guard Armory, on the hill at

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Pro angler Tim Horton, left, and Evan Isbell at the 2014 Timmy Horton High School Bass Anglers Challenge.

Photos: Dennis Sherer

Legacy Catching on

By Dennis Sherer
Colbert County Tourism

Evan Isbell loved the outdoors, helping those in need and befriending new students at his school.

Isbell was 16 when he died in an automobile accident on June 23, 2015. His legacy for helping others and his

love of fishing now lives on through the Red Warrior Foundation.

The foundation's mission is to impact lives through Christ in the memory of Isbell, who was the son of Ashley and Connie Isbell of Tusculumbia. The foundation's core values are restoration, encouragement, and dedication to

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FLORENCE - Lauderdale County 4-H Horse Club members recently competed in the Alabama State 4-H Horse Show in Montgomery as a part of their 4-H horse project. This was a return trip for many of the members, but it is the

first year the Lauderdale group competed in horse judging. In addition to preparing for riding and educational horse events, the teams had been studying horse anatomy and practicing their

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Lauderdale County 4-H Senior Horse Judging Team (L-R): Anna Sue Choat, Brooks High; Paige Wilbanks, Heritage Homeschool; Nikki Duessel, Brooks High; and Katie Connolly, Shoals Christian. Also pictured is Courteney Holland, State 4-H Equine Specialist.



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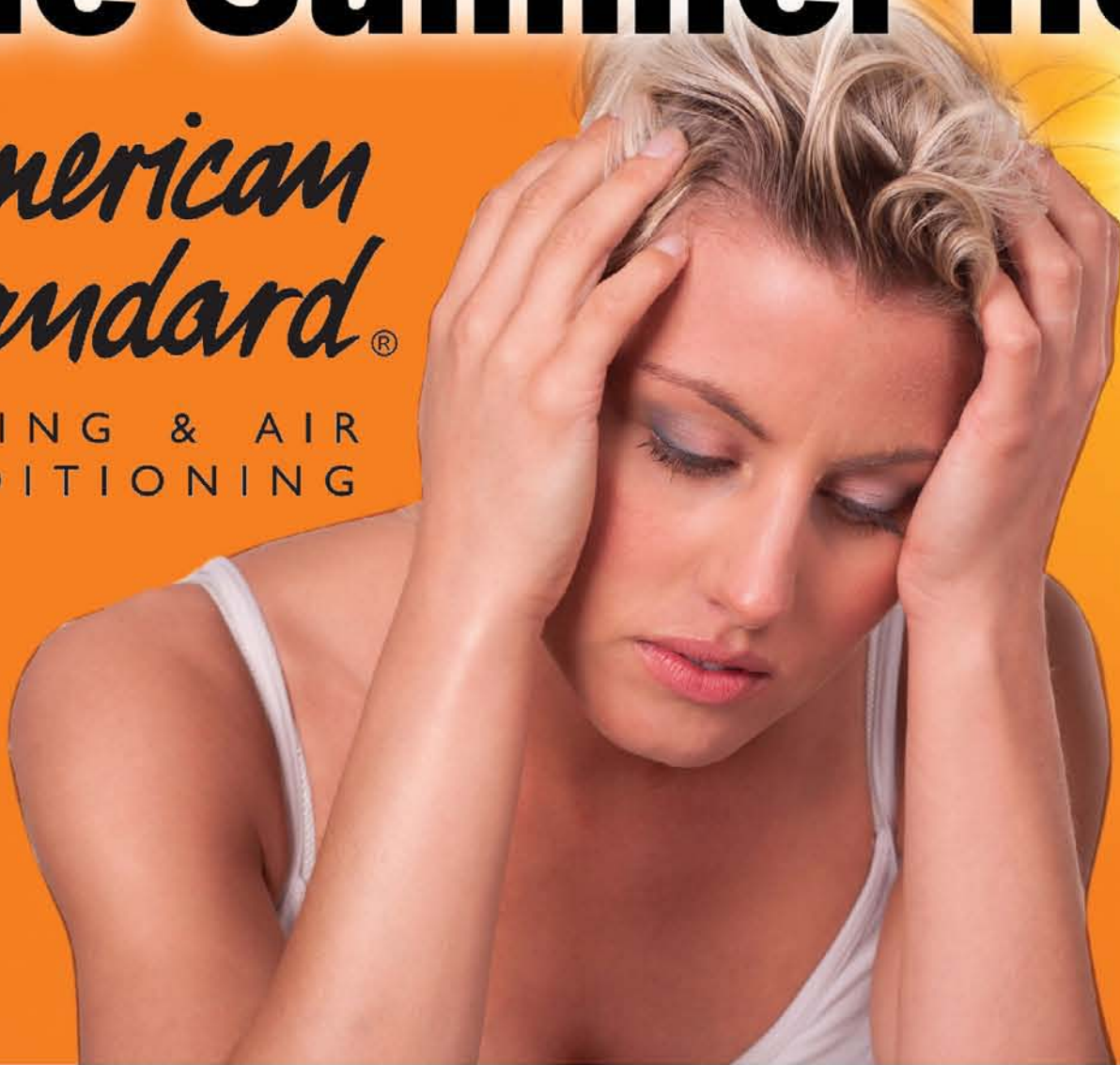
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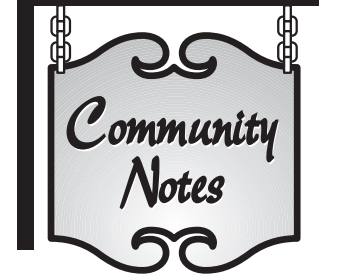
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The Rogersville Area Chamber of Commerce presents An Evening with Coach Pat Dye - Auburn Man - Auburn Legend, 6pm, Tuesday, August 16 at the Lauderdale County High School Cafeteria.

Dye graduated from the University of Georgia earning All-American, Academic All-American and Academic All-SEC honors. He began his coaching career as an assistant coach at the University of Alabama under Coach Paul Bryant before moving to East Carolina in 1974 as head football coach. He led East Carolina to its first bowl game in 13 years. In 1980 he led the University of Wyoming to its first winning season in eight years. He became the Head Coach at Auburn in 1981 and led the Tigers to their first SEC championship in 26 years. He led Auburn to nine straight bowl games and its first victory over Alabama in nine years. Coach Dye was National Coach of the Year in 1983. He was inducted in the Alabama Sports Hall of Fame in 1985 and the Georgia Football Hall of Fame in 1987.

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The Barnett Brothers Band will be at West Side Village Community Center, Hwy 99 in the Owens Community, Friday, August 19, 7pm. Admission is \$5. All ages are welcome. No smoking allowed, no drugs or alcohol permitted. Bring finger foods to share at break. For more information call 256-771-0586.

Events at Florence Lauderdale Public Library - Saturday, August 20, 1pm - Families and movie lovers of all ages are invited to a free screening of the 1939 classic "The Wizard of Oz". The film will be introduced by fan, expert, and collector Russ White. In his introduction, Mr. White, the Librarian at Underwood Elementary, will share stories and photos from Wizard of Oz events he has attended. Some of Mr. White's collection is currently on display on the first and second floors of the library. For more information, call 256-764-6564, ext. 28.

Florence Parks & Recreation/The Club (senior center) offers a variety of programs for our boomers and seniors to enjoy. We are currently serving lunch for 35 people on M/W/F and 25 on T/Th. We'd like to include you, too! Suggested donation is \$1. Sign in before 9:30am on the day you'd like to eat lunch. For more information about The Club/senior center or any of our special events please call 256-760-6420 Monday-Friday 8 am-5 pm. Email:fdavis@florenceal.org 450 Country Club Drive, Florence

The Florence Parks & Recreation Department is registering for:

Flag Football - Now until August 21 for ages 5-12 years old. Registration fee is \$45.

Register online at www.fpard.com. For more information contact athletic office at 256-760-6628.

The Landing is a place for junior high and high school youth to get help with hurts, habits and hang-ups. It follows the format of Celebrate Recovery. This non-denominational program at Rogersville United Methodist Church in Rogersville is a Christ-centered way to help teach and bring healing to teenagers who are dealing with many issues in their life including dysfunctional families, addictions, self-harm, or struggling to find their place in this world. We meet Thursdays at 6pm for snack and the program starts at 6:30pm. For more info contact Robert at 256-247-3307 or Jan at 256-230-5653. If you know anyone who needs this help, please direct them to this group.

Florence Parks & Recreation / The Club (senior center) presents **The Classic Legends**, Saturday, August 20 at our Super Saturday Lazy Luau. \$10/person and if you'd like to bring a light snack to share we'll be having social hour from 5-6pm with the show beginning 6:15pm. For more information and ticket availability please call The Club 256-760-6420 Monday - Friday 8am -5pm. Email:fdavis@florenceal.org, 450 Country Club Drive, Florence

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Anah is too young to be on Medicare but for those of you on Medicare you will find that Medicare encourages you to have your preventive screenings completed. You can go to Medicare.gov to see a list of the screenings that are considered preventive services or feel free to contact our office and we can get you that list.

The obvious question is "how much will these screenings cost me?" Your Medicare and You Handbook states, "You pay nothing for most preventive services if you get the service from a doctor or other qualified health care provider that accepts Medicare assignment." If you have employer insurance or a Medicare Advantage Plan your costs may be different so contact your benefit coordinator or plan for your cost.

If you have had Part B for less than 12 months you qualify for a "Welcome to Medicare" preventive visit or if you have had Part B for more than 12 months you qualify for a yearly "Wellness" visit. Both of these visits are designed to help you develop and follow a personalized plan to aid you in preventing illness and disability. If these visits are to a doctor or health care provider that accepts Medicare assignment there is no cost to you.

Now back to Anah. She has been cancer-free for fourteen months and is doing great. Our family is a living, breathing example of the importance of preventive screenings. Medicare encourages you, our company encourages you and our family encourages you to GET THOSE PREVENTIVE SCREENINGS DONE. It may save your life too!!!

If you have questions regarding any aspect of Medicare or Medicare health plans feel free call us at Alabama Health Guidance (256-284-7249), stop by our office at 879 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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Thursday, August 18, 1-2:30pm
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Saturday, August 20, 10:30am-noon
This class will focus on the structure and organization of the computer itself, including file storage within Computer, Documents, and on the desktop. Flash drives and removable disks will be discussed as well as the overall organization of files and folders.

Basic Email
Saturday, August 27, 10:30am-noon
Learn how to set up an email account, compose, receive, and send emails as well as open and attach photos.

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Wednesday, August 17, 2-10pm, SCA Tissue North America, 1834-B Haley Drive, Cherokee

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Friday, August 19, Noon-4pm, Darby Doors, 3110 Kendall Drive, Florence

Saturday, August 20, 10am-4pm, Watermelon Festival, Downtown Russellville, Russellville

Sunday, August 21, 9:30am-1:30pm, Cowboy Church, 3440 Highway 157, Leighton

Monday, August 22, 11am-5pm, Muscle Shoals Public Library, 1918 East Avalon Avenue, Muscle Shoals

Tuesday, August 23, 5-11am, North American Lighting Inc., 100 Counts Drive, Muscle Shoals

Wednesday, August 24, 1-7pm, North American Lighting Inc., 100 Counts Drive, Muscle Shoals

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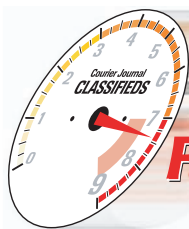
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Grove...

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This site has been developed based on the designs of Hill & Jangaard Architects and the availability of funding by the City of Florence. This is also the location of the Florence Police Memorial and the large 20' x 30' United States flag, furnished by 115th Signal Battalion Retirees. Several organizations, firms and individuals have contributed to the construction efforts of the

current Memorial Grove. Individuals may place pavers, benches and plaques within the Grove based on the criteria established by the Florence Tree Commission. Groups and organizations may also place monuments meeting the same criteria. The public and representatives of interested organizations are invited to attend the presentation August 25 in the Florence-Lauderdale Library's conference room. A review of the Memorial Grove plans, memorial donations and memorial placement criteria will be made. For more information, call 256-767-2909.

Legacy...

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helping others. "Evan enjoyed helping people in the community," Ashley Isbell said. "He always looked forward to taking the kids from Camp Courage and from Timmy Horton's Fishing for Kids fishing. Since he left us, numerous kids that he went to school with have come to us and said that when they moved to Muscle Shoals, Evan was the first person who came up to them and befriended them. Anytime someone needed help, Evan was there to help."

In keeping with Evan Isbell's desire to help others, Red Warrior is providing college scholarships, assisting Shoals residents needing help and supporting projects that benefit the community. Money for the scholarships and other assistance comes from a fishing tournament, an outdoors expo and donations.

The Red Warrior River Rumble bass tournament is safelight until 1pm Saturday, August 27 on Pickwick Lake out of Riverfront Park in Sheffield. Chase Murphy, a close

friend of Evan Isbell who is helping organize the bass tournament, considers it a great way to honor the memory of his fishing buddy. The bass tournament features divisions for youth anglers who fish from boats piloted by an adult and separate divisions for the boat captains and adults. Entry fee is \$50 per boat. Entry forms and rules are available at FishPickwickLake.com. For more details call 256-702-6761 or 256-383-0783.

The 2nd Annual Evan Isbell Outdoors Expo is Saturday, Nov. 13 at Launch Point Church in Tuscumbia. Susann Hamlin, president and CEO of Colbert County Tourism and Convention Bureau, a sponsor of the Red Warrior River Rumble, said the fishing tournament and outdoors expo help preserve Evan Isbell's love of the outdoors.

"Evan was such a nice young man. He always had a smile on his face when he was helping children learn how to fish," Hamlin said.



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SHORTS...

GSC's #2 for Volleyball?

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place votes to finish with 95 total points. West Florida edged UNA with 96 points to claim the title of favorite for the sixth consecutive season.

The Argonauts return 14 players, including six seniors from a team that went 28-7 last year and entered the GSC Tournament as the top seed. UNA, however, avenged a pair of regular-season losses with a 3-2 victory over the hosts in the championship match. The Lions return 11 lettermen, including five starters from a team that went 26-8 on the year. Both teams advanced to the NCAA South Region Tournament before falling in the opening round.

Pre-season polls were voted on by GSC head volleyball coaches.

Waterloo Grads Gather Aug. 27

WATERLOO—The Waterloo High School 43rd annual alumni banquet takes place Saturday, August 27 at the school. Social hour begins at 5pm and the dinner (\$10) and program at 6pm. The Class of 1956 60th Reunion, The Class of 1966 50th Reunion, Class of 1981 35th Reunion and Class of 1991 25th Reunion will be recognized.

All alumni, former students, faculty, administration, support personnel, and spouses who graduated 2016 and prior are invited.

The Waterloo High School Alumni Association was formed in 1973 by a group of classmates from the 1961 class. A scholarship fund was established in the early years of the association. Each year every graduating senior from WHS who plans to attend college is provided with funds to assist with tuition, books, and other expenses. Funds are also provided for various school projects each year.

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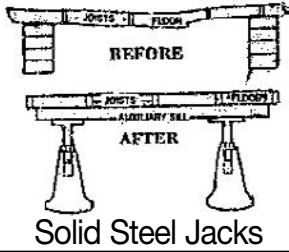
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Comments may be submitted at the public hearing, or in writing to: Lauderdale County Commission, Lauderdale County Courthouse, 200 S. Court Street, Florence, AL, 35630. Persons needing special accommodations to attend should provide notice to the commission 5 days prior to the hearing.

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UNA Soccer Picked Third

BIRMINGHAM -- Despite returning 10 starters from a team that went 15-3-2 and won the Gulf South Conference regular season and post-season championships in 2015, the UNA women's soccer team has been picked to finish third in the 2016 GSC pre-season poll of the league's head coaches.

Lee received seven first place votes and 114 total points to emerge as the pre-season favorite, with West Florida second with three first-place votes and 111 points. UNA received two first place votes and 104 points to rank third. Following the Lions in the poll were Mississippi College, West Alabama, Christian Brothers, Valdosta State, West Georgia, Union, Alabama-Huntsville, Shorter and Delta State.

UNA was also picked to finish third in the 2015 GSC poll but went on to win its second league soccer title.

The Lions begin pre-season workouts on August 15 in preparation for perhaps the toughest non-conference schedule in school history.

UNA opens its season on September 2 against No. 2 ranked Columbus State in Columbus, Ga. The Lions then face Eckerd in Columbus before playing at home on Sept. 9 against Nova Southeastern and Sept. 11 against 15th ranked Tampa. Those four perennial Division II powers had a combined 52-20-11 record last season.

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My Turn, by Major Euell White, U.S. Army, (retired)

Last January, Bill Fenton, in a letter to the *Times Daily*, wrote: "Recently, Euell White wrote two letters bashing Islam and implying Islam is a threat to the United States. He supported his position with opinions from the Center for Strategic Policy and from Pamela Geller. Unfortunately, the Center for Strategic Policy is known as an ultra right-wing extremist group which specializes in conspiracy theories. It's founder, Frank Gaffney, has reportedly been expelled from GOP politics because he claimed the Republican Party has been infiltrated by the Muslim Brotherhood. He also has publicly accused the president of treason, without anything but his warped imagination to back it up. That is apparently too crackpot for even the GOP.

Geller, on the other hand, heads an organization which has been labeled a hate group by the Southern Poverty Law Center. Basically, both sources listed by White are known as extremely Islamophobic, and believe each mosque is a bomb factory and every Muslim is a mad bomber. I personally have some serious, long-held questions about Islam and how compatible some tenets of Islam are with our American culture. I also believe that we are going to have an important national debate on this issue during the current election cycle, but I know we can't rely on extremist, anti-Muslim hate groups for any constructive input into that debate."

The *Times Daily* did not publish my reply to Fenton. Here it is:

In response to Bill Fenton's letter of January 7, anyone who doesn't consider Islam a threat to the US needs to learn what is happening in Germany and other nations where Muslims are taking over everything. Gaffney and Geller are true patriots. The SPLC also labeled as haters, Clare Lopez of the Center for Security Policy, syndicated columnist Diana West, Cathie Adams, former chairwoman of the Texas Republican Party, Brigitte Gabrielle, founder of ACT! For America and many other true patriots.

The SPLC is one of a number of leftist special interest groups that has colluded with the Department of Justice since Obama moved into the White House. This insidious organization taught Army Reservists in Pennsylvania, that Evangelical Christianity and Catholicism were examples of religious extremism, and compared them to KKK, al Qaeda, and Hamas. The Republican party is not perfect, but in contrast to the Democrat and Communist parties, which are rapidly becoming the same, the Republican Party is a good choice. If they expelled Frank Gaffney they were wrong. For those who continue to be deceived concerning Barack Hussein Obama's patriotism, surely his actions to reduce our military's ability to protect and defend our nation should be a wake-up call. Not only has he reduced the strength of all branches to a dangerous level, and made a deal with Iran that will enable them to wage nuclear strikes on Israel and our nation, he has also promoted sodomy and appointed sodomites as civilian leaders in the defense department.

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Governor Bentley has joined the chorus that calls for a lottery utopia of permanent solvency.

The governor's proposal in the legislative special session would fund some essential services, like Medicaid, prisons, and some general fund items. The state legislature funded Medicaid to the tune of \$700 million for the coming fiscal year. That is \$85 million short of Bentley's Medicaid funding request.

According to Senate Majority leader, Greg Reed of Jasper, "... we must find a way to solve Medicaid's \$85 million budget shortfall, both to protect a program that nearly one million Alabamians rely on, and to move forward with these long-term reforms that will slow Medicaid's exploding costs."

Cutbacks in state Medicaid agency reimbursements (the doctor's bump from Obamacare) have narrowed that shortfall closer to \$70 million.

According to Cliff Sims, publisher of the popular Alabama website, Yellowhammer.com, this may be more of a quasi-crisis than a

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In A Few Words



TOM MAGAZZU
Editor

Melon Mania!

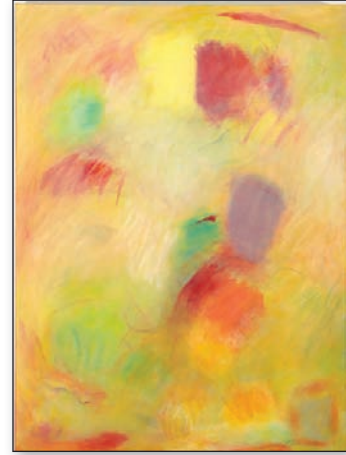
Invades Russellville August 19-20

RUSSELLVILLE—The Watermelon Capital of Alabama is gearing up for its annual two-day celebration centered on summertime's favorite sweet, juicy treat. The Watermelon Festival is set for August 19-20 in Russellville with arts and crafts, a variety of watermelon contests, car and truck show, tractor show, food vendors, children's activities, games, and musical entertainment. Of course, there will be free samples of watermelon.



The festival weekend begins with opening ceremonies at 5:45pm on Friday. Music fills the air beginning at 6pm when the Kerry Gilbert Band takes the stage followed by Dixie Mafia and 7 Bridges. The music continues on Saturday at 5pm with performances

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Martha Marshall's A Window in Time

FLORENCE—Kennedy-Douglass Center for the Arts is pleased to present works by Martha Marshall August 18-September 23. A Window in Time is a collection of contemporary paintings graciously donated by the artist, Martha Marshall, to benefit Kennedy-Douglass Center for the Arts. The artworks were created between the years 2000 and 2008. The large scale color field paintings will fill the

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NWSCC, Shoals Chamber Help Voters Stay Informed Socially

MUSCLE SHOALS - Northwest-Shoals Community College and the Shoals Chamber of Commerce are giving Shoals area voters insight into the candidates vying for Mayoral and City Council offices in Florence, Muscle Shoals, Sheffield, and

Tuscumbia by means of social media sites.

According to NW-SCC President, Dr. Humphrey Lee, NW-SCC is trying to do its part to keep the Shoals area voters informed for the

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THE 2ND ANNUAL PILGRIM'S COOK-OFF takes place at the A.W. Todd Center on Saturday, August 20. The event is limited to twenty teams. The entry fee is \$130. Bragging rights for the best chicken around. KCBS sanctioned cook-off rules. Grand prize winner awarded \$500 plus trophy! Categories are chicken and ribs. People's Choice Award for chicken wings. Teams from Alabama, Tennessee, and Mississippi will be competing. For information, contact Jose Guerrero - 256-768-1885 or jose.guerrero@pilgrims.com.

THERE WILL BE A PANEL DISCUSSION for candidates of Districts 1 and 3 in Florence and Voter Registration on Thursday, August 18 from 6:30-8:30pm at Handy Recreation Center, Beale Street in Florence. Crossroads Community Resource Center and Project Say Something welcome your participation in our panel discussion and voter registration event. Candidates from District 1, Yolanda Johnson, Kaytrina Simmons, and Dave Smith, and candidates from District 3, David Bradley and Hermon Graham will answer questions and share their views.

MEET & GREET FOR THE CROSSROADS COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER at Underwood-Petersville Community Center, 840 County Road 7 in Florence on Saturday, August 20 at 5:30pm. Speakers include Camille Bennett, Susan Goode, and Steve Holt. Come and enjoy the Soul Food and Entertainment. Tickets are \$20 each, \$35 couple, \$10 child. Contact 256-284-2218 or online at Event Brite.




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West Wise and Brilliant

Editor:

I am encouraged by the guest opinion-editorial in the August 10 issue of the Courier Journal, the area's most knowledgeable and widely-distributed newspaper.

I hope that you will get your copy and read the guest editorial starting on page 14 entitled, *Personal Message For Muslim Father*, written by decorated U. S. Army Officer and former Congressman, Col Allen B. West.

I believe Col West should be considered for top positions of leadership in this country at all levels. He has experienced difficult military situations and has been successful under some of the most trying circumstances. He has earned two doctoral degrees and completed many leadership courses in his career.

He has my respect and recognition as a wise and brilliant man.

Anyone who is molested or raped should be able to report the crime when IT IS SAFE for them to do so... ”

If you cannot get a copy of the paper to read the article, I hope that you can get it online at www.courierjournal.net

Paul Riley
Florence

Editor's Note: We don't normally publish anonymous letters. However, the following letter was signed and directed specifically for delivery to a recent letter writer. Although not identified in this space, the writer's perspective is undoubtedly shared by hundreds in our community with similar feelings. Her response appears here with permission.

How Dare You...

Dear Irene:

I am the one you talked with who was molested as a child and raped as a teenager. I don't appreciate your using my story as a muse for your posts (*Escorted and Neutered*, August 10).

I did not tell anyone for a year when I was a child due to threats of death. It wasn't the time frame that caused my case to be tossed. It was the fact that a young girl of 12 did not write down

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Socially...

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elections on August 23. "The Chamber and Northwest-Shoals try to partner every four years around this time and put something together to help educate the Shoals area voters," said Lee. "We thought with the tremendous effect social media has on society; why not use it to educate our area citizens?"

All candidates were contacted by the Shoals Chamber of Commerce and invited to participate in the initiative. Northwest-Shoals Community College Broadcasting produced a seven to nine minute video on each of the candidates. The candidates were asked to take five minutes addressing relevant topics in the communities they wish to serve.

Shoals Chamber of Commerce Interim President, Barry Auchly, echoed Lee's sentiments. "Through the use of the YouTube channels we can send someone a link to videos a citizen may like to view," stated Auchly. "I think our area candidates and the general public will be very pleased with the unlimited possibilities this offers."

All the videos can be watched individually on the NW-SCC YouTube channel (<http://www.youtube.com/OfficialNWSCC>), Shoals Chamber of Commerce YouTube channel (<https://www.youtube.com/user/ShoalsChamber>) or via links on the College's facebook and twitter pages.

Letters...

How Dare You

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in her diary the exact date that it took place, and I had to sign an affidavit that had a date on it. It turned out that wasn't the right date. The person who molested me was the one to point that out through his lawyer. Years later I reported the rape the very night it happened because I was NOT going to let someone else get away with violating me.

I seriously thought that our talk explained a little to you about why someone would not report such an incident. They already have laws on the books about time frames called statutes of limitations. Sorry it isn't just a few days as you would wish.

Anyone who is molested or raped should be able to report the crime when IT IS SAFE for them to do so. The fact that they are threatened with their own death or that of family members and it causes them to delay or refrain from reporting, should NOT be a get out of jail free pass for those who molested and/or raped them!

Additionally, what is your grand plan for a woman who is guilty of molesting and or raping? I don't think they can be "neutered."

By the way, those who don't report are being punished daily because they have to live with the fear alone, afraid that the sicko who violated them will return to do the same thing or worse. They also have to deal with flashbacks even if they do report.

How dare you try to make it out to be nothing of importance if it isn't reported within a few days.

Do not bother calling me again; I will not answer.

Twice a Victim
 Lauderdale County

How Strong is Your Desire?

Editor:

So what is your will? Since many do not have a will to do much anymore, the answer is usually, "I don't know" or "What will?"

In frustration of those who do not know the meaning of the word will, to be a strong desire for doing things, this poem came flooding into my mind, every word of it without 'thinking yonder', an old phrase that I have not heard in years. Many only think of a will as someone leaving them an inheritance. This is a nice break from the tiring necessities of the day.

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Who has washed a car and washed dirty feet and shown others how

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Who has prayed a prayer and combed heads of hair and shown others how

Do you have a will to help others or meet your own needs?

Martha Mosakowski
 Florence

Indoctrination of Children

Editor:

The Scottish government has passed a law called the "Named Person Law." The apparent purpose for the law is to have a state functionary to look after the interests of every child – not just the children in state care, or for whom there are indications of neglect or abuse – but every child. There are certainly some in our government who would favor this. It seems that the Scottish law presumes that parents cannot be trusted to make decisions concerning their children.

That is the attitude that permeates our public school system today, as dictated by the federal Department of Education. But rather than protect our children from exposure to evil, the Department of Education promotes the indoctrination of our children into evil. Children are being taught that sodomy – which is condemned by God – is not only acceptable but something to be proud of. In some cases students have been taught how to perform homosexual acts and provided lists of homosexual porn sites. Children are also being taught in public schools that Islam is preferred to Christianity or Judaism. Most parents don't know what their children are being taught. Recent polls indicate that young people are very ignorant of basic Biblical morality and the history of our Republic.

Euell White
 Florence

Window...

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Kennedy-Douglass main gallery and Annex. The opening reception for the exhibit will be Sunday, August 21 from 1-3pm.

Martha Marshall is a professional artist represented by galleries in Florida, North Carolina, and Texas. She has worked with the corporate art trade, fine art publishers, and art consultants for over twenty years creating commissioned artworks and specialty projects. She is featured in the corporate art collections of the Westin Hotels, Design Center of the Americas, Caesar's Palace, the Internal Revenue Service and PNC Banks to name a few. She also has pieces in the public art collection of Hillsborough County, Florida. Kennedy-Douglass is pleased to add several of her large scale pieces to the art center's permanent collection.

Select paintings will be offered for sale, and proceeds will go directly

to the art center. For the first time ever, Kennedy-Douglass will offer select artworks for monthly rental by individuals or businesses. Private appointments by groups and individuals are also available Monday-Friday 9am-4pm. To learn more about Martha Marshall

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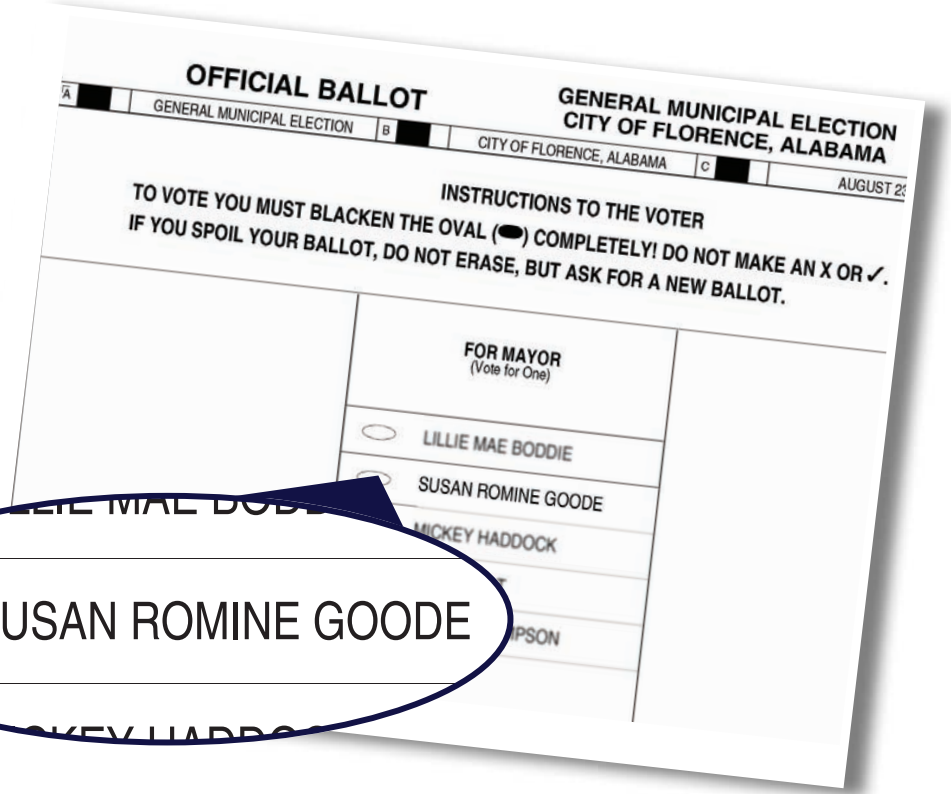
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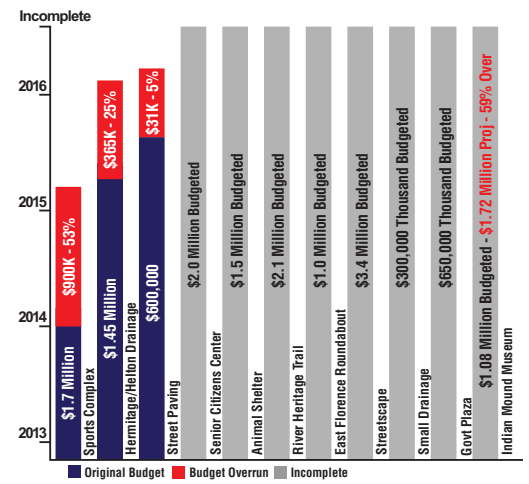
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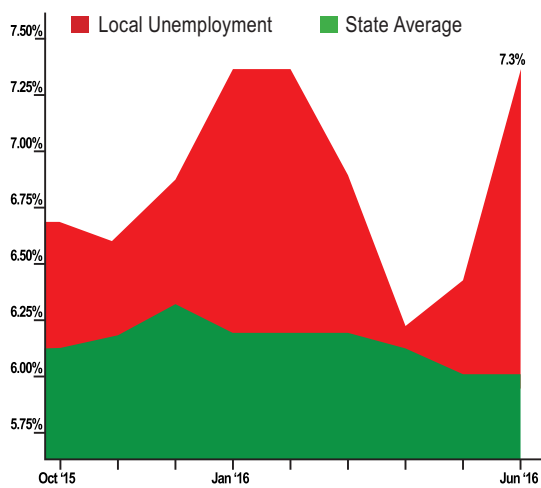
In 2013 the city administration funded 11 capital projects by borrowing over \$19 Million. Now, 3 years later, only 3 of the 11 projects are complete. 2 of the 3 came in significantly over budget. None of the remaining 8 projects have any concrete plan or date for completion, while almost \$8 Million lie unused.

Meanwhile, Florence families have paid **\$1.4 Million in interest** on the unused borrowed funds – roughly \$89 per household in wasted interest expense.

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I am not a politician. I am a successful small businessperson, community advocate, and life-long member of this area.

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Commentary

Crisis?...

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serious one.

Sims insists the budget can be met easily without the lottery.

Monetizing the BP Oil Spill settlement money by issuing a bond would make about \$630 million available.

Those funds could be immediately used to pay down debt owed to the state's Rainy Day Fund (\$161 million) and the People's Trust Fund (\$422 million). By doing that, the state would save \$15 million that was budgeted to make debt payments in FY 2016, which ends in two months, and another \$20 million debt payment that was scheduled for FY 2017. In addition to that, by paying off the debt the state would begin to draw interest on the Rainy Day account, which would mean an additional \$15 million in revenue for FY17. That interest would increase to \$35 million in FY18 and \$50 million in FY19.

The state will also begin FY17 with approximately \$10-\$15 million in the General Fund account because tax revenue was higher than expected this year. There is also \$35 million left from BP's FY16 \$50 million payment since the state only budgeted \$15 million. The savings of \$95 million actually offers a \$25 million buffer since the doctor bump was already eliminated.

There are several other budget issues to address. One we are still not honestly dealing with is our infrastructure concerns. Alabama's state gas tax is 16¢ per gallon. Counties add a few more cents. That still pales in comparison to other state taxes like California at 39.5¢/gallon in California, 29.4 in Kentucky, 28.3 in Florida, 37.5 in NC, 40.7 in Pennsylvania, and 42.4 in New York. That contrasts with 8¢ in Alaska and 7.5¢ in Georgia.

Word has it that an increase in the Alabama state gas tax may be proposed this year as well. It's not a bad idea for long overdue bridge and road concerns. The responsibility is distributed evenly based on use. It's just aggravating when resurfacing of perfectly good roadways takes precedence over legitimate resurfacing and repair needs just because one project may be from a specific pot of money.

We all know the pros and cons of a lottery, and there are very few pros.

Some 90% of the states with serious financial shortfalls already have a lottery, so it is clearly not a cure-all. In fact, after a few years the same financial gaps usually resurface with even greater need.

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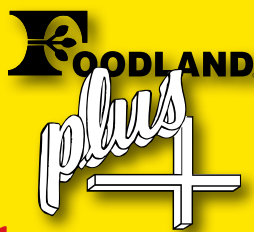


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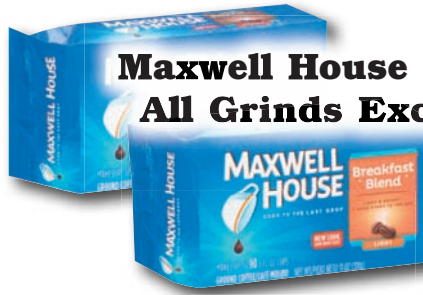
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HOUSETRAINING HABITS

These 8 expert tips will start you and your pup on the path to housetraining success

By Dr. Marty Becker, Kim Campbell Thornton and Mikkel Becker
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Are you a new or potential puppy owner? If so, housetraining is probably on your mind. We've gathered some of our favorite tips for ensuring a rewarding experience — for you and your pup.

1. Learn "caninese." Body language is the first clue that your puppy needs to go out. He might not be crossing his legs, but pawing at you, standing at the top of the stairs or in front of the door and barking are all signs that he needs your attention — fast! Some dogs go with the classic sniffing and circling behavior. The instant you see this, scoop him up and take him out.

2. Use a crate. It's not punishment, and it's not cruel unless you leave him in it all the time. A crate is your puppy's safe spot and sleeping area, so he'll instinctively want to keep it clean. And when he's safely confined in it, you don't have to worry that he'll have an accident in the house. Staying in a crate helps a puppy learn to control his bladder and bowels. Without it, he may get into the habit of relieving himself whenever and wherever he likes.

3. Choose the right crate. It should be large enough for your pup to stand up and turn around inside it but not so large that he can potty at one end and sleep at the other. Purchase a puppy-size crate and graduate to a larger one later, or buy a crate with a divider. A removable panel allows you to section off the crate as needed and adjust the

amount of space the pup has as he grows. You can also block off the back of the crate with a box or some other item that the puppy can't get over or around. Just be sure it's safe and not edible. Bricks or cement blocks are out; instead, try vertically inserting a large, cushion-style dog bed. An empty cardboard box could also work if your pup isn't a chewer.

4. Stick to a schedule. Puppies need to potty frequently. Set a timer to take your puppy out every two to four hours.

5. Certain events trigger a pup's need to urinate or defecate. Take him out as soon as he wakes up in the morning or from a nap and immediately after eating or drinking. Excitement and stress can lead to potty accidents. Prevent them by taking your pup out to potty every few minutes if he is playing vigorously indoors. Finally, take him out just before bedtime. By 3 to 4 months of age, most pups can sleep through the night, but younger puppies may need to go out once or twice during the night.

6. Two's company. Go out with your puppy to make sure he potties. If you're not with him, you can't reward him with praise and a treat so he knows that you want him to



Staying in a crate for short periods when you can't supervise him helps prevent a puppy from having housetraining accidents.

potty outdoors. Play is another good reward when your pup potties outdoors. Let him play for a few minutes after he performs. If you take him back inside immediately, he'll be reluctant to relieve himself right away.

7. Feed regular meals. Free-feeding (leaving food out all the time) makes it more difficult to know when your puppy needs to pee or poop.

8. Limit freedom. Letting a puppy have free run of the home is a recipe for potty accidents. Instead, keep him attached to you with a leash unless he's in a puppy-proofed bathroom, kitchen or laundry room. You should always know where he is and what he's doing.

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Snakebites need quick attention

• **Snakes are out in full force** this time of year. According to veterinarians at the University of California at Davis School of Veterinary Medicine, pets are most likely to encounter snakes between late April and October. If you take your dog hiking, keep him on his leash and on the trail. Better yet, take him through a snake-avoidance course to help him learn to avoid the scaly critters. A bite from a rattlesnake calls for immediate veterinary attention and administration of antivenin. Before you head out, check with your veterinarian or a local veterinary emergency hospital to find out whether antivenin injections are available.

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4-H Horse

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horse evaluation skills in

the field. The Lauderdale County Senior team placed first in the state in their division and the Junior team placed third overall.

The Lauderdale club members were also very successful in their other contests, bringing home nine 1st place ribbons,

twelve 2nd place ribbons, nine 3rd place ribbons, four 4th place ribbons, five 5th place ribbons, five 6th place ribbons, and two 9th place ribbons collectively.

As the first place team, the Lauderdale Senior Horse Judging Team advanced to the Southern Regional 4-H Horse Championships in Perry, Ga, to represent Alabama last week. The team came in 10th place overall, with Anna Sue Choat bringing home the only individual award and a ninth place ribbon.

Katie Connolly and Nikki Duessel both advanced to the Southern Regional event in several riding events as well. Connolly was awarded Reserve Champion in the Stock Type Geldings division with her horse, Sacreds Desperadi. Duessel earned fourth place in the Stock Type Mares division with her horse Yella Investment.

"This is a great group of young people. They all have worked hard throughout the year to earn these accomplishments," said Charleen Wilbanks, agent assistant with the



Junior Showman Katelin Risner had a successful trip to the Alabama State 4-H Horse Show.



Above - Lauderdale County 4-H Junior Horse Judging Team (beginning second from left) Katelin Risner, Wilson School; Cheyenne Newton, Lexington School; and Erica Snoddy, Rogers School. Also pictured: Courteney Holland, L, State 4-H Equine Specialist.

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Lauderdale County 4-H program.

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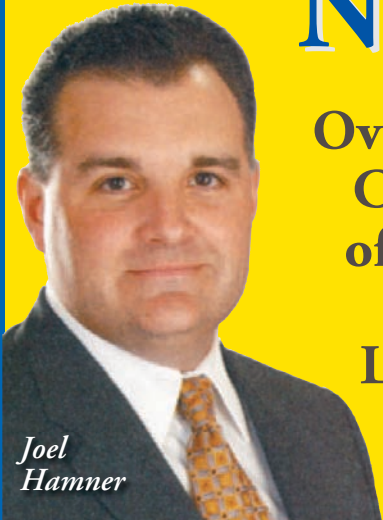
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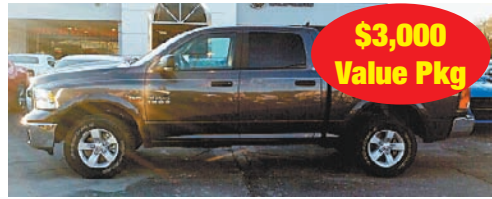
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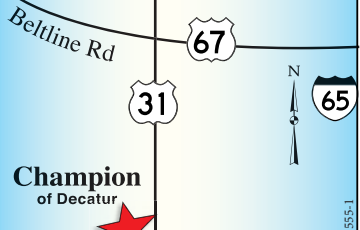
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Soap Opera Preview

THE BOLD AND THE BEAUTIFUL Mortified that her heated conversation with Julius was overheard, Sasha affectionately thanked Thomas for coming to her defense. Eric's family voiced their outrage concerning Quinn's return to Forrester Creations, especially a furious Steffy. Liam used the situation with Quinn and Eric to his advantage by taunting Wyatt about the future of his relationship with Steffy. After telling Quinn about her childhood, Sasha asked Thomas to tell her more about his upbringing up as a Forrester. Steffy and Ridge questioned the reckless choices that Eric was making in recent months. Wyatt begged his mom to end her relationship with Eric. Steffy was uncertain when Ridge asked her if she wanted to stay married to Wyatt. Thomas opened up to Sasha about the joys of fatherhood. *Wait to See: A mother must choose between her happiness and her child's. A family comes together to protect one of their own. A friendship grows into something more.*

DAYS OF OUR LIVES "Days of Our Lives" will be pre-empted the weeks of Aug. 8 and Aug. 15 due to NBC's coverage of the 2016 Summer Olympics.

GENERAL HOSPITAL Jason received some important news. Ava witnessed tension between Morgan and Kiki. Michael learned more about Sabrina's past. Dillon rebuffed Ava's manipulations. Kiki and Dillon found themselves in familiar circumstances. Nina asked Curtis for help. Olivia insisted on being heard at Alexis's important hearing. Kristina did not take kindly to Molly's

intervention. Franco and Liz made amends and came to a decision. Tracy and Laura acknowledged a common bond. Maxie and Lulu discussed wedding plans while Dante and Nathan reunited. Sonny and Alexis discussed family matters. Valerie made an important discovery in the hospital murder investigation. Nathan and Maxie made a stunning discovery. Curtis and Valerie consummated their relationship. Paul took Jordan to task. A supportive Franco was there for Liz. Kevin and Laura acknowledged their feelings. *Wait to See: Liz grapples with a big decision. Laura goes on a date with Kevin. Carly and Nelle grow closer.*

THE YOUNG AND THE RESTLESS Victor spotted Dylan eavesdropping on his conversation with Chloe. Later, Dylan told Sharon that he was certain Chloe helped Victor frame Adam. Nick was convinced that Luca was behind the oil spill despite evidence pointing to Travis. Meanwhile, Luca told Summer that her family was out to get him. Ashley strongly advised Phyllis to focus on Jack and not Summer. Kevin realized that Mariah was in love with him when he found the flowers he bought Chloe inside her house. Adam was angry that Chelsea brought their young son to visit him in prison. Victoria wished her dad had tried harder to prevent her from leaving Newman Enterprises. Jill got Billy to admit that he missed being with Victoria and the kids. Jack accused Phyllis of trying to sabotage Summer's wedding plans. *Wait to See: Nikki is drawn into Victor's plot to protect their family. Chloe lets her guard down with Kevin. Daniel returns to Genoa City.*

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 A.) Easter B.) Christmas
 C.) St. Patrick's D.) Thanksgiving

2. In Washington, DC there is a memorial statue of marines raising the U.S. Flag. Name the island where this occurred during WWII.
 A.) Hawaii B.) Chi Chi Jima
 C.) Iwo Jima D.) Saipan

3. Lady Liberty is an allegorical figure that stands on an island in New York Harbor. Which country presented this to the USA?
 A.) England B.) Italy
 C.) Germany D.) France

4. The statue of David stands in a Florence, Italy museum with his slingshot draped over his left shoulder. Who created this masterpiece?
 A.) Picasso B.) Leonardo Da Vinci
 C.) Galileo Galilei D.) Michelangelo

5. Name the statue of a goddess that stands in Athens, Greece that represents love, beauty, pleasure, and procreation.
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Lisa Wills	#122
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The year was 1994. Coach Bobby Wallace's Lions were coming off their first national title. Up in Ohio, Youngstown State was coming off their first Division I-AA national championship. Their coach was Jim Tressel, later of Ohio State fame. The game in Youngstown was being billed the "Battle of Two National Champions."

It was homecoming for the Penguins and a record crowd of 17,000 fans were on hand to take a look at this national championship team from Florence, Alabama. Most wondered if the Lions stood a chance. It didn't take long for the answer to that question. The Penguins took the opening kickoff and marched 72 yards in just seven plays to grab a 7-0 lead.

But this was a special UNA team. The Lions featured the famed "Purple Swarm" defense, led by All-American Ronald McKinnon. Youngstown State would not score again until the fourth quarter. Quarterback Cody Gross

scored the Lions first touchdown late in the third period. With the Penguins leading 14-7 in the fourth quarter, Gross teamed up with Michael Edwards on a 62-yard scoring pass to tie the game.

A Youngstown State field goal with 7:33 left in the game gave the home team a 17-14 lead and set up the Lions with a chance to stage the biggest upset in school history. It was not to be as the Penguins stopped the Lions on a fourth down try at midfield. If a loss can be called a great game in UNA history, this was it. It showed the Lions had guts, determination and talent.

Jim Tressel had nothing but praise for the Lions. Coach Wallace offered to return in 1995 for a rematch, but Tressel knew better. He saw who would be returning for the young Lions and decided not to go that route. A wise decision none the less.

The 1995 returning team would be named the "Best Team of the Quarter Century" in Division II football. Both UNA and Youngstown State went on to repeat as National Champions that season with the Lions adding a third title in 1995. No matter how you feel about the game, it was truly a UNA football classic.

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Dr. Brittany Burgess

Brittany Burgess was born in Opelika, Alabama and moved to Dawsonville, Georgia at the age of 15. She is one of four daughters to Thad and Barbara Burgess. She and all three of her sisters attended the University of Georgia. Brittany completed dental school at the Medical College of Georgia School of Dental Medicine in Augusta, Georgia.

Last year, she gained an Advanced Education in General Dentistry Residency degree at the VA Hospital in Birmingham.

Brittany is trained and competent in implant dentistry, endodontics, pedodontics, and all aspects of general dentistry.

She and her fiancé, Jannie Westerman, recently moved to the Shoals area and are excited about becoming part of the Singing River Dentistry family!



Dr. Joshua McClanahan

Dr. Joshua McClanahan was born and raised in the Shoals area. He graduated from Muscle Shoals High School in 2007. Afterwards, he attended the University of Alabama-Birmingham and graduated in 2012 with a Bachelor of Science in Biology and minors in Chemistry and Finance.

Dr. McClanahan then attended the University of Alabama-Birmingham School of Dentistry and graduated with a Doctor of Dental Medicine degree in 2016.

He is the grandson of Dr. James D. Ashmore, who served the Shoals area for 52 years as a Family Medicine Physician in Muscle Shoals. Dr.

McClanahan has enjoyed being a part of four short-term dental mission trips in Honduras and Guatemala while in dental school, as well as six mission trips in high school and college as a chaperone for the youth.

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Relieve the Pressure

Writer's note: I thought of my son's unfinished poem recently when I considered the power that holds us together.

THE WORLD SPINS 'ROUND
 By Garrett Turner

The world spins 'round on miracles
 The sky is turning even now

My Dad, he takes care of us
 Every morning that the sun plays tag with the horizon

And brings light to a new work day
 He washes his face in front of the mirror

And he could go anywhere in the world
 Some of those mornings his eyes are red

And the turning sky is grey
 But each of those mornings

Like the sun faithfully rising
 He chooses to go to work for us

What makes him stay?
 What causes the tulip to bloom every spring?

What opens its petals?
 What pulls the earth into the sun

and the moon into the earth
 and the wave into the shore

Pulling our feet into the ground?
 What pulls us toward each other?

We are whirling through the universe together
 The center of the earth is holding us

A little girl stands at the edge of a diving board
 And the world revolves around her

The little boys stand impatient in line
 Her parents stand at full attention

The wind curves around her inflatable dragon
 And the pool stands at the ready

When she bends her knees
 The sky stands still
 The dragon holds its breath

Some soft-haired helper

lifts her high from above
 And sets her in the water with a splash

Her parents applaud this feat
 Like a sapling admires the sunrise

Where was the moon when you last woke up?
 Did you take a moment to look for it?

Did you care to peep at the sky?
 My sister teaches children

Millions of people teach children
 Where is the mystic book of dictums surrounding this conundrum?

Why is the moon so bright
 That it casts its moon shadow across oceans

Making waves
 Making moon-shadow tapestries

Stretched across rock-bottom shipwrecks—
 Ships erected by machines made by machines

Made by our thumbs and little pinky fingers?

My two-year-old cousin's hand is miraculous
 It can calm a raging bull of a man

With one soothing touch
 This ritual healing lives daily

In her fingertips
 She is powerful
 My Mom has been cooking for thirty years

She can pick up molten lava with her bare hands
 She makes meatloaf out of sweat and ketchup

When my Mom prays for me
 Time stands still
 My hair stands on end

A vaporous shield of sunlight surrounds my torso
 I am invincible
 My spirit impregnable

My very chest
 Plated with particles of light
 Sometimes I float

Hover, if only a moment
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Because I understand this
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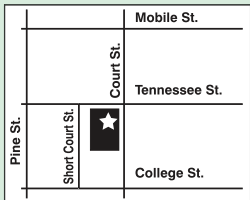


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Katey

attic and made sure that all the joints in the ducts were sealed properly. It didn't take long or cost much, but now my air conditioner is running like a champ!

Rick

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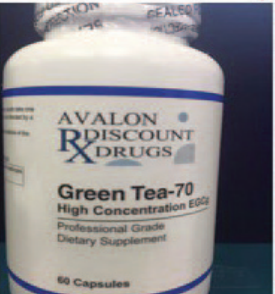


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News & Tips on the Shoals Market

Do You Smell What I'm Cooking?

Does your home smell? As a Realtor, I know all too well the powerful effect that the smell of a home can have on prospective buyers. I have seen otherwise appealing homes linger on the market and can only draw the conclusion that smell matters. Unfortunately, it can be hard to tell if your own home smells bad. Our bodies are designed with an override switch called olfactory adaptation, and it kicks in after prolonged exposure to a smell. That can be a great thing if you're, say, sprayed by a skunk. To find out if your home is stinky, you'll have to stay away for long enough to be able to smell it yourself, or enlist the help of a brutally honest friend.

Offensive home odors fall into a few main categories, and their removal often depends upon their source. Cigarette smoke, pet odors, mold/mildew/damp smells, and trash or garbage disposal odors are the main culprits. Whatever the source, airing out the space is the best place to start. Open all doors and windows and turn on fans, replacing stale air with fresh air.

Cigarette odors linger heavily in fabrics, such as draperies, rugs, upholstery, and carpeting. Remove and/or replace as many of these as possible, and clean the rest with an odor-neutralizing product. Many pros use diluted white vinegar for this, as well as for pet odors. Pet odors can be extremely difficult to remove. Sometimes carpeting and pad must be removed and the subfloor treated with Kilz or other similar product.

Smells of dampness most often occur in basement or below-grade areas. To truly get rid of them, you have to address the issue of moisture and may need to hire a professional. Running a dehumidifier in the space can help short-term. Any mold or mildew must be removed, and disturbing the mold spores can be hazardous to your health. Consult a professional in those situations. Eliminating trash odor is as simple as keeping your trash can and the surrounding area clean. Garbage disposals often develop odors, but periodically running citrus peelings or a product like Plink through should do the trick. Whatever you do, don't overdo it with air freshener products. Besides screaming "There's something we're trying to cover up!" they can trigger an allergic reaction, which would definitely leave a bad impression on a buyer.

As Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson would say, "Do you smell what I'm cooking?"

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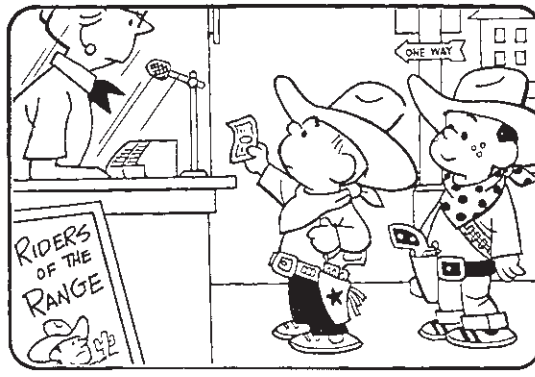
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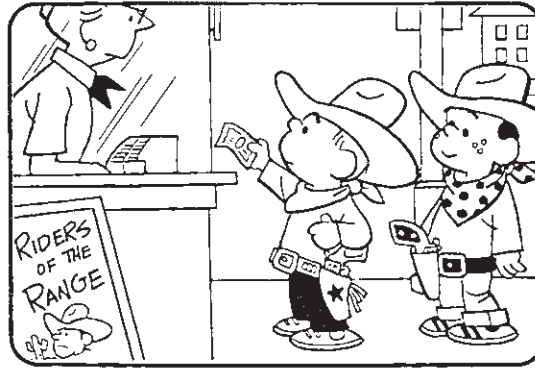
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Now what I am about to say is totally rejected by the lost religious world. Being blindly led, the scholars and Biblicists and preachers and teachers of today have rejected the truth of God's word and changed it into a lie (see Romans 1:25). To further support their peculiar theory, these educated church folks have taught that their church has replaced Israel and all the promises that God made to Israel now apply to them. This confusion of mixing faith and works with grace and believing has produced nothing but more doubt and fear of death and assurance of nothing. These teachers cannot distinguish between law and grace or the kingdom of God or the kingdom of heaven. They cannot discern between the wife of God (see **Jeremiah 3:14**) (Israel) and the bride of Christ (**Revelation 19:7**) the saved of this age (the church). They certainly are not aware of the mystery of the faith. See **1 Timothy 3:9**.

Now if the scriptures are ever open to your understanding, it will be God the Holy Spirit who does it. Salvation must precede the opening of one's eyes to the Word and words of God. If the mystery of the faith is a mystery to you, then you need to beg God to first save your soul, believe on Christ and receive Him as your Saviour and ask Him to open our eyes to the truth. (**Acts 26:18**) **If you don't, you will wind up like this bunch in Matthew 24:39** "And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be." **Rejected light becomes lightning. You decide the future of your soul.**

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Mt. Zion AME Church (Rhodesville community) will have a Friends and Family weekend Saturday and Sunday, August 20-21. Picnic Saturday 10am-1pm; worship Sunday at 1pm with Rev. Trevor Crenshaw and Trinity Baptist Church as guests. Dinner served. Everyone invited. 4335 CR 189, Florence.

Red Cross Blood Donations for August

August 21, 12-5pm, Cornerstone Church of Christ, 12101 Highway 20, Florence

Make an appointment to donate blood by downloading the free Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting redcrossblood.org or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

Submissions for the 2017 George Lindsey UNA Film Festival are now open. The 20th annual event is slated for March 2-4, at the University of North Alabama.

Filmmakers and screenwriters can submit their work for consideration at Film Freeway, <https://filmfreeway.com/festival/GeorgeLindseyUNAFilmFestival>. The cost for submission is \$5 per film or screenplay.

The George Lindsey UNA Film Festival accepts professional and student films in the narrative, documentary, and vanguard categories, as well as works by young filmmakers. Student and Professional screenplays are also invited. For more information on the 2017 George Lindsey UNA Film Festival: Cynthia Burkhead at 256-765-4592 or lindseyfilmfest@una.edu.

Gospel Singing at Peppertown Baptist Church, County Road 48 in Lexington Saturday, August 20 at 6:30pm. Featuring Todd Mashburn with "Redeemed" from Calera, AL. Come out and enjoy an evening of gospel music!

Florence Parks & Recreation/ The Club (senior center) on-going chair exercise class M/W/F 8:45 am. No Fee. BINGO 9:30 am T/Th. Lunch served at 11 am M-F. Square Dance lessons Fridays 6:30pm. Social Dancing with The Browns, Tuesday evening 6:30 pm. \$6. Morning and afternoon games: Rook, Rummycubes, Chicken Foot Dominoes, UNO, Scrabble, art classes and other fun. Pigeon Forge trip November 7-11, with Diamond Tours, 5 days, 4 nights, several shows and 8 meals only \$435. Reservation deadline August 30. For more information about The Club/senior center or any of our special events please call 256-760-6420 Monday-Friday 8am-5pm. Email: fdavis@florenceal.org 450 Country Club Drive, Florence

Cloverdale RSVP Lunch at Community Center on Tuesday, August 23 at 11:30am. Speaker will be Brianna Butler with Columbia Cottage. She will have bingo after lunch. Everyone welcome. Please bring non-perishable items for Children's Home.

Jacksonburg Church of Christ invites you to Ladies Day on Saturday, August 27. Speaker is Lori Eastep, of Killen Church of Christ. Theme is "Not So Famous Women of the Bible." Registration and breakfast is 9am. Program is from 10am-noon. The church is at 414 Lauderdale 28, just off of Chisholm Highway.

The University of North Alabama Rocketry Program is already gearing up for 2017, but if you're interested in the program you'll need to start now!

The program will host a sponsor meeting, August 25, from 5-6pm at UNA's East Campus.

For those interested in getting involved, teams can be school oriented or can be attached to a recognized group (Boy Scouts, Girls Scouts, 4H groups, etc.). This initial meeting will explain the why and how of the UNA Rocketry Program.

For more information, please visit <https://www.una.edu/rocketry/index.html>

Red Bay Hospital will host a Lunch & Learn on Thursday, August 25 at 12:30pm. Tom-meka Archinard, M.D., FACEP, will speak on Heat Stroke Awareness in the Red Bay Hospital Education Room on the hospital campus. A light lunch will be served. Dr. Archinard works in emergency medicine. She will be giving tips on how to stay safe in the heat. She will also present information on when to visit the emergency room.

The program is free, but seating is limited. Call 256-356-9532 to reserve your seat.

Free Clothing to the Public (Good clean clothing) Friday, August 26 and Saturday, August 27, 8:30-11:30am at Highland Park Church of Christ (Samaritan House) 600 Geneva Ave., Muscle Shoals. An outreach program of Highland Church of Christ. Bring your own bag.

Fourth Saturday Breakfast at the Zip City Community Center on August 27 from 6:30-9am. Menu includes eggs, sausage, bacon, biscuits, gravies, grits, juice and coffee. Adults \$6, children under 10, \$3. Proceeds used for Center expenses. Everyone is invited.

The 4th Annual Ride for Kids Benefitting the North Alabama Christian Children's Home rolls out Saturday, August 27 from Longshore Cycle Center, 913 Mitchell Blvd., Florence. Registration starts at 9am. Ride leaves at 10am. Free Dogs and Brats lunch at 12pm. \$20 per bike. Lots of door prizes and a 50/50 drawing. ALL proceeds will be donated to North Alabama Christian Children's Home. For more information, call 256-764-3038

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