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Sands Joins Keller Team

SHEFFIELD- Helen Keller Hospital last week announced that Sherry Sands has joined the administrative team as of March 2. She was selected from over two dozen

candidates to be Vice-President of Patient Services.

Sands brings 25 years of nursing experience to this position. She received her BSN from the University of Alabama in Huntsville and her MSN from Walden University. She has

served in the role of Chief

Nursing Officer for nine years and most recently was serving as the CNO of Southern

Tennessee Regional Health System in Pulaski, TN.

Sands and her husband Mike have two daughters, Haley and Leslie, who attend UNA. She loves spending her free time on the river and is very much looking forward to making Helen Keller and the Shoals her new home.

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MLB Legend is **Dinner Speaker**

FLORENCE. -- Major League Baseball's all-time hit leader, Pete Rose, will be the featured speaker at the University of North Alabama's 2020 Lion Pride Dinner and Auction at the Marriott Shoals Conference Center on August at 5:30pm.

Sponsorship packages for the event are available immediately and tables of eight are on sale for \$1,000 each. remaining Any unsold individual

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tickets will go on sale

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MUSCLE SHOALS Northwest-Shoals Community College officially opened the Career Center on the Shoals campus last week. There was a ribbon cutting with the Shoals Chamber of Commerce, open house, and tours of the facility for members of the community.

The new NW-SCC

Career Center offers

services for current students to prepare them to make informed decisions as they identify their strengths and values while discovering future paths for success. Services offered through the Career Center

include career planning, community job board, resume assistance, interview preparation, the Career Closet, work-

See CAREERS... on Page 12

Florence Clean-up Teams Forming

FLORENCE – The mayor of Florence is challenging all organizations, businesses, and residents to partner this year on the city-wide clean-up

effort Saturday, March 7.

Mayor Holt, City Council members,
Keep the Shoals Beautiful, volunteers,

Florence city employees, organizations, and businesses will team up to target street rights-of-way from 8am-noon that are heavily littered.

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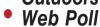
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DAR Honors 3 Seniors

FLORENCE-Alamance Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution in Florence recently announced the 2019-2020 winners in the DAR Good Citizens Contest for Lauderdale County. According to a release from to Marlene Baker, DAR Good Citizens chairperson, each school's faculty selected three students from the Senior Class. Respective senior classes then voted for the individual they felt embodied the greatest characteristics of a Good Citizen. These included dependability, service, leadership, and patriotism. The student chosen from each school submitted records of personal, school, and community activities, and wrote an essay on an assigned topic to compete for a National Scholarship awarded by the National DAR Organization.

The following winners were selected and honored at a recent DAR Chapter meeting at the Florence-Lauderdale Public Library.

First Place:

Briley Page Wooten,
Wilson High
Second Place:
Maggie Claire Walton, Lexington High Third Place:

Sarah Elizabeth Bratcher, Rogers High Other School winners

included: Torri Michelle McFall, Waterloo High School; Madelyn Faith Hunter, Brooks High School; Claire Ellen Ferguson, Lauderdale County High School; Madelyn Rowan Jones, Florence High School; Mack McCluskey, Mars Hill High School; Samuel Austin Garrie, Central High School; Nicholas **Asher Edmonds**, Shoals Christian High School.

Jimmy John's **Pet Friendly**

FLORENCE-Florence Lauderdale Animal Services and Chloe's Fund both received donations during a recent luncheon

at the downtown Florence Jimmy John's. Owner, Matt Kritzer, presented individual

Kritzer

checks to Debby Nelson, Chloe's Fund Director, and FLAS Director, Cheryl Jones during the event. Chloe's Fund is the emergency medical fund for Animal Services. The donation by Kritzer will help with veterinary expenses, and the check to Jones is earmarked to offset adoption fees for approximately ten shelter animals.

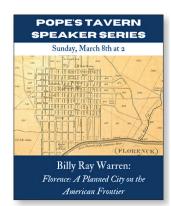
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Kritzer has always had a soft spot for animals. One of his family pets is a 13 year old rescue dog. In addition to the donations, Kritzer, his wife, and three children plan to be involved with volunteer activities at FLAS, including the first-year anniversary celebration in May of this year.

Warren Details Florence Plan

FLORENCE-The Pope's Tavern Speaker Series features presentations about Florence's early history, from settlement through the Civil War. There will be ten presentations in the first series December-June.

Florence City Historian Billy Ray Warren will



deliver his presentation, "Florence: A Planned City on the American Frontier On March 8, 2020 at 2pm. Warren is the creator of the annual Alabama Renaissance Faire and has been involved in the creation of the Florence Main Street Program and Heritage Preservation, Inc. He taught high school history and English before retiring as curriculum director. He was appointed City Historian in 2016.

This event is the sixth in a series of presentations that will be held at Pope's Tavern at 203 Hermitage Drive, Florence. The series is sponsored by Florence Arts and Museums and is free. Call 256-760-6439 for more information.

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Heritage Christian University is honoring ten unsung heroes on Monday, March 9 at 1pm located at 3625 Helton Drive, Florence. Recipients are: Faye Chastain, Johnnie Lou Cochran, Matt Heupel, Robert Huffaker, Sonny Owens, Robert Coats, Larry Gunderman, Thomas Holiday, Dr. John Kerr, and Cathy Tumer

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Get Dirty at the Library events continue Thursdays at 11:30am: March 5 - All About Tomatoes

Tri-Cities Memorial Gardens Florence Annual Spring Clean Up began March 1. Lot owners of their heirs were asked to remove all grave decorations prior to March 1. Items not picked have been collected and will be held until March 15. Items remaining after March 15 will be discarded. Call 256-764-7542 for more information

Florence Knights of Columbus Fish Fry March 6, March 20 and April 3, 4:15-6:45pm at Saint Joseph Regional Catholic School. 115 Plum Street, Florence.

Adults \$10, children age 4-6 \$4, Tickets available at the door. Meal includes catfish filets, hush puppies, cole slaw, french fried or baked potato, dessert. Cheese pizza available for children only. Eat in or carry out. All proceeds go to Knights of Columbus Council Charities.

Day by Day, a grief support group for bereaved parents/grandparents, meets Sunday, March 8 at 2pm at Woodmont Baptist East Campus, 2002 Darby Dr., Florence

For information, email debbiec2414@ aol.com.

A Lent Series on Mental Health "Seeing the Unseen" at Edgemont UMC, 1330 Eauclaire Avenue, Florence, 256-766-3606.

March 8 – The Church and Depression March 15 – The Church and Anxiety March 22 – The Church and Addiction March 29 – The Church and Children's Mental Health

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Kindergarten Registration for Leighton Elementary School in the 20-21 school year is set for Tuesday, March 10 from 8am-2pm

This is required for every kindergarten student planning to attend in Leighton. Student must be 5 before September 2.

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NAMI Shoals Family Support Group for families with adults and/or children who have brain disorders and the NAMI Connection Recovery Support Group for people who have been diagnosed with a brain disorder and are in recovery meet Tuesday, March 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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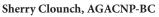
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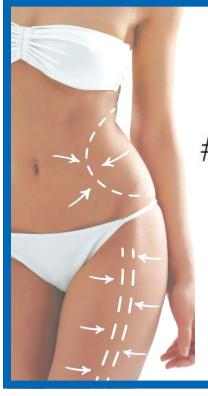
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These students have learned crucial lessons in civics, character, financial literacy and American history in the past ten weeks. They have been taught the importance of their roles as responsible citizens.

You're invited to attend the 45-minute event as students receive graduation certificates, recite the Super Citizen Pledge, sing, and honor local heroes from the stage.

Thursday, March 5 9-10am at Central High School, Co Rd 200 in Florence.

This will include students from Central High, Underwood Elementary, Waterloo High, and Wilson High

Friday, March 6 9-10am at Lauderdale County High School, Cedar St. in Rogersville.

This will include students from Lauderdale County High School, Lexington High, Rogers High, and Brooks Elementary.

Please join the community and show your support for this historic re-energizing of our youth, our Next Great Americans at this emotional ceremony, to help them discover and define their role in America's future. Students will introduce their heroes and present them with a one-of-a-kind token of their appreciation.

For more information about The Next Great Americans Tour and Liberty Learning Foundation's mission to place "Super Citizen" kits FREE in every school, visit Liberty Learning.org or call 800-239-0005.



Pancakes in Florence

FLORENCE-The Florence Kiwanis Club is hosting its 69th Annual Pancake Days event at the Florence-Lauderdale Coliseum on Friday, March 13 from 6am-7pm and Saturday, March 14 from 6am-1pm. Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world one child and one community at a time.

Advance tickets are \$8 (\$7 each for 10 or more) or \$5 for children 12 and under. They are available at First Southern Bank on Court Street in Florence, from any Florence Kiwanis Club member, or by visiting the website at www.florencekiwanis.com Tickets are \$9 at the door.

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Lauderdale **Bee Winners**

FLORENCE-The 2020 Lauderdale County Spelling Bee took place recently at Wilson School in the Warrior Theater.

Champion is **Paxton Bailey** of Lauderdale County, son of **Tim** & Rachel **Bailey**



The Runner-up is **Joseph Hill** from Central, son of **Shana Hill**.

The other individual school winners represented in the county bee Brooks

were **Gracie Allen** from **Hill** Jessie Belew from Underwood, **Savannah Hanson** from Shoals Christian, Carissa Holloway from Waterloo, **Ayden Oliver** from Lexington, Kalyn Robbins from Mars Hill Bible School, **Landon** Smith from Wilson, Pride Tompkins from Riverhill, Lucy Vacik from Kilby,

Joseph. Special thanks to Lauderdale County Teachers Credit Union and **Sherry Fulks** for providing the trophies, certificates, and gift cards

Allen Vickery from

Rogers, and **Cooper**

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for the winners. UNA Adds 2

Trustees

FLORENCE-The Alabama Senate has confirmed Governor **Kay Ivey**'s appointment of two new members to the University of North Alabama Board of Trustees.

Sheffield resident Nancy Sanford, will replace Florence Arts and Museums superintendent, Libby Jordan, when her service term expires on September 30.

Jim Page of Tuscaloosa will replace Muscle Shoals businessman, **Todd Ouellette**, whose term also expires on September 30. Sanford and Page will assume their roles as trustees on October 1, serving six-year terms extending through September 2026. Jordan, a member of the UNA Board of Trustees

since 2008, and Ouellette, a member since 2015, did not seek reappointment.

Sanford is a 1978 graduate of UNA and has held an array of leadership roles in the Shoals area over the past 40 years. She retired in 2018 after 13 years as executive director of the Florence-Lauderdale Public Library. She currently devotes her time to several local boards of directors and community-based organizations.

Page graduated from UNA in 2001 where he served as president of the Student Government Association while pursuing a degree in political science. He currently serves as President and Chief Executive Officer of the Chamber of Commerce of West Alabama. Page was named the Alabama Chamber Professional of the Year by the state's Chamber of Commerce Association in 2018.

The Senate also confirmed the Governor's appointment last summer of retired corporate financial executive, Wendell Gunn, to fill a vacant seat on the UNA Board. A resident of Stanford, Connecticut, Gunn's service term extends through 2025. Ivey's reappointment of Florence accountant and businessman, Marty Abroms, to continued service in a new six-year term also was confirmed. Abroms' reappointment term begins on October 1 and extends through 2026.

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competition is coordinated

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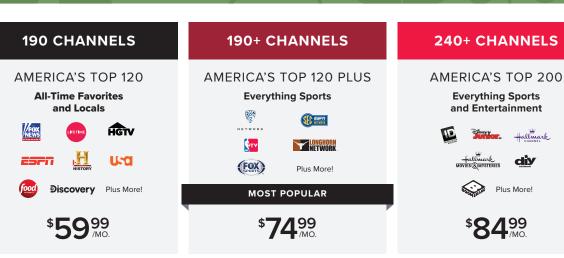
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Pete Rose

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He played for the Cincinnati Reds from 1963-78, the Philadelphia Phillies from 1979-83, the Montreal Expos in 1984 and was then player-manager of the Reds from 1984-86.

Rose was penalized with permanent ineligibility from baseball in August of 1989 amidst accusations that he gambled on baseball games while he played for and managed the Reds. That was his last year as a manager and three years after retiring as a player.

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Quest Opinion Editorial

The Politics of Panic **Are Far Deadlier** Than Coronavirus

S President Donald Trump "Has a Problem as the Coronavirus Threatens the US," assert the authors of a New York Times analysis: "His Credibility."
The authors imply that

the spread of COVID-19, aka the coronavirus, constitutes a public health crisis and a national emergency which Trump's history of issuing false claims handicaps him in selling plans to address.
If they're right about

Trump's credibility, they're pointing to a feature, not a bug. The last thing we need is an impetuous political response to COVID-19.

The coronavirus is neither a national emergency nor a public health crisis in the US. Absent heavy-handed government involvement it's unlikely to become either.

What is COVID-19? It's a regional epidemic in China, with a fairly low and

continuously falling mortality rate even there. It's likely to be far less deadly in the US which has better air quality and about 1/5th the percentage of smokers as China. Like other

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FLORENCE-Theatre Musical, written by author irector, David Hope, came and Scottish theologian, Ian director, David Hope, came entitled, You've Got to have a Dream:

Message of the

across a book several years Bradley, the Senior Lecturer in Practical Theology at the University of St. Feb. 28 Scotland. Andrews,

Bradley wrote, "Many of the modern musicals have theological significant content and spiritual

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7am Friday and Saturday.

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hotel stays, oil changes, and much more up for grabs. There will be BBQ, hotdogs, hamburgers, chicken and goat stew, ham & beans for lunch at 11:15.

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NORTHWEST ALABAMA MS WARRIORS, a

support group for patients and families dealing with multiple sclerosis will meet at 5:30pm on Thursday, March 5 at the Muscle Shoals Public Library at 1918 Avalon Ave in Muscle Shoals. Call 256-356-8548 for more information.

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Editor:

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My girlfriends and I drive out to behind the Rathmel Athletic Complex to these gorgeous mountains of topsoil. We load bucket after bucket

for our plants and vegetable gardens.

Any ideas how we might get Florence and Lauderdale County to replicate this terrific community builder idea?

Judith Rausch Florence

Editor:

It's like the guy said, (Computer Skeptic 6-12-18, 3-19-19, and 4-30-19) PC'MATIC IS A SCAM!

It's unfortunate that I'm now finding out after they've ripped me off and having to spend hours on the phone trying to get refunded.

HEADS UP EVERYONE: You're

on auto-pay from day one. They have charged me four times since December to renew, and I keep getting some non-English speaking jerks on the phone.

And they're extremely good at playing the stupid card!

Ruben Torres Pagosa Springs, CO I think it's time somebody explains why this Highway doesn't deserve some routine maintenance before it costs taxpayers a lot of money to replace.

CR 473 Needs Work

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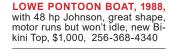


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price on me. A few years ago, DirecTV and AT&T merged so I really don't have that option anymore. So I've been looking for a TV service that would deliver a fair price and decent channel lineup without a bunch of hassle. I think I've settled on YouTube TV for a flat \$50 per

I CUT THE CORD

by "The Computer Skeptic"

month - \$30 less than what I was paying.

First the good news: YouTube TV offers all the channels I watch including SyFy, AMC, Food Network, lots of sports stuff, along with all the other channels that no one watches. It also comes with all the major news channels and local stations.

You can try out YouTube TV for seven days before you're charged. There's no contract for the service so you can cancel at any time. Each YouTube TV

subscription allows for up to six separate user accounts so each family member can create a unique profile for customized suggestions and private DVR libraries. Up to three accounts/ TVs can stream content simultaneously. Subscribers can record as many shows as they want with no storage limit.

Your TV must have a way of streaming YouTube TV. Newer smart TVs may already have the YouTube TV app. Older TVs will require an external device such as a \$35 Chromecast (that's

what I use) or a \$25 Firestick from Amazon. You use your smartphone or computer to select what you want to watch.

There is one flaw that I'm struggling to adjust to: the lack of a remote control I can use without looking at it. One of my favorite pastimes is laying on the couch with the remote in one hand, finger on the channel button, and eyes half closed while I channel surf. You can't do that with YouTube TV. Every time you want to adjust the TV, you have to unlock your phone, launch the app (if it's not already launched), and look at the phone to do stuff. You can also simply say what you want to watch such as, "Play CNN on living room TV" and your TV will power itself on and play. You can say, "pause TV" or "unpause TV" or "fast forward

3 minutes" and TV will obey. Your TV's own remote control can also be used to pause and start programs. But none of that is as handy as a simple remote control.

YouTube TV's channel guide takes some getting used to. You still have to have to use the TV's remote control to adjust the volume. These annoyances tend to fade a little when I remind myself that I'm saving nearly \$400 per year. That will buy plenty of pizza and movie popcorn!

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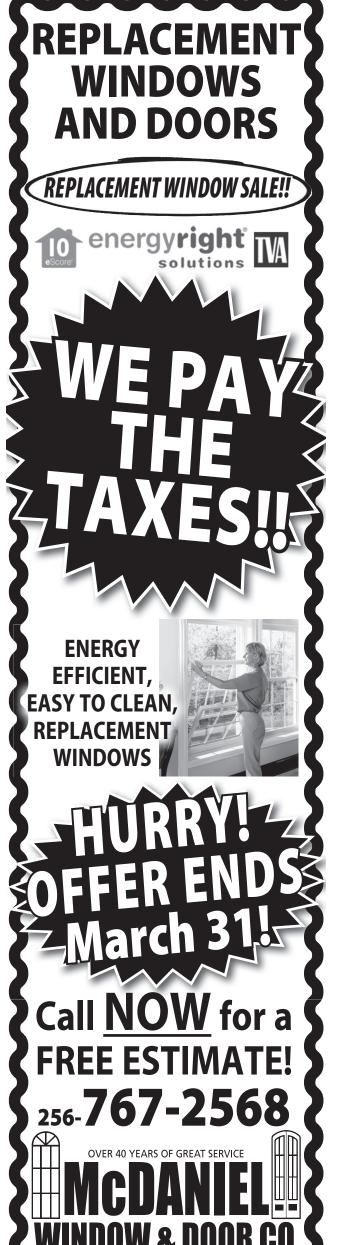
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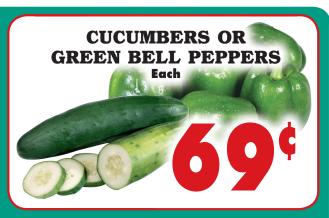
















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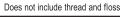






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Dear Dave,

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Dear Janet,

My advice is to pre-plan, not pre-pay. Unfortunately, you learned first-hand important decisions in the middle of that kind of they face these kinds of things that they make bad decisions. That's why pre-planning, and making decisions ahead of time, is a really good move.

Now, here's why it's never a good idea to pre-pay for this kind of thing. If you live to an average age, for what you'd prepay today at your age, you could invest the amount and be selfinsured. You'd have a ton of money sitting there when the time comes.

Events like this make you realize the need for proper planning, but don't ever pre-pay for them. God bless you, Janet. I'm so sorry you're going through this.

–Dave

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Dear Dave,

I have an emergency fund equal to six months of expenses. Considering this, would you consider an extended home warranty to be a waste of money?

Ami

Dear Ami,

My advice to have an emergency fund of three to six months of expenses, sitting in a good money market account check writing privileges, is designed to cover the unexpected things that life how hard it is to make will throw at you. The cash, combined with the easy access that kind of account grief. Many times, people allows, will make it quick are so emotional when and easy to take care of things in the event of a financial emergency.

Extended warranties, of any kind, are not a good deal and I don't recommend them. You're better off to self-insure against things breaking down, and put what would have been profit for the extended warranty company in your own počket!

–Ďave

* 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 14 million listeners each week on 600 radio stations and multiple digital platforms. Follow Dave on the web at daveramsey.com and on Twitter at @DaveRamsey.

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I think we hired the wrong lawyer. We were injured in an automobile accident. Our lawyer does not seem to pay attention to our case and we can't find out what's going on. I don't think this lawyer handles these kinds of cases. We just knew him through a friend. Richard, Killen, AL

Go sit down with the lawyer that you hired. Have a face to face discussion with your lawyer and give them the chance to talk with you about your case. There is no doubt that lawyers that concentrate in certain areas become more familiar with the law in the areas in which they concentrate. There is no replacement for experience.

That said, the way people see their case and the way their lawyer sees their case is almost never the same. Even in straight forward personal injury cases, problems arise. One of the most common problems we see are medical records that don't clearly reflect the cause of the injuries. Medical records used to be handwritten. Now they are electronic. Electronic records do not record accidental injuries as well as handwritten notes. Sometimes it takes a while to obtain records that accurately document both the treatment and the reason for the treatment.

It is possible that there is a problem with your case. If that's true, you and your attorney need to talk. Ask your lawyer if there is a problem. Ask your lawyer if he's has ever handled your kind of case. Ask about the results they have received and if they have ever tried one like it to a jury. Understanding the jury charges helps to shape the way the case is prepared.

I have always advised people to hire a lawyer with experience in the field of law in which they find themselves. If it's a real estate transaction, hire a real estate lawyer. As Marvin Mitchelson said "a good divorce lawyer is a chameleon with a law book." Mr. Mitchelson was the Beverly Hills attorney who pioneered the concept of palimony.

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Guest Op-Ed

Panic...

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common cold type viruses, it's more likely to kill those with compromised lungs and/or immune systems.

COVID-19 Yes, already here, and it's going to spread.

It will spread whether Trump appoints vice-president Mike Pence to stop it.

It will spread whether federal government and state governments impose draconian but ineffectual measures like travel restrictions and large-scale quarantines.

Political grandstanding over the coronavirus and emergency measures versus the coronavirus will almost certainly kill more people in the US and abroad than the coronavirus itself.

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economic activity.

We've already seen what happens to the stock market when business gets nervous about the Chinese nodes in its supply chains.

Travel and trade restrictions mean higher prices and lost jobs, both of which discourage coming to America. It's Americans from seeing doctors when they get

Treating COVID-19 as a genuine American public health emergency means medical resources get invested in fighting COVID-19 instead of the other real health problems.

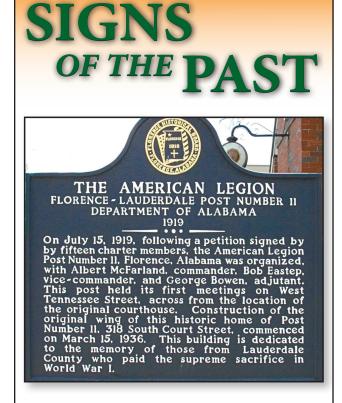
Higher prices, jobs, and poor medical investment are a recipe for dead Americans.

You probably won't get the coronavirus. If you do get it, it probably won't kill you. But politicians and bureaucrats trafficking in panic just might succeed

where it fails.

Thomas L. Knapp is director / senior news analyst William in the form of drag on Libertarian Advocacy Journalism





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Trusting Christ Or Yourself and Church

Romans 2:29 "But he is a Jew, which is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the spirit, and not in the letter; whose praise is not of men, but of God." See also Colossians 2:11-15 & 1Corinthians 12:13. Luke 18:9 "And he spake this parable unto certain which trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others:" Notice the church at Ephesus: Ephesians 1:11-13 "In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will: That we should be to the

praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ. In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise,." Now if don't understand the above verses regarding spiritual circumcision, you are either lost or have had some very shallow teaching since you were saved. Also notice above the inheritance is not salvation but something that is reserved in heaven waiting for you, if you are saved. See

It's easily seen why confusion prevails when anyone twists and perverts the simple plan of God (See 2Corinthians 11:3) for the redemption of the soul of man and substitutes it with private interpretation. See 2Peter 1:20. God cannot and will not give His security and peace and assurance to anyone who substitutes his own efforts and assumes authority to help save himself or anyone else. See Philippians 4:4-9 & Romans 5:1 and read and study. Now, do you have peace with God, and is the peace of God in the depths of your soul and is the God of peace with you? If not, find you a pastor and church that can show you from the Book how to get it and stay there till Jesus comes again or calls you home. It's still a free country and you can choose to stay confused and in doubt your entire life. God offers freely peace, security, and salvation. You reject it at your own peril. My prayer for you today is that God will open your eyes and save your soul. Acts 26:18. Your never-dying soul is at stake.

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County Rd 473 **Needs Work**

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developed a small oil leak, my dad said, "Let's get this fixed so we don't run out of oil and have to buy a new engine."

This logic doesn't seem to apply to Lauderdale Highway 473 / Brooks Drive. In this case it appears there are options:

1) no repairs until it becomes impassable,

2) no repairs and when it's bad enough, tear it out and return Brooks Drive to a gravel lane, or

3) no repairs and when it's bad enough, tear it out

and pour all new asphalt.

I think it's time somebody explains why this Highway doesn't deserve some routine maintenance before it costs taxpayers a lot of money to replace.

I've only lived in Killen for five years, but I've watched this highway deteriorate with little or no attention to maintenance.

Now some of the potholes are getting deep enough to blow a tire, damage the suspension, ruin the alignment, or cause loss alignment, or cause loss of control and perhaps an accident. Since the speed limit appears to be "reasonable or as fast as you can go," I look for one or all of the above to happen. Maybe an accident due to loss of control from impacting a deep pothole plus an injury or death will get somebody's attention and some repairs made before it's too late for repairs.

If the County gets sued for that accident, who cares, the Taxpayers will

John Poloney Killen

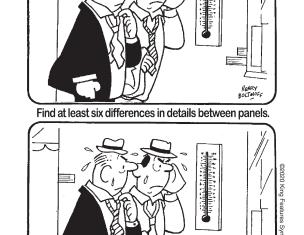
City Not the Ones at Fault

Editor:

A headline for the on Times Daily Friday, February` 14 stated, "Softball tournament in jeopardy." The article's opening statement was, "The chances for the city to host a Memorial Day weekend softball tournament that would bring in some 40 teams from outside the area appears bleak."

Florence-Lauderdale Tourism Board President/ CEO Carnegie said at Thursday's board board meeting, ťhat tournament organizer has not been able to secure the spot for a tournament that

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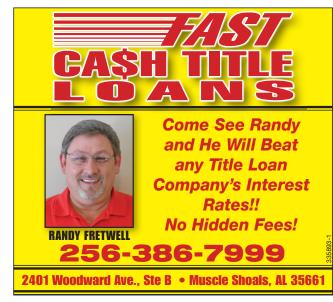


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City Not the **Ones at Fault**

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weekend at the Florence Sportsplex. Why is the tournament in jeopardy?

Apparently, tournament organizer maybe and others ignore the city in the initial scheduling of the tournament. At the noted board meeting, a hotelier said an entire team for the tournament was booked for Memorial Day weekend. It is clear that the organizer invited teams to the Memorial **Tournament** Day without having the city's permission to use the Was this Sportsplex. done to force the city to approve the tournament?

Bullying!
The article stated that tourism board members worried what something like this could do to Florence's reputation as a tournament - friendly location. Well, the Board needs to have procedures that require city approval to use the Sportsplex prior to inviting teams.

The city was concerned about local use at the Sportsplex. Rather than say no, the city asked Carnegie if they could have until February 23 to make a final decision. February 23 is the deadline for city league teams to register, and it would be known how many would be participating. The article was silent on Carnegie's decision.

Did the organizer act alone by not securing permission to use the Sportsplex prior issuing invitation? On Sunday, February 16, the TimesDaily's One View stated, "The Memorial Day weekend has, in the past, been a key makeup date for games lost to rain outs." One board member stated to deny the tournament could be a 'black eve' for the city that may last for some time. I disagree. As noted, if handled the right way, secure approval to use the Sportsplex first, there would be no black eye. The city is not at fault!

There are benefits to hosting the tournament for the city, for our hoteliers, for our restaurants. However, I appreciate the city putting our citizens first rather than the dollar and demanding that things be done in right way.

Bill Smoak Florence

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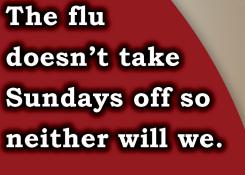
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False Claims by Uninformed

Editor:

President Trump's recent statements and actions regarding school prayer change nothing. Nobody has "taken prayer out of our schools," is a claim falsely iterated by all too many uninformed conservatives.

The Supreme Court has ruled, and properly so, that agents of GOVERNMENT, employees including and administrators of public schools, may not exclusively endorse any one religion by prescribing or administering prayer or other religious exercises to be carried out in the public schools under direction and control of school (GOVERNMENT) authorities.

There is a remarkable and glaring inconsistency on the part of those who want the government to stay out of our private and personal lives. On

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the other hand, they are willing to let that same GOVERNMENT prescribe for our minor children in their custody when to pray, where to pray, to whom to pray, for what to pray, and in whose name to pray.

There nothing is more personal than the relationship between a person and his/her god. However, the would-be theocrats who contend for "putting God and prayer back in the schools" seem comfortable with permitting GOVERNMENT to invade and supplant that very private and personal relationship. When prayer or other religious exercises are devised and voluntarily led and participated in by public school studentš, they are constitutionally permissible. It is deceitful to ignore this highly significant aspect school prayer by blithely and falsely claiming that prayer in the nation's public schools has somehow been prohibited.

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What ever happened to going door to door?

I received an email from one of my grandchildren's coaches recently. It was for a fundraiser. It even had a cute little video, showing highlights from their last season. Now, I'm always willing to help out, but what struck me as odd about this fundraiser, was that the coach was the one sending it out. Back when my kids were little, the players had to go out and knock on doors. They were the ones that raised the money. This email even had a button I could click and donate electronically. What sort of message are we sending to our kids if we're doing all the work for them? – Griping Grandma

Dear Griping: Back when I was coaching, my go-to fundraiser was selling coupon cards. They were stuffed full of cool pictures and had great deals for a bunch of local businesses. One reason I really liked them was because they were

easy. I've been at other programs where we hosted big fundraising events or sold jugs of cookie dough. The problem with a big event is that it takes a ton of planning and volunteers. The problem with cookie dough — it has to be refrigerated, picked up on time, and Lord help the coach who gives chocolate chunk to the grandma who ordered macadamia

The beauty of the cards was that the kids sold them, door to door, and then brought back Ziploc bags full of cash. At that time, it was the most streamlined thing going.

But after reading your question, it sounds like things have gotten even easier. I'm guessing all the

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kids are required to do is bring email addresses of friends and family to their coach; he plugs them in the system, and voilà instant money!

This cuts out the latenight tabulations we used to have to do when the kids brought in all those plastic baggies stuffed full of cash. It also reduces the worry of having to tote around and deposit the twenty grand afterwards.

But your question remains: Once fundraising is reduced to an email — the single click of an electric button — what message are we sending to our kids?

Maybe we're making them softer by doing this. Less responsible. Maybe there are lessons to be learned by walking the streets, going door to door, and selling coupon cards. Maybe kids don't know the true meaning of hard work anymore. Maybe they never will.

Or maybe it wasn't all that safe for kids go door to door in the first place. Maybe the coaches are using the extra time to push their players harder in the weight room or the gym. Maybe

they're pushing them too hard, and the kids are burning out, quitting sports all together and playing videogames as a result.

The answers to almost all of life's questions are different depending on perspective. Or as Einstein said, "Everything is relative." If you're pleased with your grandson's coach, if you think he's a good man who does right by the boys and the team, then cut him a little slack and let him raise money in whatever way works best for his program.

Eli Cranor is a former professional quarterback and coach turned award-winning author. Send questions for "Athletic Support" to eli. cranor@gmail.com or visit elicranor.com.

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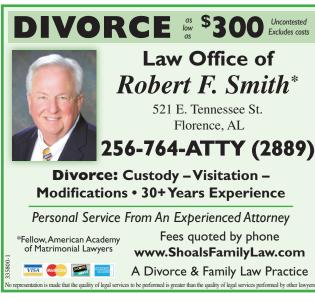
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THE BOLD AND THE BEAUTIFUL Vinny slammed Thomas for the terrible way he was treating his own son. Liam admitted to Steffy that not living with Hope and Beth was very difficult for him. Thomas showed Zoe the wedding dress he designed for her. Hope blew up at Thomas for confusing Douglas. Steffy overheard a private conversation that changed her point of view. Carter told Zoe that she could do better than Thomas. Liam professed his love for Hope and told her that she would always have his heart. Steffy made a confession. Wait to

See: Douglas has a meltdown.

DAYS OF OUR LIVES As the lethal injection began, Ben relived his memories of Ciara. Kristen told Gabi how she really felt. Xander was upset when he ran into Dr. Raynor, who knew about the baby switch. Ben flatlined. Rafe made an appeal to Evan to find David. Nicole suspected that Xander and Dr. Raynor shared a secret. Maggie prepared to turn herself in. Justin and Marlena met with Stefano to negotiate Kayla's release. Jennifer had an intense confrontation with Gina. Wait to See: Eli and Lani's reunion is interrupted by some unhappy news.

GENERAL HOSPITAL Brook Lynn became anxious. Michael turned to Ned for support. Alexis offered her legal expertise. Julian wasn't fooled. Peter struggled with his charade. Jason confronted Curtis. Willow had a hard time facing reality. Chase looked to Michael for advice. Belle began her defense. Brook Lynn was incensed. Olivia presented a reminder of what could be. Ava visited Elizabeth. Peter contacted Anna. Carly let Nelle have it. Wait to See: Molly confides in

THE YOUNG AND THE RESTLESS Jack called Ashley and suggested that she come home to visit Dina. Abby initially turned down Phyllis' offer to buy

Phoenix but later gave her a letter of intent. Adam gave Chance his blessing to break into Phyllis' suite and steal the recording of their conversation in Vegas. Amanda had a nightmare about Ripley. Rey was called in to help with the ice storm while Faith took care of Sharon. Victor

her shares of the Grand invited Adam to come to the ranch to discuss the future of the company. Their conversation got heated, and they soon found themselves trapped during the storm, forcing them to hash out their differences. Wait to See: Nikki travels outside of her comfort zone.

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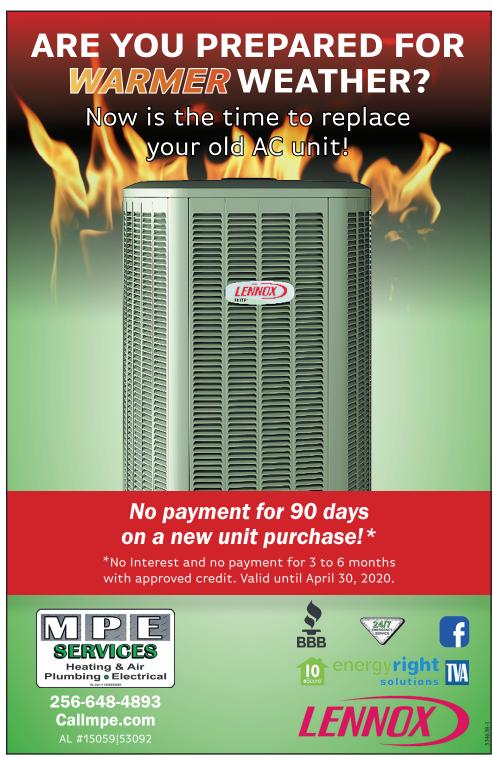
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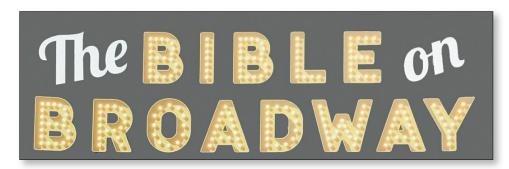
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dimension. They provide millions of people around the world with spiritual and theological values." Hope said, "I found his book to be very theologically insightful and, I completely agreed with him. After reading his book, I knew that at some point I wanted to do a concert that would show this to the public.

As a result, THE BIBLE ON BROADWAY concert will take place at 7pm on Saturday, March 7 Woodmont Baptist Church on Darby Drive in Florence.

"Most people don't immediately associate the Bible with Broadway musicals," Hope "However, continued. we find that over and over Biblical truths serve as the foundation for the message in the songs and very often the entire musical."

examples of this is the remarkably successful musical, Les Misérables. In it there are 31 references to God in the context of prayers, 6 references to Jesus, 8 mentions of Heaven, 4 of the soul, and explicit allusions to Calvary, the passion and the blood of Christ, sacrifice, and salvation. One of the show-stopping numbers, "Bring Him Home," is essentially a prayer set to music. Now, Les Misérables

is certainly unique. The entire premise of the show is the love and mercy of God and the redemption of man. Obviously, all musicals are nowhere near as scripturally heavy as this. Still, when we examine a little closer, we realize there are a great many musicals where the Bible is most definitely there.

The goal with THE BIBLE ON BROADWAY concert is to share this message with the audience.

Twelve beautiful and beloved songs from ten classic Broadway musicals have been chosen. A screen will also display the represented Biblical scriptures in their core messages.

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"One of the strongest to create this concert, said Hope. "Gene Anne Gifford is our musical director and Becky Foster our accompanist. Their collaboration and contribution have been essential. We have put together a marvelous choir of 50 very talented singers from across the Shoals area. We are very fortunate to have several outstanding soloists including, Tammy McCollister, Jill Gatlin, Carol Johns, Mikayla Camp, Salina Fugate, Anne-Marie Patrick, Suzanne Reese Mills, Josh Davis, Joey Wright, and Tanner Rhodes."

As a special guest, Taylor Lamm, the young man who played the leading role of Jean Valjean in the SummerStock production of Les Misérables, is coming from Pigeon Forge, Tennessee to take part. He will be featured on "Bring Him Home" and the closing number which is the finale to *Les* Misérables.

"A concert of this type has never been done in Northwest Alabama,' Hope said. "The audience is going to have a wonderful experience!

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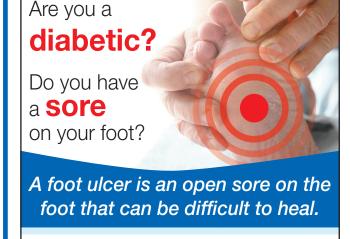
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"Medicare Part A & B Review"

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

Medicare Part A is primarily used to cover your inpatient care. Part A has a \$1,408 deductible for each benefit period, meaning the deductible can be applied more than once in a calendar year. This deductible covers hospital services, including semi-private rooms, meals, general nursing, drugs as part of your inpatient treatment, and other hospital services and supplies. Part A is "free" to most Medicare beneficiaries. "Free" meaning you may not have to pay Medicare to have Part A. It does not excuse the deductibles and co-insurance.

In most cases Part B is used to cover your outpatient services. These include visits to your primary care physician and/or specialist. It also may cover transportation by ambulance, durable medical equipment, preventive services and mental health treatment. Part B also entitles you to an annual "Wellness" visit to a qualified provider. Most Medicare beneficiaries joining Medicare Part B for the first time in 2020 pay a monthly premium to Medicare of \$144.60. Part B has an annual deductible of \$198 and a coinsurance the beneficiary pays of 20%, after the deductible is met.

To cover the deductibles and coinsurance that Part A and Part B have you would need to look at some type of supplemental policy sold through private insurance companies. These include Medicare supplement plans or Medicare Advantage Plans. If you want to study Part A or Part B in more detail you can look at previous Medicare Minute articles or give our office a call and we'll be glad to discuss this with you.

If you have questions regarding any aspect of Medicare or Medicare health plans feel free call us at Alabama Health Guidance (256-648-5710), stop by our office at 885 Florence Blvd (Four Lane Shopping Center) or email me at ikey@alabamahealthguidance.com. Alabama Health Guidance is an

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The special guest honoree will be alumna and former Director of the UNA Office of Alumni Relations, Carol Lyles Reeves, Class of 1970. Carol was selected by the Office of the President to light the fountain this year. Carol played a huge role in keeping UNA alumni and friends connected to campus for many years. We are so excited to honor her this year for her leadership, dedication, and contributions.

UNA President, Dr. Kenneth Kitts, will give an update during the ceremony regarding the future plans of the fountain's completion. Join us for a night of music, food, and fun. Rain

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

Programs for March 2020 March 13 - Mary Day Smith - Adjutant at the American Legion will talk about the

American Legion
March 20 – Melanie Dickens - MS Health Services Adminstrator/Tobacco Control Coordinator- will speak about the dangers

of vaping March 27 - Michael South - Director of Head Start for Florence City Schools will be speaking on the advantages of Head Start

The Alpha Pi and the Alpha Delta Beta chapters of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. will have their annual Scholarship Banquet Friday, March 13 at the Roundhouse in Tuscumbia. The Banquet starts at 7pm. The program is held each year to assist the chapters in sponsoring scholarships for area high school seniors.

The speaker for this year's event is Dr. Thomas Calhoun, Jr. Dr. Calhoun is a native of Tuskegee, Alabama, where he was born on the campus of Tuskegee University. This year the fraternity will present its eighth annual James H. Flovd memorial scholarship sponsored by the Floyd family and the Alpha

Entertainment for the event will be provided by Annetta Cole.

For more information contact any chapter

member of Omega Psi Phi or call 256-757-

Shoals Habitat for Humanity ReStore 1120 N Royal Ave, at Seven Points in Florence. Or call us at 256-760-9515. Open Tuesday-Saturday from 9am-5pm. Shop. Donate. Volunteer.

The Alabama Department of Early Childhood Education is now accepting preregistration applications for Pre-K programs for the 2020-2021 school year. All children who will be four years old on September 1, 2020, are eligible. However, there are limitations on the number of children that can be accepted. Pre-K provides wonderful educational and social opportunities for our children. Educational foundations can be strengthened and advanced because of Pre-K learning. Unfortunately, there are many parents of young children that are unaware of the beneficial Pre-K programs in our area. You can visit www.children.alabama.gov

Sheffield Head Start Program located at 701 East 17th St., Sheffield is now taking applications for Pregnant Moms and children ages 6 weeks to 4 years for the upcoming 2020-2021 school year fro 8am-2pm.

Parents must bring the following items: Birth Certificate, Verification of Income for 2019 (W-2 form, Income Tax Return, Check Stub, Social Security Statement, Child Support, Unemployment, etc.). Medicaid or Insurance Card (if available), WIC, Food Stamps, College ID, Military ID, Proof of Kinship Care, IEP/IFSP. Services are provided at NO COST to parents.

Children with special needs and/or disabilities and Homeless families are given priority selection. Call for an appointment today at 256-383-3577 ext. 102, 104, 106,

The Alabama Wildlife Federation (AWF) Quad Cities' Wild Game Cook-Off takes place at 4pm on Saturday, March 14 at the Longhorn Arena in Tuscumbia. local cook teams will bring their best recipes of wild game, fish and fowl.

More cook teams are needed. If you think you have what it takes, fire up your grills and get ready to battle with some of the best Backyard Chefs in northwest Alabama. Entry for the cook teams is free, but teams must pre-register prior to the day of the event at www.alabamawildlife.org. Trophies will be awarded to first through third place in fish, fowl and game, as well as Best Overall, Best Presentation and People's Choice presented by the Alabama Army National Guard. The overall winner will be invited to the state finals in Millbrook on August 8 to compete for the title of AWF 2020 Wild Game Cook-Off State

For more information, call 334-285-4550 or visit www.alabamawildlife.org

Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (ADCNR) to host a Free Hunter Education Course at Cypress Creek Indoor Range on Saturday, March 14, beginning at 8am.

This free one-day course is open to the public, but students must register at https:// huntered.Dcnr.Alabama.Gov/public. Space is limited. Walk ins will not be allowed. The program covers the skills, regulations and responsibilities of hunting, and wildlife conservation that help to secure our hunting

If you were born on or after August 1, 1977, you must complete an approved hunter education program before being eligible to hunt. Cypress Creek Indoor Range is on Hwy. 157 North of Florence.

The REFRESH Bible Conference at First Baptist is especially for busy women. REFRESH is on March 21 from 9am-2pm at 2018 on Wood on the First Baptist Church of Florence campus, downtown. It is an invitation to press pause on the demands of life and spend six hours connecting with the Lord, the Word, and other women. Refresh is for any woman who longs for a deeper understanding of God's Word and wants to know how to study and apply its truth to her every day, busy life.

This year's theme is JESUS IS: the I AM Statement of Christ. Teri Lynne Underwood, national women's ministry speaker and author of multiple books, is this year's speaker. The \$25 ticket include all conference materials and a box lunch.

For more information about REFRESH or to purchase tickets, visit the Refresh Bible Conference website, RefreshBibleConference. com or contact the First Baptist Church office at 256-764-4921

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