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Clean-Up is Saturday

FLORENCE—The Florence City-Wide Clean-up Event is this Saturday, March 10 from 8am-noon. Volunteer to help keep Florence clean. Everyone will meet at the Florence Lauderdale Coliseum at 8am for gloves, litter-grabbers, vests, trash bags, and breakfast in preparation to help pick up littered streets!

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Bailey Wins in Lauderdale

FLORENCE- Paxton Bailey, a sixth-grader from Lauderdale County High School, is the winner of this year's Lauderdale County Spelling Bee.

Winning students from twelve schools across the county competed at Wilson High School to determine which overall winner would advance to the State Spelling Bee March 10 in Birmingham.

Students were required to learn to spell over 1,000 words in twelve languages. The State Spelling Bee also includes vocabulary, so Bailey must now learn definitions to those 1,156 words for the state competition. His first place finish in February makes him the first person from Lauderdale County High School to ever win the competition at county level.

Bailey is the son of Tim and Rachael Bailey of Rogersville. He is the grandson of Larry and Jean Bailey of Rogersville, Johnny and Jackie Harper of Cullman, and Robert Elliott of Cullman.

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Florence at 200

Nine Month Celebration will run through November of 2018

FLORENCE – Two Hundred. That's how old the City of Florence will be on March 12, 2018.

Everyone is invited to the City's Birthday Bash in Wilson Park on March 12 to celebrate. The party gets started at 3:30pm.

Florence was recognized as a potentially prosperous settlement by the Cypress Land Company at the time of its founding March 12, 1818. The City has been going strong ever since.

According to oral traditions, Florence earned its name from the Italian Surveyor Ferdinand Sannoner. He chose to name it for the famed city of Florence,

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Assorted Events with Various Themes

Schedule of Events

Some themed events will be held during other months of the year. Spring Events with details include:

MARCH-Theme: Birthday Celebration

- Monday, March 12, 3:30pm – City's Birthday Party in Wilson Park;

- Monday, March 12 – Trowbridge's 5-Cent Ice Cream Cones for its 100th Anniversary Parade – Date to be determined

APRIL – Theme: Local Architecture

- Saturday, April 7, 10am – Walking Tour of Wilson Park and surrounding buildings including the Federal Court Room. Meet in front of the KD Art Center.

- Saturday, April 14, 10am – Walking Tour of Upper North Court Street and Seminary Street. Meet in front of Roger's Hall at UNA.

- Saturday, April 21 10am – Walking Tour of Walnut Street.

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EMPTY BOWLS FILLED ONE AT A TIME

SHOALS—The 15th Annual Salvation Army Women's Auxiliary Empty Bowls Luncheon will take place Wednesday, March 14 from 11am-1pm at the Marriott Shoals Conference Center. Tickets are \$15 and may be purchased in advance from auxiliary members, from the Salvation Army Headquarters at 1601 Huntsville Rd., and at Trinity Ceramic Supply in the Florence Industrial Park. Tickets will also be available at the door.

Your ticket lets you pick four cups of soup from over 60 participating restaurants to pair with homemade bread and water. You will also receive a handmade ceramic bowl or cross as you leave. The empty bowl you take home as a reminder that someone's bowl is always empty. A Heart and Hands Gourmet Bake Sale lets attendees complete their meals with a homemade dessert or take home some goodies for later. Thrift store models



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Boyd Speaks at Local Event

FLORENCE—The Alpha Pi (Florence) and the Alpha Delta Beta (UNA) chapters of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. will host its annual Scholarship Night at 7pm on Saturday, March 10 at the Guillot Center on the UNA campus. The program is held each year to assist the chapters in sponsoring scholarships for area high school seniors.

The speaker for this year's event is Dr. Will Boyd, the presiding Bishop of Zion Ministries and Pastor of St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church in Florence. He served as the Democratic Nominee in 2016 for U.S. Representative of Alabama's Fifth Congressional District. Not long thereafter, he was elected chairman of the Lauderdale County Democratic Executive Committee. Boyd ran for the U.S. Senate seat in the 2017 special election. He was also elected to Alabama's State Democratic Executive Committee. Boyd received the Democratic Nomination to become Alabama's 31st



Boyd

Lieutenant Governor in February.

Dr. Boyd has a B.S. in Engineering from the University of South Carolina. He later earned an MBA, a PhD in Religion, and a Doctor of Psychology in Clinical Christian Psychology. He was also awarded honorary doctorates in Divinity and Christian Counseling. He is a member of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity and a member of numerous services organizations and committees.

Will Boyd is married to Vida Boyd. They have three children and reside in Florence.

For ticket information, contact any chapter member of Omega Psi Phi or call 256-757-1459, 256-383-0004 or 256-381-2595.

Seed Program Sign-Up Now

SHOALS Community Action Agency of Northwest Alabama's Gerald Williams Cooperative Garden Program is underway now with sign-ups through March 16. FREE vegetable seeds, plants and fertilizer are provided to help qualifying local residents who wishing to grow their own gardens.

Applicants in the program must reside in Lauderdale, Colbert, or Franklin counties and must not exceed gross monthly income of \$1,507 for single household, \$2,030 for a two-person household. For each additional person in the household, the added limit is \$522 each per month.

Interested applicants in Lauderdale, Colbert, and Franklin county should call 256-248-1921 from 1-4pm Monday-Friday. The deadline is March 16.



Horticulture Conference

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

The theme is "Spruce Up Your Spring." The public is invited. The cost is \$45 and that includes lunch.

Two specialty tracks will be offered - Horticulture and Urban Forestry with ISA points available

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and preserving the urban green environment. The keynote speaker is Tom Underwood, Director of the Birmingham Botanical Gardens.

Also speaking are Bill Finch, former Director of the Mobile Botanical Gardens; Troy Marden, award-winning garden and floral designer and frequent contributor to *Alabama Gardener* and *Southern Living* magazines; Will Jangaard, Insurance Agent and Financial Representative with COUNTRY Financial; Dale Dickens, Urban Forestry Coordinator with the Alabama Forestry Commission; and Tom

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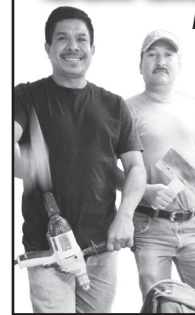
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Friends/Family Day & Gospel Singing at Shiloh Church of Christ, 2605 County Road 344, Florence, March 11-14. Speaker: Chris Moran, Preacher, Mars Hill Church of Christ, Florence.

Schedule: Sunday: Bible Study at 9am; Worship 9:45am; Fellowship meal following morning worship; Evening worship 12:30pm; Monday-Wednesday at 7pm.

For more information call 256-757-2456.

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.

1st Annual Friday Night Singing March 9, 7-8:30pm at Oliver Church of Christ, 18270 Hwy 72, Rogersville. A meal will be provided immediately after.

Join us for a night of singing and fellowship.

Open Mic Gospel Singing Friday, March 9, 6pm at Rhodesville Methodist Church. Several gospel groups. Come and join us. Sing or listen. Everyone is welcome.

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.

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Registration is available at www.florenceal.org. For more information, call the mayor's office, 256-760-6400. The 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.

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FLORENCE – Bobo Family Group, a local commercial real estate investment group, recently announced the purchase of the 110-unit Seville Place Luxury Apartment Village, located in the Cox Creek Parkway area of Florence at 100 Estella Court. The investment group will also manage the nearly \$10 million asset.

"The proximity to support services like Publix, Starbucks, and other retail services were a major factor in the decision," said James Bobo II, investment manager for Bobo Family Group. In addition to the 110 units, the property includes a clubhouse, business and fitness center, and saltwater pool.

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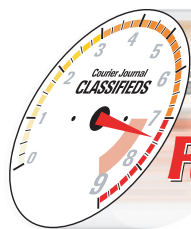
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Shortly after incorporation, Florence added centers for commerce, banking, and retail, among other things. The city became a seat of higher education in 1855 when Florence Wesleyan University moved to town. That university is now known as the University of North Alabama.

Starting with the birthday next week, each month will have a theme related to the City. April's theme will be local architecture, whereas May recognizes the arts and June is Frontier Days. The themed months will run through November 2018.

More information will be released as the events draw closer. For more information, go to www.florence200.org.



Events...

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Meet at the corner of Hermitage and Walnut.

• **Saturday, April 28, 10am** - Walking Tour of Florence Cemetery. Meet inside the cemetery on Tennessee Street.

• **Sundays in April** - Rosenbaum House Tours— All events begin at the Richards Center next to the Rosenbaum House Admissions and Gift Shop. Enter through double doors.

• **Sunday, April 8, 2pm**—Ken Burns Documentary Film on Frank Lloyd Wright

• **Sunday, April 15, 1:30pm**—Historical Marker Dedication followed by talks with the Rosenbaum Family

• **Sunday, April 22, 2pm**—Book Signing with Randy Henning, author of book on Aaron Green

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MAY - Theme: Arts

• **Saturday, May 5** - Fabric - Event will highlight our history of fabric, quilting, and cotton

• **Saturday, May 5, 10am**—Forks of Cypress Plantation Site and Cemetery Tour

• **May 12** - Wood - Event will highlight our history of woodworking craftsmanship

• **May 19-20** - Arts Alive Festival

• **May 26**: Clay - Event will highlight our history of clay as an art form

Additional event will take place through the year.

JUNE - Theme: Frontier Days

JULY - Theme: Music

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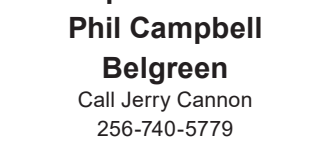
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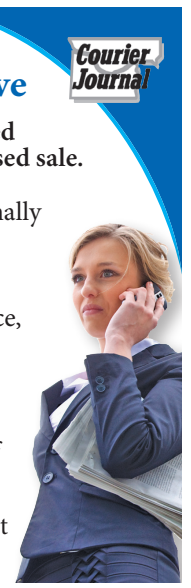
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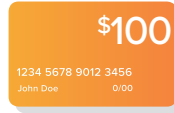
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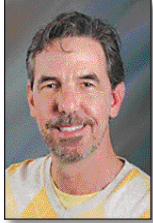
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MY FACEBOOK FRIEND

Amanda relayed a rather disturbing story recently. She and her husband were upstairs when they started hearing music playing somewhere in their house. They thought it was a neighbor at first, then they thought it was one of their children's toys, but they couldn't find the source. They eventually ventured down to the basement and found the source: Their webcam. They had an older style security camera that has a built in speaker and microphone. Evidently, someone found a way to hack their camera and control it. The hacker even taunted my friend by saying, "Hello! I can seeee youuuu!" The webcam was positioned to watch



Fisher

SPYING SPY CAMERAS

by "The Computer Skeptic"

the cat in the laundry room so nothing really "revealing" was obtained but this was quite unnerving for Amanda.

If this were to happen to me, I could come up with some awfully creative ways to make sure the hacker never bothered me again such as singing for them or waltzing around in my underwear. But the rest of you are probably prettier than I am so you need to take precautions.

So how can you know if your own security cameras are spying on you? Well, there's no definitive way but I can offer a few suggestions.

My friend had an older style camera that requires some finagling with the router settings to make the camera work (for you technical people, it involved opening some ports which is a risky proposition if you don't know what you're doing). So if you have old cameras that you installed yourself, and don't know if they are secure, you may want to call a professional to make sure you're not being spied on.

Newer cameras still have some security concerns just like anything else linked to the internet. Most modern cameras

are linked to an online account that allows you to view your cameras through a smartphone, tablet or website. That account is only as secure as your password. So make sure it's a good one and change it from time to time just to be sure.

Another important task is to update your wireless router. You need to do this whether or not you have webcams. Explaining how to do that in this little column would bore you to tears but you need to verify three things:

1. Make sure you have changed the default username and password on your wireless router.

2. Make sure you are using "WPA/WPA2" WiFi security protocol. Older wifi routers may be using the easily-hackable "WEP" scheme.

3. Update your router's firmware. Many routers

have been found to have vulnerabilities that have been patched with firmware updates. Miss any one of these items and your entire network could be open to mischief.

Most of us with cameras use them for outdoor security, so it's not the end of the world if someone peeks in on those. On the other hand, many of you have baby monitors, indoor nanny monitors and such. You need to be sure those are secure.

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Commentary

Gun Deaths Are Symptoms of a Societal Problem

Every time there is a tragic situation involving multiple gun deaths the media and our politicians take the quickest route to a supposed solution regarding gun ownership. It's politically and philosophically expedient by throwing the voters a bone, but it's throwing all the attention and energy at the symptom instead of the root problems.

The same thing happens when someone is attacked by a Pit Bulldog. We revert to knee-jerk demonization of an entire loving, attentive, and largely docile breed through sheer ignorance and pandering to a vocal minority. More communities than ban the breed and insurance companies refuse to cover households with assorted types of bulldogs. Meanwhile, we don't ban, punish, or ridicule the half-wits who purposely deprive the dog of human and canine interaction, love, and adequate living space or food, who purposely create animals with pent-up anger issues. The dogs lash out aggressively at the first opportunity, then get put down through no fault of their own. Many contend the wrong life is getting snuffed out.

There were plenty of people who got mad at society and at others in the 70's and 80's, but

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In A Few Words



TOM MAGAZZU
Editor

Courier Journal

in the *Shoals*

March 7, 2018



Charlotte's Web at Ritz

Owen Hood as Wilbur



Photos: Bobby Bozeman

SHEFFIELD—Time Out for Theatre will bring the story of friendship, *Charlotte's Web*, to the Ritz Theatre stage this March.

Public performances will run Saturday, March 10 at 7pm and Sunday, March 11 at 2pm at the Ritz Theatre located at 111 W. Third St. in Sheffield. Admission is \$8 for adults and \$7 for students.

The play is a dramatization of the 1952 children's novel by E.B. White, adapted for the stage by Joseph Robinette. This production features a 26 member cast of all ages and is

co-directed by Andrew Maples and Laura Connolly.

Charlotte's Web tells the story of a pig named Wilbur who befriends a barn spider, Charlotte. When the farmer, Homer Zuckerman, becomes determined to make Wilbur dinner, Charlotte devises a plan to save her friend.

March 10-11

Weaving messages

of praise in her web, Charlotte convinces the astounded farmer that

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27th Year for Renderings of Youth

FLORENCE—Artistic Renderings of Youth, a juried exhibit of work by 7th through 12th grade artists from Colbert, Franklin, and Lauderdale counties, will be on display at Kennedy-Douglass Center for the Arts in Florence through March 27. This exhibit is celebrating its 27th year as an outstanding showcase of youth art.

A reception took place on Thursday, March 1. The public is invited to come by and tour the rooms housing these works.

The March is nationally recognized as Youth Art Month. This exhibit provides an opportunity for the community to discover the young artistic talent in our area. The competition is coordinated by a group of junior high and high school art teachers to give students a chance to exhibit their art work and receive recognition

Through March 27

See **YOUTH...** on Page 28



THE FLORENCE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 3989 is sponsoring its annual Lenten Fish Fry on Friday, March 9 at St. Joseph Catholic Regional School Cafeteria in Florence from 4:15-6:45pm. Catfish filets, hush puppies, Cole slaw, french fries or baked potato, drink, and dessert are included. Adults, \$10; Children 4-6, \$4; Children under 4 eat FREE. Carry-outs are available. Cheese pizza will also be available. Proceeds used for the Council 3989 Charity Fund.

SHILOH CHURCH OF CHRIST will host a Friends/Family Day & Gospel Singing March 11-14. The speaker is Chris Moran, preacher, Mars Hill Church of Christ. Sunday: Bible Study at 9am; Worship 9:45am; Fellowship meal following; Evening worship 12:30pm; Monday-Wednesday at 7pm. 2605 County Road 344, Florence. For more information call 256-757-2456.

DAY BY DAY, a grief support group for bereaved parents/grandparents, meets Sunday, March 11 at 2pm at Woodmont Baptist East Campus, 2002 Darby Dr., Florence. For information, email debbiec2414@aol.com or anita.watkins@comcast.net.

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Biblical Precept Ignored

Dear America:

A Morgan County, Alabama judge has officiated in a homosexual wedding. She did so after prayerfully considering her options, which were to keep her job as a judge or to lose it. The Alabama legislature corrected her spineless incapacity to uphold and honor God's precedent in the marriage of Adam and Eve by outlawing municipally-performed weddings.

Her name is Jennifer Howell. She can be researched by looking up: Morgan County judge marries same sex couple. She is on YouTube talking about

her god-centered husband. Internet research can also provide information about her prayerful considerations before deciding to ignore Biblical precept pertaining to marriage.

To my knowledge she is running again, unopposed, for the job as Morgan County judge.

Floyd Jones, Jr.
Killen,

A Look at Teacher Pay

To the Editor:

We hear a lot about inadequate pay for public school teachers and endure

a continuous effort to keep pace with the rest of the economy. Do you know where Alabama ranks with the other states in teacher pay? A little research is surprising and enlightening.

The top five states in teacher pay:

- #1. New York / yr. \$77,300
- #2. Connecticut \$76,740
- #3. Massachusetts \$74,470
- #4. California \$74,270
- #5. New Jersey \$70,890

The bottom five states in teacher pay:

- #50. Oklahoma \$41,150
- #49. Mississippi - \$42,270
- #48. Arizona \$42,730
- #47. South Dakota \$43,180
- #46. North Carolina \$43,900

Does this surprise you that Alabama actually ranks #38 at \$49,120? Have you ever seen this reported in the news, or do you recall continuously being told Alabama ranks at the very bottom in teacher pay? I do concede there is room

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In addition, will the officers and firefighters receive back pay because of the delay?



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A Look at Teacher Pay

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for much improvement. Look at how we measure up to neighboring states:

- #24. Georgia - \$54,890/yr.
- #34. Tenn. - \$50,900
- #42. Florida - 47,610
- #49. Miss. - 42,270

Teacher pay is of vital interest to every citizen. Not only do they richly deserve adequate compensation for their tireless efforts, but we must be reminded daily that we are competing with states such as Georgia and Tennessee to attract good teachers.

Sources for this article are: *The Washington Post*, *MSN News*, 2/27/18; *Money Talks News*, 2/25/18; *Huffington Post*, 2/20/18

James W. Anderson
Talladega

Protecting Our Citizens

Editor:

A *TimesDaily* article dated February 18, 2018 has the headline "City to Study Salaries, Benefits." This article states that Public Affairs Research Council of Alabama (PARCA) is "comparing pay, benefits, recruitment and other aspects of public safety with ten other cities." The article also states the study will take four months and will cost \$15,000.

A February 21 article also states, "The inability of the police and fire departments to attract and retain officers and firefighters is a concern the heads of these departments have been sharing with the Mayor and City Council for a year." May I repeat, "for a Year!"

In another article dated August 24, 2017 titled, "Police Scaling Back

Services," Chief Tyler stated, "We have 26 vacancies now or that will occur soon. We have become a reactive police force instead of a proactive force." The article also stated that Florence pays about \$9,000 less in rookie pay than neighboring Muscle Shoals. Additionally, Muscle Shoals provides firearms for its officers, but Florence does not. Knowing this information, is a study required? The mayor and three council members want a tax increase. Therefore, every dollar is important.

Has the Mayor and City Council given our police and our firefighters and our citizens the proper priority? Well, the February 21 article states sharing of concerns has been going on for a year. Since the August 24, 2017 article and the hiring of PARCA, 180 days have passed. Also, the study will take 120 days; 180 plus 120 equals 300 days. If the discussions began a year ago, as stated, then its 365 days plus 120 which equals 485 days. Once the study is completed, how long will it take for our police force to be a proactive force again?

Each citizen should answer the above question. In addition, will the officers and firefighters receive back pay because of the delay? Also, does the city budget provide for a fully staffed police force at current pay?

Bill Smoak
Florence

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Infrastructure is Needed More

Editor:

We thank Rep. Brooks for holding a rare town hall meeting last month at UNA. He spoke about the worrisome growth of national debt and budget deficits. Yet, he also defended the recent massive tax break for corporations and the wealthy. He described it as a desperation "Hail Mary" pass that could fail in generating new economic growth to cover the \$1.5 trillion deficit it created. Failure and worsening economic inequality look more likely every day.

Compounding the problem is the conservative push to expand defense spending far beyond normal growth - and beyond what most think is justified. The deficit will escalate and pressure will increase to reduce funding for health care and other social programs.

These same Republicans are avoiding action on proposed infrastructure improvement, despite it being vitally necessary and a major initiative of President Trump. Such spending would attract bipartisan support, generate employment, and benefit everybody now and in the future. It would produce safer bridges, better roads, modern schools and airports, etc. Most folks prefer those things to superfluous nuclear weapons and aircraft carriers.

It is disingenuous for Republicans to say they care about reducing debt by stimulating the economy and tax base when they could have funded infrastructure projects instead of passing the tax giveaway. Apparently, the companies that build roads and bridges are unable to match the defense industry and other powerful interests in campaign contributions. Therefore, it is up to us to level the playing field at the ballot box.

Dan Waterman Killen

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Cat & Kids

by Cathy Turner

Observe Now

"This is the greatest show!"

I went to a ballgame last night and I yelled my head off! I didn't even know these Tennessee high school players. But I did know their coach, Andre Turner, my brother-in-law, who played for Memphis State, the Lakers, the Celtics, '76ers, the Bullets, and 17 years on the top ranked professional team in Spain. He is back in Memphis, coaching in a gym with his name on it at his alma mater. And they won last night by 4 points to go to state! But unbelievably, during the first half, my mom-in-law and I were the only ones cheering. People were sitting, not saying a word. Some weren't even watching the game. It was a tight game the whole time. At some point mom said, "What is wrong with these people?!!!" Why were they not riding the fun? Why weren't they encouraging their fellas? Life was happening and so many didn't catch on until the second half. We were right behind the bench. At some point, my son stopped me from coaching (this is why I never sit behind the bench.) Man, those guys played hard and beautifully! By the end of the game, I knew those boys and they knew me. Afterward, they thanked me for coming. Seize the day!

My 81 year old mother-in-law was right in the mix of it. Listening to her son coach passionately. Encouraging the players by name. Standing up when I was sitting down. Before we left her house to go to the game, she stepped out in her blue jeans and a winter white quilted jacket with gray piping. She was so cute! The jacket even had

thumb holes in the sleeves, which she was using to go out into the cold evening. She has always kept up. She pays attention. She asks questions and she knows what we are all doing and what we are thinking. I love watching her. Hot diggity, she is the greatest!

This past week, I also spent time with both of our granddaughters. Mica is learning the rhythm of conversation. I don't know what in the world she is saying, but she is saying it. What a joy to watch. When I came back from taking her home, sure enough, the "Mica-nado" had come through. I hummed as I picked up after her... "This the greatest..." And I was in Georgia for Ruby's 3rd birthday. And, yes, I bought her the birthday cake balloon that was as big as she, and, yes, I took her to Chuck E. Cheese's and ran from machine to machine swiping an unlimited pass (except we froze when the Chuck E. Cheese mouse mascot came walking out - maybe if we stand still he won't see us and won't come over here - who wouldn't be afraid of a life-sized rodent!) and, yes, I stayed up past midnight making duct tape swords and sparkly, gold poster board crowns for the children to decorate at Ruby's official Nella Princess Knight birthday party. And, yes, that was a run-on sentence, but I think that life should be a run-on sentence. This is the greatest show!

Have you noticed how beautiful the tulip trees and Bartlett's already are?

And just yesterday I was at Lew's Blue Note restaurant on Beale Street in Memphis. There were about half a dozen diners in there. It was around 3:30. The wings were spectacular! And Albert King Jr.'s band was crooning and playing R & B, jazz, and old school. After my son, Garrett, and I scarfed down those wings, he took my hand and we danced - a little two-step and a little swing. As I grinned, twirled and hugged his soul, I prayed, "Lord, give us this day." For this is the greatest show. It's right in front of us. Observe. It's now.

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"Medicare Part A & B Review"

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Although Medicare Part A and Part B are great programs that cover a lot of services there are some things Medicare does not cover. They include most dental care, eye exams related to prescribing glasses, dentures, acupuncture and hearing aids.

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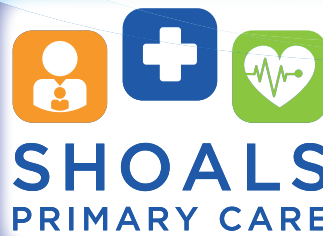
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Commentary
Societal...

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mass-shootings were essentially non-existent. Several of my classmates carried hunting rifles or pistols in their vehicles. One had a fully-stocked two-gun window rack in his pick-up. No one ever broke in and even though he had a temper, he never thought of indiscriminately killing anyone.

We should look at some of the problems instead of just overreacting to the sensationalized symptoms.

Half the children born in this country today are born to single mothers. Many children in the two parent households only receive a fraction of the nurturing and attention that they really yearn for and need to grow up with values, stability, a strong work ethic, and a sense of right and wrong.

Too many expect their way and cannot take criticism, loss, or suggestion, and our society increasingly says they shouldn't have to. Participation trophies exemplify that mindset. Everyone should feel successful, not just the winners. And they should not have to break away from their electronic device to achieve it. That is just not reality.

Then of course children who can't cope well or those who are deemed too active are legally medicated. It seems as if at least half of society is on a mood-altering drug... again, we are treating a symptom of the problem instead of the problem.

There absolutely also needs to be a more concerted effort to prove links between

drugs and violent gun attacks.

We know that the perpetrators of many of high-profile violent crimes were taking or had recently stopped taking antipsychotic medication or some form of antidepressant. And those are just what we know about. HIPAA issues and FDA obstinance prevent greater disclosure. Many antidepressants carry prominent warnings for increased risk of suicidal thoughts and behavior.

So the pharmaceutical industry is aware that these drugs do cause violent behavior in at least some instances. Yet, it continues to lobby against any restrictions that would limit wholesale distribution of powerful, mind-altering drugs to millions of Americans, including children.

Interestingly, none of this happened before the left demanded that God was banned from all public schools. None of it happened before the left pushed the Benjamin Spock theory of how spanking children could warp their self-esteem and their little personalities.

So paddling was also banned from public schools. Looking back, the teachers who were the most respected in my days, both male and female, all swung a mean paddle and had no qualms about using it when needed.

All too often parents now decide to turn their kids over to an electronic device

Online Poll

In the wake of the Florida school shooting that killed 17, what is your position on the 2nd Amendment?



claim it was needed at the time since the government had to ensure that it had an armed militia ready in case it needed to defend our nation. That's naive at best. Everyone was already armed and had demonstrated appropriate allegiance to independence. And it didn't have anything to do with personal safety or with hunting. Those were already foregone assumptions of the day.

The framers had seen an aggressive English government that knew it was losing control over its subjects. The undeniably strong wording of the 2nd Amendment was directed squarely at such a government.

"A well-regulated militia, being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed."

It may be an issue for discussion in the modern age. However, when enacted, there was certainly no thought of restricting who could carry, where, or what type of firearm could be borne.

Even respondents in the Courier Journal's recent non-scientific online poll were overwhelming in their position against restrictions.

The 2nd amendment was purposely positioned immediately after freedom of religion, speech, press, and assembly - to make certain that government never interfered with these freedoms. That is because historically it was government that always took away liberty.

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Many students read the novel in class before coming to see the play. This is one of the reasons the play resonates with children, while its lesson about the importance of friendship is something the whole audience can relate to.

"Whether the children have read the story or not, its message of hope is something all children can understand," Maples says.

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for their talent. There are 366 pieces in the show. Ribbons are awarded in three grade divisions, and this year three new scholarships from UNA will be chosen from the 11th and 12th division.

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Bert's Time to Exchange

A Happy Life in Helping People

By Haley Walden for the Courier Journal

Local State Farm agent Bert Bretherick isn't just a good neighbor in his career. He's a dedicated community volunteer, too.

Among many regular service activities, Bretherick has been a long-time volunteer member of the Florence Exchange Club where he served as last year's President.

"Everything we do in the Exchange Club goes to help battered wives and children and promote patriotism," Bretherick says.

All the money the



Bert Bretherick, center, presents January's Good Neighbor Award to Joshua Bowerman, left, and Marah Bowerman. Courtesy photo

Exchange Club raises goes back into the community to help organizations like the Attention Homes downtown, the Salvation Army, Meals on Wheels, and more. They also maintain the Field of Flags project at Deibert Park in Florence and provide

youth leadership, patriotism, and community service programs locally. According to Bretherick, the Exchange Club's founding principles are child abuse prevention, the promotion of patriotism, and the promotion of local community. Florence's

chapter is the oldest civic club in the city. It will celebrate its 100th anniversary in 2020.

Last year, Bretherick and fellow Exchange Club member, Norm Ross, oversaw the Buddy Bench program. The Exchange Club sponsored Buddy Bench placement in playgrounds at Florence city schools, Lauderdale county schools, and Mars Hill Bible School.

"We talked to the kids in [their] schools," he said. "If you're having a bad day, you sit on the Buddy Bench. And it's everybody else's job to watch the Buddy Bench."

Bretherick says it's not about the child who's sitting on the bench. Rather, it's about training the children who aren't sitting on it.

"When they're playing, they don't recognize somebody's being left out," he said. "But when they're mindful of someone sitting on that bench who needs a buddy, it works."

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"When somebody's sitting over there, you get a huge crowd of people going over to help them out."

Bretherick believes that civic and service organizations help people cultivate a servant's mindset that they can carry forward into other areas of their lives. The problem is that people have packed schedules and don't think they can make time for service.

"Civic organizations are hurting," he said. "There are too many competing activities and not enough [people] thinking about serving others."

Bretherick believes the key to cultivating a servant mindset is starting early. Through his business, he gives monthly Good Neighbor awards to outstanding students at Mars Hill. The catch is that these awards aren't for academics. Instead, they're for service.

"It's about being a leader, showing kindness, and serving others," he said. "It's the most important award that's handed out every month."

Bretherick wants to expand the Good Neighbor award program to other area schools in the future. Bretherick's service mindset extends beyond his civic and community volunteerism into his personal life. He and his wife, Sarah, acted as foster parents in recent years. While they're no longer active foster parents, Bretherick encourages other families to foster. "I'm a big proponent of the [saying], 'You're ordinary, but to a foster kid, you're extraordinary,'" he said.

As a father of five, Bretherick has invested the past 15 years in coaching his children's sports teams.

"I'm either coaching a soccer team, girls' softball, soccer, basketball, baseball or flag football," he said. "As a parent, you want to coach your kids." Bretherick has coached in Florence city leagues and at Mars Hill. He has also spent time coaching in the Upward Soccer program at Cross Point Church of Christ.

In addition, Bretherick is currently the Chairman of the Board at Mars Hill Bible School.

"Private schools are really declining right now," he said. "It's important that we focus on good, wholesome Christian values. We need to have a good place for kids to come not just learn about life, but about being a good, Christian person."

He also serves as a deacon and teacher at his church, Stony Point Church of Christ, where he has attended for 52 years. Bretherick is always on hand when he's needed for service and ministry activities.

"I'm the guy who does a little bit of everything--whatever they need me to do," he said.

As an insurance agent, Bretherick gets excited about his career and role in the community.

"Every day, I get to help people. It makes for a happy life," he said. "Most people don't get to do that."

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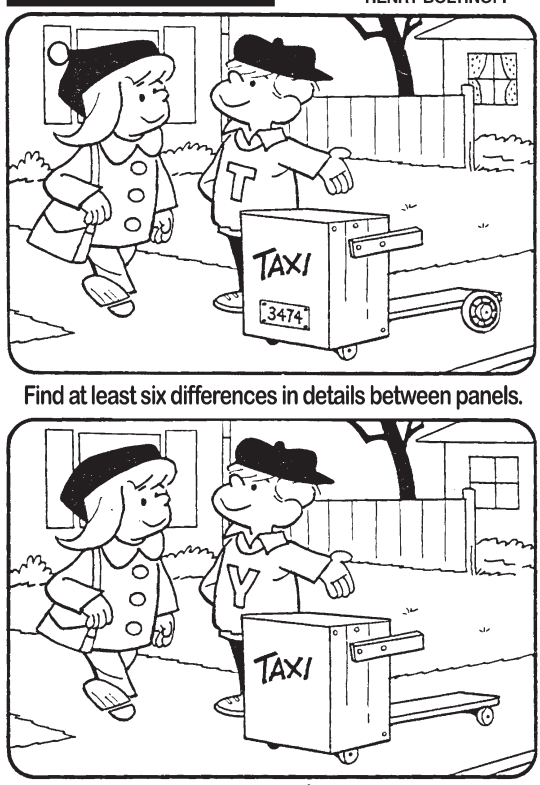


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Soap Opera Preview

THE BOLD AND THE BEAUTIFUL Eric and Quinn were shocked and appalled to learn of the terrible deeds Bill had been bestowing upon their friends and family. True to his word, Bill served Katie with papers seeking full custody of Will. Emmy confirmed to Justin that Bill's wishes pertaining to Wyatt and Liam were being fulfilled. A concerned Eric tried to track down

Quinn. Brooke attempted to contact Ridge. A frazzled Liam finally arrived at Steffy's house for dinner. Wyatt started drinking after coming home to an empty house. Sheila pressed Ridge to share his troubles. The gravity of Bill and Steffy's affair became a main topic of conversation for many. Charlie urged Pam to get back on her meds. *Wait to See: A mysterious woman appears in town with a serious score to settle.*

DAYS OF OUR LIVES Gabi was stunned by Eli's confession that he cheated on her with Lani. Jennifer consoled Hope about Rafe. Brady tried to trick Eve into marrying him. Lani was rushed to the hospital in distress. Abigail was confused when Chad mentioned an incident she didn't remember. Gabi made a shocking discovery. Tripp tried to talk Ciara out of getting revenge on Claire for ruining her mother's happiness. Rafe was taken aback by Hope's surprising decision. Gabi was caught committing a crime. Stefan was forced to confront "Gabby" about her true identity. Maggie gave Victor an ultimatum. Stefan came face-to-face with Abigail's other personality. *Wait to See: Steve and Kayla share a touching moment during a medical crisis.*

GENERAL HOSPITAL Sam looked to Jason for help. Harvey turned his back on Franco. Kiki supported Kevin. Drew got a clever idea. Jordan reminded Curtis that all was not OK. Griffin took charge. Ava got some time with Avery. Kim was worried about Oscar. Dante arrived in time to help. Jason was put in a precarious position. Dante proved an unlikely ally to Franco. Ned took himself very seriously. Alexis just wanted the best for Molly. Finn did all he could. Monica checked in on Nelle. Sonny made a bold move. Peter extended his support to Maxie. Anna made progress. Sam was ready to take the next step. Liz expressed her gratitude to Jason. *Wait to See: Franco risks losing everything.*

THE YOUNG AND THE RESTLESS Devon discovered that Hilary was mentoring a young girl named Shauna and paying for her brother to go to drug rehab. Jack planned to fly to London to bring Dina home after she fled and got lost. Victoria put her plan in motion to get rid of Ashley by showing Victor some fake evidence that implicated her. Later, J.T. found the documents that Jack and Victoria planted. Billy needled Phyllis about being too involved in Nick's business. Charlie struck up a flirtation with Shauna. Victoria wouldn't give Lily the day off and accused her of writing negative comments about her on an employee website. Billy ordered Phyllis to stay away from Nick. *Wait to See: Tensions rise between Victor and J.T.*

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One More Olympic Thought

Well the 2018 Winter Olympic Games have come and gone. As I have said before, I am a big fan of the games and tried to watch as much as I could. The Americans did well, although maybe not as well as the athletes had hoped, but then that is the nature of any sport.

While watching these games I usually try to think of some life application that could be gleaned. So, thinking back over the events there is one thing that particularly stands out to me about the timed competitions, like skiing and bobsledding. That "thing" is how close together the

times were of almost all the competitors. In some events less than a second separated the one who won the gold medal from those who did not medal at all! That's close!

I am sure that we all have laughed when hearing the old adage, "Close only counts in horseshoes, hand grenades and bad breath." However, to lose a competition that you have worked years to win by a hundredth of a second must be heartbreaking.

Thinking about this "close" matter a little more I was reminded of an incident that happened during the earthly ministry of Jesus. A scribe was once listening to some conversations of Jesus with his adversaries and was impressed by his answers. That led him to pose a question to the Lord himself. He asked, "Which is the first commandment of all?" (Mark 12:28). Jesus replied with a passage from Deuteronomy 6: "The first of all commandments is: 'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one. And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.' This is the first commandment. And the second, like it, is this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these'" (Mark 12:29-31).

The scribe agreed with the words of Jesus saying, "Well said, Teacher. You have spoken the truth..." (v. 32f). Jesus then spoke these thought provoking words to the scribe, "You are not far from the kingdom of God" (v. 34).

Obviously, this scribe was "close" to being in God's kingdom. How? He knew what he had to do to get in. But what was keeping him out? Not committing to practice what he knew! And to our knowledge he never made it inside. Not because he could not - but because he would not go in.

Perhaps there are others who are close to the kingdom of God even now. Imagine how heartbreaking it would be to miss out on the eternal prize (cf. 2 Timothy 4:8)!

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The ADC (Alabama Democratic Conference) will meet Saturday, March 10 at 1pm at the Florence Public Library, 350 N. Wood Ave., Florence.

Day by Day, a grief support group for bereaved parents/grandparents, meets Sunday, March 11 at 2pm at Woodmont Baptist East Campus, 2002 Darby Dr., Florence.

For information, email debbiec2414@aol.com or anita.watkins@comcast.net.

Pastoral Installation Service at Good Hope M.B. Church for Rev. Walker Wingo on Sunday, March 11 at 2pm. Rev. Trevor Crenshaw is the guest speaker. The public is invited.

The Underwood-Petersville Neighborhood Watch Meeting will be Sunday, March 11 at 2pm in the basement of the Underwood-Petersville Community Center.

DivorceCare, a special help seminar and support group for people experiencing divorce and separation, will be held on Sunday evenings at First Baptist Colbert Heights beginning March 11 at 5pm. Contact the church at 256-383-8016 for more information.

The Salvation Army Women's Auxiliary Empty Bowls Luncheon - Wednesday, March 14 from 11am-1pm at the Marriott Conference Center in Florence. Tickets \$15 in advance or at the door.

Shuttle buses will take you from Veteran's Park to the door. Silent Auction and Gourmet Bake Sale. Carryout is available.

All funds go to the Salvation Army of the Shoals. Salvation Army Headquarters 256-764-4432

Happenings during March at Florence Lauderdale Public Library - 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! T

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.

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.

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. TGet 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.

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.

Florence Parks & Recreation - The Club (Florence Senior Center) would like wish everyone a happy new year!

Games 9:30-5pm each day, Social Dance Tuesday nights 6:30-9pm, Square Dance Friday 6:30-9pm,

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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)

Osborn Hill Cemetery board will meet on Thursday, March 15 at the Littleville Town Hall at 6pm for its yearly meeting. Donations are needed to help maintain the perpetual care now and in the future. Please make check payable to the Osborn Hill Cemetery Fund, c/o Mrs. Lana Duncan 2330 Colburn Mtn. Road Tuscumbia, AL 35674.

Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church History Committee is currently selling their 200th Anniversary History Publication. Please contact a History Committee member (Faye Abramson, Allison Delbert, Patricia Haddock, Melinda Hargett, Joe Riddle, Milly Wright and Doris Whisenant) or call the church office 256-767-0017. Publications are \$10. All proceeds will benefit the activities and complication of our church history.

LifeSouth Community Blood Drives for March - Keller Center - Monday thru Friday 9am - 5pm, 1208 South Jackson Highway, Sheffield - 256-383-3535

ECM Center - Monday thru Friday 9am - 5pm, 205 Marengo St., Florence, 256-765-7038

Wednesday, March 7, 8am - 4pm, Muscle Shoals High School, 1900 Avalon Avenue, Muscle Shoals

Thursday, March 8, 9am - 5pm, UNA, Sponsored by Student Government Association, 815 N Pine Street, Florence

Friday, March 9, 9am - 6pm, Shoals Area Association of Realtors, 318 Cox Creek Parkway, Florence

Saturday, March 10, 11am - 6pm, Foodland, 14483 County Line Road, Muscle Shoals

Sunday, March 11, 7:30am - 12:30pm, Knights of Columbus - St Michael's Catholic Church, 2781 Co Rd 30, Florence

Monday, March 12, 1-6pm, Buffalo Rock, 98 Highway 43, Tuscumbia

Tuesday, March 13, 7:30am - 5:30pm, TNT Fireworks, 4511 Helton Drive, Florence

Wednesday, March 14, 9am - 4pm, Wrangler, 35615 U.S. Hwy 43, Hackleburg

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.

Zip City Neighborhood Watch Meeting - March 18, 2pm at Zip City Community Center.

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 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.

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

Ladies' Day at Waterloo church of Christ, 2855 CR 1, Waterloo, Saturday, March 21. Registration and refreshments begin at 9:30am and the program will begin at 10am.

Guest speaker is Mrs. Linda Green. Her topic is "Thou Art the Potter and I am the Clay." Lunch will be provided. All area ladies are invited to attend this special event.

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.

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.

Cha Cha Workshop Thursday, March 22 - CHA CHA WORKSHOP - dance opportunity !! Cha Cha is one of the most popular Rhythm dances and a lot of fun. Join us and learn basic great popular steps and more !!

Instructors: Suzy Robbins & Larry Crowell. Price: Free for members. Guests \$8. Casual - FUN - Affordable. 6-7:30pm workshop. FREE to all 2018 NADC MEMBERS. May pay at the door. Yearly dues are \$25. Members are provided 2 Free workshops (we had 3 in 2017), and a dance every month PLUS lots of "dance opportunities" emailed to members. Do not want to be a member ? (No problem, pay \$8 fee & Join us for all - especially the FUN).

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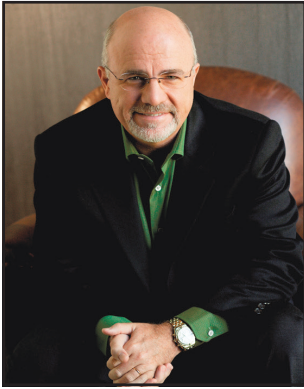
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DAVE Says

by DAVE RAMSEY

LAYOFF INSURANCE?



Dear Dave,
Some of the people I work with have been buying into a new kind of supplemental insurance that protects against layoffs. It costs about \$30 a month per person, and the full payout if you're laid off is \$9,000. It seems to me you would have to be paying in for a long time to see that kind of return, so I wanted to see how you feel about this kind of thing.

Steve

Dear Steve,
Anytime insurance is there for something you could cover yourself, it's a good idea to stop and remember that every insurance company is still a business. They must cover all the costs of operation, plus make a profit. Believe me, that takes a lot of money.

Statistically speaking, if lots of people cashed in on a policy like this an insurance company would go out of business. We're talking about only \$30 a month to cover \$9,000. That alone tells you not many people cash in. It's gimmick insurance.

On average, you're losing money when you buy insurance of any kind. Again, on average, over the scope of your lifetime you'd be better off simply saving money and self-insuring against things like this. The only things I recommend buying insurance for are things you can't afford to cover personally. But you can afford to cover a layoff by saving an emergency fund of three to six months of expenses.

If I'm in your shoes, Steve, I'm not buying that stuff.

—Dave

KEEP IT IN YOUR OWN POCKET!

Dear Dave,
I just filed taxes, and it looks like I'll get a pretty big refund this year. A friend of mine told me I should adjust my withholding, so I don't get a refund. This seems pretty dumb to me. Why would I change my withholdings when I'm getting money back?

James

Dear James,
The only reason you're getting a refund is because you had too much taken out of your paychecks in 2017.

Let's say your refund is \$3,500. Basically, you loaned the government \$3,500 of your own money, interest-free. A refund isn't a gift or reward, James. It's your own cash that you get back because you paid in too much during the previous year. In your case, that adds up to almost \$300 a month!

Instead of loaning the government money that you worked hard to earn, wouldn't it be a better idea to keep it in your own pocket?

—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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