

Graves Top DVII Teacher

FLORENCE—Florence City Schools is excited to announce Weeden Elementary School teacher **Rachel Graves** has been named the District VII Elementary Teacher of the Year. Mrs. Graves is one of



Graves

16 outstanding teachers in Alabama named as a finalist for the Alabama 2021-2022 Teacher of the Year award. Mrs. Graves is a Resource Teacher

at Weeden Elementary School. She has been a teacher with Florence City Schools for 7 years. She coaches the high school swim team, is a member of the AHSAA swimming committee, and coaches Special Olympics swimming.

Graves moved to Florence in 2009 and received her undergraduate degree in K-6 Collaborative Education and her Master's degree in K-12 Special Education from UNA. Graves has been married to her husband, **Andrew**, for 7 years and they have one son, **Fletcher**.

2 Days for Amnesty



FLORENCE—Florence Municipal Court is setting aside two Warrant Amnesty Days, May 24 and 26 from 9am – noon and 1-3:30pm. Due to Coronavirus, many

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is approximately \$148,000 shy of its aggressive fundraising goal of \$1,000,000 and will conclude its annual campaign on Monday, May 31. With that date just two weeks away, United Way of Northwest Alabama is making a final plea to help reach their goal.



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Storytelling Festival

10th Annual Shoals Event Goes Virtual

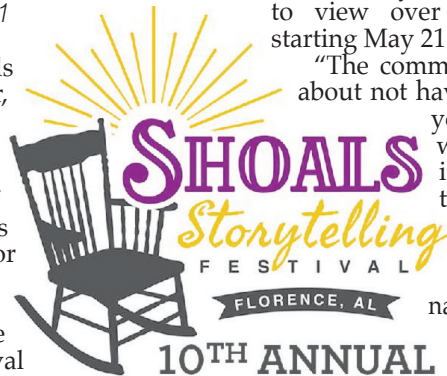
by **Lisa Singleton-Rickman**
Times Daily Staff Writer
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FLORENCE — Shoals Storytelling Festival organizer, Debbie Chaffin, knew the 10th annual event needed to be spectacular, so she set out for an unequalled lineup of entertainment, which includes Pulitzer Prize winning author Rick Bragg. The event was cancelled last year due to the pandemic. Unsure of the future of in-person events, the festival

committee made the decision to go virtual this year, allowing registrants to view over an 11-day period starting May 21.

"The committee was concerned about not having the festival two years in a row. So, we decided to make it virtual, but not the talking heads type event," said Chaffin.

Chaffin connected with the nationally renowned Timpanogos



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Bragg

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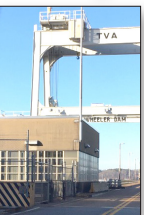
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Two Days for Amnesty

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people have not come to court.

Warrants have either been issued for their arrest or their file has been put aside until after Amnesty Days at which time warrants will be issued. The work release center has reopened and is now being used as an overflow for people being arrested for City of Florence misdemeanor warrants.

Florence Municipal Court is having two amnesty days for people

who have missed their court date and want to make sure they don't get arrested. The amnesty days are May 24 (Monday) and May 26 (Wednesday) from 9am-12 and 1-3:30pm. If you come during those hours, you will not get arrested and be given a new court date.

As always, if you can't make those days and missed court, you can come to a regular court day (every Tuesday and Thursday at 8 am) and ask **Judge Smith** to recall the warrants.

Any Questions, please call the Florence Magistrate Office at 256-760-6625.



Smith

Carolyn Chandler recently presented a \$2,000 scholarship from the Exchange Club to Florence High School

senior, **Jonavin Smith**. He plans to major in finance and international studies in college. The scholarship is for the college of his choice.

Chandler noted, "The Florence Exchange Club is proud to present this scholarship to a very deserving young man and help with his future plans and education."

part of UNA's recent spring commencement ceremonies. The Turriss Fidelis Key was presented to two students, and 11 students received the Keller Key award.

The Turriss Fidelis Key is awarded to a graduating senior on the basis of outstanding service to the University and scholastic achievement. Recipients of this award are selected by a committee of faculty, staff, and students. This year's recipients are:

• **Charles Samuel Gordon**, of Russellville, who graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Communication Arts and a minor in History. He has a 4.0 grade point average.

• **Hunter Tate Gooch** of Killen, with a Bachelor of Business Administration. He majored in Accounting and Finance and has a 3.95 GPA.

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Exchange Club Scholarship

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Honorees for Spring at UNA

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FLORENCE: HUGE MOVING SALE 103 Agnew Way, Fri & Sat 7am-until? Rain or Shine! Furniture, Wicker, Lamps, Chairs, Storage cabinet, Home decor, Golf, Pet, Kitchen. All nice stuff! Map ID# 4652

WOW!
KILLEN (BRIDGE ROAD): 1119 County Road 25 Fri. 7:00 AM, Sat. 7:00 AM, Moving Sale-Multiple families, lots of nice things, home decor, furniture, linens, toys, kitchen items
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FLORENCE GARAGE SALE, 2196 Co. Rd. 224, go North on Co Rd 47, turn left onto Co Rd 36, 3 miles to Mt. Zion Church of Christ, left on Co Rd 224, 3rd house on left. Garage is in the back. Fri. & Sat., 8am-noon, Lots of stuff!

FLORENCE YARD SALE 7619 Dr. Kennedy Drive Sat 7am-until? No junk, no clothes. Only nice furniture and glassware.

KILLEN: HUGE 4 FAMILY GARAGE SALE Fri. & Sat., 7am-until? 379 Woodfern Drive. Baseball equipment, Pitching machine, Fishing, Toys, Household items, Table & chairs, Twin mattress, Twin trundle bed, Couch, Perennial plants, Vapor light, Nice clothes and more!

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- Email to editor@courierjournal.net;
- Look for "Submit News" on our website at www.courierjournal.net.
- Fax to 256-760-9618;
- Mail to 219 W. Tennessee St, Florence, AL 35630; or
- Bring in person.

All properly submitted Community Notes which are dated will be posted weekly at www.courierjournal.net. We do our best, however, there is no guarantee that this free information will be published each week in the paper. Visit our website for a complete list of community notes. If your item MUST appear in the paper a certain week, we suggest you also place a paid ad by calling 256-764-4268. That way it will be in at least one area of the paper. When your community note is published, your event will have coverage in two different locations.

Florence-Lauderdale Farmers Market Open at 451 Fairground Road. The market will be open Saturdays during the months of May and October. Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday during the months of June through September. Hours are 6am-1pm each day.

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.

The North Alabama Civil War Round Table will hold its May meeting on Tuesday, May 18, at the Helen Keller Public Library, 511 N. Main St. Tuscumbia, starting at 6:30pm.

The program will be "Behind the Rifle: Women Soldiers in Civil War Mississippi" by author Shelby Harriel, who spent many years researching this interesting topic. Shelby is currently a professor at Pearl River Community College, in addition to giving presentations to historical groups, National Parks, and Reenactment groups. She will have copies of her book available for purchase at the meeting.

Please note our new meeting location and time. Visitors are welcome and members are encouraged to invite anyone who is interested in this pivotal period of our history.

Nominations are open for the **LONG-LEWIS LOCAL HERO OF THE MONTH AWARD** for May. In an effort to reward local people for Outstanding Community Service, Long-Lewis Automotive Group

in cooperation with The Long-Lewis Foundation, will be awarding one person each month \$500 and a Certificate of Appreciation to recognize their efforts in serving The Shoals.

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Also donate at The Shoals Center, 307 Veterans Drive, Florence, Schedule an appointment - 256-765-7038, website: www.lifesouth.org. The hours are: Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9am-5pm; Tuesday and Thursday 9am-7pm; Saturday 9am-3pm; Sunday 1-5pm.

May Holy Days of religions present in the Shoals

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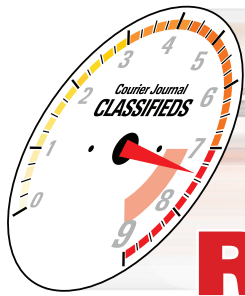
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Storytelling Festival in Utah, whose organizers agreed to help her create a professionally presented format which viewers can watch at their own leisure. Jennifer Nelson, director of the Timpanogos Festival, said they held a virtual festival last September.

"We were glad to work closely with the Shoals Festival. We wanted to support our national storytellers, so it's been a win-win for everyone."

The Shoals Festival's lineup includes the dean of storytellers, Donald Davis, Alabama's own Dolores Hydock, National Public Radio's Kevin Kling, and festival newcomer Pippa White of Nebraska.

Holocaust survivor, Inge Auerbacher, will also be

sharing from her speech from the United Nations with a documentary she helped produce. Bragg will be discussing his latest book, "Where I Come From."

There will also be performances by Bobby Horton and Three on a String, as well as Norton Dill and the Dill Pickers.

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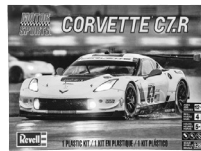
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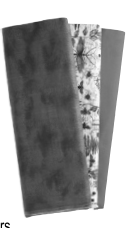
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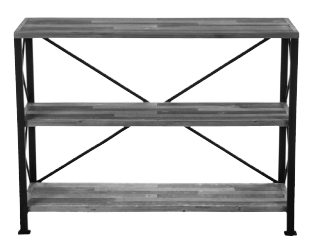
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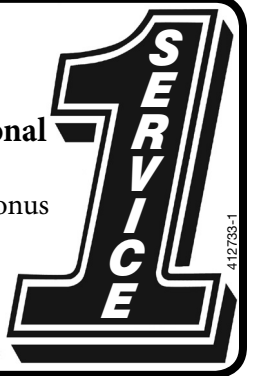


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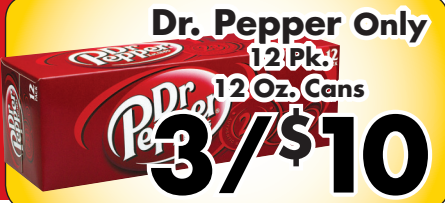
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Missy

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You and your husband are chipping away at your debt, and that's a good thing. It sounds like you two are determined to get it paid off and take control

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Ok, so the truth is kids can be expensive. From medical costs and diapers, to childcare and beyond, it costs money to raise a family. But here's the thing: If you let money alone, or the perfect financial situation, determine whether you have kids or not, you may never have them. Now, would it be easier from a financial standpoint only to wait on having kids until you're debt-free and there's a huge pile of cash in the bank? Sure, it would. But children are worth more than any amount of money. If you love each other and want to be parents, and

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It's easy to get carried away spending for a baby. But children will be just fine as long as they have food, clothing, shelter—and most importantly—loving, caring parents. God bless you two!
—Dave

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Cat & Kids

by Cathy Turner

One of My People

Don't we all have people in our lives who we think are always going to be there? They are part of your fabric, your day-to-day life features that settle you in and make you stable. Maybe it's your Mulla - your grandmother. My Mulla was here until she was ninety-seven. She made me homemade pancakes when I asked for them, and scrubbed my back in her claw foot tub. She taught me how to string beans and made yeast rolls on Sunday. I thought none of that would end. Or maybe your forever person is that hairdresser who you had from

childhood onward, who treated you like she treated her own grandchildren - with sass and wisdom. She told you when that boy was no good, and told you not to come get your hair done during your ladies' time because your pores were too open and you were liken' to get sick. My hairdresser was Miss Poronica Snap. She was a formidable black woman. And even though I knew better, I didn't dare schedule my appointment during that time, for fear that Miss Snap would somehow know and smack me upside my head like I saw her do her grandson once.

Yes, there are people, especially older people, who are part of our fabric who make us feel stronger even when they don't know it, 'cause they are just being themselves. Maybe you, like me, have a sweet little gentleman at church who just sets your day right by his presence, by his sweet smile and kind disposition. One such church brother for me was Mr. Paul Carlton. Maybe you knew him. Paul worked insurance in the Shoals for over 40 years. He encouraged everyone by looking them in the eyes, sharing a sweet smile and peace, and asking questions and then listening to the answer. Paul never complained about his status. Even when he was ill or tired, he came pushing his walker asking how your day was going. Paul was one of those people that I just always expected to see. He was so positive. He was positive that his mama loved him and that God cared about him.

I know this to be true because I heard Paul say so. Once when we were having a multi-generational gathering at McFarland Park, Paul shared his life story with our congregation. He had a good, varied life, but one point that Paul made happened while he was in the U.S. Air Force serving in a foreign land. Paul said with his head hung that his behavior while he was overseas was not all good. He said that he was headed down the wrong road while he was over there, but somehow he got sent stateside to serve in the Reserves. He said that what he didn't know at the time, was that his mother had been home praying - praying that he would remain a child of God. Paul was sure that his mother's prayers saved him. He told us, that day, not to discount the power of a mother's prayer for her children. He said, "When her children stray, a godly mother keeps on praying."

Paul will never know that I carry his words in my heart. He strengthened me as a mother that day a few years ago. And that wasn't the first time. Paul is a part of my stability: A now-missed part of my fabric. We weren't day-to-day friends, but I never thought about being

without him. For 40 years he was one of my people. We take for granted those who we think will be here forever. Recognize those surrounding, steady people in your life and be thankful for them. Cherish the time. Email comments or suggestions to CatnKids1@gmail.com

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Joe Biden Sets Everything on Fire

Initially published May 12 in *The Daily Signal*

Joe Biden is the luckiest man to ever assume the presidency. He succeeded an unpopular figure. He was inaugurated just two weeks after the dramatic storming of the U.S. Capitol by extremist Donald Trump supporters seeking to stop the certification of the 2020 election, which was also the beginning of the year after widespread race riots. He inherited COVID-19 vaccines and a vaccine rollout plan, and could rightly expect to ride the tsunami of natural economic recovery that was predicted for the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic; he inherited a series of historic Middle Eastern peace deals.

In other words, Biden had it easy. All he had to do was nothing. He could expect a new era of good feelings emerging from a tumultuous time. He could expect a booming economy, a more peaceful Middle East, a solution to the pandemic. All he had to do was calm the waters.

This, after all, was what Americans voted

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Deadline to apply is Friday, May 28.

You may pick up an application form at Kennedy-Douglass from 9am-4pm daily, Monday-Friday.

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See **CAMP KD...** on Page 35



Scooter Muse, left, and Jil Chambless outdoors at Belle Mont Mansion on May 22. Courtesy photo

Music with Old Friends

TUSCUMBIA—Renowned Celtic musicians Scooter Muse and Jil Chambless will perform a live outdoor concert on the courtyard of Belle Mont Mansion on May 22 from 4-6pm. The talented duo is popular in the Shoals area with well-attended local appearances on numerous occasions. Admission for the concert is \$5 per person and includes a tour of the museum. There is no charge for children younger than 12.

Alabama native, Jil Chambless, has played an active role in the Celtic music scene for more than 25 years. Jil is a singer and flute and whistle player who has performed at Celtic festivals and concerts across the U.S., Canada, Scotland, and Israel with the band Henri's Notions, which also includes guitarist

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THE MASSIVE CHLOE'S FUND YARD/ESTATE SALE takes place Friday and Saturday, May 21 and 22 from 7am- 2pm at the Florence Lauderdale Animal Services building at 3240 Roberson Road in Florence. All proceeds from item sales go directly into Chloe's Fund – a nonprofit organization assisting with the medical needs of the Shelter animals. Volunteers have been culling Estate and Yard Sales and accepting donated items from generous individuals for weeks to amass significant quantity and quality for this sale. Chloe's Fund is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization functioning as a division of Friends of Florence Lauderdale Animal Shelter.

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Wrong People Are Benefitting

Editor:

Don't cry for rich folks and the corporations in President Biden's sights for tax increases. Whatever the tax rules, corporate officers find loopholes to pay less than imaginable; and business lobbyists obtain friendly tax laws.

Janet Yellen decried the shocking gap of over \$7 trillion in a decade between what we're collecting and what should be collected for taxes owed. The top 1% of Americans fail

If you are questioning your purpose, assess your thoughts and feelings. Write them down and go back later and look at them again.



to report a quarter of their income to the IRS.

Corporate tax payments (excluding payroll taxes) were 6.2% of federal revenue in 2020, while individual tax payments were 47%. The portion from business taxes fell from 23% in 1960 to 10% in 2000 to mid-single digits today. Republicans in 2017 said tax

reductions for the rich and corporations would ignite an economic boom and produce more government revenue, but neither happened.

The proposed tax hikes are intended to offset existing tax breaks, which together with Trump tax cuts enabled 55 profitable companies to pay no federal tax in 2020.

According to JPMorgan bank, the US should increase corporate tax rates to match other world economies. The bank concluded that ordinary Americans account for a greater share of tax revenue than in other countries.

That is clearly the case in Alabama

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Shorts...

Honorees for Spring at UNA

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The Keller Key is awarded at each commencement to graduating seniors who have achieved the highest scholastic standards while at UNA. Eleven students were honored for their academic achievement:

- **Kimberly Elizabeth Broyles**, of Rogersville, graduated with a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in Interior Architecture and Design. On a scale of 4.00, her GPA is 4.00.
- **Taylor Rebekah Garrison**, of Hartselle, graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Education in Early Childhood Education. On a Scale of 4.00, her GPA is 4.00.
- **Charles Samuel Gordon**, of Russellville, graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Communication Arts. On a 4.00 scale, his GPA is 4.00.
- **Megan E. Haller**, of Gasden, graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Education degree in Multi-Level, Teacher Education.

On a 4.00 scale, her GPA is 4.00.

• **Garrett N. Hawkins**, of Florence, graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry. On a 4.00 scale, his grade point average is 4.00.

• **Daisy Nicole Hill**, of Killen, who graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Education in Secondary Education. On a 4.00 scale, her GPA is 4.00.

• **Chloe Nell Kirkland**, of Hayden, graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Education in Elementary Education. On a 4.00 scale, her GPA is 4.00.

• **Kara Ann Nix**, of Muscle Shoals, graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Industrial Hygiene and Chemistry. On a 4.00, her GPA is 4.00.

• **Mackenzie Nicole Overton**, of Warrior, graduated with a Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting. On a 4.00 scale, her GPA is 4.00.

• **Joni Marie Swiatocha**, of Olivehill, TN., graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Biology. On a 4.00 scale, her GPA is 4.00.

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Original Medicare does not cover most dental care such as routine exams, cleanings, x-rays, fillings, caps, or implants. Also, Original Medicare does not cover dentures. Original Medicare, in some cases, will cover oral surgery, particularly after an accident. If you have Original Medicare and a Medicare supplement, your supplement will not pay for dental either. Remember, your supplement will only pay the 20% Medicare does not pay.

Most Medicare Advantage plans, however, have dental benefits included. Advantage Plans in Lauderdale and Colbert counties, typically, will cover 2 exams, 2 cleanings and 2 x-rays at \$0 copay. You may have to pay a copay to see the dentist so check your plan's Summary of Benefits. Also, Medicare Advantage plans can offer additional dental benefits. Some plans keep it simple. They will give you a specific dollar amount you can spend each year. You may have \$500, \$750, \$1,000, or even \$2,000 you can use towards dental, regardless of the service. Some plans, however, have a dental schedule, which means you can only get 1 extraction or 2 fillings under the benefit. Again, check your plan's Summary of Benefits.

Remember, picking the Medicare plan that is right for you is like putting a puzzle together. While dental may be important, it is only one piece of the puzzle. We still need to make sure your doctors and prescriptions drugs are covered on your plan.

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Estimate Living Expenses

The first step – estimating your future retirement living expenses – is the most difficult. If you want a quick ballpark estimate, figure around 75 to 85 percent of your current gross income. That's what most people find they need to maintain their current lifestyle in retirement.

If you want a more precise estimate, track your current living expenses on a worksheet and deduct any costs you expect to go away or decline when you retire, and add whatever new ones you anticipate.

Costs you can scratch off your list include work-related expenses like commuting or lunches out, as well as the amount you're socking away for retirement. You may also be able to deduct your mortgage if you expect to have it paid off by retirement, and your kid's college expenses. Your income taxes should also be less.

On the other hand, some costs will probably go up when you retire, like health care, and depending on your interests you may spend a lot more on travel, golf or other hobbies. And, if you're going to be retired for 20 or 30 years you also need to factor in some occasional big budget items like a new roof, heating/air conditioning system or vehicle.

Tally Retirement Income

Step two is to calculate your retirement income. If you and/or your wife contribute to Social Security, go to SSA.gov/MyAccount to get your personalized statement that estimates what your retirement benefits will be at age 62, full retirement age and when you turn 70.

In addition to Social Security, if you or your wife has a traditional pension plan from an employer, find out from the plan administrator how much you are likely to get when you retire. And figure in any other income from other sources you expect to have, such as rental properties, part-time work, etc.

Calculate the Difference

The final step is to do the calculations. Subtract your annual living expenses from your annual retirement income. If your income alone can cover your bills, you're all set. If not, you'll need to tap your savings, including your 401(k) plans, IRAs, or other investments to make up the difference.

So, let's say for example you need around \$60,000 a year to meet your living and retirement expenses and pay taxes, and you and your wife expect to receive \$35,000 a year from Social Security and other income. That leaves a \$25,000 shortfall that you'll need to pull from your nest egg each year ($\$60,000 - \$35,000 = \$25,000$).

Then, depending on what age you want to retire, you need to multiply your shortfall by at least 25 if you want to retire at 60, 20 to retire at 65, and 17 to retire at 70 – or in this case that would equate to \$625,000, \$500,000 and \$425,000, respectively.

Why 25, 20 and 17? Because that would allow you to pull 4 percent a year from your savings, which is a safe withdrawal strategy that in most cases will let your money last as long as you do.

Send your senior questions to:

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heartwarming to see our community give this year, despite the challenges they have faced themselves. We are within reach of our goal and I hope that this push will help us succeed."

Money raised during United Way's campaign help to fund vital programs and services that improve the health, education, and financial stability of Northwest Alabamians in Lauderdale, Colbert, Franklin, and Marion Counties. United Way of Northwest Alabama

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Campaign Chair, Madeleine Frankford said, "We hope that those who can financially contribute to United Way will join us in this final push. Our area has not been immune to the effects of the pandemic, but we have worked extremely hard to make sure that help is there for those in need. As we move forward, we will be working toward determining what areas in our community need the most help. We are committed to filling the service gap areas to make the biggest impact in Northwest Alabama".

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THE BOLD AND THE BEAUTIFUL Wyatt grilled Bill for answers about his tension with Liam. Hope was affected by the romantic evening that Liam had arranged. Bill became agitated by Wyatt's relentless questioning. Hope and Liam made love for the first time since their separation. Tormented by guilt, Liam made a strange apology to Thomas. Realizing that something was off, Hope begged Liam to express his feelings. Thomas paid

a surprise visit to Bill that didn't go as expected. *Wait to See: Hope attempts to make sense of Liam's fear of losing everything. Wyatt referees the escalating situation between Bill and Thomas. Hope gets concerned about Liam's odd behavior.*

DAYS OF OUR LIVES Allie questioned a guilt-ridden Nicole. Chanel confided in Lani about her surprising kiss. Kristen sought help from an old ally. Jake and Gabi rushed Kate to the hospital. Sami and Lucas desperately searched

for a way to escape. Eli informed Lani that Kristen was on the loose. Nicole shared her secret with Ava. Xander was tempted to revert to his lethal ways. Sami and Lucas attempted to strike a deal with their would-be assassin. Chanel and Eli had an awkward encounter. Marlena and Brady worried about a missing Chloe. Kristen pleaded with Lani to turn a blind eye. Shawn came up with a scheme to entrap Jan. Abigail's decision stunned Chad and Gabi. Gwen came clean with Jack. Chad and Abigail shared an emotional goodbye. *Wait to See: Dr. Snyder blackmails Gwen. John worries that Belle and Shawn are making a mistake. Shawn plays mind games with Jan.*

GENERAL HOSPITAL While mourning the death of W.S.B agent Sean Donely, Felicia, Mac, Ann and Laura were pulled into a mystery involving Sean's daughter, Annie. Maxie and Peter made an important decision about the birth of their daughter. Anna looked to an old friend for help. Liz was confrontational. Brook Lynn was shocked by Valentin's suggestion. Sasha tried to put some space between her and Brando. Britt anticipated

a fight. Carly confided in Diane. Sonny made a connection. Olivia was met by an unwanted houseguest. Anna received some devastating news. Carly arranged a meeting with Gladys. Sonny felt sympathetic. Cyrus let Laura know where they stand. Finn worried about Chase's well-being. Brando came to Sasha's defense. Laura supported Nikola's plan. *Wait to See: A small victory reconfirms Alexis' decision. TJ reconnects with his father. Dante calls out Sam on her actions.*

THE YOUNG AND THE RESTLESS An unexpected guest crashed Summer and Kyle's engagement party. Chloe gave Adam a reality check. Phyllis kept a secret from Nick. Kyle covered up the truth. Rey made a promise to Sharon. Amanda forced Imani's hand. Kyle stood his ground with Ashland. Tessa had a surprise for Mariah. Billy and Lily played hardball. Victor encouraged Nick and Adam to make amends. *Wait to See: Chelsea seeks forgiveness. Victor prepares for battle against Billy. Kyle makes a shocking decision.*

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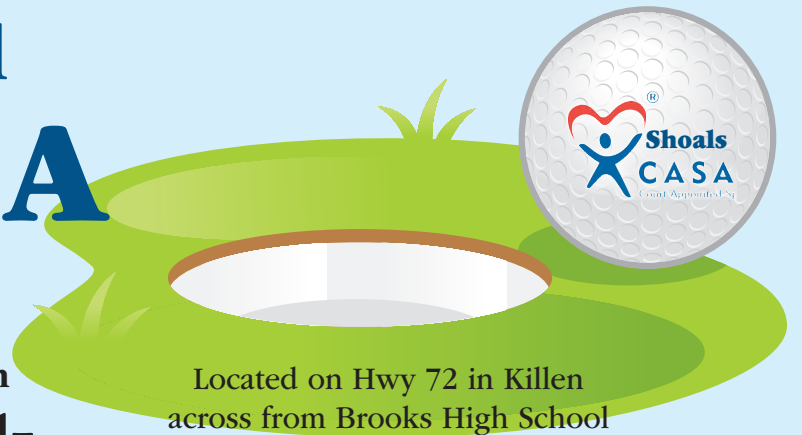
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Editor:

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we love.

And now we are told that we can go back to normal, or at least a new normal. However, what if we don't want to go back to normal, or we find that we cannot? Those who lost their jobs may find they don't want to return to those jobs. Those working from home may not want to return to their offices. And many essential workers may feel they have given so much during the past 14 months

and they no longer have anything to give.

Each of us has experienced the pandemic and its consequences differently. Some may be able to rebound into their daily patterns without a lot of disruption or obstacles. For others, the last 14 months have changed our lives and our priorities.

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4 Auto Repair Questions To Ask A Mechanic

From ordinary oil changes to clanking noises you can't explain, auto service is a fact of vehicle ownership. These questions can help you navigate mechanic lingo so you can protect your car and your wallet.



What's your experience with cars similar to mine?

Some repair shops specialize in particular makes and model of vehicles — especially if they're older, less common or more expensive to repair — while some mechanics take more of an all-make, all-model approach. Ask ahead of time to establish your mechanic's familiarity with your vehicle.

Do you have references and professional memberships?

The best referrals often come from coworkers, friends and family members who have had a positive vehicle repair experience. Online review sites may also provide some insights. In addition, mechanics may obtain professional certifications such as the National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) seal, which indicates training and testing minimums. Or they may belong to organizations such as the Automotive Service Association (ASA), which encourages members to adhere to a code of ethics.

Can I have a copy of the estimate?

The answer should always be yes. The estimate should be signed by the mechanic and include all parts and labor totals. Ask the repair shop to go through each line item with you and explain it clearly — and don't be afraid to ask questions if you don't understand something. Also find out whether the repairs are recommended or essential.

What are my options for parts, and can I choose what you use?



There are often different price points for some car parts — tires, for example, come in varying ranges according to their material and quality. Some car parts may

be made by the manufacturer (often referred to as original equipment manufacturer or OEM parts), while aftermarket parts are made by a different company. And some parts may be covered under a warranty; ask about that, too, and get the details in writing. When it comes to these decisions, you should have a say in what the mechanic uses. In addition, if during the repairs the mechanic runs into something unexpected that wasn't on the original estimate, they should always get your approval.



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Visitors are encouraged to bring blankets and chairs and practice social distancing outdoors. Masks are recommended when touring the museum in small groups indoors.

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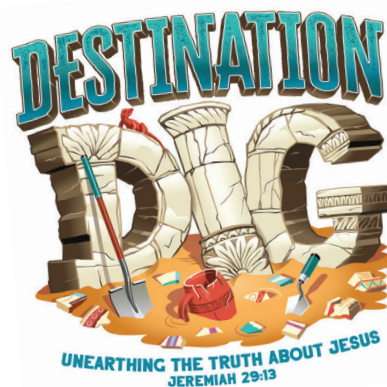
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As a rule, most tax debts cannot be wiped out in bankruptcy—you will continue to owe them at the end of a Chapter 7 bankruptcy case or have to repay them in full in a Chapter 13 bankruptcy repayment plan. However, with any rule, there are always exceptions.

Discharging Tax Debt

If you need to discharge tax debts, Chapter 7 bankruptcy will often be the better option—but only if the tax debt qualifies for discharge (not all do) and you are eligible for Chapter 7 bankruptcy. All of these conditions must be met before you can discharge (wipe out) federal income taxes in Chapter 7 bankruptcy:

- **The taxes are income taxes.** Taxes other than income, such as payroll taxes or other “trust fund” taxes, can never be eliminated in bankruptcy.
- **You did not commit fraud or willful evasion.** If you filed a fraudulent tax return or otherwise willfully attempted to evade paying taxes, such as using a false Social Security number on your tax return, bankruptcy probably will not help.
- **The debt is at least three years old.** The tax return must have been originally due at least three years before filing for bankruptcy.
- **You filed a tax return.** You must have filed a tax return for the debt you wish to discharge at least two years before filing for bankruptcy. (In most courts, if you file a late return (meaning your

extensions have expired and the IRS filed a substitute return on your behalf), you have not filed a “return” and cannot discharge the tax. In some courts, you can discharge tax debt that is the subject of a late return as long as you meet the other criteria.)

- **You pass the “240-day rule.”** The IRS must have assessed the income tax debt at least 240 days before you file your bankruptcy petition. (These time limits could be extended if the IRS suspended collection activity because of an offer in compromise or a previous bankruptcy filing.)

What If I File For Chapter 13

Chapter 13 bankruptcy to manage your tax debt can sometimes be a smart move. If you have a tax debt you cannot discharge, Chapter 13 bankruptcy might give you a more favorable repayment schedule—meaning a lower monthly payment—than you would receive from the taxing authority.

Dischargeable taxes (see conditions above) might be forgiven without any payment at all, depending on the amount of disposable income you have after your reasonable and necessary expenses are deducted from your pay.

- Dischargeable taxes will not incur additional interest or penalties (but you’ll pay interest on nondischargeable tax).
- You can satisfy an IRS tax lien through the Chapter 13 plan.
- The IRS is obligated to abide by the plan and not bother you as long as you include all your outstanding income

tax and keep your tax returns and post-petition tax obligations current during your Chapter 13 plan.

What Can You Do

Taxes are not going to decrease anytime soon and tax laws are very complicated. Bankruptcy laws are likewise extremely complicated. If you owe any tax debt of any kind and are wondering how to deal with it, call us at Bond & Botes. We will analyze your situation and help you to make the best decisions possible to help you eliminate your tax debt.

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Instead, Biden has served as a facade for the most radical administration in modern American history. And America is already paying the price.

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Guest Commentary (2) on Fire...

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and Drug Administration pressed pause on a highly successful vaccine based on six cases of blood clots; his Centers for Disease Control and Prevention rewrote its school reopening guidelines, apparently with input from the teachers unions. He wore a mask publicly despite being vaccinated, despite being outdoors, despite being indoors with others who had been vaccinated—and declared such activity “patriotic.”

The result: widespread vaccine hesitancy and a tremendously uneven national reopening, with red states going back to normal and blue states continuing nonsensical shutdowns.

He ramped up the rhetoric with regard to racial polarization, injecting the terms “anti-racist” and “equity” into every element of federal policy, supplanting meritocracy and individual rights with equality of outcome and outright discrimination. The result: undercutting police forces nationally, resulting in a continuing crime wave in America’s biggest cities.

And he abandoned the Trump administration’s Middle East policy, refunding the Palestinians with money that will obviously go to terrorist groups and defy the Taylor Force Act; making concessions to the Iranian terror regime; and pressuring Israel.

The result: riots in Jerusalem, chaos on the Temple Mount, and an increase in regional Iranian aggression.

We’re only four months into Biden’s presidency. He’s going for broke: He wants his legacy. And if that legacy comes at the cost of the economy, the polls, and international stability, so be it. If the conflagration we’ve seen thus far is any indicator, Biden won’t leave a lot standing when he’s done.

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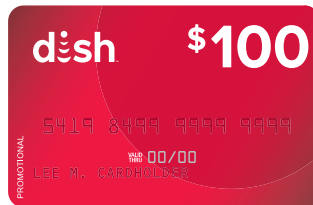





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Have We Lost Our Purpose?

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purpose in life. We may feel lost, depressed, guilty, irritable even angry. We can lose our enthusiasm for life and feel emotionally worn out or tired. It's normal to experience these feelings after a traumatic and prolonged event like a pandemic.

If you are questioning your purpose, assess your thoughts and feelings. Write them down and go back later and look at them again. Be willing to explore new opportunities or try something new.

Talk with family and friends. You may also seek counseling services. Talking to a trained professional may help you explore your thoughts and

feelings so you can make good decisions.

If you fail, allow yourself acceptance of the failure and try again or try something else. Practice positive behaviors, limit your negative thoughts. Understand that finding your purpose is a process and a journey and allow yourself to experience the joy, hope, and laughter along the way.

Catherine Job, LPC
Beacon Counseling and Consulting Services LLC
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Race Amity Day in Shoals

Editor:

Due to the efforts of the National Center for Race Amity, the second Sunday in June is widely known and celebrated as Race Amity Day. There will be programming on YouTube to recognize and celebrate

the day nationally on June 13.

The Race Amity committee of the Shoals is organizing events to recognize and celebrate Race Amity Day in the Shoals this year. The purpose is to demonstrate our collective moral will to advance and promote access, equity, and social justice as we move toward E Pluribus Unum. We believe this is an activity worthy of recognition of

the entire community of the Shoals. Additionally, we ask that area churches take note of Race Amity Day in a sermon or prayer or other action.

We plan to show the PBS film, *The Other Tradition*, at the Indian Mound Museum at 2pm on Sunday, June 6. The film documents the efforts to unify our citizens and promote race amity over

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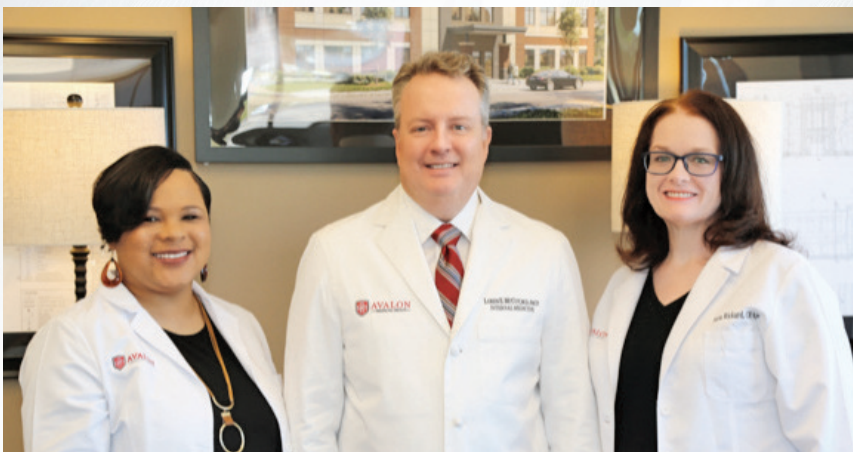


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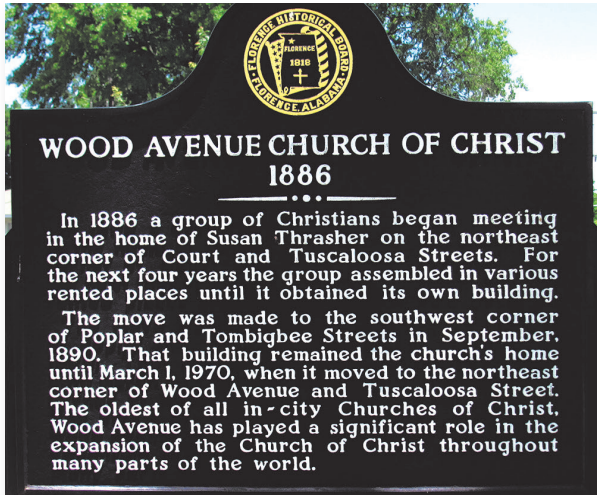
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corner of N. Wood Ave &
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The marker explains that this church originated at Court & Tuscaloosa Sts but moved to Poplar & Tombigbee in 1890. Then the present building was built in 1970. The attractive design complements the north-east corner of Wilson Park. The First Baptist and First United Methodist churches grace the other two corners.

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SEE SAW! Charlie "Crosscut" Callaway has a 1-by-12-inch board, 18 feet long, that he wants to cut into 18 equal pieces. If it takes him one minute to saw through the board, how long will it take him to cut all 18 pieces?

HEAVENLY WORDS! In the grid at right there are 25 letters that spell out all the planets in our solar system. Can you find them? Go from one adjoining box to another -- horizontally, vertically or diagonally. For example, you can spell SUN by starting at the letter S, moving up diagonally to U, and finish by moving vertically to the N above. You can enter the same letter box more than once. Also, the letters can appear in more than one name. Adjust your telescope and start spelling!

C	U	Y	T	V
E	R	N	E	I
M	A	U	P	R
R	S	T	J	L
T	H	O	U	B

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1. Accord ---- A__ord
2. Fiddle ---- Fi__le
3. Cheese --- Ch__se
4. Offer ----- O__er
5. Haggle ---- Ha__le
6. Balloon -- Ba__oon
7. Slimmer -- Sli__er
8. Connect -- Co__ect

Which double letters would be needed to turn each of the above words into different words?

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SOURCE WATER ASSESSMENT

In compliance with the Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM), Source Water Assessment plans have been developed to help protect our water sources. The assessments include a susceptibility analysis, which classifies potential contaminants as high, moderate, or non-susceptible to contaminating the water source. The plans are available for review upon advance request.

Please help us make these efforts worthwhile by protecting our source water. Carefully follow instructions on pesticides and herbicides you use for your lawn and garden, and properly dispose of household chemicals, paints, and waste oil. We ask that all our customers help us protect our valuable water sources, which are the heart of our community, our way of life, and our children's futures.

INFORMATION ABOUT LEAD

Lead in drinking water is rarely found in source water but is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. Your water system is responsible for providing high quality drinking water but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components.

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Use only water from the cold-water tap for drinking, cooking, and especially for making baby formula. Hot water is more likely to cause leaching of lead from plumbing materials. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. These recommended actions are very important to the health of your family.

Lead levels in your drinking water are likely to be higher if:

- Your home or water system has lead pipes, or
- Your home has faucets or fittings made of brass which contains some lead, or
- Your home has copper pipes with lead solder and you have naturally soft water, and
- Water often sits in the pipes for several hours.

If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available online at <https://www.epa.gov/your-drinking-water/basic-information-about-lead-drinking-water> or by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

GENERAL INFORMATION

All drinking water, including bottled drinking water, may be reasonably expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. MCLs, defined in a List of Definitions in this report, are set at very stringent levels. To understand the possible health effects described for many regulated constituents, a person would have to drink 2 liters of water every day at the MCL level for a lifetime to have a one-in-a-million chance of having the described health effect.

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and radioactive material, and it can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.
- Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally occurring or result from urban storm water run-off, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.
- Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, storm water run-off, and residential uses.
- Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff, and septic systems.
- Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations which limit the levels of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water.

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. People at risk should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers.

Based on a study conducted by ADEM with the approval of the EPA a statewide waiver for the monitoring of asbestos and dioxin was issued. Thus, monitoring for these contaminants was not required.

Your source water is also tested for pathogens, such as Cryptosporidium and Giardia. These pathogens can enter the water from animal or human waste.

For people who may be immuno-compromised, a guidance document developed jointly by the Environmental Protection Agency and the Center for Disease Control is available online at <http://nepis.epa.gov/Exe/ZyPURL.cgi?Dockey=200024LD.txt> or from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 800-426-4791. Cryptosporidium has not been detected in your finished drinking water.

QUESTIONS?

If you have any questions about this water report or your water quality, call Melissa Tidwell, operator, at our office at 256-383-1666.

You are welcome to attend any of our regularly scheduled water board meetings, which are held on the first Thursday after the last Saturday of each month at 5:00 p.m. at the water office.

More information about contaminants to drinking water and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (1-800-426-4791).

Monitoring Schedule and Results

We routinely monitor for contaminants in your drinking water according to Federal and State regulations, using EPA-approved methods and a State certified laboratory. The Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM) allows us to monitor for some contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants do not change frequently. The following table shows the most recent year of monitoring for these contaminant groups.

This report contains results from the most recent monitoring which was performed in accordance with the regulatory schedule. We have learned through our monitoring and testing that some constituents have been detected. We are pleased to report that our drinking water meets or exceeds federal and state requirements.

DEFINITIONS

- Action Level- the concentration of a contaminant that, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements.
- Coliform Absent (ca)- laboratory analysis indicates that the contaminant is not present.
- Disinfection byproducts (DBPs)- formed when disinfectants react with bromide and/or natural organic matter (i.e., decaying vegetation) present in the source water.
- Disinfection byproducts for which regulations have been established include trihalomethanes (THM), haloacetic acids (HAA5), bromate, and chlorite.
- Distribution System Evaluation (DSE)- a one-time study conducted by water systems to identify distribution system locations with high concentrations of THMs and HAAs.
- Level 1 Assessment- a study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system.
- Level 2 Assessment- a very detailed study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why an E. coli MCL violation has occurred and/or why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system on multiple occasions.
- Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL)- highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
- Maximum Contaminant Level Goal- the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.
- Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL)- highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water
- Micrograms per liter (ug/L) - equivalent to parts per billion (ppb) since one liter of water is equal in weight to one billion micrograms. Milligrams per liter (mg/L) - equivalent to parts per million
- Millirems per year (mrem/yr)- a measure of radiation absorbed by the body.
- Nephelometric Turbidity Unit (NTU)- a measure of the clarity of water. Turbidity in excess of 5 NTU is just noticeable to the average person.
- Not Detected (ND)- laboratory analysis indicates that the constituent is not present above detection limits of lab equipment.
- NR (Not Reported)- laboratory analysis, usually Secondary Contaminants, not reported by water system. EPA recommends that secondary standards be reported but does not require systems to comply.
- Parts per billion (ppb) or Micrograms per liter (ug/L)- corresponds to one minute in 2,000 years, or a single penny in \$10,000,000.
- Parts per million (ppm) or Milligrams per liter (mg/L)- corresponds to one minute in two years or a single penny in \$10,000.
- Parts per quadrillion (ppq) or Picograms per liter (picograms/l)- corresponds to one minute in 2,000,000,000 years, or a single penny in \$10,000,000,000.
- Parts per trillion (ppt) or Nanograms per liter (nanograms/l)- corresponds to one minute in 2,000,000 years, or a single penny in \$10,000,000,000.
- Picocuries per liter (pCi/L)- a measure of the radioactivity in water.
- Running Annual Average (RAA)- yearly average of all the DPB results at each specific sampling site in the distribution system. The RAA, along with a range, is reported in the Table of Detected Contaminants.
- Standard Units (S.U.)- pH of water measures the water's balances of acids and bases and is affected by temperature and carbon dioxide gas. Water with less than 6.5 could be acidic, soft, and corrosive. A pH greater than 8.5 could indicate that the water is hard.
- Treatment Technique (TT)- a required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.
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Constituents Monitored	SVWS	MSUB	TU	WLWC	WMEL
Inorganic Contaminants	N/A	2020	2020	N/A	2020
Lead/Copper	2020	2020	2019	2019	2019
Microbiological Contaminants	current	current	current	current	current
Nitrates	N/A	2020	2019	N/A	2020
Radioactive Contaminants	N/A	2012	2012	N/A	2020
Synthetic Organic Contaminants (including herbicides and pesticides)	N/A	2020	2019	N/A	2020
Volatile Organic Contaminants	N/A	2020	2017	N/A	2020
Disinfection By-products	2020	2020	2020	2020	2020
UCMR4 Contaminants	Not required	2020	2020	2020	2018

Below is a table of contaminants for which the Environmental Protection Agency and the Alabama Department of Environmental Management require testing. These contaminants were not detected in your drinking water unless they are also listed in the Detected Drinking Water Contaminants table elsewhere in this report.

STANDARD LIST OF PRIMARY DRINKING WATER CONTAMINANTS					
Contaminant	MCL	Unit of Msmt	Contaminant	MCL	Unit of Msmt
Bacteriological Contaminants					
Total Coliform Bacteria	<5%	present/absent	cis-1,2-Dichloroethylene	70	ppb
Fecal Coliform and E. coli	0	present/absent	trans-1,2-Dichloroethylene	100	ppb
Fecal Indicators	0	present/absent	Dichloromethane	5	ppb
Turbidity	TT	NTU	1,2-Dichloropropane	5	ppb
Cryptosporidium	TT	Calc. organisms/l	Di (2-ethylhexyl)adipate	400	ppb
Radiological Contaminants					
Beta/alpha emitters	4	mrem/yr	Dioxin [2,3,7,8-TCDD]	7	ppb
Alpha emitters	15	pCi/l	Dieldrin	30	ppq
Combined radium	5	pCi/l	Endothal	20	ppb
Uranium	30	pCi/l	Endrin	100	ppb
Inorganic Chemicals					
Antimony	6	ppb	Epichlorohydrin	TT	TT
Arsenic	10	ppb	Ethylbenzene	700	ppb
Asbestos	7	MFL	Ethylene dibromide	50	ppt
Barium	2	ppm	Glyphosate	700	ppb
Beryllium	4	ppb	Heptachlor	400	ppt
Cadmium	5	ppb	Heptachlor epoxide	200	ppt
Chromium	100	ppb	Hexachlorobenzene	1	ppb
Copper	AL=1.3	ppm	Hexachlorocyclopentadiene	50	ppb
Cyanide	200	ppb	Hexachlorocyclopentadiene	200	ppt
Fluoride	4	ppm	Hexachlorocyclopentadiene	40	ppb
Lead	AL=15	ppb	Hexachlorocyclopentadiene	200	ppb
Mercury	2	ppb	Hexachlorocyclopentadiene	0.5	ppb
Nitrate	10	ppm	Hexachlorocyclopentadiene	1	ppb
Nitrite	1	ppm	Hexachlorocyclopentadiene	500	ppb
Selenium	.05	ppm	Hexachlorocyclopentadiene	4	ppb
Thallium	.002	ppm	Hexachlorocyclopentadiene	100	ppb
Organic Chemicals					
2,4-D	70	ppb	Hexachlorocyclopentadiene	5	ppb
Acrylamide	TT	TT	Hexachlorocyclopentadiene	3	ppb
Alachlor	2	ppb	Hexachlorocyclopentadiene	50	ppb
Atrazine	3	ppb	Hexachlorocyclopentadiene	.07	ppm
Benzene	5	ppb	Hexachlorocyclopentadiene	200	ppb
Benzo(a)pyrene (PAHs)	200	ppt	Hexachlorocyclopentadiene	5	ppb
Carbofuran	40	ppb	Hexachlorocyclopentadiene	5	ppb
Carbon tetrachloride	5	ppb	Hexachlorocyclopentadiene	2	ppb
Chlordane	2	ppb	Hexachlorocyclopentadiene	10	ppm
Chlorobenzene	100	ppb	Disinfectants & Disinfection		
Dalapon	200	ppb	Chlorine	4	ppm
Dibromochloropropane	200	ppt	Chlorine Dioxide	800	ppb
o-Dichlorobenzene	600	ppb	Chloramines	4	ppm
p-Dichlorobenzene	75	ppb	Bromate	10	ppb
1,2-Dichloroethane	5	ppb	Chlorite	1	ppm
1,1-Dichloroethylene	7	ppb	HAA5 [Total haloacetic acids]	60	ppb
UNREGULATED CONTAMINANTS					
1,1 - Dichloropropene	Aldicarb Sulfone	Chloroform	N - Butylbenzene		
1,1,2-Tetrachloroethane	Aldicarb Sulfoxide	Chloromethane	Naphthalene		
1,1,2,2-Tetrachloroethane	Aldrin	Dibromomethane	N-Propylbenzene		
1,1-Dichloroethane	Atrazine	Dicamba	O-Chlorotoluene		
1,2,3 - Trichlorobenzene	Bromobenzene	Dichlorodifluoromethane	P-Chlorotoluene		
1,2,3 - Trichloropropane	Bromochloromethane	Dieldrin	P-Isopropyltoluene		
1,2,4 - Trimethylbenzene	Bromodichloromethane	Hexachlorobutadiene	Propachlor		
1,3 - Dichloropropane	Bromoforn	Isopropylbenzene	Sec - Butylbenzene		
1,3 - Dichloropropene	Bromomethane	M-Dichlorobenzene	Tert - Butylbenzene		
1,3,5 - Trimethylbenzene	Butachlor	Methomyl	Trichlorofluoromethane		
2,2 - Dichloropropane	Carbaryl	MTBE			
3-Hydroxycarbofuran	Chlorodibromomethane	Metolachlor			
Aldicarb	Chloroethane	Metribuzin			

Detected Drinking Water Contaminants									
Contaminant	Violation Y/N	SVWS	MSUB	TU	WLWC	WMEL	Unit Msmt	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
Turbidity	NO		100%<0.5	100%<0.5			NTU	N/A	Soil runoff
Barium	NO		0.02	0.02		ND-0.02			
Copper	NO	0.055					ppm	1.3	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives
Fluoride	NO		0.71	0.66		ND	ppm	4	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharge from factories
Nitrate (as Nitrogen)	NO		0.54	2.60		ND-0.65	ppm	10	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks; sewage; erosion of natural deposits
THM (Total trihalomethanes)	NO	LRAA 35.8-39.5	Range 7.8-38.0	14.8	LRAA 21.8-42.0	Range 2.20-28.0	ppb	0	By-product of drinking water chlorination
HAA5 (Total haloacetic acids)	NO	LRAA 32.5-35.8	Range 11.0-46.0	6.80	LRAA 1.20-16.0		ppb	0	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Unregulated Contaminants									
Chloroform	NO		4.00			2.90	ppb	N/A	Naturally occurring or from discharge or runoff
Bromochloromethane	NO		1.6			1.20	ppb	N/A	Naturally occurring or from discharge or runoff
Perfluorooctanoic Acid (PFOA)	NO					ND-14.0	ppt	N/A	Product that resists heat, oil, stains, grease, & water
Perfluorobutane Sulfonate (PFBS)	NO					ND-15.0	ppt	N/A	Industrial surfactant; water/stain resistant coatings
Secondary Contaminants									
Aluminum	NO	0.03	0.03			0.14	ppm	N/A	0.2 Erosion; treatment with water additives
Chloride	NO	9.6	7.4			7.2	ppm	N/A	250 Naturally occurring or from discharge or runoff
Hardness	NO	74.2	138			85.3	ppm	N/A	N/A Naturally occurring; treatment with water additives
Iron	NO	ND	ND			0.01-0.04	ppm	N/A	0.30 Naturally occurring; erosion; leaching from pipes
Manganese	NO	ND	ND			0.002-0.05	ppm	N/A	0.3 Discharge of detergents; foaming agents
pH	NO	7.2	7.4			6.8-8.1	S.U.	N/A	N/A Naturally occurring; treatment with water additives
Sulfam	NO	6.6	4.8			5.4	ppm	N/A	N/A Naturally occurring in the environment
Sulfate	NO	13.8	2.8			32.8	ppm	N/A	250 Naturally occurring or from discharge or runoff
Total Dissolved Solids	NO	119	173			94.0	ppm	N/A	500 Naturally occurring or from discharge or runoff

* Figure shown is 90th percentile and number of sites > Action Level (AL) = 0

Cryptosporidium - WMEL*		
Contaminant	Unit Msmt	Level Detected
Cryptosporidium	ooocysts/L	ND-3
Giardia	cysts/L	ND-5

* Raw water only. Neither of these organisms are found in the finished drinking water.

Below is a list of UCMR4 contaminants for which some water systems were required to monitor during 2018 - 2020.

Unregulated Contaminants Monitoring Rule 4 (UCMR4) Contaminants			
Germanium	Tebuconazole	Quinoline	Microcystin-LA
Manganese	Total permethrin (cis- & trans-)	Microcystin-LF	Microcystin-LR
Alpha-hexachlorocyclohexane	Tributyltin	Bromide	Microcystin-LY
Chlorpyrifos	1-Butanol	HAA5	Microcystin-RR
Dimethipin	2-methoxyethanol	HAA6	Microcystin-YR
Ethoprop	2-propen-1-ol	HAA9	Nodularin
Oxyfluorfen	Butylated hydroxyanisole	Anatoxin-A	Total Microcystins
Profenofos	O-toluidine	Cyindrospermopsin	

The tables below show only those UCMR4 contaminants that were detected.

Detected UCMR4 Contaminants					
WLWC			WMEL		
Contaminant	Unit Msmt	Level Detected	Contaminant	Unit Msmt	Level Detected
Manganese	ppb	ND-4.1	Bromide	ppb	27.4-45.3
HAA5	ppb	10.9-82.9	Total organic carbon	ppb	2040-3060
HAA6R	ppb	2.5-12.8	Manganese	ppb	0.49-1.60
HAA9	ppb	5.9-78.7	HAA5	ppb	2.91-7.52
			HAA6R	ppb	4.19-9.58
			HAA9	ppb	6.29-14.4

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Race Amity Day in Shoals

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More information about the National Center for Race Amity, please visit their website (<http://raceamity.org>).

Dr. Jacqueline Osborne
Race Amity Committee
of the Shoals

Where Do They Get Money?

Editor:

It has been reported that illegal immigrants are paying \$2,800-\$5,000 each to come to the USA.

If they are so poor and from impoverished countries, where do they get the money?

Also, a recent cyber attack on USA pipelines prove we are not adequately prepared. We are antiquated when it comes to our technology and intelligence security.

Paul Sabatino
Florence

Support Small Local Farmers

Editor:

States across the country have been increasingly innovative in finding ways to integrate the goals of eliminating hunger and strengthening local food systems, according to a white paper released recently by the Center for Rural Affairs.

"Hunger and the Local Economy: Integrated State-Level Approaches to Food Access," authored by Nathan Beacom, senior policy associate for the Center, explores the role of local grocery stores, gives examples of state policies designed to make food more accessible, and offers lawmakers recommendations on ways to address the broader causes of food access and food insecurity in rural areas.

"Food access policy can also be economic development policy; these goals work hand in hand,"

said Beacom. "A strong local food system means more employment, better jobs, a stronger economy, and more access. This kind of win-win policy addresses the immediate needs and the underlying causes of food insecurity."

Among the recommendations offered is expansion of the Double Up Food Bucks program. Offered in 28 states and funded privately and publicly, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) beneficiaries use these incentives to buy fresh produce. The program matches vouchers up to \$20 for \$20 of SNAP funds.

"Double Up Food Bucks has been successful in changing the diets of SNAP users, increasing the amount of fresh food they eat, and, ultimately, leading to the better health outcomes that are predictive of better life outcomes," said Beacom. "At the same time, the program supports local retailers and local producers by channeling SNAP funds toward them and doubling their impact."

Other recommended actions for states to consider include supporting farm to school programs and offering tax credits for the development of cooperative food ventures.

The white paper is available at cfra.org/publications.

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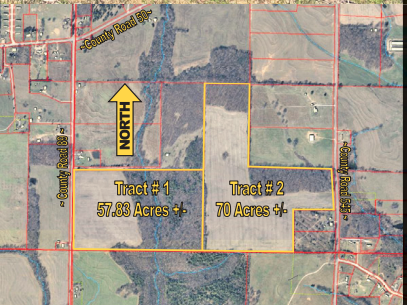
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Areas of national or international accomplishment include, but are not limited to, agriculture, art, athletics, business, education, government, humanities, literature, medical, military, music, public service, religion, or science and technology. 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 MayorBetterton@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.

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

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.

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

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

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

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

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

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.

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

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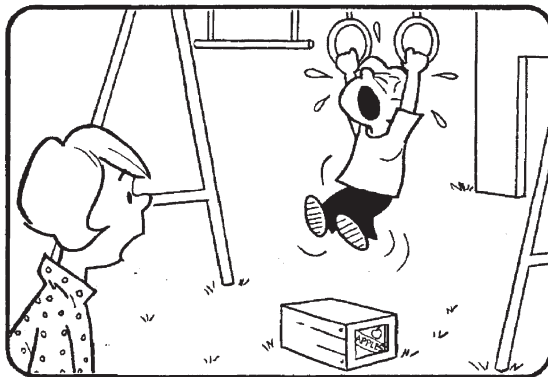
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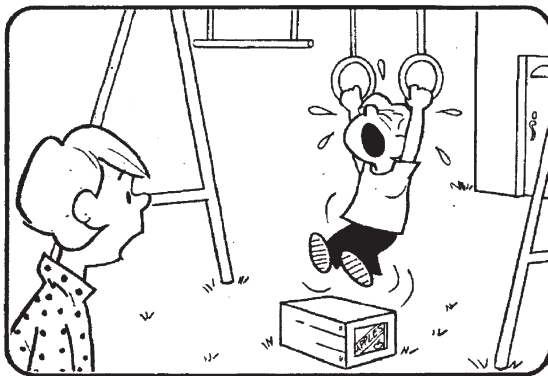


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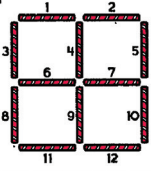


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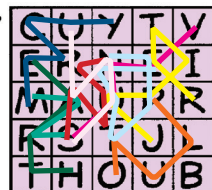
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Illustrated by David Coulson

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Q My husband was injured on the job. He will not talk to an attorney or sue his employer for fear of losing his job. What are his rights?

Sharon, Florence, AL

A Well, we don't bite. At least not our own clients. Joel and I both handle on-the-job injury cases. The law regarding the Alabama Workers Compensation Act is complicated and the injured worker's attorney is limited by law to charge 15% of the recovery.

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Workers compensation pays for the medical expenses for an injury including doctor bills, prescription medicine costs, and mileage to and from doctor appointments. A worker may fire his/her doctor and ask for a list of four (4) doctors, and choose one. Talk to a lawyer first.

Workers compensation pays for a permanent injury. Certain injuries are contained in a schedule such as the loss of a finger or hand. For instance, the loss of a little finger pays 16 weeks. Back injuries are considered to be vocational and if you are not returned to the same wage level, you are entitled to calculate how much less money you will make for a percentage of vocational loss. Vocational losses pay 300 weeks up to 99% loss and pay for life for a serious permanent injury that renders someone 100% unable to work.

Workers compensation in certain situations will pay for vocational retraining if recommended by a doctor. I have handled cases where my clients have received training to do computer oriented work as opposed to hard physical labor due to back injuries and the employer's insurance company has to pay for the costs of retraining the worker.

I would enjoy speaking to your husband and answering any question that he has.

Buckle up, drive safely, and as always, your referrals are appreciated! 256-764-0112



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