Clinics in The Shoals

SHOALS - The traveling summer rabies clinics get underway across the Shoals this weekend. The Colbert County Rabies Clinic is scheduled for Monday-Saturday, June 10-15. The Lauderdale Rabies Clinic gets underway Saturday, June 8 with a full day of stops and concludes June 15. The schedules for both counties are side-by-side inside this issue. Look for the ideal time and location to get your pet inoculated.

The fee is \$12 per animal. Alabama State law requires that all dogs and cats three months of age or older be vaccinated

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effort will **RABIES CLINICS** be made Colbert Co. June 10-15 Lauderdale Co. Please be June 8-15

patient if clinics are a few minutes late.

Dogs MUST be leashed or confined to a pet taxi. Please keep dogs at your vehicle. All cats must be confined in a pet taxi or some other type of secure box. The veterinarian will come to your vehicle and give all vaccines.

Osmond at **HCU Event**



Marie Osmond will be taking the stage live at the Marriott Shoals Hotel and Conference Center on Osmond

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Five Year-Old is Stoked to Help Others in Need

FLORENCE-Like most little girls, five year old Tynslee Blue knows where she wants to direct her weekly allowance.

Unlike most, she gives it all away. She also gets excited thinking about it.

According to her mother, Haley Bennett, the excitement first saw light one night in February when Tynslee's father, Corey, came home from the jobsite in downtown Florence. He mentioned that a guy was sleeping on a mattress

next to the dumpster.

"That night we made an extra plate to take down there," Bennett added.

But that was far from the end of it. Tynslee had some concerns.

She asked several questions, "Why was he sleeping there? Where's



his house?, What if it rains?" However, her most worrisome question was, "What if he is cold?"

See BAGGING BLESSINGS... on Page 6

IN TIME FOR THE MIRACLE

'Treehouse' at Ivy Green is Replaced

by Dennis Sherer Colbert County Tourism

TUSCUMBIA - The sounds of saws, hammers, and other tools now echo through the outdoor theater where the breakthrough moment of Helen Keller's

life will soon be portrayed.
Carpenters from the Shoals
Homebuilders Association are busy constructing a new control booth for *The Miracle Worker*. The play is presented on six weekends each year at Ivy Green, Keller's birthplace and childhood home. The lighting and sound systems for the play are controlled from the booth that cast members call 'the treehouse'.

The new booth will replace one that

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Early construction for the new control booth at Ivy Green for The Miracle Worker.

NW-SCC STEAM Camp is Full-Speed Ahead

MUSCLE SHOALS -- Northwest-Shoals Community College (NW-SCC) Child Development Center presents the 2019 Kids in College, Full STEAM Ahead!, summer camp. Summer camp dates are July 8-12. The camp is open to children entering grades 1-8 in the fall.

Each day participants will experience activities such as chemistry experiments, robots, rockets, and a planetarium from the

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McWane Science Center on the Move. Healthy snacks will be provided daily. Each camper will receive a camp t-shirt.

Children are to arrive promptly at 8am in the Patriot Center on the Shoals Campus. Each day's events will conclude each day

Registration is \$80 per child \$70 per child for families

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Osmond at **HCU Event**

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will begin at approximately 7:15pm. Local songwriter Gary

Baker will be performing with Osmond that night. "Marie is a talent for all

ages," said Baker. "She has been to the Shoals many times to visit, but never in concert. We're going to have a blast and hope you'll join the fun." The performance will

include an acoustic show with Osmond and Baker. Guests can expect a wide assortment of stories from Osmond's five decades in the music industry.

"I have fond memories of watching the *Donnie* and Marie Show as a child," said Heritage Christian University President, Kirk Brothers. "Whether you remember her from days gone by or you will be meeting her for the first time, I am convinced that you will be glad you came to this

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FLORENCE-The Friends Bookstore inside the Florence-Lauderdale Public Library will have a half-price sale June 7-16.

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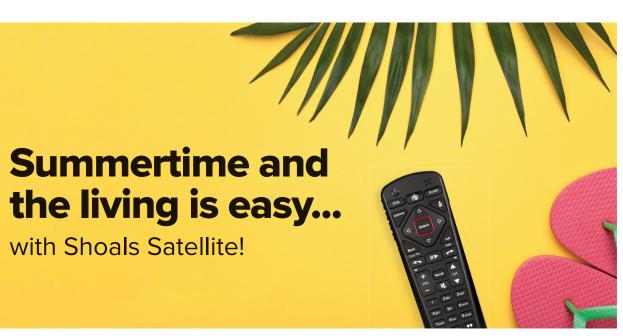
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Mt. Zion Church of Christ 2019 VBS "Destination Paradise" will be June 2-6, Sunday 4-6pm; Monday-Thursday 6:30-8:30pm. Classes for Nursery to Adult. Crafts, Skits, Puppets, Fun and a meal Monday-Thursday nights. Kickoff Ice Cream Supper Sunday Night.

Come join us on our journey. Church located on Butler Creek Road. Info: 256764-1462.

NW AL Chapter #2 of the Korean War Veterans Assoc. will meet for breakfast and business at Hampton Inn and Suites, 505 S. Court St. Florence, at 8:30 AM on Wednesday, June 5. The meeting room will be separate from the dining area so come earlier and enjoy a free breakfast before the meeting.

If you have ever served in Korea from 1945 to present or served outside of Korea during the period June 25, 1950-Jan. 31, 1955, then we encourage you to

attend this meeting.

Please direct any questions to
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FREE CLOTHING Saturday, June 8 from 8am-1pm, Samaritan House Clothing Room - Next Door To Highland Park Church of Christ in Muscle Shoals (Corner of Woodward and 2nd St.)

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Kennedy-Douglass Center for the arts will be hosting the Young Masters Art School this June.

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Tuition is \$50 and class sizes, are limited. Applications are available at the Kennedy-Douglass Center for the Arts. For more information, KatieGrahamArt@gmail.com

Crossroads Community Outreach is hosting a free summer lunch program at Weeden Elementary School, 400 Baldwin St. in Florence June 3-July 26. All youth are invited to enjoy friends, fun, and free food. Lunch will be served from 11am-1pm. Lunch will be followed by crafts, games, music and dance. For more information about Crossroads Community Outreach, call Kimberly Jackson at 256-284-2218, visit crossroadsco.org or Facebook at Crossroads Community Outreach.

The "Hi Neighbors of the Shoals" meeting will be Tuesday, June 4 at 10:30am at the Florence Public Library. This group welcomes all newcomers to the Shoals area. Contact Laura Engdahl at 512-965-9023 for further information.

The Salvation Army Youth Summer Camps take place weekly from June 11–July 13 at Camp Hidden Lake, 626 Oregon Road, Lexington, MS for ages 7-18 years. Super fun summer activities include: learning to swim, adventure and scouting, arts and crafts, music development and sports.

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TUSCUMBIA: The city of Tuscumbia Parks & Recreation Department will host a STEAM Camp this summer for children entering grades 3-5. This three-day STEAM Camp will be offered from 9am-12pm, July 8-10 at the Round House in Tuscumbia.

UNA's Department of Elementary
Education will provide programming, including Science, Technology,
Engineering, Art and Math activities. Students who participate will engage in innovative activities that include designing, coding, building, planting, problem solving, writing, history and art. Camp fees are \$25 per child for the three-day camp. To register, visit the Tuscumbia Depot at 204 W. 5th Street in Tuscumbia.

Registration forms are also available on the city of Tuscumbia's website. For more information, email Parks & Recreation Director **Joel Kendrick** at joelkendrick@comcast.net or Dr. Lorie Johnson at ljohnson15@una.edu.

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Bagging Blessings...

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Week

we went and bought him a blanket and brought it to him. He only said thank you. He looked as if he was shocked we were so kind," Bennett said.

Since then Tynslee has been determined to help others. "When we go to make our blessing bags she tries to pick out hats, sunglasses, Iotions, bandaids, food, drinks, shoes, and more," Bennett said. Tynslee uses her money

and combines it with many donations from others in the community. Bennett takes Tynslee, her sister, cousins, and a friend or two on occasion Wilson Park to hand out or leave bags for the homeless. Last week the drop off was 20 bags.

In addition to the sandwiches and bottled -322050078423290/

"Tynslee was so excited to be able to help such a large number of people this time," Bennett said, adding, "This couldn't be possible without her determination to help others and the donations from our community." Bennett is thrilled that her little girl is so excited

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about helping others. "So many people would prefer to turn their head and act as if they didn't see a need," Bennett So this mommy will continue to support Tynslee, her sister, and whomever else wants to tag along with us to help the community one smile at a time!

They hope to take out 30 bags on the next trip! You can follow Tynslee www.facebook. at personal items, the care com/Little-Herospackage also included For-The-Homeless

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Kids in College...

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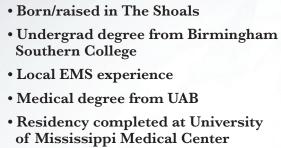
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for January 2018 through December 2018 - Hawk Pride Mountain Water System

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Required information: Some people may be more vulnerable (than the general population) to contaminants in drinking water. People who are immune-compromised, such as cancer patients undergoing chemotherapy, organ transplant recipients, HIV/ AIDS positive or other immune systems disorders, some elderly and some infants can be particularly at risk from infections. People at risk should seek advice from their health care providers about drinking water. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbiological contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791). Based on a study conducted by ADEM with the approval of the EPA, a statewide waiver for the monitoring of asbestos and dioxin was issued. Thus, monitoring for these contaminants was not required.

Total Coliform: The Total Coliform Rule requires water systems to meet a stricter limit for coliform bacteria. Coliform bacteria are usually harmless, but their presence in water can be an indication of disease-causing bacteria. When coliform bacteria are found, special follow-up tests are done to determine if harmful bacteria are present in the water supply. If this limit is exceeded, the water supplier must notify the public by newspaper, television or radio. To comply with the stricter regulation, Hawk Pride has increased the average amount of chlorine in the distribution system.

Lead: If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. Hawk Pride Mountain Water System is responsible for providing high quality drinking water but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead.

The water you drink: All drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791). The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and radioactive materials and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or human activity. MCL's (Maximum Contaminant Level Goals) are set at very stringent levels. To understand the possible health effects for many regulated constituents, a person would have to drink two liters of water every day at the MCL level for a lifetime to have a one-in-a-million chance of having an ill health effect.

Please Note: Immediately following are the definitions of terms and abbreviations found in the tables concerning Primary Drinking Water Contaminants and Contaminants Detected.

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal or MCLG – the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLG"S allow for a margin of safety.

Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) – this is the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCL's are set as close to the MCLG's as feasible while using the bet available treatment technology.

Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG) – the level of drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLG's do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants,

Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRSL) – the highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water; there is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

Action Level – The concentration of a contaminant that triggers treatment, or other requirements that a water system must follow

Treatment Technique (TT) – A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

Parts per million (ppm) or Milligrams per liter (mg/l) – One part per million corresponds to one minute in 2 years or a single penny in \$10,000.

Parts per billion (ppb) or Micrograms per liter – One part per billion corresponds to one minute in 2,000 years or a single penny in \$10,000,000.

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Picocuries per liter (pCi/l) – picocuries per liter is a measure of the radioactivity in water.

Millirems per year (mrem/yr) – measure of radiation absorbed by the

Nephelometric Turbidity Unit (NTU) – nephelometric turbidity unit is a measure of the clarity of water. Turbidity in excess of 5 NTU is just noticeable to the average person.

Disinfectant Byproducts – contaminants formed when chlorine is used as a disinfectant.

ND – None detected

NOTE: The tables list drinking water contaminants that we detected during the calendar year of this report. The presence of contaminants in the water does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. Unless otherwise noted, the data presented in these tables is from testing done in the calendar year of the report. The EPA or ADEM requires us to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants do not change frequently.

Table of Detected Contaminants - Hawk Pride Mtn. 2018

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			Amount	Likely Source of
Contaminant	MCLG	MCL	Detected	Contamination
Bacteriological				
Total Coliform Bact.	0	< 5 %	* 2	Soil runoff
Turbidity	0	0.3	** 0.096	Soil runoff
Radiological				
Combined radium	0	5	0.78	Erosion of natural deposits
Inorganic Chemicals				
Barium	0	2 ppm	0.0244	Erosion of natural deposits;
				Industrial discharge
Sulphate	0	500 ppm	8.26	Runoff from fertilizer
Nickel	0	.1 ppm	0.00256	Discharge from industrial processes
Lead	0	AL=15	<1	Corrosion of household plumbing systems
		ppb		erosion of natural deposits
				Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from
Nitrate	0	10 ppm	0.51	septic tanks, sewage; erosion of
				natural deposits
Copper	0	AL=1.3	0.00396	Corrosion of household plumbing systems
		ppm		erosion of natural deposits
Organic Chemicals				
TTHM	0	80 ppb	43.2 ppb	By-product of drinking water chlorination
HAA5	0	60 ppb	28.9 ppb	By-product of drinking water chlorination

* We had 2 positive samp les for total I coliform. Repeat samples showed negative contamination. Possible causes: Conta amination during col-lection or contamination at the lab.

** Turbidity ranged from .024- .096 with an average of .038.

Table of Primary Contaminants - Hawk Pride Mtn. 2018

		Amount			Amount	
Contaminant	MCL	Detected	Contaminant	MCL	Detected	
Bacteriological			Endothall	100	ND	
Total Coliform Bacteria **	<5%	2	Endrin	2	ND	
Turbidity (NTU *	0.3	0.096	Epichlorohydrin	TT	ND	
Radiological			Glyphosate	700	ND	
Beta/photon emitters (mrem/yr)	4	NA	Heptachlor	400	ND	
Alpha emitters (pci/l)	15	2.7	Heptachlor epoxide	200	ND	
Combined radium (pci/l)	5	0.78	Hexachlorobenzene	1	ND	
Inorganic			Hexachloropentadiene	1	ND	
Antimony (ppb)	6	ND	Lindane	200	ND	
Arsenic (ppb)	50	ND	Methoxychlor	40	ND	
Asbestos (MFL)	7	NA	Oxamyl [Vydate]	200	ND	
Barium (ppm)	2	0.0244	PCBs	500	ND	
Beryllium (ppb)	4	ND	Pentachlorophenol	1	ND	
Cadmium (ppb)	5	ND	Picloram	500	ND	
Chromium (ppb)	100	4.25	Simazine	4	ND	
Copper (ppm)	AL=1.3	0.00396	Toxaphene	3	ND	
Cyanide (ppb)	200	ND	Benzene	5	ND	
Fluoride (ppm)	4	ND	Carbon Tetrachloride	5	ND	
Lead (ppb)	AL=15	<1	Chlorobenzene	100	ND	
Mercury (ppb)	2	0.225	Dibromochloropropane	200	ND	
Nitrate (ppm)	10	0.51	o-Dichlorobenzene	600	ND	
Nitrite (ppm)	1	ND	p-Dichlorobenzene	75	ND	
Selenium (ppb)	50	ND	1,2-Dichloroethane	5	ND	
Thallium (ppb)	2	ND	1,1-Dichloroethylene	7	ND	
Nickel (ppm)	0.1	0.00256	Cis-1,2-Dichloroethylene	70	ND	
Sulfate (ppm)	500	8.26	trans1,2-Dichloroethylene	100	ND	
Organic (ppb)			Dichloromethane	5	ND	
Acrylamide	TT	ND	1,2-Dichloropropane	5	ND	
Alachlor	2	ND	Ethylbenzene	700	ND	
Atrazine	3	ND	Ethylene dibromide	50	ND	
Benzo(a)pyrene[PHAs]	0.2	ND	Styrene	100	ND	
Carbofuran	40	ND	Tetrachloroethylene	5	ND	
Chlordane	2	ND	1,2,4-Trichlorobenzene	70	ND	
Dalapon	200	ND	1,1,1-Trichloroethane	200	ND	
Di-(2-ethylhexyl)adipate	400	ND	1,1,2-Trichloroethane	5	ND	
Di(2-ethylhexyl)phthlates	6	ND	TTHM	80	43.2	
Dinoseb	7	ND	Toluene	1	ND	
Diquat	20	ND	Vinyl chloride	2	ND	
Dioxin[2,3,7,8-TCDD]	30	ND	Xylenes	10	ND	
2,4-D	70	ND	HAA5	60	28.9	
2,4,5-TP (Silvex)	50	ND	Trichloroethylene	5	ND	
			Monochlorobenzene	100	ND	

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Shorts...

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UNA Fields 4 Teams in FLW

CHARLES COUNTY.

MD – The nation's top collegiate bass-fishing anglers are set to compete at the most prestigious college bass-fishing championship in the country on the Potomac next week – the YETI FLW College Fishing National Championship

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University of North Alabama – FLW College Fishing National Championship Competitors are:

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Luke Mason, Florence, AL, and Garett Marler, Olive Branch, MS. Nathan Doss, Cullman,

AL. and **Charles Rieser**, Huntsville, AL. For the first time in college fishing history, the

college fishing history, the event will be streamed live on the popular FLW Live on-the-water program airing on days

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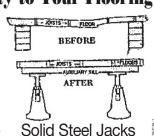


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Words

TOM MAGAZZU

Editor

history of documented human warfare. An airborne and naval assault provided some advance cover and distraction as 156,000 allied troops landed on the beaches of Normandy in northern France during turbulent weather that night. We recognize Operation Neptune now as D-Day. Operation Overlord is now known as the Battle of

Normandy. General Dwight D. Eisenhower was the commander of the Allied forces. He rallied the troops the night before knowing

this would be a challenging operation. However, it was vital to any chance the Allies had in overtaking the German foothold in France.

The operation of June 6 was supposed to have taken place the night before. However, high winds and heavy seas delayed the operation 24 hours creating additional

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LEIGHTON-The Cowboy Church of Colbert County will host its 6th Annual Št. Jude Trail Ride and Concert on Friday and Saturday, June

The event will take place on the Cowboy Church property at 3440 Highway 157 in Leighton for the first time.

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by Dennis Sherer Colbert County Tourism

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Thankful for Soldiers

Five Star General, Dwight D. Eisenhower, the Supreme Allied Commander, issued to those under his command this statement during the evening of June 5, 1944, the night before troops stormed the beaches of Normandy, France, what we now refer to as D-Day.

"You are about to embark upon the Great Crusade, toward which we have striven these many months. The eyes of the world are upon you. The hope and prayers of liberty-loving people everywhere march with you.

Your task will not be an easy one. Your enemy is well-trained, and wellequipped and battle-hardened. He will fight savagely. But this is the year 1944! The tide has turned! The free men of the world are marching together to victory!

I have full confidence in your courage, devotion to duty, and skill in battle. We will accept nothing less than full victory! Good Luck! And let us all beseech the blessing of Almighty God upon this great

There is no emergency. No evidence has been presented to show that Iran is taking any action that threatens US or any other country's interests.

and noble undertaking."

The invasion of Normandy included the largest amphibious assault in the history of warfare. Troops parachuted into a turbulent night to secure inland positions and establish bases they could protect. Others entered in stealthily, but dangerously, in glider planes known as flying coffins because they often splintered into pieces while attempting to land on while attempting to land on hedgerow-hemmed fields filled with obstructions known as 'Rommel's asparagus.'

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Bill Smoak Florence

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Matters of the Mouth

by Dr. Brittany Westerman

The Migraine Epidemic

Did you know that nonvisible acrylic splint nearly 50% of all women that is worn for a short

headaches, migraines, earaches, neck pain, pain, jaw vertigo or shoulder/ arm pain?

Throughout Westerman the course of

had at least one patient a week asking if there is anything I can do to alleviate these pains, and a few years of having these patients sleep in an acrylic night guard (the only treatment most dentists use for jaw pain) with reports of no research. Fortunately, I in Nashville, whose main focus is alleviating jaw TMJ pain and migraines.

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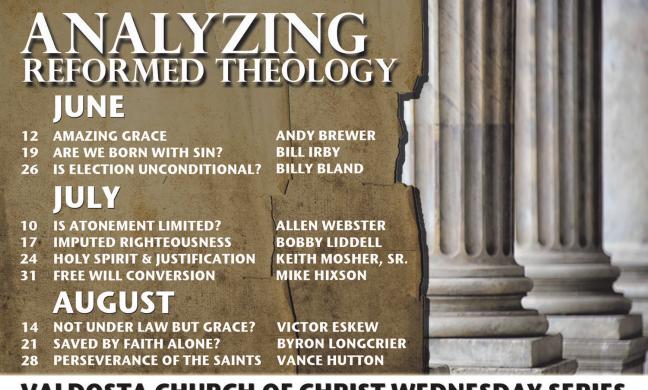
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Athens Trails Proclemation

ATHENS–Athens-Limestone County Tourism and the city of Athens last week recognized June 1, 2019 as National Trail Day in the community and to acknowledge the success of trail systems in the area and contributions they make in the lives, health, and well-being of local residents.

residents.
Athens Mayor
Ronnie Marks signed
the proclamation at the
Athens-Limestone Visitors
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and tourism's efforts to
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Rabies Inspector

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employees of the servicer and are Bond and Botes law office closest to charged with communicating with you and discuss your options with often scared and frantic consumers one of our licensed attorneys so we about a forbearance or potential loan can help you keep your home and modification. These individuals have avoid any deception or mixed signals. a tough job. Some do it properly, but Please give us at Bond & Botes unfortunately, some do it poorly. a call and speak with one of our You will often hear from the loss experienced bankruptcy attorneys mitigation people either "everything to allow us to help you. Initial will be fine," or "we have your consultations are free. We can application and are processing it and answer all your questions regarding everything looks good". You might Chapter 7 Bankruptcy, Chapter 13 even hear "we are not really going Bankruptcy, stopping a foreclosure to foreclose", or "you have plenty of or wage garnishment, avoiding time to work through this forbearance liens, stopping law suits, discharging or loan modification process with medical debt, personal loans, payday us". Simultaneously, your mortgage loans, credit card debt, etc. We can company has hired a law firm to alleviate your stress! We want to help foreclose on your home. The law firm and we can help you!

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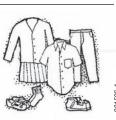


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At Hendrix Chapel we give God the glory for blessing us with all good things, especially the many children who attend with us. Kids always have been and still are very special people to our Lord. It was Christ who said, "Suffer (allow) little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me; for of such is the kingdom of heaven." We simply echo His message to you and to all who would hear it and say, Amen.

Each year VBS / Family Bible School at Hendrix Chapel welcomes boys and girls from throughout our community. We have classes for all ages from the youngest to the oldest — infants through adults. Danny Stutts and Dustin Culberson will be teaching our teen classes. Ben Siegel, Justin Bretherick, Nolan Burns and Wayne Wood will teach our adult classes. At Hendrix, we have some very knowledgeable, gifted and caring Christian Ladies who will be teaching classes each evening targeting different learning levels among our children.

Mom/Dad/Grandma/Grandpa: "Newsflash," Kids don't drive, U so they must depend on you to bring them. Just a reminder; ballgames are fun, practices are necessary, beauty contest are special, recitals are nice, hunting and fishing are enjoyable, but attending Bible classes together is the ULTIMATE. Dare we say it is the most important activity a family can be involved in together and have fun too!

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Revelations and Threats

To the Editor:

We reached a new milestone-perhaps a new low, May 29, 2019, when an explosive story hit the national media disclosing that wealthy Florida and U. or A. Alumnus, Hugh Culverhouse, Jr, is withdrawing \$10 million of his \$26.5 million pledge to the University! Furthermore, Culverhouse is urging students enrolling. is urging students enrolling in the school to boycott attending in protest of Alabama's new abortion law. Culverhouse is quoted in national media as saying

that the law is morally and constitutionally wrong. He went further by urging Mercedes and Google to avoid doing business in Alabama!

Hugh Culverhouse's power and influence has long been evident in Tuscaloosa. Initially, when he announced his \$26.5 million gift, the school renamed its Law School in his honor. U. of A. Chancellor Finis St. John has recommended the School's Board of Trustee return all \$21.5 million drawn to date from Culverhouse.

Hugh Culverhouse, Jr is quoted as saying he doesn't want students to become entrapped under Alabama new abortion law.

While Hugh Culkverhouse, Jr has been phenomenally successful in real estate in Florida, he is also the son of one America's wealthiest men, Hugh Culverhosue Sr, owner of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers of the NFL

What we have here is new territory and a disgrace every Alabamian! Hugh Culverhouse, Jr is attempting to set public policy by writing a check! By manipulating his money, Culverhouse thinks he can influence legislation affecting every citizen of Alabama!

This travesty cannot stand! The people of including Alabama students, faculty, alumni and fans must tell Hugh

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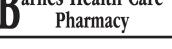
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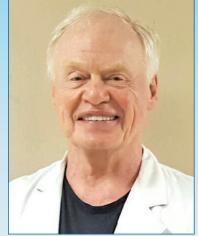
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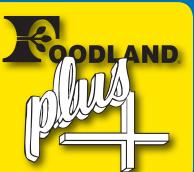
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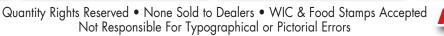


















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In compliance with the Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM), Source Water Assessment plans have been developed to help protect our water sources. The assessments include a susceptibility analysis, which classifies potential contaminants as high, moderate, or nonsusceptible to contaminating the water source. The plans are available for review upon advance request.

Please help us make these efforts worthwhile by protecting our source water. Carefully follow instructions on pesticides and herbicides you use for your lawn and garden, and properly dispose of household chemicals, paints, and waste oil. We ask that all our customers help us protect our valuable water sources, which are the heart of our community, our way of life, and our children's futures.

MONITORING SCHEDULE

We routinely monitor for contaminants in your drinking water according to Federal and State regulations, using EPA-approved methods and a State certified laboratory. The Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM) allows us to monitor for some contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants do not change frequently. The following table shows the most recent year of monitoring for these contaminant groups.

If you have any questions about this water report or your water quality, call Melissa Tidwell, operator, at our office at 256-383-1666. You are welcome to attend any of our regularly scheduled water board meetings, which are held on the first Thursday after the last Saturday of each month at 5:00 p.m. at the water office.

More information about contaminants to drinking water and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (1-800-426-4791).

GENERAL INFORMATION

All drinking water, including bottled drinking water, may be reasonably expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. MCL's, defined in a List of Definitions in this report, are set at very stringent levels. To understand the possible health effects described for many regulated constituents, a person would have to drink 2 liters of water every day at the MCL level for a lifetime to have a one-in-a-million chance of having the described health effect.

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and radioactive material, and it can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity. Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- · Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.
- · Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban storm water run-off, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.
- · Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, storm water run-off, and residential uses.
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- Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water.

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such $as\ persons\ with\ cancer\ undergoing\ chemotherapy,\ persons\ who\ have\ undergone\ organ\ transplants,\ people\ with\ HIV/AIDS\ or\ other\ immune$ system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. People at risk should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers.

Based on a study conducted by ADEM with the approval of the EPA a statewide waiver for the monitoring of asbestos and dioxin was issued. Thus, monitoring for these contaminants was not required.

Your source water is also tested for pathogens, such as Cryptosporidium and Giardia. These pathogens can enter the water from animal or human waste. For people who may be immuno-compromised, a guidance document developed jointly by the Environmental Protection Agency and the Center for Disease Control is available online at http://nepis.epa.gov/Exe/ZyPURL.cgi?Dockey=200024LD.txt or from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 800-426-4791. This language does not indicate the presence of cryptosporidium in our drinking water.

INFORMATION ABOUT LEAD

Lead in drinking water is rarely found in source water but is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. Your water system is responsible for providing high quality drinking water but cannot control the variety of materials used in

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Use only water from the cold-water tap for drinking, cooking, and especially for making baby formula. Hot water is more likely to cause leaching of lead from plumbing materials. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. These recommended actions are very important to the health of your family. Lead levels in your drinking water are likely to be higher if:

- Your home or water system has lead pipes, or
- Your home has faucets or fittings made of brass which contains some lead, or
- Your home has copper pipes with lead solder and you have naturally soft water, and
- Water often sits in the pipes for several hours.

If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available online at https://www.epa.gov/your-drinking-water/basic-information-about-leaddrinking-water or by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

MONITORING RESULTS

This report contains results from the most recent monitoring which was performed in accordance with the regulatory schedule. We have learned through our monitoring and testing that some constituents have been detected. We are pleased to report that our drinking water meets or exceeds federal and state requirements.

DEFINITIONS

- Action Level- the concentration of a contaminant that, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements.
- Coliform Absent (ca)- laboratory analysis indicates that the contaminant is not present.
 Disinfection byproducts (DBPs)- formed when disinfectants react with bromide and/or natural organic matter (i.e., decaying vegetation) present in the source water. Disinfection
- Distribution System Evaluation (DSE)- a one-time study conducted by water systems to identify distribution system locations with high concentrations of THMs and HAAs. · Level 1 Assessment- a study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system.
- · Level 2 Assessment- a very detailed study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why an E. coli MCL violation has occurred and/or why total
- coliform bacteria have been found in our water system on multiple occasions. Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL)- highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available.
- Maximum Contaminant Level Goal- the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.
- Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL)- highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water • Micrograms per liter (ug/L) - equivalent to parts per billion (ppb) since one liter of water is equal in weight to one billion micrograms. Milligrams per liter (mg/L) - equivalent to
- Millirems per year (mrem/yr)- a measure of radiation absorbed by the body.
 Nephelometric Turbidity Unit (NTU)- a measure of the clarity of water. Turbidity in excess of 5 NTU is just noticeable to the average person
- Not Detected (ND)- laboratory analysis indicates that the constituent is not present above detection limits of lab equipment.
- NR (Not Reported)- laboratory analysis, usually Secondary Contaminants, not reported by water system. EPA recommends that secondary standards be reported but does not require systems to comply.
- Parts per billion (ppb) or Micrograms per liter (µg/l)- corresponds to one minute in 2,000 years, or a single penny in \$10,000,000. Parts per million (ppm) or Milligrams per liter (mg/l)- corresponds to one minute in two years or a single penny in \$10,000.

 Parts per quadrillion (ppq) or Picograms per liter (picograms/l)- corresponds to one minute in 2,000,000,000 years, or a single penny in \$10,000,000,000,000.
- Parts per trillion (ppt) or Nanograms per liter (nanograms/l)- corresponds to one minute in 2,000,000 years, or a single penny in
- \$10.000.000.000
- Picocuries per liter (pCi/L)- a measure of the radioactivity in water.
- Running Annual Average (RAA) yearly average of all the DPB results at each specific sampling site in the distribution system. The RAA, along with a range, is reported in the Table of Detected Contaminants
- Standard Units (S.U.) pH of water measures the water's balances of acids and bases and is affected by temperature and carbon dioxide gas. Water with less than 6.5 could be acidic, soft, and corrosive. A pH greater than 8.5 could indicate that the water is hard. Treatment Technique (TT)- a required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in
- Variances & Exemptions (V&E)- State or EPA permission not to meet an MCL or a treatment technique under certain conditions.

	Muscle Shoals Utility Board (MSUB)						
Purchased Surface Water	Tuscumbia Utilities (TU)						
Sources	West Lawrence Water Co-op (WLWC) [WLWC purchases from West Morgan-East Lawrence (WMEL)]						
Number of Customers	Approximately 1715						
	Sell water monthly to Littleville Waterworks						
Interconnections	Emergency connections with Lagrange Mountain Water Authority and Colbert County Rural Water System						
	Jimmy Looney, President						
Water Board	John N. Wright, Vice President						
	Hobert Butler, Secretary/Treasurer						
Manager Tony Jones							
Operator Melissa Tidwell							

svws	MSUB	TU	WLWC	WMEL
N/A	2018	2018	N/A	2018
2017	2016	2016	2016	2016
current	current	current	current	current
N/A	2018	2018	N/A	2018
N/A	2012	2012	N/A	2011
N/A	2017	2016	N/A	2017
N/A	2018	2015	N/A	2018
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Below is a table of contaminants for which the Environmental Protection Agency and the Alabama Department of Environmental Management require testing. These contaminants were not detected in your drinking water unless they are also listed in the Detected Drinking Water Contaminants table elsewhere in

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Contaminant	MCL	Unit of Msmt	Contaminant	MCL	Unit of Msm
Bacteriological Contaminants			cis-1,2-Dichloroethylene	70	ppb
Total Coliform Bacteria	<5%	present/absent	trans-1,2-Dichloroethylene	100	ppb
Fecal Coliform and E. coli	0		Dichloromethane	5	ppb
Fecal Indicators	0		1,2-Dichloropropane	5	ppb
Turbidity	TT	NTU	Di (2-ethylhexyl)adipate	400	ppb
Cryptosporidium	TT	Calc.organisms/l	Di (2-ethylhexyl)phthalate	6	ppb
Radiological Contaminants	_		Dinoseb	7	ppb
Beta/photon emitters	4	mrem/yr	Dioxin [2,3,7,8-TCDD]	30	ppq
Alpha emitters	15	pCi/l	Diquat	20	ppb
Combined radium	5	pCi/l	Endothall	100	ppb
Uranium	30	pCi/l	Endrin	2	ppb
norganic Chemicals		•	Epichlorohydrin	TT	TT
Antimony	6	ppb	Ethylbenzene	700	ppb
Arsenic	10	ppb	Ethylene dibromide	50	ppt
Asbestos	7	MFL	Glyphosate	700	ppb
Barium	2	ppm	Heptachlor	400	ppt
Beryllium	4	ppb	Heptachlor epoxide	200	ppt
Cadmium	5	ppb	Hexachlorobenzene	1	ppt
Chromium	100	ppb	Hexachlorocyclopentadiene	50	ppb
	AL=1.3			200	
Copper		ppm	Lindane	40	ppt
Cyanide	200	ppb	Methoxychlor	200	ppb
Fluoride	4	ppm	Oxamyl [Vydate]		ppb
Lead	AL=15	ppb	Polychlorinated biphenyls	0.5	ppb
Mercury	2	ppb	Pentachlorophenol	1	ppb
Nitrate	10	ppm	Picloram	500	ppb
Nitrite	1	ppm	Simazine	4	ppb
Selenium	.05	ppm	Styrene	100	ppb
Thallium	.002	ppm	Tetrachloroethylene	5	ppb
Organic Contaminants			Toluene	1	ppm
2,4-D	70	ppb	Toxaphene	3	ppb
Acrylamide	TT	TT	2,4,5-TP(Silvex)	50	ppb
Alachlor	2	ppb	1,2,4-Trichlorobenzene	.07	ppm
Atrazine	3	ppb	1,1,1-Trichloroethane	200	ppb
Benzene	5	ppb	1,1,2-Trichloroethane	5	ppb
Benzo(a)pyrene [PAHs]	200	ppt	Trichloroethylene	5	ppb
Carbofuran	40	ppb	Vinyl Chloride	2	ppb
Carbon tetrachloride	5	ppb	Xylenes	10	ppm
Chlordane	2	ppb	Disinfectants & Disinfection		
Chlorobenzene	100	ppb	Chlorine	4	ppm
Dalapon	200	ppb	Chlorine Dioxide	800	ppb
Dibromochloropropane	200	ppt	Chloramines	4	ppm
p-Dichlorobenzene	600	ppb	Bromate	10	ppb
p-Dichlorobenzene	75	ppb	Chlorite	1	ppm
1,2-Dichloroethane	5	ppb	HAA5 [Total haloacetic acids]	60	pph
1,1-Dichloroethylene	7	ppb	TTHM [Total trihalomethanes]	80	ppb
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1,1-Dichloroethane	Atrazine		Dicamba	N-Propylbenzene O-Chlorotoluene	
1,2,3 - Trichlorobenzene	Bromobe	nzono	Dichlorodifluoromethane	P-Chlorotoluene	
1,2,3 - Trichloropenzene		loromethane	Dieldrin	P-Chlorotoluene P-Isopropyltoluene	
1,2,4 - Trimethylbenzene		chloromethane	Hexachlorobutadiene	Propachic	
1,3 – Dichloropropane	Bromofor		Isoprpylbenzene		/lbenzene
1,3 – Dichloropropene	Bromome		M-Dichlorobenzene		ylbenzene
1,3,5 - Trimethylbenzene	Butachlo		Methomyl		oromethane
2,2 – Dichloropropane	Carbaryl		MTBE	THEHIOTHU	oronicularie
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Detected Drinking Water Contaminants - 2018										
	10 - 1 - 41	SVWS	MSUB	TU	WLWC	WMEL	1116			Libete Commo
	Violation	Level	Level	Level	Level	Level	Unit			Likely Source
Contaminants	Y/N	Detected	Detected	Detected	Detected	Detected		MCLG	_	of Contamination
Chlorine (at WTP)	NO		1.4-2.41	1.3-1.6		0.92-1.91	ppm	4	4	Water additive used to control microbes
Turbidity	NO		100%<0.5	Highest		Highest	NTU	N/A	TT	Soil runoff
				0.030		0.032				
Fluoride	NO		0.67	100%<0.5 0.60		100%<0.5 ND	ppm	4	4	Erosion of natural deposits: water additive which
Tuoriue	INO		0.07	0.00		IND	ppm	4	4	promotes strong teeth; discharge from factories
Nitrate (as Nitrogen)	NO		0.62	3.63		0.50	ppm	10	10	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tan
. ,										sewage; erosion of natural deposits
TTHM [Total trihalomethanes]	NO	LRAA	LRAA	LRAA	LRAA	LRAA	ppb	0	80	By-product of drinking water chlorination
		Range 40.1-45.8	Range 29.4-37.7	Range 11.8-22.8	Range 21.6-34.8	Range 15.3-18.4				
HAA5 [Total haloacetic acids]	NO	40.1-45.6 LRAA	LRAA	LRAA	LRAA	LRAA	ppb	0	60	By-product of drinking water chlorination
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		27.5-30.5	17.6-26.8	8.50-12.0	22.9-26.5	3.70-5.10				
Unregulated Contaminants										
Chloroform	NO		2.42			2.90	ppb	N/A	N/A	Naturally occurring in the environment or from run
Bromodichloromethane	NO		2.35			2.80	ppb	N/A	N/A	Naturally occurring in the environment or from run
Chlorodibromomethane	NO		0.93			2.41	ppb	N/A	N/A	Naturally occurring in the environment or from run
Perfluorooctanoic Acid (PFOA)	NO					Range	ppt	N/A	N/A	Coatings and products that resist heat, oil, stains,
, ,						ND-9.1				grease, and water.
Perfluorobutane Sulfonate	NO					Range	ppt	N/A	N/A	Surfactant in industrial processes; water-resistant
(PFBS) Secondary Contaminants						ND-12			_	stain-resistant coatings on fabrics, carpets, paper.
	NO		ND	ND	1	0.08		A1/A	0.0	T
Aluminum	NO		ND	ND		0.08	ppm	N/A	0.2	Erosion of natural deposits or as a result of treatm with water additives
Chloride	NO		14.6	11.0		11.8	ppm	N/A	250	Naturally occurring in the environment or as a resi
										of agricultural runoff
Hardness	NO		68.0	189		88.1	ppm	N/A	N/A	Naturally occurring in the environment or as a res
Iron	NO		ND	ND		0.08	0.000	N/A	0.20	of agricultural runoff Naturally occurring in the environment; erosion of
IIUII	INU		IND	IND		0.00	ppm	IN/A	0.50	naturally occurring in the environment; erosion or natural deposits; leaching from pipes
MBAS (methylene blue active	NO		ND	ND		0.05	ppm	N/A	0.5	Discharge of surfactants, such as detergents or
substances)										foaming agents, from households or industry
pH	NO		7.56	8.21		7.87	S.U.	N/A	N/A	Naturally occurring in the environment or as a res of treatment with water additives.
Sodium	NO		7.05	4.43		7.77	ppm	N/A	N/A	Naturally occurring in the environment
										, ,
Sulfate	NO		9.61	3.93		30.0	ppm	N/A	250	Naturally occurring in the environment or as a resi of agricultural runoff
Total Dissolved Solids	NO		100	260		120	ppm	N/A	500	Naturally occurring in the environment or as a resi
. O.C. D.OOOIVOU COIIUO	"		100	200		120	ppiii	1975		of agricultural runoff
Zinc	NO		0.38	ND		ND	ppm	N/A	5	Erosion of natural deposits; discharge from refiner

Distribution System	Evaluation (DSE)	Disinfection	on Byproducts - Spring Valley 2017
Contaminants	Level Detected	Unit Msmt	Likely Source of Contamination
TTHM [Total trihalomethanes]	19.9-75.1	ppb	By-product of drinking water chlorination
HAA5 [Total haloacetic acids]	4.46-42.2	ppb	By-product of drinking water chlorination

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courtesy of Wikipedia and The American Legion Magazine, June 2019.

• 156,000 troops from the United States, the UK, Canada France, Norway, and other Allied nations hit the beaches on June 6.

• 5 beaches along a 50 mile stretch of Normandy's targeted for landing under the Allied code names of Utah and Omaha (where US troops landed), along with Gold, Juno, and Sword.

• 6,000 ships and landing craft were involved as were 50,000 and 11,000 vehicles planes.

• In all, 326,000 troops crossed the English Channel by June 11. • 12,004 Allied troops

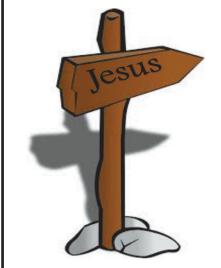
were killed, wounded, captured, or reported missing with 8,230 of those from the United

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Medicare Minute "Choosing a Medigap Plan"

Choosing the Medicare supplement, or Medigap plan, that's right for you can be a difficult task. As mentioned in a prior article the most common Medigap plans sold in Alabama are Plan A, Plan B, Plan C, Plan F, Plan G and Plan N. Each of these plans are "standardized" by Medicare. "Standardized" means that each of these individual plans must contain the same basic benefits regardless of the insurance company you purchase it from. For example, Plan F with company XYZ must contain the exact same benefits as Plan F with company WXY. The one thing that can be different is the premium each company charges for the exact same coverage.

The plan letters (A, B, C, F, G, & N) represent different levels of coverage that a person can purchase. Plan A is the most basic Medigap plan. It does not cover the Part A or Part B deductibles or Skilled Nursing Facility coinsurance but does pick up the Part A and Part B coinsurance after the deductibles are met. On the other hand, Plan F is the "cadillac" of Medigap plans. Plan F will cover all deductibles, coinsurance and/or copays that is due after Medicare pays its part. Of course the premium for Plan A will be less than the premium of Plan F because Plan F gives you 100% coverage.

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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

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Darren Butler, director of the play, said the Miracle Worker" attracts a diverse audience. "People literally come from all over the world to see the Miracle Worker performed at Helen Keller's home.'

The play depicts the life of Keller from the discovery of her deafness and blindness, caused by a fever when she was 19 months old, to her learning to communicate with the help of her teacher Anne Sullivan. The climax of the play is when Keller spells w-a-t-e-r in Sullivan's hand as water flows from the well pump. The miracle occurred barely a month after Sullivan arrived at Ivy Green in March 1887 to begin teaching an unruly and stubborn 6-year-old. It is the Official State Outdoor Drama for Alabama and has been named a Top 20 Event by the Southeast Tourism Society.

Keller went on to become a world-renowned author, lecturer and advocate for people with disabilities. She was known as America's First Lady of Courage.

The gates at Ivy Green open at 6:30pm for the play with the performance getting underway at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$15 for reserved general include seats, \$10 for admission and a self-guided tour of Ivy Green and its grounds. Concessions are available.

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Natalie Anne L. in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada

MOIST SLOW COOKER **MEALS**

When you are cooking with a slow cooker, remember that cheaper cuts of meat do much better (such as chuck roasts or chuck steaks). Very lean cuts of beef come out very dry. Chicken legs or thighs

generally will give a more moist end result than chicken breast. If you do use chicken breast, use the whole breasts, not the boneless skinless breasts, since they will remain moister. Remove the bones and skin after cooking.

Also, remember to use enough liquid to cook over a long period of time. Liquids like chicken or beef broth or cream soups diluted with water make very good gravies in the slow cooker. Linda

JUST RIGHT LIGHT

Instead of using compact fluorescent lights to save on money and energy, try using dimmers with incandescent bulbs. Dimmers can help add interest to a room and save energy. We really don't like the blue cast of the CF bulbs. The dimmers have been working

perfectly. Christine

ORDER? ON HOLD

Catalogs are enticing but also budget-busting. I look through the catalog and fill out the order form with what I think I want or need. Then I put it away, out of sight. Usually, I forget about the "order." When I see the catalog again, I can look at the form, and almost always, I think, "Why did I want or think I needed that?" Karla

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The Hummingbird **Disorder**

A few nights ago, my wife and I joined a group of people at the house of a friend for a couple of hours of entertainment, food and fellowship. The festivities took place outside where the weather was ideal and we enjoyed it immensely.

As I was sitting in my lawn chair taking in the sights and sounds of nature, there was an interesting event that caught my attention. The hosts of this gathering were apparently lovers of hummingbirds. There were numerous hummingbird feeders stationed along the wrap-around porch of their house.

If you are familiar with hummingbird feeders, then you know that most of them have at least four ports from which the birds can drink the sweet nectar stored inside. Thus, within the distance of a few feet there were enough ports that 30 or 40 hummingbirds could have drunk to their fill. But, while I was watching, there were only two birds present. You would think that these two birds would feel like they were in "hummingbird heaven," but that was not the case at all. They were so busy chasing each other away that neither one got to enjoy the moment!

I was amused as I watched this scene play out over and over. But it also reminded me of how humans often suffer from the same problem. I will call this problem, "The Hummingbird Disorder." It is diagnosed when people fail to enjoy their own blessings ecause they are too busy flitting around keeping an eye on everyone else. This disorder caused by selfishness, envy and covetousness - - and it is far more common than we would

Thankfully, though, there is a cure. It is found in the practice of "contentment." The Bible has a great deal to say about contentment because The Great Physician obviously knew many would be afflicted by "The Hummingbird Disorder."

Note these words from the Hebrews writer: "Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you" (Hebrews 13:5). Further, Paul penned these pertinent words, "But godliness with contentment is great gain, for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content" (1 Timothy 6:6-8).

Let us be reminded that we all are abundantly blessed (cf. Psalm 68:19). And yes, too blessed to be stressed- - or distracted by what others might have. Our attitude should be that of Paul, "I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content" (Philippians 4:11).

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THE BOLD AND THE **BEAUTIFUL**

Flo felt responsible when she learned that Hope and Liam were dissolving their marriage. Steffy overheard Liam telling her father how wonderful she was. Ridge played devil's advocate with Brooke. Flo begged Hope to take Liam back without telling her why. Carter and Hope met to discuss the annulment. Zoe felt uneasy after realizing

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that Xander knew the truth about Beth. Wyatt proved he was there for Liam during difficult times. Xander threatened Flo to do the right thing. Carter brought the annulment papers for Liam and Hope to sign just as Xander barged in and said he had something important to tell them. Thomas continued to pull the puppet strings of those around him. Wait to See: Flo attempts to justify her actions to Thomas.

DAYS OF OUR LIVES Sonny and Will shared exciting news with Gabi. JJ rushed to the hospital when he heard that Haley was rescued from the fire. Ben found himself at the wrong place at the wrong time. Ciara and Ben conspired against Claire. Jennifer and Eve had a heated Maggie confrontation. admitted to Victor she fell off the wagon. Chloe and Rex grew closer. Stefan had a surprising offer for Abe. "Nicole" convinced Stefan to give her a job at DiMera. Ted got an idea of how to be the hero in Hope's eyes. Kate and Marlena comforted each other about Will. Ted revealed a shocking secret to "Nicole." Haley said an emotional goodbye to JJ. Wait to See: Maggie bonds with someone she least expects. GENERAL HOSPITAL

Curtis was willing to risk it all. Franco visited Kiki's grave, while Carly visited Morgan's as well. Alexis issued a stern warning. Michael set the record straight. Nina asked for

fast one. Drew and Kim took the next step to begin healing. Cameron comforted Josslyn. Julian went to extreme lengths to help his family. Harmony confronted Willow. Lucas made a confession. Peter cautioned Lulu. Maxie was determined to help her friend. Carly accepted a truce. Shiloh received a bit of good news. Liz tried her best to lift everyone's spirits. Sasha made a date with Michael. Jax defended his motives. Wait to See: Nelle gets a surprise visit.

THE YOUNG AND THE

more time. Stella pleaded

her case. Kevin pulled a

RESTLESS

Lauren gave Phyllis a warning to shut down disappearance. her site. Later, the Jabot (c) 2019 King Features Syndicate, Inc.

team gathered to celebrate launch of the Collective, which a tipsy Phyllis crashed and said would that everyone pay for crossing her. Rey questioned Sharon about her growing closeness with Adam. Sharon assured him he had nothing to worry about, but Rey feared that Adam would take advantage of her kindness. Meanwhile, Adam was determined to reclaim his life. Summer cozied up to Theo, while Kyle did his best to hide his jealousy over Summer having a new man in her life. Nikki was suspicious of Victor's secret meetings with Nate. Wait to See: Paul investigates Phyllis'

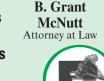
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airport backwards, if you have never been saved. These men had a need and they refused to be quiet when they knew someone that could help them was coming by them.

John 8:59 "Then took they up stones to cast at him: but Jesus hid himself, and went out of the temple, going through the midst of them, and so passed by." Here we see another group that wanted to kill the saviour instead receiving the good that He would do for them and He passed them by Which group are you a part of? Two men refused to be quiet until the Lord met their great need. The other group loved their sin more than they wanted Christ to be in their lives. Now, what will you do with Jesus Christ? God is looking on and watching right now to see what your decision will be. Jesus may not pass your way again. This may be your last chance. You will regret throughout eternity the day you had another chance to receive Christ and turned down the greatest gift God would have freely given you. Opportunity doesn't stand still. It moves on to someone else. Please don't turn your back on Christ who loves you and paid your sin debt and suffered your hell for you. This time Jesus may pass by you and it will be the last time. Cry out like these blind men above for mercy today and Jesus will open your eyes and save your soul. Life passes quickly. Don't let eternity catch you unprepared. Life has no reruns.

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St. Jude was chosen as the Cowboy Church of Colbert County's annual mission-building project because every dollar raised goes toward giving hope, healing, and life back to the young cancer patients and their families. St. Jude is ultimately working on a cure for cancer and uses all donated funds responsibly.

Volunteers with the Cowboy Church make this event possible. It's all about hard work and selfless dedication to the children at St. Jude and giving God the glory.

The kids are going through the toughest time in their young lives and it tugs at your heart strings. The staff at St. Jude goes their lives healthy, whole, and ultimately happy

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Cowboy Church Pastor, Truman Sutton, and his wife, Fredia, made a recent visit to St. Jude. They returned refreshed and renewed to the highest level of determination, and they shared that enthusiasm with church members.

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Mr. Right?

sigh. Actually, it was more like a "Whew!" – except the pursed-lip exhale was a little more prolonged like "Swhooo..." Then he shook it off, took his hands out of his pockets and stood ready for his bride. As I analyzed what

As the groom stepped his momentary actions into his place, he let out a implied, I decided that it wasn't because he was nervous. It was more like finally the day had come. He was marrying her. I looked at him and thought, "He truly is right for her. They chose well."

I speak to and have discussions with groups of girls quite a bit. More than once, I have asked young ladies to write down their life questions and I would answer them. Inevitably when I do this, I get the question, "How do you find 'Mr. Right'?" That is our hope, isn't it? Well, I am here to say that there is no such thing. Or at least I didn't/don't believe that there was any one man out there labeled, "Just for Cathy Rivers." I mean, I did not marry someone from Dubai, bécause I am from the mountains of North Carolina - highly unlikely that I would have met anyone from there or even at the University of Tennessee in the 1970s. Does that mean that there wasn't someone in Dubai that I could have fallen in love with? For the most part, we marry people we have met. So we need to be discerning about who we give our attention to. Marriage is a choice and we need to choose well.

foundational One principle is to marry someone of whom you

are proud; who will help to get a divorce is while you to grow and who likes who you are. Well, that is a mouthful, but or if you don't respect your spouse or if you think your mission is to change him or her – Stop! Please re-evaluate! You are going to be working through many situations/ problems/projects - life for many, many years. You have to be able to trust and respect your loved one to make it through. I see so many couples where one or the other of them is just wagging and dragging their mate by the nose ring. You don't want to be with someone who you can walk all over or who walks all over you either situation will lead to a lonely existence. And if, while you are dating, he ever pushes or hits you or if she constantly leaves you feeling beat down verbally – just walk away. No joke. Would Jesus ever

you are dating."

You are good stuff (simply because God if you don't think that made you), and you your mate is outstanding should and can be treated with kindness, care and love. Find someone who already has this mindset. Savior relationships are not love. My mother-in-law told me, "You cannot raise another mother's son." Find'em like you like'em.

> That bride had not found Mr. Right, but she had found Mr. Righteous – a man who is living right, living well, good to her, about her, about them, not about himself - godly. They have the same foundation and have dated long enough to know it. They will be good for each other. It was a sweet ceremony to begin a forever love. Their day had finally come.

I will pray for the same for you.

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a bag with business

clothes for the day). It was a surprisingly small

and I wondered why I

I have found that I am

saving not only gas costs

(\$25/month) but also my gym membership costs

I live in Minneapolis, I

won't be able to bike year

round. Still, it has an impact

on my budget and reduces

my impact on pollution!

MOP AND BROOM

To keep broom, mop

handles, etc. from sliding

down while leaning against

a wall, cut the fingers from

rubber gloves and put on

top of handles. There will

be no more slipping and

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(\$60/month), so I'm saving at least \$85/month and getting daily exercise. Since

shower.

Danae R.

sliding. *Betty S.*

STORAGE

adjustment to my routine

lucky that my workplace

has a tiny locker room and

hadn't done this sooner. I'm

(wake up time and packing

DIFFERENT TYPES OF PROJECTS

Having limited space for storing craft supplies, I started to look at how to organize my sewing and other craft things. Nothing appealed to me, so I was looking at my husband's latest tool catalog. I found a toolbox base with a power strip (Sears called them project centers. Don't buy the cheapest. Instead, buy the middle priced one for better quality.) and five drawers. It works great! Also, I can roll it into my kitchen and use it as a kitchen cart. I carved the Thanksgiving turkey on a platter on the cart and then I rolled it to the dining room. This gave me more room on the table for other yummies.

Larie C.

BIKING TWO-FER

Recently, out of frustration with road construction and high gas prices, I decided to ditch my car commute and bike to work. I discovered that the 12.5-mile drive that took me 30 minutes by car on a good day (60 minutes or more in construction or bad weather) took about 60 minutes by bike.

Since I spend the same amount of time in the gym in the morning anyway, I followed the same routine

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Source: U.S. News and World Report; AP, Blake Patterson, 5/29/19; al.com; 5/29/19; LAW; University of Alabama. edu/alumni news

James W. Anderson Talladega

Another False Emergency

Editor:

Just a few months ago Saudi Arabia's leader, Mohammed bin-Salman (MBS), was on the defensive. He authorized murder of independent journalist, his domestic reforms had turned out to be fanciful, and the US Congress had moved to deprive him of the military support he had counted on continue his war crimes in Yemen. But MBS had crucial support from the Trump administration.

was unwilling to accept the CIA's finding that MBS probably ordered the assassination the journalist, Jamal Khashoggi, and Jared evidently Kushner persuaded Trump that continued support of his

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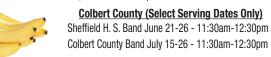
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I needed a dry erase board for messages in my kitchen, but I hated the thought of the glaring white against my earthtoned counters and backsplashes. Instead of buying one, I resurrected an old wooden frame, placing a colorcoordinated piece of paper (I used red) under the glass instead of a picture. I now use the dry erase markers directly on

the glass when leaving messages for my family. It looks classy, cleans off easily, and didn't cost me anything to put together. I didn't hang it on the wall. Instead, I used the cardboard attached to the backing to make it stand up, so I can move it around easily.

Ann S.

BEFORE I BUY

My best money saver is to look around before buying a new thing. When I need something, I look all around my

and more...

home. For example, I needed a place to put my pile of library books to keep them separate from my other books. At first, I could not see how I could find a place without buying a basket. Then I looked again at the second shelf of my end table. After removing a dish of seashells, there was my place without buying anything new. Try looking before shopping.

Anne A.

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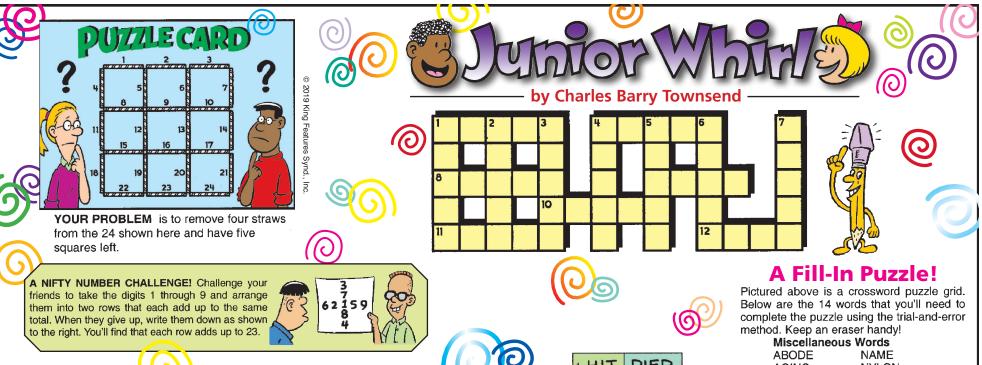
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was almost 30 years old and falling victim to time.
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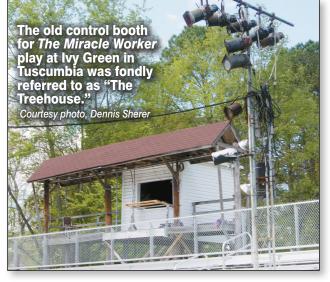
getting in bad shape and needed a lot of repairs," said Sue Pilkilton, executive director of the Helen Keller Birthplace. "We called Chad Baker, a contractor, to look at service project. We the booth and give us an try to do a significant estimate for making the repairs.'

When Baker, owner of Muscle Shoals-based the Baker Co., saw the old control booth and heard Pilkilton and Helen Keller Birthplace Foundation Board members talk of how people from around the world make their

way to Tuscumbia to see "The Miracle Worker' play, he saw it as a wav for Shoals Homebuilders Association to help the community. Baker is vice president of the association.

"I presented my idea to the home builders association board of directors. The vote was unanimous for us to take it on as a community community project for the Shoals every year," said Baker. "This is a wonderful project and we are glad to be a part of it.'

Homebuilders Association members donated money, raised money, and are providing construction crews for the project. Lowe's of Muscle



Shoals donated lumber and other material for the building. The cost of the project is estimated to be around \$12,000.

"We are truly blessed to receive this donation from the home builders," Pilkilton said. "We just spent \$35,000 for new bleachers for the play. To have them step in and give us this gift is a tremendous help. The new booth is going to be much more functional than the old one and it will enhance the appearance of our venue."

The old booth had a single entrance. The new booth will have two entrances and include a VIP seating area.

The work will be completed before the Miracle Worker's 58th season at Ivy Green open June 7. The play will be presented on Friday and Saturday nights through July 13.

Miracle Worker The chronicles Helen Keller's early life at Ivy Green, including when she first communicated with her teacher Anne Sullivan

by spelling w-a-t-e-r in Sullivan's had as water flowed from the well pump at the home. Keller, who lost her ability to see and hear due to a childhood illness, overcame those challenges to become America's First Lady of Courage and an advocate for people with disabilities worldwide.

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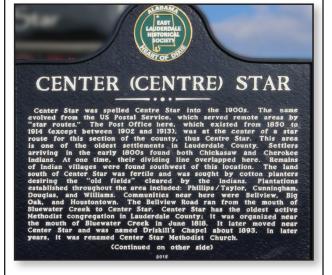






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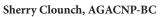
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Jacksonburg Church of Christ at 414 Lauderdale 28, will have VBS at 6:30pm. June 17-20. Registration begins at 6pm. Theme: Faith Force — Heroes of Godly Living.

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The Russellville Bicentennial Committee will present the second in the Saturday history series called The Way We Were: Historical Demonstrations, Exhibits, and Portrayals on Saturday, June 8 from 10am-3pm. The schedule includes: 10-11am - Civil War Historians Jerry Smith and Tim Kent; 11-11:30am - Civil War questions and answers and examination of Civil War artifacts; 11:45am-12:45pm - Lisa Green, Alabama State President of the Order of the Confederate Rose; 1-2:30pm - Indian historian Butch Walker. There will be a living history camp outside and wagon rides for the children. Other Saturday events will be on July 13, August 10, and September 14. There will be different demonstrations, exhibits and portrayals each month. All events will be at the Russellville Canteen at 217 Washington Avenue. For more information, caontact Doris Hutcheson, 256-332-4085 or Chris Ozbirn, 256-332-8827.

Über Region Fest will return on Saturday, June 8 beginning at 11am. at TMT America/Trissl Sports Cars on Wilhite Street in Florence. It's the fifth time Porsches from across the Southeast will have gathered at the site of Trissl Sports Cars in Florence for this charity event. Attendees are encouraged to enjoy a self-guided tour through one of the most diverse Porsche collections in America and visit with Porsche enthusiasts from across the country.

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In addition to monthly events related to the Shoals area, participants will be charged with creating a group project to help or enhance the local community. Applicants must own or be a representative of an organization/business that has a current chamber membership along with cover tuition cost for the program. The general class size is 25-30 individuals and spans nine monthly sessions from August-May.

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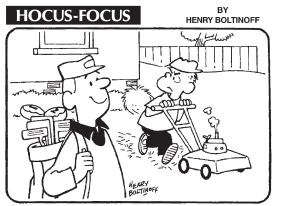
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Letters...

Another False Emergency

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friend, the crown prince, was essential to US ideas about a Middle East peace.

As a result, US policy toward Saudi Arabia did not change. And now, we see that far from distancing the US from Saudi Arabia, Trump has found a false reason to tighten it. Based on accusations of a new security threat from Iran, Trump has authorized the dispatch of 1500 additional troops to the Middle East and the sale of several billion dollars in precision-guided weapons to Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates. arms sale is being made without Congressional authorization consultation, on the (made argument by Pompeo) that an extreme emergency eliminates the legal requirement to make the case to Congress.

There is no emergency. No evidence has been presented to show that Iran is taking any action that threatens US or any other country's interests. On the other hand, evidence is abundant that US withdrawal from the nuclear agreement with Iran, the sanctions imposed on Iran, and threats of regime change do present a security threat—to Iran. As for Saudi Arabia, selling arms to a murderous regime that consistently violates human rights and is committing war crimes in Yemen is simply

unconscionable.

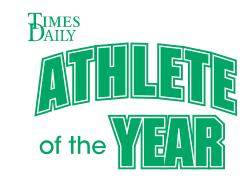
Trump's latest moves are perfectly in line with the insidious way he conducts his office. He declares an emergency when none exists, as with the use of the US military for border security, now in litigation.

He ignores Congress when it suits his political purposes, as with his refusal to honor House of Representative committee subpoenas and requests for documents. Trump further cements his authoritarianism, and Congress members are left to ponder at what

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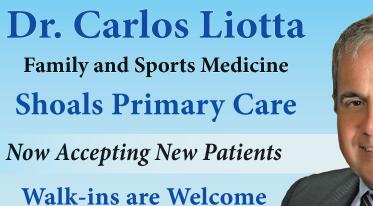
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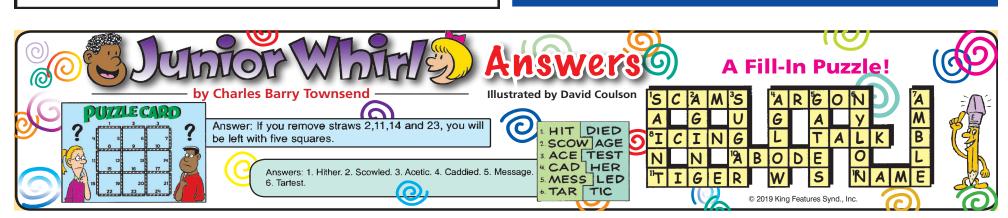
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Ready to Retire

Dear Ready,

Yes, it's true. It's very likely that your Social Security retirement benefits will be reduced under the terms of a government rule called the Windfall Elimination Provision (or WEP).

The WEP affects people who receive pensions from jobs in which they were not required to pay Social Security taxes – for example, police officers, firefighters, teachers and state and local government workers whose employers were not part of the national Social Security system. People who worked for nonprofit or religious organizations before 1984 may also be outside the system.

Many of these people, like you, are also eligible for Social Security retirement or disability benefits based on other work they did over the course of their career for which Social Security taxes were paid.

Because of your teacher's pension, Social Security will use a special formula to calculate your retirement benefits, reducing them compared to what you'd otherwise get.

How much they'll be reduced depends on your work history. But one rule that generally applies is that your Social Security retirement benefits cannot be cut by more than half the size of your pension. And the WEP does not apply to survivor benefits. If you're married and die, your dependents can get a full Social Security payment, unless your spouse has earned his or her own government pension for which they didn't pay Social Security taxes. If that's the case, Social Security has another rule known as the Government Pension Offset (or GPO) that affects spouses or widows/widowers benefits.

Under the GPO, spousal and survivor benefits will be cut by two-thirds of the amount of their pension. And if their pension is large enough, their Social Security spousal or survivor benefits will be zero.

There are a few exceptions to these rules most of which are based on when you entered the Social Security workforce.

Why Do These Rules Exist?

According to the Social Security Administration, the reason Congress created the WEP (in 1983) and GPO (in 1977) was to create a more equitable system. People who get both a pension from non-Social Security work and benefits from Social Securitycovered work get an unfair windfall due to the formula of how benefit amounts are calculated.

These rules ensure that government employees who don't pay Social Security taxes would end up with roughly the same income as people who work in the private sector and do pay them.

For more information on the WEP visit SSA.gov/ planners/retire/wep.html, where you'll also find a link to their WEP online calculator to help you figure out how much your Social Security benefits may be reduced. And for more information on GPO, including a GPO calculator, see SSA.gov/planners/retire/gpo. html.

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