

First Southern Names Kraft

FLORENCE – Kim S. Kraft was recently elected to the board of directors of First Southern Bank and to First Southern Bancshares, Inc., according to Joe Beaver, President and CEO.

Kraft graduated Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science degree in Finance from Kennesaw State University. She earned a Master's of Business Administration Degree from Duke University. Kraft is currently an adjunct professor of finance



Kraft

at UNA, and is the Chief Financial Officer for American Promotional Events, Inc. and Anderson Press, Inc. She served as CFO for Waffle House for seven years and was Senior Vice President at SunTrust Bank in Atlanta for 19 years. Kraft also serves on the Board of the Business Council of Alabama. She and her husband Steve have four children and two grandchildren.

NYL's Hood Earns MDRT

FLORENCE– New York Life agent, Terry H. Hood in Florence, has earned membership in the Million Dollar Round Table (MDRT) for 2020.



Hood

Hood earned a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Alabama and also has the designations of CLU and ChFC. Hood has been a New York Life agent since 1983 and has

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FLORENCE–Lauderdale County Commission is partnering with the North Alabama Medical Center to provide free COVID-19 vaccinations primarily for the citizens in the outskirts of Lauderdale County. Drive-thru

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SHOALS – Precious, gorgeous, stoic, proud, sweet, cautious, protective, fun-loving, comical, nervous, or just plain funny! Those are but a few of the hundreds of descriptives we could use for our pets.

That is what we see as judges of the Courier Journal-Shoals Pet Picture Contest each year. If they are awake, our pets are usually busy entertaining us or themselves. It just depends on what your pet is up to when you get that

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Your Under-Sea Journey

FLORENCE–Shoals Christian School presents Disney's Little Mermaid JR May-6-8 at 7:30pm nightly. The 60-minute musical is based on the 2008 Broadway production and Disney's 1989 animated feature film. Shoals Christian School's talented cast consists of 38 students under the direction of Jennifer Adams.

Journey "Under the Sea" with Ariel and her aquatic friends in Disney's Little Mermaid JR, an adaptation of Disney's Broadway production and the motion picture. Based on one of Hans Christian Andersen's most beloved stories, Disney's Little Mermaid JR. is an enchanted look at the sacrifices we all make for love and acceptance. This production features classic songs from the 1989 film such as "Part of Your World", "Under the Sea", "Kiss the

SCS senior, Alyssa Jackle, plays the role of Ariel in Little Mermaid JR.

Courtesy photo



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An exclusive listing of the better sales in the Shoals area.

To list your sale, fill out the form on page 6.

WE MUST receive your ad by Friday prior to the Wednesday release date. (8 days before a Saturday sale)

MUSCLE SHOALS NEIGHBORHOOD YARD SALE
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FLORENCE YARD SALE, 3302 Mulberry Ave., Fri. & Sat. 7am-untill? "Just In Time for Mother's Day!" Books, Jewelry, Vintage Glassware, Watches, Furniture, Dishes, Fine China, Clothes (plus size), Men's, Women's & Kids, Bedding, Power Tools, Vintage Fabrics, Lamps, Antique knick-knacks, Collectibles: Coke-a-Cola, Original Artwork, Crafts and more!

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The registration fee (which covers the cost of field trips, camp t-shirt, supplies, and snacks) and the first week's payment are due at the time of registration.

June 1-August 9

6:30am-5:30pm

Ages 4-12 years

Fees:

Registration Fee: \$90
\$85 per child
\$80 for 4 days
\$60 for 3 days

Mini's Camp:

Ages 4-5 years
For students that completed Pre-K 2020-2021 OR will be entering Pre-K the Fall of 2021

Traditional Camp:

Ages 6-12 years
Students must have completed Kindergarten

Times:

Camp opens at 6:30am and closes at 5:30pm with camp activities from 8:30am to 4:30pm

Camp Information

Summer Camp is a structured program that offers campers age appropriate activities. Activities include arts and crafts, daily devotions, swimming, recreational games, sports, field trips, and much more! Breakfast, lunch, and snack will be provided for your child.

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

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

Calvary Learning Center

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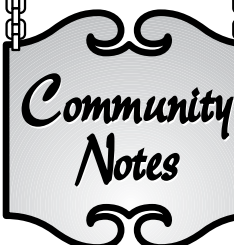
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Florence Drive Thru Neighborhood Food Pantry at North Wood Methodist Church during COVID crisis, requirements: photo ID. Call 256-764-2111 for appointment.

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Want to list your event in Community Notes? Email your information to editor@CourierJournal.net.

The Florence Senior Center/The Club is serving curbside meals Monday-Friday from 10:30-11:30am. Please call in to reserve your meal between 8:30-10:30am. Call 256-760-6668 for a menu. Participation requirements: Over 60 years old and a tidbit of information. You can register over the phone.

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Wednesday, May 5, 6am-4pm, Constellation, 4805 E. 2nd St., Muscle Shoals

Thursday, May 6, 7:30am-3:30pm, Red Bay High School, 800 8th St., Red Bay

Friday, May 7, 12-6pm, Cricket Wireless, 2010 Woodward Ave., Muscle Shoals

Saturday, May 8, 11am-6pm, Lowe's, 130 Cox Creek Pkwy, Florence

Sunday, May 9, 12-6pm, Walmart, Military St., Hamilton

Registration is taking place now for **Summer Camp** June 1-August 9 at Calvary Learning Center at 601 N. Main St. in Tuscumbia. 6:30am-5:30pm Ages 4-12 years

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See the display ad in this week's issue for all the details. 256-383-1853 or 256-381-6650.

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UNA's Smith is Top Scholar

CHARLOTTE, N.C. -- For the second consecutive year, University of North Alabama senior defensive back K.J. Smith of Perry, Ga., has been named the Big South Conference Football Scholar Athlete of the Year. This honor is in addition to earning

second-team All-Big South honors on the field.

A graduate student at UNA working toward a Master of Science in Health and Human Performance degree, with a concentration in Exercise Science, Smith has a perfect 4.0 grade point average on the graduate level. He previously graduated with a 4.0 GPA while earning a degree in Interdisciplinary Studies, with an emphasis on

Health. Smith finished the 2020



Smith

tackle for loss of 14 yards, one interception for 13 yards and two pass break-

ups. A three-year starter at UNA, Smith has 123 career tackles to go with six interceptions for 102 yards and 15 break-ups.

A national finalist for the STATS FCS Doris Robinson Scholar-Athlete of the Year award in 2019, Smith was selected as the 2019-20 Big South Conference Male Scholar-Athlete of the Year.

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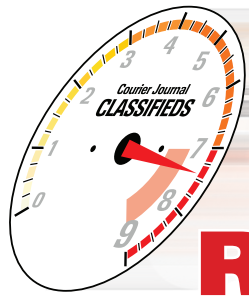
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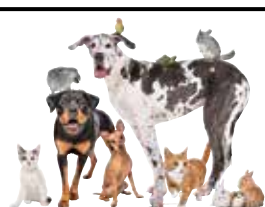
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Pet Pictures

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perfect shot.

We are celebrating the 33rd year of this contest for the entire month of May, which is National Pet Month. We are eagerly anticipating each and every photo of our readers' fuzzy, feathery, or slithery loves.

Listerhill Credit Union is helping us honor all the loveable pets across the Shoals as the Pet Picture Contest's co-sponsor.

We will have 12 winners with dozens of honorable mention photos published in our May 26 issue. Winning picture-takers will also receive personalized trophies from Florence Trophy Company on Cloverdale Road in Florence.

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Look for the entry form in this issue and the May 12 and 19 issues, or visit

us online at CourierJournal.net to get all the entry details and submit your digital photos with all their information.



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Each family may enter up to three pets of any type, dogs, cats, or exotics. However, each pet must have a separate entry form. Copies of the forms are allowed. We also create a fourth category called companions that best demonstrates the companionship pets offer us and their animal brothers and sisters.

It is important that photos are clear and free of any background clutter to preserve the integrity of print reproduction.

All qualifying photos will be posted on our Facebook page (Florence *Courier Journal*) where pet lovers can 'Like' their favorites. Those 'Likes' will also be considered as our staff votes for the pictures we think lead the pack and catch our heart. It won't be a one-to-one Like for staff vote, because some pictures will have been posted longer than others, but Facebook participation WILL BE CONSIDERED as part of the judging process. And it is important to note... Photos CANNOT be entered directly onto our FB page. If not recorded initially by our staff we will have no record of entry.

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A) December B) January C) February D) None Of These
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Donated Bench at Spring Park

BARTON -- In recognition of Earth Day, leading global hygiene and health company Essity has donated a park bench to the City of Tuscumbia to be placed at Spring Park. The new bench will be installed later this spring. The donation is one of seven Earth Day donations Essity is making to local communities across North America.

"Essity's mission is to improve the well-being of people every day and encourage people

to lead healthier, fuller lives. Earth Day is a great opportunity to encourage people to get outside, enjoy the outdoors, and take advantage of the wonderful activities in our local parks and green spaces," said **Steve Edwards**, site manager of Essity in Barton. "We are proud to help enhance the outdoor spaces in the communities where our employees and their families live and work."

The City of Tuscumbia was happy to accept the donation. "We are so appreciative of donations that come into our department. A new bench enables people to have a comfortable place to enjoy the beauty of our

local parks, making our region an even better place to live and work," noted **Joel Kendrick**, Parks and Recreation Director, City of Tuscumbia.

Recordings Again at HoF

TUSCUMBIA-- The Alabama Music Hall of Fame staff is excited to announce that its recording studio has reopened and is ready for visitor use.

After Governor **Kay Ivey**'s recent transition to the new Safer Apart Order, which lifted the statewide mandate on mask requirements, the Hall of Fame is finally able to reopen one of their most popular attractions.

The Alabama Music Hall of Fame offers a fun karaoke style experience where visitors can pay \$10 to have their version of popular songs burned onto a CD. This allows guests visiting the Shoals area to take a musical token of their trip home with them. The studio features all new high quality equipment and technology available for visitors to use.

Some of the new equipment added includes a new Rode brand, multitrack recorder, new camera mount for people to record video of their performance, and a new acoustic guitar that allows people to perform original songs with their own accompaniment with new instrument mics specifically for recording acoustic instruments.

People recording their own songs/demos need to call ahead and schedule an appointment to record. People may book a time on the museum's website at alamhof.org. Otherwise, any guest who visits the museum and would like to cover their favorite songs, are available to do so during operating hours Tuesday-Friday 9am-5pm and Saturday, 10am-4pm, depending upon staff availability!

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Your Memories Are Being Made

This weekend is a joyous time to celebrate mothers, an opportunity you don't want to take for granted. Take it from those of us who only have memories to fall back on. Don't let trivial issues come between a solid relationship.

Remember, your birth mother is technically entitled to her opinion more than any other person in your life.

Your mother is the first person who gives up her life for you. She feeds you and takes care of you long before others even know she is carrying and many months before your first gasp of air.

She is literally dealing with your mess long before your first ear-piercing scream. She is your first connection in this world and she'll love you until the day she dies. A mother's life gets put on hold for her offspring.

Moms take time off from work when we are born and have many sleepless periods because we sometimes cry into the night.

When we get sick or cut our knee, we want our mothers. When we need to talk/vent, she listens. Mothers are their children's best

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TOM MAGAZZÙ
Editor

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in the *Shoals*

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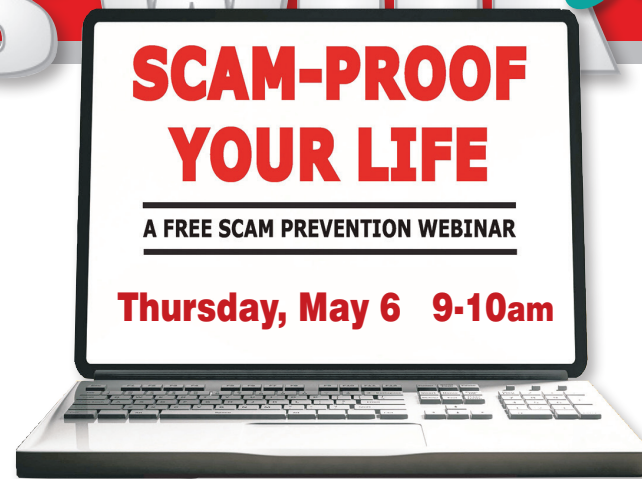
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A Comedy of Waiting

Editor:

It's 3 o'clock Monday, and traffic is clogged on Cloverdale Rd. Is it a wreck? I hope nobody's hurt; it might be bad!!

No silly, it's the usual group that has to tell you how long they stood in line to see the first "Star Wars" or "Jaws"!!

Today it's another place to get a hamburger handed to you out the window. I don't know if they have a good reputation, but I'm betting they will make some rookie mistakes in the coming weeks!!

But let's just back off and look at this behavior like an adult. I'm just the

The only difference was the unfair way they were treated simply because they were black.

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old redneck guy in a Jeep laughing at the waiting line of cars as I leave the Walmart parking lot!

Joe Clemmons
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Mistreating Your Elders

Editor,

Your elderly family members know

more than you think.

In the movie, *I Care A Lot*, it is strangers who are the manipulators. However many times the vultures who put on the fake show of concern are their own relatives. Just because a person may lose some of his/her memory, forget where they are going while they are driving, or misplace things on occasion, it does not mean their mind is completely gone. They

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friends, even if the mother/child relationship is somewhat stressed.

As a rule, our mothers are the protectors, the nurturers. They are the lioness over her cubs.

If we had some news that was going to make our parents mad, mom was usually the best one to tell.

Mom held our hands when we crossed the street or challenged that first stair. She tied our shoe in the rain. She is likely the one who altered her schedule to bring us the coat, lunch, or the musical instrument we forgot. As angry as she may have been, she dropped everything to help us with the class project or assignment we remembered at 7pm the night before it was due.

She provided discipline when you knew it hurt her as much as it was hurting us. Often reaching to the farthest recesses of our memories, those times are often the most clear and among the most cherished of our life.

I was the oldest of three siblings and dad traveled frequently for a few days at a time during my grade school years. I didn't help mom very much with the other two.

In our household mom often took on the burden of low-end disciplinary needs. She knew that if dad had to get the full story, it would no longer qualify as low-end. Therefore, she always tried to handle things before dad stepped in.

My mother was a great cook and was 100% Italian. So, when I pushed just the right buttons, or said the wrong thing, there were a few times when I had to dodge an airborne wooden spoon.

As we grow, mature, discover new things about the world and ourselves, our mothers gradually let us spread our wings because we eventually have to fly. However, we can't know how difficult that first day of independence is for them unless we experience it ourselves a generation later. And I contend the males don't experience it like the females.

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Good Stuff

If I could wiggle my nose and have everyone believe one thing, (and, yes, that is a '70's TV reference to "Bewitched". Of course it is, that was my era.) – I would have everyone believe in their own value.

Intrinsic value – value before you prove it. Come with me for a minute in your mind. Or if you have a banana in your house, go get it. Now in your mind or with a knife, cut that banana in two, shortways. What do you see? A star – a seed star. Now imagine being in Paris, picnicking on the field next to the Eiffel Tower. You have a banana that you bought there. Cut it – a star. In Africa, Central America, Australia, Japan – cut a banana and there will be a seed star. Cut an orange crossways – a star, a grapefruit – a star, an apple – a star. What an amazing design feature! A design confirming a designer. A designer that cares enough to put a star in every slice of banana, pear, apple throughout the world, and a starburst in every kiwi! That designer values that design.

Every designer values his creation because he made it. Valued before the creation does anything. I look a lot like my sisters. I have my dad's hairline. And I did well in school just like my siblings. I am designed a lot like them. I am designed a lot like you. And I know that my designer values me. I was of value before I could speak, before I could cheer, before I could paint or teach or even write. I am valued because I was made. I can breathe and so can you. I can poop (thank goodness!), and so can you. But we don't turn the mechanisms that make this happen every day.

We were designed that way. I am valued – kept going every day – and so are you. Valued – around the clock.

Recently, I was trying to explain this concept to some 10 year olds, so that they would quit comparing themselves to each other. So that they would start respecting themselves and not use bad language. So that they would not call their teachers racist when they had to change their color cards because of their own poor choices. When you know that you are valued, there is no need to put down others. You don't have to be better than the next guy. There doesn't have to be hierarchies. Equality happens. Peace happens. Talk about your herd immunity. Wars cease. Because when everyone accepts intrinsic value for themselves and others, we all live together, not with division, fear and hate, but with respect and hope for each other.

When my self-worth is based on owning land, or on my family history, or on wealth, or on my on talents, or on someone else's opinion of me, then my security is built on a shifting foundation. But belief breeds a constant, secure truth: I am very good because I am the Designer's work. Period. No need to battle against each other. No need to have all the marbles. That's not what makes us valuable.

It takes no bewitching to make this be true – only belief. I am good stuff and so are you. So what can we do together?

Teach this to your 10 year old.

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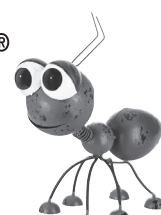
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Savvy SENIOR

How Seniors Can Learn New Technology Skills Online

Dear Savvy Senior,
Can you recommend some good technology classes or online learning resources for inexperienced seniors? I have a computer and a smartphone, but my knowledge and skills are pretty limited.

Tech Challenged Senior

Dear Senior,
There are many different technology teaching tools available to older adults that can help you learn new tech skills so you can better utilize your devices. Here are some good options to consider.

Local classes or workshops: Depending on where you live, there may be community resources that offer beginning computer and personal technology classes, be it online or in-person, for older adults that are new to technology. To find out what's available in your area, contact your local public library, senior center, college or university, or local stores that sell computers. Your Area Agency on Aging may also be able to help you. Visit the Eldercare Locator at Eldercare.acl.gov or call 800-677-1116 to get your local number.

GetSetUp.io: This is one of the best online learning websites that partners with guides to provide training on tech tools for adults 50 and older. They provide more than 350 online classes taught in real-time by retired educators and tech industry experts in a way that lets older adults learn-by-doing, versus just watching a video.

Their technology classes – all taught via Zoom – cover things like learning how to use smartphones and tablets, how to set-up and use Zoom, how to utilize Gmail features, how to recognize online scams, how to sell your stuff online and so much more. Most of their classes are free, however some charge a small fee.

SeniorPlanet.org: Created and sponsored by national nonprofit OATS (Older Adults Technology Services) and recently joining forces with AARP, Senior Planet offers 60-and-older adults a wide variety of free online courses, programs, and activities that are taught in real-time to help seniors learn new technology skills, as well as save money, get in shape and make new friends.

Some of their more popular tech classes include “All Things Zoom,” “Everything Smartphones,” and an “Introduction to Social Media.” They even offer a “lunch & learn – tech discussion group” offered at various times throughout the year where you can ask questions as well as share your struggles and experiences.

And, if you ever have a technology question that pops up during the week, you can call their National Senior Planet Hotline for tech help at 920-666-1959 anytime Monday through Friday during working hours.

OasisEverywhere.org: This nonprofit educational organization for older adults provides more than 10 low-cost/free online computer, internet and mobile technology courses for beginners. And when the pandemic dies down, they will resume offering beginner tech classes in their 27 locations (located in nine states) throughout the country.

CandooTech.com: This company provides fee-based online tech support and training to help older adults feel more comfortable with phones, computers, tablets, home safety devices and more.

Their specially trained tech concierges will teach you how to use your technology, fix what's not working and install software, as well as learn how set-up and use email, video chat, social media, online shopping and entertainment, ride sharing services and more.

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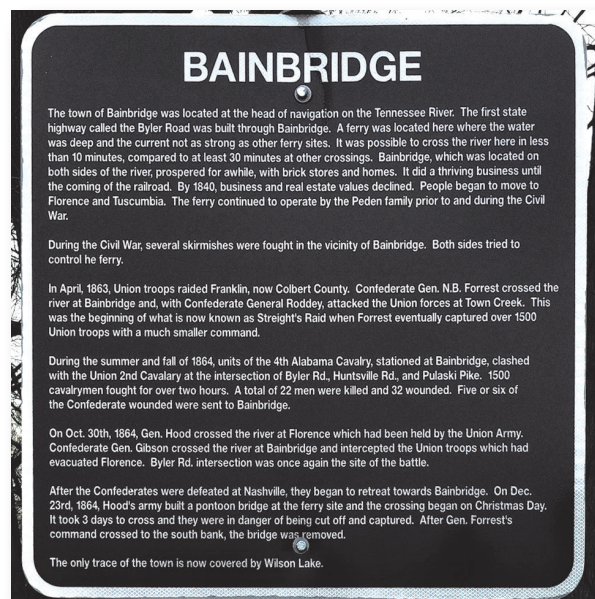


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Letters...

Mistreating Your Elders

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know in their heart what is being done to them.

Can you imagine working all of your life and then being stripped away from your friends and your money just because you may require some extra attention? There is a special place for those of you who don't take time out of your precious schedule to visit them or those who decide which of their friends that do care about them can and cannot visit them. The way you treat people will catch up to you.

Remember karma. The money or property you have been waiting to get your greedy hands on may put a smile on your face for a while, but it will not help you where you will be spending eternity.

Candi Miller
Killen

A Dictator From Day 1

Editor:

Before Biden was elected, I asked anyone on FB to tell me what they were voting for, and besides mostly crickets, the

responses were that they were voting for “Biden”, for “healing”. Obviously, they misunderstood the question. When I asked specifically not for what policies, agenda, etc, all I got was Trump bashing and bashing me personally.

I recently posted again for anyone to tell me what Biden has done so far that makes them happy they voted for him. Crickets. Since no one can answer that question, I can certainly say what has made me unhappy he was elected.

From day one he became a self-proclaimed dictator (he said himself only “dictators govern by executive order”). Instead of the healing, and unity he promised, that entire party immediately moved to partisan politics, pushing an extreme radical agenda, from shutting down the pipeline on day one, up to today when they are pushing HR1, DC as the 51st state, defunding the police, making sure Critical Race Theory is still taught in schools. Conservatives are being punished across this nation, MLB can sign a 10 year contract with Communist China but those nasty conservatives in Georgia USA must be punished. Costco and Kohl's have stopped selling My Pillow. Cancel culture is the new norm.

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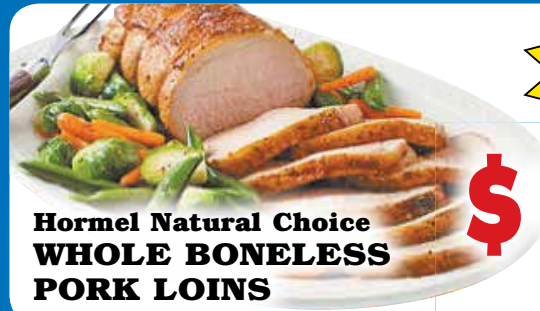
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Commentary (2) Mothers...

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them as often as we have opportunity.

It will be 24 years on May 17 since I lost my mother. I don't have the space here and our readers could fill a thousand pages with their own special memories.

Over the past year this pandemic has made life so much more challenging for our older parents. Some physical separations have been literally unbearable.

Still keeping health and safety in mind, but lavish love, respect, and comfort on your parents whenever possible. Especially notice your mother this weekend. And while you are at it remember those of us who only have memories of that blessing in our lives.

I miss those many antagonistic younger days including mom yelling, "Thomas Vince!" from the next room.

I long for the opportunity to dodge one of those wooden spoons now, too.

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Soap Opera Preview

THE BOLD AND THE BEAUTIFUL Hope and Liam looked forward to their long future together after Liam's first night home. Thomas vowed to find out who killed Vinny and make them pay. Liam attempted to hide his torment over Vinny's death from Hope. Ridge went on the defense when Baker grilled Thomas about Vinny. Wyatt became frustrated over Bill and Liam's apparent lies. Thomas tried to be supportive of Hope rebuilding a life with Liam. Quinn and Shauna found

themselves in a tight spot with Eric. *Wait to See: Zoe aims to prove to Carter that she's the only woman for him. Brooke is stunned when Carter defends Quinn's past mistakes. Shauna covers for Quinn and then advocates on her behalf to Eric.*

DAYS OF OUR LIVES Kristen, disguised as Kate, fended off Roman's romantic overtures. Sparks flew between Gabi and Jake. Jack and Chad questioned Abigail about Gwen's fall. Gwen came up with a horrific lie. Abigail denied Gwen's accusation. Lucas struggled to deceive Chloe. Ava and Rafe discussed where they stood with one another. Belle had a stunning realization regarding Charlie's murder. Melinda pressed John to implicate Belle. Bonnie and Jan had a testy exchange. Chanel asked Lani for a huge favor. Belle and Shawn sought answers about Jan. Claire overheard Jan making plans to become Mrs. Shawn Brady. Allie reunited with an old friend. Tripp shared some surprising news with Claire about Allie. *Wait to See: Susan makes a major slip in front of Brady. Kate fights for her life. Sami reaches into her old bag of tricks to help Lucas out of a jam.*

GENERAL HOSPITAL Carly made her presence known. Jordan assessed a situation. Cyrus tied up a loose end. Brando questioned Sasha's behavior. Cyrus was livid. Britt remained committed to helping Jason. Elizabeth was beside herself. Nina considered a major life change. Jax began to worry when he couldn't reach Carly. Portia dropped by The Savoy to see Curtis. Spinelli got a call summoning him. Sam made a pact with Dante. Trina stopped by Jordan's house hoping to see her father. Cameron apologized to Josslyn. Carly felt the weight of Sonny's absence. Olivia confided in Robert. Valentin questioned Anna's decision. Brook Lynn's plans were thwarted. Carly felt helpless. Britt and Jason grew closer. *Wait to See: Peter bumps into Cyrus at the Metro Court. Maxie and Sam find a moment to catch up. Brook*

Lynn overhears a tender moment between Ned and Olivia.

THE YOUNG AND THE RESTLESS Nick made a bold move to help Faith. Devon strategized with Jack. Nina comforted Abby. Nick's plan to help Faith backfired. Rey comforted Sharon. Victoria gave Billy a warning. Victor found leverage against Chelsea. Adam made a dangerous decision. Nikki delivered some unexpected news to Sharon. Michael questioned Amanda's motives. Summer retaliated against Sally. *Wait to See: Nate pushes Devon's buttons. Lily keeps Billy on his toes. Chelsea plots her next move.*

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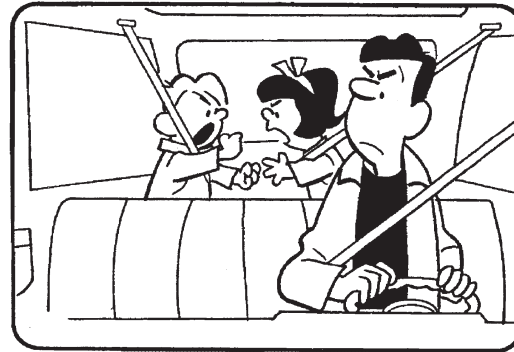
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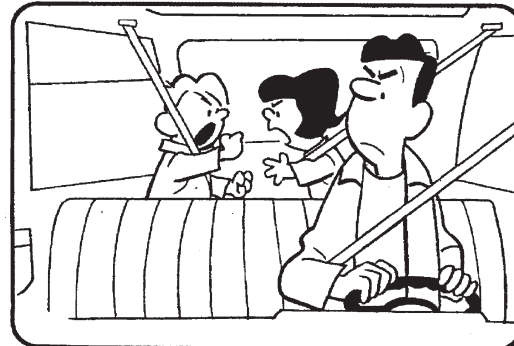
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Vaccines...

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deck parking lot at Joe Wheeler State Park in Rogersville. No appointment is necessary. This week both locations will have vaccines Monday-Friday.

"The Lauderdale County Commission understands the impact of the Coronavirus Pandemic and its effect on the citizens," said Shana French Thompson, Assistant to the Administrator of the Lauderdale County Commission. "They want to provide these mobile curbside vaccination stations to outlying neighborhoods in the county so everyone will have a convenient location to visit."

Clinics are curbside and usually run from 8am-3pm or until the daily supply is depleted. Clinics are open to anyone who is at least 16 years old. They will need to present their ID in order to receive the vaccine. The two-dose Pfizer brand vaccine is what is being administered.

Look for the weekly schedule in this issue and the May 12 issue of your Courier Journal.

Who will be the 2021 Shoals Woman of the Year?

Nominate now!

The Shoals Woman of the Year award honors women who have made significant, unique, and lasting contributions to their community. Nominees must be residents of one of these North Alabama counties: Lauderdale, Colbert, Franklin, or Lawrence.

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DEADLINE for nominations is Wed., May 26, 2021

The Shoals Woman of the Year award will be presented in August 2021 - more information coming soon!



Insurance Insights

Tips to First Time Car Insurance Buyers

Getting car insurance for the first time? Here is what to know about policy terms, coverage and potential discounts.

Buying a car can be exciting - and a little bit scary. The same goes with getting car insurance for the first time, all on your own. There's responsibility - deciding what coverage and deductibles you want and need, to name just two examples - and freedom as you move from a parent or caregiver's policy to one that's all your own. There's also the potential to make mistakes.

The first thing to understand about car insurance is that there are a variety of factors that can influence coverage and cost. Age, marital status and home ownership are just three determining factors. And what kind of coverage (and deductible) you want should an accident happen may also help you determine the policy and parameters you choose. Here are questions to ask your State Farm® agent about coverage and discounts as well as the paperwork you may need to establish your own auto insurance policy.

What Coverage Is Available and Required?

Your agent can explain the types of available coverage. These typically include options such as liability, uninsured motorist coverage, collision and comprehensive. When it comes to vehicle insurance, each state sets its own limits on what's required and what's optional. In addition, if you have a loan on your vehicle, your lender may specify insurance requirements, too.

Can You Explain The Terms Related To My Policy?

Some may be familiar to you and others may be new, but your agent will be able to walk you through those insurance ins and outs. Starters include the premium (what you pay each month), the deductible (what you're responsible for paying after an accident), exclusions and limitations (what insurance does and does not cover) and policy beginning and ending.

What Happens If I Need Help?

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Paperwork To Bring To Your State Farm Agent's Office

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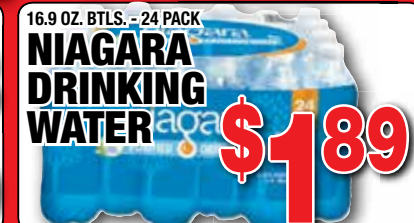
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What Is Mortgage Forbearance?

A forbearance is a workout option available to homeowners having a financial hardship. As the coronavirus pandemic was hitting its peak late fall and early winter of 2020, thereby straining Americans' finances, 3.4 million homeowners were in forbearance. The typical terms of a mortgage forbearance are payments can be "skipped" for 90, 180, up to 360 days for those that are affected by COVID-19.

Normally, forbearance can drag down a homeowner's credit score, though less so than missed payments. But the CARES Act directs mortgage lenders to report your account as current to the credit bureaus, as long as you were not behind on payments when you requested the forbearance. However, eventually, forbearance agreements end, and homeowners might be stuck with expensive mortgage payments just as they are getting back on their feet.

What You Need To Know

- The homeowner will need to make up the missed payments.
- Missed payments may be deferred to the end of their mortgage term, or
- Rolled into the mortgage balance, or
- Be called due all at once.

This Is What Can Go Wrong

At the end of your forbearance term, all skipped payments are due at once. Now, this is not realistic for most families, especially if you have not made a payment in 6, 9, or 12 months! Most mortgage servicers will have other options for reinstating your loan. But what if you are unable to meet your mortgage servicer's conditions for reinstating, modifying, or refinancing your loan and losing your home to a foreclosure is out of the question?

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For crying out loud!

Recently, our president declared the country is systemically racist. He praised last summer's riots and looters, (\$1 billion cost in property damage, the

lives that were taken), but those violent acts weren't enough. Folks, they are just getting started. Now tell me you're happy and see if I believe you.

Jim Brasfield
 Florence

Ordinary and Necessary?

Editor:

Recently the *TimesDaily* reported on action taken by the Florence City Council, at their April 20 meeting, to grant a contract to Skipper Consulting to better synchronize the traffic lights on Florence Blvd between the intersection of Dr. Hicks and Tennessee Streets to Middle Road. The Cost for the synchronizing is \$40,415. Skipper Consulting is located in Birmingham and has an excellent reputation.

Due to the distance between the traffic lights at the intersection and the traffic light at Cox Creek, bc another question is: Is the study necessary for this stretch of road due to distance between lights? Traffic lights can be helpful to control speed of vehicles. From the traffic light at Cox Creek to the traffic light at Middle Road there are several lights on Florence Blvd. Perhaps a study by the city's Street Department would be helpful.

The Council's list of potential capital projects include Bridge on College Street, no estimate on cost; new city hall and parking deck with estimated cost between \$47 million and \$53 million; a new parking deck at intersection of Tombigbee and Pine Street, no estimate on cost; drainage project, no estimate on cost; the River Heritage trail, with a cost of \$4 million and helping UNA with their building projects, no estimate on contribution.

Due to the capital projects, Members of the Council must ask themselves if this item is an "ordinary and necessary expense. At their next meeting on May 3 the Council will approve/disapprove the minutes of the April 20 meetings. Hopefully, there will be a change regarding the \$40,415. It ain't "ordinary and necessary!"

Bill Smoak
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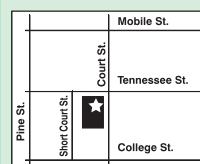
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If you want to deal directly with a particular insurance company you can do that online or over the phone. All insurance companies now have a website and toll free number to call. Some people feel as though they need help in choosing a plan. They will call on a friend, family member or non-insurance person to help them. All three of these methods are perfectly acceptable under Medicare guidelines. If you choose to enroll without the help of an insurance agent it will be up to you to read and understand the plan's summary of benefits, assure that the doctors, hospitals and pharmacies you want to use are in the plan's network and make sure your drugs are covered on the plan's drug formulary.

There's an important question you'll want to ask yourself; "If I have a problem with my plan can the person helping me enroll go to the insurance company on my behalf to help me solve it?" If the answer is "no" then you will be on your own to deal with the company. Your local insurance agent must be appointed by the company they enroll you with. Therefore, if you have a problem with your plan the agent that enrolled you can go to the company on your behalf. Next week we will look specifically at the value of a local agent and how an agent earning a commission can actually be a good thing for you!!

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Can't Blame the World

Editor:

Turn on the TV and all you will see is something about race. There is a white race, a black race, and the human race. Oops, we are

all part of that one, right? The God in Heaven that we worship made no mistakes when he made us. He made some of us black, some brown, some white, some red (at least that is what we call the Indians). He also gave each of us a portion of common sense but a lot of us do not use it to the fullest. Some of us chose to get an education, some chose to remain uneducated. That is a choice one has to make for oneself. We are what we choose to be. You have no right to blame others for what happens to you as long as you do not challenge them.

Please do not tell me you have very little in life just because you were deprived or denied. I grew up in what we called "hard times" as many others did. I could have chosen to accept poverty and blame the world for failure. I walked side by side with black children who were equal to me in their position in life. The only difference was the unfair way they were treated simply because they were black. God is no respecter of people. He tells us that in His Word. And yet, we have done the opposite of that. We ask God to forgive us when we

make mistakes, but we are not willing to forgive our brothers when they err.

Martin Luther King spent much of his life trying to teach the world how we must treat each

other if we ever had hope of being united. However, for some reason, there are those of the African American race who still choose to be divided. They choose to attend their own,

Black only, schools. In my home town of Huntsville Alabama there are two Black universities and only one White university. If

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all predominantly black. There are black doctors(Ben Carson) black lawyers, black members of congress, even a black president of the United States. So, how can you tell me you live in a racist country? It is so very unfair that the whole Black population is being led down the Primrose Path by those who would lie to them , those same people who themselves are Racists, some who were even members of the KKK.

Please don't let people in high places tell you how to live your life. Your president Joe Biden fought as hard as he possibly could to stop Clarence Thomas (a black man) from being on the Supreme Court. Was that racist? It is on film if you want to see it.

My wife and I, along with many others from this area, campaigned for Doctor Ben Carson when he ran for president in 2016. I would truly love to see him as the leader of this country.

David Hollingsworth
Florence

Patronize Mars Hill Book Store

Dear Editor:

I want to share my opinion on an important subject on which I feel qualified to write, because I was a student at Mars Hill Bible School for six years, valedictorian in 1973, worked at the book store shipping department during the 1980s for four years, and several books

I have written have been sold in the book store over the years. It should also be known that neither Mars Hill Bible School nor Mars Hill Book Store asked me to write this letter.

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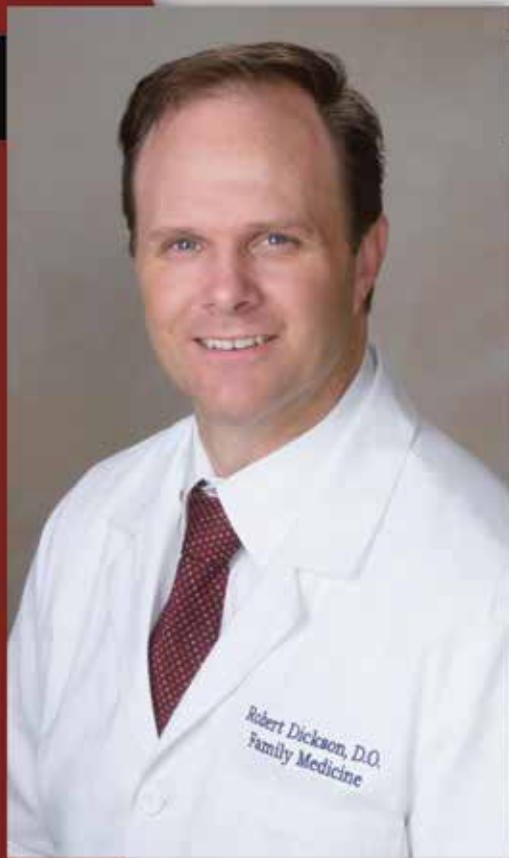
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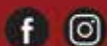


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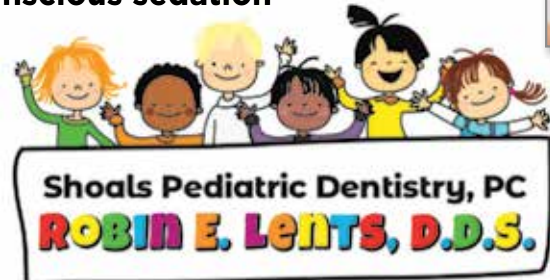
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Vacation Bible Schools. Many local churches and congregations cancelled midweek Bible classes, Sunday School classes, vacation Bible schools, and

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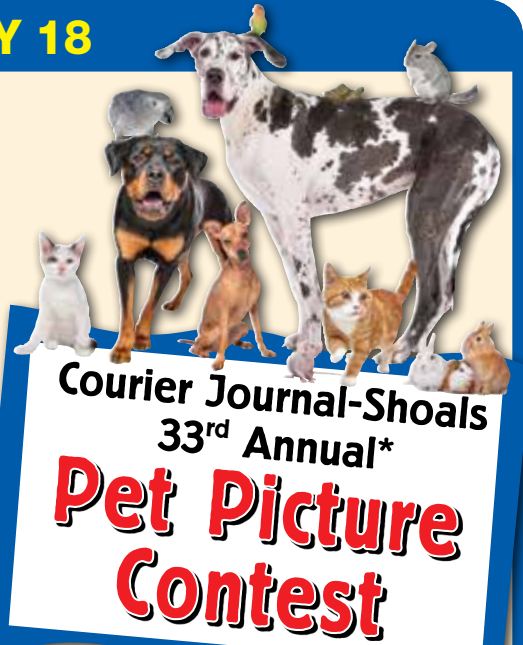
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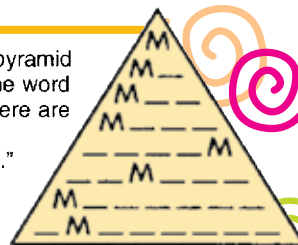
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- • • **A NEAT WAGER!** Draw nine dots on a sheet of paper (Fig. 1). Challenge your friends to connect them up by drawing four straight lines through them without lifting the pencil from the paper.

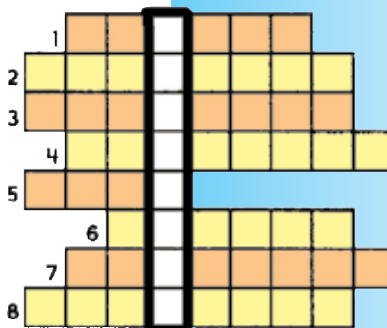
FIG. 1

THE "M" PYRAMID! As you move down the word pyramid shown here, each word contains the same letters as the word above it, plus a new letter. We give you all the M's. Here are some hints from the top down:

1. Roman numeral for 1000.
2. Rebus for "none left."
3. Found in a wrestling ring.
4. A radio antenna.
5. A source of power.
6. Poorest excuse.
7. Short-handed hammers.
8. Baby Bear's bed.




by Charles Barry Townsend


**Don't Throw An Air Ball
Solving This One**


Sink the following eight words and win the game. In the grid there is room to enter eight words or terms pertaining to basketball. The following hints should help you dribble to victory.

1. A credit for scoring.
2. For some, a sure point maker.
3. You can't play without them.
4. Shooting while in the air.
5. To pass the ball.
6. What teams need to win.
7. To score off the backboard.
8. To shoot over your head.

There is a dark frame around one of the columns in our grid. If you correctly solve the puzzle, the letters in the frame, top to bottom, will spell out the name of a spectacular shot.

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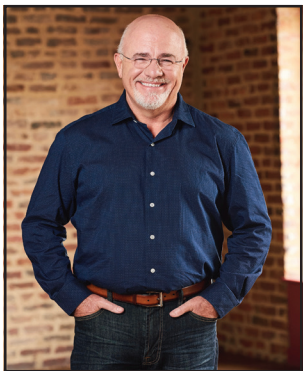
DAVE Says

by DAVE RAMSEY

GOOD NEWS AND BAD NEWS

Dear Dave,
My wife and I are in our late twenties, we have no debt, and our household income is about \$180,000 year. We're thinking about building a home, but we're not sure whether to build just for us, or maybe building a multi-family place so we could live upstairs, rent the rest, and make some money. Your advice would be appreciated.
Joel

Dear Joel,
If you're looking strictly at quality of life considerations, like privacy and having a little room to yourselves, a single family home is the way to go. But, if making extra money is important to you at this point, a multi-family structure might work. The good news is your tenants would be right there. The



bad news is your tenants would be right there!

From a landlord's perspective, living next to or above your tenants means you can keep an eye on things a little better. Your tenants might also take better care of the place with you around. But those kinds of situations aren't always beautiful things. When you're living a floor or wall away from someone, you're all up in their business, and they're all up in your business. It's not for everyone.

If you're planning to have kids soon, I'd recommend going the single family route—specifically because of the quality of life. Looking at the other side, you'll make money with a multi-family construction, but it'll probably be a pain in the butt. You'll be giving up some things if you go that route.

Let me put it this way, Joel. I've owned a ton of investment real estate in my life, and my wife didn't want to live in any of those properties. Still, there's nothing inherently wrong with either decision. Just make sure your mortgage is a 15-year, fixed rate loan, and the monthly payments are no more than 25 percent of your combined take home pay. Save up for a down payment of at least 20 percent to avoid PMI, too.

Take a hard look at the numbers, and make sure you and your wife have a long, long talk about everything. You two should be in complete agreement about every aspect of this situation before moving forward!

—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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It is the largest Empty the Shelters event yet, with 200 participating shelters and rescues in 36 states.

Florence-Lauderdale Animal Services is taking part in this event again this year, one of four shelters in Alabama.

There are many pet lovers/owners, but bringing awareness to adoption specifically is no light work. If you can, help save lives and give homeless pets the second chance they deserve.

Helen Keller Library will host a book signing featuring two Shoals authors on May 6 from 3-5pm in the Library's meeting room. The public is invited.

Billy and Linda Johnson, a husband and wife writing team, recently published a delightful novel that should interest readers looking for a good summer read. "The Casserole Ladies" is a 241-page screwball comedy about five older, unmarried women living in a small Southern town who embark on a quest for postmortem romance. Differences in gender longevity in the United States mean that there are more unmarried older women than eligible bachelors for those women who desire male companionship. The book humorously explores how Daffy, Babs, Gidget, Lilly, and Lizzie cope with this imbalance. They experience a series of zany misadventures. Their most preposterous escapade and the book's climax occurs in Jacksonville, Florida at the "World's Largest Outdoor Cocktail Party." The Ladies ultimately resolve their problems in a totally unexpected way that leaves readers shaking their heads and laughing.

"The Casserole Ladies" is available on Amazon in eBook or paperback. You can visit Billy's Facebook page at <https://fb.me/Billy4GoodBooks>

Helen Keller Library is located at 511 North Main Street in Tuscumbia.

Park and Pray (a Relay for Life event) takes place at 7pm Friday, May 7 in the Cross Point Church of Christ Parking Lot. Luminaries Bag (available at event or beforehand)

Hendrix Chapel Church of Christ is hosting a Homecoming and Gospel Meeting May 9-12 at the church located at t 13007 CR 8, Florence (1 mile west of the Natchez Trace)

The guest speaker will be Ben Siegel, the minister at Glendale Church of Christ. Ben is in his fifth year preaching at Glendale. He grew up at Glendale, graduated from Central High School and later from Heritage Christian University.

Sunday Morning Class 9am • Worship 10am. • Sunday Evening-Wednesday 7pm. Call 256-767-3629 for more information.

CALLING ALL GOLFERS!! SHBA Scholarship Golf Classic will be on Friday, May 7 at Twin Pines Golf Course in Russellville. 8am shotgun start. Cost is \$100 per player and \$20 for 2 mulligans per player. Also have hole sponsorships for \$100. Get forms for teams and sponsorships at shoalshomebuilders.com or call 256-766-9110

The Shoals Archaeological Stewardship Virtual Speaker Series features a different presentation each month from March - October. The May 7 will be a panel discussion on what to do if you find an artifact while out on public land. Panel members include archaeologists from TVA and the State of Alabama, the Florence Mound Museum, and Tribal representatives. The discussion can be viewed at the following link on Friday, May 7 at noon: tva.com/thousandeyes.

The Florence Indian Mound Museum, in partnership with the Tennessee Valley Authority, is sponsoring the series as a part of an effort to raise awareness about looting in the Shoals area.

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A Cemetery Preservation and Grave Stone Cleaning Workshop will be held at St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church, 415 St. Paul Circle (off Cook Lane), Tusculumbia, on Saturday, May 8, 9am-noon. Cait Monroe, Huntsville public historian, will conduct the workshop that will include hands-on opportunities in the church's historic burial ground. Recommended products and techniques which will not inflict damage will be reviewed. Supplies will be provided. There is no charge and the public is invited. The workshop is sponsored by the Colbert County Historical Landmarks Foundation and St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church. Keeton Stewart is the

Pastor. For more information, please call 256-710-9081.

Republican Women of the Shoals will meet on Monday, May 10, at Avalon Social, 400 West Avalon Ave., Muscle Shoals, 5:30pm Social and hors d'oeuvres, 6pm meeting. \$10.

Speakers: Ret. Col. Casey Wardynski, Congressional District 5 Candidate, Trump appointed Asst. Secretary of the Army and Dr. Nicole Jones, Economic Developer and Mediator.

Shoals Republican Club After Hours & Trivia on Thursday, May 13, 6-8pm at High Ridge Spirits Distillery, 1401 Huntsville Road, Sweetwater District, Florence.

May Holy Days of religions present in the Shoals

May 14 - 16 Islam End of Ramadan

Eid al Fitr
May 18 Jewish Tish'a B'av
May 29 Baha'i Ascension of Baha'u'llah

Fish Fry at Calvary Baptist Church, 601 N. Main St., Tusculumbia on Friday, May 14, 4-7pm. Proceeds go to "Operation Christmas Child."

The deadline is nearing for public nominations to the Walk of Honor, located in the beautiful River Heritage Park by the Marriott Shoals Conference Center and Hotel. The Walk of Honor recognizes individuals of Florence and Lauderdale County who have achieved national or international acclaim.

Areas of national or international accomplishment include, but are not limited to, agriculture, art, athletics, business, education, government, humanities, literature, medical, military,

music, public service, religion, or science and technology. Nominations will be received until 5pm on Tuesday, May 25.

Visit the City's web site (www.florenceal.org) and select the "Walk of Honor" listing under the "Happening Now" section; or

Pick up a Walk of Honor Nomination Packet from the Mayor's Office, 102 South Court Street - Suite 200, Florence, AL 35630.

Completed nomination forms and any additional information can be dropped off at the mayor's office or sent via email to MayorBerterton@florenceal.org. Walk of Honor Selection Committee will choose from eligible inductees and a ceremony will be held in their honor at a date TBA. A bronze plaque with a picture of the inductee, along with a brief inscription of their accomplishment, will be placed at the Walk of Honor in River Heritage Park.

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4th Annual Blue Light Vigil - Honor the Fallen on Saturday, May 15, 7pm. Come out and show support for all the fallen police officers of 2019-2020. This event will have guest speakers such as Sheriffs, Police Chiefs, and fellow law enforcement officers. After the guest speakers, all Law Enforcement Officers will turn on their blue lights under the night sky as we do roll call of the fallen.

The event is free to the public. Event is being held at Cowboy Church of Colbert County, 3440 Hwy 157 in Leighton.

Light & Air Exhibit hosted by The Tennessee Valley Museum of Art, 511 N. Water St., Tusculumbia through May 21. The exhibit features artists who paint in the plein air style. Hours are 9am-5pm Monday-Friday and Noon-3pm Saturday. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for students, and free for TVAA members. Admission is also free for education, healthcare, and first responder workers.

Masks and social distancing are required.

The 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!

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Arts Alive, downtown Florence's visual arts festival, is taking place in Wilson Park and at Kennedy-Douglass Center for the Arts on the weekend of

May 15-16, Saturday from 9am-5pm and Sunday from 10am-5pm. Approximately 80 artists, working in painting, sculpture, printmaking, textiles, mixed media, metal, clay, jewelry, and photography will sell their artwork in booths in Wilson Park; the Arts Alive Gallery Exhibition at Kennedy-Douglass will showcase artwork from approximately 62 artists from May 15 - June 18.

Additional festival attractions in the park include an art activity tent for children, specialty food trucks, and a large-scale mural demonstration by UNA art professor Parker Seward. In addition to the Gallery Exhibition, Kennedy-Douglass will display artwork from Florence elementary school children in the breezeway between the Main and Annex galleries. There is a ticketed Opening Night Gallery Exhibit Preview event on Friday, May 14, details and tickets are available online at www.florenceal.org/museums/calendar

Confederate Memorial Park, a historic property of the Alabama Historical Commission located in Marbury, Alabama, will host a walking tour on Saturday, May 15, at 10am. Visitors will explore the locations and ruins of the original structures that once occupied the site, as well as tours of a cemetery and the park's museum.

At the beginning of the 20th century, many indigent Confederate veterans lived in Alabama. Through Montgomery attorney and Confederate veteran, Jefferson Manly Falkner's untiring efforts, the state of Alabama established the Alabama Confederate Soldiers' Home in 1901, which served as the state's only facility for the care of indigent Confederate veterans.

Today, Alabama's only Confederate veterans' home is incorporated into Confederate Memorial Park, which spans 102 acres of rolling wooded countryside near the center of the state. Life for the old soldiers, called "inmates," was better than most had known before their arrival. The home provided housing, meals, clothing, allowances, medical care and, for many, a place to die and be buried with dignity. The cost for the walking tour is \$10 per person and can be paid at the museum prior to the 10 a.m. departure. To accommodate social distancing, the tour is allotted for a maximum of 15 participants. Please call the museum at 205-755-1990 to reserve your spot! Confederate Memorial Park is located at 437 Co Rd 63 in Marbury.

To learn more about Confederate Memorial Park, or the Alabama Historical Commission, please visit www.ahc.alabama.gov.

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