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SHOALS-Governor Kay Ivey last week announced the removal of many mandatory restrictions which were part of the health order that expired April 9.

Most of the local city and county offices are continuing to follow her guidance at this time. The mask requirement is now at the full discretion of local business owners as it pertains to their individual requirements for service. Although masks are no longer required, mask wearing and social distancing are still strongly encouraged, regardless of whether you have had the vaccine. Everyone is encouraged to act responsibly and with consideration when gathering, especially in large groups.

Mashburn at Chamber

FLORENCE-The Shoals Chamber of Commerce recently announced the hiring of Samuel Mashburn as the new Director of Public Policy and Governmental Relations!

Mashburn is a 2020 UNA graduate with a BA in Political Science. Mashburn was elected Student Government Association President his senior year, and after graduation



he accepted an offer to work as the Graduate Assistant for the Office of Governmental Relations & Economic Development at UNA. Ĥe will

graduate with an MBA from UNA

in December.





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McCrary, and Evair Yerena. Mikey Perez stepped into the rotation after this photo and is not pictured. Courtesy photo

SHOALS TEENS' UNOFFICIAL GUINNESS RECORD

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MUSCLE SHOALS — Eight Muscle Shoals teens shared time bouncing on a trampoline continuously for almost 27 hours to unofficially break the Guinness world record for longest marathon trampolining.

The former record was 25.5 hours completed in 2017 by a group in the United Kingdom.

The idea surfaced more than a month prior to the event and discussion resulting in an outpouring of support in the Shoals and far beyond before and during the record-breaking marathon. The entire marathon was shown on

YouTube for everyone across the globe to see.

watching as far away as Australia. Thomas Bendall, Zach Granger, Jonah

Conner McCary, Mikey Perez, and Jakob Robertson each took turns jumping on the trampoline in 30-minute intervals. They started just before 1:30pm on Friday, April 2 and closed it out around

4:30pm on Saturday. Word has it that they actually jumped for 29 hours. However, the recording apparatus failed two hours in, so they had to restart.

FLORENCE - University of North Alabama alumna and Master Pastelist, Elaine Bailey Augustine, is now permanently associated with one of her special places as the school's Art Gallery was named in her honor last week. The Florence resident has

Augustine

a long history of supporting the arts community, having begun her artistic journey as

a child growing up in Oak Ridge, Tennessee. Throughout high school and college, she honed her skill with color, strength of composition, and a variety of subject matter. Augustine's paintings have earned her national recognition and are held in corporate and private collections worldwide.

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Augustine graduated UNA from ` Mav in 2020 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Art. She also attended Agnes Scott College in Decatur, Georgia, and the University of Tennessee in Knoxville.

She is a Master Pastelist with the Pastel Society of America, a signature member of the Degas Pastel Society, a Distinguished Pastelist in the Pastel Society of the West Coast, and a Member of Excellence in the Southeastern Pastel Society.

"Why do I think that gallery-this gallery important? I truly feel that it is a teaching opportunity," Augustine said at the unveiling. "Aside from giving students the opportunity to have their work hanging in this gallery, there is also the opportunity to teach by showing them a variety of other artists' work - their choice of subject matter, use of color, variety of mediums, and techniques - and also the presentation of their work. This gallery is an important asset here in UNA's Art Department, and I am honored to have my name associated with

Housed on the second floor of the Visual Arts Building, the art gallery

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UNA photos

is often the site of exhibits

from seniors in the Department of Visual Arts

and Design. It is also the site of exhibits from alumni and departmental faculty.

"(Elaine's) love of her

alma mater is noted and

appreciated, as is her desire

to enhance the platform for

the visual arts at UNA in

a way that will benefit our

students for years to come," said UNA President, Dr.

The naming of the Elaine

B. Augustine Art Galley

was made possible through

the efforts of the Office of

University Advancement, led by Vice President

led by Vice President for Advancement and Executive Director of the

UNA Foundation, Kevin

Haslam. "It is an honor for an artist of Elaine's caliber to provide this extraordinary

naming gift to the art gallery," said Dr. Sara Lynn Baird, Dean of the College

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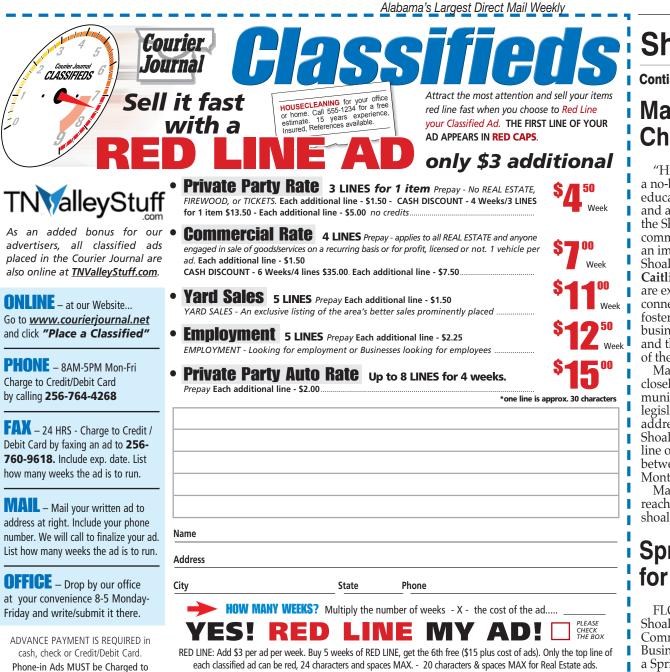


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Mashburn at Chamber

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Mashburn will work closely with Shoals municipalities to promote legislative agendas that address the needs of the Shoals and create a direct line of communication between the Shoals and Montgomery. Mashburn can be

reached at smashburn@ shoalschamber.com.

Spring Fling for Women

FLORENCE — The Shoals Chamber of Commerce Women in Business program will host a Spring Fling women's event on May 6 from 4–7pm at the Marriott Shoals Conference Center. Singing River Dentistry is sponsoring the event that focuses on self-care and highlighting Shoals businesses in the areas of health, wellness, beauty and fashion.

The evening will feature workout classes by instructors from Crunch Fitness, the YMCA of the Shoals, and Grit Fitness. The classes will be offered on a first-come, firstserved basis.

There will also be a complimentary coffee and dessert bar.

Registration is open now, and the first 100 to register will receive a swag bag upon arrival.

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The Women in Business program started in 2017 for the purpose of creating a network of support for women-owned businesses in the Shoals.



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The duties owed by drivers or operators of motor vehicles to their social or other nonpaying guests who are passengers are governed by the guest statute.

The guest statute provides that the driver of a vehicle only owes a guest the duty to not willfully or wantonly injure the guest. However, the guest statute is in derogation of the common law, and as such, it should be strictly construed.

The relationship between the host and the guest is consensual in nature. Therefore, protests by a guest to the driver about the driver's operation of the vehicles may invalidate that consent and change his status to that of a passenger. Whether children under 14 years of age subject to the guest statute is to be determined by the jury based upon the individual child's capacity to consent.

Basically, if you pay for the ride or are doing something to benefit the driver you are a passenger and may sue. If the driver is reckless you are a passenger and may sue.

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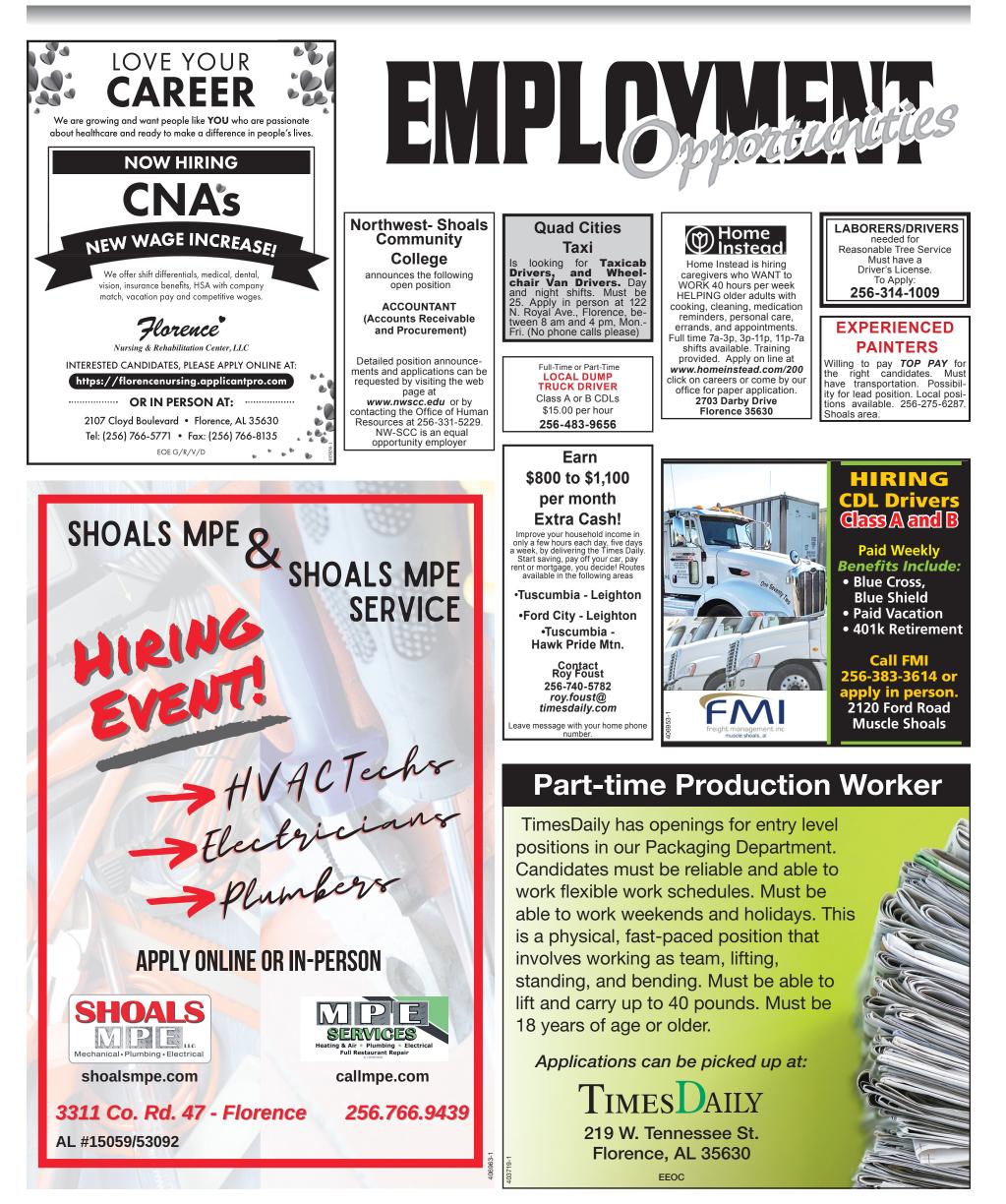
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Alabama Should Not Cave to the Gambling Lobby

t has been said that the definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over and expecting a different result. When it comes to casino gaming, Alabama is reaching new heights of this type of insanity. Governor Ivey

has stated most recently that gambling is here. Therefore, we should bring it out in the light of day, give them everything they want,

it out in the light of day, give them everything they want, and tax it. Gambling is here solely because it has been openly ignored despite being illegal. If someone continually breaks the law, they should not be rewarded. Governor Ivey and the Alabama Legislature should not reward the gambling industry's pattern of continually defying Alabama law by passing pro-gambling legislation and rewarding a birstory of bad behavior

history of bad behavior. Gambling has long been

illegal in this state. An exception exists for "charitable bingo," which gambling establishments like Greenetrack, VictoryLand, and the Birmingham Race Course have tried to

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Manush Field Opening Day Let's Play

TUSCUMBIA–Opening season for Heinie Manush Field in Tuscumbia is celebrated on Saturday, April 17 with two old style baseball games beginning at noon and a host of other events all day.

Heinie Manush Day was first promoted as part of the Alabama bicentennial. The event was so successful, that a non profit was formed to make Heinie Manush Day an

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formed to make Heinie Manush Day an annual event. The Manush Family is very involved and want to leave this as their legacy," according to Heinie Manush Day, chairperson, Annie Cooper. Heinie Manush Day, Inc. has partnered

Heinie Manush Day, Inc. has partnered with the Tennessee Association of Vintage Baseball and we are working together to

continue this baseball event. We will be playing two games," Cooper added. "The first one is with the league and the second is with volunteers. We have interest from several citizens and also the police and fire department." Gates open at 10:30am.

See BASEBALL... on Page 26



Plantings Your Way!

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HILLSBORO – A favorite event returns this spring, modified for social distancing. Miss Annie's Heirloom Plant Sale, an annual fundraiser for Pond Spring, the General Joe Wheeler Home, will be a drive-thru event this year. You may place an order over the phone and

arrange a date and time for pickup. The event will run from April 12-30 with plants delivered right to the car. "This is a

unique way to allow our friends to help Pond Spring while

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COVID-19 VACCINATIONS are free and available for adults in NW Alabama. Helen Keller Hospital is offering COVID-19 vaccine clinics throughout the Shoals. Check their Facebook page for details on dates and locations.

April 13: Northwest-Shoals Community College –Patriotic Center Gym, 8am–5pm, by appointment or walk-in – appointments available at helenkeller.com

April 13: Leighton Storm Shelter, 7:30–11am or as long as supply lasts, no appointment needed April 20: – Mt. Moriah Church, 8–11am or as long as supply lasts, no appointment needed April 20:– Colbert Heights Baptist Church – 2– 6pm or as long as supply lasts, no appointment needed April 23– Todd Center in Russellville – 8am – 5pm or as long as supply lasts, no appointment needed

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All Was NOT Well

Editor:

A missile attack was launched by Iran against our base in Iraq on January 8, 2020. It was the largest missile attack against Americans in our history. Through our intelligence, the US military was aware of the upcoming attack. A military decision was made to wait until minutes before the attack to move our military personnel and planes from the base. This was hidden from Iran. The base was wiped out by the attack. After the attack, President Trump stated that sanctions against Iran would be increased and "all is well." I do not understand why we did not strike against the missiles as they were being loaded. It appears the necessary weapons to defend our troops were not available or were not used. A year after the attack more than 100 service men and women have been diagnosed with traumatic brain injuries caused by concussions sustained during the attack.

I do not agree that "all is well!" If our country is not going to defend our service men and women, it is time to bring them home. My letter to the Chairman, Joint Chiefs has gone without a reply.

Bill Smoak Florence

Biden Had No Part

Editor:

Mr. Anderson from Talladega, you are incorrect with a statement in your April 7 letter, *Vaccine Was Free for \$8*. Sleepy Joe Biden had nothing to do

Sleepy Joe Biden had nothing to do with the development of any vaccines. That was all President Trump.

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Although Medicare Part A and Part B are great programs that cover a lot of services there are some things Medicare does not cover. They include most dental care, eye exams related to prescribing glasses, dentures, acupuncture and hearing aids.

Medicare Part A is primarily used to cover your inpatient care. Part A has a \$1,484 deductible for each benefit period, meaning the deductible can be applied more than once in a calendar year. This deductible covers hospital services, including semi-private rooms, meals, general nursing, drugs as part of your inpatient treatment, and other hospital services and supplies. Part A is "free" to most Medicare beneficiaries. "Free" meaning you may not have to pay Medicare to have Part A. It does not excuse the deductibles and co-insurance.

In most cases Part B is used to cover your outpatient services. These include visits to your primary care physician and/or specialist. It also may cover transportation by ambulance, durable medical equipment, preventive services and mental health treatment. Part B also entitles you to an annual "Wellness" visit to a qualified provider. Most Medicare beneficiaries joining Medicare Part B for the first time in 2021 pay a monthly premium to Medicare of \$148.50. Part B has an annual deductible of \$203 and a coinsurance the beneficiary pays of 20%, after the deductible is met.

To cover the deductibles and coinsurance that Part A and Part B have you would need to look at some type of supplemental policy sold through private insurance companies. These include Medicare supplement plans or Medicare Advantage Plans. If you want to study Part A or Part B in more detail you can look at previous Medicare Minute articles or give our office a call and we'll be glad to discuss this with you.

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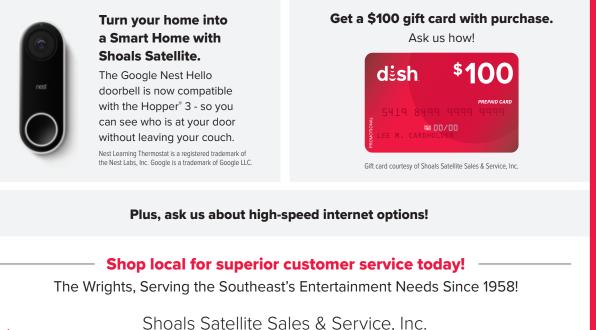
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Park, 4401 McLean Drive, Rogersville, between the Lodge and Marina. Sign-in at 9:30am, event 10am-12pm. April is Child Abuse Prevention Month! A time to celebrate the good things our communities do in order to promote healthy child development and help prevent child abuse and neglect! During this event the children will be

During this event, the children will be decorating a small pot and plant seeds with their parent/guardian. This activity is to promote our theme, "Growing a Better Tomorrow for All Children, Together". We will also instruct a Pinwheel craft

activity, provide coloring pages and materials, break for a snack, and deliver a short presentation to promote primary prevention.

prevention. After the event, enjoy lunch at "Daniella's Restaurant" within Joe Wheeler Lodge and meet back up at 1:30pm for a guided hike through their Champion Tree trail. To sign-up for this event, please email Breanna Minyard at breanna@ attentionhomes.net. Your email should include: your first and last name and how many kids will be participating in the

how many kids will be participating in the event. If you do not have email, you may call 256-767-0972 to register.

Heinie Manush Day April 17. Opening Season, Heinie Manush Field in Tuscumbia. The Cumberland Club of Nashville vs. The Stones River Scouts. Gates open 10:30am, Organ Grinder Ted 11am, Game Time 12pm, Second Game 2:30pm SPONSORSHIP \$25 Check payable to: Heinie Manush Day. Call 256-415-0700 for more information.

The Healing Hearts Camp on April 17. This year to celebrate its 20th Anniversary, The Healing Place is going to have its annual Camp Virtually, with a special in person activity to help remember those in our community

Affected by grief. We are going to be creating a Memorial Garden at The Healing Place. The kids will be able to create memorial stepping stones the week before the camp starts, as well as pick up a bag of supplies they will need for camp.

The Healing Hearts Day Camp is on Saturday, April 17. Two sessions, K-4th grade from 10am-12pm and 5th-8th arade 2-4pm



I'VE DEVELOPED A THORN IN MY SIDE that I need to excise. I've seen far too many warnings from major news media outlets warning us about sharing our vaccine card selfies on social media -- namely Facebook and Twitter. The

Federal Trade Commission (FTC) has this to say about it: "Your

vaccination card has information on it including your full name, date of birth.

Jim Fisher

where you got your vaccine, and the dates you got it. When you post it to Facebook, Instagram, or to some other social media platform, you may be handing valuable information over to

PARTY **POOPERS** by "The Computer Skeptic"

someone who could use it for identity theft."

Oh c'mon! Everyone on social media shares their name, obviously, and most of us share our birthdate. That's how we know to send birthday wishes to each other every time the Earth completes a rotation about the sun. That said, a scammer possessing our birthdate doesn't provide a key to your identity but might give them more info than they deserve. So maybe do what everyone else does and cover

your birth date with your finger when you take a selfie. Done.

Another argument against posting your vaccine card is that you could give scammers and anti-vaxxers a template for making a fake card that they can then use to "prove" their vaccination status should mandatory vaccines ever become a thing (which is quite unlikely). That's also bunk. It took me under 5 seconds to Google a blank template of the official CDC vaccine card that I could print.

They also warn that your vaccine card might give scammers a hint of where you live. Well duh. If a scammer got my vaccine card, they'd discover that I was vaccinated in Lauderdale County. That's it. I'll even help you out scammers: I live in Florence, Alabama. If you have access to the internet, you can also look up my home address. Come at me, scammahs.

Another argument is that a scammer might see your card, look you up, and contact you pretending to be a healthcare worker and try to trick you into paying for your second dose, and request your credit card information. Okay, I hope none of my readers would ever fall for that silliness but I'll never say that couldn't happen. So, hey, don't do that. In case you

don't know, the vaccines are 100% free even if you don't have insurance.

Identity theft is real and we do need to be careful about sharing critical information with scammers but let's not get silly about it. Please feel free to celebrate your joy at being vaccinated any way you wish. Encourage your friends to do the same. We are rapidly approaching a joyous time in history, so don't let the tin foil hatters pee on your party!

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efforts on the 50-acre site, which includes 12 historic buildings, gardens, and archaeological features that date back almost 5,000 years.

main structure The on the property is the post-Civil War home of Joseph Wheeler, who was а Confederate lieutenant general, a U.S. congressman, a Spanish-American War general, and one of only two generals to achieve the rank of general in the U.S. army after the Civil War. The site gets its name from the large spring-fed pond located on the grounds.

An order form listing available plants and prices can be found on the site's Facebook page at facebook.com/ PondSpringHistoricSite or the Alabama Historical Commission website at ahc.alabama.gov.

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What tips can you offer on helping an elderly parent with their finances? My 84-year-old father is having trouble keeping up with his bills and insurance, and I just found out that he's been making contributions to a suspicious charity.

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Dear Reluctant, Many adult children serve as financial helpers to their elderly

Dear Savvy Senior,

or ill parents. They provide services like paying bills, handling deposits and investments, filing insurance claims, preparing taxes and more. Here are some tips and resources that can help vou help vour dad.

Start with a Conversation

Taking on the task of helping an elderly parent with their finances can be a sensitive and difficult topic. The first step in helping your dad is to have a respectful talk with him expressing your concerns, as you stated in your question, and offering to help him with his financial chores. If you have siblings, it can be a good idea to get them involved too. This can help you head off any possible hard feelings, plus, with others involved, your dad will know everyone is concerned.

Get Organized

If your dad is willing to let you help manage, monitor or take over his financial affairs your first order of business is to get organized by making a list of his financial accounts and other important information. Your list should include his:

- · Contact list: Names and numbers of key contacts like insurance agents, financial advisor, tax preparer, family
- attorney, etc. Monthly bills: Phone, cable, water and trash, gas, electric, redit card accounts, etc.Financial accounts: Including bank accounts, brokerage
- and mutual fund accounts, safe-deposit boxes and any other financial assets he has. Also get usernames and passwords for financial accounts that are set up online.
- Company benefits: Any retirement plans, pensions or health benefits from his current or former employer.
- Insurance policies: Life, home, auto, long-term care, Medicare, etc.
- Taxes: Copies of your dad's income tax returns over the past few years.

Locate Important Documents

This is also the ideal time to find out if your dad has the following essential legal documents: A will; an advance directive that includes a living will and health-care proxy, which allows you or another family member or friend to make medical decisions on his behalf if he becomes incapacitated; and a durable power of attorney, which gives you or a designated person similar legal authority for financial decisions, if needed.

If he doesn't have these important documents prepared, now is the time to do it. And if they are prepared, make sure they're updated, and you know where they're located. Simplify Financial Tasks

The quickest way to help your dad simplify his monthly financial chores is to set up automatic payments for his utilities

anytime

(TrueLinkFinancial.com/card). Designed for older adults with cognitive issues this card would provide your dad access to his money but with restrictions that you set on how funds can be spent. Or check out *EverSafe.com*, a web-based service that will automatically monitor your dad's accounts, track suspicious activity and alert you when a problem is detected.

Seek Help

If you need help or live far away, consider hiring a daily money manager (see *AADMM.com*) who can come in once or twice a month to pay bills, make deposits, decipher health insurance statements and balance his checkbook. Fees range between \$60 and \$150 per hour.

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and other routine bills and arrange for direct deposit of his income sources. If your dad has savings and investments scattered in many

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Guest Op-Ed – Matt Clark

Lobby...

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use over the last 15 years to keep themselves in business. You don't need to be a lawyer to know that "charitable bingo" doesn't apply to electronic slot machines.

If you need a formal legal opinion to persuade you, the Alabama Supreme Court has ruled on the matter many times. For instance, in 2006 the court held that the Birmingham Race Course's machines were "slot machines," which are illegal under Alabama law, "as to those who pay to play them." From 2013 to 2016, the court repeatedly heard cases arising from the seizure of VictoryLand's machines, ultimately concluding the machines were illegal. And finally, the court ruled again in 2016 that Greenetrack's machines were not "bingo machines," but were machines," but were instead more like slot machines and therefore illegal.

How many times did the gambling industry need to be told the same thing before they got the message? The Alabama Supreme Court asked the same question at the end of the VictoryLand and Greenetrack cases, stating, "There is no longer any

room for uncertainty, nor



justification for continuing dispute, as to the meaning of [the term 'bingo']. And certainly the need for any further expenditure of judicial resources, including the resources of this Court, to examine this issue is at an end. All that is left is for the law of this State to be enforced."

But like a pouting child that keeps throwing a temper tantrum, the gambling lobby has continued to defy the Alabama Supreme Court's For instance, rulings. immediately after the Alabama Supreme Court issued its final decision in the VictoryLand case, VictoryLand reopened with the same kinds of electronic slot machines that Alabama Supreme Court had just declared illegal. How could it get away with this? The answer is simple: the state and local governments refused to enforce the court's decisions. As Alexander Hamilton wrote in Federalist 78, the judicial branch is the "least 'dangerous" branch

of government, partially because it has "neither FORCE nor WILL, but merely judgment; and must ultimately depend upon the aid of the executive arm even for the efficacy of its judgments." Having a law that

Having a law that criminalizes gambling and a court that orders them to stop won't do anything if the executive branch doesn't enforce it. That is exactly what happened in Alabama when former Governor Bentley stripped the State of its power to enforce gambling laws. Consequently, the gambling industry has continued to break the law and taunt the State as it does nothing to stop them.

After repeatedly being ordered by the Alabama Supreme Court to stop, the gambling industry has not only ignored the court, but it has continually pushed for gambling to be legalized on a broader scale. Last month the Alabama Senate rejected Senator Del Marsh's gambling bill. However,

this week the gambling interests were successful in rekindling their cause in the Senate. Part of Senator Marsh's bill included allowing VictoryLand, the Birmingham Race Course, and Greenetrack—the same entities that kept breaking the law—the right to operate. Governor Ivey appears to be in support of such legislation, stating recently through family recently alloaght frequencies alloaght frequ her happening in our state. In fact, it is rampant, and much of it is illegal. The governor feels strongly that we need to shine a bright light on these activities, control and regulate them, and make sure the people of Alabama are the beneficiaries.

are the beneficiaries. Policy considerations aside, doesn't something seem wrong about that? Even if the gambling industry has a point, it should not be rewarded for continually breaking the law for years. Instead of rewarding the gambling industry's bad behavior, it is well past time for the State to enforce the laws already in existence. Failing to do so undermines the State's authority and perpetuates the delusion that the same gambling institutions that have continually broken the law will stop breaking the law once they get what they want.

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to look over and monitor. Site visits often requiring hiking, boating, or kayaking. Help stop the looting; help protect our past for our future. This program is sponsored by the City of Florence Department of Arts and Museums. The Florence Indian Mound Museum is located at 1028 S. Court St. Florence, AL and is open, Tuesday -Saturday from 10am- 4pm and Sundays from 1-4pm Call 256-760-6427 for more information.

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information.

Help For Sleepless Nights

Causing loss of sleep, many times the saints of God carry their troubles and heartaches to bed with them. In the Bible we are told on what to think (Philippians 4:8) and what to meditate on (Psalms 63:6 &1Timothy 4:15). Sadly, too many times we saved look to ourselves for answers instead of God. The greatest resources we have are the Word of God and prayer. When we neglect both of these, confusion and unrest take over. The Psalmist wrote: Psalms 121:2 "My help cometh from the LORD, which made heaven and earth." And

again: Psalms 139:2 "Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising, thou understandest my thought afar off."God already knows all about your problems, but He will not force you to come to Him. You are not a robot, and your will determines your success or failure with God. You can choose to remain in the dark with no direction, assurance and blessing or learn to trust God with anything and everything, and leave the outcome to Him. God assures us in 1 Peter 5:7 'Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.'

READ: Ephesians 2:4 "But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us," Romans 5:8 "But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." Galatians 2:20 "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me." Do you have trouble trusting someone who loved you and died for you, with your problems? Are you and God on speaking terms? Maybe you just need to trust Christ and get saved. I cannot save you or fix your broken heart, but Christ can. Jesus said: Luke 19:10 "For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost." Give Christ your soul and broken heart now. You will rest at night. At bedtime tonight, read Psalms three and four TWICE.

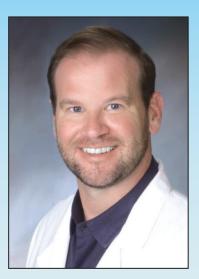
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Myths about money and debt are definitely near the top of the list of things messing people up when it comes to their finances. I've heard it said if you tell a lie often enough and loudly enough, that lie will become accepted as a fact.

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Repetition, volume, and longevity will twist and turn a myth, or a lie, into a commonly accepted way of doing things. Debt is so ingrained into our culture, and has been marketed to us so aggressively, that most Americans can't envision a car without a payment, a house without a mortgage, or a college student without a loan. We've also bought into the myth that we can get rich quick. We're living in a microwave society, but living right financially is a crock pot concept. It takes time.

Some people are afraid of change. Change can be painful, and many simply won't change until the pain of where they are exceeds the pain of change. When it comes to money, where you are right now is a sum total of decisions you've made to this point. If you don't like where you are, you have to admit changes need to be made in order for you to achieve your dreams.

Finally, a lot of folks simply haven't been taught the proper way to manage money. Ignorance is not lack of intelligence, it's a lack of know how. There's a big difference between the two. Admit, even if it's just to yourself, that you are not a financial expert. Read about money, talk to people who have been successful with their finances, and begin a life-long quest to learn as much as you can about money and how to manage it wisely. What you don't know about money will make you broke, and keep you broke!

* Dave Ramsey is a seventime #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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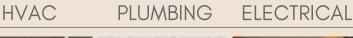
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Worldwide Song Distribution Deals, Platinum, and Gold Record and Album Awards, Plaques, Cash, Collectable Signed Music Memorabilia, Guitars and other musical instruments, trips, books, etc. Radio ready songs will be included on a winner's compilation CD and get distribution to over two hundred radio stations worldwide and be invited to perform your award winning songs at the Compilation CD release party. Poems may be published in our program book. There are separate categories for Songs, Lyrics, Poems and Instrumental only music writers, too.

You may enter as many songs as you like and send them all on one CD or tape, we accept all genres of music. Please call 256-299-8817 for an entry

form to be mailed to you. If you get an answering machine, please leave your name, address, telephone number and email, someone from the NWA Songwriters, Poets & Artists Hall of Fame will return you call and answer questions. Deadline to enter is May 1, 2021.

Better Business Bureau of North Alabama, Inc. will host "Shred Day" Friday, April 23 from 10am-noon at the Florence-Lauderdale Coliseum located

at 720 East Veterans Drive in Florence. This event will feature a quick and easy drive-thru setup with two document shredding trucks on-site. You can have your sensitive paper documents securely shredded for "FREE". Only paper documents will be accepted. Please remove all other materials, such as

cardboard, plastic, metal, and binders. • There is a document limit of 3 bags or boxes per vehicle. • Documents should be placed in the

bocuments should be placed in the trunk area of the vehicle.
Remain in your vehicle. This is a no

contact event. EVITLACT EVENT. Event sponsors include City of Florence, Cook's Pest Control, Dixie Pulp & Paper Recycling, LLC, ElderCare Services, Progress Bank and The Agency on Pine. For more information, call 256-740-8224.

UNA Christian Student Center's Annual Golf Tournament will be on Monday, April 26, tee time 1pm at Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail. \$100 per player, \$400 per team. \$10 mulligans, 3 for \$25. Register by April 19. Contact 256-764 0420 761-0130

Osborn Hill Cemetery - Decoration Day will be on May 1. The first Saturday of May has been observed as Decoration Day for well over 100 years. All old flowers will need to be removed from the graves during April. Please make plans for that special day to come to the cemetery. cemetery.

Also its time again for annual donations. If you would like to donate to the Osborn Hill Cemetery Fund, please send your donations to: Osborn Hill Cemetery Fund, c/o Mrs. Lana Duncan 2330 Colburn Mtn. Road, Tuscumbia, AL 35674. or more information on sponsoring the event, please email the Scavenger Hunt committee at JLSfunddevelopment@gmail.com

Junior League of the Shoals is hosting its first Touch A Truck Scavenger Hunt on Saturday, May 15! Touch-A-Truck is a family-friendly sensory experience where children can play and explore various pieces of machinery, equipment, and trucks! Children will also have the chance to meet and interact with the men and women who help build, protect, and serve the Shoals communities - all in a scavenger hunt style interactive event that will span Colbert, Lauderdale, and Franklin counties!

would be a great addition to the Touch A Truck Scavenger Hunt, we'd love to have

You involved. You'll get promotion on our social media and website, will be seen as a community supporter, and will have traffic driven to your site or business with opportunities to interact with participants!

Let's Travel Again!!! The Club / Florence Senior Center "Diamonds in the Rough", traveling friends, want to invite you to join them. Trips are open to the public! Proof of Vaccination will be required with final payment. Deposit due new \$25\$ Checke made newohle to due now, \$75. Checks made payable to Diamond Tours.

\$719, deposit now, final payment June 7. 6 nights 5 days, 10 meals, 6 breakfast 4 dinners, Guided tour of Mackinaw City,

visit Mackinac Island, Carriage tour, Box ride through Soo Locks, Sight-seeing Sault Sainte Marie, Mackinaw Crossings,

dinners. Visit Titanic Museum. 2 morning "Tis the Season", 4 evening shows: Patty Waszak, Soul of Motown, America's Hit

Waszak, Soul of Motown, America's Hit Parade, Country Tonight, Free time in historic downtown Gatlinburg 2022 Trips. More to be arranged. Niagara Falls, May 1-7, 2022, \$659, Passport Required, \$75 deposit now final payment February, 22, 2022 Z dave 6 pichte

7 days 6 nights For more pictures, video and information visit: www.GroupTrips.com/ TheClub or call Fran @The Club

256.760.6642, fdavis@florenceal.org Register Now with only \$75 deposit for motor coach trips.

Thoto coach trips. 2022 Cruise: PML Travel The Club presents 9 day 8 night vacation, Royal Caribbean's "Ovation of the Seas"-ALASKA!! June 2-June 10, 2022-Passport Required. Proof of Vacinttics. Vaccination

\$2799 per person/inside cabin \$2999 per person/outside cabin

\$3499 per person/balcony cabin Roundtrip Airfare, 1 night hotel, guided tour of Seattle, Washington, bus transportation from Airport, Cruise, Cabin. Shipboard meals, Port charges, Taxes and Transfers in Seattle

Travel protection insurance \$318-\$380, \$250 deposit now/Final payment February 2, 2022 Sitka, Skagway, Endicott Arm &

Dawes Glacier, Juneau, AK and Victoria,

For more information The Club/Fram 256-760-6642 or fdavis@florencal.org

Sheffield Head Start Program Sheffield Head Start Program located at 701 East 17th Street in Sheffield is still taking applications for Pregnant Moms and children ages 6 weeks to 4 years for the upcoming 21-22 school year. Parents must bring the following items to register: Child's Birth Certificate, Verification of Income for 2020 (W-2 form, Income Tax Return, Social Security Statement, Child Support, Uhemployment, etc.), documentation of Unemployment, etc.), documentation of Public Assistance such as TANF and Insurance card (if available). Additional information needed if available: WIC, food stamps, College ID, IEP or IFSP. Services are provided at NO COST to parents. Children with special needs parents. and/or disabilities and homeless families are given priority. Call 256-383-3577 or 256-606-3286 set to up an appointment todav

PUBLIC NOTICE AND OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT

The Lauderdale County School System is attempting to locate

any child with disabilities, Ages 0-21, who may be living in the Lauderdale County School District and who are not currently in a school program.

Anyone knowing of a child, who may be in need of Special Services, is asked to contact Mrs. Brooke Gilmer,

> **Director of Special Education** at 256-760-1324

between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday.

ALL INFORMATION WILL BE KEPT STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL.





If you have a location or vehicle that vou involved.

Mackinac Island, October 3-9, 2021,

Sauli Sainte Marte, MacKinaw Crossings, Colonial Michillmackinac, Gaming excitement at Kewadin Sault Casino Pigeon Forge & Smokey Mountains Show Trip, November 15-19, 2021, \$599, \$75 deposit due now, final payment September 8.

4 nights lodging, 4 breakfast, 4



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