

NAACP Award Recipients

SHOALS- Several individuals who have made positive contributions to the Shoals community were honored recently at the Tusculum Roundhouse during the 24th Annual Freedom Awards Banquet sponsored by the NAACP Tri-County Branch.

- Awardees were selected by the Freedom Awards Committee from nominations submitted over a period of weeks. Winners were:
- James R. Cobb Leadership Award - Kaytrina Simmons.
 - Rev. James Hampton Youth Award - Penny Freeman
 - Rosie B. Groce Service Award - Sheryl Hamilton
 - Professor C.A. Jarmon Civic Award - Dave Smith
 - William Little Humanitarian Award - (Two) Pastor Jerry Reeves, and posthumously to Jimmy Williams
 - Leroy Finch Education Award - Dr. Jimmy Shaw
 - Ernest Cobb Spiritual Guidance Award - Dr. Pastor Green Davidson, III

Anyone is welcome and encouraged to help in the selection of future awardees. Nominations for 2018 will be accepted from the public.

McAnally at Shoals Event

FLORENCE-Shoals Scholar Dollars and the Shoals Theatre present nine-time CMA musician of the year, Mac McAnally in concert at the Shoals Theatre in Florence Saturday, December 16 at 7:30pm. Appearing with Mac will be former Allman Brothers guitarist, Jack Pearson, and the percussionist for Jimmy Buffet's Coral Reefer Band, Eric Darken.

Doors open at 6:30pm. Orchestra seats are only \$40. Balcony seats are \$30. VIP tickets are \$75 which include a meet-and-greet with Mac, hors d'oeuvres, and drinks at the Gold Record Room prior to the show. All seating is reserved, so get your tickets early!

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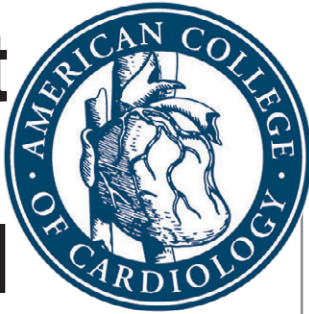
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"The accreditation process is about improvement in patient outcomes. This acknowledgment means we achieved our goal," said ECM Hospital Chest Pain Coordinator, Stephanie Berryman, RN. "It was a



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A Mingle and the Marketplace

FLORENCE-The Junior League of the Shoals' 11th Annual Sugarplum Marketplace is coming to the Marriott Shoals Conference Center Thursday and Friday, November 30 and December 1 from 9am-9pm each day and Saturday, December 2 from 9am-5pm.

Seventy specialty merchants will take part in the event, so there should be something for

everyone. Additional activities associated with the Marketplace include Story Time with Santa C. Manley, demonstrations with Jeffrey Long, dancers, twirlers, the Sugarplum Pageant, and the 2nd Annual Jingle Belle Mingle.

Sugarplum's schedule of events is as follows:

Thursday, 30 November, 9am-11am Storytime with Santa C. Manley

Thursday, November 30 5-9pm, Jingle Belle Mingle (our girlfriend's night out celebration) requires a special ticket. Put on your fun and festive shopping attire, grab your girlfriends, mothers, sisters and daughters and join us as we enjoy stroller-free shopping, fabulous door prizes, and the opportunity to

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Coming Home for Christmas

TUSCUMBIA - All the music and laughter you want for Christmas can be found at the Alabama Music Hall of Fame on Tuesday, December 5 at 6:30pm as a multitalented trio comes home for Christmas. "We'll Be Home for Christmas" Part III features the holiday music, original songs, and comedy of **Aaron Wilburn, Mark Narmore, and Bobby Tomberlin.**

Aaron Wilburn is a singer, songwriter, and comedian from Bobo, Alabama. Aaron was featured on the Gaither Homecoming Tour and videos. He has endeared himself to thousands of laughter-loving fans with his own down-home brand of humor, as he talks about his southern roots, his family, children and his faith.

Mark Narmore is a singer songwriter from Center Star with a long career in the songwriting business. His hit song, "That's What I Love About Sunday," was the most-played country song of 2005 and spent five weeks at #1.

Bobby Tomberlin is a singer songwriter from Luverne, Alabama. Tomberlin co-wrote the #1 Country and top-five Adult Contemporary hit, "One More Day," recorded

by Diamond Rio. He has also had songs recorded by **Faith Hill, Kenny Rogers, Chris Young, and Josh Turner.**

Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased at the Hall of Fame or TicketLeap

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 These are a few things God has done. Now what have you done for Him? Write them down and list them. Tell me about the great things you have done for Him. Send me a letter. Have you allowed Christ to come into your heart and save your soul and bring you to God? **See 1Peter:3:18 and read it.** That's the greatest thing Christ can do for you. Have you been thankful for what He has done for you? Kind of a one-way street, isn't it? Friend, your time is short. Eternity is a long time. You will not always have a strong heart beat and ability to breathe. Give your most precious thing, your soul to Christ today.
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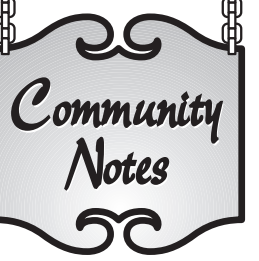
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Areas of national or international accomplishment include, but not limited to: agriculture, art, athletics, business, education, government, humanities, literature, medical, military, music, public service, religion, or science and technology. Nominations will be received until 5pm Friday, December 29 in the mayor's office.

Nominate by:
1) Visiting the City's web site, www.florenceal.org, and selecting the "Walk of Honor" listing under the "Happening Now" section;

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3) Calling the Mayor's Office at 256-760-6400. Please include any substantiating data and picture, if possible, with your nomination form.

The Mayor's Walk of Honor selection committee will choose the 2018 inductees and a ceremony will be held in their honor. A bronze plaque with a picture of the inductee along with a brief inscription of their accomplishment will be placed at the Walk of Honor.

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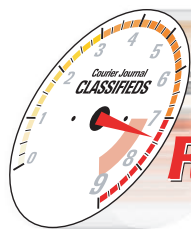
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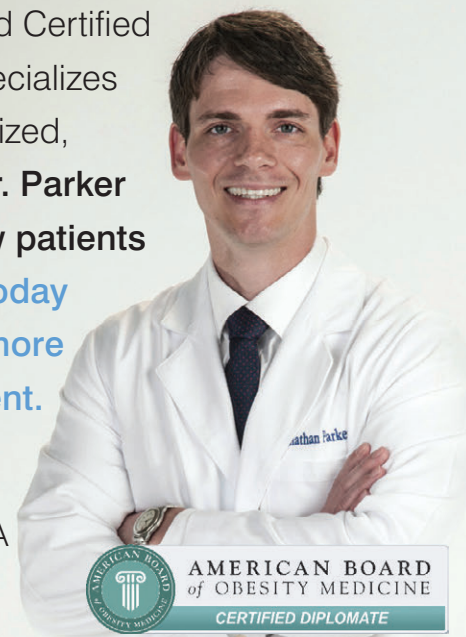
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Shorts...

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Opry Show for Jesus Mission

ST. JOSEPH, TN- The Cadillacs will present their Grand Ole Opry Impersonation Show Saturday, December 2 at the St. Joseph, Civic Center in St. Joseph, Tennessee beginning at 7pm.



Admission is \$10. Children 7 and under are free. The event will feature impersonations of **George Jones, Tammy Wynette, Johnny Cash, Linda Ronstadt, James Brown, J. D. Sumner, Doris Day, Loretta Lynn, Patsy Cline, Emmy Lou Harris,** and others. Your host for the evening is **Hank Williams.**

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The show will conclude with good "Ole Time Southern Gospel Music."

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Meetings for Law's Reform

FLORENCE-The Alabama Family Rights Association will join the Concerned Citizens in Lauderdale Co. on Tuesday, December 5 to host two Family Law Reform informational meetings at the Florence-Lauderdale Public Library at 350 N. Wood Ave. in Florence. One is 11:30am-1pm (FREE light lunch will be provided). The other is from 5:30-7pm.

Both informational meetings will look at efforts to change the current 1852 Alabama child custody law. The focus will be on scientific data that suggests measurable improvement in a child's life when both parents are involved.

Guest speakers will include: State Senator **Larry Stutts**, Alabama State Senator, and **Kenneth Paschal**, Alabama Family Rights Association President, U.S. Army Retired. Other officials are also invited.

The Alabama Family Rights Association will also discuss "State of the Children of Alabama", the proposed child custody legislation for the 2018 legislative session, and action steps for citizens. Those impacted professionally and personally by family law are encouraged to attend.

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

America First

Kathleen Parker, in her November 17 "Another View" published in the *TimesDaily*, wrote that Mitch McConnell's statement, "I believe the women" in response to questions about Roy Moore, made her want to hug him.

McConnell does not care at all about those women. He only cares about power.

As Parker acknowledges, McConnell allocated millions to support Luther strange. The RINOs (Republican In Name Only) are the "establishment Republicans" or the swamp. They don't want anyone elected who is a true conservative and can't be bought or bullied in the Senate.

I am amazed that even those on Fox News, except for Sean Hannity and Laura Ingraham assume Moore is guilty and don't think he is entitled to the presumption of innocence. The notion that we must always believe a female accuser is ridiculous. Women are as capable of lying as are men. This current fad that we must always believe the woman is dangerous. It makes no sense to take the accusations against Roy Moore as absolute truth when you consider the timing and his reputation of being a man of character and integrity.

I believe Roy Moore is telling the truth, but even if he did do the things he is accused of, I could not support the alternative, Democrat Doug Jones. No matter what your convictions are, when you vote for Doug Jones or any Democrat you are voting for:

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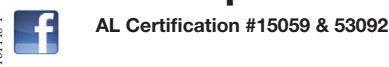


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First Southern...

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Morgan was speaking on the finalization of his bank's acquisition by a group of successful Shoals area businesspeople. "We are honored that these businesspeople felt so optimistic about the Shoals area and our economy, and wanted to make a local investment in our community bank," said Morgan. "This is an exciting new chapter in our bank's history, but we are still laser-focused on helping meet the financial needs of the people we serve. That will never change."

Charles Anderson, Joel Anderson, Chester McKinney Jr., Todd Ouellette, and George Pillow Jr. came together to acquire the bank and enable it to capitalize on the tremendous growth potential and opportunity in the Shoals and across North Alabama. "This is a statement of confidence in

the people of the Shoals," said Morgan. "To invest in a bank, you have to believe that the area is growing and will continue to do so. These gentlemen and their families believe deeply in this part of the country, and so do we; there's no place in the world we'd rather be."

When the acquisition was finalized, Morgan became the President, replacing former President and CEO Jack Johnson, who will remain as a consultant. "This acquisition is a great day for our customers, employees, and community," said Johnson. "Our employees and management team remain intact, and after 40 years as a local banker I am retiring with the comfort of knowing that First Southern is in excellent and experienced hands."

According to Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, Rod Schlosser, "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."

The founding of its predecessor in 1935 makes First Southern Bank the oldest financial institution headquartered in the Shoals.

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STAN DEAN

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Seungdamaroung was his last name. Most of his patients just called him "Doctor Seung," for obvious reasons. I have not seen him in over thirty years. Yet, every time I think of him I still feel a deep sense of appreciation for his sacrificial kindness to my family.

Our oldest son was born five weeks prematurely. That is not always a problem, but it was for him because his lungs were not fully developed. He was quickly placed under oxygen because of his labored breathing. Things went pretty well for about 24 hours, then one of his lungs ruptured due to his struggle to breathe. An emergency surgical procedure had to be performed which stabilized him - until twenty-four hours later when the same thing happened to the other lung which required the same ordeal.

It is when the complications started with our newborn that Dr. Seung entered the picture. Interestingly enough, he was a specialist in premature babies and had just moved to town. His skill and expertise (girded by numerous prayers) are truly the reason our son is alive today! But there is more.

As most of you know, lengthy hospital stays and surgical procedures equal a hefty bill to pay. As I remember, the bottom line was just over \$9000, which to us as a young couple in 1980 seemed like \$90,000! The insurance we had at the time had a lot to be desired in way of benefits, so we figured we would be in debt for a long time. Then, Dr. Seung enters the picture again. Most of what the insurance did not pay was owed to him. Yet, he kindly informed us that whatever the insurance paid would be sufficient - we would owe no more. Maybe now you can see why Dr. Seung is such a memorable name to us.

Perhaps we all have people in our lives that have gone that extra mile that meant so much to us. For such people we have a profound sense of appreciation and we will never forget their loving kindness.

But when all is said and done, there is no act of kindness by any human being that would begin to compare with all that God has done for us through Jesus! "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life" (John 3:16). Jesus paid the debt that we could never pay! The gracious gift that He offers is eternal life (Romans 6:23).

"Jesus!" Not just a memorable name, but a name above all names (cf. Philippians 2:9-11).

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Capital Projects Fund	287,963
Fiduciary Fund	454,753
Total Fund Balances	8,237,439

Revenues

State Sources	16,489,258
Federal Sources	1,754,920
Local & Other Sources	12,183,297
Total Revenues	30,427,475

Expenditures

Instructional Services	17,315,144
Instructional Support Services	4,870,613
Operation & Maintenance	2,812,776
Auxiliary Services	2,470,153
General Administrative Services	1,535,270
Capital Outlay	348,784
Debt Services	978,247
Other Expenditures	1,084,033
Total Expenditures	31,415,020
Other Financing Sources	385,455
Excess Revenues & Other Sources of Expenditures	(602,090)

Fund Balances - September 30, 2017

General Fund	4,792,654
Special Revenue Fund	1,540,413
Debt Service Fund	579,559
Capital Projects Fund	210,293
Fiduciary Fund	512,430
Total Fund Balances	7,635,349

Commentary

Our Attention on Kicking Butts

The City of Florence and mayor Steve Holt recently decided to address an issue that has been smoldering for far too long. The “No Butts About It” campaign finally puts the issue of cigarette butts into

perspective. We have been aggressively addressing litter as a nation for over six decades. The advent of drive-in’s and drive-thru’s in the 1950’s made it easy for an unprepared and unconcerned public to discard without thinking. Drivers and passengers casually tossed glass bottles, cups, cans, and paper wrappers out of their windows and onto the once-pristine roadways.

More disposable products such as razors, paper towels, diapers, paper plates, and napkins ushered us into a more challenging battle against litter. America had been through at least two significant anti-litter campaigns so we were well-past unprepared. We were now lazy and obstinate. It’s now a social stigma to litter, but many still do it since it is hard to levy fines without eyewitness or recorded evidence.

Although cigarette butts have been included in litter discussion, there was little in the way of emphasis. They are small and generally deemed inconsequential by some. In fact, a recent Keep America Beautiful survey found that 77% of people don’t think of cigarette

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In A Few Words



TOM MAGAZZU
Editor

Courier Journal

THIS WEEK

in the *Shoals*
November 29, 2017

Happening
THIS WEEK



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Dec. 3

Belle Mont Tradition

TUSCUMBIA—A *Plantation Christmas* at Belle Mont takes place on Sunday, December 3 from 1-5pm. Fresh greenery, fruit, and traditional decorations will fill the elegant antebellum mansion as vocalists and musicians will present period

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That Sweet Scent

TVMA Welcomes The Trees of Christmas 2017

TUSCUMBIA—The sweet scent of Christmas trees will be filling the halls of the Tennessee Valley Museum of Art once again as The Trees of Christmas 2017 opens Friday, December 1 and runs through Christmas Eve. The exhibit is open 9am-5pm Monday-Friday, 10am-2pm on Saturday December 9 and 23, and 1-3pm on Sundays. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$3 for students. There is no admission charge on Sundays. Group rates are available for 15 or more.

The Trees of Christmas is an annual exhibition featuring a display of nine 12-foot-tall live fir trees decorated by area civic clubs, groups, schools, businesses or individuals, pulling from a variety of styles, ideas and the cultural history of the Shoals. Each tree is

special, with unique decorations and out-of-the-ordinary ornaments.

The line-up of decorators this year includes Martha Hayes, Scope 310/ Aktion Club Florence, Central Elementary School Pre-school through 6th Grade, The Alabama Institute for Deaf and Blind, the Shoals Adventure Club, the Shoals Master Gardeners, Lynn

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Courtesy Photo / 2016

THE ANNUAL EDUCATION AND SCHOLARSHIP BRUNCH sponsored by Kappa Phi Chapter Chi Eta Phi Sorority, Inc., Professional Nursing Organization, on Saturday, December 2 from 11am-12:30pm at Mt. Carmel MB Church, South Mulberry Street in Tusculmbia. A \$10/ person donation is requested. Guest speaker is Tamara C. Warren, PhD.

JOSH & ASHLEY FRANKS will be singing at Valley View House of Prayer. Saturday December 2 at 6:30pm. The building is located off Hwy. 20 on Co. Rd. 60 to the corner of Co. Rd. 60 and 158 in Florence. 256-764-9285 or 256-627-9288.

THE TOWN OF WATERLOO will be hosting its Annual Christmas ATV Parade on Sunday, December 3. Line-up begins at 4:30pm at the South Boat Ramp in Waterloo. Parade begins at 5pm and will continue down Main Street in Waterloo. There will be awards for the top three places in the parade. Afterward there will be the lighting of the Town’s Christmas tree next to the Waterloo Post Office. This will be followed by open house at the Edith Newman Culver Museum. Everyone is invited to enjoy soup, sandwiches, and simple desserts.

HOLLY AND IVY will be held Tuesday, December 5 - Friday, December 8 at the Kennedy-Douglass Center for the Arts located at 217 East Tusculoosa St., Florence. Cup of Cheer will begin at 11:30am and lunch is at noon. Tickets are \$25 per person. Please call 256-760-6379 for ticket information. The gift shop will be open.

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Excluding All Others

Editor:

This paper’s Thanksgiving column of November 22, “Tarnishing Spirit of Thanksgiving,” blames groups like my organization, the Freedom From Religion Foundation, for advocating a secular government and steering the nation away from “religious freedom.”

Religious liberty is one of America’s greatest achievements, but that liberty is guaranteed by our secular government. There is no such thing as freedom of religion unless our government is free from religion. In short, a secular government is a prerequisite for religious freedom.

After missing the basis of religious freedom, the column suggests that all the division in society is a result of falling away from religion, presumably the Christianity of the editor. This misses an even more obvious point: Religion itself is divisive. Religion pretends to hold an exclusive right to the ultimate truths. It

may unite believers of the same stripe, but it quite literally excludes all others, and often calls for even worse.

An early Wisconsin Supreme Court justice put it most eloquently: “There is no such source and cause of strife, quarrel, fights, malignant opposition, persecution, and war, and all evil in the state, as religion. Let it once enter

our civil affairs, our government would soon be destroyed.”

Whether you’re thankful to be a practicing Christian or a nonbelieving atheist, thank the founders for our godless Constitution and secular government this Thanksgiving.

Andrew L. Seidel
Freedom From Religion Foundation, Inc.
Madison, WI

It May Come Back

Editor:

Regarding Roy Moore, those without sin cast the first stone. Beware; it may come back on those who accuse. Remember what Jesus said.

Louie Hipps
Tusculmbia

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Sudden reports of sexual misconduct by Republican candidate Roy Moore have no corroboration in police records, witnesses, or DNA on clothing.





December 2017

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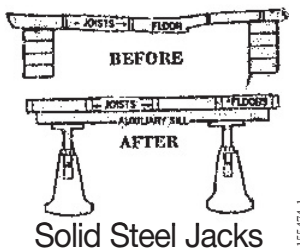


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2. Why is my cup of tea stronger than yours?
3. Why is the letter "E" like London?
4. If a chicken could talk, what kind of language would it speak?
5. Why is a loaf of bread four weeks old like a mouse running into a hole?

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IT'S ALPHABET SOUP TIME! To solve this problem you must replace the letters in our AlphaMath puzzle with the digits 0, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9, so that you have a correct addition expression. The same letters get the same digits. See if you can get a higher total than we did.

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DON'T WORK OVERTIME SOLVING THIS ONE! Pictured below are two puzzle grids for you to fill in. Hints are given for each word. The words in grid A contain the same letters as the corresponding words in grid B.

GRID A			GRID B		
O	V		T		
	E			I	
		R			E

1. Found out about.
2. Keen interest; greedy.
3. Heard in church.
4. To listen to.

Don't Get Antsy Tring To Solve This One!

You'll find all kinds of ants in the dictionary. We have 14 words in mind that end with "ant." The "elephant" in our picture should give you an idea of what to look for. Try to find them using the following hints.

1. What ant helps to put out fires?
2. What ant is found in car engines?
3. What ant reminds you of puff pastries?
4. What ant smells nice?
5. What ant pours wine?
6. What ant buys and sells?
7. What ant is worn on a chain?
8. What ant makes the air dirty?
9. What ant provides all kinds of food?
10. What ant is dull and never goes anywhere?
11. What ant hates school?
12. What ant is good with numbers?
13. What ant is the smartest?
14. What ant never changes?

1. Comic drawing (sl).
2. A prima donna.
3. Word used to describe.
4. Has long ears.

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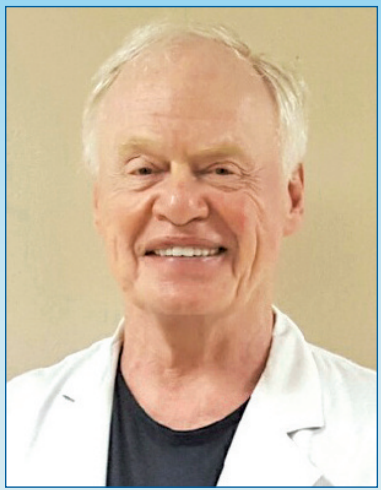


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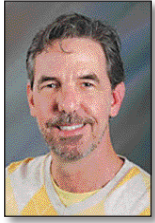
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EVERY MOVE YOU MAKE PART 2

by "The Computer Skeptic"

that "for free." But as your mamma told you over and over, "There's no such thing as a free lunch."

You know about all those really long, boring "End user license agreements" you have to accept when you first activate a new phone or before installing an app? If you were to take the time to read those, you'd discover that the major companies that are mining your data for information, namely Google, Apple, Microsoft and others, all ask for your permission to use your data for marketing purposes. If

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The fact is this: Google, Apple, Facebook and other social apps know you better than you think and there is very little you can do about it. Should you be concerned

about this. Well, yeah. How can you not be? You can take some comfort knowing that very few actual humans are involved in this. We all exist as a hash of data in some computer somewhere. In any case, we have a choice between participating in this amazing digital world of free, infinite knowledge literally at our fingertips versus living in the wilderness. I choose civilization. For now, anyway.

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Editor:

We were excited, if somewhat skeptical, when the Republicans promised tax reform this year that would simply the filing process, reduce taxes for all in the middle classes, maintain payment levels by the ultra-rich, and reduce the budget deficit and ballooning national debt.

Now we see their true colors: 50 shades of red for more giveaways to the wealthy political donor class that will add over \$1.4 trillion to the debt. That in turn will jeopardize future services and payouts for social security and Medicare for the majority of hard-working Alabamians who cannot afford direct influence on their representatives.

However, we still have votes that can help defend our best interests against the misleading posturing about how tax reductions for corporations and the one percent will somehow trickle our way in the form of more jobs and higher salaries. We know what actually trickles down.

The powerful companies and wheeler dealers continue to hide profits and engage stables of lobbyists and tax specialists who manipulate the system to avoid paying a fair share. That is why it is foolish to eliminate the alternative minimum and estate taxes - and to reduce corporate taxes without some guarantees of job creation, just as the states do when they negotiate tax relief to attract business.

We have a chance next month to send a loud message that we want open debate and bipartisan participation on the crucial issues of budgets and tax reform. Our future depends upon it.

Dan Waterman
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Why Has Forty Years Passed?

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Alabamians should always vote for candidates based on personal track record and party principles. Sudden reports of sexual misconduct by Republican candidate Roy Moore have no corroboration in police records, witnesses, or DNA on clothing. Judge Moore denies it. Sentencing judges have more impact on a community than one senator in one hundred. Why didn't these allegations confront Moore's previous judicial elections?

Alabama voters must choose between a candidate dedicating his life to upholding the Judeo-Christian values espoused by our founding fathers and a candidate promoted by the progressive globalist party

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I am sure when I was a young child that the love I had for my Mom and Dad, and the love they had for me, just filled me up. I then added to that loving pair an older sister and five little brothers. Surely in a house full of nine people a young boy loved and was loved as fully as a person could stand. Imagine my surprise as I then extended that love to include Grandparents, my uncle & aunt, cousins, etc. Time and grace would then allow our family the opportunity to learn about the deep love one should have for God and his Son. What a wondrous blessing. That love opened the door to even more people with whom love could, and should be shared. As I grew older, I met and married a beautiful woman that I thought completely filled me up with love. I could not imagine there would be any more room. Then a few short years later we added one daughter and then another daughter to our family.

Again, I had room to love and be loved. When the girls married, I added a couple of Son-In-Laws to the bunch and I love them. The best is yet to be told - a granddaughter and grandson have been joyfully added to that number. I am so glad that I am not full. I am so happy to have room

for these wonderful blessings. See what I mean? Every time I feel that life and love is as good as it can get - it gets better.

There is a lesson here for us. We ought to always have a heart that is open to expanding - to enlarging its borders to more of life, love, learning and opportunities. Within each of us is the capacity to reach a little further. To do

more, love more, live more, learn more, overcome more, heal more, forgive more and the list could go on. Too many sell themselves short. Each of us knows 100 stories about men and women who proved the impossible to be possible. Every day we stand at the crossroads and must decide if we are going to be a better person today than we were yesterday or if we are going to pronounce ourselves as "full" and choose the path of little effort. You are not full yet. Young or old, there is still room for more. Go give more. Go get more. Go be more.



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Although the things listed above are most important so are the tiers that drugs are placed into. So before we discuss the cost of the plans let's look at drug plan tiers. Normally there are five tiers to a drug plan. Tier 1 and Tier 2 drugs are usually your most common generic drugs. Tier 3 drugs are preferred brand, Tier 4 drugs are non-preferred brand and Tier 5 drugs are specialty drugs. One of the most misunderstood parts of a drug plan is the tier a person's drug is in.

Many people we meet with think that if their drug is listed in a certain tier under their current PDP it's the same on all plans. This is not always true. Sometimes, for example, a drug may be listed a Tier 2 under one plan but may be a Tier 3 under another plan. Why is this important? Because in most drug plans the copays are higher for Tier 3 than Tier 2.

You can check the tiers of your drugs by looking at the plan's formulary. The formulary is a list of the drugs that are covered by the plan. You can get the formulary of the plan you are considering by going to the plan's website, going online to Medicare.gov or you can visit our office and we can help.

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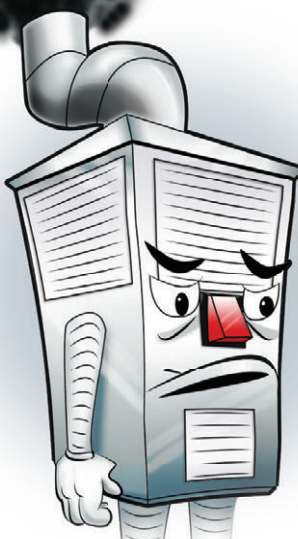
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BEST Robotics Now Moves to Regional Competition at Auburn

SHOALS— BEST Robotics is a national six-week robotics competition that takes place each fall for middle school and high school students who excel in areas of science and technology. BEST is an acronym for Boosting Engineering, Science, and Technology. Through participation in the project-based STEM program (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics), students learn to analyze and solve problems utilizing the engineering design process, which helps them develop technological literacy skills.

It is these skills that industry seeks in its workforce. Students in our region took part in the BEST Robotics competition recently. The teams that placed highly are invited to the South's BEST competition December 2-3 at Auburn University's Beard Eaves Memorial Coliseum.

Below are results of the area competition:

Advancing to South's BEST:

1. Brooks High School
2. Moulton Middle / Lawrence Co. High Schools
3. Covenant Christian School
4. Lexington High School
5. Rogers High School
6. Trinitas Classical Academy

BEST Award:

- 1st: Brooks H.S. 2nd: Covenant Christian
3rd: Moulton M.S. / Lawrence Co. H.S.

BEST Award Finalist: Trinitas Classical Academy

Best of the BEST Award - Middle School Team:

Trinitas Classical Academy

Robotics Game Winner:

- 1st: Moulton M. S. / Lawrence Co. H. S.
2nd: Lexington H. S. 3rd: Rogers H. S.

4th: Russellville City Schools

Top Gun Award (highest single round Game score):

Moulton M. S. / Lawrence Co. H. S.

Rookie Team Top Score: Trinitas Classical Academy

Middle School Top Score: (Trinitas Classical Academy)

BEST AWARD CATEGORIES:

Best Engineering Notebook:

- 1st: Covenant Christian School 2nd: Brooks H. S.
3rd: Creekside Academy

Best Marketing Presentation:

- 1st: Brooks H. S. 2nd: Moulton M. S. / Lawrence Co. H. S.
3rd: Lexington H. S.

Best Team Exhibit and Interview

- 1st: Brooks H. S. 2nd: Covenant Christian School
3rd: Trinitas Classical Academy

Best Spirit and Sportsmanship

- 1st: Brooks H. S. 2nd: Creekside Academy
3rd: Central H. S.

VEX EDR Winners (draw 5):

- Lexington H. S., Phil Campbell H. S., Red Bay H. S.,
Sheffield H. S., Wayne Co. Schools (TN)

Teacher Leadership Award:

Ishella Fogle, Covenant Christian School

SPECIAL ROBOTICS AWARDS:

Best Robot Programming Design

- 1st: Creekside Academy 2nd: Brooks H. S.
3rd: Covenant Christian School

Founder's Award for Creative Design

- 1st: Lexington H. S. 2nd: Russellville City Schools
3rd: Phillips H. S.

Most Robust Robot

- 1st: Phillips H. S. 2nd: Covenant Christian School
3rd: Brooks H. S.

Most Elegant Machine

- 1st: Brooks H. S. 2nd: Lexington H. S.
3rd: Moulton M. S. / Lawrence Co. H. S.

Most Innovative Design Award

- 1st: Lexington H. S.
2nd: Moulton M. S. / Lawrence Co. H. S.
3rd: Russellville City Schools

SPECIAL COMPETITION AWARDS

Best Teamwork

- 1st: Tharptown H. S. 2nd: Lexington H. S.
3rd: Rogers H. S.

Safety Award

- 1st: Covenant Christian School 2nd: Brooks H. S.
3rd: Moulton M. S. / Lawrence Co. H. S.

Best Robot Craftsmanship

- 1st: Phillips H. S. 2nd: Brooks H. S. 3rd: Central H. S.

Best CAD Design

- 1st: Covenant Christian School
2nd: Russellville City Schools 3rd: Creekside Academy

Best Team Exhibit Design and Construction

- 1st: Covenant Christian School
2nd: Moulton M. S. / Lawrence Co. H. S. 3rd: Brooks H. S.

Best Teamwear Design

- 1st: Wayne Co. Schools (TN)
2nd: Belgreen H. S. 3rd: Brooks H. S.

Best Website

- 1st: Creekside Academy 2nd: Brooks H. S.
3rd: Colbert Co. H. S.

Best Creative Video

- 1st: Central H. S. 2nd: Creekside Academy
3rd Russellville City Schools

Best Mascot &/or Costume

- 1st: Cherokee M. S. 2nd: Trinitas Classical Academy
3rd: Colbert Co. H. S.

Most Photogenic Robot

- 1st: Central H. S. 2nd: Shoals Christian School
3rd: Moulton M. S. / Lawrence Co. H. S.

Blood Sweat & Gears Award

- 1st: Wayne Co. Schools (TN) 2nd: Cherokee M. S.
3rd: Trinitas Classical Academy

Letters...

Why Has Forty Years Passed?

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of open borders, ever bigger government, and driving God out of public life.

Whatever Roy Moore may or may not have done 40 years ago will not be the basis for the future senators' values and actions.

It's your choice Alabama.

Vicki Martin
Clearfield, UT

Where is the US Headed?

Editor:

The uproar in Washington between Republicans and Democrats is heating up. As President Lincoln referenced during the Civil War, surely as there is night and day, we are heading for a division that is going to be non-repairable. A house divided among itself cannot stand. The rip is going to be so wide and deep that we may not survive the four years of this administration, both financially and politically.

Can you imagine just what the rest of the world thinks about grown men who verbally fight with each other daily and who no longer earn the respect of those who elected them? I am appalled at the lack of respect for their constituents and each other. They had better straighten up and do the right thing before it is too late. They need to focus on a well-balanced course, not running roughshod over each other. Concentrate on the business they were hired for, and that is to keep us on a level plumb.

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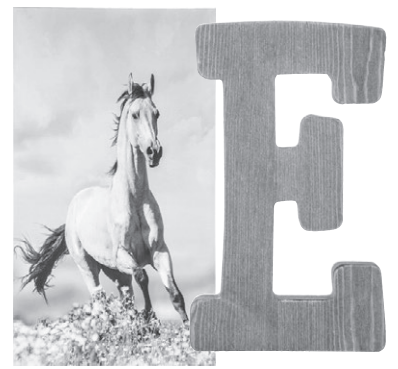
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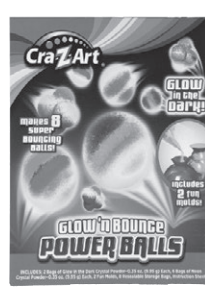
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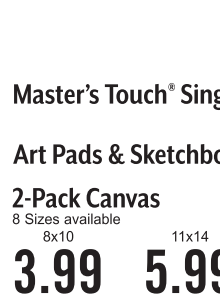
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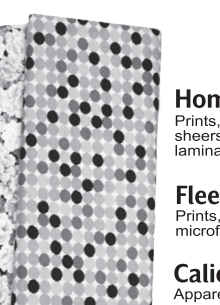
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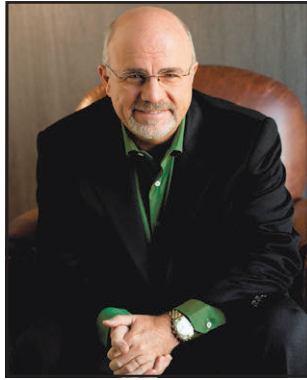
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GET IT NOW!

Dear Dave, I've noticed that the younger you are, the less expensive life insurance can be. I'm 32, and I'm still paying off my student loans. With this in mind, what's the best age to get term life insurance, and what does it cover?
Kalina

Dear Kalina,
Simply put, term life insurance covers death. Having student loans doesn't

really matter when it comes to life insurance, either. If you have a family – or someone who is dependent on your income – you need 10 to 12 times your yearly income in a good, level term insurance policy. If you make \$50,000 a year, that means you need a term life insurance policy with \$500,000 to \$600,000 worth of coverage. If you don't have a family or dependents, I'd recommend a simple burial policy of \$10,000 to \$20,000 to cover any final expenses.

Either of these would be very inexpensive for someone your age. Keep in mind that life insurance becomes costlier as you get older. The reason? Statistically speaking, the older you are the more likely you are to die. It's not a fun thought, but it's the truth.

Life insurance, or at least a burial policy if you're single and have no dependents, isn't one of the Baby Steps in my plan. But in your case, it's a go-get-it-now adult responsibility kind of thing!
—Dave

IT'S A DREAM, NOT A PLAN

Dear Dave, I've been trying to save cash to buy a home, but things always seem to come up that eat away at my savings. I have \$130,000 set aside, plus an emergency fund, and I make \$120,000 a year. I'm debt-free and renting right now, but eventually I'd like to buy a house in the \$300,000 range. I really hate the idea of owing the bank money, so would you advise continuing to save and pay cash, or is it okay to make a big down payment and take out a small mortgage?
Megan

Dear Megan,
I love your idea, but right now you have more of a dream than a plan.

You'll need \$170,000 to go from \$130,000 in savings to \$300,000, right? So, let's start planning.

If you save \$60,000 a year, it would take you a little less than three years to get there. If you set aside \$40,000 a year, it would take a little more than four years. A little division — just divide \$170,000 by the amount you want to save each year — and you've got the beginnings of plan. A dream is a good place to start, but I want you to develop this into a plan that focuses on a goal. Break this down, and figure out how to achieve it.

I see three ways to achieve this home ownership goal. One, you do the long division math and save like crazy for however many years it takes to save up \$170,000. The second is to put \$130,000 down on a \$300,000 home, and take out a \$170,000, 15-year fixed rate mortgage. This is the only kind of debt I don't beat up people for having. The good news is, with your income, you could probably pay it off in half that time.

A third possibility is to buy a \$130,000 house. Write a check for nice, modest home now, and in five years — saving wildly the whole time, since you'll have no house payments — move up and pay cash for a \$300,000 home.

If I'm in your shoes, that's what I'm doing!
—Dave

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Commentary

Butts...

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butts as litter. Those people apparently never notice accumulations of several hundred together. Cigarette butts are litter

items that are toxic and dangerous to plant life, wildlife, and waterways. Most cigarette filters are made with cellulose acetate

and rayon and take up to ten years to decompose. Their purpose is to trap dangerous carcinogens.

Those toxins are released into our environment when cigarette butts are discarded. Since they often stand out they are attractive as a potential food source to wildlife, especially large birds. They are not easily digestible, creating intestinal or digestive issues and long-term toxicity. They are also hazardous to water sources, marine life, and plant life.

Florence's "No Butts About It" campaign is a great start to the local problem.

Florence Gas & Water Department is sponsoring large billboard on Florence Blvd. with an image of butts to create awareness and action. The campaign also has several ads scheduled in the Courier Journal over the coming weeks and will be promoted through various social media channels.

The referenced KAB survey also noted that for every public cigarette butt receptacle, cigarette litter drops by 9% in that immediate area. Therefore, the cigarette butt receptacles that the city is adding around city buildings should prove beneficial.

City departments are also teaming up to pick up cigarette butts and litter from the surrounding walkways, roadways, and city buildings.

All citizens are encouraged to spend a few minutes cleaning up around their place of business and areas they frequent.

This special effort need not be contained to the city of Florence or to Lauderdale county, either. Everyone in the Shoals should get on board, especially those who smoke.

Some smokers

understand the issue of litter and conscientiously dispose of the remnants. Many others don't realize what they are doing when they casually discard that

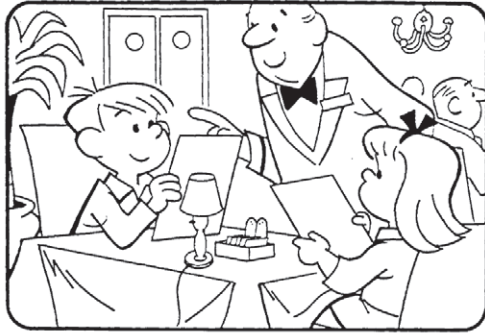
cigarette butt or how it impacts the environment. Others don't really care to be educated or inconvenienced. That is where a more

emphatic position should be taken. They should be made to realize what they are doing and that it is unacceptable in 2017.

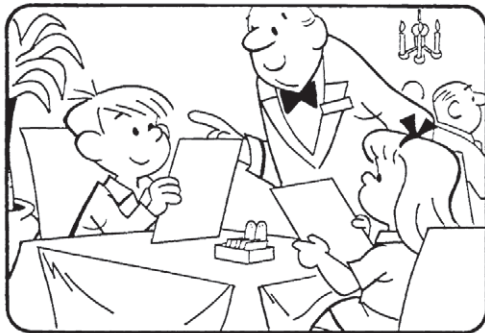


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Shorts...

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FLORENCE- First Fridays is making it easy for the entire community to catch the holiday spirit with this month's theme, "Christmas in the City" on Friday, December 1 from 5-8pm in historic downtown Florence.

There will be plenty of Christmas-themed fun downtown including free pictures with Santa at the Listerhill Credit Union booth, the tree lighting in Wilson Park, and "Every Light a Prayer for Peace" at Pope's Tavern. The

Shoals Author's Guild will be on hand caroling in Renaissance attire, classic cars will be on display, and the UNA percussion line will have a special performance of "Unsilent Night."

Musicians will be rocking the Big River Broadcasting stage at 5pm with RCC Band. Hollis is up next at 6pm and the Ray Brothers at 7pm.

A higher number of vendors have registered for December because of the holiday season. Expect to find a wide variety of artisans and crafters including wood workers, jewelry makers, and potters. Grab a bite to eat and check out the downtown businesses that stay open late during this event.

December is the last First Fridays event of 2017. The 2018 season begins again in March.

First Fridays is a production of Downtown Florence Unlimited and is presented by Listerhill Credit Union. First Fridays is a rain or shine event.

Writers Take to The Streets

FLORENCE-The Shoals Writers Guild will stage its second Annual Christmas in the Renaissance City celebration, on First Friday, December 1 in historic downtown Florence. The Guild is sponsoring the Mayor's Madrigal Caroling March to kick off the event.

Florence mayor, Steve Holt, and his wife, Susie, will be grand marshals of the event. Carolers dressed in Renaissance-era costumes will begin their caroling march at 5pm in front of Fred's on Court Street. The march will continue to Mefford's Jewelers and return to Fred's. Anyone interested in caroling in costume is welcome to participate. For more information, email Shoals writersguild@gmail.com

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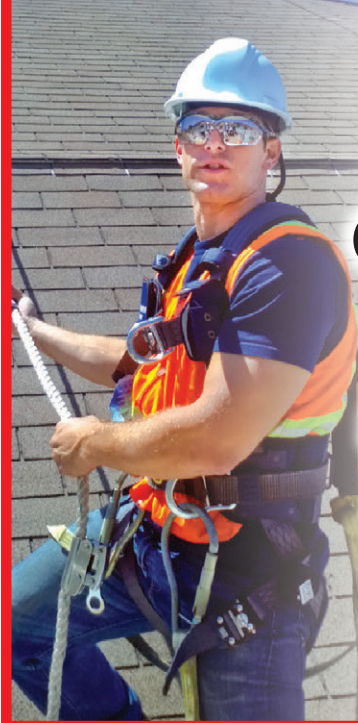
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Cat & Kids

by Cathy Turner

Sweet. Let's Gather!

I never had a teakettle until after we were married. Actually, I don't think that I had heard of one. In my growing up, we always had a tea pot. And I don't mean one of those pretty full-sized flowered china pouring teapots or one of those small painted cast iron teapots with the little basket strainer inside, like my husband has now. I mean we had a tea pot - a little pot to make tea in - a sauce pan. Our tea pot stayed on the stove at all times, because my mom used it at all different times of the day.

Early in the morning, mama would heat enough water in that tea pot for her instant coffee. We never had a percolator either. And sometimes in the winter, mom would make tea and honey to soothe sore throats and help coughy colds. But mostly, throughout the day water was heated in the tea pot so that mama could make her sweet tea. I can hear her now. She would put the bags in the pot, turn it on to boil, and then start some other chore. She would say to us kids, "Don't let those tea bags boil." You don't boil tea. You seep it, otherwise, it will be bitter and my mother never made bitter tea. She made smooth, southern, sweet tea. On the edge of syrupy, but not. She could make it in a flash - before you could say, "I want some."

When we were little, mom made Kool-Aid for us. She kept several of those 10¢ packages in the cabinet. We got to choose the color - the "flavor". She never bought the pre-sweetened packages of Kool-Aid. She didn't need to. She had a knack for sweetening Kool-Aid and tea. Sometime during our teenage years, we switched to drinking sweet tea. I did not know that there was such a thing as unsweet tea. After ballgames, Saturday morning play, and with Sunday and holiday dinners, there was always mama's sweet tea.

At my grandmother's house, she grew mint in her flower bed just outside her back door off her kitchen. On some mornings, she would open the screen door, snap off some mint and simply seep mint leaves in her tea pot for the aroma. That's the true smell of my grandma - mint. Have you ever rubbed mint between your fingers and then sniffed? Beautiful. Fragrant. A healing smell that will clear your sinuses. Sunday dinner at Mulla's included sweet tea with mint sprigs in it. I can remember seeing the green serrated leaves through the thick, frosted decorative glass of her round-bellied pitcher. Sundays and sweet tea - the best days of my childhood.

Now I am doing some things differently than my mother. I long ago switched from whole milk. I only have grain breads in my house. Using butter instead of margarine some. I don't fry chicken these days. I don't eat the top of the bun. We grill chops. I aim for chicken or fish and vegetables as the meal. But I still love sweet tea. It's a staple for me. Most times I have it and water. And in my home, it's decaffeinated. But I don't plan on giving up sweet tea. It makes you say with a wide mouth, "Ahhhh!" It's a part of my family gatherings. Sweet. Let's gather!

Bring one about 2/3 full tea pot (2 quart sauce pan) of water almost to a boil. Add 2 or 3 family-sized tea bags. Seep approximately 20 minutes. Put almost as much cold water and almost a cup of sugar in the bottom of a thick glass or plastic pitcher. Stir in the tea from the tea pot. Pour over ice. Mama's sweet tea. You have to figure out the about, the or, the almosts and approximately - that's the Mama part. Enjoy! Happy Thanksgiving y'all!!!

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Trees...

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Wilson and Barbara Wilson, A Step Ahead Dance Academy, Helen Allmon, and the Burns Family.

Scope 310/Aktion Club Florence's tree will be called "Lights, Camera, Aktion for the Holidays!" with a Hollywood Movie Glam theme. Shoals Adventure Club will be working on their "Adventure Tree" with a theme of outdoor adventure and travel while Shoals Master Gardeners' tree "Nature in Forests and Fields" will be using natural décor gathered from their gardens and the wild. A Step Ahead Dance Academy's tree, "Why Walk When You Can Dance" will be designed using props, canes, shoes and dance ornaments.

"Festivals of the Shoals" will be Central Elementary School's tree, with each grade designing decorations based on a different local festival. These festivals will include Billy Reid's Shindig, Arts Alive and others. The Alabama Institute for Deaf and Blind will decorate a tree that reflects their purpose on defining people by their accomplishments and not their limitations.

Martha Couch and Charlotte Hayes will be decorating a tree titled "Baby Steps," using decorated baby shoes, with

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Spectra building collapsed. *Wait to See: A one-night stand leads two guilty people down a road of deception.*

DAYS OF OUR LIVES Rafe went to bat for Hope with Abe, but it didn't go quite the way he expected. Ben made a surprise return to Salem. Chad kicked Andre out of the house. Sami went to extremes to trigger Will's memory. Lucas was stunned to see Will and learn that he was truly alive. Rafe and Hope had a verbal altercation when she learned that he accepted her old job. Kate made a shocking admission to Andre. Will ripped into Sami over her outrageous plan. Rafe pushed Hope to tell him the truth about why she really didn't want to get married. Abigail asked Chad to reconsider throwing Andre out of the mansion. Rafe and Sami comforted one another. *Wait to See: Ciara returns to Salem.*

GENERAL HOSPITAL Jason's insecurities got the best of him. Sam wasn't exactly forthcoming. Kiki said the wrong thing at the wrong time. Ava had high hopes for the first time in a long while. Alexis' plan backfired. Oscar snuck out. Griffin arrived just in time. Jordan and Curtis teamed up. Valentin was blindsided. Finn informed Anna of his intentions. Nina called out Sam. Dante agreed to help Patient 6. Jordan made an emotional plea. Sonny confronted Obrecht. Curtis came through on his word. Carly put Jason on the defense. Franco had a change of heart. Josslyn came up with a plan of her own. Sonny received some help from an old friend. Jason was in disbelief. *Wait to See: Franco wrestles with his conscience.*

THE YOUNG AND THE RESTLESS Christine brought Victor in to the police station for questioning about the dating app. Later, Victor hinted to Paul that Nick might be responsible for the fire at The Underground. Lily was hurt when she realized how well Cane was doing without her. Billy and Phyllis reflected on their romance and agreed to always be honest with each other. Jack was upset when Dina didn't remember the sentimental ornaments from his childhood. Ashley lost her temper when she discovered that Gloria was secretly reporting back to Jack about what was going on at Jabot. Cane cut his conversation short with Lily when he received an urgent call from the hospital. *Wait to See: Jack and Ashley battle for control of Jabot.*

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The Shoals Piecemakers Quilt Challenge '17 will feature quilts inspired by song titles at Kennedy-Douglass Center for the Arts. The quilts were specifically created to evoke a visual representation of songs we love. The Quilt Challenge will open and displayed to the public November 15-December 20 in the Annex galleries.

Prizes will be awarded for best use of embellishments, best use of color, best use of the theme, most creative, best hand quilted, best machine quilted, best hand appliqué, best machine appliqué, my favorite quilt, best piecing, and a people's choice.

The Shoals Piecemakers Quilt Guild meets at 7pm on the second Monday of each month at Saint Bartholomew's Episcopal Church in Florence. New members are welcome. Quilters of every level of expertise including those interested in promoting the collection and preservation of quilts are part of the Guild.

Kennedy-Douglass Center for the Arts is located at 217 E. Tuscaloosa St. It is open free of charge from 9am-4pm, Monday-Friday. Call 256-760-6379 for more information or visit kdartcenter.org.

The Fourth Saturday Breakfasts at the Zip City Community Center will not be held in December. We look forward to seeing you again in January.

The Shoals Writers Guild will stage its second Annual Christmas in the Renaissance City celebration, on First Friday, December 1 in historic downtown Florence. To kick off the event, the Guild is sponsoring the Mayor's Madrigal Caroling March. Florence mayor, Steve Holt, and his wife, Susie, will be grand marshals of the event. Carolers dressed in Renaissance-era costumes will begin their caroling march at 5pm in front of Fred's on Court Street. The march will continue to Mefford's Jewelers and return to Fred's. Anyone interested in caroling in costume is welcomed to participate. For more information, email: Shoalswritersguild@gmail.com

Florence Kiwanis Club meets at noon on Fridays at the Marriott-Shoals Conference Center

Speakers:
 December 1 - Presentation of Awards for Kiwanis Club's - All American Week Poster and Essay Contest winners.
 December 8 - Presentation of Awards for Kiwanis Club's - All American Week Poster and Essay Contest Winners
 December 15 - Florence High School - Chorus will present Christmas Music
 December 22 - 29 No Meeting, Holiday weekends

Underwood-Petersville Community Center Breakfast - Please join us for our First Saturday Breakfast, December 2, from 6-9am.

Menu: scrambled eggs, sausage, bacon, biscuits, pancakes, grits, wonderful chocolate gravy, sausage and regular gravy, orange juice, regular and decaf coffee. Adult plates are \$6 and children 8 and under is \$3. Proceeds go toward the Center Expenses.

Annual Education and Scholarship Brunch sponsored by Kappa Phi Chapter Chi Eta Phi Sorority, Inc., Professional Nursing Organization, on Saturday, December 2, 11am-12:30pm at Mt. Carmel MB Church, South Mulberry Street, Tusculumbia. Donation \$10 per person. Guest speaker: Tamara C. Warren, PhD, "Want to be Successful? Watch Out Don't Eat That!"

A special program of dulcimer music will be provided by the North Mississippi Dulcimer Association from 10am-1pm on Saturday, December 2 at the Parkway Visitor Center located at milepost 266 near Tupelo. The Appalachian mountain dulcimer is the first instrument developed in the United States, dating back to the early 1800s. The North Mississippi Dulcimer Association teaches dulcimer history, tradition, craftsmanship, and music by sharing its knowledge and talents. Everyone is invited to come and listen to the soft sweet sounds of the dulcimer and learn about its extensive history. This program is free. For additional information, call 1-800-305-7417.

Josh & Ashley Franks will be singing at Valley View House of Prayer. Saturday December 2 at 6:30pm. Located off Hwy. 20 onto Co. Rd. 60 to the corner of Co. Rd. 60 & 158 Florence. 256-764-9285 or 256-627-9288.

Fish Fry at East Colbert Church of Christ Saturday, December 2, Noon-5pm. All you can eat. Adults and carry outs \$12 each. Children ages 5-11 \$6. 4 and under free. (All proceeds to mission work and benevolence.)

Plantation Christmas takes place at Belle Mont, 1569 Cook Lane in Tusculumbia on Sunday, December 3, 1-5pm. The festive holiday celebration will include traditional Christmas decorations, period music, vintage dancing, and refreshments. Park roadside and ride the shuttle to the mansion. Admission: Adults \$8, Children (6-12 years) \$4, under 6 years free, benefitting Belle Mont and local preservation. Sponsored by Colbert Historical Landmarks Foundation. Info: 256-383-0783 or 256-381-5052.

The Town of Waterloo will be hosting its annual Christmas ATV Parade on Sunday, December 3. Line-up begins at 4:30pm at the South Boat Ramp in Waterloo. Parade begins at 5pm and will continue down Main Street in Waterloo. There will be awards for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in the parade. After the parade there will be the lighting of the Town's Christmas tree next to the Waterloo Post Office followed by open house at the Edith Newman Culver Museum. Everyone is invited to enjoy soup, sandwiches, and simple desserts.

The Music Ministry of Woodmont Baptist Church, 2001 Darby Drive, Florence, will present a Christmas concert entitled "When Love Crossed Over" Sunday, December 3 at 6:30pm.

The "Hi Neighbors of the Shoals" meeting will be Tuesday, December 5 at 10am at the Florence Public Library. This group welcomes all newcomers to the Shoals area.

Contact Janice Hilborn, 256 415-8512 for further information.

Holly and Ivy will be held Tuesday, December 5 through Friday, December 8 at the Kennedy-Douglass Center for the Arts located at 217 East Tuscaloosa St., Florence. Cup of Cheer will begin at 11:30am and lunch at Noon. Tickets are \$25 per person. Please call 256-760-6379 for ticket information. The gift shop will also be open.

"Government Contracting: An Introduction to doing Business with the Government" Wednesday, December 6, 10am-Noon at Shoals Chamber of Commerce, 20 Hightower Place, Florence. Services provided by the University of North Alabama SBDC-PTAC will be discussed, with emphasis on the government contracting process, including the BidMatch delivery system.

There is no cost to attend. For additional information, please contact Phillip Marks at 256-765-4668, pomarks@una.edu or Morgan Killen at 256-765-4721, mkillen3@una.edu.

You are invited to a Christmas Open House Friday, December 8 from Noon until 3pm (Ribbon Cutting at 12:30pm) & Sunday, December 10 from 3-6pm. Live Choir Music and holiday refreshments are sure to get you in the Christmas Spirit! Something Ele'Gant, 8620 County Road 200, Florence. 256-764-7780.

The Dickens Feast will be held on Friday, December 8, at 7 pm in The Roundhouse at the Tusculumbia Railroad Depot, 204 W. 5th St. As a kick-off to Tusculumbia's "It's a Dickens Christmas, Y'all" holiday festival, the event will feature an English meal with a Southern twist catered by Chef Alan Phillips of Red Clay Epicurean and entertainment featuring the characters of "A Christmas Carol" directed by Darren Butler. Advance tickets required. \$25 per person. Available at Fiddledde D!, 111 S. Main St., Tusculumbia. Sponsored by Tusculumbia Retail Development, Inc. For info: 256-383-9797.

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- If a chicken could talk, what kind of language would it speak?
- Why is a loaf of bread four weeks old like a mouse running into a hole?

Answers: 1. Because the spider spied her. 2. Because it is all my tea (almighty). 3. Because it is the capital of England. 4. Foul (fowl) language, I'm afraid. 5. Because you can see it's stale (tail).

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Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend

Our answer: C=6, H=5, E=8, F=3, O=2, D=4, M=9, A=0, L=7. (6583 + 3224 = 9807.)

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A	M	E	N
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N	A	M	E
H	A	R	E



Answers

Illustrated by David Coulson

Don't Get Antsy Try To Solve This One!

Answers:
 1. Hydrant. 2. Coolant. 3. Croissant. 4. Deodorant.
 5. Decant. 6. Merchant. 7. Pendant. 8. Pollutant.
 9. Restaurant. 10. Stagnant. 11. Truant. 12. Accountant.
 13. Brilliant. 14. Constant.





Those Were The Days

Last week's Thanksgiving holidays brought back memories of one of the greatest Thanksgiving Day football rivalries in the state of Alabama-- The annual Turkey Day battle between the Coffee Yellow Jackets and the Sheffield Bulldogs. For 38 years these two teams battled each other on Thanksgiving Day that attracted not only fans from Sheffield and Coffee, but football fans from other parts of Alabama, Tennessee and Mississippi. The game was played in the daytime and had the atmosphere of a bowl game. As far as research series reveals, the Turkey Day series started in 1926 and

sadly ended with the 1963 game. The fact that the series was practically even for all those years leads credence to the fact that the competing players laid it all on the line for their respective schools.

Coffee won the game 19 times, Sheffield 16 times with three games ending in a tie. Here are a few interesting notes from the game: 19 times(50%) of the games showed the losing team failing to score. The most points scored in the series in one game by each team was a 59-0 shutout win by Sheffield in 1929 while Coffee won 42-14 in 1956.

Can you recall which player for each team holds the distinction of scoring their team's final touchdown in the last Thanksgiving Day game? Joe Gilbert holds the honor for Sheffield while Mike Gooch scored the Yellow Jackets final touchdown. It's impossible to even begin naming the multitude of players who participated in these great classic. Many have been inducted into the Lauderdale County Sports Hall of Fame and Colbert County Sports Hall of Fame.

To every one of them who proudly wore the purple and gold of Sheffield and the black and gold of Coffee, this column is dedicated to you. Thanks for the Memories.

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