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TUSCUMBIA– The giving season will get off to a great start at 4pm on Wednesday, December 6 at the Colbert County Board of Education with a Shoals Chamber of Commerce ribbon-cutting to signify the establishment of the Colbert County Schools Education Foundation.

The Foundation’s mission is to encourage community support and advocacy for excellence in education and to also support creativity, innovation, and excellence by enhancing educational opportunities for all students of Colbert County Schools. Colbert County Schools envisions a time when every student and faculty member has the tools needed to advance the district’s educational goals.

The Ribbon Cutting/Open House will have multiple opportunities to give to the Education Foundation. Multiple student groups/organizations will be on hand to demonstrate the great things happening in Colbert County Schools. Light refreshments will be provided. Guided tours of the Board of Education will be given.

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Grants for 3

MUSCLE SHOALS– Through a competitive selection process, Russellville High School students Allyson Deras, Amanda Antunez, and Karem ABailon-Luna, were chosen as winners in KFC’s REACH Educational Grant Program®. Each student will receive \$2,000 for the 2018-19 academic year thanks to KFC Franchisees,

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Young Showmen

Brothers Gained in Confidence, Communication, Relationships

LAUDERDALE – While peers tackled sports like football, volleyball and cheerleading this fall, some Alabama youth scored life lessons through livestock shows on the fall fair circuit. For brothers Casen and Connell Cornelius of Lauderdale County, friendships and skills learned through showing transcend the arena. The second-generation livestock showmen say they’ve learned about responsibility and made lifelong friends in the process.

“The competition is great,” said Casen, the senior champion exhibitor at the Alabama National Fair Youth Sheep Show in November. “We’ve met a lot of people and friends through showing.”

The Cornelius brothers are just one family benefiting from state livestock shows. Alabama Farmers Federation

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Casen Cornelius was named reserve grand champion



Connell Cornelius was named champion in the Alabama Born and Bred Division.

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Mighty Cross Drama at Highland Park

MUSCLES HOALS– Highland Park Baptist Church’s Worship Ministry will present “Mighty Cross” as its annual Christmas event Saturday and Sunday, December 16 and 17. This year’s music includes classic and contemporary Christmas selections led by Highland Park’s choir, orchestra, and children’s choir. There will also be a guest appearance of the Muscle Shoals High School drumline. The original drama will chronicle a man’s journey to faith through a series of snapshots at key moments in his life.

Highland Park’s Worship Pastor, Jeff Beech, said, “The most important thing we want to communicate this Christmas is that God never gives up on anyone, regardless of

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Scene from last year’s Christmas event at HPBC. Courtesy photo

Holidays in Colbert County

COLBERT–December is a busy month in Colbert County. Some December events include:

- A Christmas Concert at Wishbone Studios in Muscle Shoals, 2-4pm Sunday, December 17, featuring Clayton Ivey, Billy Lawson, Travis Wammack, Mike Curtis, Coby Greer, C Tyler Jones, Kassidy McCorkle and special guests. The concert is presented by Wishbone Studios and Colbert County Tourism. It will be broadcast live online via stagelt.com for fans of Muscle Shoals music around the world. Admission is \$20. Tickets are available at Colbert County Tourism and Convention Bureau, 719 U.S. Highway 72, Tuscumbia, or by calling 256-383-0783.

- The Roberts Christmas Lights, 450 Berryman Dr., Tuscumbia – in the Spring Valley community – drive-through outdoor holiday decoration display beginning at dusk nightly through Christmas. 256-383-0783.

- The Trees of Christmas at Tennessee Valley Museum of Art, Tuscumbia, December 1-24, features trees decorated by local individuals and groups. Admission \$5. Open 9am-5pm M-F and 1-3pm on Sundays. 256-383-0533.

• Christmas Village at Spring Park in Tuscumbia, December 1-24. Christmas decorations will

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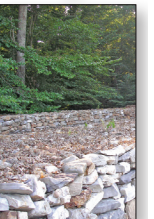


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## Shorts...

### KFC REACH Grants for 3

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including local Colbert, Franklin, and Lawrence franchise owner **Charles Clark**, and the KFC Corporation. KFC will award \$1.2 million in grants to 500 students nationwide through the KFC Foundation.

The REACH Program helps KFC U.S. restaurant employees pursue their educational dreams at four-year and two-year colleges, including trade/vocational and graduate schools.

Amanda Antunez of Russellville has been working at KFC for 16



**Antunez**

Karem Bailon-Luna of Russellville has been working at KFC for seven months. She plans to attend Northwest Shoals Community College on the way to medical school.



**Bailon-Luna**

Allyson Deras of Spruce Pine has been working at KFC for eleven months and plans to attend UAB to pursue a degree in the medical field.



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Tennessee Riverkeeper is working diligently to protect our beloved Tennessee River from pollution.

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Northwest-Shoals Community College's Music Department will present a Free Christmas concert entitled, **A Christmas Celebration!** at 3pm on Sunday, December 10 at First Baptist Church in Russellville. The concert will feature the Northwest-Shoals Chorale directed by Jeff McAlister and the Northwest-Shoals Jazz Band directed by George Crummie. There is no admission charge. For more information, please call Jeff McAlister at 256-331-6299. *Courtesy photo*



The Rogersville Youth League Pee Wee Football Team won the Lauderdale County League Championship in November. The boys defeated the Rogers Pirates Pee Wees. The players, along with the cheerleaders and coaches will be rewarded with tickets to the Music City Bowl Game at Nissan Stadium in Nashville on December 29. The group will be recognized in front of thousands of college football fans in a Pre-Game Champions Ceremony. **Team members are:** Skylar Tucker, Briar Sweat, Hayden Davis, Dustin Reeves, Brodie Richardson, Braxton Rose, Lucas Reeves, Layne Cross, Micah Christensen, Jacob Wigginton, Jaxson Lovelace, Kane Leatherwood, Chase Belue, Ralontae Robinson, Cade Craig, Noah Parker, Will Brown, Brodie Lindsay, John David Mason, Andrew Hammonds, Troy Bates, Caleb Mason, and Brodie Rose. **Football Coaches are:** Greg Belue, Joey Tucker, Cliff Bates, and Luke Sweat. **Cheer squad members are:** Ashton Springer, Leann Rayburn, Ashliyah Mitchell, Jade Mardis, Kailee Montgomery, Presley Balentine, Kaydence Hegler, Morgan Gervais, Charlee Lard, and Isabella Eakins. **Cheer Sponsor is** Carrie Gervais. *Congratulations to the Tigers!*



# Showmen...

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Federation and Alfa also sponsored beef, dairy, swine, goat, and sheep shows at the Alabama National Fair in Montgomery and the Greater Gulf State Fair in Mobile and at the National Peanut Festival in Dothan this fall.

Casen, 17, and Connell, 14, have been in the show ring since they were three and their hard work paid off. Connell took home the champion banner in the Alabama Bred and Owned Division of the sheep show while his brother snagged reserve champion.

Although the brothers are involved in other extracurricular activities, their mom believes that showing taught her sons a strong work ethic. "They spend their time working with animals more than playing video games," she said. "They've learned about confidence, to communicate with others, and how to have positive relationships."

"These students from preschoolers to teenagers are stocking up valuable skills and knowledge that will help them in their personal and professional lives," said Jaeger, the Federation's Beef and Meat Goat & Sheep divisions director.

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**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.

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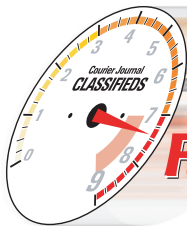
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• **LEIGHTON**, 6pm Saturday, December 16. The parade begins at Colbert County High School and proceeds down New High School Street and Main Street. 256-446-8477.

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### Pettus Speaks to UNA Grads

FLORENCE – Jonathan Pettus, associate director of the Marshall Space Flight Center and UNA alumnus, will be the featured commencement speaker at the University of North Alabama fall graduation ceremonies Saturday, December 16. UNA will host two commencement ceremonies that day, one at 10am and the other at 2pm in Flowers Hall. Pettus will speak at both events.

Pettus is the associate director of Marshall Space Flight Center (MSFC). He is responsible for leading the institutional operations of one of NASA's largest field installations, with approximately 6,000 civil service and contract personnel, an annual budget of approximately \$2.5 billion, 4.5 million square feet of infrastructure and a broad spectrum of human spaceflight, science and technology development.

Pettus previously served as MSFC's Chief Information Officer and was responsible for leading the delivery and operations of information technology solutions. Pettus was also responsible for the computing, software, and telecommunications services that supported the

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Among his many achievements, Pettus has represented NASA to



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## Former WLAY Bldg at Auction

MUSCLE SHOALS—The National Auction Group, Inc. is conducting an Auction of two commercial buildings on 2nd Street in Muscle Shoals December 5. One of those is the former WLAY radio station building which is listed as an historic landmark by the Alabama Historical Society.

WLAY AM-1450 is legendary in the music business. **Mitch Self** was one of the principal owners of WLAY for years. The station was licensed as WNRA (National Recovery Act) in 1933. It was where **Sam Phillips**, the Father of Rock 'n' Roll, got his start in the radio business in the 1940s, and it's the site of the first commercial recording session in Muscle Shoals, with **Bobby Denton's** "A Fallen Star," in 1957. The station was cutting edge playing rhythm and blues, country, and the rock 'n' roll when AM radio was the source for new music. A close relationship with **Rick Hall** and **FAME Studios** allowed it to often be the first to air many iconic hit songs.

The building on 2nd street housed WLAY's AM, and later its FM stations and sales and business offices for half a century. The building has since been enlarged and extensively renovated since that period.

The auction on December 5 takes place on site at 520-522 2nd Street at 11am.

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# ON YOUR DEBT

## Beware of Predatory Lending While Shopping during the Holidays



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The biggest shopping time of the year is among us and many people across the nation will be out shopping for holiday gifts, and the urge to spend is stronger at this time of year than in any other season. Unfortunately that urge is what can make us easy targets for “predatory lenders”.

### Predatory Lending

Predatory lending is any lending practice that imposes unfair or abusive terms and that convinces a borrower to accept a loan that they really don’t need or can’t afford. At this time of year, many lenders offer special holiday loans to help cover the expense of shopping. My hope is that the next few paragraphs will help you recognize and protect yourself against predatory lending practices.

### Loan Flipping

Loan flipping is a lending practice that disguises itself as debt consolidation. A customer is urged to refinance one or more existing loans into a single large loan. However, the lender may include a higher interest rate or additional fees. If you receive offers to consolidate, be sure to pay attention to the interest rates and to the total amount of payment. You may find yourself paying a larger overall amount than you were by paying your existing debts individually.

### Balloon Payment Loans

Balloon payment loans may also be a sign that a lender is trying to take advantage of you. A lender may offer great terms on a loan but include one or more large payments later in the loan term. Predatory lenders will include payments that are so high that you can’t afford them when they come due. Then the lender will offer to refinance the remaining debt into yet another loan, including refinance fees and/or a high interest rate. Be aware of any balloon payments that may be part of a loan structure. A good rule of thumb is that if you couldn’t afford to pay the balloon payment today, then don’t count on being able to make that payment in the future.

### Negative or Minimal Amortization

Negative or minimal amortization is another deceptive practice that can be disguised. Negative amortization happens when your monthly payments aren’t enough to cover the interest that accrues. If this happens, then you can wind up owing much more money than you ever borrowed in the first place. Minimal amortization would be a situation where your payments are only just enough to cover the interest, essentially leaving you in financial limbo. Your payments don’t actually go toward lowering the amount owed so unless you pay extra each month the debt will last indefinitely. Always check the loan documents carefully to see how much of your monthly payments are going toward interest and how much is being paid on the principal loan balance. If the monthly payments seem too good to be true, they probably are!

Hopefully some of these tips will help you avoid financial pitfalls. If you are looking at your holiday budget and realize that you are overwhelmed with bills, consider making an appointment to speak with us. In many situations, you can recover your credit rating faster and less stressful by pursuing a bankruptcy option under either Chapter 7 or Chapter 13. If you would like to discuss your options for dealing with you debts, please contact us to schedule an appointment for a free initial consultation. We can help you stop a foreclosure or wage garnishment or lawsuit and help you get out of debt. We can help you!!

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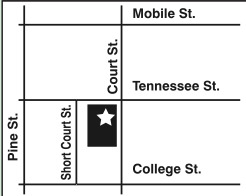


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*Julie, Sheffield, Alabama*

A revoked license does not cancel insurance. However, there are situations where people are such bad drivers that they are “excluded drivers”. If someone is driver excluded from the insurance on the car that caused the accident, then there is no insurance coverage. Exclusions from coverage of named drivers are valid in Alabama.

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Commentary

Character Blitz  
Only Way to Win

The insanely contentious special election for Alabama’s vacated Senate seat will be over next week. Doug Jones vs. Roy Moore has been an election season like no other. Moore fending off recent allegations of decades-old inappropriate contact has transformed an election that was expected to be a formality for republicans a month ago into anything but.

What may be the most exasperating aspect is how so many assume the abuse claims are substantive simply because there is more than one accuser and there is ‘no reason not to believe them.’ The obvious reason is because so many in power don’t like Roy Moore. I won’t say he is the ideal candidate, but he IS conservative. However, I have a problem when child neglect, addiction, mental illness, criminal convictions, timeline issues, instability, and a history of partisan activity taint the backgrounds of so many accusers and the gleeful politicians and media have such a difficult time dealing with it honestly.

Some fence-riding republicans distancing themselves from Moore think they occupy a moral high ground. John McCain immediately went on the record, labeling the accusations against Moore, “disqualifying.”

That’s comical considering that in 2008 sexual misconduct stories began circulating

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In A Few Words



TOM MAGAZZU  
Editor

Courier Journal  
THIS WEEK  
in the Shoals  
December 6, 2017  
Happening THIS WEEK



Photo: Dennis Sherer

Dickens Alive  
Festive Touch of Merry Ole England

TUSCUMBIA—Scrooge, Marley, and all the familiar faces from Charles Dickens’ beloved holiday classic, A Christmas Carol, will return to Tuscumbia on December 8-9. They will join merchants and townspeople in presenting the signature Christmas festival, “It’s a Dickens Christmas, Y’all.” The event is now in its seventh year of adding a festive touch to the season and a hint of Merry Ole England to the historic Alabama town. Costumed

characters will stroll the streets all day on Saturday, December 9 when most of the activities take place. The Dickens Feast will open the festivities on Friday evening, December 8. A Victorian English Christmas dinner with a Southern twist will be served up by Chef Alan Phillips of Red Clay Epicurean at 7pm in the Roundhouse at the Tuscumbia Railway Depot at 204 West Fifth Street.

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AT POND SPRING  
Invitation to Wheeler Christmas

HILLSBORO—Pond Spring the General Joe Wheeler Home extends the invitation to a very special event, Christmas at Wheeler! on Sunday, December 10 from 1-5pm. Guests will tour the museum adorned with live greenery and decorations, enjoy refreshments of sweet treats and hot cocoa, take sleigh rides in a horse-drawn buggy, all while enjoying choral concerts on the porch. Children will be able to tell their Christmas wishes to Santa!

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Courtesy Photo

Dec. 10

SOMETHING ELE’GANT WILL HOST A CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE Friday, December 8 from noon-3pm (Ribbon Cutting at 12:30pm) and Sunday, December 10 from 3-6pm. Live Choir Music and holiday refreshments are sure to get you in the Christmas Spirit! Something Ele’Gant is located at 8620 County Road 200 north of Florence. Call 256-764-7780.

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THE DICKENS FEAST takes place on Friday, December 8 at 7pm in the Roundhouse at the Tuscumbia Railroad Depot. As a kick-off to Tuscumbia’s “It’s a Dickens Christmas, Y’all” holiday festival, the event will feature an English meal with a Southern twist. It will be catered by Chef Alan Phillips of Red Clay Epicurean and entertainment featuring the characters of A Christmas Carol. Advance tickets are required. \$25/person available at Fiddledee D! in downtown Tuscumbia. For information, call 256-383-9797.

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The Best or the Worst

Editor:

Why does a large segment of the public believe the worst about people instead of the best? For example, who do you believe in the Tina Johnson versus Judge Roy Moore case? Johnson makes allegations against our Judge right before we try to elect him to the U.S. Senate. Judge Moore has proven himself to be very conservative and willing to stand up for the Bible even if he might lose his job. The Democrats in Washington and the Republican establishment are willing to do anything to keep him from winning.

When you study the situation even closer, you find out that Johnson had her 12-year-old son taken away from her in 1991 in a nasty custody case after her mother, the grandmother, had been

caring for him since he was nine months old. Johnson had taken him from school against the boy’s wishes. She was known for a violent nature, been involved in drugs, and pled guilty to felony fraud involving writing checks of family members.

Should Alabama citizens support their Judge Roy Moore who will vote against abortion or vote for Doug Jones, who supports abortion? Jones doesn’t publicize these conservative issues. Instead he publicizes these false allegations of a woman and other women who stand to gain either financially or out of revenge because of losing a custody case. I hope we will show Washington that we will not be bullied. We will send conservative congressmen or women to truly help America.

Perry Taylor  
Florence

Nice Men, Fast Women

Editor:

I am very upset that the bosses of business will threaten a woman’s job or do something to her if she doesn’t do what he wants her to do. We have seen examples of it many times on TV. See how it works.

It’s awful, I agree. However, the current trend may put men in a situation where they will be afraid to speak to a woman or ask them out. They will be accused of an unwanted advance for speaking to them or touching them at all. You better think about it. There are a lot of nice men. There are also a lot of fast women who will be mean to men. Sometimes there are two sides. Be careful when you judge either side.

Betty Balentine  
Lexington

An eleventh hour smear campaign in 1992 allowed Barbara Boxer to defeat Republican Bruce Herschensohn.



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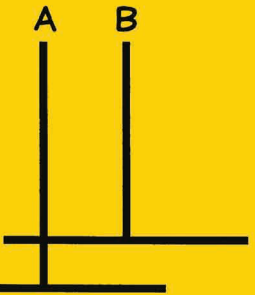


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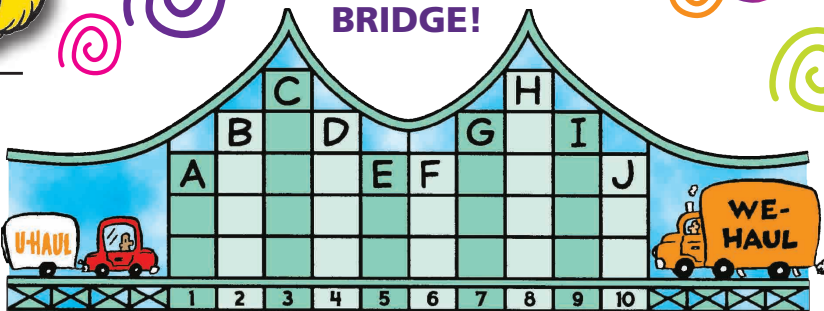
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### OPTICALS



OF THE TWO figures above, A and B, which one's height and width are equal?

### A WORD BRIDGE!




The bridge above contains 10 supporting words. We give you the first letter of each, plus plenty of hints.

1. Commercial announcements.
2. To criticize harshly.
3. Superman and Batman have them.
4. A small dent or nick.
5. A female sheep.
6. To strike out (baseball).
7. To erode away gradually.
8. Disorder or chaos.
9. Mischievous children.
10. Type of bird.

### A CHEERFUL ADDITION!

To solve this problem, you must replace the letters in the AlphaMath puzzle with the digits 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8 and 9, so that you have a correct addition problem. The same letters get the same digits. See if you can get a higher total than we did.



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16			12
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## An Exceptional Chance For Us

Editor:

The surprisingly competitive election for the US Senate slot is putting Alabama in the spotlight. The results will either reinforce negative perceptions or indicate that we understand what is in our best interests to move the state and country forward.

Some politicians and religious leaders focus on irrelevant issues. They raise them as a smokescreen to confuse, distract, and divide. This election is not about overturning Supreme Court decisions, amendments to the Constitution, or religious liberty.

It is about whether we protect Social Security, Medicare, diplomacy and other programs that benefit the majority rather than shower more tax breaks on the super-wealthy and powerful;

- Ensure access to affordable healthcare, quality education and other services so that everyone has the opportunity to earn a good living and contribute to society;
- Preserve the Tennessee River watershed and the rest of the environment from even more dangerous pollutants and the effects of

global warming;

- Elect representatives regardless of party affiliation who have the character, civility, respect for the law and the negotiating skills to serve the many real needs of this state and advance the well-being of the nation;
- Restore the way others in the world used to view this country - as a model, leader and partner for achieving the greater international good and ideals;
- Base policies on science, facts and experience.

We have an exceptional chance right now to advertise Alabama in a new and welcoming light. Let's do it.

**Dan Waterman**  
Killen

## Every Trick In The Book

Editor:

I am so sick of so many people trying to destroy Roy Moore. Why is it so easy for some people to believe a lie when the truth would be better?

When Moore ran against Strange there was not one sexually-related issue mentioned about Moore. Moore has been elected at least two times with only honest political banter. Why after 40 years do they bring out this sex scandal?

Why on earth after 40 years would these women bring out a sex scandal about themselves? Money, money.

I wish I knew just how much money they are receiving. It's all to destroy Roy Moore.

My dad said once if you can't say something good, keep your mouth shut. I read awhile back that we should use common sense.

The Democrats are trying every trick in the book. Jones said he wants to change Alabama.

Obama said join with me and I will change America, and he did. The USA may already be destroyed from Obama's eight years in office.

Some like to say that Moore was thrown out of office twice. He was using God's Law instead of man's laws. Not removing the Ten Commandments and issuing marriage license for same sex couples. Have you ever heard of anything so crazy in your life? You will never see two male animals trying to mate. They have better sense.

If Hillary had been elected, we probably would be under the one world government by now. Everyone would be slaves. Trump is trying to save the USA, but the Democrats, Communists, Muslims and others want to take over and destroy us. One thing about it, they will have to stay here and suffer too.

Sarah Palin said, "We need to hold our politicians accountable because if not our country will be transformed into something that we do not recognize."

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Fifth Street. The evening will include entertainment by characters from *A Christmas Carol* directed by Darren Butler. Tickets may be purchased in advance for \$25 at Fiddledee D! at 111 South Main Street. - 256-383-9797 . Dickens-era attire is encouraged, but not required.

Saturday's schedule pulls out all the stops! This downtown experience with carolers and costumed Victorian characters from 10am-5pm is free. Expect to find snow falling on Main Street. Pride and Clyde the Clydesdales will again be on hand to give carriage rides. An additional horse and period buggy will offer two-person rides through the historic district as well. An outdoor holiday market will be filled with arts and crafts and food vendors, and the shops of Tuscumbia will offer their own holiday specials.

Performances throughout the day will be presented by the Nutcracker Victorian Ballroom Dancers, brass and string ensembles, vocalists, children's dance groups and others. Watch for appearances by Santa Claus and his earlier English contemporary, Father Christmas.

Poetry and Music will be presented at 2pm with participation by community leaders at St. John's Episcopal Church. Donations are accepted to help preserve the historic church. A Holiday High Tea is planned for 3pm at historic First Presbyterian Church. No-cost tickets are offered to assure your reservation!

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

Trolley Tours of the historic town of Tuscumbia will be offered at 1pm and 4pm. It will be led by a knowledgeable guide. Trolley seats are on a first come, first served basis. Donations accepted.

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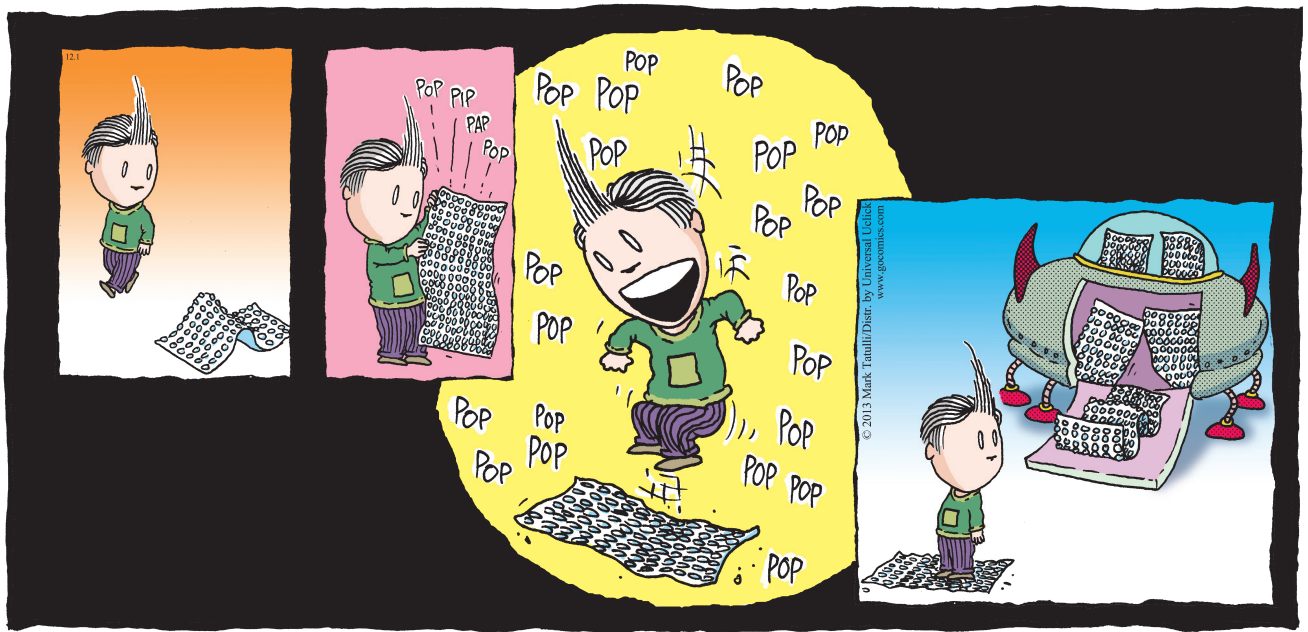
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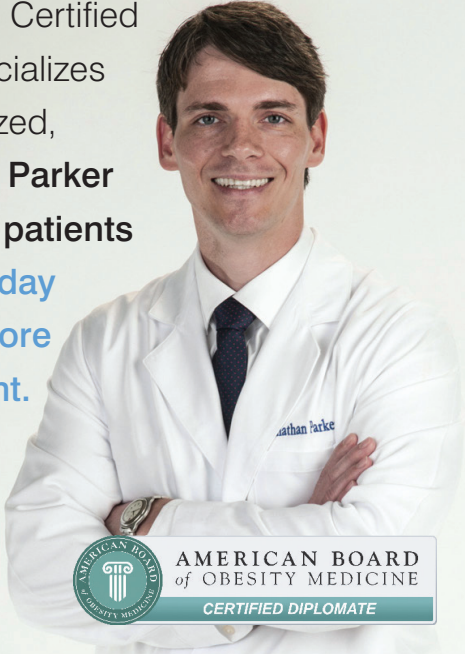



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family. We want you to know that you still have many friends across this nation who refuse to jump on the political bandwagon to distance themselves from you or throw you under the bus during this difficult time. Secondly, those who made these accusations know the statute of limitation has long passed. Therefore, the accused will have no chance to face his accusers in a court of law to prove innocence or guilt. These accusations are to try Roy Moore in the court of public opinion in the hopes of derailing his campaign for senate in the state of Alabama. The timing is incredibly suspicious. The usual suspects that have helped to beat the drum in the media are clearly promoting a political witch hunt. They do not want Roy Moore in Washington, DC. They know that he will work to break up their good ole boy network of swamp dwellers that have had a stranglehold on our beleaguered nation for years. Thirdly, Roy Moore is one of the most scrutinized public figures in America today. He has gone up against the Southern Poverty Law Center, the ACLU, the Democratic establishment, and now the Republican establishment. They have spent millions of dollars to dig up dirt to defeat this man throughout his career. And now that he is on the verge of winning the senate seat, they parade all these "Johnny-come-lately" accusers to orchestrate a smear campaign to besmirch him. I'm not buying what these scandal mongers are selling,

and I would encourage you not to buy it either. Lastly, I would like to address the citizens of Alabama. This is your state and Roy Moore is your native son. Do not let Washington, DC, California, and New York dictate to you their preferred outcome in this race. You know Roy Moore. You know his family, his character, his principles, his heritage, and his commitment to God and the importance of righteousness to secure a future and a hope for our nation. Do not flinch or hesitate on December 12. Send the strongest possible message to the powers that be, Alabama will not bow nor kiss the ring of political hacks who have sold their souls to the devil to maintain their political power. And as you pull the lever to vote for Roy Moore, please remember your theme song, Sweet Home Alabama, *Southern man don't need you around anyhow.*


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**THE BOLD AND THE BEAUTIFUL** Steffy's immense guilt surfaced when Liam queried her about the night she left

him and what caused her to forgive him. Ridge interrupted Brooke's lunch with Thorne and made her go back to the office with

him. Having overheard the quarrel, Sheila approached Thorne and told him all about Ridge and Quinn's kiss in Australia. Eric told Quinn about Brooke's colorful history with the Forrester men. While Steffy filled Bill in on the lie she told Liam, Quinn was innocently telling Liam about the bracelet Steffy left behind at the Forrester guesthouse. Thorne admits to Brooke

why he really returned to L.A. Thorne and Ridge get into a physical altercation. Wait to See: A young couple give themselves a second chance.

**DAYS OF OUR LIVES** Will reunited with Belle, who inadvertently revealed an unpleasant incident from his past. Paul confided in John that he feared he was going to lose Sonny. Eve turned the tables on Brady. Sami lashed out at Belle. Hope opened her heart to Rafe, who was wracked with guilt over sleeping with Sami. Sonny made his decision about whether he wanted to be with Paul or Will. Eric comforted Sami. Steve confronted Tripp about Kate. Ciara visited Theo at the hospital. Will flirted with Paul. Sami urged Lucas to sober up and be there for his son. Wait to See: Will finds Hope's engagement ring in Sami's hotel room.

**GENERAL HOSPITAL** Franco wrestled with his conscience. Nelle tried to play nice. Sam made her intentions known. Amy was surprised to see Maxie. Lulu hatched a new plan. Olivia crossed Monica. Ned offered a solution. Sam pleaded with Alexis for help. Carly had a run-

in with Nelle. Ned stood his ground. Sam sought help from an unlikely source. Sonny got a lead on an enemy's whereabouts. Josslyn received an important package. Franco surprised Liz. Lulu told Michael the truth. Franco gets more than he bargained for. Carly's day goes from bad to worse. Wait to See: Cassandra has a proposition for Finn.

**THE YOUNG AND THE RESTLESS** Ashley was furious when she learned that Abby quit Newman Enterprises. Nick gave Sharon his blessing when she told him that Scott was moving in with her. Cane was impressed when Hilary made an instant connection with his new baby, Sam. Chelsea received pressure from Victor to attend his tree lighting party at Newman Ranch. Victoria invited Ravi for a drink and offered him a position at Newman. Jack and Nikki shared an emotional moment. Nick opposed the city's plan to demolish Chancellor Park and build condos. Scott and Abby almost kissed. Hilary agreed to change the gossipy nature of the "Hilary Hour." Wait to See: J.T. Hellstrom returns.

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Media Lies and Distortions

Dear Editor:

An eleventh hour smear campaign in 1992

allowed Barbara Boxer to defeat Republican Bruce Herschensohn. Herschensohn had momentum to win the California U.S. Senate race when sexual allegations tainted him and caused his defeat. The allegations were old and later proven false; but the damage was done.

Roy Moore is a similar tactic used by the liberal and biased reporting of the Washington Post, who already endorsed the Democrat, to smear Moore's reputation and campaign based on a sexual allegation from thirty-eight years ago that Moore adamantly denies. The Post also lost all credibility when they conveniently omitted that one woman, Deborah Wesson Gibson who accused Moore, is an activist for the Democrat party. She has posted photos and videos with prominent Democrats, including Joe Biden and worked on Hillary Clinton's 2016 campaign.

Judge Moore is a Christian Conservative and does not fit the mold of Washington politicians who are willing to compromise values.

As Americans we want fair elections without suspicious stories filled with lies and distortion in a media's attempt to persuade voters to determine their desired outcome of an election.

Frank Aquila  
Manteca, CA

Premise Will Create Chaos

Editor:

The current mantra of the media talking heads and politicians that "The women must be believed" is very dangerous if it is applied to every situation. Here's how this will work and is likely already working in the

military with women in the same units with men.

A female soldier is disciplined by a male Sergeant and she resents it. All she needs to do to get revenge and ensure that he never disciplines her again is claim that he said or did something that would amount to sexual misconduct. She won't have to prove it, simply allege it. With this rule that women must be believed the Sergeant's career is ruined. The officers over him will be afraid to give him the benefit of the doubt.

Another scenario, which I am certain is widespread in the services already, is that the Sergeant won't dare to discipline the female soldier because he knows she has the power to ruin him. This is a serious detriment to morale and the ability of the unit to accomplish its mission. The reality is that if "the women must be believed" is the rule, many will take advantage of it. It is ludicrous to believe the woman who claims Roy Moore signed her yearbook while she refuses to produce it for handwriting analysis. Obviously, if Moore had signed the book, after denying it, he would not want it to be analyzed.

It will be interesting to learn how many of the Washington politicians condemning Moore have been bailed out by the Congressional slush fund stolen from the taxpayers.

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one of the area's most celebrated athletes. Frost was a four-year letterman in basketball and baseball at Sheffield High School. He was a tenacious play maker at guard in basketball and a slick fielding infielder in baseball. Both of those talents earned him a

scholarship in both sports at Florence State Teachers College. Frost lettered all four years in both sports for the Lions. In basketball, he helped take the Lions to the NAIA National Championship Tournament in 1960. He averaged 11 points per game as a senior while pulling down 5 rebounds per game from his guard position. In baseball, he was selected the Lions Most Valuable Player as a junior and was one of the most consistent players in school history.

After graduation, Frost became head basketball coach at Appleby Junior High where he compiled an amazing 214-18 record in just six seasons including winning two Junior High State Championships. During one stretch, his teams won 64 consecutive games. When Bradshaw started their school program, Frost was named to head up the basketball program while also serving as an assistant principal.

Over the next 19 seasons, the Bruins won 253 games. His 1976 Bruins team won the Class 4A State Championship. That year, Frost was named Alabama Coach of The Year for all classifications. Frost served as president of the Alabama High School Athletic Association and started the first basketball camp for children ages 6-12.

Along with Bubba Scott, Frost founded the annual Alabama-Mississippi All-Star basketball game. Frost left sports to enter the political arena and was elected Mayor of Florence for his fifth term just months before he died. Frost lost his battle with leukemia just two days before he was to be inducted into the Lauderdale County Sports Hall of Fame and just four days before he was to be inducted into the Alabama High School Sports Hall of Fame. In 2000, Frost was inducted into the UNA Athletic Hall of Fame. Eddie Frost was truly a Shoals legend and a dear friend.

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Most REALTORS in the Shoals Area use the Real Estate Sales Contract provided by the Shoals Area Association of REALTORS. It is common throughout the Real Estate Industry for Brokers of Real Estate Companies to adopt and use forms provided by the local and state associations.

Members of such associations typically will form committees to study forms used in day to day operations, and together with the advice of an Attorney will usually come up with a form that fits the marketplace. Agents will then use these forms as advised by their Qualifying Broker.

The Real Estate Sales Contract used in most transactions in our market consists of eight pages and twenty-seven paragraphs, which cover everything from how much the sales price will be to when it will close and what type of financing, if any, the buyer will obtain.

When buying or selling a piece of real estate, it is imperative to use some form of a sales contract. Lenders almost always require a contract, signed by both the buyer and the seller because it clearly explains all terms of the agreement.

Most people think that agreeing on the sales price is the only part of a sales contract, however there are many other terms that both parties have to agree on in order for it to become a fully executable document.

Terms of a typical contract will usually include:

- Purchase Price
- How much Earnest Money is being held
- When it will close
- When the buyer will take possession of the property

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If you're buying or selling real estate, be sure you're using a sales contract so that everyone is on the same page on all terms of the agreement. A good friend once told me "The best way to avoid a misunderstanding is to have a good understanding" -mr

Please feel free to send your questions.

Rest assured I will only use your first name when I answer your questions. Email to: [questions@mikerandallhomes.com](mailto:questions@mikerandallhomes.com) or mail to:

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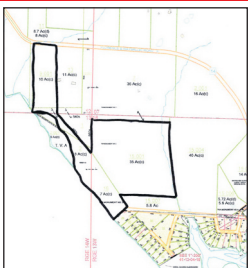
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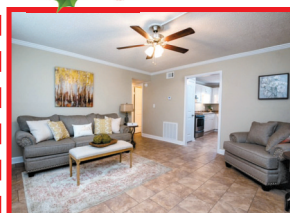
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**IN THE FREEZER**  
Did you know that milk can be frozen? We always keep some in the freezer. I've avoided many trips to the store by freezing milk. We found that whole milk can separate when it's thawed, but the taste is unchanged. Therefore, it works better for cooking than drinking.

Dana

**SHIPPING GIFTS?**  
If you're packing and shipping gifts, here's a way to make sure that your bows don't get crushed in transit. When you're packaging your gift for shipment, take a small box that's just bigger than the bow and place it upside down over the bow to protect it. If it's too tall, you can cut it down. Add some crumpled paper or peanuts around the box to keep it from shifting too much.

Jared

**HOMEMADE HOLIDAY GIFT**  
I made these wonderful gifts for three friends a few years ago. They are very inexpensive but truly from the heart. This gift made all three friends cry. Take a pretty jar with a lid and place a note inside, either hand written or typed and signed, telling your friend/loved one just what they mean to you. I reminded each of how we had met and told them that I had no idea at the time how much she would come to mean to me. I also told each one how much I cherish her friendship. I then told them that this is a "Love Jar" and that it was filled with love from me to her. Any time my friend was feeling unloved, unlovable, used, abused, or just blue, she was to open the jar and let my love flow out to her. I also told her that the jar could never run out of love. You get the idea. I have never been able to top that gift since.

Jayne

**ALWAYS RUNNING TOILET**  
We had a toilet that frequently would refill even if we didn't flush it. I tried replacing the float, but that didn't help. Then a friend at work suggested that our hard water could have left deposits on the drain from the tank to the bowl, making it hard for the flapper to seal. I scrubbed the built up crud off that opening and reinstalled the flapper. That solved the problem!

Holly

**RECYCLED CHRISTMAS**  
Our family has a money-saving, fun, and creative way to exchange Christmas gifts. We call it our "Goodwill to All Mankind" gift exchange. Other than gifts for younger children,

all gifts are to be used, recycled, free-cycled, pre-cycled, or homemade.  
For instance, I shop for Christmas gifts at Goodwill, thrift stores, eBay, Freecycle, garage sales, and the library! The library is always clearing out old books and DVDs for cheap. Shopping this way makes us really think about the recipients. Opening gifts on Christmas morning is so fun, and often there's an interesting story about how we found a gift. It's a win/win/win situation. It's frugal. It's creative. And it's green! I'm an artist and my daughter found me a new 30"x40" canvas for \$5 at Goodwill. She never would've thought of that as a gift and a new one would have cost about \$40! Try it out!

Rani M.

**BEING A GOOD HOUSEGUEST**  
My travels often have me staying with relatives and friends for a few days at a time. It's a great money-saver and also a good way to keep up with people who are important to me. I always try to make sure to show my appreciation.  
I always get a rental car, so I don't burden my hosts with any transportation issues. If they want to go out to eat, I take them. If they prefer to stay in, I bring in something like pizza or take-out Chinese food.

After my visit, I either send them a thank you note, or if they're big on social media, I post a note thanking them on Facebook.

Erik

**HELPING OTHERS**  
My grocery budget is tight, but I want to contribute to our church's food pantry. Therefore, I started watching for buy-one-get-one offers. If it's an item that I use, I keep one for my family and put the second in the food pantry box. It might be a little bit more expensive than buying the item on sale, but it still doesn't cost much to help those who are really struggling financially.

Kaelin

**READY FOR BISCUITS**  
We love homemade biscuits. Like most families, we don't have a lot of time. When I do make biscuits, I make a triple batch. After I cut them out, I put most of them on aluminum pans, cover them with wax paper, and freeze them. Whenever we want some, I thaw them out and bake a few or a whole batch. When I take them out of the freezer, I remove the wax paper and let them sit for a few minutes. Then I bake them at 450 degrees until they're golden.

Rudy

# DAVE Says

by DAVE RAMSEY

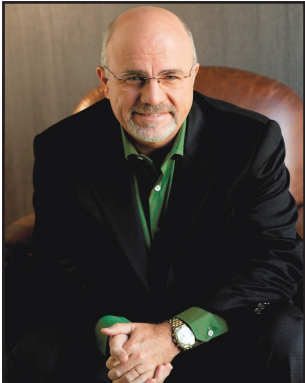
## BUDGETING FOR HOLIDAY HAPPINESS

Dear Dave,  
My wife and I are trying to improve our finances by living on a budget and following your plan. We're in the middle of Baby Step 2, so we're working to pay off everything but our house using the debt snowball. We only bring home about \$40,000 a year combined right now, so how should we handle Christmas budgeting in the middle of working our debt snowball?

Scot

Dear Scot,  
Working to get out of debt can cause stress within a relationship. That stress is sometimes magnified if you're serious about getting out of debt during the holidays. I'm glad you two are on the same page where your finances are concerned. The fact that you're committed to becoming debt-free as a couple will go a long way toward ensuring a merrier Christmas.

Just sit down together, have a look at your budget, and ask what she thinks is a reasonable amount to spend on gifts and things while you're trying to get out of debt. If you think her suggestion is a manageable figure, just give her a hug, tell her you agree, and move on. If you've been trying to



get out of debt for a while, you might even propose using last year's Christmas budget.

The important thing is to make sure you listen to each other, and approach this together. On the off chance one of you wants to spend what the other considers to be too much, talk about how and why you arrived at that figure. Then, using your budget as a guide, gently and lovingly talk things out.

Honestly, I don't think you're going have problems if you've already been working together to get your finances in order. And remember, you don't have to spend a lot of money to make people happy. Delicious homemade treats and thoughtful, handcrafted gifts can put a smile on anyone's face.

Merry Christmas!  
—Dave

\*Dave Ramsey is CEO of Ramsey Solutions. He has authored seven best-selling books, including The Total Money Makeover. The Dave Ramsey Show is heard by more than 13 million listeners each week on 585 radio stations and multiple digital platforms. Follow Dave on the web at daveramsey.com and on Twitter at @DaveRamsey.

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### Is God Able To Save You?

You might answer: "yes," "no," or "I don't know," or "maybe." What does the Bible say? Four N.T. verses say "He is able". The last reference is **Hebrews 7:25** "Wherefore he (CHRIST) is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he (CHRIST) ever liveth to make intercession for them." Read in **2 Peter 3:9** "The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that *any* should perish, but that *all* should come to repentance." Read in **1Ti 2:3&4** "For this *is* good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto **the knowledge of the truth.**" Look again in **1 Thessalonians 2:13** "For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in **truth**, the word of God, **which effectually worketh also in you that believe.**" Also in **2 Thessalonians 2:13** "But we are bound to give thanks alway to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and **belief of the truth.**"

Clearly from the book, God wants everyone to get saved and no one to go to hell. This facade of claiming to be studying and searching for the truth is a ruse that is going to put millions in the lake of fire. I've said before that the Bible is a closed book to an unbeliever and lost person. People are going to "damned" who believed not the truth or received it. Read in **2 Thessalonians 2:10&12** "And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they **received not** the love of the truth, that they might be saved. That they all might be damned who **believed not the truth**, but had pleasure in unrighteousness." Only when you believe the book and get saved will you ever understand and rightly divide the word of God. Ask God to open your eyes. See Acts 26:18. The answer to above question is yes: God wants and is able to save you. **Either you're afraid to ask Him or you don't believe He can or will.**

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Commentary

Blitz...

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about McCain and Vicki Iseman, a lobbyist 30 years his junior. Iseman had business before the Commerce Committee which McCain chaired, and the two spent an inordinate amount of time alone together. The mere appearance of impropriety should have cost McCain his chairmanship, yet he unequivocally dismissed those accusations.

McCain also obtained a marriage license for his current wife, Cindy, a woman seventeen years younger in March 1980, a month before he divorced his first wife, Carol.

Mitch McConnell's Pac spent millions trying to defeat Moore in the primary. He also wanted Moore off the ticket now. We know McConnell doesn't like independent thought.

Taxpayers have paid \$17 million in 264 cases over the last 20 years to settle workplace violations for members of congress, including sexual harassment complaints. Those records of payments, the accused, and accusers are conveniently kept confidential. I'd gladly make a generous charitable donation to someone's favorite charity for those details.

The Moore case aside, some in this society have a grossly flawed idea that accusations and the benefits of bringing

attention to the problem of sexual harassment is more important than maintaining someone's reputation. We couldn't be more coerced into that nut-job belief.

Accusations based on unwanted advances or verbal innuendo do real sexual assault victims no favors. Repeated claims and stories with little substance serve to lessen the indignation we feel when legitimate sexual assaults do take place. The all-too-common accusations take the 'edge' off of legitimate cases which actually deserve our attention and concern.

We have also been besieged by the term "underage women" through the media for more than a month. We need to get some terms straight. If they are 'women', they are not underage. The age of consent in Alabama is 16. The term underage children is an oxymoron. I agree that Moore's interest in younger women when he was 30 is a little smarmy. However, in all but the first now highly-questioned claim, they were all considered women.

Interestingly, we hear nothing about women in their 30's and 40's having aggressive interest in 17-20's males. In fact, entertainment and media properties affectionately brand them as cougars and fawn over their confidence and virtues.

The age of consent at 16 in most U.S. states gives a lot of us the willies, and with good reason. However, 16 and over is legal now and was in the 1970's and 80's.

On that point, we should all rethink immigration

reform before we step into a big moist pile. The age of consent in most Mexican states is 12. How will that third-world societal influence play out in the United States over a decade or two?

Back to Moore, there are no democrats and few republicans who can stomach an ardently, pro-life, pro-legal immigration, pro-Christian, pro-military, pro-free-market, pro-scriptural marriage candidate. They also can't easily push their personal agendas with someone who is pro-First Amendment, pro-Second Amendment, pro-Fourth Amendment, pro-Sixth Amendment, and pro Tenth Amendment.

For those reasons alone, I would like to see forks in all those backsides and see Moore elected.

We need only pay attention to Doug Jones supporter and outspoken drag queen, Ambrosia Starling, to realize where Jones' leadership is likely to take us. Last week on the capitol steps in Montgomery Starling lumped him/herself in with racial minorities among the oppressed.

The most salient points of this election remain.

The accusations are considered credible by those on the left and some moderates. But where have they been for the past 30-40 years? The political expedience is just too great to overlook in this case, especially considering the tightly-held republican majority in the senate influencing which federal judges will and won't get approved. Real conservatives are few and far between now. This is a big enough political prize for liberals and moderates to try anything.

Doug Jones would be all too happy to be the yes-boy of Chuck Shumer and Nancy Pelosi. He will just be thankful to be there... and will owe everyone.

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Recently while studying through Mark's account of the gospel I noted several instances where Jesus was sought by people who went to extraordinary means to get to Him. They probably would have given up, had it not been for their personal interest. For example, there was Jairus, a ruler of the synagogue, who fell at the feet of Jesus and begged earnestly for the healing of his twelve-year-old daughter who was at the point of death (Mark 5:22f). Further, there was the Syro-Phoenician woman, a Gentile, who begged Jesus and the apostles persistently to cast out the demon that plagued her daughter (Mark 7:25f). Also, we might consider the woman with the flow of blood who was broke- - but refused to be broken- - and made it her mission to touch the garment of Jesus to be healed (Mark 5:25f). All three of these had far more than a casual concern for their situation.

Several years ago I had the privilege of sitting in on a lecture given by Jim Bill McInteer. I do not remember the title of the lecture, but I will never forget the challenge of one of his points. He asked, "How would you feel if the church where you worshiped were to go out of business? How would it affect your life?" I did not have to do a lot of thinking to conclude that it would break my heart to see such a thing happen. I am sure that most of you share my sentiments and that we would be willing to go to great measures to prevent such a tragic thing from ever happening. Why? Because the church is such a vital part of our lives- - especially our home congregation!

But who are the people who are most likely to get involved in the local church to keep it moving onward and upward? Those who are the brightest and most gifted? Perhaps, but most likely the better answer is: *Those who feel a personal indebtedness and appreciation for the salvation they have received through Christ* (cf. Romans 1:14-16). So, if you feel somewhat "disconnected" and not as committed to the church as you should be, you need to make a personal investment. Surrender your heart fully to the cause of Christ and the rest of you is sure to follow!

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**Swamp John's Fish Fry at Cherokee Lions den** downtown Cherokee Friday December 8 from 4-7pm. Fish, chicken tenders, shrimp or combo plates with two sides and drink for \$10. Dine in or carry out.

**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.

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

**Tis the Season for...Line Dancing...and an Ugly Christmas Sweater Party**, Friday, December 8, 7-9pm at Broadway Recreation Center, 300 N. Broadway St., Florence. \$5 per person. Wear your ugly Christmas sweater. Prizes awarded, light refreshments. Sponsored by Florence Parks and Recreation Department. Additional information call Jan at 256-627-0052.

**It's time for shopping!** With everyone's busy holiday schedule finding the time to shop can be challenging. And once you've found the perfect gift, you still need it wrapped. Shop with Brookdale Assisted Living in Florence. Available for purchase will be jewelry, home fragrance, cosmetics, home décor, clothing, gourmet foods, embroidery, seasonal items, and more! They will wrap up to five presents for you while you unwind with cookies and cocoa. Saturday, December 9 from 12-4pm Brookdale Florence Assisted Living 3275 County Road 47 in Florence. For more information, call 256-740-6999.

**Wesley Chapel United Methodist Choir** will be presenting their Christmas Cantata "God With Us" on Sunday, December 10 at 10:30am. Everyone is invited to attend.

**"It's a Dickens Christmas, Y'all"** will be celebrated on the streets of downtown Tuscumbia on December 9, 10am – 5pm. Event includes Dickens characters and carolers, with entertainment throughout the day. Expect snow, carriage rides, trolley tours, arts & crafts and food vendors, Victorian dancers, Holiday High Tea, Poetry and Music, and a new event: "Scones and Moans". Special activities are offered for children. Sponsored by Tuscumbia Retail Development, Inc. For info: 256-383-9797 or 256-383-0783.

**Antebellum Christmas Concert with Old Town Brass** December 9 at 7pm at Presbyterian Church, built in 1859, in Courtland. Tickets are available at the General Joe Wheeler Gift Shop or call 256-654-9077. Reservations only, limited seating. Proceeds go to the Friends of the General Joe Wheeler Home. More info, [www.generaljowheeler.com](http://www.generaljowheeler.com)

**The Shoals Doula Group** will be hosting a Christmas Market benefiting Safer Birth in Bama, a Shoals based 501c3, dedicated to helping improve birth options and outcomes for Alabama families. It will take place Saturday, December 9, from 1-5pm at Redeemer Church of the Shoals, 1626 Florence Boulevard (in the Hobby Lobby shopping center). Please check out our Facebook event to learn about all the great businesses that are participating! Please e-mail us at [shoalsdoula@gmail.com](mailto:shoalsdoula@gmail.com) for information!

**Valley Grove Baptist Church Children's Christmas Musical** - December 10 at 6pm. Everyone is invited! 3040 Old Highway 20, Tuscumbia, 256-381-1662

**Mt. New Home M. B. Church**, at 7135 Old Hwy 20 in Leighton, will be celebrating its 147th Church Anniversary at 11:15 am Sunday, December 10 with special guests Rev. Wesley Thompson and Bethel Colbert M. B. Church, from Leighton. Following our church anniversary Celebration Mt. New Home M. B. Church will have a fundraiser at 2:30pm for our pastor, Dr. Donaldson Jones' Presidential campaign for the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc. Our special guests for this celebration will be Rev. Craig B. Scott and Galilee M. B. Church in Florence.

**The Zip City Community Center** will host the Monthly Luncheon Thursday, December 14 at 11:30am. A gift exchange will follow. Please bring a dish and a \$5 gift if you wish to join us. Everyone is welcome.

**The musical legacy of the Shoals Symphony continues a 35th season** with its annual Holiday concert, "Agnus Dei" on Sunday, December 10 at 3pm. A Christmas Cantata celebration featuring UNA Choirs. Underwritten by: Wells Fargo Advisors LLC and David L. Black, Colbert County Commissioner

**Highland Baptist Church will present Home for Christmas** on Sunday, December 10, at 2pm & 6pm. Home for Christmas is a FREE musical presentation with LIVE music: choir, orchestra, and drama. With all NEW storyline and music, Home for Christmas is a unique family-friendly holiday experience that aims to give renewed purpose to your Christmas season. This is a FREE event; tickets are not required. Doors open approximately 45 minutes prior to each show. Free childcare for children 12 weeks through 3 years of age will be available during each presentation. For more information and to pre-register for childcare visit [highlandbaptist.com](http://highlandbaptist.com) or search for the event on facebook.

**Singing River Squares Square Dance Club** meets each Friday 6:30-9pm at The Club, 450 Country Club Drive in Florence Caller/Instructor: Chuck Bermele. Beginner Classes, Mainstream and Plus Workshops ongoing. First Friday each month we celebrate Birthdays and Anniversaries. Florence Parks & Recreation - Alcohol and Drug Free Facility. Please call 256-760-6642 for more information.

**NAMI Shoals Family Support Group** for families with adults and/or children who have brain disorders (mental illnesses) and NAMI Connection Recovery Support Group for people who have been diagnosed with a brain disorder and are in recovery meets Tuesday, December 12 at 7pm at the NAMI Shoals office, 749 Thompson St., Suite A, Florence. Need directions or more information, call 256-765-2081.

**Zip City Neighborhood Watch Meeting** December 13, 2pm at the Zip City Community Center.

**Knights of Columbus Council 3989 is sponsoring its 51st Annual Turkey & Ham Shoot** on Saturday, December 16 from 7am-dusk at the Knights of Columbus Langer Hall at 4051 County Road 30 (St. Florian Road). Shotgun and 22 rounds of Turkey and Ham will be \$4 and \$6, respectively. Ammunition will be provided. Shotguns and rifles are available, but you can bring your own. Concession stand will be open serving hamburgers, hot dogs, chili and coffee, soft drinks etc. All are welcome.

**Shoals Scholar Dollars and the Shoals Theatre** present 9-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!

**The Florence-Lauderdale Public Library series, The Screening Room:** will host a second holiday screening with "Christmas in Connecticut" (1945) on Sunday, December 17 at 2pm. While recovering in a hospital, war hero Jefferson Jones (Dennis Morgan) grows familiar with the "Diary of a Housewife" column written by Elizabeth Lane (Barbara Stanwyck). Jeff's nurse arranges with Elizabeth's publisher, Alexander Yardley (Sydney Greenstreet), for Jeff to spend the holiday at Elizabeth's bucolic Connecticut farm with her husband and child. But the column is a sham, so Yardley hastens to arrange a publicity ploy by setting up single, nondomestic Elizabeth on a country farm. The free series is sponsored by the library and Pillar of Fire. It is hosted by film historian and Pillar of Fire founder, Terry Pace, and his wife, Anita. Call 256-764-6564 for more information.

**The Depression and Bipolar Support Group** meets every Monday night at 4:30pm, 749 Thompson St., Suite A, Florence. Info: Jackie, 256-710-4664.

**The City of Florence is accepting nominations for the 2018 Walk of Honor Inductees.** The Walk of Honor, located in the beautiful River Heritage Park, recognizes individuals of Florence and Lauderdale County who have achieved national or international acclaim. This is a means to give honor and perpetuate the name and achievement of deserving individuals, either current or former citizens, through a form of civic recognition. The are 42 inductees who have already been recognized. 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, on Friday, December 29 in the Mayor's Office. Procedures for making a nomination and form to submit your entry may be obtained by: 1) Visiting the City's web site, [www.florenceal.org](http://www.florenceal.org), and selecting the "Walk of Honor" listing under the "Happening Now" section; or go to the "City Administration" Section. 2) Picking up a copy from the Mayor's Office, 102 South Court Street - Suite 200, Florence, AL 35630; or 3) Calling the Mayor's Office at 256-760-6400

**Christmas Concert featuring The NuTones**, Tuesday, December 19, 6:30-9pm at Marriot Conference Center, Florence, early seating begins at 5:30pm. Tickets are \$10, children under 10 are free. Tickets are available at Keestone, 201 N. Cedar Street, Florence, 256-767-7676 or any NuTone band member; Bill Wooten 256-483-1366; Jackie Bevis 256-383-3091; or Lawrence Alexander 256-810-5710. Special guests include: Kenneth Lovelace, Mallie and Ida Kate Stuts, Hugh Banks, and Avery Frost. The NuTones are Rex Hall, Bill Wooten, Terry McDaniel, Linda Balentine, Jackie Bevis, Lawrence Alexander, and Lendon Balenton. For more information: [www.keestoneseniorcommunity.com](http://www.keestoneseniorcommunity.com) or [facebook.com/nutones](https://www.facebook.com/nutones).

**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](http://kdartcenter.org).

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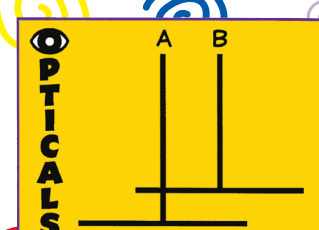
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Everyone say "Hello" to **BERNIE!** He is looking for a home with patience and love, he has never had a home or anyone to love him. Bernie needs help learning how to walk on leash and how to trust new surroundings. He is a good boy and has been with other dogs. **THE PET OF THE WEEK SPECIAL ADOPTION FEE IS \$15 FOR DOGS & \$25 FOR CATS & INCLUDES SPAY OR NEUTER & RABIES! TO LEARN MORE, CONTACT THE COLBERT SHELTER AT 256-381-4073!**

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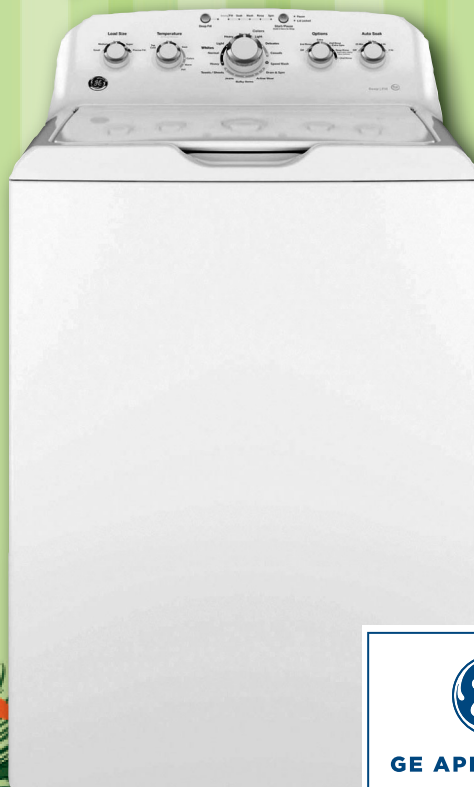
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