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Dam Closed for 4 Weeks

FLORENCE – Maintenance activities designed to ensure the continued safe operation of the Tennessee Valley Authority's Wilson Dam will require the closure of Reservation Road over the dam for just over four weeks beginning February 21.

Workers will be performing a number of routine, scheduled maintenance activities on the dam's 49 spillway gates. The narrow workspace available requires the closure of the road for the safety of motorists and workers.

The maintenance work is scheduled through Thursday, March 23. The roadway will remain closed during this period.

Barriers and gates will be in place during the temporary closure. Drivers are encouraged to use the Singing River Bridge as an alternate route.

Progress Now 8th Largest

HUNTSVILLE– Progress Financial Corporation and First Partners Financial, Inc. last week jointly announced the signing of a definitive agreement under which Progress Bank & Trust will acquire First Partners Bank to create the eighth largest bank headquartered in the state of Alabama. The combined institution will have banking operations in northern Alabama, the Birmingham MSA, and Destin, Florida and will have approximately \$1 billion in total assets, \$750 million in total loans, and \$850 million in deposits.

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Optimum-UV Enlight Adds to ECM Disinfection Arsenal

FLORENCE-Eliza Coffee Memorial Hospital recently purchased and placed into service a whole-room disinfection technology, called Optimum-UV Enlight by Clorox Healthcare. This equipment provides an extra level of protection in the hospital's ongoing effort to protect patients while enhancing staff efficiencies.

The Optimum-UV Enlight robot emits ultraviolet light to kill potentially harmful pathogens on surfaces. After a room has been deep cleaned with standard manual disinfection by Environmental Services, the robot is brought in. "The lamp is effective within a distance of eight feet and a disinfecting cycle lasts only five minutes. Each room will typically

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Spelling Bee Winners Named

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FLORENCE-The 2017 Lauderdale County Spelling Bee was hosted by Saint Joseph Regional Catholic School in Florence. The winner of the Lauderdale County Spelling Bee was Tyler Foster, a sixth grader from Mars Hill Bible School. Foster is the son of Mark and Debbie Foster.



Foster

The second place winner was Aaron Peck from Brooks Elementary.



Peck

Third place - Lauren Kelley, Central School.

Fourth place - Nathan Flippo, Wilson School.

Fifth place - Wilkes Brewer, Rogers School.

Sixth place - Timia Howell, Kilby School.

Seventh place - Lizzie Williams, Riverhill School.

Eighth place - Riley Smith, St. Joseph School.

Pretes Receives Academic Honor

FLORENCE – Dr. Michael Pretes, University of North Alabama professor of geography, is the 2017 recipient of the American Association of Geographers Distinguished Teaching Honors.

The AAG is the largest academic and professional organization for geographers in the United States and it awards honors in several categories for outstanding accomplishment. Its Distinguished Teaching Honors is the highest recognition given for teaching



Pretes

geography. As the AAG notes, AAG Honors are among the most prestigious awards in American geography.

Pretes is being honored for his contributions to geographic education both within and outside the classroom. He is described as "an exemplary teacher-scholar" and noted for his "ability to instill a love and respect for geography in his students."

He will receive the award at the AAG

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- City of Florence Planning and Community Development Department at 110 W. College Street, Suite 115
- Florence-Lauderdale Public Library
- City of Florence website www.florenceal.org

Comments concerning the plan may be submitted in writing to the City of Florence Planning and Community Development Department located at 110 W. College St., Suite 115 Florence, AL 35630.

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The Commitment of Love

I ran across a story about a young man who had gone to a photo shop to have a picture of his girlfriend duplicated. The picture was an 8x10 and was framed. So, the owner had to remove the picture from the frame in order to produce another. When he did he saw there was a message written on the back.

The message read: *"My dearest Jim! I love you more than words could ever say! I am the luckiest girl in the world for having you in my life! I love you even more with each passing day! My love for you will never die! I am eternally yours! Forever, Susan."* The owner smiled and felt warmth in his heart as he read through these affectionate words. Then he noticed at the bottom of the photograph there was a "P.S." that said, *"If we ever break up, I want this picture back."* Kind of changes the perspective, don't you think?

Genuine love is not left open-ended as the message on the picture would suggest. Oh it would be if it were simply based on emotion. Over time our emotions tend to ebb and flow. But in good, healthy relationships we understand that love is still there even on days when we do not feel it as strongly. But the question arises, "How do we make it through these valleys?" The answer is summed up in the word, "commitment"

How does that play out in everyday life? One of the best examples I could give was published in *Good Housekeeping* magazine several years ago. The magazine sponsored a "Happy Marriage" contest which was won by this entry from Dillon and Patti Bayes: *"We gave... when we wanted to receive. We served... when we wanted to feast. We listened... when we wanted to talk. We submitted... when we wanted to reign. We forgave... when we wanted to remember. We stayed... when we wanted to leave."*

The Biblical foundation for those thoughts is recorded in 1 Corinthians 13. Note these words in particular: *"Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails..."* (1 Corinthians 13:4-8a).

So, genuine love is not open-ended and it does not depend solely on emotion. Real love is committed – like the love that Jesus has for us (cf. John 13:1b).

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Autism Support Group Meeting
Thursday, February 23, 10am-12pm at Florence Public Library. Refreshments will be served.

For more information please call Bridget Anderson Hodges at 256-767-6414 or 256-740-2532.

Autism Support Group is every fourth Thursday of each month.

Celebrate Black History Month Movie
"The First Rosa" at 6pm February 22 at Christ the King Lutheran Church, 4801 Highway 43 South (Woodward Ave.) - across from University Chevrolet in Muscle Shoals. Refreshments after the movie.

Florence-Lauderdale Public Library Friends Bookstore throughout the month of February will have all romance paperbacks at the Friends Bookstore are Buy One, Get TWO Free! The Bookstore is open Monday-Saturday 10am-4pm and Sunday 1pm-4pm. All proceeds help the library provide books, materials, programs, and services for the community.

Breakfast at the Lexington Senior Center, Saturday, February 25, 6:30-9am. \$6 per person (with coffee and juice).

Single Adult (40 and over) Ministry for Seniors (non-denominational) meeting Saturday February, 25 at 6pm at the Cross Point Student Center. Dinner and corn hole game. Please bring covered dish. 256-767-1869.

Seed Program Sign Up, February 6 - March 17. Community Action Northwest's Free seeds/plants for qualifying households with low incomes begins February 6th.

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Thursday, February 23, 11am - 5:30pm, Big Star, 406 4th Street SW, Red Bay

Friday, February 24, 11am - 7pm, Walmart, 517 West Avalon Avenue, Muscle Shoals

Saturday, February 25, Noon - 6pm, Walmart, 13675 Highway 43, Russellville

Sunday, February 26, 11am - 4pm, Lowe's, 130 Cox Creek Parkway, Florence

Monday, February 27, Noon - 7pm, ECM East, 2111 Cloyd Blvd., Florence

Tuesday, February 28, 10am - 5pm, UNA - Student Nurses Association, UNA-Clock Tower

Tennessee Valley Museum of Art hosts a Contemporary Textile and Mixed Media Exhibit by Herb Reith will be on display January 22-March 10. The museum is at 511 N. Water St., Tusculumbia, and is open 9am-5pm Monday-Friday, and 1-3pm on Sunday. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for students. Admission is free on Sundays and for Tennessee Valley Art Association members. For more information, call 256-383-0533 or tvaanet.

North Alabama Dance Club Invites you to Our... "Late Valentine Dance" Ballroom-line dances-mixers and a free dance lesson 7-10pm Saturday, February 25. Music: DJ - Larry Crowell. Elks Lodge, 2550 Chisholm Rd, Florence

Great music, ice water and fun will be provided - cokes & drinks available for purchase by Elks. (Note: NADC has food and decorations for "special occasion dances" - will be noted on the invitation) Dress: Casual attire - wear RED and celebrate Valentine.

For more information on the dance or any NADC, Member contact Suzy Robbins at 256-740-1661 suzyfromal@comcast.net

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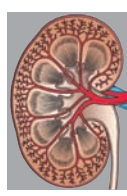
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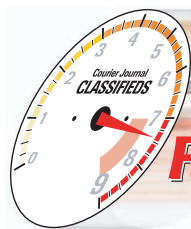




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national meeting in Boston in April. This award reflects not only Pretes's personal achievement, but it is also recognition for the outstanding work of the UNA Department of Geography, the UNA College of Arts and

Sciences, and UNA overall. Pretes received the Southeastern Geographers (SEDAAG) Excellence in Teaching Award in 2015, and was the recipient of UNA's Phi Kappa Phi Eleanor Gaunder Excellence in Teaching Award in 2013.

Shorts...

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Urban Forestry & Horticulture

FLORENCE- The 22nd Annual Urban Forestry and Horticulture Conference takes place Friday, March 17 from 8am-3pm at Cross Point Church of Christ, located at 1350 Cox Creek Pkwy in Florence, The theme of this year's event is "Shade Tree Mechanics" (Mechanics: The Practicalities & Details of Growing the Shade Under the Shade). Keynote speaker is **Chris Francis**, Certified Master Arborist. The early registration cost is \$45 and includes lunch.

In addition, recertification classes for Green Industry Professionals will be held on Thursday, March 16 from noon-4:30pm. Participants can receive recertification points and CEU's. The public is invited. On-site registration starts at 7:30am. The cost is \$50.

The conference is sponsored by the City of Florence Mayor and City Council, the Florence Beautification Board, the Florence Tree Commission, and the City's Urban Forestry/Horticultural Department.

A registration form is at www.florenceal.org. For more information, call 256-760-6400.

Exonerees to Speak at UNA

FLORENCE- Two former death row inmates who were exonerated will soon visit the UNA campus as part of the 8th Annual Alabama Regional Graduate Conference in English, February 23-25 in the Guillot University Center on UNA's campus.

The topic of this year's conference is "Confinement: From the Prison Block to the Margins," and will feature guest speakers **Anthony Ray Hinton** and **Gary Drinkard**. Both Hinton and Drinkard were released from Alabama's death row after being exonerated for crimes they did not commit.

Hinton spent three decades on death row prior to his exoneration. He will speak February 23 at 6pm, in the GUC Performance Center. Drinkard spent six years on death row prior to his exoneration. He will speak February 24 at 4pm in the GUC Loft.

Panels featuring graduate student papers on the topic of confinement will run from 1:30-6pm, February 24, and from 9am-4:30pm February 25. All panels will be held in the GUC Loft.

All programming is free and open to the public. UNA graduate assistants **Stephanie Adair** and **Brett Fish** organized the event.

For more information, contact Katie Owens-Murphy at kowensmurphy@una.edu.

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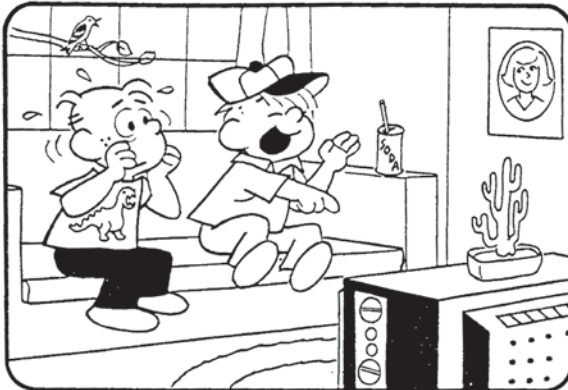
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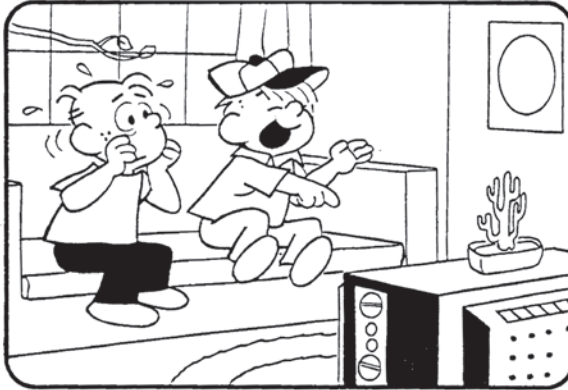
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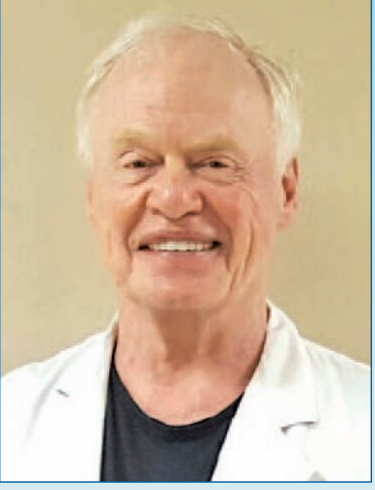
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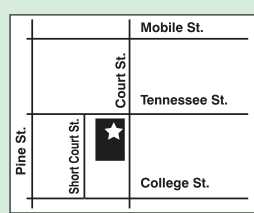
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Well, I couldn't get that thought out of my mind. Isn't that a wonderful picture of the power of maturity? Isn't that what we as parents, grandparents and friends who have a few miles on us from this journey we call life should be doing for those about us? Just think about all the "brush clearing" we have done in our lives. Maturity is the ability to distinguish between briars and mighty oaks. Our children, grandchildren and friends need us to provide a canopy to help block out those unnecessary hindrances.

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B. Grant McNutt
 Managing Attorney

CNN Money recently reported that 6 out of 10 Americans don't have \$500 in savings, according to a new report from Bankrate.com. So what does one do if hit with an unexpected expense like a car repair, medical emergency or even the more costly car and home maintenance expenses? Well, 41% of adults reported having enough in their savings to pay for an expense of \$500 or more. About 20% reported that they would use a credit card to cover the expense and another 11% would seek financial assistance from friends or family members. Only about 20% would cut back on their expenditures to try and pay for the unexpected expense.

Rainy Day Expenses

It is important for everyone to keep a financial cushion or emergency fund for those "rainy day" expenses. If you own a car and/or a home, have kids or pets, basically just run of the mill items most people need to live, you are going to run into some unexpected costs. Almost half of those surveyed said that they or a family member faced a major financial expenditure in the past year alone. Most folks living paycheck to paycheck don't think they can build a savings account, but there is always room for some types of cutbacks in monthly expenditures. It may not be fun to skip the coffee run or dinner and movie, but it sometimes takes these small sacrifices in life to save for that "rainy day." Something we see quite often, are folks who have gotten into a vicious cycle of using credit to cover even day to day needs such as medicine, food and basic needs for their children. Minimum payments on such debts can be never ending. If you find yourself in a financial bind, please see us for a free consultation to learn how you can get out of debt.

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I started to hear complaining and I just smiled to myself. When I was growing up we ate whatever we were served - no questions asked. I began taking out various ingredients and made a mystery casserole. I was thinking the whole time, "I hope this is edible." It turned out to be really good and the kids even complimented it.

Life is kind of like my mystery casserole. It's a whole bunch of stuff, one ingredient at a time. It seems messy and impossible at first, but it ends up making a beautiful masterpiece in the form of you with God as the perfect Chef. Dawn

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Commentary

Strange Position for Gov. Bentley

Governor Robert Bentley experienced a rocky 2016, and this year is not starting very smoothly either.

The many high-profile accusations against him from personal to campaign-finance seemed to lose intensity when Attorney General Luther Strange asked the Alabama House Judiciary Committee to postpone any possible impeachment proceedings until his office completed some related work on the governor.

After U.S. Senator Jeff Sessions was confirmed as the United States AG, most people questioned Bentley's immediate appointment of Strange to fill the U.S. Senate seat. It just doesn't pass the smell test. Strange's interest in the position also outweighed his level of experience with national politics. That point should have relegated him to the middle of the pack when compared to the other dozen and a half aspirants whom Bentley interviewed; several of whom are highly-qualified.

Strange's acceptance not only taints his new Senate seat, but now casts a shadow on his recent impeachment work as Alabama's AG.

And Bentley... The guy keeps plugging away as if nothing is going on. If nothing else, he has some perseverance. It used to be such an honor to shake the hand of the state's sitting governor when he was in town. At least for the time being, the thrill is gone. In fact, some may glance up first to make sure no one is looking.

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In A Few Words



TOM MAGAZZU
Editor

Courier Journal

in the *Shoals*
February 22, 2017

THIS WEEK

Happening
THIS WEEK

Achievers at Hof

TUSCUMBIA – Legendary musician Harvey Thompson, Sr. and music achiever, Edsel Holden, will honor the music of Alabama's many African American



Thompson Sr.

Feb. 28 music achievers with a special program in the lobby of the Alabama Music Hall of Fame on February 28 at

6:30pm. The event will include songs by W.C. Handy, Nat King Cole, Martha Reeves, Percy Sledge, The Temptations, Wilson Pickett, Big Mama Thornton, and others.

"You will hear the music and the stories of these legends that changed the world of music

See MUSIC... on Page 29



Holden

NORTH ALABAMA DANCE CLUB INVITES YOU TO ITS LATE VALENTINE DANCE. Ballroom-line dances-mixers and a free dance lesson from 7-10pm on Saturday, February 25. Music is with DJ Larry Crowell at the Elks Lodge at 2550 Chisholm Road in Florence. Great music, ice water, and fun will be provided - cokes and drinks available for purchase by Elks. (Note: NADC has food and decorations for "special occasion dances" - will be noted on the invitation) Dress: Casual attire - wear RED and celebrate Valentine. For more information on the dance or any NADC, Member contact Suzy Robbins at 256-740-1661 suzyfromal@comcast.net

Refresh Conference

Happy Living and Purpose

FLORENCE—First Baptist Church in Florence is hosting a Refresh Conference for Women on Saturday February, 25 from 8:30am-noon.



Berry

The guest speaker, Linda Berry, will speak to the topics of *Habits of Happy Living* and *Finding Your Purpose*. This is a free conference and is open to the community. A love offering will be taken up for the speaker and she will have books available at the event.

Feb. 25

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Unity of Culture



Nelson

Feb. 22

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MUSCLE SHOALS—Northwest-Shoals Community College (NW-SCC) announces events in celebration of February as Black History Month. The NW-SCC Cultural Affairs Committee will host a Unity Speaker and Concert Wednesday, February 22 at noon in the Hospitality Center on the Shoals campus. The program will feature guest speaker, Dr. Carlos Nelson, Deputy Superintendent at Sheffield

THE SHOALS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE is accepting nominations for its Citizen of the Year Award. The recipient will be honored during the 30th annual chamber celebration set for March 16 at the Marriott Shoals Conference Center in Florence. Recommendations forms may be picked up at the chamber office at 20 Hightower Place in Florence or online at www.shoals-chamber.com.

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THE AMERICAN LEGION POST #11 will have a Post meeting Thursday, February 23 at 7pm with a free meal at 6pm hosted by Auxiliary Unit #11. The free meal will be Homemade Chili and Hot Dogs for everyone. Homemade desserts will also be served. Post #11 is located at 318 South Court St, Florence.

YOUR Letters

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Working to Discredit

Editor:

Evidently the people who are trying to get President Trump impeached are using better intelligence sources than the White House to discredit President Trump and his staff.

Just remember that people who live in glass houses shouldn't throw stones. Someday, it will backfire on the people looking to destroy the President.

Paul Sabatino
Florence

Intolerable Tolerance

Editor:

Do people really want true love, unity, and acceptance or are they just demanding blind tolerance? There is a huge difference between the two ideas.

Over 70% of the world's crop plants depend on pollination... Wildlife like deer, quail, pheasants and other animals depend on the production of berries and fruits for food.



It all comes down to motive of the individual screaming for you to tolerate them or the motive of the individuals they represent when they have no idea what those particular motives may be. They want you to accept their own personal agenda and force you to accept others just so they can have their own way.

Is it really about loving your fellow man and accepting him like he is with open arms and forcing everyone else to do the same when it is really about wanting people to tolerate you and everything you stand for no matter how destructive it may be? How selfish and ignorant can we get? How can we not see that others may be trying to help us by not tolerating certain things? It is through unacceptance that we sometimes learn.

"Love me no matter how ridiculous I behave or how lame my excuses or how damaging my actions may be to myself or others." To say that a personal agenda cannot affect a relationship, at least, and a society, at most, is utter ignorance and foolishness. To allow people to use their own personal agenda to force others to feel guilty about not showing "love, forgiveness and compassion" is nothing short of insidious manipulation.

Without rules, norms, and self-

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Helen Keller Hospital

March 2017

Calendar of Events

Wednesday

1

Diabetes Self-Management Education

9am • River Room

Physician referral and pre-registration required. Please call 256-386-4029 for registration information.

Friday

3

Blood Pressure & Blood Sugar Screenings

8:30-11:30am

Main Lobby

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Sunday

5

Red Bay Hospital 50th Birthday and Arbor Day Ceremony

2pm

Red Bay Hospital

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Sunday - Saturday

5-25

Tuff Man Competition

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Monday

6

PALS Renewal Class

Call 256-386-4030 to register

Thursday & Friday

9&10

PALS Provider Class

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Thursday

9

Childbirth Classes

6pm in the Education Dept.

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Other Classes March 13 & 14

Friday

17

HKH Volunteer's Relay For Life Team Silent Auction

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Friday

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Tuesday

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Heart Healthy Dining Out

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Thursday

23

ACLS Renewal

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Thursday

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Friday

24

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Wednesday & Thursday

29 & 30

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Thursday

30

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IT HAPPENED AGAIN. A WELL-known local business got hit hard by ransomware. They were not my client but called me for help. There was nothing we could do. The virus encrypted ALL their vital data. Purchase orders, quotes, documentation, pictures, everything. It hit their main server that stored all their shared data. They had a very bad day.



Fisher

I've written about ransomware before but there has been a recent surge in incidents recently so this is a reminder of what you should do to protect yourself against this scourge. Ransomware is a virus that holds your data for ransom. It can travel from computer to computer, and to any attached storage devices such as a external

RANSOMWARE STRIKES

by "The Computer Skeptic"

hard drives or thumb drives used for backup. Once your data is encrypted, your computer will display a message informing you of how bad your day is going to be. The only way to unencrypt the data is to send money to the scammers via Bitcoin (Bitcoin is an "internet currency" that can be sent or received anonymously so there is no way to track down the criminals).

Unfortunately, the business felt they had no choice but pay the ransom -- about \$1,500. They got all their data back but they had to deal with legitimate cyberterrorists.

So how's this happen? In this particular case, the client likely had an open "remote desktop" account that had a guessable password. Remote Desktop is a feature many businesses use to allow outside employees access to internal company computers. The server logs shown numerous unsuccessful attempts to log in. They must have finally guessed the password then manually executed an encryption algorithm.

The more common means of transmission is by a user opening an enticing email that may suggest you pay an attached

invoice before the authorities are called. Or it may be a "encrypted message" from your stockbroker or perhaps a notification of a cancelled order from Amazon with an attached explanation. Whatever the case, people are tricked into opening the email attachment whereupon very bad things happen.

The first line of defense against this kind of attack is to ensure that you have backups of your data that are not attached to your computer. If you use an external hard drive, unplug it after you backup your data.

Email--especially business email--should be filtered for destructive emails before it ever reaches an end user's computer. Businesses should invest in an "appliance" that scans every incoming email for suspicious stuff so that it never reaches a careless end user. You can purchase high-quality antivirus

software that specifically says it will filter incoming email. I personally have all my email accounts configured through Gmail. Gmail (and their main competitor, Outlook.com) allow you to import your current email account into their mail service. Their service then filters all the good stuff from the bad. It's not too hard to figure out how to do this but your local computer professional will know how to make this work for you.

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OPTICALS

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Junior Whirl
by Charles Barry Townsend

A BOVINE BAFFLER!
Try to solve these five Ladder Puzzles before Bossy finishes her evening meal. You are given a word that must be changed into another word in a series of moves. During each move, you must change one letter in the previous word, so as to form a new word. In our example, we changed BARN to DOOR in four moves. See if you can change the following words in four moves each:

1. COOK to WARE
2. HAND to SOME
3. LAME to DUCK
4. MENU to FOOD
5. PARE to DOWN

CHAIN REACTION! Take the seven letters printed below our diagram and place them in the circles so that eight four-letter words can be read, top to bottom, along the connecting lines. All the words will begin with the letter in the top circle.

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I remember broadcasting UNA's 1991 Division II basketball National Championship win in Springfield, Massachusetts. CBS TV televised the game with Verne Lundquist calling the action. Lundquist was the long-time Voice of the Dallas Cowboys and during my conversation with him, he brought up the name of Robert Steele who became a member of the Cowboys after his college career ended at UNA.

Steele has become a legend in UNA football lore and was inducted into the UNA Athletic Hall of Fame last year. Steele was a three-year letterman for the Lions as a wide receiver from 1975-77. He came back from two knee surgeries to catch 30 passes for 566 yards and five touchdowns in 1975.

He added 24 receptions for 386 yards and one touchdown in 1976. He was named second -team ALL-GSC in 1976 and first-team ALL-GSC in 1977. Steele signed a free-agent contract with the Super Bowl champion Dallas Cowboys and became the only free agent to make the 45-man roster.

He went on to play in Super Bowl XIII as a rookie against the Pittsburgh Steelers. In

an interview with *TimesDaily* Assistant Sports Editor Jeff McIntyre, Steele said "when I came to training camp, I was no. 20 on a depth chart of 20." "I had six weeks to prove myself", Steele said, "so I knew I had to do something spectacular in practice every day to have a jersey the next day."

Steele became the first UNA player to participate in a Super Bowl. Steele played his last NFL season for the Minnesota Vikings. Steele continued to be a success after his playing days. He authored a book called: 'Steele Here, An Underdog's Secret to Success,' which details his journey to earn a spot on the Cowboys' roster and his later success in the business world.

Steele was elected to the Georgia State Legislature as a state representative for two years from 1989-90. At the time of his 2016 induction into the UNA Athletic Hall of Fame, Steele was the chief sales and marketing officer at Quadrant 4 Systems Corporation. Robert Steele's life continues to be An Amazing Success Story.

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control, we can destroy ourselves and others. We cannot allow the ignorant and selfish to speak louder than reason and self-discipline just because they don't know better – yet – if they ever will.

We must realize that none of us always know what is best even for ourselves at times. Some people who have been through the fire, been burned, and learned may know more than we. Some people may be smart enough to look past your agenda for the greater good of you and everyone else around you. Let's listen to reason and try to understand instead of forcing our own personal, limited agenda on anyone else – while they are still willing to tolerate our intolerance of their intolerance.

S Simon Killen

Drift is Deadly for Pollinators

Editor:

The majority of Americans pay little attention to pollinators – bees, butterflies, wasps, moths and other insects.

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Many human actions, such as pollution and conversion of natural habitat, have impacted pollinators and their ability to provide ecosystem services.

In our modern agricultural world, unintentional off-target contamination, or drift, from aerial spraying of pesticides has become a major threat to our pollinators. Most insecticides and herbicides can kill bees directly or have sublethal effects that can negatively impact bees' ability to reproduce and forage.

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THE BOLD AND THE BEAUTIFUL Excited by the media's attendance at their debut, the Spectra Fashions gang pulled out

all the stops. Knowing how her relationship with Thomas had become strained, Steffy assured her brother that being his sister was more important than being his boss. Confident that the debut went well, Sally, Shirley and their crew eagerly anticipated "Eye on Fashion's" review to be posted. Steffy had a suggestion for Brooke about where she should get married. Using Ivy's discovery as a wakeup call, Ridge and Quinn discussed how they should interact with each other in the future. An unexpected visitor gave the Spectra group a fresh perspective. *Wait to See: A young man experiences his first crush.*

DAYS OF OUR LIVES As Chad and Gabi clung to life and each other, Sonny tried to escape from his captor but caught a brutal beating. Deimos, Eduardo and Andre negotiated their loved ones' release. Drew reached out to Shane for help. Hope was still fearful that Andre would pull something at the last minute to destroy her. Later, Hattie finally confronted Andre. Rafe was taken aback when he overheard a conversation between Chad and Gabi. Marlena reunited with Eric at the farm. Chad told Abigail the truth about what happened while he was kidnapped. Dario found Abigail in distress and comforted her. Kate blasted Eduardo for his actions in the Orwell debacle. *Wait to See: Deimos accuses Brady of being in love with Nicole.*

GENERAL HOSPITAL Ned turned to Dante for advice. Nelle and Michael weathered the storm together. Tensions grew between Curtis and Jordan. Julian called Jason out. Ava grew increasingly desperate. Tracy had cause to celebrate. Bobbie got an update from Felicia. Julian learned the consequence of his actions. Nelle pushed Michael away. Nina took matters into her own

hands. Hayden turned to Griffin for answers. Anna was overwhelmed by Valentin. Jason visited Robin at the hospital. Julian had a clandestine meeting with Gray. Finn alienated Hayden. Laura became a pawn in Julian's game. Sam found strength in her unborn child. Jason and Curtis made a startling revelation. Nina regretted her actions. *Wait to See: Robin fears for her mother's life.*

THE YOUNG AND THE RESTLESS During a family dinner at the ranch, Nick informed Noah that he and Chelsea were officially dating. Abby was jealous when Victor made a toast to Victoria's success as the new owner of Brash & Sassy. Lauren was determined to get on the next plane to the Middle East to find her son Scott. Reed snuck out of the house to perform at an open mic night at the Underground. Later, Mariah posted a video of Reed's performance on "GC Buzz's" website. Ashley confessed to Ravi that she didn't like seeing him bonding with Phyllis. Victoria lost her patience with Cane when he hijacked a Brash & Sassy interview on "GC Buzz." Devon admitted to Hilary that he was unhappy without her. *Wait to See: Jill receives a message from her past.*

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Nelson received his Bachelor of Science

Degree in Secondary Education Social Science, master's degree in Educational Leadership, and Educational Specialist degree in Educational Leadership from the University of North Alabama. He earned his doctorate degree in Educational Leadership from Samford University. He currently serves on the Board of Directors for Shoals Scholar Dollars (SSD), SafePlace, and Alabama Council for Leadership Development (ACLD).

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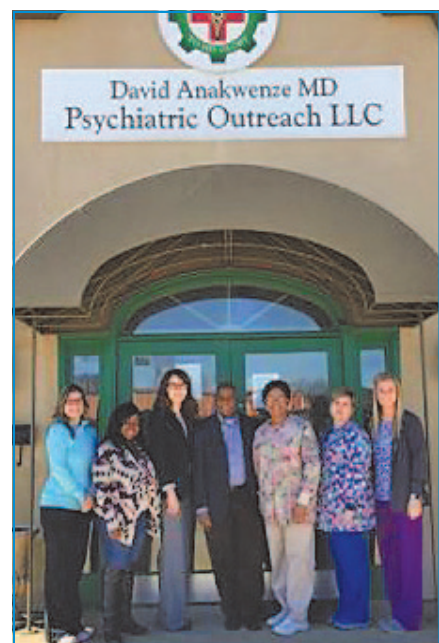
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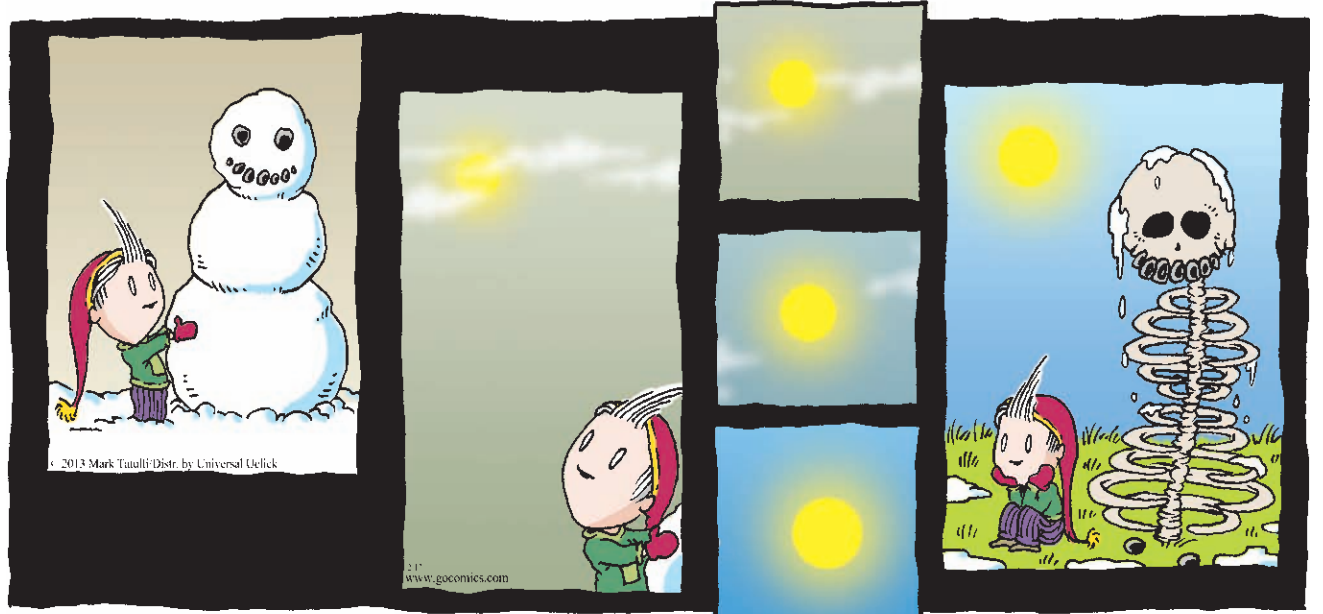
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Keep the Twinkle in Your Wrinkle | Dr. Robert Webb
You may be "at the top of the hill", but that doesn't mean it all has to go down hill. Dr. Webb, Medical Director of Supportive Care Services at ECM Hospital, is giving guidance on the top 5 hot topics or "wrinkles" that seniors face.

How Old Would You Be, If You Didn't Know How Old You Were? | Dr. Saquib Anjum
Dust off those old leather jackets and roll up your pants. You may be a teenager and just not know it! No matter how many birthday wishes you've had, make age just a number. Dr. Anjum, a geriatric medicine physician, is breaking down the new normal with the philosophy of aging.

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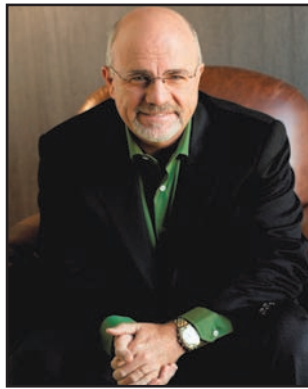
HUSBAND'S BUSINESS IS DYING

Dear Dave,
My husband and I have four kids, and I make \$50,000 a year. He runs a small business that has been floundering for a while now, so we're basically living off my income. Part of that income is going into the business. Plus, we don't have much in savings, and we're behind on our house payments. Do you have any advice?
Paige

Dear Paige,
First of all, you and your husband have to get on the same page financially. Sit down together, and do a household budget and a profit and loss statement on the business. A profit and loss statement will tell you the money that comes in minus the money that goes out.

Here's the thing. If you're putting other money into a business account, that's a clue that you're not making money on the business. Put his rent, supplies and any other business expenses on the profit and loss list, and write out — step by step — what it will take for you to break even in the business each month. If you don't at least break even, then it's time for him to do something else for a living.

I'm an entrepreneur and a business owner. I get the allure and excitement that goes along with running your own business. But



family and your financial responsibilities come first. You don't need to put any money into the business account, except for the income he creates. And while you two are sorting this out, use your income to get current on your house payments and attack any other debt!
—Dave

KEEP IT SIMPLE

Dear Dave,
I'm looking for a good accounting program for small business. Do you have any suggestions?
Julie

Dear Julie,
The best one I've seen is called FreshBooks. I like it so much that we're actually endorsing it on some of our podcasts and a few other places. It's a cloud-based program for small business, and it's a pretty simple accounting system.

Honestly, you don't want anything super complicated for small-business accounting. You just need something that allows you to write out invoices and keep up with your expenses while categorizing them. It's important you know what's going on in your business — to be able to continually analyze what's happening — and have the ability to look in your rearview mirror and see if anything's coming up behind you!

Dave Ramsey is CEO of Ramsey Solutions. He has authored seven best-selling books, including *The Total Money Makeover*. The *Dave Ramsey Show* is heard by more than 12 million listeners each week on 575 radio stations and multiple digital platforms. Follow Dave on the web at daveramsey.com and on Twitter at @DaveRamsey.

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Letters...

Drift is Deadly for Pollinators

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A solution presented by DriftWatch and Xerces Society is to take steps in reducing drift and maintaining buffer zones between sprayed areas and pollinator habitat areas.

Check out driftwatch.org and xerces.org/pollinator-resource-center/ for more on pollinator conservation.

Becky Keim
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Lyons, NE
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Thankful for No Liquor

Editor:

First of all, I would like to thank Rayo Mart for providing a truly convenient option for the people of Nitrate City and surrounding areas for the last 34 years. I sincerely hope to have them here for another 34 and beyond.

I would also like to tell the men of the Colbert County Commission how much I appreciate their service to the people of our county, especially in respect to the recent vote that would allow liquor sales at Rayo Mart in the Nitrate City community. Thank you for the majority vote of NO in regard to this license that would immediately put countless lives from our community in danger. Thank you for standing firm in your beliefs that sometimes moral obligations and the safety of a community

are more important than the financial gains that would come from the sale of alcohol. Nitrate City appreciates the commission's concern for the majority of the people's opinion. Thank you for understanding that this is a beer issue AND a safety issue. Many of the patrons of the Rayo Mart choose to walk to the business out of convenience. The sale of alcohol would immediately endanger individuals who have supported and sustained a true community business.

Rayo Mart officials have said if they obtain the liquor license that they will address their vendors' safety in loading and unloading from adjacent property instead of in the front of the store. The owners of the business have also stated that obtaining this liquor license would create two or three new jobs. Again, I am hopeful that this comes to fruition; any new job will be a positive for the county.

One commissioner said he feels for both sides of this argument, but he mentioned that the people of Nitrate City should not put a stumbling block in front of Rayo Mart so that they have to close. Most of the citizens in this community do not share his outlook. They see this license as a true concern for our neighbors' safety rather than the purely financial gains of one family. I understand that it requires different avenues to make money in a business that is constantly changing. However, I and many others have a vested interest in keeping our area as safe and as free from potential distress as possible. Liquor sales is not just about providing a service to a community. Studies show that liquor

sales result in an area that is less than desirable for new families and increases in crime and traffic fatalities. As a citizen of Nitrate City, I sincerely hope the Rayo Mart reconsiders its decision to pursue a liquor license for the sake of ALL

of our stakeholders.

May God bless the commission as they follow his guidance in all their decisions.

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Is it possible that revivals and great movings' of the Spirit have stopped today because men are getting messages from books that are full of errors and the Holy Spirit won't bear witness to them. Truth is still truth no matter who is speaking and lies are still lies no matter who is talking. Size of church does not determine spirituality. An individual last week tried to convince me that all bibles have errors in them. Who taught him that? Why would anyone doubt a language he understands in favor of a scholar correcting him in a language he doesn't understand? That is exactly what has happened. And your faith is in the wisdom of men. Christ said **Matthew 7:13-14** "Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it." **1 Corinthians 2:5** "That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God." Is your faith in men or in the power of God? HAVE YOU LEFT YOUR FIRST LOVE?

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Community Notes...

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Florence High School senior, Kaitlyn Fennell, is collecting soda can tabs for her National Honor Society community project. The tabs will be donated to the Northwest Alabama Cancer Center's Sharing and Caring Fund. This fund is used to help patients undergoing chemo treatment with unexpected expenses. Soda can tabs can be dropped off at either of the Northwest Alabama Cancer Center offices. The Florence office is located at 302 W. Dr. Hicks Drive. The Muscle Shoals office is located at 101 Dr. W. H. Blake Jr. Drive behind the Shoals Hospital. Last year Kaitlyn collected 101 pounds and she is hoping to double this amount this year.

Any donations will be appreciated. Jars can be provided for your business as well. Questions may be directed to 256-764-4200.

Florence Parks & Recreations Department will be conducting registration for:

- Youth Baseball for boys and girls ages 3-12. Registration fee is \$35 per player.
 - Youth Softball for girls ages 5-12. Registration fee is \$35 per player
- Register through February 26 at www.fpard.com. For more information contact David Dolan at 256-760-6628.

Florence Parks & Recreations Department will be conducting online registration for:

- Youth Soccer for ages 4-14 years old. Registration fee is \$45.
 - Adult Softball - teams for men, men church, or coed leagues. Team fee is \$400.
- Register through March 5 at www.fpard.com. For more information, 256-760-6628.

Singing River Squares Square Dance Club meets each Friday 6:30-9pm at The Club, 450 Country Club Drive in Florence. National Caller/Instructor: Chuck Bermele. Beginner Classes, Mainstream and Plus Workshops ongoing. First Friday each month we celebrate birthdays and anniversaries at 5:30pm.

One Human Family Gathering is a locally-organized event drawing attention to our need to unite as a nation, a state, and a community. It will take place at 4pm on Tuesday February 21 in the Mullen Hall at Trinity Church on Pine St. in Florence.

"We thought of doing this right after the election" said Vicki Goldston of Living Spirit Church. "We knew we would feel better if we could come together and change the atmosphere a little, and we are guessing that some other people feel that way as well."

Research now shows that where a generation ago people could talk and socialize across political lines, that is now becoming impossible. We have to get back some of that feeling that we are all in this together.

The organizers of the event are asking that people bring a prayer, poem, picture, or song that expresses the feeling of being part of one human family to share with everyone. "This is really a sharing event," said Dr. Tom Osborne, president of the Shoals Interfaith Council. "We are trying to change the atmosphere of our area from partisan rancor to one of community."

The Interfaith Council is one of the event's sponsors.

The Club is operated by Florence Parks & Recreation Dept and is an alcohol and drug free facility. Please call 256-760-6642 for more information.

Gospel Sing with Keith Darby - Sunday, February 26, 2-4pm at Underwood Petersville Community Center, Co. Rd. 7, Florence. Hosted by Lords House of Worship. Pastor Tom Daniel. Everyone Welcome.

5th-12th grade students Tuesday evenings, 5-7pm, now through April 24, at **Florence-Lauderdale Public Library** our Teen Program is hosting a special set of events. We are partnering with UNA to offer an 18-week Relationship Smarts series that will help your kids with topics such as attraction, communication, healthy relationships, parental relationships, dating abuse, and ending relationships. The students will be separated into groups of 5th-8th grade and 9th-12th grade, so each group will participate in the Relationship Smarts class for one hour and will also get to attend a fun Teen Program activity. Plus, we'll provide dinner for all students attending Relationship Smarts (Thanks to Edgemont Methodist Church for providing meals!).

For more information, call 256-764-6564, ext. 24.

Meetings of the Shoals Democratic Club are held at 6:30pm on the third Monday of each month with alternating locations between Florence and Muscle Shoals. A light meal is served at 6pm and the public is always invited to attend.

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Florence Park & Rec Spring Registration - Baseball: Ages 3-12. Register from Now - February 26. Fee \$35

Girls Softball: Ages 5-12. Register from Now - February 26. Fee \$35

Soccer: Ages 4-14. Register from Now - March 5. Fee \$45

Register online at www.fpard.com

For more information, contact the Florence Park and Recreation Department at 256-760-6628.

The Florence Kiwanis Club will host its 66th Annual Pancake Day Friday, March 3 from 6am-7pm and Saturday, March 4 from 6am-1pm.

Advance tickets are \$7, or \$6 each for group sales of ten or more. Tickets at the door are \$8 each. Children less than 12 years are \$5 at the door.

Tickets for the pancakes and sausage event are available from any member of the Florence Kiwanis Club or at the door. For tickets call Don Rohling at 256-710-7059. "ALL YOU CAN EAT" 66th Annual Pancake Day will be held at Florence/Lauderdale Coliseum at 702 Veterans Drive, Florence. Information about Kiwanis Pancake Day and Florence Kiwanis Club is available at www.florencekiwanis.com.

The Florence Kiwanis Club has set a goal of \$65,000. Proceeds will benefit numerous local community projects.

8th Annual Coat's Farm Benefit Trail Ride & Auction - Saturday, March 4. Free admission, donations appreciated. All proceeds go to North Alabama Christian Children's Home.

Yard Sale "Under the Tents" Friday, March 3 and Saturday, March 4, 7am until... (No clothes please--will accept good yard sale items).

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The Junior League of the Shoals and Shoals TRAC are bringing back the Huff 'n Puff on the Bluff 15K Race on March 11.

The early entry fee is \$30 if before March 6. After March 6, the entry fee will be \$35. The race will start at 8am. The start and finish lines, as well as packet pick-up, will be at the Sheffield Rec Center. In conjunction with the race, the 1st Annual Huff 'n Puff Spring Market will be held on March 10 and 11, at the Sheffield Rec Center. The market will be open from 9am-7pm on Friday and 9am-6pm on Saturday.

Runners can shop at the Market for free by showing their race bib. Tickets are \$5 for all others. All proceeds from the race and Spring Market will go to the Junior League of the Shoals to benefit the Community Grant Program. The Junior League of the Shoals is an organization of women dedicated to promoting volunteerism, developing the potential of women and children and improving the community through effective action. For more information or to register as a runner, please visit our Facebook page Huff'n Puff on the Bluff 15K. For more information on becoming a sponsor or a vendor, please visit our Facebook page Huff'n Puff Spring Market.

Lauderdale County School System will be accepting applications for the First Class PreKindergarten funded by the Office of School Readiness for the upcoming 2017-2018 school year. New this year, applications will only be accepted electronically. School site codes with links to registration forms will be available from March 1-31 on the District Website (ll www.lcschools.org) and each school's web page.

Enrollment is nondiscriminatory and open to all children. Children will not be denied participation due to race, color, national origin, gender, or disability. Based on current funding, Central will have two classes with 18 pre-k slots per class and all other schools will have one class with 18 slots each. The slots will be filled through a random drawing in April (exact dates will be announced).

Children must be 4 years old on or before September 1, 2017 to be eligible for the program. A monthly tuition fee will be charged based on a sliding income scale.

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