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## New Funding Opportunities

FLORENCE— United Way of Northwest Alabama has been raising money through the Northwest Alabama COVID-19 Emergency Fund since March. Prior to the Stay at Home Order issued by Governor Kay Ivey, United Way anticipated a need for those who would be affected. One of the promises made for use of the funding was to aid nonprofit agencies that have been affected by the virus financially. They are currently accepting applications from those agencies.

This application is the first round of funding specifically designated for nonprofit agencies. Agencies must submit their 501c3 letter and their 990. Grants will be awarded up to \$2,500 per organization. Agencies are not required to be current United Way partners, but must be operational and providing services in some capacity in Colbert, Lauderdale, Franklin, or Marion Counties.

United Way has raised \$43,000 thus far for their Emergency Fund. \$5,000 of that was used to provide assistance to area food pantries by providing credits to applicants' accounts at the Northwest Alabama Food Bank.

The understandable decrease in charitable giving and forced cancelations of fundraising events has

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Avoid the Census Workers!  
Go to My2020Census.gov

SHOALS – Ten's of thousands of people in the Shoals area have yet to be included in the 2020 Census figures. Alabama at 58.4% is running 1.9% behind the national average response

ALABAMA 2010 CENSUS  
RESPONSE RATE 72.0%

ALABAMA  
COUNTS!  
2020 CENSUS

ALABAMA 2020 CENSUS  
RESPONSE RATE 58.4%

rate of 60.3%. Locally, most communities increased response rates by .2 or .3% this past week. However, Cherokee (up to #192) and Anderson (up to #210) bettered their positions by 11 places, increasing response rates by 1.0% and 1.3% respectively.

With some effort, every town could show a marked improvement.

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## They'll Knock on YOUR Door!

## Closure on 109 Years

Two Headstones Recognize Fred and Sophia Watkins

TUSCUMBIA – Rev. Frederick W. Watkins was a Cherokee Indian born in Tennessee in 1811. He avoided Trail of Tears capture and removal during the late 1830s by hiding out.

His descendants refer to him as "Cherokee Fred" to distinguish him from two other generations of Rev. Fred W. Watkins.

As the direction of 'West' in some traditional belief systems represents death, there came a time when Cherokee had



Graves of Sophia Watkins, left, and Fred Watkins

to make a choice. He could be banished to the western lands or to fall into the slave system. The latter was chosen and established the genealogy, history, and the trail of an unmarked grave that Tom McKnight set out to find when his mother died in 2004.

His mother's curiosity of what happened to the family,

whose roots were in northwest Alabama, led McKnight to research the family tree.

Little was it known about, or shared by, the elders in the family.

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## UNA Adds 4 to HOF

FLORENCE -- The 31st class of inductees for the University of North Alabama Athletic Hall of Fame has been selected and includes former student-athletes from the Lions' football, baseball, and women's basketball teams.

The UNA Athletic Hall of

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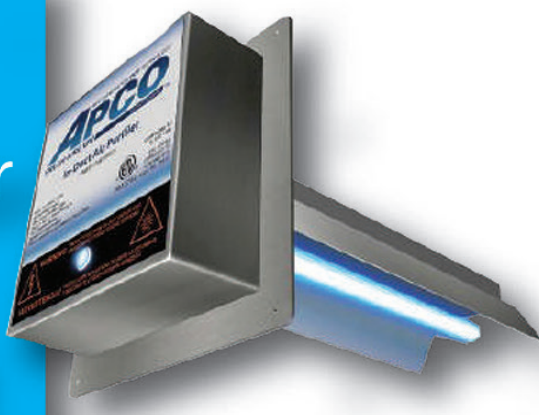
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## 109 Years...

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McKnight was born in New York and is the great-grandson of Sophia Napier Watkins and Rev. Fred Lafayette W. Watkins, the son of Cherokee Fred. McKnight worked for the United Nations for most of his life serving in 20 countries. He returned stateside in 2005 to launch the genealogy journey in his mother's memory to find family he never knew existed.

He drove over 14,000 miles in three months, armed only with a couple of family stories, one physical address, and cutting edge 2005 technology, a Magellan GPS unit.

Now a 15-year resident of NW Alabama, McKnight maintains that his genealogy journey and mission has been guided



by divine intervention.

He found an elder in Arizona during the long distance drive, and discovered that his great-grandmother was Sophia Napier Watkins, the Helen Keller family's cook when Helen was a child and the wife of his his great-grandfather, the 2nd generation Rev. Fred Lafayette W. Watkins. The 3rd generation Rev. Fred W. Watkins was a great uncle who moved to Louisiana and died at the age of 105.

He also learned through Ms. Chris Ozbirn, head of the Franklin County Archives in Russellville, that his great-grandfather was a very important man, according to her review of an *American Star* article.

The *Star* as it was commonly known throughout the black community, was the official newspaper of the Muscle Shoals Black Missionary Baptist Association edited by Professor George Washington Trenholm during the 1900s and printed in Tuscumbia. The organization's

formation was assisted by Rev. Dr. Josephus Shackelford, a white Baptist minister, who was instrumental in ordaining a number of African American preachers after Emancipation.

According to the article, McKnight's great-grandfather's funeral was presided over by at least a half dozen preachers on 26 February 1911 at First Baptist Missionary Baptist Church in Tuscumbia. Oakwood Cemetery became his final resting place. More than 2,000 people paid their final respects to the popular and well-respected quarter-town preacher in what was one of the largest funerals witnessed in northwest Alabama.

McKnight's great-grandfather was born 25 December, 1853 and died 24 February, 1911.

He was laid to rest in Tuscumbia's Oakwood Cemetery, but where?

This launched McKnight's cold case mystery search for his unmarked grave with the goal to honor his Great-grandfather's resting place with a headstone.

"Reverend Fred" lived in Tuscumbia and was assigned to Bethel Lauderdale MB Church in Smithsonia in 1901. Every weekend he took the ferry

**Pictured, left to right Mrs. Louise Goodloe Hyler, 95 year old matriarch of the family; Rev. B.J. Bonner; Rev. David E. Gregg; Christina Sophia Cobbs, great-great granddaughter of Rev. Fred Watkins; Chris Ozbirn, Director, Franklin County Archives, Tom McKnight, great grandson of Rev. Fred; and Rev. Curtis Russell.** Courtesy photo



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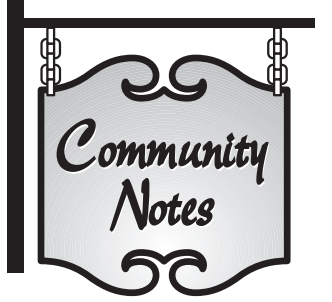
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## Headstones for Both...

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in Cherokee to his Bend in the River church in Florence where he served as pastor for 10 years.

His last sermon took place on 24 February 1911 and at its conclusion he stated that he wasn't feeling very well. He never returned.

Ozbirn had discovered Sophia Napier Watkins' burial spot in 2003, and shared the details of her location with McKnight while he was stateside on bereavement leave for his mother. Sophia died 14 August 1917 six years after her preacher husband.

Ozbirn's extensive research revealed a male buried in an empty spot to the right of Sophia Napier Watkins' headstone bearing Mosaic Templars of America (MTA) symbolic markings, an African American Fraternal organization. However, it took a number of years of research to firmly identify the unmarked grave.

A headstone unveiling ceremony for Rev. Fred Lafayette W. Watkins took place Friday, May 22 at Tuscumbia's Oakwood Cemetery. A diverse community of supporters, "Family and Family," as McKnight refers to those that were instrumental to this ultimate mission success witnessed the unveiling event from their cars; and for those that stood, maintained safe social distancing.

The headstone unveiling was carried out by great-great-grand daughter, Christina Sophia Cobbs of Pensacola, Florida.

The history of Rev. Fred's life was narrated by Tom McKnight, with

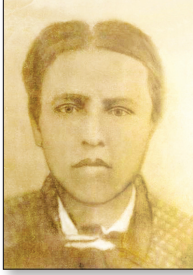
three preachers - Rev. B.J. Bonner, Rev. David E. Gregg, and Rev. Curtis Russell offering prayer. Family matriarch, 95 year old Mrs. Louise Goodloe Hyler, also attended the re-celebration event.

Finally, 109 years after his death, Rev. Fred and Sophia now officially share the same burial ground - side by side - together again.

The graveside purification ceremony - in accordance with Native American tradition - highlighted the ceremony and concluded with a recording of Douglas Spotted Sunrise Song -

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## UNA HoF...

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Fame Class of 2020 includes football All-American and Award winner, Lance Ancar (2002-05), baseball All-American and 2006 NCAA base champion, James Barksdale (2004-06), two-time NCAA women's basketball free throw shooting champion, Amber Rutherford Joseph (2006-09), and one of the most versatile player's in UNA football history, Troy Nelson (1988-91), who started at receiver, in the defensive secondary, and returned kicks for the Lions.

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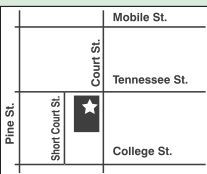
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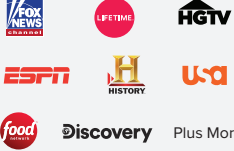


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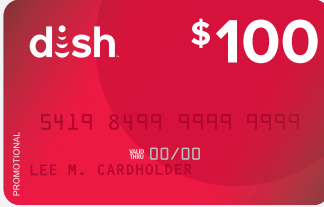
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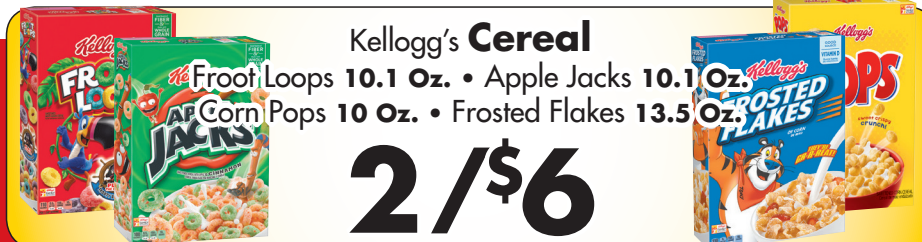
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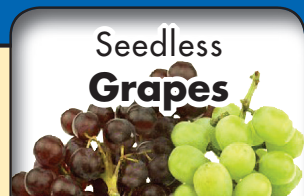
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A case was released May 22, 2020 that is interesting for both workers and attorneys. This is a case where mistakes were made by the worker, the lawyers, and the judge even though they all tried to do a good job.

Let's begin with the injured worker and his mistakes. He posted a picture of himself on a four-wheeler with the caption "Birthday Hunting Trip" while claiming to be permanently and totally injured. On Facebook. Dumb.

The second mistake the worker made is a little more subtle and could happen to anyone. He filled

out an application for long term disability benefits and did not disclose his back problems although he was claiming those same back problems in a lawsuit. In his defense, the question was a little less than straight forward but he still could have gotten it right and it would have been better for him.

The lawyer did an outstanding job of asking questions on the deposition of the doctor. The establishment of injury through the testimony through the doctor is a model for other lawyers to follow. The plaintiff through his attorney claimed that the back injury was a cumulative stress or repetitive motion injury which is a little unusual but probably fit the facts of this case. Oddly, the lawyer didn't file the case under an occupational disease and there really wasn't any medical evidence of an occupational disease. We do see degenerative disc disease as a frequent diagnosis. I don't recall any specific cases where I have seen occupational diseases as workers comp injuries such as black lung in our particular area. I have never seen degenerative disc disease as an occupational disease.

The judge in workers compensation cases is required to make a findings of fact, a statement of law, and a final judgment based on the facts and the law. This particular decree was questioned by the Appellate Court because there was no finding of a new injury by the judge. That court questioned whether this was an occupational disease, which really doesn't seem to fit.

The Appellate Court reversed the trial court and remanded the case (sent it back to the judge) for further findings consistent with either a new injury or no new injury.

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## Shorts...

### Virtual Fishing Contest Now

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"Right now is a great time for families to get outside together and explore the state's abundant freshwater," Nichols said. "From county lakes, rivers and streams to state parks, there are great spots for recreating responsibly."

### Nat'l Heritage Grants Open

FLORENCE—The Muscle Shoals National Heritage Area is accepting applications for grants from June 1-July 15. MSNHA is looking for projects highlighting social distancing and/or historic preservation.

"This is a great time to update and renovate," said Emily Rhodes, MSNHA grants coordinator.

Grant awards from \$1,000 - \$7,500 are available for heritage-focused projects in MSNHA's six counties: Colbert, Franklin, Lauderdale, Lawrence, Limestone and Morgan. Proposed projects must focus on assessment, preservation activities, interpretation, archiving or workshops and training sessions. They must be connected to one of the MSNHA's themes: music, Native American culture or the Tennessee River.

Guidelines, applications, and instructions are at <http://msnha.una.edu/>. Applicants may send an application draft for review by Wednesday, July 1.

### Muscle Shoals Sound Opens

SHEFFIELD—The iconic Muscle Shoals Sound Studio in Sheffield will open again for tours Tuesday, June 2 at 10am. The opening comes after being closed since March

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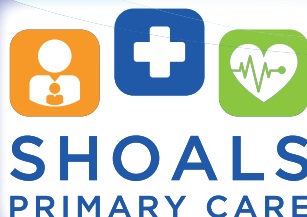
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**Commentary**

# Dispensing with Truth and Honor?

Several noted medical people have suggest that our new normal should include dispensing with traditional handshake greetings and replacing it with a fist pump - if we are to touch at all when we greet one-another or close an agreement.

The handshake is a widely established and accepted social custom dating back to Ancient Greece some 500 years before Christ. More recently, it has become the classic gentleman's greeting and solidifies a deal beyond the personal depth of any legal documentation.

Before the heyday of contracts and attorneys, a steady look into each one another's eyes and firm handshake sealed the deal. A handshake was a person's bond. It carried with it his/her reputation of honesty, character, and intention. It wasn't fool-proof because there were always chisellers. However, it was regularly honored and recognized. Many still abide by that code. If it is broken without suitable explanation, the trust in that person is gone forever. I still plan on shaking hands when and where appropriate. If I can't trust someone to honor their handshake agreement, they will also try to slink out of a written contract, as well as, the wink, the nod, or the fist pump.

**In A Few Words**



**TOM MAGAZZU**  
Editor

## Dodging C-19, Masks

Until getting my hair cut last week, I had chosen not to wear a mask at any point for any reason. It has zero to do with politics and much to do with comfort and bullheadedness.

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# THIS WEEK

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# Shoals

June 3, 2020

## Happening THIS WEEK

## For a Fun Clean-Up of Cypress

FLORENCE—The world may have slowed down, but litter never ends! Help eradicate litter by grabbing your kayak and joining others in cleaning up Cypress Creek.

Meet up at the Cox Creek Launch any time between 9am-12pm on June 6 for contactless pickup of cleaning supplies. Put in your kayak or canoe and float for litter through the afternoon. Wildwood Park will be the collection point for litter and supplies (again, contactless).

Register at [KeeptheShoalsBeautiful.org](http://KeeptheShoalsBeautiful.org)  
Cox Creek Canoe Launch is at 1981 Jackson Road, in Florence, just off Cox Creek Pkwy.

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Staff file



## FLORENCE LIBRARY, COURSERA OFFER Free Classes-to-Jobs

FLORENCE - Florence-Lauderdale Public Library is offering free classes through the website Coursera to any local residents whose employment has been affected by the pandemic. People can request a free Coursera account by visiting [www.flpl.org/athome](http://www.flpl.org/athome) and clicking the Coursera link. Coursera offers over 3500 classes taught by instructors from top universities and companies.

There are classes on a wide variety of job skills, specific career specializations, subject preparation for college, entrepreneurship topics, and technology. Coursera has training on everything from COVID-19 contact tracing, to web development and coding, to music and philosophy.

FLPL executive director, Derek Wilson, believes that offering free Coursera accounts is a crucial step in helping the Shoals area.

"This opportunity will allow people who have been affected by Covid-19 to learn new skills that can help them find jobs that offer higher pay and benefits. It also offers courses that can help with personal development. All in all, I think this is a big benefit to our community," said Wilson.

The library has 5,000 free accounts to provide to local residents. Sign-up is available through September 30, and participants will have until the end of the year to complete any courses they have enrolled in. In addition to Coursera, the library has several other free digital services that Shoals residents can access from home including eBooks and audiobooks, genealogy research, and more. For more information, visit the library's website at [www.flpl.org](http://www.flpl.org).



**THE VALDOSTA COMMUNITY REUNION** that is held each year on the first Saturday in June will be cancelled this year due to the COVID-19.

**THE AUSTIN CEMETERY ANNUAL DECORATION** is Sunday, June 7 from 10am-3pm, located at 8860 County Road 5 in Florence.

**THE EKKLESIA MINISTRIES SUMMER FEEDING PROGRAM FOR KIDS AND TEENS** is underway at various locations throughout the Shoals area. Look for details in this issue for specific times. Areas serving food - Oakhill Apartments, Blake Apartments, Long Lowe Apartments, Manning Homes, Ekklesia Church, Florendale Apartments, Hermitage Knolls, Sheffield Jr. and High Schools, L.E. Willson, Threadgill Health Depart., Colbert County Band, Common Ground, and Community Action Partnership. Meals will be hot nutritious packed to GRAB-and-GO. Lunch and snack available.

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## Whoever Fulfills

Editor:

I have been a daily Bible reader for many years, and here is some of what I have read.

2 Timothy 3:16 -All scripture is inspired of God.

Romans 15:4 - Everything written before our time was written for our instruction.

*Like Taiwan, Hong Kong is the other and future China—precisely the China that the Beijing authorities most fear...*



Ezekiel 36:23-27 - God said: I will sprinkle clean water upon you to cleanse you from all your impurities and from all your idols I will cleanse you. I will give you a new heart and place a new spirit within you.

Matthew 5:17-19 - Do not think that I have come to abolish the law and the prophets. I have come not to abolish them, but to fulfill them. Of this much I assure you until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter of the law, not the smallest part of a letter shall be done away with until it all comes true.

That is why whoever breaks the least significant of these commands and teaches others to do so shall be called least in the kingdom of God.

Whoever fulfills and teaches these commands shall be great in the kingdom of God.

Tim McCluskey  
Killen

## Emergency Cover

Editor:

Recent news from our local tabloid: "Two infectious disease specialists believe the state made a potentially disastrous mistake when it reopened the economy." Yet, Dr. Anthony Fauci, Director National Institute Allergy & Infectious Diseases, and a big early advocate for lockdowns, now states that Stay-At-Home orders could cause irreparable damage. The CDC is once again revising the COVID-19 rates downward. The fatality rate is now 0.3% of those infected with the virus, which is far lower than the original projections which caused the unconstitutional ordered shutdowns. Is it FEAR and hysteria, NOT the coronavirus, that

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## Medicare Minute "Choosing a Medigap Plan"

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

The plan letters (A, B, C, F, G, & N) represent different levels of coverage that a person can purchase. Plan A is the most basic Medigap plan. It does not cover the Part A or Part B deductibles or Skilled Nursing Facility coinsurance but does pick up the Part A and Part B coinsurance after the deductibles are met.

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When talking to a company or agent about Medigap policies you may benefit by talking to someone who offers ALL the plans. Every company selling Medigap policies does not offer all the plan options. If you are speaking with an agent or company that does not offer a particular plan, such as Plan G, you may never hear about this plan.

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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### Emergency Cover...

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is creating this medical and economic catastrophe?

Suicides are up dramatically. Elective surgeries were postponed. Heart and cancer patients were reluctant to get treatment. Small businesses have been closed, many to never reopen. Record unemployment. Churches were closed by order of governors. Politicians

point fingers at those in power, screaming "vote for me, why work? We will send you money! Stay at home...until after the election."

It seems the media and the political leadership of most of the country have conspired to decide the Constitution can be suspended when they declare an emergency.

Covid-19 is a nasty virus sprung on us by the Chinese leadership, and we should be concerned. With the constant changes in opinion and actual downward rates of danger, why has the Constitution been abandoned? Ben Franklin said in 1775, "citizens who will temporarily give up liberty for safety, deserve neither."

John Lee  
Florence

### Accusations T-19 Typical

Editor:

Donald Trump (T-19) is already sowing the seeds of fraud in the November

elections.

Like pearls before swine, he spits up and spreads conspiracies like sneezing without a mask or turning his head. He is putting doubts in the minds of the Fox followers that we can hold an honest election. He is screaming fraud, fraud, fraud, the Democrats are going to fix the election!

So it seems that if he cannot win outright or steal the election, he is

casting doubt on any Democrats that may win in November.

Watch and listen to what he says in the coming months. His slash and burn comments will cast a pall over anyone that gets in his way. His followers will suck up the news media and try to control the message.

These science deniers, anti-education, anti-

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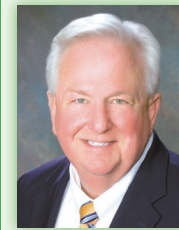


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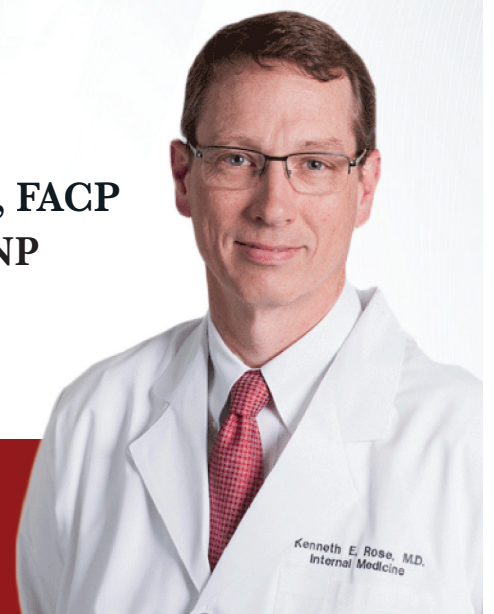
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# Cat & Kids

by Cathy Turner

## Yeah, Art

I love art. The art in my house makes me happy, especially when I am creating it with my granddaughter. Almost all the art in my house is by people I know or have met - local artists or very local to me, family or me.

My first purchased piece of art is by James and Ernestine Huff from North Carolina. My sister lives there and she hosted a studio sale of Huff art in her home. When I saw, "A Mother's Love", as a new mom, I had to have it. The black mother is drawn cuddling her child, reminiscent of the Madonna. Wearing a wrapped head rag, the mother's arms show strength and her hands show work. But her face shows softness, peace, and love. Art shows.

Mark Chamblee is an artist who comes to our local *Arts Alive* that is held in Wilson Park annually in May. In our dining room, his piece is a yellow Forsythia in a vase painted on an oak cabinet door. In our den, in acrylics, Mark's painting is a piano player in front of a shuttered window with a wide-brimmed hat that overshadows his face, but you can see his beard. He dons a tie that has crescent moons and stars. All of this is in shades of seafoam green (which matches my sofas) except the black beard. It's all painted on three framed planks of wood. The player has outspread, hungry (well-done) fingers hovering over looming, bowed black and white piano keys. Makes you want music to happen. Art feels.

Michael Banks is from Alabama and is nationally known. I can't really afford his work. I got to know him in Wilson Park. He is on the road so much that he enjoyed a "mama hug". He came to church with us. I care about him. He paints on flat, black wood, usually abstract faces and people. I have a Banks'

flower bowl. On the back he wished me a happy birthday. The last time he was at *Arts Alive*, he had painted a drawing of an intricate hand - his hand - holding a red flower. I had to have it. I begged and haggled a little. Sometimes art expresses love.

I am Jimmy Weavers' second best customer. I have 17 pieces of his small wood block artwork. He paints my childhood. Simply done black and white children on colorful backgrounds - jumping rope, playing hopscotch, blowing bubbles, stealing apples. Americana paintings - mama hanging out clothes, segregated movie houses, little white churches. Jimmy is from Sheffield. His granddad landed here after being a hobo on a train. His childhood dog, Cracker, is featured in his paintings. Jimmy and I know a lot about each other. Sometimes art shares stories.

Mrs. Arzette Mimbs' watercolor of a beach chair and umbrella is about the only blue in my house. Mrs. Arzetta lives in Florence. Sitting in my kitchen window sill, her beach scene lets me dream. Art can do that.

Another small block piece in my kitchen, my girlfriends wanted me to have. Linda Geiger from Foley changed the white woman on it to a black lady, just for me. It uses language that I don't use, but it says, "Be the kind of woman that when her feet hit the floor in the morning, the devil says, "Oh crap, she's up." Art speaks.

Family art - "The King Winks", a lion's face, drawn by our son, looks like a photograph. Got him a scholarship. A grandbaby's and her dad's Crayola mountain scene wherein she was learning about shading. Grandgirl's and granddad's neon paint splash with circles and fingerprints, and more are on our walls. Family art is accomplishment and time sharing.

Dip a string in paint. Lay it inside folded paper. Press and pull it out. Easy. Art. I am glad that I let art and these artist into my life. Happiness. Yeah, art does that too. Try it.

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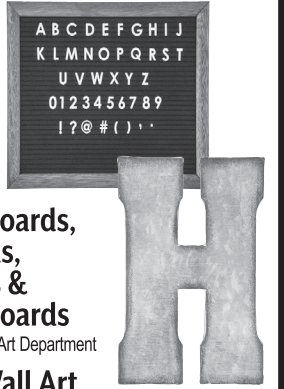
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**Commentary**  
**Masks...**

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I have been mindful of social distancing, not breathing around others, and doing my shopping at off-times when possible. Apparently, that is selfish in the minds of others who point out that masks are worn to protect others from infection. That may be a valid point, but some medical people also question the effectiveness of the standard 3-layer or cloth mask. Some businesses actually require masks before you can enter. Others simply suggest it.

I wash my hands at least 30 times a day, have sanitizer at home, in my car, and 8-9 different bottles in areas I frequent at work. I also have two cans of Lysol disinfectant spray sitting by my computer monitor, a can of Pledge multi-surface antibacterial spray, two partial spray bottles of Windex multi-surface disinfectant, and a couple of plastic containers of disinfectant wipes. I also wipe down my own grocery carts all time - nothing personal against store employees who may do so beforehand.

Knobs, handles, and keyboards at home and work are appropriately wiped down several times a day.

As I mentioned in a previous column, I may acquire COVID anyway, but hiding like it is WWII England for three months is no way to live.

If I contract the

COVID-19 virus- or any similar sickness for that matter, there are two things I know.

Chances are I did not catch it through my own error. I would be catching it either from someone who was asymptomatic or someone who knew they should not be out and about.

Secondly, If I go quickly, I will have the cleanest hands in the morgue that day.

I attended a graveside service for the elderly

mother of some friends recently. Temps were in the 70's with a nice breeze. Yet, before leaving my vehicle for the 300-400 foot walk, I grabbed a mask, confident that I would need to cover my face. There looked to be 90-100 people in attendance, most observing 5-6 foot social distancing guidelines- with only occasional hugs. I saw four masks, total.

It is good to see we are trying to move forward. I pray the timing is right for all of us.


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**Do I Have to Include All of My Debts in an Alabama Bankruptcy?**

Usually, people filing bankruptcy want to make sure they can include certain types of debt. Debts that can't be discharged in a Chapter 7 case or included in a Chapter 13 repayment plan can limit the effectiveness of a bankruptcy filing. And, of course, everyone wants to be in a stronger financial position after bankruptcy, with as little debt as possible.

Still, people considering bankruptcy sometimes ask whether they are required to list all of their debts in the bankruptcy filing. Some reasons a bankruptcy petitioner might not want to list debt include:

- The debt is to a relative or friend, and the bankruptcy petitioner wants to pay it
- A friend or relative cosigned on the debt, and the bankruptcy filer wants to protect that person from liability by continuing to make payments
- The debt is to someone the bankruptcy petitioner doesn't want to know he or she is filing bankruptcy, such as an employer or business contact

While these concerns are understandable, you don't get to pick and choose which debts to list in a bankruptcy case. While the bankruptcy process was created to help people struggling with debt regain control of their finances and become active participants in the economy, it also has protections built in for creditors. One function of the bankruptcy trustee is to ensure that creditors are treated fairly in bankruptcy. That means you don't have the option of wiping out your debt to some creditors while choosing to remain obligated to other unsecured creditors.

It's important to keep in mind exactly what we mean by the phrase "listing the debt." I have potential clients all the time tell me they "don't want to list the car" or some other secured debt they are paying because they want to keep it. That is a separate issue called "reaffirming a debt." Even debts you want to keep and pay like vehicles and houses must still be listed in the bankruptcy forms. The Court must still be informed that the debt exists in the first place before you even get to the issue of reaffirming or not.

The information a bankruptcy petitioner must provide to the court is extensive. Much of that information is included in schedules that are filed with the bankruptcy petition. These include:

- Schedule A/B: A listing of property
- Schedule C: Property you're claiming is exempt
- Schedule D: Claims of secured creditors
- Schedule E/F: Claims of unsecured creditors
- Schedule G: Executory contracts and unexpired leases
- Schedule H: Co-debtors

You will also include schedules detailing your income and expenses.

Note that all secured and unsecured debt must be listed, even if you intend to pay a particular debt or you have a co-debtor who will continue to make payment. Similarly, any residential leases and service contracts in progress must be listed, even if you plan to continue to honor those agreements. To clear up any uncertainty about the possibility of omitting debts, the official instructions for Schedule E/F include all of the following statements:

- Do not leave out any unsecured creditors
- List all unsecured creditors in each part of the form in alphabetical order as much as possible.
- Even if you plan to pay a creditor, you must list that creditor.
- When listing creditors who have unsecured claims, be sure to include all of them.

The court is serious about inclusion. In fact, you must list creditor claims even if you disagree with the amount of the claim or don't believe you owe the debt at all. The form provides an opportunity to mark the claim as "disputed."

**Paying Discharged Debt after Bankruptcy**

Of course, the purpose of a Chapter 7 Bankruptcy case is to discharge debt and free yourself from the legal obligation to pay. But, many people who ask about leaving certain debts out of the bankruptcy filing have specific reasons for wanting to treat those debts differently. You can't leave anyone out. But, a bankruptcy discharge only relieves you of the obligation to pay—it doesn't prohibit you from paying voluntarily.

So, if you've received a Chapter 7 bankruptcy discharge but are concerned that filing bankruptcy on your debt to Uncle Pete down in Mobile is going to strain family relationships, you're free to pay Pete after your bankruptcy is final. And, if your mom cosigned for the car you surrendered in bankruptcy and you're worried about the finance company pursuing her for the shortfall after the car is sold, you can pay the finance company or your mom.

Most debts that people want to pay after bankruptcy involve friends, family members, employers and others the bankruptcy petitioner has a more significant relationship with than the typical creditor. But, everyone has different reasons for wanting to pay certain debts after bankruptcy. Perhaps you have been seeing the same family doctor since childhood and do not want to sour the long-term relationship, for yourself or your family.

If the debt you want to pay is to a traditional creditor, you're still free to make those payments. Be aware, though, that the creditor may treat those payments differently than you're used to. For instance, when a debt has been discharged in bankruptcy, most creditors won't send monthly statements, even if you request them. In addition to the logistic issues that may be associated with resuming billing on an account that has been zeroed out post-bankruptcy, creditors may rightly be concerned that issuing bills after bankruptcy could subject them to sanctions for violating the bankruptcy discharge order.

Similarly, you can expect that most discharged debt you pay voluntarily won't be reported to credit reporting agencies. In some cases, the creditor will even decline payment.

**In Bankruptcy, Disclose, Disclose, Disclose**

Knowingly leaving anything out of your bankruptcy petition could put your whole bankruptcy case at risk. In some situations, the consequences could be even more serious—your bankruptcy forms are submitted under oath, meaning that any misrepresentations could be treated as a crime.

Listing all of your outstanding debts may be uncomfortable if you owe family members, employers, and others who are close to you. But, discharge of your legal obligations won't prevent you from voluntarily making things right if you choose to do so.

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#### Choose the right restraint

Securing kids properly is the number one guideline for child passenger safety. Your child's age, height, and weight will determine whether he or she needs

a car seat, booster seat, or seat belt.

Identify the appropriate safety restraint for your child at [Safercar.gov](http://Safercar.gov).



For more information about child car seat safety, see this summary of common car seat mistakes.

#### Don't forget about adults

Unrestrained adults can be injured in the backseat too. They also can injure the driver if thrown forward during impact. For protection, have your passengers sit in the center seat — it is the farthest point from possible impact zones. And be sure your backseat passengers buckle their seat belts.

#### Shop for safety

Keep backseat passengers in mind when you're shopping for a new vehicle. Many newer models are equipped with backseat safety features. Side airbags and inflatable seat belts offer more protection, while headrests can help reduce the occurrence of whiplash.

#### Drive cautiously

Your driving habits also impact your passengers' safety. Distracted driving is a leading cause of crashes. So put your phone away, give your children a book or movie to keep them occupied, and always keep your eyes on the road.



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**Letters...**

**Accusations T-19 Typical**

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Constitution, wannabee Nazis will spew time and again. Sometime in August or September expect to hear T-19 condemn and try to outlaw mail-in ballots. Mail in ballots do a couple of things. They leave a paper trail through the post office. They must be hand counted. Plus, paper mail-in ballots cannot be hacked. Now, watch to see if he does one of his raz-ma-taz shuffles and says loudly that paper ballots will be signed by Democrats that collect them by going door to door using canvassing as a cover. Typical T-19.

Michael Soroczak  
Muscle Shoals

**Quorum Call: Pelosi's Hijinks**

Editor:

In mid-May, the US House of Representatives

passed a resolution authorizing remote voting by proxy. Per the resolution, one congressperson may vote on behalf of up to ten others. In theory, as few as 40 of the House's 435 members could show up in Washington for the House to do business.

But Article I, Section 5 of the US Constitution states otherwise: "[A] Majority of each [house of Congress] shall constitute a Quorum to do Business." That means 218 members must be present for the House to do anything.

As May draws to a close and the House Democratic majority prepares to race its shiny new unconstitutional proxy muscle car around the track, House Republicans are suing.

Their case seems airtight, but that doesn't mean it will get anywhere. "Federal courts," write Melanie Zanova, Heather Caygle, and Sarah Ferris at Politico, "are notoriously reluctant to wade into internal House machinations. .... often citing the Constitution's language that declares that '[e]ach House may determine the rules of its proceedings.'" An obviously inapplicable excuse, true, but an available one.

There are other ways of putting the kibosh on the proxy scheme.

The Senate could simply refuse to take up any legislation passed by the House without a quorum.

Likewise, President Trump could refuse to sign such legislation even if the Senate also passed it.

Better yet, the Senate and/or the president could decline to even acknowledge such legislation as having been passed by the House at all.

How many legs does a dog have if we call its tail a leg? Four -- calling a tail a leg doesn't make it one. Ditto bills supposedly passed by a House with no quorum present and therefore with no authority to pass anything at all.

Don't count on any of those outcomes any more than on the courts, though. Expecting any branch of government to start obeying the Constitution is, as Samuel Johnson called the second marriage of a man unhappy in his first, "the triumph of hope over experience," as is depending on the Constitution itself. As 19th century American anarchist Lysander Spooner wrote of it, "this much is certain -- that it has either authorized

such a government as we have had, or has been powerless to prevent it."

Neither Congress, nor the courts, nor the presidency, nor the Constitution will secure our rights for us. If we want them, we're going to have to seize them for ourselves.

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**Standing Up for Hong Kong**

Editor:

Has Xi Jinping finally overplayed his hand? The new security law for Hong Kong may be just that.

Whereas the "cultural genocide" in Xinjiang, the roundup of lawyers and

journalists around the country, and the coverup of the coronavirus pandemic leave critics with few weapons other than naming and shaming, Hong Kong presents a different case. It is an international city, one of China's faces to the world, with well established businesses, universities, cultural institutions, and civil society.

Like Taiwan, Hong Kong is the other and future China—precisely the China that the Beijing authorities most fear. They should be negotiating that future with Hong Kong's authentic spokespeople.

The official Chinese justification for its new national security law is ludicrous in every respect. It proclaims that the protesters want to carry out another "color revolution"; that they are in cahoots with Taiwan's independence movement; that Hong Kong is "the

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# Letters...

## Standing Up for Hong Kong

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main card" "foreign forces" are using to block China's progress; and that it is the "opposition faction" in Hong Kong

that threatens the rights and freedom of its people. These are all smokescreens for a brutal interference, and they fool no one. What they will surely do is abet violence for Hong Kongers, united in their distrust of the Beijing-appointed leaders. They are bound to continue protesting. The situation could

become Xi Jinping's Tiananmen—a potential widespread crackdown that will set back China's supposed "great rejuvenation" and "responsible great power" status for years to come. So much for China's century. China long ago committed to a "one country, two systems" principle and to respect for the Basic Law of HK, which provides for considerable autonomy to at least 2047, including Hong Kong's right to "enact laws on its own."

Those commitments are now being trashed before the eyes of the world in a desperate attempt to stop people from protesting peacefully for democracy. It won't work. Covering up what is happening in Wuhan or Kashgar may be possible, but not in Hong Kong.

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# Soap Opera Preview

**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** Steve witnessed Justin's proposal to Kayla. Will and Sonny made a life-changing decision. Lani grappled with her fears about her pregnancy. Rafe was surprised by Zoey's news concerning David's custody case. Sarah laid into Victor for what he did to her. John questioned Brady's motives. Jake came clean with Ben. Marlena received a surprising call. Xander asked Sarah for another chance. Eric and Ciara shared their concern for Brady. Ben offered to help Jake locate his ex-girlfriend. Claire pleaded with Marlena to help her gain early release from Bayview. Jack gave Steve advice about Kayla. Lani and Eli shared some exciting news with Abe and Julie. Zoey got into

it with Orpheus. Hope went to bat for Rafe in his custody battle with Zoey. Marlena discussed Claire's request with John. *Wait to See: Claire confides in her new friend and fellow patient, Gwen. Jake reveals to Ben and Ciara that Gabi has been kidnapped. A drunken Steve is tempted to tell Kayla the truth.*

**GENERAL HOSPITAL** Until production resumes, "GH" is replaying special episodes from years past. This week's summaries originally aired in May 2016, 2017 and 2018. Franco gave Jake a helping hand. Carly blackmailed Ava. Nikola stopped Hayden from talking to Jordan. Jake showed Emma and Charlotte the mysterious canister that was sent to him. Jason found Anna's Chimera necklace on the floor. Valentin told Anna that he sold the Chimera to Helena. Michael visited Nelle in the hospital. Sonny and Carly learned that Ava switched Morgan's pills. Nina took Valentin back. Anna told Jason that she was looking for a biotoxin known as the Chimera. Jake saw Helena order him to do his magic trick. Curtis proposed to Jordan. Alexis overheard Finn tell Anna he hadn't stopped caring for her. Sam found Faison's lighter in Peter's office.

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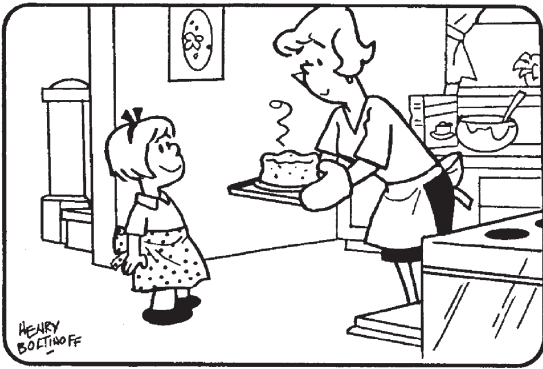
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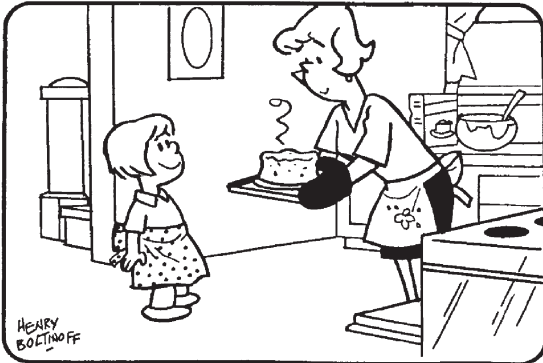
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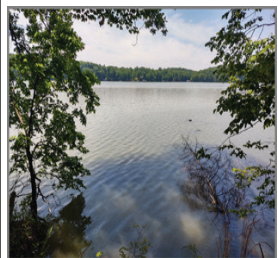


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# Consumer Confidence Report 2019

## for January 2019 through December 2019 - Hawk Pride Mountain Water System

In 1974, the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) was signed into law, requiring all water systems that serve the public to meet national standards for water quality. These standards set limits for certain contaminants and require all public water systems to monitor for these contaminants. If you have any questions concerning water quality, please contact Phillip Potter at (256) 381-4520 during office hours 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. You may also attend the monthly board meeting. Check with the water office for the time of the meeting. Board members are Greg Dalrymple, Craig Black and Howard Lee Davis.

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

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

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

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

the possible health effects for many regulated constituents, a person would have to drink two liters of water every day at the MCL level for a lifetime to have a one-in-a-million chance of having an ill health effect.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Parts per trillion (ppt) or Nanograms per liter (nanograms/l)** – One part per trillion corresponds to one minute in 2,000,000 years or a single penny in \$10,000,000,000.

**Parts per quadrillion (ppq) or Picograms per liter (picograms/l)** – one part per quadrillion corresponds to one minute in 2,000,000,000 years or one penny in \$10,000,000,000,000.

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

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

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

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

**ND** – None detected

**NOTE:** The tables list drinking water contaminants that we detected during the calendar year of this report. The presence of contaminants in the water does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. Unless otherwise noted, the data presented in these tables is from testing done in the calendar year of the report. The EPA or ADEM requires us to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants do not change frequently. You will note that we had 2 positive total coliform tests during 2019. Follow up testing revealed no contamination in our water. The positive samples were probably contaminated either during collection or at the lab where there had been a change of personnel. However per ADEM regulations, we did a Level II Assessment and have included further procedures to minimize this likelihood in the future.

**Table of Detected Contaminants - Hawk Pride Mtn. 2019**

Contaminant	MCLG	MCL	Amount Detected	Likely Source of Contamination
<b>Bacteriological</b>				
Total Coliform Bact.	0	< 5 %	* 2	Soil runoff
Turbidity	0	0.3	**0.099	Soil runoff
<b>Radiological</b>				
Combined radium	0	5	0.78	Erosion of natural deposits
<b>Inorganic Chemicals</b>				
Barium	0	2 ppm	0.0254	Erosion of natural deposits; Industrial discharge
Sulphate	0	500 ppm	8.06	Runoff from fertilizer
Fluoride	0	4 ppm	0.0676	Erosion of natural deposits
Lead	0	AL=15 ppb	<1	Corrosion of household plumbing systems erosion of natural deposits
Nitrate	0	10 ppm	0.734	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits
Nitrite	0	1 ppm	0.0943	
Copper	0	AL=1.3 ppm	0.00311	Corrosion of household plumbing systems erosion of natural deposits
<b>Organic Chemicals</b>				
TTHM	0	80 ppb	23.7.ppb	By-product of drinking water chlorination
HAA5	0	60 ppb	7.8 ppb	By-product of drinking water chlorination

\* We had 2 positive samples for total coliform. Repeat samples showed negative contamination. Possible causes: Contamination during collection or contamination at the lab.

\*\* Turbidity ranged from .0219-.099 with an average of .035.

**Table of Primary Contaminants - Hawk Pride Mtn. 2019**

Contaminant	MCL	Amount Detected	Contaminant	MCL	Amount Detected
<b>Bacteriological</b>					
Total Coliform Bacteria **	<5%	2*	Endothall	100	ND
Turbidity (NTU) *	0.3	.099**	Endrin	2	ND
<b>Radiological</b>					
Beta/photon emitters (mrem/yr)	4	NA	Epichlorohydrin	TT	ND
Alpha emitters (pci/l)	15	2.7	Glyphosate	700	ND
Combined radium (pci/l)	5	0.78	Heptachlor	400	ND
<b>Inorganic</b>					
Antimony (ppb)	6	ND	Heptachlor epoxide	200	ND
Arsenic (ppb)	50	ND	Hexachlorobenzene	1	ND
Asbestos (MFL)	7	NA	Hexachloropentadiene	1	ND
Barium (ppm)	2	0.0254	Lindane	200	ND
Beryllium (ppb)	4	ND	Methoxychlor	40	ND
Cadmium (ppb)	5	ND	Oxamyl [Vydate]	200	ND
Chromium (ppb)	100	ND	PCBs	500	ND
Copper (ppm)	AL=1.3	0.00311	Pentachlorophenol	1	ND
Cyanide (ppb)	200	ND	Picloram	500	ND
Fluoride (ppm)	4	0.0676	Simazine	4	ND
Lead (ppb)	AL=15	<1	Toxaphene	3	ND
Mercury (ppb)	2	0.225	Benzene	5	ND
Nitrate (ppm)	10	0.734	Carbon Tetrachloride	5	ND
Nitrite (ppm)	1	0.0943	Chlorobenzene	100	ND
Selenium (ppb)	50	ND	Dibromochloropropane	200	ND
Thallium (ppb)	2	ND	o-Dichlorobenzene	600	ND
Nickel (ppm)	0.1	ND	p-Dichlorobenzene	75	ND
Sulfate (ppm)	500	8.06	1,2-Dichloroethane	5	ND
<b>Organic (ppb)</b>					
Acrylamide	TT	ND	1,1-Dichloroethylene	7	ND
Alachlor	2	ND	Cis-1,2-Dichloroethylene	70	ND
Atrazine	3	ND	trans-1,2-Dichloroethylene	100	ND
Benzo(a)pyrene[PHAs]	0.2	ND	Dichloromethane	5	ND
Carbofuran	40	ND	1,2-Dichloropropane	5	ND
Chlordane	2	ND	Ethylbenzene	700	ND
Dalapon	200	ND	Ethylene dibromide	50	ND
Di-(2-ethylhexyl)adipate	400	ND	Styrene	100	ND
Di(2-ethylhexyl)phthalates	6	ND	Tetrachloroethylene	5	ND
Dinoseb	7	ND	1,2,4-Trichlorobenzene	70	ND
Diquat	20	ND	1,1,1-Trichloroethane	200	ND
Dioxin[2,3,7,8-TCDD]	30	ND	1,1,2-Trichloroethane	5	ND
2,4-D	70	ND	TTHM	80	23.7
2,4,5-TP (Silvex)	50	ND	Toluene	1	ND
			Vinyl chloride	2	ND
			Xylenes	10	ND
			HAA5	60	7.8
			Trichloroethylene	5	ND
			Monochlorobenzene	100	ND

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# DAVE Says

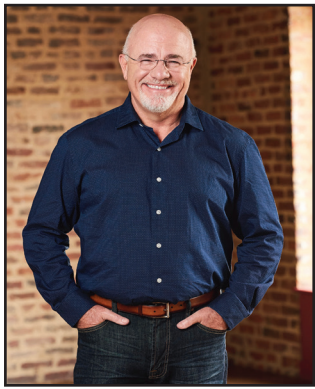
by DAVE RAMSEY

## TEACHABLE MOMENTS ARE VALUABLE AT ANY AGE

Dear Dave,  
A good friend of mine passed away recently. In his will, he left me a couple of items and some money, and I'd like to share the money with my son. He is 25, and a good kid, but he is still impulsive with his finances. Do you have any advice for handling this in a way that will do him the most good?

Frank

Dear Frank,  
It's tough enough losing a



had more money. That's not generally the case. You need to ask yourself if giving this young man a bunch of cash would really, truly help him. More than likely, the answer is no.

You obviously love this kid, and you've got a generous heart. But under the circumstances, it might be a good idea to attach a few strings to any cash. Don't make him jump through a bunch of hoops for no reason, though. I'm talking about teachable moment-type things that will help train and educate him to handle his finances in a more responsible and productive way.

There are lots of paths you could take. You might require that he start living on a written, monthly budget, that the two of you go over together for the first few months. Sitting down with a good financial coach—one with the heart of a teacher—is something you might consider

throwing out there, as well. In my mind, this approach is fair to everyone involved. It allows you to help him help himself, instead of just handing him something that may or may not be a blessing.  
—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

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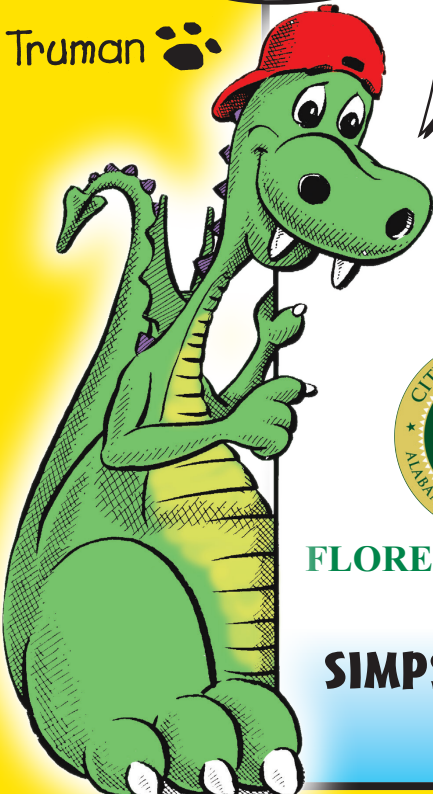
# The June Issue of *Kidsville News!* is now available.

June Page Flipp version is available for both counties at [www.kidsvillenews.com/lauderdale/view-current-issue/](http://www.kidsvillenews.com/lauderdale/view-current-issue/)  
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# Notes...

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**Ekklesia Ministries Summer Feeding Program for Kids and Teens** is underway at various locations throughout the Shoals area. See the ad in this issue for specific times. Areas serving food - Oakhill Apartments, Blake Apartments, Long Lowe Apartments, Manning Homes, Ekklesia Church, Florendale Apartments, Hermitage Knolls, Sheffield Jr. and High Schools, L.E. Willson, Threadgill Health Depart., Colbert County Band, Common Ground, and Community Action Partnership.

At every site the meals will be hot nutritious meals that are packed to GRAB-and-GO. Lunch and snack will be available to children to take with them.

**Motor Coach Tours With The Club** (Florence Senior Center) are registering now! These trips are open to the public. [www.GroupTrips.com/TheClub](http://www.GroupTrips.com/TheClub)

Mackinac Island, 7 days 6 nights, \$719, August 16-20 - \$75 deposit due now.

Pigeon Forge/Smokey Mountain Show Trip, 5 days 4 nights, \$575, November 9-13. For more information, call The Club 256-760-6642

**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.

**The Girl Scouts of North-Central Alabama have gone virtual** and the girls are loving it! Every Wednesday at 5pm we host a 'Bring a Friend' Virtual Event for girls K-12.

We learn about Girl Scouts and how to do a fun Project! That's not all we do, we also have virtual events happening all week. Find out more at [www.girlscoutsna.org/en/events/event-list.html](http://www.girlscoutsna.org/en/events/event-list.html)

Or Contact - Tina Rich at 256-712-2090 or [trich@girlscoutsna.org](mailto:trich@girlscoutsna.org)

**LifeSouth Community Blood Centers can now test all eligible blood donors for COVID-19 antibodies.**

The antibody test conducted by LifeSouth is authorized for use by the FDA and detects if someone has developed antibodies to COVID-19. A positive test result may indicate past exposure and some immunity to the virus. This antibody test is not a diagnostic test and will not determine if the person currently has the virus.

LifeSouth encourages donors to make an appointment to donate over the coming weeks.

Plasma donated from recovered COVID-19 patients, or those who had the virus but were asymptomatic, can be a critical tool to help those patients severely affected by the virus. LifeSouth has been testing potential convalescent plasma donors for COVID-19 antibodies since April, and hopes by testing all blood donors, more donors will be willing to donate. Since the first convalescent donation in April, LifeSouth has collected convalescent plasma from donors across their footprint in Florida, Georgia and Alabama. These units have been transfused to critically ill patients in local hospitals served by the community blood center.

Right now, LifeSouth is experiencing a critical need for all blood types, and assures it is safe to give blood. All donor centers and bloodmobiles are enforcing social distancing between donors and implementing heightened sanitation protocols. LifeSouth's donor centers in North Alabama are located in Madison, Huntsville, Albertville, Decatur, Cullman, and Florence. LifeSouth's bloodmobiles will also be out at many locations in the coming weeks.

Donors must be at least 17 or 16 with parental permission, weigh a minimum of 110 pounds and be in good health. A photo ID is also needed. For additional information, call LifeSouth toll-free at 888-795-2707 or visit [www.lifesouth.org](http://www.lifesouth.org).

**Kindergarten 2020-21 Registration Now Open for Sheffield!** If your child will be five years old on or before September 1, 2020, you must register him or her for kindergarten for the upcoming 2020-2021 school year.

Registration is simple! Go to Sheffield.Schoolmint.net and click on the "new student" button. (If you already have a child attending Sheffield City Schools, you can use the account you already have.)

From there you will enter your child's information which will include uploading some documents including their birth certificate, social security card, and you driver's license and two proofs of residency.

For assistance you may contact our counselor, Ms. Williams via email, phone, or text: [mwilliams@scs.k12.al.us](mailto:mwilliams@scs.k12.al.us) or 256-285-2334.

**Due to the continuing developments related to the coronavirus** and with the health of our inductees, honorees, staff and general public our top priority, the Alabama Sports Hall of Fame has rescheduled its 52nd Annual Induction Banquet & Ceremony for August 1, 2020 at the Sheraton Birmingham Hotel.

As opposed to the previously rescheduled date, August 1 will allow more time for all parties involved to be better prepared for the event.

For more information regarding the ASHOF or the upcoming Induction Ceremony, please visit our website at [www.ashof.org](http://www.ashof.org) or call 205-323-6665.

**The 16th Annual Swampers 5K and 1 mile walk/run 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)

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**The American Red Cross has seen an outpouring of support from blood donors** in response to the coronavirus outbreak. During this uncertain time, the Red Cross continues to encourage healthy individuals to schedule and keep donation appointments in the weeks ahead to ensure a stable supply throughout this pandemic.

Each Red Cross donation center follows the highest standards of safety and infection control, and additional precautions have been implemented to ensure the health of Red Cross donors, employees and volunteers.

Blood donation is essential to ensuring the health of our communities. The need for blood is constant, and volunteer donors are the only source of blood for those in need. With no known end date in this fight against coronavirus, the Red Cross needs the help of donors and blood drive hosts to maintain a sufficient blood supply for weeks to come.

This is the time to take care of one another. Healthy individuals who are feeling well are asked to make an appointment to donate later this month and after by visiting [RedCrossBlood.org](http://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.

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