

Shoals Shorts

7 w/Welding Certificates

FLORENCE -- Seven Florence High School students were awarded welding certificates through the NW-SCC Dual Enrollment/Dual Credit program last week.

NW-SCC and Florence City Schools partnered to offer Florence High School students the Early College Program that began in the fall of 2018.

"This great program and these certificates give students a career pathway early in their high school career," said NW-SCC President Dr. Glenda Colagross.

The Early College program between FCS and NW-SCC is designed to provide motivated students a head start on their college program, tuition free. It is modeled after a similar program at Pharr-San Juan-Alamo (PSJA) Early College High School in Texas.

Students who were awarded certificates included:

Todd Askew, Devon Pounders, Jerald Goodloe, Jonathan Parker, Samara Turne, Zoie Campbell, and Damonte Weaver.

New Hours for Visitors

FLORENCE--In consideration of fluid Covid-19 statistics together with an effort to support patient care, North Alabama Medical Center has updated its visitor policy and expanded some visiting hours.

Inpatients (Non-COVID Patients)

Visiting Hours: 5:30am-7:30pm

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the Tennessee RiverTowns Program, beginning its journey to come an official Tennessee RiverTown and part of the Tennessee RiverLine, North America's next great regional trail system.



"Joining the Tennessee RiverLine's RiverTown's program will connect the Shoals with other Tennessee River communities who realize the benefit of recreational tourism and the importance of environmental stewardship of our river," said Carrie Crawford, director of the Muscle Shoals National Heritage Area. "We

are excited to begin planning paddle events, developing educational programs about the river's history and aquatic biodiversity, and thinking about how to best utilize our recreational assets for hiking,

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Be Safe This Halloween!

Remember to Fall Back at 2am Nov. 1



Nursing Accreditation at NWSCC

MUSCLE SHOALS. -- Northwest-Shoals Community College recently received official notification that the Practical Nursing program has been granted initial accreditation by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN).

"The accreditation of the Practical Nursing program at Northwest-Shoals shows what hard working and dedicated faculty and staff we have

in our health studies division and at the College in general," said NW-SCC President Dr. Glenda Colagross. "We continue to be committed to improving and continuing our innovative program offerings and powerful

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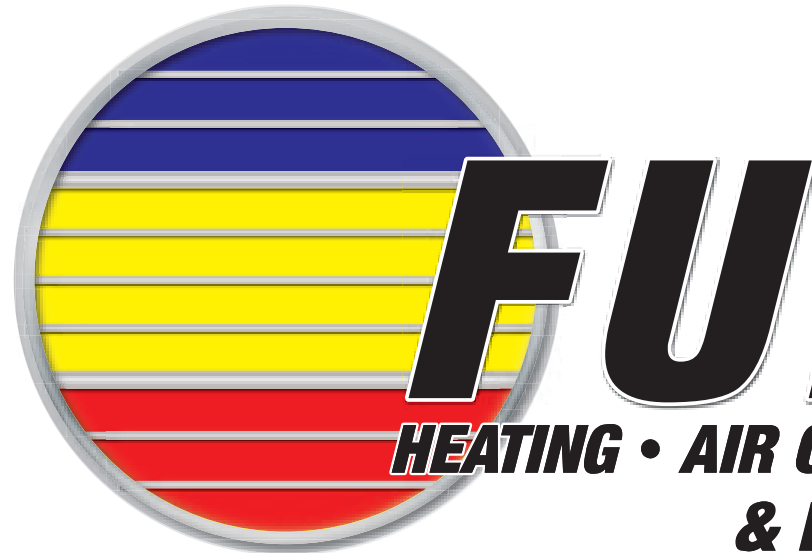
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Pediatric Patients -

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Outpatients - One designated support person is allowed each day.

For a complete list of guidelines, visit NAMC's website at: www.namccares.com/your-health-our-heroes/

Deadline for Idea Audition

FLORENCE— The finals for the Shoals Idea Audition is scheduled for Tuesday, November 10.

Participants' initial pitch will take place on Monday, November 9 via Zoom. The final pitches will take place via Facebook live on Tuesday, November 10 at 5:30pm. The finalists will gather at a location that is to be determined in order to pitch live before our panel of judges. The pitches will be broadcast via Facebook Live. All

information about the event can be found at www.shoalsideaaudition.com.

The Shoals Idea Audition is designed to foster new businesses, help entrepreneurs polish their presentations, and introduce community leaders who might be instrumental in making their ideas a reality. For the seventh year, hopeful participants will have an opportunity to present their business ideas to a panel of area professionals. The top-scoring idea will be awarded a \$5,000 cash prize, with \$2,500 and \$1,000 to second- and third-place winners, respectively.

Last year, **Lillian Glanton** won the event with her idea to develop Muscle Shoals Song Rooms, a music venue in Sheffield near the Muscle Shoals Sound building where songwriters can have a creative space to advance their skills.

The submission deadline for ideas is October 30. To register your idea or for full information, please visit the Shoals Idea Audition website: www.shoalsideaaudition.com

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Stars

It is estimated that one billion trillion stars are in the observable universe! That number is mind boggling. This brief article is not about calculating stars in the galaxies. Rather it is about their brightness, their shine, their beauty. At night, we gaze up at a black canvas, a star-studded drapery that gives off brilliancy. Though scientists tell you that stars are evident during the daytime, we cannot recognize their glistening power until darkness overtakes us.

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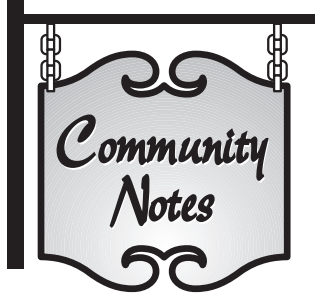
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For more information, call The Club 256-760-6642.

The SHBA Scholarship Golf Classic will be Friday, October 30 at Twin Pines Golf Club. Teams and hole sponsorships are now being accepted! Half of the teams will have morning T-times and half will be in the afternoon. Morning breakfast sandwiches and a great lunch are included as well as cart with beverages and snacks. Prizes will be cash and/or gift cards that will be mailed to winners. Super sponsorships are \$600 and include team, hole sponsorship, mulligans for each player. Please call Brenda to register YOUR team. 256-766-9110.

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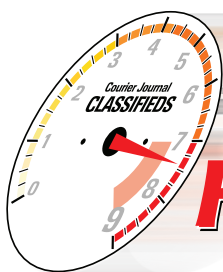
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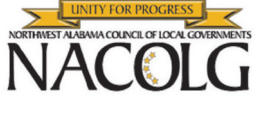
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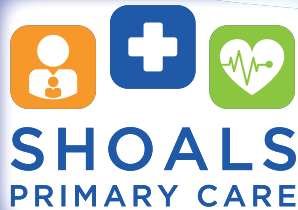
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biking and paddling. We are excited to begin the journey toward becoming a Tennessee RiverTown."

Decatur also is one of the newly announced RiverTowns.

The Shoals applied to be a part of the Tennessee RiverTowns Program because Florence, Muscle Shoals, Sheffield and Tusculum, and Colbert County recognized the value that the program will bring to the region, Crawford added.

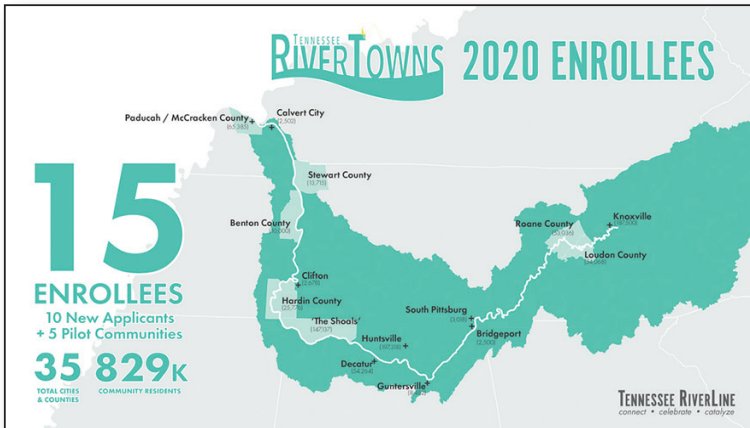
"Through participation in the program, the Shoals will be able to move forward with the RiverTown initiative," said Florence city council member Michelle Eubanks. "The Tennessee River is one of our greatest assets, and this allows us to put that asset to work now and for the foreseeable

future. It's exciting to see this project move into its next phase. Being part of the RiverTown program is the culmination of the hard work that has gone into this collaborative effort, and it will continue to be a significant and ongoing connection between our community and the Tennessee River."

By joining the Tennessee RiverTowns Program, the Shoals is taking its first step to becoming an official Tennessee RiverTown, part of the Tennessee RiverLine,

which is vision for a continuous system of paddling, hiking and biking experiences along the Tennessee River's 652-mile reach. This transformative initiative is led by the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, in collaboration with the Tennessee RiverLine Partnership. River communities that are invested as part of the Tennessee RiverLine benefit from economic development and entrepreneurship opportunities, quality of life amenities, and increased access to river experiences that improve public health and generations of river advocates that are active participants in its

stewardship. As a 2019 Pilot Community, the Shoals hosted Tennessee RiverLine staff for three days of activities with residents and community leaders. Insights gained during that experience and community-specific recommendations to embrace the Tennessee RiverLine vision locally are included in a report available for download at www.tnriverline.org/pilot. To learn more about the Tennessee RiverLine, stay up-to-date with programs and initiatives by following on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram (@tnriverline) and visiting tnriverline.org frequently.



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- Senior class sponsor
- Social Studies Department Head
- Member/chairperson of numerous committees.
- 3 Years as Principal at G.W. Trenholm Primary School.
- 3 Years Director of Facilities for Tusculum City Schools.



Chris Hand, his wife of 24 years, Melinda, and children Lauren and Riley.

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Commentary

Media's Systemic Disinformation

There were a number of fudges in last week's presidential debate from both candidates. Moderator Kristen Welker wanted additional clarification from Trump often, and from Biden just once.

Notwithstanding, Biden blatantly lied about his long-held wishes to end fracking and stop U.S. oil drilling. Since Biden has made that promise at least a dozen times during the campaign, any competent and unbiased debate moderator would have asked him for clarification about it.

In A Few Words



TOM MAGAZZU Editor

Nothing has changed in recent weeks and months. Intense national media focus is on anything detrimental to Trump re-election prospects. Closing pre-election coverage continues to keep the public on a racial edge. The media ensures we are all reminded that Trump is a divisive racist and that all of his supporters are inherent bigots who support white supremacy.

If the media were honest, they would take the democrats to task for not working

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THIS WEEK

in the Shoals

October 28, 2020

Happening THIS WEEK

Toys for Tots Time



FLORENCE – United Way and Marine Corps League of the Shoals is holding registration for Toys for Tots beginning Friday, October 30–November 14. Registration will take place at the Tractor Supply Store parking lot in Muscle Shoals, and the Academy parking lot in

Florence. Registration will take place every Friday and Saturday from 8am-12pm by appointment only. Please call 211 to schedule your appointment.

Registrants will be required to wear a mask and observe social distancing guidelines.

If you have already registered

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THE SHOALS THEATRE PRESENTS HENRY CHO

with special guest Arron Weber on October 29 at 7pm. Henry Cho, known for his appearances at the Grand Ole Opry, turned his life experiences growing up in the South into a comedy routine. He's appeared on NBC's "The Tonight Show," CBS's "The Late, Late Show," and NBC's "Young Comedians Special." The 57-year-old Knoxville, Tennessee, native also is known for the Comedy Central special "What's That Clickin' Noise," inspired from a time he drove his truck with a buddy and put on the turn signal. A limited number of in-person tickets available for \$25 on a first come, first served basis at the Shoals Theatre box office at 123 North Seminary Street in Florence and via phone at 256-764-1700. No online tickets are available for this event. All Covid-19 protocols will be followed including temperature checks, masks, and social distancing. Hand sanitizer will be available on site for ticket holders.

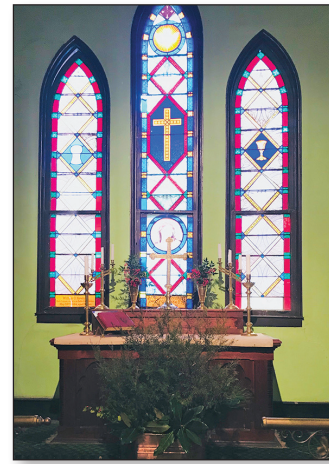
All Saints Day Memorial Service

TUSCUMBIA–The annual memorial service at St. John's Episcopal Church in Tuscumbia will be held on Sunday, November 1 at 3pm. The public is invited to attend this All Saint's Day worship service conducted by the Rev. Danielle Thompson, rector of Grace Episcopal Church in Sheffield. A timely prayer vigil for the nation will be included with non-

political prayers taken from the Book of Common Prayer. Instrumental music will be provided by Christa Belue-Byrd.

The historic church is located at 300 N. Dickson St. (corner of Dickson and Third Streets). Social distancing and masking will be observed and a live stream will be carried

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YOUR Letters

95% Right-Wing Rag

Tom,

Having read the Courier Journal for several years now, I'm taking the liberty of making some bold recommendations that you might want to follow.

Today's edition just leads me to think that it's well past time that you consider changing the name of the 'C-J' to 'The 95% Right-Wing Slop Rag'.

If that doesn't resonate with you, then you might consider, 'The 95% Right-Wing Fish Wrapper'.

If those don't sound catchy enough, how about this one, which despite your previous protestations that you don't agree with a lot of what the current President says, your published words speak differently. My ultimate recommendation is 'The 95% Echo Chamber of

Donald J. Trump Toilet Paper Rag'.

Feel free to print this in the 'C-J' (or 'TNFPECODJTTPR') if you like.

Kerry Shapiro
Florence

Give Them 10 Years

Editor,

Pres. Trump, If you put an EXTREMELY high fine and punishment for violent rioters, arsonists, property destroyers, and those who hurt innocent people... those things might not happen after

Healthy debates and differing opinions aren't wrong. However, it is time to rise above the heated discourse...



the election results. (It worked when you authorized a minimum of 10 years in prison for destroying statues.)

Paul Sabatino
Florence

Need a Living Wage

Editor:

I'd like to respond to Mr. Taylor's October 21 reply to my previous letter.

First, I am an Alabamian by birth. I love my state but am not blind to its' shortcomings. So many of my fellow citizens have a persecution complex and a pugilistic response when confronted with information and facts they don't want to hear or believe. It isn't "Alabama-love it or leave it." How about, "Alabama - Love it and make

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it better?"
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He also misread my comments on living wages in Alabama. A living wage is enough to provide shelter, food, clothing and hopefully medical care. In Alabama, a single person needs a minimum of \$11.24 an hour. So, the person who has the \$9.00 an hour Mickey D.'s job still needs another \$130.00 a week to provide for himself. I'm sure there is no need to remind anyone that fast food jobs rarely are full time. FYI-a minimum wage of \$27.65 an hour is needed to provide for a family of five.

Alabamians need to wake up! Trump has done nothing for our state. He comes here when he needs his ego stroked because we follow him like the Pied Piper playing our song of Rights, Religion and Racism.

Here is a clear picture of what Alabama will get by pulling the big 'R' lever... NOTHING. Biden is winning and Alabama will have a junior senator with no influence, no knowledge

of government, no communication skills, no finesse. Just what part of his 'skill set' translates to senate leader?

Tuberville, a Floridian by way of Arkansas, moved to Alabama less than two years ago. His post coaching history shows a sketchy charity and a Ponzi scheme/hedge fund that cheated Alabamians out of their retirement income. His campaign is financed by companies who use our state as their personal garbage can. They pollute our land, water and air. They want low or no taxes on their businesses or land holdings.

We deserve a Senator who is willing to cross party lines to help our state; not a puppet for special interests.

As for the rest of Mr. Taylor's diatribe—which has nothing to do with my request that Republicans split their vote—it's the same old lies and half truths delivered by Fox News that are easily disproved with a little research.

We deserve a Senator who understands our problems and is working to improve our standards of living and job prospects.

Vote for Doug Jones.

Diana Tidwell
Sheffield

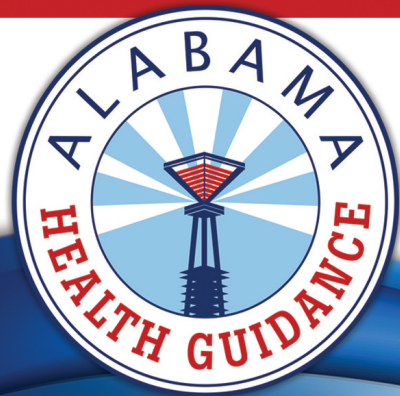
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Editor:

When I took a political science course many years ago, the professor

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Jim Fisher

The first step is to determine if you are getting what you are paying for and, for that, we need to do a speed test. To get an accurate reading, you

BAD WORDS

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need to perform this test on a computer that is connected directly to your provider's modem using an ethernet cable. Using WiFi can sometimes give an accurate reading but we will cover that later. So, with your computer connected directly to your modem with a cable, go to www.Speedtest.net and click the obvious button. It will give you your download and upload speeds. Those speeds ought to come close to what your invoice says you are paying for. For example, 16 Mbps download

speed is fairly typical (for our purposes, we aren't concerned with the "upload" speed that is listed). If you are paying good money for 30Mbps or more, you are (generally speaking) wasting money. Most families will be perfectly fine with no more than 16Mbps. If your download speed is far lower than what you are paying for, then that's most of the information you need to call your provider and scream at them. Once you've determined how fast you can download over a wired connection, do the same

test using any of your wireless devices such as a notebook, tablet or phone. Your speeds ought to be pretty close to what you got over the wired connection. If they are way slower--as was the case with my friend--then it is probably time to upgrade your wireless router. You get what you pay for with wireless routers. The ones that are provided by your internet provider are generally acceptable for most people. But if you do a lot of video streaming, and especially play advanced games against internet opponents, then cheap routers just won't do. You'll need to purchase a router with 3 antennas and plan to spend upwards of \$170 to get a router that meets the demands of data hogs. Cheap routers also don't have the range capabilities of the more expensive routers. So

if you get acceptable speeds in one part of your home, and say bad words when you're at the other end of your house, again, a nice router stands a good chance of reducing your utterances. My friend eventually convinced AT&T to provide her with a new modem. She also got them to increase the speed for the same price she had been paying for a slower speed. So it's worth the call.

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I couldn't help but think about all the times that I had squirted out twice as much as I had needed, only to wash it down the drain. If I had been a little more mindful a few times before I wouldn't be searching in my travel bag for the little travel size I reserved for trips. Oh wait, I used that all up the last time this happened.

Do you see where this is headed? It is all about wasted potential. The old adage that wraps it all up goes like this, "You never miss the water 'til the well runs dry". How true and how sad. This habit of not appreciating what we have is deeper than a can of shaving crème. Every facet of our lives is blessed or cursed by realizing that what is in our hands or before are eyes, right this very minute, should be cherished and nurtured. Most of us have lived long enough to know the heart tugging desire to hear a long gone loved one's voice. All of us have looked back on our lives and wished that we had known then what we

now know. Indeed the "present" is a gift from God to be used with all the heart we can muster.

I know the urgent sometimes drowns out the important but stand still and watch who passes you. Reach out and take their hand. Talk with them. Share some time. Think about how much you would miss that time if you could never have it again. Every little lesson in life - and empty can of shaving crème, a rolled up toothpaste tube that you are working hard to get one last pearl of paste from - they shout to us to stop wasting our lives by not noticing the most important parts of life.

Don't let squandered potential and lost opportunity be your legacy. Heaven forbid that your life would be an empty can. Cherish life and remember that it is the people around you that make life worthwhile. Go be a blessing



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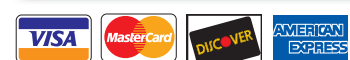
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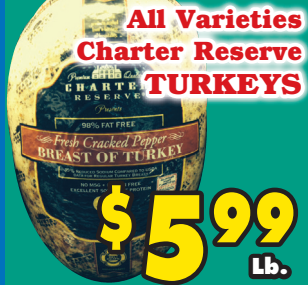
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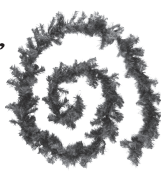


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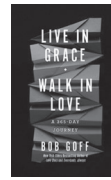
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said the main thing you should do when you vote is to support the political party that most closely represents your views.

People who say they base their support on the person are usually the least informed.

Barry Lee
Rogersville

What Does the Future Hold?

Editor,

Is it COMMUNISM OR FREEDOM? When we vote in November will determine the future of the Supreme Court, Constitution, whether or not we have borders, keep our guns, and continue the great economic comeback created by President Trump's policies, and many other issues. If Biden wins, communism will run the show. China has wanted the U.S.A. for years. They will own all factories, your homes, your property, money, your soul. They will take our guns first. About 75 years ago I read if communism ever takes the U.S.A. the streets will run RED with blood.

The Democrats plan is free health care, free

college tuition for all, unrestricted immigration, allow inmates to vote, and abolish the Electoral College. Our taxes will have to double or triple. That is just the beginning.

Faith and Freedom Coalition survey recent poll shows that 70% of today's Democrat voters favor socialism, and many in our government openly support socialism. A lot of people say Communist is hiding behind the Democrats name. Over the last 75 years I have known a lot of Democrats, and they didn't want to destroy this great country.

The left has made it clear they will lie, cheat, steal, and do anything to win.

I have read the communists put four families in one house sometimes. The communists have police power and they say they really enforce it. They will shoot you for almost anything.

Mr. Trump wants to keep the capital gains tax rate at 20% and possibly lower. Joe Biden proposes the capital gains tax to 39.6%, a fast track to crash the stock market. Who knows that may be the plan.

It appears the communists have taken over most of the TV stations and newspapers. More and more, it is becoming fake news. Its plan, communist news here in the U.S.A. Why on earth are we not calling a spade a spade? We don't even call homosexuals by their real name anymore. These people often prey on under age males probably destroying thousand of young boys' lives through molestation.

The issues are black and white. There is very little gray.

If you want to save the

U.S.A., vote Republican. If you want it run by the socialists or communists, vote Joe Biden. And may the Lord help you.

Cecil Howard
Leighton

Civility Before, During, After

Editor:

Discussion and debate has always been a part of rural America.

From coffee shops to the local co-op, rural residents aren't afraid to show their loyalty for one candidate or another, share their thoughts on the issues of the day, and voice their distrust of the government. Sometimes opinions can spur

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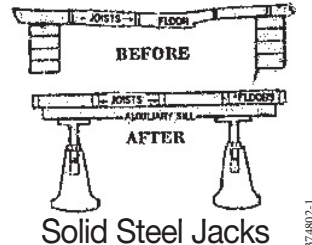
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Medical malpractice is a breach of the medical standard of care that results in harm. Medical malpractice can't generally be proven without an expert opinion. Courts require expert opinions in most injury cases and in medical malpractice cases especially.

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However, injuries such as herniated discs or injured joints require a doctor's testimony to confirm, to a reasonable degree of medical certainty that the injuries happened as a result of the accident. This same requirement holds true in medical malpractice cases, but in a different way.

People don't know and the courts don't know what the rules are that doctors are supposed to follow. Obviously, if a doctor was supposed to operate on the right shoulder and operated on the left you probably wouldn't need an expert. Otherwise, in every other case you have to have an expert state what the rule is, how that rule was broken and what the harm is.

Alabama is extremely strict with its own rules in the Alabama Medical Liability Act (AMLA). That set of rules governs how cases are handled in our state. The most common requirement that people run afoul of, is that the "expert" doctor who testifies about what rule was broken has to be exactly the same kind of doctor with exactly the same kind of qualifications as the doctor who is alleged to have committed malpractice.

It used to be fairly common for lawyers to go to different states and find retired doctors to render opinions that would bring the case to trial. That is certainly not true anymore. And in fact, the failure of an expert witness to testify that they were board certified in the same specialty during their testimony was enough to cause the Alabama Supreme Court to reverse a jury verdict in favor of the injured person even though the doctor was so qualified. Medical malpractice cases are complicated and not easy to win for a variety of reasons. Doctors are rightfully perceived as professionals trying to help others and that makes those cases difficult. If you want an idea about a medical malpractice case, watch The Verdict with Paul Newman.

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The release featured Marlin Greene (guitar), Spooner Oldham (Farfisa organ), Albert "Junior" Lowe (bass), Roger Hawkins (drums), Jack Peck (trumpet), Bill Coffield (tenor sax), and Don Pollard (alto sax). Greene and Ivy produced the cut.

At the request of Roger Hawkins, Ivy played the recording for Rick Hall, owner of FAME Studios. Hall felt it had hit potential and contacted Atlantic Records executive Jerry Wexler, who released it. The song hit number one on the Billboard Hot 100 chart and was Atlantic's first certified gold record. Rolling Stone magazine ranks it number 54 among the best songs of all time.

Percy Sledge was inducted into The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 2005. Spooner Oldham followed in 2009. Donna Jean Thatcher Godchaux, who sang backup on the hit, was inducted in 1994 with husband Keith Godchaux and other members of the Grateful Dead.

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Lately, this seems to have changed. The divisive politics of Washington has made its way to our Main Streets. This mentality has damaged relationships, harmed businesses, and affected our children.

While technological advances have brought the world together in ways our forefathers never imagined, those same changes have also torn us apart. Showing support for a candidate or issue on social media is often met with personal attacks. This will only accelerate as the Nov. 3 general election draws near.

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Healthy debates and differing opinions aren't wrong. However, it is time to rise above the heated discourse. This is our chance to show the rest of America how to set aside differences and work together toward a strong and vibrant community.

Johnathan Hladik
Policy Director-
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Uninformed or Misinformed?

Editor:

Daily the Associated Press and our local daily informs us with Covid-19 fear articles: "Cases rising: more patients critical" *Times Daily* 10/11/20; "Daily Shortages, US medical supply chains failed..." Associated Press 10/11/20.

Yet, the *New York Times* reports 8/29/20 "nearly 6 million diagnosed in the US were not contagious."

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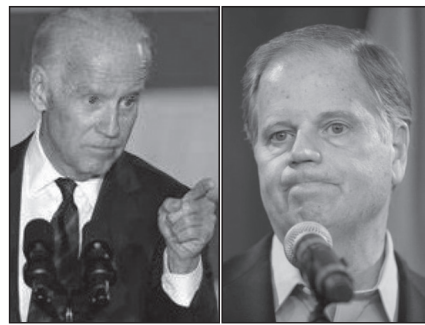
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DAYS OF OUR LIVES Kate ran into Clyde and realized he kidnapped Henry. Marlena delivered Evan to Orpheus. Kayla was horrified by Rolf's demands. Chad grew suspicious of Gwen. Kate reunited Allie with Henry. Jennifer and Jack found a stunning letter from Hope. Doug and Julie mourned Ciara. *Wait to See: Claire seeks out Ben on the day of Ciara's memorial. Back from court, Kristen reveals her fate to Lani. Ben takes desperate action.*

GENERAL HOSPITAL Nina rejected Valentin. Carly confided in Jax. Nikolas tempted Ava. Sasha made a new friend. Chase apologized to Brook Lynn. Franco made a curious move. Epiphany opened up to Liz about her breakup with Milo. Maxie celebrated her birthday. Spinelli looked to Sonny for advice. Julian entertained an offer.

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Over the next few weeks we will begin to look at the six things to consider when choosing a Medicare Advantage Plan. Those six things are premium, copays, coinsurance, deductibles, provider networks and the drug formulary of the plan. We will also discuss the difference between your plan options such as a HMO and a PPO. In the meantime if you have any questions about Medicare Advantage Plans you can contact our office.

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Letters...

Uninformed or Misinformed?

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thus do we really be fed more twisted fear news daily?

More misinformation, local headline on Sunday 10/11/20: "Bonds would be used to pay for new City Hall, Parking decks." Should not the article be more specific as to really who is paying for new city structure? They do mention at a point that bonds are "funding" the structure, but our taxes are paying!

Why is there non-information or commentary about Obamagate, the release of documents, emails, etc. indicating the FBI, the Democrats, falsified testimony to spy on the Trump candidacy, then administration? The Associated Press and the local product are silent! A wise man once said, "if you don't read the newspaper you are uninformed. If you read the newspaper, you are misinformed." That is so true of what is in print locally.

John Lee
 Florence

Don't Vote for the Lap Dog

Editor:

I had to chuckle after reading Diane Tidwell's "Tommy's Platitudes" letter in the October 14 issue. You believe

Tommy has nothing but platitudes; maybe so. I'm sure they will change after assimilating with congress anyway. Isn't that what candidates do, promise the world and send you the bill?

If you believe Doug Jones works for solutions, I disagree. All of Doug Jones's ideas are predicated by Pelosi and Schumer. He votes as told, plain and simple. Any positive position for the nation on a bill he voted for is either because the bill is a shoe-in or doesn't have a chance. His promises, in essence, are also platitudes because he is a yes man.

If you believe, flag burning, religious freedom, and gun rights are a non-issue because they are covered by laws, then maybe you should tell that to the democrats. Their position is to get rid of all three - isn't it covered by laws?

If you also believe democrats work for the residents, look at Nancy Pelosi's and Maxine Waters' mansions outside the rioting and slums of their represented areas. Dougy is a lap dog, don't be so naive.

Lastly, let me ask if you voted for Hillary for president? She moved to New York just before running for the senate. Did that "show loyalty?"

Cut the crap and vote for defeating the deep state. Your chances of having a representative government are far better.

Bob Seaman
 Killen

Kamala Will Be a Disaster

Editor:

With all the attention on the large-scale corruption by the Biden family, Kamala Harris' background has received a free pass.

One thing that the media (and Google) has hidden from the public is that Harris' husband, Douglas Emhoff, is a lawyer with DLA Piper, a multinational law firm that employs former Chinese Communist Party (CCP) officials and whose clients are several companies owned by the CCP. The firm's client list reads like a who's-who in China.

Additionally, Harris' husband has served as a partner in the firm's Intellectual Property and Technology practice and its Media, Sport, and Entertainment sector since 2017. One can readily see why Biden picked Harris with her ties to lawyers linked to China and Biden's legal problems with China. As a bonus, Biden gets someone connected to the entertainment industry and California politics—including Pelosi's hometown.

To assist in its China-focused consulting, DLA Piper has "China Desks" in both the United States and Europe. This raises questions about whether China's closeness to Emhoff's business could be exploited by the communist nation to gain leverage in the White House should Biden/Harris win in November. See lots more at www.thenewamerican.com. Search "Kamala Harris husband."

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Commentary

Media...

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with Trump more readily on inner cities initiatives.

Trump initiated private investments of at least \$40 billion so far in opportunity zones, more job training, historically black colleges and universities, and upgraded housing. That new program should be something that the Dems champion, but not a whimper. They don't like upward mobility - of any color.

Since they can't touch President Trump on foreign policy achievements or the robust direction of the economy compared with every other industrialized nations, they attribute him

with Covid-19 failures. Yet, the initial medical expert estimation that 2-3 million Americans would die did not happen. Trump should be getting some credit, like any democrat president would.

It's typical and even expected, but the vilification of Trump at every step combined with perceived elevation of Joe Biden to sainthood eliminates any semblance of objectivity.

Overwhelming evidence that Joe Biden was tied in with son Hunter's illegal business activity is being ignored and labeled by taxpayer-supported NPR as "a waste of time and a pure distraction."

Others reference it as an unverified report about Rudy Giuliani's possible connection to a Russian disinformation effort aimed at influencing the

US election. Glossing over by referencing Giuliani?

The list gets more damning by the day... emails, texts, names, dates, Hunter's signature for the laptop, photos, videos of illicit crack use. There are numerous avenues that the media could tie back to Joe - if they were interested in unbiased journalism.

Facebook and Twitter censorship posts surrounding Hunter emails corresponding with Ukrainian advisors in the *New York Post* is pre-election manipulation.

If they wanted Biden portrayed honestly, they would have to concede that he has been lying and eluding all his life. Biden cheated in law school, lied about his IQ, lied about scholarships and his academic status, Then came the plagiarized speeches and the rest of his



professional life.

Racism? We have Biden's blatantly bigoted public comments and active association with noted segregationists in the 70's 80's and 90's. He was the democrats' champion against busing legislation. His comments to the full senate in 1977 show a mindset - "Unless we do something about

this, my children are going to grow up in a jungle, the jungle being a racial jungle with tensions having built so high that it is going to explode at some point. We have got to make some move on this."

This attitude is systemic in nature. It's obvious that he regards minorities a notch below himself.

Sure, we can and should

excuse Biden's assorted insensitive comments over the past year since he is often confused now. He really is doing an amazing job of navigating it.

The problem is that he's also a puppet propped up and prayed over. They are hoping in desperation that he can make it another week. Get to the vote, get him in, and then what happens, happens.

That would open the doors for Kamala Harris. Yes, Kamala, who could only capture 5% of her own party's vote in the primary season, who as DA in San Francisco and Attorney General in CA, sided with the Catholic church over child sexual abuse victims, who was a champion of incarcerating young black males for drug possession cases, and boasted about

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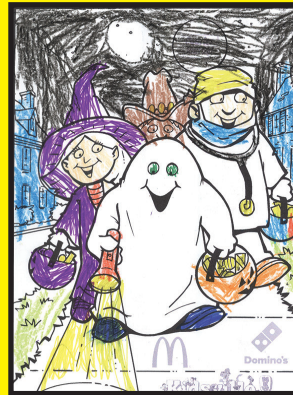
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2 Timothy 3:1 "This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come." They are here. Necessity is the mother of invention. The search is on for the one with the ability to pacify all the masses. Our world is perverted and has made heroes of evil beings and evil of our past heroes with the hope of changing and rewriting our history. Some are wanting their way even if our world is destroyed. Anarchism precedes a totalitarian society. One individual is sought after with the religious and political savvy to bring together the entire unregenerate world. Anything that stands in the way of God fulfilling his word, (i.e. the saved church) will promptly be removed. Merciful crowd control is currently one of the greatest challenges. Tolerance is the devil's main sermon topic. Common sense and common decency are never the media's headlines. Ignorance can be fixed, but stupidity is permanent. It is almost impossible to undo a perverted indoctrination of anyone. Only Christ can do that.

We have a small chance of some divine reprieve, but how long will it last? The Holy Bible, KJV and its prophecies will come to pass. God cannot lie or fail. **Numbers 23:19** "God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?" **TO THE SAVED: 2 Timothy 1:9** "Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began," **TO THE LOST: Titus 1:2** "In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began;" Listen, this world is nothing but heartache and trouble. If you are not saved and have eternal life, you better get things fixed up between you and the LORD because time to get ready to meet Christ is running out. Even God's patience and longsuffering ends. Ask Christ to save you today.

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Letters...

Kamala Will Be a Disaster

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Her rise to political power started with her first date with Willie Brown, who remained married throughout their very open affair. Brown's tenure as Mayor of San Francisco was known for its widespread corruption and cronyism and the subject of FBI investigations. Eventually Brown helped Harris become San Francisco District Attorney. As DA, she quickly established her own record of corruption and cronyism. Basically, anyone that was connected to Willie Brown—which was mostly anyone in California politics—Harris gave a free pass.

During her 15-year tenure as DA, Harris failed "...to prosecute a single case of priest abuse and her office would strangely hide vital records on abuses...."

During her seven years as San Francisco DA and six-years as California Attorney General, in spite of the evidence, she "... never brought a single documented case forward against an abusive priest."

In 2015 the attorney generals from fourteen other states asked California to join in an investigation involving false advertising and mislabeling by nutrition companies. Prosecutors from her own office in San Diego pleaded with Harris to investigate Herbalife. Although Harris' office received over 700 complaints about Herbalife, "Harris declined to investigate or provide the resources—and never offered a reason." All of the nutrition companies under investigation by other states and the Federal Trade Commission were clients of Emhoff's law firm.

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Florence

Commentary

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her conviction rates. Between herself and her husband, she has a long list of ethical concerns. All we really need to know is that over 400 items were scrubbed from her Wikipedia page a month before her appointment to the democrat's ticket. But no media references or questions about all that...

And all this about Trump dividing America...

Did democrats in the house and senate not boycott Trump's inauguration at a rate of 100%?

The *Washington Post* announced the impeachment campaign on the day of his inauguration.

How divisive was Nancy Pelosi's tantrum of ripping up her copy of Trump's State of the Union speech?

Three years of knowingly-false claims and \$30 million from taxpayers to chase concocted Russian collusion claims, ALL because they could not live with Trump winning in 2016.

During which of those events was Trump dividing America?

The president has as many faults as the rest of us, if not more. However, he has fulfilled many campaign promises in spite of constant obstruction.

President Trump brought back the mindset of American policy working for Americans first.

In spite of everything he has dealt with, middle class household income is up an average of over \$4,000 annually in his four years.

That figure was just over \$1,000 for Obama/Biden in eight years.

What has Joe Biden actually done for America in the half century of soaking up taxpayer checks?

What did he ever do for minorities in the eight years he and Obama were in office?

When has he ever helped create a private-sector job?

Trump's personality, decorum, and off-the-cuff comments leave a lot to be desired. However, decorum by politicians on both sides has left Americans holding everyone else's bag in recent decades.

Just think. Virtually ALL of America's uber-rich, the billionaires, want Biden to win in November. That is because they have contributed heavily to his campaign, just like they contributed heavily to Hillary's. And they expect a return - at OUR expense. Trump owes them NOTHING except a navigable economic playing field - just like he owes the rest of us.

Is the media covering that in any form? Or covering it up?

Regardless of how this or any other election turns out, it is important to understand how the national media can report, misrepresent, or ignore anything in any manner they choose. Depending on them for accuracy and honesty through noble intentions is our mistake.



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Dear Dave, I've been trying to get my sister and her husband on your plan, but they're hesitant to try living on a budget. They make good money, and both of them think doing a budget every

month would be too difficult and take too much time. Do you have any suggestions I could pass along that might make them realize that making a budget isn't so hard or time consuming?
Kelsey

Dear Kelsey, Believe me, I hear those excuses all the time. In most cases, the people who say these kinds of things don't really understand what a budget is or how to efficiently put one together. If you've followed my advice, you learned firsthand that budgeting isn't scary once you get the hang of it. Household budgets don't need to be about hours of tedious math and complicated formulas. Like most things in life, simple is usually best.

A good way to simplify budgeting, especially for couples, is by making it a team effort. It's important to make sure your spouse is on board, and knows what's up with the budget, because you're just asking for problems when one spouse is doing all the planning and the other is doing all the spending.

Sit down together for a few minutes, once a month, and have a budget meeting where you look at your income, your outgo, and you both give every dollar a name and a job to do. It's really that simple. Share your ideas, your hopes, and your dreams for the future, as well as the fears you have. The important thing is that you're both in agreement and working together. That alone will make your lives, your budget, and your money easier to handle.

Also, make sure you have cut up all your credit cards and closed the accounts. No more credit cards means fewer bills to add to the budget, fewer complications, and zero worries about fees and interest rates. Stick to using a debit card and cash. After all, they're both part of the plan!

Making a schedule for budget meetings and bill payments is a good idea,

too. You can even make your budget meetings a fun time by including your favorite snacks. Set up auto drafts out of your checking account to pay bills, and buy your groceries on a set day every week or twice a month. When you know what to expect and when, it takes a lot of stress and potential pitfalls out of the budgeting picture.

There's always some work and discipline that goes along with gaining control of your money. But a budget doesn't need to be torture. A little planning, communication, and some basic math will go a long way—and it won't be nearly as time consuming, or as difficult, as you think!

**Dave Ramsey is a seven-time #1 national best-selling author, personal finance expert, and host of The Dave Ramsey Show, heard by more than 16 million listeners each week. He has appeared on Good Morning America, CBS This Morning, Today Show, Fox News, CNN, Fox Business, and many more. Since 1992, Dave has helped people regain control of their money, build wealth and enhance their lives. He also serves as CEO for Ramsey Solutions.*

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Bring the photo and information to the library's circulation desk, or email the information and photo to events@fpl.org. The deadline for submissions is 5pm October 30.

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