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**POSTAL PATRON**

## Council Grant for Histories

FLORENCE-The Muscle Shoals National Heritage Area has received a \$2,800 grant from the Alabama State Council on the Arts to continue recording oral histories about Muscle Shoals music.

"The Muscle Shoals sound in the 1960s changed American music," said Carrie Barske, MSNHA interim director. "The stories of artists who came here to record are fascinating. However, the stories of music makers who lived here and worked and recorded in the Shoals studios—and still do—help answer the question 'Why Muscle Shoals?'"

A first round of oral histories funded by the state arts council

in 2014 is available on MSNHA's Roots of American Music Trail website, musictrail.una.edu. Also on the website is

information about the Roots of American Music cellphone trail. This takes visitors to historically significant music sites and provides details on northwest Alabama music news.

Barske hopes the state arts grant will help add 20 interviews to the nearly 30 already produced.

MSNHA is partnering with the University of North Alabama Public History Center and the Florence Fine Arts Academy on the additional interviews. For more information visit msnha.una.edu.

## Hager Speaks to Chamber



Hager

FLORENCE-The Shoals Chamber Annual Meeting Celebration is scheduled for Thursday, March 15 from 5-8pm at the Marriott Shoals Conference Center.

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## Join the Group Tour to Italy

SHOALS-The Shoals Chamber of Commerce, the University of North Alabama and the City of Florence have partnered to offer a group tour to Italy scheduled for August 5-12 as part of Florence's upcoming bicentennial celebration. The Shoals Chamber is now accepting registration for the trip which includes stops in Rome, Venice, and sister-city Florence, Italy. While in Florence, members of the group will

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**Participating in Liberty**

Courtesy photo

Whitlee Flannagin, the 2017 Homecoming Queen at Hatton High School, represented the state of Alabama at the 59th AutoZone Liberty Bowl in Memphis in late December. Flannagin toured St. Jude's Hospital and met with patients, participated in the Liberty Bowl Parade on Beale Street, and performed in the pre-game and halftime festivities with the Isley Brothers. She is a member of the 2A State Champion Lady Hornet softball team, volleyball team, and basketball team. She is the daughter of Morris and Kelly Stephens and the granddaughter of Mack and Angela Parker and Evelyn Peoples.



Individuals statewide who lose at least ten pounds will be entered into a drawing

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and beyond with direct mail, total market coverage



## Plan Now-Scale Back

SHEFFIELD - Helen Keller Hospital and Red Bay Hospital are official weigh-in sites for Scale Back Alabama, kicking off this month. Scale Back Alabama is a FREE statewide weight loss program designed to encourage Alabamians to get healthy and have fun doing it. Since the first Scale Back Alabama in 2007, participants have lost more than a million pounds!

Grab a partner and register at scalebackalabama.com. Go weigh-in at either the Keller Wellcare Center or Red Bay Hospital. Weigh-in week is January 22-28.

### Keller Weigh-in Times

- 1/23 6am - 8pm
- 1/25 6am - 8pm
- 1/27 8am - 2pm
- 1/28 1pm - 4pm

### Red Bay Weigh-in Times

- 1/22 8am - 8pm
- 1/24 8am - 8pm



Texas A&M-Commerce senior quarterback, Luis Perez, stands with his Harlon Hill Trophy last week during the luncheon.  
Staff photo: TVM

## Perez Receives His Hill Trophy

FLORENCE- Texas A&M University-Commerce senior quarterback, Luis Perez, was presented with his Harlon Hill Trophy last week during a luncheon at the University of North Alabama.

The winner was announced December 14 as Perez and his teammates were in Kansas City preparing for the NCAA Division II National Championship Game that Saturday, which they won, 37-27.

Perez received 198 total points, 63 more than runner-up, Gannon junior running back Marc

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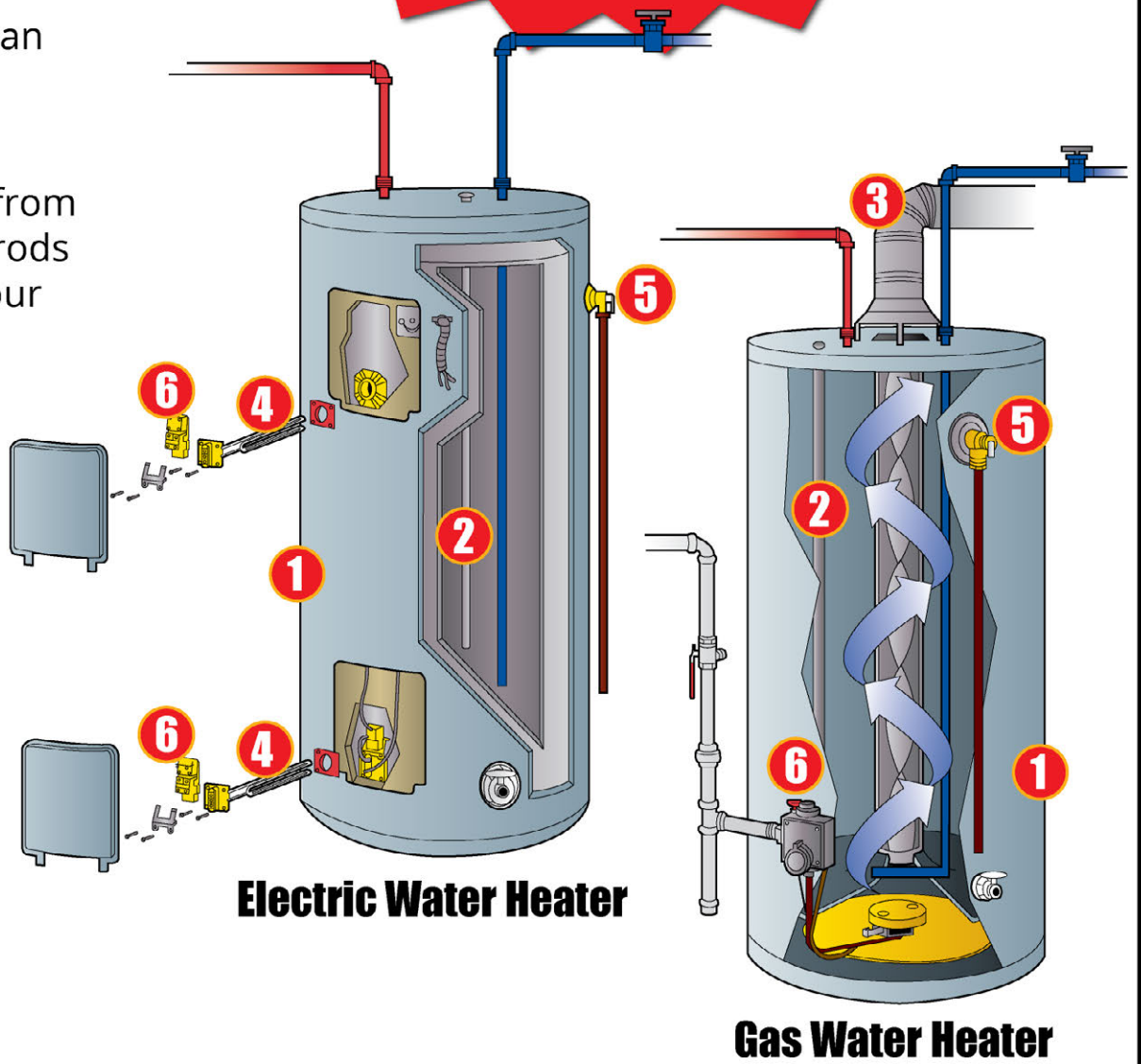
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**Shorts...**

**Hager Speaks to Chamber**

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The keynote speaker for this event will be Jenna Bush Hager, the daughter of President George W. Bush. Hager is a best-selling author who is currently on tour with her sister Barbara Pierce Bush to promote their new book, "Sisters First." Hager is a contributing correspondent for NBC's *Today Show*, Chair of UNICEF's Next Generation, and editor-at-large for *Southern Living* magazine. Mrs. Hager's keynote is entitled, "Making a Difference: How the Power of Compassion Changes Lives." Hager is a devoted humanitarian. She calls audiences to action and shows they too can make a difference. She demonstrates the many positive contributions that people can have to impact their families, schools and communities. As a UNICEF volunteer, inner-city school teacher and a *Today* correspondent who shows stories of everyday people doing terrific things, Hager has ample experiences seeing the very best in human nature.

Speaker sponsorships are being accepted for the event, which includes a VIP meet and greet with Hager, premium reserved seating and other perks.

Individual tickets are \$65 for Chamber members and \$75 for non-members. This includes entry to the general reception, dinner and Hager's presentation.

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TONI MERCALDI	A 37	Household Items
REGINA WEEKLEY	D 11	Clothes, Household Items
CLEVEN BROWN	E 05	Household Items
BRITTENY LOVELADY	H 817	Clothing, Household Items

**Community Notes**

The "Hi Neighbors of the Shoals" meeting will be Tuesday, January 9 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.

**NAMal 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, January 9 at 7pm at the NAMI Shoals office, 749 Thompson St., Suite A, Florence. Need directions or more information, call 256-765-2081.

**Swamp John's Dinner** at Lexington Senior Center January 9, 4-7pm. Your choice of shrimp, fish, or chicken includes slaw, fries, dessert and drink. \$11 per plate.

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**Korean War Veterans Assoc., NW AL Chapter #2, will meet for breakfast and business** at Hampton Inn and Suites, S. Court St. Florence, Wednesday, January 10 at 0830. The move from Saturday meetings to Wednesday meetings is a permanent change of meeting dates at least for 2018. Come earlier and eat a free breakfast before we move to the meeting room. All Korean War and Korean Service vets are invited. Direct questions to Commander Robert "Bob" Hill at 256-443-6336.

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# Medicare Minute

## "Qualifying for Medicare"

When I began working with Medicare health plans a few years ago it became obvious to me that people aging into Medicare were joining a health insurance program that they really didn't understand. Although the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) do all they can to educate Americans about the benefits of Medicare it still isn't enough for them to fully understand what they have as far as medical coverage through the federal government. Over the next year we're going to discuss the basics of and what is covered under Medicare. But first let's look at how Medicare started.

On July 30, 1965, President Lyndon B. Johnson signed into law the bill, Title XVIII of the Social Security Act, which led to the establishment of Medicare. The original bill included Part A (Hospital Insurance) and Part B (Medical Insurance). Today we know these 2 parts as "Original Medicare". In the beginning Medicare was created to provide health insurance to people 65 years of age and older, regardless of income or medical history.

Over the past five decades changes have been made as to who qualifies for Medicare. In addition to people over the age of 65, Medicare now covers people under the age of 65 who are permanently disabled and have been receiving Social Security Disability Insurance for 24 months. Also anyone at any age can receive Medicare if they have End Stage Renal Disease or ALS.

Although Medicare provides medical coverage for those who qualify it is not 100% coverage!! We often hear "once I go on Medicare my medical insurance worries are over" Medicare has deductibles and coinsurance that the Medicare beneficiary is responsible for unless the beneficiary has additional coverage to supplement Medicare.

If you have questions regarding any aspect of Medicare or Medicare health plans feel free call us at Alabama Health Guidance (256-648-5710), stop by our office at 885 Florence Blvd (Four Lane Shopping Center) or email me at [ikey@alabamahealthguidance.com](mailto:ikey@alabamahealthguidance.com).

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There was a 19th century philosopher and religious thinker named Soren Kierkegaard who left us this amazing little duck tale. It was told that the time had come for all the ducks to gather for duck church. So, ducks came from all over waddling their way to the assembly. They waddled in and sat down on their duck pews, sang from their duck hymnals, and settled back to listen to their duck preacher. (Some said that his sermon was recorded on duck tape-- although I think that was just a wise quack.)

Anyway, duck preacher delivered a powerful, feather-singeing sermon. His main point was: "Ducks, you don't have to waddle. You have wings like eagles. You can fly! Fly, ducks, fly!" In turn the congregation of ducks responded, "Amen! Amen!" Then, after the service concluded, all the ducks got up and waddled home.

Sounds a whole lot like some people I know. Often it is not "knowing what to do" that is the problem, it is "doing what we know" that creates the challenge. Simply acknowledging truth with an "Amen" is worthless if that truth does not become a part of the way we live.

Jesus made this point clear as He finished the Sermon on the Mount, concluding, "Whoever hears these sayings of mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: and the rains descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock." He went on to say, "But everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand: and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell. And great was its fall" (Matthew 7:24-27).

So, let us not be like the foolish duck church, but like the wise of Christ's Church who are "doers of the word, and not hearers only" (James 1:22).

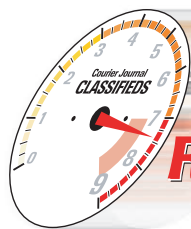
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*James, Florence, AL*

**A** It is widely believed that there is a certain age at which a child can decide with which parent they want to live.

There is no such age. The court system does not allow, wisely, children to make that decision. The courts believe that children would be lobbied and catered to and bribed and pressured if at a certain age they could simply choose for themselves which parent was going to raise them.

The law in Alabama is that the wishes of a child are a factor to be considered but are not binding on the court.

It simply isn't fair to ask a child to decide between two parents who both love the child. It isn't fair to place the burden of making that choice on a child. Obviously, if a child is mature and can explain to the court a good reason for living with one parent rather than the other, then the court will listen and give weight to the child's wishes in proportion to the child's maturity and reasons for asking the court to rule in a particular way.

A child who wants to live with a parent who is going to allow more freedom is probably not going to be listened to by the court. An athletic child whose parent is moving out of the district in a way that would prevent that child from continuing in a particular sport with a particular team would certainly be listened to carefully by the judge.


Both parties would have to consent before the child could speak with the judge privately and either party could make the child state his wishes in open court if they chose to do so.

I think that as a practical matter that when teenagers begin to drive and act with some level of maturity, these decisions sort themselves out. As I point out from time to time, remember that agreements to modify child support based on new and different living arrangements will not be honored by the court. The party responsible for paying child support will almost certainly still be responsible for that support even if the child moves in with that parent without an agreement filed with the court and approved by the judge.

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**Answers On Page 30**

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S				P			
	A				I		
		N				L	
			D				E

1. A short distance.
2. Placed a bet.
3. Carries electricity.
4. Allows both genders.

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Jesus was born of a Virgin. *Matthew 1:23*

Mary was a virgin. she had never been touched by any man. *Matthew 1:25*

The Holy Spirit put baby Jesus in the Virgin Mary's womb. *Matthew 1:18*

Mary carried Jesus for nine months, then she gave birth to Jesus. *Matthew 2:1*

Jesus grew into a man. He started working all kinds of miracles everywhere he went. Jesus is both man and God. The part of Him that is God is the one that did all kinds of miracles everywhere He went. The part of Jesus that is God is the one that can forgive men of their sins.

Jesus, all the people that can't talk, he made them talk again. People that can't walk, Jesus made them walk again. People that are blind, Jesus made them see again. People that are hungry, Jesus gave them food to eat. People that died, Jesus brought them back to life. People that sin, Jesus forgave them. *Matthew 9:27-30; Matthew 14:15-21; Mark 7:32-35; Luke 7:12-15; John 11:38-44*

Jesus calmed the storm. *Matthew 8:23-27*

Jesus died on the cross. *Luke 23:46 and Matthew 27:35*

Jesus died on the cross for the whole world's sin. He was buried, and in three days, God raised Him from the dead. *Matthew 28:6-7; Matthew 27:58-60; Luke 24:7, 46*

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Written by Catherine Hoffman, Christian Foreign Missionary  
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Natallia

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Angela

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Rod

## CAR CUP HOLDERS

I tried to use the aluminum cupcake papers in my cup holders in the car to keep them clean, and they worked fine. That being said, I decided to spend a little more money and bought silicone cupcake holders. They fit in the cup holder very well. They keep things from spilling into the holders, and they are reusable and wash up great. As an added benefit, your car stays much cleaner. I found a package of 24 on the Walmart website for \$7.86 with free shipping. It's a win-win situation.

Seva

## NEW CLOTHES?

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Deena

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Paige

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Mary Ellen

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Angela

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CJ

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**Commentary**

**Hall's Music Impact Hard for Us to Grasp**

**T**housands in the music world paused last week in sadness and reverence at the passing of FAME Recording Studios founder, Rick Hall. Major news and music outlets across the US, including the *New York Times* and *Rolling Stone*, carried the news as soon as it broke.

That alone should tell us how special Rick Hall was to the American music industry. The popular television documentary, *Muscle Shoals*, notwithstanding, most of us who live and work in the Shoals have no concept of how exceptional an achievement it was for someone of such modest means to establish a recording studio in sleepy northwest Alabama and keep it relevant for so many decades.

Hall played fiddle and mandolin in country bands as a young man. He founded the music publishing company Florence Alabama Music Enterprises, FAME, with Tom Stafford and Billy Sherrill in a room at the old City Drug Store in Florence across from the Shoals Theatre. Although the partnership soon dissolved, Hall kept the name. In 1960 he established FAME Recording Studios in the back of an old warehouse on Wilson Dam Road. The acronym FAME itself was brilliant. It was easy to remember and would easily act as a subliminal draw for any aspiring artist of the time.

Hall's first Gold Record hit, "You Better Move

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**In A Few Words**



**TOM MAGAZZU**  
Editor

**Courier Journal**

**THIS WEEK**

in the *Shoals*  
January 10, 2018

**Happening THIS WEEK**

**The Weekends To Watch**



**Eagle Awareness Program Returning to Lake Guntersville**

**GUNTERSVILLE**—Lake Guntersville State Park offers Eagle Awareness weekends annually in January and February. These include live birding shows and demonstrations, field trips to eagle nesting grounds, children's crafts, family movie nights and more. Lodging packages are available. Guntersville has one of the largest concentrations of American Bald Eagles in the country.

There will be five Eagle Awareness weekends this year from

**Jan. 19-21 - Feb. 16-18**

January 19-21 to February 16-18.

In January and February, eagles take center stage in North Alabama when Lake Guntersville State Park hosts the annual Eagle Awareness weekends giving birding enthusiasts a chance to learn more about the magnificent creatures in their natural habitat.

The Eagle Awareness Program at Lake Guntersville State Park is now

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**The Day in Their Shoes**

**FLORENCE**—Room in the Inn Shoals and local United Way have teamed up along with Alabama Possible to offer an interactive experience that hopes to provide a realistic understanding of the challenges faced by individuals in our own community who are living at or below the poverty level.

**P o v e r t y Simulation**— A Day in Their Shoes takes place Thursday, January 18, for 8:30-11:30am at The Richards Center, on Riverview Dr. in Florence. This event is of no cost to participants and volunteers. Please visit [www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com) or call 256-764-5892 to register or to learn more.

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**THE KENNEDY-DOUGLASS MONTHLY MEETING** will be Friday, January 12 from 11:30am-1pm at the Kennedy-Douglass Center for the Arts at 217 East Tuscaloosa Street. Light refreshments will be served. At noon Bill and Betty Maloney will speak on the Art of Tango. The public is invited to attend. For more information, please call 256-760-6379.

**AN INTRODUCTION TO KOREA** and K-pop takes place Thursday, January 11 at 5:30pm at the Florence-Lauderdale Public Library. Korean Pop is expanding to the United States. K-pop isn't just pop music. It's a collection of different genres including ballad, rap, R&B, rock, and hip hop.

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**A Rare Event, Indeed**

Editor:

Remember the next time you hear northern residents being sarcastic and making fun of how us southerners react during a snowfall... It's a rare event, you know, sort of like a northern school winning a college football championship!

**James W. Anderson**  
Talladega

**Impartiality is Fair**

Dear Editor:

News that UNA is comparatively underfunded as a state university is discouraging, but it's not surprising. Many legislators in Montgomery probably don't know much about UNA. To be frank, I don't know much about Auburn, South Alabama, or UA or

most any of the other state universities. I know that UAH is in Huntsville and UAB is somewhere in Birmingham, but that's about it. My attending college in Florence was the one redeeming quality of being born and reared in this state. UNA is what I'm most proud of when someone asks me about Alabama.

However, as a matter of fairness, the legislature needs to be impartial in financing higher education statewide. Its view should be more comprehensive than it is now. Disparities like this one, if left unchanged, will only create anger and suspicion about the state government's evenhandedness in the long-term.

**Thomas Ponder**  
Killen

**NSS Has Us Vulnerable**

Editor:

Alabamians are rightly focused on the consequences of the new tax legislation that will likely increase national debt, economic inequality, and poverty. However, we also need to understand the negative implications of the recent National Security Strategy (NSS) document and foreign policy decisions that render the US more unpopular and vulnerable to external threats.

The Trump administration has not only escalated wars in Afghanistan and Iraq, but threatened North Korea and Iran and fanned the flames of conflict

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AS THIS NEW YEAR BEGINS, I'd like to talk about one of my favorite subjects besides technology and beer.

I'm speaking, of course, about me. I'd like to start out the year by addressing some of the criticisms I've received over the years.

**I often receive teases from readers asking if I've been fired** because they didn't see my article "last week." Nope! The truth is that I've written this column every other week for a dozen years. That also means I'm NOT in the paper every other week which is evidently when many of you choose to read it. So I'm here until Tom runs me off—which



Fisher

## IT'S ALL ABOUT ME

by "The Computer Skeptic"

could be any day, of course.

**My column is limited to 500 words.** It is often a challenge to fit large subjects into such a small space. I usually write 5 or 6 paragraphs then mull over which paragraphs to delete to get back down to 500 words. This is akin to deciding which child to sacrifice. As a result, my articles sometimes leave out important pieces. I know that some of my readers know far more than I do about technology and wonder why I didn't address this, that, or the other point. So if you ever

feel like I skipped over an important part, the 500-word limit is one reason. The other reason is that I probably didn't think of it.

**Coming up with a fresh column** that holds your attention is hard work and I know I sometimes fail. I occasionally get criticisms (that I absolutely love getting) asking why I don't write more about stuff you can use in your daily computing life. The truth is that I can only write so many articles about the need to update your computer, update

antivirus, the importance of backing up your data and other common computer issues. I've written about virtually all of them so I am often forced to write about stuff that I often know nothing about just to expand my own horizons. Sometimes my ignorance clearly shows but part of the fun of this column is learning about new stuff with you.

**Every now and then my articles touch the borders of politics.** I try to tread softly there because, as someone who is firmly in the middle of the political spectrum, I'm a "staunch conservative" to my flaming liberal friends and a "flaming liberal" to my staunch conservative friends. You are all still my friends and I want to keep it that way but both sides need a cattle prod from time to time and I like

administering them. So if you think I'm picking on your team in one article, it's only a matter of time before I pick on the other side.

Inspiration from these articles comes from my daily experiences dealing with people like you so your feedback is crucial! It especially pleases me when I receive the occasional hate mail. So keep 'em coming and Happy New Year!

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Commentary

Music...

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On," written by local bellhop, Arthur Alexander reached #24 on the US charts. (It was also covered in 1962 by Bobby Vee and then by both The Hollies and The Rolling Stones in 1964.) Hall used the proceeds from that record to move into a new building close to the corner of Avalon and Woodward where the studio still operates.

When others with visions of musical success were leaving for larger metropolitan areas, Hall was determined to make it work here. And did he ever.

Hall was successful with a variety of American music styles including rhythm and blues/soul, rock, pop, and country.

Hall had the foresight to welcome talented black artists like Clarence Carter, Aretha Franklin, Etta James, Wilson Pickett, Otis Redding, and the Staples Singers into his Muscle Shoals studio at the same time George Wallace was trying to chase blacks away from the university campus in Tuscaloosa.

Hall angled more towards pop music in the 70's with hits from The Osmonds, Paul Anka, Tom Jones, Terri Gibbs, Donny and Marie Osmond and others.

Hall was nominated for a Grammy Award as Producer of the Year in 1970 and a year later received the same award from *Billboard*.

Hall began producing country artists in the late 70s and early 80's. Alabama, Earl Thomas Conley, Mac Davis, the Gatlin Brothers, Bobbie Gentry, Barbara Mandrell, Ronnie Milsap, John Michael Montgomery, Jerry Reed, Shenandoah, and Tim McGraw.

In recent years, Jason Isbell and Drive By Truckers recorded at FAME as did Gregg Allman for his final album, *Southern Blood*.

Hall received a Grammy Trustees Award in 2014 for his "significant contributions to the field of recording."

The *Rolling Stone* article last week credited Fame Studio and its publishing company with an estimated 350 million record sales, with songs by everyone from the Beatles to George Strait.

And none of this touches on elements of Hall's local philanthropic involvement.

Florence has a Walk of Fame at River Heritage Park that recognizes individuals of Florence and Lauderdale County who have achieved national or international acclaim.

Even though FAME (Florence Alabama Music Enterprises) was established inside City Drugs in downtown Florence and FAME is largely responsible for the moniker, "The Hit Recording Capital of the World," Rick Hall is not eligible for inclusion in the Walk of Fame because he never actually lived in Florence or Lauderdale

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## Hill Trophy

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Jones. The winner is determined by the voting of the Division II Sports Information Directors.

Perez led Texas A&M-Commerce to a 14-1 record. He is just the seventh Harlon Hill winner to also play in the Division II National Championship Game in the same season.

Perez threw for 4,999 yards and 46 touchdowns this season, while completing better than 70% of his pass attempts.

Perez did not play football in high school; he excelled at bowling and has 13 perfect games to his credit.

He later walked onto the football team at Southwestern (Calif.) Community College and eventually earned the starting job there as a sophomore before transferring to Texas A&M-Commerce.

## Trophy Finds New Home

The Division II Championship game's move from Florence to Kansas City a few years ago combined with UNA's move up to Division I athletics next year makes it difficult for the Shoals area to continue hosting the Harlon Hill Trophy presentation.

The future of the award, presented annually to the best football player in



**Harlon Hill's son, Jerry, thanks Jeff Hodges, Harlon Hill Trophy committee members, and numerous others for their 32 year commitment to the event.** Staff photo: TVM

Division II, was secured Tuesday when it was announced that the Little Rock (Arkansas) Touchdown Club and the Great American Conference will become the presenters for the trophy beginning in 2018.

The National Harlon Hill Award Committee and UNA have served as the presenting organization since 1986 when the Harlon Hill Trophy was created.

"We have invested 32 years in the creation and promotion of this award program to honor Division II's top football student-athletes. We are excited and honored to have the Little Rock Touchdown Club and the Great American Conference step up and commit to carry the Harlon Hill Trophy forward," said Harlon Hill Award Committee Chairman, Jeff Hodges. "We will work with them in every way possible to make this transition as smooth as possible."

Both the Little Rock Touchdown Club and the GAC had representatives at last week's Harlon Hill luncheon. The Great American Conference will oversee the nominating and voting process.

The Little Rock Touchdown Club was a natural fit to carry on the legacy of the Harlon Hill Trophy, named for the former Florence State standout who went on

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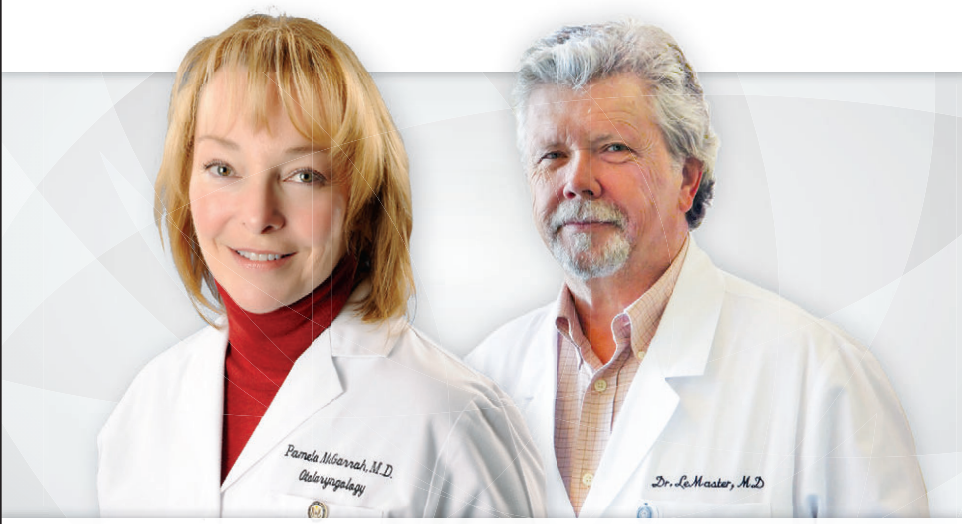
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Don

Dear Don,  
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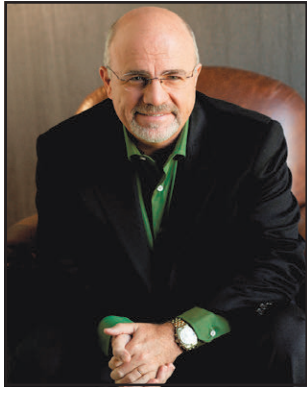
For example, when you're talking about gold and silver, there's more demand than supply when the economy is bad. In this kind of scenario, people are fearful and lots of them run to buy gold. This drives up the price to unrealistically high levels.

Again, the price on a commodity isn't based on anything other than fear or greed, and a supply and demand curve. The prices aren't based on an actual production of income, like it is with stocks or real estate. I don't buy commodities at all, especially gold and silver. I don't recommend you buy them, either.

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Dear Dave,  
Do you have a guideline ratio for mortgage debt to income?  
Levon

Dear Levon,  
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fixed rate mortgage, with monthly payments that are no more than 25 percent of their take home pay. This type of mortgage is the only debt I don't beat up people for having. Still, I urge folks to pay off these loans in less than 15 years.

The average person following my plan pays off this type of loan in about seven or eight years. That's a pretty big deal in terms of your financial security. And paying extra on your mortgage doesn't have to be a strain. You can start by simply rounding up your payments. If the payment is \$770, make it \$800 instead, and apply the extra to the principal balance. If you want to get more intense, you could make an extra house payment each quarter, or go the route of bi-weekly payments. To do this, simply make half a monthly payment every two weeks. By the end of the year you'll have made 13 payments instead of 12. This will knock years off the length of your loan.

Remember, your income is your largest wealth building tool. It's so much easier to save, invest, and give when all your money isn't flying out the door to make payments!

—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](http://daveramsey.com) and on Twitter at @DaveRamsey.



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**No Cold Feet**

Do you remember the first day of the year? It was cold! And do you know what I did on that day at 3:30 when it was 19 degrees with a wind chill lower than that? I went to an outdoor wedding! Outside, on a beautiful hillside farm – with a 10 mile an hour wind blowing! It was an amazing adventure!

When I woke up on New Year's Day morning, I thought, "Do I love this baby well enough to go to this wedding?" Then I decided I did, and when my husband said that he would be ready at the prescribed time, I knew that we went way back with this wonderful family.

I wore duds on top of duds. Leggings over tights with socks and tall boots, all under my dress pants. Long-sleeved cuddle shirt over an undershirt with a shimmery gold and black dress sweater top over all that. All topped with a full-length wool over-coat, a gray full-wrap scarf, wool hat, and two pairs of gloves – one fur-lined. Once I pulled the scarf up over my hat, I was pretty alright – enough to smile at the wedding party as they came down.

The ring bearer later told me that he saw me when he walked down. I am sure that he saw me because a lot of the guests had their heads down, remaining in H.E.L.P. Huddle position (Heat Escape Lessing Posture). I had locked arms with my friend who was sitting beside me with no hat, a light jacket and jeans. We were all bonding over how crazy cold it was!

But none of this mattered to the wedding party. The flower girl was more concerned about the wind blowing her petals

away. And according to his mom, the ring bearer asked why he carrying a sign instead of the rings. And the attendants came down the aisle with grace and beauty in their long flowing blue or peach sequined gowns and matching brown faux fur coats – their flowers were a little stunned, though. And the fellas were in blue suits, obviously layered underneath. All of the young people admitted later to having frozen faces and frozen feet. One young man's face got so red, that I started reviewing in my head what to do for hypothermia. But the bride, though... From the grin on the bride's face coming down the aisle, you would have guessed that it was a mid-summer's day. Smiling at her groom as if nothing was remiss. She was oblivious to the huddles on the wooden benches. She was getting married! And she reminded me of my daughter – of myself – of all the ready brides that I have seen over the years. It was her wedding day and she was happy, giddy, and gorgeous! I don't know how many layers were under her long, wide, white satin gown, but it was beautiful. Diamond studded at her waist and her spaghetti straps covered by a stunning, ribbed white fur jacket. A quaint tiara topped her head while her satin-trimmed veil blew in the wind. She was perfect! Her grandad and dad performed the ceremony. A little reminiscing in the cold. Personally written vows. Rings exchanged. It was as it should be. Sweet. Intimate. I must admit that we all applauded heartily when they were announced as Mr. and Mrs. And we all dashed into the reception area – no one opted for the outdoor seating. Instead we gathered closely inside and honored the newlyweds.

It was a cool adventure getting those kids married. I pray that the warmth that they felt for each other that day will extend

and grow throughout all the years of their marriage. May they forever be focused on each other and warm each other's hearts. Really, if they could smile

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**THE BOLD AND THE BEAUTIFUL** Katie felt badly about keeping Wyatt in the dark about his father's drama. Inconsolable at not being able to reach Liam, Steffy was shocked to find Bill at her front door. Hope and Rick butted heads shortly after seeing each other again. Maya questioned Rick about when he was going to confront Ridge about his affair of the heart with Quinn. Bill returned to Spencer Publications, where his inner turmoil was on full

display to everyone. Liam came home to the beach house, which briefly gave Steffy hope for reconciliation. Hope caught up with Pam and then was introduced to Sally. *Wait to See: Jealousy and contempt become the motives for an attempted coup.*

**DAYS OF OUR LIVES** Steve began experiencing some strange symptoms. Believing Eric wasn't interested in her, Jennifer agreed to dinner with a new suitor. Gabi and Stefan clashed while at work. Steve kept a secret from Kayla. Lani's life turned upside down as a result of her Christmas Eve mistake. Chad hired John to investigate Stefan's background. Brady revealed his plans for Eve to Victor. Meanwhile, Chloe grilled Eve about her intentions toward Brady. Lani made an important decision. JJ resigned from the force. Abigail questioned Stefan about his past. JJ overheard that Lani is pregnant. Eli and Gabi celebrated her success and their future. Vivian paid Brady and Eve a visit. *Wait to See: JJ pleads with Lani not to end her pregnancy.*

**GENERAL HOSPITAL** Nathan got candid with Dante. Maxie turned to Lulu for help. Oscar and Josslyn couldn't reach an agreement. Alexis reacted emotionally. Michael accepted Nelle's decision. Franco tried to reconcile his past. Laura shared her news with Kevin. Ned was very optimistic. Valentin got a surprise visit. Anna found evidence to support her theory. Sam made her intentions known. Sonny marked his territory. Jason followed through on a promise. Oscar looked to Drew for guidance. Carly agreed to compromise. Spinelli made some progress. Kim made a friend. *Wait to*

*See: Sonny receives a mysterious text message.*

**THE YOUNG AND THE RESTLESS** Later, Cane and Billy attended a meeting at the GCAC, but Cane was distracted when he saw Lily eating with Devon. Abby decided to take a break from Genoa City and take care of Brash & Sassy's business in Paris. Cane was suspicious when J.T. received a delivery from a messenger. Ashley accused Jack of trying to distract her by surprising her with a newly renovated lab. Scott asked Lauren for a loan, but Lauren suspected that he just wanted to create some distance from Abby. Lily suggested to Cane that they put their divorce proceedings aside. *Wait to See: Sharon invites Kathy, a homeless woman, to stay with her.*

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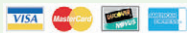
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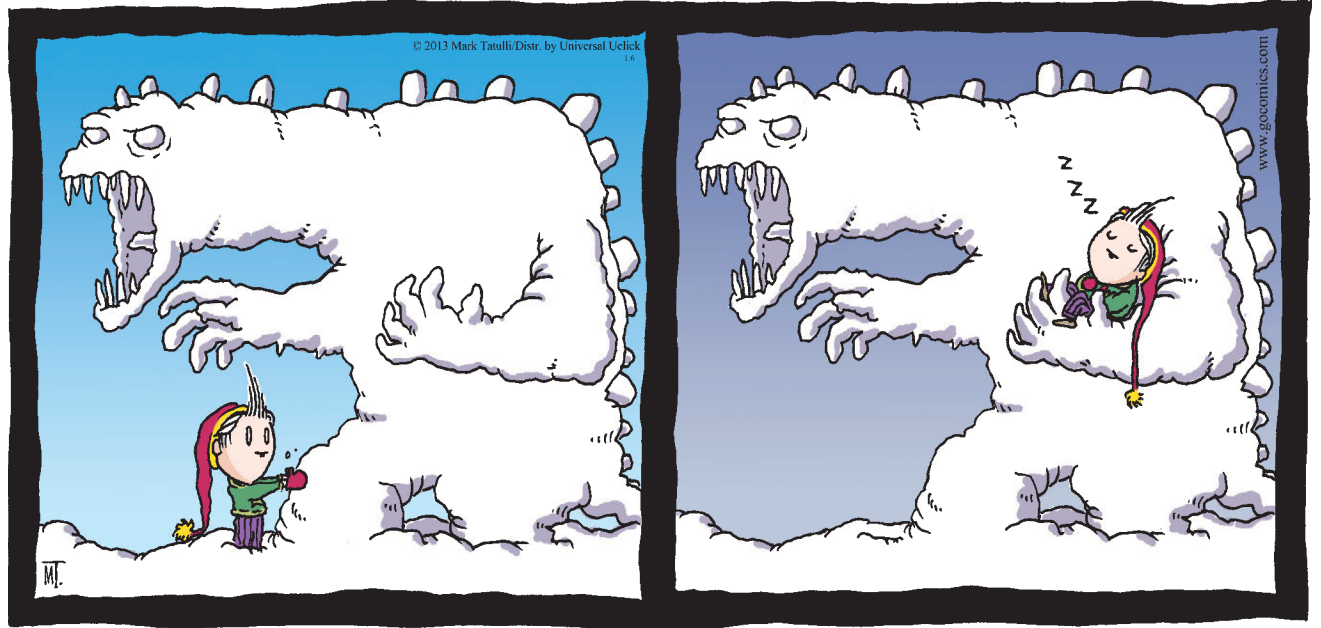
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in the Middle East. The NSS stresses military might – billions for new aircraft carriers and expanded nuclear weapons, but makes scant reference to diplomacy.

The NSS mentions international cooperation, but Trump's defiant and isolated Jerusalem declaration led to widespread condemnation because it endangers world peace. Trump threatened to reduce UN funding. With a goal of being an energy-dominant nation, the NSS gives short shrift to the importance of environmental stewardship, and the US is alone in withdrawing from the Paris Accord.

One subsection of the NSS called, "Reduce the Debt through Fiscal Responsibility," cites "modernizing our tax system" as a way to make the existing debt more serviceable. This is certainly ironic in view of the \$1.5 trillion the GOP tax reductions for the rich will add to the debt.

The administration's approach to international trade agreements could lead to disruption of markets, higher prices to consumers, and to enhanced power and international role for China. This constitutes a major threat to the US and our economic well-being.

Dan Waterman  
Killen

### Can We Get to Every Site?

Editor:

Is the USA technologically advanced enough to wipe out every missile site and

weapons stockpile in North Korea all at once? If so, why are our leaders being so lax at implementing this technology?

Paul Sabatino  
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### Can't Question His Integrity

Editor:

It is puzzling to me that although Robert Mueller stacked his investigation team with men and women who were committed to Hillary Clinton and determined to prevent Donald Trump being elected president, we aren't to question his integrity because he is a Vietnam veteran.

I'm glad to see respect for Vietnam veterans. I'm a three-tour Vietnam veteran myself. Roy Moore is also a Vietnam veteran, but he is not to be believed. He has been accused of misconduct decades ago with no evidence that he is guilty, but he is not to be trusted. Although Moore had an impeccable record for decades he has been labeled a pedophile by the media, including Fox News.

Anyone who has dealt with pedophiles knows that a pedophile doesn't refrain from that behavior for three decades or more. None of Moore's accusers claimed that he did to them what a pedophile would do. We now have a man elected to the Senate who is in favor of murdering innocent children and legalizing and celebrating homosexual behavior which is condemned by God and is harmful physically, psychologically and spiritually. The reality is that some who claim to be conservative and some who claim to be Christian don't want anyone who is opposed to abortion or sodomy to be in government.

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## Eagles...

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in its 33rd year. It features live bird demonstrations, interactive programs provided by notable speakers from across the country, guided field trips for viewing eagles in their natural habitat, and activities for children. There will be demonstrations by Wings to SOAR, Alabama 4H Center and Auburn University's Southeastern Raptor Center. Noted speakers include West Tenn. Interpretive Specialist David Haggard, Brittney Hughes from Desoto State Park, Alabama State Park's Ken Thomas and Mandy Pearson, Dr. George Cline from Jacksonville State University, Curt Cearly with RISE Raptor Project, naturalist Paul Franklin, David Hollaway from Camp McDowell and LGSP naturalist Michael Ezell. The dates for 2018 are Jan. 19-21, Jan. 26-28, Feb. 2-4, Feb. 9-11 and Feb. 16-18.

A schedule (subject to change) is as follows:

**FRIDAY**  
7:15pm - Evening Program and Orientation  
8:15pm - Post Program Social and Weekend Review  
8:15pm - Story time

**SATURDAY**  
6am - Town Creek Eagle Watch (Town Creek Pier)  
8:30am - Q&A on Field Trips  
9am - Field Trips  
2pm - Afternoon Program  
3pm - Eagle Watch at Town Creek (Town Creek Pier)  
3pm - Children's activity  
5:30pm - Evening Program

**SUNDAY**  
6am - Town Creek Eagle Watch (Town Creek Pier)  
8:30am - Q&A on Field Trips  
9am - Field trip  
2pm - Afternoon Program

The Eagle Awareness events are free to the public. Registration is not required to attend the programs or field trips. Sessions can fill up quickly so participants are encouraged to arrive early. For a complete list of scheduled events and lodging packages, visit <http://www.alapark.com/lake-guntersville-state-park-eagle-awareness-weekends>.

# Northwest-Shoals Announces Fall President's and Dean's Lists

MUSCLE SHOALS and PHIL CAMPBELL -- Northwest-Shoals Community College has announced its President's and Dean's Lists for the Fall Semester 2017.

Requirements for the President's List are a semester grade point average of 4.0 and completion of a minimum semester course load of 12 semester credit hours of college-level work.

### EARNING PRESIDENT'S HONORS WERE:

**Anderson, AL**  
Erin Thacker  
**Athens, AL**  
Bailey Carpenter  
**Cherokee, AL**  
Casey Durham, Darby Kennedy, and Silvia Tomlinson  
**Courtland, AL**  
Dakesha Davis  
**Double Spring, AL**  
Benjamin Berry, Brantley Garrison, Nathaniel Harris, and Alex Tidwell  
**Florence, AL**  
Taylor Barnes, Tori Beck, Darby Berrens, Adrianna Bonds, Austin Bruce, Jake Cagle, Natalie Clingan, Timothy Danielowicz, James Davis, Jason Dodge, Daniel Downing, Brandi Fox, Delaney Greenhill, Leslie Helton, Kalista Huggins, Chance Hunt, Brent Huntzinger, Joshua Medaris, Kayla Moss, Alexandra Nabors, David Presley, Quinterias Russell, Richard Seibel, Katelyn Stegall, Erica Street, Johni Sutton, and Logan Trousdale  
**Hackleburg, AL**  
Karsten Cleveland, Sunni Hulsey, Madeline Randolph, and Shawn Randolph  
**Haleyville, AL**  
Hunter Bales, Heather Comeens, Natalie Epperson, Maggie Reams, and Ashley Sutherland  
**Hodges, AL**  
Kerry Lawler  
**Killen, AL**  
Levi Akers, Amberly Brooks, Katherine Carlos, Hunter Collier, Gera Evers, Mellissa Garner, Darby Gooch, Carley McKinney, Colby Morrow, Joshua Narmore, Rowan O'Connor, Bryant Terry, and Katie Wright  
**Leighton, AL**  
Michael Bates, Marquise Fuqua, and David Wiles  
**Lexington, AL**  
Jake Burbank, Ethan Gibson, and Sara Word  
**Lynn, AL**  
Austin Stephenson  
**Moulton, AL**  
Ty Barrett, Emily Mitchell, Brittney Pearson, Ivy Proctor, and Autumn Terry  
**Mount Hope, AL**  
Haley McGuire  
**Muscle Shoals, AL**  
Caitlin Bentley, Dustin Bratcher, Teiara Granville, Peter Hillman, Benjamin Letsinger, James Lytle, Roderic Norris, Britten Randolph, and Haley Willis  
**Phil Campbell, AL**  
Bethany Litteral, Kody Lowery, Lex May, Jennifer Reed, and Abby Swinney  
**Red Bay, AL**  
Brooklyn Bolton  
**Rogersville, AL**  
Rebecca Belue, Brenna Birdwell, John Greer, Erika

Grisham, Ragen Meadows, and Spencer Sartain

**Russellville, AL**  
Hannah Akers, Fredy Argueta, Susie Boyd, Megan Brockway, Emiliano Chavez-Hernandez, Kayla Cochran, Bethany Cook, Jeffery Dill, Billy Fretwell, Jace Gallagher, Lauren Goines, Daniel Jenkins, David Lugo Barrera, Hunter Milender, Mason Montgomery, John Pierce, Joshua Pinkard, Kaylee Rickard, Sierra Robinson, and Noah Coan  
**Savannah, TN**  
Elizabeth Gonzalez and Rebekah Humphrey  
**Sheffield, AL**  
Andrew Mills and Trace Morris  
**Spruce Pine, AL**  
Levi Hargett, Austin Hester, and Hunter Swinney  
**Town Creek, AL**  
Samantha Culver and Jonah Sprinkle  
**Tuscumbia, AL**  
Katherine Ansley, Emma Bratton, Kimberly Brooks, Darby Frederick, Lacori Goodloe, Joshua Green, Emilee Moseley, Donovan Tennyson, Elisa Tennyson, Katelyn Tidwell, and Alyssa Wallace

Requirements for the Dean's List are a semester grade point average of 3.5 or above, but below a 4.0, and completion of a minimum semester course load of 12 semester credit hours of college-level work.

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### EARNING DEAN'S LIST HONORS WERE:

**Bear Creek, AL**  
Mason Cantrell  
**Brilliant, AL**  
Holly Prescott  
**Cherokee, AL**  
Caleb Hans, Alexis Nalls, and Stormmie Rasko  
**Decatur, AL**  
Minnesha Jones  
**Double Springs, AL**  
Scarlet Day  
**Florence, AL**  
Michael Agee, Jasmin Barocio, Austin Baxter, Henry Beckman, Tyler Black, Lea Brasher, Kayla Creasy, Stephanie Dziat, Skyler Edwards, Austin Franklin, Hollis Garrard, Madisyn Garrett, Erin Gilbert, Sarah Green, Conner Hall, Michael Haney, Steven Hunt, Alissa Jenkins, Donavon Kelly, James Lewis, Caleb Lovelady, Aubree Martin, David McNair, Nathan Miller, Sabrina Montgomery, Queena Nelson, Brandy Newton, Tina Patel, Ciara Pilkinton, Quentin Ray, Stephen Richards, Samuel Segars, Bayleigh Spears, Ashley Sutherland, Laken Swinea, Destiny Taylor, Alicia Walker, and Hannah Young  
**Golden, MS**  
Anna Humphries  
**Hackleburg, AL**  
Kailee Colburn and James Norton  
**Haleyville, AL**  
Shirley Acosta, Lauren Allen, Kolby Benford, Brayden Cagle, Benjamin Godsey, Arthur Hill, Marie Hyde, Frank McAlpine, Molly Morrison, Colton Russell, and Dion Turner  
**Hamilton, AL**

Andrew McClung, Aeron Moor, and Lindsey Shotts

**Hillsboro, AL**  
Emily Alred  
**Iron City, TN**  
Cody Robbins  
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Rebecca Alexander, Betty Brooks, Jakob Burgess, Gracie Elliott, Krystina Ennis, Darby Graham, Cassidy Hannah, Colt Harrison, Trevor Hines, Erin Holley, Jason Holloway, Miller Hunt, Mason Jackson, Cody Jordan, Stokes Kasmeier, Hayleigh Matthews, Thomas Neyman, Ian Richardson, Nicholas Richardson, Lesa Rose, Patrick Smith, Daniel Trull, and Paige Wilbanks  
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Rachel Clotfelter, and Alexa Bailey  
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**Littleville, AL**  
Kathryn Morrow  
**Lynn, AL**  
Lauren Belcher  
**Moulton, AL**  
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Amber Lynch, Ivey Terry, and Samantha Loden  
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Autumn Higginbottom and Alanis Welch  
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**Savannah, TN**  
Mollie Wisdom  
**Sheffield, AL**  
James Bates Jr, Lauren Broadfoot, Ivy Clark, Alexis Cook, Skyler Holden, Hannah Howard, Anna Milstead, Larry Pennington, Tuesday Richey, Brittany Stark, and Rachel Thompson  
**Spruce Pine, AL**  
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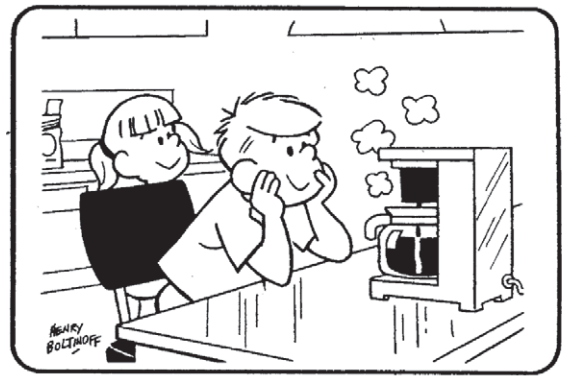
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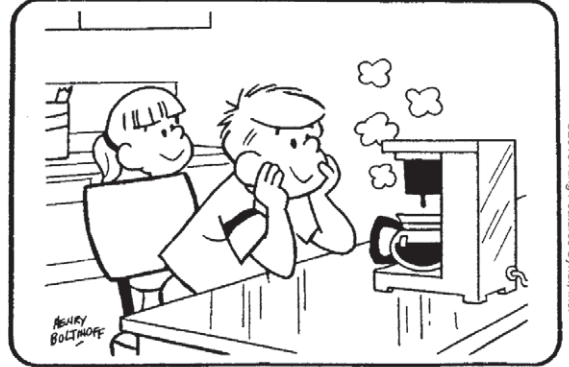


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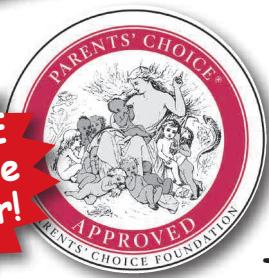
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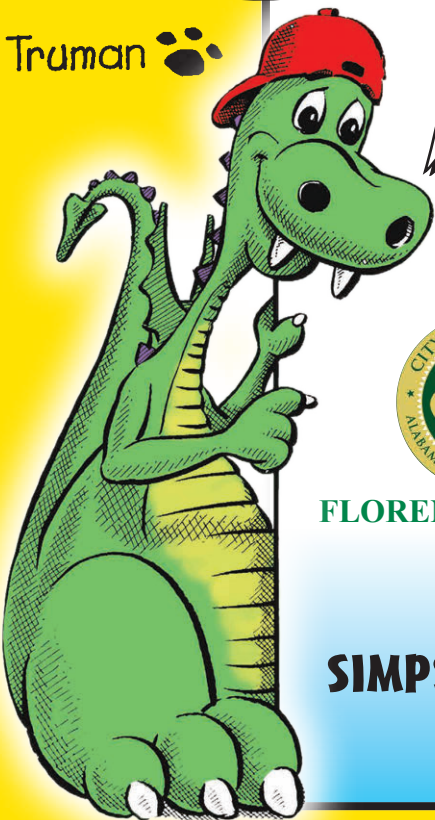


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## HAZY TILE FLOORS?

When we first installed tile floors, I quickly discovered that most floor cleaners leave a hazy film on ceramic tile. Being a potter, I knew that the glaze on ceramics (including tile) was really a form of glass, so I tried glass cleaner. It worked great! Then I figured that the active ingredient in most window cleaners was ammonia, so I tried regular cheap ammonia. And it

worked even better! Be sure to purchase the "no sudsing" ammonia because the regular kind has some kind of soap product in it that will still leave a haze on the tiles.

Suz

## FABRIC SCENTS

I use dryer balls instead of chemical softeners, but missed the lovely scents some of them give the clothing. I had a sample of the new scent crystals and loved them, but the price was scary. Plain Epsom salts scented with a few drops (about 30 drops per quart of salts) of essential oil work great as scent crystals to add to the washer. The clothing comes out soft and smelling great.

Beth

## CHEMICAL-FREE FABRIC SOFTENER

You don't need any chemical soaked fabric softener sheets to have soft clothes. Instead, just ball up a sheet of aluminum foil. I use four in my dryer. They don't wear out, never leave a smell, and cost only pennies! Since I have a lot of allergies, this is a perfect solution for me!

Donna

## PARTY PUNCH

We all know not to water down our punchbowl with ice cubes, but here's a twist that you might not have tried. Our favorite recipe uses a variety of flavors. I take one of those flavors and freeze it before the party. As the flavored cubes melt, they change the taste of the punch. I call it the ever changing punchbowl!

Kristi

## EASY BROWNED GROUND BEEF

Want to brown a bunch of hamburger without all the splatters and effort? Bake it! Just spread it out on a cookie sheet and bake at 350 degrees. After 20 minutes, take a spatula and move it around on the pan. Then cook for another 10 minutes or until it's brown. This is easy to do, and you won't have to de-grease your stovetop!

Kathy

## TAKE PICTURES!

If you want to collect on a home insurance burglary claim, make sure that you have pictures and receipts. If you don't, the insurance company will lowball your claim. It's easy to use your phone to take pictures of your major possessions like furniture, electronics, jewelry, etc. I also take pictures of receipts. I save them to a thumb drive that goes into our bank box. We've heard stories of how hard it can be to collect if you don't have documentation.

Will

## MY SAVINGS PLAN

Like most people, I find that automatic bill pay is really nice. I only need to make sure that there's money in my account. I'm never late or forget to pay a bill. This year, I want to use auto pay to build my savings account. Each month on the 5th and 20th (right after I get paid), I'm having money transferred to my savings account. When I get enough there, I'll move it to my brokerage account.

Eric

## DRY HAIR?

Here's a simple, inexpensive solution to dry winter hair. Buy a metal pet comb and use it to comb your hair. It'll remove the static charge in your hair, making it look healthier all winter.

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The animals you see here are currently in local animal shelters or rescue facilities. Adoption fees vary and include having your new friend spayed or neutered, if necessary. Help us help these and other animals by adopting a new friend today.



**MJ** came to the Colbert Shelter after being hit by a car, he has a scar on his head and on his paw. MJ is fully healed, sometimes he holds his paw up but he runs and plays like a normal happy active young boy. **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!**



I'm **ATLAS**. I'm a male bulldog. I was born October, 2016. He is a smart, curious boy. He loves to be by his human. He loves to run and play. He plays well with others. Atlas told his foster mommy "I had no idea life could be this much fun. I was seriously neglected and starving when my Angel found me. I will need heartworm treatment, just a monthly medicine, but I will be fine!" Atlas is neutered, up to date on his vetting, and micro chipped. Atlas will need a fenced in yard to play safely with his family. If you're interested in giving Atlas his forever home, please call PAWS at 256-383-0690

**TINY** is available for adoption and is fully vetted and neutered. He is a 1 year old terrier mix, leash trained and house broken. Tiny will need to be an indoor dog with a fenced in yard. He is high energy and loves to play. If you are active and looking for a companion, please contact CASA Canine at 256-320-8313 AFTER 6 pm for additional information.



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Hi there, I'm **DUKE**, a sweet little guy, born in September of 2017. I will probably be medium size when we are each full grown. I'm fixed and will soon have the last of my vaccinations and be microchipped. I love to play and to meet new people. That includes you! Hope to see you soon! If you're interested in adopting me, please call PAWS at 256-383-0690



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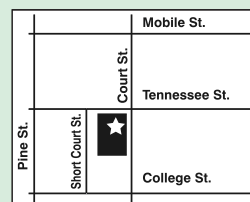
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**Keller Hospice** is requesting donations and volunteers for our patients. Please call for info. Volunteer Coordinator, Barbie Johnson, 256-314-1204

**Korean War Veterans Assoc., NW AL Chapter #2, will meet for breakfast and business at Hampton Inn and Suites, S. Court St. Florence, Wednesday, January 10 at 0830. The move from Saturday meetings to Wednesday meetings is a permanent change of meeting dates at least for 2018. Come earlier and eat a free breakfast before we move to the meeting room. All Korean War and Korean Service vets are invited. Direct questions to Commander Robert "Bob" Hill at 256-443-6336.**

**Red Beans Roadshow Dinner** - Join us at The Factory Café as we host photographer Pableaux Johnson for a Red Beans Roadshow Dinner on January 11, 6:30-9:30pm at Alabama Chanin @ The Factory, 462 Lane Drive, Florence. \$60 per person for an all-inclusive evening with appetizers, entrée, dessert, beer, and wine.

The evening will feature appetizers by our very own Chef Ray Nichols, red beans and rice with cornbread by Pableaux. You won't want to miss this event modeled after Pableaux's own New Orleans-based kitchen traditions. Advance registration is required. Casual attire suggested.

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**Events at the Florence Lauderdale Public Library**

The Wade Hall Collection: The Exhibits, the Postcards, and the Stories on Thursday, January 25, 11:30am  
 Florence-Lauderdale Public Library  
 Mrs. Ruth Elder from Troy University will give a presentation about the Wade Hall Historical Building Postcards Exhibit, which is on display at FLPL throughout January.

The presentation will be an overview of Dr. Hall's collection of over 25,000 vintage postcards, the creation of the postcard exhibits, and stories of the

Alabama represented by these historic cards. The exhibition consists of two parts: the traveling exhibits and the digital exhibit. The Historical Buildings exhibit includes courthouses, post offices, schools, and churches throughout the state. The digital exhibit is available at <https://trojan.troy.edu/library/wadehall>.

Ruth Elder, Troy University Cataloging Librarian, is the main researcher, writer, and organizer for the Wade Hall Postcard Traveling Exhibits. She has two masters degrees and over 35 years of library experience. She moved to Alabama in 2009 and has thoroughly enjoyed learning the history of her adopted state.

**Do You Know Of A Tree In The City Of Florence That Is 200 Years Old?**

The Florence Tree Commission is gathering information from Florence citizens who may know of a tree in the City that could be 200 years old or more. Should you wish to submit a tree and its location for our search, please send us a note with your contact information to the Florence Tree Commission, P.O. Box 98, Florence, AL 35631.

**Schedule at The Club (Senior Center)** 450 Country Club Drive, Florence 256-760-6642 Smoke free, alcohol free facility.

Nutrition Program, LUNCH, \$1, 60+ years old. Monday-Friday, 11 am. Seating for 35 people by 10:30am. Drop by for a monthly menu.

Joints in Motion, chair exercise class, M/W/F 8:45am. All ages. No charge.

Social Dance, music covering several decades, by the Browns, Tuesdays, 6:30-9pm, \$5. 18 + years.

Singing River Squares, Winter Beginner Lessons Mondays, 6:30-8:30pm

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**Florence Kiwanis Club Meets** at noon on Fridays at Marriott Shoals Conference Center. Speakers-January 2018

January 5 - Libby Jordan, Superintendent of Museums, City of Florence - She will be discussing the different Museums of the City of Florence  
 January 12 - Anthony Crissafulli, Professor of Art, University of North Alabama - He will be talking about the Arts and the Economy

January 19 - Timothy D. Butler, PhD Director, Steele Center for Professional Selling & Assistant Professor of Marketing Department, UNA

January 26 - Angie Hamilton, Assistant District Attorney, Lauderdale County, Talking about Criminals

**The Kennedy-Douglass Meeting** will be held from 11:30am-1pm on Friday, January 12 at the Kennedy-Douglass Center for the Arts, 217 East Tuscaloosa St, Florence. Light refreshments will be furnished and a door prize will be given. At 12pm, our speaker will be Bill and Betty Maloney, speaking on The Art of the Tango.

The Gift Shop is open daily from 9am-4pm.

**Keeping the Dream Alive - 11th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. 2018 Youth Basketball Tournament** - Friday, January 12, 4pm and Saturday, January 13, 10am at Mt. Moriah Family Life Center, 818 West Irvine Ave., Florence.

Sponsored by New rock Lighthouse Ministries. For more information call Yolanda Johnson at 256-633-0726.

**Swamp John Fish Fry** Friday January 12 from 4-7pm at the Lions Den downtown Cherokee. Fish, chicken tenders, shrimp or mixed with two sides and drink \$10. Dine in or carry out.

**Cloverdale Community Center Breakfast** is Saturday, January 13 from 6:30-9am. Cost is \$6 for adults and \$3 for children. Profits from the breakfast will go toward the upkeep of the center.

**The Underwood-Petersville Neighborhood Watch Meeting** will be Sunday, January 14 at 2pm in the basement of the Underwood-Petersville Community Center.

**The Kappa Nu Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Incorporated will host its 27th Annual Martin Luther King Unity Breakfast** on Monday January 15 from 8-10am at the Shoals Conference Center. This year's theme is, "Today is tomorrow: The Urgency is Now." The speaker will be Rev. Clinton Johnson Sr., pastor of the New Shiloh M.B. Church in Mobile. Tickets can be purchased from any member for \$25 each. Tables of 10 with preferred seating are available for \$275. All Proceeds will be used to fund our local community service activities.

For more information contact: Roderick Sheppard 256-263-2030, shepp1906@gmail.com; Larry Softley 256-366-1491, lgsj1906@gmail.com; or Derrick Chatman 256-762-5862, drchatman06@yahoo.com

**Cloverdale Neighborhood Watch Meeting** Monday, January 15, 7pm at the Community Center.

**Salvation Army Women's Auxiliary January Meeting** - Tuesday, January 16, 9am Executive Committee Meeting, 9:30am Fellowship, 10am General Membership Meeting at Salvation Army Headquarters, 1601 Huntsville Rd. Florence. 256-764-4432

Getting ready for Pancake Day and the Empty Bowl Luncheon. What a great organization to check out in 2018!

**Monthly Covered Dish Lunch** January 18, 11:30am at the Zip City Community Center, 10511 Hwy 17, Florence. Please bring a covered dish. Everyone is welcome.

If you are expecting a new addition to your family, it can be confusing to the future big brother or big sister. Helen Keller Hospital will host Sibling Classes each month beginning January 20 in the Women's Center at Helen Keller Hospital. This class will be taught by our nurses from the Helen Keller Hospital Nursery. Each session

will feature:  
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**Philippians 3:21** "Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself." **Philippians 4:6** "Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God." **Philippians 4:8** "Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things." **Philippians 4:13** "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." My, what great benefits a little study in Philippians on "things" gives you. How much of your life has been on things eternal? YOU JUST NEED JESUS.

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**\$2.99**

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8 PACK 12 OZ. BOTTLES

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**JANUARY'S BEST OFFERS**

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\$6,955 Purchase Allowance  
+ \$2,175 Price Reduction Below MSRP

**UP TO \$11,200\***  
BELOW MSRP

**2018 GMC SIERRA 1500 4X4**  
CREW CAB W/SLT  
PREM. PLUS PKG.



\$4,250 Purchase Allowance  
+ \$3,500 Price Reduction Below MSRP  
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**UP TO \$11,000\***  
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MSRP \$50,375



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\*Must finance thru GM Financial. W.A.C. See salesperson for details. \*\*36 Mo/30K Miles Lease. W.A.C. See salesperson for details. \*\*\*39 Mo/32,500 Miles Lease. W.A.C. See salesperson for details. \*\*\*\*24 Mo/ 20K Miles Lease. W.A.C. See salesperson for details.



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**JANUARY BEST OFFERS**

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**18% BELOW MSRP**

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\$5,568 Purchase Allowance  
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**\$7,551** BELOW MSRP

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\$6,250 Bonus Cash  
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**\$7,000**

PURCHASE ALLOWANCE

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**ONLY \$369\***  
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**13 Chevy Spark**  
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**13 Volkswagen Passat**  
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Power, Local Trade!



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**11 Buick LaCrosse**  
#18G-3537B, 4 Door, Leather, V6,  
Full Power,  
Nice!



**\$13,488**

**13 Ford Explorer**  
#5316GA, 4 Door, 3rd Row, V6,  
Full Power,  
Nice!



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**16 Buick Encore**  
#5136BA, 4 Door, Auto, Full  
Power,  
Nice!



**\$17,988**

**14 Honda CR-V**  
#2000GA, 4 SDoor, Auto, LX, Local  
Trade, Only  
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**\$17,988**

**14 GMC Terrain**  
#4848GA, 4 Door, SLT, Leather,  
1 Owner,  
35K Miles!



**\$19,888**

**12 Buick Enclave**  
#5315GB, 4 Door, Leather, 3rd  
Row, 65K Miles,  
Nice!



**\$19,988**

**15 Chevy Canyon**  
#P8498, Crew Cab, V6, SLE,  
1 Owner!



**\$23,788**

**13 Buick Enclave**  
#B4520A, LEather, Navigation,  
1 Owner,  
Low Miles!



**\$25,788**

**16 GMC Canyon**  
#18G-0241A, Crew Cab, V6, SLE,  
1 Owner!



**\$27,688**

**17 GMC Terrain**  
#0025GA, 4 Door, SLT, Leather,  
1 Owner, 13K Miles!



**\$27,888**

**13 GMC Yukon SLT**  
#5276GA, 4 Door, 3rd Row,  
Leather, DVD,  
Sunroof!



**\$28,988**

**16 Buick Enclave**  
#18B-8216A, 4 Door, Leather,  
3rd Row, 1 Owner,  
26K Miles!



**\$32,788**

**15 GMC Acadia Denali**  
#9990GA, 4 Door, V6, 3rd Row,  
DVD, Sunroof,  
1 Owner!



**\$33,688**

**16 GMC Acadia**  
#G4429A, 4 Door, SLT, 1 Owner,  
Leather, Only 17K Miles!



**\$35,888**

**14 GMC Yukon Denali**  
#2076GA, 4 Door, Leather, DVD,  
Sunroof,  
Nice!



**\$35,988**

**15 GMC Sierra**  
#P2893, Crew Cab, 271, 4x4, SLT,  
Local Trade!



**\$36,988**

**16 GMC Acadia Denali**  
#18G-2623A, 4 Door, V6, 3rd Row,  
Sunroof,  
1 Owner!



**\$38,788**

**15 GMC Sierra**  
#0556GA, Crew Cab, 271, 4x4,  
SLT, 1 Owner, 27K Miles!



**\$39,788**

**15 GMC Yukon XL Denali**  
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