

Breakfast to Host Croyle

FLORENCE—The Florence Exchange Club's annual One Nation Under God Prayer Breakfast is scheduled for November 9 at the Marriott-Shoals Conference Center in Florence. Former Alabama Crimson Tide quarterback, **Brodie Croyle**, will be the guest speaker.

Croyle was a member of the Alabama Crimson Tide football team from 2002-2005. He later played professionally with the Kansas City Chiefs and Arizona Cardinals from 2006-2012. He currently serves as the Executive Director for the Big Oak Ranch.

The Big Oak Ranch was founded in 1974 by Brodie's father, **John Croyle**. Their mission is to meet the needs of abused, neglected and abandoned children by giving them a solid, Christian home and a chance to realize and fulfill God's plan for their lives.



Croyle

"It's really exciting to have a speaker like Brodie as a part of our program, and to hear him deliver a really positive message," said **Bert Bretherick**, Florence Exchange Club President.

Breakfast will be served at 6:30am on November 9. The program begins at 7am. Tickets are \$25 or \$200 for a table of 8.

For more information on this event or the Florence Exchange Club, please visit their Facebook page – Exchange Club of Florence Alabama.

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ADEM's Blake Schmidt, foreground, discusses the most recent recycling grant series with those attending the presentation last week in Florence. Looking on from left is Florence Public Works Director, David Koonce; Florence Mayor, Andy Betterton; and ADEM's Rick Kelsey.

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Local ADEM Grants

Florence in Lauderdale, Colbert Recycling Benefit

FLORENCE—Representatives with the Alabama Department of Environmental Management were in town last Wednesday, and they did not show up empty-handed. Blake Schmidt and Rick Kelsey with ADEM's Materials Management division made stops at Shoals Solid Waste Authority Recycling Center in Tuscumbia and Florence Recycling Center on Terrace Street.

The stop in Tuscumbia included a check presentation for \$120,647. The grant will help add a 42' x 60' structure onto an existing warehouse and make some other improvements according to SSWA Director, Mike Shewbart. The enlarged area is where baled materials are stored before being transported by

truck to buyers. The work will also include a covered loading ramp so workers and materials can stay dry during the loading process. Right now they are exposed to the elements.

Later in the day, Kelsey and Schmidt came to the Florence Recycling Center with a grant check for \$171,470.

According to Florence Public Works Director, David Koonce, the grant will fund a new skid steer at the recycling center, five self-dumping hoppers, and 18 recycling dumpsters. In addition, \$5,000 will be used for recycling education and outreach.

The Lauderdale County Solid Waste Department will receive a one-

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Davis House on Alabama Register

by Ninon Parker

Tuscumbia Historic Preservation Commission

TUSCUMBIA—The Alabama Historical Commission recently added a Tuscumbia property to the official Alabama Register of Landmarks and Heritage. Shady Dell, the home of Dr. A.W. Davis, the first African American physician and surgeon in Tuscumbia, was among eleven sites which were



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Shady Dell was the home of Dr. A.W. Davis, the first black physician in Tuscumbia.

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By Russ Corey
TimesDaily Staff Writer
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TUSCUMBIA — The 2021 North Alabama State Fair Board of Directors agreed to reduce the adult admission price of the upcoming fair since many popular events have been cancelled due to the continuing COVID pandemic.

According to Board member Roger Creekmore, the board voted Monday to hold the fair scheduled the week of Sept. 21.

Adult admission is being cut from \$10 per person to \$5, which is the same price of admission for children. Children's admission price will remain at \$5.

The board voted last week to close the exhibitor, commercial, and children's buildings because of the difficulty of social distancing indoors.

Stage activities including the beauty pageant, the cheerleading competition, and the wagon contest were also cancelled.

Additionally, the board voted to cancel the popular

demolition derby.

"We felt like there was just no other way with the delta variant being what it is, and the ventilation in those buildings, and the inability to social distance," Creekmore said. "It was just prudent to shut those buildings down."

The demolition derby was cancelled because there could be large numbers of people packed into the stands.

"The fair board just decided to do that as a measure of caution to downsize the event," said Creekmore.

Fair Board President David Isom said the majority of the board agreed the event should take place.

"They felt like it was something we need to go ahead and do," he said.

The 2020 fair was cancelled due to the pandemic.

There will still be the usual livestock shows and contests which are held in an open barn.

Many exhibitors who would set up in the exhibit buildings at the fair are not planning to attend this year.

However, there is a group coming from Florida who has a Transformers car that should attract some kids. There will also be a motorcycle rider who rides in a steel globe and on a high wire.

Wade Shows operates the midway and will offer advance tickets and armbands for unlimited rides.

Additionally, ride prices are determined by Wade Shows.

The fair is Sept. 21-26 at the North Alabama State Fairgrounds on U.S. Highway 43 in Muscle Shoals.

Collecting v. Looting

FLORENCE—The Shoals Archaeological Stewardship Virtual Speaker Series continues September 17 with Collecting v. Looting. The program will feature representatives from the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma and the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians

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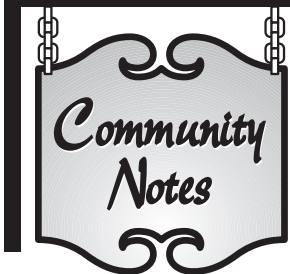
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The popular Haunted Hayrides through the LaGrange College site normally scheduled for October have been cancelled this year due to the rise in cases and public vulnerability to the COVID-19 virus. The rides regularly took place at the historic site every Friday and Saturday in October leading up to Halloween, according to Louise Lenz of the LaGrange Living Historical Association, were used as a fundraiser for the LaGrange College Site Park.

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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

You are invited to a Gospel Meeting at River Bend church of Christ, September 19-24. Sunday - 9:30am, 10:30am; 4:30 pm, Monday - Friday 7pm. Speaker: Frank Richey. Info: riverbendcoc.org

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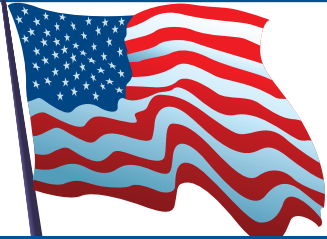
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The announcement is being made locally by the Tuscumbia Historic Preservation Commission which worked with homeowner Carolyn Stewart to submit the application. Once the nomination was submitted by Stewart, a review by an AHC staff committee determined its eligibility based on criteria to recognize buildings of state-wide historical and architectural significance.

"The Alabama Register of Landmarks and Heritage is an important resource for recognizing and preserving the stories of important places in

Alabama," said Lisa D. Jones, Executive Director of the AHC and State Historic Preservation Officer. "This is central to our mission to protect, preserve and interpret Alabama's historic places."

The home is part of the Tuscumbia National Register Historic District. It is located at 606 East Eighth Street. It was built in 1920 for Dr. and Mrs. A.W. Davis. The doctor came to Tuscumbia in 1903 to serve the African American populations of Tuscumbia and Sheffield, playing an important role in the Tuscumbia community until his death in 1941. In addition to his medical practice, Dr. Davis owned a drug store with business partner Mr. G. W. Minor and was active in many civic and business organizations, including the Auxiliary School Board in Tuscumbia and the Negro Business League.

The architecture of Shady Dell is described as Dutch Colonial Revival with Craftsman influences. The two-story home has the characteristic gambrel roof with hipped dormers. The original clapboard siding was covered with asbestos siding sometime in the mid-20th century. The three-bay front façade has a hipped stucco porch and classical columns grouped in threes. The double-hung windows and front door with five side lights are original. Doors on either side of the house lead to a porch and to a fish pond, part of the original landscape. The interior of the home contains typical examples of Craftsman-style woodwork. A stone monument across the street from Shady Dell marks the site of Dr. Davis' office, which is no longer standing.

After Dr. Davis and his wife died, their daughter, Sadie Mae Davis, inherited the home. Although Sadie and her husband lived in Savannah, GA, they visited the home often during summers and holidays. After their deaths, the home passed to their daughter, Edythe Jason, who eventually sold it to Glen Stewart and his wife Barbara, a former teacher at Trenholm High School. Mr. and Mrs. Stewart's three children, Carolyn, Wayne and Danita, now own the property and are presently renovating the home.

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This program is free and is part of the Thousand Eyes Program initiative to stop the looting of archaeological sites in the Shoals. It is sponsored by the city of Florence Department of Arts and Museums and the Tennessee Valley Authority.

The Florence Indian Mound Museum is located at 1028 S. Court Street in Florence. It is open Tuesday - Saturday from 10am-4pm and Sunday from 1-4pm. Call 256-760-6427 for more information.

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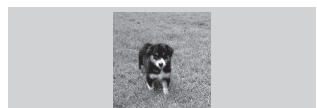
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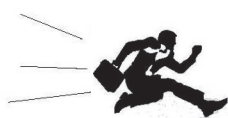
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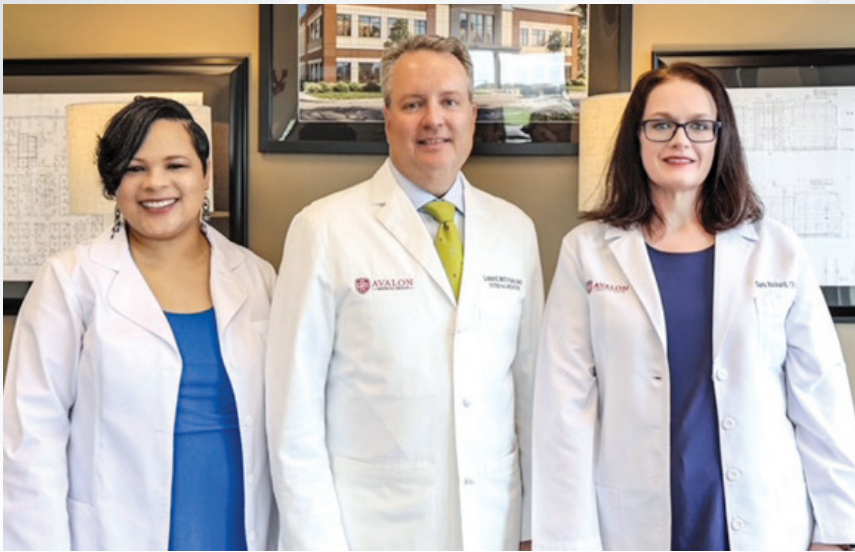
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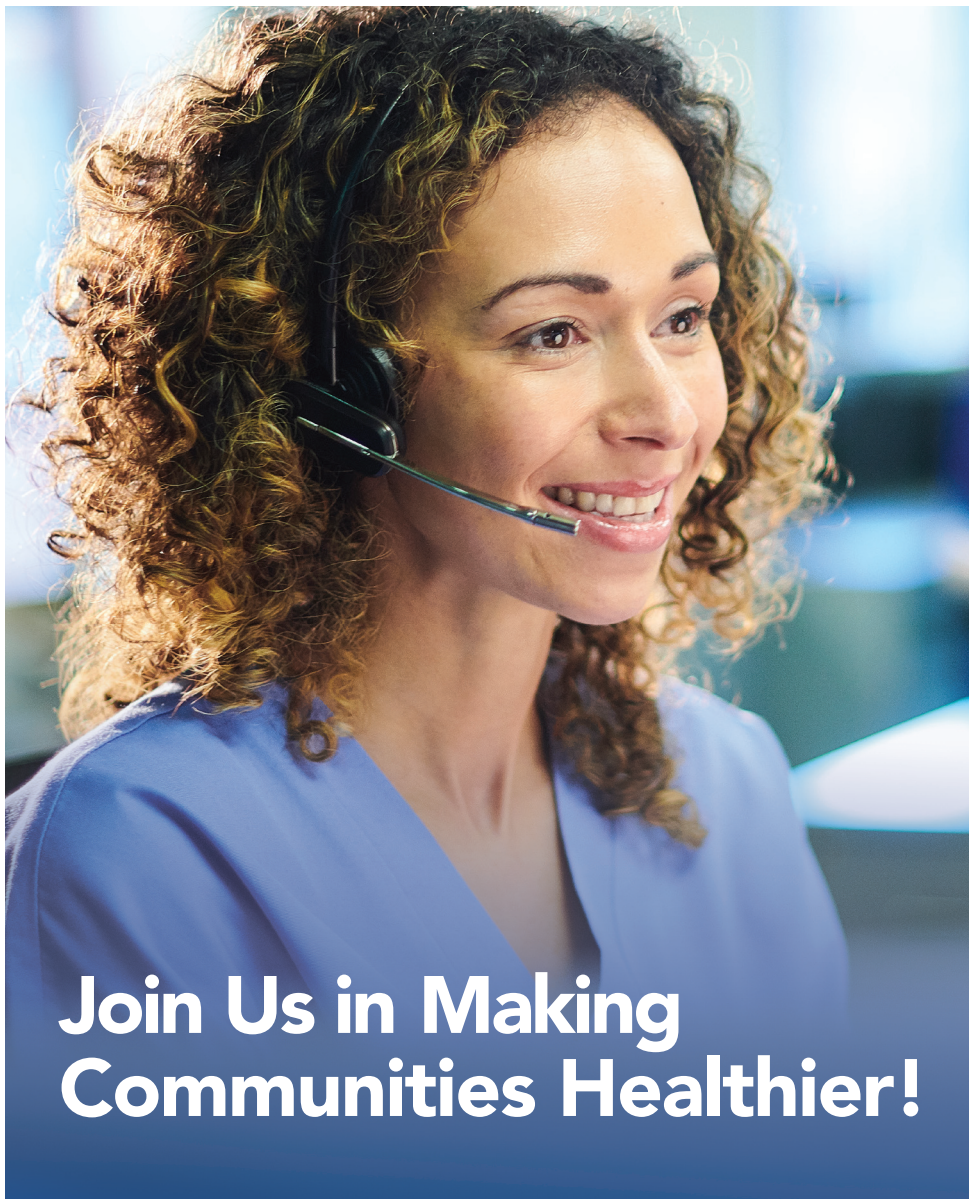


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Commentary

Perpetual Patent on Misinformation

Fallout from the COVID-19 pandemic and 2020 Presidential election have brought on what might currently be the most popular word in the English language, "Misinformation."

We've been besieged with misinformation surrounding the vaccine and other alleged alternatives and/or remedies. Many have also been spreading misinformation and unsubstantiated rumors about election fraud.

As the months have passed, evidence continues to trickle in that some of that misinformation now has growing degrees of credibility. It didn't take facts, figures, or a heated argument for Facebook and Twitter to show their colors. Any dialog that includes an appreciation for the words fraud, stolen, blood clots, or ivermectin is taken down, and the author of such atrocious prose is suspended from the platform.

Therefore, the prevailing narrative runs uninterrupted largely because the platforms and the media carry the water in that one direction and rarely question the source or the soundness. If it seems faintly plausible and

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In A Few Words



TOM MAGAZZU
Editor

Courier Journal

in the *Shoals*

THIS WEEK

September 15, 2021

Happening

THIS WEEK

Moon Over Buffalo at Ritz

SHEFFIELD- The Ritz Theatre's production of Ken Ludwig's *Moon Over Buffalo* continues through this weekend with 7:30pm performances on Friday and Saturday, September 17 and 18. This screwball comedy is directed by Michael Green, and tickets are available at tennesseevalleyarts.org or at the door.

Director Michael Green is a mainstay in community theatre in the Shoals. He chose this play

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Christopher Spencer and Elizabeth Ragsdale are featured in Moon Over Buffalo.

Courtesy photo

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, located at 3625 Helton Drive in Florence. All are invited to attend.

SHOALS SYMPHONY PRESENTS YESTERDAY: A TRIBUTE TO THE BEATLES, at 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

COLBERT & LAUDERDALE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS - representatives from the alumni office of the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa will be here Monday, September 20 at 6:30pm at Turtle Point Country Club in Killen to provide information for planning your future at the university. Learn how to apply for admission, see what scholarships are available, and how your scholarship application can stand out! Register at adm.UA.edu/register/asap-Colbert-Lauderdale. Email tfuqua@colbert.k12.al.us or Lauderdaleuaalumni@gmail.com for more info.

Panel Focus: Race and Religion



Hawes

FLORENCE- Jennifer Berry Hawes, Pulitzer Prize winner and author of *Grace Will Lead Us Home: The Charleston Church Massacre and the Hard, Inspiring Journey to Forgiveness* will be among the panelists for the second Race and Religion panel discussion

The event is scheduled for 2-4pm. Wednesday, September. 15 at Norton

Auditorium on the UNA campus. Registration is required at

In addition to Hawes as a 2016 Pulitzer winner, the panel also includes a 2019 Pulitzer Prize finalist, religious scholars, and scholars from multiple faiths to discuss the

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Paul is Embarrassing

Editor:

Am I the only one embarrassed every time Sen. Rand Paul (R-KY) opens his mouth?

Judith Manning
Louisville, KY

"But something is wrong. Something is going wrong there."



A Mistake Leaving

Editor:

To all who are glad we pulled out of Afghanistan, I understand and respect your stance.

However, we have maintained a military presence in other crucial spots all around the world. A subdued Afghanistan was just under 1% of military budget with no soldiers lost in 18 months, and a small contingent of boots on the ground.

By the time this is published, 9/11 will have passed, but in what fashion for those left behind?

Wayne South
Florence

Sideswiping Critique

Editor:

From the pursed lips of the Orange Man of Mar-a-Lago:

"Biden is not an old man, by the way, but there's something wrong. But he is not an old man — he's going to be 79; that is not old. ... But something is wrong. Something is going wrong there. I don't like to predict that far forward. It's such a long time, and I don't know — things are happening left and right."

Trump, who is 75 years old, says

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ton pickup. The town of Killen will receive a half-ton pickup. Rogersville, Killen, and St. Florian will each receive enclosed recycling trailers.

Lauderdale County Solid Waste Department Manager Tom Smith is constantly looking for recycling trailers. There never seems to be enough to go around. "We have trailers all over the county at the schools," Smith said. "Some schools have two trailers."

The Solid Waste Department also has a mobile compactor they take to county schools to collect recyclable materials.

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Community Survey Residents of Florence City District 1. (East Florence, North Florence, West Florence) through September 25.

The survey is brief - it takes 3-5 minutes and 100% confidential, I will be the only one reviewing the survey. Please take this opportunity to tell me as your representative some things you would like to see for District 1 and your concerns if you have any. Find the link on her Facebook page: Kaytrina P. Simmons City Council District 1 or contact her for the link. 256.349.3879 or email ksimmmons@florenceal.org

This is your opportunity to help shape the future for positive changes for years to come.

The survey is being done in lieu of in-person meetings due to the uprise of COVID-19. Please consider getting vaccinated if you have not.

Lauderdale County Solid Waste - New Service Announcement - The Lauderdale County Solid Waste Department now picks up yard debris from county residents. This service is throughout the county only.

Residents who need our service and meet the requirements should call the Solid Waste office at 256-760-5878.

For more information see the advertisement in this issue.

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

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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.

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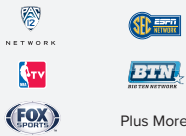
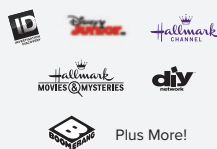
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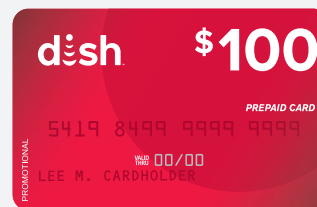
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Eve C.

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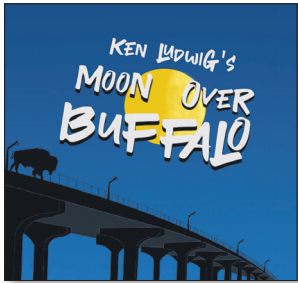
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Moon...

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for the Ritz Theatre's fall production because he believes that its light-hearted tone is just what audiences need right now. "Moon Over Buffalo is a ridiculous, silly, fun-filled play that asks nothing more of the audience than to sit back and laugh," said Green. "I hope this show gives everyone some relief for a couple of hours from all the craziness in the world today."

The play focuses on George and Charlotte Hay, fading theatre stars of the 1950s. On the brink of a disastrous split-up, they receive word that they might have one last shot at stardom. Famed film director, Frank Capra, is coming to see their matinee. If he likes what he sees, he might cast them in his next movie. Everything that could go wrong does go wrong in this valentine to the stage and the larger-than-life personalities that inhabit the world of the theatre. The show contains mild profanity and adult

situations.

Moon Over Buffalo features a cast of local theatre regulars alongside actors who are new to The Ritz stage. Christopher Spencer and Elizabeth Ragsdale star as George and Charlotte Hay, and they are joined by Lucy Lemaster Hill, Michael Hill, Tyler Hudson, Kirstin Pace, Amber Rhodes, and Wesley Thompson.

Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$12 for students. In addition to purchasing online at tennesseevalleyarts.org, tickets can also be purchased by calling 256-383-0533 or stopping by the Tennessee Valley Museum of Art. They will also be available at the door.

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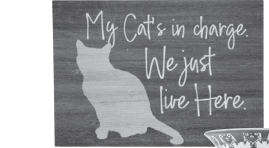
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THE CLOCK RAN OUT ON FINISHING MY NEW article this week so here is a rehash concerning my favorite subject: ME! I promise to deliver fresh meat next time.

I often receive teases from reader asking if I've been fired because they didn't see my article "last week." Nope! The truth is that I've written this column every other week for a dozen years. That also means I'm NOT in the paper every other week which is, evidently, when many of you choose to read it. So I'm here until Tom Magazzu runs me off -- which could be any day, of course.



Jim Fisher

IT'S ALL ABOUT ME

by "The Computer Skeptic"

My column is limited to 500 words. It is often a challenge to fit large subjects into such a small space. I usually write 5 or 6 paragraphs then mull over which paragraphs to delete to get back down to 500 words. This is akin to deciding which child to sacrifice. As a result, my articles sometimes leave out important pieces. I know that some of my readers know far more than I do about technology and wonder why I didn't address this, that, or the other point. So if you ever feel like I skipped over

an important part, the 500-word limit is one reason. The other reason is that I probably didn't think of it.

Coming up with a fresh column that holds your attention is hard work and I know I sometimes fail. I occasionally get criticisms (that I absolutely love getting) asking why I don't write more about stuff you can use in your daily computing life. The truth is that I can only write so many articles about the need to update your computer, update antivirus, the

importance of backing up your data, and not falling for scams. When I run out of material, I sometimes challenge myself to write about stuff that I know nothing about just to expand my own horizons. Sometimes my ignorance clearly shows but part of the fun of this column is learning about new stuff with you.

Every now and then my articles touch the borders of politics. I try to tread softly there because, as someone who is firmly in the middle of the political spectrum, I'm a "staunch conservative" to my flaming liberal friends and a "flaming liberal" to my staunch conservative friends. You are all still my friends and I want to keep it that way but both sides need a cattle prod from time to

time and I like administering them. So if you think I'm picking on your team in one article, it's only a matter of time before I pick on the other side.

Inspiration from these articles comes from my daily experiences dealing with people like you so your feedback is crucial! It especially pleases me when I receive the occasional hate mail. So keep 'em coming. Y'all stay safe out there.

Jim Fisher owns Excel Computer Services in Florence. Reach him at www.ExcelAL.com



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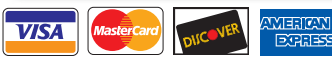
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THE BOLD AND THE BEAUTIFUL Eric struggled with complicated emotions about Quinn and their marriage. Quinn and Carter attempted to keep their passion for each other under control. Steffy was determined to keep her loved ones safe from Sheila. Brooke and Ridge worked

hard to pry the truth from Eric. *Wait to See: Steffy and Finn's moment of passion is interrupted by Paris. Finn is grateful to Paris for her support in his desire to get to know Sheila. Paris has a fantasy about Finn.*

DAYS OF OUR LIVES Philip and Ava discussed their current relationship woes. Gabi and Jake manipulated Brady. Steve encouraged Justin to help Bonnie. Rafe presented Bonnie with more damning evidence. Later, Bonnie told Justin her side of the story. Ben and Ciara visited Oak Alley. Philip accused Jake and Gabi of plotting with Brady. Rafe tried to get Nicole to reconsider her decision. Paulina confided in Marlena. Johnny reached out to Will about his film project. Chanel and Allie celebrated their success. *Wait to See: John and Marlena discuss Johnny's film, which brings up painful memories from the past. EJ and Johnny clash over a project. Abigail has a surprising request for Chad.*

GENERAL HOSPITAL Drew plotted his escape plan. Harmony and Alexis bonded over their troubled pasts. Jax kept his word. Josslyn confronted Spencer about his secret identity. Sonny was horrified by

what he saw at the Tan-O. Britt couldn't help but worry about Obrecht. Spinelli offered his congratulations to Jason. Friends and family gathered as Carly and Jason's wedding ceremony began. The heads of the Five Families also arrived and connected with each other, making it clear that a plot was afoot. The situation at the Tan-O grew desperate. Maxie received a call from Jax at an inopportune time. Nina anxiously awaited word. *Wait to See: Brando steps in to take care of Gladys. Carly and Jason are ready to begin their life together. Novak and Buscema set their plan into motion.*

THE YOUNG AND THE RESTLESS 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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Savvy SENIOR

Could I Have COPD and Not Know It?

Dear Savvy Senior,
I have struggled with shortness of breath for several years now. I just thought I was getting old and fat, but a friend recently told me about COPD. So, my question is could I have COPD and not know it?

Huffing and Puffing

Dear Huffing,

Yes. COPD, or chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, is a progressive lung disease that affects an estimated 30 million Americans, but about half of them don't know they have it.

Many people mistake shortness of breath as a normal part of aging, or a result of being out of shape, but that's not necessarily the case. COPD – a term used to describe a variety of lung diseases including emphysema and chronic bronchitis – develops slowly, so symptoms may not be obvious until damage has occurred.

Symptoms can include an ongoing cough or a cough that produces a lot of mucus, lack of energy and/or shortness of breath especially during physical activity, wheezing and chest tightness, blue lips or fingernails, or swelling in your feet, ankles or legs.

Those most at risk are smokers or former smokers over age 40, and people who have had long-term exposure to other lung irritants like secondhand smoke, air pollution, chemical fumes and dust. There is also a rare genetic condition known as alpha-1-antitrypsin, or AAT deficiency that can increase the risks.

If you're experiencing any of the aforementioned symptoms, you need to get tested by your doctor. A simple breathing test called spirometry can tell if you have COPD, and if so, how severe it is. Early screening can also identify COPD before major loss of lung function occurs.

If you do indeed have COPD, you need to know that while there's no cure, there are things you can do to help manage symptoms and protect your lungs from further damage, including:

Quit smoking: If you smoke, the best thing you can do to prevent more damage to your lungs is to quit. To get help, the National Cancer Institute offers a number of smoking cessation resources at SmokeFree.gov or call 1-800-QUIT-NOW. Or ask your doctor about prescription antismoking drugs that can help reduce your nicotine craving. If you smoke marijuana for a medical condition, talk to your doctor about edible versions.

Avoid air pollutants: Stay away from things that could irritate your lungs like dust, allergens and strong fumes. Also, to help improve your air quality at home, remove dust-collecting clutter and keep carpets clean; run the exhaust fan when using smelly cleaning products, bug sprays or paint; ban smoking indoors; and keep windows closed when outdoor air pollution is high (see AirNow.gov for daily air-quality reports).

Get vaccinated: The coronavirus and flu can cause serious problems for people who have COPD, so if you haven't already done so, get vaccinated for COVID-19 and get a flu shot every fall to help avoid getting sick. Also ask your doctor about getting the pneumococcal immunizations for protection against pneumonia.

Take prescribed medications: Bronchodilators (taken with an inhaler) are commonly used for COPD. They help relax the airway muscles to make breathing easier. Depending on how severe your condition, you may need a short-acting version only for when symptoms occur, or a long-acting prescription for daily use. Inhaled steroids may also help reduce inflammation and mucus and prevent flare-ups.

For more information, visit the COPD Foundation at COPDfoundation.org or call the COPD information line at 866-316-2673.

Send your senior questions to:
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Letters...

Sideswiping Critique

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septuagenarian ex-President with a disordered sense of when a person is "old." If Biden, at 78, is not "old," then how should he be classified as to age? "Young" is obviously inapplicable. "Middle-aged?" Makes no sense at all. "Elderly" is a synonym for "old" according to my several dictionaries. Scarcely anyone would dispute "elderly" as an appropriate descriptor for persons in their mid-to late 70s, an age range that takes in both Trump and Biden.

Me thinks Trump is struggling, in his trademark scattershot, sideswiping way, to critique his successor without acknowledging his own advanced years. Thus, he lingers briefly on a reference to Biden's age and then moves on to vague generalization: "But something is wrong. Something is going wrong there."

Something indeed is very wrong, and the source of that wrong can

be traced not to the Oval Office, but to a golf club in Bedminster, New Jersey.

John P. Crowder
Florence

Mask Mandate Makes Sense

Editor:

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends that all students, staff, and visitors inside school buildings wear masks always. The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends universal masking in schools for several reasons including: (1) ineligibility for vaccination of a significant portion of the student population; (2) protection of unvaccinated students and reduction of transmission; and (3) continued concerns for variants that are more easily spread among children.

So why aren't we insisting on masks in all our schools?

COVID is transmitted predominately by inhalation of respiratory droplets generated when people cough, sneeze,

sing, talk, or breathe. The logic of masks is straight forward. Masking is effective in reducing the likelihood of children with asymptomatic infection spreading the disease to others.

Alabama schools reported 13,000 cases in a two-week period. The data shows a total of 9,195 cases recorded the week of August 30 in schools across the state and 4,337 cases the previous week. That's more than double in one week! And that's with only 84 of the 143 school districts reporting. Children ages 5-16 have accounted for 21% of new cases in the state, with the Delta variant overwhelming our health care systems.

The COVID positivity rate among students in

Hillsborough County Florida schools dropped 23% since masks were mandated just 2 weeks ago.

Good news is that 90% of Alabama schools have chosen to implement a mask mandate. Let's hope our school administrators make it 100%!

Carolyn Waterman, RN
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Plan is Totally Unacceptable

Editor:

Once again President Biden has missed the mark. His outrageous, overreaching vaccine

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importance of religion as well as to bring awareness to how race and religion continue to intertwine around issues of racism and social justice, according to Ron Patterson, Vice President of UNA's Division of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.

"This annual event allows UNA to be part of the ongoing conversation we all must have," he said. "Our guests, including Ms. Hawes, provide an opportunity to the campus as well as greater Shoals community to participate in these important discussions that allow us to move the conversation about race and religion forward."

September 15 is also the day of the bombing of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church in Birmingham. The Race and Religion panel discussion and book signing is an opportunity to honor the individuals

massacred at Mother Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church, while remembering the victims of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church bombing, Patterson said.

Panelists will be Hawes, as well as Dr. Paula Michelle Wyatt, Minister at Greater Bethel AME Church in Nashville; the Rev. Christopher Reeves, lead pastor at Greater Saint Paul AME Church in Florence, which is the oldest AME church in Alabama; and the Rev. Dr. Callie Plunkett-Brewton, rector at Trinity Episcopal Church in Florence.

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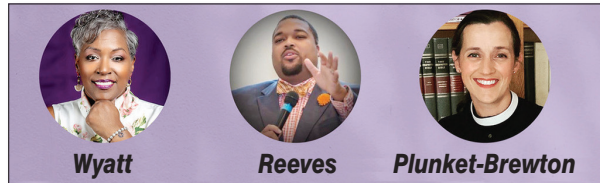
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should probably tell him to find another supplier.
— Dave

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1. **Have you experienced a major life change recently?**
If you're on the verge of having a child, recently had a child graduate from college and enter the workforce, or the job status of you or your spouse has changed, reconsider your health insurance options to accommodate your current situation. If you are experiencing or anticipating major health expenses, you might decide to choose a health plan with a lower deductible. Or perhaps you may decide you are better off paying a lower monthly premium with a higher deductible.
2. **How do your employer's benefits selections compare to those offered through your spouse's employer?**
Employers change their offerings from time to time, so make it a priority to compare your options every year. If you're considering changing healthcare providers or opting in for legal assistance, check to see if the professionals you currently work with are covered under the new plans. If not, consider the cost and whether you want to work with someone new as you make your decisions.
3. **Is a Health Savings Account (HSA) worth considering?**
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5. **Are there other benefits I should contemplate?**
Benefit options vary by employer. Depending on where you work, you might have the ability to enroll in benefits such as dental coverage, eye exams, legal assistance, term life insurance or other specific services that may be useful. Carefully weigh these options to see if they are cost effective.
6. **What are your financial goals?**
Kick off open enrollment season by reviewing your financial goals. If you're married, talk to your spouse and realign on key priorities for the next year. Having a clear vision can help you evaluate benefit options with your lifestyle and financial situation for the coming year at the forefront. If you would like additional support, consult a financial advisor before you finalize your enrollment form.

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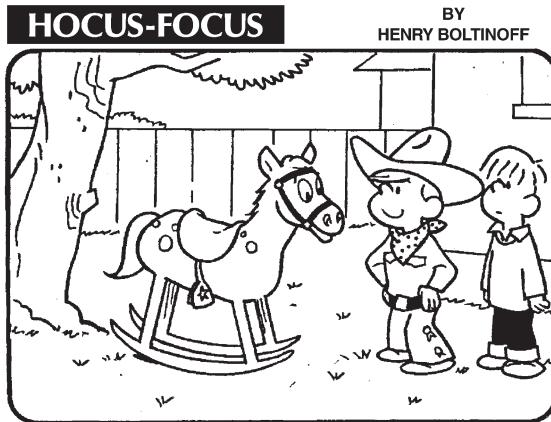
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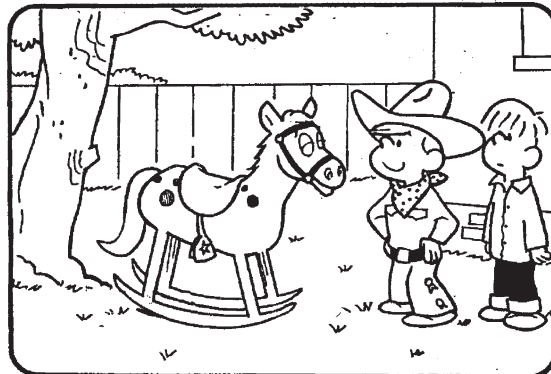
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Letters...

Plan is Totally Unacceptable

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Alabamians have stepped up by rolling up their sleeves to get the Covid-19 vaccine, increasing our doses administered significantly in recent weeks. We have done so without mandates from Washington D.C. or Montgomery.

I've made it abundantly clear: I support the science and encourage folks to take the vaccine. However, I am absolutely against a government mandate on the vaccine. This is why I signed the vaccine passport ban into law here in Alabama. This is not the role of the government.

I continue encouraging any Alabamian who can to get the Covid-19 vaccine. We have a safe and effective tool at our fingertips. So, let's roll up our sleeves and get this thing beat.

Kay Ivey
Governor of Alabama
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Biden's Plan an Opportunity for Rural Areas

Editor:

In recent years, the cost of solar energy has plummeted and demand has escalated due to consumer support for clean energy and the value it adds to a property owner's land and rural communities. However, in the U.S. solar energy provided less than 4% of the country's electricity in 2020.

The Biden administration recently announced a plan to procure 45% of the country's electricity from the sun by 2050. However, the pathway to achieving the set goal will be up to Congress as the administration has only released a general outline for the plan thus far.

This ambitious target is a step toward countering the climate crisis and could bring major economic opportunities for rural America.

As plans are put into place to achieve the goal, solar developers will look to rural communities for project sites. Construction of solar energy can bring numerous benefits to rural communities, including tax generation that is invested back into the local community, new

revenue generation in the form of direct land lease payments to property owners, opportunities for conservation, and job creation related to the development, construction, maintenance, and operation of the project.

While solar energy development has increased significantly over the last few years, Biden's new target will accelerate the deployment of clean energy and provide big benefits to rural communities where solar energy is developed.

Lindsay Mouw
Policy Associate
Center for Rural Affairs
Lyons, NE

Like it or Not, a Trump Legacy

Editor:

The past five years have been turbulent politically in this country to say the least! We have endured the most maverick of elected Presidents that triggered the most divisive political atmosphere in our nation since Richard Nixon!

Like him or hate him, whether you voted for Donald Trump for President or not, you must admit after the week's Supreme Court decision on abortion we have a Trump legacy! Trump ran

on a platform of bringing the country back to a more center or moderation in political leadership. A key part of this reform was changing the philosophy and leadership decisions of the U.S. Supreme Court by appointing justices who believed and acted conservatively. Roe V Wade of 1973 legalizing abortion was the flash point of conservative politics. Since its inception, there have been 62,542,904 legal abortions in the U.S. that is more than 3,500 per day! How ironic that it has turned out to be that the liberals were successful in hounding Donald Trump from office and yet, six months after he left office the Court has fulfilled his vision and promise by effectively rendering abortion virtually impossible-not totally illegal, but in effect accomplishing the same end.

Trump and the conservatives knew that an outright "yes or no" on the abortion issue could not pass the Court. So, the Texas decision was an indirect back door approach that worked.

The liberals no longer have to contend with President Donald Trump, but they will have to live with his legacy.

James W. Anderson
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sack would often last a whole month. It took a few school years to actually make it all the way through one package of small paper bags. I now have my own children in college and still remember how special my mom made lunch everyday, just by the pictures that she drew.

Karen B-E

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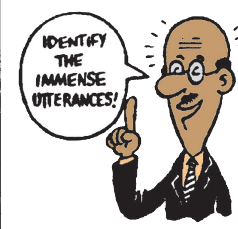
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Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend

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Find The Big Words!
Using the definitions and the anagrams below, you must find the eight eight-letter words that fit into the framework pictured on

the left. For each definition, the letters in the two anagram words must be unscrambled and used to form the word asked for.

- DEFINITIONS:**
1. Type of invitation.
 2. A great summertime drink.
 3. He guards and herds animals.
 4. A great place for a race.
 5. Wrongdoings.
 6. An ill-mannered act.
 7. Every car has one.
 8. A sturdy blue cloth.
- ANAGRAM:**
- drag + even
 - dome + lean
 - hogs + deep
 - weed + pays
 - dims + seed
 - dens + sure
 - tore + dome
 - gear + dune

1. MIL	ELL
2. NET	BLD
3. OUTS	LED
4. RAM	DISH
5. MAD	HER
6. PAL	AGES

A TRIANGULAR WAGER! Lay out 9 sticks on the table, as shown in Fig. 1, and bet your friends that they can't move 3 of the sticks to new positions and create 5 triangles.

FIG. 1

LINK-UPS! Here's a list of 12 short words, divided into two columns. Turn them into six longer words by linking them together. To do this, draw a line from one word in the left column to one word in the right.

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Notes...

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The Shoals Area Buddy Walk takes place Sunday, October 3 at 2710 Darby Drive in Florence at 3pm. (on the track behind Riverhill School.) The event is registered with the National Down Syndrome Society and is part of the National Buddy Walk Program Rachel, Martha, and Ruthie Mitchener organized the walk in honor of their cousin, Walter who has Down Syndrome. We look forward to seeing everyone at the Walk with Walter-Shoals Area Buddy Walk. It is not primarily about raising money; it is about Awareness - Educating - Advocating, and Celebrating the little triumphs and big steps forward in the treatment of Down Syndrome.

All families and friends who have been touched by Down Syndrome are welcomed and encouraged to attend. There will be a fun, casual walk around the track with the chance to celebrate everyone. All proceeds benefit for the UCP Center and the National Down Syndrome Society.

For more information, contact Rachel Michener at 256-710-3290 or Rachel.Mitchener@gmail.com Follow on Facebook @Shoals Area Buddy Walk or Twitter @walkingwithwalter

"Cold Weather Comforts", an exhibit of antique and vintage quilts and oil lamps, will be presented at Belle Mont Mansion at 1569 Cook Lane in Tusculumbia from October 6-30, Wednesdays-Saturdays, 10am-4pm.

In addition, a special "show and tell"

discussion of quilts will be led by Glenn Rikard, on the courtyard of Belle Mont, at 1pm each Friday - Oct. 8, 15, 22, and 29. Individuals are invited to bring quilts from their personal collections to share. In case of inclement weather, the courtyard program will be cancelled. The program, a quilt and oil lamp exhibit, and museum tours are all included in the regular admission rates: Admission: Adults \$6; Seniors, Military, and College Students \$5; Youth, ages 6-18 years \$3; under 6 years at no charge.

Social distancing, with masks indoors is encouraged. For more information, call 256-381-5052 or visit www.bellemontmansion.org.

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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
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 3rd Place Team \$100
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More information, contact Rocky Beck 256-710-7133 or Adam Beck 256-762-6499.

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If you have questions regarding MSSC certification at NW-SCC, please contact Taylor Franks. You may call 256-331-8092, text 256-415-6992, or email at msscctraining@nwscc.edu.

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 Kruz 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.kruzforakurefoundation.org

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2. Where is a good place to go when you're broke?
3. What question must be answered "Yes"?
4. What was the best bet ever made?
5. What do you lose every time you stand up?

Answers: 1. Just a step fa'ther. 2. Go to work. 3. "What does Y-E-S spell?" 4. The alphabet. 5. Your lap.

Junior Whirl Answers

by Charles Barry Townsend Illustrated by David Coulson

Answers: Milages, nether, outsell, rambled, maddish, palled.

Answer: Place them as shown in Fig. 2. You now have 4 small triangles and 1 large one.

1	M	I	L		E	L
2	N	E	T		B	L
3	O	U	T		L	E
4	R	A	M		D	I
5	M	A	D		H	E
6	P	A	L		A	G

1	E	N	G	R	A	V	E	D
2	L	E	M	O	N	A	D	E
3	S	H	E	E	P	D	O	G
4	S	P	E	E	D	W	A	Y
5	M	I	S	E	D	E	E	S
6	R	U	D	E	N	E	S	S
7	O	D	O	M	E	T	E	R
8	D	U	N	G	A	R	E	E

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Commentary

Misinformation...

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it plays well with the prevailing politically-correct topics, it gets coverage.

I've been meaning to discuss the topic of misinformation for many weeks, but so much else has surfaced. Then on a recent Friday night while still at work, someone emailed me the link to a Yahoo story, entitled, "ERs are so backed up with people overdosing on ivermectin that gunshot victims are having to wait to be treated, a doctor says."

My immediate thought was... How many gunshot victims are there going to be across the state of Oklahoma? It's not Chicago. That can't be accurate.

By the way, at least 58 people were shot in Chicago though Sunday of Labor Day weekend. Among those were eight children, including a 4 year old from Alabama, fatally. That's another topic for another time.

Ivermectin is being taken off label by some people as a preventative against Covid-19 instead of the vaccine, and is also taken as a treatment when contracting the virus. Ivermectin is available for human use by prescription and is prescribed by some physicians occasionally as a treatment. However, many people are taking an unregulated version orally that is intended for horses and livestock.

According to the article, doctors at rural hospitals in Oklahoma were so inundated with ivermectin overdoses that gunshot victims were having to wait outside the emergency rooms.

The local story was picked up by *Rolling Stone*, *Business Insider*, *The Daily Mail*, *The Guardian*, some major news outlets, and assorted others. MSNBC's Rachel Maddow couldn't resist sending out tweets about the article. She alone has millions of followers.

One particularly manipulative outlet even included a photo showing about a dozen people standing outside in line waiting. However, there was no blood, no obvious injuries, and no one appeared in pain. That's because it was a file photo showing lines for the vaccine eight months

ago. The mental giant who tried to magnify the deceptive story with the photo apparently didn't think that everyone in heavy coats in 90 degree heat would be questioned.

Rolling Stone admitted it had no proof whatsoever to back up its report, and it has issued several updates. Yet, the original story was still up as of this writing. Yahoo has revised it's story, even though it kept reiterating the false elements. No one else admitted any errors.

We all know that initial stories and allegations are read 100 times more than a correction or update. It matters not to what degree each is littered with assumptions and falsehoods.

Dr. Jason McElyea, the lone source for the story, insists he was mis-quoted.

McElyea is an employee of an agency that staffs emergency departments throughout the United States including several emergency departments in rural Oklahoma.

The official statement from Northeastern Health System Sequoyah said, "Dr. McElyea has not worked at our Sallisaw location in over two months. NHS Sequoyah has not treated any patients due to complications related to taking ivermectin."

This story was manufactured to fit an agenda. It is the type that was accurately referred to as "fake news" for several years.

Yet, nothing has been flagged by Twitter as misinformation. Maddow's account has not been suspended, even though as of this writing the false tweet and comments are still up. And no one, especially Maddow, will be corrected or reprimanded. I can think of some colorfully accurate descriptions and appropriate terms for the people involved, but we are trying to take the high road, bite a lip, and keep this clean. However, this won't be the last time we address misinformation from the left, and I can't make any long-term promises. There is a lot of misinformation to address. We may have to start with the debacle that is Afghanistan or the pressing Communist-Covid thumb.



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