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Thompson is Finalist

MONTGOMERY—Highly-skilled, dedicated, and caring teachers are essential to achieving excellence and in preparing our nation's next generation of outstanding professionals.

Sixteen outstanding educators have been selected as finalists for Alabama's 2018-2019 Teacher of the Year.

Robin M. Thompson of Florence High School is one of the sixteen finalists. She is the District VII Secondary Teacher of the Year which covers northwest Alabama. Thompson teaches Advanced Placement Physics and Physics at Florence High. Her classes include primarily seniors and juniors.

The finalists have emerged from a group of over 170 exceptional educators from across the state who submitted applications for the Alabama Teacher of the Year Program, one of the oldest and most

prestigious state award programs for teachers.

"I know there are so many great teachers in Alabama's classrooms, so to be recognized for what I do is both inspiring and flattering,"

Thompson said. "I want my students to leave FHS prepared for the next level. I work tirelessly to assure they have the skills and knowledge they need to succeed in their collegiate studies."

The list will be narrowed to four, and the 2018-2019 Teacher of the Year will be announced at a ceremony hosted by the Alabama State Board of Education and the Alabama State Department of Education on May 9 in Montgomery.

Progress Gave Money Back

FLORENCE — St. Joseph Catholic School Foundation's spring fundraiser ended up with a different twist this year as a drawdown winner donated proceeds back to the school. The annual dinner included a \$10,000 pot of

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CORRECTIONS: There are two corrections on last week's Unsung Heroes article. • Jacari Holt did not receive approval for the toothbrush drive his senior year at Weeden. His siblings do have approval this year. • After Jacari volunteered with the Fire Department, his interest in being a physician changed to practicing real estate law.



Courtesy photo

The Mauldin scholarship check presentation with the recipients, bank executives and board members, NWSC executives and foundation members.

From All 550 of Us

MUSCLE SHOALS—Two local high school seniors were recognized recently as the first recipients of Northwest-Shoals Community College's Edward Fennel Mauldin Endowed Memorial Scholarship. Austin Green, a senior at Rogers High School, and MaKayla Chambers, a senior at Lawrence County High School, attended a reception in their honor with Northwest-Shoals

Community College officials and Bank Independent representatives.

"This comes from all of us—all 550 people on the Bank Independent team," said Bank Independent President Macke Mauldin. "This scholarship is a continuation of my dad's legacy."

Mauldin explained that his father, the

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Farming Finalists



Courtesy photo

Greg and Diane Hamner of Killen were finalists in the Alabama Farm of Distinction contest. They were honored at the Alabama Farm-City Awards Luncheon in Birmingham April 5. They are co-owners of Clemmons & Hamner Seed Farms. They received a plaque and a \$250 certificate from the Alabama Farmers Cooperative (AFC). From left are AFC's Jim Allen, Greg, Diane, and Alabama Farmers Federation President Jimmy Parnell.

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MUSCLE SHOALS – Shoals Hospital is in the process of transferring twenty psychiatric adult beds from Eliza Coffee Memorial Hospital, expanding its Emergency Department, and relocating the Ambulatory Surgery Unit for a more convenient patient experience.

Shoals Hospital Chief Executive Officer, Kidada Hawkins, is excited about the new improvements.

"This project has been a long time coming," he

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Shoals Hospital...

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said. "We are eager to see the positive outcome as the hospital's renovation creates an opportunity for a more fluid patient experience in our ER, surgical, and inpatient psychiatric areas."

Batten and Shaw Construction is in charge of the project. Representatives said the goal is to complete the project by the fourth quarter of the year.

The Alabama Certificate of Need Board approved the request to transfer twenty beds from Shoals' sister hospital, ECM, in 2016 as part of the construction of the North Alabama Medical Center which is slated to open December 6. The beds at Shoals will be on the second floor.

Throughout the renovation all areas of the hospital are fully operational to accommodate patient needs.

As part of the development, Medical Staff Services and Medical Records have been relocated according to Director of Facilities, Robert Pettus. Respiratory Therapy is slated for a change in floor plan design and the Radiology department will shift its orientation slightly.

Further, Ambulatory Surgery will be moved to the first floor, putting it directly across the hall from the operating rooms.

"These changes will make for a much easier check-in and -out processes during an ambulatory stay," Pettus said. "This is a concept we have wanted for several years."

Gould Turner Group, P.C. based in Nashville, Tennessee is the architect assigned to the role of giving the hospital a new look.

"Gould Turner has designed all of the renovations (at Shoals) for better throughput for our patients," said Pettus.

"Department managers, Chief Nurse Rebekah Logan, and I have worked with the designers to provide a personal touch on paint colors, counter tops, cubical curtains, furniture, and more."

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Shorts...

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Progress Gave
Money Back**

money to be won through a reverse drawing.

When the drawing came down to the last seven tickets, those holding the tickets decided to stop the drawing and split the money. Each ticket holder received about \$1,400.

Among the final ticket holders was Progress Bank of Florence. In fact, they held two of the final seven tickets.

Progress Bank President, **Andy Mann**, said he and other bank employees decided there were no better options than giving it back to the school.

"We are so appreciative of this donation, and we actually exceeded our \$30,000 fundraising goal," said St. Joseph Principal **Mary Anne Christian**. "It was pretty amazing that they would do this."

"The community has been very good to our bank, and among our corporate values is to serve the community with our resources," Mann said. "We just decided there wasn't a better use for the money."

Proceeds are expected to go into the St. Joseph general fund.

should text 256-443-6098 or email jlingwersen@gmail.com with their name and telephone number. Deadline for reservations is Thursday, April 26.

9th Cruisin' for St. Jude Event

FLORENCE—The 9th Annual Cruisin' for St. Jude benefit ride will take place on Saturday, May 12 departing from



and returning to Longshore Cycle Center in Florence. Registration opens at 9am, with kickstands up at 10am. This year's ride will be escorted and should be about 45 miles.

Free event shirts go to the first 50 to sign up. Free Boston Butt Lunch will be provided when the ride returns. There are over \$1000 in door prizes including jackets, helmets, and much more!

The entry fee is \$20 per bike. There will also be a 50/50 drawing. All proceeds will be donated to St. Jude Children's Hospital. Call 256-764-3038 for details.

Financial Tips from Veterans

FLORENCE—The Northwest Area of the Alabama Chapter of Better Investing, the Alabama Securities Commission, and Social Security will host a lunch and seminar for students graduating from UNA, Northwest Shoals, and first year employees of local companies.

The seminar is intended to give those entering the workforce some financial insight that will benefit them throughout their work years and beyond. Lunch is provided for all participants. The seminar covers Social Security (fact and fiction), budgeting and tax advantaged savings accounts, the basics of smart investing, what you do (and do not) need in insurance, protecting your personal identification, and avoiding fraud.

There is no cost for participants. The lunch and course are funded by the organizations named and a grant from the Investor Protection Trust, www.investorprotection.org. Presentations will be made by representatives of the three groups. Once complete the seminar will be offered for use throughout Alabama.

The seminar and luncheon will take place from 11am-1pm on Wednesday, May 2, at St. James UMC on Cox Creek Parkway in Florence. Registration is taking place at this time with a limit of 50 participants, first come, first serve. Those interested

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Read these scriptures carefully and prayerfully: **Romans 3:23** "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;" **Romans 6:23** "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." **John 1:29** "The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world." **Romans 5:8** "But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." **2 Corinthians 5:21** "For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him." **Romans 10:9-10** "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation." **Romans 10:13** "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." **Romans 8:33** "Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth." If you can read English and will admit you are a sinner and need to be saved and comply with the above scriptures, God will save you today. Hell is full of lost sinners. Heaven will be full of saved sinners.

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

Luncheon at Cloverdale Community Center on Tuesday, April 24 at 11:30am. Program by Judge Motlow.

Shoals Area Beekeepers Association Meeting takes place April 24 at 6pm at the Lauderdale County Extension Office, 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

Ratouille 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 (Ratouille).

Two categories will be judged for a grand prize: two tickets to the Shoals Symphony performance of Ratouille. 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.

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

Thursday, April 26, 7am-5pm, ECM Hospital, 205 Marengo Street, Florence

Friday, April 27, 10am-5pm, Bank Independent, 1081 US-72, Killen

Saturday, April 28, 8:30am-5pm, Smoke on the Water, 200 James M Spain Drive, Florence

Sunday, April 29, TBA

Monday, April 30, 8am-2pm, Colbert Heights High School, 6825 Woodmont Drive, Tuscumbia

Emergency Preparedness & Fraud Prevention Workshop for Caregivers Presented by: The Alabama Cares Program and the State Health Insurance Program, Wednesday, April 25, 10am-12pm. Registration: 9:30am. Location: UNA Continuing Education Building-Rm. 101, 1640 Tune Ave. Florence.

Contact Kathy Spears to pre-register at 256-389-0554.

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FLORENCE YARD SALE, 1711 Hermitage Dr. (2 houses past Edgemont Methodist Church) Saturday, 7 am-noon, Furniture, China, Bikes, Old Youth Motorcycle, misc. **DOWNSIZING, LOTS MORE!** "Cancelled if Raining"



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FLORENCE: 2006 CONWAY DRIVE Fri. and Sat. April 27 and 28. 7:30am-?. **LARGE YARD SALE!** Queen size bdrm set, appliances, hurricane and table lamps, dishes, tools, men's and women's clothing/shoes, lots of misc. Too much to list! **No Junk.**

LEIGHTON CARPORT SALE 4415 Ricks Lane, Shirley Lewey Residence, Spring Valley between The Oaks and The Christmas lights), Fri. & Sat. 7am-until? Cast iron, glass, jewelry, furniture

FLORENCE YARD SALE, 1402 Rickwood Road (Take Rickwood Rd. off Darby Dr. or Helton Dr.) Fri. & Sat. 6am-until? Furniture, Toys, Clothes and all kinds of misc. items.

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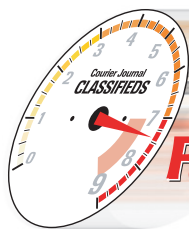
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Dr. Glenda Colagross, President of Northwest-Shoals Community College, agreed that the scholarships will make a difference in the students' lives. "This is an amazing opportunity," she said.

Green plans to pursue a career in nursing with the goal of becoming a Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner and will begin classes at Northwest-Shoals in the fall. He is attending Emergency Medical Technician training at Allen Thornton Vocational School during his senior year at Rogers in addition to being involved in club activities and playing on the school's football and baseball teams. He feels the scholarship is an honor and will help a lot. Chambers also will enroll in Northwest-Shoals for



Scholarship Winners Austin Green, left, and MaKayla Chambers

the fall semester to study accounting and pursue a career in the auditing field. She said that she teared up a little when she heard she had been selected for the Mauldin scholarship. "My dad cried," said Chambers. "The Pell grant wasn't enough to cover my expenses even with my academic scholarship."

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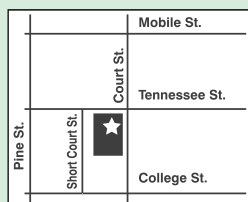
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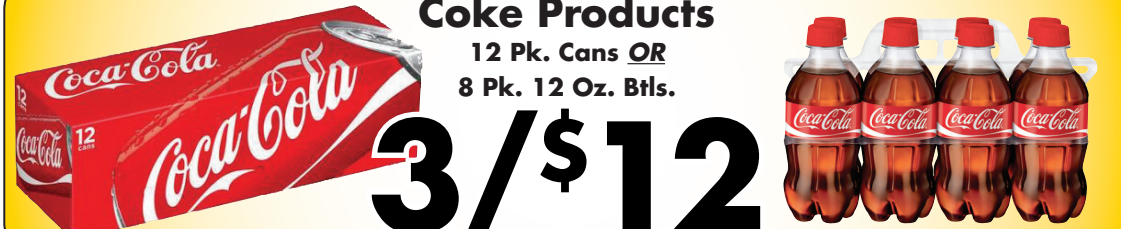
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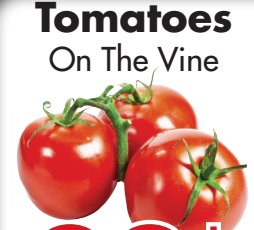
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Remember when a divorce court decides the issue of custody for the first time, the rule applied is the answer to the question "what is in the best interests of the child or children?" This question is just "more likely than not" 51/49 percent issue and whichever side wins is where the children will be placed.

After the court decides where the children will reside based on the "best interests" test it is virtually impossible to modify custody without agreement of both parties. In the early 1980s the courts decided that children were not to be yanked around from parent to parent without really important changes taking place. It is not enough to make more money or remarry or even change one's lifestyle according to the case that decided this, Ex parte McLendon (1984).

The problem in the recent case was that the people (or their lawyers more likely) had worded their agreement in a way that gave both parties almost equal custodial periods of visitation with the children. The term "custodial visitation" created a situation that led to uncertainty, legal fees and appeals to the Appellate Court that probably cost thousands of dollars. If joint custody is what is wanted the agreement should state "the parties agree that they shall have joint legal and physical custody of the minor children."

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Commentary

Disrespect for the Southern Wind

The Rock & Roll Hall of Fame induction Ceremony took place earlier this month, and it included some heavy hitters of the music industry. The late Sister Rosetta Tharpe (1973), who was a sensation in the 40's, received an award for Early Influence. She gave 14 year old Little Richard his musical break, and influenced hundreds of performers including Johnny Cash and Elvis.

Bon Jovi, the dominant 80's hair band with hits including, "You Give Love A Bad Name," "Livin' On A Prayer," and "Bad Medicine" experienced success past the turn of the century.

Dire Straits had at least two songs considered legendary, "Sultans Of Swing," in '78 and "Money for Nothing" in '85.

The Cars shook off the new wave label to put out several catchy tunes in the 80's

The late Nina Simone (2003) was often referred to as the high priestess of soul. She is one of *Rolling Stone* magazine's 100 Greatest Singers of All Time. She was on point as a leader in the 1960's struggle for black equality. Her unmatched repertoire included classical training, folk singing, jazz, children's songs, ballads, spirituals, and a mastery of the piano.

The Moody Blues finally got the nod after monumental success in the 60's and 70's. One of the very first progressive rock albums, *Days of Future Past*, included "Nights in White Satin",

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In A Few Words



TOM MAGAZZU
Editor

Courier Journal

THIS WEEK

in the *Shoals*

April 25, 2018

Happening THIS WEEK

NATIONAL EVENT

Express Care Hosts TakeBack

TUSCUMBIA—Express Care of the Shoals Urgent Care and Walk-In clinic will be a host site for the Drug Enforcement Administration's National Drug Take-Back Day and will serve as a location for Fingerprinting for Kids on Saturday, April 28 from 10am-2pm.

This is a free, community-wide event in partnership with the Tuscumbia Police Department, the Colbert County Drug Task Force, and Express Care of the Shoals.

"Given the current opioid epidemic in our country, it is more important than ever for law enforcement to be

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Artists Tim Stevenson, left, and Martha Carpenter, right, at a recent demonstration.
Courtesy photo

JOIN FELLOW ARTISTS PAINTING EN

Plein Air

TUSCUMBIA—Artists from across the Shoals are invited to Belle Mont Mansion on Saturday, April 28 to join fellow artists Martha Carpenter and Tim Stevenson for "Painting en Plein Air."

This fun event begins with a tag team demonstration by Carpenter and Stevenson, both well-known for their differing styles, as they swap strokes and comments while creating an oil painting of the historic

home and grounds. Expect some lively banter!

Martha Carpenter is one of America's great portrait painters with a studio in

Tuscumbia. Tim Stevenson of

Florence is a world-renowned landscape painter creating very detailed still-life paintings. Both artists conduct workshops, have a

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THE FLORENCE HIGH SCHOOL ACADEMY OF FINE ARTS Choral Department's production of Show Choir Connection 2018 "This is the Greatest Show"! takes place Friday and Saturday, April 27 and 28 at 7pm, and Sunday April 29 at 2:30 at the Florence High School auditorium at 1201 Bradshaw Dr. in Florence. Tickets are sold at the door, \$10 adults, \$7 children. Patrons tickets are also available for a \$50 donation and include reserved seating for all three shows. Please call 256-394-5067 for more information.



THE ALABAMA MUSIC HALL OF FAME will host a spring concert featuring veteran southern rock band, Woodall Mountain on Saturday, April 28 at 6:30pm in the newly-renovated lobby. Woodall Mountain is classic rock dance band with members from northeast Mississippi and northwest Alabama. They have been together and performing as a group for nearly twenty years performing throughout the midsouth. They have performed on stage with several million-selling artists like Peter Rivera of Rare Earth, Jerry Corbetta of Sugarloaf, Al Wilson (Show And Tell), Sonny Gerracci (Precious And Few), Jewel Akins (Birds And The Bees) and opened for Confederate Railroad and David Allen Coe at the AMHOF concert several years ago. Tickets are \$15 and can be reserved by phone or purchased in advance at amhof.ticketleap.com/woodall. Doors open at 6pm. There will be refreshments for sale during the show. Call 256-381-4417 for more information or to reserve.

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Clear-Cutting Guards

Editor:

Under the guise of streamlining government and reducing its over-reach, the Trump administration is clear-cutting regulations that protect the environment and citizens. While there should be regular review and culling of unnecessary rules, we need to be conscious of why they are there and the potential damage when they are gone.

Can anyone consider the USA has a spending problem, not a taxation problem?



Trump's actions may be cloaked as benefiting the common man, but their real purpose is to loosen the reigns on and increase the profits of large oil and gas companies, industrial polluters, and financial institutions. And that is not always in our best interests.

Without regulations and their enforcement, we would not be able to swim or fish the Tennessee River, which is already polluted with chemical waste. National land is being transferred to private companies that will exploit it in ways that harm our water, air, and climate.

We are at the mercy of the big banks which, as we have seen too often, are prone to employ deceptive credit card and other schemes if left unchecked. It is therefore disconcerting to witness the undermining of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB). The Bureau helped tens of millions of us re-coup billions of dollars in relief from unfair practices in the past. In recent months under Mick Mulvaney, the CFPB has undertaken no enforcement actions. In recent

months under Mick Mulvaney, the CFPB has undertaken no enforcement actions.

Let us not wait until it is too late to repair the damage. Tell our representatives not to sacrifice our interests for the sake of their fat cat donors.

Dan Waterman
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Educated Ignorance

Editor:

I'm always amazed by the ignorance of educated people concerning the history and founding of our nation.

The mantra of "separation of church and state" is being used to deny citizens the freedom of religious expression guaranteed by the First Amendment. Attempting to apply a phrase such as this without considering its context

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MAY 2018

Helen Keller Hospital

Calendar Of Events

Wednesday 2

Diabetes Self-Management Education
9am in the River Room
 Physician referral and pre-registration required.
 Call 256-386-4030 for registration information.

Friday 4

Blood Pressure / Blood Sugar Screenings
8:00am-11:30am in the Main Lobby
 FREE OF CHARGE! Sponsored by Keller Volunteer Services.

Saturday 5

 **Nurses Day**
 Thank you to all of our hardworking nurses!!!!

Saturday 5

Heather Land LIVE at the Marriott
 Proceeds benefit the HKH Foundation. Call 256-386-4747 for ticket information.

Monday 7

Childbirth Classes
6-9pm in the Education Dept.
 Classes also meet May 8 & 17. Call 256-386-4526 to register.

Mon. - Sat. 7-12

 **National Hospital Week**

Tuesday 15

Healthy Valley Women Welcomes Dr. Courtney Bowen
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Thursday 17

Breastfeeding and Baby Basics Class
6-9pm in the Education Dept.
 Call 256-386-4526 to register.

Thursday 17

ACLS Renewal Education
 Call 256-386-4030 for class information and to register.

Friday 18

American Heart Assoc. BLS/CPR for Healthcare Providers
Renewal Courses - 7:30 and 9:30
 First time attendees or those with expired certificates - 12pm. Cost is \$50. Call 256-386-4030 for registration or more information.

Friday 18

Blood Pressure / Blood Sugar Screenings
8-11:30am in the Main Lobby
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Saturday 21

Sibling Class
10am at the Women's Center at HKH
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Thur. & Fri. 24 & 25

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Some examples of items that qualify as durable medical equipment are, but not limited to: Oxygen equipment and supplies, walkers, wheelchairs, hospital beds, infusion supplies, and patient lifts. Remember, these items should be used primarily at home. If you are residing in a nursing home or hospital, and that facility is providing you with Medicare covered care, it may not be considered your home. If you are staying in a skilled nursing facility, that facility will usually provide the durable medical equipment you need.

If you need durable medical equipment, make sure your doctor and durable medical equipment supplier are enrolled in Medicare. If you doctor or supplier is not enrolled, Medicare will not pay the claims they submit. Without any type of supplemental insurance, you typically will be responsible for 20% of the Medicare approved amount. Also, if you are on a Medicare Advantage Plan you may have copays or coinsurance.

One last thing. There are companies out there that will place outbound calls to Medicare beneficiaries offering to send you durable medical equipment or other items for free. A lady told us just last week this happened to her. The company offered to send her a knee brace at no cost. She didn't need the knee brace but they wanted to send it anyway. These companies will send you the item, then bill Medicare. Remember, nothing is free!! Someone is always paying.

If you have questions regarding any aspect of Medicare or Medicare health plans feel free call us at Alabama Health Guidance (256-648-5710), stop by our office at 885 Florence Blvd (Four Lane Shopping Center) or email me at ikey@alabamahealthguidance.com. Alabama Health Guidance is an independent insurance agency and is not affiliated with Medicare or any other government agency.



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Illustrated by David Coulson

A perfect score on this quiz will "catapult" you to the head of the class. To the left is a stack of eight words, each of which contains the word "cat." Using the following hints, see if you can pounce on them in less than five minutes.

- To find by searching.
- To leave a job.
- A list of things.
- A type of mimic.
- To provide knowledge.
- Storage area for odds and ends.
- To shorten by cutting off.
- Two boats in one.

PUNCTUATION TIME! All right, students, you have one minute to punctuate the sentence on the blackboard so that it reads correctly!

IT WAS AND I SAID NOT OR.

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CALVIN, THE SHOWOFF CHEF, is lucky if he can flip one out of three burgers into the pan. See if you can guess which was the lucky patty!

CHAIN REACTION! Take the seven letters printed below our diagram and place them in the circles so that eight four-letter words can be read, top to bottom, along the connecting lines. All the words will begin with the letter in the top circle.

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Commentary

Wind...

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considered a watershed work by many. Classics followed over the years like, "Just a Singer (in a Rock & Roll Band)", "Steppin' in a Slide Zone", "Tuesday Afternoon", and "The Story in Your Eyes". "Our Wildest Dreams" was a top ten hit for them with a new generation during the MTV craze in 1986. They were at least twenty years overdue for induction.

Active debate can always take place as to which performers and bands deserve to be enshrined in the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame. My musical career ended with my last guitar lesson in elementary school. Nonetheless, I've been a fan ever since, and I still frequently find 105.5 on the radio dial.

It remains extremely disappointing that the progressive rock group, Kansas, was not enshrined long ago.

Kansas was founded in 1970-71. They exploded onto the scene only a couple of years later on Kirshner Records with nine amazing studio albums in ten years. The core group was Phil Ehart, Dave Hope, Kerry Livgren, Robbie Steinhardt, Steve Walsh, and Rich Williams. Twelve albums/CD's have followed through 2016 (not including Best Of's) with only modest personnel changes. They continue touring. Many local rock fans recall the early Kansas performance at Norton Auditorium in '76.

Kansas (the state and the band) is named after the Kansa Native American tribe which inhabited that area. The term is said to mean, "People of the Southern Wind."

At least two of their songs are legendary - "Carry On Wayward Son", and "Dust in the Wind". Several others are well-known - "What's on my Mind", "People of the South Wind", "Point of Know Return", "Sparks of the Tempest", "Play the Game Tonight", etc.

Others are simply brilliant - "Icarus (Borne on Wings of Steel)", "Miracles Out of Nowhere", "The Wall", "Magnum Opus", "Song for America", "Cheyenne Anthem", "Closet Chronicles", etc...

Kansas set the bar for progressive rock. Their arrangements were second to none in their musical era. Each member was a stellar musician. Steve Walsh's lead voice, impeccable. They incorporated baroque and classical structure to their compositions. People in the know recognize Kerry Livgren's exquisite songwriting and musical talent, a Mozart of the period and the genre.

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a tuner or the range of a speaker system. And those album covers... Kansas is long overdue for appropriate recognition. With all due respect to HoF members, Grand Master Flash, The Ramones,

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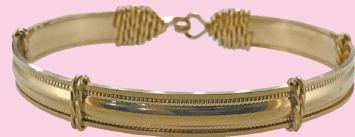


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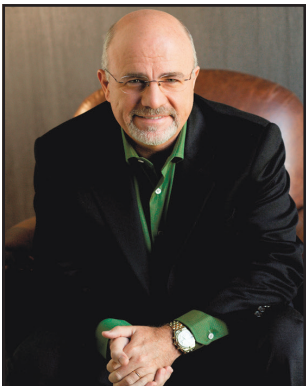
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LAPTOP DILEMMA



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Lisa

Dear Lisa,
Well, it's difficult to be generous when you're broke. You don't even have \$1,000 to your names, and you're going to buy two laptops? I don't know how much debt you have, or what your household income is, but I do know neither of you have managed your money very well in the past.

If you make \$50,000 a year, and you have \$70,000 in debt, you should sincerely and apologetically bow out. Explain that you made a big mistake, and just be honest about why you can't provide the laptops. If you make \$200,000 a year, but you've just been incredibly silly and lazy with your money, you should buy the laptops and then get serious about growing up and getting control of your finances.

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I would avoid the tiny house movement if I were you, Romeo. Don't invest in things that don't have proven track records and don't go up in value. I love real estate, but not tiny real estate!

—Dave

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Discharging Income Back Taxes

Income taxes that are owed "may" be dischargeable in bankruptcy if the following requirements are met:

1. The tax return for the year or years in question was due more than 3 years before the date the bankruptcy case was filed;
2. The tax return was filed at least 2 years before the bankruptcy case was filed; and
3. There has been no new assessment of the taxes within the 240 days before the bankruptcy is filed.

Understanding the Requirements

These above requirements may seem somewhat straightforward, but it is essential to first get an account transcript from the IRS for each year taxes are owed to see if they have been met. Let me assure you that reading and understanding an IRS transcript is not easy and you will need someone familiar with one to be able to interpret the same. Now let's review the 3 requirements.

1. Tax returns are normally due on April 15 of the following year. Therefore, the 2014 federal tax return is due on April 15, 2015 (if the 15th is on a Saturday or Sunday, then the due date could be the 16th or 17th). If an extension is requested, then the due date would likewise move to October 15, 2015 or the 16th or 17th. For this example, assume the 2014 return is filed on 4-15-15 and thus the date necessary to meet the first requirement is April 16, 2018.

2. The 2 year rule means that the return or returns in question must have been filed with the IRS at least 2 years before the bankruptcy case is filed. So even though you may meet the 3 year requirement above, if the bankruptcy case is filed 1 year after the tax return is filed, the taxes owed are not dischargeable. To safely meet this requirement, you need to file your taxes on time.

3. Has there been a new assessment of taxes for a particular tax year within 240 days of the bankruptcy case being filed? For example, if the IRS has disallowed a tax deduction and you owe more tax, this rule will impact your ability to discharge the tax. If the assessment took place 220 days before the bankruptcy case is filed, then the taxes will still be owed after the bankruptcy. If the assessment took place 241 days before the bankruptcy case is filed, then the taxes can be dischargeable if 1 and 2 are also met.

There are also a few types of tax debt that are simply not dischargeable. These include trust fund taxes and taxes for civil penalties. However, the collection of trust fund taxes may be subject to a statute of limitations. There are other situations too detailed to discuss in this short explanation that would affect the time periods mentioned above such as tolling of the 2-year roll. (What?)

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will always lead to error. When you read the letter from Danbury Baptist Association to which Jefferson was replying in his letter, you find that their concern was for the government establishing one Christian denomination as the religion of the nation.

Jefferson's reply was to assure them that he agreed. The phrase "thus building a wall of separation between church and state" has been used to deny citizens the freedom that Jefferson believed in.

In recent hearings by the Senate for presidential cabinet nominees, senators have attacked nominees for their Christian beliefs about homosexual marriage, attempting to require the nominees to deny their Christian convictions to qualify for government service.

Here are some interesting facts about Thomas Jefferson. While President he served as chairman of the school board for the District of Columbia, where he authored the first plan of education adopted by the city. His plan used the Bible and Isaac Watts' hymnal as the principle books to teach reading.

In addition to the bills he signed appropriating

funds for chaplains in the military, Jefferson also signed the Articles of War on April 10, 1806, in which he earnestly recommended to all officers and soldiers that they diligently attend divine services.

In that day, in this nation the different religions being discussed were different denominations of Christianity.

Euell White
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Happy Income Redistribution

Editor:

Well, another IRS deadline had come, and come again, before going!

The IRS software programs could not even keep up with the filings. Thus, they had to give an additional day for Americans to pay their income taxes. It makes me feel so good that I was able to file early and be one of the 50% of Americans paying 97% of all income taxes, - supposedly my fair share.

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He was a three-sport star in basketball, baseball and track. He lettered three years as a catcher for the baseball team and was selected to play in the prestigious East-West All-Star game. During his senior season, he lettered in track as a broad jumper, placing third in the Tennessee Valley Conference track meet.

He also won first place in the District track meet and qualified for the State track meet. But it was on the basketball court where McKenzie excelled at Deshler. He averaged 10 points per game as a junior and senior and was selected to the All-Tri-Cities team his senior season.

His biggest asset was his pinpoint passing

ability to other teammates. He also could connect on long-range jumpers where most of his field goals would have been 3-pointers in today's game. McKenzie played basketball and baseball for two years at Florence State College before having to go to work. While at Florence State, he was enrolled in the advanced ROTC program which would later lead to a distinguished military career as an intelligence officer and a full Colonel rank in the reserves.

McKenzie also excelled in the class room in high school when he was Valedictorian of his senior class. He graduated from Florence State College in 1962. McKenzie has authored books and numerous articles on governmental issues. He received one of his greatest honors when he was named Alumnus of the Year at the University of North Alabama in 2011.

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HISTORICAL MARKER LOCATION:
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An Alabama governor born on foreign soil, a connection to Maud Lindsey, and an upcoming bicentennial are a few of the surprises this Tusculmia home presents.

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If you're the buyer, you're on pins and needles wondering if someone is going to buy that perfect home out from underneath you before you have an agreement. You stress over how much to offer. You worry about paying too much. What if there are problems with the home? Do I have it inspected? What about a survey? Finally... you decide on all of the terms of your offer and submit it to the seller.

Then you wait.

If you're the seller, you're on pins and needles wondering if the buyer is going to walk away if you don't accept their offer. You worry that there is another home out there that the buyer is going to buy instead of yours. You worry that you'll leave money on the table. Surely they didn't think we would take that? After a lot of gut wrenching back and forth, you counter the buyer's offer.

Then you wait.

In both cases, whether you are a buyer or a seller, you wait and you wonder. This is a critical time in a negotiation when if not handled properly, happiness and excitement can quickly turn to anger and frustration.

Many times a buyer who thinks they have found the perfect home will reach boiling point due to a lack of response from the seller. Likewise, a seller can become equally frustrated when a buyer takes days in between counteroffers to respond.

The point of all of this is that negotiating can get complicated by letting emotions creep into the picture. For example, there is nothing wrong with "sleeping" on a decision or taking a day or so to think it over, however, not informing the other party of your intent to do so can leave them wondering what's going on and send their emotions into steam blowing hyper drive.

Don't let emotions become part of a negotiation. It can kill a deal that would have otherwise worked out. Keeping everyone informed and responding with a sense of urgency can keep most people's nerves in check and keep things moving in a positive direction. -mr

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House is located on Tract #3

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ESTATE OF ALBERT & ANN BARNETT

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Estate of Raymond Campbell

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will get foreign aid, welfare recipients will not suffer, money will be available for grants to cities, counties and states for pork projects, etc. Oh, silly me!

I neglect the fact the government will still have to borrow money to continue to support welfare, foreign aid, and illegals. Maybe if the other 50% of Americans paid more than 2.8% of the taxes and our government didn't give so much away? Can anyone consider the USA has a spending problem, not a taxation problem?

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THE BOLD AND THE BEAUTIFUL Ridge assured his heartbroken daughter that he was in her corner. Eric was impressed by the new Forrester intern, Emma. Hope appreciated Liam's input on her current line. Liam debated whether to stay with Hope or leave with Steffy to go to her ultrasound appointment. Brooke and Ridge bickered over their daughters' relationships with Liam. Liam and Steffy grew closer after receiving a scare at the OB appointment. Bill wasn't fazed after learning that Det. Sanchez hadn't solved his case yet. Wyatt confided in his father that he called off his engagement with Katie. Bill used information he gained from Wyatt to his advantage. *Wait to See: Justin gets caught in the middle of Bill's latest scheme.*

DAYS OF OUR LIVES Steve ran into Gabby while she was on the run. Ciara and Wyatt put the past behind them. Claire had a heart-to-heart with Julie. Ciara and Tripp worked together to trap an unwitting Claire. Eli sought advice from Julie regarding Lani's condition. Concerned about Brady's commitment to win back Eve, Victor made an inquiry into his grandson's past. Later, Eve was furious when she mistakenly believed that Brady rigged the Bella contest. Steve was frustrated with himself after letting Abigail slip through his fingers. Ciara confronted Claire and Wyatt. Jennifer and Eric shared a romantic evening. Despite Stefan's urging, Gabby refused to leave his side. *Wait to See: Rafe and JJ give Gabi some shocking news.*

GENERAL HOSPITAL Ava became her own worst enemy. Jordan felt backed into a corner. Anna made a confession. Nina played hostess. Nelle used a situation to her advantage. Ava secretly met with Scott. Carly sat down with Kev-

in to discuss some recent events. Curtis surprised Jordan. Drew was skeptical. Finn worried about Alexis' well-being. Oscar made plans with Drew. Jordan questioned Curtis' intentions. Anna paid Alexis a visit. Sam came through for an old friend. Lulu had an awkward run-in with Maxie. Nina and Curtis planned their next steps. Valentin received an unexpected visit. Anna fessed up. Sam questioned Curtis. Franco struggled between two evils. *Wait to See: Lucy offers a welcome interruption.*

THE YOUNG AND THE RESTLESS As a result of Victor's health crisis, Nick considered calling a truce with his father. Devon remained cold toward Hilary even when she revealed that she was pregnant with his child. Later, despite Devon's request that they keep the news to themselves, Hilary announced her pregnancy live on her show. Neil told Lily that they needed to put aside their differences with Hilary for the sake of the baby. Jack convinced Gloria to return to Jabot and made Billy the new COO. Kyle was intrigued when Dina casually mentioned some family secrets. Later, Kyle pressed Abby for even more information, but she refused to offer any details. *Wait to See: Victor's alliance with Kyle takes a dangerous turn.*

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It is a story based on the life of J. Paul Getty. Mr. Getty became well-known around the world due to the wealth and influence he gained through the oil industry. In 1957, Fortune magazine deemed him the "richest living American." Further, in 1966 Guinness Book of World Records identified him as the world's richest private citizen. When he died in 1976 he was worth more than \$6 billion dollars (which today would be approximately \$26 billion).
However, the appeal of this movie to me is not about having money, but the lesson of what money cannot buy. Too many folks tend to think that if they just had enough money that all of their problems would come to an end. But the J. Paul Getty story is just one of many others that prove that thinking to be seriously flawed.
As I watched the trailer for the movie I was reminded of a piece I read several years ago. It was a quote from Getty's autobiography and printed in the Los Angeles Times in 1981. Mr. Getty wrote, "I have never been given to envy... save for the envy I feel toward those people who have the ability to make a marriage work and endure happily. It's an art I have never been able to master. My record: five marriages, five divorces. In short, five failures."
The article went on to describe that Getty's relationship with his five sons was "painful." For example, his oldest son apparently committed suicide and another son was said to live a "tortured existence." They were all estranged and aloof. Further, many will remember that his grandson was kidnapped and held for ransom in 1973. When Mr. Getty refused to pay, the kidnappers cut off his grandson's right ear. Did money buy him a loving, peaceful, worry-free life? Not even close.
I am not suggesting that anyone who has money has a terrible life. I am suggesting that if they have a good life, that money has little to do with it. Money cannot buy the most important things in life. And most importantly, it cannot buy our way into heaven. Jesus challenged long ago, "What profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?" (Matthew 16:26).
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Fourth Saturday Breakfast at the Zip City Community Center, 10511 Hwy. 17, Florence, April 28 from 6:30-9am. Menu includes eggs, sausage, bacon, biscuits, gravies, grits, juice and coffee. Adults \$6, children 10 and under \$3. Proceeds used for Center expenses. Everyone is welcome.

Autism Support Group Meeting Thursday, April 26, 10am-12pm at Florence Public Library. Speaker Sylvester White, Social Security Administration Office. We will have refreshments. Autism Support Group is every fourth Thursday of every month at Florence Public Library. For more information please call Bridget Anderson Hodges at 256-767-6414 or 256-740-2532 or email at bridgethodges4@gmail.com

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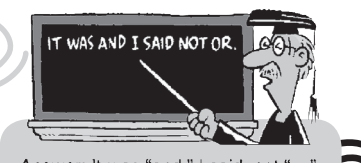
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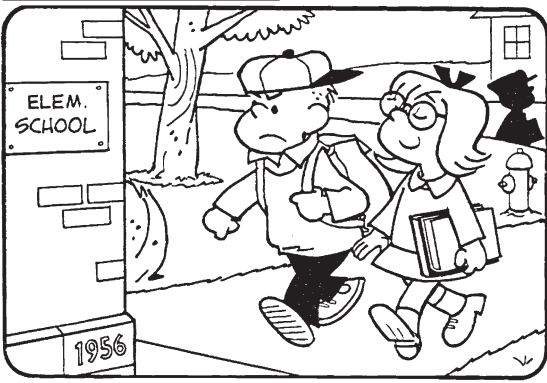


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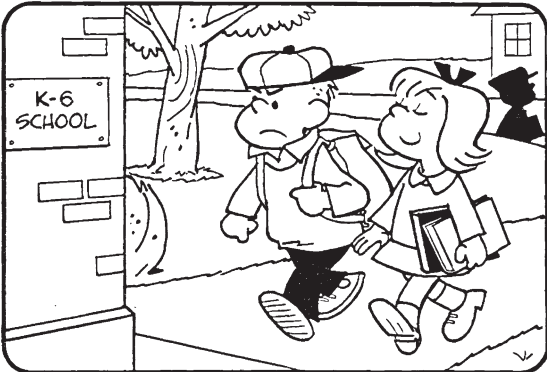
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