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game venue beginning at 6pm Thursday, August 5 when the Friends of the Library organization presents "Game Night with Friends."

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Inspired Coaching for Women is a morning of stories, encouragement, history, and inspiration for women who coach young women on Saturday, August 7. The event is free and is open to female coaches of all ages and sports.

Coaches Kennard, Mayes, and Nichols have over 100 years of combined coaching

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Florence 10U Champs

GULF SHORES- The Florence Parks and Recreation Department's Florence 10U Softball All-Star team won the United States Specialty Sports Association (USSSA) Rec All Star World Series in Gulf Shores earlier this month, blowing through the tournament with a 6-0 record.

 Florence defeated Spanish Fort **12-0** in three innings in the first pool

play game.
Paislee Ticer pitched 3 innings
with 8 strikeouts and 1 walk. Kilee
Dowdy had an inside the park HR. Isla Hardy and Paislee Ticer each had a triple. Ella Kate Hewett

Front row-I-r Shelby Schurfeld, Taylor Fisher, Madalyn Barnette, Mycah Beth Ray. Standing-Isla Hardy, Lila Embry, Ella Kate Hewett, Paislee Ticer, Kilee Dowdy, **Hailey Rhodes** Coaches- Kelli **Hewett, Chris** Ticer, Jason Schurfeld

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Wood Avenue will be blocked-off for the event.

Tickets can be purchased online at EventBrite (go to Eventbrite.com and scroll down to the "Game Night with Friends" icon), at the library's circulation desk, or at the event.

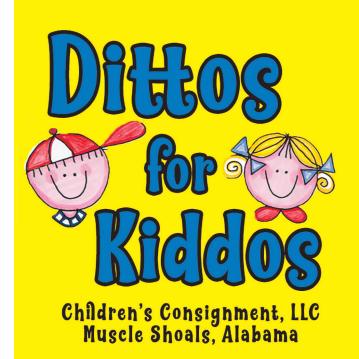
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SHEFFIELD -- The Rescue Me Project hosted a ribbon-cutting ceremony on July 31 in Sheffield to commemorate the opening of the new RMP Mega Center/School, formerly Southwest Elementary School. This facility is located at 1300 S.W. 8th Street in Sheffield will be used to offer structured programs to encourage and empower young people. The program promotes positive values, healthy habits, and education success

This has been a labor of love for our organization. We are very thankful for the support that we have received from local churches, businesses, civic groups, and the many volunteers that worked consistently over the past months to make this a reality," said director, **Dewayne Malone**. "The building has undergone a complete transformation with a new roof, new flooring, new ceilings, new doors, new sign, and much more.

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The American Red Cross continues to experience a severe blood shortage as the number of trauma cases, organ transplants and elective surgeries rise – and deplete the nation's blood inventory. There is an emergency need for donors to give now to ensure blood is on hospital shelves when patients need it.

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the Red Cross from August 1-15, will See NOTES... page 17

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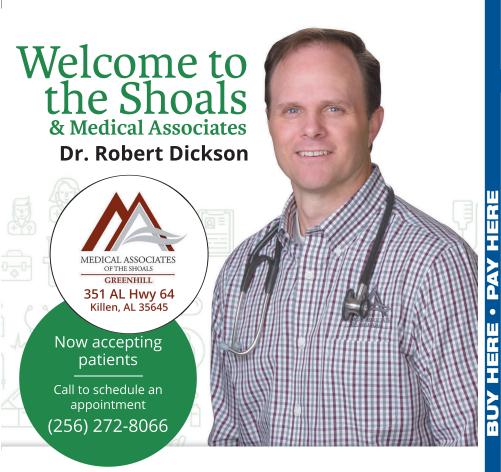
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Dr. Robert Dickson is a board certified primary care physician in the Shoals. He received his medical degree from Lincoln Memorial University in Tennessee and completed his Family Medicine Residency at North Mississippi Medical Center in Tupelo, MS. He is now seeing patients at Medical Associates-Greenhill.

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Brenda Mayes - among her many achievements: coached numerous athletic multiple state winning championship teams, national coach of the year, Alabama High School Sports Hall of Fame, (as well as other athletic Halls of Fame), currently coaching women's basketball at Northeast Community Mississippi

Vickie Nichols - among her many achievements: coached at secondary and college levels in the U. S.

and abroad, multiple state championship winning teams, Alabama Coach of the Year 2019, current volleyball coach at Florence High School

Inspired Coaching for Women takes place August 7 from 9:45am–12:15pm in the Gathering Room at Chapel (formerly Christ's Chapel), 3051 Ćloverdale Road in Florence. Please R.S.V.P. by Thursday, August 5 with name and number of attendees to 256-740-9634 or email to: mtarh.jgr@gmail.com

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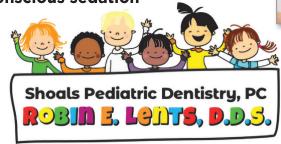
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A Fund Match for Botanical

LEOMA, TN-A tiny community in Lawrence county, Tennessee might seem an unlikely place for a botanical garden, but the *USA Today* Network and Gannett media company are putting it on a national stage.

Hope Botanical Garden is a four-acre paradise at 16 Ford Road in Leoma. Volunteers and local donors have created a classic hedge maze, topiaries, water elements, displays of native and exotic plants, a Japanese garden, a children's garden, a pink

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garden that honors breast cancer patients, and another honoring First Responders. The Garden is

The Garden is scheduled to open in Spring 2022. However, one last element is needed: a welcome center. It will house office space, a small gift shop, and most importantly, public restrooms. Volunteers will provide labor but the cost of materials is \$60,000 – a figure far out of reach for the nonprofit.

That's where the USA Today Network and Gannett come in. The media giant's "A Community Thrives" is a national initiative that helps nonprofits with projects focused on community building. Since 2017 it has helped distribute more than \$12.2 million in donations and grants.

This year, Hope Botanical Garden was approved as a participant. With that approval a

With that approval a profile of the garden was created on MightyCause. com, a platform for nonprofit fundraising. If at least \$3,000 is donated to the garden through that platform before Friday, August 13, the garden is eligible for multiple grant programs. To donate, go to www. acommunitythrives. mightycause.com and search for Hope Botanical Garden. All donations are tax-deductible.

The Director of Hope Botanical Garden is a longtime minister, Jerry Clayton, who retired after 37 years in TVA's biological research division. He and other volunteers are creating a unique opportunity for residents of this region, a place for individual enjoyment, and a oneof-a-kind event venue that is a living classroom for horticultural and environmental lessons. For more information, contact Clayton at 931-244-1248 or visit HopeBotanicalGarden. org.

Local Attorney Donates 7 Just Mercy

CHEROKEE–Colbert
County attorney, Mary
Baschab-Haslacker,
donated seven copies of
the book, Just Mercy, A
True Story of the Fight for
Justice, to high schools
in Colbert County on
Monday, August 2. She
discussed the relevance of
the book with high school
students that afternoon
during the senior
orientation at Cherokee
High School.

Just Mercy, A True Story of the Fight for Justice (Adapted for Young Adults), **Bryan** Stevenson's 2014 memoir, focuses on injustices in the United States judicial system. It also documented attorney Stevenson's efforts to overturn the conviction of Walter McMillian, an Alabama black man sentenced in 1988 to death for the murder of a young white woman in Monroeville, Alabama. Although McMillian and many members of his community, church, and family, insisted on his innocence, he spent six years on death row. However, in 1993 McMillian was acquitted

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Job was a perfect man and upright, he feared God and eschewed evil. God had a hedge around him. See Job chapter one. That hedge kept the devil from entering Job's world. The hand of God protected him. My point is America has enjoyed the blessing, protection, provision, mercy, longsuffering and goodness from Almighty God as long as America feared God, was upright and eschewed evil and was good. There were great preachers and huge revivals where hundreds at a time were saved in meetings before 1950. The situation has deteriorated drastically since then. God paid the world a visit in Genesis 6:5-7 and judgment fell, and Sodom in Genesis 13:13 & Genesis 18:21, and judgment fell in Genesis 19:24-26. God paid King Beltshazzar a visit in Daniel 5:22-30 where he was weighed in the balances and found wanting and died that night. Just a few examples. Notice it can happen to a city, a nation: See Jeremiah 18:8, an individual or the entire world. America is not exempt.

So what's the hedge? It's not our great missile defense or our superior technology or massive intellect. It's not the saved or any church. It's the hand of God. Joshua 4:24 "That all the people of the earth might know the hand of the LORD, that it is mighty: that ye might fear the LORD your God for ever." Ezra 8:22b "The hand of our God is upon all them for good that seek him; but his power and his wrath is against all them that forsake him." America's problems are unsolvable by man Matthew 22:29 "Jesus answered and said unto them, Ye do err, not knowing the scriptures, nor the power of God." A vast majority doesn't know the scriptures, God's power, fear God, walk upright, or eschew evil. Most of this nation is not seeking God but has forsaken Him. It's exceedingly wicked. America contains ~6 million Jews. When most of them, because of persecution, have migrated to Israel and the saved have left the planet, the world will then find out what real trouble is. See Matthew 24 & Luke 21 and the books of Daniel and Revelation, work hard and take no marks. No hedge left.

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in the courtroom of then **Baldwin County Circuit** Judge, Pam Baschab.

Just Mercy was a New York Times best seller. It won the 2015 Andrew Carnegie Medal for Excellence in Nonfiction, the 2015 Dayton Literary Peace Prize for Nonfiction, the 2015 NAACP Image Award for Outstanding Literary Work in Nonfiction, and was named one of the most influential books of the decade by several prominent news organizations. The memoir was adapted in the 2019 movie of the same name.

Mary is a Muscle Shoals resident and the daughter of retired Alabama Court of Criminal Appeals Judge, **Pam Baschab**, the judge who rendered the final decision that freed McMillian. "Every young person should read this book," Mary said. "Like Stevenson's grandmother told him, 'You can't understand most of the important things from a distance. You have to get close.' This book allows the reader to get close to places that most people never go," she said.

The young men and

women of our county need to know about the important matters facing our community. This includes those in the criminal justice system, the hardships of veterans returning home, the role of victims of crime in the court, including the families of the defendants; the need for resources for the mentally ill, and the pressures that can affect elected officials. I followed my Momma's footsteps in becoming an attorney. She is my heroine. I was proud to see her portrayed in Just Mercy," Mary added. "Her example led me

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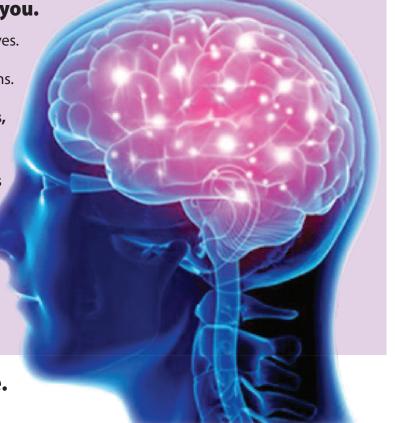
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World Series Champs...

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had a double.

 Florence defeated Mill Creek Golden Hawks from **Buford, GA**, 5-0 overin the second pool play game.

Shelby Schurfeld pitched 4 innings with 4 strikeouts, no walks, no runs allowed. Mycah Beth Ray had a single and scored two runs.

Florence got the #1 seed for bracket play.

• Florence defeated Perfect Storm (LA) 12-0 in their first game of bracket

Pitchers Paislee Ticer had 5 strikeouts and Shelby Schurfeld had 3 strikeouts. Hailey Rhodes and Madelyn Barnette each had 2 hits in the game.

• Florence then eliminated Mill Creek (GA) with another win, this time 3-1.

Pitcher Hailey Rhodes had 11 strikeouts. Hailey Rhodes, Madelyn Barnette, Lila Embry, and Kilee Dowdy each had 1

Florence defeated Neshoba (MS) 2-1.

Pitcher Hailey Rhodes had 6 strikeouts.

Hailey Rhodes, Isla Hardy, Mycah Beth Ray, Paislee Ticer, and Taylor Fisher each had 1 hit.

• Florence then beat Neshoba (MS) a

second time to claim the 2021 USSSA REC All-Star World Series Championship. This time the score was 6-0.

Pitcher Hailey Rhodes

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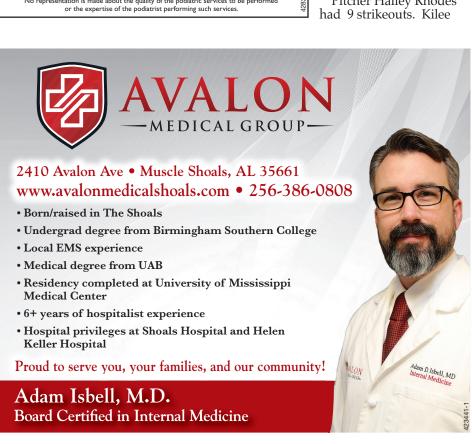
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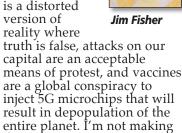




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The filter bubble is an internet environment that is constructed of your own biases and opinions. A possible sideeffect of this is a distorted version of





by "The Computer Skeptic" When you click on a news

BUBBLE FILTER

story on Facebook, a little echo is sent to Facebook indicating that this item is something that interests you. If you hover your mouse over a picture of a baby, for example, you may start to see ads for a pregnancy test. If you're scrolling through Twitter and glance at some drivel spewed by Bernie Sanders or Tucker Carlson, Twitter will assume you want to see more drivel like that. Over time, everything you see is filtered to be exactly what you want to see. The wall of that bubble becomes your own little universe that

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obscures reality. You then gain the superpower of denying a fact simply by saying. "Fake news!" Authority figures that we used to respect and trust become enemies of the state. Anyone who disagrees with us becomes "deplorables" or "sheeple."

I know, it is not comfortable to accept that our opinions are susceptible to alteration by algorithms. I don't like the fact that we humans can essentially be programmed by our internet environment. Yet here we are in the Age of Information where anyone can know anything about

everything in seconds, yet outlandish conspiracy theories (that used to be whispered between conspiratorial friends) are now discussed right out there in front of God and everyone like it's completely normal. I'm looking at you, Qanon fans. I don't want to sound dramatic, but I believe our democracy and maybe our very civilization is at stake unless we learn some basic critical thinking skills.

In my last article, I stated that I was going to provide some suggestions for extricating yourself from your bubble, so here goes: You can't. Sure, the tech-savvy among us could do things like clean cookies regularly, use incognito mode in our browsers, use DuckDuckGo as a search engine, and make at least a small dent in the bubble, but you can't pop it. The best we can do is be aware

that our worldview is tainted by internet conglomerates that take advantage of our penchant to base our facts on our politics instead of skepticism. That's how so many of us have become convinced that vaccines are dangerous, the pandemic is a hoax, and the election was stolen. We have to do better. I'll leave you with this: "During times of universal deceit, telling the truth becomes a revolutionary act," - George

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Commentary

A True Legend: A Bad Precedent

ummer Olympics just don't energize me like they have in years past. It isn't a single thing, but a series and many years of changing situations. We have gone from a time when household names flourished in Olympic Boxing, Track & Field,

Few

Words

TOM MAGAZZU

Editor

Swimming, and Gymnastics to 2021 with very few names being readily

The biggest stories beforehand seemed to be how creative athletes will have to be if they are to outsmart the International Olympic Committee and circumvent its ban on political/social activism during Olympic proceedings.

Then, right out of the gate, our woke women's soccer team staggered to a surprising 3-0 loss to Sweden to start the first week of stunners. They must have been thinking that they were still in organized protest mode and still kneeling for the 90 minutes of

action The US men then proceeded to lose their

opening basketball game to France. I know the world is catching up and there are some

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The adult theatre group, Zodiac, had previously performed in the Zodiac Theatre on Hermitage Drive. The children's theatre group, Gingerbread, had performed primarily in local schools. To celebrate the joint reopening of this classic movie theatre, Alan Flowers directed a joint production of "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat."

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THE COLBERT COUNTY SPORTS HALL OF FAME **INDUCTION FOR 2020**

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had to be postponed due to Covid-19. That class will be honored on Friday August 6. Due to the ongoing restrictions and concerns, there will not be a banquet this year. However, the induction ceremony takes place at the Ritz Theatre in Sheffield at 7pm on Friday. The public is invited at a cost of \$10 per ticket. Tickets can be purchased at the Theatre ticket booth prior to the Induction. Honorees for the 2020 class are Greg Armstead, Shannon Flournoy Beale, Jadie Burney, William Christopher, Andrew Evans, Jenifer Collins Karr. Jimmv Lockett, Tim Paden, Wes Richardson, and Jai Triplett.

Lynch Hosting **Batik**



FLORENCE-Kennedy-Douglass Center for the Arts is hosting an art workshop for children ages eight and above on the weekend of August 7-8 with art educator, Jamie Lynch, teaching a two-part Batik print workshop. Hours are Saturday, August 7 from 10am-noon, and Sunday, August 8 from 1-3pm. The workshop will take place at the Kennedy-Douglass Center for the Arts, Southall-Moore House which has just undergone

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Get Packed and Move

Editor.

This letter is in response to Dan Waterman's letter, "To Break the Chains" dated July 21.

Waterman is again slamming the Alabama Republican legislators, who in my opinion are doing a great job of keeping the socialist agenda at bay heré in Alabama.

Here's a suggestion for Mr. Waterman. Instead of trying to turn Alabama into a socialist state like California, how about just move there. Or better yet, China. If you need help packing, let me know.

Chris Crafton Killen

Parents, it's up to you to teach your children that they need to be grateful. Make hand writing thank you notes fun.



Looney a Win for UNA

Dear Editor:

The University of North Alabama's choice of Dr. Josh Looney for Athletics Director shows again that the current UNA administration is able to attract quality educators from across the country. That's very important for the community and the state.

Alabama's education system often comes in for harsh criticism. A lack of money is certainly part of the problem. But it's not the whole problem by any means.

Another part is the general public's lack of interest in genuine education. Alabama has never been an "education state." In fact, a good case can be made that Alabama doesn't

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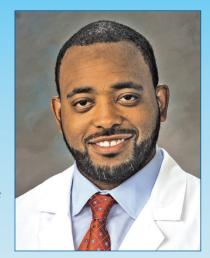
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thank you for donating.
This year continues to be difficult for LifeSouth and blood centers across the country with the impact of the pandemic causing a decrease in blood donations, while the need to help patients in local hospitals continues to increase

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reversible jersey, socks, poster with star stickers, and backpack. Evaluations begin in August. Practice and games in September.

Email upward@crosspointcoc.org or call 256-764-4073 for questions.

See ad in this issue

Open registration for Community Bible Study, a women's interdenominational Bible study, will take place in the chapel at our host church, Woodmont Baptist Church on Wednesday, August 4 from 9-11am or register on-line at http://florenceal.cbsclass.org/

Please join us for an exciting, in-depth study of the books of Daniel and Revelation. The class will meet in-person at Woodmont on Wednesday from 9:45am-noon beginning September 8. However, if you are not comfortable meeting in-person, a Zoom option is available. The registration fee is \$35 for adults (scholarships available) and \$10 for children (infants - 12th grade).

Clothes Give Away - Thursday, August 5 from 8-10am at the Care Center, First Baptist Church, Killen.

To celebrate the official return To Gelebrate the Onlicial return to the Shoals Theatre stage after Covid-19, the Zodiac Players and the Gingerbread Players will perform a joint show of "Annie" Thursday-Sunday, August 5-8. Randy Pettus is the director. Faye Haag joins Pettus as musical director. The cast is made up of over 60 obtiles and abilities of all leads of the Control of the cast is made up of over 60 obtiles and abilities of all leads of the cast is made. director. The cast is made up of over 60 adults and children of all ages. Show times are 7:30pm. Thursday-Saturday and 2pm on Sunday. 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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have real universities.

A pro-education culture must begin in the home. Bringing in talented educators, no matter where they're from, can help us develop that type of environment. UNA is moving in the right direction. As an alumnus, I'm excited for university.

Years ago when I was in service overseas, I met a visiting dignitary from our state. When he learned that I was from Lauderdale County, he remarked, "the most beautiful part of the state." I hope Josh Looney and his family come to think so too. My thanks to Dr. Kitts, Mark Linder and others for making UNA a part of their professional careers.

Thomas Ponder Killen

About Social Etiquette

Dear Readers,

I have comments on social etiquette that many in our younger generation do not observe. Maybe they are completely ignorant about them. I'll start with the topic of a handwritten thank you note.

A handwritten thank you note is a note written formally in cursive in gratitude for gifts that you receive for weddings, baby showers, graduation gifts, birthday presents and other acts of kindness.

A thank you note shows the giver that you appreciate the time, money, thought and effort they put into you, on your special occasion or your random need. Thank you notes can be

purchased in a package of eight at the Dollar Tree for a dollar and stamps can be purchased at the post office for 55¢. If you can't afford to send a thank you note, then do not send an invitation.

Parents, it's up to you to teach your children that they need to be grateful. Make hand writing thank you notes fun. Be as excited over the opportunity to write the thank you note as vou were about receiving the gift.

No one likes to feel See LETTERS... Page 26

used and unappreciated, and when you fail to send a thank you note, that's exactly how the giver feels.

Make time to express your gratitude and make writing thank you notes a habit.

There's no better way to express your gratitude than by putting a pen to paper. Gratitude expressed on paper is a denouement.

Thank you notes are an old fashioned expression of gratitude that never goes out of style.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of being appreciative by taking the time to write a note.

After all, it's the least you can do. Isn't it?

I sincerely appreciate each of us becoming better at expressing our gratitude.

Joy Willow

It's Protecting **Our Future**

Editor:

After church a few months ago, I was asked what I thought about the newly available Covid-19 vaccines. I said I thought they were magical. Now after millions and millions of people all over the world have received the vaccinations, I know they are magical. The health information gathered from all over the world support all over the works and efficacy.

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Closer to home, introduction of a new more highly contagious variant of the Covid-19 virus (the Delta variant) brings into focus the extraordinary the effectiveness of vaccines now available. It has done this by drawing a very sharp line between those who have received one of the Covid-19 immunizations and those who for one reason or another have not received the vaccination.

Recently, the Delta variant of Covid-19 has become the dominant variant in the USA. It appears to have mutated from other variants in India and is now worldwide. The data from state and federal data bases showing the effectiveness of the vaccines to save lives from this and other variants are dramatic and undeniable. The facts that this new Delta variant is spreading much more rapidly than the prior ones and that our ability to



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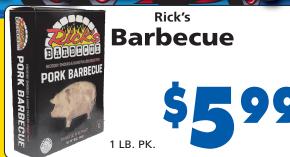


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Guest Opinion... Gov. Kay Ivey

The Trump administration gave us the best weapons against Covid-19...

We should use them

Washington, D.C. is so hyper-politically polarized these days. It's no wonder Americans have tuned out the earnest pleas of the nation's top doctors, their elected leaders, superstar athletes, and other celebrities who have for months been urging those who are unvaccinated to take the shot.

Here is the truth: Closing businesses will not defeat Covid-19. Wearing masks will not defeat Covid-19. And keeping our students from in-classroom learning will not defeat Covid-19.

The good news is we have something that has proved helpful—safe and effective vaccines, which were developed in record time. We can thank former president Donald Trump and all of those involved in Operation Warp Speed for making this medical miracle happen.

This time last year, people were praying that a vaccine would come to market in time

By: Alabama Governor Kay Iveyto help slow the surge of deaths and people set of deaths and people of deaths and people set of deaths are death set of deaths and people set of deaths are death set of deaths and people set of deaths are death set of deaths and death set of deaths are death set of deaths are death set of death set of deaths are death set of death set President Trump, who

got the shot in January, later called it a "true miracle."

In Alabama, my advice has been simple and consistent. If you can take the shot, roll up your sleeve and get one.

There are those who believe that government should mandate the vaccine or that we should bribe people to take it. That's not going

matter how many times the media ask me.

But there are also those who remain hesitant and skeptical of the vaccine. because there is so much misinformation out there. I believe those who are pushing fake news and conspiracy theories about this vaccine are reckless and causing great harm to people. The unvaccinated talking to reporters last week, but the data does

not lie, and I simply do not want to see Alabamians, or anyone else for that matter, suffer. This vaccine works, and we need to start acting like it. This is not political: It's just common sense.

Are there risks involved in taking it? Sure. But there is a risk every time we get in a car that we might be killed in a wreck. The benefits of getting

to happen in my state, no where we need to go far outweigh those risks.

Let me be crystal clear: The covid-19 vaccine vaccine is our best weapon against this disease, and I encourage everyone to take it.

Even more importantly, talk with a doctor or pharmacist you know and trust. That's what I did, and I received the vaccine as soon as I was eligible. It is free, readily available, and the jab doesn't hurt a

The hard, cold facts show the vaccine is saving lives. This virus is deadly serious, and in the United States, the pandemic is unfortunately becoming one of the unvaccinated. The data show that in Alabama and most other states almost 100 percent of our hospitalizations and deaths are among unvaccinated individuals

Afamous, albeit fictional son of Alabama, Forrest Gump, said, "Life was like a box of chocolates. You never know what you're gonna get." That was true in 1994 when Forrest said it, and it's true today. We have a weapon today to battle covid-19 that we didn't have a year ago. It's up to you to use the good common-sense God gave you to do what is best for you and your loved ones.





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Guest Opinion... Tim James

A House Divided Against Itself Cannot Stand

TIM JAMES

Dear Fellow Alabamians,

The discussion of Covid vaccinations burst into the news in recent weeks and ripped the scab right off the wound exposing the divide among Alabamians about whether to vaccinate or not. We all know there can be tense moments among friends and family when the vaccine topic comes up especially when there are differing opinions in the room.

Two weeks ago the discussion hit a fever pitch on a grand scale and landed on the front pages of the national news outlets. According to news reports, in Alabama, there are about 2.5 - 3 million people who have CHOSEN NOT to take the vaccine out of the state's population of 5.1 million. Approximately 60% of all Alabamians have made this their personal health choice.

I am writing this letter today to express my distaste for those bent on shaming people with whom they disagree on the vaccine issue. They divide Alabamians into two classes: the vaccinated and the unvaccinated. The media's contempt is in overdrive for anyone who dares to disagree and not blindly follow the government directives. So, they shame by spewing their poison proclaiming the unvaccinated are the problem. Their assertion of "Blame" by extension means the unvaccinated are responsible for the spread of Covid. If you want to blame

someone or something, blame the virus and the makers of it.

As everybody knows, it was not the bats.

The problem is not the unvaccinated, but rather those spawning division among the population. It's the BLAME

They shake their fingers in the face of millions of Alabama citizens for refusing to take the vaccine and are beside themselves when everyone does not fall in line like sheep. I guess the unvaccinated are the new "Deplorables."

I've listened to their shaming long enough and felt it was time to stand up for millions

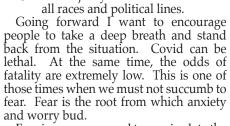
of Alabamians who have made their decision, over the many months, NOT to take the vaccine. I fall into this category. However, like most families I have family members who have chosen TO take the vaccine. Alabamians know full-well what is going on in their communities, local hospitals, nursing homes, and churches. They are not ignorant to the medical realities and associated risks. Neither are they reckless or selfish.

Every unvaccinated person has considered whether to take the vaccine for months. They have discussed the matter with others, prayed about it and even may have rolled back and forth on the decision. In the end, their "call" was to

not take the vaccine for their own personal reasons. I can't help but wonder why so many vaccinated people lecture everyone else when they themselves have marginal health risk as they are the vaccinated class.

Has it occurred to them that their

shaming is certain to follow children into the classroom in the form of bullying? Do they care about young women in childbearing years who are rightfully cautious about what goes into their bodies? It's ironic that people who CHOOSE NOT to take the vaccine are labeled dissenters even though they are the majority in Alabama and cross



Fear is a weapon used to manipulate the public, and the press is its enabler. The Lord speaks to the issue of fear through the Apostle Paul. "For God hath not given a spirit of fear but of power and sound mind" – 2 Timothy 1:7

I also would like to take this opportunity to say something about Governor Ivey's recent statement concerning unvaccinated Alabamians. She said, "It's time to start blaming the unvaccinated folks, not the regular folks. It's the unvaccinated folks that are letting us down."

The unvaccinated people represent approximately 60% of the population in our state. The Governor's comments triggered uncontrollable elation and gaiety from politicians and news anchors at CNN, NBC and others. As one could expect, President Biden and Dr. Fauci were ecstatic at Alabamians being scolded by their governor over this issue.

I believe the governor's comments were off-base. I also believe she likely misspoke in the heat of the moment; something any of us could do. As we navigate forward, we need to lower the tone and not take the bait of those whose goal is to sow seeds of division among Alabamians.

I have a message for the American press corps concerning their hysterical, fear-based coverage of the pandemic. It's a quote from Edward R. Murrow, the great broadcast journalist during the first half of the twentieth century.

He effectively warned his fellow journalists what would happen if the free press became compromised. He wrote: "No one can terrorize a whole nation unless we are his accomplices."

Tim James is a businessman and former twotime candidate for Alabama governor. He is the son of former Governor, Fob James.



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- larger by directly gifting.

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Check out your options

Before you decide to donate stock to charity, check with the organization in advance to make sure they are able to accept such a gift. Also be sure to consult with your tax advisor to have a clear understanding of the tax ramifications of your donation plan.

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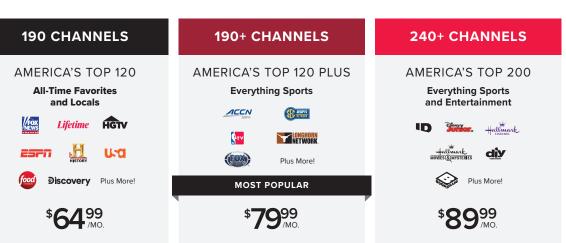
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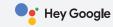
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gather health information rapidly is much improved are showing in near real time that persons who have received the available vaccines are protected from serious complications of Covid19. For example, in the state of Maryland in June over 100 persons died of Covid-19. 100% of these cases occurred in unvaccinated persons. 0% occurred in vaccinated persons. The CDC reported that in the month of May 2021 99.2% of Covid-19 related deaths in the entire United States occurred in unvaccinated persons. 0.8% occurred in vaccinated persons.

This sharp difference in personal risk between those who receive and those who do not receive one of the available vaccines is, while compelling, only a small part of the story.

The present vaccines work very well to protect vaccinated persons from the present virus strains, but this is not necessarily going to continue. The longer we allow this

Delta strain (or any of the prior or future strains) to dwell among us, the greater the chance that one of the strains will mutate to an even more menacing strain.

Presently, there is an enormous population of persons in the USA and abroad who have not been vaccinated or have not developed immunity from contracting and surviving an infection. This population of people are providing for the unknowingly resource development and spread of present and future viral strains. As a nation (or world) we need to respond quickly, because the next Covid19 mutations may not be among those that are preventable with our present vaccines. Then it is back to March 2019!

The natural development future Covid-19 mutations can been slowed down by present vaccination programs and with time eliminated. It starts with each one of us. When we protect ourselves, we protect our neighbors and our children's future.

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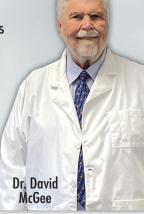


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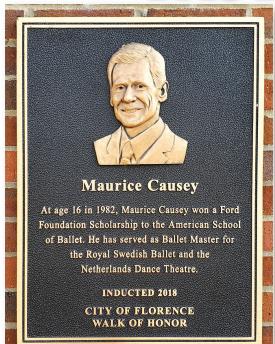
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Annie...

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Thirteen years later the Shoals Theatre is still home to both theatre groups known collectively as Shoals Community Theatre. The Shoals Theatre has become a popular venue for not only theatre, but music of all types. The theatre had a banner year in 2019. Then came Covid-19, and the shows stopped. Like all entertainment venues, the Shoals Theatre struggled. The bills continued to come



although the crowds could not.

To celebrate the official return to the stage, another joint show will be performed August 5-8. Auditions for "Annie" took place in June, and rehearsals began immediately. The cast is made 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 people will be familiar with, and it is appropriate for all ages. As Americans struggled to come back from the Great Depression in the 1930's, a spunky orphan named Annie lives in an orphanage overseen by the nefarious and selfserving Miss Hannigan. is determined Annie to find her parents and have a real family of her own. Her seemingly hopeless situation changes dramatically when she is selected to spend the Christmas Holidays in the home of the wealthy Oliver "Daddy" Warbucks. Annie quickly charms the staff and even the seemingly cold-hearted Warbucks. Daddy Warbucks comes to care for Annie and decides to help her find her parents by offering a reward if her

Connie Clayton as Mrs Garner, Jennifer Adams as Grace, and Liz Moore as Mrs. Pugh

parents would come to him and prove their identity. Miss Hannigan, her brother "Rooster", and a female accomplice attempt to impersonate the parents and collect the reward. This puts Annie in an even more dangerous position. But this classic family musical finds a happy ending for Annie and the whole gang. Audiences will sing along with popular songs like "Tomorrow" and "Hard Knock Life." As the Shoals and the world rebounds from Covid, we are happy to be able to sing that "the sun will come out tomorrow!"

Theatre general manager, Steve Price, said tickets are selling well. Don't miss your chance to be in the audience. 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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Letters...

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Celebrate Our Local Foods

National Farmers Market Week

Editor:

When conventional food supply chains had difficulties adapting at the start of the pandemic, farmers markets and local food systems clearly displayed the resiliency of short supply chains as interest in local foods spiked nationwide.

Farmers markets across the country did what they could to safely open for the farmers and the customers who had come to depend on them, with 72% of market organizations in the U.S. operating the same number or more market days during summer 2020 as in summer 2019, according to the Farmers Market Coalition.

The pandemic also attracted new long-time customers interested in local foods. According to the 2020 Local Food System Response to COVID Consumer Food Insights Survey, 31% of those new to farmers markets shopping during COVID were still shopping there five months later.

These markets are now well into another year of building resilience in our communities and bringing people together.

We celebrate National Farmers Market Week from Aug. 1-7. More than ever before, this week is an opportunity to showcase the value of farmers markets in our communities and thank those who have a role in these local food systems.

The COVID-19 crisis has highlighted that we need to shorten the food supply chain to consistently provide food precisely suited to a community's needs and preferences. When people buy at a farmers' market, they have a reliable source of food. They know where their food is coming from, and they know they are getting it fresh.

Wvatt Fraas

Farm & Community Assistant Director Center for Rural Affairs Lyons, NE

Medicare Minute "Medicare Part A Part 1"

On a Medicare card Part A will have the word "Hospital" beside it. Because of that Medicare Part A is most commonly known as the inpatient or hospitalization part of Medicare. This means when a Medicare beneficiary is admitted into the hospital most of the services that are received are filed under Medicare Part A. This sounds simple but sometimes it's not.

Medicare Part A has a deductible of \$1,484 per benefit period. Notice two things here. First is the deductible of \$1,484. If you are admitted into the hospital and had Original Medicare only, you would owe the first \$1,484 of your stay. This deductible covers hospital services, including semi-private rooms, meals, general nursing, drugs as part of your inpatient treatment, and other hospital services and supplies.

The second thing to notice is the term "benefit period". This tells you the deductible is not an annual deductible but could hit you more than once in a calendar year. A "benefit period" begins when you are discharged from a hospital or skilled nursing facility and ends when you haven't received any inpatient care for 60 consecutive days. If you are admitted as an inpatient after the 60 days of no inpatient care a new benefit period begins, meaning another \$1,484 deductible. Also if you are confined to the hospital for 60 consecutive days your deductible will cover you but on the 61st day you will begin paying a coinsurance.

The good news is for most Medicare beneficiaries Part A is free. Free meaning you don't pay a premium for it. The reason for this is while you are working you pay 1.45% of your paycheck into Medicare. If you did that for 40 quarters you're entitled to Part A for free. Next week will discuss the other benefits of Medicare Part A.

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 an independent insurance agency and is not affiliated with Medicare

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Commentary

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talented players on other teams now. The ball different, looks some international rules are different, our players have been together for a little over a week, etc, but I'm spoiled. The US should have the best international basketball team on the court at any time - men or women. That's not up for debate - a generation ago - now - and years from now... All US players are studs. They should be able to throw a simple team concept together and outathlete any other squad. We'll see how the men do the rest of the way. I'm glad LeBron James chose not to participate this year. That means far less

baggage.
The event of most significance was Simone Biles' withdrawing from the team gymnastics competition, and hours withdrawing individual the competition. That is a huge disappointment. Biles was one of the very few reasons to spend any time on NBC during the games.

Biles reportedly had planned to do a difficult vault with two-and-ahalf twists. She said she lost her bearings in the air, completing only one-and-a-half twists. then stumbled out of her landing. Truthfully, to salvage the jump in mid-air was amazing. However, she suddenly exited the competition, saying she wasn't mentally prepared to compete because emotional/health There was too of reasons. much pressure, too many expectâtions, an awkward performance environment with no crowds, etc.

One Biles quote was, "Whenever you get in a high stress situation you kind of freak out and don't really know how to handle all of those emotions, especially at the Olympic Games. I have to focus on my mental health and not jeopardize my well-being.'

As fans of hers we have invested nothing but time and USA gymnastics pride. In addition, Biles owes us

nothing.
Still, we can't help but feel short-changed. Biles let a lot of people down including her teammates and tens of thousands of impressionable young gymnasts who looked up

to her as a fierce competitor, the pride of the sport, and of the USA.

She was praised incessantly across social media for her courage and honesty. Her support system won't allow her to hit bottom. That element is good for her soft landing in the weeks to come.

What's not good is how her actions tell all the young minds that it's okay to quit if we're pressed. It's all about how we feel in the moment in our takeanother-selfie society.

Endorsement deals from companies like Athleta, Beats by Dre, Hershey's, Kellogg's, Mattress Firm, and Uber Eats have put many \$millions in her pocket for the Olympic season. Sure, they couldn't guarantee she would win gold medals in every event, wouldn't test positive for Covid-19 beforehand, or wouldn't be injured before the games, but I'm sure they did not expect her to step aside voluntarily midevent because of stress. I'm sure they expected more for their investment with a seasoned, adult competitor in a sport of teenagers. They have a huge investment that bombed, but they will make due. They can't say anything derogatory about the situation, because the Twittersphere will vilify them for their insensitivity and a favorite term, tone deafness.

At least the USA salvaged a gold with Suni Lee in the All Around.

None of us can fathom the pressure of being the most recognized athlete at this at this year's games, arguably the best ever in her sport. However, that alone signifies that she should have been mentally prepared for the games. She had a full year from last year's cancellation to recalibrate mentally.

Still, the poor timing and the generalities of reason ring a little shallow.

Although different in nature, that folding rivals some of the most significant on-field collapses in sports history.

wonder how withdrawal from stress and emotions would play in the court of public opinion if it were a star quarterback taking himself out of the Super Bowl, a star tennis player in the finals at Wimbledon, the year's points leader chasing the lead at the NASCAR Cup Series Championship in Phoenix pulling over into pit row with 3 laps left, or

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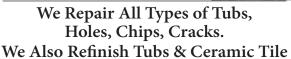
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Seeking Help

Dear Seeking,

Medicare covers a wide variety of part-time or intermittent in-home health care services to beneficiaries in need, if they meet Medicare's criteria. Here's how it works.

In order for your husband to secure coverage for home health care, Medicare first requires that he be homebound. This means that it must be extremely difficult for him to leave home, and he needs help doing so either from another person or medical device like a cane, wheelchair, walker or crutches.

He will then need to have a face-to-face meeting with his doctor to get a home health certification confirming that he needs skilled-nursing care or skilled-therapy services from a physical or speech therapist on a parttime basis

His doctor can also request the services of an occupational therapist and a personal care aide to assist with activities of daily living such as bathing, dressing and using the bathroom. His doctor must renew and certify his home health plan every 60 days.

He will also need to use a home health agency that is certified by Medicare.

If he meets all of the requirements, Medicare should pay for his in-home health care.

But be aware that Medicare will not pay for personal care aide services (for bathing, dressing, using the bathroom, etc.) alone if he does not need skilled-nursing or skilled-therapy services too. Homemaker services, such as shopping, meal preparation and cleaning are not covered either.

If your husband has original Medicare, you can locate a Medicare-certified home health agency by calling 800-

633-4227 or by visiting *Medicare.gov/care-compare*. If he has a Medicare Advantage plan, you should contact his plan directly and ask which home health agencies work with the plan and are within the plan's network of providers.

For more detailed information on how Medicare covers in-home health, see the "Medicare and Home Health Care" online booklet at *Medicare.gov/Pubs/pdf/10969-Medicare-and-Home-Health-Care.pdf*.

Other Options

If your husband does not qualify for Medicare home health care coverage, there are other coverage options depending on your situation. Here are several that may apply to you:

Insurance: If you happen to have long-term care insurance, check to see if it covers in-home care. Or if you have a life insurance policy, see if it can be utilized to pay for care.

Medicaid: If your income is low, your husband may qualify for Medicaid, which offers different home and community-based services that can pay for in-home care. To investigate this, contact your local Medicaid office.

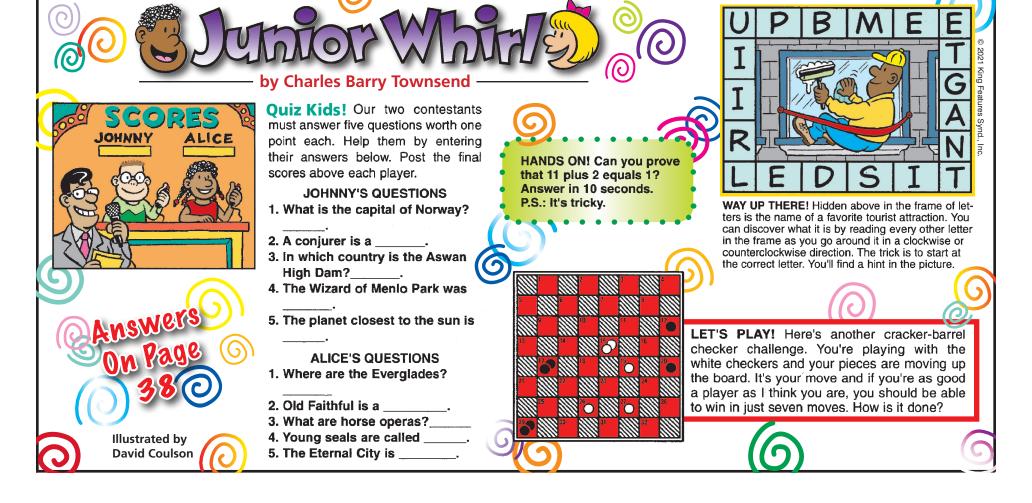
Also see if PACE – which stands for "Programs of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly" – is available in your area (see *NPAonline.org*). PACE provides in-home care, including help with activities of daily living, such as meals, dental and medical care, among other benefits.

Veterans Benefits: If your husband is a veteran, the VA also offers some benefits that can help. Two programs to inquire about are "Aid and Attendance or Housebound Allowances" and the "Veteran-Directed Care" program. Both programs provide monthly financial benefits to eligible veterans that can help pay for in-home care. To learn more, contact your regional VA benefit office (see *Benefits.va.gov/benefits/offices.asp* or call 800–827–1000).

To look for these and other programs in your area that can help pay your husband's home care, go to *PayingForSeniorCare.com* and click on "Find Financial Assistance for Care" to access their Eldercare Financial Assistance Locator tool.

Send your senior questions to: Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, OK 73070, or visit *SavvySenior.org*. Jim Miller is a contributor to the NBC *Today* show and author of "The Savvy Senior" book.





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Dear Dave,

A friend recently mentioned something called impact investing to me. What exactly is this? How do impact investment funds perform, and what do you think about them? 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 for the better. you can match your As with all isn't all that different from advisor with the heart of Solutions.



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

As with all investments, investing with your own it pays to do a lot of particular beliefs. It really research and find an

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 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

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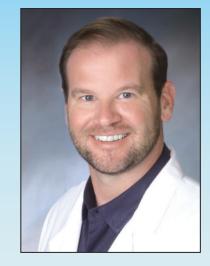
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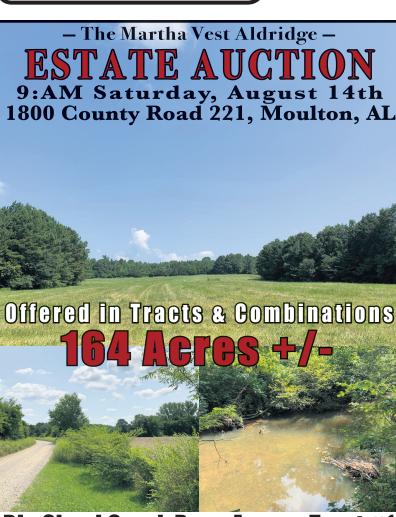
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Programs in August 2021 August 6 – Rick Singleton – Sheriff, Lauderdale County Sheriff's Office

For more information or details about Kiwanis, call publicity chair, Traci Welch, at 336-287-4958

Bowl for Kids Sake Fundraiser August 6-8 at Lauderdale Lanes, 1540 Florence Blvd, Florence. Big Brothers/Big Sisters of the

Shoals will be holding a Bowl for Kids

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Sake fundraiser this year on August 6-8 at Lauderdale Lanes. BBBS is currently taking event sponsorships. For information about sponsorship or more details about the event, contact Gina Mashburn at 256-248-1931 or email at gina@bbbsshoals.org

Florence Parks and Recreation Department, The Club/Florence Senior Center presents The Brown's, Boomer's & Senior's Social Dance Night, each Tuesday evening. Doors Open 6pm. Dance 6:30-8:45pm. 450 Country Club Drive in Florence -- \$5 per person. The Club is a drug, alcohol, tobacco, weapon free facility. For more information: fdavis@ florenceal.org, Facebook: Florence Senior Center/The Club, 256-760-6420. Mask Center/The Club, 256-760-6420. Mask optional. Social distancing appreciated.

Community Northwest-Shoals College (NW-SCC) is using Coronavirus
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The College has received approximately \$6 million in CARES money to be disseminated for students. To date the College has given out almost \$3 million. The amount of CARES funds students receive this fall will depend on how many hours they have taken at

NW-SCC.

CARES money will be given students after they complete their CARES application once they register for fall semester classes. All students that have applied for CARES will receive at least half tuition. Some may receive even more if they've been at the college throughout the pandemic.

High School Dual enrolled students (limit to two classes) and NW-SCC students that are within 15 hours of

graduating will receive full tuition free if they have applied for CARES.

Registration is now underway at https://www.nwscc.edu/2021-summerfallregistration

2021 Fall Registration Apply or register now for the fall semester. Classes begin August 19. Northwest-Shoals Community College (NW-SCC) is working to make decisions that are in the best interests of the health, safety, and academic success of our students. For the convenience of our students, registration and advising for the fall semester will be conducted online and in-person, www.nwscc.edu

To be eligible for the financial help, students must first register for classes and then apply through their individual Moodle student portal. They will receive an email and/or text message from the college explaining the process. NW-SCC fall semester classes begin August 19.

Florence Parks and Recreation Department, The Club/Florence Senior Center presents Joints In Motion, chair exercise classes, 2 times a week chair exercise classes, 2 times a week, improving strength, balance and range of motion. Wednesday and Friday, 9:30am-10:15am, 450 Country Club Drive in Florence. For more information: fdavis@florenceal.org, Facebook: Florence Senior Center/The Club. 256-760-6420. Mask optional. Social distancing appreciated

The Annual Killen Founder's Day lebration is BACK! - Friday and celebration is BACK!

Celebration is BACK! - Friday and Saturday August 6 and 7.
The theme for this year's Founder's Day is "Honoring our Front Line Workers". The Grand Marshals for the parade on Friday night, August 6 at 6pm will be former Fire Chief Trent Putman and his wife, nurse practitioner Deb Putman. The parade will run along J.C. Mauldin

Highway from Brooks Elementary School the Foodland Marketplace Officer, Dennis Tate will serve as honorary Grand Marshal.

Opening ceremonies will begin in Killen Park at 7:30pm. There will be 1st, 2nd and 3rd place trophy given for the best parade entries. Friday night entertainment will be a local favorite from the Muscle Shoals area, "Deja Vu", and they will begin around 8pm. Local band "Pioneer Drive" will play a short set before

Saturday will be full of activities starting with the Killen Founder's Day 5K Run at 7:30am and a 1-mile fun run at 8:30am. which will both begin at Killen First Baptist Church and continue thru downtown Killen. There will also be a car show sponsored by the Killen Masonic Lodge 788 which will begin at 8am at Killen Park, in the upper parking lot by the tennis courts.

Other fun activities include the singles and doubles horseshoe tournaments, activities for teens and adults and a car bash, plenty of Arts and Crafts vendors. Dash, plenty of Arts and Cratts vendors. There will be wonderful food with Miami loe joining us this year with the Brooks Athletics Boosters. A Friends Library book fair at their pavilion and \$2 raffle tickets for a chance at a Blackstone Grill/Griddle valued at \$350. (Idwaing Labor Day worked) and Blackstone for the Day weekend.) and Blow-ups for the younger crowd, with \$5 arm bands, along with a Character Meet and Greet.

Musical entertainment on Saturday will run from 3-9pm. Some of the acts this year will include "Bluewater Band", "Jeff and Glenn Walton" and "Garrett Miles and Michael Curtis". The entertainment will close out with a performance at 7pm

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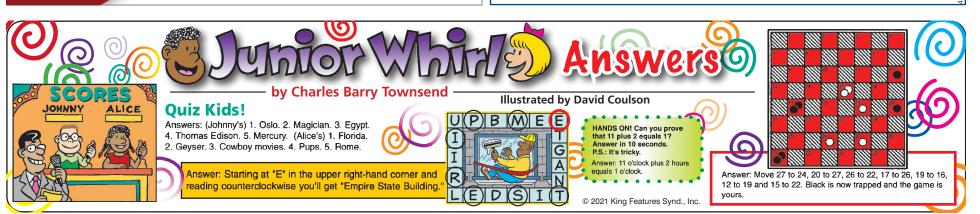


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This guest passenger statute came about as a result of insurance companies trying to not pay claims. The statute was purportedly enacted to protect drivers who picked up a hitchhiker from being sued by the hitchhiker if they had an accident and the hitchhiker was injured.

In 30 years of handling car wreck cases, I have never heard of or read about a case where a hitchhiker tried to sue a driver for having an accident where they were injured.

The "Guest Passenger Statute" states as follows: "The owner, operator or person responsible for the operation of a motor vehicle shall not be liable for loss or damage arising from injuries to or death of a guest while being transported without payment thereof, unless such injuries or death are caused by the willful or wanton misconduct of such operator, owner, or person responsible for the operation of said motor vehicle."

On February 3, 2017, the Supreme Court of Alabama rendered a decision in Hurst v. Sneed that addressed the Guest Passenger Statute. The Court restated the rule that if furnishing a ride promotes both the benefit of the rider and driver, or if the rider accompanies the driver at the request of the driver, for the purpose of having the rider render a benefit or service on a trip that is primarily for the objective of the driver then the rider is a passenger for hire and not a guest.

The Supreme Court stated that at one end of the spectrum is the hitchhiker and at the other end is someone who pays the driver for transportation. A person who pays is not a guest. Between these two extremes you have to look at the present and former relationships between the driver and passenger, to bring into proper focus the true status of the parties at the time of the accident.

If the ride is to benefit both parties, they are probably a passenger. I think that carpooling where rides are swapped rather than gas money is outside of the guest statute. Minor children aren't subject to the guest statute as they have no right to decline the ride. So the question becomes, did your mother pay for gas, was she going to buy lunch, or did she help buy the car in exchange for you providing transportation? Be sure and talk to a lawyer before you talk to the insurance company.

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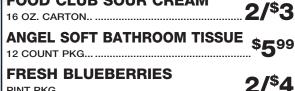












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