

Shoals Shorts

Postponed, Cancelled, or Closed

POSTPONED:

- Crappie Kids Fishing Rodeo on Saturday, April 11 at Riverfront Park in Sheffield - will be rescheduled for Fall
- King Kat Trail Catfish tournament, scheduled for April 18 on Wilson and Pickwick lakes - will be rescheduled for Fall
- The Spring Dance March 24 at the Coliseum for Florence Senior Center members, has been postponed to a later date.
- Gospel Meeting March 29-31 at Bethel Berry Church of Christ with Howell Bigham is postponed
- All in person court hearings and proceedings have been postponed until April 21.

CANCELLED:

- The Underwood-Petersville Volunteer Fire Dept. Fish Fry scheduled for Saturday, March 28 has been cancelled. See you in April!
- Shoals CASA Breakfast with the Easter Bunny at Buffalo Wild Wings cancelled.
- Fundraiser March 28 in Lexington at the Methodist Church cancelled
- East Colbert Church of Christ April Fish Fry cancelled.
- North Alabama Flea Market - suspended until April.
- Fishing Day at Deibert Park has been cancelled for March 28 and April 10.

CLOSED:

- YMCA of the Shoals in Florence with the intention to reopen Monday, April 6 or as soon as the health and safety of the community can be assured.
- The Blue Door Thrift Store is closed until further notice.
- Lauderdale Lanes closed until April 2.

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Flag secured atop Iwo Jima. Initial group included a radio man (far left).

75 Years After Victory, Local Man Still a

'National Treasure'

by Tom Magazzu, Editor

The minds of the few remaining World War II veterans may not be as sharp as they were 75 years ago. That's not to say that memories from that period are fading. They just may not have been discussed very often with family or those who weren't directly involved. Some were never discussed. Such is the case with one local veteran. Ninety-six year old William V. Yocum was among the Marines at Iwo Jima in 1945. "Pappy," as he is known to his family, now resides at the Cottage of the Shoals in Tusculumbia according to his son-in-law, Dr. Bob Moore.



Yocum

The island of Iwo Jima is located 750 miles off the coast of Japan and had three airfields that allowed the Japanese to launch their war planes. It was a pivotal battle because by capturing the Japanese airbases

there, US bombers could launch air strikes on the Japanese mainland.

American forces invaded the island on February 19, 1945. The epic 36 day military battle between U.S. Marines and the Imperial Army of Japan represented some of the bloodiest fighting of World War II. Some 7,000 US Marines lost their lives on the island, as did 20,000 Japanese. The 75th anniversary of that Pacific victory occurs this week, and research indicates that as of this writing, Yocum is one of only 22 who are still alive. That iconic photo of five marines erecting the American flag at Iwo Jima is among the most resonating images from World War II.

"We (his family) never knew of his participation in that battle as he never wanted to discuss it," Moore said. "We only found out three or

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- Thrive Urgent Care, 3500 Cloverdale Road in Florence;
- Med Plus, 2908 Mall Drive in Florence;
- Express Med, 970 Cox Creek Parkway in Florence;
- Colbert County office complex in Tusculumbia

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Program Naming for 2

FLORENCE - The University of North Alabama Board of Trustees on March 6 approved the naming of two entities on campus for alums of the University. The Honors College was approved to be the Delores and Weldon Cole Honors College, and the Culinary Arts Program has been renamed the Jeff Eubanks Culinary Arts

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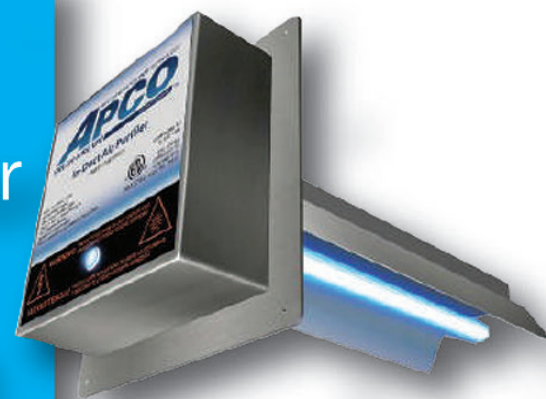
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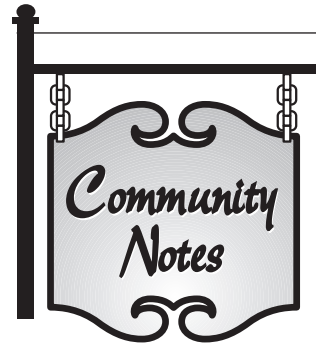
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- Florence- Lauderdale Public Library is temporarily closed.
- Tennessee Valley Museum of Art closed
- St. Florian Senior Center – closed until April 8
- Killen Senior Center closed
- Killen Library – closed
- Killen Park – closed
- Sheffield Library – closed
- Tuscumbia Library – closed
- Florence Lauderdale Public Library – closed until further notice.
- Alabama Extension offices closed until April 10.
- Lexington Public Library - closed until April 6
- Colbert County Courthouse - closed until April 6
- Killen Municipal Court – closed until April.
- Florence City Museums - closed until further notice.
- Sheffield Pool & Recreation Center - closed until at least April (All sports suspended until this time as well. Please check the Rec department Facebook page for more.)
- Lauderdale County Extension Office - closed
- Helen Keller birthplace -closed until April 6.
- Lauderdale County License Commissioner - lobby closed until April 6
- Lauderdale County Playgrounds closed. Parks still open as of now.
- The Rockpile Recreation Area on the Tennessee Valley Authority's Muscle Shoals Reservation will remain closed for the time being.
- State Troopers Post – Moving to a wait in car and phone call system.
- All Natchez Trace Parkway visitor contact stations are closed. All other facilities remain open. Visitors can still reach a park ranger between 9am-4:30pm by calling 662-680-4027. Visitors can find the most up-to-date information on the Parkway website www.nps.gov/natr.
- Lauderdale County Government Building lobby is closed until April 6. The drive thru is open located behind the building on Short Court Street for automobiles, boats, hunting and fishing, and business license.

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The Underwood-Petersville Volunteer Fire Dept. Fish Fry scheduled for Saturday, March 28 has been cancelled. See you in April!

Crappie Kids Fishing Rodeo set for April 11 at Riverfront Park, Sheffield has been canceled.

Design-An-Ad Awards banquet sponsored by the TimesDaily has been postponed until fall.

The April 3 First Fridays has been canceled.

Shoals Earth Day, April 4, is postponed.

Swampers at the Marriott Shoals has canceled all music until April 5.

The Salvation Army Empy Bowl Luncheon postponed.

Muscle Shoals Sound Studios in Sheffield is closed.

UNA's Annual Light the Fountain event that was briefly rescheduled into April has now been postponed until the fall semester. Thank you for your understanding.

The monthly singing at Cloverdale Community Center on March 27 has been cancelled due to the coronavirus. Thanks for your understanding and hope to see you in April.

Underwood-Petersville Volunteer Fire Dept. Fish Fry for Saturday, March 28 has been canceled.

The Florence-Lauderdale Public Library will be closed from March 17-April 30.

The Shoals Writers will plan to resume meeting on May 16, unless otherwise noted.

Florence Parks and Recreation/The Club (Florence Senior Center) has suspended all activities at The Club at this time.

The nutrition program IS, however, providing meals for their homebound clients as well as those that normally eat lunch at The Club. For those that normally eat at The Club they can call each day, Monday-Friday, between 8-10 am to let us know they will be driving by to pick up a prepared meal under the front porch without entering the building. There is a limited number of lunches for each day.

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Fishing Day at Deibert Park has been cancelled for March 28 and April 10.

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Florence Utility Accounts

During this unusual time, Florence Department Leaders met and are aware that some of our customers will be and are currently impacted by the COVID-19. As of today, Florence Utilities will be suspending disconnections for non-payment of utility services and not applying late payment fees to accounts through March 31. However, we will continue to bill normally

and process payments.

- The Florence Police Department will be temporarily restricting access to the front lobby, Records Division, administrative offices, and police desk. People are encouraged to call 256-768-2728 for assistance. Phones will be monitored 24 hours a day.

- All playgrounds are now closed. The outdoor parks will remain open with the advisement to follow the recommendation of social distancing (6 feet).

- The Florence-Lauderdale Animal Services Department will remain open for adoptions during limited hours. If you have any flu-like symptoms, please do not enter the building. Florence-Lauderdale Animal Services is asking people to avoid surrendering healthy pets at this time.

- Florence Utilities Customer Service asks that you consider

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Pluris Alabama Approaching a Decade of Bringing Safe Drinking Water to Lauderdale County Residents

Pluris has now been providing safe drinking water to families in Lauderdale County for over eight years. Tony Cosby, long time Rogersville resident and water expert commented recently,

“ *It is satisfying that with all the recent national news on the new potential cancer causing chemicals known as PFAs being found in rivers from industrial chemical companies, that Pluris' water derived from inland wells is free of this concern.”*

Pluris has several water wells in Lauderdale County that provide water to over 3,000 homes in this relatively rural area. The company's managing member and principal engineer, Maurice Gallarda believes that rural areas are often overlooked when it comes to infrastructure needs in water and sewer and has made these areas a focus. In a recent interview, Mr. Gallarda, a professional civil engineer in Alabama recently commented,

“ *It's important that rural America is not overlooked when it comes to providing safe drinking water, when there is so much focus on major metropolitan areas in the US. These areas are made up of some of America's finest people and yet are at times, left behind because the money is directed to higher populated cities on the west and east coasts.”*

Pluris' municipal water wells are located in eastern Lauderdale County and the combined wells can produce over 2 million gallons per day of high quality drinking water. Pictures of the most recent completed source are featured below.

Tony Cosby sits on his own Town of Rogersville's water board said one of the really great benefits is that unlike other water purveyors, Pluris provides water from subsurface groundwater from deep wells and springs. Water from these sources reduces treatment costs when compared with water being drawn from rivers and having to address new chemicals hazards such as PFAs. In addition, with Pluris' water sources being close to the customers in east Lauderdale County, disinfectant by-products which occur when using chlorine do not the challenges associated with water from sources many miles away from customers.

Total trihalomethanes (TTHMs) and Haloacetic acids (HAA5s) are formed in water delivery pipelines as chlorine breaks down over long distances. TTHM and HAA5 are regulated by the Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM) and utilities have to test for TTHM and HAA5 as part of their permit to provide drinking water to the public.



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Cosby believes Pluris is a great partner to water districts and cities and towns because Pluris will invest in the infrastructure necessary to help get water to the existing pipelines that service customers. In some cases, this requires constructing water distribution pipelines. Ronnie Golden, an Alabama native who owns Golden Construction Company in Muscle Shoals has constructed water and sewer infrastructure for numerous towns and clients for nearly 40 years including all of Pluris' water projects in Alabama.

Ronnie recently commented,

“As an Alabama General Contractor specializing in utility construction for 37 years it has been a real honor and pleasure for myself and my company to have been involved with all the construction and maintenance from the first Pluris Alabama project in North Alabama nine years ago up until this date. Pluris, Alabama is a company with management that believes in the same values as my company believes in – abiding by strict engineering standards, not cutting any corners and constructing water facilities that are second to none and Pluris produces some of the purist, safest and best tasting water for their customers in North Alabama.

I would encourage any of the rural water systems management or individual customers that are not currently being supplied with water from a Pluris Alabama facility and are located in a Pluris Alabama service area - if you



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are concerned with the quality of your present water supply or concerned with all the new chemicals being discovered in water coming from rivers and/or struggling to achieve full ADEM compliance with clean water standards - to contact Pluris, to discuss any issues and see if Pluris Alabama would be a good fit for your water supply.”

(Ronnie Golden, January 2020).

Cosby believes Pluris is different than typical water companies because Pluris owners and managers are comprised of professional Civil Engineers and construction veterans, not investment bankers. The culture at Pluris is one of serving the people and not just making a profit. Pluris' water rates in Alabama are lower than rates charged by other providers.

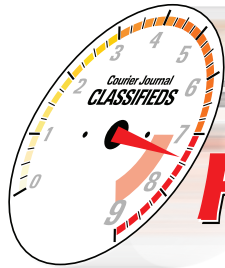
Pluris also believes that longer term agreements help in keeping more stable water rates for customers. Cosby believes Pluris' leadership understands the needs of smaller communities and he thinks Pluris will continue to invest and build water systems in rural Alabama and customers will benefit in not just rates but also in receiving high quality drinking water from a company that has been a good neighbor.

If readers would like to find out if their water is provided through Pluris or want more information on this article they are encouraged to contact Tony Cosby by email at awcosby1@gmail.com and Ronnie Golden at Golden Construction Company at piperus2@aol.com.





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care including dental hygiene visits, elective procedures, and cosmetic cases will be postponed.

"I am thankful that we have the doctors, the team, and the resources to continue to serve our area during this difficult time and alleviate unnecessary visits to other healthcare professionals, including hospital emergency rooms," said Dr. Jimmy Gardiner, president of Singing River Dentistry, a five practice dental group based in the Shoals. "We will continue serving North Alabama at all of our locations including our children's clinic in Tuscumbia.

Families First Act Passed

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The US Senate last week passed H.R. 6201, the Families First Coronavirus Response Act. President Trump then signed it into law. The legislation unlocks billions of dollars in funding to combat the Coronavirus and provides further relief for families, businesses, and industries negatively impacted by the COVID-19 outbreak.

This package passed by a vote of 90-8, and it

establishes emergency paid family and medical leave for those affected by the COVID-19 outbreak and increases unemployment benefits and food aid. The package also provides additional flexibility to the Departments of Treasury and Labor to assist small businesses.

The Senate will soon move to another stimulus package to protect the economy and provide further relief.

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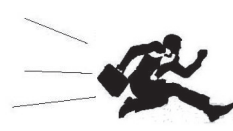
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in conjunction with the State Health Department, Helen Keller Hospital, and North Alabama Medical Center.

The sampling and subsequent COVID-19 test is free, but the drive-through sampling sites are only open to individuals who have been seen by a physician and are exhibiting symptoms of the illness.

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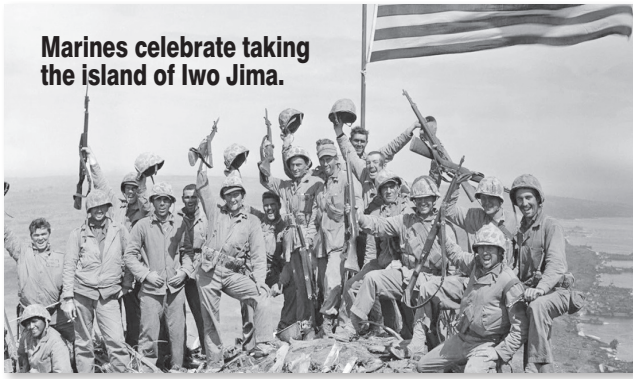
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four weeks ago as we applied for his VA benefits. It was on the back of his Honorable Discharge papers which we had never seen."

He was right there where Joe Rosenthal's Pulitzer Prize-winning photo took place with Marines hoisting a flag in the volcanic rock. Five month's later the war was over.

"Pappy and his fellow marines advanced up toward Mount Suribachi, the high point on the island," Moore continued. "He was not one who raised the flag but he was on that hill close behind. Now he is climbing a health mountain."

Their courageous efforts in the Pacific and similar selfless accounts of facing death in Europe allowed the advancement of our



Marines celebrate taking the island of Iwo Jima.

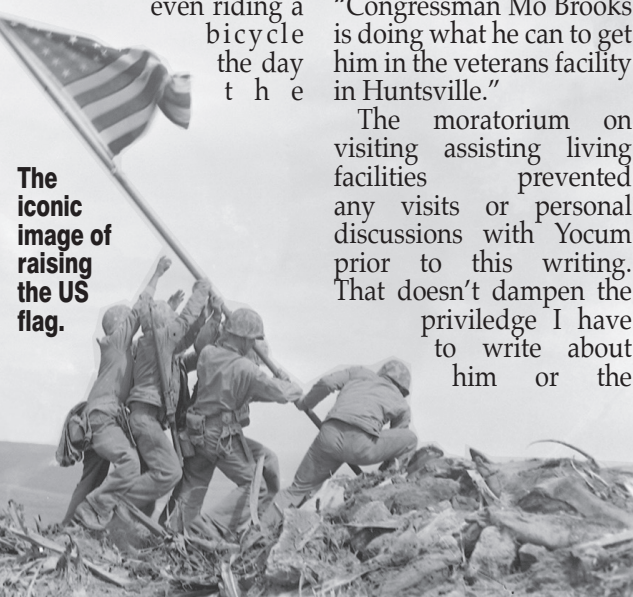
armed forces and hastened the end of this terrible war.

Up until two months ago, Yocum lived on his own in Rogersville. He drove and did all of his own shopping. He was even riding a bicycle the day

information for this story was collected.

"He's doing relatively well in spite of inoperable cardiac issues and asymptomatic pancreatic cancer," Moore said. "Congressman Mo Brooks is doing what he can to get him in the veterans facility in Huntsville."

The moratorium on visiting assisting living facilities prevented any visits or personal discussions with Yocum prior to this writing. That doesn't dampen the privilege I have to write about him or the



The iconic image of raising the US flag.

appreciation I have for his service. He's among the last vestiges of what many consider the greatest generation.

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Naming...

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Program. Both were made possible through gifts to the university.

"We are often asked why we are so passionate about the Honors College when we both attended the business school," said UNA alum Weldon Cole. "We are enormously

proud and grateful for the business school, which prepared us to compete with anyone, anywhere. However, we have observed that the Honors College attracts the best and brightest students. Many of these students will enroll in the business school. Moreover, the Honors College has the

potential to enhance the university's brand like no other initiative. Therefore, we know of no better way to support our beloved University."

The Culinary Arts Program is housed at UNA's East Campus and was renamed the Jeff Eubanks Culinary Arts Program. Eubanks was a 1996 graduate who passed away in early February. The effort was spearheaded by those at the Marriott Shoals Hotel and Spa where Eubanks was the executive chef, as well as his fraternity, Phi Gamma Delta.

"Jeff had a passion for his family, UNA, brotherhood, and cooking," said Macke Mauldin, a fellow member of the fraternity and Bank Independent President. "I'm proud that so many came together to honor his memory and passions in a way that benefits future generations of students."

According to Larry Bowser, the general manager of the Marriott, the gift allows for the preservation of Eubanks' legacy for future culinary students.

"We were blessed to have Jeff as part of our

Marriott Shoals family as our Executive Chef, where his contributions played a large role in the Hotel's success," said Bowser. "Jeff poured his heart and soul into the dishes he prepared and the chef he trained."

Events for the naming of the Honors College and the Culinary Arts program will likely be scheduled in the fall semester.

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• Arts & Museum facilities will be temporarily closed to visitors. The staff will continue to be available during regular hours. The outdoor space at the Indian mound will be open. However, the museum will be closed.

• Florence Athletics

programs, events, and activities (including practices and games) through the Florence Recreation are currently suspended and will follow the City of Florence school schedule. All Youth and Adult Athletic programs to include, soccer, baseball, and softball are postponed. All athletic fields are closed.

• Florence-Lauderdale Coliseum is temporarily closed. Rentals may be re-scheduled for a later date.

• Shoals Community Theatre - performances and events canceled or rescheduled until May.

• Colbert County Board of Education COVID-19 Crisis:-- Monday, March 30 from 7-9am, a grab n go will be set up at each school (drive thru)
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• Florence Parks and Recreation/The Club (Florence Senior Center) has suspended all activities at The Club at this time.

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Bill, Sheffield, AL

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Judges are called on to decide disputes and that is certainly in their job description. Make the judge's job easier by writing, signing and dating.

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Commentary

It's from China, and Other Points

What is so hard to understand about the fact that Covid-19 originated in Wuhan, China? Although it may be politically incorrect, stating such is accurate, not racist or xenophobic. Twitter is fine with China's

Deputy Director General of Information, Lijian Zhao, continuing with claims that the epidemic originated in the US. So who cares what brats in the media or in Hollywood think about the term "Chinese virus" or "Wuhan virus"?

There is so much we could cover about this situation and likely will in weeks to come.

A few brief points.

Limits on store purchases for select items are somewhat understandable during a crisis situation. It does make unnecessary hoarding more difficult. However, a two item limit, as instituted on dozens of products in at least a couple of local stores may be a little overboard.

We're not talking two of every type. Two cans of green beans, two single rolls of bath tissue, two bags of any kind of rice.

Have they even thought about the single mom with three kids who rushes to the sitter's, then to the store with the kids when she gets off work. How is two cans of beans supposed to work for her? Is she supposed to expose herself and her kids to sickness every

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In A Few Words



TOM MAGAZZU
Editor

Courier Journal

in the

Shoals

March 25, 2020

THIS WEEK

Health Order Now in Place

Governor Hopes to Minimize COVID-19 Impact in Alabama

MONTGOMERY – Governor Kay Ivey and the Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) on Thursday issued a statewide health order to aid in Alabama's efforts to contain the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19).

Laws effective Statewide through at least April 5

- All gatherings of 25 persons or more, or gatherings of any size that cannot maintain a consistent six-foot distance between persons, are prohibited. This Order shall apply to all gatherings, events, or activities that bring 25 or more persons in a single room or single space at the same time.

- Any restaurant, bar, brewery, or similar establishments shall not permit on-premise consumption of food or drink. Governor Ivey continues to encourage patrons to visit their local eateries for take-out or delivery provided the social distancing protocols are followed.

- All beaches are now closed. For clarification, the term "beach" means the sandy shoreline area



Gov. Kay Ivey

abutting the Gulf of Mexico, whether privately or publicly owned, including beach access points.

- Most Preschools and childcare centers are now closed. This shall not apply to licensed childcare centers that provide services exclusively to employees with state and local Governments, first responders (including EMS and fire services), law enforcement, hospitals, nursing home/long term care facilities

(including assisted living and specialty care assisted living facilities), end stage renal disease treatment centers, pharmacies and grocery stores.

- Effective immediately, all hospitals and nursing home/long term care facilities (including assisted living and specialty care assisted living facilities) shall prohibit visitation of all visitors and non-essential health care personnel, except for certain compassionate care situations such as maternity and end-of-life.

- All elective dental and medical procedures shall be delayed, effective immediately.

Governor Ivey stated, "Despite our best efforts, the threat of the Covid-19 virus continues to spread. Unfortunately, we have not yet reached peak impact. The decision to place regulations upon Alabamians living in Jefferson County and its surrounding counties was an effort to contain the area in which the virus has been prevalent in our state.

As of Friday night before press time 103 individuals have tested positive for the Coronavirus in Alabama and two here in the Shoals.

See HEALTH... on Page 26

Here is a link to the latest information we can find regarding filing of unemployment in Alabama. People can begin filing on now.

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It is not a sin to be rich. But if you are buying up everything from the poor people, that is greed and that is a sin! ”

Boycott for Animals

Editor:

Did anyone else have a problem with coverage of the recent Jimmy John's donation in Mayor Holt's weekly email from February 20, 2020 (and featured in the Courier Journal March 4)?

The local Jimmy John's a made \$500 donations to the Florence-Lauderdale Animal Services for animal adoptions and Chloe's Fund to help with animal medical bills. That is good for local animals, and it's also good advertising for his business. However, this is a franchise of the parent company owned by Jimmy John Liautaud who is an avid exotic animal trophy hunter. Do a brief search of the internet to see the love Mr. Liautaud has for animals and

his senseless kills. I have boycotted Jimmy John's since learning of his murderous, trophy hunting. I do not understand how the local franchisee can be an animal lover and be in business with an exotic trophy hunter. It is so hypocritical.

Steve Daniel
Florence

Editor's Note:

It should be noted that Jimmy John Liautaud has not been involved with Jimmy Johns since the company bought him out in 2018 precisely for that reason. The local franchise owner, Matt Kritzer, does not share Mr. Liautaud's philosophy, and neither does the new leadership at Jimmy John's corporate. Kritzer's donation and associated local work with animals should help demonstrate that.

Editor's Note:

An unattributed voice mail was left on a random company telephone last Thursday night after business hours. It is not our policy to publish letters from those unwilling to stand behind their comments. However, these comments need to be relayed verbatim.

He is a Vile Person

"I just read the editorial, the commentary in your rag, and, and I can't believe the irresponsibility of Mr. Magazzuhoo, or whatever his name is. He always is alt-right and everything he posts, he is a cause of hatred between the races, and just democrats and republicans. He is vile person. I am so sick of seeing what he writes. And I hope he knows, he is going to cause - his words are going to cause people to die."

Unknown

See LETTERS...on Page 21

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Can Bad Credit Stop Me from Getting a Job?

Steady income is essential for most of us and is never more important than when we're struggling financially. So, it's understandable that many people who have bad credit histories or are considering bankruptcy are concerned about how their credit reports may affect their job opportunities. While many states place limitations on the use of credit histories in hiring, there are no such state-law restrictions in Alabama.

Credit reporting agencies can't release your personal information without your consent. However, this restriction doesn't offer much protection, since employers in most states can require that you sign an authorization for them to pull your credit report. If you choose not to do so, the employer may simply decline to consider you for employment.

How Common is the Use of Credit Reports in Hiring?

62% of respondents to a survey conducted by HR.com and the National Association of Professional Background Screeners said they used credit and financial histories in the hiring process with at least some employees. Of course, this type of check is more common for higher level positions, money-handling roles, and other positions involving fiduciary responsibility for someone else's money or property. Still, a small percentage of survey respondents reported using this information in all hiring decisions.

Different companies use pre-employment credit checks differently, so it can be tough to know just how your credit history will impact a specific job application. However, we know credit screening hurts many applicants. In response to a survey conducted by Demos, 10% of the unemployed said they'd been told that they wouldn't be hired because of information included in their reports. That percentage increases among those with poor credit histories.

Negative credit history acting as a bar to employment can become a cyclical trap. Periods of unemployment naturally lead to difficulty in keeping payments current, which in turn generates negative credit entries that can make it harder to find a job. According to the Bureau of Labor of Statistics (BLS), there are currently more than two million Americans who have been unemployed for 15 weeks or longer. More than one million of them have been out of work for six months or more.

Do Credit Histories Help Employers Make Good Decisions?

A 2012 study entitled, "Do Job Applicant Credit Histories Predict Job Performance Appraisal Ratings or Termination Decisions?" concluded that credit history did not predict either job performance or likelihood of quitting. That study is cited prominently by proponents of a bill pending in the U.S. House of Representatives. The bill, called the "Restricting Credit Checks for Employment Decision Act," would

amend the federal Fair Credit Reporting Act (FCRA) to prohibit use of credit information in most employment decisions.

Until that bill passes or Alabama itself institutes protections, there are a few things you can do to minimize the negative impact your credit history could have on your chances of landing a job.

Minimizing the Impact of Your Credit Report on Job Opportunities

The first and most important step toward managing the impact your credit history may have on employment opportunities is to monitor your credit reports with all three major credit bureaus, Experian, Equifax and TransUnion. Credit reporting errors and inaccuracies are surprisingly common, and the last thing you want is to lose a job opportunity because of a collection account or late payment history that isn't even yours.

When you identify an inaccurate or unfamiliar entry on your credit report, dispute the item promptly—the item won't be removed immediately, so the sooner you get the process started, the better.

Being familiar with your credit reports will help in another way, too. Since employers must secure your permission before obtaining your credit report, you'll know in advance whether a prospective employer will be pulling your credit history. This allows you to get out in front of any potential negative items and put them in context for your interviewer.

Most employers don't have hard and fast rules about credit report specifics for most jobs, so giving the decision-maker a heads up about past troubles and how you're regaining control can sometimes tip the scales in your favor. This is especially likely if a certain event like a divorce, medical problem, or period of unemployment caused a cluster of negative entries or triggered a bankruptcy filing. Often my clients have an easier time keeping and/or finding a job after a bankruptcy filing. The emotional stress that comes along with not being able to meet your financial obligations tends to have an impact on job performance in many cases. The relief that the bankruptcy filing gives to my clients allows them to focus on their job and their family, and to get their life back in order.

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Make a list

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Cat & Kids

by Cathy Turner

Let It Be!

As I mentioned Ruby turned 5. Our firstborn grand is 5. Five is great! It's like my favorite age ever. 5 is cute. 5 is busy. Five is creative and talkative and fun. 5 makes great faces and wears the cutest dresses. 5 year olds still have their teeth and are learning how to do beautiful cartwheels. Five-year-olds smile more than they frown and they still want to cuddle and sing lullabies. Five-year-olds look at their moms with such love and they think she hung the moon. When they are turning five, it's the last time that they listen only to you, because kindergarten is looming.

A couple of weeks ago Ruby turned five in royal fashion. As I mentioned, she partied JoJo Siwa style with a dozen of her little friends. There was a multicolored disco ball and lights flashing on the TV, while Ruby and her friends, dressed in big bows and

neon, hopped around the living room and called it dancing. In the kitchen, on the table, there were JoJo Siwa puzzles to solve and chicken tenders on the counter. "Forced" by my daughter, I gave Ruby a shiny, blue sequined jacket with pink sequin stars worked into it randomly. It was bound like a letter jacket. Ruby loved it. She wore that jacket the whole party. There was so much happiness and chatter, and little people hugs. There were more adults than kids, and it was a wonderful time.

After the party was over, Ruby pronounced, "I'm a big girl now." Well, there you are. She has been toying with this idea for quite some time, but I am telling you that fifth birthday does the trick. This five-year-old pronouncement is always followed by statements such as, "I can do it myself," and "Let me do it." They

want to buckle their car seat by themselves, pour the milk on their own cereal and dress themselves every time. When my kids were little that didn't happen - they still wore what I said. But my daughter is much better at enjoying 5.

Case in point, yesterday my daughter sent a video of Ruby exercising in their living room. Ruby had on the beautiful, dark blue dress that she wore in their family picture. The dress is fitted in the bodice with capped sleeves, and it has a full round skirt with a blue polka dotted white trim and a bow tied in the back. Ruby had a big white bow in her hair. She was also wearing horizontally striped blue and white tights and shiny JoJo Siwa tennis shoes with shiny pink laces. Ruby had this majorly cute outfit on while she was riding her training wheel bike as she happily watched a cartoon musical on TV. The bike had no chain because the chain is broken. So Ruby was just peddling away in this fabulous outfit that she had chosen as she was bobbing her head to the music. My daughter labeled it a mom-win on this socially-distanced Georgia day.

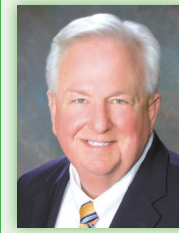
It was a win-win day. They were just enjoying 5.

Not fighting it. Just going with the creative joy that 5 provides. If you've got someone turning five, just say, "Yay five!" And let that look like what it looks like. Let 5 be 5. Enjoy and let it be!

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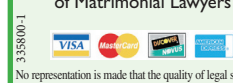
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Hoarding is Greed, Period

Editor:

It is so sad that some people only think of themselves!!

They are hoarding up everything they can and the poor, disabled, and elderly can't buy what they NEED!!

Greed is a sin!!

God says in his Holy Word that he will never leave nor forsake His children, oh ye of little faith!

God took care of the children of Israel for 40 years as they were walking through the wilderness!

Every store needs to limit supplies so that people who go shopping for their weekly shopping can get what they NEED!

God is still in control and always will be..

The Bible is fulfilling faster every day, and you surely can't take all the items you are hoarding with you!

You need to stop and think What Would Jesus Do?

Jesus says, "It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven!"

It is not a sin to be rich. But if you are buying up everything from the poor people, that is greed and that is a sin!

I wouldn't want to take a chance on going to hell, for being greedy and buying up everything from the people who just want to get what they really need!

May God have mercy on your souls!

Nancy Johnson
Florence

Fear Rather Than Faith

Editor:

"For God hath not given us the spirit of FEAR; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind." [2 Timothy 1:7].

A number of citizens in Florence are obviously afraid because of the Coronavirus Pandemic. However, it is not God who made them afraid. Fear is an absence of Faith.

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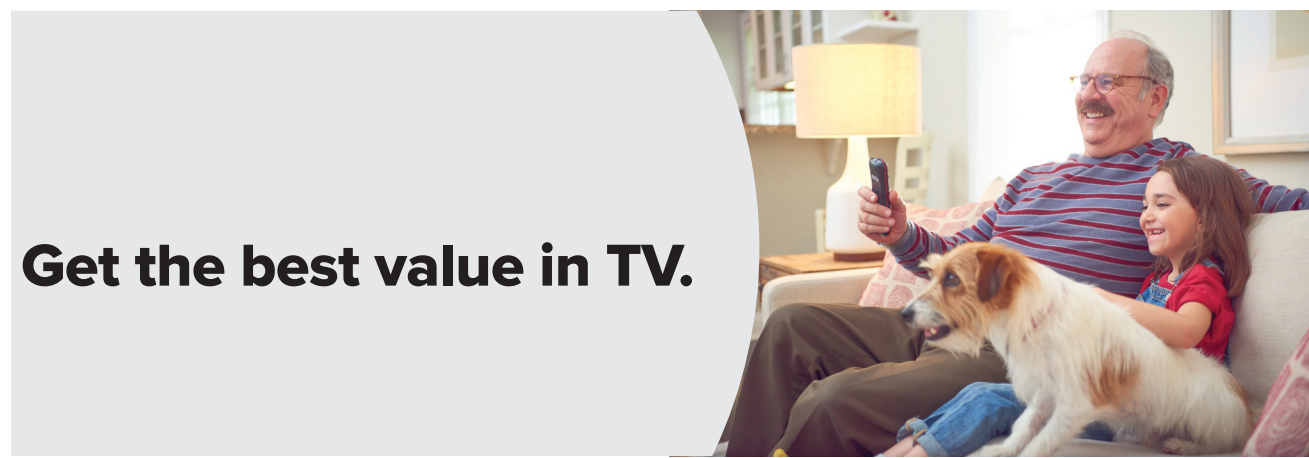
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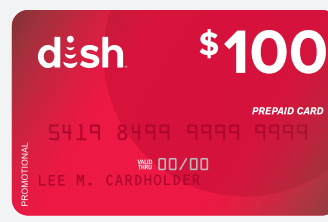
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Commentary

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day in order just to keep some food on the table?

If remote learning is so easy at these universities across the country, why are we sinking hundreds of millions in taxpayer dollars annually into design, brick, mortar,

and landscaping at these public universities?

What should be even more alarming to taxpayers than the virus scare is how ill-equipped many of us are to take care of ourselves and our families with one significant hiccup.

I understand there are going to be many unavoidable situations that people are thrown into. Some will simply experience bad luck or get treated badly or unfairly. There are always going to be some exceptions and situations where we have to assist as a society.

However, there are smart, healthy, able-bodied people who don't think a day past today; who don't care about anything but now and themselves.

There are people who have a gym membership, trendy clothes, a tanning routine and nice nails, yet would be flat broke if their income were cut off for two weeks.

I'm not sure how a family can justify several TV's, cable, an X-BOX, and a tablet for each child, yet won't come up with a doctor's copay because they consider the emergency room as their

primary care facility.

There is no excuse to get pregnant in 2020 if that child cannot be properly cared for - by someone other than the state.

There are no or low-cost options to take preemptive precautions, the nature of which most taxpayers don't have a problem with supporting.

It is an achilles heel that the richest country in the world has so many people who can't make ends meet through no fault of their own.

It is absolutely insane that we have another set

that can make ends meet and could be much better prepared if only they didn't live so irresponsibly. There are far too many people who never give that issue a thought, because they know the nanny state will be there to prop them up.

We have an article in this week's paper about a living WWII veteran in our community who was at Iwo Jima. What a drastic difference there is in the overall mindset of our society now only three generations removed.

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What Makes Us Stronger?

(I have run this article before but I believe that it is very appropriate based on our present situation. These 3 points strengthen the argument that we as a country need to be more self-reliant. We cannot depend on the rest of the world to protect our citizens.)

Several years ago, I heard Ray Koopman of Navistar speak to a group of REALTORS.

I will paraphrase the things that Mr. Koopman said because I did not write them word for word, and because I want to add a little of my own commentary.

A country is made strong and stays strong by these three things:

1. MINING – Every strong country must learn to take from the earth its own natural resources. We cannot be dependent on others to supply these most basic of needs. We must realize the freedom that is ours when we depend on self and not others. We have a great storehouse of wealth resting beneath our soil – Coal, Oil, Natural Gas, etc. and every day we trade our wealth to others to buy that which we already possess.

2. AGRICULTURE – A strong country feeds itself. When others have to feed us, we are placed in the position of a child – ever dependent on another and forced to eat what is placed before us. A strong country sits at the grown-

up table and not the kid's table. I have no doubt that we could bountifully feed ourselves, and most of the world, if we took advantage of the fertile soil beneath our feet.

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My sister is a retired hairdresser. She told me to use a semi-permanent hair color. It gives the impression of natural highlights in my hair and doesn't look dyed. I only have to color it every six weeks or so. Since I do it at home, I save a bunch of money.
Liz

trick to keep them sharp. Fold aluminum foil three or four layers thick. Then punch or cut through the foil. You'll need to do it a few times, but before long, you'll get a clean punch or cut. Just like brand new!
Lila

IRA BENEFICIARIES

We just had our wills updated. The lawyer told us that the beneficiary designation on our IRAs outranked our wills. It's a good thing that he mentioned it. We assumed that the will would be in control. Since it's possible that a big part of our estate will be in our IRAs, that could have messed up how we wanted to allocate our estate.
Drew

WORKOUT MOTIVATION

I got one of those step counters for Christmas. I use it to keep track of my fitness walks. One thing I do to keep motivated is to set aside \$1 for each mile that I walk. It's adding up really fast! I haven't decided whether to use it on new clothes or for something special during my vacation. Either way I'm finding it much easier to get a walk in every day!
Connie

COLLECTION? OR CLUTTER?

Recently, I was thinking that I needed another bookcase

or cabinet to store my expanding angel collection. I have all kinds that I've collected over many years. But then I started thinking about it and realized that I don't do anything with them. That the thing I enjoy most is the hunt. So instead of buying something to hold more angels, I've developed a habit of selling one on eBay for each new one I collect. Not only does that keep the size of my collection the same, but it causes me to spend some time with them to decide which one gets sold. And the extra money that I get for the sale helps pay for my next find.
Deena

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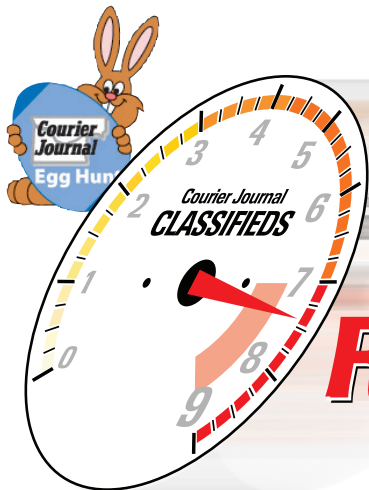
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FORTUNE COOKIE FINANCES

I know that you don't often find wisdom in fortune cookies, but one quote has stuck with me. "Happiness isn't having what you want. It's wanting what you have." Now when I want something, I consider the alternatives before I go shopping. Sometimes I find a substitute. Other times, I decide that the want was only a whim. I have no idea how much I've saved because of the saying, but I bet it's a lot! *Christyna*

ALLERGIES AND LINE DRIED CLOTHES

I like to line dry my clothes. It saves money, and the clothes smell so nice! But my son suffers with allergies and hanging his clothes outside



almost always triggered an allergy attack. I found a solution. After his clothes are mostly dry on the line, I put them in the dryer for five minutes without a dryer sheet. That's just enough to remove the pollen. We have no more allergy attacks, and I get to use my clothesline!
Roberta

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The easiest, cheapest, and quickest beef marinade is also very delicious. Just use your leftover bottled salad dressing! You can add some aromatics like minced garlic or various herbs, but the dressing by itself will do a good job of tenderizing and flavoring the meat. I sometimes buy bottles of Italian dressing on sale just for this purpose, but using up whatever dressing you already have on hand works, too. *Anne*

BUILDING A HOME?

Last year, we had a home built. We trusted the builder but wanted to make sure that it was well constructed. In our contract, we included a clause that we could have a home inspector inspect it before we took possession. When the house was done, the inspector said that everything was right. The job foreman knew that it would be inspected, and we think it helped encourage the workers to do a good job. *Will*

Health...

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"Ivey added, "While I am pleased that many of our citizens are self-regulating and are practicing social distancing, we want to ensure that Alabama is doing our part to flatten the curve."

"Closing Alabama beaches is not a simple decision, but one that I came to after consultation with our elected officials along the coast and members of my administration. After many conversations with local leaders, I have decided to close beach access in any form. Since we do not want to promote social gatherings, keeping the beaches open sends the wrong message to the public. At this moment, the safety and wellbeing of Alabamians is paramount."

"In addition, we rely heavily upon our first responders and critical healthcare workers to help those who are ill and essential state government employees to keep the continuity of government. Many of them struggle with dependent childcare if daycares close. As a result, I have asked the Alabama Department of Human Resources and the Alabama Department of Public Health to explore emergency rulemaking to make critical exemptions to allow for daycare to be provided for these areas of crucial personnel."

"My administration - and all the services of state government - are going to

be as flexible as humanly possible to help make your government work for you during the coming days and weeks. I want to thank the people of our great state for their continued patience and for taking great care of themselves and each other during this pandemic."

Alabama's State Health Officer, Dr. Scott Harris, stated, "We understand that the health orders issued will be a hardship on Alabamians. However, we must first and foremost protect the health and safety of our citizens. This decision has not been made lightly and will help to prevent the spread of this virus."

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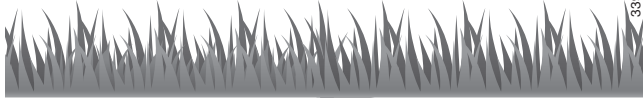
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Letters...

Fear Rather Than Faith...

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group of people on the list to go to Hell are the Fearful!

You see, Faith is required to please God! "But without Faith, it is impossible to please Him. For he that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him." [Hebrews 11:6].

My almost 8-year-old grandson a few days ago asked, "Mom, how are toilet paper and the Coronavirus connected?"

If your motivation to hoard toilet paper, sanitizer, bread, and peanut butter is Fear, then something is wrong with you.

Regarding food and clothing, Jesus said in the Sermon on the Mount, "Therefore, do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you. Therefore, do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble." [Matthew 6:31-34].

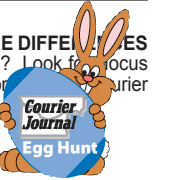
If you panic over toilet paper, peanut butter, or bread, it is much more likely that you are controlled by Fear rather than Faith. Remember, "But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death." [Revelation 21:8].

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The Lauderdale County School System will be accepting applications from **April 1, 2020 through April 30, 2020** for the following TOPS Preschool Programs: **Brooks Elementary School, Lauderdale County High School, and Wilson High School.**

Parents may pick up and return an application at the preschool site closest to where they live.

Typical peers will be determined through a drawing process. The drawing will be held the first week of May, 2020. Names not drawn will be placed on a waiting list. Three-year-olds will go two days per week (Tuesdays and Thursdays), and Four-year-olds will go three days per week (Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays). *Applications will be available at www.lcschools.org.* All typically developing peers must go through the application process to attend the TOPS Preschool Program.

Children who qualify for special education services, do not need to go through the application process. Their services will continue to be determined by their IEP team based on their needs, as required by law.

Community Notes...

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The Senior Spring Dance at The Coliseum, March 24 has been postponed to a later date. More info as we get it.

Free garden supplies to qualifying households with low-incomes living in Franklin, Colbert and Lauderdale counties.

Sign up extended though March 27. Call Monday-Friday 1-4pm only. 256-248-1921. Sponsored by Community Action Northwest Alabama, TVA Retirees and BVI.

The Alabama Department of Early Childhood Education is now accepting pre-registration 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 from 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, 113, or 114.

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no cost to families including all school supplies. Enrollment is offered to all children from birth to 4 years of age. Children with special needs and/or disabilities and homeless families are given priority selection. Please contact 256-566-3204 for more information.

Florence Kiwanis Club Meets Friday March 27 at noon cancelled

Fourth Saturday Breakfast at the Zip City Community Center, 10511 Hwy 17, Florence, March 28 cancelled

The Natchez Trace Parkway event "Women of the Natchez Trace" on Saturday, March 28 at the Parkway Visitor Center has been cancelled.

Spring Break Youth Explosion! New Birth Ministries on Sunday, March 29 has been cancelled.

NBY Step Team, New Birth Young Adults Praise Team and More including Rapper Dante Pride.

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.

A Lent Series on Mental Health "Seeing the Unseen" at Edgemont UMC, Cancelled

"Hidden Rivers," a documentary film exploring southern Appalachian rivers and streams, will be screened Tuesday, March 31, in Florence at 2pm in the GUC Performance Center on UNA's campus, and at 6pm at the Indian Mound Museum. CANCELLED

Northwest Alabama Reading Aides presents 2020 Margaret Green Community Spelling Bee on Tuesday, March 31 at 6pm at First United Methodist Church, McDowell Hall, Florence. Entry deadline is March 17.

The Spelling Bee is one of our major fundraisers. The funds raised in this event will be used to increase the numbers served in our adult literacy program. The entry fee is \$250 per three-man team or team sponsorship of \$250 and we will form a team. (Twelve-Team Limit). Teams compete for fun and trophies.

Purpose is to increase the community awareness of Northwest Alabama Reading Aids in a fun atmosphere. Each participating Team and/or sponsor will be included in any advertisement for the event. For more information, call 256-766-5709.

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PRINCESS is a shelter favorite, she came from a cruelty case. Volunteers say that she is very snuggly and lovable. She enjoys giving kisses whenever she can. Princess is a beautiful loving girl that deserves a great home.

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THE BOLD AND THE BEAUTIFUL A devious Quinn uploaded the video of Brooke and Bill's kiss. A frantic Brooke enlisted Donna's help in trying to delete it before Ridge could see it. Meanwhile, Katie and Bill were on their way over to Brooke's party. Wyatt updated Flo on Sally's prognosis. Sally attempted to keep Dr. Escobar in her place, reminding her about her oath. Donna tried to cover for Brooke being absent at her own celebration. Bridget returned to L.A. to surprise her mom. When Brooke finally arrived, she told Donna the whole story about Shauna, Quinn and the video. Shauna contemplated her decision to leave town over her love for Ridge. Quinn enjoyed the fallout of her malicious deed toward Brooke. *Wait to See: Flo puts Dr. Escobar on the hot seat.*

DAYS OF OUR LIVES Chad struggled to hide the truth from Abigail. Kate and Gabi found themselves trapped together. Stefano attempted to connect with Marlena. Sonny urged Evan to do the right thing. Ben was released from prison and reunited with Ciara. Kayla filled in the gaps for Hope. Maggie said goodbye to her loved ones before going to prison. Nicole got answers about Mickey, and she later confided her suspicions to Abe. Hattie pressed Roman about his feelings for her. Eric expressed concern to Sarah about Xander's role in Mickey's life. Ben and Ciara enjoyed a day of romance. Stefano proposed to Marlena. Anna and Abigail grew suspicious of Chad's behavior. Hattie made a surprising decision

about her future. Marlena felt conflicted. *Wait to See: Abigail makes a shocking discovery.*

GENERAL HOSPITAL Sonny received some terrible news. Jordan misled Sam. Curtis was taken aback and later confronted Jordan. Brook Lynn retaliated. Willow was speculative. Jason tried to reason with Jordan. Spinelli went to work in helping Sam. Molly grew concerned. Sasha was stunned. Spinelli found himself in a precarious position. Carly confronted Nelle. Anna ran into Britt. *Wait to See: Sonny receives an urgent call about Mike.*

THE YOUNG AND THE RESTLESS Nick agreed to lease Jill some office space even though she was vague about her reason for it. Victoria vented to Sharon about being trapped at home recovering from being stabbed, and she decided to go back to work early to boost her spirits. When Nikki arrived home, she realized that Victoria wasn't there. At the Abbott mansion, Ashley and Traci opened up to each other about their mother's decline. Later, when Jack came home, the three agreed that it was time to bring Dina back. Later, at Jabot, Jack announced that he would be spending less time at work in order to focus on Dina. After Jack left, Theo and Kyle had a power struggle during a meeting. Sharon wasn't sure she would be well enough to go on Faith's school trip to Chicago over the summer. Victoria quickly realized that she wasn't physically ready to dive back into work. *Wait to See: Amanda takes a big risk.*

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RICE REHEAT

My family likes rice. Since it's cheap, we eat a lot. One problem was what to do with leftover rice. I hated to throw it away, but if I put it in the fridge and reheated it, the results weren't good. Finally I found a solution. I take any leftover rice and put it in the freezer. When I want some, I put it in a microwaveable bowl, add a few drops of water, and put a saucer on top of the bowl. Then I microwave it for just a half minute or so. It works great! *Polly*

FLIPPING SHORT SALES

We've found a way to live for almost nothing. Two years ago, we bought a short sale home. The price was way under the neighborhood because the house needed some work. We did the essentials first and moved in. Over the next year, we gradually made repairs and upgrades. It was mostly DIY work. Once we felt that it was good, we started looking for another short sale to buy. Once we had a contract on one, we put our current home on the market. We expect to get about 30% more than we have into our home. It's almost like living rent or mortgage free! *Julianne*

EASIER WEEDING

A good time to tackle your yard weeding is after a rain. The soil is much softer to pull the weeds out so you can easily get them out with the roots, using just your hands. *Krys in WA*

TRY BEFORE YOU BUY

If you are looking to buy something like a car or anything else that is expensive, find out what your payments would be each month and save that amount for six months. This allows you to see if you can afford the amount comfortably. Also, it allows you to have six months' worth of payments planned in advance at all times. *RS*

NATURAL MOSQUITO CONTROL

For mosquito control, nothing beats purple martins and mud martins. Put up some purple martin houses. We got our 12-family birdhouse and the pole at Wal-Mart. These birds eat their weight in mosquitoes every day. When the little mud martins come and build their little mud houses in the eaves of your house, don't tear them down.

They are very much worth the mess they make. We never have mosquitoes when they take up residence. Alas, we moved a block away last year and they didn't find us. Hopefully they will this year. *Edna*

CHEAP HOME SECURITY MEASURE

Most people don't know that patio doors can be lifted off their tracks from the outside, unless they have a locking pin on the inside. Most older models don't have this. So I went to the farm store and bought cowbells and strung a cord that was about 2 feet long through them and hung them at various places. I hung one on the patio doors, front door, etc. They are very loud. *NAJ*

IF YOU MUST GO TO THE MALL...

Whenever I am going to be doing a mall-shopping trip, I go online before I head out. I just search for printable coupons for the stores at my local mall that I know I will visit. I easily save \$15-\$30 per shopping trip just by doing this little trick. And you can expand this to other stores you visit, like the drugstore, restaurants, etc. *Tina S. in Greenwood, DE*

REUSING FREEZER BAGS

Freezer bags can become quite expensive, so I have come up with a way to reuse them. I buy the cheap baggies and put my meats, vegetables, etc. into the baggies and seal them up. Then I put the baggies into the freezer bags (I use the quart size) and then label the bags with the items and the date. When the last baggie has been used, the freezer bag is ready to reuse again. I just mark through the labeled information. The bags are reusable indefinitely. *Sandra R.*

THE VALUE OF COOKING

I love to cook, and I have discovered how much money it saves! Next time you go to the grocery store calculate how many items you have in your cart that you could make instead of buying. Sweets like cake, cookies, even candy are very expensive when you add them up. You can also save a bundle by making your own bread, pancakes, pizza and cinnamon rolls. All you need is the basic ingredients. You can even premix the flour, sugar, salt, baking soda and just add the yeast and milk or water when you want a quick meal. *Christine C.*

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Name	Unit #	Stored Items
RAIAH GREEN	368	Miscellaneous Clothes, Boxes, and Toys
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Years ago my brother-in-law told me: (I had seven), (he carried around a suit case of liquor), he said: "Willy, if I believed like you, I'd go out and do anything I wanted to do." I replied: "What is it that you want to do that is so bad you don't do it now?" I saw the real proof that man is desperately wicked.

See Jeremiah 17:9. We all need God and none of us will make it without Him. We are dying a slow death and have gotten used to it. Soon your last day will be here and then all your hiding, running and excuses will all vanish and you will give up the ghost and meet your Maker. God warned Israel and I am warning you: **Amos 4:12d** "prepare to meet thy God," Christ is the only Saviour. You must be saved. Ask Christ now, today. Don't be a loser your whole life. Christ cannot fail or turn you down.

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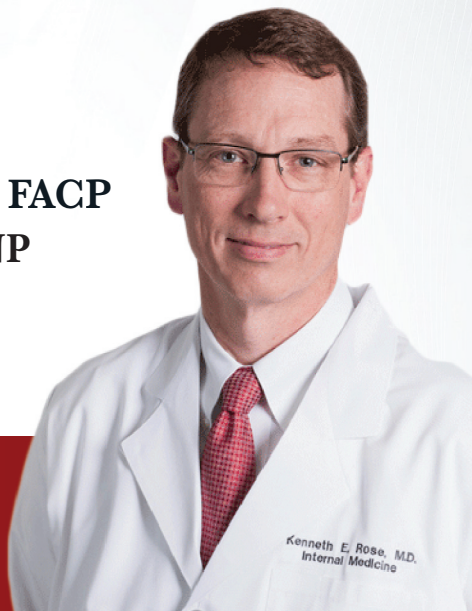


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"Medicare and Coronavirus"

At the writing of this article there are no known cases of the Coronavirus in our area. Of course, this can change overnight. We're going to walk through a few of the frequently asked questions we get concerning Coronavirus.

Why is the virus called COVID-19? The virus has been named "Sars-CoV-2" and the disease it causes "coronavirus 2019", thus abbreviated COVID-19. (CDC.gov)

What is the origin of COVID-19? Coronaviruses are a large family of viruses that are commonly found in people and many different species of animals such as cattle, camels, cats and bats. It appears this virus has its origin in bats. (CDC.gov)

Why is COVID-19 called a "pandemic"? A pandemic is a global outbreak of disease. Because there is little to no pre-existing immunity against the virus it spreads worldwide. (CDC.gov)

How does Medicare cover the Coronavirus? The following four points are listed on the Medicare.gov website. 1) Medicare covers the lab test for COVID-19. You pay no out of pocket costs. 2) Medicare covers all medically necessary hospitalizations. 3) At this time there is no vaccination for COVID-19. However, if one becomes available it will be covered under all Medicare Prescription Drug Plans (Part D). 4) Medicare is increasing its coverage concerning tele-docs. 5) If you have a Medicare Advantage Plan you have access to these same benefits.

Will Alabama Health Guidance remain open at this time? Yes, it is our intention to remain open. This, of course, can change at any time. If we need to close our office for health safety reasons, our services such as Medicare Education and help enrolling in a Medicare health plan or Medicare Prescription Drug Plan will continue. And, of course, we will be available to assist our clients. Just call us at 256-648-5710 if you need help with any of the above.

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



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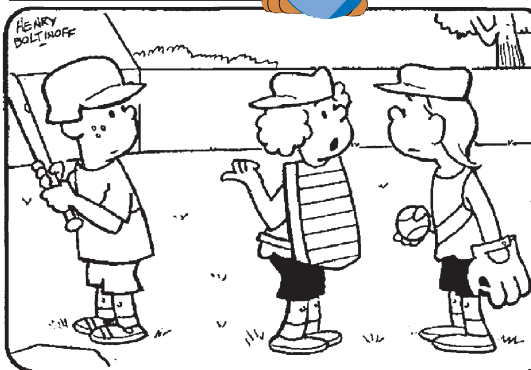
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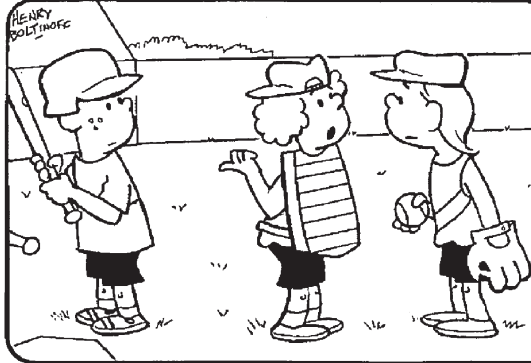
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A Few Thoughts

The coronavirus continues to pick up steam, ravaging nations and stealing lives. Most of us have never met such a ruthless stranger. But I'd like to focus on a few positive things from the present crisis. First, the importance of life. Precautionary measures like social distancing, avoiding groups of ten or more, using hand sanitizer and coughing and sneezing into one's sleeve instead of the air are being stressed. Second, protecting our elderly. Nursing Homes are presently restricting those entering their premises to safeguard residents from the virus. Some stores are blocking off the first hour of business for senior citizens and the vulnerable to shop. I am so proud that we live in a nation that loves senior citizens. Third, opportunities for families to spend time together. School closings, restaurants shutting their doors, many working from home...promoting time for families to talk more, eat together, grow closer. We live in the greatest nation on earth. Good Samaritan Hospice is proud to serve north Alabama! Call us. We specialize in expert care.

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The Midnighters Free Concert Friday, April 3, 6-9:30pm at Burrell Slater School, 610 West College St., Florence.

Sponsored by Shoals Democratic Club.

Singing at Valdosta Church of Christ, 1119 Old Lee Hwy, Tuscumbia, on Sunday April 5 at 2pm.

Gospel Meeting at Valdosta Church of Christ, 1119 Old Lee Hwy, Tuscumbia, April 5-9 with Larry Acuff. Sunday morning 9:30am, Singing Sunday 2pm, Sunday evening 5pm, Monday-Friday 7pm.

The "Hi Neighbors of the Shoals" meeting will be Tuesday, April 7, at 10:30am, at the Florence Public Library. This group welcomes all newcomers to

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The Salvation Army Women's Auxiliary of the Shoals presents the 17th Annual Empty Bowls Luncheon on Wednesday, April 8, 11am-1pm at Marriott Shoals Conference Center, Florence. Tickets: \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door. Carry out is available.

All funds raised from the sale of tickets and donations (100%) will be used to provide food for the hungry in Lauderdale, Franklin and Colbert Counties.

The Salvation Army Women's Auxiliary (S.A.W.A.) of the Shoals has agreed to conduct this event annually with the tireless assistance and contributions of many area potters, schools and concerned citizens. We thank you all, as well as the Marriott Shoals Hotel & Conference Center, for your generosity and support of this project.

For more information, sponsorship opportunities or advance tickets, call 256-246-2147.

Shoals Democratic Celebration Night with Alabama Democratic Party Chair, Chris England on Monday, April 20, 6pm meet and greet, 6:30pm program/speaker.

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Major League Baseball's all-time hit leader, Pete Rose, will be the featured speaker at the UNA Sportsman's Club's 2020 Lion Pride Dinner and Auction at the Marriott Shoals Conference Center on August 13 at 5:30pm. Sponsorship packages for the event are available immediately and tables of eight are on sale for \$1,000 each. Any remaining unsold individual tickets will go on sale on June 1.

Rose was a switch hitter during his playing days from 1963-1986 and is the all-time MLB leader in hits (4,256), games played (3,562), at-bats (14,053) and singles (3,215). He won three World Series rings, three batting titles, one Most Valuable Player Award, two Gold Gloves, and the Rookie of the Year Award. He also made 17 All-Star appearances at an unequaled five positions (second baseman, left fielder, right fielder, third baseman, and first baseman). 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 1989 amidst accusations that he gambled on baseball games while he played for and managed the Reds.

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Hospital is seeking senior adults with an interest in giving back to their community through volunteerism. The hospital, which is on Avalon Avenue in Muscle Shoals, has a thriving group of senior volunteers, who assist the facility by serving as ambassadors, directing patients to care areas and performing other roles.

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Savvy SENIOR

How Medicare is Covering Coronavirus

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Nervous Nelly

Dear Nelly,
Yes! Medicare is indeed covering the cost of testing for the coronavirus, or COVID-19. But be aware that getting a test isn't as simple as going to your local pharmacy or doctor's office and asking for one. Here's a breakdown of what Medicare is covering, along with how to get tested if you think you may have symptoms.

Medicare Coverage

Medicare (Part B) will cover the lab test to see if you have coronavirus, but only when your doctor or other health care provider orders it. You will pay no out-of-pocket costs for these tests.

In addition, Medicare also covers all medically necessary hospitalizations. This includes if you're diagnosed with COVID-19 and might otherwise have been discharged from the hospital after an inpatient stay, but instead you need to stay in the hospital under quarantine.

And while there's currently no vaccine yet to protect against COVID-19, when one becomes available next year, it too will be covered by all Medicare prescription drug plans (Part D).

If you happen to get your Medicare benefits through a private Medicare Advantage plan, you will have access to these same benefits. In addition, many Advantage plans are also expanding coverage of telemedicine, which allows beneficiaries to consult with medical professionals without having to go to a doctor's office. Check with your plan for coverage details.

When to Call Your Doctor

Older adults, age 60 and older (especially those in their 70s and 80s), and people with chronic medical conditions like diabetes, heart, lung or kidney disease are at a higher risk of serious illness if they contract the coronavirus. So, everyone in these categories need to be vigilant.

Symptoms of COVID-19 include fever, cough and shortness of breath. Severe cases can lead to pneumonia, severe acute respiratory syndrome, kidney failure and death.

If you develop any symptoms that are concerning, you should contact your primary-care provider by phone for guidance. If your doctor believes you need testing, he or she will instruct you on what to do. Unfortunately, there have been reports of test shortages across the country, so depending on where you live you may have to wait a few days.

Prevention Tips

To help you steer clear of COVID-19 the CDC recommends that you avoid close contact with anyone who is sick. Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after being out in public, blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing. If soap and water isn't available, use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60 percent alcohol.

To the extent possible, try to avoid touching your face, nose, and eyes. And avoid touching high-touch surfaces in public places, like elevator buttons, door handles, handrails, and handshaking with people. Use a tissue or your sleeve to cover your hand or finger if you must touch something.

Also, clean and disinfect your home to remove germs: Practice routine cleaning of frequently touched surfaces – tables, doorknobs, light switches, handles, desks, toilets, faucets, sinks and cell phones.

You should also avoid crowds, especially in poorly ventilated spaces. Your risk of exposure to respiratory viruses like COVID-19 may increase in crowded, closed-in settings with little air circulation if there are people in the crowd who are sick.

The CDC also recommends that seniors and high-risk individuals stock up on supplies, such as extra medications and groceries. And, if there is an outbreak in your community, remain at home as much as possible. They also discourage non-essential travel.

For more information on the COVID-19, visit Coronavirus.gov.

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or visit SavvySenior.org.
Jim Miller is a contributor to the NBC Today show and author of "The Savvy Senior" book.



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Did you know that there are 250 children who can't live at home in our community each month? These children can't live at home because the very people who are supposed to protect and care for them are not able to do so. These are the children in foster care. These are the children that need someone to stand up for them when it feels like no one cares. These are the children that need a CASA Volunteer.

Please consider becoming a Volunteer Advocate for local children who need a caring and committed adult to speak up for their best interest. Call the Shoals CASA office at 256-765-0041 or check out the agency's website for more information www.ShoalsCASA.org.

reliable updates about state and federal legislative decisions so you can take action as an informed advocate.

Your elected officials will listen to you on issues that are important to the I/DD community by making a call or sending an email! Go to www.thearcotf.org to subscribe!

REAL Rehomeducate Adopt Love offers the following pet preventive care assistance for dogs and cats in Lauderdale, Colbert and Franklin Counties:

- Flea/Tick Control
- HW Testing
- HW Preventative
- Vaccine

Submit your Pet Wellness application from our Facebook page REAL Rehomeducate Adopt Love or website www.rehomeducate.webs.com

City of Florence - Recycling Program:

Paper, cardboard, plastic bottles and jugs only (#1 & #2), aluminum cans, and steel cans are all recyclable. Residential curbside cart collection is provided within City of Florence limits. The Florence Recycle Center drop-off is available to everyone, 24 hours, 7 days a week.

Cardboard Boxes
Place large, broken-down cardboard boxes 3 feet away from your recycle and garbage carts. Remove all contents from each box before recycling as Styrofoam and plastic film are NOT recyclable.

Televisions/Electronics
Old TVs are not collected with curbside trash. They can be dropped off at two locations:

- Florence Recycle Center: 1200 Terrace Street, Florence
- Florence Landfill: 29485 County Road 14, Florence

Wrapping Paper
All paper is recyclable if it will tear. We encourage you to reuse ribbons and bows, but they are not recyclable.

Do you have a family member or a friend with a disability?

If so, sign up for our Disability Advocacy Network email list to show your support for a family member or friend through The Arc's national movement.

By signing up you will receive

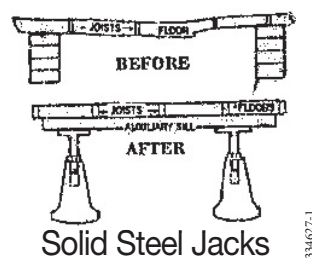
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WBAGF632XSDH07390	1995 BMW 74A	2001 Honda ACCORD
1G4HP52K4TH440900	1996 Buick LESABRE	2018 Hyundai ELANTRA
3G5DA03E755555816	2005 BUICK RZV	2000 Isuzu RODEO
1G6KD54Y62U209395	2002 Cadillac DEVILLE	2002 Jeep GRAND CHEROKEE
1G6DP577260151429	2006 Cadillac CTS	2004 JEEP LIBERTY SPORT
3GNDA13D58S626433	2008 Chevrolet HHR	1999 Kia SEPHIA
1G1ZT52885F327466	2005 Chevrolet MALIBU	2005 Kia OPTIMA
1G1NE52J9Y6235010	2000 CHEVROLET M	2016 KIA FORTE
1GCDC14K2NZ193202	1992 Chevrolet GMT-400	2000 Lexus ES300
2G1WX12K8W9171001	1998 Chevrolet MONTE CARLO	1995 Lincoln TOWN CAR
1G1AK15F177315420	2007 Chevrolet COBALT	1996 Lincoln TOWN CAR
1G1ZH57B79F220470	2009 Chevrolet MALIBU	2004 Lincoln LS
1GNES16S326100860	2002 Chevrolet TRAILBLAZ	2000 Mercury GRAND MARQUIS
1G1BU51H1JR127893	1988 Chevrolet CAPRICE	1999 Mercury MOUNTAINE
1GCCS19453W204738	1995 Chevrolet 1500	2003 Mitsubishi GALANT
1G1AT18HX97166762	2009 Chevrolet COBALT	2007 Nissan VERSA
1GNDV23117D215027	2007 Chevrolet UPLANDER	2003 Nissan ALTIMA
1D4GP24313B155680	2003 Dodge GRAND CARAVAN	2005 Nissan ALTIMA
3D7KS26D58G154306	2008 Dodge RAM TRUCK	2007 Nissan XTERRA
1FAFP6635XK193230	1999 Ford CONTOUR	2011 Nissan ALTIMA
1FTDR15X1PTA25744	1993 Ford RANGER	1989 Nissan D21 HARDBODY
1FABP45E2JF169098	1988 Ford MUSTANG	2000 Nissan SENTRA
1FALP624XVH168688	1997 Ford THUNDERBI	1995 Nissan TRUCK
1FTZX17291NB74153	2001 FORD F150	2001 Nissan SENTRA
1FMZU32X3WZC28114	1998 Ford EXPLORER	1982 Oldsmobile CUTLASS
1FTCR10X2TUB91536	1996 FORD RANGER	2002 Oldsmobile INTRIGUE
1FDNF70J1WVA03051	1998 FORD F700	2007 Pontiac G6
1FMZU63KX5UA96825	2005 Ford EXPLORER	2002 PONTIAC SFS
1FMYU22E3WUC45562	1998 Ford EXPLORER	1989 Pontiac 6000
1FAFP5553G179814	2003 Ford TAURUS	1999 SATURN SL
1FTYR14V32PB34337	2002 FORD RANGER 4X2 EDGE FFV V6	2006 Toyota AVALON
1GTCS14X7TK508298	1996 GMC TS10603	2007 Toyota YARIS
5FNRL3H7XAB095896	2010 HONDA ODYSSEY	2001 Toyota COROLLA
1HGCB7652PA039486	1993 HONDA ACCORD	2008 Volkswagen JETTA
		2005 VOLVO S40

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Shoals Primary Care

Shoals Primary Care will keep its clinics open to serve our community during this difficult time of the coronavirus epidemic. To protect our patients and healthcare providers and to take pertinent COVID-19 precautions we have made the following changes to our daily routine

1. We will try not to see any sick patients with respiratory symptoms before 3pm. We will screen patients on phone with high fever and cough and they will be diverted to free standing clinic for COVID-19 testing.
2. Will see all our routine visits before 3pm. To avoid any possible exposure, patients need to call from their cars once they are in the parking lot. Patients will be taken from their car straight to exam rooms without waiting in the lobby. No check out necessary - patients will be able to leave office from back door and will be contacted from office for their next appointment.
3. We will be closed Fridays-Sundays. We still welcome walk-ins. The only condition is to call from your car at the parking lot so we can triage on the phone
4. For our patients who definitely do not want to come to office, we are offering telemedicine which is covered by most of the insurances. Please make sure to have access to a phone with WhatsApp, FaceTime/video capabilities. We still encourage office visits so we can keep our health care providers in jobs in this difficult environment.

From all our staff at SPC, our prayers and best wishes to the community. We will overcome this epidemic together.

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