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Locals in Phi Kappa Phi

BATON ROUGE, LA-- The following local residents were recently initiated into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most selective collegiate honor society for all academic disciplines. The initiation took place at UNA.

ATHENS-
Madeline Winkler, Therese Schexnayder

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Andrea Linville, Sarah Shell, Alva Isabella Martinez, Courtney Moore, Brooklyn Godwin, Magdelene Gruber, Chandon Hines, Emily Ownby, Sean Leopard, Madison Chastain, Jessica Danielowicz, Neysa Brown, Pam Kingsbury, Evan Hammond, Emily Towery

KILLEN-
Jeffrey Barnett, Kara Herron

MOULTON-
Emerald Matlock, Estonia Saint

MUSCLE SHOALS-
Morgan McCullar, Jacob Jackson

SHEFFIELD-
Katherine Sneed, Mandy Wicks, Kristi Gresham Hatton

TUSCUMBIA-
Lakin Hatcher, Marisa Bond, Melissa DeFoor, Melanie Hester, Caleb Henry

WATERLOO-
Aaron Friend

Membership in Phi Kappa Phi is by invitation and requires nomination and approval by a chapter. Only the top 10% of seniors and 7.5% of juniors having at least 72 semester hours are eligible for membership.

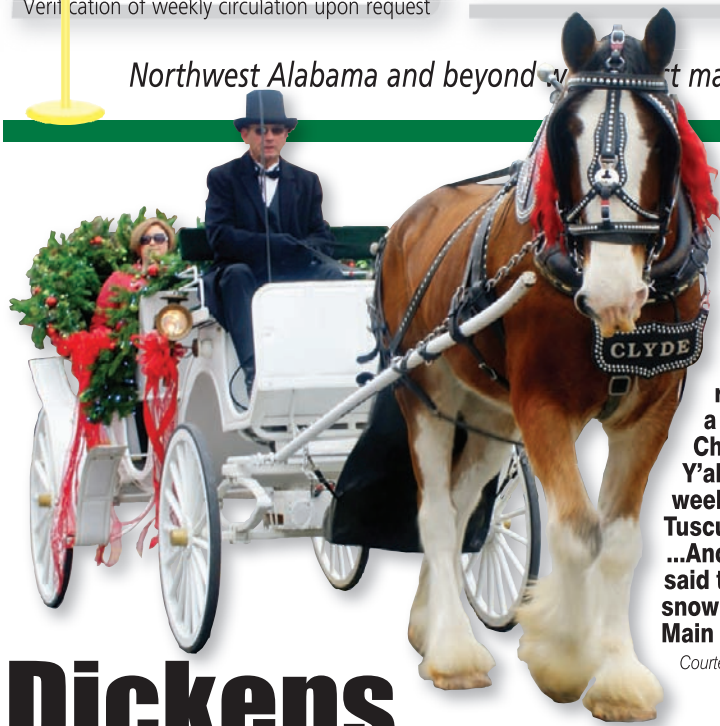
Rising Duo at Champy's

MUSCLE SHOALS - The Louisiana Flood of 2016 has been characterized as a 1000-year event. The August night it began to rain Clay Parker and his duo partner, Jodi James, were home in Baton Rouge. As the epic nature of the flood and of the ensuing destruction came into focus, Clay and Jodi wanted to do something to help their families, friends, and neighbors. Parker and James didn't have a whole lot to give, but they thought they could do something to raise money.

Describing Clay and Jodi's self-titled debut EP, *No Depression* magazine reviewer, Grant Britt, wrote, "The Baton-Rouge-based duo does family style harmony that's closer than most families. It's easy to get lost in this stuff." It's true. With two old Gibson acoustics and rich, warm, closely-pitched harmonies, Parker and James often receive praise from their audiences mid-performance.

A Parker-James show is sweet and bittersweet. Clay and Jodi

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Pride and Clyde the Clydesdales will again be on hand to give carriage rides at "It's a Dickens Christmas, Y'all" this weekend in Tuscumbia. ...And someone said to expect snow falling on Main Street.

Courtesy Photo

Dickens

Christmas Event with a Historic Twist

TUSCUMBIA-Scrooge, Marley, and all the familiar faces from Charles Dickens' beloved holiday classic, *A Christmas Carol*, will return to Tuscumbia December 9-10. They will join merchants and townspeople in presenting the 6th annual signature Christmas festival, "It's a Dickens Christmas, Y'all." The event adds a festive touch to the season and brings a touch of merry ole England to the historic Alabama town. Costumed

characters will stroll the streets all day on Saturday, December 10 when most of the activity will take place.

The Dickens Feast will kick off the festivities on Friday evening, December 9. A Victorian English Christmas dinner with a Southern twist will be served up at 7pm by Alan Philips of Red Clay Epicurean Catering at the Roundhouse in the Tuscumbia

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Calendar a First for Sorority



SHOALS-The 2017 Delta Sigma Theta Sorority calendar is now available. The calendar is entitled, *2017 MORE THAN A CALENDAR...Spotlight on Excellence in the Shoals*. It features twelve prominent people who are native to or lived in northwest Alabama. The calendar is being used as a fall fund raiser for the organization's scholarship program and other benevolent

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Caregiver's Guide to a Stress-Free Holiday

By Briana Butler, Admission Director
Columbia Cottage Assisted Living

Holidays can be a stressful time for anyone—cleaning the house, preparing meals, and playing host are all demanding tasks.



Christmastime can be particularly difficult for caregivers. When you are responsible for the health and wellbeing of someone else every day of the year including holidays, you may feel like you cannot participate in events as you would like. If your parent or other elderly loved one has dementia and is easily overwhelmed by the bustle

Columbia Cottage employees, Briana Butler, left, and Melinda Crawford, standing, chat with Opal Hamner and Verlia Gable, facing camera.

Courtesy photo

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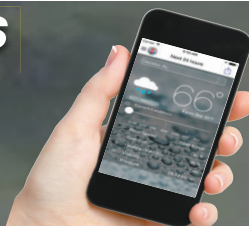


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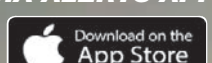


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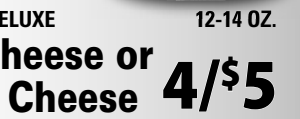
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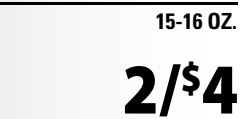
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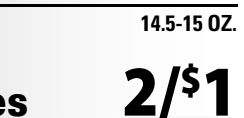
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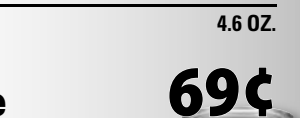
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Caregiver's

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of the season, the holidays can be excruciating. Fortunately, you can take steps to reduce your stress and your loved one's anxiety levels this holiday season.

1. Schedule events early in the day to help you and your loved one avoid fatigue and agitation.

Do your best to include your loved one in the preparations and celebrations. This helps your loved one feel as if they are being useful, but be aware of their limitations. Focus on his or her strengths by choosing activities that are appropriate to your loved one's abilities. Be sure to schedule plenty of adequate rest breaks in between busy events. Consider reserving some time at the end of the day for quiet conversation and storytelling. You may find that talking about holiday celebrations of the past, sharing recipes, or recalling favorite family memories can have a calming effect on everyone.

2. Keep decorations simple to minimize clutter.

Choose outdoor decorations to impress your guests as they arrive, but leave indoor decorations to a minimum. Display only a few gifts—just enough to give your home a festive feel—and

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Members of Shoals Second Amendment are planing their 3rd annual Santas for Seniors program where they give gift bags to underprivileged senior citizens in the Shoals area. The goal this year is putting together 144 bags. Some of the bags are distributed through the American Legion and the rest are delivered to local nursing homes as Santa and his elf hand them out.

Donations can be made to Shoals_Second_Amendment@yahoo.com through PayPal or to make donations in person, call Carlos Osborn at 256-762-2118. 100% of the money donated will go to the Santas for Seniors program.

Swamp John's Fish Fry at Cherokee Lions' Den downtown Cherokee Friday, December 9 from 4-7pm. Fish, chicken tenders, shrimp, or combination plates with sides and drink for \$10. Dine in or carry out.

Day By Day Annual Candlelight Memorial Service will be held on Sunday, December 11, at 3pm at the Cross Point Church, 1350 Cox Creek Parkway, Florence. Bereaved family members and friends will light candles in remembrance of children who have died. This warm, uplifting service will add a beautiful glow to the Holiday Season for those in grief. the public is invited.

For more information: anita.watkins@comcast.net Call 256-764-8093.

EMC Volunteers will host their Masquerade \$5 Jewelry and Accessories Sale Wednesday, December 14 and Thursday, December 15 from 7am-11pm and Friday, December 16 from 7am-4pm in the Eliza Coffee Memorial Hospital Lobby. Proceeds benefit EMC Volunteers Helping Hands Organization. Cash, credit/debit cards and payroll deduction for ECM employees.

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Thursday, December 8, 6:30am - Noon, Southwire Company, 4251 Helton Drive, Florence

Friday, December 9, Noon - 6pm, Southwire Company, 4251 Helton Drive, Florence

Saturday, December 10, 10am - 5:30pm, Dog's Biker Heaven, 4274 Highway 101, Rogersville

Sunday, December 11, 7:30am - Noon, Knights of Columbus, St. Michael's Catholic Church, 2781 County Road 30, Florence

Monday, December 12, 10am - 5pm, Colbert County Department of Human Resources, 3105 George Wallace Blvd., Muscle Shoals

Tuesday, December 13, 8:30am - 3pm, APC Forest Products, 338 East Washington Avenue, Muscle Shoals

Wednesday, December 14, 10am - 6pm, Cherokee Elementary School, 1305 North Pike, Cherokee

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store the rest away from view. An overabundance of gifts can cause clutter and create hazards, especially if they spill into traffic areas. A mountain of presents can also be an overwhelming, confusing, and stressful sight for your loved one.

3. Limit the number of guests to keep noise and confusion to a minimum.

Invite guests your loved one already knows when possible to reduce confusion and fear. Being in a crowded place can be a stressful experience for a senior with Alzheimer's or dementia, and you will feel less stressed if your loved one feels confident and secure.

Whenever possible and appropriate, make each guest aware of any significant emotional or physical problem that your loved one may be facing. This can help your guests be aware of limitations, avoid potentially embarrassing questions, and prepare them for any changes they may see in your loved one.

4. Try to limit disruptions.

Secure a quiet place in your home where your loved one can take a break from the hustle and bustle of celebrations. Be on the lookout for signs of agitation and stress so that you can give your loved one a much-needed moment away. Sit with your loved one, or ask a trusted family member to stay.

Keep your schedule as

close to your daily routine as possible as even a slight change in routine can cause anxiety and confusion. This is especially true for meals, medications, and sleep schedules.

5. Be mindful of your own mental and emotional health.

Many caregivers feel the burden of providing assistance to a loved one particularly during the holidays. Some may even feel resentful toward other family members who do not participate in that care. This resentment may bubble to the surface at family gatherings as stressed-out caregivers take on the additional responsibilities of traditional holiday preparations. Without proper preparation, stress and anxiety can turn any family gathering into a disaster. So, take time for yourself this holiday season. Do you have an extra house guest or two who can care for your loved one? Great! Use the opportunity to go shopping, go out for a coffee with friends, or catch a movie. If you cannot sneak out for a few hours, pamper yourself with a luxuriously long bath, take a nap, or catch up on a favorite television show.

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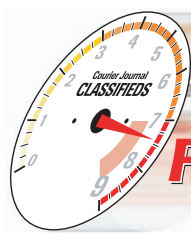
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Shorts...

Rising Duo at Champy's

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often write and sing about hard things that have to be endured in life and relationships. So drawing on a southern tradition of songs about flooding, they wrote and recorded *On The Water* that August night. The song and recording came together quickly and Clay and Jodi have offered *On The Water* on Bandcamp with all proceeds going to the Louisiana Flood Victims fund. The effort has been a success, raising far more money than they could have given without it.

Clay Parker and Jodi James will perform together at Champy's in Muscle Shoals Thursday, December 8 at 7pm.

Patriotism the Key for Award

RUSSELLVILLE—The Fredric Rosemore Patriotism Award was established to recognize and reward students who share Dr. Rosemore's pride in and love for the United States of America.

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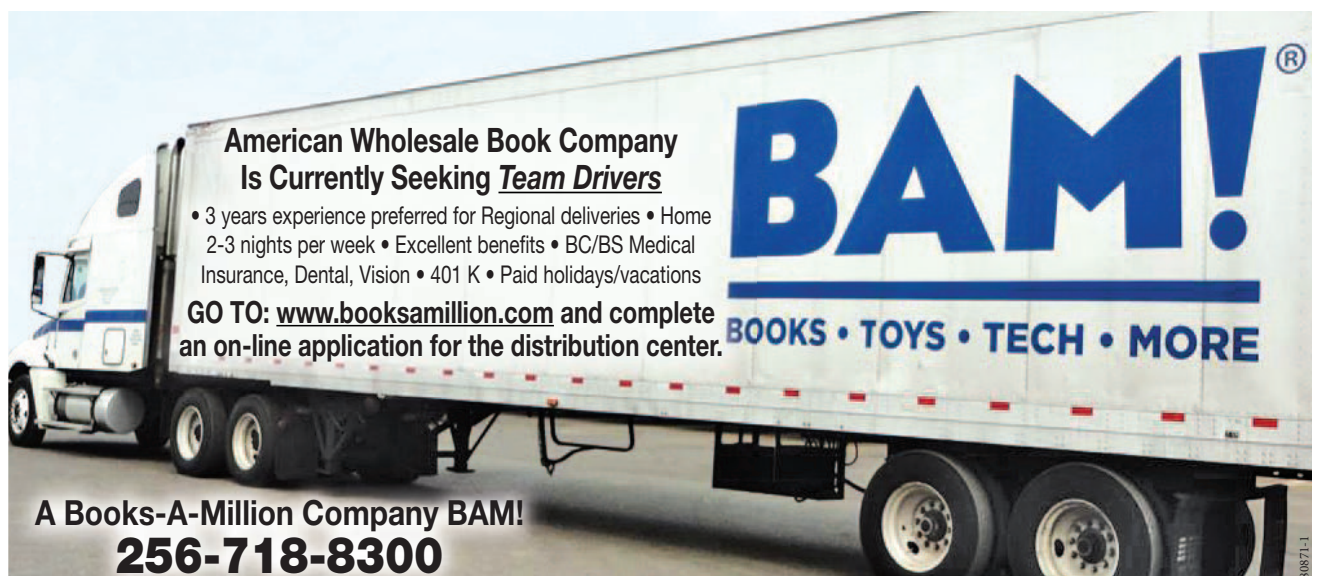
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Saturday's downtown experience pulls out all the stops with carolers and costumed Victorian characters from 10am-5pm. The event is free to attend. An outdoor holiday market will be filled with arts and crafts and food vendors and the shops of Tuscumbia will offer their own holiday specials.

Performances throughout the day will be presented by the Nutcracker Victorian Ballroom Dancers, brass and string ensembles, vocalists, children's dance groups, and others. Watch for appearances by Santa Claus and Father Christmas, his earlier English counterpart. A real Dickens-era sleigh will be displayed at Oh! Bryan's Steakhouse, so stop by and have your photo taken in costume!

A Holiday High Tea is planned at Locust Hill, an 1820's home decorated for the season and offering dainty refreshments. Two seatings are offered with advance tickets required and available for purchase at Aunt Bea's Bakery. Poetry and music will be presented by New York professional actor/director Ronald Rand with participation by community leaders at St. John's Episcopal Church. Donations will be accepted to help preserve the historic church.

Special events will be held throughout the day including a full English breakfast served at Oh! Bryans downtown. Presentations by Dr. Andrew Luna of the University of North Alabama will reveal symbolism in Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*.

Additional events appealing to the younger set include Christmas "Muffins with Mickey Mouse" at the Helen Keller Public Library with a screening of "Mickey's Christmas Carol." Admission is \$5 and reservations are required by calling 256-383-7065. Other events will include Milk and Cookies with Tiny Tim and a free reading of 'A Christmas Carol' at Cold Water Books, and Cookie Decorating organized by Aunt Bea's Bakery (\$2).

Trolley Tours of the historic town of Tuscumbia will be offered. As darkness falls visitors can proceed down the hill at South Main Street to Spring Park where the newly revamped light and water show will present the dancing waters set to Christmas music. The holiday light vignettes in the park are ever-popular

with families at this time of year. Train rides will also be offered through the park.

Join Ebenezer Scrooge and the Natchez Trace Parkway Association at 7pm at the Tennessee Valley Country Club for the Ball of Christmas Past. Participants may join in English country dances led by a caller and set to live period music. You are invited to dress the part, but not required to. Tickets are available in advance at Oh! Bryan's Downtown.

Saturday morning's special event for runners is the Third Annual 5K Dickens Dash and the one-mile Tiny Tim Trot. Both depart from the corner of 4th and Main Streets with the Trot beginning at 8:30am followed by the 5K Dash at 9am. Participation requires advance registration. More information is at www.itsyourrace.com.

May Woodie Christopher is the president of Tuscumbia Retail Development, Inc., a group of volunteers whose goal is to grow and sustain business in the city. According to Christopher, this year's Dickens Christmas will be larger than ever before with new vendors and new activities in the works.

For more information and the complete schedule of events, visit Dickens Christmas on Facebook or call TRD at 256-383-9797.

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EDITOR'S NOTE: Japan's December 7, 1941 attack on seven military installations on the Hawaiian island of Oahu precipitated America's entry into World War II. That action galvanized this nation in one spirit like no other event before or since. Pearl Harbor still stands as a symbol of American unity, resilience, and resolve. The four tumultuous years that followed were led here and abroad by the men and women who are often recognized as part of America's greatest generation. Precious few of them are still with us.

As our nation recognizes the 75th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor, the following text is the complete December 8, 1941 address by President Franklin Delano Roosevelt to Congress, now known as the Infamy Speech. The unedited seven minute presentation can also be watched on YouTube at: www.youtube.com/watch?v=YhtuMrMVJDK

Mr. Vice-President, Mr. Speaker, members of the Senate, and of the House of Representatives: Yesterday, December 7th, 1941 -- a date which will live in infamy -- the United States of America was suddenly and deliberately attacked by naval and air forces of the Empire of Japan.



FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT
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The United States was at peace with that nation and, at the solicitation of Japan, was still in conversation with its government and its emperor looking toward the maintenance of peace in the Pacific.

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Courier Journal

THIS WEEK

in the Shoals
December 7, 2016

Happening THIS WEEK



Bus Full of Toys

FLORENCE-- This year's 5th Annual "Stuff a Bus" toy drive began Thursday, December 1 and continues through December 12 outside Walmart Super-Center in Florence. On-Air personality Brent Reed will live on the bus and will be LIVE 24-7 until the BUS IS STUFFED with toys!

Dec. 1-12

"We are excited to help bring

in donations for hundreds of Shoals area children who may otherwise go without the gifts," said KISSFM general manager, Sandy Noland. "We must also not forget that poverty is all year around for so many and keep up the effort to help eradicate this issue in our communities."

See **STUFF...** on Page 37

Concert is Home for the Holidays

FLORENCE - The 3rd Annual Home for The Holidays! concert is coming up next Monday, December 12 at 7pm at the Shoals Theater in Florence.

Dec. 12

Every year the show has been done for a worthy cause and this year is no exception. Home for the Holidays! is delighted to be raising funds for the Davenport family of Muscle Shoals and their two children, Kruz and Paizlee. The children are battling an

See **CONCERT...** on Page 37

THE KENNEDY-DOUGLASS ART CENTER VOLUNTEERS are hosting the Holly and Ivy Luncheons in the exquisitely decorated Southall-Moore House at the K-D Center. This delicious, catered meal is served The Cup O' Cheer starts in the Kennedy-Douglass main gallery at 11:30am, located at 217 E. Tuscaloosa St., Florence. Luncheons continue through Friday, December 9. Tickets are \$25. Call 256-760-6379 for more information. The menu is presented by Jill Larkin's Sweet Memories.

POETRY & MUSIC FROM DICKENS TO CAPOTE will be presented December 10 from 2-3pm at historic St. John's Episcopal Church in downtown Tuscumbia. This special poetry event with music is part of the "It's a Dickens Christmas Y'all" weekend and benefits the restoration effort at St. John's, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. There is no charge but donations are welcome. Poetry & Music will include poetry and prose by Charles Dickens, Truman Capote, Rod McKuen, e e cummings, Susan Noyes Anderson, Alice E. Chase, Gwen vone Erlach Schulz, Robert Davidson, Catherine Pulsifer, and Clement Clark Moore. Poetry readings will be by Tuscumbia Mayor Kerry Underwood, former Mayor Billy Shoemaker, Judge Daniel Rosser, Judge Chad Coker, Mary Settle Cooney, Dr. Gale Satchell, Susann Hamlin, Ninon Parker, Jane Carpenter, Thomas McKnight, and Ronald Rand -- with holiday music by flautist Christa Milligan and organist Brian Beck. For information, contact Ninon Parker at 256-383-4401 or visit www.facebook.com/HistoricSaintJohnsChurch.

Sharing Their Memories by Candlelight



SHOALS-Day By Day will host its annual Candlelight Memorial Service on Sunday, December 11 at 3pm at Cross Point Church of Christ at 1350 Cox Creek Parkway in Florence. Participants will light candles to honor and remember our

Dec. 11

children who are no longer with us and to confirm our eternal gratitude that they lived. Parents and grandparents will affirm and share precious memories. Bring a special

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It's Not About Voting

Editor:

It is amazing that we have members of Congress who think our founding fathers established a democracy. Barbara Boxer's attempt to amend the Constitution to do away with the electoral college is an example of this ignorance. Boxer said, "The electoral college is an outdated, undemocratic system that does not reflect our modern society and needs to change immediately. Every American should be guaranteed that their vote counts."

Article II of the Constitution reads, "Each state shall appoint in such manner as the Legislature thereof may direct, a number of Electors equal to the whole Number of Senators and Representatives to which the state may be entitled in the Congress..."

The number of electoral votes for each state is equal to the number of representatives which is based on the population determined by the US

Census Bureau. It seems that some of the Democrats (progressives) think that the Electoral College system of electing the President is something the Republicans dreamed up for the recent election to defeat Hillary Clinton.

If the constitution were to be amended to make this a democracy and the Democrats lost in the first election afterwards, there would be demands to return to the electoral college system.

The truth is the liberals don't care about every vote counting. They only care about being in power.

Euell T. White
Florence

Having a Toxic Effect

Dear Sir:

I am writing to comment on a letter published in the Courier Journal 23 November (A Figurative Father) written by S. Simon.

It was a well-written and very

thoughtful letter that placed the blame for out-of-control teens and young adults on the destruction of the family unit. This lack of role models, (a father and a mother) has a toxic effect on children who grow up with no set of values or respect for others.

I have watched the systematic dismantling of the traditional family and wonder what the objectives are. This is evidently a part of the liberal mindset and is a parallel with the communist view that the state is better-equipped to raise children than a tradition family. Hence the acceptance and explosion of fatherless households and homosexual marriage whose goal is to indoctrinate children to accept the unacceptable.

I agree wholeheartedly with the letter writer and am very glad that others see the dangerous path that we are following, which can only lead to disaster.

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The Medicare "Donut Hole"

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Here's the way the coverage gap works. Imagine you have a prescription that retails for \$300 per month. Your copay, hypothetically, is \$30. This means your plan would pay the rest of the cost or \$270. Medicare will track what you paid (\$30) and what your plan paid (\$270) and count the cost of the drug as \$300 for that month. Let's also say that the other prescriptions you are taking equals \$100 per month. You are now at \$400 per month. In this example you would reach the coverage gap sometime in October.

Under most plans in 2017 once you have reached the coverage gap your plan will temporarily stop paying anything on your drugs. This means you will be responsible for the entire cost of your prescriptions. The silver lining around this very dark cloud is Medicare has negotiated a discount on the drugs you use. For name brand drugs you will pay 40% of the retail price of the drug and on generic drugs you will pay 51% of the retail price.

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

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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- In reference to.
- Kind of vitamin.

You have three minutes to unlock the secrets of Word Power! Starting with the given word SANDPIPER, at the bottom of our pyramid, try dropping one letter at a time as you work your way up, so that the remaining letters at each level spell out a new word. The following helpful hints are in ascending order.

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4	M	A	G	M	A
5			A		

DON'T BLOW YOUR TOP ON THIS ONE! At the right is a Word Square grid. Can you find the four five-letter words that match the definitions below? All words used must read the same both across and down.

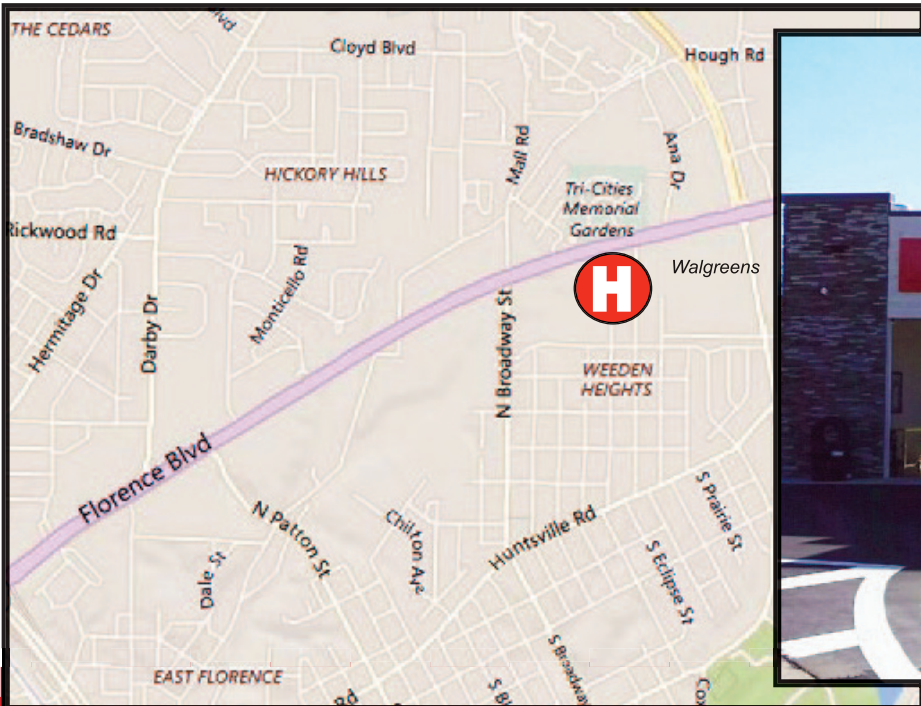
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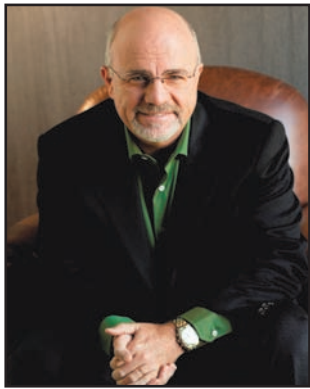
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Valerie

Dear Valerie,
I'd do both. You don't want to be those grandparents who only hand envelopes at Christmas to 4-year-olds. No, they need things to play with. They're kids and they should be allowed to act like kids and be happy at Christmas. The good news is you can do both without spending an arm and a leg.

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— Dave

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Tyler

Dear Tyler,
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I'd just call the manager out of his office and let him know that unless he discounts the entertainment center \$600 I'm going to his competitor. No, there's no way I'd take out a stupid credit card at this place whether I had the cash on hand or not.

Tyler, you need to learn right now it's a bad idea to play with snakes. Stop screwing around with debt products, okay? Everyone thinks they're the exception to the rule or they're somehow winning or getting rich by doing stuff like this, but it doesn't work. They're trying to hook you, man!
— Dave

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THE BOLD AND THE BEAUTIFUL Sensing that Steffy was softening in her stance on Quinn, Liam attempted to get her to realize that she was being manipulated. During a revealing father/son conversation, Ridge and Eric shocked each other with their respective news. Later, Eric had a disagreement with Rick regarding how to conduct the business. After Liam confronted her, Quinn gave up hope that her plan to manipulate Steffy would ever work. Ridge asked Steffy to compromise if she didn't want to take Quinn up on her request. Katie gave Eric a token of her gratitude after she decided to buy the house next door to him. *Wait to See: An innocent party is on the receiving end of an intimidating threat.*

DAYS OF OUR LIVES Deimos laid out his theory about Chloe to a skeptical Brady. Steve and Paul met with Sonny to update him on the Hernandez case. Steve presented Kayla with an early Christmas gift. Derrick asked Paul if he had feelings for Sonny. Nicole admitted she was finally ready to move on with Deimos. Kate supported Adrienne throughout her ordeal. Deimos told Brady privately that he was getting closer to uncovering the truth. An argument escalated between Jade and Joey until she started having serious pain. Abigail was finally ready to let Chad know that she was alive. Theo witnessed an intimate moment between Abe and Valerie. *Wait to See: Gabi is stunned when she overhears JJ's conversation with Jennifer.*

GENERAL HOSPITAL Sonny and Carly reminisced about happier times. Jason and Curtis uncovered a huge revelation. Valentin and Nina grew closer. Sam was suspicious of Alexis's behavior toward Julian. Maxie and Nathan prepared for their wedding. Passions ignited between Nina and Valentin. Jason and Sam found out the sex of their baby. Jordan shared some vital information with Curtis. Maxie and Lulu's investigation went awry. Hayden's condition took a turn for the worse. Dante and Nathan tried to extract key information from Valentin. Nina defended her actions. Liz took matters into her own hands. Jason and Curtis ended up in an unpleasant place while searching for evidence. *Wait to See: Franco uses Kiki to get back at Tom Baker.*

THE YOUNG AND THE RESTLESS Chloe informed Chelsea that she was going to start looking for an apartment. Chelsea agreed that it was time for her and Connor to live on their own. Chloe got upset when she found out that Kevin was in her closet. Stitch warned Cane to slow down. Dylan was determined to find a way to remain in Christian's life. Mariah suggested that Dylan go on GC Buzz to tell his side of this story. Kevin wondered if Chloe was hiding information about Bella's father. Jill pushed Billy to accept Traci's invitation to breakfast at the Abbott mansion. Nick was hesitant when Victoria urged him to make amends with Nikki. Cane asked Billy not to mention his slow recovery to Lily. *Wait to See: Jack pursues a risky business opportunity.*

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Cat & Kids

by Cathy Turner

Reasons to Stay

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2) Because you have a love history. You've been through it. Sometimes it has been rough. But this started as love. Kids in love. Tingle touches. All night conversations. The wedding gown. Setting up house. Making babies. Planning. Sharing the excitement and fear of career choices. Being a family. Being one. Tearing this love history will take a primal rip.

3) Because you will still be you. Whatever relationship errors you have made, you will make them again. Until you truly examine yourself, you will be taking the same you into the next relationship. The same habit of not listening, or of being demanding, or of not satisfying your spouse's needs or being like your father - or whatever it is that you do that alienates him/her from you - until you identify and improve on these issues, future relationships will have the same malady. So why not work on you and see if it will help this relationship. If your spouse will do the same it will be that much better. If, perchance, the problem is that you have unfulfilled goals or desires, can you make them known, make a plan and pursue change and growth while in this relationship?

4) Because the kids want you to stay together. I'm not saying stay together for the kids. I'm saying that (except for in abuse)

I have never heard of a child praying for his parents to separate. Good or bad, kids love their parents and their home. Having one foot in two houses defies stability. Consider this, have you ever run into a divorced family where everyone - mom, dad, kids, step-moms, step-dads, grandmoms, granddads, step-grandmoms and step-granddads - were all happy and thriving with little or no regrets or conflicts? Unstable. A reason to stay is that the first family is the best place to maintain stability. Stability comes in keeping the original family unit fulfilled. This takes work, communication, honesty and commitment.

I know that some of you are thinking that I should get with the program. The world is not made like that any more. I know, but I have just heard so many people lately hurting from divorced situations. If just one couple would consider putting in the effort, then I know that one reason to stay would be that tomorrow can be better than today.

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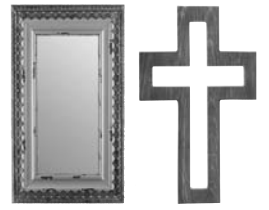
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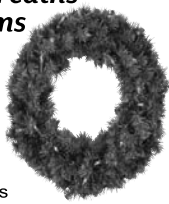


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*Guest Commentary
Franklin D. Roosevelt*

Infamy...

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Indeed, one hour after Japanese air squadrons had commenced bombing in the American island of Oahu, the Japanese ambassador to the United States and his colleague delivered to our

Secretary of State a formal reply to a recent American message. And while this reply stated that it seemed useless to continue the existing diplomatic negotiations, it contained no threat or hint of war or of armed attack.

It will be recorded that the distance of Hawaii from Japan makes it obvious that the attack was deliberately planned many days or even weeks ago. During the intervening time, the Japanese government has deliberately sought to deceive the United States by false statements and expressions of hope for continued peace.

The attack yesterday on the Hawaiian islands has caused severe damage to American naval and military forces. I regret to tell you that very many American lives have been lost. In addition, American ships have been reported torpedoed on the high seas between San Francisco and Honolulu.

Yesterday, the Japanese government also launched an attack against Malaya.

Last night, Japanese forces attacked Hong Kong. Last night, Japanese forces attacked Guam.

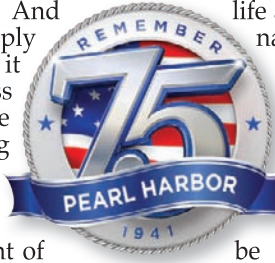
Last night, Japanese forces attacked the Philippine Islands.

Last night, the Japanese attacked Wake Island.

And this morning, the Japanese attacked Midway Island.

Japan has, therefore, undertaken a surprise offensive extending throughout the Pacific area. The facts of yesterday and today speak for themselves. The people of the United States have already formed their opinions

and well-understand the implications to the very life and safety of our nation.



A s Commander-in-Chief of the Army and Navy, I have directed that all measures be taken for our defense. But always will our whole nation remember the character of the onslaught against us.

No matter how long it may take us to overcome this premeditated invasion, the American people in their righteous might will win through to absolute victory.

I believe that I interpret the will of the Congress and of the people when I assert that we will not only defend ourselves to the uttermost, but will make it very certain that this form of treachery shall never again endanger us.

Hostilities exist. There is no blinking at the fact that our people, our territory, and our interests are in grave danger.

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Celestial Thoughts

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"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him..." Romans 15:13

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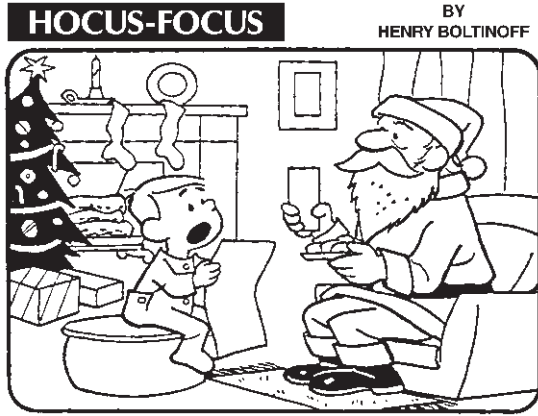
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- **Never leave boxes for expensive items outside your home for any length of time.** Lester recommends cutting boxes up and otherwise breaking them down so that they fit into the recycle bin with the lid closed. You can also call and schedule pickup of large boxes, putting them out just in time to be picked up. Another option is to take the boxes to the Recycling Center at 1200 Terrace Street, Florence. They have bins outside for drop-offs, whether the office is open or not.

- **Always leave your home with the appearance that there's someone there.** One common misconception is that it is best to close all blinds and curtains when you aren't home. According to Lt. Lester, that screams "Unoccupied!" Instead, leave at least one window blind or curtain open and a light somewhere inside that can be seen. He advocates the use of timers, inexpensive devices which turn lamps or other items on and off at scheduled times. You want the home to be well-lit after dark. Away for a few days? Definitely have your mail and paper stopped or have a trusted person to collect it. Finally, leave a vehicle in the driveway, even if you have room for four in the garage.

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The Gift of Hope - Grief Support for adults who are coping with Grief during the Holidays is a free service facilitated by licensed counselors Becky Daugherty and Cayron J. Mann (both under supervision by Kay Parker, LPC-S Tuesdays noon-1pm - November 15 - January 3 (no meeting on December 27 Woodmont Baptist Church, 2001 Darby Drive in Florence.

For additional information, please call 256-263-6367 or 256-320-4200 (no childcare provided)

Along with the familiar Red Kettles, the Angel Tree program is one of The Salvation Army's highest profile Christmas efforts. Angel Tree was created by The Salvation Army in 1979 by Majors Charles and Shirley White when they worked with a Lynchburg, Virginia shopping mall to provide clothing and toys for children at Christmastime. This year we are serving 1,488 local children for the Angel Tree program and MANY Senior Citizens.

Official Angel trees are located at Dillard's in the Florence Mall, SunTrust Bank on Cox Creek Pkwy, Long Lewis Ford in Muscle Shoals, and McCutcheon & Hamner Attorneys at the corner of Bradshaw and Helton Drives in Florence

If you would like to participate in other volunteer capacities with the Salvation Army, please call 256-764-4432.

Florence Parks & Recreation Dept's Senior Center (The Club) offers a variety of programs for our boomers and seniors to enjoy. We are currently serving lunch for 25-35 people Monday-Friday. The suggested donation is \$1 and anyone and everyone is invited. 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 8am-5pm. Email: fdavis@florenceal.org.

NAMI Shoals Family Support Group for families with adults and/ or children who have brain disorders (mental illnesses) and NAMI Connection Recovery Support Group for people who have been diagnosed with a brain disorder and are in recovery meets Tuesday, December 13 at 7pm at the NAMI Shoals office, 749 Thompson St., Suite A, Florence. Need directions or more information, call 256-765-2081.

The "Hi Neighbors of the Shoals" meeting will be Tuesday, December 6 at 10am at the Florence Public Library. This group welcomes all newcomers to the Shoals area.

Contact Janice Hilborn at 256 247-1077 for further information

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The Florence Falcons Foundation is selling bricks from the Former Coffee High School building. Bricks are \$30 (shipping is an additional \$5) and are available for purchase through Paypal at www.florencefalconsfoundation.org, or by sending a check to P.O. Box 1225 Florence, AL 35631.

Each brick will be engraved with "Coffee High School 1917-2004". All proceeds will benefit the classrooms of the Florence City Schools through the FFF. Purchasers will be notified when the bricks are available.

The Florence Falcons Foundation is a non-profit organization that operates independently of our local school system. It is guided by a Board of Directors of local residents committed to educational excellence and the future of our children. FFF has awarded more than \$360,000 in classroom grants to the teachers of the Florence City Schools!

Be a Star! Kid's Fashion Show hosted by the Distinguished Young Men Scholarship Program - Saturday, December 10 at the Florence Coliseum.

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