

**Cover Faces Thru Dec. 11**

MONTGOMERY – Governor **Kay Ivey** last week issued her 19th supplemental emergency proclamation containing an amended Safer at Home Order that includes a statewide mask requirement. Individuals will be required to continue wearing a mask or other facial covering when in public and in close contact with other people until 5pm, Friday, December 11. Some capacity limits for public venues were also eased.

**5K Grant for Nature Areas**

PHIL CAMPBELL -- Northwest-Shoals Community College received a \$5,000 donation from the Alabama Power Foundation Thursday afternoon (11/5) to revitalize the nature trail and provide an outdoor classroom on the Phil Campbell campus. "These funds will help us enhance the beauty of the Phil Campbell campus and especially the nature trail and outdoor classroom." The nature trail was once home to an observatory and an amphitheater/outdoor classroom, used for collegiate

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PHIL CAMPBELL. -- Northwest-Shoals Community College's (NW-SCC) Music Department will hold a Falling into Winter concert on Monday, November 16 and Thursday, November 19 at 7pm in the Beville Center on the

NW-SCC Phil Campbell Campus.

The concert will feature the NW-SCC Show Choir, Vocal Point, directed by Jonathon Romero.

Choreography of the show choir will be directed by April Smith Spencer.

Admission for the concert will be \$8 and children 12 and under will be admitted free. NW-SCC employees and students will be admitted free with a valid

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Members of the NW-SCC Show Choir, Vocal Point, performs in 2019 at the Lou B. Beville Center on the NW-SCC Phil Campbell Campus. NW-SCC photo



**Why the Colors Change**

AUBURN - Crisp, cool mornings and long shadows signal that fall has truly set in. With a transition into cooler weather comes a transition with the vibrant colors of fall leaves. Often it seems as if this change happened over night. This phenomenon strikes the question, what triggers this transition to the striking shades of red, yellow, orange or even purple?



First, let's begin with the yellow leaves that people see in the fall. To understand the transition from green

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**Tenth Annual Drive Begins Friday**



SHEFFIELD-Bank Independent will host its tenth annual Toy Share Drive November 13 - December 4.

The bank will accept donations of new, unwrapped toys at any Bank Independent location and offer two "less-hands-on" ways to lend a helping hand. Toy Share can accept monetary donations through PayPal and through an Amazon shopping "Wishlist." All

items will be distributed to local children in need through partner organizations across North Alabama.

"The generosity of our friends and neighbors makes a huge impact in the lives of children in our own communities," said Macke Mauldin, President and CEO of BanIndependent, Inc. the parent company of Bank Independent. "We know this year will

look a little different from previous years as we adjust to the restrictions placed upon us all by the current pandemic. However, I'm confident that this year we'll make Christmas morning brighter for more families than ever before."

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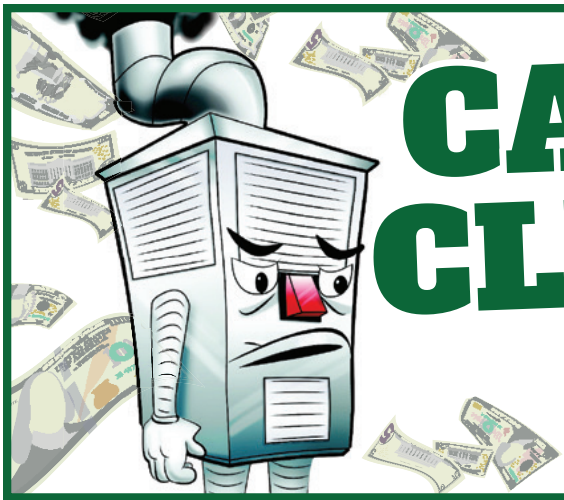
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### 5K Grant for Nature Areas

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and K-12 science instruction and community events. Unfortunately, it has suffered damage from past storms. Once the trail and amphitheater/outdoor classroom have been restored, NW-SCC looks forward to providing it as a free resource to area elementary, middle, high schools, and the community.

out the top four. Each team received at least one first-place nod in each poll. FGCU was fifth, leading UNA by five points in the coaches poll and 10 points in the media poll.

In the coaches poll, ASUN and Division I newcomer Bellarmine was eighth while Kennesaw State rounded out the predicted order of finish. The two teams reversed positions in the media poll.

### UNA Record Enrollment

FLORENCE—Enrollment at the University of North Alabama for the Fall 2020 broke previous records on campus, with nearly 8,400 students enrolled, with the largest growth coming in online graduate programs. This indicates an approximate 4% increase in enrollment from Fall 2019.

In addition to the overall enrollment growth, online graduate enrollment alone grew by 35% from 2019-2020. Additionally, approximately 77% of the freshmen who entered UNA in the Fall of 2019 opted to return to campus this fall. This indicates a record retention rate and places UNA well ahead of our peer group in the persistence of first-time, full-time students.

"Our record retention rate is a testament to the hard work and commitment of our dedicated faculty members and professional advisors," said UNA President, Dr. Ken Kitts.

The retention rate of 77% is a 2% increase from 2019. This increase is relatively rare, particularly amid a global pandemic.

### Two Named to ASUN Team

ATLANTA – The University of North Alabama men's basketball team placed two players on the ASUN Preseason All-Conference Team. Juniors **Jamari Blackmon** and **Emanuel Littles** were each selected for the honor while the UNA men were picked to finish sixth in both the ASUN coaches and media polls.

Blackmon started all 30 games as a sophomore for UNA last season. He was second on the team in scoring at 12.4 points per game and led the team in three-point shooting at 37.2%. Blackmon closed the season with consecutive 22-point performances against FGCU and Stetson.

Littles saw action in 27 games last year and 23 starts. The 6-7 forward from Lanett led the ASUN in rebounding as a sophomore with 10.3 boards per game, a total that was 18th in the nation at the Division I level.

North Alabama received 40 points in the preseason coaches poll and 146 points in the media poll.

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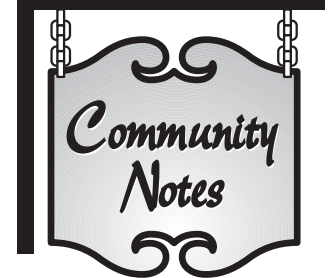
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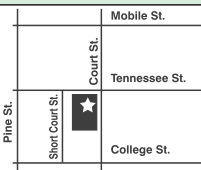
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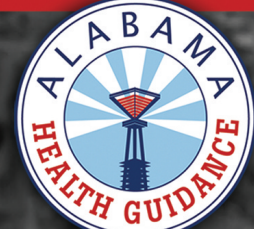

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Toy Share donation and shopping links can be found at [bibank.com/help](http://bibank.com/help). Drive-by Collection Events will take place at local Bank Independent sales offices from 8am to 5pm on the following dates and locations: November 13 in Decatur and Moulton, November 20 in Muscle Shoals, Athens and Russellville, November 27 in Florence, and on December 4 in Madison and Lexington.

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# Yellow Leaves...

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to yellow, we must first understand where the leaf began.

Mallory Kelley, an Alabama Extension home grounds regional agent, said, "Photosynthesis, the food-making process in the plant, takes place in the green chlorophyll-containing leaves," Kelley said. "As day length begins to shorten, so does the amount of sun available to the leaves. Therefore, the living plant cells in leaves do not receive enough light to create food and begin to change color."

While temperatures and daylight hours continue to decline, the chlorophyll begins to break down, allowing the yellow color to show through. This yellow color has actually been in the leaf all along. It has just been covered by the chlorophyll. Eventually, they will die and fall to the ground.

"The initial plant that tells me fall is here is the terribly invasive popcorn tree," said Kelley. "You will start to notice them along fence rows and out in pastures along the roadsides."

Even though the yellow color change can seem like a magical overnight phenomenon, it is simply a chemical process causing the breakdown of chlorophyll.

## Orange, Red, and Purple Leaves

If yellow leaves are caused from chlorophyll breaking down, then how do leaves form the striking red, orange or even purple shades? Surprisingly, these radiant colors started as yellow leaves as well, but they transition to other shades because of temperature changes.

Kelley said warm sunny days with cool night temperatures, especially below 45 degrees, will give leaves these extravagant shades.

"These day and night temperatures tend to raise the level of red coloration," said Kelley.

The cool night temperatures trap the sugars produced during the warm sunny

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## Orange Leaves...



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day inside the leaves, producing the array of fall colors. Certain tree species will only show certain colored leaves. "Sugar maples take

on a fiery orange color, hickories will only show yellow colors, while oaks are primarily reddish brown to a brown shade," she added.

### More Information

No fall leaf colors are the same. They can vary tree to tree based on factors like physical location or even genetics. Colors can even vary on the same tree. For instance, leaves that are directly exposed to the afternoon sun may turn a bright red, while leaves on the shady side of the tree may only turn yellow.

With every year comes a different array of these striking fall colors. One thing remains constant; it is a phenomenon that brings about a special joy for folks of every age to cherish.

Alabama.Travel has a list of some of the best places to see the Alabama fall leaf color. The website also has a chart that displays the peak fall color for each area of the state.

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FUND BALANCES - OCTOBER 1, 2019	
General Fund	4,316,603
Special Revenue Fund	1,453,085
Debt Service Fund	801,667
Capital Projects Fund	298,145
Fiduciary Fund	520,168
<b>Total Fund Balances</b>	<b>7,389,669</b>
REVENUES	
State Sources	18,564,885
Federal Sources	1,769,733
Local & Other Sources	13,129,191
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>33,463,809</b>
EXPENDITURES	
Instructional Services	17,555,665
Instructional Support Services	6,358,997
Operation & Maintenance	3,040,157
Auxiliary Services	2,161,307
General Administrative Services	1,592,557
Capital Outlay	454,657
Debt Services	959,359
Other Expenditures	834,999
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>32,957,699</b>
<b>Other Financing Sources</b>	<b>1,330,492</b>
<b>Excess Revenues &amp; Other Sources of Expenditures</b>	<b>1,836,602</b>
FUND BALANCES - SEPTEMBER 30, 2020	
General Fund	5,419,528
Special Revenue Fund	1,359,280
Debt Service Fund	919,145
Capital Projects Fund	1,044,391
Fiduciary Fund	483,927
<b>Total Fund Balances</b>	<b>9,226,271</b>

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**Eric Bray, MD**  
Anesthesiology

Dr. Bray graduated medical school at the University of Alabama and finished up his residency at the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston. He began his private practice in 2004 and moved here from Tennessee with his wife and five children to be closer to extended family.

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THIS WEEK

Happening THIS WEEK

Disappointing, Not Surprising

Did any of us really think the last four years and the memorable year of 2020 were a precursor for a smooth Presidential election this year? There was no definitive winner as of Friday morning, but evidence is growing of a Venezuela-style, communist

commandeering for Biden after-that-fact.

Both Biden and Trump claimed a victory early on, then both retreated. However, Biden with between 253 and 264 of the required 270 electoral votes (depending on what graphs you see) was already setting up a transition team.

Video and photo evidence of unsuspecting poll workers engaged in unusual behavior is plentiful. Democrats in charge of urban based election headquarters in numerous swing states claim to have things under control.

Many pundits predicted a blue wave would sweep over the country and Democrats would have a firm hold on the house, senate, and the White House. As each day passes and Democrat gains magically appear by the tens of thousands in all the open races, that may be a reality.

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TOM MAGAZZU Editor



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This is a free virtual event, but registration is required. Visit [www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com) and search UNA Cinematic Arts.

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To the Editor:

We must not forget what happened in Vietnam this Veterans Day.

As the years slip away for my generation, the bitter memories of the Vietnam Era continue to linger. Even advancing age and the passage of time cannot erase the void of friends who didn't make it back or fellow airmen who died or were destined to years in a POW camp.

My way of addressing my experiences is to continue my research and to share lost or misplaced tidbits of pertinent information relative to those on the Wall in hopes that a revelation may bring closure and hope to a love one:

Beallsville, Ohio, pop.475, paid the heaviest price by losing 6 of its young

men in Vietnam. West Virginia paid the greatest price for a state with 711 deaths (or 39.9/100K population). Thomas Edison High School of Philadelphia experienced the greatest number for a high school with 54 killed. There are 40 sets of brothers on the Wall who were both killed in action. January 28, 1968 recorded the single day highest number of casualties with 245 dead; this was during the Tet Offensive. I recall vividly since I was there!

There are 16 chaplains listed on the wall including two Medal of Honor recipients: Navy Lt. Vincent R. Capodanno for heroism under fire attending a Marine Rifle Company and Army Major Charles J. Litety, a



Conscientious Objector who heroically braved enemy fire to personally carry 20 wounded soldiers to safety.

Then there are the Marines of Morenci, AZ. This group was

inseparable growing up, playing sports and exploring the Arizona deserts. It just was meant to be that they enlisted in the Marine Corp as a group under the Buddy Plan-all 9 of them! They made their way to Vietnam, but only three came home!

Perhaps the most satisfying thing you could do this Veterans Day is to find a Vet, preferably a Vietnam Vet. Treat him to lunch or simply shake his hand and let him know you appreciate his service.

James W. Anderson  
Talladega

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## Florence Housing Authority 2005 Goshen Pacer Shuttle Bus Auction

**Color:** White  
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**Bid Deadline:** 2:00 p.m., Thursday, November 12, 2020  
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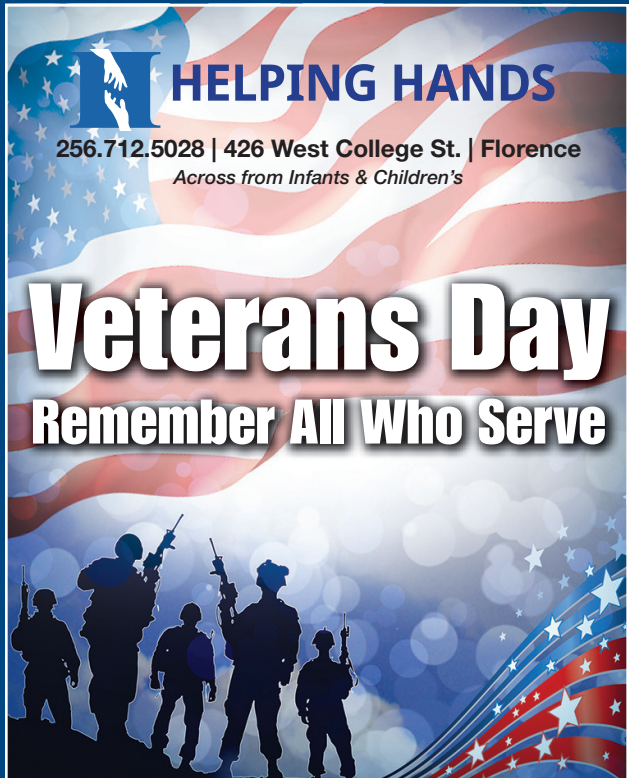
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A deductible is the amount you are required to pay for your health care services before your health insurance begins to pay. Most MA plans do not have a deductible on services as long as you receive the services from an in network provider. If you receive the services from an out of network provider you may have to meet a deductible before the plan pays or you may not have coverage at all depending on the type of plan you have.

The provider network of the plan is a list of doctors or health care facilities that have agreed to accept the plan. If you are considering a MA plan for the first time you will want to verify with your agent that any doctor or facility you may want to visit is in your plan's network. If you are already in a MA plan you will want to verify with your doctor that they will accept the plan in 2021.

A MA plan's drug formulary is a list of drugs that are covered by the plan. This will include the tiers and copays of the drugs and any deductible you may have to meet on the prescriptions you are taking. Don't overlook the formulary of the plan because MA plans do not cover every prescription drug that is manufactured.

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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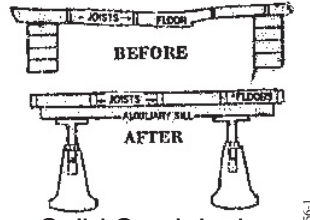
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I'm no expert in these kinds of things, but my



**Jim Fisher**

# TOO LITTLE TOO LATE

by "The Computer Skeptic"

moniker, "Computer Skeptic," was inspired by my deep appreciation for the power of being skeptical of incredulous claims and scam artists. Being a skeptic does not mean one is immune to falling for scams and fictions, it just means that I make a conscious effort to raise my eyebrow when I come across some extraordinary claim. Y'all, we are going to need all our powers of skepticism to navigate the bumpy road ahead of us. So here are some basic tips to discern the trash from the truth.

First, keep in mind that the creators of disinformation purposefully manufacture content that is designed to elicit an emotion from you. "Anger" is one of the most effective triggers. If they can raise your hackles, they have you in their claws. Remember that when you read a story about votes being suppressed or certain pandemic viruses being a hoax. Second, get your news from a wide variety of mainstream sources. Yeah, yeah, I know "liberal MSM" is a nifty catchphrase but that is nothing

new. The cries from the left and right were just as loud during Watergate and the Bay of Pigs as they are now. The difference is that we are able to choose what news agencies agree with our sensibilities. I personally listen to Fox news until they give me an aneurysm, then CNN until I throw the remote at the TV. I then allow established sources such as the TimesDaily, Wall Street Journal, The New York Times, and The Hill to give me their slants on various items. My goal is to avoid bathing my brain in everything that is agreeable. If it makes me uncomfortable or disagrees with my biases, at least I'm thinking about it.

Lastly, this is the hard one: When you repeat or accept news items as truth, is that because you want it to be true or because it is supported by the

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## Commentary...

### Election...

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In spite of an insanely-wide early voting window, highly imprecise methods of accounting for mail-in votes, and a fluid set of voting parameters in so many states designed to favor Democrat voters, Trump was in total command of important swing states at 11pm Tuesday night. He had big leads and a mounting percentage of boxes reporting. Then, all at once, vote tallying stopped. An unprecedented and as yet unexplained stall in over a half-dozen states.

A 300,000 vote lead in Michigan, 200,000 in Wisconsin, and 690,000 in Pennsylvania were the pattern, yet each lead began deteriorating overnight. The trend was progressing through Friday morning, much taking place without representatives from both parties on hand for tabulation. And it just so happens that all those outstanding ballots were from urban areas and un-tabulated mail-ins? I have to call B.S. on that.

There were instances of disallowing Republican participation in recounts... because of Covid-19 social distancing limitations. What? That is really disappointing, but unfortunately, knowing the ruthlessness of today's anti-Trump Democrats, its not surprising.

Thursday morning Georgia's secretary of state, Brad Raffensperger, said there were under 25,000 uncounted ballots remaining. Shortly after,

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and unlikely end.

This is a free virtual event, but registration is required. Register here: [https://www.eventbrite.com/e/iphigenia-and-other-daughters-by-ellen-mclaughlin-tickets-127214093779?utm\\_medium=discovery&utm\\_campaign=social&utm\\_content=attendeeshare&aff=escb&utm\\_source=cp&utm\\_term=listing](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/iphigenia-and-other-daughters-by-ellen-mclaughlin-tickets-127214093779?utm_medium=discovery&utm_campaign=social&utm_content=attendeeshare&aff=escb&utm_source=cp&utm_term=listing)

**"Beef: It's What's For Dinner"** October was Beef Month. The Lauderdale County Cattleman's Association is sponsoring a poster contest.

- Poster Contest Rules:
1. Use 1/2 sheet of large, white poster board.
  2. Turn the poster board horizontal. 14" tall x 22" wide.
  3. You must draw and color a design that is about beef, beef production, and/or beef products. You may use any materials and web sites for ideas (for ex. [www.bamabeef.org](http://www.bamabeef.org)) Do not use popular cartoon characters or copyrighted symbols. Do not glue pictures to the poster.
  4. Be creative and neat, and make it colorful.
  5. On the back of the poster, include your name, address, school, grade, and phone number.
  6. Posters will be judged in three divisions: Cloverbuds (age 5-8), Juniors (age 9-13), Seniors (age 14-19...)
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**Leaf Collection Started Monday, November 2** in Florence. You can find Guidelines for Residential Leaf Collection on the city website at [http://florenceal.org/.../stre./leaf\\_collection/index.php](http://florenceal.org/.../stre./leaf_collection/index.php).

- Leaf Collection Guidelines for Residents:
1. Leaves should be raked curbside, but NOT in street or gutter.
  2. Keep leaf piles away from obstacles like cars, trees, fences and mailboxes.
  3. Don't cover your WATER METER.
  4. Limbs, pinecones, sticks and rocks DAMAGE EQUIPMENT and slow the collection process.
  5. BAGGED LEAVES will be picked up weekly with curbside trash.

**"Samantha on the Woman Question"** by Marietta Holley will be discussed at the 10am meeting of the Readers of the Lost Ark Book Club on November 18. The book was published in 1913 and the author was often compared to Mark Twain. The club meets at Helen Keller Public Library, 511 Main Street Tusculmbia (Use the side door.) For more information, contact [nancy537481@yahoo.com](mailto:nancy537481@yahoo.com) OR see our Group on Facebook.

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Commentary...

Not Surprising...

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his office claimed there were over 60,000 left to count.

There were 3.7 million registered voters in Wisconsin on November 2. As of this writing, Wisconsin has recorded over 3.2 million votes, a voter turnout of 88%. According to *Ballotpedia*, no American state since 2002 has achieved a turnout rate as high as 80%. Wisconsin had a 67% turnout rate in 2016. It's safe to say 88% is a statistical impossibility.

Again, disappointing, but not surprising.

Don't be mistaken. ALL legal votes from living registered voters should be counted. It's the legal ones marked R that got lost or didn't get counted and the ones that are not legal, not on time, and not unique that we should be concerned about.

There was also a lot of bogus information out there clouding the issue. Sharpies disqualifying votes in Arizona, all the states left uncounted election night were headed by Democrat governors, and so on. Rumors were rampant. Not all alleged voting irregularities will prove true, but not all will prove to be false. There were already too many unexplained postal embarrassments leading up to election day.



What about this poll worker that I saw on a major network counting votes

wearing a BLM mask? What incompetent election official considers that neutral?

Michigan has all sorts of questions. One Michigan county went 62% for Trump in 2016, but 62.5% for Biden in 2020? There were also suspicious irregularities in the vote total from other counties in that state.

More than one federal employee has alleged that election officials have asked USPS workers to back-date mailed ballots.

I don't blame President Trump for filing lawsuits and demanding some recounts, pompous attitude or not. Just look at the way everything has transpired now and over the last four years. There are far too many irregularities in this election. It has been a circus on par with what would transpire in a developing third-world country.

Disappointed, but NOT surprised.

This mail-in clown show with junior-high precision has to be overhauled before the next election. Drive-thru and day-of voter registration has to be nixed. We need to vote standard absentee/hardship or get off our collective butts and go to the polls with a photo ID, period. And one of the most advanced societies in the world should not still be counting votes four or five days after an election.

However, let's face it. The President had all the support that he could have asked for. In spite of everything, he was a shoe in for reelection through February. Even with Covid-19 and the senseless death of George Floyd in the Democrat bastion of Minneapolis that started a wave of discontent against him, Trump was afforded every opportunity to win this election hands-down. He had shown a significant top-down economic impact to gain support from many in the Black community, many in the Latino community, much of the labor force, and many in education - had he just kept his mouth shut, and acted presidential for eight months. He couldn't even be gracious in accepting all of Biden's pre-election gaffes. Trump had to take personal shots. They were sometimes cute - for you and me - but they

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Dear Savvy Senior,  
What tips can you recommend for finding affordable prescription eyeglasses? I used to have vision insurance through my work but lost it when I turned 65 and signed up for Medicare.

Need Spectacles

Dear Need,  
Unfortunately, in 2020 it's still true that original Medicare does not cover vision services, which includes routine eye exams and prescription eyeglasses – unless you've just had cataract surgery. While there's no one solution to this common need, here are a few tips that can help you save.

### Medicare Advantage

While original Medicare doesn't cover vision services, there are Medicare Advantage plans that do. Medicare Advantage plans, which are sold through private insurance companies, cover all the same medical and hospital services that original Medicare does, but many of them also provide vision as well as dental, hearing and prescription drugs too.

To locate Advantage plans in your area that provide vision coverage, go to [Medicare.gov/plan-compare](http://Medicare.gov/plan-compare) or call 800-633-4227. But before enrolling in a plan, check the benefit details to ensure the plan's vision coverage includes routine eye exams, eyeglass frames and lenses.

If you are currently enrolled in original Medicare you can switch to a Medicare Advantage plan each year during the open enrollment period, which is between Oct. 15 and Dec. 7. Or, if you already have an Advantage plan that doesn't provide adequate vision coverage, you can swap to another plan between Jan. 1 and March 31.

If, however, you don't want to change your Medicare plan, you can still get coverage by purchasing a vision insurance policy – see [eHealthInsurance.com](http://eHealthInsurance.com). Vision policies typically start at around \$11 to \$13 per month for an individual, but before signing up make sure your savings potential is worth the cost of the monthly premiums and required copays.

### Discount Stores

Purchasing eyeglasses from discount retailers is another way to save. Costco Optical is one of the best discount stores for good eyewear and low prices. Eyeglasses cost an average of around \$184, but to shop there you have to pay a \$60 annual membership fee. Some other good retail options for low prices include Sam's Club Optical and Walmart Vision Centers.

You also need to find out if you are eligible for any discounts. Some retailers provide discounts to membership groups like AARP and AAA. AARP members, for example, can get 30 percent off a pair of glasses (frames and lenses) at LensCrafters and [Glasses.com](http://Glasses.com), and you save an additional \$10 on a complete pair at Target Optical. AARP also offers \$55 comprehensive eye exams (dilation included) at participating eye doctors. See [AARPVisionDiscounts.com](http://AARPVisionDiscounts.com) for more information.

### Buy Online

Buying eyeglasses online can also offer huge savings. Stores like [ZenniOptical.com](http://ZenniOptical.com), and [EyeBuyDirect.com](http://EyeBuyDirect.com) sell prescription eyeglasses for as little as \$6 and \$7. These sites let you upload a photo of your face, so you can see what you'd look like in different frames.

Or, for a snappier choice of frames see [WarbyParker.com](http://WarbyParker.com), which offers single-vision glasses starting at \$95. They even offer a free program where you can request up to five pairs to try on at home for five days.

To purchase glasses online, you'll need a valid prescription from an eye doctor (typically no more than a year old), plus your pupillary distance number, which is the distance, measured in millimeters, between the centers of your pupils in each eye.

### Low-Income Assistance

If your income is low, depending on where you live, there may be some local clinics that provide free or discounted eye exams and eyeglasses. Put in a call to your local Lions Club to see what's available in your area. See [Directory.LionsClubs.org](http://Directory.LionsClubs.org) for contact information.

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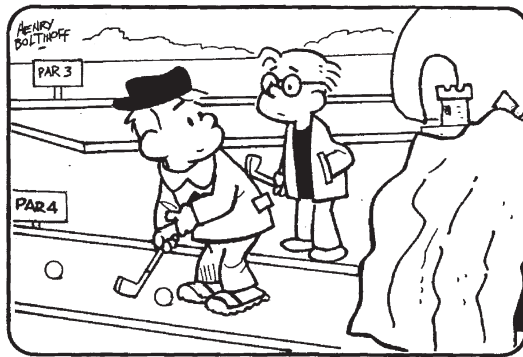
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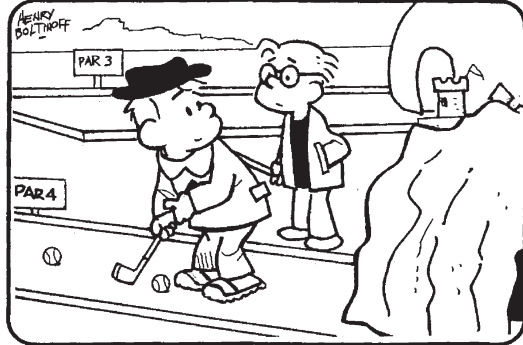
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Find at least six differences in details between panels.



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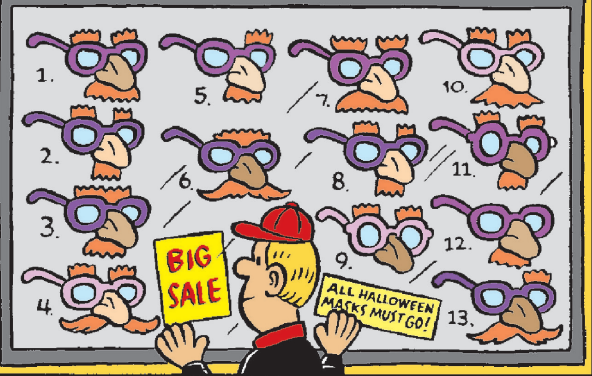
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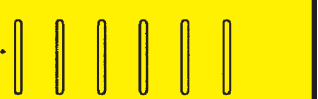
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See answer for the trick.

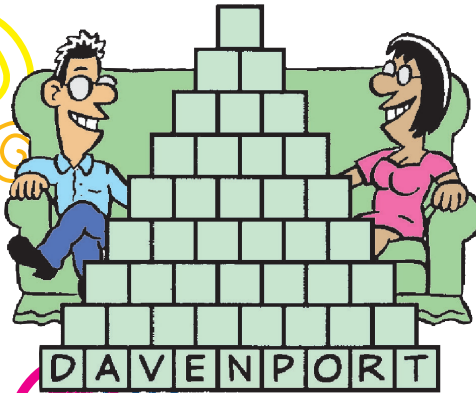


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# Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend

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The Pyramid of Word Power!

Starting with the word DAVENPORT at the bottom of our word pyramid, try dropping one letter at a time as you work your way up, so that the remaining letters at each level spell out a new word. To make the challenge harder, the following helpful hints are NOT in order:

- Used to propel.
- To release from penalty.
- A horse coloring.
- Turned hand palm down.
- A vowel.
- Old name for a sofa.
- To decorate.
- Indicates an alternative.
- Dressed for cooking.

FIND THE SEVEN WORDS PUZZLE! In the Word Square at the right, we've removed six of the letters to spell out the word "TANDEM." See if you can replace these letters in the square so that you will have four 3-letter words across and three 4-letter words down.

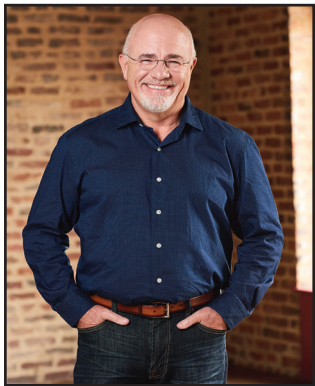
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# DAVE Says

by DAVE RAMSEY

## REFINANCE IN BABY STEP 2?



Dear Dave,  
My husband and I are on Baby Step 2, and we've paid off about \$30,000 in consumer debt since March. We were wondering if we should refinance our mortgage. Our current rate is 4.875%, with 28 years remaining on the loan. We found a 15-year refinance at 2.5%, which would raise our monthly payments about \$200, but we can handle that. We have \$150,000 in equity in our home and about \$207,000 left on the loan. What do you think we should do?

Raye

Dear Raye,  
You two have done a great job this year! I'm so proud of what you've accomplished and that you're looking to the future.

Baby Step 2 wouldn't be affected, except that your monthly mortgage payment will go up a little. I wouldn't pay the refinance costs out of pocket, though. I'd roll them into the loan. You'd be saving more than 2% by locking in this crazy-low interest rate, and you're knocking the whole thing down to a 15-year loan. I love all that. It's definitely worth the extra \$200 a month to make it happen.

Think about it this way. You're going to be saving more than \$4,000 a year with the interest rate reduction. You're not going to see it in cash flow because of the \$200 increase in monthly payments, but over the scope of the loan, you're going to be charged between \$4,000 and \$4,500 less per year for interest. All that money is going toward paying back the closing costs and reducing the principal built into the move from 28 years to 15 years.

Yes, you should do this!  
—Dave

### WHICH COMES FIRST?

Dear Dave,  
I just saved up my \$1,000 beginner emergency fund, and I'm looking at paying off my car and credit card debt—a total of \$3,400—by the end of January. Before I started your plan, I took out a \$7,500 student loan to pay for my fall and spring semesters. I still have a year of school left, which will cost about \$10,000. Should I save up the money for my final year before attacking my student loan debt, so I don't have to take out another one, or go ahead and begin paying it off?

Emma

Dear Emma,  
Well, it doesn't make much sense to pay off the current student loan, then turn around and take out another one. Your first goal—after you get the credit cards and car paid off—should be saving cash to finish school. Once you've done that, start paying off the student loan.

Long story short, you've got to stop borrowing money. The idea of saving up to pay for things should be the default setting in your brain, Emma. Otherwise, you're going to spend the rest of your life with car payments and other debt hanging around your neck. That's not being responsible with your money, and it will keep you from saving for stuff that matters and becoming wealthy.

Stop. Borrowing. Money. I hope I haven't been unclear.

—Dave

*\*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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# Soap Opera Preview

**THE BOLD AND THE BEAUTIFUL** Thomas' relationship with the Hope Mannequin took a drastic turn. Liam was shocked at Steffy and Hope's reaction to Thomas and the mannequin. Paris put Zoe on the spot about Carter to Zende. Hope came face-to-face with her doppelganger. Finn put Liam in check as Liam doubled down about Thomas. Meanwhile, Thomas slipped deeper out of reality as he had dinner with the mannequin. A romantic proposal of marriage was interrupted. *Wait to See: Zende and Zoe are forced to come to grips with their unspoken feelings for each other. Wyatt pleads Quinn's case to Eric, asking*

*him to give her one last chance. Thomas becomes conflicted when the Hope Mannequin makes a dark demand.*

**DAYS OF OUR LIVES** Abigail upended Jack and Jennifer's party. Jennifer later slapped Jack. Gwen privately revealed in the havoc she's wreaked. Gwen lied to Chad about how Abigail "found" the letter. Kate and Jake gave in to their passion. Theo and Claire reconnected. Xander encouraged Charlie to pursue Claire. Chad searched for Abigail. Jake accused Gwen of orchestrating the evening's chaos. Xander gave Victor evidence implicating Philip. Charlie was crushed after seeing

Claire kiss Theo. Sarah grew more suspicious of Philip. Belle had a big romantic surprise for Shawn. Jan gave Claire advice about Charlie. Guilty Eli struggled with keeping his secret from Lani. Allie received some upsetting news. *Wait to See: Xander suspects he knows who is working with Philip to sabotage Titan. Philip's mysterious partner is revealed. Lani confronts Abe and Eli about their furtive conversation.*

**GENERAL HOSPITAL** Peter was anxious for an update. Chase visited the chapel to pray. Valentin met with Martin. Julian admitted that he wasn't entirely honest. Portia treated Trina with a new phone. Robert searched for answers. Willow comforted Chase. Lulu ran into Cyrus. Ned checked on Alexis. Curtis followed a lead out of town. Jason got an unexpected visitor. Dante put himself in danger. Franco met with Scotty. Sonny was pleasantly surprised. Chase was caught off guard.

Brando made a promise to Carly. Nina confronted Cyrus. Michael received an important document. Chase came clean to Brook Lynn. Elizabeth was determined. Willow was honest with Michael. Nina got a lead on her missing child. *Wait to See: Monica counsels Ned on his relationship with Brook Lynn. Sasha gets in over her head. Carly makes a chilling discovery.*

**THE YOUNG AND THE RESTLESS** Victor stood firm with Victoria and Nick. Adam and Chance's alliance took a dangerous turn. Nate's future hung in the balance. Adam covered his tracks. Summer was suspicious of Sally. Chelsea was missing in action. Billy played dirty to land a story. Rey chased a lead. Abby's world was seriously

rocked. Phyllis stumbled onto a secret. Sharon broke a promise. Paul uncovered a revenge plot. *Wait to See: Elena makes a confession. Lauren turns the tables on Jack. Devon comforts Amanda.*

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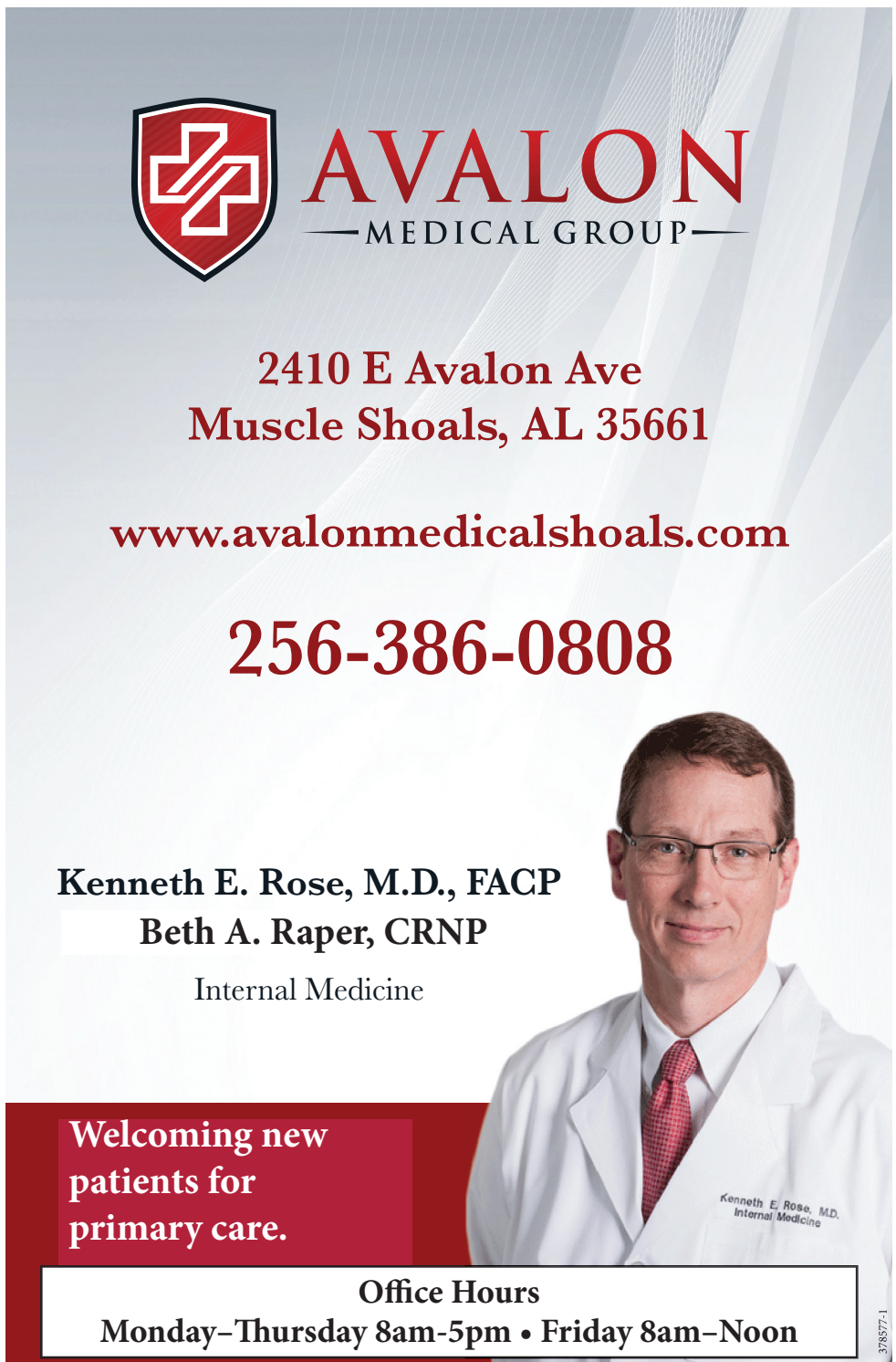

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Commentary...

Not Surprising...

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his office claimed there were over 60,000 left to count.

There were 3.7 million registered voters in Wisconsin on November 2. As of this writing, Wisconsin has recorded over 3.2 million votes, a voter turnout of 88%. According to *Ballotpedia*, no American state since 2002 has achieved a turnout rate as high as 80%. Wisconsin had a 67% turnout rate in 2016. It's safe to say 88% is a statistical impossibility.

Again, disappointing, but not surprising.

Don't be mistaken. ALL legal votes from living registered voters should be counted. It's the legal ones marked R that got lost or didn't get counted and the ones that are not legal, not on time, and not unique that we should be concerned about.

There was also a lot of bogus information out there clouding the issue. Sharpies disqualifying votes in Arizona, all the states left uncounted election night were headed by Democrat governors, and so on. Rumors were rampant. Not all alleged voting irregularities will prove true, but not all will prove to be false. There were already too many unexplained postal embarrassments leading up to election day.



What about this poll worker that I saw on a major network counting votes

wearing a BLM mask? What incompetent election official considers that neutral?

Michigan has all sorts of questions. One Michigan county went 62% for Trump in 2016, but 62.5% for Biden in 2020? There were also suspicious irregularities in the vote total from other counties in that state.

More than one federal employee has alleged that election officials have asked USPS workers to back-date mailed ballots.

I don't blame President Trump for filing lawsuits and demanding some recounts, pompous attitude or not. Just look at the way everything has transpired now and over the last four years. There are far too many irregularities in this election. It has been a circus on par with what would transpire in a developing third-world country.

Disappointed, but NOT surprised.

This mail-in clown show with junior-high precision has to be overhauled before the next election. Drive-thru and day-of voter registration has to be nixed. We need to vote standard absentee/hardship or get off our collective butts and go to the polls with a photo ID, period. And one of the most advanced societies in the world should not still be counting votes four or five days after an election.

However, let's face it. The President had all the support that he could have asked for. In spite of everything, he was a shoe in for reelection through February. Even with Covid-19 and the senseless death of George Floyd in the Democrat bastion of Minneapolis that started a wave of discontent against him, Trump was afforded every opportunity to win this election hands-down. He had shown a significant top-down economic impact to gain support from many in the Black community, many in the Latino community, much of the labor force, and many in education - had he just kept his mouth shut, and acted presidential for eight months. He couldn't even be gracious in accepting all of Biden's pre-election gaffes. Trump had to take personal shots. They were sometimes cute - for you and me - but they

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### BACK IN STYLE AGAIN

I almost had my 1942 original wall-mount bathroom sink professionally removed and

replaced with a pedestal sink. The sink had seen better days and looked dirty all the time. It would have cost \$1,000 at least to have it removed and replaced. But when the Home Depot guy asked to buy it from me, I did some research and realized the old sink is now in fashion again. So, I did some more research and found a company that paints over the old sink with any color I wanted (Permaglaze). I chose a crisp, clean white.

It cost me a couple hundred dollars, plus a hundred dollars more for brand new, sparkly fixtures. The sink looks brand new and I always get compliments on it. The glaze should last about 20 years. We plan on doing the tub in a few years. That will save me several thousands of dollars in demolition and replacement, plus we keep the original Kohler tub that is probably better made than anything out there now.  
Melanie D.

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Glenda in Chicago

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*Stretcher*



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ourselves with a lot of things to dispose of. It makes us wonder why we bought some of these things in the first place. My husband sent seven large garbage bags full of clothing to the thrift store. We had a whole pickup truck loaded high with items for the thrift store and another load for the dump. I have boxes of china to send to consignment, a piano that no one wants, and numerous trinkets that seemed necessary at the time.

It all begs the question: why did we waste our money on this stuff? In our new home, I'm not buying things just because they're pretty. There's nothing pretty about clutter. If we all pared down and considered thoughtfully whether an item was worth buying, we would all have a lot less clutter in our homes and more money in our pockets.  
*Joanne D.*

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I just discovered that bath puffs made of net work wonders on pots and pans. I had an extra new bath net, so I decided to give it a try. It works great. It really took off some burnt beans on the bottom of a two-quart pan in no time. Sometimes you can purchase them two for \$1 and get one for the bath and one for the kitchen.  
*Judy*

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## Commentary...

### Voting...

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demeaned him and the position considerably.

Even though Doug Jones was leaning much more towards the left than many Alabamians would have preferred, the 20-point loss to Tommy Tuberville is much more insulting than Jones deserved. He is a good man and immensely more qualified for the position than Tommy. With the divide in Washington so well-defined, the push for Trump and the vital need for Republicans to keep that Senate seat simply overrode everything.

There are some benefits to seeing November 4 arrive.

- The sun DID come up like usual.
- No more commercials for Jones, Tuberville, Trump, OR Biden!
- Joe Biden could finally go take a nap and send a nice bonus to his plastic surgeon.
- Liberty is irrevocably endowed by our Creator. That endowment is not impacted by elections.
- It was also great to see the gain of eight new seats for Republican women in congress. Those prove that a conservative female mindset is still highly respected by the American voter. -- Surprised, but not Disappointed

One thing is absolutely clear from November 3. This area and this state are firmly in the red column. Some may laugh and say, "Yeah, it just shows how backwards this area is." Maybe, along with a lot of other states, but anyone is entitled to leave here and find bluer pastures at ANY time.

It's important to note that if the tables were reversed and Biden/Harris had seemingly insurmountable leads in all those states, and tabulations were suddenly stopped for three or more hours, then restarted as Trump slowly gained votes in magical ratios with the irregularities we have seen, **THIS COUNTRY WOULD BE ON FIRE** and deaths would be into the hundreds.

## Notes...

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practical solutions facing Alabama residents and communities.  
For more information, contact Kimberly Sinclair-Holmes at ksh0035@aces.edu.

**Country Oldies Dance Hall Open Again** located at 110 Town Plaza, 500 N. Montgomery Ave., Sheffield. Every Friday and Saturday night 7-9pm. Come twist, line dance, buckdance, or your choice. Best in country music. Everyone welcome!

**According to news reports, consumption of alcohol has risen** since the onset of the current pandemic. If you have a problem with alcohol, your local Alcoholics Anonymous is alive and well and ready to help. AA offers both in person and online meetings.

For a schedule of meetings that cover Colbert, Franklin, Lauderdale, and Lawrence counties in Alabama, go to [www.shoalsaa.org](http://www.shoalsaa.org) or call the local hotline numbers at: 256-386-0663 or 800-789-4367. For meetings in other areas go to [www.aa.org](http://www.aa.org). This is a public service message from Alabama District 1 Alcoholics Anonymous.

**Applications for the Elk National Foundation's (ENF) Most Valuable Student Scholarship program are available online.** Any high school senior who is a citizen of the United States is eligible to apply.

Applications must be submitted online on or before November 15, 2020.

The ENF will award 500 four-year scholarships to the highest-rated applicants in the 2021 competition. Male and female students will compete separately.

Applicants will be judged on scholarship, leadership, service and financial need.

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, ACT scores will not be required on this year's application. For additional information and to apply, go to [enf.elks.org/MVS](http://enf.elks.org/MVS) or contact Dr. Jean Love, Scholarship Coordinator, Shoals Elks Lodge 2860 at 256-762-5043.

**Christmas Market to benefit Legacy Christian Academy** on Saturday, December 5 from 9am-5pm. \$3 admission. 50 vendors, food, and more. 530 JC Mauldin Hwy, Killen.

**Florence - Lauderdale County Drive Thru Food Pantry** at Northwood Methodist Church, Seven Points. Call for appointment, 256-764-2111.

**The Club (Florence Senior Center)** is closed for activities. However, curbside meal pick up is Monday-Friday. Call 8:30-10:30am for meal. Pick up between 10:30-11:30am.

Donations accepted, but not expected. 256-760-6668.

**Burrell-Slater Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Dinner for 2021** has been changed from its regular time in February to April 9 due to the coronavirus.

Nominations for honorees are presently being accepted. Athletes who excelled in sports at historic Burrell-Slater School are eligible for this prestigious honor. Applications may be obtained from any Hall of Fame committee member or by calling 256-710-9057. All applications are due by January 15, 2021. Additional information is also available from Dave Smith, Samuel Brewer, or John Humes.

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**The Friends Bookstore on the first floor of the Florence-Lauderdale Public Library is beginning to accept donations** again, starting with greeting cards, calendars, and magazines only. Please bring your donations during business hours, which currently are from noon-4pm Monday-Friday.

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

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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.

For additional information, call LifeSouth toll-free at 888-795-2707 or visit [www.lifesouth.org](http://www.lifesouth.org).

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.

**Richardson Cemetery of Waterloo Needs Your Help** with donations to keep the cemetery mowed. If you have loved ones there we would appreciate any donations. Send donations to: Farmers & Merchants Bank, Waterloo for Richardson Cemetery.

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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.

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.

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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