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# Prestage a Top Scholar

MUSCLE SHOALS --Northwest-Shoals Community College student, **Kaleb** Prestage, of Muscle Shoals, is one of 207 Phi Theta Kappa members nationally named a 2021 Coca-Cola Leaders of Promise Scholar. He will receive a \$1,000 scholarship.

The Coca-Cola Leaders of Promise Scholarship Program helps new Phi Theta Kappa members defray educational expenses while enrolled in



**Prestage** 

associate degree programs. Scholars are encouraged to assume leadership roles by participating in Society programs and are selected based

on scholastic achievement, community service, and leadership potential. More than 900 applications were received. A total of \$207,000 is awarded through the Coca Cola Program.

Prestage is finishing his first year as an Alabama FAME (Federation for Advanced Manufacturing Education)
Program student at NW-SCC. The program combines an Associate of Applied Science Degree in Industrial Systems Technology and two years of paid industry experience. His sponsoring company is Constellium.

## **Kroger New UNA** Interim

FLORENCE -- Former LaSalle University head women's volleyball coach **Andrew** Kroger has been named as the

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# A \$350,000 Thank You!

TUSCUMBIA — The Saddle Up for St. Jude Trail Ride held annually at Gardner Farm in Tuscumbia had raised an average of just over \$100,000 per year over its first 24 years. The one-year event



record was \$172,000 according to event organizer, Jimmy Gardiner.

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M U S C L E SHOALS - An evening or two of brainstorming 25 years ago has created quite a bi-annual stir in the

Shoals. Melanie Harrison and Jolie Lauderdale, sisters-in-law from Florence, were both new mothers with toddlers and were thinking about creating a part-time business together.

A relative from Nashville sent them



toys can be found at Dittos for Kiddos.

an article from Tennessean with note attached which read, "You should do this!" The article described a children's consignment sale.

"We had never been

to one, but the idea appealed to us. So, we started planning," Melanie recalled.
"The first Dittos for Kiddos included 60 consigners in a 4,000 square-foot building in Florence. It was just the two of us and a small handful of volunteering family and friends," she added. "The sales and volume she added. grew, so we were continuously looking for a bigger building with additional

for the

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**NW-SCC** Awarded National Initiative

# \$100,000 Grant

MUSCLE SHOALS -- Northwest-Shoals Community College was selected from a competitive field of community colleges across the country to receive \$100,000 to transform the future of students in the community. The Metallica Scholars Initiative is funded by Metallica's All Within My Hands (AWMH) and led by the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC), It was designed to directly support students while also elevating the importance of career and technical education. This work is highlighted at a global level by leveraging the influence

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#### Shorts...

#### **Kroger New UNA Interim**

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interim head volleyball coach at the University of North Alabama.

Kroger, who has 11 years of Division I coaching experience, joined the LaSalle



Kroger

program in 2014 as an assistant and was eventually promoteď to head coach in 2019. He led LaSalle

to the 2019 National Invitational Volleyball Championship, the first post-season appearance in program history. Following the 2021 spring season, LaSalle dropped its volleyball program along with six other sports.

A graduate of Xavier University with a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics, Kroger began his collegiate coaching career as an assistant coach at Villanova University in

The University of North Alabama is blessed beyond measure to get a person and coach the caliber of Coach Kroger," UNA Interim Athletic Director **Kevin Haslam**, said. "Coach Kroger has proven he can adapt and thrive in adverse situations,' Haslam added. I truly look forward to how our volleyball team will perform this fall under his leadership.'

Kroger follows former UNA head coach Bob White, who retired in June due to health concerns after three seasons with the Lions.

"I would like to thank Kevin Haslam and the search committee for their belief in me," said Kroger. "Throughout this process, I've been blown away by the kindness of the UNA community. I'm honored to be a part of that process and can't wait to get started."

#### "Annie" Opens on August 5

FLORENCE-The Zodiac Players and the Gingerbread Players will celebrate the return to the Shoals Theatre stage with a joint production of "Annie" August 5-8. The cast is made



"Annie" on stage August 5-8 at the Shoals Theatre.

up of over 60 adults

and children of all ages. Randy Pettus is the director. Faye Haag joins Pettus as musical director.

"Annie" is a show most people will be familiar with, and it is appropriate for all ages with great songs for audiences singalongs. Don't miss the chance to share in this landmark local event. Show times are at 7:30pm Thursday-Saturday, August 5-7 and 2pm on Sunday, August 8. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$10 for students and can be purchased at the theatre or online at theshoalstheatre.org. For more information, call 256-764-1700.

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

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

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Tuesday, July 27, 5-7pm - Screening:
"Muscle Shoals," the critically acclaimed documentary that chronicles how the local recording studios FAME and Muscle Shoals Sound drew some of the best activity including Actibe Continu best artists -- including Aretha Franklin ("I Never Loved a Man (The Way I Love You)") to The Rolling Stones ("Brown Sugar"). The documentary includes interviews with music greats including Franklin, Mick Jagger, Keith Richards,

Bono, Gregg Allman, and Alicia Keys. Free event
Thursday, July 29, 5-7pm - Screening:

"Give Me Shelter about the Rolling Stones and their free concert at Altamont Speedway near San Francisco in 1969. The Stones employed the Oakland chapter of the Hell's Angels motorcycle gang resulting in one spectator death and several injuries. Free event 350 N. Wood Ave. Florence 256-

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Florence-Lauderdale 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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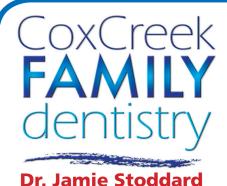
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parking. We finally settled into the current location in Muscle Shoals.'

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An extensive marketing process also sets Dittos for Kiddos apart from others.

Weekly email blasts prior to the sale, ads in over a dozen newspapers, mailings,

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bulk billboards, regular Facebook and Instagram posts, and word of mouth draw the greatest variety of consigners and

brings in shoppers from all over the south.

"Our sales take place twice a year," Jolie said. "The Spring/Summer sale usually takes place in March, and the Fall/ Winter sale is just in time for back to school. usually takes place in early August.'

This Fall/Winter sale August 7-14 is a special one, the ladies' 50th since that first brainstorming session. Those toddlers are now married, and those new mothers are grandmothers. So lots of celebrating will be going on!

"From the beginning, we wanted our sale to stand out from all others. We strive for quality by personally inspecting each item that is consigned," Jolie said. "We then spend several days organizing and culling items that don't measure up. As Dittos For Kiddos has grown, so has our staff

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and volunteers. attribute our success to all of the long, hard hours they put in," she added.

Kiddos' Diftos for Fall/Winter consignor registration is still open.

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of Metallica who continue to speak out on the dignity of professional trades and community colleges that

prepare students.
The Metallica Scholars Initiative is now in its third year and has fundamentally improved the earning potential for students who become Metallica Scholars. NW-SCC will prioritize students in programs leading to careers in the Advanced Manufacturing Construction and industries. Metallica Scholars will be showcased to promote varying skilled trade pathways as a means to economic development.

"The foundation and the band pay attention and follow these programs and students. There is no doubt that lives have been changed," said Dr. Edward Frank, executive director of AWMH. "What makes this work so unique is that in addition to supporting students directly, our goal is to unabashedly promote the trades as meaningful and well-paying career pathways."

"We are proud to work with Metallica to advance the career and technical education provided by the nation's community colleges," said Walter Bumphus, AACC's president and CEO. "These programs are responsive the needs of local businesses and provide a pipeline of qualified workers to local industry. For Metallica to continue to invest in these students and communities is a testament to the power of the workforce education

community colleges provide. We are proud to do this work with them."

Hetfield, James Metallica's vocalist/ guitarist and co-founder "As a said, touring entity we are in direct involvement with multiple essential career choices along our path. From professional electrical, culinary, driving, mechanical maintenance, logistical public safety, organizers. And that just scratches the surface. Those and a multitude of other technical careers make our touring and our performances possible. We are passionate and possible. grateful to these trades and

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# **GED and Non-Trad. Grads**

MUSCLE SHOALS— The Northwest-Shoals Community College Adult Education Program will host the 2020-2021 GED/Nontraditional High School Graduation ceremony Thursday, July 29 at 6pm in the Patriot Center (Gym) on the Shoals Campus.

Shoals Campus.
According to the NW-SCC Adult Education
Program, 138 students
have completed
requirements for their GED
from May of 2019 through
July of 2021. An additional
14 students have
completed requirements
for the nontraditional
high school diploma.
Approximately 50 students
plan to participate in
graduation ceremonies.

The nontraditional high school diploma was rolled out by the state at the end of 2016. The nontraditional high school diploma helps students who either dropped out of high school without earning the necessary credits to graduate or for those who did not pass one or all parts of the Alabama High School Graduation Exam-which is no longer given.

# **Enrollment Up for Summer**

FLORENCE – – Enrollment at the University of North Alabama for Summer 2021 has broken previous summer enrollment records. This marks the tenth consecutive term of growth on campus. The outlook for Fall 2021 enrollment is strong as well, according to University administration.

"The Summer 2021

Graduate and family celebrate with a group photo at the 2019 Adult Education Graduation.

Courtesy NW-SCC

enrollment is a nearly 4% increase from Summer 2020 and a nearly 30% increase since Summer 2019," said Dr. Ross Alexander, Provost and Executive Vice President for

Academic Affairs.

Summer enrollment growth was particularly strong in online graduate programs, and online undergraduate programs also thrived. UNA is almost exclusively online during summer semesters.

#### Graffiti Alley Project

# **DFA Embraces** the New Space

FLORENCE – The
Design Committee of
Downtown Florence
Alliance hosted a ribbon
cutting last week to
celebrate the completion
of their placemaking
project that will add details
to alleyways between
Seminary and Court
Streets and Mobile and
Tennessee Streets.

Many people prize the creativity of this alley in Downtown Florence. So, the Downtown Florence Alliance wants to embrace the space by adding swag lights and signage, marking the location as "Graffiti Alley."

"We feel that embracing the creativity and expression that naturally occurs in this space will elevate the artistic expression and allow for even better art to be added in the future," said Downtown Florence Alliance executive director, **Stephanie Vess**.

"We would like to

"We would like to thank Mayor **Betterton**, **Dick Jordan**, and the City Council for believing in our vision for this project and providing electricity for the project.

We would also like to thank Alabama Metal Art for working with us to design and cut the "Graffiti Alley" archway and Florence Utilities and Allen Caddell for their support and labor to hang the lighting and

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Horseback riding, camping, evening concerts, vendor booths, an auction, concessions, and ticket drawings for fun off-road vehicles all help increase the total that goes to St. Jude.

"The auction was just phenomenal this year," Gardner said. "People were paying two and three times the value to support the cause."

The auction alone raised over \$150,000 in four hours.

year's musical This guests were Shenandoah, T. Graham Brown, and Clint

Gardner believes the combination of finally being able to get out and do something, the quality of the entertainment, and the St. Jude cause all contributed to the huge success.

"We had a lot of first timers this year," he said.

mentioned He also that there were about 100 volunteers assisting with the event this year.

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#### **Guest Commentary**

# It's Not Racist to **Support Election Integrity Laws**

hen I heard earlier this month that the Supreme Court had struck down a lawsuit claiming that Arizona's election laws were The Heritage a form of racist voter suppression, I Foundation. happened to be standing where civil rights leaders long ago gathered to talk about fighting for the right to cast their vote without fear or

intimidation. These were the black leaders who envisioned an America where people of all colors could live together as equals, in peace, and with mutual respect. They weren't politicians who tried to foment racial discord to advance a political agenda, something we see all too often today.

In 2005, I worked with

Democrats and Republicans on the bipartisan Commission on Federal Election Reform, also known as the Carter-Baker Commission, which examined all the ways we could strengthen the integrity of American elections. Reforms such

President.

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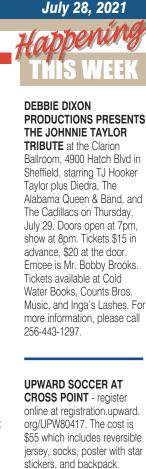
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#### Thanks to St. Jude

Dear Editor,

As of 2021, two riding clubs, North Alabama Trail Riders Association and Shoals ATV Riders have come together to raise money for multiple charities! One particular charity is St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in

Together this year alone, we have just donated \$26,700 to St. Jude in memory of Kelley Leigh Whitehead. Kelley had a brain tumor in 1988 and was a patient at St. Jude. She was 9 years old. No child is immune to cancer, regardless of age. So please, if anyone asks for a donation to St. Jude Hospital, don't hesitate. It could save a child's life.

A special thanks from me, Kelley's dad, to North Alabama Trail Riders Association and Shoals ATV Riders for the unselfish hard work and dedication to raising money for this cause!

Thank you St. Jude for all the hours of research and dedication to finding

The Keystone Pipeline was essential to America and Canada's future, but Biden decided it wasn't important!

cures for child cancer!

**Butch Whitehead** Muscle Shoals

#### Had To Be Something

To the Editor:

Recently, while listening to a newscast on my car radio, there was a report that a church had placed a sign out advertising their Vacation Bible School event.

I did not catch the details of where and who, in the story, but I was shocked by its content.

A complaint was made that the sign

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#### Notes...

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Music in the Park, Wilson Park, orence, every Wednesday 11:30am-Florence, 12:30pm.

#### LifeSouth Shoals Area Blood Drives

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

Tuesday, July 27, Noon-6pm - O'Reilly Auto Parts, Hwy 43, Russellville Wednesday, July 28, 11am-5pm -Haleyville Healthcare Center,, 2201 11th

Ave., Haleyville
Thursday, July 29, 7am-5pm - North
Alabama Medical Center, 1701 Veterans

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Friday, July 30, Noon-6pm - Cricket
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Snoals Saturday, July 31, 11am-8pm - Vina JulyFest, 7111 AL-19, Vina Sunday, August 1, Noon-6pm -Walmart, Hwy 43, Russellville

LifesSouth is in emergency need for blood donors, as the national blood shortage continues, and asks donors to snortage continues, and asks donors to help by donating blood during their Back to School Blood Drive. Blood donors who give blood at any LifeSouth donor center or bloodmobile through Sunday, August 8 will help summer blood shortages, save lives, and receive a \$20 e-gift card as a thank you for donating. thank you for donating.

This year continues to be difficult for

LifeSouth and blood centers across the country with the impact of the pandemic causing a decrease in blood donations, while the need to help patients in local hospitals continues to increase.

Regular blood donors who have not given recently and first-time donors can make a major impact by donating. One donation can save up to three lives.

To find a donor center or mobile blood

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Vacation Bible School at First Free Will Baptist Church July 26-30, 6:30-8:30pm. Ages 4 - completed 5th Grade. Registration Event at the church on July 2012 Camp or registry policy at https:// 26, 10am-2pm or register online at https:// www.ffwbflorence.org. First Free Will is located at 2701 Florence Blvd. Florence.

Hymns on the Hilltop Fairview Baptist Church July 27 at 6pm - Old-fashioned congregational hymn singing. Stanley Lasater will lead the singing with Rick Dean leading the band. All are

with Rick Dean leading the band. All welcome to come sing and worship!

#### James D. Vaughan Quartet Festival

at Crockett Theatre, Lawrenceburg, TN, Wednesday, July 28–Saturday, July 31. Wednesday, July 28, 7pm - Mark The Veryal Inspiritions and Blookurget The Young Inspirations, and Blackwood

Thursday, July 29, 1pm matinee - Dixie echoes. 7pm - Triumphant Quartet, The Perrys, Primitive Quartet, and Lefevre Quartet.

Friday, July 30, 1pm matinee -Downeast Boys. 7pm - Dove Brothers Reunion, Gold City, Kingsmen, and Guardians.

Saturday, July 31, 1pm matinee - Josh & Ashley Franks and Bibletones. 6pm - Ernie Haase & Signature Sound, Legacy Five, Tribute Quartet and Old Paths Quartet.

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Host Quartet is The Kelleys and Host &

MC is Josh Franks.
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offering received. For tickets, call 931-762-4231 or visit www.lawrenceburgtn.gov. Doors open one hour before each concert. This is a safe event. Steps taken for

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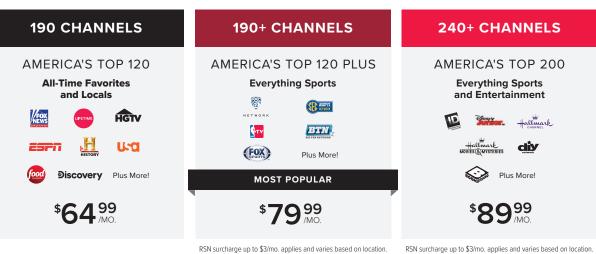
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#### Shorts...

#### **DFA Embraces** the New Space

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sign in the alley, and the surrounding businesses for their support in this project," she added. DFA informed businesses of the alley placemaking and encouraged alley activation through marked access to Downtown businesses.

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1-5pm DJ **James** Beckwith, Common Ground Band, Justin Miller, Rev. Reeves & Band, Night Shift Band, Twisted Country Band, Anna Kate Warner, and Kari Erickson from American Idol.

5-7pm Concert featuring guitarist **Norris Jones** and Off The Chain, **Melody Holt** from Love & Marriage TV Show on OWN, the Howell Sledge Revue, and saxophonist Alex Banks

7:15pm Tyler Jones Band, Pat Jamar, Darien Omar

8:15pm - Block Party Kick-off with rappers Geoffrey G Mane Robinson, Jacob aka Slitha Finesse, and Mic Stan

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#### Watch for New **Phone Scam**

MONTGOMERY-According to AARP, a new phone scam circulating in Alabama claims to represent AARP, Publishers Clearing House, WalMart and other reputable brands in attempts to get members of the public to provide their bank account information. The criminals say they need an account number in order to deposit "sweepstakes winnings" into the accounts. Once that bank account information is given, the criminals are often able to empty them.

"We were alarmed to hear that AARP -- along with other well-known brands -- is being used by criminals to perpetrate their schemes and steal from Alabamians," stated Candi Williams, AARP Alabama state director. 'We want to make it clear that AARP is not sponsoring any such sweepstakes, nor would anyone from AARP demand anyone's bank account information.

Scam artists can be persuasive, using proven tactics that often include using well-known brands to make the scam sound legitimate.

AARP advises never providing bank account or other financial information to anyone by phone, text or email, unless you are certain you know who you are dealing with and why they need this information. If you have questions or believe you or a loved one may have been targeted by scammers, call AARP's tollfree fraud helpline at 877-908-3360 for information and assistance.

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#### Letters...

#### There Had to **Be Something**

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"Christian indicated Superiority", and because that complaint that church removed the sign. That church and that

complaining group really should stop to wonder what this world is all about. Why are we here and how did we get here? Our natural sciences tell us that matter can change its form but not its quantity. Something cannot come from nothing! Man-made theories are not science. The concept of evolution as taught in schools cannot be true because: Nothing Plus Nothing Equals Nothing.

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There had to be something in existence to cause something else to exist! The earliest writings of man-kind tell us of a supernatural "Spirit" that always, (eternally) The native people of this continent called this "the Great Spirit". A Supernatural nature of this Spirit, or of spirits, is found in all of history of

every tribe and nation.
The book that has always been a best seller is now available in every country and in most every language. If we examine it closely, we find a cause for the world and the existence of mankind. A struggle between the Creator Spirit and of one rebel angel and a host of angels who followed this

rebellion. Christian history tells of this God sacrificing Himself for His people to release them from the powers of the devil This is the story and the Christian Supremacy that followed. All other belief systems are manmade and are not superior in any way to this Creator and source of the world, and we as humans were created by that Spirit entity. If you are a citizen of the United States then your freedoms to complain and to advertise a Vacation Bible School are built in to your citizenship. Declaration Independence "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their creator with certain inalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness."

It would be good if people would engage brain and stop to wonder instead of being brainwashed by some made theories or belief systems, no matter how many ancestors were influenced by these theories.

Jake Van Dyke Florence

#### **Traffic Study** is Needed

Editor:

The *TimesDaily* reported Thursday, July 15, 2021 that Developers are planning a nearly 23,000-square foot, two-story retail, service, and office complex, and an adjacent 20,000 square foot medical office building on Cox Creek Parkway. was also noted that the developer is still going through the environmental study and city zoning. The late sportscaster Keith Jackson's famous line, "Whoa, Nellie," applies to this development -

Whoa, New Vision!

The article quotes the developer concerning the location -"It's one of the highest traffic concentration in the city of Florence." This is very true. In fact, I believe traffic on Cox Creek is increasing daily! Please note that many students, teachers, and staff at Mars Hill Bible School and at Florence High School use Cox Creek going to school and departing school. Also, except when in a school zone(lights are flashing), the speed on Cox Creek is 50 miles per hour.

Due to the location being "one of the highest traffic concentration. there must be a traffic study prior to further action. The city will pay for the study with the developer agreeing to reimburse the city for the cost. No reimbursement, No development!

Bill Smoak

#### **Real Americans** Stand Up!

Editor:

The big lie is that under the current administration,

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# Soap Opera

THE BOLD AND THE BEAUTIFUL Paris explained her new living situation to Zende. Carter and Quinn gave in to their passion regardless the consequences. Steffy garnered a new perspective on Finn. Zende and Paris decided the status of their relationship.
Katie and Brooke spent
sister time together. Finn was ecstatic when Steffy gave him some fantastic news. Steffy and Finn prepared for the wedding of the century. Wait to See: Quinn irks Brooke by making an unexpected visit to Eric. Carter walks a fine line between his agreement with Eric and his feelings for Quinn. Finn's dad surprises him and Steffy with a prewedding visit.

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"Days" will preempted from Friday, July 23, through Friday, Aug. 6, due to NBC's coverage of the Summer Olympics.

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confronted Jason Elizabeth. Finn confirmed Anna's suspicions. Nikolas visited Alexis at the correctional facility. Shawn questioned Iax about 'Hayden's Monica disappearance. revealed to Britt and Terry who would be named chief of staff. Liz confided in Scott. Shawn and Curtis reconnected at the MC pool. Trina wanted to be happy for her mother. Stella encouraged Jordan to fight for her marriage. Spencer ruined Josslyn's attempt to tell Carly her news. Liz was troubled by a shocking turn of events.

Carly expressed her grief about Sonny to Laura. Brando told Sasha what he wanted for his future. Gladys was forced to make changes to her life in Port Charles. Curtis thought Portia should be honest with Trina about their Dante confronted past. Anna. Olivia gave Brook Lvnn some motherly advice. Nikolas was wary when Sam informed him she was trying to find Hayden's shooter. Liz got an unexpected surprise from Cameron and Josslyn. Trina urged Spencer to throw a party at Wyndemere. Michael and Willow struggled with keeping their relationship under wraps. Brook Lynn was wary of Austin. Wait to See: Chase pushes himself. Spencer tries to manipulate Ava. Shawn is committed to finding out who shot Hayden.

#### THE YOUNG ĂND THE RESTLESS

Billy Phyllis and strategized against Tara and Sally. Victoria challenged Ashland. Adam gave Chelsea an ultimatum. Victor and Nikki visited Summer in Milan. Kyle defended Tara. Jack surprised Sally. Devon and Abby worried about Mariah. kept Elena in suspense. Phyllis played hardball with Sally. Amanda and Devon solidified their relationship. Jack was forced to make a tough decision. Wait to See: Sharon welcomes Rey home. Chelsea and Chloe strategize about Adam. Phyllis chases a lead.

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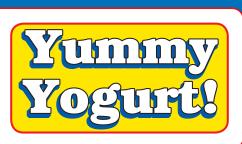




































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Today beautiful grandparent day in Florence for us. We had our granddaughter and after I took Zumba at the Y, I went back home, got her ready and took her back to the Ý to swim. I wonder how many grandparents some of that happened today - face in the water, underwater kicking, long strong arms, supported I love teaching folks how to swim! It changes their

was just a that we decided to meet granddad at Trowbridges for lunch and ice cream.

It's so Florence to do an activity with your kids or grandkids and then celebrate by going to Trowbridges. On the way, I let Mica know that she have taught their little had to eat food before ice ones to swim. Well, cream. Well, it took a few minutes for granddad to get there. By the time he arrived, we were starving. We had played in the pool swimming and going for an hour and a half. down for diving sticks. There was no problem Mica did great! I loved it! eating food first. Mica ate one and one half hot dogs, and I ate two sandwiches. lives. Mica did so well And then of course came

said, "No...Ĭ remember."

It's amazing what grown people remember from their childhoods. I wonder what Mica will remember from today... I hope she remembers how excited she made me when she was doing her best in the water. I hope she remembers the high fives and tens, and the fact that I knew she could do it.

LEGENDARY."

"Yes." commented.

I remind myself and my friends that it's in them. What we have taught our children, it's in them. They remember. Even when they spin out, it's in them. The memories, the teaching are there. When we are young, we may depart from it. It's my prayer for all of the young that when they mature, they will return. I just pray that the space of time won't be so long that the world's impact will be severe. And I pray that we will be around when they point that finger and say,

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the ice cream. Our five WE BUY RIDING MOWERS, year old got a chocolate ice cream cone with sprinkles. And they don't play - even if they know the cone is for a kid – they make their ice cream scoops really big! Sometime during the half an hour of licking, our granddaughter reminded her granddad that the last time that he brought her to this place, he didn't make her eat any "healthy" food before she had ice cream. Granddad tried to deny it, but little one pointed her little finger at him and

Funny, just the other day when Milwaukee won the NBA Playoffs, our son posted, "GIANNIS ANTETOKOUNMPO.

Then a young man who went to school with our children, who is now a college graduate, married, and about to be a daddy, replied to my comment with a cheer that I shouted at Mars Hill many, many times. "'Do you want it??'" He said. "He wanted it...," he said of Giannis. But a decade later, he still remembers that cheer. I would yell, "DO YOU... WANT IT?!!!" when our teams were being hard pressed or when we were not playing hard enough. I straight up meant that you've got to want it. And he remembered that.

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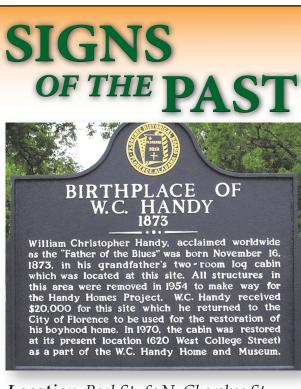
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#### Wednesday, July 28

**11am–1pm** - Helen Keller Library Jazz It Up With Trash Featuring: Microwave Dave 11am-1pm - Wilson Park Amity Day at Lunchtime Featuring: Off the Chain

11am-1pm - 306 Barbeque (Florence) Handy Musical Lunch: 306 Barbeque (Florence)Featuring: Scott Silbert, Neal Starkey, Robert Redd 11am-1pm - 306 Barbeque (Muscle

Handy Musical Lunch: 306 Barbecue (Muscle Shoals)
Featuring: Mel Deal, Renee Koopman

11:30am-1:30pm - Gattman Park Gym #3 Music and Munchin' in Muscle Shoals Featuring: CC Jags

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5-7pm - Swampers, Marriott Shoals
Handy Happy Hour: Swampers
Featuring: Will McFarlane **5–8pm** - Superhero Chef Handy Happy Hour: Superhero Chef

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Amity Day at Sundown Featuring: Off the Chain 6–9pm - On The Rocks

Handy Happy Hour: On The Rocks Featuring: Drumb & Drumber

**6–9pm** - 306 Barbeque (Florence) Handy Happy Hour: 306 Barbeque (Florence) Featuring: CONR **6:30–9:30pm** - Flobama Handy Happy Hour: Flobama

Featuring: Outlaw Apostles
7pm - Birdy's Sports Grill
Handy Musical Night: Birdy's Sports Grill
Featuring: Pine Hill Haints -10pm - Marriott Shoals Conference

enter Return of the Velcro Pygmies! eaturing: Velcro Pygmies **7–10pm** - The Boiler Room Handy Musical Night: Boiler Room **7–10pm** - Fizz at the Clarion

Handy Musical <mark>Nig</mark>ht: Fizz at the Clarion Featuring: Big Al & The Heavyweights 7:30–10pm - Swampers, Marriott Shoals Handy Musical Night: Swampers Featuring: Mitch Mann and the Mojo

10:30pm - Flobama Handy Musical Night: Flobama Featuring: Cole Nichols Duo

#### Thursday, July 29

Mixers

10am - Renaissance of Florence Rockin' with the Renaissance Featuring: Off the Chain 10:30am - Muscle Shoals Public Library Jazz It Up With Trash

Featuring: Microwave Dave 11am-2pm - 306 Barbeque (Florence) Handy Musical Lunches: 306 Barbeque (Florence)

Featuring: Coffee Black

11am-2pm - 306 Barbeque (Muscle Shoals)

Handy Musical Lunches: 306 Barbeque (Muscle Shoals) Featuring: Robert Redd, Gary Lamb

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Handy Happy Hour: Superhero Chef Featuring: Off the Chain 5:30–8:30pm - Jokers Handy Happy Hour: Joker's

6-8:15pm - St. Mark Missionary Baptist Churchin' Down the Street Gospel

**6–9pm** - 306 Barbeque (Florence) Handy Happy Hour: 306 Barbeque

(Florence)
Featuring: Tosha Hill
6–10pm - Fizz at the Clarion Bar Handy Happy Hour: Fizz at the Clarion Featuring: Outlaw Apostles 6:30–8:30pm - Lewis Field

Reale Street on Common Ground Featuring: Longevity, Common Ground, Chris Garner

6:30-9:30pm - Flobama Handy Happy Hour: Flobama Featuring: Three Wheel Drive 7pm - Magnolia Church of Christ Shoals Concert Band Featuring: Shoals Community Concert

Handy Musical Night: Birdy's Sports Grill Featuring: Microwave Dave, The Nukes 7–9pm - Muscle Shoals Amphitheater City of Muscle Shoals Presents: CC Jags Featuring: CC Jags 7-9pm - Shoals Community Theatre

Eric Essix In Concert Featuring: Eric Essix Band 7–10pm - Wildwood Tavern Wildwood Tavern - Singin' River Tap Takeover

**7–10pm** - The Boiler Room Handy Musical Night: Boiler Room 7–10pm - 306 Barbeque (Florence) Handy Musical Night: 306 Barbeque (Florence)

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7–11pm - On The Rocks
Handy Musical Night: On the Rocks
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#### Friday, July 30

**11am–1pm** - 306 Barbeque (Florence) Handy Musical Lunches: 306 Barbeque (Florence) Fea<mark>turing: Su</mark>e Matthews, Robert Redd,

11am-1pm - 306 Barbeque (Muscle Handy Musical Lunches: 306 Barbeque

(Muscle Shoals) Featuring: John McAndrew 11:30am-2:30pm - Flobama Handy Musical Lunches: Flobama Featuring: Microwave Dave 1pm - Alabama Music Hall of Fame W.C. Handy Movie: St. Louis Blues

1–3pm - Florence-Lauderdale Tourism and Visitors Center Shoals Songwriter Showcase
5-7pm - Alabama Outdoors
In Tune with the Outdoors Featuring: Hope & Dylan Stamps 5–7pm - Swampers, Marriott Shoals Handy Happy Hour: Swampers Featuring: Max Russell
5-8pm - Superhero Chef
Handy Happy Hour: Superhero Chef

Featuring: Jazz Allstars Featuring: Jazz Alistars
5–9:30pm - Jokers
Handy Happy Hour: Joker's
Featuring: Eric Kirkman Combo
6pm - 713 West Mobile Street
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6–8pm - Singin' River Brewing

Rhythm & Brews 6–9pm - McFarland Park Riverside Jazz

Featuring: John Bull, Skyler Saufley, Jazz Allstars, Off the Chain **6:30–9:30pm** - Flobama Handy Happy Hour: Flobama Featuring: James LeBlanc & the Winches

6:30-10:30pm - Marriott Shoals Conference Center 13th Annual Massively Cool Indoor Street

Featuring: Rewind of the Shoals, Kerry

Gilbert Band Gilloet Baild 'Apm - Birdy's Sports Grill Handy Musical Night: Birdy's Sports Grill Featuring: Gary & Trey Nichols 7–9pm - Wilson Park Park N' Soul

Featuring: CC Jags 7–9pm - Woodmont Baptist Church East Campus Blues on the Bluff Featuring: Doctors, Lawyers & Such 7–9pm - Spring Park

Coldwater Jam at Spring Park
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7–10pm - The Boiler Room

7-10pm - The Boiler Room Handy Musical Night: Boiler Room Featuring: Tim Cannon 7-10pm - 306 Barbeque (Florence) Handy Musical Night: 306 Barbeque (Florence)

(Florence)
Featuring: Ronnie Eades, Treymayne
7–10pm - Rocketzoid S3
Handy Musical Night: Rocketzoid
Featuring: April Michelle Band
8–11pm - Fizz at the Clarion
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Featuring: Dixie Mafia
8–11pm - On The Rocks
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Featuring: Kenny P
8–11pm - Swampers, Marriott Shoals
Handy Musical Night: Swampers
Featuring: Microwave Dave, The Nukes
9:30pm-1:30am - Jokers
Handy Musical Night: Jokers
Featuring: Mississippi Queen

Featuring: Mississippi Queen 10:30pm - Flobama Handy Musical Night: Flobama Featuring: Carson Carlite Band

#### Saturday, July 31

5:30-8am - W.C. Handy Home &

Museum Da Doo Run Run 5k and 1 Mile Fun Run **10am** - Wilson Park Street Strut & Parade

11am-1pm - 306 Barbeque (Florence) Handy Musical Lunches: 306 Barbeque (Florence) Featuring: Sue Matthews, Robert Redd,

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Under President Trump

America was an exporter of petroleum products, and under Biden's actions which make us now an importer the price of all petroleum products have increased greatly today they are the highest they have been in 7 years. This means inflation, and it means we the people have less to spend on necessary things. The Keystone Pipeline was essential to America and Canada's future, but Biden decided it wasn't important!

President Biden did away with President Trump's border policies, President including building a wall to secure our country. The result is that America is being flooded with illegal immigrants from, according to Homeland Security, 55 different Security, different countries. They are just set free and not tested for Covid-19 or other infectious medical issues. These people were let into America to specifically become voters to make sure the Democratic Socialists stay in power. All Americans are paying a deep price for this influx of illegals! This open border policy of Biden's has also turned over control of our border to the drug cartels allowing them an expressway to bring their drugs into our country; because our country; because CBP is babysitting the illegals. Our families and especially our children are in danger of all these

Biden wants to have all of us driving electric vehicles, but why when we have the largest oil reserves in the world plus we don't have a system nationwide for charging the vehicles. How do we get around in our electric vehicles if the nation's power grid is attacked and there is no power to recharge your vehicle?

drugs.

We as real Americans need to stand up to the taking of our freedom and rights! President Biden's budget and policies will change the face of America forever! God forgive us for not standing up to what our founding fathers intended for us like Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness. We have the ability and responsibility to stand up to this assault on our lives.

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# **Medicare Minute**

## "4 Parts of Medicare"

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The four parts of Medicare are labeled Part A, Part B, Part C and Part D. Over the next few weeks we will discuss each of the four parts in detail but for today let's simplify things by saying that Part A is your inpatient or hospital care, Part B covers your outpatient services, Part C is called Medicare Advantage and Part D is your prescription drug plan.

The two parts of Medicare that you receive through the federal government are Parts A & B. The two parts that can purchased through private insurance companies are Parts C & D. So which parts are optional for most people? That would be Parts B, C and D.

It's very important for the Medicare beneficiary to be familiar with each of the four parts of Medicare and what they cover. Here are some ways you can do that. First you can go to Medicare.gov. This is an excellent website that will tell you everything you want to know about Medicare. You can also refer to the "Medicare and You" handbook. Another way to learn about the basics of Medicare is to attend one of the Medicare Education Classes our company conducts. They are free of charge and open to the public. Just contact our office for times and dates. Of course you can also check out the "Medicare Minute" each week in the Courier Journal!!

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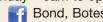


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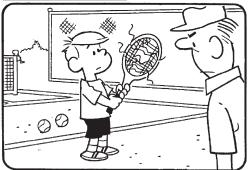
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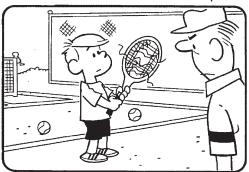


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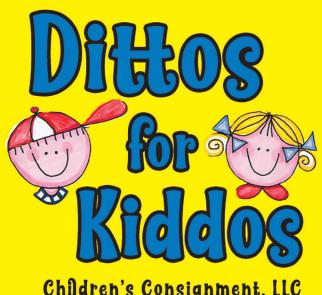
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## Integrity...

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as requiring voter ID, verifying that only citizens voted, and sharing voter lists among the states to prevent people from voting twice were agreed to by

both sides as good policy.
Yet today, the left is reneging on that agreement.
Somehow, those were commonsense reforms in 2005. Now, the left calls many of them racist.

The left has tried to portray any legitimate attempt to pass election integrity reforms as the disenfranchisement African Americans. They talk about black folks as if we are incapable of obtaining a state ID, getting to the polls on our own, or following simple election rules.

As states now try to pass laws to prevent fraud, increase the transparency of our elections, and ensure that every legitimate vote gets counted, the left once again is opposing many of these measures. It's literally trying to stop states from removing dead people from the voter rolls, from preventing noncitizens from registering to vote, and from requiring people to prove they are who to prove they are who they say they are to vote (i.e., showing an ID)—which polling shows most Americans, including black Americans, agree with.

In the end, the left is

attempting to make it easier for people to cheat, increasing the likelihood that more and more fraudulent votes will cancel

out legitimate ones.

The left claims that it's opposing these reforms because it wants to help African Americans. But reality, it's creating situation that dilutes their—and everyone

else's—legitimate vote. The left's real agenda isn't about helping isn't about helping minority voters; it's about helping themselves. They believe voter fraud favors their candidates, plain and simple.

Ultimately, the left wants to federalize elections,

turning over the rulemaking from accountable state legislators to unelected federal bureaucrats. They are trying to pass bills such as HR 1 and S1 (the so-called For the People Act) and HR 4 (the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act) and put the federal government in charge of state elections so that many reforms become impossible.

recipe corruption.

Certainly, there was a time in America when some states had laws that deliberately discriminated against minorities (and I know firsthand because I lived in one of those states during segregation). There was a need for the federal government to intervene. However, that is not what is happening today. The left would have us believe

that we are still living in the segregated South of the

Many politicians and many in the media continue to spread the lie that racism keeps people from voting, even though election results and census numbers clearly show that blacks and other minorities are showing up to vote in increasingly record numbers.

It would be a great irony and a great tragedy if the promise of the civil rights movement and the sacrifice of all those who fought and even died to protect our right to vote were undone because the left successfully cloaked its efforts in the name of civil rights.

Our sacred right to vote and the very future of our free republic depend on us making sure they fail.

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by DAVE RAMSEY

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Dear Dave,

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Carson

Dear Carson,

Impact investing generally aims to benefit society, while providing a profit for the investor, by investing in companies, funds and organizations that are aligned with causes, certain values or issues. Think of it as a middle ground between traditional investing and charitable giving, where you can match your investing with your own particular beliefs. It really isn't all that different from investing in traditional



mutual funds, except for the goal of the funds.

Since their inception, impact investments have averaged returns of a little less than 6%. That's well below the average return of the S&P 500. Impact investing can do some good, but the truth is it's hard to measure exactly how much good it's doing. If you're going to invest in impact investing funds, you need to make sure you understand exactly how your money is going to help the businesses you invest in, if they're actually doing what they say they're doing, and whether or not they're really making a difference for the better.

As with all investments, it pays to do a lot of research and find an advisor with the heart of a teacher. And *never* invest

in anything if you don't completely understand how it works. Remember, it's *your* money that's in the mix. Don't feel like the odd man out if you're the only one not joining in on an investment craze your friends are diving into.

Personally, I recommend investing in good, growth stock mutual funds and real estate paid for with cash. And hey, if you want to make a difference in the world and still invest the old fashioned way, create room in your budget for charitable giving or saving with the goal of making donations to organizations

and causes you care about.
I hope this helps, Carson!
—Dave

\*Dave Ramsey is a seventime #1 national best-selling author, personal finance expert, and host of The Dave Ramsey Show, heard by more than 18 million listeners each week. He has appeared on Good Morning America, CBS This Morning, Today Show, Fox News, CNN, Fox Business, and many more. Since 1992, Dave has helped people regain control of their money, build wealth and enhance their lives. He also serves as CEO for Ramsey Solutions.

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doing things God hates. It shall not go well with thee.

Yes, God does have a heart. Your unbelief and self-righteousness and pride and trashy mouth are preventing the grace of God and the blood of Christ and salvation through Him from saving your soul and you drawing close to God's heart. Money in your pocket and your success in the world does not mean you are a friend of God. Age catches up with all and those things we valued in the world seem to lose their luster when our time grows short. Bottom line is worldly treasures cannot buy, save, give peace or satisfy that void in our soul. Only Jesus Christ can do that. My, how the heart of God cries out today through preachers and the word of God for lost hell-bound sinners, to turn from sin, and receive the Christ who freely gave His life to buy our free pardon. Read John 1:11&12 & Romans 5, the whole chapter. Don't become another casualty following the Devil's deceptions.

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# Athletic by Eli Cranor SUPPORT

Dear Athletic Support: My son is in summer school. He's going into his senior football season, and *I really hate that he's stuck* doing summer school. I hate it because summer school lasts for fifteen days and goes from eight in the morning until three in the afternoon. There's no chance at all for him to make any of his football workouts during that time. What's worse, my son is going to have to miss two team camps because of summer school. These camps are held at colleges and are such a huge help when it comes to getting young athletes recruited. I understand that football isn't more important than school, but this year has been so different and

Illustrated by

David Coulson

difficult. My son started off as a virtual student. You know, trying to do what was best for everybody, but he couldn't keep up in those classes. When I finally realized this, I got him back into the regular classes and he was already too far behind to catch up. Now I'm just torn. He's worked most all his life with hopes and dreams of earning a football scholarship, but summer school is keeping him from it. Why couldn't he just retake this class again in the fall or spring?

> Summer School Stinks

Dear Stinks: I am a former high school football coach, but I'm currently a high school English teacher, and here's something I've observed from the last year of COVID school:

Teachers and administrators are bending over backwards to make sure kids don't fail. We're grading extra-late assignments. We're accepting work by email, paper and pigeon (joke!). We're doing every single thing we can to ensure that our students

don't fail. Despite all that, vour son still hasn't been able to pass whatever class he's now taking in summer school. Which could mean he's extremely

lazy and made COVID his perpetual excuse to slack

Or, he's really struggling. And if that's the case, then he needs summer school more than he

needs football.

Here's why: Even if your son is good enough to get a football scholarship, his

grades still matter more. He will have to graduate in order to obtain a scholarship, and if he's a senior, then knocking out a troublesome class over fifteen days in the summer is way easier than enduring a whole semester.

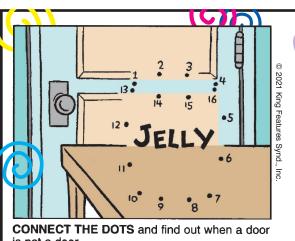
Summer workouts and camps are important, sure. But they're nothing compared to Friday

nights.

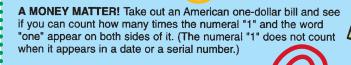
If I were you, I'd use this summer as a teachable moment. I might go so far as to even exclude him from football until summer school is over. That way he can focus on his class and also learn a valuable lesson about what's really at stake.

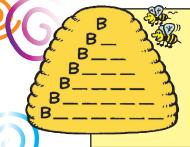
If he asks you why you're doing this? Tell him his senior season is at stake. If he doesn't have the proper grades to be eligible by the fall. He won't play.

Eli Cranor is a former professional quarterback and coach turned award-winning author of the BOOKS MAKE BRAINZ TASTE BAD series. *Send questions for "Athletic* Support" to eli.cranor@gmail. com or use the contact page on elicranor.com.



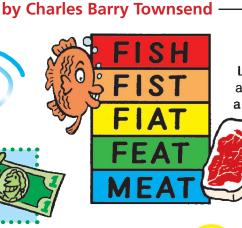
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#### Essex...

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"I am enjoying the longest stretch with the ensemble that will be at Handy this year." That band consists of five-time Grammy nominee, Kelvin Wooten on keyboards, Sean Michael Ray on bass, Kelley Oneal on saxophone, and James 'PJ" Spraggins on drums.
"We have made several

records together and toured all over the world and this is definitely one of my all time favorite units to perform with!"

In recent years, the band has made the Shoals Theatre its home for a single night of the Handy Festival. That has proven to be just as much fun for them.

"The theater has an energy and a vibe that we absolutely love," Essix stated. "More importantly, we get to see all the friends we have made over the years and play songs for them that have become so special to all of us over the decades. The Shoals Theatre and Handy Fest remains one of our favorite

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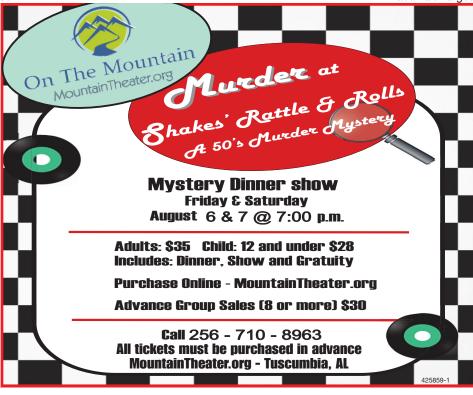
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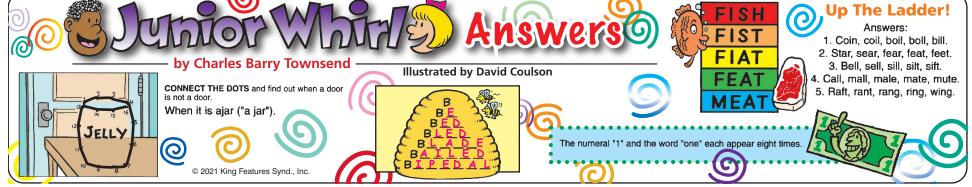
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What should I inspect in my home annually?

- Test your smoke alarms: Clean and test each one, and replace batteries as needed.
- Consider a fire escape ladder: Place a fire escape ladder near a window in each upstairs room, and practice with family members where to find and how to use them. Also use this time to refresh your family's memories about the fire emergency escape plan.
- Install carbon monoxide (CO) detectors: Called the silent killer, CO is a colorless, odorless gas, and even small doses can be poisonous. Test the alarms so your family becomes familiar with the sound. If the alarms ever go off immediately exit the home and call the fire department.
- Prepare an emergency kit: Always try to be prepared. Get ready for an emergency by filling a waterproof tub with the items from an emergency kit list.
- Check your stairwells: The stairwell is a critical part of your family's emergency escape route. Prevent dangerous falls by repairing or tightening loose steps and handrails. If the stairs are uncarpeted, add slip-resistant treads, tapes or paint. Consider installing battery-operated, motion-activated step lights.
- Review the potential hazards in your kitchen: Place
  portable fire extinguishers in the kitchen and garage. Add
  another on each floor of the home, storing each in plain
  sight and next to exit doors. Inspect extinguishers each
  month. If defective, replace it.
- Inspect your fireplace, wood stove and space heaters: If your home has a wood burning or gas fireplace, spend a few minutes thinking about safety. Have your chimney inspected by a certified chimney sweep. Reduce the threat of firecausing sparks by making sure your fire screen is functional and by moving all flammable materials at least 36 inches away from the firebox.
- Have your air conditioner inspected: After turning off power to the unit, replace the filter to reduce energy drain. Clean the condenser coils to prevent overheating. Clear a two-foot area around the unit to avoid dust and debris buildup that can bog down the machine. Pass a stiff wire through the unit's drain channels to get rid of clogs, which boost indoor humidity.
- Look for potential poison risks: Walk around your home, keep an eye out for potential poisoning risks. Store those items out of reach in cabinets with locks or safety latches.
- Inspect your furnace: Head downstairs and give the hardworking components some attention, starting with the furnace.
- Test for radon: Radon is now the second-leading cause of lung cancer. A byproduct of the decay of uranium, radon is found in the soil under many homes. Ask your local health department if it has free DIY kits. If not, buy one for less than \$20 at a home improvement store.
- Inspect your water heater: Wrap your water heater in a blanket, which costs about \$20. (Some utilities offer them for free or at a reduced cost.) According to the U.S. Energy Department, an insulated water heater cuts 4% to 9% in water heating costs.
   Flood-free basement: Once a year check your sump

pump. The pit should be free of debris and the pipe should be clear so water flows freely.

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