

**Glass Earns  
DAISY Award®**

FLORENCE – DaVita Kidney Care honored local nurse, **Stephanie Glass**, earlier this summer with The DAISY Award® presented to only the most extraordinary of nurses within the company. The award is part of the DAISY Foundation program to



**Glass**

recognize the super-human efforts nurses perform every day. DaVita leaders, fellow care team members, and patients celebrated Glass

for her continuous efforts to make each patient and their families feel special, comforted, and cared for. This was never more evident than during a severe weather event this past winter. Glass wasn't scheduled to work, but she traveled through ice and snow to make it to DaVita Renaissance. Once there she worked tirelessly to make sure every patient made it to the center safely to receive life-sustaining dialysis. Glass never complained about the long hours because she knew the most important thing was for her patients to get their treatments.

"I've been with DaVita for almost four years, and I love it. I knew from an early age I wanted to care for others," Glass said. "I loved spending time with my great grandmother who was a diabetic, and I helped her cook and take her insulin. I went to respiratory therapy school initially, then decided to go back and get my nursing degree. I've worked in

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"Throughout the season you will have the opportunity to explore music from a variety of genres," said Dr. Daniel Stevens, SSO Conductor. "Not only will you experience your favorite masterworks, but you might also find something new."

The season begins September 19 with Yesterday - A Tribute to the Beatles. It closes April 30, 2022, as the Shoals Symphony Orchestra performs live the Oscar® and Grammy®-winning score of Disney's animated classic, *The Little Mermaid*, while the film plays on a large movie screen

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**YESTERDAY - A Tribute to The Beatles!**  
Sunday, September 19  
**Magical Masquerade**  
Saturday, October 30

**One Thousand and One Nights**  
Sunday, November 7  
**Conductor's Circle 2021-2022**  
Monday, November 8

**Joy, Love, Peace**  
Sunday, December 5  
**Year of the Woman**  
Sunday, February 27

**My Lucky Day**  
Saturday, March 19  
**Gloria and the Fifth**  
Saturday and Sunday,  
April 9-10

**Disney - The Little Mermaid**  
IN CONCERT LIVE TO FILM  
Saturday, April 30



**Work Underway at  
Rotary STAR Park**

FLORENCE– The Florence Rotary Club, the Greater Shoals/Sheffield Rotary Club, and the Rotaract Club of University of North Alabama recently announced the founding of Rotary STAR Park, a Sensory, Tactile, and Adaptive Recreation park for all children. The park commemorates 100 years of Rotary service in the Shoals.



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emergency departments and nursing homes, but dialysis is now my home.”

For their commitment to respecting, encouraging and empathizing with each patient’s kidney care journey, DaVita’s DAISY award honorees received a personalized “Extraordinary Nurse” certificate, a DAISY Award pin, and a hand-carved sculpture called “A Healer’s Touch.”

“By recognizing nurses who received DAISY awards, we are celebrating their profound compassion and motivation to positively impact the lives of our patients and help them be successful on their unique care journeys,” said Mandy Tilton, chief nursing officer for DaVita Kidney Care.

## Annual SIOD Superhero 5K

**MUSCLE SHOALS**—The 2nd Annual SIOD Superhero 5K & Fun Run at Muscle Shoals Middle School is set for Saturday, October 16 at 8am. This fundraising event is presented by Quad Cities Pediatrics to promote



awareness and raise money for SIOD research. The race will follow the Swamper’s 5K course. Get out and run, walk, or jog while dressing up as your favorite superhero.

Schimke immunosseous dysplasia (SIOD) is an extremely rare genetic disease that affects multiple systems in the body. These include the kidneys, growth plates and cartilage, heart and arteries, lungs, and immune system.

SIOD has been championed in the Shoals area by Kyle and Jessica Davenport along with scores of friends and volunteers. The Davenports founded the Kruz for a Kure Foundation on behalf of their two children, Kruz and Paizlee, both of whom have SIOD.

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## The 2nd Virtual ZooRendezvous

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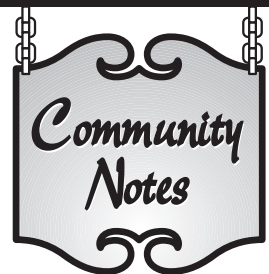
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**Deibert Park:**  
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**Children/Youth Yard Sale** September 11 at 8am until at Muscle Shoals Church of God, 1700 Firestone Ave

**Serving The Shields Mobile Blood Drive** Saturday, September 11  
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**"The Walk of Life" will return to Tuscumbia Landing** on Saturday September 11. The Trolley will be at Tuscumbia Spring Park at 8am to shuttle those to the Landing site in Sheffield. Please bring your mask and observe social distancing. If you drive to the Landing, be there by 8am, ready to go when the Trolley arrives. The parking lot is paved, and the road is open for this event.

The 2.2-mile walk retraces the Trail of Tears Removal route as close as possible to the original trail. Water is provided at the ballfield by the local Boy Scouts who receive a merit badge. The bathrooms will be open for the event. Tuscumbia & Sheffield Police departments will escort. Ending in Tuscumbia Spring Park, the Trolley will return those walkers with vehicles at the Landing Parking Lot.

The Walk of Life is hosted by Compelling Stories of the Southeast, a 501C3 organization of Tuscumbia. The event is free and open to the general public. For more information, call Robert Perry - 918-500-3467. Annie Perry is Event Coordinator.

**Lighthouse Baptist Church,** 275 Sweetwater Ave., Florence, will be hosting on Sunday, September 12 Evangelist Dr. Michael E. Todd from Word for the World Baptist Ministries. He will be preaching on "Prophecy". In the morning service at 11am "The 24 types of the antichrist." In the evening service at 6pm The "Book of Revelations"  
We invite and encourage all to come and hear Dr. Michael Todd.

**Authors Bill Bagents and Rosemary Snodgrass** will be discussing and signing their book, "Counseling for Church Leaders: A Practical Guide" on Thursday, September 16, from 6:30-8pm in the auditorium of Heritage Christian University, 3625 Helton Drive, Florence. All are invited to attend.

**The Shoals Writers Guild** has finalized the remainder of its 2021 Schedule. Update your calendars.  
All meetings at Florence-Lauderdale Public Library, 350 N. Wood Avenue, Florence unless otherwise indicated.  
Saturday, September 18 10am-noon  
Speakers: Author Bill Clemmons; FlorAla editor Brooke Freundschuh  
For more information, please email, [shoalswritersguild@gmail.com](mailto:shoalswritersguild@gmail.com)

**Shoals Symphony presents Yesterday: A Tribute to the Beatles,** Norton Auditorium on the UNA campus, Florence on September 19 at 7pm. The Shoals Symphony Orchestra will start the season off with some "Help!" from the #1 Tribute Act in Las Vegas, Yesterday! You'll hear chart topping hits of Beatles classics performed with live orchestra for a POPS crossover event sure to entertain! Tickets and info: [ShoalsSymphony.org](http://ShoalsSymphony.org)

**Colbert & Lauderdale High School Students** may be interested in knowing that representatives from the alumni office of University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa will be here to provide information for planning your future at the University.  
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**Florence-Lauderdale Farmers Market** Open at 451 Fairground Road. The market will be open Saturdays during the months of May and October. Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday during the months of June through September. Hours are 6am-1pm each day.

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

**LifeSouth Shoals Area Blood Drives** - Donate at the Center, 307 Veterans Drive, Florence. Schedule an appointment, 256-765-7038. [www.lifesouth.org](http://www.lifesouth.org). The hours are: Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9am-5pm; Tuesday and Thursday 9am-7pm; Saturday 9am-3pm; Sunday 1-5pm.

**Highland Baptist Church in Florence** will host the five-week Shoals Family Summit on Wednesday nights beginning August 25 and continuing into September. located 219 Simpson Street.

The whole community will be able to gain valuable resources to help best lead your family in our current culture. Many different highly-qualified speakers will be coming in to speak on a range of topics. Each Wednesday event August 25-September 22 begins at 6pm.

September 8 - Dr. Eric Kirkman, Director of Kilby School, Assistant Professor at The University of North Alabama, and Mary Jane Fowler, Riverhill School Principal, will both be speaking about Success in School

September 15 - Dr. Matt Burford, Christian Apologetic Strategist for the Alabama Baptist State Board of Missions will be speaking on Sexuality & Gender

September 22 - David Thomas, L.M.S.W., Director of Family Counseling at Daystar Counseling, and Sissy Goff, M.Ed., LPC-MHSP, Director of Child and Adolescent Counseling at Daystar will be speaking on Raising Boys and Girls

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## The 2nd Virtual ZooRendezvous

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everyone to watch when it broadcasts via the Zoo's YouTube (@bhamzoo) and Facebook (@BirminghamZoo). ZooRendezvous' popular online auction is already underway and will run through Saturday, September 11 ending at 8pm.



Everyone is invited to join in the fun by either watching the virtual event, bidding in the auction, and/or donating.

ZooRendezvous "Roaring '20s" is a fundraising event that will benefit the Birmingham Zoo's Emergency Animal Fund. Proceeds will provide animal care



and feeding. It costs the zoo \$30,000 per day to operate. Without the generous support of caring friends, the zoo will face a projected \$1.5 million revenue loss by the end of the year. Your tax-deductible donation to the zoo will immediately be put to work to continue to provide enrichment and care for the zoo's animals.

The presenting sponsor is IBERIABANK (a Division of First Horizon Bank.)

The event page link is [www.birminghamzoo.com/events/zoorendezvous/](http://www.birminghamzoo.com/events/zoorendezvous/)

## Armiger Will Present Book

ELLIS ISLAND—Shoals resident **Stephanie Holman**, who writes under the name of **Stephanie Armiger**, will be presenting her children's book, *I, Annie Moore, Ellis Island's first Immigrant*

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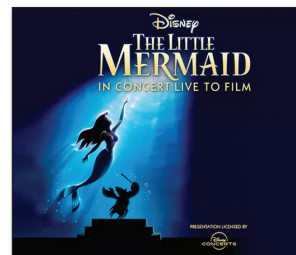
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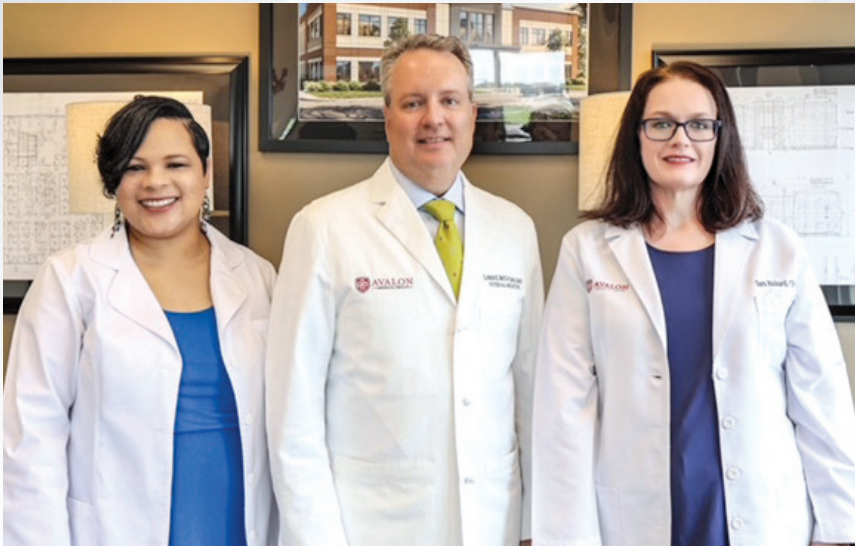
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# Savvy SENIOR

## Little Known Social Security Program Helps Seniors Manage Their Money

*Dear Savvy Senior,*  
Does Social Security offer any special help to beneficiaries who struggle managing their benefits? My aunt, who has no children, has dementia and struggles keeping up with her bills and other financial duties.

Inquiring Niece

Dear Inquiring,  
Yes, Social Security actually has a little-known program known as the "representative payee program" that helps beneficiaries who need help managing their Social Security benefit payments. Here's what you should know.

### Representative Payee Program

Authorized by congress back in 1939, the Social Security representative payee program provides money management help to beneficiaries who are incapable of managing their Social Security income. Beneficiaries in need of this help are often seniors suffering from dementia, or minor children who are collecting Social Security survivors' benefits.

Currently more than 5 million Social Security beneficiaries have representative payees.

Representative payees also handle benefits for nearly 3 million recipients of Supplemental Security Income (SSI), a Social Security administered benefit program for low-income people who are over 65, blind or disabled.

### Who Are Payees?

A representative payee is typically a relative or close friend of the beneficiary needing assistance, but Social Security can also name an organization or institution for the role - like a nursing homes or social-service agency.

Some of duties of a representative payee include:

- Using the beneficiary's Social Security or SSI payments to meet their essential needs, such as food, shelter, household bills and medical care. The money can also be used for personal needs like clothing and recreation.
- Keeping any remaining money from benefit payments in an interest-bearing bank account or savings bonds for the beneficiary's future needs.
- Keeping records of benefit payments received and how the money was spent or saved.
- Reporting to Social Security any changes or events that could affect the beneficiary's payments (for example, a move, marriage, divorce or death).
- Reporting any circumstances that affect the payee's ability to serve in the role.

As a representative payee, you cannot combine the beneficiary's Social Security payments with your own money or use them for your own needs. The bank account into which benefits are deposited should be fully owned by the beneficiary, with the payee listed as financial agent.

Some payees, generally those who do not live with the beneficiary, are required to submit annual reports to Social Security accounting for how benefits are used. For more information on the responsibilities and restrictions that come with the role, see the Social Security publication "A Guide for Representative Payees" at [SSA.gov/pubs/EN-05-10076.pdf](https://ssa.gov/pubs/EN-05-10076.pdf).

### How to Get Help

If you believe your aunt may need a representative payee, call Social Security at 800-772-1213 and make an appointment to discuss the matter at her local office. Applying to serve as a payee usually requires a face-to-face interview.

Social Security may consider other evidence in deciding if a beneficiary needs a payee and selecting the person to fill the role, including doctors' assessments and statements from relatives, friends and others in a position to give an informed opinion about the beneficiary's situation.

You should also know that if you become your aunt's representative payee you cannot collect a fee for doing it. However, some organizations that serve in the role do receive fees, paid out of the beneficiary's Social Security or SSI payments.

For more information on the program visit [SSA.gov/payee](https://ssa.gov/payee).

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# STAR Park...

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"In Rotary we believe we must 'Serve to Change Lives,'" said Tricia Lewis and Bill Armstrong, co-chairs of Rotary STAR Park. "This park will change the lives of all the STARS for whom it is being built."

STAR Park will be located in McFarland Park under O'Neal Bridge. Construction is underway and is expected to be complete by late fall of this year. It will feature playground equipment designed to meet ADA standards. This will include wide ramps and ladders to reach slides; sensory and interactive boards for hands-on activities; communication panels including sign language, Braille, and pictures; a wheelchair tricycle track; and an inclusive merry-go-round. The playground will

be fenced to provide a safe zone for play.

The city of Florence committed \$125,000 for the park, and more than \$200,000 additional funds will be raised through partnerships with Rotary,

individual donations, and sales of recognition stars.

"The Rotary Sensory, Tactile, and Adaptive Recreation Park is a much-needed addition to our parks and recreation infrastructure, and it further demonstrates the genuine care and concern Rotary has for all the citizens of Florence," said Florence Mayor Andy Betterton. "I am grateful they chose to mark this momentous birthday by donating an inclusive playground for all abilities."

Rotary is an international service organization with approximately 1.2 million members worldwide. The Rotary Club of Sheffield

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For additional information regarding our engraved brick campaign please contact

Tricia Lewis at [RotaryStarPark@gmail.com](mailto:RotaryStarPark@gmail.com) or call 256-648-5546.



**TOP LEFT AND FRONT:** Artist renderings of completed park

**AT LEFT:** Project leaders, Rotarians Tricia Lewis (L) and Dr. Bill Armstrong (R), Bridges Therapy Counselor Savannah Loudin, and Florence Mayor Andy Betterton presented the STAR Play design to the Greater Shoals/ Sheffield Rotary Club at their 100-year anniversary celebration earlier this summer.

Rotary photos

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**Commentary**

# 20 Years Later it's Internal Animosity

**T**wenty years ago on September 11 our perception of the world changed. How the following days reverberated in our minds may have been different, however, unless you were an America hater, it was intensely painful, sorrowful, and/or maddening – even without a direct family loss. Our freedoms worked against us and provided a set a misguided religious zealots free access and an opportunity to invade our space, take down cherished landmarks, and take the lives of thousands of unsuspecting, innocent Americans.

At the time, US politics was still at a fever pitch from hanging chads of Bush/Gore in Florida 2000. Yet, almost in an instant, we went from what may have been a tight-lipped animosity with our neighbor or co-worker on September 10 to a united togetherness of USA pride and resiliency in the weeks and months that followed. We had been attacked on our turf by outsiders for the first time since 1941 at Pearl Harbor. Those few hours that Tuesday morning and remembering what transpired in the months that followed will resonate solemnly

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**In A Few Words**



**TOM MAGAZZU**  
Editor

# Courier Journal

in the *Shoals*

# THIS WEEK

September 8, 2021

*Happening*  
**THIS WEEK**

It is Vital for Our Young People to Read.

## Sept. 8 is Literacy Day

SHOALS – September 8 is National Literacy Day. This is as good of a time as any to encourage young people to pick up a good book or a recent copy of *Kidsville News!* and explore new worlds.

The Alabama Literacy Act (HB388) was first passed in 2019 and went into effect at the start of the current school year. The Alabama Literacy Act was created to improve the reading proficiency of public school students kindergarten-3rd grade. It is also to ensure that all students are able to read at or above grade level by the end of the 3rd grade by monitoring the progression of each student from one grade to the next.

See LITERACY... on Page 15



## Remembering the Fallen

SPECIAL RECOGNITION ON 20th ANNIVERSARY OF 9-11

FLORENCE -- The University of North Alabama invites everyone to join us at Braly Stadium on Saturday, September 11 as the Lions take on UT Chattanooga. This was originally scheduled as the Lion's 2021 home-opener until damage from Hurricane Ida created the need for UNA to play host to the game with SE Louisiana this past weekend.

This day will also be the 20th Anniversary of 9/11 terrorist attacks. Throughout the evening, UNA will be recognizing active-duty members of our military, veterans,

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Throughout the evening, UNA will be recognizing active-duty members of our military, veterans, National Guard, first responders and healthcare workers.



THE "WALK OF LIFE" will return to Tuscomb Landing on Saturday September 11, 2021. The Trolley will be at Tuscomb Spring Park at 8am to shuttle those to the Landing site in Sheffield. Please bring your mask and observe social distancing. If you drive to the Landing, be there by 8am and ready to go when the Trolley arrives. The parking lot is paved, and the road is open for this event. The 2.2-mile walk retraces the Trail of Tears removal route as close as possible to the original trail. Water is provided at the ballfield by the local Boy Scouts. Tuscomb and Sheffield Police will escort. Ending in Tuscomb Spring Park, the Trolley will return those walkers with vehicles at the Landing Parking Lot. The Walk of Life is a free public event hosted by Compelling Stories of the Southeast, a 501c3 organization of Tuscomb. For more information, call Robert Perry – 918-500-3467.

ANIMAL SHELTERS ACROSS THE COUNTRY are teaming up with NBC and Telemundo stations to find loving homes for pets in need with the Clear The Shelters pet adoption and donation campaign. Florence-Lauderdale Animal Services is participating in the month-long effort and will also feature virtual pet adoptions to make it easy for people to donate online to participating shelters and rescues. The campaign runs through Sept 19. Adopt & donate to support a participating shelter near you: <http://cleartheselters.com/>

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### Awareness Needed

Editor;

Thanks so much for the great commentary, "To Ask, Coerce, Then Strong-Arm" in the September 1 issue. It was wonderfully-written and educational about the vaccines and the vaccine passport challenges Americans are now facing.

Bringing awareness to the SB 267 that Gov. Kay Ivey signed into Alabama law in May was very much needed. People need to know the truth about the vaccine passports and to understand that Shoals Fest is requiring the passport or proof of vaccination to enter the concert on our publicly-owned property at

McFarland.

The city should rethink letting them hold this concert with the passport proof of vaccination requirements.

Thanks for all you do for our community and our state, Tom!

**Kimberley Glover**  
Lexington

*Nearly every aspect of our lives has been subject to scrutiny and oversight by experts for several decades.*

### Freedom Under Assault

Editor:

In this time of madness, I am thankful for living in a state like Alabama and not in a "blue" state. And then I read on the front page of the *Courier Journal* that the City of Florence is now requiring masks in city hall.

Now I certainly believe a properly fitted N95 mask will provide protection to the wearer, but these cloth and disposable masks are for theatre. There has been no evidence presented for mask effectiveness other

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# Literacy...

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Beginning this year, 3rd grade students will have to demonstrate sufficient reading skills for promotion to 4th grade. Teachers are required to test the reading level of children in each early grade at the beginning, middle, and end of each school year using a state-approved test. Teachers are required to give struggling readers extra support and parents will be brought on board and shown ways to help. A read at home plan, including participation in parent training workshops or regular parent-guided home reading activities can also be implemented.

The Early Care and Parent Involvement Committee of the Colbert County Children's Policy Council wants to foster healthy reading and promote learning. A planned children's book distribution at the North Alabama State Fair had to be cancelled because of Fair restrictions this year. However, the CPC's Early Care and Parent Involvement Committee



is planning for a distribution event in the coming months.

It is highly recommended that parents read to their preschool-age children regularly. The Courier Journal has been promoting that philosophy locally with Kidsville News! since 2006. The two-time Parents Choice Award-winning publication is a reading and learning tool specifically tailored for children in grades K-6, with special emphasis placed on the critical K-3 ages. Children MUST be reading at grade level by the end of 3rd grade or they risk falling behind in later grades. That reading

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Kidsville News! is 24 pages of fun and knowledge printed on high-grade newsprint and distributed free of charge to every child in public and private schools locally. Students for whom reading comes easily can't wait to challenge their minds each month with the games, puzzles, and interesting articles. These bring science, geography, local history, wildlife, space, culture, weather, and much more to light.

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## Shorts...

### Toughest FCS Schedule

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against 17th ranked Southeastern Louisiana in a game that was originally scheduled away until Hurricane Ida passed through Louisiana the week before. USL was quarterbacked by senior Cole Kelly, who was last year's Walter Payton Award Winner as the FCS Player of the Year.

UNA hosts 18th ranked Chattanooga at Braly Stadium this weekend before traveling to 8th ranked Jacksonville State on September 18. The Lions then play against #23 Nicholls in Thibodaux, LA on September 25.

UNA hosts unranked Campbell at home on October 2 before going on the road October 9 to face 24th-ranked North Carolina A&T in Greensboro, N.C.

North Alabama hosts unranked Robert Morris on October 16 for Homecoming and, Charleston Southern on October 23. Charleston Southern is not ranked but received votes in the preseason poll.

After an open date, the Lions travel to New Jersey to face 12th ranked Monmouth November 6.

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I recently purchased a large used rabbit cage that was heavily stained by the previous occupant's urine. I tried scrubbing and scraping, but nothing worked. I finally covered the floor of the cage with white vinegar. I only had to give it a quick scrub and a rinse after about half of an hour, and it came out like new! Now I use it on my rabbit's litter pan regularly to keep it from accumulating stains. However, I always make sure to rinse it well, as my rabbit doesn't like the smell of the vinegar. I've also used it on the bottom of my cockatiel's cage since then, and it also came out like new!

Mary-Ann in Victoria BC

freezer and place them in the fridge. When you get home, make a gravy with the juices while veggies are warming and the roast is gently heating in the microwave or oven. Add a salad and you have a wonderful, easy meal for all!

Carol L. in Germfask, MI

## INDIVIDUAL BROWNIE PANS

Lately, I've been noticing ads in catalogs for brownie pans that make individual brownies. Some sell for as much as \$17.95. We all probably have a similar pan in our kitchens, which is a muffin tin! Make your favorite brownie recipe and put the dough in a muffin tin. Each brownie is individual with the nice chewy "crust" at the edge that makes the brownie so delicious.

Kathy H.

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In Acts 9, during his travels he met the Lord Jesus Christ personally and became a convert of Jesus Christ, personally. Paul found out from Christ that lawful perfection just couldn't cut it. **Romans 3:20** "Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin." **Romans 7:9** "For I was alive without the law once: but when the commandment came, sin revived, and I died." **Romans 7:10** "And the commandment, which was ordained to life, I found to be unto death." You who are working to keep or help keep yourself saved are having a time of it, aren't you? Start over, meet Christ personally and receive Him personally, get cleaned and cleared by Him forever. Real salvation lasts that long. Get some peace. See Ephesians 1:12&13.

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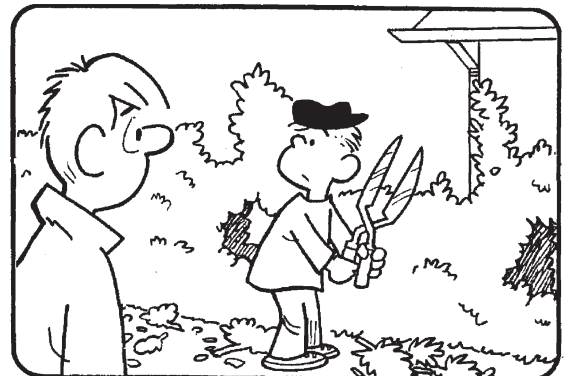
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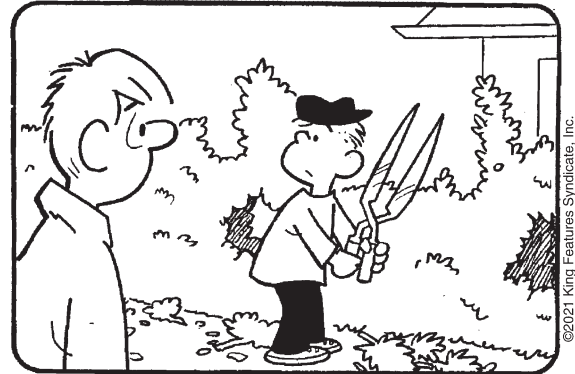


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# Soap Opera Preview

**THE BOLD AND THE BEAUTIFUL** Finn got emotional when Sheila suddenly fainted. Eric gained a new perspective while eavesdropping on Shauna and Quinn. Zende received an unexpected

earful from Paris about Steffy and Finn. Things became tense when Steffy accused Sheila of faking her illness. Zende tried to get Paris to admit that she had a crush on Finn. Sheila upped the ante with Steffy by showing her the emoji text Finn sent. Eric spotted Quinn and Carter having an

intimate conversation. *Wait to See: Sheila's plot to wreak havoc between Steffy and Finn is fully in motion. Eric romances Quinn with dinner and a dance. Torn between the two, Finn makes a big decision about his birthmother and his wife.*

**DAYS OF OUR LIVES** Julie had a harrowing experience. Bonnie got trapped in Xander's room. Calista hit on Steve. Ben was hesitant when Ciara suggested they have a baby. Bonnie and Calista got into a heated confrontation. Xander realized Bonnie stole his money. Roman grew concerned about Doug's mental state. Julie and Jack tried to track down Doug. Gabi and Jake spied on Philip. Xander crashed Bonnie and Justin's wedding. Justin made a shocking discovery. Philip confronted Gabi over her machinations. Brady urged Chloe to move in with him. Paulina found herself on the hot seat. Ava revealed Rafe's feelings to Nicole. Gwen prepared to come clean with Jack. *Wait to See: EJ advises Chad*

to fight for Abigail. Allie tries to smooth things over with Chanel. Julie remains in denial about Doug.

**GENERAL HOSPITAL** Carly and Monica had an unexpected heart-to-heart. Dante apologized to Jason. TJ told Jordan how much she means to him. Nikolas received an unexpected delivery. Nina was shocked by a surprise visitor in Nixon Falls. Curtis and Jordan uncovered a connection between Drew Cain and Naomi Dreyfus' murder. Portia was unprepared for what she found. Nikolas learned a painful lesson. Esme and Trina clashed. Jax threatened Nina. There was no turning back when Carly told Jason how she felt. Portia admitted she had a secret. Maxie made a bold move. Ned had cause to worry about Leo. Nina tried to reason with Jax. *Wait to See: TJ is blindsided. Brook Lynn and Maxie clash over what is best for baby Bailey. Gladys is worried that Brando might be taking on too much.*

**THE YOUNG AND THE RESTLESS** Victor recruited Nick to sabotage Billy's plans. Adam and Sally hit the reset button. Mariah worried about her safety. Abby struggled to contact Chance. Rey exposed Adam's true motives. Sharon and Tessa comforted Mariah. Victor disapproved of Adam's decision-making. Devon opened up to Lily. Ashland surprised Nate with an unexpected invitation. Jack came clean with Phyllis. Victor questioned Sally's intentions. *Wait to See: Nikki receives mixed messages from Victoria. Sharon asks Adam about his future with Chelsea. Ashland receives an unwelcome message.*

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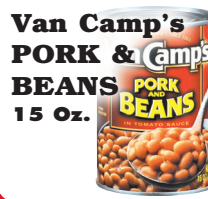
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by Cathy Turner

## Full of Surprises

On Friday night, August 27th, my husband, my son and I had a Tan Hua party in our backyard. During that party I had the thought, "This is not the sort of party that black people are supposed to have." Then I thought, "Are there really things that are just for this people or that people?" No, not the God-given important things. And He is full of surprises! Our Tan Hua party started around 9:30 p.m. I

sent this text and photo to our immediate family: "Hey fam! We are having a Tan Hua party in our backyard. It's a one night a year blooming cactus, and the blooms will die by morning. It's the plant in *Crazy Rich Asians*. Some Asians believe that to witness the blooming will bring luck and prosperity for the year. We have had these plants for several years (a man at church gave us plantings), but this is the first time



we have stayed out for the blooming. We think they will fully bloom by midnight. It's 9:30 here and the blooms are already beautiful. I will share when they make their full ballerina-like appearance. Meanwhile we are watching, *Man in Black International*.

As we watched rubber creatures, we had popcorn and talked about Formula One racing and life. We laughed and every now and again we would glance over our shoulders to watch God work his magic. That cactus went from a big bud, to a bell, to a bloom, to a shining wide-open gorgeous white satin flower over a two hour time period. What a surprise - its brilliance, uniqueness, and beauty. Exquisite. It was just a flower, but to watch the process was God! And the next morning, the blooms were closed, drooped and gone. How many times have we missed things of beauty because we didn't

stay up or stay alert or just didn't pay attention?

Did you really take note the last time that your husband kissed you on the back of the neck? When was the last time that you played in a rainstorm or stood under an icy cold waterfall? Have you ever been thankful that the Lord put you in the right place after being displaced? Did you notice the cicadas after sixteen years? Have you heartily accepted a sweet toddlers blown kisses? Are you thankful to be whole after COVID, Ida and unemployment? Have you ever had a baby? Do you remember that first mother's kiss? Did you see that rainbow the other



day? Have you taken a deep breath today? How did you do that? Blessings. Have you ever found a crawdad under a rock in a fresh-water stream with their little feather-like gills fluttering and flat tails flapping? Have you seen a praying mantis blending in? Surprise!

There are just so many God-given sweet, amazing, gorgeous, spectacular blessings and surprises for everyone to enjoy and ponder. Have you watched a lightning bug show over a wild grass field lately? Or seen heat lightning spread through the clouds? Why is this popping corn? I am so glad that I can poop! Reproductive ants have wings! Truly, the Tan Hua was fascinating.

The specialness of this world is for everyone, but if you don't look for it - you will miss it. So, breathe and you will prosper.

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# Letters...

## Freedom is Under Assault

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than words coming out of "experts" mouths telling us they work. Does anyone remember what Dr. Fauci initially said on masks?

A recent study of 90,000 students in Georgia concluded there was almost no statistical benefit in students being masked. In fact, other developed western countries are moving away from masking simply because there is not any evidence it works. Does anyone remember how masking started - "15 days to flatten the curve"? The state of Hawaii has been under mandatory masking for 500 days and they just set a record high for Covid cases. It seems fairly obvious - masking is not effective. So here is a solution: if you want to wear a mask you are free to do so. If you think everyone should wear a mask, then you put on two.

One life lost to Covid-19, or the flu, or cancer, or anything else is heart breaking. However, we used to be able to analyze risk, and accept some liability for the greater good. For example, we could most likely

eliminate automobile deaths if we put governors on automobiles which limited speed to 20 mph. We could mandate helmets be worn in automobiles and save countless lives from head injuries - but we don't. A study just conducted by two doctors at Stanford University (hardly a conservative institution) has concluded the survival rates, in 10 year increments of age, for all known people infected with Covid: 0-19 years - 99.9973%; 20-29 years - 99.986%; 30-39 years - 99.969%; 40-49 years - 99.918%; 50-59 years - 99.73%; 60-69 years - 99.41%. According to this data, the flu kills more people. Our freedom is under assault! The current administration in Washington D.C. is almost begging private employers to require vaccination as a condition of employment. Think about that for a moment. In large "blue" cities in America, you are required to be vaccinated in order to mingle within society. We need a return to normal pre-covid life!

America, Alabama, and now the city of Florence are becoming unrecognizable - just like the "face behind the mask"!

Greg Duncan  
Killen

## COVID-19: Technocracy Flowered and Failed

Editor;

History is littered

with social and political movements which failed to survive as movements, but largely achieved their goals.

The Prohibition Party's national conventions could take place in a phone booth these days. However, its disastrous single policy proposal was adopted as a constitutional amendment, mutated into the equally disastrous war on drugs, and continues to torment the modern marketplace with draconian regulation.

Most "socialist" parties have either disappeared into the dustbin of history, or find themselves reduced to glorified supper clubs featuring loud arguments over whether the Soviet Union was a bureaucratic deformation or a degenerated workers' state. However, Socialist Party candidate Norman Thomas's 885,000 votes in the 1932 presidential election arguably led to FDR's "New Deal" and the modern welfare state.

Few people remember, or ever learned about, the technocracy movement of the 1930s. That movement failed in its formal goal of replacing democratic legislatures with boards of so-called experts to run society (including the economy) in accordance with science.

But over time, the concept took root in America's regulatory apparatus. Nearly every aspect of our lives has been subject to scrutiny and oversight by experts for several decades. The food we eat. The drugs we take. The cars we drive. The securities we invest in. You name it, there's a government

bureau somewhere full of whirring computers and nerds with slide rules, figuring out what we may or may not do, or in what way we may do it.

While most of us gripe about particular technocratic edicts, few question the premise itself. It's just taken as obvious that the man in the lab coat knows more about air bags and crop yields than the Honorable Representative from Minnesota.

Technocracy took root. And with the COVID-19 pandemic, it blossomed into the man-eating plant from *Little Shop of Horrors*.

Starting last year, public health technocrats (with, of course, the assistance of opportunistic politicians) seized control over huge parts of our lives -- mass house arrests without charge or trial, mask mandates, vaccine mandate and "passport" schemes, etc. -- then proceeded to vacillate and scrap among themselves over the divvying up of their new power, as more than 600,000 Americans died and the economy tanked.

To add insult to injury, the parts of the country where the "experts" enjoyed less deference seem to have fared no worse. In some cases it fared better, than areas where politicians slavishly and without question enforced every technocratic edict.

Technocracy finally got its big shot at proving itself, and failed miserably. Why? Because "public health" technocracy isn't about the health of the public. It's about policy, which is about politics, which is about power.

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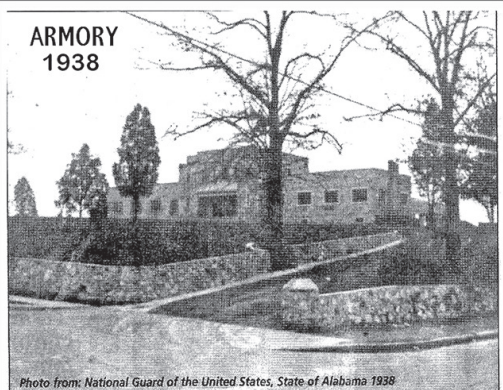
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- **The vehicle's exact location.** This data can be communicated with police and other emergency responders in the event of a crash, or a tow truck driver if you're in an unfamiliar location.
- **The distance the vehicle has traveled.** Along with other information like speed, braking or turning, the distance a vehicle travels could be used by your insurance company to help determine if you qualify for discounts on your insurance policy.
- **How the vehicle is performing.** A mechanic or technician can review the information to possibly help identify an issue with the vehicle more efficiently.

#### Why should I consider allowing access to my vehicle's telematics?

It's important to remember that auto telematics communication goes both ways, so data can also be received, which adds to its benefits:

- **Assistance.** If you have an emergency, need directions or just want to make reservations at a nearby restaurant, telematics systems connect you to the appropriate live support. Sometimes in the case of a crash, the vehicle automatically notifies a monitoring service who dispatches emergency vehicles immediately.
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**3:45pm - Lion Walk**  
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# ON YOUR DEBT

## How To Decrease Debt-Related Stress



**B. Grant McNutt**  
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The advent of credit in the United States has provided citizens with a huge convenience. It has allowed individuals to purchase things based on their trustworthiness, rather than simply their bank account balance.

The ease of obtaining credit is not without its downsides, however. Many people wake up to find themselves deep in debt, struggling to survive. If you are currently feeling stressful levels of debt, then here are a few tips that could help alleviate the problem:

### 1 – Always Eat At Home

This tip is on just about every debt-reduction list that has ever existed and is page one from the “get out of debt” handbook, but that’s because it is so important. Eating out is orders of magnitude more expensive than eating at home. Sure, a quick fast-food meal may only be \$6, but an equivalent home cooked meal would most likely be \$1 or \$2. While that extra \$4 may not seem like much, the fact of the matter is that it is 3 times as expensive, and it adds up quick. If you are starting to get stir-crazy eating at home, then you can always form a dinner group with friends, so that different people host a social dinner party. That way, you can still “go out” to eat with friends, and you will save money by eating at home as well.

### 2 – Plan Out A Budget

There is a huge convenience that

credit cards bring to the table, but unfortunately, they also make it a lot harder to keep track of purchases. It’s always a good idea to sit down and plan out exactly how much income the household makes, as well as all of its expenses. You may find areas where spending can be cut, or other areas where money is being wasted. It may be unpleasant, but you have to know the weak areas before you can strengthen them.

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More information: [tfuqua@colbert.k12.al.us](mailto:tfuqua@colbert.k12.al.us) or at [Lauderdalealummi@gmail.com](mailto:Lauderdalealummi@gmail.com)

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Thursday, September 23, 5:30pm - "The Midnight Library" by Matt Haig

**Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness**, the Florence-Lauderdale Public Library, in collaboration with the Coalition for Alzheimer's and Related Disorders (CARD), is presenting a series of free symposiums on Alzheimer's disease in the coming months.

Symposiums are scheduled in the library conference room from 5-6:30pm the fourth Thursday each month through October. Future topics will include:

- September 23 - Dodging and disarming landmines!
- Long distance people with lots of opinions
- Car keys
- Diet
- Bathing
- Wandering
- Home safety

Every 65 seconds, someone develops Alzheimer's disease, with 5.8 million American's living with the disease, according to CARD data. CARD is a nonprofit organization established in 1993 to provide education and support for the residents of Colbert, Franklin, Lauderdale, Marion and Winston counties.

The scheduled facilitator for the symposiums is CARD board member Donna Tidwell.

**Red Bay Founder's Fest** - family friendly event begins at 8:30am on September 25 at Bay Tree Park, Fourth Avenue, S.E., Red Bay. Hours are 8:30am-4pm. Admission is free. Activities include arts and crafts, antique car-truck-motorcycle-tractor show, live music and more. Bring a lawn chair.

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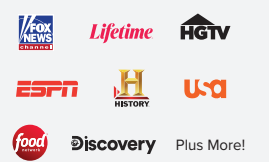

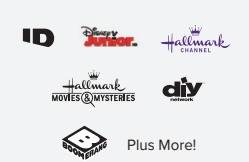
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Commentary  
**20 Years...**

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in our minds for as long as our cognitive skills last.

We may have had our spirited disagreements, but we all loved our country. We knew what we had in the USA was special and we all came together like family when someone from the outside threatened us.

Twenty years later, that is not the case.

Young people don't have a clue what it was like. They only know what they have been told by

their influencers about the USA that day, the many years before, and the years since. An undue amount of that influence is negative, passed on by a now wider representation of the Hate America First crowd. Both of these referenced often see only one side of the political spectrum portrayed favorably. To them, all else is bigotry, racism, hate, and oppression.

For the young there are excuses, starting with ignorance and inexperience. They are too young to know when their minds are being exploited by people who care more for an agenda of expanding social, racial, political, and economic division than the soul of a country or its people.

The negative influencers are greater in number now than they were 20 years ago. They also have greater opportunities in reaching the young moldable minds, few of whom have ever known family members who were among America's greatest generation that matured

in the 30's and 40's. That group all knew about sacrifice. They all knew about hard work. Tens of millions understood what was at stake for the USA in WWII. We cannot comprehend that sacrifice.

Forget life 80 years ago. It is doubtful we could remotely come together the way we did 20 years ago as Americans first.

In real life at the street level, most people seem cordial, patient, courteous, and even loving to a degree. It's far from what the national media and other poachers want us to believe. These are the entities who stand to benefit when the flames of animosity and division are fanned.

Let's hope another 9-11-01 or something far worse never happens. However, if it does, let's pray - differences and all - that we have the resolve to see past our own personal leanings in favor of the USA standing tall on the back end. Otherwise, we won't have to worry about either coming to fruition.

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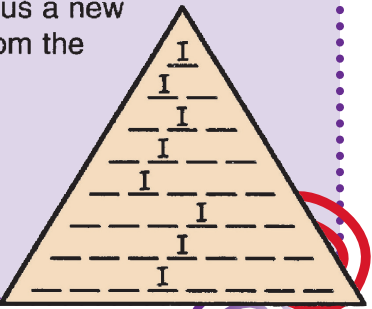
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**BET YOUR FRIENDS** that you can prove that 12 minus 4 equals 7. See answers for how.

**Answers On Page 38**

**THE I'S HAVE IT!** Pictured here is a word pyramid. Each word, as you go down, contains the same letters as the word above it plus a new letter. We give you all of the I's. Here are some hints from the top down.

- 1) One's self (given).
- 2) Not out.
- 3) Moral offense.
- 4) -- language.
- 5) What a canary does.
- 6) To give out.
- 7) Outer covers.
- 8) Shrewdness.



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BED	PET
KIT	EAR
HIP	PER
LEG	NAP
CAR	AIR
DIP	FLY
END	TEN
MAY	BUG
IMP	END

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# DAVE Says

by DAVE RAMSEY



## TEACHING THE VALUE OF WORK

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Deshay

Dear Deshay,

I'm so glad you both feel that way. Our culture has made many great advances to ensure the happiness and well-being of children. But too many parents today are so centered on what their children want that they have lost perspective on what their children need.

Perspective, or looking at life over time, demands that you teach children to work. Teaching a child to work is not child abuse. We teach them to work not

for our benefit, but because it gives them dignity in a job well done today and the tools and character to win as adults in the future.

In my mind, children should be taught to work just like you'd teach them to bathe or brush their teeth—as a necessary life skill. An adult who has no clue how to tackle a job and finish it with pride is every bit as debilitated as an adult with body odor or green teeth. If your child graduates from high school, and his or her only skill set consists of playing video games, eating fast food and believing the world owes them something, you've set up your child to fail.

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— Dave

*\* Dave Ramsey is a seven-time #1 national best-selling author, personal finance expert, and host of "The Ramsey Show," heard by more than 20 million listeners each week. He has appeared on "Good Morning America," "CBS This Morning," "Today," Fox News, CNN, Fox Business, and 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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**546 Park Lane Florence** • \$110,000  
**218 Wildwood Trail Florence** • \$389,000  
**County Road 61, Florence** • 22 acres • \$290,000  
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To find a donor center or mobile blood drive near you, visit lifesouth.org or call 888-795-2707. Blood donors must be at least 17 or 16 with parental permission, weigh a minimum of 110 pounds and be in good health. A photo ID is required. LifeSouth donors receive a complementary cholesterol screening with each donation.

Renewed Spirits is hosting a benefit dinner at the Marriott Shoals Conference Center featuring Elizabeth Smart on September 28. Renewed Spirits is a nonprofit counseling service that works with the underserved in our community through various programs.

The keynote speaker for the evening will provide a night of encouragement and hope for attendees. Elizabeth Smart was set to graduate middle school in 2002 when she was taken from her home

in Salt Lake City, Utah and held captive for close to a year. However, this was a rare horror story with a happy ending, as the clues led to the teenager's safe return. Elizabeth will be sharing her story of hope, healing, and never giving up.

Sponsorship packages are available beginning at \$500 which include dinner before event, reserved seating for event, and recognition on all marketing/media/signage, and a thank you on social media.

General admission for event is \$50 and does not include dinner. For more information, call 256-335-4062 or visit www.serenitycounselingshoals.org

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Pay it Forward: Donate to Educate. Shoals Scholar Dollars is an Education Foundation raising money to pay tuition at Northwest Shoals Community College and transfer scholarships to the University of North Alabama for Lauderdale and Colbert County students who meet certain criteria. Donate to Scholar Dollars at any participating financial institution the second Friday of each month.

WoodmenLife Charity Tournament benefiting Local Elementary Schools Back Pack Program on October 11, 1pm Shotgun Start at Turtle Point Yacht & Country Club.

2 person scramble at \$250 per team Prizes for Long Drive and Closest to Pin

3 Flights: 1st Place Team \$300  
2nd Place Team \$200  
3rd Place Team \$100 (Pro Shop Credit)

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More information, contact Rocky Beck 256-710-7133 or Adam Beck 256-762-6499.

Join us for our 2nd Annual SIOD Superhero 5K & Fun Run at Muscle Shoals Middle School on October 16 at 8am! The race will follow the Swamper's 5K course.

Get out and run, walk, or jog while dressing up as your favorite superhero. This fundraising event is presented by Quad Cities Pediatrics to promote awareness and raise money for SIOD research.

Schimke immuno-osseous dysplasia (SIOD) is an extremely rare genetic disease that affects multiple systems in the body, including the kidneys, growth plates and cartilage, heart and arteries, lungs, and immune system.

SIOD has been championed in the Shoals area by Kyle and Jessica Davenport along with scores of friends and volunteers. The Davenports founded the Kruzn for a Kure Foundation on behalf of their two children, Kruz and Paizlee, both of whom have SIOD.

To sign up for the 5k and Fun Run or for more information, please visit www.kruznforakurefoundation.org

2021 Shoals Walk to End Alzheimer's - October 24 at 2pm at McFarland Park - 200 James M Spain Dr in Florence  
Registration at 1pm | Ceremony at

2pm | Walk Immediately Following

Walk to End Alzheimer's is full of flowers, each carried by someone committed to raising funds and awareness for a breakthrough in the fight against Alzheimer's and all other dementia. Whether you join us in person or Walk From Home, your participation makes a difference in the lives of those facing the disease.

The Route Length is a flat 2 miles. Contact: Jen Manning at 256-655-5460 or email jkmanning@alz.org for details

As of July 13 there were 55 participants and 25 teams registered. \$20,817 of this year's 70,000 goal has been raised/pledged.

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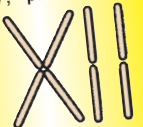
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BET YOUR FRIENDS that you can prove that 12 minus 4 equals 7. To prove it, make a Roman numeral 12 as shown here using toothpicks. Now, remove the bottom four sticks, which will leave a Roman numeral 7, proving that 12 - 4 = 7.



Why is a plumber like a pelican?  
Because of the size of his bill.

## Junior Whirl Answers

by Charles Barry Townsend

Illustrated by David Coulson



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| A<br>CAT<br>BED<br>KIT<br>HIP<br>LEG<br>CAR<br>DIP<br>END<br>MAY<br>IMP | B<br>PIE<br>PET<br>EAR<br>PER<br>NAP<br>AIR<br>FLY<br>TEN<br>BUG<br>END |
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One + One = One

Catnap, bedbug, kitten, hippie, legend, carpet, dipper, endear, mayfly, impair. Other words are possible.



# Medicare Minute Medicare "Donut Hole"

September and October are two months we get calls on the coverage gap or "donut hole". This happens because there is a temporary limit on what your drug plan will pay while you are in the gap. The good news is not everyone will enter the coverage gap. The coverage gap begins after you and your plan have spent a certain amount on covered drugs. In 2021 once you and your plan combined have spent \$4,130 you will enter the coverage gap.

Here's the way the coverage gap works. Imagine you have a prescription that retails for \$400 per month. Your copay, hypothetically, is \$30. This means your plan would pay the rest of the cost or \$370. Medicare will track what you paid (\$30) and what your plan paid (\$370) and count the cost of the drug as \$400 for that month. Let's also say that the other prescriptions you are taking equals \$100 per month. You are now at \$500 per month. In this example you would reach the coverage gap sometime in September.

Under most plans in 2021 once you have reached the coverage gap your plan will temporarily stop paying anything on your drugs. This means you will be responsible for the entire cost of your prescriptions. The silver lining around this very dark cloud is Medicare has negotiated a discount on the drugs you use. For name brand drugs and/or generic drugs you will pay 25% of the retail price.

If you are eligible for Medicare but still on employer coverage you may wonder why you have never reach the coverage gap. This is because employer coverage does not have the "donut hole". The coverage gap only applies to Medicare prescription drug plans. Also remember that Medicare drug plans can vary which means your coverage in the gap can vary.

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](mailto:ikey@alabamahealthguidance.com). Alabama Health Guidance is an independent insurance agency and is not affiliated with Medicare or any other government agency.



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