

Daniel's Post at Progress

FLORENCE—Progress Bank Shoals Area President **Andy Mann** announced last week that **Jeff Daniel** has joined the bank as Senior Vice President, Business Banking.



Daniel "We are pleased to have Jeff as a part of the team at Progress Bank. Jeff is a Shoals native who has a solid reputation for providing excellent service and taking care of clients in the area," stated Mann. "We are positive that Jeff will have all of the resources needed to help local businesses and individuals with their banking needs. He will be a valuable part of our leadership team."

With over 38 years of local banking experience, Daniel has led various commercial lending and business development teams. He is a graduate of UNA and the Graduate School of Banking at Louisiana State University. He is an active part of the community, serving on the boards for the Salvation Army, Better Business Bureau, UNA, Foundation, YMCA of the Shoals and the UNA College of Business Advisory Council. Jeff also serves as a member of the Florence Rotary Club.

The Spotlight in Potential

MONTGOMERY—**Ciera Thompson**, a junior at Florence High School, is honored as a Teen Spotlight in *Potential Magazine* for excelling in her leadership and academics.



Thompson Thompson's love for fashion has been apparent since she began sewing at age seven, and began selling purses at nine. As her skills have improved, she has won several awards for her sewing, including first place in the North Alabama State Fair's

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Shoals in Need

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FLORENCE – The prospect of a comprehensive cancer center coming to the Shoals is one step closer to reality.

The State Certificate of Need Board on February 21 approved the request for a cancer center in Florence, by Eliza Coffee Memorial Hospital and University of Alabama at Birmingham Health System, in a 4-1 vote. This regional cancer treatment facility will expand ECM Hospital's current treatment services while adding the latest technology and resources from the UAB Health System.

"I'm thrilled the Certificate of Need Board saw the importance of having a cancer center in Northwest Alabama. The lack of advanced cancer services in this area is glaringly obvious to patients in Florence and the Shoals

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Coats Trail Ride

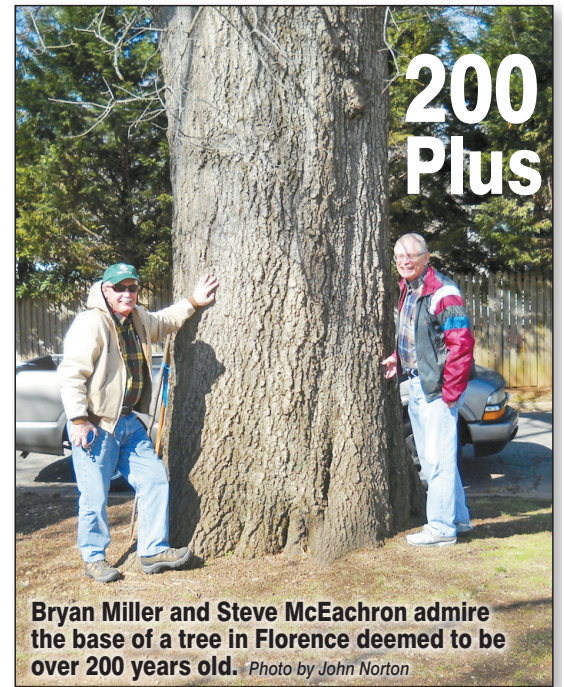
will benefit Christian Children's Home

SHOALS- The 9th Annual Robert and Eva Coats Trail Ride and Auction to benefit North Alabama Christian Children's Home will take place on Saturday, March 3. The silent and live auction will be under the tents or in the barn in the event of rainy weather.

The horses and riders go off at 9am and the Silent Auction and Bluegrass Music

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Bryan Miller and Steve McEachron admire the base of a tree in Florence deemed to be over 200 years old. Photo by John Norton
As part of Florence's Bicentennial activities, the Florence Tree Commission solicited public input as to which trees in the area might be 200 years old. The commission receive several contacts, according to John Norton, Vice Chair of the Florence Tree Commission. Tree Board members and Advisors recently surveyed and measured eleven city trees to evaluate their age and health. Arborists helped determine that there are several city trees at least 200 years in age. Most are Willow and Water Oaks. Full findings, evaluations, and recommendations were presented to the Bicentennial Committee last week.

Rural King Opens on Woodward Ave.
MUSCLE SHOALS—The Grand Opening of Rural King in Muscle Shoals began February 25 and runs all this week with many events to celebrate. Store manager, Mike Butler, hopes people from all over the Shoals community will join them at 3401 Woodward Avenue to enjoy the festivities and meet the staff.
Giveaways every day include a total of \$1,200 in Rural King gift cards during the week. Rural King bags go to the first 1,500 customers Tuesday and Friday. Rural King caps go to the first 750 customers on Thursday. Flashlights go
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sewing competition and first place in an Alabama Quilter's competition. She is the FLBA Vice President, FCCLA Vice President of Finance, and member of the women's varsity basketball team at Florence High.

"The things that have provided me with the most inspiration in my life are the things I have been unsuccessful at," Thompson said. "I know that sounds strange, but I learned at a young age that I am never in competition with anyone but myself. What I achieve or fail to achieve is not based on anyone's performance but my own."

Potential Magazine is a multi-media resource for parents of college-bound teenagers. In each issue, high achieving students in the 7th-12th grade are featured.


Use the Butt Receptacles

FLORENCE –New Cigarette Butt Recycling Receptacles are being placed around the Florence- Lauderdale Government building and City Hall. Florence has partnered with a company called Teracycle that will recycle the butts at no cost. They also will make a donation to Keep America Beautiful for each pound of butts recycled. The primary goal is to place effective disposal containers for cigarette butts to help deter litter. The secondary



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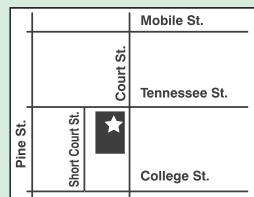


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Cigarette filters are full of toxins and chemicals which can leach into the ground and waterways. "These small butts add up to our largest litter problem and can last up to ten years," said Florence Mayor, **Steve Holt**. "Please join in the effort to help Keep Florence Clean and Beautiful!"

Seniors in Greenhill Need Some Options

FLORENCE— The Greenhill Senior Citizens started meeting for fellowship back in 1984-85. Some of the original members of the group are still around. The Greenhill Volunteer Firefighters had built a facility for their trucks and meetings on Highway 43 just north of the Rogers School. They agreed for the Senior Center to be built on the north end of their facility.

A very nice community center has been available for things like voting, birthday parties, reunions, wedding receptions, breakfasts, daily lunches with games, fundraisers, and more for many years. The Greenhill Community worked very hard raising money and receiving donations for the building and to keep it up.

The new four-lane to Tennessee has taken most all of the parking. The Fire Department is selling their land and their part of the metal building that adjoins the community center.

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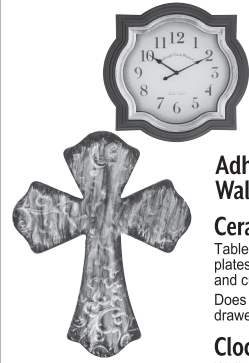
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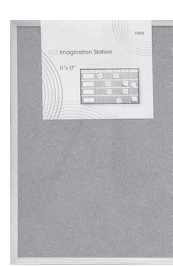
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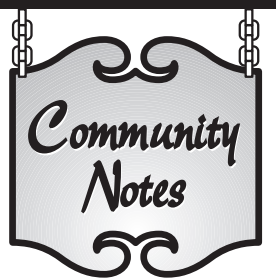
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Members of the Shoals Area Chapter of the Order of St. Luke will be available to pray with you Thursday March 1 from 4-5:30pm in the meeting room at The Rock Christian Bookstore, 310 N. Montgomery Ave. in Sheffield.

Our monthly meeting will follow at 6:30pm in the Sheffield Room at Park Place, 501 N. Montgomery Ave. in Sheffield. Janice Nix will be speaking. We believe that God heals spiritually, physically, and emotionally. All prayer is confidential. All are welcome.

Florence Parks and Recreation Department will be conducting online registration for Adult Softball through March 4. Register online at www.fpard. We will be taking team registration for Men, Men Church, and Coed League. Team fee is \$400. For more information, contact Nicole Lambert at 256-760-6628.

The LaGrange Living Historical Association will have a meeting Thursday, March 1 at 6pm at the LaGrange College Site Park's Visitors Center, located off Hwy. 157, 1491 LaGrange College Road in Leighton near the White Oak Community. Discussion will include plans for the up-coming, Recall LaGrange event, scheduled for the first weekend in May.

Applications are also being accepted at this time for entries in Art & Crafts contest. contact: Louise Lenz 256-446-9324 for an application.

Fish Fry at East Colbert Church of Christ Saturday, March 3, Noon-5pm. All you can eat. Adults and carry outs \$12 each. Children ages 5-11 \$6. 4 and under free. (All proceeds to mission work and benevolence.)

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How Long Should I keep My Income Tax Records?



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The answer to that question depends on the action, expense, or event which the document records. Generally, you must keep your records that support an item of income, deduction or credit shown on your tax return until the period of limitation runs out for that tax return.

The period of limitation is the period of time in which you can amend your tax return to claim a credit or refund, or the IRS can assess additional tax. The 7 limitation periods listed below are confusing and reflect the periods of limitation that apply to income tax returns according to the IRS. Unless otherwise stated, the years refer to the period after the return was filed. Returns filed before the due date are treated as filed on the due date.

I have personally kept every filed tax return and all corresponding documentation I have ever filed with the IRS. That would ultimately be my advice to you as well, if for no other reason than helping to prepare future tax returns or making computations if you file an amended return.

Periods of Limitation that apply to income tax returns

The IRS recommends the following.

- #1. Keep records for a minimum of 3 years as long as #s 2, 3, and 4 below do not apply to you.
- #2. Keep records indefinitely if you do not file a return.
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- #4. Keep records for 6 years if you do not report income that you should report, and it is more than 25% of the gross income shown on your return.
- #5. Keep records for 3 years from the date you filed your original return or 2 years from the date you paid the tax, whichever is later, if you file a claim for credit or refund after you file your return.
- #6. Keep records for 7 years if you file a claim for a loss from worthless securities or a bad debt deduction.
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Another thing to considering is keeping documentation for a non-tax purposes. For example, your insurance company or creditors may require you to keep them longer than the IRS does.

Just keep your records forever and you will always be safe.

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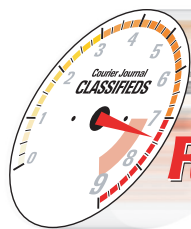
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Ride...

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The young preacher was so inspired and impressed, he could hardly wait to get back home and use the same illustration on his congregation. Thus, when he got in the pulpit the next Sunday morning, he did his best to look unprepared and offered an apology using the same words as he had heard the week before. Unexpectedly though, as he started to walk away from the microphone a little old lady sitting near the rear of the auditorium shouted, "Well, couldn't you just read out of the Bible or something?" He never expected that and was so thrown off balance, he could barely preach!

Life is a lot that way. To borrow some famous words: "The best-laid plans of mice and men often go awry." I know of no better case study of this truth than the story of Job. At the beginning of his life, he seemed to have it all together. He earned the top award for righteous living over all the earth (1:1, 8). He was also one of the wealthiest men of his day (1:3). Beyond that, he was blessed with a big family for whom he got up early to offer daily sacrifices (1:2, 5). But even though he was doing all the right things, trouble still came (3:26).

It is not necessarily a defect in our plans when they do not come together; the culprit is often the uncertainty of life (cf. James 4:13-15). And when our lives take an unexpected turn (and they all do from time to time), we come to realize what little control we have over our future. So, like Job, may we wisely put our hand in the hand of the One who will see us through the unseen turns on life's road (cf. Job 19:25).

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I don't know whether the driver was being reckless or wanton (having a conscious disregard for the safety of others at the time). If the driver was drinking, speeding, reckless driving, racing, etc., the guest statute will not apply. If your son was going with the other boy on a business related purpose to assist him in some way, he would not be a guest in the car. If he paid for the gas to get somewhere, he would not be a guest in the car. If your son and the other boy were car pooling where one paid for gas one week and the other paid for all the gas the next week that would probably get around the Alabama guest statute. One thing to also remember is that should the guest statute not apply to your son's accident, then your personal uninsured motorist coverage will also cover your son.

Up until a few years ago, your personal uninsured motorist coverage would have covered your son and paid for his injuries regardless of whether he was considered a guest or passenger. Uninsured or underinsured motorist coverage is included in your own automobile insurance policies to provide you and members of your family insurance coverage in case you are in an accident with an uninsured driver. Unfortunately, we had a Supreme Court Judge who had also been the CEO of an insurance company and during his tenure on the Court, the rules were changed so insurance companies don't have to pay uninsured motorist coverage to those injured but considered a guest under the Alabama Guest Statute. By arbitrarily changing the rules, the Supreme Court of Alabama took away you and your son's ability to have insurance coverage in this type of case even though this is exactly the type of situation that uninsured motorist coverage is supposed to pay for.

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For some of us these are much better indicators respectively than the shadow of our grand old friend the Groundhog. Though all are indicators that another season of winter is slowly but surely giving way to a new spring.

This particular winter it seems has been long and cold with a lot of gray. Sickness has been at epidemic proportions. The obituaries as usual this time of year have spiked and for many the names have been too close.

Thankfully with spring comes life, a new beginning and for most a welcome change. It was God Himself who promised, "While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and hot, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease." (Genesis 8:22) Let us praise Him in His Majesty, Almighty Power and Greatness. Let us thank Him for life, for the resurrection of life during the season of spring—but even more for the resurrection of life in the spring of eternity. A new season where there is no more sickness, sorrow, death, nor darkness. "Neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light." "And the Lamb is the light thereof." Where, "The gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." (Romans 6:23)

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If Time Heals All Wounds...

A couple of Sundays ago my preacher said, "If time heals all wounds, then why aren't Doctor's offices just waiting rooms?". That's a thought provoking question. Now you may feel sometimes like a Dr.'s office is just a waiting room but we all know better.

Does time heal all wounds? The answer is deeper than a simple "No". Maybe it is because the answer to that question is so deep, we tend to want to turn the job of healing over to time. Our tendency is to sweep a problem, a hurt or a pain under the rug. "Out of sight and out of mind" we often say. However, deep rooted, buried feelings can fester and cause a world of troubles in our lives. I read once that more than 50% of all health problem are related to issues that are not in themselves physical. It is possible to make one's self sick by carrying around unresolved conflict.

How many of us are being "weighed down by things that should have been laid down" a long time ago? What is to be gained by waiting on time to heal the wounds? Isn't the burden of carrying those wounds greater than simply confronting the person or situation and seeking to bring about healing? Don't we see that rather than healing the wound, it just deepens until it affects every fiber of our being. I remember a man

telling one time that his toothache was so bad that it made his hair hurt. Could it be that you have a hurt in your life that began with one person but now keeps you from enjoying a peaceful moment with anyone?

Stop waiting on time to heal that wound. I'm not asking who's fault it was or is. That doesn't really matter to me and it shouldn't to you either. What is important is getting things right as soon as possible.

If your house was engulfed in flames, you wouldn't stand in the living room and argue about how it started. You would get out of the house and then work on putting out the fire. If you are still wondering how I feel about this - Let me be clear - Time does not, has never, will never, heal all wounds. Roll up your sleeves and go make some wrongs right before time runs out. I've seen too many people wish they had one more chance to make something right. Time does not heal all wounds.



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Commentary

Graham Lead the World by Example

Billy Graham preached the saving grace of Jesus Christ to over 200 million people in person who attended over 400 crusades, rallies, and simulcasts in close to 200 countries and territories. He reached tens of millions more through TV, video, film, the internet, and through the more than 30 books he authored. Although age had limited his recent activity, three generations of people worldwide paused in remembrance when his death was announced last week at age 99.

Graham first made a name for himself on radio in the 1940's with a solid voice, strong Biblical principles, and the welcoming message of the Gospel. His commanding presence added impact when television made him universally recognizable.

Graham could create quite an image making Biblical history and situations come alive in our minds. His delivery was captivating. He needed no video board, no choreography, no outlandish outfit, and no musical accompaniment to deliver his relevant message. Graham would hold a Bible in one hand and rarely glance at its pages for reference during a presentation. He did so with eloquence, knowledge, a comforting presence, and an authoritative delivery.

He was unlike many traditional media or

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In A Few Words



TOM MAGAZZU
Editor

Courier Journal

in the

Shoals

February 28, 2018

THIS WEEK

Happening
THIS WEEK

We've been waiting all year...for

Pancake Day

FLORENCE—The Florence Kiwanis Club will host their 67th Annual Pancake Day Friday and Saturday, March 2-3 at the Florence/Lauderdale Coliseum at 702 Veterans Drive in Florence. Kiwanians serve pancakes and sausage Friday, March 2 from 6am-7pm and Saturday, March 3 from 6am-1pm.

Advance tickets are \$8, or \$7 each for group sales of ten or more. Tickets at the door are \$9 each. Children less than 12 years are \$5 at the door.

Tickets are available from any member of the Florence Kiwanis Club or at the door. For advance or group tickets call Don Rohling at 256-710-7059.

Information about Kiwanis Pancake Day and Florence Kiwanis Club is available at www.florencekiwanis.com.

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



March 2-3

First Fridays Celebrates Florence's 200th

FLORENCE – First Fridays is kicking off its 13th season Friday, March 2 with arts, crafts, and music.

The event will take place from 5-8pm on Court Street in historic downtown Florence. First Fridays is celebrating the Florence Bicentennial this year.

"We are so excited to celebrate the 200th

Birthday of Florence," said First Fridays chairwoman Belinda Duke. "We love our city and are looking forward to highlighting the Bicentennial at each of our events."

Music will kick off on the Big River

See **FRIDAYS...** on Page 34

SHOALS RESIDENTS LOOKING FOR

BABYSITTERS, pet-sitters, or tutors will have an opportunity to meet local students they can hire at the Teens Lend a Hand event at Florence-Lauderdale Public Library on Saturday, March 3, from 10am-2pm.

Teens who offer these services, including babysitters certified through the American Red Cross, will be on hand to talk to prospective clients.

This event will let adults meet and talk to multiple teens in one place to find a good fit for their family.

Teens Lend a Hand is made possible by Helping Hands who also sponsored the babysitting training. Helping Hands is the volunteer auxiliary of Shoals Hospital and ECM with over 150 volunteers who provide services to both hospitals.

MAUD LINDSAY FREE

KINDERGARTEN will have registration for the 2018-2019 school year Friday, March 2, 8:30-10:30am. Children must be four years old on or before September 2 to attend. Please bring child's birth certificate and immunization record to registration. Maud Lindsay Free Kindergarten is located at 227 Enterprise Street in Florence. The school operates Monday-Friday, 8-11am. For more information, find us on Facebook. We are happy to answer your questions on face book or email us at maudlindsayfreekindergarten@gmail.com.

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We Are All Designed

Editor:

We think we know what freedom is. I am convinced that as a nation we do not understand freedom even remotely. We think we can act any way we feel like acting and still be free. If we were only organisms that evolved from inanimate dead nothingness, then maybe that definition of freedom might be reasonable. But, since scientifically speaking, no mechanism for that kind of evolution exists, it is far more reasonable to rely on the evidence that we are designed. Since we exhibit all the characteristics of design, the only way for us to experience true freedom is to experience it in the way we were designed to experience it. Violating design leads to brokenness. Why

then are we experiencing so much brokenness in our nation resulting in so much violence and hatred? Because we are seeking every way to violate our design.

James 1:23-25 says "a hearer of the word and not a doer" is like one who sees who he truly is in a mirror, then walks away and forgets what he is like. But, "the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, . . . he will be blessed," because he has seen what he was truly designed to be in the word. Did you get that? God is our creator. If we want liberty, freedom as it is truly meant to be, then we must live as closely as possible to how we were designed to live. You want school shootings, riots, bullying, crime, etc. to be rare? Then get the Bible back into daily life.

Our forefathers and founding fathers understood this. We don't. "Of all

the dispositions and habits which lead to political prosperity, Religion and morality are indispensable supports." (George Washington) What do you think he meant by "Religion"? It most certainly was not Islam. He believed in what the Bible taught. If you study him, you will see that even he struggled with his imperfection and changed based on what he read in the Bible. He knew what it meant to experience what we are experiencing right now when he said, "The blessed Religion revealed in the word of God will remain an eternal and awful monument to prove that the best institution may be abused by human depravity; and in some instances be made subservient to the vilest purposes."

Jason Howton
Florence

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Why do schools have unlocked doors, unlocked windows...



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Calendar of Events

All Month 1-31

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Wednesday 7

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Monday 12

Childbirth Classes

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Other Classes March 13 & 22

Friday 16

Blood Pressure & Blood Sugar Screenings

8-11:30am

Main Lobby

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Tuesday 20



Thursday 22

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Thursday 22

Breastfeeding Basics Class

6-9 p.m. in the Education Dept

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Friday 23

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Saturday 24

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Letters...

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Editor:

If we took all the guns in all the world, stacked hundreds of them outside every school in the United States we would never have another child killed by a gun. Guns don't kill people; people kill people.

Why don't we quit looking to gun control to protect our kids and seriously invest in school grounds safety? If it were killer dogs attacking our schools, we would set up parameters with armed guards to ensure no dogs would get in. If it were stray bombs killing our kids, we would have anti-bomb guns set up to blast them out of the sky.

Why do we not provide the needed security to ensure this does not happen at one of our schools again? Why do schools have unlocked doors, unlocked windows, no armed security personnel at entries and exits? Surely it is not the expense; every politician in America would say "we will do what it takes to keep our kids safe" until it comes time to budget for it.

Why do schools need more than one point of entry per building? Sure, we need plenty of emergency exits, but only one entry and exit that is heavily guarded for regular use.

I just do not understand why some school superintendents don't stand up and say, "enough is enough, this will not happen at my school!" and then actually stop one of these shootings by killing the trespasser before they get a shot off. When they first see the weapon, kill them where they stand.

Jerry Jones
Sheffield

Exterminating Those Unfit?

Editor:

While the loss of lives (especially those of schoolchildren) is a terrible thing, the politicians of both parties are being hypocritical with their expressions of concern and determination to fix the problem. These same politicians not only allow the wholesale murder of innocent babies through abortion, they allocate taxpayer funds to the largest abortion business, Planned Parenthood.

Planned Parenthood was founded by Margaret Sanger, a eugenicist who encouraged the sterilization of persons with what she considered less desirable qualities. Planned Parenthood was built upon the roots of exterminating individuals

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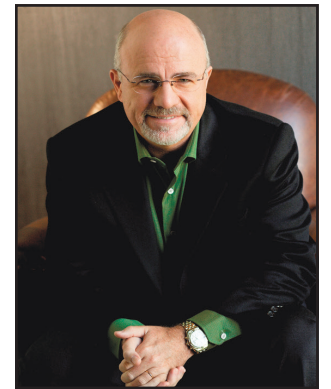
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DEBT AND INCOME CRISIS

Dear Dave,
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 Bill

Dear Bill,
 No, this is not a good idea. You're looking at two major problems with a company such as this one. One, they will absolutely destroy whatever credit you may have. Their plan is to take your cash, and spend some time beating down the credit card companies until they agree to accept a lesser amount. Then, they use your cash to settle loans you will have — by that time — defaulted on. This will put you in a situation very similar to if you had filed Chapter 13 bankruptcy. Stay away from these people.

You have an income crisis, in addition to a debt crisis, at this point. For starters, I want you to start living on a tight, written, monthly budget. I'm talking rice and beans, no vacations, and no eating out until you pay off this debt. Where your income is concerned, maybe you should consider getting back into the kind of business you ran previously for a while. Look for a managerial or supervisory position in that area, at least until you're able to get back on your feet and save some cash.

Finally, cut up the credit cards, close the accounts, and put as much money as

you can spare toward paying off that debt using the debt snowball system. Never go back into debt again!
 —Dave

PAY OFF HOUSE FIRST?

Dear Dave,
 My husband and I are in our forties. We have no children, and we bring home \$95,000 a year combined. We're also debt-free except for our home. We owe just \$10,000 on the house, and can take care of that in a few months. Would it be okay to rearrange the Baby Steps a bit, and pay off our home before getting serious about saving for retirement?
 Nan

Dear Nan,
 I don't usually give folks any wiggle room when it comes to sticking with the proper order of the Baby Steps. But if you're that close to being completely debt-free, I don't see anything wrong with paying off the house first.

Most people I talk to still have anywhere from \$100,000 to \$300,000 left on their mortgages. This is a little bit different story, however, and you two are obviously managing your money well.

Knock out that mortgage, and start pouring at least 15 percent of your income into retirement. You're going to love the feeling — and the freedom — that comes with being completely debt-free!
 —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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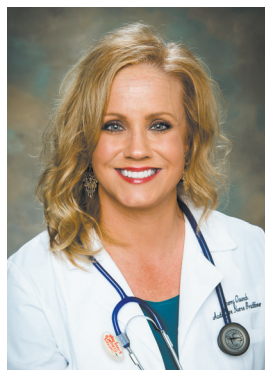
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Euell White
Florence

Budget as Proposed Hit Rural Areas

Editor:
America stands to suffer as a result of President Trump's 2019 budget, released on Feb. 12. The president has proposed again to eliminate or shrink many programs that serve rural America, including those supporting rural businesses, cooperatives, and housing. Trump is also calling for an investment of \$50 billion in rural infrastructure. However, this could put the onus on states already struggling with the economic fallout

of depressed commodity prices.

In addition, the budget slashes working lands conservation programs by proposing the elimination of the Conservation Stewardship Program. The program gives farmers and ranchers opportunities to do such things as plant cover crops or improve pasture land. Eliminating it would do serious damage to our farmers' and ranchers' abilities to preserve water quality and build soil health while also maintaining productive operations.

On a positive note, the president's budget includes proposals that would bring greater fairness to farming communities. For example, the budget targets commodity, conservation, and crop insurance assistance to producers with adjusted gross incomes of \$500,000 or less. A similar proposal would limit the number of people who can register as a farm manager and thereby receive payments.

For too long, the largest farms have had access to more support than small and mid-sized farms. This competitive advantage for large farms has contributed to farm consolidation and shrinking rural communities. These proposals would bring long-awaited fairness to our agricultural communities.

Mostly, Trump's budget proposal would drain support for rural America. We fear these actions represent a lack of understanding of rural America's struggles.

We urge President Trump and our national lawmakers to cease these actions that undercut rural Americans and rural communities.

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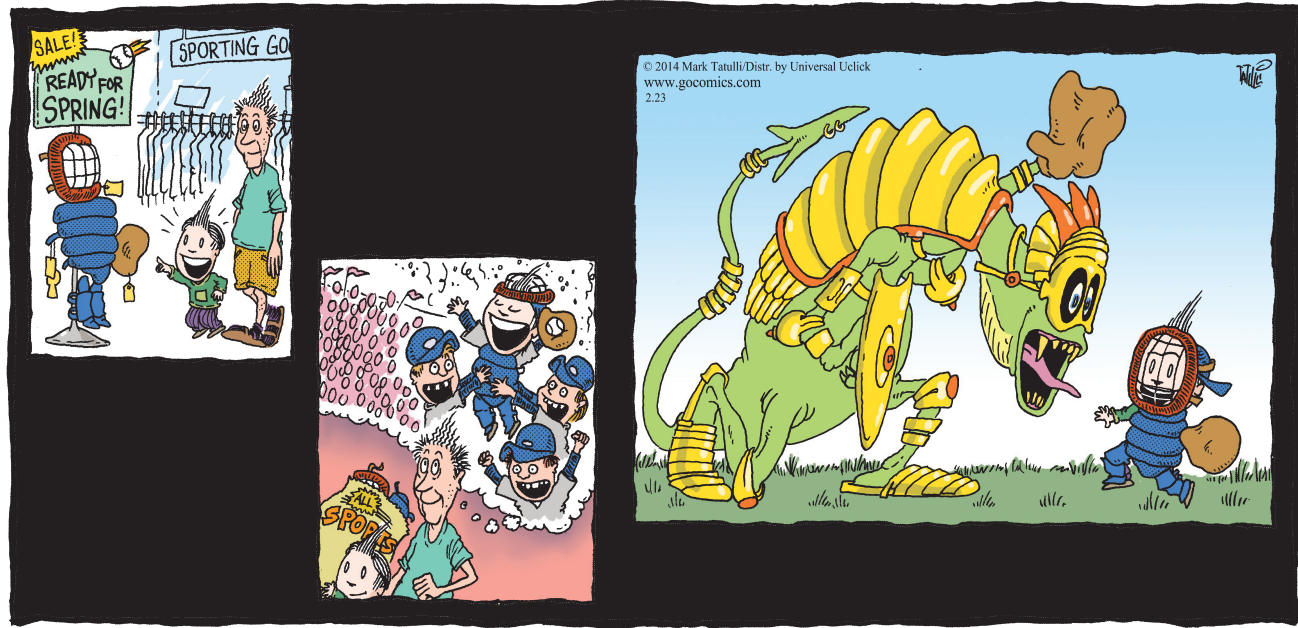
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Commentary

Graham...

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TV evangelists in many ways, including that fact that he remained blameless in not succumbing to fleshly or monetary temptation that discredited so many others. As much as some would have loved to sully Graham's character with dirt and hearsay, there was none to find.

The primary concern that many had about Graham was that he was a strong supporter of some religious leaders who were not Biblically sound. He gravitated toward a big tent that held a wide disparity in beliefs, something that a student of the Bible knows is not scriptural.

He repeatedly stated he was not conducting crusades to convert people. His associations broadened as his popularity increased. Although his tenets apparently remained sound, he was not one to publicly recognize apostasy from other religious leaders who denounced sound doctrine like the virgin birth, the bodily resurrection, baptism, or the preexistence of Jesus. He

avoided disagreement and potential denominational disassociation that full disclosure at his public appearances may have created.

In a 1999 interview with Patricia Rice of the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, Graham said, "Baptism is very important because Jesus taught that we are to believe and to be baptized. But that is up to the individual and the church that they feel led to go to. The churches have different teachings on that... there are some churches that would not insist on baptism. So, I give them the freedom to teach what they want."

"I am not a professor. I am not a theologian. I'm a simple proclaimer... I'm announcing the news that God loves you and that you can be forgiven of your sins. And you can go to heaven... My job from God is not to do all these other things. I am not a pastor of a church. That's not my responsibility."

In his efforts to cover such a wide swath, Graham indeed missed many important opportunities over the years.

Nonetheless, Graham's worldwide crusades, leadership towards desegregation, and his role as adviser to decades of U.S. presidents from Truman to Obama made him one of the premier religious leaders of our time. We'll never see another like him.

Graham never reveled in his public stature and never thought he had earned salvation. He was ever-humble in his work as evidenced during his 2002 Cincinnati crusade when he said, "There were a few times when I thought I was dying, and I saw my whole life come before me... I

didn't say to the Lord, 'I'm a preacher, and I've preached to many people.' I said, 'Oh Lord, I'm a sinner, and I still need Your forgiveness. I still need the cross.' And I asked the Lord to give me peace in my heart"

That didn't prevent the Twittersverse from lighting up only minutes after his death with rhetoric so hateful and angry it would be inappropriate for the lowest of the low.

To show how misled and off-base the faithless Twitter bands are about Graham, if he even chose to wade through the filth and give their Twitter posts a glance, he would calmly respond to those comments in a positive, loving, and encouraging way. Few of us would have the same level of restraint.

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However, don't wait too long! As we approach spring more and more homes will be coming on the market, and your home could be just another one for sale. Now could be the right time to get sold and moved before the wave of inventory begins hitting the market over the next two-three months.

Although I'm saying now is the time, there are two things to consider to ensure a successful sale this spring:

1.) Don't overprice it!

This is one of the biggest mistakes I see. Have your REALTOR prepare a "Market Analysis" that will provide you with the information you need to effectively price a home to sell. Some locals agents, including myself, also use an absorption rate analysis which can also be a good indicator of how long it might take to sell.

Most importantly, remember that strategically positioning your home against competing homes can be a huge factor as well. Even though inventory is low, you may be tempted to "start high" because of that. Don't.

Once buyers look at several homes in a particular price range, they will determine very easily which homes are priced effectively and which are overpriced. Trust me on this. Pricing and positioning your home effectively will not only create value but will also create a sense of urgency.

2.) Be ready to show!

Clean. Declutter. Depersonalize. I can't emphasize this enough. Start out front and walk to and through your home looking at it as objectively as possible. Make sure your flowerbeds are freshly mulched, your sidewalk is clean and your home feels clean and welcoming when a buyer walks in.

Positioning is not just about price. The same things that sold homes five years ago still sell homes today. Price, condition, and location.

It doesn't matter how effectively your home is priced if it shows poorly. There aren't as many homes for a buyer to choose from right now and this could be to your advantage, but it still means your home has to be ready and show well!

If you're priced and positioned effectively in the market today AND your home is ready to show, I can assure you that you'll make a buyer's short list in no time. This doesn't mean that you should expect your home to sell in a week necessarily, but it certainly could. Call me if I can help!

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DAYS OF OUR LIVES Vivian's life was threatened during an unusual encounter. Gabi confided in Sonny about her fear of going to prison. Valerie questioned Eli's decision about letting JJ raise his child. Later, JJ suggested to Lani that they elope. Stefan and Vivian discussed what really happened the night of Andre's murder. Chad got closer to the truth. Ciara comforted Tripp about Steve. Brady learned that Maggie left Victor and was tempted to come clean with Eve. Hope and Rafe prepared for their big day! *Wait to See: Valerie confronts Lani over marrying JJ.*

GENERAL HOSPITAL Nelle bonded with Joss.

Julian suffered a big blow. Dante worried about Peter's intentions. Franco grew more restless. Scott was supportive. Curtis and Drew worked together. Anna had some news for Felicia. Franco struggled against his nightmares. Sonny pleaded with Ava. Kiki learned that not everything was as it seemed. Kim became intrigued with Julian. Griffin was happy for Ava. Scott and Kevin put aside their differences. Franco had an epiphany. Jordan was put in a precarious position. Drew looked to Kim for answers. *Wait to See: Sonny and Carly come to a decision that affects their family.*

THE YOUNG AND THE RESTLESS Later, Victoria asked Reed for his take on Mac, but Reed didn't offer up much information. Devon threatened to sue Hilary if she left "GC Buzz." Jack met with Victoria to discuss a strategy to get Ashley to return to Jabot. Hilary received a mysterious phone call at work and left Mariah to host the show alone. Devon toasted Mariah on a job well done and suggested removing Hilary from hosting duties altogether. Victoria phoned Mac to see if she would change her mind about custody. *Wait to See: Sharon comes to Nick's rescue.*

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The Helen Keller Hospital Volunteer Auxiliary will host a Book & Gift Sale March 1 and 2 in the main lobby at Helen Keller Hospital. The fair will be presented by Collective Goods and will include 30%-70% off retail prices on various types of books and gifts for the whole family. The proceeds benefit the projects of the Volunteer Auxiliary. There will be a variety of books, including children's books and cookbooks.

The Helen Keller Hospital Volunteer Auxiliary is comprised of members of the HKH Volunteer Program. This group hosts fundraisers throughout the year to purchase items for the hospital and provide scholarships to area students. The Louise Isbell Ashe Volunteer Scholarship is presented each spring to graduating high school seniors pursuing careers in healthcare. For more information on the Volunteer Auxiliary or how to volunteer, contact the Human Resources Department at 256-386-4639.

Underwood-Petersville Community Center Breakfast -- Please Join us for our First Saturday Breakfast, March 3, from 6-9am. Menu: scrambled eggs, sausage, bacon, biscuits, pancakes, grits, wonderful chocolate gravy, sausage and regular gravy, orange juice, regular and decaf coffee. Adult plates are \$6 and children 8 and under is \$3. Proceeds go toward the center expenses.

Florence/Lauderdale Tourism and the Muscle Shoals National Heritage Area will host the Swampette Muscle Shoals Music Tour March 3 from 1-5pm. The tour begins at the Florence/Lauderdale Tourism Visitor Center in McFarland Park. Tours are led by "Swampette" Judy Hood, the wife of one of the famous Swampers, bass player David Hood. Attendees travel on the historic Tuscumbia trolley and are treated to personalized tours of the Alabama Music Hall of Fame, FAME Studios and 3614 Jackson Highway Muscle Shoals Sound Studio.

The cost is \$40 per person. Future Swampette tours will be held June 2, September 1, and December 1. Seating is limited and reservations are recommended and can be made by calling the Florence/Lauderdale Tourism Office at 256-740-4141.

Purpose will be hosting the First Annual Russellville Spring Sing on Saturday, March 3 beginning at 5pm at the AW Todd Center in downtown Russellville. Special guests will include: Ava Kasich, McKay Project, Chronicle, Epps Family, Drummond Family, and The Riders. No admission fee, but a love offering will be taken. Concessions will be available (BBQ and hotdogs). For more information, call 256-627-8784 or go to www.facebook.com/purpose.al.

Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church will be hosting a musical program followed by a reception in the fellowship on March 4 at 2pm as part of its 200 years celebration. All current and former bishops, district superintendents, pastors and wives, and musicians are invited to help us celebrate this special occasion. It would be our pleasure to have you participate in the musical program too. Please provide us with the name of your selection and instrument of choice. If you have questions or you will be attending please contact, Doris Whisenant, 256-762-3710 prior to February 26.

Happenings during March at Florence Lauderdale Public Library

Get Dirty at the Library: Petals and Pollinators - Thursday, March 1, 11:30am

Our annual gardening series returns for Spring 2018! For this year's first event, Taylor Reeder of the Alabama Cooperative Extension System will give tips on growing flowers to attract pollinators. The series will take place on Thursdays in March at 11:30 am (excluding March 15). For more information, call 256-764-6564, ext. 128.

Get Dirty at the Library: Spring Vegetables and Seed Swap - Thursday, March 8, 11:30am

For the second event in our Get Dirty at the Library series, Taylor Reeder of the Alabama Cooperative Extension System will help you have a great vegetable garden this spring. Plus, her talk will be followed by a Seed Swap, so bring some of those seeds you've been saving and trade them with your neighbors! The series will take place on Thursdays in March at 11:30 am (excluding March 15). For more information, call 256-764-6564, ext. 128.

Amazing Alabama Coloring Book Talk and Workshop Saturday, March 10, 10:30am

Author/Illustrator Laura Murray will visit FLPL to talk about her coloring book Amazing Alabama and to lead a coloring workshop. All ages of coloring fans are welcome! Laura will also sell and sign copies of her coloring book at the event.

For more information, call 256-764-6564, ext. 128.

This Woman's World: Saints, Educators, and Activists--A Snapshot of Local Women's Work - Tuesday, March 13, 6pm

In celebration of Women's History Month, "This Woman's World: Saints, Educators, and Activists--A Snapshot of Local Women's Work" offers an inspiring portrait of some of the diverse work done by local women, from community activism to prison literacy to writing a life of female saints.

For more information, call 256-764-6564, ext. 128

Get Dirty at the Library: Garden and Landscape Pest Management - Thursday, March 22, 11:30am

Taylor Reeder of the Alabama Cooperative Extension System will help you troubleshoot any pest problems you have in your garden or lawn. The Get Dirty at the Library series takes place on Thursdays in March at 11:30 am (excluding March 15). For more information, call 256-764-6564, ext. 128.

Get Dirty at the Library: Urban Forestry/Tree Maintenance - Thursday, March 29, 11:30 am.

Even seasoned gardeners are often unprepared when it comes to caring for their trees. For the final event in our Spring 2018 gardening series, Taylor Reeder of the Alabama Cooperative Extension System will talk about Urban Forestry/Tree Maintenance. For more information, call 256-764-6564, ext. 128.

The Shoals Symphony at UNA will present Joyful Virtue on Sunday, March 4, 3pm at Norton Auditorium, 600 N. Pine St., Florence.

The concert features Beethoven's "Symphony No. 9" with soloists Tiffany Bostic-Brown, soprano; Gretchen Windt, alto; Roderick George, tenor; and Terrance Brown, baritone. The concert will also feature the UNA Solo Artist Competition winner. Partially underwritten by First Metro Bank.

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Hazelwood Head Start Program at 334 Hazelwood St., Town Creek, is now taking applications for children ages 3-4 for the upcoming 2018-2019 school year. Registration will take place from 9am-1:30pm each Tuesday.

Parents must bring the following items: Birth Certificate, Verification of Income for 2017 (W-2 form, Income Tax Return, Check Stub, Social Security Statement, Child Support, Unemployment, etc.) Medicaid or Insurance Card (if available), WIC, Food Stamps, College ID, Military ID, Proof of Kinship Care, IEP/IFSP. Services are provided at NO COST to parents.

Children with special needs and/or disabilities and Homeless families are given priority selection. Call for an appointment today at 256-685-0075.

Recertification Classes for Green Industry Professionals Thursday, March 15 from noon-4:30pm, Florence-Lauderdale Tourism Office, McFarland Park, Florence. Cost: \$45 (includes attending the Conference on March 16 at no additional cost)

The town of Littleville Alabama is host its 1st annual chili cook-off on March 24. Everyone who wants to join in, please contact Diana Young at 256-810-6861 for details.

Kids and Kin will meet March 8 at 10am at the Sherrod Avenue Church of Christ in Room 103 for "Ready or Not, Here I Come." Dee McNalley from UCP of Huntsville will discuss how children learn by doing and develop cognitively through play. Kids & Kin is a free statewide program funded through DHR providing education and support to parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles raising children. For more information call Alisha Albright, Kids and Kin Program, at 334-465-9205.

Author/illustrator Laura Murray will visit **Florence-Lauderdale Public Library** to talk about her coloring book *Amazing Alabama* at 10:30am on Saturday, March 10 and will lead a coloring workshop. All ages of coloring fans are welcome! Laura will also sell and sign copies of her coloring book at the event.

Amazing Alabama: A Coloring Book Journey Through Alabama's 67 Counties is a delightful, one-of-a-kind coloring book whose publication coincides with two significant bicentennial celebrations: the 2017 anniversary of Alabama becoming a territory and the 2019 anniversary of Alabama becoming a state. It is designed to engage youngsters and adult coloring book enthusiasts in learning about the unique character of our nation's 22nd state.

Every county in Alabama is featured in *Amazing Alabama* with an appealing line drawing of its iconic and lesser-known sites, historical, geographical, topographical, industrial and commercial, and more. Companion text identifies and provides context for the pictured elements. The book provides a comprehensive educational snapshot of all that is special about the state.

For more information, call 256-764-6564, ext. 128.

H&R Block at 161 Cox Creek Parkway will have its **Community Give Back Day** Saturday, March 17 from 11am-4pm.

During the day, the business accepts donations of gift cards and items from local businesses that are then sold in a silent auction. Proceeds go to buy school lunches for local children affected by medical disabilities or if their parents are traveling for medical treatment. This event is nonprofit. Last year, enough was raised to buy breakfast and lunch for twelve children for about 60 days on each child.

The event will feature a bouncy house, animal adoptions, fire safety, and child fingerprinting. Donors will be allowed to sample food from Olive Garden, CiCi's Pizza, Texas Roadhouse, and Logan's Roadhouse. For more details, call 256-760-8824.

Poet, memoirist, and performance artist Joy Harjo will be the guest of the **34th annual UNA Writer's Series**. She will read and perform from her works on March 15 at 11am. in the Performance Center of the GUC at the UNA campus. A reception and book-signing will follow in the Loft of the GUC. This event is underwritten by the English Department at UNA, the Alabama State Council on the Arts, and the Alabama Humanities Foundation. The Alabama Bicentennial Commission has endorsed the performance as an official bicentennial event.

Joy Harjo was born in Tulsa, Oklahoma and is a member of the Muscogee (Creek) tribe. She's the author of eight collections of poetry, a memoir (*Crazy Brave*) that has been selected for many community reads, a playwright, and a children's author. She has performed her poetry on DEF Jam and has traveled around with the world with her band, Poetic Justice. For more information: please contact the UNA English Department at 256-765-4890.

Kids and Kin will meet March 22 at 10am at the Sherrod Avenue Church of Christ in Room 103 for "Ways Babies Learn When You Sing to Them." Alisha Albright from the Family Guidance Center of Alabama will discuss how music supports early learning. Kids & Kin is a free statewide program funded through DHR providing education and support to parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles raising children. For more information call Alisha Albright, Kids and Kin Program, at 334-465-9205.

Florence Parks & Recreation - The Club (Florence Senior Center) would like wish everyone a happy new year! Joints in Motion, M,W, F 8:45am. Games 9:30-5pm each day, Social Dance Tuesday nights 6:30-9pm, Square Dance Friday 6:30-9pm, Knitting, Crochet, Games, Art Classes, BINGO. Hours Monday-Friday 8am-5pm. You are welcomed to come join us. Nutritional lunch served do those over 60 years young. Suggested donation \$1. 256-760-6642.

The 23rd Annual Urban Forestry and Horticulture Conference Takes place Friday, March 16 from 8am-3pm at Cross Point Church of Christ, 1350 Cox Creek Parkway in Florence.

THEME: "Spruce Up Your Spring" The public is invited. The cost is \$45 and includes lunch. Registration: www.florenceal.org

For more information, call the mayor's office at 256-760-6400

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

Walt Maddox will be the guest speaker at the March meeting of the Shoals Democratic Club Monday, March 19 at 6:30pm at IUOE Local Union 320 - Union Hall 405 Dr. Hicks Blvd in Florence. Maddox is a candidate Governor of Alabama.

He is a Tuscaloosa native and graduated from Central High School in 1991, earned his bachelor's degree in political science and master's degree in public administration from the University of Alabama at Birmingham.

He has served as a Field Director with the AEA, personnel director for the Tuscaloosa City Schools, elected at a city councilman was elected mayor of Tuscaloosa in 2005. It is a position he has held ever since, being sworn in for his fourth term last year.

Maddox is married to Stephanie and has two children, Taylor and Eli. A light meal is served at 6pm prior to the meeting and the public is always invited to attend. For more information, email shoalsdemocrats@gmail.com

2018 Paws & Pumpers Calendar - A joint effort between the Florence-Lauderdale Animal Shelter, the Florence Professional Firefighters IAFF Local 270, and the Florence Fire Department. \$15 available at Station 1 on Dr. Hicks Blvd. Get Yours Today!

Highland Baptist Church invites you to **CONCERT AT THE CROSS** on March 22, 2018 at 6:30 PM. It will be night of worship and reflection led by the Highland Baptist Church Ministry of Praise Choir and Orchestra featuring the artwork of Scott Erickson and the songs of Elevation Worship, Kari Jobe, Bethel Music, Hillsong Worship, and more.

Concert at the Cross is a FREE event for the community. The service will include live music, communion, and a time of prayer and giving for world missions. Attendees will receive an Easter devotional guide. Childcare will be available for children 5 and under.

For more information email info@highlandbaptist.com or call the church at 256-764-1392. www.highlandbaptist.com or <https://www.facebook.com/events/574888752858613/>

Church located at 219 Simpson Street, Florence.

Through a partnership with the **Colbert County Juvenile Court** and the **Colbert County Children's Policy Council**, the Character in Action (CIA) program was introduced at the beginning of this school year. Participation, nominations, and support for the first semester awards were overwhelming. Deadline for second semester nominations is April 20. The second semester awards ceremony will be May 2 at 4pm in Judge Coker's Court Room at the Colbert County Court House.

CIA was established to encourage students in grades 1-12 to practice good character. Those who excel will deservedly be recognized by the Juvenile Court and the Criminal Justice System. Teachers and school staff are urged to nominate students who exhibit good character. Every student who is nominated will receive a Character In Action certificate. Three students from each of the four public school systems in Colbert County will be selected to represent all of those nominated for displaying good character. For more information, email colbertcpc@gmail.com.

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Broadcasting stage at 5pm with Emmalee Martinez. Following her performance, Barry Billings takes the stage at 6pm followed by Coffee Black at 7pm.

First Fridays wouldn't be complete without the dozens of vendors lining Court Street. In March expect to find a wide variety of artisans and crafters, from wood workers to jewelry makers to potters.

"The vendors, crafts, and live music are what First Fridays has come to be known for," said Duke. "Each month is unique, creating memorable experiences for those who participate." First Fridays is presented by Listerhill Credit Union. The event is a committee of Downtown Florence Unlimited and takes place the first Friday of every month from March through December. First Fridays is a rain-or-shine event.

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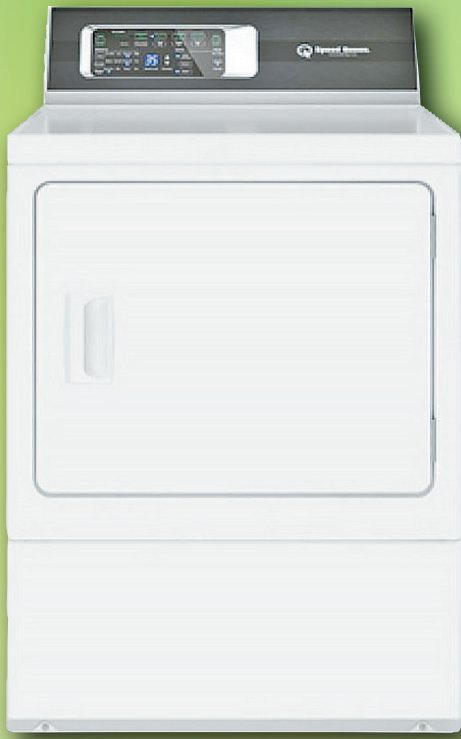
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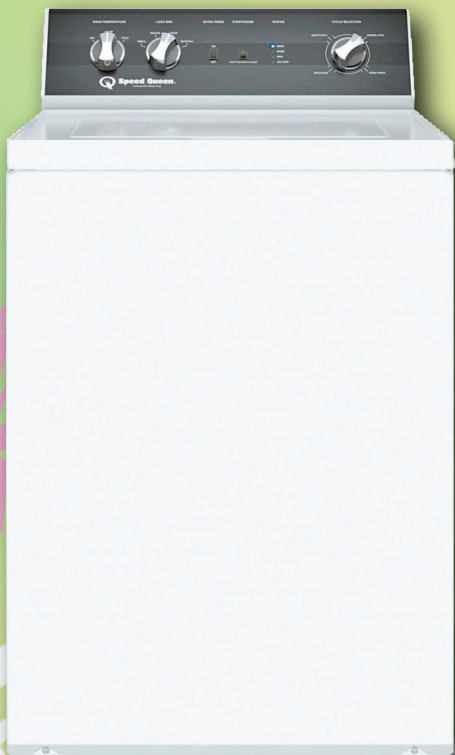
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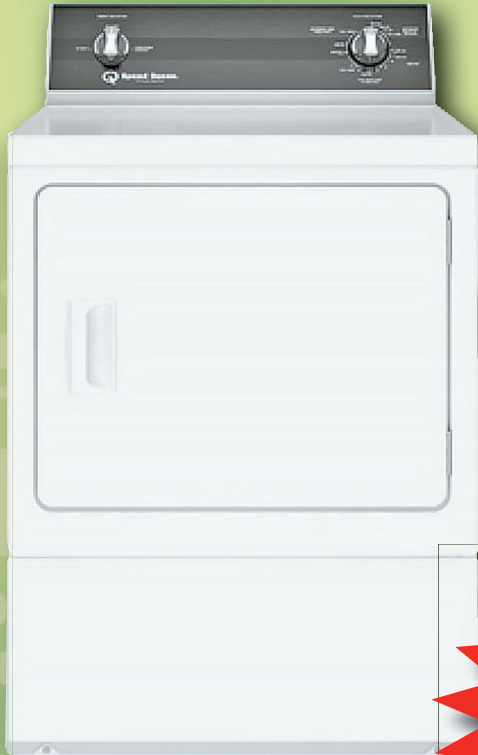
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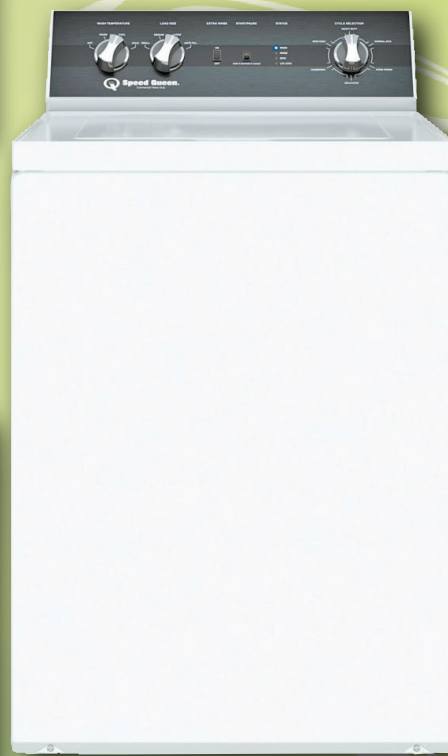
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