

**Best of the
Best Shops**

FLORENCE— Billy Reid was named the number one among the listing of the 50 Best Menswear Shops in America June 29 at GearPatrol.com.

Gear Patrol's criteria included being a notable, distinctive retail store that offers goods off the shelf (and/or online). Stores needed to have a distinct style aura that's relevant to men's style knowledge, and offered ready-made goods for purchase rather than custom or tailored wares. They also weighed the claim that, if you visited "X" city, it's worth your time to stop in here — whether that be by distinctiveness of brand offering, ingenuity of store layout, or just because it's a cool spot you wouldn't want to miss.

About the top men's wear location, Gear Patrol's attribution read:

BILLY REID - For the Guy Who: Appreciates the design elements of a K.Swiss, Southern dandyism, and fine leather.

**Skills Winners
From Shoals**

LOUISVILLE, K.— Career and technical students in Alabama won some of the nation's highest awards at the recent SkillsUSA Championships in Louisville, Kentucky.

Skill Point Certificates were awarded in seventy-two occupational and leadership areas to students who met a predetermined threshold score in their competition as defined by industry. The Skill Point Certificate is a component of SkillsUSA's assessment program for career and technical education.

• **Marcus Smith**, from Florence and a student at Northwest Shoals Community College, was awarded a Skill Point Certificate in Cabinetmaking.

• **Trent Tidwell**, from Killen and a student at Allen Thornton Career Technical School, was awarded a Skill Point Certificate in Customer Service.

• **Monica Aday**, from Muscle Shoals and a student at Northwest Shoals Community College, was awarded a Skill Point Certificate in Esthetics.

• **Jeremy Gann**, from Rogersville and a student at Calhoun Community College, was awarded a Skill Point Certificate in Industrial Motor Control.

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**New Owners Have History
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FLORENCE – Shoals-based First Southern Bank has agreed to be acquired by a group of local business leaders with long-term ties to the Shoals community. Charles Anderson, Joel Anderson, Chester McKinney Jr., Todd Ouellette, and George Pillow Jr. are uniting to enable First Southern Bank to capitalize on the tremendous growth potential and opportunity in the Shoals and across North Alabama.

The proposed acquisition is pending regulatory and shareholder approval. However, it has been unanimously approved by the bank's board of directors



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and its parent bank holding company, First Southern Bancshares, Inc.

Dennis Morgan is the current executive vice president and senior lending officer. He will become First Southern's president and chief executive officer.

"We are so fortunate that these outstanding community leaders and their families have agreed to make an investment in our business," Morgan stated. "Their belief in the growth of our vibrant and expanding local economy opens an exciting new chapter for First Southern Bank."

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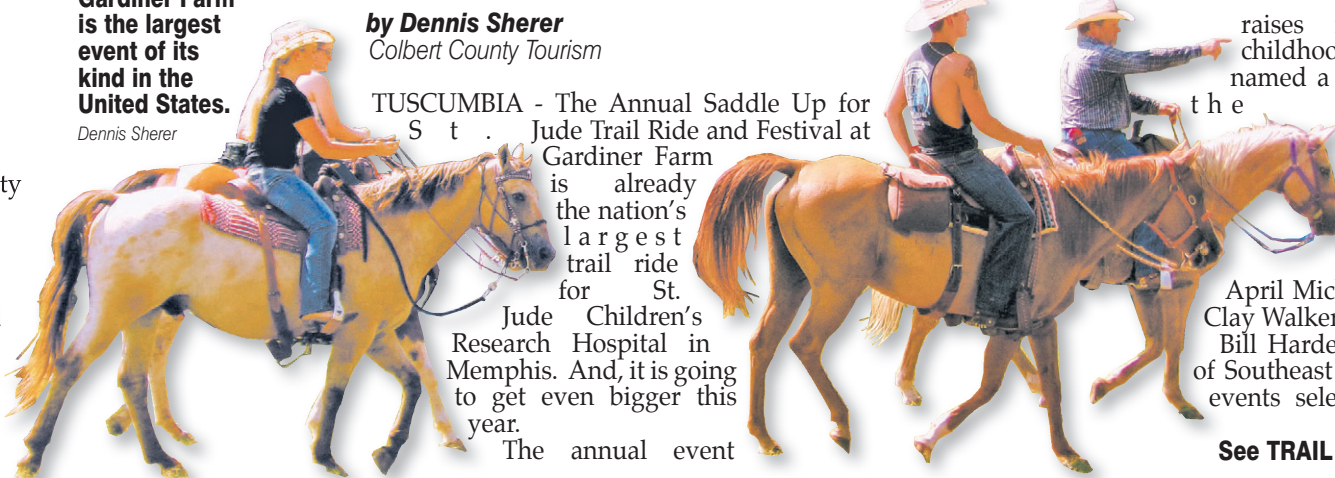
The annual Saddle Up for St. Jude Trail Ride at Gardiner Farm is the largest event of its kind in the United States.

Dennis Sherer

by **Dennis Sherer**
Colbert County Tourism

TUSCUMBIA - The Annual Saddle Up for St. Jude Trail Ride and Festival at Gardiner Farm is already the nation's largest trail ride for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis. And, it is going to get even bigger this year.

The annual event



raises money to help fight childhood cancer. It has been named a Top 20 Event for July by the Atlanta-based Southeast Tourism Society. This year's Saddle Up for St. Jude at Gardiner Farm in Tuscumbia is Friday, July 14 and Saturday, July 15. Headline performers are April Michelle on Friday night and Clay Walker on Saturday.

Bill Hardeman, president and CEO of Southeast Tourism Society, believes events selected for the Top 20 list

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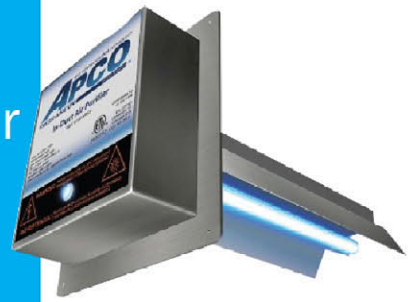
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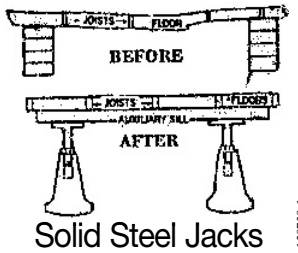
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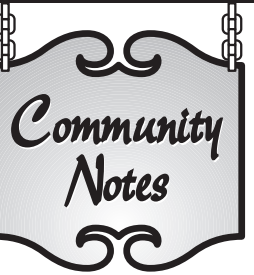
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Clothes Give Away - Thursday, July 6 from 8-10am at the Care Center, First Baptist Church, Killen.

Members of the Shoals Area Chapter of the Order of St. Luke will be available to pray for you in the meeting room at The Rock Christian Bookstore at 310 N. Montgomery Ave., Sheffield, Thursday, July 6 from 4-5:30pm. We believe God heals spiritually, physically, and emotionally. All prayer is confidential.

The LaGrange Living Historical Association's monthly membership meeting is scheduled for 7pm, on Thursday, July 6, at the LaGrange College Site Park.

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LifeSouth Community Blood Drives for June and July

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Wednesday, July 5, Noon-6pm, Warren's Marathon, 16337 Highway 72, Rogersville

Thursday, July 6, 2-7pm, Mangas Tool and Die, 2721 Avalon Avenue, Muscle Shoals

Friday, July 7, Noon - 6pm, Big Star, 314 South Jackson Avenue, Russellville

Saturday, July 8, 11am - 7pm, Pie Factory, 3312 Woodward Avenue, Muscle Shoals

Sunday, July 9, 10am - 4pm, BAM, 318 Cox Creek Parkway, Florence

Monday, July 10, 11am - 6pm, Foodland, 1161 Highway 72, Killen

Tuesday, July 11, 11am - 6pm, Cost Cutters, 392 Cox Creek Parkway, Florence

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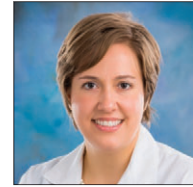
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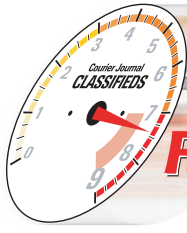
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Susann Hamlin, president and CEO of Colbert County Tourism and Convention Bureau declares Saddle Up for St. Jude at Gardiner Farm deserving of the Top 20 in the Southeast listing. "It's a great event and it raises lots of money for a worthy cause." Colbert Tourism nominated Saddle Up for Jude at Gardiner Farm for the Top 20 in the Southeast award.

"Although they call it a trail ride, you do not have to own a horse to participate. It's open to everyone. The music is going to be great, the food will be delicious, and the auction is going to be fantastic," Hamlin said.

The festival includes trail rides, wagon rides, pony rides, concerts, an auction, arts and crafts, food vendors and activities for children.

According to Jimmy King, organizer of the festival, all profit from the event goes to St. Jude. During the past twenty years, Saddle Up for St. Jude at Gardiner Farm has raised more than \$2 million for St. Jude.

"They do a world of good at St. Jude," King said. "We're just glad we can help them with what we do with Saddle Up. We all have big hearts when it comes to helping the kids at St. Jude."

Saddle Up for St. Jude is family-friendly and great for people of all ages.

Riders have more than twenty miles of trails spread over around 3,000 acres. King said riders choose their pace and the trails they want to explore. No all-terrain vehicles other than those used by St. Jude volunteers are allowed on the trails. More details are available at saddleup4kids.org.

Admission for the weekend is a \$35 donation for riders. Admission for non-riders is \$10 on Friday and \$20 on Saturday. Primitive camping is

available.

The farm opens at 7am on Friday, July 14. Music begins at 6:30pm with Stampede, followed by Ben Parker Project at 7:45pm, and April Michelle at 9:15pm.

Music begins at 10:45am on Saturday, July 15 with Southern Heat Band, Josh Brannon Band at 10:45am and 3pm, and Clay Walker at 7:30pm. Walker's hits include six number one country songs, Live Until I Die, What's It to You, Dreaming with My Eyes Open, If I Could Make a Living, This Woman and This Man, Rumor Has It.

This year's auction is a major fundraiser for Saddle Up for St. Jude. It is so big that it has been divided into two segments, 1:30pm and 4pm on Saturday, July 15.

For more details, call 256-446-5392 or Colbert County Tourism and Convention Bureau at 256-383-0783.

Directions to Gardiner Farm, 85 Underwood Road, Tuscumbia. - From U.S. 72 in Tuscumbia, turn south onto service road at Colbert County Farmers Co-Op. Go one block then turn left onto Frankfort Road. Travel south for 1.7 miles, then, turn left onto Underwood Mountain Road. Travel 3.1 miles to County Farm Road and follow the signs.

Shorts...

Skills Winners From Shoals

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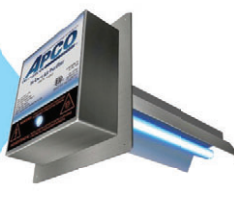
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Although Johnson is retiring, he will continue as a consultant to First Southern as it moves forward.

"On behalf of our board of directors, I want to thank our shareholders and our loyal customers for the support they have given First Southern Bank over the years," said chairman Acker Rogers. "This purchase is a very positive development for the bank and I believe that the new ownership will lead First Southern to even greater future success."

Executive vice president and chief financial officer, Rod Schlosser, added, "We are gratified to have this vote of confidence in our institution and our community. We look forward to an exciting future for our customers and employees."

First Southern anticipates this transaction will be completed during 2017. However, closing is subject to various customary conditions which may affect exact timing.

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As we celebrated Independence Day, most of us probably did so with food, recreation and perhaps fireworks. Hopefully, we also reflected on why we have this day and gave thanks for the wonderful freedoms we enjoy in America. While a lot of us probably could not pass a fifth grade exam on the events surrounding the Declaration of Independence, surely we are perceptive enough to realize why we are the most blessed nation on earth.

Just the mention of words like "freedom" and "liberty" should conjure warmth and pride in our hearts. Yet, since this kind of government system is all that the majority of us have ever known - it can easily be taken for granted. Thus, may we ever be mindful that freedom came at a price and is sustained at a price.

Of course, ultimately the praise belongs to God for the blessings and freedoms we know and love. Paul wrote, "Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God" (Romans 13:1). Further, the Bible instructs us that we are to pray for "all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence" (1 Timothy 2:1, 2).

While the governmental freedoms we have are tremendous and worthy of our celebration, I would like to turn our thinking in another direction for the moment. Let us consider the spiritual freedom that comes to us through Christ. The very word "salvation" carries the idea of being set free from the bondage of sin (2 Timothy 2:24-26). And remember these words of Jesus, "If the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed" (John 8:36).

Long before our Lord came to this earth the prophet Isaiah informed that His ministry would consist of "proclaiming liberty to the captives" (Isaiah 61:1; cf. Luke 4:18). Later, Paul gave commentary to this statement with these words: "But God be thanked that though you were the slaves of sin, yet you obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine to which you were delivered. And having been set free from sin, you became slaves of righteousness" (Romans 6:16, 17).

We can never overstate the value of being set free from sin and we can never praise God enough for this precious gift made available through His grace and loving-kindness (Ephesians 2:8, 9). While we set aside one day a year to celebrate our national independence, Christians should praise God without ceasing for who He is and what He has done for us!

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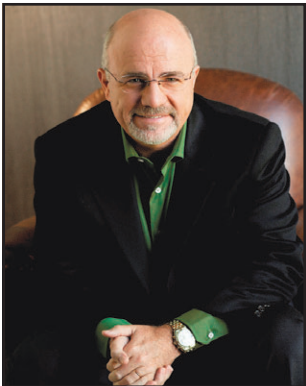
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Emmanuel

Dear Emmanuel,
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—Dave

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—Dave

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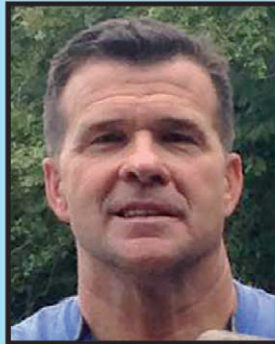
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House Calls with Dr. Barco

What's the Difference Between Rheumatoid Arthritis and Osteoarthritis?

In my practice, I have often seen patients and family members use the term rheumatoid arthritis and osteoarthritis without a clear understanding as to what they are. I wanted to take time this week to distinguish between the two. Understanding the difference between the two is relevant, because the complications and management of the two conditions differ. The term "arthritis" in general refers to inflammation of one or more joints. There are several causes of arthritis, two of the more common ones being osteoarthritis and rheumatoid arthritis.

Osteoarthritis is what refer to as a degenerative disease; that is "wear and tear" of joints that happens over time. While it tends to occur more commonly in elderly patients, osteoarthritis can often occur in younger patients who engage in repetitive activities involving certain joints or have sustained injuries at a previous time. Osteoarthritis pain tends to worsen as the day progresses as repetitive strain is placed on the arthritic joints, inviting inflammation into those areas. Many sufferers will also note some morning stiffness. Treatment of this condition usually involves anti-inflammatory medications and, when appropriate, physical therapy. For patients not responding to these therapies, other pain-relieving medications, joint injections and even surgical intervention, may be needed.

Rheumatoid arthritis, on the other hand, has a different cause. It is what refer to as an autoimmune disease. Autoimmune diseases are illnesses in which the body's defenses, which normally serve to fight germs, begin to attack different parts of the body instead. In the case of rheumatoid arthritis, the most common body parts attacked are the joints. This causes significant pain and swelling.

Many will notice that the pain is worse in the morning and actually improves during the course of the day. The constant attack by rheumatoid arthritis often leads to destruction of the joints. The result is often significant deformity of the joints, loss of function and incredible pain. In addition to its effects on the joints, rheumatoid arthritis is often associated with other complications. For example, rheumatoid arthritis can often cause debilitating fatigue in patients. Many suffer from chronic lung disease, such as scarring of the lungs, because of rheumatoid arthritis. Rheumatoid arthritis can affect other organs such the heart, in which the sac lining the heart can become inflamed. The treatment for rheumatoid arthritis is more complicated and taking simple nonsteroidal anti-inflammatories is not sufficient. Patients usually have to be started on disease-modifying antirheumatic drugs (also called DMARDs) which help slow down the progression of rheumatoid arthritis. These include medications like methotrexate, azathioprine and leflunamide, to name a few. These medications treat the disease by weakening the immune system. As such, there is the risk that a patient on these medicines may develop infections more easily, so this must be monitored closely. Consult your primary care provider if you are concerned about having either osteoarthritis or rheumatoid arthritis.

Dr. Roy Barco welcomes your questions concerning health and wellness. Please facebook him at www.facebook.com/roy.barco.5 where you can submit questions for the column, or write to:

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Commentary

Keeping the Spirit in Our Local Event

After a period of uncertainty, the fireworks show from the barge at McFarland Park in Florence was set to go at press time. However, the moniker, *The Spirit of Freedom*, proudly used for 35 years has lost its local luster.

I was looking for press information on June 21-22 in hopes of getting information in last week's *Courier Journal* about the annual patriotic event. There was none forthcoming.

Then on Monday, Urban Radio Broadcasting Co. with Shoals Radio Group announced that it was cancelling the event due to a lack of sponsorships. The only money it had generated towards the \$13,000 fireworks expense was \$5,000 that the City of Florence had committed. The fact that there were no other sponsors a week before such a prominent local event should have everyone concerned.

In addition to the \$5,000 commitment, the city of Florence has \$30,000-\$40,000 in time, supplies, and personnel allocated for this holiday. They must budget additional resources from several departments to pull this off each year.

Add to that, many vendors count the Spirit of Freedom as a significant event on their summer schedule. Late event cancellations on such a high-profile holiday leave them with few

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THIS WEEK

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Florence Teams with Student

FLORENCE — To help the American Red Cross ensure a sufficient blood supply this summer, Florence High School graduate, Jacari Holt, is hosting a *Leaders Save Lives* blood drive. The drive is co-sponsored by the city of Florence and takes place Thursday, July 6 from 1-6pm at the Florence-Lauderdale Coliseum at 702 East Veterans Drive in Florence. Those who come to give will receive a Red Cross drawstring bag while supplies last.

July 6

The *Leaders Save Lives* program encourages community-minded



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high school and college students to host blood drives to help maintain the blood supply over the summer months. Students who participate as a blood drive coordinator can earn a gift card and are eligible to win a scholarship up to \$2,500 for higher education.

Blood donors from high school and college blood drives account for about 20% of donations given through the Red Cross during the school year. Many of these blood donors do not give during the summer months when school is not in session and blood shortages often occur.

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Fridays Has a Salute to Our Military

FLORENCE – In honor of the men and women who served our country in the past and those who are currently fighting for our freedoms, First Fridays presents, "Salute to the Military" on July 7. In addition to arts, crafts and music, First Fridays is placing an emphasis on area military and service groups. The event will take place from 5-8pm on Court Street in historic downtown Florence.

July 7

"We can never thank these men and women enough for their service and sacrifice to our country. However, we hope the Salute to the Military First Fridays event lets our veterans and active military know we appreciate their dedication," said Belinda Duke, First Fridays chairwoman.

Families will have the opportunity to visit with members from the Coast Guard, Army and other branches of service. The Army is bringing a trailer specially equipped with games and fun for kids. American Legion Post #11 and VFW Post #5140 will also

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THE LAGRANGE LIVING HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION'S monthly membership meeting is scheduled on Thursday, July 6 at 7pm at the LaGrange College Site Park. Visitors are always welcome. Restoration work continues on the Observatory located inside the historic park. Plans for up-coming events are to be discussed. For additional information, contact L. C. Lenz at 256-702-6953.

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Trust MSM Reporting?

Editor:

Adolph S. Ochs, the owner of the *New York Times*, created the famous slogan, All the News That's Fit to Print, in 1897. He wrote the slogan as a declaration of the newspaper's intention to report the news impartially. It is a shame that neither the *New York Times* nor news media in general adheres to that virtue. Readers are inundated daily with adverse news about the Trump Administration from questionable sources. The mainstream news media has accepted the title of tabloid.

The mainstream media ignored mistakes in judgment, poor utterances, etc., by the previous administration. There were many...the "fast and furious scheme," Benghazi, the UN gun restriction "treaty," "the Iran Nuclear "agreement,"" Obama's statement to Russian President, "after my election I have more flexibility..."

etc. We are told business persons should not try to run government. We are told the Republicans should not try to pass healthcare legislation without Democrats' input. Consider how the AFCA was passed!

Is there any doubt why the mainstream media is not respected and why Americans resort to Internet news? Most printed news and network

news are no longer impartial reporting, but commentary and opinion. It is presumed by those who think they know best that if they repeat their opinions enough, we will accept it as fact.

No wonder the president and many of us do not trust fake news distributed by the MSM, thus result to internet news such as the Blaze, Freedom Force, etc. The MSM media is abusing their right of freedom of the press. Instead of factually reporting, they put a spin on every article published.

John Lee
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Real Consequences

Editor:

With all the distractions in Washington due to the Russia-related

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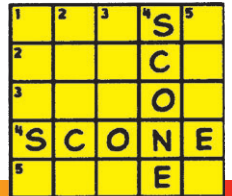
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4. The most reasonable.
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7. Home for most of the world's animals.
8. Used after "same" or "such."
9. Abbreviation of "ampere."

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1. A very old game.
2. An intuitive feeling.
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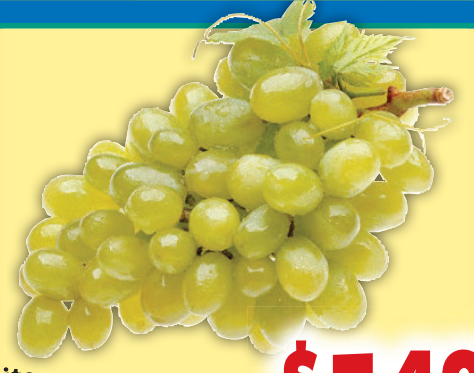
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Some Real-Life Consequences

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probes, it is important not to lose sight of other pending actions that have serious real-life consequences. Retirees especially should be concerned by back-room deals in Congress and conflicting signals from the Trump regime.

The revised healthcare legislation will have budget and tax consequences that could well have a negative impact on retirees. To offset promised tax reductions for the wealthy, there are proposals to reform, restructure, and possibly privatize Social Security and Medicare. This despite the President's promise not to reduce or jeopardize those benefits we earned.

An Obama administration regulation just took effect that requires financial advisors dealing with retirement accounts to put our interests ahead of any commissions and fees from sales of products - and they must disclose all such fees. You would think such a rule would be obvious and long overdue. It offers retirees some protection from Wall Street greed. However, there is a move afoot to kill that requirement just like the many others being overturned.

We have first-hand experience in Alabama of one-party control of all aspects of state government. Debate, transparency and public interests can suffer. With solid control in Washington, the Republicans can impose a conservative agenda. It might bring some additional economic growth even though the similar experiment in Kansas is problematic. However, we must be ever more vigilant to prevent stealth collateral and countervailing damage for retirees.

Dan Waterman Killen

Incredibly Poor Military Policy

Editor:

Maybe the primary reason that the Army is having trouble getting men and women to re-enlist and having to pay \$90,000 bonuses, is the insane policy concerning sexual deviancy.

We seldom hear anything from the army concerning combat readiness. Rather, the focus is on equal opportunity employment and diversity which means acceptance of the sexually confused whether they can perform the duties of a soldier or not. If the Trump administration doesn't act, that is not going to change. Days after requesting a two-year delay on Barack Obama's transgender troop policy, the Army was forced to start training its soldiers and its civilians on how

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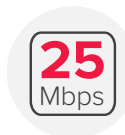
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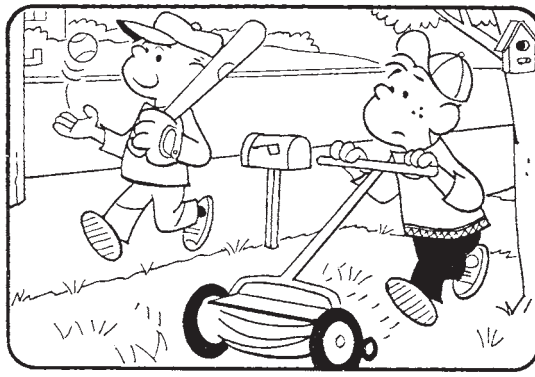
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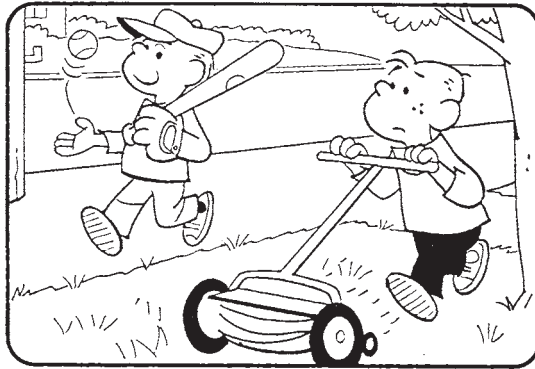


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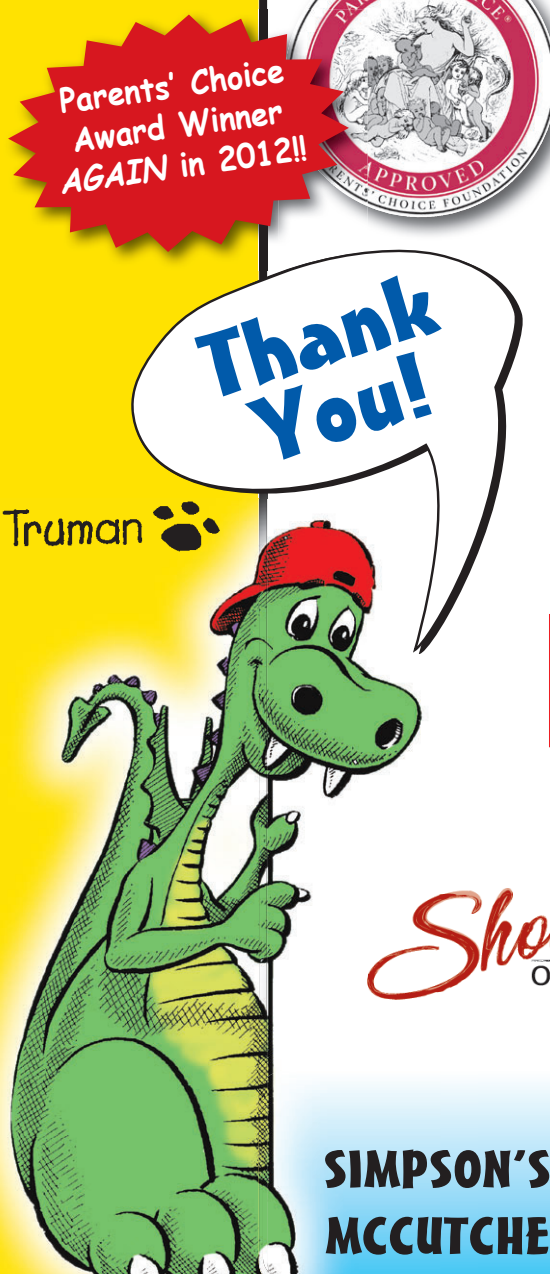
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Commentary

Spirit...

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options as a fallback.

Only eight days notice of cancellation of an event of such magnitude does everyone a disservice. If I am not mistaken, the potential of cancellation loomed over this event just a year or two ago as well.

It is in everyone's best interest if the event gets a 'reboot.'

Thankfully, the adverse publicity last Tuesday and Wednesday brought some local businesses into the discussion. Mayor Steve Holt also talked about it on KISS-FM 102.7. Before the week ended, the July 4 fireworks were resuscitated and sponsorships were in favorable enough position that live music was being incorporated that afternoon. I'm sure the vendors are appreciative. Independence Day at McFarland is not the same without music.

Urban Radio owns the rights to the title, *Spirit of Freedom*, so if KISS takes the lead moving forward, the event name will have to change. Recent years have been a far cry from the old *Spirit of Freedom* heyday, anyway.

In the 1990's the park was always packed with people and events from early afternoon forward. Onlookers occupied every available vantage point within a mile or two of McFarland as dusk approached.

Hopefully, KISS-FM will spark a revival of sorts.

The city will be the driving force for 2018 as Florence celebrates its Bicentennial.

Maybe 2019 will include more opportunities with better planning. Organizers could even accept donations of \$1/person or \$2/carload at the park entrance to offset expenses or support a recognized local non-profit.

That sounds like a win-win formula benefitting the true Spirit of the Shoals.

Leaders Drive...

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"Donating blood takes about an hour of your time, and each donation can help save more than one life," said Jacari Holt. "I encourage the community to roll up a sleeve and give blood at our upcoming drive. Donating blood is an easy way to volunteer, and it helps patients in need this summer."

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BY MARK TATULLI



Letters...

Incredibly Poor Military Policy

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to welcome the gender confused into its ranks. July 1 is the deadline for all branches to accept people

who identify as transgender. The Army recently had no choice but to start the process with special sessions. The training module specifically outlines key roles and responsibilities of commanders, transgender soldiers, military medical providers, and administrative management organizations, according to Lieutenant Colonel Jennifer Johnson. She believes it is a lesson that will assist soldiers in understanding Army policy for the military service of transgender soldiers so that they can implement the policy while maintaining morale, readiness, and good order and discipline.

This is impossible; the Army cannot maintain morale readiness, good order, and discipline with this policy. Although both the Marine Corps and the Army have voiced objections to this policy which puts political correctness ahead of common sense and national security, the Obama administration did just that. In the phony name of fairness, the Defense Department would willingly let people into the military whose mental state is not only unstable but a detriment to their fellow service members? It's incredible. Allergies can keep you out of the military, but gender dysphoria can't?

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Cat & Kids

by Cathy Turner

Free - A Life Description

Writings from an almost seventy year old friend's journal - so many sections full of life descriptions and wisdom. In particular, I enjoyed the section entitled, "Free Spirit". Here are some excerpts:

Free Spirit - I am a Free Spirit

Definition: A person who doesn't conform to society. She does her own thing and doesn't care what you think.

A free spirit cares about the right things. A real free spirit thinks for him/herself. It's called being independent and doing things because you want to do them. This is how I want to live my life.

We wear simple clothing...only because we want to.

A real free spirit loves unconditionally. If we believe that you are the one, no matter how much you hurt us, we will forgive and come back to you. Forgiving and forgetting is important. We will always love you. Love is love.

A real free spirit will let it go if it's not worth their time. We won't pick fights with you to get our way. We don't mind if people drift away or stay. We let it go and move on.

A real free spirit doesn't mind being alone. We don't mind sitting at home on a Saturday night and just reading a book. We don't mind being single. We don't mind being in a relationship. We don't mind not having friends to hang out with. We are very mellow. We don't let anything define us.

A real free spirit will not change for you. You will never be able to change a free spirit. We do things at our own pace. If you can't hang, you can't hang. You won't be able to weasel yourself into a real free spirit's life because we will see right through you.

But most of all, a real free spirit lives life like someone who hasn't sold their soul to the devil. We have good experiences, and pick the good things of life to linger on. We smell all the flowers, not just the roses. We will give

everybody a chance. We don't mind judgment, if it makes us better people.

I am cool with everyone. Free spirits can't function when we feel restricted - whether it's our bra constricting us, or society telling us we cannot think, feel or act a certain way, when we are restricted from being who we are, we shut down.

Free spirited women hardly seek routine. We love waking up every morning knowing this day will be vastly different from the last. We feel spiritually claustrophobic when we're faced with days of constant similarity.

We constantly float between ideologies. Free spirits have an incredible thirst for knowledge. We're constantly attempting to make sense of the world in which we dwell.

Our lovers/husbands find it hard to keep up.

We are perpetual daydreamers. We find it difficult to focus because our heads are always in the clouds. It's easy for us to zone out and get trapped inside our brains. We are the people who constantly practice being in the moment because we struggle with it the most. People often tell us they don't "get" us. Our way of thinking is not a straight line, but rather a winding maze that we are trying to navigate.

We absorb others' pain, pleasure, anxiety, contentedness, fear, and courage. Our empathy causes us to go through powerful highs and lows - Anquish. We are the first people our friends turn to when the going gets tough.

Free spirits don't worry about the normal stuff. We worry about our beliefs and what we feel strongly about because to us that is the important stuff.

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The bottom line is this: choose who you think is the best agent to get the job done, not who might get their feelings hurt. Tell them you want each of them to interview for the job of getting your home sold. Here are some suggestions of questions you might ask each agent:

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How will the agent communicate with you?
Do they text? What about email to their phone?
How promptly does the agent respond to phone calls?
Experience and Training?
How much experience does the agent have? Ask the agent about training they may have or designations they have earned. This shows a commitment to the level of service they are trying to provide.
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DAYS OF OUR LIVES Chad and Gabi became surprise witnesses to Abigail and Dario's last-minute wedding. Thanks to Eric, Nicole got caught in a lie. Joey confessed to Tripp about Ava. Kayla found herself in hot water at work. Rafe planned a special surprise for Hope. Claire told Theo that she wanted to get back together. Rafe was thrown by Hope's response to his big question. Lani was hypnotized by Marlena so she could recall memories from the night of Deimos's murder. A guilt-ridden Sonny made a confession to Paul. Eric and Nicole started to remember key moments from the night of the party. Sonny was faced with a tough decision. Gabi and Chad tried

to reconnect, but Chad was troubled by the memory of Abigail. *Wait to See: Hope and Rafe celebrate their engagement.*

GENERAL HOSPITAL Sam's health was becoming a huge issue. Sonny shared his plans with Jason. Curtis and Jordan reconciled. Nina got a call from Valentin. Andre looked to Anna for comfort. A health crisis forced Jordan to make a sacrifice. Joss tried to play both sides. Sam misled Jason. Ned enlisted the help of his groomsmen. Olivia misinterpreted a situation. Carly warned Joss. Sonny made his intentions known. Michael tried to warn Nell. Monica saved the day. Nina thought there was more to a story. *Wait to See: Josslyn continues down the wrong path.*

THE YOUNG AND THE RESTLESS Victor pumped Tessa for information on Nikki's whereabouts. Tessa insisted that she wasn't holding back any details about Nikki's disappearance, all the while keeping Nikki's flare-up a secret from Victor. Jack and Ashley continued to question Dina about her deal with Graham, but she told them they just needed to accept her decision to keep Graham in her life. Neil realized that Devon had residual feelings for Hilary and cautioned him not to put too much faith in her. Meanwhile, at the party, Jordan apologized to Hilary for their earlier spat. Mariah was uneasy when she noticed Devon staring at Hilary. Scott teased Abby for not having a date at the party. *Wait to See: The Newman Family struggles to keep up their charade.*

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We Welcome Everyone To This Event - Bring Friends - Saturday, July 8 at 7pm, Florence Elks Lodge, 2550 Chisholm Road, Florence. Music provided by Mike Broadfoot, DJ.

Ballroom, Social, Line Dancing! Free class about 8pm (20 minutes).

Admission: Members: Adult \$5 - Guests \$7 - Students \$4 - Driving 50 miles (one way) \$4

Soft drinks, & all other drinks are available for sale in the front room of the Elk's Lodge. Your purchase helps the Elk Lodge!

Dress: Casual or "dress up" if you would like to!

For more information, contact Suzy at 256-740-1661, suzyfromal@comcast.net or www.northalabamadance.com

Children and their families are welcome to come enjoy the Read with a Ranger program at 10am on Saturday, July 8 at the Natchez Trace Parkway Visitor Center in Tupelo. This month's featured story is "Brave Little Raccoon."

Follow Little Raccoon and encounter different animals as she tries to find her way home in the dark. Though the ranger will use stuffed animals to help tell the story, afterwards visitors will get to touch real skins and furs of the animals introduced.

The free 45-minute program that is most appropriate for ages six and under, but all ages are welcome. Participants will listen to a story, join in a fun activity, and go on an optional and easy quarter-mile hike. Read with a Ranger features a new story on the second Saturday of the month. The Visitor Center is located at milepost 266 on the Natchez Trace Parkway, near Tupelo, Mississippi. For additional information, call 1-800-305-7417.

You Are Invited to a Gospel Meeting at the Northside Church Of Christ Lexington, AL - Hwy. 101 (just north of 4-way stop), July 9-14. Speaker - Lowell Sallee. Plain preaching from the Bible. Time of Services: Sunday: 9am, 10 am & 5pm. Weeknights 7pm.

You are also invited to a Congregational Singing, Friday, July 7, 7pm.

You are welcome - come be our guest.

Zip City Neighborhood Watch Meeting is Monday, July 9 at 2pm at the Zip City Community Center.

Discover Your Strength in God! VBS Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church, 11025 County Road 15, Florence, July 9-16. Come join us for a wonderful week of learning how God's Heroes Have Heart, Courage, Wisdom, Hope and Power! We have a great staff that is ready to energize and educate our participants PreK-5th Grade. Please read the activity schedule (http://2017.cokesburyvbs.com/wesleychapel/) carefully. We have a few additions and changes this year. Registration is available online or onsite. VBS participants and families are invited to join us on Sunday, July 9 from 3-5pm, Wednesday, July 12 from 6-8pm for Family Night at the Pavilion and Sunday, July 16 at 10:30 am for our VBS Closing Celebration. Power Up...Have Faith!

Sheffield Career Center has a FREE Job Shop every Tuesday at 10am at their center on 500 S. Montgomery Ave in Sheffield. Topics to be discussed will be interviewing skills, resume preparation, and how to dress professionally. For more information, call the Career Center at 256-383-5610.

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The Utilities Board of City of Muscle Shoals Water & Wastewater Department will accept sealed bids on the following vehicle until 3:30pm on July 20, 2017. The vehicle listed may be inspected at the office located at 2210 E. Second Street, Muscle Shoals This vehicle will be SOLD AS IS.

2011 Ford Diesel Crew Cab Pick Up White Exterior 1FD8W3GTXBEC31914

The Utilities Board City of Muscle Shoals Water & Wastewater Department reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive any informality in any bid, and to accept any bid considered being advantageous to the owner.

PUBLIC NOTICE LAUDERDALE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

"Special Education records for students who graduated or should have graduated during the year 2012 are going to be destroyed in July, 2017. Persons interested in receiving their records should contact the Special Education Department at 256-760-1300 before July 10, 2017."

Like Yard Sales? See page 5!

ANDY'S WRECKER SERVICE

Sale of Abandoned & Unclaimed Vehicles

Pursuant to the provisions of Alabama Abandoned Motor Vehicles Act: Section 32-13-4 Code of Alabama 1975, notice is hereby given to the owners, lienholders and other interested parties that the following described vehicles were taken into custody by Andy's Wrecker Service to wit: The named vehicles will be sold at Public Auction to the highest bidder for cash or payment by Credit Cards at Andy's Wrecker Service located at 20850 Hwy 72, Tusculmbia Alabama on Saturday July 29th 2017 at 9:00 a.m. All Vehicles can be inspected during certain hours only: Monday through Friday from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Table with columns: Year/Make/Model, Color, Vin#, Tow Date, Location. Lists various vehicles including Cadillac Escalade, Chevrolet Camaro, Chevrolet HHR, Chevrolet Silverado, Ford Edge, Ford Fusion, Ford Windstar, Hyundai Santa Fe, Harley Davidson, Nissan Maxima, Volkswagen Beetle.

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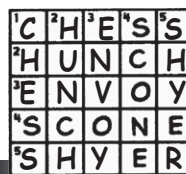


Answer: A-3, B-1, C-2.

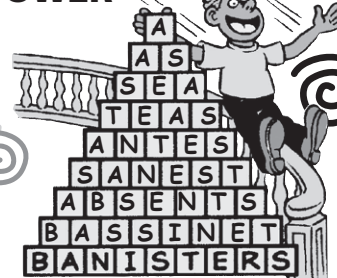
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