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Enrollment Up at NW-SCC

MUSCLE SHOALS --Northwest-Shoals Community College has enrolled 3,443 credit students for the fall 2021 semester, a 2.4% increase from the fall 2020 figure of 3,361.

The totals come just after NWSCC announced a two-year \$30 million plan to add and upgrade facilities on both campuses.

The largest increase in student enrollment came from students taking dual enrollment courses at area high schools or on one of the college's campuses. From fall 2020 to fall 2021, NW-SCC saw a 20% increase in dual students.

The 3,443 student headcount is an unofficial student census following the registration of all dual enrollment high school students and does not include students who may be auditing a class or enrolled in non-credit workforce training courses. Fall semester enrollment numbers are not official until verified by the Alabama Community College System (ACCS) at the end of the semester.

Patriot Day is Wednesday

MUSCLE SHOALS --Northwest-Shoals Community College will host a Patriot Day on the Shoals Campus Wednesday, October 20 from 10am-6pm in building 127. Patriot Day will offer new,

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"This is a wonderful opportunity to welcome prospective and returning students to campus for a fun event and help them get ready for the spring," said NW-SCC Assistant Dean of Student Services, Dr. Crystal Reed.

"We want to help them with any part of the process that is difficult for them and show them what an amazing college experience they can have at Northwest-Shoals."

All prospective and current students are encouraged to take advantage of Patriot Days by signing up at https:// www.nwscc.edu/patriotdays

NW-SCC spring semester classes begin Thursday, January 13. For more information, please contact Carl Collins, Director of Enrollment Management at carl. collins@nwscc.edu or visit nwscc.edu.

Drug Take-Back Day

MONTGOMERY -Physicians with the Medical Association of the State of Alabama,

and Pharmacists with the Alabama Pharmacy Association are encouraging citizens to remove expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs from their homes and safely dispose of them during National Prescription Drug Take Back Day on

Saturday, October 23. During National Prescription Drug Take Back Day, the public can safely dispose of prescription medications at collection sites throughout the state.

The closest collection sites to NW Alabama are Muscle Shoals Police Department, Lawrence County, TN Jail, WLX Parking Lot, Russellville Police Department, WalMart-Russellville, Tishomingo County, MS Sheriff's Office.

The event comes shortly after a new report from the American Medical Association found that Alabama physicians have reduced the number of opioid prescriptions by 38% since 2011, with the number of opioid prescriptions in Alabama dropping for seven consecutive years.

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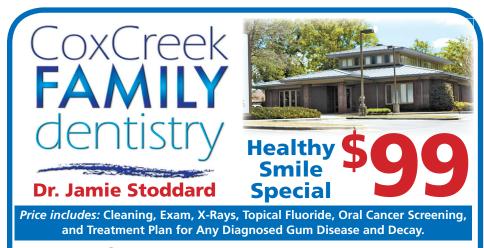
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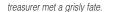
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Food and beverages will be available for purchase.

NW-SCC was one of nine schools chosen for the 2021-2022 Metallica

Scholars Initiative, funded by legendary rock band Metallica's All Within My Hands Foundation. This program supports NW-SCC students in advanceo manufacturing and construction majors. All proceeds will directly benefit NW-SCC students in career technical education programs. For sponsorship opportunities, please contact Katie Smith at katie.smith@nwscc.edu.

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Nuno Felting Workshop

FLORENCE-Kennedy-Douglass Center for the Arts is hosting a wool felting workshop with fiber artist **Kami Watson**: Nuno Felted Cowl on

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Saturday, November 6 from 11am- 3:30pm at the art center's Southall-Moore House. Participants will learn the wet felting technique known as Nuno (wet felting wool fiber and silk fabrics together) to create a loose-fitting cowl.

Ms. Watson is a second-generation fiber artist. She explores the traditional art of wet felting (the fusing of raw fibers into a textile form with soap, water, and agitation) as well as the contemporary techniques of Nuno (fabric) and laminate (multi fabric layer) felting. "A nomadic past with

"A nomadic past with a focus on environmental conservation and humanitarian services has exposed me to global influences in design and culture, eclectic natural, and man-made environmental aesthetics. That has fostered my desire to create functional and visual art with an ecological sensitivity," Watson said in a release. "I combine renewable natural fiber resources,

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Duke began Jerry on his 1967 working 350 almost Ducati seven years ago. He has been competing in American Historic Racing Motorcycle Association (AHRMA) races for the last five years. Jerry won his race.

Chris Henson, а technician and vintage motorcycle enthusiast Longshore Cycle at Center, encouraged Tom Longshore to purchase

over every part on the motorcycle. Tom won his Chris and Tom race.

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a 1976 Honda MR 250 in 2017. worked many hours to fully restore the bike, painstakingly going

talked his coworker, Ellett, into Tanner restoring a 1973 Kawasaki F11. Chris had found the The animals you see here are currently in bike several years earlier and agreed to give it to

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The off-road competitors found this year's races to be especially challenging after the four inches of rain the property received right before the event. Jerry Duke won his road course event against an extremely talented field of racers.

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"Irrespective of the Facebook ad type, ads in newspapers outperform Facebook by up to 4x, ThinkNewsBrands found.

Although the study was specific to consumer trends in Australia, the study's findings come at time when Facebook's American North user base no longer appears fully enchanted with the platform.

Geoff Desreumaux, CEO and editor-in-chief of We are Social Media, an independent publisher of digital marketing news and analysis wrote in early

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2021, "Facebook has a problem... a growing concern for its future," he said. "...There are serious signs of user fatigue in some of its core markets....

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advertisers like Coca-Cola, Unilever, Verizon, and others stepped from Facebook away advertising in 2020 because of the platform's inept attempts to quell so-called hate speech and disinformation. That only appears to be continuing in 2021 with the growing revelations of partisanship.

Meanwhile, print advertising, especially in newspapers, continues to be accessible. According to the Australian study, simply more effective than digital ads on social media platforms. "Social media is simply" no alternative to news," the ThinkNewsBrands authors concluded. "News has strong reach, superior trust, memorability, and business impact."

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dealing with low-battery alerts. Readers have all week to look through and digest what is happening and who is selling products and services locally. CourierJournal.net and the digital flip-page replica edition are also very comfortable reads.

While business people in their 30's and 40's may be somewhat surprised print longthe positive bv results, many time advertisers are not surprised. Print is right here – now, an hour from now, a week from now, and a year from now. It is never gone. Trying to click back to a web-based advertisement, especially on FB, can be a challenge if not impossible - proving how back reference metrics miserably when fail

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- Monitors various sources of quality performance opportunities including product design, manufacturing, warranty reports, Quality Problem Reports (QPR's), Daily Inspection Reports (DIR's) and other sources of quality indicators.
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- Demonstrated leadership, communication training, facilitation and interpersonal skills are required to effectively perform essential functions.

Preferred Skills and Credentials

- Problem solving skills and ingenuity to operate the facility with minimal resources.
- Excellent interpersonal skills, including the ability to communicate via phone or email with a culturally diverse and physically remote associate population.
- Completed training in Six Sigma, Lean Manufacturing, Project Management, Quality Management Systems (i.e., ISO 9000, QS9000, etc.).
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- Knowledge of multiple manufacturing industrial sectors is helpful.

Physical and Environmental Requirements

- Must be able to sit, stand, and walk for extended periods of time.
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Please send resume to:

Quality Manager, P.O. Box 577, Russellville, AL. 35653 E.O.E.

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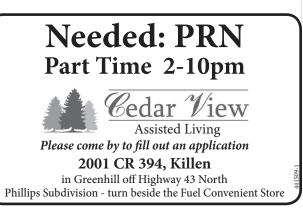
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Shorts... **Nuno Feltina**

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> salvaged and reclaimed fabrics, and my own hand dyed fabrics and fibers to organically create each of my works of art. I allow the materials I use and influences and experiences in my life, past and present, to guide me instinctively in color and design.'

The fee for the November 6 workshop is \$80 and includes four hours of instruction and all felting materials; students are asked to bring three old towels for their work surface. Registration for the workshop can be made online at: https://www. florencealmuseums.com/ shop/p/fiber-workshop-with-kami-watson For more information,

call the Kennedy-

Douglass Center for the Arts at 256-760-6379 or visit www. florencealmuseums.com and register under the calendar heading.

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New Lockers for the Lions?

FLORENCE – The University of North Alabama has launched a new fundraising campaign for the complete renovation of its existing football locker room on campus. The project will provide more than 115 new lockers, along with increased square footage and numerous updates. The existing facility on the first floor of Hal Self Field House next to Flowers Hall that was built in 1984. The facility has seen minimal updates over the previous 37 years.

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Guest Commentary

Cancel Culture's New Victim: Science

ancel culture has reared its ugly head once again, this time in a new and unprecedented way. A lecture by a physicist was canceled at one of Ámerica's premier institutions of science, Massachusetts Institute of

Technology, for reasons having nothing to do with the subject of the lecture. The lecture was canceled not because of its scientific content, but because of the politically incorrect views on diversity of the scientist scheduled to give the lecture.

Dorian Abbot is a professor in the department of the geophysical sciences at the University of Chicago. He has an undergraduate degree in physics from Harvard and a Ph.D. in applied mathematics from Harvard.

Abbot was scheduled to Education give the annual John Carlson Lecture at MIT's Lorenz Center in the department of earth, atmospheric, and planetary sciences. The topic was to be "Climate and the potential for life on other planets.

But, this lecture will not take place.

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Souls depart from Wilson

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and Seminary St.) at 7:30pm

the Shoals Ghost Walk Tour

can be booked at Eventbrite. com. \$15 Adults | \$10 Ages

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EQUIPMENT) GIVEAWAY will take place at Handy

MUSCLE SHOALS-The Muscle Shoals Middle School chorus and show choir will be presenting our First Annual Boo Bash concert on Tuesday, October 26 at 6pm in the Muscle Shoals High School

Auditorium.

This concert consists of music from favorite movies such as The Rocky Horror Picture Show, Hocus Pocus, Addams Family, Nightmare Before Christmas, and many more. Śtep into their world of music as they use "Thriller" by Michael Jackson

in the

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A Fun Howl-O-Ween Dash FLORENCE-Come one come all! Have some family fun on Saturday, October 23 at the Howh O-Ween Dash on the riverfront in McFarland

Park. All of the Pet Parents who like to dress up their fur babies can take part in a Pet Costume Contest with awards. There will also be games for the

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children, pumpkin painting, and

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DASH ... on Page 31 SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2021 MCFARLAND PARK - FLORENCE, AL



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Slam on Greenwood is Completely False!

Editor:

I am writing in response to the absolutely false claim by Linda Johnson (*"He is No Gentleman"* about Lee Greenwood 10/13/21) Florence. That is an criticizing absolute lie.

My husband was his tour manager and not a band member, which is her second false claim. He worked for Lee Greenwood for 20 years.

Lee loved coming here to visit and attended our church. He played softball and basketball when he visited. He was the Grand Marshall

of the Florence Christmas parade one He surprised my daughter's vear. 2nd grade PTO parents by coming and walking out on the stage to surprise everyone with the final song, God Bless the USA! Lee performed at the Division II Championship Game halftime and never received any payment for any of it.

He has spent many days here. We lived in Oak Hills and he would have his driver stop at our house if he was close by to have a home-cooked meal.

He loved eating at Big Mike's and numerous other restaurants in town.

We know how Lee felt about Florence and your recent fabrication is just wrong. We just celebrated his 40 years in country music in Huntsville where he worked to help two veterans receive homes. He loves Alabama so much that he selected Huntsville as his venue for that show.

Lee Greenwood is a true patriot and he has done numerous USO tours. He loves the military, and he works

tirelessly to help in any way. I know personally how he feels about Florence, Alabama. He loved coming here! I just needed to set the

record straight. Anyone who "cringes" while listening to *God Bless the USA* clearly isn't a patriot!

Kathy Ingle Gold Canyon, AZ formerly of Florence

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Bash...

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Tickets are available online https:// at gofan.co under Muscle Shoals Middle School. Tickets are \$7 for general admission. This event Chorus the supports Department at Muscle Shoals Middle School. Muscle Lights, decorations and great singing will all come together to showcase the wonderful talent of these students.

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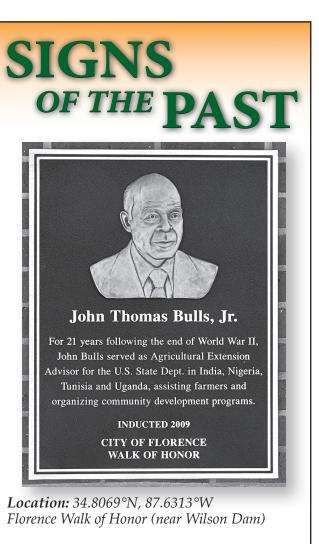
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John Bulls graduated from Burrell High School in Florence, received his B.S. degree from Tuskegee University, a M.S. from Iowa State Univiversity and Ph.D at Cornell University. This marker describes his exceptional U.S. Gov't service after which he retired, in 1973, with his family to Florence where he served on the UNA Board of Trustees for 16 years. John Bulls died in 2002.

~ Courtesy David Curott ~ author of 'Signs of the Past" and "More Signs of the Past"

Guest Commentary - Star Parker

New Victim.....

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In August, Abbot and Ivan Marinovic, an professor associate of accounting at Stanford University's Graduate School of Business, published an opinion *Newsweek* titled piece in Newsweek The Diversity Problem on Campus."

Abbot and Marinovic argued that the politically correct regime now taking America's control of universities, which they identify as "DEI"equity, and diversity, inclusion—is undermining mission of what the universities are supposed to be about. That mission is, per Abbot and Marinovic, 'the production and dissemination of knowledge.'

When universities no longer look for the "most talented and best trained minds" in hiring, and in hiring, and ly motivated politically drive hiring criteria practices, the university's core business – the "search for truth – is undermined.

They propose that "MFE"—merit, fairness, and equality—be adopted as the regime to define hiring practices to displace DEI. Merit, fairness, and equality is about hiring based on individual merit and qualifications alone.

Abbot is now paying the price for publicly expressing such heresy. Twitter outr

outrage descended on the administration at MIT, and Abbot was disinvited.

So now academic speech is not just about what is said, bút who is saying it.

Abbot and Marinovic were right on target in their *Newsweek* essay. They suggested that the diversity, equity, and inclusion politically correct regime carries forward everything about racism that we supposedly have been trying to get rid of.

all Racism is obliterating about individuality and making predetermined judgments about who any individual is based on socially defined characteristics of the group to which they are assigned.

How can any black child in America not be injured when they are not taught that they are special and unique human beings, but that what is most important is their color?

It doesn't matter whether they are being rejected because of their color or accepted because of their color. Their humanity is being undermined.

Science advances when we recognize that truth is bigger than and beyond any single human mind. Truth discovered is through humility and hard work, not political arrogance, while pretending we already know it.

We might recall that modern science only emerged some five centuries ago. It wasn't all that long ago that most believed that the sun the sun moved around the Earth rather than the other way around. Scientists such as Nicolaus Copernicus and Galileo Galilei, through observations, honest concluded the prevailing view was wrong. This was politically incorrect then; they were attacked, and their books were banned.

One famous graduate of MIT was the great Nobel laureate physicist, Richard Fevnman.

. Feynman observed. "Reality must take precedence over public relations, for nature cannot be fooled."

The increasing deference to public of reality relations, – suppressing what is true to serve what the politically correct want to be true - is destroying our national integrity, hurting the very people supposedly that we are trying to help, and threatening the future of our nation.

Political correctness is undermining personal responsibility and personal development. Now it is threatening to undermine science and truth.

MIT should step up and apologize to Abbot.

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bakers have been busy getting into the Fall spirit and playful with their Halloween treats. Those homemade treats will be available from 10am-1pm on Saturday October 23 at the Florence-Lauderdale Animal Services (FLAS) Building, located at 3240 Roberson Road in the Florence Industrial Park. The new Chloe's Fund Dessert Cookbook with some of our bakers' dessert recipes will also be there and available. All proceeds from these sales benefit Chloe's Fund in helping with medical expenses for animals at Florence Lauderdale Animal Services

Chloe's Fund is named for Glen and Debby Nelson's beloved dog of 16 years, Chioe. After Chioe's passing, Debby set out on a mission to help as many sick and injured Florence-Lauderdale Animal Shelter animals as possible.

Authors Bill Bagents and Rosemary Snodgrass will be discussing and signing their book, "Counseling for Church Leaders: A Practical Guide" on Tuesday, October 26, from 6:30pm to 8pm in the auditorium of Heritage Christian University, 3625 Helton Drive, Florence. All are invited to attend.

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THE BEAUTIFUL Dollar Katie's trust. Carter and made an Ouinn's reached a tipping point. celebrated at The Savoy. Paris and Zende took their Jason and Britt learned relationship to the next level. Bill interrupted a moment between Ridge Zende confided in Hope about his fantastic night Brook Lynn felt vindicated. he shared with Paris. Joss and Cam arrived at Brooke urged Donna to accept her feelings and to with Deacon when she spots Finn and Hope nearby. Eric is moved when he learns of Donna's true feelings. Hope and Finn are stunned to witness Sheila and Deacon.

DAYS OF OUR LIVES John was stunned by Marlena's decision. Steve was given a surprising *interference* when Gladys assignment. Bonnie and *ruffles some feathers*. Gwen became cellmates. Victor met with Melinda THE RESTLESS Victor to negotiate his nephew's release. John wondered a unique wedding gift. if Marlena could be Billy and Lily faced an possessed again. Johnny ethical dilemma. Nick moved forward with his rebounded from a heated movie. Brady offered confrontation. Jack Chloe a place to stay. confided in Phyllis. Sally EJ took Nicole out for a dinner do-over. Steve and Kayla teamed up to extract information from business. Nikki tried to EJ. Justin encouraged repair the rift between Bonnie not to give up Victor and Nick. Lily hope. Abigail shared and Billy escaped enemy with Chad her theory territory. Lauren backed that Gwen lied to Jack. Chloe into a corner. Julie confronted Marlena Devon pointed Adam that Gwen lied to Jack. and demanded that she in the right direction. be allowed to see Doug. Mariah welcomed Tessa Paulina was nervous home. Abby kept up when Abe suggested that appearances. Wait to See: when Abe suggested that Marlena marry them. Jake took matters into his own plans for the future. Noah hands. John was perplexed by what he discovered. *Wait to See: Marlena decides* she must silence Julie. Abe is rushed to the hospital. Jake is

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Dear Amber,

You're taking a risk here, from a business perspective, by playing around with \$4,000 in debt to make \$30 a pop. That's inordinate. And you shouldn't be paying for the clothes in the first place. These brands should be *giving* you clothes to review that you keep—for the marketing exposure, but I'm not sure you've got enough eyeballs on you yet to justify them giving you the clothes for free.

Basically, it sounds like you're trying to put yourself in a position to be an influencer. And the way influencers get paid is by monetizing eyeballs. Obviously, YouTube and other platforms will pay you if you can get the eyeballs. But 1,000



viewers really aren't a lot these days. You're getting there, though, and I'm glad you're working at it and trying to make things happen.

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Shorts...

New Lockers for the Lions?

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"The role of a locker room in college football is much more than just a place to get dressed for practice," said UNA head football coach Chris Willis. "It serves as a home away from home for the players during the school day while waiting to attend class, treatment, meetings and much more. It also serves as a recruiting tool for the university as we move further into the world of FCS Division I Football and recruit against the teams on our schedule."

Gifts can be given at www.roarlions.com/ FootballLockerRoom. Checks can also be mailed to the UNA Foundation, UNA Box 5113 Florence. AL 35632-0001. (Please write 'FB Locker Room' on the memo line). Individuals can also sponsor a single locker with a gift of \$1,984, symbolizing the year of the construction of the original building.

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UNA became the first predominantly white college in the state of Alabama to play an African American player in a collegiate football game in 1968.

UNA became the first school in the history of NCAA scholarship football to win three consecutive football national titles. '93-'94-'95.

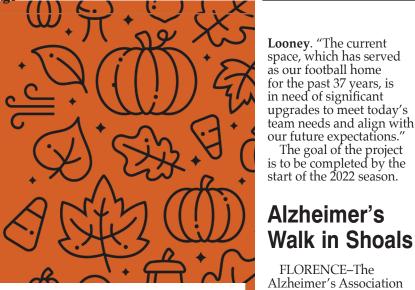
The Lions have made 21 NCAA postseason appearances and competed in 53 NCAA playoff games, winning 10 regional titles and making five appearances in the national championship game.

UNA has had 17 former Lions drafted into the National Football League, with another 55 signing free agent contracts. That list includes an NFL Rookie of the Year, an NFL Most Valuable Player and five former Lions who have played in the Super Bowl.

Renovating the UNA football locker room is an essential step in allowing our program to grow forward into the Division I FCS era," said UNA Director of Athletics Josh

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know that your health and safety are our top priorities. All local events will implement safety protocols including physical distancing, contactless registration, hand sanitizing stations, and more. Per CDC guidelines around crowded outdoor settings, we ask that all Walk attendees be vaccinated against COVID-19 or wear a mask when in an overcrowded area. Masks will be available on-site. Registration is at 1pm, Opening ceremony at 2pm, with the Walk immediately following

The route length in Florence is a flat 2 miles. Contact Shoals Walk Chairwoman, Susie Martin for more information, smartin@ bibank.com

While there is no fee to register for Walk, all participants are encouraged to raise critical funds that allow the Alzheimer's Association to provide 24/7 care and support and advance research toward methods of prevention, treatment and, ultimately, a cure.

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approves. If you join a Medicare Advantage Plan you still have Medicare but will receive your Medicare Part A and Medicare Part B coverage through the private insurance company offering the MA plan you join. Medicare Advantage Plans are not Medicare supplements.

Here are a couple of rules to remember if considering a Medicare Advantage Plan. To be eligible to join a Medicare Advantage Plan you must be enrolled in Part A and Part B Medicare. You must also live in the service area of the plan. For example, if you live in Lauderdale or Colbert counties you are only eligible for plans that are offered in your county. Just because a plan is offered in Huntsville or Birmingham does not mean it's available in Lauderdale or Colbert counties. Also, you do not have to be 65 to join an Advantage Plan. If you have been on Social Security disability for 24 months and have Medicare you can join a plan.

Over the next few weeks we will begin to look at the six things to consider when choosing a Medicare Advantage Plan. Those six things are premium, copays, coinsurance, deductibles, provider networks and the drug formulary of the plan. We will also discuss the difference between your plan options such as a HMO and a PPO. In the meantime if you have any questions about Medicare Advantage Plans you can contact our office.

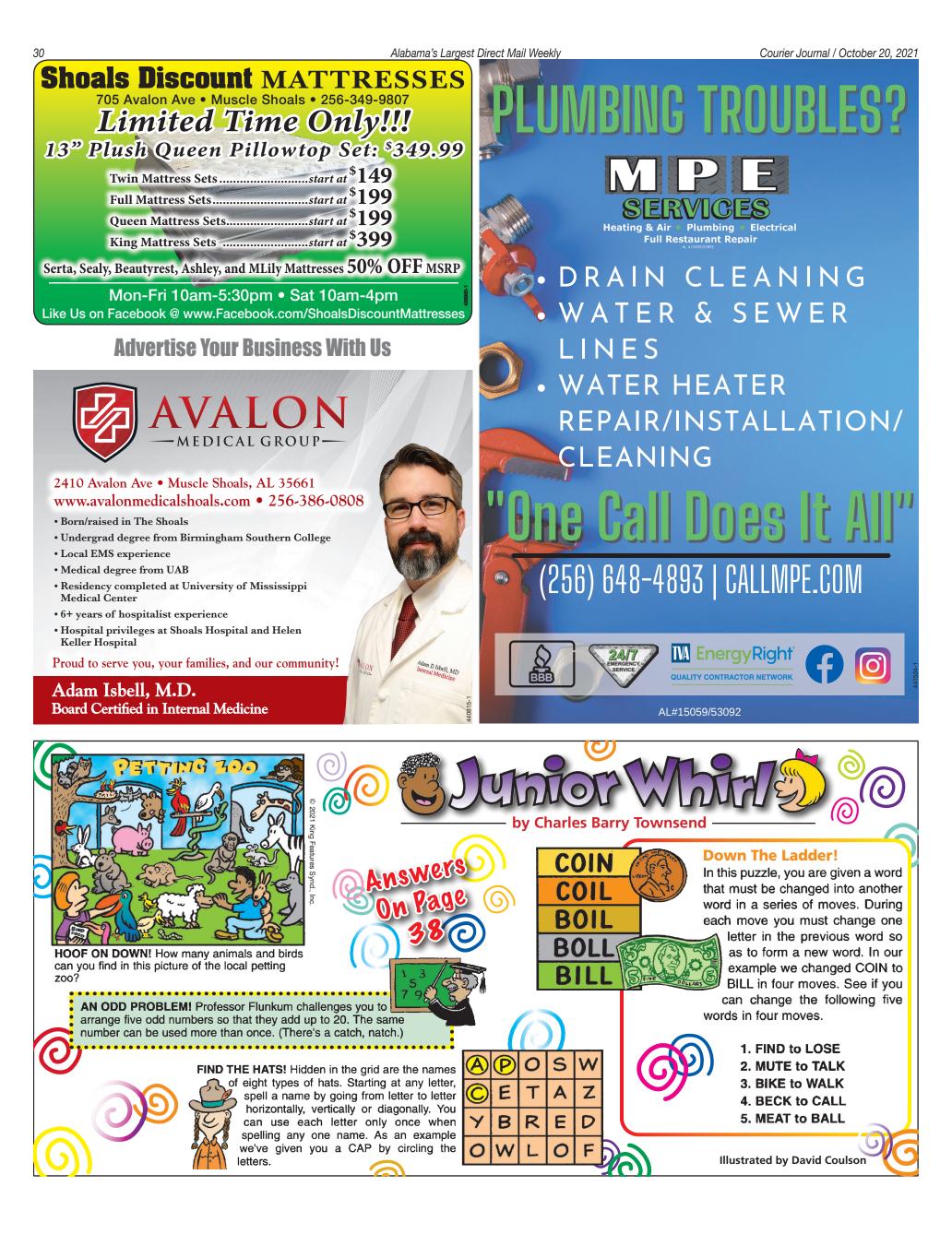
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When cash is short and the need is immediate, credit card debt can pile up quickly - way beyond what was originally spent. When the credit card debt isn't paid at the end of the month, interest is added. If a payment is missed even by a day – fees are added to the total.

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We have helped seniors who used credit cards for needed medicines and then found themselves unable to pay and then subsequently harassed by creditors.

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How can bankruptcy help with credit card debt?

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refreshments. These activities begin at 10am.

The Dash also presents a 5k and 1 mile Fun Run registration for the race is \$25 and includes a T-Shirt. The race is being managed and timed by Solid Rock

Running Company. If Shelter! you'd prefer to register for The F. the race online, go to the Howl-O-Ween Facebook

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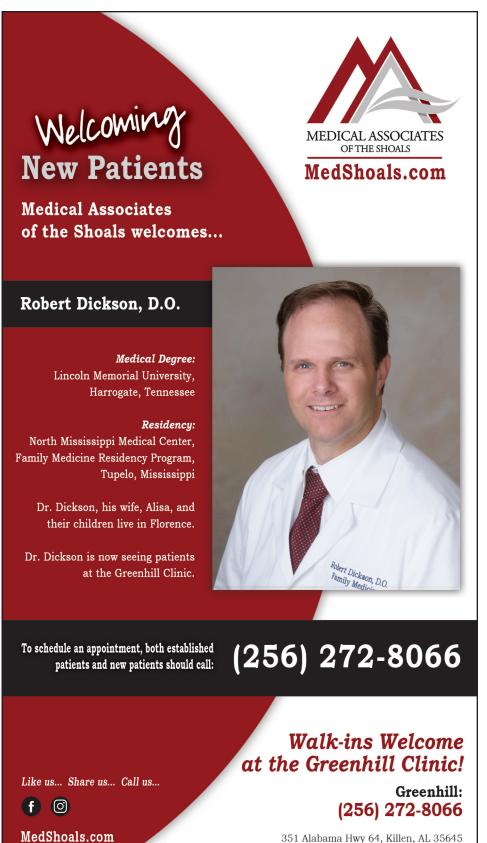
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to my mountains and back recently, which made me have some of the same thoughts that I had years ago. Here are those thoughts in this reprint of a column from September 8, 2009. I put it here now because I think that it still rings true. And because I am on a vacation right now that I will tell you about *later.* Yours, Cathy

"I will look into the hills from whence cometh my strength." Psalm 121:1

I am a mountain girl. There is a YMCA camp in Greenville, South Carolina that has a chapel, called "Pretty Place", that sits on top of Greenville Mountain and opens up to the hills. This chapel has a roof, but is missing three walls. At the front there is a big wooden cross that silhouettes itself against the opposing mountain range. I stood on that mountain's edge and shouted with my teenage friends that I was strong and could conquer anything. There is a shoals

within the woods of Kanugua Conferences in Hendersonville, North us. Maybe that's why we

Writer's Note: I traveled Carolina that has cold, clear water rushing over moss, lichen and ferns. If you dip your finger into the fine foliage in the water, you might pull it out with a leech on it. But the sound of the constant and protects us. water caressed me in my childhood and allowed be like that? Why can't me to cry tears that I friends be like that? Why could cry nowhere else.

during a workshop at the can't we all, all times Blue Ridge Assembly in Black Mountain, North Carolina, I am once again surrounded and absorbed by mountains in the land of the sky. This is truly where the heavens kiss the peaks. It's my place of solace and safety, where the softness of peaks and clouds let me be natural, where the air lets me take a break and nothing rushes me. I am accepted. It's home.

I am sure that is why we go back home, to find that place where we were innocent and there was no pressure. Or maybe that's why we go to the beach, to be reminded that there is someplace that is always the same and has the sound of rolling waves to soothe

go to the river or the woods and sit and wait, not only because we want to catch something, but so that we can empty ourselves

Why do we turn to nature to gain strength? Because nature is accepting and strong and quiet. Nature allows us to be quiet enough to hear ourselves. Nature is

Why can't parents do we have to be so hard And as I sit here now on each other? Why provide quiet support? Simply embrace the one who is triumphant. Let a silent tear fall on clasped hands. Let a kid fail without wordy chastisement, but with a hand on the back that stays there.

Strength comes from *being* loved unconditionally.

Email comments suggestions to CatnKids1@ gmail.com







SENIOR

How to Find a Better Medicare **Prescription Drug Plan**

Dear Savvy Senior,

Is it important to compare Medicare Part D prescription drug plans every year? My pharmacist highly recommends it, but it's such a hassle sorting through all those different plans. Is there an easier way to shop and compare Medicare drug plans?

Lazy Beneficiary

Dear Beneficiary,

Because Medicare's prescription drug plans can change their costs and benefits from year-to-year, comparing Part D plans every year during the open enrollment season (which is Oct. 15 - Dec. 7) is always a smart idea.

Even if you're happy with your current coverage, there may be other plans out there that you're not aware of that offer better coverage at a lower cost. You never know until you look. Here are some tips to help you shop and compare Medicare drug plans.

Medicare Online

If you have internet access and are comfortable using a computer, you can easily shop for and compare all Medicare drug plans in your area and enroll in a new plan online if you choose, and it only takes a few minutes.

Just go to Medicare's Plan Finder Tool at Medicare. gov/find-a-plan, and choose the type of coverage you're looking for, enter your ZIP code, financial assistance (if you receive any), select the drugs you take and their dosages, and choose the pharmacies you use. The plan finder does the math to identify the plan in your area that covers your drugs at the lowest cost.

This tool also provides a five-star rating system that evaluates each plan based on past customer service records and suggests generics or older brand name drugs that can reduce your costs.

When you're comparing drug plans, look at the estimated drug costs plus premium costs that shows how much you can expect to pay over a year in total out-ofpocket costs.

Also, be sure the plan you're considering covers all of the drugs you take with no restrictions. Most drug plans today place the drugs they cover into price tiers. A drug placed in a higher tier may require you to get prior authorization or try another medication first before you can use it.

Any changes to coverage you make will take effect Jan. 1, 2022. If you take no action during open enrollment, your current coverage will continue next year.

Need Some Help?

If you need some help choosing a new plan, you can call Medicare at 800-633-4227 and they can help you out over the phone. Or contact your State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP), which provides free Medicare counseling. They also conduct seminars during the open enrollment period at various locations throughout each state. To find a local SHIP counselor see ShiptaCenter.org or call 877-839-2675.

Financial Assistance

If you're lower-income and are having a hard time paying your medication costs, you may be eligible for Medicare's "Extra Help" program. This is a federal low-income subsidy that helps pay Part D premiums, deductibles and copayments.

To be eligible, your income must be under \$19,320 or \$26,130 for married couples living together, and your assets (not counting your home, personal possessions, vehicles, life insurance policies or burial expenses) must be below \$14,790 or \$29,520 for married couples. For more information or to apply, call Social Security at 800-772-1213 or visit SSA.gov/extrahelp.

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



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She's Using **Our Money**

Editor:

Is it not against the law for Gov. Ivey to spend OUR stimulus checks to build a new prison?

We, the disabled and elderly Alabamians, NEEĎ our Stimulus checks for food, shelter and medical bills!

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She makes enough money. Let her use her own money to build a new prison!!

Nancy Johnson Florence

Confinement. Rehabilitation

Editor:

In the recent Guest Op-Ed for the Courier Journal, Alabama Attorney General, Steve Marshall, gingerly criticizes Alabama's Bureau of Pardon and Paroles for releasing an unnamed man from state prison allegedly who killed Police Sergeant Nick Risner on October 1, 2021. A quick google search led to identifying the man as Brian Martin. AG Marshal focuses heavily on the fact that Mr. Martin was released on good behavior after serving only three years, five months, and two days of his ten-year sentence. The Alabama Department of Corrections (ADOC) has since come out stating that "The ADOC does not make arbitrary decisions about releasing inmates. Brian Martin's sentence was computed in compliance with state law."

While AG Marshall qualifies that MI. Martin "racked up a lengthy rap sheet," the ADOC described these infractions as minor and notes these infractions resulted in revoking six months of good time from Mr. Martin. AG Marshall suggests that removing

such laws could have prevented the death of Sgt. Risner.

However, he neglects the fact that Mr. Martin had no alleged criminal offenses in the five years since his early release until now. As a Master of Social Work student, I am continually alarmed by the rhetoric and facts chosen when discussing matters of prison policies. Such conversations should be conducted so carefully and with presented. all facts This would align with ADOC's mission of "providing public safety through the safe and through confinement, secure rehabilitation, and successful re-entry of offenders," and to achieve greater societal well-being.

Ashley Hunter Athens, GA

Subsidizing an Existance Editor:

A *Times Daily* article om September 26, from Solar entitled, 'New Completed," Farm provides some pertinent information concerning the potential production of electricity from solar energy. The Colbert plant provides 227 megawatts of electrical capacity from a 1,800 acre farm at a construction cost of 224

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million dollars.

This information allows us to make rough estimates of the land area and cost of other systems. For example, the TVA Colbert fossil plant stands on 1,345 acres and at its peak produced 1,204 megawatts of electrical potential. In order to match this output, a solar farm similar to the Colbert farm would require 9,547 acres at a cost of 1.2 billion dollars.

The current United States electrical capacity is about 1,120,000 megawatts. A Colbert-like solar energy system would require 13,900 square miles of land surface at a cost of 1.1 trillion dollars.

The above estimates apply only to the construction of the basic solar plant. The big problem with solar energy is that it is not constant. The sun does not shine at night and its energy varies considerably with seasonal changes (longer and shorter days, clouds, etc.). Hence, backup systems are required to maintain suitable wattage.

The Colbert solar farm only exists because it is highly subsidized by the Government (TVA) who buys it's power, supplies it's network, and insures a suitable wattage output.

Jack Sullivan Florence

Strategically Disbursed

Editor;

I'm not sure who writes the bullet points for the Dems and POTUS, but ironically they all use the very same words and phrases. It's maddening. Is it Biden's word, which they all use, for the day?

It's like an email goes out before breakfast and it lists the buzz word(s) for the day or week, like "the border is closed" and oddly enough most of the news media copy and use the same words. Since they all say the border is closed, well, the Texas governor should close the border just to keep them honest. So, if they say it's closed, then so be it.

What's to benefit Biden

and Dems by having a illega policy of not arresting but or detaining illegals (1.5 cross million plus 124,000 you Afghans; 12,000 plus been Haitians and probably disbu another two to three acros hundred thousand chang

illegals who have crossed but didn't get caught) crossing into America, you ask? They have been and still are being disbursed strategically across the country to change the redistricting of some specific locations they targeted in hopes of gaining additional seats not to mention voter influence for the future.

Also, what a joke with the FBI being directed to prosecute Moms and Dads who get upset and lambaste a school board member. A "terrorist" no less. Nationally, there has only been one arrest and charge of battery of a parent attending a school board meeting. Does this justify FBI involvement? Remember, we must stand to protect our 1st amendment rights.

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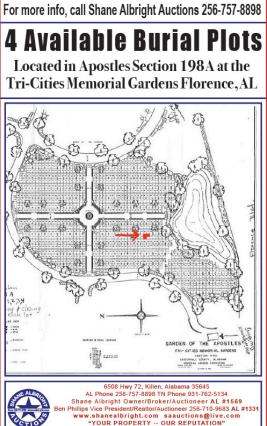
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been cancelled this year due to the rise in cases and public vulnerability to the COVID-19 virus. The rides regularly took place at the historic site every place at the historic site every Friday and Saturday in October leading up to Halloween, according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

"From These Threads: Cotton Culture," will be on display through November 12 at Tennessee Valley Museum of Art, 511 N Water St in Tuscumbia. Dozens of beautiful quilts will be on display at the TVMA for this exhibition. Cotton in the South has a long rich and complicated has a long, rich, and complicated past. "From These Threads: Cotton Culture" will offer visitors Cotton Culture will offer visitors the opportunity to travel through some of the history of cotton, its production, and its use in the creation of quilts over the past 190 years. The exhibit will feature bitgrised culture defines from the historical quilts dating from the 1830s through contemporary pieces created by today's quilt artists. The quilts are drawn from private collections in the area. For more information, call 256-383-0533 or visit www. tennesseevalleyarts.org

Diaper & PPE Giveaway at Handy Recreation Center, 1105 Beale Street, Florence, sponsored Councilwoman Kaytrina Simmons, and Community Action Northwest Alabama on Saturday, October 23, 9am-Noon, Drive-by-

Event, while supplies last. For those who may need assistance with the following: Diapers, Pull-ups, Wipes, and PPF

If you have questions, please contact Councilwoman Kaytrina

Simmons at 256-349-3879. All PPE supplies are distributed to help mitigate the spread of COVID.

cooler weather Δs approaches, Belle Mont Mansion will host a new exhibit titled "Cold Weather Comforts," featuring a display of antique and vintage quilts and oil lamps 10am-4pm every Wednesday-

Saturday, October 6-30. The annual October quilt show has been expanded this year to include historic oil lamps. Local collector Mary Carton has been acquiring oil lamps for more than 20 years. Her collection now numbers about 50 lamps dating from the late 1800s through the early 20th century when TVA brought rural electrification to the Shoals. Some of her favorite lamps will be displayed along

with the history of each. Glenn Rikard's quilt collection has formed the basis of Belle Mont's annual display for many year's display will again feature his personal collection, with many pieces being shown for the first time. He will present a program each Friday at 1pm. Attendees are invited to bring quilts to share during the program's "show and tell," when Rikard will be available to help identify unknown patterns and estimate dates of

crafting. The crating. The Friday programs will be held on the courtyard, weather permitting. Programs will be canceled in the event of inclement weather. Those who visit the museum's exhibit will be asked to wear a mask and to maintain social distancing while indoors

Belle Mont is located at 1569 Cook Lane, Tuscumbia, Alabama. Regular museum admission rates will apply: Adults \$6; Seniors, College Students and Military \$5; youths 6-18 years \$3; Children younger than 6 are admitted free. For more information, call 256-381-5052, www.bellemontmansion.org

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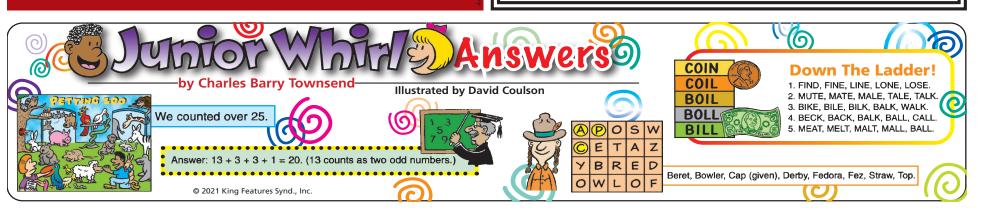
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Ideas on How to Prevent Pipes From Freezing

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Even a tiny crack in a pipe can spew hundreds of gallons of water causing flooding, damage to your furnace and serious structural damage. It also presents an immediate potential for mold.

The three central causes of frozen pipes are quick drops

in temperature,
poor insulation and
thermostats set too
low. You can prepare
your home during the
warmer months.
Insulate pipes.



Pipe insulation in your home's crawl spaces and attic helps. Exposed pipes are most susceptible to freezing.

- Use heat tape or heat cables. Heat tape or thermostatically controlled heat cables can be used to wrap pipes. Closely follow all manufacturer's installation and operation instructions.
- **Seal leaks.** Locate and thoroughly seal leaks that allow cold air inside.
- Secure outdoor hoses, valves and faucets. Before winter hits, disconnect garden hoses and, if possible, use an indoor valve to shut off and drain water from pipes leading to outside faucets.
- Let water drip. A trickle of hot and cold water might be all it takes to keep your pipes from freezing.
- Adjust the thermostat. Keeping your thermostat set at the same temperature during both day and night also reduces the risk of frozen pipes.
- **Open cabinet doors.** This allows heat to get to uninsulated pipes under sinks and appliances near exterior walls.

Pipes do not always burst when frozen. There are a few things to keep in mind:

- **Call a plumber if needed.** If you turn on your faucets and nothing comes out, leave the faucets turned on and call a plumber.
- Avoid use of appliances near water. Do not use electrical appliances in areas of standing water. You could be electrocuted.
- Avoid applying flames to thaw pipes. Never try to thaw a pipe with a torch or other open flame because it could cause a fire hazard.
- Use a hair dryer as a possible heat source (with caution). You may be able to thaw a frozen pipe using a hair dryer. Start by warming the pipe as close to the faucet as possible, working toward the coldest section of pipe.
- Shut off the water supply. If your water pipes have already burst, turn off the water at the main shutoff valve in the house. Be sure to leave the water faucets turned on.

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