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by Dennis Sherer
Colbert County Tourism

TUSCUMBIA - Design and engineering students from colleges and universities around the world travel to western Colbert County each summer to learn ways of solving problems big and small, as they work to make the world a better place.

SHiFT Design Camp has been held annually at Seven Springs Lodge in the Appalachian foothills of northwest Alabama since 2013. While at the week-long camp the students are tasked with creating objects to improve life at their campsite community using only objects they can scavenge from the woodlands and fields surrounding the lodge. They



Campers attach boards to a tree to create an elevated seating platform for campfire events at SHiFT Camp at Seven Springs Lodge.
Dennis Sherer

also participate in workshops and attend lectures by renowned designers, engineers, scientists and other professionals. This year's camp took place in June and attracted 90 campers from throughout the US and ten

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July 4th

FLORENCE- The Annual Independence Day Celebration in McFarland Park gets underway July 4 with the traditional open and blessing with the National Anthem by saxophone player and tribute artist, Jeff Hornbuckle at noon. The day will celebrate the

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REPEAT X 2

Twin Back-to-Backs are an AHSAA First



L-R Chad Willis-coach, Samantha Shelton, Anna Margaret Hays, Reagan Daniel, Riya Key.

MUSCLE SHOALS-The spring of 2017 will long be remembered by members and coaches of the Muscle Shoals High School boys and girls golf teams. Both won the state 6A golf championship. That was only the fifth time in the history of the AHSAA that a boys' and girls' team from the same school had won state championships the same year.

The MSHS boys' golf team went

into the 2018 season with high expectations. With three of the top five players from a year ago returning, there was good reason for optimism.

There were some great success stories throughout this season, but there were also many bumps to overcome, many of which could have been a direct result of last

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L-R Allen Michael Burnett, Thomas Regan, Sam Gargis, Zach Arndt, Hunter Battles

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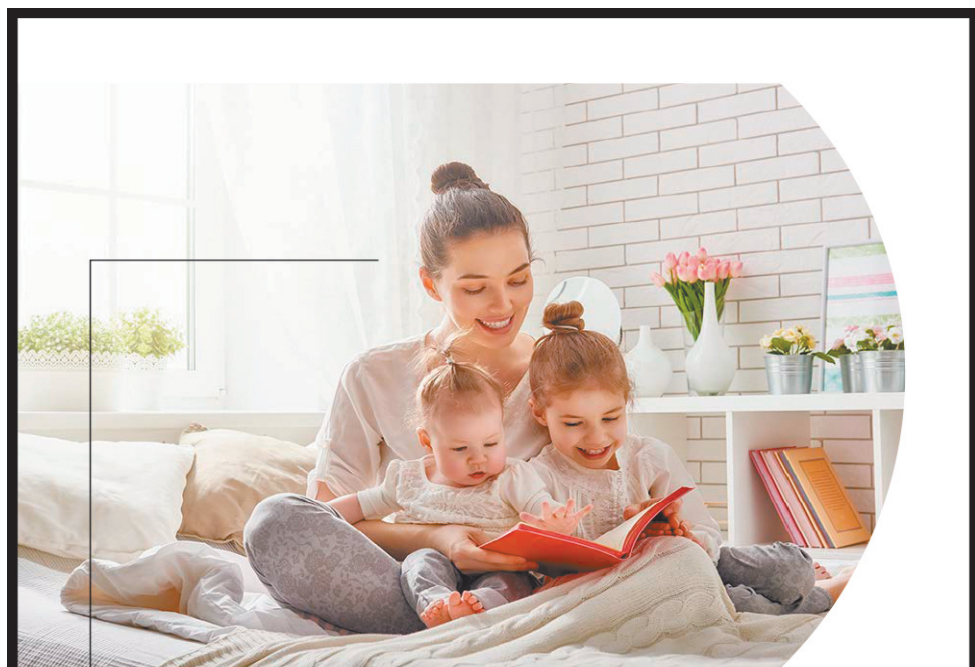
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Bedford is in Line for ARSEA Top Position

MONTGOMERY – Nell Bedford of Muscle Shoals was recently sworn in as president-elect of the Alabama Retired State Employees' Association and Alabama Public Employees' Advocacy League ARSEA/APEAL, a 20,000-member statewide association that represents current and future state and local government retirees.

"Nell Bedford's impressive and distinguished career serving her fellow Alabamians continues with her election to this important post," said ARSEA/APEAL Executive Director, Liane Kelly. "Our association is lucky to call



Bedford

upon her leadership as we work to ensure that the needs of our membership are met." Bedford retired from the Franklin County Commission after twenty years of service. She has been a longtime leader in ARSEA/APEAL and previously served on the board of directors. Bedford was honored with a Distinguished Service Award from ARSEA/APEAL in 2014.

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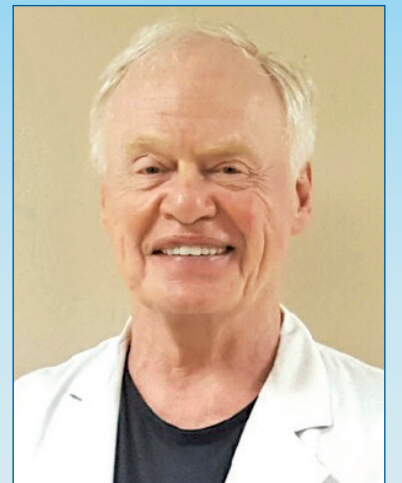
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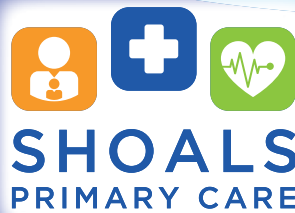
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season's success. The boys seemed to put too much pressure on themselves to succeed. So, to say that winning back to back state championships would be tough is an understatement. Members of the team seemed to all have that burden at times during the 2018 season. Each had off days and different players were top scorers on any given day.

The 2017 season played out perfectly with the team peaking at the state championship. The 2018 season was different according to MSHS Boys golf coach, Derrick Gargis. After battling through the mental challenges that the game of golf can present, the boys started putting it all together at the section tournament in Athens.

"We won the section tournament with a large gap between us and the second place team, Gargis said. We then won the North Substate tournament which again put some distance between us and the remaining field."

Then came the opportunity to defend their state championship. "We knew that the Benjamin Russell, Fort Payne, and Homewood teams would be preparing just as hard as we would," Gargis continued. "I told our players as much, but I felt very confident that no team or player had prepared MORE."

"For two days at the state championship, our kids played with determination, poise, and confidence. They played hard for their teammates."

Leading Homewood by two strokes heading into the final round of play the Trojans could have been uneasy and played tentatively. However, that was not the case. Thomas Regan claimed medalist honors with a blistering 7-under 65, Hunter Battles shot a 3-under 69 and Allen Michael Burnett added a two-under 70 to help send Muscle Shoals to the title by six shots.

Battles shot a 3-under 69 and Burnett added a two-under 70. Zach Arndt closed with an 81 while Sam Gargis carded an 82 to help send Muscle Shoals to the title by six shots.

"When it was finished, we had captured back to back state championships. I'm very proud of my

players, and I'm proud to have the opportunity to be just a small part of their success. It has been very satisfying to watch the program grow to this point over the years," Gargis said.

M TROJAN GIRLS
 The girls ended their 2017 season with a national ranking of 172 after winning a tie breaker over Northridge in the state finals.

The 2018 Lady Trojans coached by Chad Willis were determined to repeat. They won the sectionals at Canebrake with score of 241. Then the team came in second at substate at Terri Pines with a score 257.

However, the Trojans stepped up their game when it counted the most and won the state tournament at the Robert Trent Jones course in Muscle Shoals.

Anna Margaret Hays shot 74-74 in her two rounds. Riya Key shot 80-76. Reagan Daniel shot 85-82. And Samantha Shelton shot 87-83. A strong second day by every team member allowed them to post a team score of 471, winning by 23 shots.

Anna Margaret Hays was named *TimesDaily* golfer of the year for 2018.

The 2018 Lady Trojans ended the season ranked #92 in the nation.

The boys and girls teams became the first school to both win back-to-back championships in the history of the AHSAA.

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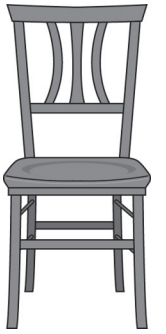
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July 20 - Rheta Grimsley Johnson, Syndicated Columnist and Author of seven books. She will answer questions about her books and discuss her future writing plans.
July 27 - Dwight James, Kiwanis District 2 Lieutenant Governor, speaking regarding metal detecting. He will update us on Kiwanis International goals and plans.

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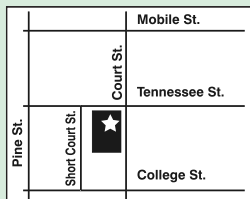
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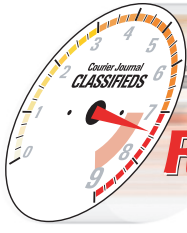
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The musical finale will have spectators talking - combining blues, soul, and the Muscle Shoals Sound with Diedra & The Ruff Pro Band and local artist Zac Hacker & The McTazz band followed by Fireworks at 9pm.

Diedra Ruff is a 15-time blues award nominee and winner. She was crowned by the Blues Society as the Alabama Blues Queen in 2016.

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Zac Hacker is a singer, songwriter, producer, and



Diedra and Keithen Ruff
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musician from the Muscle Shoals music scene. He grew up with a guitar in his hands.

His late Father, Hartty Hacker, was one of the Hacker Brothers Band. Zac was the first runner-up on Nashville Star in 2007. His sister, Angela Hacker, won the top spot. His song, "If It Wasn't For The Whiskey" was a song that touched many hearts and continues to be one of his most requested songs. His new album will be released in 2018.

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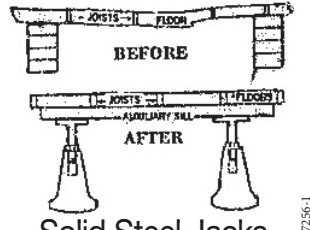
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Miss Wynja played an outstanding round and was sure to win the individual title by several strokes and lead her team to a first-place finish for the first time in years. But at the end of the day, neither Kate nor the team won first place.

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The officials were understanding of her situation and tried to find a way to resolve it, but the rules were cut and dried. Hence, Kate was disqualified and the team had to settle for second place.

How she has handled herself in subsequent interviews has been impressive. When asked about her actions, here is how she responded: "It was really sad, mostly because I knew what the result would be. I knew that I would be disqualified and it broke my heart for the team. But I knew I couldn't leave without saying something."

I know nothing else about this young lady, but no doubt she has character! Character has been described as "What you do when no one is watching." Here is a demonstration of that in living color.

The Bible teaches that God expects character of His people. Solomon penned: "The integrity of the upright will guide them, but the perversity of the unfaithful will destroy them" (Proverbs 11:3). Further, Peter writes that good character has a favorable impact on others by saying: "Always let others see you behaving properly..." (1 Peter 2:12 CEV).

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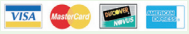
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No matter what time of the year, it's good for members of the military and their spouses to familiarize themselves with these potential tax benefits. Here is a list of a few of these tax benefits as follows:

1. Combat Pay Exclusion - If someone serves in a combat zone, part or even all of their combat pay is tax-free. This also applies to people working in an area outside a combat zone when the Department of Defense certifies that area is in direct support of military operations in a combat zone. There are limits to this exclusion for commissioned officers.

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2. Deadline Extensions. Some members of the military, such as those who serve in a combat zone, can postpone most tax deadlines. Those who qualify can get automatic extensions of time to file and pay their taxes.

3. Stateside Spouse May Sign Joint Returns - Normally, both spouses must sign a joint income tax return. If military service prevents that, one spouse with the use of a power of attorney may be able to sign for their active Military spouse.

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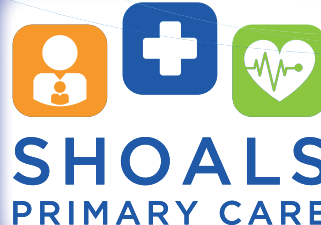
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Commentary

Our Independence: Is it Slipping Away?

Try for a moment to imagine living in a country where you are perpetually watched and followed. Should you seem remotely suspicious, uniformed military stop, frisk you, and search your belongings just in case you are doing something illegal or have something illegal with you.

Think about living in a country where citizens can be imprisoned for criticizing government officials, where having a firearm can get arrested and sometimes shot by soldiers or police, where armed soldiers kick doors in and imprison citizens for simply criticizing officials and their government.

Some may say that is the case today. However, that WAS the environment in Colonial America several hundred years ago as colonists suffered under Great Britain's overbearing rule. They finally became fed up.

The Declaration of Independence aptly summarized those grievances. One noted writer described it as "a document seething with outrage over a government which had betrayed its citizens."

That seething was decades in the making. Fifty-six men knew that signing that declaration denouncing Great Britain, it's king, and his heavy hand put a price on each of their heads. However, they also believed in their

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In A Few Words



TOM MAGAZZU
Editor

Courier Journal

THIS WEEK

in the *Shoals*
July 4, 2018

Happening THIS WEEK

A Home to Celebrate

Local Family Ready for its New Habitat

FLORENCE—Shoals Habitat for Humanity will dedicate home 79 to a deserving mother and her three children on Saturday, July 7. The dedication ceremony will take place at 315 N Franklin Street in Florence at 9am.

Friends, family and community members will gather at the home dedication to celebrate Nikki Griffin and her children. Griffin has worked hard to support her family, and now she will be rewarded for that work with the keys to her new home. All dedication events are open to the public and will feature short speeches, a blessing of the home, and the presentation of the Bible and house keys.

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July 7

See **HABITAT HOME #79** ... on Page 16



Music Friday for July

FLORENCE—Don't miss a beat with First Fridays on July 6. Food vendors, artists, and musicians will fill Court Street in historic downtown Florence from 5-8pm to bring you one-of-a-kind art, delicious food, and an assortment of music from the Tennessee Valley.

July 6

This month's First Fridays will celebrate music in light of the Florence Bicentennial. "First Fridays summer celebration continues in July with a focus on music from the Shoals and the surrounding area," said First Fridays chairwoman Belinda Duke.

See **FRIDAYS** ... on Page 29

Summer art classes at the Tennessee Valley Museum of Art start July 9.

- CLASS I for students entering grades 3 and 4 9am-4pm, July 9-12
- CLASS II for students entering grades 5 and 6 9am-4pm, July 9-12
- CLASS III for students entering grades 7 - 12 from 10am-noon, July -11

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For more information regarding classes and to view registration form, please visit our website at tva.net or call 256-383-0533.
The Tennessee Valley Museum of Art is located at 511 N. Water St. in Tusculumbia.

THE "HI NEIGHBORS OF THE SHOALS" meeting will be Tuesday, July 10 at the Florence Public Library. This group welcomes all newcomers to the Shoals area. Contact Janice Hilborn at 256 577-8355 for further information.

DAY BY DAY, a grief support group for bereaved parents/grandparents, meets on Sunday, July 8 at 2pm at Woodmont Baptist East Campus, located at 2002 Darby Dr. in Florence. For information, email debbiec2414@aol.com or anita.watkins@comcast.net.



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Consider Shelter Pets

Editor:

Thank you for your commentary June 27 highlighting the dire situations at our local animal shelters and the challenges facing the staff work there (*Shelters Deal with Ignorance, Vanity*). Your paper deserves recognition for the frequent support you provide to the local shelters and area rescue groups with their much-needed fund raising.

You shined a light on the ignorance and irresponsible behavior of too many pet owners in our communities - animals that are allowed to run loose, resulting in lost, maimed or dead pets. Uncontrolled breeding of pets which results in more unwanted and neglected animals. The careless and thoughtless pet owners take no responsibility for their actions. It is the staff and volunteers at our local shelters and rescue groups who are left to deal with the unwanted, abused and

neglected animals.

One group you failed to call-out for their actions were the backyard breeders and puppy mill operators. These greedy, irresponsible breeders also contribute to the problem facing our local shelters. These people are only out for their own selfish greed and care nothing for the animals. How can you spot a backyard breeder or puppy mill? They are the ones selling pets at flea markets, from posters at your local grocery store, or through newspaper ads. They frequently tout the AKC or CKC registration of the animals for sale. Although this registration speaks nothing to the actual quality or health of the animal.

For all the good you do to help our local shelter and rescue groups, your allowing ads from backyard breeders and puppy mills indirectly contributes to the problem you've spoken out against. I would ask that your paper stop carrying "Pets for Sale" ads. This action would be a step in the right direction to help reduce the numbers

of unwanted pets being dropped at the local shelters.

To your readers: please consider shelter or rescue pets before buying. Not only are there many loving "mutts" for adoption, there are numerous breed specific rescue groups which can be found with a simple internet search.

Stephen Duvall
Muscle Shoals

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

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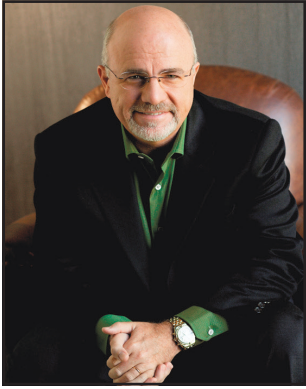
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Pat

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I'd do it now. A hobby that makes money is called a business.

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All your art income goes into that account, and any expenses paid where your painting is concerned comes out of that account. After the income goes in, and the expenses come out, what's left is profit. That's what you'll end up paying taxes on. Also, you'll be required to do quarterly estimates and send them to the IRS if you make more than \$640 in a quarter. Always remember to always hold back 25 percent for taxes, too, in a separate savings account just for this purpose.

This is really cool, Pat. I think you're on the verge of being very successful!

—Dave

FOLLOW UP FOR PEACE OF MIND

Dear Dave,
I've been following your teachings for a while, and I've

noticed you advise people to get things in writing when dealing with creditors. Usually, it seems like you're talking about credit cards and things like that when this is mentioned. I finally made my last student loan payment the other day. Do you think it would be a good idea to request a formal statement saying my student loan debt has been completely paid off?

Andrea

Dear Andrea,
Following up on paid-off debts is always a good idea. It wouldn't hurt to write, and request formal, written confirmation that everything is paid in full. You can do this through email, so you'll have a record of contact, or you can send a certified letter — return receipt requested — through the postal system. That way, you'll have a record they received the letter and signed for it.

It sounds like you spent a lot of time paying off your student loans. After an experience like that, you don't want to have to deal with greedy or dishonest collectors hounding you years down the road, and no way to prove you're free and clear.

Congratulations on finally kicking your student loan debt to the curb, Andrea! It feels awesome, doesn't it?

—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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SHiFT...

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foreign countries. Owen Foster is the chair of the industrial design program at Savannah College of Art and Design in Savannah, Georgia and a co-founder of SHiFT Design Camp. His parents and brother operate Seven Springs Lodge.

He said the camp encourages collaboration when solving problems.

"The camp takes the hard skills they have learned in college and combines them with the soft skills they need in life with an emphasis on collaboration, empathy, and problem solving," said Foster.

A goal of the camp is to help accelerate the talent, vision, and abilities of the students to create successful leaders.

"We want to make the campers better people for the world," Foster said. "That makes the world a better place for everyone."

The campers must solve the problems they encounter without using computers or smart phones. By being disconnected from the Internet and social media, the campers learn to rely on their wits and interactions with one another to solve problems such as building a bridge or an elevated platform to increase seating in the campfire area.



Campers scavenge boards from old pallets to provide lumber for one of their projects at SHiFT Camp at Seven Springs Lodge.
Dennis Sherer

Jean Paul Pompeo, a recent graduate of Ohio State University, said the skills he has honed at SHiFT Design Camp have prepared him for a career as an industrial designer. "You learn how to work with people with different skill sets in order to accomplish a goal. You learn how to use the ideas of each person on your team for solving problems."

Claudia Miranda, a Savannah College of Art and Design graduate and veteran SHiFT camper, enjoys coming to Seven Springs each year to hone her problem-solving skills and savor the beauty of rural northwest Alabama. She said, "It's always a great experience."

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Commentary

Freedom...

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Many of these men were very well-to-do. Their families could have lived very well for generations if they didn't the boat.

However, they had a vision to live free of tyranny. They were labeled traitors and were charged with treason. They knew their vision was a long shot, that even with help from other countries, overcoming Britain's strengths would take Divine guidance. Some did lose their lives and/or fortunes, but what they accomplished 240 years ago with their vision of independence, individuality, and self-sufficiency has been the pinnacle of envy for centuries in the free world.

Even after independence from Great Britain had been secured, those who were left worked to ensure that their new rights and freedoms secure for future generations with the ratification of our Bill of Rights, the first ten amendments to the Constitution, in 1791.

The 50,000 lives lost on the American side doesn't seem especially costly since we have lost comparable numbers in recent conflicts. However, we should remember that the entire colonial population was only three million.

We celebrate that great vision this week. The name of the holiday is Independence Day, not the 4th of July 4, yet we rarely hear the term Independence Day any more. That is not coincidental. It's no longer about the reverence or the accomplishment; it's about the party - as it is with most everything else in our society it seems.

That mindset of individuality, spirituality, and self-sufficiency that bolstered our founding is showing significant cracks. Calculated and organized efforts by those on the left in legal, social, religious, and educational areas are engaged in an all-out assault to scale back the ideals that served as the foundation of our nation.

We need look no farther than the public classroom where the results of national surveys of American history for elementary students through college graduates are, putting it nicely, horrendous. And they have been for decades. Those millennials and younger who know very little about our country's infancy, its founding, or even the general dates and details of our history before the advent of the civil rights struggle. The knowledge is so lacking that those responsible over the years

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average each day. No age group averaged over an hour, but 6.6 minutes is scary. Simple reading doesn't keep our attention any more. We've stopped learning. Younger members of society don't seem to

respect our history and ideals or uphold them. Our history is portrayed with a twist of hostility as to how we arrived in the twenty-first century. It's all now geared toward our feelings, See SLIPPING... Page 28

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what we want, and what is fair. They are taught what the growing socialist element wants them to know and think. And very little of that is productive, useful, or admirable.

As we enjoy the cookouts, some time on the water, the festive music, a few cold beverages, and some fireworks in the sky, those of us who have an inkling of what it took and can appreciate it should take a few minutes to celebrate the brilliant minds and courageous souls centuries ago who brought us here. And we should do our best to fight for the survival of this nation as a free, envied representative republic.

We'll close with a few quotes from some important people upon which we can reflect.

May God bless America. We're surely going to need it.

"These are the times that try men's souls. The summer soldier and the sunshine patriot will, in this crisis, shrink from the service of their country; but he that stands it now deserves the love and thanks of man and woman. Tyranny, like hell, is not easily conquered; yet we have this consolation with us, that the harder the conflict, the more glorious the triumph."

Thomas Paine / Dec. 1776

Violence as a way of achieving racial justice is both impractical and immoral. I am not unmindful of the fact that violence often brings about momentary results. Nations have frequently won their independence in battle. But in spite of temporary victories, violence never brings permanent peace.

Martin Luther King, Jr.

"I hope we once again have reminded people that man is not free unless government is limited. There's a clear cause and effect here that is as neat and predictable as a law of physics: as government expands, liberty contracts."

Ronald Reagan

"If the freedom of speech is taken away then dumb and silent we may be led, like sheep to the slaughter."

George Washington

"Liberty has never come from the government. Liberty has always come from the subjects of it. The history of liberty is a history of resistance."

Woodrow Wilson

"We hold these truths to be self-evident: that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness."

Thomas Jefferson

"It is by the goodness of God that in our country we have those three unspeakably precious things: freedom of speech, freedom of conscience, and the prudence never to practice either of them."

Mark Twain

"They who can give up essential liberty to obtain a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety."

Benjamin Franklin

"The advancement and diffusion of knowledge is the only guardian of true liberty."

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"We anticipate that First Fridays attendees will enjoy a wide variety of music as they browse vendors' stations on Court Street," said Duke. The Shoals Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring live music in the Gold Record Room at 6pm with Shawna P. First Friday attendees will also be able to enjoy an assortment of food trucks in the grass between UNA and Subway.

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5 Tips for a More Beautiful Lawn

As I was mowing my lawn today I realized it is officially Summer time, which means that the distinct sound of grass cutting and edging equipment is echoing through neighborhoods everywhere... We all want to have the most beautiful lawn possible, right? Here are 5 tips to a more beautiful lawn:

1. Mow it correctly! Make sure you're mowing at the proper height for your lawn. 2 to 2-1/2 inches for Bermuda and 2-1/2 to 3" for Zoysia. The taller and thicker the lawn is, the harder it is for certain weeds to grow. Be sure to never scalp your lawn (cut it too short). Weeds flourish in bare areas where they can hog all of the water and sunlight.

2. Water it! Your lawn needs at least 1" of water per week, whether it's rainfall or irrigation. In-ground water lines can reduce the labor involved (dragging the water hose around the house) in watering, but you have to install (or have installed) the underground water pipes and sprinkler heads in your lawn. Installing a sprinkler system makes it much easier to have the balanced coverage. As far as the best time to water, most experts say early in the morning. This gives your lawn time to absorb the water without the excess evaporation that's caused by midday sun. Late-night watering could promote diseases. And consider investing in a timer.

3. Make sure you properly fertilize! Most experts recommend a high nitrogen, slow release fertilizer over a quick release fertilizer. A granular fertilizer is suggested as well because you can get a better idea of how much you're putting out. Be careful not to over fertilize as it can be very damaging to your lawn.

4. Turn on the sunshine! Grass needs adequate sunlight. If you have bare areas in the shade where grass is just not growing well, plant a more shade friendly grass seed like fescue. Neither Bermuda nor Zoysia will really flourish without enough sunlight.

5. Spray for weeds... AND Bugs! When you spray for weeds, don't forget proper and appropriate insect control. Some insects can absolutely destroy your lawn.

It's no secret that one of the first ingredients of "great curb appeal" is a green, beautiful lawn. Hopefully these tips will help to have all of our lawns "growing" in the right direction...mr

Please feel free to send your questions.

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THE BOLD AND THE BEAUTIFUL As Sally decorated their place for the 4th of July, Wyatt encouraged her to have more faith and believe that she would win over Hope. Sally vented her frustrations about Hope to Wyatt. Hope shared her exciting news with a stunned Liam. Eric and Quinn visited Steffy and offered to design her wedding dress. Liam and Hope shared a tender moment. Liam realized that he must go home and tell Steffy about Hope's news. *Wait to See: Family members set out to determine who is threatening one of their own.*

DAYS OF OUR LIVES Ciara was concerned as Ben became increasingly unglued without his medication. Hope received some unsettling news about Ben. Eve was forced into a corner during Tate's custody hearing. Chloe and Eric had a deep discussion about Nicole. Ciara tried to reason with a paranoid Ben while he was hallucinating. Tripp pulled back from his kiss with Claire, who admitted she was starting to have feelings for him. Hope questioned Clyde about

Ben. Brady was on the hot seat while being implicated in Deimos's murder. *Wait to See: Ciara passes out as the cabin catches fire.*

GENERAL HOSPITAL Nelle turned on the charm. Sonny reassured Carly. Franco's fears were assuaged. Julian opened up to Kim. Josslyn tried to make amends. Sonny received word from an old friend. Franco had a heart-to-heart with Scott. Sam made a clean break. Kim had a talk with Oscar. Jason gave Sonny some assurance. Nelle's appointment was delayed, but Micheal offered a solution. Kiki was relieved. Maxie received a surprise visit. Peter felt a glimmer of hope. *Wait to See: Carly confides in Kevin.*

THE YOUNG AND THE RESTLESS Abby was disheartened when she learned that Arturo was unable to spend the 4th of July with her due to work. Billy celebrated his birthday trapped in an elevator with Phyllis. Hilary faced some challenges when the guest for her holiday show canceled, leaving her to fill airtime with interviews on the roof deck. Tessa avoided

Hilary's interview questions about her past. Abby decided to bring the celebration to Arturo. Jack continued his quest to prove that Phillip Chancellor was his biological father. *Wait to See: Jill returns home to chaos.*

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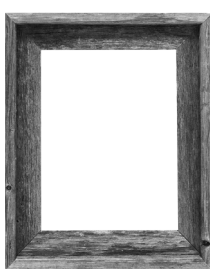
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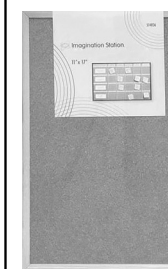
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Volunteers Needed - Keller Hospice LHC of Tuscumbia is currently seeking volunteers to serve the following counties: Colbert, Lauderdale, Lawrence, Franklin, Marion, and Winston. Areas of need: Patient Volunteer, Administrative Volunteer, Craft/Hobbies Volunteer, Community Outreach/Event Planning/Fundraising Volunteer. For more information contact: Keller Hospice LHC of Tuscumbia, 256-314-1204 or email Barbara.Johnson@LCHgroup.com.

Gospel Singing at Peppertown FW Baptist Church, Hwy 48 in Lexington Sunday, July 8. Congregation singing at 11am, lunch at noon. Special singing with The Caltons from Collinwood, TN at 1:15pm.
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Fish Fry at East Colbert Church of Christ Saturday, July 7, Noon-5pm. All you can eat. Adults and carry outs \$12 each. Children ages 5-11 \$6. 4 and under free. (All proceeds to mission work and benevolence.)

NAMI Shoals Family Support Group for families with adults and/or children who have brain disorders (mental illnesses) and NAMI Connection Recovery Support Group for people who have been diagnosed with a brain disorder and are in recovery meets Tuesday, July 10 at 7pm at the NAMI Shoals office, 749 Thompson St., Suite A, Florence. Need directions or more information, call 256-765-2081.

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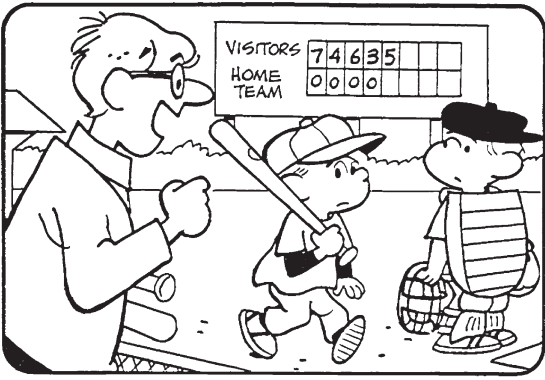
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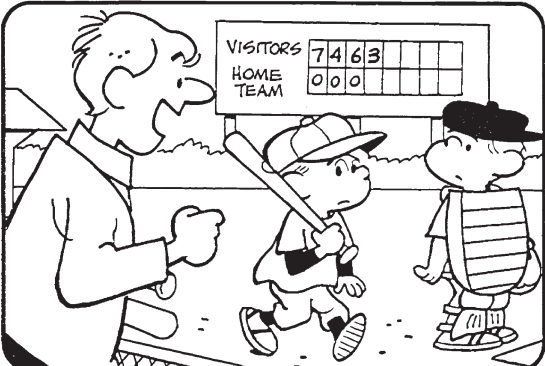
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