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JM's Event is Saturday

MUSCLE SHOALS—North Alabama Flea Market takes place the third weekend monthly at the North Alabama State Fairgrounds with some 250 booths involved. A primary mission of NAFM is "Giving Back to the Community."

The month of April is Autism Awareness Month and NAFM is hosting Community Fundraiser on Saturday, April 21 at the Fairgrounds from 9am-6pm.

NAFM has adopted James Michael "JM" Hawkins as its poster child for the event. Love music begins at 10am with several artists performing including Angela Hacker & James LeBlanc, Charlie Markam & the Outlaws, Earl Walton & the Pioneer band, Blake Bowling & the Dollar Down Band, Wade Oliver, Southern Fire Band, and the G1 Band.

The event will also include inflatables by Extreme Jump, BBQ Cook Off by Colbert County 4H, Lancaster's Storybook Acres, Autism Mascots, a silent auction, door prizes, and of course, the flea market.

JM was born April 16 and diagnosed in January 2018 with Autism. This event will help offset the cost of ABA Therapy he needs that is currently not covered by health insurance. The recommended six hours of therapy per week costs his family \$300.

Progressive Job Fair

SHEFFIELD—NextGen Shoals 2nd Annual Progressive Job Fair April 26, 4-7pm Radisson Hotel in Sheffield.

Immediate job openings at the event will be paying \$10 or more per hour. The positions at the fair will be filled within 60 days.

The event is sponsored by Mayor Steve Holt, Mayor Ian Sanford, city of Sheffield, Florence Gas and Water, Mayor Kerry Underwood, Mayor David Bradford, city of Muscle Shoals, and Tuscumbia Utilities. NextGen Shoals is a young professionals group of the Shoals Chamber of Commerce.

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White Knows What To Say



Bailey White
Promotional photo

FLORENCE—Bailey White has been passionately involved in the music industry since the age of 17. From busking on the downtown streets to managing artists her senior year of high school, White is now eagerly awaiting her debut release. White's sound is inspired by her southern soulful upbringing and love of acoustic tunes. The 22-year old singer-songwriter showcases a style of music that truly reflects everything that has influenced her. She celebrates the release of her EP, *What to Say*,

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Northwest Alabama and beyond with direct mail, total market coverage

Colagross for NW-SCC

MONTGOMERY—Dr. Glenda Colagross was named as president of Northwest-Shoals Community College last week. The announcement came from Chancellor Jimmy H. Baker after the Alabama Community College System board of trustees meeting April 10. Colagross has served the

Alabama Community College System for more than 25 years. She began in the classroom as a developmental studies instructor and served most recently as interim president at Southern Union State Community College and Northwest-Shoals Community College. During her tenure at Northwest-Shoals, Colagross

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Colagross

IT IS TIME FOR YOUR Pet Pictures!



SHOALS – Pet parents in the Shoals know that soon after Easter comes THE contest of the year. There is no need to wait any longer as the 31st Annual Courier Journal-Shoals Pet Picture Contest is underway.

Thousands of dollars in space and prizes will be awarded for photos depicting some of the cutest, sharpest, proudest, and most moving pet photos submitted by pet owners across Northwest Alabama and beyond.

Numerous studies show that pet ownership provides extensive emotional

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Rotary Honors Newland

Stephanie Newland receives her Vocational Service Award from Rotarian Tom White
Courtesy photo

SHOALS—Congratulations to Stephanie Newland, VP of Education Workforce Readiness at the Shoals Chamber, for receiving the District 6860 Vocational Service award for a non-Rotarian in 2018. Each year the district selects one person that exemplifies high ethical standards in their profession and models the attributes of our four-way test. Stephanie was

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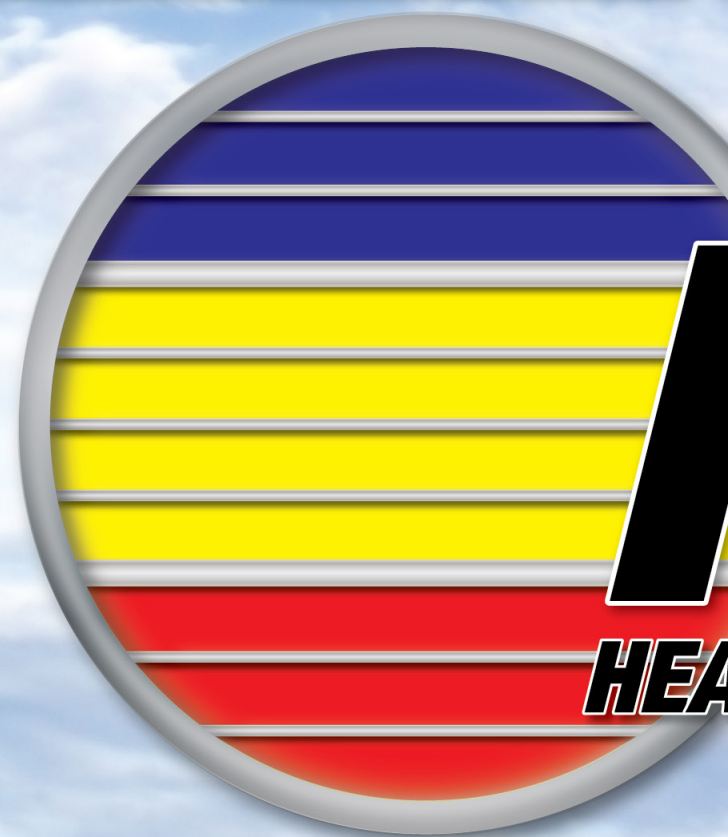
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Estate Sale for Chloe's Fund

FLORENCE—An Estate Sale benefitting Chloe's Fund will take place at 228 Woodcrest Drive in Florence in the Cedar Park Subdivision Friday and Saturday, April 20-21 at 7am.

All proceeds will benefit Chloe's Fund, established to pay for any veterinary care or medicine needed for sick and/or injured animals at the Florence Animal Shelter.

The Estate Sale will include crystal, houseware items, electronics, furniture, appliances, lamps, Christmas items and much more! Cash or credit cards will be accepted.

Chloe's Fund was started in March of 2017 after Shelter volunteers, Glen and Debby Nelson, lost their beloved dog of 16 years. After Chloe's passing, Debby set out on a mission to help as many sick and critically injured Florence Lauderdale Animal Shelter animals as possible.

The fund has already helped save the lives of many animals and relieved the dedicated shelter employees from having to make the heartbreaking decisions no one ever wants to make.

your meal orders now and tell the family that you're having a Dinner

that Makes a Difference for children in the community on April 26. Meals are to be picked up from 5-6pm at the First Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall on Tennessee Street in Florence on the 26th.

Menu Options:

Entrée Plate w/Sides: 1/2 plated BBQ chicken, potato salad, baked beans, roll, \$10.

Combo Dinner: 1/2 plated BBQ chicken, potato salad, baked beans, roll, dessert and bottled water, \$12.

Family Meal: 4 plates of 1/2 BBQ chickens,

potato salad, baked beans, rolls, desserts, 4 disposable cups and 1/2 gallon sweet tea, \$50.

Orders must be placed in advance: To place your order contact: Shoals CASA 256-765-0041. Make checks payable to Shoals CASA. You can use your credit/debit card to order online – see the Shoals CASA Facebook page for details. Proceeds benefit the Shoals CASA program.

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Yard Sales

An exclusive listing of the better sales in the Shoals area.

To list your sale, fill out the form on page 6.

WE MUST receive your ad by Friday prior to the Wednesday release date. (8 days before a Saturday sale)

MUSCLE SHOALS: 308 W Michigan Ave Multi Family Yardsale. Sat. April 21st, 7:00AM-1:00PM. Variety of home goods, clothes, kid stuff, etc...please stop by and see us!

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FLORENCE YARD SALE, 2201 Maple Ave., Friday and Saturday, 7 am-until? Adult and children's clothes and shoes, household items, jewelry, toys, etc.

SHEFFIELD MOVING SALE, 525 Forest Ave., (at end of Riverbluff Rd.) Sat., April 21, 6am-until?

SHEFFIELD: 1807 MARIE CIRCLE (Cliff Haven) Fri. April 20, Sat. April 21, 7am-?, **Multi Family Sale:** books, clothing, tools, household, computer parts, furniture, purses.

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served as chair of the Occupational and Technical Division, Director of Distance Education, Director of Institutional Research, Dean of Instruction and Vice-President.

"Dr. Colagross' deep roots in the Shoals community combined with her commitment to student success makes her the perfect candidate to lead Northwest-Shoals," Baker said. "Glenda has proven her leadership time and time again, and I'm confident her skill set will guide the college to long-term success."

Colagross earned a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics and English and a Master of Arts from the University of North Alabama in Education. She also earned a Doctorate in Higher Education Administration from the University of Alabama.

"It is an honor and a privilege to be selected to serve the students, faculty, staff and the entire Patriot community as president," Colagross said. "Whether it's in Muscle Shoals or Phil Campbell, Northwest-Shoals is an integral part of the community. I am committed to ensuring that the college and our students continue to deliver on our mission of an accessible, affordable, and high-quality education for everyone."

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Shoals Area
Beekeepers Association Meeting
April 24 • 6pm

Lauderdale County Extension Office
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This is a new local beekeepers association. It is open to anyone in Lauderdale and Colbert Counties who are currently keeping bees or has an interest in beekeeping.

This will be an informal meeting.

Lione Evans, President of the Limestone Beekeepers Association will be on hand to help get us started.

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- Bring in person.

All properly submitted Community Notes which are dated will be posted weekly at www.courierjournal.net. Visit our website for a complete list.

The Sheffield High School Class of 1968 will be having our 50th class reunion on Friday, April 27 and Saturday, April 28. All classmates are invited and encouraged to attend. For more information on all scheduled events, please contact Sandy Wash Lockhart at scl1968@gmail.com, Anna Holley Lindsey at al14ktau@comcast.net - 256.366.9931 or Ann Macholtff Rivard at ann_rivard17@yahoo.com

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 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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The American Red Cross encourages eligible donors to give blood during National Volunteer Month this April. Donating blood is a simple way for those who are short on time to make a life-changing difference.

Lester - April 18, 11am-4pm, West Limestone High School, 10945 W Schoolhouse Rd

Killen - May 2, 9:30am-2:30pm, Brooks High School Killen, 4300 Hwy 72

Florence Kiwanis Club Meets Fridays noon at Marriott Shoals Conference Center, 10 Hightower Place, Florence

April Speakers
April 20 - Gene Schreiber, Owner, Cypress Creek Indoor Range - Discussion about activities available at the Indoor Range.

The Club/Florence Senior Center Presents 2018/2019 Travel Plans

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nominated for her workforce development in the Shoals.

Newland champions engagement in the schools and in the workforce. In the schools she coordinates BEST (Boosting, engineering, science and technology) robotics both locally and in the state. She sponsors the competition in the local schools to build teams that construct and assemble the robotic machines. The teams are then matched in competition to produce a winner. The competition proceeds into area and state levels. It is through Stephanie's leadership that the competition is a real success. BEST robotics directs students' lives into productive learning and personal development. There are many stories around the lives that have been changed by the competition, including lives that were saved. BEST robotics is an uplifting, inspirational experience for the students and staff.

Newland also assists the Lauderdale County Extension Office in coordinating a program with the local schools called Reality Check. She brings in volunteers to help produce a simulated experience of life decisions. The program takes students in the 8th grade through an exercise of learning to manage their lives and money. A large area such as a gymnasium is used to enable the students to work through an exercise. This is an individual assignment. Each student is assigned a family situation such as married, children, educated, employed with a salary. The area is set up as stations from the banker, real estate agent, car dealer, childcare, to other needs such as insurance and savings. The students purchase their services from their paychecks assigned. It is indeed a reality check for many students. Newland's efforts to bring community resources together make this experience possible.

In addition, Newland is actively involved in workforce development in the Shoals community. She promotes and coordinates job fairs for the public, manages on line job bulletin boards, promotes business involvement in education, and regularly speaks to groups about her work. Newland manages several grants focused on workforce development.

She works with several regional partners across northern Alabama including the Region 1 Workforce Development Council; a statewide initiative on matching business needs with the education system's educational products. Stephanie is also actively involved with the Shoals Economic Development Authority, Northwest Alabama Council of Local Governments (NACOLG), Alabama Career Center,

Children's Policy Council and Community Action Agency.

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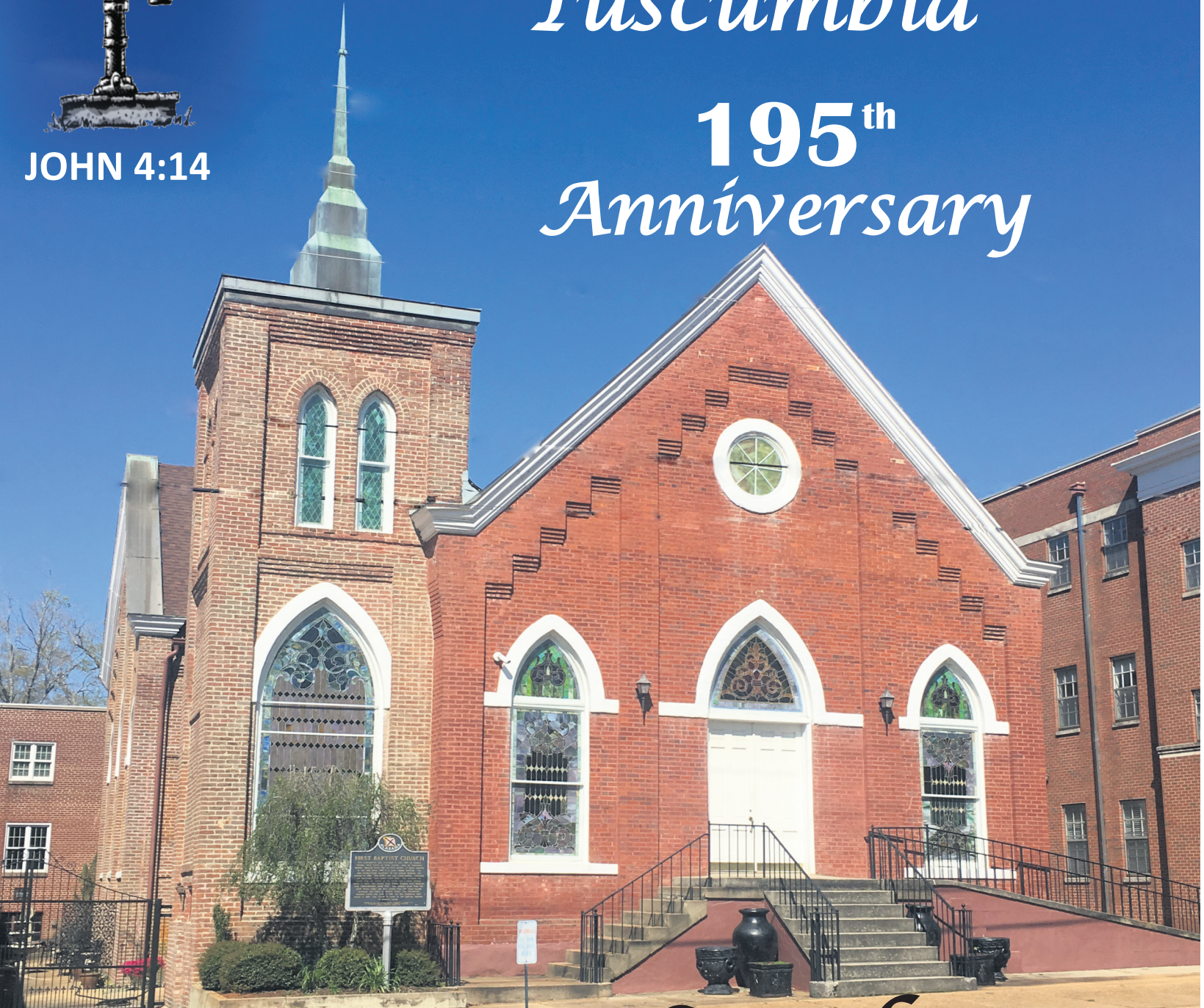


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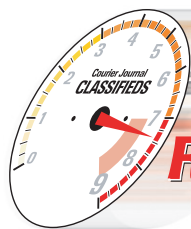
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Wallace Celebrates 100!

TUSCUMBIA— Cecil Wallace, a resident at Cottage of the Shoals in Tuscumbia celebrated her 100th birthday April 15 as Compassus Hospice and Cottage of the Shoals hosted a birthday party in her honor.

Ms. Wallace worked for the Tuscumbia Recreational Department at Spring Lake sometime in the late 30's or early 40's. Later, she was a stay at home mom. She is a long-standing member of Calvary Baptist Church in Tuscumbia.

Wallace has 5 children,



Cecil Wallace

including a set of twins who died at birth, 14 grandchildren, 20 great grandchildren, and one great-great grandchild.

Bailey...

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on Friday, April 20 performing at 7:30pm at Singing River Live! next to Singing River Brewery.

Local musician Jacob Brock will open. White will later be joined onstage by Jimmy Nutt, James LeBlanc, Jamie McFarlane, Brad Kuhn, and Justin Holder. The ticket prices for this special night are \$8 online and \$12 if purchased at the door. For more information, go to www.eventbrite.com and search Bailey White.

What to Say was recorded at The NuttHouse Studio in Sheffield and produced by Grammy-Award winner Jimmy Nutt and multi-million selling hit songwriter, James LeBlanc. The project consists of seven songs, four of which (such as the title track "What to Say" and current single "Without a Memory") were written by White herself and three that were co-written by White and LeBlanc. Although White attends school in Nashville, she insisted on recording in her hometown and at The NuttHouse. Her hope was to build a sound that draws from the foundation of her local upbringing, but with a modern take.

"For the last three years I've had a certain sound in mind. After chatting with Jimmy almost two years ago

he really loved my vision and wanted to help me bring it to life, said White. "I began writing with James and a few months in he became a producer on the project as well. I have so many people in Nashville ask me why I decided to return home to record. Those two guys are a big part of the reason."

With talent such as Jamie McFarlane (bass), James LeBlanc (guitar/vocals), Brad Kuhn (keys), Justin Holder (drums) and Cody Simmons (engineer), White was able to capture the unique sound and authentic sound she was after and is excited to share.

"I am so excited to be performing with the guys who helped me make this record come to life," White added. "My main goal was to celebrate and perform this record with them when we were originally planning this show. There's no other group I'd want to be on stage with."

After almost two years of hard work, White is overjoyed to celebrate her debut release with the team that made it possible in the place that taught her how to dream. This time she will not be working a merchandise stand or playing for tips. Rather, White will be sharing her songs and story with the community she loves. Perfecting her vision has been well worth the wait. This is where the journey begins.

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The event will include access to the Florence City Schools Memorabilia Room there at Burrell Slater which houses items from Florence City Schools over the years. There are hundreds if not thousands of items from the former Bradshaw and Coffee high schools, and several elementary and middle, and Junior high schools that are now just a memory. This room is only open for special class reunions and by request in advance only. So don't miss this reunion.

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Amateur stargazers from Shoals Astronomy Club will discuss topics during daylight hours such as our place in the universe, the prevalence of light pollution, and the scale of the solar system. As night falls, views of the moon will precede the Lyrid meteor shower, which peaks after moonset. Telescopes and binoculars will be on hand for supervised use.

The LaGrange College historic site hosts an observatory built by local amateur astronomers in 1960. The roll-off roof was restored to working order last year, with plans to

add stargazing events at the facility.

Clear skies are necessary for this event, so please check the forecast before attending. Questions should be directed to shoalsastro@gmail.com, or visit shoalsastro.com/press/ad1-18/

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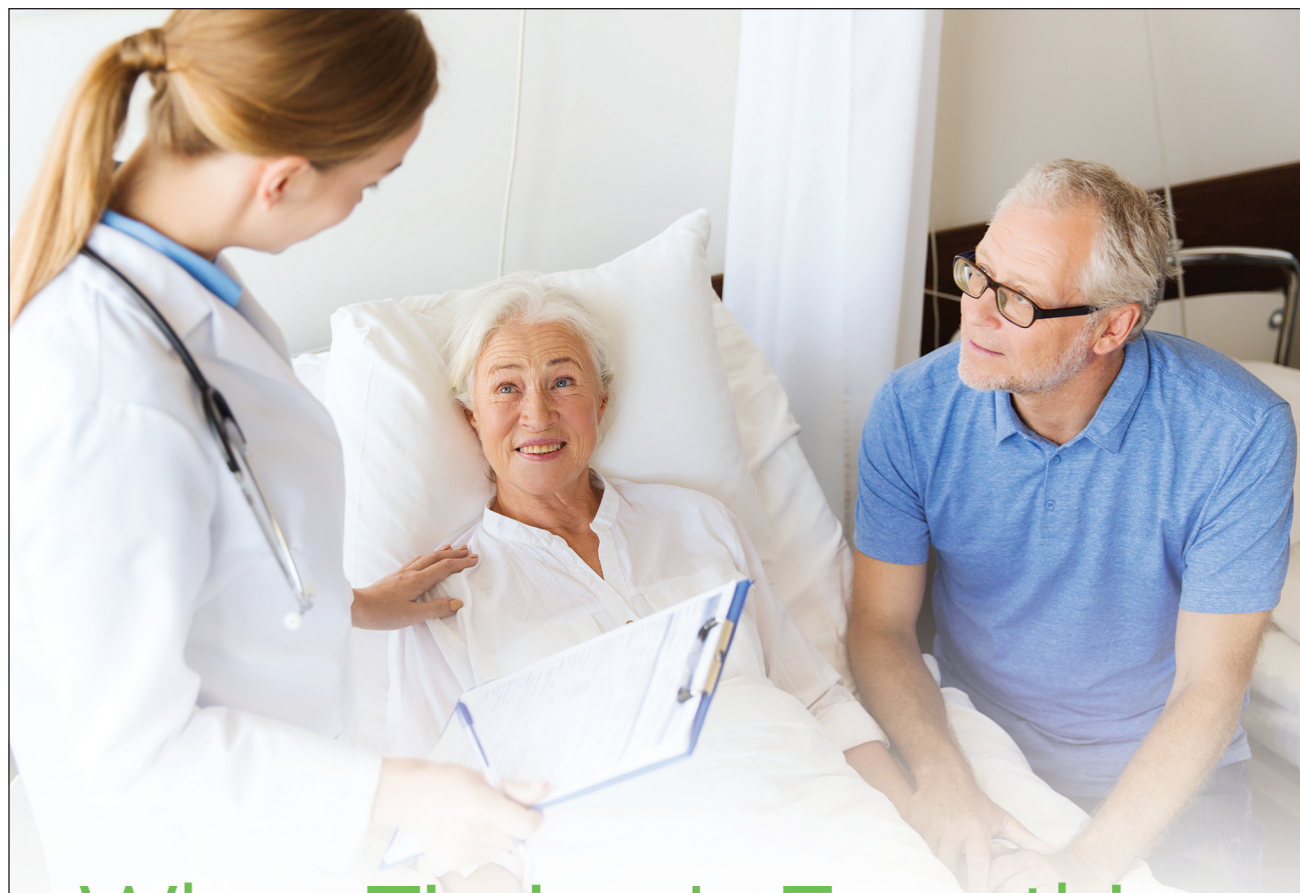
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As I was processing his completion papers, he was acting like he didn't feel very well so I asked if he was okay. He informed me that he was allergic to WiFi signals and said we must have lots of wireless routers in our office. I'm not in the habit of disagreeing with clients (not until I've received payment,



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anyway) so simply said, "Aww, sorry man. That must stink." What I did not tell him is that my WiFi was dead that day. We were in the middle of replacing a defective one. He came in right after we had removed the old router but had not yet installed the new one.

This client was an extreme example of a fear that I see quite often. "Radiation" from cell phones, WiFi, and computer screens have been a small controversy for forever. I bet all of us of a certain

age were told not to sit too close to the TV as children. Why? Because mom said so, is why. It also made you blind or grow a third arm or something.

I was recently reminded of my encounter with my client when I came across an article from a popular online magazine called *The Nation* that (mis)reported on a new study released in a respected medical journal. The report claimed that there were health risks involved in the upcoming roll-out of awesome

5G cellular networks which will make our current 4G speeds look like snails.

I don't have room to go into the details of the study here so I can only say that the article has been widely criticized for misrepresenting what the study actually said. In fact, there is good reason to suspect that there will never be a correlation between low-level microwaves and harm to us as humans. Our closest star, Sol, emits far more microwaves and other radiation than any of our little devices. Yet most of us run out to play in it every chance we get. The fact is, you'd have to string together about a thousand cell phones or WiFi routers and point them all at your head to get anywhere close to the "radiation" coming from a microwave oven (which is also

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"Science" is never settled, of course. There is always room for some weird phenomenon that we never knew about before. But the preponderance of decades of research should ease your anxiety about keeping your phone in your pocket.

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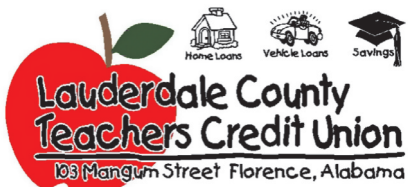
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My Turn...

by Major Euell White, US Army Retired

REJECTING GOD

All the government programs to deal with drug abuse, child sexual abuse, and other problems that are eating away at the very fabric of our society, are doomed to fail without acknowledging that turning away from God as a nation is the root of the problem.

Historical revision has done immeasurable damage to our society. There are many historical facts that demonstrate the intent of the founding fathers that our nation would be governed according to biblical principles. The Continental Congress formed the American Bible Society, and immediately after creating the Declaration of Independence voted to purchase and import 20,000 copies of scripture for the people of this nation.

Patrick Henry, who is called the firebrand of the American Revolution, is still remembered for his words, "Give me liberty or give me death." But in current textbooks the context of these words is deleted. Here is what he said:

"An appeal to arms and the God of hosts is all that has left us. But we shall not fight our battle alone. There is a just God that presides over the destinies of nations. The battle sir, is not of the strong alone. Is life so dear or peace so sweet as to be purchased at the price of chains and slavery? Forbid it almighty God. I know not what course others may take, but as for me, give me liberty, or give me death."

These sentences have been erased from our textbooks. Was Patrick Henry a Christian?

The following year, 1776, he wrote this: "It cannot be emphasized too strongly or too often that this great nation was founded not by religionists, but by Christians; not on religion, but on the Gospel of Jesus Christ. For that reason alone, people of other faiths have been afforded freedom of worship here."

Thomas Jefferson wrote these words on the front of his well-worn Bible: "I am a Christian, a disciple of the doctrines of Jesus. I have little doubt that our whole country will soon be rallied to the unity of our Creator and, I hope, to the pure doctrine of Jesus also."

Of the first 108 universities founded in America, 106 were distinctly Christian, including the first one, Harvard University, chartered in 1636. In the original Harvard Student Handbook rule number one was that students seeking entrance must know Latin and Greek so that they could study the scriptures: "Let every student be plainly instructed and earnestly pressed to consider well, the main end of his life and studies is, to know God and Jesus Christ, which is eternal life, John 17:3; and therefore, to lay Jesus Christ as the only foundation of all sound knowledge and learning. And seeing the Lord only giveth wisdom, let everyone seriously set himself by prayer in secret to seek it of him (Proverbs 2:3)."

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One of the safety features of a garage door opener/closer is a built-in device that causes the door to reverse itself in case it happens to come down on something accidentally, like the trunk of your car (or your head). If so, it will reverse and go back up, hopefully avoiding major damage.

However, back in the winter ours started malfunctioning when you tried to close the door. At first, it would reverse itself about half way down (for no reason), but if you kept pushing the button, it would go all the way down about the third try. Then, as time went on, it got worse. And finally it got to the point where it was nearly impossible to close without it reversing itself numerous times.

We wrestled with that thing about three months and I finally got up the nerve to tackle the problem. So, I got my favorite tool (a hammer) and a make-shift ladder (my trusty folding chair) and took a closer look. Guess what? On the side of the opener motor unit is a knob with words written over it which say: "Turn knob to right for increased tension of the door." I did - - and the door has been working great ever since!

Thinking back on this little experience, I was reminded that we often handle (or mishandle) our problems this way. Too often when there is a "little" something wrong, we just ignore it. Maybe we think it will correct itself or just go away on its own, but instead it usually gets worse. Sadly, little things will eventually turn into big things. Thus, if we learn to deal with the little things as they come along, we save ourselves a lot of life's big problems.

Interestingly, the Bible makes its own claim of "Giving us all things that pertain to life and Godliness..." (II Peter 1:3). So, the solutions to life's problems are printed clearly in God's manual. But just as it was with the garage door opener, it is up to you and me to step up- read the directions- and then follow them.

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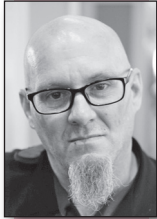
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Guest Opinion Editorial

Mueller Desperate ...But For What?

Federal agents raided the office, home, and hotel room of Michael Cohen, personal attorney to US president, Donald Trump, on April 9. Cohen has come under fire with potential legal implications for paying \$130k to silence adult film star and alleged Trump paramour, Stephanie Clifford, better known as Stormy Daniels.



Thomas L. Knapp
William Lloyd Garrison Center for Libertarian Advocacy Journalism

That hush money seems to be the excuse for the raids, but as the *Washington Post* reports, they are "part of an investigation referred by special counsel Robert S. Mueller III to federal prosecutors in New York ..."
Poor Mueller. After nearly a year as special counsel in the 'Russiagate' probe, he has yet to accomplish either of his missions.

His putative job is to expose alleged Russian meddling in the 2016 presidential election, especially with respect to possible collusion between the campaign of now-president Donald Trump and the regime of Vladimir Putin.

His real goal is to overturn that election by getting Trump on something -- anything will do -- that Congress can treat, and that the public will accept as impeachable/indictable.

So far Mueller has secured indictments of a few Trump associates on charges having little

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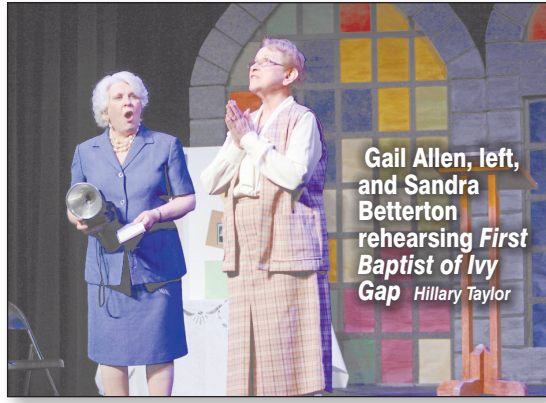
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Gail Allen, left, and Sandra Betterton rehearsing *First Baptist of Ivy Gap* Hillary Taylor

A Fresh Look

UNA Music Dept Seeks Modern Relevance in *Hansel & Gretel*

by **Vanessa Borelly Vega**
UNA Department of Music

FLORENCE – The University of North Alabama Department of Music will soon transform Norton Auditorium into a modern downtown metropolis as UNA Opera presents a fresh take on Engelbert Humperdinck's classic *Hansel and Gretel* on April 20 and 22.

April 20, 22

Production Director, Dr. Tiffany Bostic-Brown, reflects, "Taking away the fantasy element makes the story more human, instead of being overwhelmed by just the visual elements of the story. In order to strengthen the line of communication between performer and audience member, I wanted the characters to be more relatable. Music often helps communicate and understand common struggles. *Hansel and Gretel* is a great example of very tangible



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Double Casting in Summerstock's 2018 Premier

SHEFFIELD – The Tennessee Valley Art Association's performing arts series, CenterStage/SummerStock at the Ritz, announces the opening of its 2018 season with Ron Osborne's, *First Baptist of Ivy Gap*.

Performances begin at 7:35pm, April 19-21, 26, and 27 at the historic Ritz Theatre, 111 W. Third St., Sheffield. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for students and can be purchased at the Tennessee Valley Museum of Art, 511 N. Water St., Tusculumbia and online at ritztheatre.ticketleap.com or by calling 256-383-0533.

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Directors Laura Connolly and Andrew Maples said *First Baptist of Ivy Gap* is a poignant

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THE FRIENDS OF THE OVERTON MEMORIAL LIBRARY will host the 9th Annual Charles Coil Lecture on the campus of Heritage Christian University on Friday, April 20. Renowned New Testament scholar, Dr. Luke Timothy Johnson, will be the guest presenter for the event and will discuss the topic *Apostle Paul: Oppressor or Liberator?* The presentation will begin at 10:30am in the Overton Memorial Library and conclude at approximately 4pm. The lecture program is open to the public and admission is free.

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SHOALS AREA BEEKEEPERS Association Meeting takes place April 24 at 6pm at the Lauderdale County Extension Office at 802 Veterans Drive in Florence. This is a new local beekeepers association open to anyone in Lauderdale and Colbert Counties who is currently keeping bees or has an interest in beekeeping. This will be an informal meeting. Lione Evans, President of the Limestone Beekeepers Association, will be on hand to facilitate the meeting. For more information, contact Debbie Simmons, 256-627-8132

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New Wildlife Program

Editor:

To the naked eye the forests of our beautiful corner of Alabama appear green and lush. However, they are not without their challenges in providing habitat for our beloved wildlife.

One of the biggest challenges relates to the rapid decline of the shortleaf pine tree species. Shortleaf pine provides an important food source and breeding ground for a variety of species including wild turkey, bobwhite quail, the threatened red-cockaded woodpecker, and many more.

Shortleaf pine used to be a dominate species across Alabama and all of the southeastern region. Over the past several decades, its decline has left only six million acres—only 2% of its original range.

Luckily though, many of the remaining standing shortleaf pine and the prime soil and conditions to grow new shortleaf, falls here across

... Is it possible that he whom no moral obligations bind, can have any real good will towards men?



the Cumberland region of Alabama, specifically in Colbert, Limestone and Lawrence counties.

A partnership called My Alabama Woods Cumberland Plateau project is newly available to families and private forest owners in the area. It's run by a collection of local and state organizations that is working with owners to help restore shortleaf pine ecosystem and better care for Alabama wildlife.

The partnership is looking for forest landowners who are interested in learning more about the trees on

their property and helping wildlife. Interested landowners may be eligible to meet with a forester or biologist and to receive cost-share or payments to plant shortleaf or conduct other important forest practices on their property.

If you are interested in helping wildlife and live in Colbert, Limestone and Lawrence counties, visit Alabama. Woodscamp.com to see if you are eligible and get started.

Brandon Bobo
District Biologist for Alabama National Wild Turkey Federation

Banning is no Solution

Editor:

The problem we are facing in our nation will not be solved by banning things. The real root of our problem is the departure from morality as a result

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Mueller...

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or nothing to do with his overt mission, and of a few Russians for running an Internet "troll farm" that posted some cheesy social media ads. However, he has yet to put real meat on his mandate and doesn't seem to be getting much closer to Trump himself than when he started.

Now he's hitching his wagon to Stormy Daniels's star. There are two plausible reasons why.

One is that he hopes to get Trump on something other than supposed collusion with Russia. Trump has publicly denied the affair with Daniels and knowledge of Cohen's payment to Daniels. If he's lying, and if the payment violated any laws, proof of that might be enough to get impeachment proceedings rolling in Congress and move a grand jury to indict.

The other possibility is that Mueller is baiting Trump to fire him. That would sure to be followed by the usual suspects crying obstruction and constitutional crisis then demanding Trump's head on a platter, and possibly getting it.

No one is likely to mistake me for a Trump supporter. I wouldn't be at all sorry to see him go. However, there are larger and more troubling implications here.

If attorney-client privilege can be breached so casually versus the president of the United States, just how secure do you think it will

remain for the rest of us?

And if this president is successfully removed, will there ever again be a presidential election that isn't immediately followed by an open-ended "find something, anything" probe like Mueller's?

The decline and fall of the American empire seems to be speeding up.

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I have implemented the use of computers in the vehicles so the reports that the public needs can be done more efficiently and in a prompt manner.

Colbert county is the first county in the state to use the new E-Crimes reporting system. I have added an investigator to work sex offenses and work with DHR on child abuse cases and elder abuse crimes.

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I have invested more resources in fighting drugs in our county than ever before. I have assigned a K-9 Officer to work strictly with the Drug Task Force and a K-9 Officer to work with the deputies on the road as well.

I fought for a raise in deputy salaries, so we can keep deputies instead of constantly training them for other departments.

I have been very forthcoming in every aspect of the Sheriff's Office. I have simplified the pistol permit process by computerizing it, so you



will only have to make one trip to the courthouse to purchase your permit. We have also added an online payment option to help simplify that process.

I have used the proceeds from the pistol permits to acquire better equipment for the deputies by purchasing vehicles and additional deputy training.

We have added an emergency response team to help with emergency situations in the jail. 911 has been commissioned to do the dispatching for the Sheriff's Office.

We have opened a booking department to book prisoners for the deputies to be more efficient. I changed the deputy uniforms to one that is much more comfortable.

With as many changes and improvements that we have implemented during the last three years, there are still some that I would like to finish.

I am seeking to serve another term as your Sheriff in Colbert County.

As stated before, this election is not about, Democrat or Republican it is about the security of Colbert County and your children and grandchildren. In my first term I have proven that I can do the job and I have worked hard for the Citizens of Colbert County.

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of removing God from our schools and society in general. The disregard and devaluing of human life is depicted in various forms of entertainment-- movies, TV shows, video games etc. However, the worst example for our children is the legal murder of helpless babies and the ripping apart of their little bodies to sell the parts for profit. Our legislators allot taxpayer funds to Planned Parenthood, founded by Margaret Sanger, whose aim was to eliminate those whom she considered unworthy of life.

Those who are in leadership in the various churches largely fail to address the issue of abortion. We elect our politicians based on their promises to help us to prosper materially rather than where they stand on moral issues. My wife and I lived in Munich in the 1950's near the Dachau concentration camp. All the Germans I talked with claimed they didn't know the Jews were being slaughtered at Dachau.

The German people allowed Hitler to ascend to power because of his promise of material prosperity. Many bought into the big lie that the Jews were the cause of their problems. If we continue to allow our government to legalize murder, glorify sexual deviancy, and ban God from our institutions, we're no better than the German people and we will fail as a free nation.

Here are some quotations from some of the founders of our nation:

"A patriot without religion in my estimation is as great a paradox as an honest man without the fear of God. Is it possible that he whom no moral obligations bind, can have any real good will towards men? Can he be a patriot who, by an openly vicious conduct, is undermining the very bonds of society? ... The Scriptures tell us 'righteousness exalteth a nation.'"

—Abigail Adams, in a 1775 letter to Mercy Warren

"Although guided by our excellent Constitution in the discharge of official duties, and actuated, through the whole course of my public life, solely by a wish to promote the best interests of our country; yet, without the beneficial interposition of the Supreme Ruler of the Universe, we could not have reached the distinguished situation which we have attained with such unprecedented rapidity. To HIM, therefore, should we bow with gratitude and reverence, and endeavor to merit a continuance of HIS special favors."

—George Washington, in a 1797 letter to John Adams.

"I lament that we waste so much time and money in punishing crimes and take so little pains to prevent them ... we neglect the only means of establishing and perpetuating our republican forms of government; that is, the universal education of our youth in the principles of Christianity by means of the Bible; for this Divine Book, above all others, constitutes the soul of republicanism."

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The Hypocrites on the Left

Editor:

So now someone creates a mural depicting Pres. Trump shooting school children.

Trump handily beat Clinton in large part because a lot of decent moral people are getting really fed up with liberal judgmentalism, liberal self-righteousness, liberal name-calling, liberal violence and hate, liberal divisiveness, liberal intolerance, liberal closed-mindedness, liberal bullying, liberal bigotry, and liberal discrimination.

Left-wing hypocrites will whine about bullying and name-calling and hate, then they will engage in bullying and name-calling and hateful behavior. They like to whine about censorship and then engage in censorship. They are so blinded by hate they can't see how ridiculous they look.

Some liberal bigots are so extreme they believe it is okay to discriminate against and legally persecute decent moral businesspeople who merely don't want to cater to heterophobic homosexuals! What kind of wayward liberal extremists put the disordered feelings of transgenders above the feelings of normal people? What kind of extremists want to let sexually confused men (e.g., male transgenders) use the same restroom a little girl uses, whether the girl's parents like it or not? How do you visually tell a truly sexually confused man from a pedophile faking his transgenderism? Truly bizarre.

There are now about 1000 more Republican state senators and state house representatives than there were before Obama was first elected president. Thank you, Obama! More and more people are seeing liberals for the colossal hypocrites they really are and are soundly rejecting them. That's a good thing.

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JACARI HOLT HELPING OUR COMMUNITY SINCE MIDDLE SCHOOL

By Haley Walden
for the Courier Journal

Jacari Holt is a dedicated, young volunteer with a heart for the Shoals area and for Alabama. Holt has been actively involved and passionate about serving the community and the state since middle school.

"I get plugged in and volunteer wherever I can," said Holt. "I've had a lot of help along the way, and I have been blessed to serve in different capacities. Volunteering is something anyone can do. It doesn't matter your age."

The 2017 graduate of Florence High School is now a freshman at Auburn University where he studies political science and journalism. He remains committed to the Shoals area and spends his vacations volunteering here.

Holt got his start volunteering through his mom's involvement in Relay for Life. Helping cancer survivors through Relay was an eye-opening experience for him. "[Relay for Life] encouraged me to be healthier," he said.

It also inspired him to get involved with other volunteer organizations including the Underwood Volunteer Fire Department. Holt ran medical calls, sat on shift with the volunteers, helped at the station, and

assisted with events like their monthly fish fry.

Holt was allowed to go on brush calls, medical calls, and tornado relief efforts as the need arose.

From middle school through high school Holt gained volunteer experience with the Shoals Community Soup Kitchen, United Way, Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, the Boy Scouts of America, the Florence Tree Commission, Junior League, the American Red Cross, local and state political campaigns, physicians' offices, and much more.

"Jacari is exceptional," said Emily Rhodes, director of the Success by Six program at United Way. "He worked with me at Sugarplum Market that Junior League does. He went out of his way to help me, and I was so impressed by him."

"I continually called him for other projects and he was always eager to help. I got calls multiple times per week from him, asking if there were any projects I had or anything he could do."

Rhodes began giving Holt's name to anyone who asked her for volunteer recommendations.

"He is the epitome of everything you would want in a teenage volunteer," she said.

Through his work with the volunteer fire department and Relay for



Jacari Holt, center, works on his Eagle Scout project with other scouts. Courtesy photo

Life, Holt was initially inspired to pursue a medical career. In 2014 he was approached by rival state senate campaign teams for Mike Curtis and Tim Melson. Both teams were seeking volunteers.

"I thought I didn't want to get involved with politics," Holt said. "My perception of politics was that it's all deception

and without the best intentions of our community and state at heart."

Holt agreed to help both campaigns despite the fact that Curtis was running as a Democrat while Melson ran as a Republican. The experience was eye-opening for him.

"I really saw that most public servants and politicians aren't corrupt

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Enter your pet photos into one of three categories, Dogs, Cats, or Exotics.

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Simple Video Calling Devices for Tech-Challenged Seniors

Dear Savvy Senior,
 Are there any senior-friendly devices that you can recommend for video calling? I live about a day's drive from my 83-year-old father and would like to see him more often but he doesn't use a computer, tablet or a smartphone.

Searching Susan

Dear Susan,
 Video chatting is a great way to stay connected and keep tabs on an elder parent when you can't be there. To help you and your dad achieve this, there are various products on the market today that offer simple video calling for seniors who are unfamiliar or uncomfortable with technology. Here are three unique devices to consider.

ViewClix
 If you're interested in a device that requires no input from your dad, check out the ViewClix Smart Frame. This is a 15-inch digital picture frame with video calling capabilities designed specifically for seniors.

Ready to use right out of the box, this device lets family and friends make video calls and send photos (displayed as a slideshow) directly to your dad's ViewClix Smart Frame anytime from their smartphone, tablet or computer. To do this, you simply download the free ViewClix app to your devices.

All photos sent and video calls made to your dad's ViewClix are received automatically. But, it is worth noting that this is a receiving device only. Your dad cannot initiate video calls from his ViewClix.

This device is available at ViewClix.com or 800-304-4281 for \$299 (Wi-Fi is required), or you can purchase their 4G Broadband model that works with T-Mobile if Wi-Fi is not available for \$299, plus a \$20 monthly broadband fee.

GrandPad
 Another nifty product that offers simple video calling, and much more, is the grandPad. This is an 8-inch touchscreen custom tablet designed for seniors, ages 75 and older. It comes with a stylus, charging stand and Verizon 4G LTE built-in so it works anywhere within the Verizon network – home Wi-Fi is not necessary.

This unique tablet provides a simplified menu of big colorful icons and large text to only essential features, giving your dad clutter-free, one-touch access to make and receive video calls and phone calls, send voice emails, view photos and videos, listen to personalized music, check the weather, play games and more. But, to simplify usage and avoid confusion, it does not offer Web browsing.

GrandPad also has a "Help" button that offers 24/7 phone/tablet remote assistance to help your dad with any facet of his tablet, and it provides damage and theft insurance so if your dad breaks or loses his tablet it will be replaced at no additional cost. Available at grandPad.net or call 800-704-9412, a grandPad leases for \$66 per month, or \$49/month if you pay one year in advance.

Echo Show
 If you don't think your dad would mind talking to a machine, the voice activated Amazon Echo Show is another senior-friendly device for video chatting (Wi-Fi is required).

Available at Amazon.com for \$230, the Echo Show has a 7-inch color touchscreen that would let your dad make and receive video calls to those who have their own device, or who have the free Amazon Alexa app installed on their smartphone or tablet.

Once you set up his contacts, to make a call your dad would simply say, "Alexa, call Susan." And when a call comes in, he would ask Alexa to answer or ignore the call. There's also a feature called "drop-in," which could allow you and other preselected relatives or friends to video in to your dad's device at any time without his input.

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THE BOLD AND THE BEAUTIFUL Steffy reminded a heartbroken Liam how much she loved and supported him. Ridge and Brooke considered the possible reasons why Bill cleared Ridge's name. Bill was torn when Steffy arrived asking for a considerable favor. Hope was taken aback when Liam firmly asked her to leave so he could sort out his feelings alone. Bill made a distinct promise that he may, or may not, be able to keep. Liam showed his gratitude to Steffy for her unwavering faith in him. While discussing the upcoming 'Hope for the Future' line, Maya became Hope's confidant. Liam rethought his relationship with his father after Bill admitted his part in their rift. *Wait to See: A new intern at Forrester Creations makes a big impact on Eric and Brooke.*

confrontation. Nelle messed with Ava's head. Jason proceeded with caution. Griffin questioned Finn. Kiki expressed her doubts. Dante remained supportive. Lulu dreamed up a brilliant idea for a story. Spinelli found himself in a bit of a bind. Alexis had a surprise. Kim made her intentions clear. Anna struck out, but pushed forward. Maxie ambushed Nina. Elizabeth offered words of encouragement. Kiki ran into Molly. Jordan got a lead. Chase caught Sonny off-guard. Kim encouraged Julian to support his family. Griffin was unsuccessful. Liz sympathized with Franco's possible triggers. *Wait to See: Ava meets with Scott.*

DAYS OF OUR LIVES Vivian realized that someone might be onto her plan. Chloe had a tense confrontation with Kate. Paul shared his suspicions about Leo with Will. Brady pleaded his case to Eve. Chloe made a decision about the job offer in Mexico. Paul questioned Leo about his ties to Vivian. Ciara reconnected with someone from her past. Gabby and Stefan made plans to leave Salem. Kate spied the "mystery woman" at the mansion and was stunned to realize she actually was Abigail. Hope reluctantly worked with Rafe in order to help Gabi. Lani opened up to JJ about her medical situation. *Wait to See: Gabi makes an enemy in prison.*

THE YOUNG AND THE RESTLESS J.T. confided in Cane about Victoria breaking up with him and asked him not to believe any rumors. In the hospital, Victor struggled to communicate with Nick to tell him that J.T. attacked him. Devon was still upset with Hilary for telling Simone about their night together. Hilary tried to win Devon over with some business proposals, but Devon kept his distance. Lauren warned Kyle that his plan to take Jabot public would be halted when Jack was released from jail. Later, Phyllis was torn between Jack and Lauren when it came time to place her vote at the corporate meeting. Nikki revealed that Victor named her the interim CEO. Hilary interrupted Devon and Simone's date by fainting and then wondering aloud if she was pregnant. *Wait to See: Jack reclaims his place at Jabot.*

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Here's the way the coverage gap works. Imagine you have a prescription that retails for \$300 per month. Your copay, hypothetically, is \$30. This means your plan would pay the rest of the cost or \$270. Medicare will track what you paid (\$30) and what your plan paid (\$270) and count the cost of the drug as \$300 for that month. Let's also say that the other prescriptions you are taking equals \$100 per month. You are now at \$400 per month. In this example you would reach the coverage gap sometime in October.

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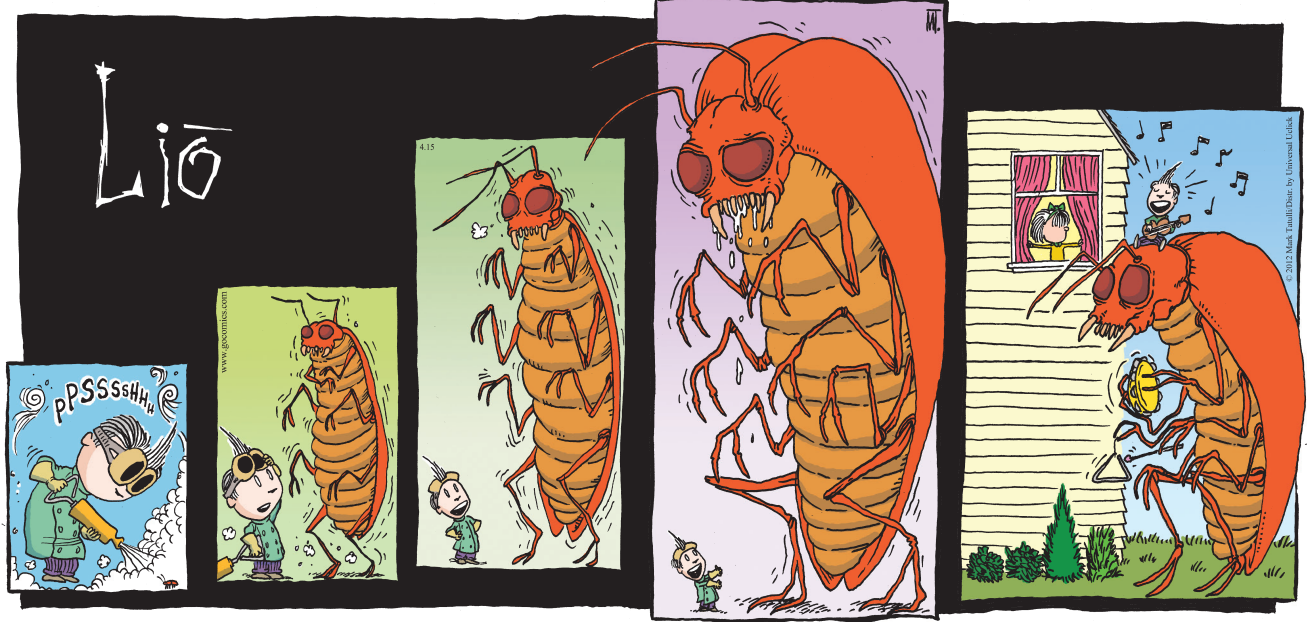
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Ivy Gap...

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comedy in two acts that will make audiences laugh and cry. The first act takes place during World War II, as six women prepare for the church's 75th anniversary. In the second act, we see those same six characters now 25 years older, preparing for the 100th anniversary.

"You see their emotional struggles like having children going off to war," Connolly said. "It's heavy and intense at some points, and really funny at others. There are some moments that will make you gasp. You're going to cry sad and happy tears."

First Baptist of Ivy Gap has been double cast by Maples and Connolly. Six actresses play the women in 1945 and another six play their older counterparts in 1970.



Jane Bernauer, left, and Sara Pack rehearsing *First Baptist of Ivy Gap*.
Hillary Taylor

"Instead of casting six actresses and aging them up in the second act, we chose to double cast the show," Connolly said. "It's great fun for the actresses to try to embody their counterparts' mannerisms and voices. And we did a pretty good job on their looks."

Connolly said the crew is enjoying working on the costumes, which are

old enough to be period, but not so old as to make finding pieces too difficult. Even the cast is excited to be involved finding clothing and hairstyles to fit their respective time periods.

The 2018 CenterStage/SummerStock season celebrates the 90th anniversary of Ritz Theatre, which first opened in 1928 as a silent movie house. After closing in 1953, the landmark theatre reopened in 1985 with the CenterStage production of "Anything Goes."

CenterStage / SummerStock season tickets are available and include "First Baptist of Ivy Gap" as well as "Oklahoma!" July 19 -21, 26, and 27; "The Marvelous Wonderettes," Oct. 4-6, 11, and 12 and "Declarations: An Evening with Thomas Jefferson," Oct. 25-27.

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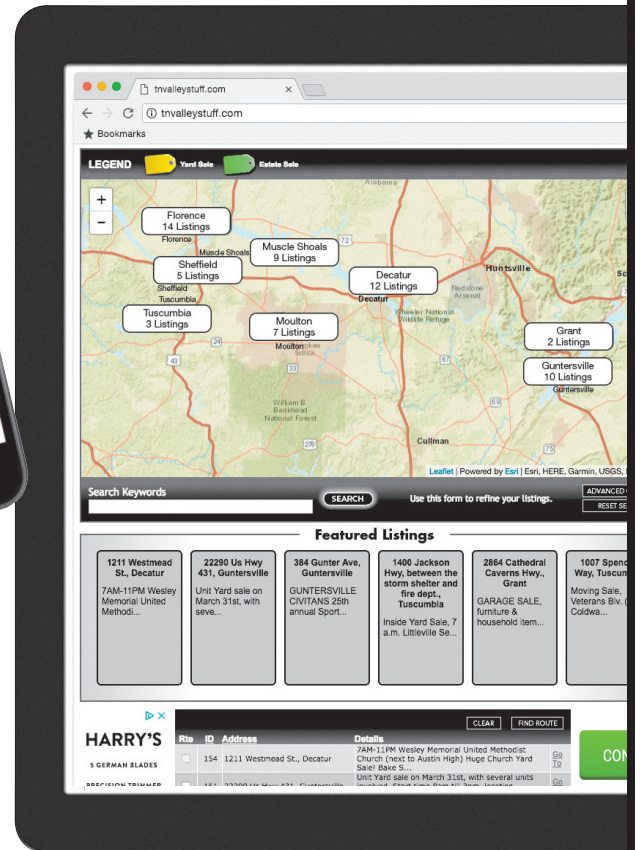
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Hansel & Gretel...

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modern issues of families."

Similar to her character Hansel's story, Cassia Mathis, shared her own intimate story. "I know personally what it is like to have a drunken father who is rarely ever home and only uses whatever money there is for alcohol. My family struggled for so long, but struggling has made us stronger. I think that's one of the main points of the show."

Hansel and Gretel is a tale by the Brothers Grimm. It recounts the tale of a brother and sister abducted by a witch who lives deep in the forest. The two children eventually break free after outsmarting the witch.

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end (I loved that car) and we would spend 3 hours going and 3 hours coming back. And for the next 6 years (my second sister ended up on the same campus), we would make that trip many times. There was no technology. No TVs in the car. No tablets. No cell phones. There was probably a radio, but we didn't listen to it. We talked, read books, slept or played games. The

games grew deeper as we got older - from "I Spy with My Little Eye" to finding the alphabet in the signs to "The Name Game" where you have to Guess the People" game. I thought that I would share that game here for posterity - I don't want to go to my grave without telling someone how to play this game. I don't know if my children will pass it on because it takes more than a minute to explain. I am sure, in the future, when things get crazy on their family trips, that they will try to remember how to play it. And you, my friend, might be able to use this game on a summer trip soon.

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This game took time and thought. The trips went fast. And as the youngest in the car, I learned while we played. Because of the games we played, college and the trips were not so traumatic. I don't know where my mom got this name game, but she always took pleasure in making us think. Think play - what a great way to spend time on a trip - along with munching on fried chicken. Try it - minus the chicken - you and your children might enjoy thinking and playing together. Any way you can, encourage thinking.

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his sophomore year of high school that he was asked to speak at the 2015-2016 United Way annual meeting.

"He spoke to a few hundred local business people about volunteerism in the community," Rhodes said. "He did an excellent job."

In his Boy Scout troop, Holt took on a leadership role as quartermaster and patrol leader, overseeing groups of 15-20 boys on camping trips and service projects. He went on to become an Eagle Scout.

Holt has also organized blood drives through the Red Cross.

"So many people can be impacted through the donation of blood," he said.

Holt and his siblings organized a Healthy Smiles toothbrush drive during his senior year. They collected over 340 toothbrushes to distribute to children in need.

They went to dentist offices, orthodontists, and churches seeking donations. When they didn't get approval to distribute the toothbrushes at their school, Weeden Elementary, they remained determined to find a way to get them into the right hands.

"Finally, our church allowed us to distribute them at our fall festival." Instead of giving out



Jacari Holt at the 2016 United Way Annual Meeting with Emily Rhodes, director of the UW's Success by Six program. Courtesy photo

traditional Halloween candies, Holt and his siblings gave out toothbrushes.

"One thing that stuck with me was this lady who came up to me and said, 'You don't know how much my child really needed this.'"

"We take it for granted that we can go to the store and purchase a toothbrush," Holt said.

When Holt moved to Auburn to start college last August, he got involved in several campus organizations immediately.

He is actively involved with Emerge, a leadership program on campus; the Oaks Council; The Big Event as project coordinator; Lambda Chi Alpha as alumni relations chair; and the Interfraternity Council (IFC) as director of health and wellness.

Holt also helps oversee

the IFC's Green Dot certification for sexual harassment prevention and QPR (Question, Persuade, and Refer) training for suicide prevention.

Although he's active at Auburn, Holt plans to volunteer at the Soup Kitchen and with a statewide campaign while he's home for the summer.

"It gives you a sense of belonging once you get enmeshed in your community," Holt said.

"I've improved my leadership and communication skills greatly, and I've learned how to manage time. The most significant impact is that volunteering has taught me how to be a humble, more well-rounded person"

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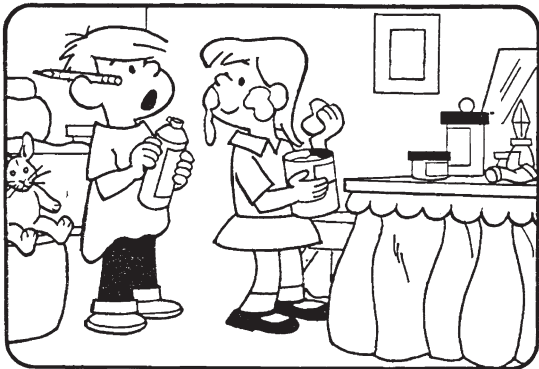
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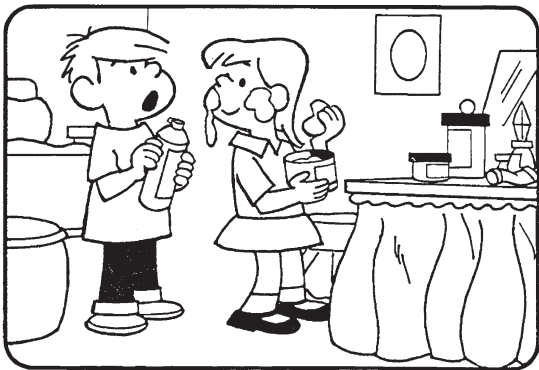
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Community Notes...

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The Helen Keller Hospital Volunteer Auxiliary will host their \$5 Jewelry Sale April 16-18 in the Aerobics Room at the Keller Wellcare Center, located on the campus of Helen Keller Hospital. Masquerade Jewelry will be on site with earrings, necklaces, pins, bags, rings, and more! All items are only \$5 each. Proceeds benefit the projects of the Helen Keller Hospital Volunteer Auxiliary, including the Louise Isbell Ashe Scholarship Program. These scholarships are given out each spring to graduating high school seniors who are pursuing careers in healthcare. For more information, about the sale or the Auxiliary, call 256-386-4476.

Colbert and Lauderdale County residents can join the American Cancer Society and help beat our biggest rival participating in one of the area's largest

local American Cancer Society Relay For Life events from 10am-10pm April 21 at the Alabama's Music Hall of Fame. Events include Survivor's Reception, Survivor Lap, Caregiver Lap, Team recognition lap, Kid's Zone. Music Festival line up highlights some great local talent including Furniture, Justus Storm, Tosha Hill, Dixie Mafia, Dorothy Cole as Tina Turner, Mark Naramore, The Woodall's, The Relics, CC Jags and headliner, The Midnighters. Call 256-810-1999 or email anna.duncan@caner.org for more information.

Ratatouille Art Contest - Sponsored by Shoals Symphony and Kennedy-Douglass Center for the Arts, K-12 grades. Submission Guidelines: 2-D or 3-D artwork in any medium under 24 inches x 24 inches are allowed for entry. Prizes will be awarded for the most creative use of materials and theme (Ratatouille).

Two categories will be judged for a grand prize: two tickets to the Shoals Symphony performance of Ratatouille. Categories are Elementary (K-6) and Middle/High School (7-12). Artists must sign up by April 20th to participate. To sign up please call Kennedy-Douglass Center for the Arts at 256-760-6379. Artwork must be delivered by Wednesday, April 25. Artwork will be displayed in the breezeway of the Kennedy-Douglass Center of the Arts, 217 E. Tuscaloosa St. Florence, from April 30 - May 4.

A grief support group entitled, "Getting Well Together" will meet at Shoney's in Muscle Shoals at 10am on the second Thursday of each month. This free support group is for anyone who would like to attend. This event is provided by Kindred Hospice of Florence. For more information, call 256-764-0873.

Monthly Covered Dish Lunch and Program at the Zip City Community Center, 10511 Hwy 17, Florence, on Thursday, April 19 at 11:30am. Please bring a covered dish. Everyone is welcome.

Florence/Lauderdale Tourism to host Airbnb Meeting - April 19. The world of travel is constantly evolving, as is the way in which travelers want to experience a destination. Airbnb was founded in 2008 to meet that need and has become a trusted marketplace for people to list and book unique accommodations. Florence and Lauderdale county currently have over 60 listings on the Airbnb site that range from a room in home, downtown lofts, lake houses, to a bed in barn. The fastest growing demographic of Airbnb owners are retirees. As a way to help this growing segment of our tourism product, Florence/Lauderdale Tourism is hosting an informational Airbnb meeting for local owners and those wanting the research becoming an owner. The event will take place at the Florence/Lauderdale Tourism Visitor Center in McFarland Park on April 19 from 5-6:30pm. Owners will have the opportunity to meet each other and be treated to panel discussion on best practices, promotion, security and other important information. For additional information on attending the meeting contact 256-740-4141 or if you are interested in booking or listing visit www.airbnb.com

Sons of Confederate Veterans, E. A. O'Neal Camp No. 478. Meets each third Thursday of the month - April 19 at 6:30pm in Pope's Tavern & Museum located at 203 Hermitage Drive, Florence. Program will be by Lee Freeman, Historian at Florence Library on "Civil War Gunboat Battle at Florence Landing, sinking of the CSS Dunbar and more". The public is invited. 256-764-4945.

Florence/Lauderdale Tourism and the Muscle Shoals National Heritage Area will host the Tennessee Valley Strummers on Friday, April 20 at the Visitor Center in McFarland Park in the Gallery from 2-4pm. The Tennessee Valley Strummers will be performing at

the Visitor Center the third Friday of every month. Others who play the dulcimer or other folk instruments are always welcome to join the group.

The dulcimer, which means "sweet sound," is a four-stringed instrument developed in the 1700s in the southern Appalachian Mountains. The featured players use a tablature system of playing, based on fret numbers, which enables them to play with others - even if they have never met before.

Visitors are encouraged to come out and listen to the music and tour the Center. Admission is free. For more information, call the Florence/Lauderdale Tourism Office at 256-740-4141.

Boy Scout Troop 153 in Killen is having its Annual Yard Sale Saturday April 21 at Ingram Outdoor (in the Old Big Star Parking Lot) on Hwy. 72 in Killen. All proceeds will go towards sending boys in the troop to Summer Camp.

Cornhole Tournament on April 21 at Killen Park. Event 10am-6pm, team registration 9-9:30am. Tournament starts at 10am. \$50 a team. 1st place prize: 20% of entry fees. All proceeds go to Funding the Cpl Matthew Conley Memorial.

This will be a 30-team double elimination tournament. Sign your team up on the event page thru Eventbrite. If you would rather pay cash or check contact 256-710-3369, Justin.

There will be concessions, live music, and more. Come out and help raise money for a memorial honoring a local hero.

Event page: [facebook.com/events/100381756643340](https://www.facebook.com/events/100381756643340). Everyone is welcome to compete.

Rock Out Cancer Music Festival - American Cancer Society Relay For Life Event - April 21, 11:30am-10pm at Alabama Music Hall of Fame. Survivor's Dinner, Luminaries, Survivor's Lap, Care Giver Lap, Team Lap, Music From Various Bands, Car Show, Kids Corner. Fun for all ages.

For more information, please contact Melinda Maxwell at melmex34@yahoo.com or Anna Duncan at anna.duncan@caner.org.

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, April 18, 9am-5pm, NWSSC, Sponsored by Student Nurses Association, In Front of the Bevil Center, 800 George Wallace Center, Muscle Shoals

Thursday, April 19, 7am-5pm, Helen Keller Hospital, 1300 S Montgomery Avenue, Sheffield

Friday, April 20, 1-7pm, Walmart, 1706 Military Street S, Hamilton

Saturday, April 21, 7:30-11am, Keller Wellcare Center, 1021 11th Street SW, Sheffield

Saturday, April 21, 11:30am-5pm, North Alabama Flea Market, 65 Sportsplex Drive, Muscle Shoals

Sunday, April 22, 11am-5:30pm, Salem Church of Christ, 9671 Highway 17, Florence

Monday, April 23, 10am-6pm, Ricks Produce, 106 Hollywood Avenue, Muscle Shoals

Tuesday, April 24, 8:30am-4pm, Wilson High School, 7601 Hwy 17, Florence

Wednesday, April 25, 8am-3:30pm, Lauderdale County High School, 201 Cedar, Rogersville

The Natchez Trace Parkway invites children and their families to "Disappearing Act," a Junior Ranger program to be held at the Parkway Visitor Center on Saturday, April 21 at 10am. Every animal has at least one adaptation that helps it survive in its environment. Camouflage is an adaptation that helps prey hide from predators and helps predators sneak up on their prey. Join a park ranger for this 45-minute program to learn more about camouflage and see if you can make a creature that disappears into the background using playdough, feathers, and beads. This free hands-on program is ideal for children seven to 12 years old, but everyone is welcome. The visitor center is located at milepost 266 on the Natchez Trace Parkway, near Tupelo, Mississippi. For additional information, please call 1-800-305-7417.

Appreciation Singing in Honor of Alvin Mashburn, Saturday, April 21 at 6pm at Peppertown FW Baptist Church, Hwy 48, Lexington, AL. Featured Groups: River City, One Heart, New Beginning, The Revealers, The Mashburns, and more. Please attend in honor of Alvin!

Cloverdale Church of Christ Cemetery Fund - If you have family here, donations are needed for maintenance and upkeep. Mail to 13000 Hwy 157, Florence, AL 35633

Homecoming Celebrating 80 years with Tim Grigsby - Sunday, April 22 at Salem Church of Christ, 9671 Hwy 17, Florence. Worship times: Bible Class 9am, Morning Worship 10am, Fellowship meal following Morning Worship, Evening Worship 1:30pm.

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Junior Whirl Answers

by Charles Barry Townsend Illustrated by David Coulson

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Answers: Hassled, Limmerick, Impends, Warplane, Marred, Tangled

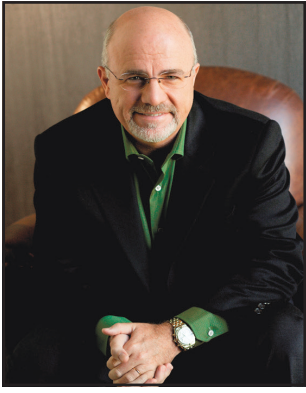
A Girls' Names Puzzle

1	G	L	E	N	N	D	C	O	R	A	G
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3	A	P	R	I	L	L	T	N	E	L	L
4	C	E	L	I	L	A	H	E		D	
5	E	A	Y	A	Y	E	D	N	A		

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DAVE Says

by DAVE RAMSEY



EXPENSES, NOT INCOME

Dear Dave,
I bring home \$4,100 a month in military disability pay and Social Security combined. My wife brings home an additional \$2,000 each month. Should we base our emergency fund level on her income only, since mine is guaranteed?
Lewis

Dear Lewis,
Your emergency fund shouldn't be based on income. I recommend folks have three to six months of household expenses set aside in an emergency fund. What would it take to operate your household for that length of time if one or both of your incomes disappeared?

I don't anticipate your income stopping, Lewis. But income loss isn't the only thing you're guarding against with an emergency fund. You're also guarding against things like an illness in the family, if the transmission in the car goes out, or your home's heating and cooling unit needs to be replaced. There are many more crises that can come upon a family other than a loss of income.

I don't mind if you two lean toward the three-month side of expenses, since your income is pretty stable. But always remember, an emergency fund should contain three to six months of expenses, not income.

Thank you for your service, sir.
—Dave

WHAT HAPPENS TO THE DEBT?

Dear Dave,
I've started your personal finance course in high school, so I'm asking this for the entire class. What happens to your debt if you pass away with no relatives or heirs to take responsibility for what you owed?
Elizabeth

Dear Elizabeth,
In many cases it simply does not get paid. Relatives or heirs of the deceased are not responsible for a friend or family member's debt, except in cases where they have been a co-signer on that debt.

Let's say someone's parents died, and at the time of their death they had \$100,000 in debt in their names only. The only way that debt will be paid is if they owned enough stuff — if they had enough in the way of assets — to pay the debt. If they owned a \$200,000 home, the house would have to be sold in order to pay the debts. Their estate would be the only thing standing good for the debt. If they owned nothing, and had no co-signers on any of the debt, the creditor would not get paid. The bank lost that money.

Elizabeth, I hope that helped. Please tell your teacher I said thank you for leading the class!
—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](https://twitter.com/DaveRamsey).

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