Crowell on **State Board**

TUSCUMBIA - The Alabama Hospice and Palliative Care Organization recently named Tuscumbia's Keller Hospice administrator, Michelle **Crowell**, to its 2017 executive board. Crowell was elected

to the position of board secretary at the organization's annual meeting in Birmingham. She was also selected to head the education committee.

In her new role with the AHPCO, Crowell will help promote membership and educate the public about hospice services throughout Alabama. She has worked in hospice for 15 years and has served patients and families at Keller Hospice for the past three years.

"My goal in this position is to help promote excellent end-of-life care for everyone," Crowell said. "I feel this is an opportunity for me to reach more people and educate them on what hospice services offer.'

According to the AHPCO, the organization consists of hospice and palliative care providers and programs from around the state.

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FLORENCE – The University of North Alabama softball team will begin defense of its 2016 NCAA Division II national championship on Feb. 3 in Gulf Shores. The Lions open the 2017 campaign at the Gulf Coach Invitational against Barry. This begins the three-day, sixgame event at the Gulf Shores SportsPlex.

season-opening tournament opens a 2017 season which features 12 home dates and includes 22 games against teams that advanced to the NCAA tournament a year

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Most epitaphs on a headstone are pretty serious and read something like: "Rest In Peace" or "Safe In The Arms Of Jesus." But then there are the others. There is one in Georgia that states: "I Told You I Was Sick!" Another one

in New Mexico reads: "Here lies Johnny Yeast - Pardon me for not rising." My all-time favorite is said to grace a memorial stone in England with the message: "Remember me, as you walk by; As you are now, so once was I; As I am now, so shall you be; Remember this and follow me." Sometime after the stone was placed someone etched under that message the words: "To follow you, I'll not be content; Until I know which way you went."

Maybe I am a little warped, but I find that one pretty funny. At the same time, I believe both messages on that stone are worthy of our attention. The first puts us in touch with our own mortality and the second puts us in touch with reality. To explain, the first message points out that death is the way we all will leave this earth. The Bible teaches, "It is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment" (Hebrews 9:27). Thus, death is certain for us all.

Regarding the second message- - the life we live while here not only determines where we go when we die; it also can be an influence on others in the way they live. Paul had great confidence in his life's direction because of the One after whom he patterned his life. He knew that following Jesus would lead to the rewards of heaven and wanted others to know that they could receive the same. Thus he wrote near his life's end, "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give me on that Day, but not to me only, but also to all who have loved His appearing" (2 Timothy 4:7, 8; cf. 1 Corinthians 11:1).

Without question, we know "which way" Paul went. The questions we need to ask ourselves are: "Which way are we going?" And, "Which way are we leading others?"

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Shoals Artists Guild will have a Membership Show of Miniatures, Small Original Paintings and Prints on Display through January 15 in the guild's gallery at Kennedy-Douglass Center for the Arts, 217 W. Tuscaloosa St., Florence. Hours are 9am-4pm Monday-Friday.

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Lions..

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on Embry-Riddle later the same day. The following two days, the Lions will play Spring Hill, Mobile, Rollins and Missouri-St. Louis.

"I am very excited to be starting our 2017 season with our new team," said UNA head coach, Ashley Cozart. "We start off with a very challenging tournament in Gulf Shores that will have us playing four region games, including a rematch of last year's Super Regional against Rollins. After Gulf Shores we will play in another tough tournament at Montevallo where we will play nationally recognized programs Indianapolis and Truman State. We will also add two more region games to our schedule that weekend."

The 'Falcon Frenzy' will feature five games Feb. 10-12 on the campus of the University of Montevallo.

Prior to opening Gulf South Conference play, UNA will host a double-header against 2016 NCAA regional Southern participant Indiana on February 14 at the UNA Softball Complex. The event will serve as the home opener for the season with the team unveiling new warning tracks, signage, a new scoreboard and new

seating options.

GSC play begins Feb. 18
with a three-game series at West Georgia. The 2017 GSC Tournament will be held May 4-6 on the campus of the top seed. The regional rounds of the NCAA Tournaments are slated to begin May 12.

Our schedule is similar to last year's in that we play many region games

The stands were full for UNA softball at the **2016 Southeast Regional** Tournament. una.edu

and have some tough nonconference opponents," added Cozart. "It will be a big challenge for us as we get ready for league play in another year where our conference is extremely strong.'

To make a New Year's resolution or not make a New Year's resolution.. that is the question. Well, for me it's pretty simple. I don't. That's not to say it's not a great idea, but I work on various things all year so I don't particularly plan for the new year.

Most recently I have been working on kindness toward others and myself. I am certainly my own worst critic. It's hard to be kind to others when you don't speak kindly to yourself. You know, that imperfect part of you?

Try calling it out and saying, "I see you in there (fill in the

blank - jealousy, gossip, anxiety, etc.) and I love you anyway."

Love yourself the same way you love your children with all their imperfections. Be gracious to yourself the way God is gracious to you. It will be so much easier to see others with their imperfections and treat them with kindness.

"...love your neighbor as yourself." Matthew 22:39

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and the Barnum & Bailey Circus.

The group's far-reaching work will be honored with a bronze star in the Walk of Fame lobby of the Alabama Music Hall of Fame at 1:30pm January 22. The event is open to the public.

The Tuscaloosa Horns began performing live around Birmingham in 1982. They performed for many years with legendary groups such as Martha and the Vandellas, The Temptations, The Four Tops, Mary Wilson and the Supremes, and many others.

Founding member, Chris Gordon, has been involved with over 300 advertisements as writer or producer. He's also a Duke Ellington award winner, and is founding president of Commercial Music Educators.

Steve "Birdman" Black is one of the founding members. He worked with the group during their commercial and session work period in addition to their live and tour performances. is a board-certified music therapist.

another Mart Avant, original member, has extensively in worked arranging. He earned the Outstanding Soloist Award at the Kentonian Jazz Festival. Avant is the director of the Alabama Cavaliers Alumni Big Band and Night Light Jazz Quintet.

Kelley O'Neal attended the University of Alabama on a music scholarship, the John Phillip Sousa Award. There he played in the symphonic orchestra as well as the Million Dollar Marching Band. He appeared on the Arsenio Hall Show, the Tonight Show with Jay Leno, and others.

Ben McCoy is another founding member of the group with over 35 years of experience playing trombone under his belt. He spent time in Chicago working in the advertising industry.

"Their star will be added to the Hall of Fame's Walk of Fame in recognition for the group's decades performing, writing,

arranging, and educating that have positively contributed to continue Alabama's legacy as leaders in the world of music," said Dixie Griffin, director of the Alabama Music HoF. Present at the unveiling will be the original members, Chris Gordon, Mart Avant, Steve Black, Ben McCoy Kelley O'Neal with special recognition of the late Jerry Ball.

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First Tour Will Include 3614

SHOALS—The first Swampette tour in 2017 will feature a tour of the newly renovated 3614 Jackson Hwy Studio. The tour of music heritage venues in the Shoals area is sponsored by Florence/ Lauderdale Tourism. It is set for January 21 at 1pm and departs from the Visitor Center in McFarland Park in Florence.

The tour is led by "Swampette" Judy Hood, the wife of bass player **David Hood**, one of the famous Swampers -- a group of session musicians who crafted the Muscle Shoals Sound. Traveling on a trolley bus called "The Trolley of Tunes," the tour will include visits to the Alabama Music Hall of Fame, FAME Studios and 3614 Jackson Highway, which was the home to Muscle Shoals Sound Studios. Refreshments will be served starting at 12:30pm. The cost is \$35 per person. The historic 3614

Jackson Hwy - Muscle Shoals Sound music studio was opened in 1969 by the Muscle Shoals Rhythm Section -Jimmy Johnson, David Hood, Roger Hawkins and Barry Beckett. The Rolling Stones, the Staple Singers, Bob Seger, Leon Russell, Willie Nelson, Paul Simon, Boz Scaggs, and Traffic were among many artists who recorded there. The studio has been restored with a grant from Beats by Dr. Dre and includes vintage recording equipment.

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Thomas McCutcheon

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TORT LAW

Included under the law of tort are miscellaneous civil wrongs, ranging from simple, direct interferences with the person such as assault, battery, false imprisonment, or injury in an accident. Tort law also involves damage to property, as in the case of trespass or conversion, and includes intangible interests such as reputation as thought of with libel or slander (written or spoken) and commercial interests such as patent or intellectual property law.

Criminal law is different than tort law in that criminal law typically requires a direct intent to commit a wrong. One major difference is that insurance covers non-intentional acts that cause harm or damage but

insurance will not cover an intentional act. If you decide to run over your ex, your insurance will not pay for it.

The idea of tort law is that you should have known better but did it anyway. Sometimes people run stop signs that they don't know are there. In almost every case of tort law, people are careless in that they either didn't see the other driver or they didn't see the stop sign but they certainly did not intend to cause harm. Tort law is the law of carelessness and negligence. It's creating a danger that could have and should have been avoided.

When lawyers think about the idea of this kind of law we think about the law of England that was handed down to us that is known as "Common Law". Common Law is really the law of what a reasonable person under the same circumstances would do. If a person acts differently than a jury finds a reasonable person would have acted then in those instances where harm is caused the person who didn't act reasonably is responsibly monetarily for the harm they caused. In criminal cases the penalties include fines, imprisonment and even death. In civil tort cases a jury assesses the harms and losses and balances the scales of justice with money damages.

I think that as we become more diverse in society, the reasonable person standard may be more difficult to agree upon and people charged with assessing damages on a jury are a little more comfortable with a specific rule that has been broken. This type of law dealing with specific codes and laws is based on the Napoleonic or French idea of law which we still find prevalent in the State of Louisiana. More often than not, we see a combination of someone being careless and a rule being broken. For example, they didn't see the stop sign which is carelessness and they ran it which is breaking a rule. In either or both cases, that person is responsible for the harm they cause

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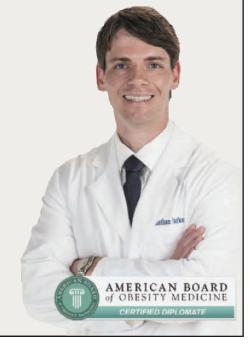
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NBC NIGHTLY NEWS

recently aired a story of a murder that took place in Arkansas. In the victim's home was an Amazon Echo. The police issued summons for Amazon to provide any recordings the Echo might have made during the night

of the murder.
The news story
put a burr in my
saddle because
they intimated
that the device
recorded every
spoken word and
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the murder. That's
not how that works. If you

are concerned over what your devices hear, read on. The Amazon Echo is a black cylindrical device with a built in speaker and microphones that sits in the middle of a room and

is connected to the internet. It is



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constantly listening for you to summon it with a "wake word." By default, the Echo's wake word is "Alexa." So, you can say, "Alexa, play me some cool jazz and "she" will comply. You can also ask what the weather is going to be in Tahiti, tell her

to turn on a light, adjust the

thermostat, or even tell you a

joke. Google and Apple have

similar competing products.

If you speak to your phone using "Hey Siri" (for iPhone users) or "Ok Google" (for Android) then you already know how all this works.

So, back to the murder in Arkansas. The police evidently think the Echo records every word and the news report didn't assuage that notion. Amazon is refusing to give up the information over "slippery slope" privacy grounds and I mostly agree with them. Amazon (and their competitors) have a lot to lose if their clients believe their personal information will be given up without a fight.

But what really irks me is that the local police department (and many of my clients) seem

to think these things are set on "record" 100% of the time. The hyperbolized NBC Nightly News report certainly made it sound that way. As a result, some people avoid these kinds of things because they think it is spying on them. That's simply not true. Sure, the device is "listening" all the time but it only records when it hears the wake word. Then it records the short command, sends it up to the "cloud," processes it into text words, then obeys the command. In short, it only records your command then shuts off until you summon it again.

You can go back and listen to every search phrase you've ever uttered. I did that on my phone recently and listened to voice clips of queries I made years ago. I voluntarily gave up that information in exchange for the convenience of speaking to my device and having it do my bidding. I also do it with an assurance of privacy. I grasp what the police are trying to do. Someone lost their life and needs to pay for it. But I think Amazon is right to push back against frivolous requests for personal data. Our non-existent privacy is still important enough to defend.

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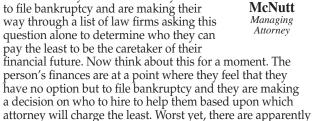
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than what they learn in a 30 second phone conversation. Why Do You Think You Need to File Bankruptcy? My firm has helped people with financial problems for over 25 years. From day one, we have told the men and women who answer our phones that we cannot, and will not, quote a fee based upon a phone conversation alone. Instead, we ask that the caller be put through to us so that we can first ask a simple question. We will ask them "Why do you think you need to file bankruptcy?" The caller will respond by saying something like "I can't pay my bills". Having made a career of helping people with money problems, I am immediately concerned and curious. I will then ask several other questions about what kind of debt the person has. Is the main problem a house payment? A car payment? Medical bills? Credit Cards? Student loans? Taxes? Some or all of these? I then ask if the person has a job and where they work. I want to know if they own property. You see, I want to help the person on the other end of the line get to a better place. Although I am a bankruptcy attorney, my first objective is to help the caller avoid bankruptcy. Yes, I know, and get told this often, if I am going to be a bankruptcy attorney then I need to help people file bankruptcy. But that may not be in the best interest of the person who has called me.

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Words

TOM MAGAZZU

Some late Christmas present for employees, huh?

The news is of little surprise to those who remember the Sears of the past. We're all mature enough to understand that shopping patterns and consumer needs change. Corporate models have taken a beating at every turn. However, the changes at Sears have been a slow torture for many in my generation. I can't imagine how older generations see it.

My aunt Rosalie was working at Sears in the Bay Area of California when I was born. She was an Allstate agent

back when Sears owned that company. She noticed significant changes in the company through in the 1970's. Seniority was eventually forced out in the 80's, leaving inexperience at the store level that couldn't offset the corporate mismanagement. The demise was underway.

The former Tennessee St. location in downtown Florence encapsulates memories for many of us. The candy counter was a department store pacesetter. The four-sided glass counter was a treasure trove of goodies. Chocolate stars, malted milk balls, M&M's, dozens of hard candies, soft candies, nuts, real

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Imbedded Featured Artist Seeks to Salvage Names, Stories

FLORENCE-Kennedy-Douglass Center for the Arts is pleased to present works by Marge Luttrell in the main gallery January 13-27. Luttrell has been a mixed

media artist and educator for over thirty years. She has worked in encaustic as her medium of choice for eight years, and she has excelled in spreading the gospel of the medium. Her new body of

Jan. 13 - 27 work, Orders from the Invisible, is a series of encaustic paintings that explore the creation stories and constellation myths that are passed down to us.

Luttrell will instruct an encaustic class at Kennedy-Douglass Art Center the weekend of January 28 and 29 (class is full). Please join us at the art center for her gallery talk the final evening of the show on Friday, January 27 at 6pm to learn more about the ancient art of encaustic as medium and muse.

Luttrell's encaustic works are imbedded with the lives of

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Marge Luttrell's piece entitled, While He Slept Courtesy photo

THE TENNESSEE VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

will present "Riding with Outlaws" conducted by Lee Freeman, Florence Lauderdale Public Library Genealogist and Historian. The monthly tour begins on Saturday, January 14. It will depart from the Florence Lauderdale Tourism Visitors Center in McFarland Park at 11am. Seats may be reserved by calling 256-740-4141. Fares are \$10. Children riding in their parent's laps may ride free. All proceeds go to the UNA scholarship fund for local students studying history.

ALL NW ALABAMA KOREAN VETERANS - Due to ongoing remodeling at Marriott Suites, our regular meeting room will not be available for the January 14 meeting. Therefore the meeting has been cancelled. Our next meeting is scheduled for March 11 at 8:30am Breakfast is included in the room rate so come earlier to eat.

ELVIS' BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION takes place January 13 at Shoals Theatre at 123 N. Seminary St. in Florence. Mike Adams will perform a tribute to Elvis at 7pm. Doors open at 6pm. Tickets are \$15. For more details, call 256-764-1700 or visit shoalstheatre.org

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Back Down the Earth

Editor:

In 2016 we witnessed mainstream news and Sunday morning TV show panels coming off to the nation as cocky, biased, presumptuous, and misleading. They tried to sway people's thoughts and feelings while acting like know-itall experts.

I hope 2017 will bring these people and their networks back down to earth so they can face reality.

Paul Sabatino Florence

A Gift to Help Others

Editor:

I was watching a YouTube video on Christmas eve of an autistic and blind ten-year-old boy singing, 'Open the Eyes of My Heart'. The lyrics say,

"Open the eyes of my heart Lord, I want

The boy was adopted by his aunt and uncle from their niece who had a severe drug addiction.

The video showed the adopted boy's

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uncle leading him to the stage and gently placing both the boy's hands on the microphone. Then he took away the boy's cane.
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stabilizing rocking movement of the autism, the blind boy began singing.
As I watched the

special needs of this child being met by the love of his adoptive parents, I thought, "Imagine being so blind that you can only see love through the touch

Then I thought about my own lifelong issues with bouts of legal blindness and being touched by the love of others through organ donations.

Imagine being an organ donor. Imagine being an organ recipient. I am. I have had four corneal transplants, and I need yet another.

Recently, I have been asked by the

Organ Foundation to become an ambassador educate people on the importance of

organ donation.

If you want to give a gift that will help others live and enjoy life after you are gone from this life, become an organ donor.

If you are afraid to give for religious reasons, pray that God will open the eyes of your heart to see as He sees.

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An Open Letter To My Fellow Residents of **Lauderdale County, Commission District 1:**

As we start a new year I want to take a moment to introduce myself and my family. My name is Brad Holmes and I was appointed by the Governor to represent you and your interests as a Lauderdale

County Commissioner for District 1 working District alongside Commissioner Roger District Garner and Commissioners Fay Parker and Joe Hackworth. Ι was appointed to complete the term of Honorable Danny Pettus who was elected to lead our commission over the next 4 years. With this appointment I now take responsibility to work for you and our district and I think it is important for you to know me and my family and for what we stand.

I am a native of Lauderdale county having earned my Bachelor's degree from UNA and my Master's degree in Engineering from UAB. I am married to the former Sara Vee Nicholas, of Killen. Sara graduated from UNA and earned her law degree from Birmingham School of Law. She now represents children in our county and I couldn't be prouder of the work she does. Together, we are raising two beautiful young boys (Parker and Paxton) who are the center of our world.

I am employed as a Sergeant with Florence Police Department and am part of the management team in our Criminal Investigations Division. In addition I am certified as a bomb technician and work closely in training both fire and police in our area and throughout our state.

Outside of work I have served on the board of directors for the Shoals Economic Development Authority, Better Business Bureau, and Crime Stoppers. I am also past board President of Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Shoals and the UNA Alumni Association. Our family attends First Baptist Church of Florence where I am honored to serve as a Deacon and Sunday School teacher and where my wife serves as a Church Trustee.

A large part of our off time is spent hunting and teaching our children about nature on my wife's grandfather's farm along Anderson Creek. I wouldn't trade these memories for anything and am so

thankful for our family and the values they share with our children each and every day.

The year 2017 presents vast opportunities for our district. Construction along Hwy

43 continues along with road projects slated for both Co Rd 144 and Co Rd 25. In addition there is the potential of new monies through the ATRIP-2 road bill that will be before our legislature this session. growthContinued and expansion at the Rogersville Industrial Park has opened the area for on-going job creation. Construction of the new hospital in Florence will increase and expand our health care for the area. Record enrollment and growth at UNA is sure to have a positive impact on our area. Great things

are happening within our county school system, especially in our career coaching efforts, and the leadership in place in Killen, Lexington, Rogersville, Anderson, and Florence provide hope for our future.

Governing in our county is a team sport and every person, every city and town, every department, every board, and every group has a role to play. My role on this team is to work for you regardless of where you live or from what background you come. Lintend to be a servant leader to the residents of this district and diligently

represent you during my term.

Even as you read this letter there are those in our community who are hurting from recent tragedies. Please join me in prayer for those families hurting. Please also pray for those in leadership within our county as we work to better your lives through our actions.

I am honored and humbled to be called upon to serve you and look forward to the future. Please reach out and let me know your concerns by email at b_holmes @ hotmail.com, on Facebook at Commissioner Brad Holmes, or by phone at 256-648-3125.

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A person has to have

compassion to see the needs of others. "Having eyes you do not see, and having ears you do not hear," Christ said. See with the eyes of your heart and you won't miss an opportunity to give as it has been given to you.

As an author advocate, I encourage authors not to die with their manuscripts unpublished.

As an organ donor advocate, I encourage you not to die without giving as you have been given to.

Joy Willow Florence

Additions to the Message

Editor:

a December Times Daily article bv Robert Palmer, ent "Steve Stutts wants to get Democratic message out," Stutts, the president of the Shoals Democratic Club, is quoted on basic family values.

Here are some additions to the Democratic message.

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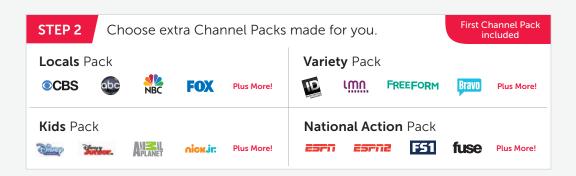
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for about three dollars an hour, especially when the air-conditioner worked. They still had candy at the mall location for a while, they sold gas, had a great record section, and still had iconic, durable brands like Craftsman, Kenmore, and DieHard. Business was good.

In recent years sales associates have become as scarce as registers... and customers. Store hours were cut back from 9pm to 6pm. The electronics department was recently replaced with mattresses and couches strategically placed to fill an obvious glut of empty space.

The associated job losses are highly unfortunate. However it's just as well that the store is put out of it's misery. It's only a shadow of the brand that many of us remember.

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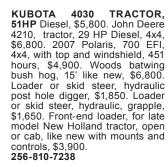
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Radon...

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21,000 Americans die from lung cancer due to radon exposure. There's only one way to know whether your home has an elevated radon level: testing for it. If the radon level is 4 picocuries per liter (pCi/L) of air or more, the U.S. Surgeon General and EPA recommend taking action to fix your home. With a test result of 4 pCi/L or more, you should contact a qualified radon mitigation contractor.

Easy to use do-it-yourself radon test kits are affordable and available online and at many home improvement and hardware stores. You can also hire a qualified radon professional. Testing may show your home to have a high radon level. If so, a professionally installed radon reduction system using a vent pipe and exhaust fan will help prevent the radon from entering your home and will discharge it outside. When compared with the risk of lung cancer, these systems are very affordable, generally in the price range of many common home improvements.

Reducing your exposure to radon is a long-term investment in health and your home. A mitigation system in good working order is a positive selling point when placing your home on the market. In many areas radon testing is a routine part of a home sale. Are you buying a new home? Ask the seller if the home has been tested recently.

If the results are high, the costs to fix it can be factored into the sale. Thinking of building a new home? Work with your builder to include radon-resistant construction techniques.

Strategies to reduce radon exposure like those above are included in the National Radon Action Plan. The Plan was launched in November 2015 by EPA, the Department of Housing and Urban Development, the Department of Health and Human Services, and nine national non-governmental organizations. This national partnership coordinates radon reduction efforts and resources. The Plan's goal is to prevent 3,200 lung cancer deaths annually by 2020.

To learn more about testing or obtaining a radon test kit, contact your state radon office at 1-800-SOS-RADON. Visit https:// www.epa.gov/radon find a qualified radon professional, or learn more about the National Radon Action Plan partnership.

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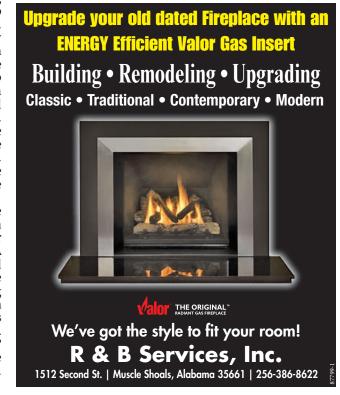
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Dear Allen,

It does feel great, doesn't it? Congratulations! I'm really proud that you've worked hard, been disciplined, and taken control of your money.

When it comes to your family, however, I'm not sure that words will do the trick. There's an old saying, "Those convinced against their will are of the same opinion still." Some people are just stuck in their ways and have been brainwashed into believing that credit cards and debt are an unavoidable part of life.

Trust me, I know what I'm talking about here. I've been fortunate enough to help millions of people change their lives, get out of debt, and take control of the finances. But there are millions more who just won't listen. They just keep going deeper and deeper into debt. As much as I want to help people, I had to accept the fact long ago that being stupid with money isn't illegal.

You can make some irrefutable arguments against credit cards. You don't need them to get a hotel room, rent a car, or buy airline tickets. A debit card will do all of that without piling up debt. For



on credit when things go

wrong is a trap. If they won't accept these points, try telling them your story. Don't leave out the part about old habits being hard to break, but stress how great your life has been — both financially and emotionally - since you made the decision to control your money. Maybe a light will come on, and you can walk them through the process!

- Dave

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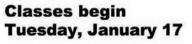
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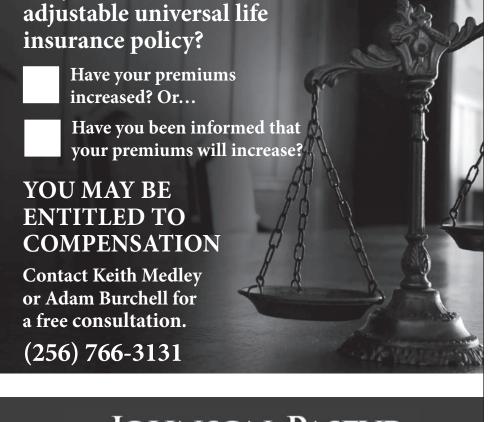


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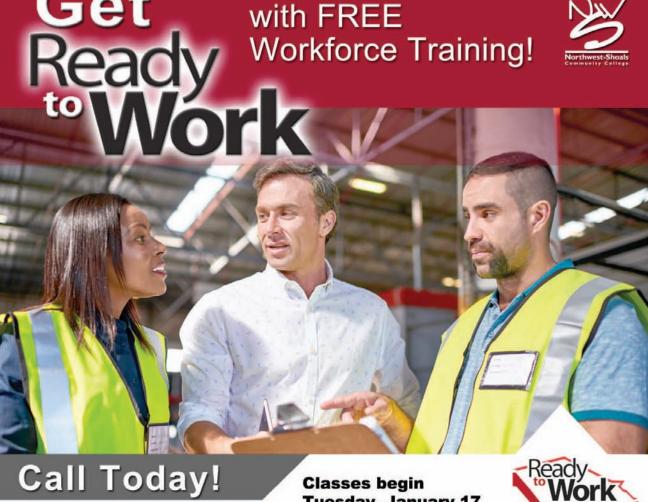




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football has a touch of surrounding sadness it as one of the game's greatest coaches recently announced his retirement. Bobby Wallace will no sidelines at the University of North Alabama football games. Wallace carved out a football legacy that will be remembered forever by UNA fans.

He's the all-time career leader in wins at the school with 126. He's the all-time leader in wins in the Gulf South Conference with 152 in an era when the GSC was recognized as the toughest Division II conference in the nation. He won three consecutive Division II National Championships 1993-'94-'95 while compiling an astounding 41-1 record during that three-year stretch.

He's a member of the Alabama Sports Hall of Fame, the Division II Football Hall of Fame and the UNA Athletic Hall of Fame. In his first year as head coach at Temple, his team defeated Virginia Tech, who had the nation's top-ranked defense at the time. If you don't think that's significant, consider the fact that later that same season, Virginia Tech soundly defeated an Alabama Crimson Tide team in a bowl game.

One of his proudest achievements came as an assistant coach at Auburn and under Pat Dye when he personally recruited and signed Bo Jackson. But this column isn't about Bobby Wallace and all his records. It's about Bobby Wallace, the man. I personally had the privilege of broadcasting UNA games in nine of his ten years in his first tenure at the school.

He always made sure I had access to his players at any time for recorded sound bites to be used during a broadcast. He's always exhibited love for

The world of college his players and coaches, giving them their due recognition instead of drawing attention to himself. The game of football today is flooded with former players longer be roaming the and assistants who are coaching in schools across the country.

One experience I'll never forget came when I and Roy Willingham, my UNA game statistician, flew to Philadelphia to attend a Temple game. When we got off the plane, a car was waiting at the terminal to pick us up. The driver was none other than Bobby Wallace. He didn't send a manager or one of his assistants, but personally came to greet us.

He proceeded to give us a tour of the historical sites of Philadelphia and invited us into his house. That's the humility and class of the man. He allowed us to ride the team bus to the stadium on game day. We had sideline passes to the game. We were allowed into the locker room during the game. And I could go on and on.

Bobby Wallace love for people. demonstrates class in all he does. And his humility is above reproach. Bobby Wallace will be missed as a coach, but will always be one of the best friends I have ever known.

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BEAUTIFUL Wyatt drank a bottle of tequila to cope with his heartbreak. Ridge assured Brooke that when she returned from her trip, Quinn would be gone and they could finally get married. Wyatt attempted to get Steffy to realize how much he loved and supported her -- much more than Liam did. Eric sent Ridge and Quinn on a trip to San Francisco for a design symposium. Thomas

THE BOLD AND THE returned from New York only to learn that his sister Steffy was now his boss. Tensions rose between Wyatt and Liam as Steffy discussed her future living situation with Thomas. Wait to See: Old friends bond over their opinion's about their significant others.

DAYS OF OUR LIVES

Jennifer told Thomas stories about the Horton family. Chad and Abigail attempted to reconnect during a night out. Ciara learned that Hope broke out of prison. Carrie and Austin showed up just in time to get Marlena out of a tough situation. Deimos took Nicole out for a romantic evening. Eduardo informed Dario about the missing device and how he believed that Kate took it. Gabi was curious when she received a call from JJ asking them to meet. Chloe awakened from her coma. Wait to See: Justin helps Adrienne through a tough time. GENERAL HOSPITAL

Nelle got in over her head. Kiki agreed to keep Franco's secret. Alexis struggled with her sobriety. Maxie and Nathan set out to find Claudette. Liz questioned her influence on Franco. Nathan and Maxie returned with bad news. Lulu was ready for Charlotte to learn the truth. Franco found himself in trouble. Alexis sought the support she needed. Lulu and Dante met with Valentin. Finn hid a dangerous secret. Maxie saw a familiar face. Rudge ordered a hit. Nelle had second thoughts. Jason and Sam had a pregnancy scare. Sonny confessed his sins. Wait to See: Anna's memories

become more vivid.

THE YOUNG THE RESTLESS Lauren was not amused when Gloria offered to help solve her business problems. Meanwhile, Jack told Ashley that he was determined to make a move on Fenmore's. Nikki was grateful that Victor was spending more time with family. Jack was shocked to learn that Lauren hired Phyllis. Nick

was overwhelmed with Christian and wasn't sure he could ever get over Sharon's deception. Ashley accused Phyllis of stopping by Jabot just so she could run into Jack. Victor was thrilled that Faith was

doing so well since moving in with him and Nikki. Ashley moved Ravi into Phyllis's old office. Nikki helped an overwhelmed Nick by hiring a nanny to help with Christian. Wait to *See*: *Dylan's life is on the line.*



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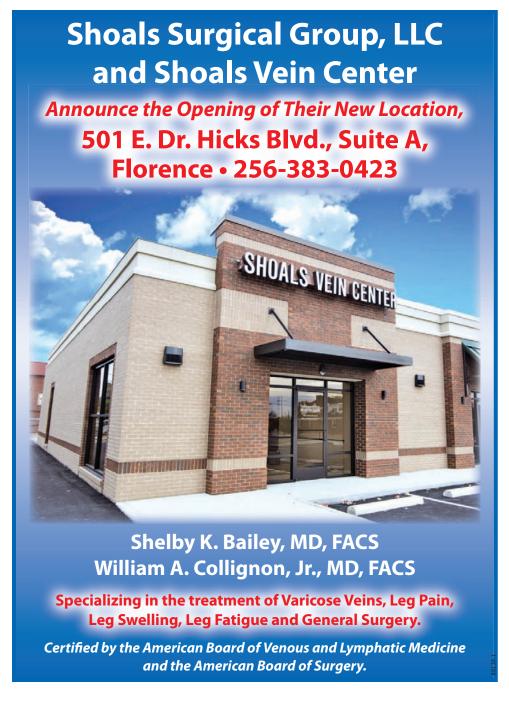
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Saturday, January 14, 10am – 4pm, Big Star, 314 South Jackson Avenue,

Sunday, January 15, Noon – 5pm, Gander Mountain, 340 Seville Street,

Monday, January 16, 11am – 6pm, Chad's Payless Pharmacy, 501 West College Street, Florence Tuesday, January 17, Noon – 6pm,

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Wednesday, January 18, 7:30am – 4pm, Brooks High School, 4300 Highway

Thursday, January 19, 5am - Noon, North American Lighting, 100 Counts Drive, Muscle Shoals Thursday, January 19, 1–7pm, Walgreens, 1801 Woodward Avenue,

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Cloverdale Community Center Breakfast will be held on Saturday, January 14 from 6:30-9am. The cost of the breakfast is \$6 for adults and \$3 for children. Profits from the breakfast will go toward the upkeep of the center.

The Kennedy-Douglass Meeting will be held from 11:30am-1pm on Friday, January 13 at the Kennedy-Douglass Center for the Arts, 217 East Tuscaloosa St, Florence. Beverages and desserts will be furnished. Door prizes will be given as well. At 12pm, our speaker will

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<u>Year Make Model</u> Color **Location** 2005 Ford Freestyle Silver 1FMZK01195GA21917 607 Tyler Ave, Muscle Shoals

The named vehicle(s) will be sold at auction to the highest bidder for cash or credit card payment at Holt's Radiator located at 607 Tyler Ave., Muscle Shoals, Alabama on Wednesday, February 8th at 10:30am.

Year Make Model **Location** Color 1990 Jeep Comanche White 1J7FJ36L9LL139408 607 Tyler Ave, Muscle Shoals 1LNCM81FXLY823362 607 Tyler Ave, Muscle Shoals 1990 Lincoln Town Car Silver 1HGCB7579NA130402 607 Tyler Ave, Muscle Shoals 1992 Honda Accord White 2001 Toyota Camry Dk. Blue 4T1BG22KX1U816301 607 Tyler Ave, Muscle Shoals

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Christ, not only to believe on him, but also to suffer for his sake;" 1 Peter 2:21 "For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps." No one, saved or lost is exempt from some trials and troubles in this short lifetime. **To the saved I say:** <u>1 Peter 5:7</u> "Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you." **To the lost I say**, "you need a Saviour to carry your load and comfort you." See Matthew 11:28-30 "Come unto me (CHRIST), all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

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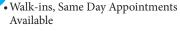
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