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## Holden Takes Reins in M.S.

MUSCLE SHOALS — Chad Holden was named superintendent of the Muscle Shoals City School System last week by the Muscle Shoals Board of Education during a virtual meeting in a public online streaming. Because of social distancing protocols,



Holden

Holden was watching at home with his wife and two young sons as school board president, Farrell Southern, made the announcement.

Holden was one of two finalists for

the job.

David Allen Johnson, the director of student services for Boaz City Schools, was the other finalist. A third finalist, Sparkman High School Principal, Chris Shaw, who'd been selected in the top three to be interviewed, withdrew his name.

Holden's entire professional career has been spent in the Muscle Shoals School System. He has been principal at Muscle Shoals High School for the past six years.

Holden's contract has still to be negotiated. However he is expected to be approved at the May 18 monthly board meeting.

Holden replaces retiring Superintendent Brian Lindsey.

## Two Honored from SHBA

SHOALS—Two members of the Shoals Home Builders Association are among the honorees in the 2020 Alabama Remodeling Excellence Awards.

RiverWorks Design Studio of Muscle Shoals was named the winner in the Additions Under \$150,000 category for an addition and the basement remodel category for its *Cabler*

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## Hugs from 6 ft...or 4



Staff photo illustration: TVM

Bernice Ginn, seated, turned 99 on Thursday, April 23. There was a big celebration on Friday with the help of her friend, Nancy Wisdom (standing) who lives in Cedar Park in Florence. With social distancing a primary concern, Wisdom hosted a Birthday Parade where dozens of Ginn's friends and neighbors drove by and gave her their best birthday wishes, flowers, gifts, songs, and honks. Ms. Ginn is very energetic and is an avid dancer. She was looking for a partner to celebrate with Friday. When asked if she would allow the required six feet of distancing, she contemplated briefly, "I'll allow four."

## NWSCC Earns Four Awards

MUSCLE SHOALS -- Northwest-Shoals Community College's Alpha Zeta Iota chapter recently received four awards at the 2020 Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society (PTK) virtual international awards program.

The chapter received the following:

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## Renewing Warrior Wills

McCutcheon & Hamner Recognize Healthcare, Responders, and Veterans

FLORENCE— The law firm of McCutcheon & Hamner has renewed their Wills for Warriors program through May to offer free simple wills, durable powers of attorney, and living wills. The program began last week in recognition of the local brave healthcare professionals, first responders, police, local veterans, and active duty military.

Partner Tom McCutcheon explained, "For three years, McCutcheon & Hamner has sought to thank

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## Entering Month 2



SHOALS—As we closed last week, the state of Alabama still ranks 28th out of 52 (including DC & Puerto Rico) when it comes to Census Response rate. Our response rate is up to 50.8% (49.3% last week) compared to

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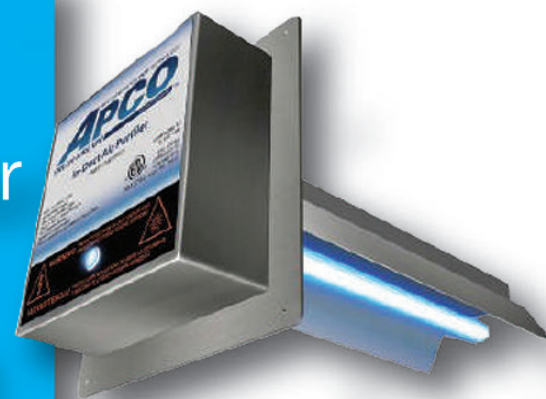
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\*Registration forms may be picked up at Calvary Learning Center, Calvary Baptist Church office, or on our Facebook Page: Calvary Learning Center Kids.

\*Calvary Learning Center also provides care for newborns to children 5 years of age.

**Calvary Learning Center**  
**Jamie Foster - Site 1 Day Care Director**  
**Angela Holt - Site 2 Day Care Director**

## Shorts...

### Two Honored from SHBA

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*Basement Remodel.*

It was also named a runner-up in the categories of **Bath Remodel \$35,000-\$70,000** and **Outdoor Living**.

High Cotton Homes of Florence was named the winner of the **Kitchen Remodel Under \$75,000** category for its, *Bright and Classic Kitchen* project. The company also won the category of **Whole House Remodel under \$250,000** for its *Dreary to Bright and Airy Project*.

The awards are presented annually to remodelers, contractors, kitchen and bath designers and other building professionals who exhibited outstanding craftsmanship and attention to detail in projects throughout Alabama.

### Record Qtr for Spay/Neuter

SHOALS- Northwest Alabama Spay and Neuter Assistance (NASANA) recently reported the biggest quarter to date for the program. The non-profit's Spring 2020 e-newsletter reported that 227 animals were

spayed or neutered. The total included 80 female dogs, 48 male dogs, 63 female cats, and 34 male cats. Franklin County led the way with 91, Colbert County had 76, and Lauderdale County had 60.

NASANA thanked its donors, their vet partners, Tractor Supply in Russellville and Pet Depot in Florence and Muscle Shoals, and the many volunteers who helped applicants complete the applications.

"Franklin County Times and Courier Journal helped us out tremendously by promoting our program and our Spay/Neuter Awareness Month Special," the newsletter read. "We are so happy to see so many pet owners make the responsible choice to get their pets spayed and neutered."

### Virtual Tours of Campus

FLORENCE - The University of North Alabama is launching a series of virtual campus tours during the next several weeks geared toward prospective students and families who are unable to be on campus as a result of social distancing and the COVID-19 crisis.

"The virtual tour of campus offers students and families an opportunity to have

a very real experience with the University," said UNA President Ken Kitts. "While we look forward to having our students return, this provides a way for current students to stay engaged. It also enables the freshmen coming for the Fall of 2020 to begin making UNA their home."

The videos highlight a variety of areas on campus. These include residence halls and dining options to athletics, academics, experiential learning, and student organizations. The initiative is led by Enrollment Management and Admissions and it is designed to spotlight the unique beauty of the UNA campus and to help students make informed decisions about their choice in higher education.

The videos will launch across UNA's social media platforms including Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter and at [www.una.edu](http://www.una.edu).

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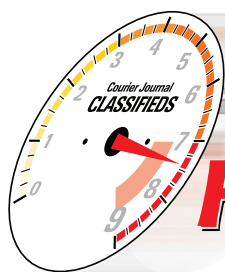


*Aerial View of Pluris's Carver Springs Drinking Water Storage Tank and Treatment Plant*

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## Awards...

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- Paragon Award for New Presidents - Dr. Glenda Colagross
- Distinguished College Project Award
- Beta Alpha Continued Excellence
- Top 100 Chapters (Phil Campbell Campus)

NW-SCC President Dr. Glenda Colagross was one of 28 college presidents to receive the PTK Paragon Award for New Presidents during the virtual international awards program. More than 500 college presidents were eligible to receive this award. These awards were given to new college presidents who have supported student success by recognizing academic achievement, leadership, and service among high-achieving students at their college. Recipients were nominated for the



**Colagross**

award by the students on their campus. N W - S C C Alpha Zeta Iota chapter officers are Tori Brooks of Tusculmbia, B r i a n n a

Weeks of Russellville, Anna Peterson of Florence, Elizabeth Jenkins of Russellville, Caroline Torres-Neves of Muscle Shoals, and David Lugo-Barrera of Russellville. Chapter advisors are Pam Peters, Jacque Jeffreys, Desiree South, and Rachel Trapp.

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## Census...

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the national average of 52.4%. Here are the census response rates for each city/town in our region and % increase from last week. GRAY indicates levels below the state average.

- COLBERT COUNTY**
- #38 Muscle Shoals 60.9%
  - #80 Littleville 56.3%
  - #83 Tusculmbia 56.1%
  - #172 Sheffield 50.5%
  - #200 Cherokee 49.4%
  - #392 Leighton 31.5%

- LAUDERDALE COUNTY**
- #17 St. Florian 66.1%
  - #35 Killen 61.7%
  - #57 Lexington 58.2%
  - #112 Florence 53.2%
  - #125 Rogersville 52.8%
  - #225 Anderson 47.8%
  - #404 Waterloo 29.0%

- COUNTY RANKINGS:**
- #6 Lawrence - 55.5% +2.1%
  - #7 Lauderdale - 55.4% +1.7%
  - #9 Colbert - 55.0% +2.0%
  - #20 Marion - 50.0% +1.3%
  - #22 Limestone - 49.5% +1.6%
  - #24 Franklin - 49.3% +1.2%
  - #51 Winston - 42.9% +1.6%

All response rates were collected Friday evening April 24 from the US Census Bureau's Self-Response Rankings Dashboard.

Those of us who haven't yet done so, let's make a point to fill out our Census form this week! And ask your neighbors and encourage them.

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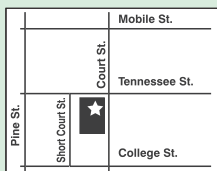
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The law firm is including Facebook and Instagram to deliver their offer and message of appreciation throughout the Shoals area. Fellow partner Joel Hamner said, "Tom and I have seen the power of social media as a way to get this message to the people most affected. Along with local media, we are using these platforms to be sure that every local warrior knows that we are here to help them."

"Every day local healthcare workers, members of our armed services, police officers, firefighters, and EMTs are called upon to protect and serve," Hamner continued, "We admire their dedication to do so without thought for their own safety. Offering our services to these worthy individuals and families is our way of expressing our gratitude for their years of service."

McCutcheon added, "My mother practiced and taught nursing for forty years. I watched the skill and commitment she brought to her work. I also occasionally watched the sadness it brought her when she lost a patient. Her care and commitment are carried on in the skills and fearless work of today's healthcare professionals."

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**Commentary**

# I Can't Rationalize a "Surrendering"

Last week we featured an article entitled, "Patience and Fostering," which discussed pet ownership and hardships during Covid-19. Cheryl Jones, Director at Florence-Lauderdale Animal Services, was quoted, "We're asking owners who want to surrender their pets but aren't facing an immediate crisis to hold off for four weeks and surrender at a later date. For pet owners who need to surrender immediately, they must contact the shelter to make an appointment."

I cannot fathom the thought process of someone surrendering a pet. That terminology identifies a pet as being expendable like a container of recyclable plastic. In addition, if a sudden job loss or 30-60 days of disrupted lifestyle prompts someone to discard a pet, economics isn't the only subject they are failing.

Chances are very high that those pets haven't been spayed or neutered either.

That goes back to the thought process of someone who was given a pet free. The pet is immediately associated with little or no value in some people's minds. It didn't cost them anything, so they see no reason to sink money into it.

Anyone who isn't fighting tooth and nail to keep their pet physically and emotionally protected from such a confusing and potentially dire situation doesn't deserve to have a pet in the first place, period.

That's where we have to do a much better job in public education with regard to pet ownership and personal responsibility.

We can't continue to have free puppies from senseless litters, and not strictly enforce laws against neighborhood puppy mills.

Thankfully, trends are showing an increase nationally in adoptions and fostering during this Covid-19 period.

FLAS will be taking part in a national adoption event sponsored by the Bissell Pet Foundation in May. Look for details in next week's issue.

There is a national event sponsored by Bissell this weekend in which your family can take part right around your neighborhood. Event information is on this page.

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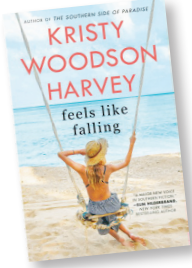
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# THIS WEEK

## Online Authors



### Two May Library Talks Go Virtual with Zoom

FLORENCE - Books and stories have the power to encourage and inspire especially during times of adversity. Florence-Lauderdale Public Library hopes to do just that by inviting the community to read and

discuss novels about strength and resilience. The library is hosting two online author talks in early May using the online platform Zoom. Kristy Woodson Harvey will talk with readers on Sunday, May 3 at 1pm and Susan Meissner will talk on Wednesday, May

**Harvey**



**Meissner**



6 at 1pm. To sign up for these events, email [events@flpl.org](mailto:events@flpl.org).

Harvey will be talking about her new novel, *Feels Like Falling*. The book explores modern womanhood through the lenses of two women brought together during difficult patches in their lives. Harvey, a bestselling author

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It felt good to be thanked in such a way. I got a taste of what it feels like when I thank our military personnel for their service. It gave me the extra boost I needed that day to keep-on-keeping-on in the face of this tiresome crisis.

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### National Hero Dies

Editor:

Sgt. Major Bennie Adkins (retired), Medal of Honor recipient, died Friday in an Opelika hospital from Covid-19. He was 86. Adkins was belatedly awarded the MOH in 2014 for heroic actions with the Green Berets in Vietnam during a single 38 hour battle in 1966. He served three tours in Vietnam. This is a good example of how the political climate stifles well-deserved recognition.

Sgt Adkins' MOH citation reads that he personally killed 175 enemy while sustaining 58 wounds himself. He was leading an 18-man team against an overwhelming enemy force of several hundred. Yet, under his leadership, they prevailed.

James W. Anderson  
Talladega

### Pelosi in Violation?

Editor:

The US Constitution Article I Section 5: "Neither House, during Session of Congress, shall, without Consent of the other, adjourn for more than three days...."

The Senate is at work per their calendar: April 20 - May 22. Speaker Nancy Pelosi adjourned the House

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of Representatives on March 25. House members, per their calendar, were due to reconvene April 22. The Speaker has stated the earliest she will reconvene the House is May 4.

In the meantime, additional authorization for small businesses loans of \$250 billion is halted. The Speaker has stated she will not reconvene the House unless there is an emergency.

Of course, the sticking point(s) the Democrats are using as negotiating leverage are their pet projects, to include: more environmental green regulations, tax credits for wind and solar projects, etc. As the Democratic House Majority Whip, James Clyburn, stated, "... this is a tremendous opportunity to restructure things to fit our vision!" US citizens have already temporarily giving up Constitution liberties. Will the Democrats be

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**THIS IS A REFRESHED VERSION OF A PREVIOUS ARTICLE** from over 2 years ago. I've recently received lots of phone calls recently about this scam. I do not know what may have happened to cause the uptick in this scam, but I thought it might be a good idea to refresh the memories of my reader.

The short story is that I received an email that threatened to send salacious pictures of me to all my friends unless I paid a ransom. Such an email is terrifying the first time you receive one, but I've since received hundreds of them since I wrote the original article. This is funnier if you read it in an evil Russian spy accent:



Jim Fisher

# I'VE BEEN SEXTORTED!

by "The Computer Skeptic"

"FordF150 is your passphrase. Lets get straight to purpose. I actually installed a software on the a pornographic website you visited to experience fun (you know what I mean). When you were viewing videos, your web browser began working as a Remote Desktop that has a keylogger which provided me access to your display and web camera. Immediately after that, my software gathered every one of your contacts from your Messenger, FB, and emailaccount. After that I made a double video. First

part shows the video you were watching (you have a fine taste :)), and second part displays the recording of your web camera, yea it is u."

The email goes on to threaten to send the salacious video to all my friends unless I send them a \$7,000 ransom within 24 hours. Is that scary or what? Well, since I have not subscribed to any website like that, I'm gonna say, "No."

But there is something a bit unsettling about this that certainly got my attention. The password "FordF150" actually

is a "throwaway" password I used long ago when I actually owned a Ford F150. I used it for one-time logins for websites such as newspapers that require an account to view an article. So how did they know my password?

These scammers know that most of us use the same password across many websites. Email and passwords have been stolen from legitimate websites such as Netflix over the years. These leaked email addresses and passwords are shared between scammers. They also know that many of us have signed up for naughty websites. Mix these facts together and you get a recipe for extortion. The scammers simply copied my stolen email address and password into their form letter and sent it to me hoping that I had signed up for some naughty website sometime in the past.

There is a website you can use to see if your email address and password has been hacked called [haveibeenpwned.com](http://haveibeenpwned.com). I plugged my email address in there and it does show that a trial account I used for Netflix was hacked back in 2014.

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This is not a standard reader submission, but it is worth considering.

Richard V. Battle knows life's battles. The veteran Texas business consultant, speaker, and author of six books has survived a devastating apartment fire that killed his neighbor less than 30 feet away from him, experienced financial ruin with the Texas real estate collapse in the 1980s, an emotionally scarring divorce, two major heart procedures, cancer and his most significant loss of all, the death of his only son. And yet, Richard's optimistic attitude toward adversity has prepared him better for today and tomorrow.

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Richard

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### Is Pelosi in Violation?

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John Lee  
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### Let's Carefully Consider Child Care Centers

Dear Alabama Small Business Commission Emergency Task Force:

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We are concerned about the current guidelines for child care centers offered by the Reopen AL Responsibly report and the impact it will have on our centers, particularly centers that serve the predominantly Black and marginalized communities that are disproportionately affected by COVID-19.

The Reopen AL report is inconsistent with the White House National guidelines issued on April 16, 2020. National guidelines recommend that daycares remain CLOSED.

The Reopen AL Responsibly Report recommends that childcare centers reopen with no more than 11 children to a facility when Alabama's Department of Human Resources is only willing to subsidize 50% of enrolled children through May 8. After May 8. Centers that primarily rely on government subsidies to serve at risk children will not be able sustain themselves with low enrollment and no emergency subsidy support.

COVID - 19 disproportionately affects black communities in Alabama. If childcare centers that serve predominantly black,

See LETTERS...on Pg 22

RED LINE YOUR ADS. SEE PAGE 6

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## Medicare Minute "Medicare vs Medicaid"

It seems like potential cuts to Medicaid are all over the news lately. People who confuse Medicare and Medicaid are obviously concerned. This is easy to do because they both can be related to a person's health insurance. Although they coordinate in many ways, they are two distinctive programs.

Medicare is a federal health insurance program. There are three ways to qualify for Medicare. The first way is to be 65 years of age or older. The second way is to have been on Social Security disability for at least 24 months. The third way to qualify for Medicare is by any age and have either end-stage renal disease or ALS. Medicare is not income based as far as qualifying. As long as you meet one of the three requirements above you will qualify for Medicare. Your income, however, can affect the amount you pay for your Part B premium.

Medicaid is a state health insurance program. Medicaid is income and resource based, meaning you will qualify or not according to how much money you make and/or how much money you have saved. In 2020 if you made less than \$1,084 as an individual or \$1,457 as a couple you could qualify for Medicaid. Whereas Medicare has deductibles and coinsurance, Medicaid will take care of most of your healthcare cost. A person on Medicaid can also get a break on how much they pay on their prescription drugs.

Medicare and Medicaid will coordinate in a couple of ways. In some counties in north Alabama there is a Medicare plan that will coordinate with Medicaid. To qualify for this plan you must be on Medicare and Medicaid. This is referred to as "dual eligible". Also, if you make more than the Medicaid limits but are under \$1,595 as an individual or \$2,155 as a couple you may qualify for "extra help". This would help you on your prescription drug cost.

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](mailto: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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**THE BOLD AND THE BEAUTIFUL** Production has ceased due to the coronavirus. No additional synopsis will be released until production resumes.

**DAYS OF OUR LIVES** Brady went to extremes to protect Kristen. Abigail had a terrifying experience. Ben couldn't get over Jake's resemblance to an old friend. Gabi told Will about seeing Stefan's reflection in the store window. Abigail and Chad learned the reason for her hallucinations. Hope apologized to John and Marlena for her actions as Gina. Justin gave Rafe some disheartening news about his plans to adopt David. Kayla laid into Steve. Chad accused Gabi of drugging Abigail. Evan told Zoey his secret. Steve and Kayla shared a

moment as she helped him put back on his patch. John agreed to Orpheus' offer. Sarah was stunned when she ran into Rex in Paris. Gabi fainted when she saw "Stefan." Kristen told Brady she was going to confess. Ciara held vigil next to Victor in the hospital. Kristen was alarmed when she learned that Victor had woken up. *Wait to See: Eli questions Victor about his stabbing. Ciara and Ben celebrate his new job. As Sarah prepares to flee, Rex learns she's on the run.*

**GENERAL HOSPITAL** Sonny confided in Jason. Sam crossed Brando. Jordan contemplated resigning. Lulu got a surprising phone call. Alexis's day went from bad to worse. Sonny and Jason met with Cyrus. Molly confided in Kristina. Laura reassured Lulu. Nina and Jax had a heartfelt discussion. Valentin received an interesting proposition. Lulu raced to Crimson. Carly comforted Michael. Finn saw through Chase's lie. Sam got under Brando's skin. Molly decided not to tell the truth. Cameron and Trina attempted to move forward. Dev became suspicious. *Wait to See: Chase debates with Willow. Sonny tells Brando his presence is no longer needed in Port Charles. Carly has Sasha's number.*

**THE YOUNG AND THE RESTLESS** Production has ceased due to the coronavirus. CBS will air classic episodes of Y&R until production resumes.

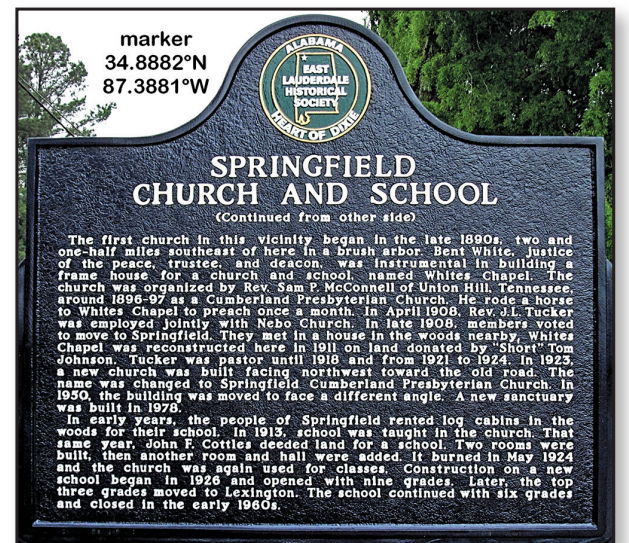
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~ Courtesy David Curott ~ author of "Signs of the Past" and "More Signs of the Past"

**Junior Whirl**  
 by Charles Barry Townsend

**Sawmill Shenanigans!**

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The mill foreman, "Bucksaw" Williams, has painted eight partially spelled words on the fence. Each word contains a "saw" in it. Use the hints below to complete each word.

- Used to hold things up.
- Has a lot of ups and downs.
- Scrutinized with care.
- A \$10 bill.
- Long, two-handed saw.
- Knew beforehand.
- Used to cut sharp curves.
- Used to cut along the grain.

Illustrated by David Coulson

**Answers On Page 26**

**THE WINNING EDGE!** Hand anyone an ice-cream stick and bet them that they can't drop it from two feet above the table and have it land on its edge.

**FIND-A-WORD!** On the top line is our mystery word. You need to fill in the missing letters. Clue words (smaller words contained in letter-by-letter order within the mystery word) are defined below.

- Lean to one side
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**Authors...**

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of six novels, visited the library last year, and the library staff is excited to offer the opportunity for readers to talk with her online.

"Our patrons loved Kristy Woodson Harvey when we hosted her for an event in 2019," said Abby Carpenter, the library's assistant director. "She is funny, kind, and a great speaker. She's becoming a major name in southern fiction."

During the online event, Harvey will be interviewed by community member and library patron, Nicole Sneed. The library will also be giving away 20 copies of *Feels Like Falling* to participants of the event. Each book will include a book plate signed by the author.

The library will host a second online author talk a few days later on May 6 with Susan Meissner.

Fittingly, her novel, *As Bright as Heaven*, is set during the 1918 Spanish

Flu pandemic. The novel follows a mother and her daughters who suddenly find themselves in an unrecognizable world as they face a public health crisis.

Bestselling author Lisa Wingate describes *As Bright as Heaven* as "a story of one family's heartbreak and hope," and says that Meissner's "strong [and] resilient characters step off the page and into history."

People who email events@fpl.org to sign up for either or both author talks will receive a Zoom invitation that contains the link for the event.

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**THOSE CONVINCED AGAINST THEIR WILL...**

Dear Dave,  
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 Lacey

Dear Lacey,  
 It's been my experience that when it comes to family, words don't always do the trick. There's an old saying that goes, "Those convinced against their will are of the same opinion still." Some people have



been brainwashed into believing credit cards and debt are an unavoidable part of life. They're stuck in their ways, and nothing anyone can say or do is going to change that.

I've been fortunate enough to help millions of people change their lives, get out of debt, and take control of their finances. But there are millions more who will never listen. They'll just keep going deeper and deeper into debt, and never realize the real problem is the person they see in the mirror every morning.

The truth is, you can make irrefutable arguments against credit cards. People who use them spend more than those who use cash or debit cards. Research has proven this. You don't need one to rent a car, get a hotel room, or buy airline tickets. A

debit card will do all those things without piling up debt. For an emergency fund, you can simply save up cash. It takes some discipline and hard work, but relying on credit when things go wrong is a really bad idea. It's a trap.

If they won't listen to all these truths, try telling them your story. Let them know you understand from experience how hard breaking old habits can be. Emphasize how amazing your life has been since you made the decision to actively control your money, instead allowing a lack of money to control you.

Congratulations, Lacey. I'm proud of you for working so hard and being disciplined. I hope you can be an influence on others in your family, and help lead them to a place of financial peace, too!  
 — Dave

\* Dave Ramsey is CEO of Ramsey Solutions. He has authored seven best-selling books, including *The Total Money Makeover*. The Dave Ramsey Show is heard by more than 16 million listeners each week on 600 radio stations and multiple digital platforms. Follow Dave on the web at [daveramsey.com](http://daveramsey.com) and on Twitter at @DaveRamsey.

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bringing or appealing a case from District Court. "All appeals from final judgments of the District Court shall be to the Circuit Court for trial de novo". "De Novo" means anew, afresh, a second time, a new trial.

Remember that the court system tries to be efficient and that means that if "A" sues "B" and "B" has a related claim against "A", they almost always must file it in the same suit.

For example, if "A" sues "B" for doing work that "A" claims isn't of good quality, and "B" didn't get paid for that same work "B" must file in the same case for payment. The courts can and will hear these claims in the same case. The claim for payment would probably be lost if not brought as a counterclaim. However, "District Court Rule 13 applies in the District Court except that, (1) Rule 13(a) is modified so as to excuse the pleader from asserting a compulsory counterclaim when the claim is beyond the jurisdiction of the District Court". What that means is that if your counterclaim is for more than \$10,000, you don't have to bring it in District Court or lose it. You can bring it later in Circuit Court, although you probably should talk to a lawyer at that point.

If you do appear in court, have the evidence in court and make copies. The Court won't take your cell phone into evidence to later look at the pictures on your cell phone. So, if you want the pictures on your phone entered into evidence, print them out and make copies for the Court.

Buckle up, drive safely, wash your hands, and as always your referrals are appreciated!



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# Letters...

## Let's Consider Child Care

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and therefore high risk populations, are forced to open BEFORE the curve flattens, we can expect the virus to adversely affect at-risk families and staff members with underlying health conditions. Social

distancing is not possible with infants, toddlers, and many school aged children.

According to the 2019 "Enhanced child care funding makes life better for Alabama's children and families" report issued by *Alabama Arise*, 79% of the children receiving childcare subsidies are children of color. The report also highlights Alabama's poor access to childcare for recipients of childcare subsidies.

Simply put, before the threat of COVID there were not enough centers to meet the demand for childcare subsidies. Post COVID we may find these communities with even fewer facilities to meet the needs of working families. Without the financial support and legislative support of our state Alabama's low income and at risk children will not receive the care they need.

Please take the time to carefully consider our concerns and formulate solutions that will address the safety and financial needs of Alabama's child care centers.

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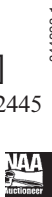
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This fact teaches me that we should always make ourselves available to others. There is an abundance of opportunities around us to use our talents and abilities to make the lives of others better. The shutdown of our lifestyle has not caused a shutdown of life. Look around you. Is there an empty spot that needs filled? Is there a joy you can share or a sorrow you can bear? Step up. Giving still holds a better blessing than receiving.

I am encouraged to see and hear all

the stories of people helping people during this time. Aren't you getting a better glimpse into the spark of divinity that was breathed into man in the garden? Those needs have always been there, but it sometimes takes a life altering event to

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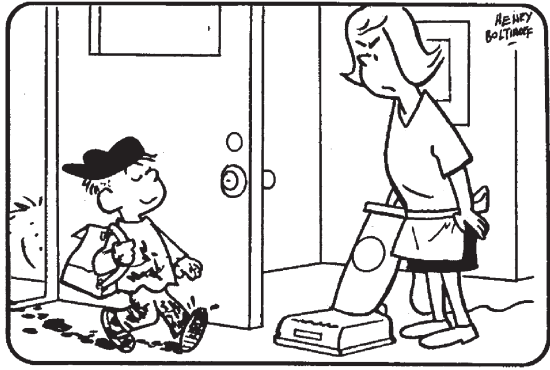
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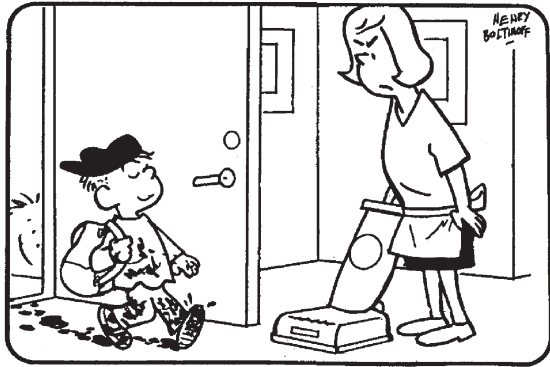
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The treatment is considered an investigational new drug by the FDA and collected donations will be sent to medical centers to treat critically ill COVID-19 patients. The plasma contains antibodies that may help fight the virus.

Plasma is the clear, straw-colored liquid in the blood that remains when red blood cells, white blood cells and platelets are removed.

Potential donors should email [medicalloffice@lifesouth.org](mailto:medicalloffice@lifesouth.org) or call 888-795-2707.

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**Scam Alert!** Florence Utilities received reports of a scam last week. Someone pretending to be with the Florence Utilities may ask for payment through PayPal or bank account information and threaten to cut off service for non-payment. Florence Utilities says it DOES NOT call customers to ask for payment information and WILL NOT come to your house to evaluate an account. If you have any concerns about your utility account, please call Customer Service at 256-760-6512. If you are ever in question about a scam call or someone at your door, call your local Police Department or 911.

**Monthly lunch at Cloverdale Community Center is cancelled** for April and May. We will resume as soon as possible. Everyone please safe.

**Fish Fry at East Colbert Church of Christ Saturday, May 2nd, has been canceled.**

**Cancelled or Postponed Events:**  
**Design-An-Ad Awards banquet** sponsored by the TimesDaily  
**All music at Swampers at the Marriott The AARP Foundation Tax-Aide program will provide free, in-person tax preparation assistance in the Shoals area**  
**The Florence-Lauderdale Public Library will be closed until April 30.**  
 The Shoals Writers will plan to resume meeting on May 16, unless otherwise noted.

**The 16th Annual Swampers 5K and 1 mile walkrun has been postponed** until Saturday, August 1. (Previously scheduled for Saturday, April 25) This race is sponsored by Shoals Civic League and is the largest event of its kind in the Shoals area with over 800 applicants last year. The August race will follow all guidelines as in the past years, with packet pickup and finish line at Muscle Shoals Middle School. To register for the race at reduced rates, go to [swampers5k.com](http://swampers5k.com)

**Stop Violence - Safeplace Shelters Are Open** for victims of domestic violence during COVID-19. Call our 24/7 helpline: 1-800-550-9215.  
 We are not just a shelter! Other available services for qualifying clients include: goal planning, legal services, safety planning, and more.

## ADOPT A FRIEND

The animals you see here are currently in local animal shelters or rescue facilities. Adoption fees vary and include having your new friend spayed or neutered, if necessary. Help us help these and other animals by adopting a new friend today.

Meet **NIPSEY!** She is two years old. She's a very playful and happy girl! **\$25 ADOPTION FEE** Includes mandatory spay/neuter surgery and rabies vaccine. Call now 256-381-4073! The shelter is open by appointment only. Please call to meet your new pet!



**ROCCO** is a medium sized black and white staffordshire. This sweet boy is medium energy and loves running and playing outside. Rocco is a sweet, and adorable. He is a fantastic 1 year old looking for a loving family. Rocco loves attention and long walks. He is waiting to meet you at Florence-Lauderdale Animal Services, 3240 Roberson Road with an **ADOPTION FEE OF \$85**. Hours are Monday-Friday 12-6, Saturday 12-5. Adoption fees includes spay or neuter, current vaccines, heartworm test and microchip. Please call us at 256-760-6676 for details on meeting Rocco.



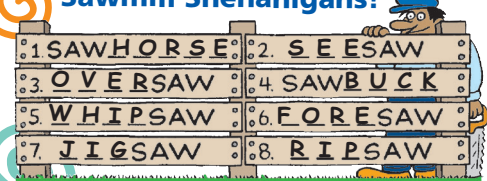
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# Junior Whirl Answers


by Charles Barry Townsend      Illustrated by David Coulson

**Sawmill Shenanigans!**

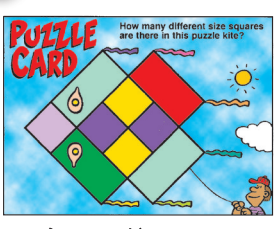


1. SAWHORSE    2. SEESAW  
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 7. JIGSAW       8. RIPS AW

**SECRET:** When it's your turn to go, bend the stick in half before dropping it. This will cause it to land upright on its edge.



**Puzzle Card**



How many different size squares are there in this puzzle kit?

Answer: 11 squares.

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feeling well are asked to make an appointment to donate later this month and after by visiting RedCrossBlood.org, using the Red Cross Blood Donor App, calling 1-800-RED-CROSS or enabling the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device. Donors are also asked to make an appointment to donate in order to help manage the flow of donors appropriately in support of social distancing practices. A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age in most states (16 with parental consent where allowed by state law), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

**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 8-10am 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.

Prepared meals will be ready to be picked up between the hours of 10-11am Monday-Friday. Please call 256-760-6668 or 256-760-6420 for more information or to let us know if you will be picking up your meal. These meals are for those that regularly attend lunch at The Club.

**Like many places, the Athens-Limestone Public Library was forced to close to the public amid COVID-19 fears.** With her regular story times suddenly cancelled, Amanda Coleman, head of the Athens-Limestone Public Library's children's department, looked for other ways to reach out to the community.

So Coleman and her assistant, Ambre Hyatt, decided to host virtual story times on Facebook, providing the same familiar songs and books the library's youngest patrons have grown to love. Story times and other kid's programs are being hosted live Monday-Thursday at 11:15am on the library's Facebook page: www.facebook.com/ALCPL

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The current schedule is spectrum story time (for all ages) on Mondays, Ink Slingers writing challenge (for middle schoolers and up) on Tuesdays, virtual story time (for pre-schoolers through early elementary) on Wednesdays, and Facebook Live book group (for K-5th grade, discussing Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone) on Thursdays.

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