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Chancellor's **List at Troy**

TROY-- Troy University recently announced its Chancellor's List for the spring semester and Term 4 of the 2020/2021 academic year. Full-time undergrads with at least 12 semester hours and earning a grade point average of 4.0 qualify. The spring semester includes students at the Troy, AL campus. Term 4 includes students at Troy campuses in Dothan, Phenix City and Montgomery, along with locations outside of Alabama and online.

Local students named to the Chancellor's list include: Alex Cole of Athens

Chloe Easterling of Florence Bradi Beavers of Killen Tewaunna Peterkin of Sheffield

Camille Kroeger of Muscle Shoals

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Annual North African Alabama Heritage Festival takes place June 4- 5 at the Willie Green Recreation Park in Tuscumbia.

The festival will have its traditional kick-off on Friday at 5pm with "Music on the Lawn." The Come Up Band from Decatur will play followed by the band 4BE (FORBE) from Birmingham.

The official opening of the festival is Saturday at 11am featuring gospel singers and musicians including Donna Carroll, Rev. Chris Neloms, and Rev. Shane Rainer & Family Affair. Local artists will perform other music genres throughout the day. Other performers include the Garner



The Exodus Reggae **Band is among those** performing June 4-5.

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USA's Best New Museum for 2021



DECATUR The Cook Museum of Natural Science in Decatur has been selected as the winner of the USA Today 2021

10 Best Readers' Choice travel Award for Best New Museum.

Twenty museums from across the country that opened in the last two years were nominated by a panel of experts at *USA Today*'s travel website 10best.com. Subsequently, readers voted for four weeks to select the top ten museums. The Cook Museum was voted number one,

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Phillips Excels with Youth Success

MUSCLE SHOALS, -- Current Northwest-Shoals Community College student, Jayden Phillips, has taken his experience with the Youth Success Pre-Apprenticeship Program and used it to propel himself into a job with Constellium and a spot in the NW-SCC Alabama FAME program.

According to NW-SCC Youth Success Program (YSP) Coordinator,

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Mailbox Fix-up Clean-Up Time

SHOALS-Mailbox Improvement Week was May 16–22 and the U.S. Postal Service is asking all homeowners to inspect and repair their mailboxes. "Repairing suburban and rural mailboxes improves the appearance of our community and makes delivering and receiving mail safer and more secure for our carriers and customers, " declared District Manager, **Jodi Nascimento**. "The Postal Service makes this annual request because of the wear and tear that occurs to mailboxes throughout the year. This is especially important after the effects of this past winter," she added.

Some activities homeowners may need to consider include:

• Replacing loose hinges on a mailbox door

• Repainting a mailbox

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Medicare Minute "Choosing a Medigap Plan"

Choosing the Medicare supplement, or Medigap plan, that's right for you can be a difficult task. As mentioned in a prior article the most common Medigap plans sold in Alabama are Plan A, Plan B, Plan F, Plan G and Plan N. Each of these plans are "standardized" by Medicare. "Standardized" means that each of these individual plans must contain the same basic benefits regardless of the insurance company you purchase it from. For example, Plan G with company XYZ must contain the exact same benefits as Plan F with company WXY. The one thing that can be different is the premium each company charges for the exact same coverage.

The plan letters (A, B, F, G, & N) represent different levels of coverage that a person can purchase. Plan A is the most basic Medigap plan. It does not cover the Part A or Part B deductibles or Skilled Nursing Facility coinsurance but does pick up the Part A and Part B coinsurance after the deductibles are met. On the other hand, Plan F is the "cadillac" of Medigap plans. Plan F will cover all deductibles, coinsurance and/or copays that is due after Medicare pays its part. Plan F can only be sold to individuals who became eligible for Medicare prior to January 1, 2020.

The most popular Medigap plan our company offers has been Plan G. Plan G covers everything Plan F covers except the Part B deductible of \$198. When talking to a company or agent about Medigap policies you may benefit by talking to someone who offers ALL the plans. Every company selling Medigap policies does not offer all the plan options. If you are speaking with an agent or company that does not offer a particular plan, such as Plan G, you may never hear about this plan.

If you have questions regarding any aspect of Medicare or Medicare health plans feel free call us at Alabama Health Guidance (256-648-5710), stop by our office at 885 Florence Blvd (Four Lane Shopping Center) or email me at ikey@alabamahealthguidance.com. Alabama Health Guidance is

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CLOTHES GIVE AWAY - Thursday June 3 from 8-10am t the Care Center, First Baptist Church, Killen

The Valdosta Community Reunion will be cancelled again this year due to limited seating in our restaurants due to the COVID-19 virus. Hopefully we will see you next year in June!

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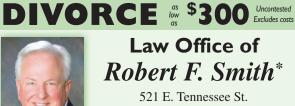
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5 Year Plan on **Disabilities**

MONTGOMERY-Time is running out for public input on the Alabama Council on Developmental Disabilities (ACDD) five-year state plan.

Individuals have two weeks left to comment regarding the 2022-2026 plan draft goals and objectives regarding such areas as education and early intervention; employment; formal and informal community supports; and health. The ACDD state plan can be read at www.acdd.org. The website has an option to translate the plan into other languages. The ACDD is

responsible for developing a state plan, which guides the efforts of the Council. Consistent with federal requirements, the draft state plan goals and objectives are being released for a 45-day public comment period ending midnight June 2, 2021.

The state plan would begin October 1, 2021 and continue through September 30, 2026 if approved.
"We'd like to have as

much input into our plan as possible," said **Darryle Powell**, Executive Director of the ACDD. "Each of the goals and draft areas concerns all Alabamians, so we encourage the public to comment in these critical final weeks."

For more information, contact the Alabama Council on Developmental Disabilities at 334-242-3973 or visit www.acdd.org.

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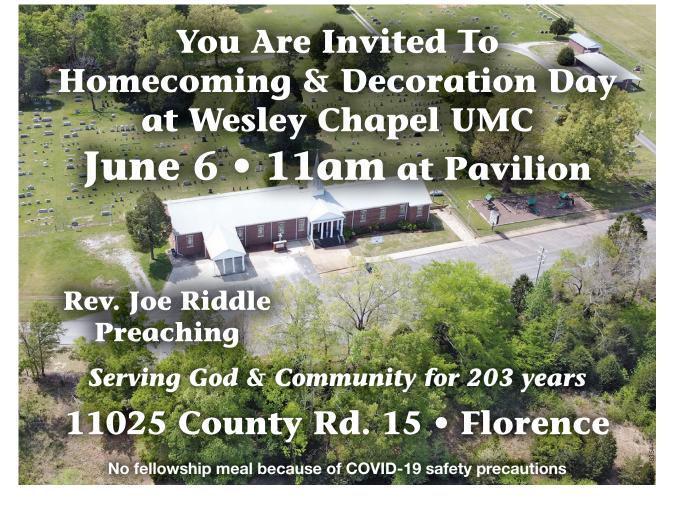
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Brothers, Shelly "Saxman" Williams, and the Muscle Shoals Twirlers.

Many vendors will be onsite with cultural and traditional food, clothing, and other items. A children's area will provide games and fun for the whole family. There will be demonstrations of traditional African drumming and dance.



be the Ühuru African Dancers from Atlanta, Georgia, and the Exodus Reggae Band of Memphis, Tennessee. The festival will conclude Saturday night with a concert by the Shoals' own, The

Featured performers will

Midnighters.

Local fraternities and sororities will be on hand to assist with a voter registration drive and health screenings. This is a free event to all thanks to sponsors and patrons of the North Alabama African

The Uhuru African Dancers, at top, and The Midnighters,. above, are two of the featured groups at this year's African Heritage Festival.

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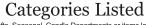
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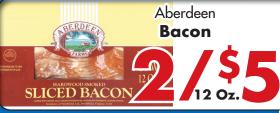


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Success...

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Ken Loveless, Phillips was the first YSP participant to receive his full Manufacturing Skills Standards Council (MSSC) Certified Production Technician Certification.

"Jayden is truly one of our YSP success stories," said Loveless. "He has taken the support system that we offer our students and taken full advantage of the opportunities it has helped open for him."

helped open for him."
According to Phillips,
a resident of Florence, the
support that the Youth
Success Pre-Apprenticeship
Program offered him was
one of the aspects of the
program he enjoyed the
most.

would recommend the Pre-Apprenticeship Program anvone who needs tutoring or assistance in developing the essential skills for their desired occupation," stated Phillips. "Ms. (Elizabeth) Harris has helped me find scholarships, and she also pushed me to continue when I was struggling with school. I couldn't have done it without her."

Phillips is now a part of the second class of the Alabama (Federation for Advanced Manufacturing Education) Program at NW-SCC and is being sponsored by Constellium. The FAME (Advanced Manufacturing Technician) program at Northwest-Shoals is an advanced manufacturing apprenticeship program that combines on-campus with classes on-thejob training through a sponsoring business.

The Youth Success

The Youth Success Program (YSP) at NW-SCC serves out-of-school youth ranging in age from 16-24. YSP identifies and assists those who have been unable to complete their education and need guidance and assistance deciding between continuing their education and seeking additional training toward employment.

YSP The ' Pre-Apprenticeship serves in school and out-of-school youth with barriers to educational completion. The program focuses on juniors and seniors who are interested in completing recognized industry certifications, being placed apprenticeship an program, and ultimatelŷ advanced working in manufacturing.

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Commentary

Fools' Obsession with Insurrection

iberal lobbying groups, many masquerading as non-profits are still wound-up about "the January 6 attack on America's Capitol."

They are all for the establishment of a bipartisan commission to investigate what

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Words

TOM MAGAZZU

many still describe as a terrifying breach in Capital security where people died as those around the world watched in shock and horror.

They can't live without the manufactured drama, can thev?

As of this writing the Senate vote for establishing the commission was still unknown. The Senate was taking up the matter after the House voted to proceed.

The January 6 incident was an armed insurrection with very few arms for very few minutes. Costumes, clubs, and muskets hardly compare to the realities of cities like Portland, Minneapolis, St. Louis, and Seattle being allowed to burn for months - with the support of Democrat politicians and the national media which gave it all a quiet nod as being justifiable. Also quiet was a promising

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TUSCUMBIA. - The Muscle Shoals Area Street Rod Festival takes place Saturday, June 5 in Tuscumbia's Spring Park. This year marks the 50th anniversary of the festival celebrated every year on the first Saturday in June. The club was founded in 1971 its first

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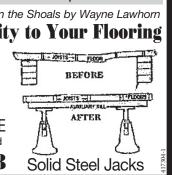
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The CDC has now said that we who have been vaccinated do not have to wear a mask inside or outside with the exception of services like public transportation and hospitals. In a sense we have been manipulated, used, and

Editor:

abused by the government from all levels. We have rolled over and taken every

bit of it without even a whimper. At first, we were told by Dr. Fauci not to wear a mask. Why? Maybe he didn't want to scare the Chinese Communist Party and the people in charge of the Wuhan lab, where investigators think

In fact, fly-fishing should be taught in all North Alabama schools, beginning with the elementary grades!



the CCP or Wuhan virus started.

We now find out that Dr. Fauci had a great deal to do with establishing and funding the Wuhan lab. He certainly made the Chinese military happy. Just look at all of the trillions we have spent because of what they did.

We are broke and having to borrow money from the Chinese and others to pay for all this reckless spending. May the good Lord help us all.

Tom Jones Florence

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Path Access at Creek?

Dear Editor:

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RV Travel Checklist To Help You Pack For Your Trip

Get stocked up and prepared when an old-fashioned RV road trip is in your future.

Is the all-American road trip on your summer travel plans? If it is and you are planning on taking that adventure on the open

road in an RV, use this maintenance and supply to-do list to plan a smooth ride.

Get motorhome or camper insured

The first step is to make sure your RV or motorhome is insured. Insuring your motorhome against

damage and loss caused by common risks, such as fire, storms, theft and collision will help protect you against the unexpected on vour travels.

Plan ahead for your RV travels

Flexibility is a perk of RV travel, but a little planning will help you avoid aimless driving, congested metropolitan areas and wasted time and save you money.

- Make an itinerary. A rough itinerary with the best places on route to eat, explore and stay will help alleviate some of the
- Locate your camp sites. Find the lot size and water, power and sewer hookups you need at GoCampingAmerica.com and GoRVing.com.
- Decide what amenities you want. From rustic or Wi-Fi enabled, pools to exercise facilities.

Plan vour route.

- Time your trip. Plan for the days of the week, weather conditions and special events you might want to see.
- Make a budget. And stick to it.

Stock the supplies

Outfit your motorhome, RV, and campers with the comforts of home. Some necessities include:

- Dishes, cookware and kitchen tools, nonperishable food items
- Cleaning supplies, first-aid kit, tool kit,
- Batteries, flashlights,
- RV-friendly toilet paper, soap, shampoo, linens and other bathroom supplies.

Go RVing Coalition maintains an RV essentials list to ensure your RV is completely stocked with the must-haves for an enjoyable trip.

Maintain, maintain, maintain

Regular maintenance can keep your RV operating safely and reduce the risk of a breakdown. Before every trip:

- Check the tire pressure on your vehicle,
- Have the brakes inspected.
- Check battery fluid levels,
- · Get your fluids topped off, and
- Wash and inspect the exterior, especially the roof.

Follow the manufacturer's suggested timeline for these tasks:

- · Cleaning air conditioner filters,
- Draining air from air brake tanks,
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I made seven or eight of these in a couple hours by using heavy scrap fabric. Cut out a rectangle about one to two inches longer than the door or window

you want to put it in and about four inches wide. Fold in half the long way and sew a seam up the side about 1/2 inch from the edge. Sew one end, turn inside out, and fill with rice or sand (make sure the sand is clean!). When the tube is about 3/4 full, sew the open end shut.

If you don't fill the tube completely, it's easier to mold it to the exact shape of the door. Plus, making them yourself means that your draft dodgers fit all your windows perfectly for a fraction of the cost! Candice from NC

DIY SAVINGS

My fiance and I just purchased a new home. To save money, we have become do-it-yourselfers. We laid the new flooring for our kitchen and our dining room ourselves with tiles purchased at a tile/flooring warehouse.

First, we went to the tile warehouse/wholesaler and got tile at almost half of the retail price. The tiles were over \$3 each in the retail store and cost us just \$1.69 per tile from the warehouse.

It would have cost around \$1600-\$1700 for a professional to come in and install the tile, but we did it ourselves. It looks beautiful and cost us less than \$400 total. CM

SLEEPING FOR TWO

A mattress that feels fine with one person on it doesn't always feel fine with two people on it. If you sleep with a spouse, always have both of you lie on the mattress to test it out. We learned this from experience! Martha L

CUSTOM CAKES

We had a "Spiderman" cake picked out for my son's 6th birthday. But, when I went to order it at our local

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supermarket's bakery, the clerk said, "Sorry, but it's been discontinued." I asked why, and she explained that she did not have the Spiderman figurine to place on the cake. I told her my son had a small figurine, and if she could decorate a spider web on the cake, I could just place my own figurine on top. She replied, "No, problem, you just saved yourself \$5!" So, anytime you have a fancy cake in mind, look around in your child's toy box. You may have the most expensive decoration already on hand! Jean G. in Elkton, MD

DEFROSTING BREAD

When defrosting bread, put a piece of paper towel or a paper napkin into the bag and reseal. This absorbs the moisture from the ice crystals that make the bread "wet" after thawing. Keeping it sealed in the bag, the bread will remain.



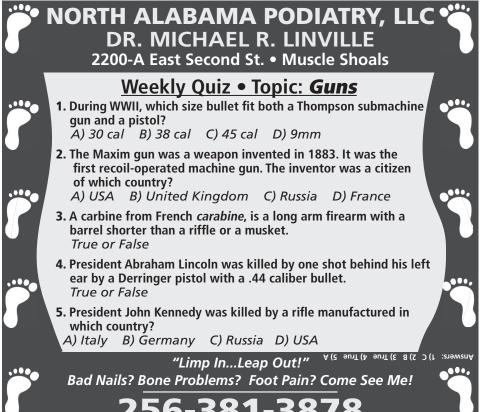


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2008	Nissan Rogue	JN8AS58V08W124827	L99-94C	Silver	Royal Ave
2019	Kia Forte	3KPF34AD5KE022712	509APD	Black	Tenn St
2002	Nissan Sentra	3N1CB51D22L686489	20CM533	Red	Sycamore St and Veterans
2006	Volkswagen Jetta	3VWRF71K36M699190	49CG899	Black	Wilosn Dam Rd
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1995	Honda Accord	1HGCD5650SA040885		Silver	Crown St
2007	Jeep Compass	1J8FF57W77D195560	MSMDDN	Black	2nd Street
2006	Ford Fusion	3FAHP08166R142301	EHC3961	Silver	Chisholm and White Oak
1998	Dodge Ram	1B7HC16X6WS709789	411ATY	Green	Huntington
1996	Ford Ranger Pickup	1FTCR14A5TPB33120	52KD806	Black	Hwy 157 and CR 9
2003	Jeep Liberty	1J4GK38K43W717187	2770AJ9	Black	UNA Parking Deck
2001	BMW	WBAAV534X1FJ68774		Black	Canal St
2013	Ford F150 Pickup	1FTFX1ET3DFA66284		Silver	2nd and Gusmus
2003	Nissan Maxima	JN1DA31A83T441551	20CY180	Red	33rd and 17th
2014	Nissan Versa	3N1CN7AP3EK451252		White	Hwy 43
2003	Buick LeSabre	1G4HR54K93U209442	20CY834	White	Fuel City
2005	Ford Mustang	1ZVFT82H755170348	33CJ708	Blue	Patton Island Bridge
2006	Nissan Altima	1N4AL11D96C251986	20CZ984	Gray	Hwy 64 and CR 381
2009	Hyundai Sonata	5NPET46CX9H480330		White	Fairgrounds
1989	Buick LeSabre	1G4HB54C2KH488299		Red	Top Tech Auto
2002	Ford Explorer	1FMZU63E02ZC32050	33AM525	Green	Top Tech Auto
1986	Jaguar	SAJAV1341GC443858	20AR348	Blue	Top Tech Auto
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2004	Honda Accord	1HGCM566X4A141895	41DA948	White	Dollar General
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2000	Land Rover Range Rover	SALPV1545YA439193	47YC654	Blue	408 Dr. Hicks
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2002	Saturn	1G8ZS52872Z292935	41HW634	Blue	Huntsville Rd
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1999	Mitsubishi Galant	4A3AA46G4XE040332	FHH843	Gold	River Road
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DAYS OF OUR LIVES Sami accused Nicole of cheating on Eric with Xander. Jack agreed to

THE BOLD AND THE let Xander move in -much to Julie's horror. Gabi retaliated against Lucas for badmouthing her. Kate pressured Dr. Snyder to keep her secret. Ben sought advice from Clyde. Tan instructed Chloe to kill Claire. Belle was sent to Statesville. Ben accidentally triggered Jan's booby trap, putting Claire's life in danger. Jan contacted Philip to make an exchange for Chloe. Abe threw a monkey wrench into Paulina's plans. Chanel shared her business proposal with Lani. Jan, Chloe and Philip had a dangerous showdown. Wait to See: Tripp witnesses a tense moment between Gwen and Dr. Snyder. Julie unloads on Xander. Chanel has a surprising offer for

> GENERAL HOSPITAL Willow confronted Finn. Anna grew suspicious of Peter's actions. Maxie made the most of a terrible situation. Laura helped out a friend. Curtis received an disturbing phone call. Laura made an unsettling discovery. Curtis reached out to Jordan. Jackie felt sympathetic. Gregory suspected Finn had been

Allie.

avoiding him. Peter was backed into a corner. Laura and Kevin had an emotional conversation. Jordan grew restless. Finn confronted Peter. Liz laid Valentin. Michael received a surprising phone call. Britt was surprising caught off-guard. Laura's life was threatened. Wait to See: Carly receives an urgent text. Willow is sympathetic. Jax confides in Olivia.

THẾ YOUNG THE RESTLESS Victor reminded Chelsea to stay the course with their plan. Kyle and Ashland learned the truth about Harrison's paternity. Nick and Phyllis worried about Summer's future. Jack vowed to protect his family at all costs. Summer struggled with Tara's increased role in Kyle's life. Amanda learned some shocking news about her past. Victor prepared a plan of attack against Billy. Kevin forced Chloe to come clean. Nick questioned his truce with Adam. Victor pushed Billy's buttons. Summer turned to Sharon for guidance. Nikki made note of the chemistry between Victoria and Ashland. Wait to See: Victor surprises Nikki with a grand gesture. Ashland has a change of heart. Amanda is shocked by a new development in Sutton's case.

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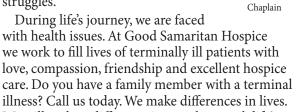
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Dear Dave,

My wife and I are in our 20s, and together we make about \$80,000 a year. Our first baby is due in early 2022, so being debt-free has become a top priority in my mind.

Right now, we have two cars. The one I drive is paid off and has a lot of miles on it, but it's in really good shape. We still owe \$30,000 on the other one, and the rest of our debt is about \$90,000 in student loans. My wife puts 40,000 miles a year on the other car traveling for work. I talked to her the other day about us moving down a little in car, but she's particular about what she drives. I even found out she has her eye on a newer vehicle that costs about \$48,000. I don't know what to do. Can you help?

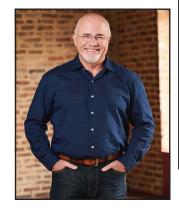
Dear Zach,

Okay, let's start slow. I'm glad you've seen the wisdom in getting control of your money and getting out of debt. That's the first step toward financial peace.

Now, where the car thing is concerned, there's not a chance in the world I'd do this. And honestly, I don't give a crap what your wife is particular about. You guys are broke! You're up to your eyeballs in debt, and now she's talking about buying a \$48,000 car—when you still owe \$30,000 on one then putting 40,000 miles a year on it and destroying its value quicker than you can say "fast."

This whole idea and attitude is dumber than a rock. Absolutely not! You may have seen the light where your finances are concerned, but it sounds like your wife is still in the dark and needs to grow up some. You two should have a long, serious talk about things, and get on the same page financially— especially with a baby on the way. Your family's future depends on it.
I hope I wasn't unclear.

-Dave



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This world is full of attention getting and crowdpleasing and addictive snares all designed to temporarily relieve us from the tensions and pressures of everyday life. We all need rest and a break once in a while. Sometimes it seems like the saved and the world are on a permanent break. It's becoming very hard to tell one from the other. The early church had the same problems we have today. Study: Colossians 2:8 "Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ." Galatians 4:9 "But now, after that ye have known God, or rather are known of God, how turn ye again to the weak and beggarly elements, whereunto ye desire again to be in bondage?" 1 Corinthians 7:31 "And they that use this world, as not **abusing** it: for the fashion of this world passeth away." More time and attention is spent on teaching our children to chase after the world's "rudiments" and "beggarly elements" "and not after Christ" and wind up "abusing" the liberty an privileges we have as saved folk. Saved people are commanded: Galatians 5:13 "For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another." Guilty or not guilty?

2 Timothy 2:26 "And that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will." A snare causes one to move closer to the one holding the leash, who in the case of sin, is the devil. Your will is easily manipulated by his trite offerings every day. The answer for the saved is to get back under the umbrella of Christ. It is your mind and body, take control of them. For the lost, you need to get saved. Christ is the only one that can break permanently the chains and bonds of sin. You don't have to be a slave to sin your whole life. Jesus can free you if you will just ask Him. John 8:36 "If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.'

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Letters...

Path Access at the Creek?

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canoe launch on Cypress Creek? I remember there was some talk about a path that would give access for fishing.
If it's feasible, I would

sure like to see it built. Probably a lot of other people in the area would. too. I came home at retirement to be near UNA, and hopefully to some flyfishing. However, access to the creek is far more restricted now than it was when I was a boy.

fly-fishing would More opportunities nice. Plus, flyfisherman make good custodians of the creek. More conscientious than boaters, they generally don't litter the bank or pollute the water. That has been my observation over the years.

In fact, fly-fishing should be taught in all North Alabama schools, beginning with the elementary grades! Flyfishing can make a child more thoughtful, which can lead to more reading and more advanced verbal skills in adulthood. It's a very civilizing sport.

Thomas Ponder

Characteristics Much Worse

Editor.

The use of tobacco products will injure your health and shorten your life even unto death. But thanks we citizens should stand together with strong support seeking this same like ban on the drinking of intoxicating beverages. We can and should with our own personal freedom, boycott eateries that are serving these drinks. With this drinking ban in place it will reduce crime and alcohol related deaths and injuries. These deaths according to reports have more than doubled within the last decade. It will also minimize violent anger and remove the DUIs from the roadways providing a more safer means for traveling. But who are there with responsible authority that want to do such things as needed to at least resolve some of the hurt? It is very obvious, and there is no doubt about it, that the responsible author-ities are bent on pushing this State further down the lower grounds of super corruption and waste. Thus revealing very clearly limited intelligence and also vision.

The characteristics of consuming alcohol is much worse than that of tobacco and those in positions of calling the shots need to realize this and move in a positive direction to stamp out the adverse effects. And we concerned citizens need to hold them accountable for failing to do it at the next appropriate time. So much for these needs as spelled out here, so we need to look briefly at some far greater needs to counter certain acts of proposals by the legislature and Governor. The citizens of Alabama

should be concerned enough about the ongoing enough about the coordinate of that we should together demand Governor Ivey, afterney General Steve Marshall, Secretary of State John Merrill and the many members of the legislature who have abridged their oath of office, and defied Constitutional Law, to resign from their positions of authority in public service immediately. If they fail to comply with this demand, we must commit to sending them home when the next opportunity comes around.

There is no race, color,

religion, or tribe of people a bunch of vultures. exempt from this gambling prohibition law-- Art. 4, Sec. 65 of the Alabama Constitution. This law applies to any and all forms of gambling and such is super corrupt, and also addictive, and it must be stopped. I am asking the good and caring people of this State, how much more of such governing like this can we take. In closing with the Love of God for all people.

Jack D. Pollard Luverne, AL

Wal-Mart or Chinatown?

To the Editor:

My Walmart L My son worked at Distribution Cullman, Alabama when he came up hurt. He had a bad gash on his head and began to have bad seizures. They continue today. personnel director The from Walmart was at the hospital every day saying they would take care of all the bills. This went on for a couple of weeks, then one day he never showed up again.

The big wigs showed up from the home office, probably with their big shot lawyer. They never once talked to me. They were trying to get out of paying his hospital bills. The doctor said they can't do that because he had only a trace of marijuana in his blood and that could have been in his body for weeks. They did not pay one red cent.

I talked to a lawyer in Cullman who said we can get him some good benefits. He wanted to talk to my son. One of his aunts took him to the lawyer. After talking to him, my son said he would have to talk with his other aunt before deciding. Later this lawyer called saying that my son never came back.

I heard that his aunt had decided on a lawyer in Huntsville and they just dropped the case. I guess Walmart could not afford to cover that even though they had run thousands of businesses out of operation leaving many people without a job.

I see Walmart as trying to take over all businesses, selling that China junk at outrageous prices. Their greed will be their downfall one day. Sam Walton would turn over in his grave if he knew his company had turned into

By the way, my son still suffers today because he could not get the best treatment because there was no money. When you do people wrong, payback will always come.

Live better with Walmart, but forget about help if you get hurt there.

Dale Casteel

Nice Man in a **Blue Pickup**

Dear Editor:

I recently went through the Wendy's drive-thru for lunch, placed my order, drove forward, and said hello to the sweet lady who collects the money. Before I could pick up my Biggie Bag™ and small vanilla Frosty™, she said, "Your order has already been paid for. The man See LETTERS... on Pg 36

in front of you paid for your meal." Whoever the guy in front of me was, I did not redid not recognize, but he drove a clean, shiny, metallic blue pickup truck that appeared to be rather new. I think it was a Dodge Ram. I honked at him a couple of times meaning, "Thank you!", but he drove away quickly.

I prayed that God would bless that good fellow

May he receive the blessing promised in Mark 9:41, "For whosoever shall give you a cup of water to drink in my name, because ye belong to Christ, verily Í say unto you, he shall not

lose his reward."
Thank God that in 2021 there are still people in Alabama like that man in the blue pickup truck. My hat is off to you, Sir!

Kevin Patrick Dillon Florence

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4:15-5:15pmCenter Star Baptist Church
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Tuesday, June 8
3-3:45pmWaterloo High School
4-4:30pmWright Pentecostal Church
4:45-5:15pmGravely Springs
5:30-6pmOakland Methodist Church
6:15-6:45pmThree Forks Old Ranger Station
7-8pmThreets Crossroads/Liberty Baptist Church
Thursday, June 10
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4:15-5:15pmGrassy/Hammond Store
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Friday, June 11
3-4:15pmRogers High School
4:30-5:30pmLone Cedar Church
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6:45-8pmSt. Florian Town Hall

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9:30-10:45am.....

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Colbert Co. Rabies Clinic Schedule 2021

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Randall B. Davis, DVM **Rabies Inspector**



Monday, June 7 - Dr. Randall Davis 4:30pm Happy Trails Western Store 1000 E. 2nd St.-Sheffield 5pmVFW 419 N. Raleigh Ave.-Sheffield 5:30pm C.M. Brewster School-The Village Sheffield Tuscumbia Multi Purpose Center Parking Lot -Tuscumbia 6:30pm Valdosta Church of Christ Parking Lot-Old Lee Hwy-Tuscumbia

uesday. June 8 - Dr. Carmen Ludington

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3:30pm	Pet Depot Parking Lot-Muscle Shoals
4:15pm	Muscle Shoals High School Parking Lot
5:15pm	Ace Hardware-River Road and County Line Road
6pm	Shady Grove Methodist Church River Road-Leighton

Tuesday, June 8 - Dr. Jennifer Thompson

3pm	Cherokee High School Parking Lot
3:45pm	Barton Chevron Parking Lot
4:30pm	Red Rock Church of Christ-Red Rock Road
5:15pm	Srygley Church Of Christ Parking Lot. Hwy 247
6pm	Yogi's One Stop Hwy 247 And 72 Cherokee

Wednesday-June 9 - Dr. Randall Davis

4:30pm Bianco's Bi	erryniii-vacant Lot-Underwood And Frankfort Road
5pm	Colbert Heights High Schoolyard
5:45pm	Piney Grove Church Parking Lot-Wheeler Mt.
6:15pm	Malone's General Store-New Bethel

Thursday, June 10 - Dr. Jennifer Thompson

3:15pmLittleville Park-Behind First Baptist Chu	ICII
4pmLeighton Farmers Co-Op County Line Road Leigh	ton
4:30pmWhite Oak Store-Hwy 157 And County Line	Rd.
5:15pm Spring Valley Mar	ket

Thursday, June 10 - Dr. Carmen Ludington

4pm	Tuscumbia Farmers Co-Op, 1417 Hwy 72 West
4:30pm Harris Chape	I Baptist Church Parking Lot-North Pike Cherokee
5:15pm	Barton Baptist Church-Barton
6pmOak Grov	e Baptist Church Parking Lot-Hwy 72. Tuscumbia

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boat to any person injured.

The operator of an automobile is not under a legal duty to render aid to someone injured in an accident. Obviously, moral obligations exist and should never be ignored. There are Good Samaritan laws that shield people from liability who attempt to render aid but if you don't know first aid you may cause more harm than good. That's different than saving someone in the water because the very "first aid" may be that of getting them where first aid may be performed safely.

Other than sailboats, rowboats or canoes, a boater's safety course and a test are required to be certified to operate a boat. The boat has to be registered in the name of the person who owns the boat. The rules and regulations for the safe operation of a boat deal with right of way among other issues. Drivers of automobiles

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As someone who loves boating, the best advice that I can give is to keep a proper look out. That's a duty imposed by law but it's also common sense when you are on the water.

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economy, most debt collectors borrowers a break, cutting back on lawsuits amid lockdowns, closed courts, and loan-forbearance initiatives. A headline from a recent Wall Street Journal Article read "Most Big Debt Collectors Back Off During the Pandemic". For some, this has given a little breathing room to get themselves on top of their finances and in a better position when we come out of the pandemic. For others, it only has had the effect of snowballing balances as unpaid interest has become principle making the amount owed insurmountable.

Thankfully, we are starting to see the light at the end of the tunnel of the pandemic. As more and more people are vaccinated, and states begin to re-open and normalcy returns, these companies though will unfortunately get back to their aggressive collection efforts.

In many cases, bankruptcy is a great option to clear the debt that you cannot pay. The attorneys with the Bond & Botes Law Offices can help by explaining your options so the end of the pandemic is truly a fresh start.

Government Extends Eviction Moratorium For 3 Months. Here's What Renters Should Do

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has given a reprieve to renters who had been facing the end of the nationwide eviction moratorium at the close of March. The CDC has extended that moratorium deadline to June 30, but that date is now almost upon us. The moratorium was put in place last fall to curb the spread of Covid-19 and has been considered successful by housing and health experts.

And Cannot Pay

When Covid-19 hit the unsecured debt in bankruptcy. Just like medical bills, credit card debt, and personal loans, you can include your back rent in your bankruptcy. In a few rare situations, back rent is treated differently, but in most cases, you will be able to discharge your back rent in bankruptcy.

If you are facing eviction, bankruptcy might be the right of your forbearance agreement, choice for you because it will chapter 13 bankruptcy may be the delay the eviction. An automatic stay will begin once you file for bankruptcy. The automatic stay stops all creditors, including your landlord, from trying to collect a debt that is owed to him or her. The eviction will typically be delayed until such time as your landlord obtains relief from the bankruptcy court's automatic stay.

Before deciding to file for bankruptcy or break your lease, you should consider factors such as your relationship with your landlord, your emotional attachment to the place that you live, and the reality of your debt situation. If you need help determining the best option for your situation, please feel free to contact us to arrange a free initial consultation with an experienced attorney.

Have You Missed Mortgage Payments, Gotten A Forbearance, Or Some Other Consideration From Your Mortgage Servicer As A Result Of The Pandemic?

So what Happens Now?

Many struggling homeowners have been provided with a forbearance on their mortgage payments as a result of the CÓVID pandemic. After their period of forbearance ends, those who can afford their old mortgage payment hope to pick it back up What If You Owe Back Rent allowed or agreed upon with your mortgage company). Back rent is treated as this may seek a modified loan can help you!

with a lower monthly payment (again if allowed and/or agreed upon with your mortgage company). Homeowners unable to make ends meet under any of these options will face a likely foreclosure which can result in the loss of their homes.

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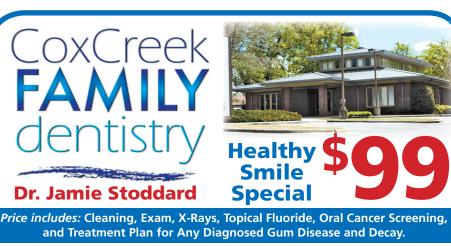
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"Daughter"

most positive person, and I have not been a very her. She loves me and try to be another mom." would love to have more of a daughter in me. She about my MIL is she has knows that I love her, but always managed to let early in our relationship I us figure life out as a was still super close to my mom, so I didn't work to get close to her. But now bridges with me or judge her son for forty years, so we have had plenty of time together and I have learned from her, she let us make our own laughed with her, and have enjoyed being with her. I call her, "Mom".

make it sound better by saying, "mother-in-love", but that just sounds my rough edges." a little contrived to me should we call her? After formal and not family. But recently I polled and only two of them better. I have always called all my friends' daughter in law. moms, "Mom".

these thoughts.

she is being disloyal unconditionally to her own mom if she committedly. I MIL. Mothers can help with the MIL somewhat "Daughter". like the daughter is with the mother. And the the daughter to allow the gmail.com

mother-in-law grandchildren to have a (MIL) is the sweetest, regular amount of contact with the in-laws. I think MIL should just try to be good daughter-in-law to a friend with the DIL, not

"What I love the most married couple and not meddle! She did not burn I have been married to me in such a way that I did not want to confide in her. If asked, she'd give an opinion but otherwise mistakes and learn from them... It gave me such respect and honor for In-lawing can be her. She has let me be me awkward. We try to and never tried to change me but loved me enough to pray God would soften

"I did a lot of even though it may be communication through referencing a genuine my husband and really relationship. But what let him direct our contact with his parents. I was an awkward period with young and did not feel "Mama Turner", "Mrs. comfortable with them...
Turner", or no address at I was pretty quiet back all, my children's spouses then. Today I regret that now call me Cathy or and wish I had been more Miss Cathy. I thought this confident and developed to be a little unusual and a relationship with her/ them."

"When we were a six of my sister-friends, young family, she'd make a special effort to call their MIL, "Mom". treat me to things she The rest call her by her knew I'd NEVER do for first name or Mrs..., and myself or knew we didn't their children's spouses have the money for. do the same to them. I Those were such special am surprised by this, but memories and meant SO it made me feel a little much to me and now I do the same thing for MY

need Relationships In-lawing truly can be nurturing, even the tricky. My friends shared in-laws. My in-laws gave me the best thing in this "I think sometimes the world, a man who knew DIL might be thinking how to love genuinely, and am opens up too much to her indebted to them - her now. I should show by telling daughters to my love for her more. try to remember the MIL, I commit to that right to try to be thoughtful now. She calls me,

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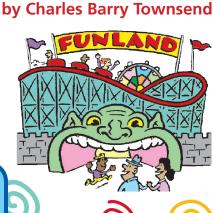


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need to find four more five-letter words so that all words used read the same both across and down.

- Characteristic of a king.
- 3. One that acts for another (AGENT, in place).
- 5. Change.







1. Depressed mood.

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F 2.

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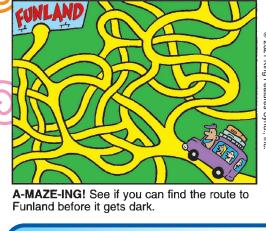
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some hints:

- 3. The animals of a certain region.
- 4. Fail a test.
- 5. Show off.
- 6. Able to write or speak easily.
- 7. Great wealth.
- 8. Where metal is melted.

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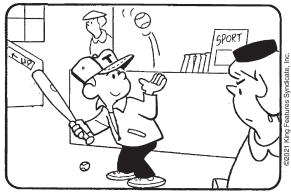
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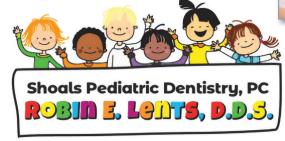
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Commentary

Obsessed

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boost back into commerce for many of those Democratcontrolled communities through a significant pool of rebuilding resources meshed within Covid recovery legislation.

However, some of the elitist legislators on Capitol Hill were scared and probably soiled their undies if the truth were known. So that makes January 6 another day that will live in infamy? I'm soiling my pants laughing at such stupidity. This shouldn't amount to the most significant incident this year, much less be a black eye on American history.

Even the once-revered and respected, George Will, actually compared January 6 with 9/11 on ABC last week. As one noted writer penned regarding Will's comparison of the two events, "It's hard to formulate a response to something so inane without profanity."

Will is still eaten up by Trump's election in 2016,

precisely when he started being more irrational than the President he still denigrates.

denigrates.

The left leaning nuts in both parties can't let the brief taste of insurrection-a-la-carte get taken from the dining room. The political cover is too beneficial to let it get away.

Why let poorly-informed Americans hear anything about how the \$ trillions in Covid-related handouts have turned onceproductive workers into lazy socialists? About how those ill-advised checks are starving the employment rolls and creating a chain reaction which is causing havoc at the retail and wholesale levels? should they be informed as to how the irresponsible printing of money combines with supply chain problems driving inflation in almost every sector?

Who needs to know the truth about the humanitarian disaster at our southern border, one that is real as compared to the farce of lies being spread in recent years. Why cover the fact that China and Russia know they dodged a huge bullet in November and they are now dealing with schmucks in the White House?

The "bipartisan" commission will surely set another series of lies and leaks into motion, an expensive fool's frenzy like the four year Trump / Russia conspiracy, which has clearly been discredited with none of the perjurers being prosecuted.

Do you think we'll find out who actually killed Ashli Babbitt?

Will we get to see all the video footage the government is hiding during this inquisition? Doubtful, if it were damning against Republicans, we would have already seen it.

Will the major networks cover the part about how police opening doors and allowing protestors easy entry? Is that breaking, entering, and trespassing?

I still want to know

I still want to know who actually stole Nancy Pelosi's laptop, where AOC really was when she claimed to be scared and trapped, and how an armed insurrection, and attempted takeover of our government can include so much laughing and so many smiles and selfies.

And I would finally like to know how those seen loitering on security footage at Capitol Hill are later apprehended at home, brought back to DC with felony charges and denied bail, while Antifa/BLM rioters were allowed to run wild for the better part of a year, burning, pillaging, and stealing into the \$billions with many more deaths? The few who were arrested had bail posted by as-yet unpublicized parties, before having charges dismissed. Interesting.

dismissed. Interesting.
At least it looks like some of the GOP's antiTrump dim wits are seeing this sham for what it is, a distraction to cover a glaringly inept four months in Washington dominated by those who have a clear disdain for enforcement, law and individual responsibility. They prefer some lives others, rainbows over over rationale, promoting climate hysteria instead of acknowledging cyclical trends, a repurposing of history, minimizing your self-defense options, and finding out who's woke.





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Editor:

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Unfortunately, many bumble bees are experiencing dramatic population declines and face an uncertain future. While these declines are not fully understood, contributing factors include habitat loss, pesticide use, climate change, low genetic the ir diversity, and introduction and distribution of pathogens through commercial pollinators.

Some of the most immediate and productive steps to confront declines are to protect, restore, and manage habitat in a supportive way; and to participate in community science project, like the Bumble Bee Watch.

Volunteers across the country can share photos online or via an app. Scientists then use that information to improve the ways we conserve bumble bees.

I adopted a grid cell last year for the Nebraska Bumble Bee Atlas, a project that goes even more in depth. A family member helped me net bumble bees, and it was rewarding to complete the habitat survey that goes along with each bee survey. It gave me chance to observe plants in the area, the note evidence of wildlife and livestock, pay more attention to wind and weather, and rekindle my wonder of nature.

For the upcoming 2021 season, grab your camera and experts can verify your findings. Together, we can understand the distribution of bee species and the plants they utilize the during growing season.

more Learn at bumblebeewatch.org.

Erin Schoenberg Project Associate Center for Rural Affairs Lyons, NE

Bill Passage is a Huge Step

Editor:

Alabama passing medical marijuana step forward a huge South, which for the maintains some of the racially-disparate most enforcement and harshest penalties on the books. This is an especially development welcome as Alabama's next-door neighbor, Mississippi, just last week devastatingly saw its Supreme Court overturn the medical marijuana initiative that was widely-passed by voters in November 2020. While we have had considerable success reforming marijuana and other drug policy laws in other parts of the country, we cannot forget those in the south that are still held hostage by these regressive laws and the pretext they provide to justify the over-surveillance, harassment, assault, and criminalization of poor communities and of Black, Latin, and Indigenous communities. This is a vital step toward the south achieving the same justice and freedom granted to the rest of this country.

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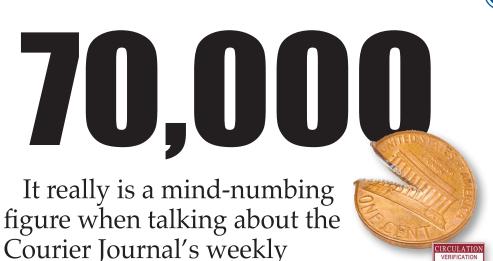
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The Friends Bookstore, located in the Florence-Lauderdale Public Library, is now accepting donations of books and recent magazines. Bring your donations by the back entrance of the library on Tuesdays or Thursdays from 10am-2pm, and you will find a volunteer or library staff member to assist you. The Friends ask that you limit your donation to 20 items during this time and that

donated items be in good condition. Items that the bookstore cannot accept include: encyclopedias, condensed books, cassette tapes, LP records, catalogues, and magazines over than

2 years old.
The Friends Bookstore appreciates the community's patience while it had to suspend accepting donations during the Covid period. Donations are vital to the library and the bookstore, as the profit from the sales made in the Friends Bookstore provide the community with free services, materials, and programs. For ore materials, and programs. For ore information, call (256)-764-6564 ext. 126. or visit www.flpl.org

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

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This program is in partnership with the State of Alabama and Alabama Department of Senior Services

The American Red Cross has kicked off its Annual Fund Drive, looking for 1,000 supporters to boost the 2021 Annual Fund and provide urgently needed aid to families facing their hardest moments throughout the year.

Your generous support helps AMC to respond immediately whenever and wherever they're needed, in local communities and nationwide. And monthly support powers the American

Red Cross mission, year-round. When you make a monthly gift to provide steadfast support for families,

they'll also send you a special Red Cross mini first aid kit in a vintage-inspired tin. For more information or to donate, call 1-800-435-7669 or visit www.redcross.org/donate/annual-fund.

Utility Assistance is Available for those in need who qualify. No Appointment Needed. Just submit the proper paperwork as directed. The State of Alabama now mandates the use of a Declaration of Household Income form. This form is to be completed by the person applying for assistance. It will include income information on each household member 18 and older. You may visit one of our offices to request a form or visit www.caanw.org for an application. Call 256-766-4330 for more information

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

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.



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specializing in oldies from the 50/60s and doo-wop music, will be performing throughout the day. There will be vendors and a free swap meet in the park. The day long festival is free to all and will be held rain or shine. Gates open at 7am, and cars will be

shown until 2pm.

For more information contact Rex Pinkard at 256-366-7002, Don Baker 256-412-4573, John Davis at 256-366-9130, or the Colbert County Tourism & Convention Bureau at 256-383-0873 or ColbertTourism@ email comcast.net.

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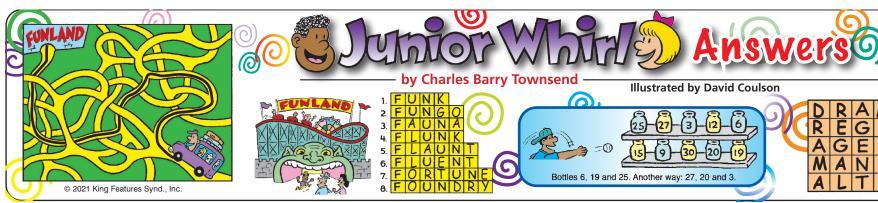


Last week's winner is Austin Archer of Tuscumbia who correctly guessed Nelson Rivers Starkey Bridge, CR 14, Florence

One entry per person. Winners will be announced each week in ou aper and on our website. Winners can pick up their Gift Certifica t the Courier Journal office beginning Wednesdays after 12 Nooi

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Athletic by Eli Cranor SUPPORT

Summer schedule way too serious

Dear Athletic Support: My son is wrapping up his first year of schoolsanctioned athletics. He played football in the fall, basketball in the winter, and loved running the mile and pole vaulting this spring. My son is by no means one of the best athletes in his grade. Not by a longshot. But he did really enjoy this past year. Last week, I was just given the summer schedule for football and basketball by his coaches. Wowzers. They have a lot of stuff planned! There's literally a camp or a tournament almost every week of the summer. We already have vacations planned (and paid for) on some of these dates. I'm worried if my son doesn't make it to all the scheduled events, his playing time will get docked. I also feel like maybe this is too much for an 8th grader. If I force my son to complete this extreme schedule, I'm afraid he might burn out on athletics altogether. What should we do?

Dear Fun: When I was coaching I made an annual calendar. It listed every single event for the year, including the summer. I tried to get this out as early in the spring as possible, hoping to give my players' parents enough time to plan ahead.

–Fun Dad

Despite all my planning, I still had players miss. It drove me crazy. I can vividly remember sitting in the coaches' office, going on and on about how one of our players was taking a week-long vacation instead of attending one of our 7-on-7 tournaments.

Looking back on it now, I feel a little embarrassed. My heart was in the right place. I wanted to do things

"right." I wanted to win. But I wasn't considering the big picture.

The big picture is that family comes first, especially in the summer. Vacations are where memories are made, so go have fun.

Keep in mind, however, that missing summer activities could impact your son's playing time. I say "could" because if he's one of the best players on the team, it won't matter at all — he'll still play. If he's one of the worst, he'll ride the pine regardless.

If he's a border player, though, and he's equally as good as a player who's attended every practice/tournament all summer long, then that other kid will get the spot. That's just the way it works.

In regard to burnout, I think that all depends on your son. Junior high athletics is more serious than 7th grade. More time is required the older an athlete gets. And, honestly, that's the way

it should be. In order to be the best at anything, you have to practice. A world-famous concert pianist doesn't get to the top by taking summers off. The same is true in football.

You mentioned your son wasn't "the best athlete." If he's in it just to have fun, then by all means, let him have fun. Go on vacation. Make it to all the summer practices you can, but don't be surprised if your son is riding the bench when the season starts.

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