

Flowers Day in Florence

FLORENCE—During a recent Florence City Council meeting, Mayor **Andy Betterton** and Council Members were pleased to recognize and pay tribute to **Alan Flowers** for his dedication to the city of Florence for more than sixty years.



Flowers

February 20 was officially named Alan Flowers Day in the city of Florence in light of his long-running community service through his unwavering leadership in community theatre.

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SHOALS—Community Action Agency of Northwest Alabama is partnering with several area groups for its annual **Gerald Williams Cooperative Garden Program**.



The program offers FREE vegetable garden supplies to qualifying local residents in Lauderdale, Colbert, or Franklin counties wishing to grow their own gardens.

Participants in the program must not exceed monthly gross monthly incomes as listed here (prior to take-out)

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Shoals, Barnes Honored by Riverline

KNOXVILLE, TN - The Tennessee RiverLine recently honored the Shoals and the city of Decatur along with Colbert County Commissioner Tommy Barnes for contributing to Tennessee RiverTowns program's successful first year.



The Shoals was named Community

Partner of the Year. Barnes received an Extra Mile Award.

"One of our greatest assets in northwest Alabama is the Tennessee River," said Carrie Crawford, director of the Muscle Shoals National Heritage Area and member of the Shoals'



Barnes

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Lions Set '22 Slate in Football

FLORENCE-- In its first season as a full-fledged member of the NCAA Division I Football Championship Subdivision, and as a football member of the ASUN Conference, the University of North Alabama will face an 11-game schedule that includes five home dates and a road game at FBS member, Memphis, that closes the regular season.



UNA will face four teams in 2022 that it has never faced in football before in Indiana State, Virginia-Wise, Eastern Kentucky, and Memphis. The Lions will also renew rivalries with four other opponents in Tarleton State, Central Arkansas, Austin Peay,

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The Largest Gift in the University's Long History

FLORENCE - The University of North Alabama has received the largest gift in the institution's almost 200-year history, a \$6.5 million gift from the Charles C. Anderson family. The gift is being given to

academic and athletic areas of campus, with \$1 million specifically earmarked for the women's athletic programs in memory and honor of Hilda B. Anderson.

"Hilda was very passionate about

the women's athletic programs at UNA, and she wanted to ensure they had the necessary funding," said the family patriarch Charles C.

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ALL Lauderdale, Colbert, or Franklin residents should call 256-248-1921 from 1-4 pm Monday-Friday to register.

Deadline to apply is March 25.

Langley Earns Certification

ASHBURN, VA - The Association of School Business Officials International (ASBO) recently announced that **Sherry Langley**, Chief School Financial Officer of the Muscle Shoals City Board of Education, has earned the Certified Administrator of School Finance and



Langley

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Tourism Sees Big Returns

FLORENCE—In April of last year the Florence-Lauderdale Convention & Visitors Bureau launched a \$50,000 digital advertising campaign with Epsilon Marketing in five feeder markets including Huntsville-Decatur, Nashville, Birmingham, Atlanta, and Memphis.

The campaign metrics were delivered recently providing demographic and geographic metrics in the overall media buy.

The campaign produced almost \$1.6 million in visitor spending, a \$31:1 investment return, and 910,000 unique visitors were reached with 9,700 visitors in the market to spend money. There was a total of 27,000 transactions with 2.8 purchases per visitor. The campaign ran from April 19, 2021, to September 15, 2021.

Epsilon measured spending in six different sectors of the economy,

according to **Rob Carnegie**, President & CEO. Those include lodging, restaurant and bar, grocery, retail, gas and convenience, and entertainment & recreation. Over 35% of that visitor-spend generated in the Shoals came from the Huntsville - Decatur DMA, which did not include residents of Colbert or Lauderdale counties.

“While 60% of the visitor-spend resulted in the Florence 35630 zip code, approximately 25% of the spend was in Muscle Shoals, Sheffield, and Tuscumbia,” added Carnegie.

Other communities that saw visitor spending included Leighton, Lexington, Killen, other zips of Florence, St. Florian, and Rogersville.

Tuskegee's Richie on ID's

MONTGOMERY—Multi-platinum singer and

songwriter, **Lionel Richie**, a native of Tuskegee, will participate in Alabama's 2022 photo voter ID and voter registration initiative.

The office of the Secretary of State conducts a statewide multimedia campaign each year to ensure all registered voters have a photo ID, promote voter registration, and to encourage voter participation.

For the last seven years, several other well-known individuals have participated in the Secretary of State's photo voter ID promotional efforts.

• 2015: Alabama Head Football Coach, **Nick Saban**, and former Auburn Head Football Coach, **Gus Malzahn**

• 2016: Auburn great and NBA Hall of Famer, **Charles Barkley**, and former Heavyweight Boxing Champion, **Deontay Wilder**

• 2017: Former NASA astronaut, **Dr. Mae Jemison**, and Miss

Alabama 2017, **Jessica Procter**

• 2018: American Idol "Season 5" Winner, **Taylor Hicks**, and radio personalities, **Rick Burgess** and **Bill "Bubba" Bussey**

• 2019: Country Music Artist, **Jamey Johnson**, and Alabama's first Governor, **William Wyatt Bibb** (actor portrayal)

• 2020: The Women of the Alabama Legislature and Alabama Veterans Naval Commander, **Lee Allen Hallman**, former U.S. Surgeon General, **Dr. Regina Benjamin**, and Medal of Honor recipient, **Gary Michael Rose**

• 2021: Legendary singer and songwriter, **Jimmy Buffett**, and country music sensation, **Riley Green**

Richie will be featured in this year's promotional efforts along with the 45th President of the United States, **Donald J. Trump**.

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The **Childhood Classics** exhibit is on display at Kennedy-Douglass Center for the Arts and the Florence-Lauderdale Public Library through March 25. Childhood Classics is 100 years of original illustration from the Art Kandy Collection. Exhibit made possible by the Alabama State Council on the Arts, the Florence-Lauderdale Public Library Foundation and the Kennedy-Douglass Trust.

The Shoals Astronomy Club will host a night sky tour Friday, March 4 at LaGrange College Site Park in Leighton. Weather permitting, the roof will roll off the historic LaGrange Observatory at 6pm, and amateur astronomers will curate a night sky tour as darkness falls. There is no cost for this event. Shoals Astronomy Club is a group of local amateur astronomers. With cooperative skies, their members will show star-forming regions, supernova remnants, and beautiful star clusters through their club telescope. They encourage people of all ages to attend and enjoy the limitless beauty of a night sky.

This event is weather-dependent, and will be canceled in case of clouds or rain. Please check the forecast before attending. Masks are required in the observatory. To preserve the darkness, we will gladly escort people to their cars on request. Please leave pets at home.

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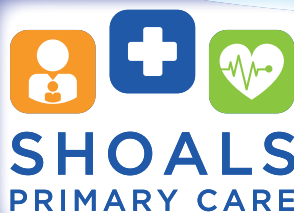


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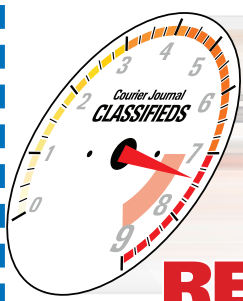
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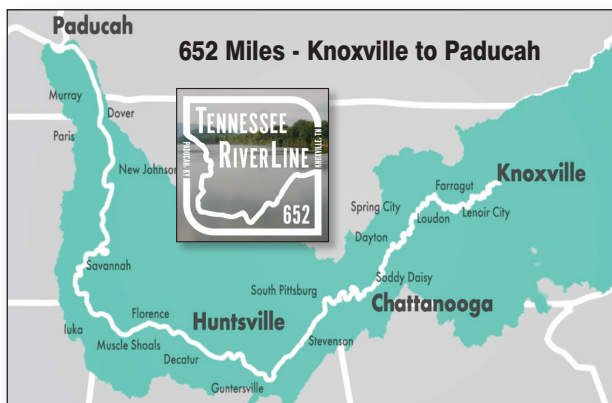
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RiverLine team. "Here in the Shoals we've embraced the RiverLine's goals of activating the river through kayaking events. We are also helping to create a new generation of river stewards through environmental education and clean up opportunities. It is an honor to be recognized by the RiverLine for our work."

Barnes has supported many outdoor recreation initiatives including the Colbert County Recreation Survey, a new kayak launch at Alloys Park, and a kayak checkout program at Alloys Park.

"Barnes has also supported the Colbert County Trails Master Plan project we are currently working on with the National Park Service," Crawford added. "He has been a huge supporter of the RiverLine since we began participating in the programs in 2019."

Other award winners were:

Excellence in River Stewardship award - Decatur

Individual Partner of the Year - Clay Guerry, TVA;

Organizational Partner of the Year - Keep the Tennessee River Beautiful;

Excellence in River Animation - Paducah/McCracken County, KY;

Extra Mile Awards also went to JC Johnsonius,

Benton County, TN; Chris Gunter, Bridgeport; Blair Travis, Calvert City, KY; Lindsay Ross, Clifton, TN; Danielle Gibson, Decatur; Katy Norton, Loudon County, TN; Jennifer Moore, Huntsville; Tim Hester, Knoxville, TN; Rachel Harrell, Loudon County, TN; Jeff Canter, Paducah, KY; Bonnie Angus, Roane County, TN; Walker Henley, South Pittsburg, TN; and Don Bailey, Stewart County, TN.

Award recipients are nominated by members of the Tennessee RiverLine staff, the Tennessee RiverLine Partnership and local leadership team members in each Tennessee RiverTown community. The awards were announced recently during the 5th Annual Tennessee RiverLine Summit.

The Tennessee RiverLine is a historic multi-generational initiative offering economic development, public health, equitable access and environmental stewardship benefits to 2.4 million people in Tennessee River communities across four states. It is a partnership of the UT College of Architecture and Design and the Herbert College of Agriculture, and principal partners UT Knoxville and Tennessee Valley Authority in collaboration with the Tennessee RiverLine Partnership.

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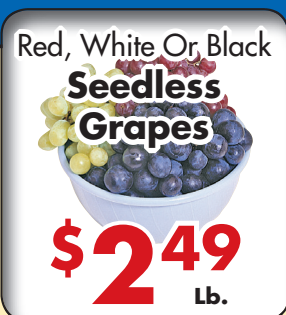
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and Tennessee Tech. They will face three familiar opponents in Chattanooga, Jacksonville State, and Kennesaw State.

"It's exciting to compete in a conference, and to play a schedule that is more of a geographical fit for us," said UNA head coach Chris Willis, whose Lion teams played road games in New Jersey, North Carolina, Virginia and Louisiana last season. "This year's schedule is more drivable for our team and our fans. It's also exciting to have an FBS team on our schedule in Memphis."

Willis is also excited about the caliber of the ASUN Conference.

"We have five conference games against schools that are all FCS playoff caliber teams, top to bottom," Willis said.

HIGHLIGHTS:

UNA will open its season on the road on September 1 at Terre Haute, Ind., against Indiana State. It will be the Lions first meeting against the Missouri Valley Football Conference school that posted a 5-6 record a year ago.

The Lions home opener will be on Saturday, September 10 against Virginia-Wise at Braly Stadium. That game will also be UNA's annual Band Day Extravaganza. Sandwiched between that and their Homecoming game September 24 against Tarleton State, the Lions have a road trip to face Chattanooga on September 17.

"We need to get off to a good start in our non-conference games," Willis said. "We have four non-conference games straight to open the season, then a

- Sept. 1 at Indiana State
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week off before we start playing ASUN games. Last year our bye week was late in the year, and didn't really help us. This year's setup a lot better."

UNA will open ASUN Conference play at Kennesaw State on October 8. The Owls squeaked out a 28-24 win in the final minute against the Lions last season.

North Alabama hosts cross-state rival Jacksonville State on October 15 in what will be the first and only meeting between the two schools as ASUN Conference foes. The Gamecocks will transition to the FBS as a member of Conference USA in 2023. This year's battle will be the 50th between the two schools in a rivalry that dates back to UNA's first football game when the sport was reinstated in 1949.

The Lions will close their regular season on November 19 against the Memphis Tigers at Liberty Bowl Memorial Stadium. It will be UNA's eighth all-time game against an FBS opponent and fourth since moving up to the FCS level.

Porter and Jackson Join Staff

FLORENCE ---

University of North Alabama Head Football Coach Chris Willis has announced the addition of running backs coach Trey Porter and defensive back / safeties coach Khyle Jackson to his coaching staff at UNA.

With 10 years of previous coaching experience, Porter is joining Lions' football staff after serving as an assistant coach at Missouri Southern State University in 2021, working with defensive backs. Jackson, a 2016 UNA graduate and member of four conference championship and NCAA playoff teams with the Lions, returns to Florence after serving as a graduate assistant coach at the University of South Alabama.

"We are excited to be able to add these two coaches to our staff," said Willis. "Trey is a veteran coach who has worn so many hats, as a coach and athletic director. We were blown away by his interview and are excited about what he will bring to our staff."

"I had the opportunity to coach Khyle when he played here at UNA, and now he has had a chance to go away and gain coaching experience and come back to us," Willis said. "We are putting him back coaching the same position that he played here. With Khyle being from Madison, we're also excited about his connections across the area that will be valuable in recruiting."



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Commentary

Putin is Firmly in the Catbird Seat

His military entering Kiev as of this writing (or Kyiv for now), Vladimir Putin knows that the US is in no fiscal position to enter into a fracas aligned with the Ukraine, even if we wanted to.

Our massive national debt, near double-digit inflation rate, fool-hardy Covid spending, and unrealistically low interest rates have crippled our abilities at home, much less overseas.

Putin has been planning this for years, just waiting for his opportunity. In November of 2020, Putin knew that opportunity was close at hand. He just couldn't have expected things to transpire so perfectly for him. Putin certainly expects economic sanctions from the free world, but those can run both ways. He has oil and a newly-found friend in Chinese General Secretary, Xi Jinping. Putin knows any adverse financial impacts can be softened if not negated.

And you know Xi has one eye on us while he drools at the thought of taking Taiwan.

Diplomacy can only go as far as a position of military strength will lead. Whatever strengths we once had have been watered down by

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In A Few Words



TOM MAGAZZU
Editor

Courier Journal

in the Shoals

THIS WEEK

March 2, 2022

Happening
THIS WEEK

WEATHER PERMITTING ASTRONOMY CLUB IS

Viewing a Night Sky

LAGRANGE—Members of Shoals Astronomy Club will host a night sky tour for the public on Friday, March 4 at LaGrange College Site Park in Leighton weather permitting. The roof will roll off the historic LaGrange Observatory at 6pm, and amateur astronomers will curate a night sky tour as darkness falls. There is no cost for this event.

Shoals Astronomy Club is a group of local amateur astronomers. With cooperative skies, their members will show star-forming regions, supernova remnants, and beautiful star clusters through their club telescope. They encourage people of all ages to attend and enjoy the limitless beauty of a night sky.

This event will be canceled in case of clouds or rain. Please check the forecast



A recent astronomy event at LaGrange

before attending. Masks are required in the observatory. To preserve the darkness, we will gladly escort people to their cars on request. Please leave pets at home.

Questions about this event should be emailed to shoalsastro@gmail.com, or call Eric Geater at 731-431-3742.

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Both Were Falsified

Editor:

In a Times Daily February 18 letter to the editor, Pete Lopez wrote, "The bible warns us not to be deceived," referring to Trump being a disgruntled, disgraced, twice-impeached President who cannot be trusted.

How ironic Pete, because both impeachments were falsified by the Democrats and were cast aside.

Democrats proved to be the deceivers by making up false charges. But you are right about one thing. May Almighty God have mercy on us.

Paul Sabatino
Florence

Nothing I Won't Do

Editor;

My family and I had Covid 19 early on. Here's my thoughts on it. There's nothing I won't do to never get it again.

Surprisingly, I overcame the most horrible, cruel, agonizing, near-death, and most fearful experience in my life. That even includes the time I almost drowned, or the accident that almost broke my neck. Covid can be THAT bad. Maybe it's because I survived that I thought I should tell all of you that if you can prevent getting it, do it immediately.

Don't let anyone you love get it. Covid is relentless and cruel and can

be a disaster to your body - every organ.

Protecting yourself and those you love is much like not stepping in front of a bus.

Linda Johnson
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Investigate the Facts

Editor-Courier Journal;

The minions are still doing what they have historically done for years. Using an isolated, but true, instance to paint a huge disingenuous scenario supporting their undocumented,

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This world is nothing but a temporary home. It's dying. And so are you. Prepare to meet your God. **1 Corinthians 7:31** "And they that use this world, as not abusing it: for the fashion of this world passeth away." **2 Peter 3:10&11** But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up. Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness," Both land and money are over-rated. You need Christ.

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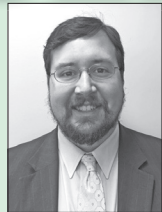
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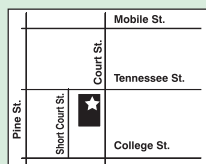
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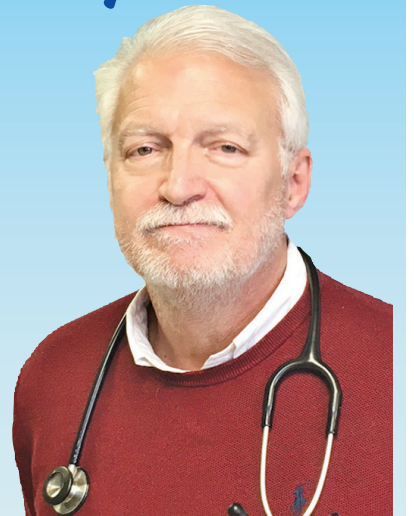
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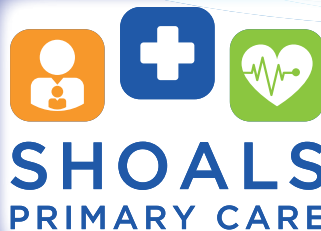


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WE COVERED THE PANDEMIC OF MIS AND DISINFORMATION a couple of articles ago and I promised to come back with a cure. As a quick review, misinformation is misleading. Disinformation is a d&#@ lie.

It occurs to me that mis/disinformation behaves exactly like a virus. Salacious, angry news spreads from host to host like wildfire across the internet. Once the virus infects an individual it's very difficult to eradicate. No matter how often you tell your uncle Goober that the



Jim Fisher

VACCINES FOR FAKE NEWS

by "The Computer Skeptic"

vaccines are way safer than Covid-19, he will continue to insist that Bill Gates is using them to depopulate the planet for . . . reasons. Goobar is simply too far gone. But hope is not lost on the rest of us. I'll touch on just three methods of dealing with fake news.

SKEPTICISM: People are more likely to be infected with misinformation when they fail to apply a smidgen of skepticism. The cure? Well, for better or worse, we live in an era where anyone can know anything about everything in an instant.

Why not use that marvelous technology to question--just for a moment--if it's really feasible that our government has been infiltrated by Deep State operatives out to destroy democracy? If multiple sources are calling bullsquat on that, maybe some nut made that up?

ANGER: We are all so angry with each other these days and way angrier about politics than anything else. There was a time when most of us obeyed the rules to not talk about religion or politics with friends and family.

Now? We think nothing of sharing our views just to rile people up. Why? Because our access to 24/7 angry news has normalized being angry. This is not healthy. It's not normal. Yet here we are hating on each other just for fun.

Anger is one of the best ways of motivating you to share that headline about Hillary killing babies in the basement of a pizza restaurant in DC. Some of us are actually addicted to anger. There is a reason that some of us never miss an episode of Tucker Carlson. Anger addiction is real. The first step is admitting it's a problem and, y'all, we have a problem.

FORGIVENESS. I'm looking at you, mirror. We have to get to a point where we no longer

hate other for our views. Is it really rational to despise a former friend because they want tax dollars to go to this instead of that? Some of the most conservative people I know are really good humans despite their ignorance of how the Constitution works. Some of my most liberal friends are kind and caring despite failing Econ 101 in college. We all have weaknesses. Vive la différence!

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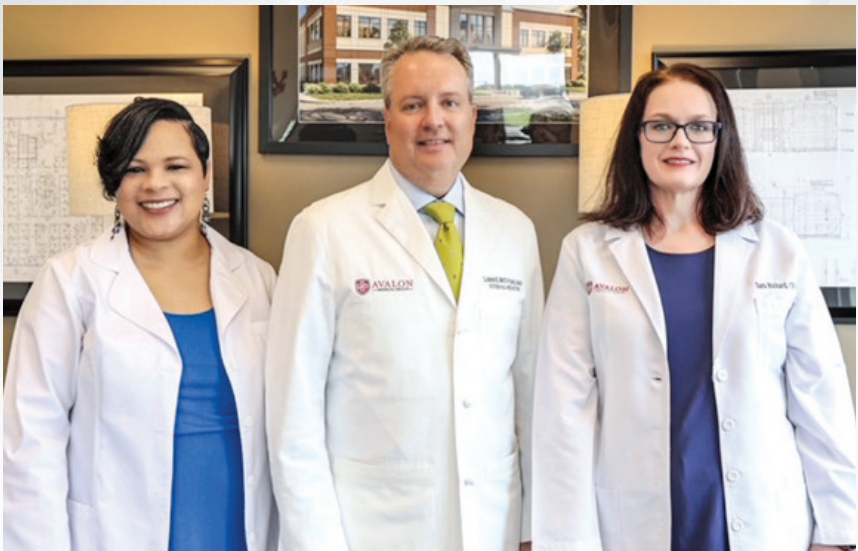
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"Medicare Part A & B Review"

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Although Medicare Part A and Part B are great programs that cover a lot of services there are some things Medicare does not cover. They include most dental care, eye exams related to prescribing glasses, dentures, acupuncture and hearing aids.

Medicare Part A is primarily used to cover your inpatient care. Part A has a \$1,556 deductible for each benefit period, meaning the deductible can be applied more than once in a calendar year. This deductible covers hospital services, including semi-private rooms, meals, general nursing, drugs as part of your inpatient treatment, and other hospital services and supplies. Part A is "free" to most Medicare beneficiaries. "Free" meaning you may not have to pay Medicare to have Part A. It does not excuse the deductibles and co-insurance.

In most cases Part B is used to cover your outpatient services. These include visits to your primary care physician and/or specialist. It also may cover transportation by ambulance, durable medical equipment, preventive services and mental health treatment. Part B also entitles you to an annual "Wellness" visit to a qualified provider. Most Medicare beneficiaries joining Medicare Part B for the first time in 2021 pay a monthly premium to Medicare of \$170.10. Part B has an annual deductible of \$233 and a coinsurance the beneficiary pays of 20%, after the deductible is met.

To cover the deductibles and coinsurance that Part A and Part B have you would need to look at some type of supplemental policy sold through private insurance companies. These include Medicare supplement plans or Medicare Advantage Plans. If you want to study Part A or Part B in more detail you can look at previous Medicare Minute articles or give our office a call and we'll be glad to discuss this with you.

If you have questions regarding any aspect of Medicare or Medicare health plans feel free call us at Alabama Health Guidance (256-648-5710), stop by our office at 885 Florence Blvd (Four Lane Shopping Center) or email me at ikey@alabamahealthguidance.com. Alabama Health Guidance is an independent insurance agency and is not affiliated with Medicare or any other government agency.



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Do-it-yourself or hire a team

of the burden you want to take on for yourself? Renting a property requires work. If you are going to do it yourself, you'll need to advertise the property, follow-up with potential renters, collect the rent, establish expectations for your renters and make sure the property is in good shape (housekeeping services, yard care and maintenance work).

The alternative is to use a full-service management company that will handle many of the tasks related to booking and managing the property. Taking this route may cost you as much as 20% or more of the rental income generated by the property. Is the investment worthwhile for you?

Tax considerations

Another factor to consider is how much you plan to use your vacation home. There are tax ramifications based on the amount of time you live in the home versus the time you rent it out. When you rent your home for 14 days or less in a year, rental expenses are not deductible, and the rental income is excluded from your gross income. If the property is rented for more than 14 days during the year, rental expenses are generally deductible.

If you use the home as a personal residence for more than the greater of 14 days or 10 percent of the days it is rented during the year, then deductions are limited to gross rental income. Certain other rules may reduce or eliminate your ability to claim rental deductions. Keep in mind that state and local taxes may apply no matter what decision you make. It is best to consult your tax advisor to understand your rental strategy.

Be prepared to share

When you rent your vacation home, the space is no longer just your own. Sharing your property with others will undoubtedly lead to additional wear-and-tear on your home. Limit the number of guests at any one time to an amount the home can reasonably accommodate. Spell out policies on smoking, pets and even a minimum age. The clearer your rules, the less likely you are to encounter unpleasant surprises after renters have left the property. Do what you can to make the experience a positive one for renters to build repeat business and effective word-of-mouth marketing.

When you choose to rent your vacation home, you are entering the hospitality business. Be sure you are prepared to meet the expectations of people who will be paying to stay in your home rather than in a hotel or other establishment. Careful thought before renting will also ensure you are prepared for how the changes will affect how and when you can use your vacation home.

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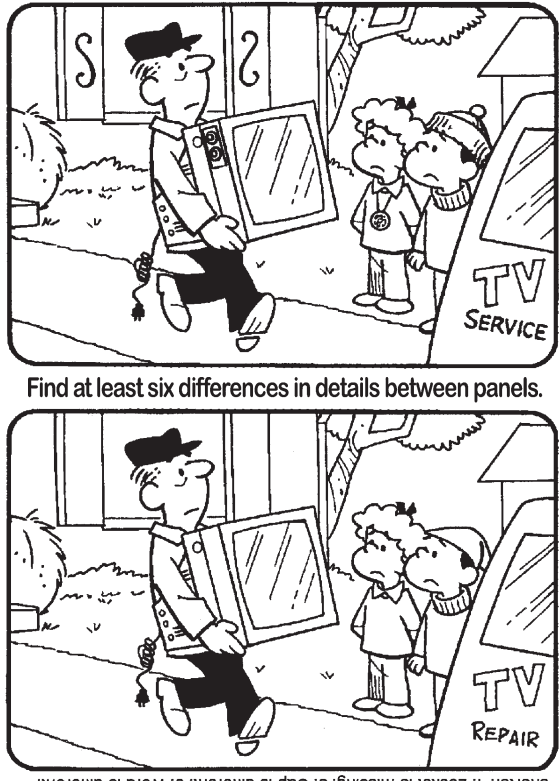
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THE BOLD AND THE BEAUTIFUL Rejoicing in her comeuppance, Sheila sparred with Brooke. Taylor gave as good as she got during a heated confrontation with Brooke. Deacon caved to Hope's request and paid Ridge a surprise visit. Later, Deacon made an emotional plea

of love and commitment to Brooke. Thomas and Sheila argued about her place within the Forrester family. Dollar Bill voiced his opinion about Ridge and Brooke to Wyatt and Liam. *Wait to See: Ridge and Thomas share a warm father/son moment. Deacon provides comfort to an anguished*

Brooke. Sheila accidentally slips up during her intense squabble with Thomas.

DAYS OF OUR LIVES Chloe and Brady met Craig's new boyfriend. Tripp set up a romantic proposal for Allie. Johnny caused major drama for Allie and Tripp. TR tried to convince Paulina he's changed. Brady and Chloe's dinner with Craig and his date turned into a disaster. Steve and Kayla were suspicious of Kristen's kind gesture. Roman tried to persuade Tripp to give Allie another chance. Tony was stunned when he learned of Sarah's condition. Jennifer and Jack

awaited news on Abigail. Xander got an earful from Anna about Gwen. *Wait to See: Chad demands Ava give up the name of her accomplice. Tony and Anna disagree on how to handle their unexpected problem. Jack tells Xander that the real Sarah is home.*

GENERAL HOSPITAL Diane was wary of Harmony, but Alexis defended her friend. Nina and Drew shared an awkward encounter. Chase discussed his feelings for Brook Lynn with Finn. Drew had a proposition for Marshall. Stella gave Curtis some advice. Olivia planned an escape day with Carly

and Sam. Nina set Willow off. Michael apologized to Chase. Elizabeth was rocked by another strange incident. Marshall told Curtis he knew what he did. Jake came home to a lot of questions. Portia was glad that Drew was back. Anna received a mysterious call asking her to meet. Elizabeth and Finn greeted an unexpected visitor. Austin wondered what was next. Cameron served TJ and Stella at Kelly's and apologized. Brando and Sasha woke up together. *Wait to See: Anna warns Drew about impending danger. Cameron and Josslyn awkwardly cross with Trina.*

Laura spots Ava and Victor together.

THE YOUNG AND THE RESTLESS Victor gave Ashland an ultimatum. Tessa provided Mariah with a much-needed distraction. Adam tangled with Victoria. Victor plotted his next move against Ashland. Victoria stood her ground. Devon protected Dominic's best interests. Victor gave Nate the third degree. Phyllis gave Jack some tough love. *Wait to See: Ashland tries to turn the tables on Victor. Jack shares his regrets with Phyllis. Lauren worries about Michael.*

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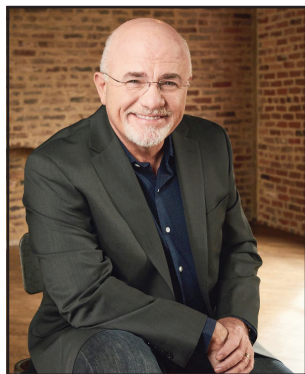
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DAVE Says

by DAVE RAMSEY



CHOOSING AN EXECUTOR IS A VITAL PART OF THE ESTATE PLANNING PROCESS

Dear Dave,
What exactly is an executor, and what part do they play in someone's will?
Gabe

Dear Gabe,
Simply put, an executor manages the last will and testament of someone who dies. Acting as an executor is an honor and a huge responsibility. As the designated representative of the deceased, executors are responsible for making sure the deceased's assets are distributed according to the will. Executors deal with probate court, tell everyone who needs to know about the death, pay outstanding debt, distribute assets, and generally represent the deceased person whenever needed.

Think of someone you know who is trustworthy, conscientious and good at talking to people. This person also needs to be mature, capable of handling life events with a level head and have an honest heart. You need to think about where your potential executor lives, too, because they could end up spending a lot of time working with the courts in your area. If you already have someone in mind who has all the right personal qualities, but lives out of state, research your state's requirements for an executor's location. Virtual meetings could be a possibility.

The amount of time needed for an executor to handle your affairs when you're gone could be enormous. Depending on the complexity of your estate, it could take months—or even years. Once you settle on someone as executor, be honest with them about all the responsibilities that come with the job. And if you're unable to find someone appropriate, you can always hire a professional executor.

Great question!
— Dave

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What is the best way to invest a one-time lump sum of \$2,500? My plan is to leave the money alone and let it grow for a long time.
Karole

Dear Karole,
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I hope this helps!
— Dave

Dave Ramsey is a seven-time #1 national best-selling author, personal finance expert, and host of "The Ramsey Show," heard by more than 20 million listeners each week. He has appeared on "Good Morning America," "CBS This Morning," "Today," Fox News, CNN, Fox Business, and more. Since 1992, Dave has helped people regain control of their money, build wealth and enhance their lives. He also serves as CEO for Ramsey Solutions.



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Commentary Putin...

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our debt, inflation, a leadership vacuum of ineptitude over the last year, and a military philosophy that borders on buffoonery.

Besides, our diplomatic agreements are a joke. Our government has been reneging on agreements/treaties for centuries, starting with the Native Americans.

Putin is no arbiter of honesty, but he has witnessed our bad faith several times, so he's over US diplomacy.

Anyway, Joe Biden would forget what he just signed before both men leave the room. As former White House doctor to Bush, Obama, and Trump, Ronny Jackson said recently, "Every time (Biden) gets up and talks to the American people, it's not just the American people that are watching him speak, it's the whole world, and that is part of what the problem is here."

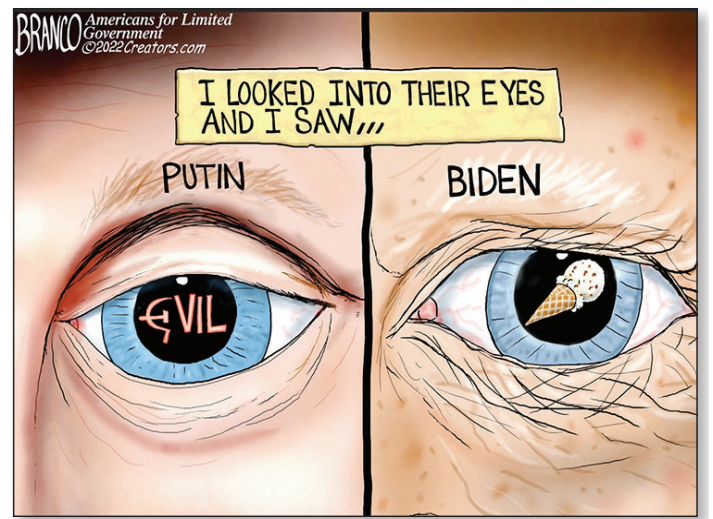
The fact that the US stock market gained as Ukraine fell shows how appearances can so easily be manipulated in this country.

When fiscally able, the US military is supposed to include the meanest, bravest, most energetic and patriotic American people available, intent on following the footsteps of those before them, many of whom gave all for the United States of America. We still have some of that mindset in the ranks, but they are being held back.

The US military is not supposed to be a playing field for social expression, a testing ground for clean-energy, low-impact electric tanks, or a clearing house for taxpayer-supported elective surgeries.

However, over the years, liberal ideology has made us forget that the purpose of the military is to break things, create terror, and kill people - as needed - in no specific order.

Our military is akin to the once proud, respected, and dominant alpha male bull in the pasture. It has now been neutered, taken on an extra few pounds of baggage, and has found a bad batch of



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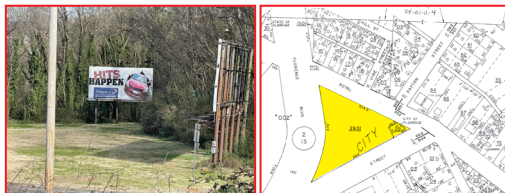
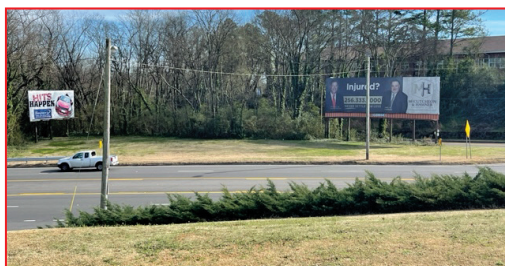
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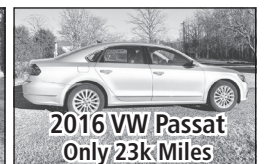
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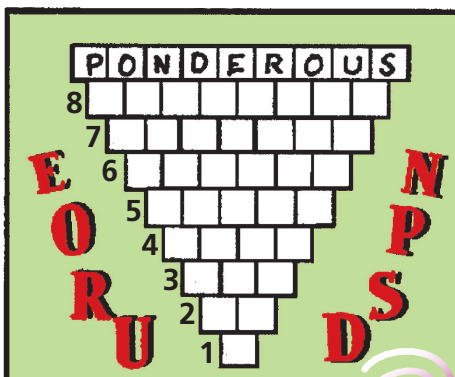
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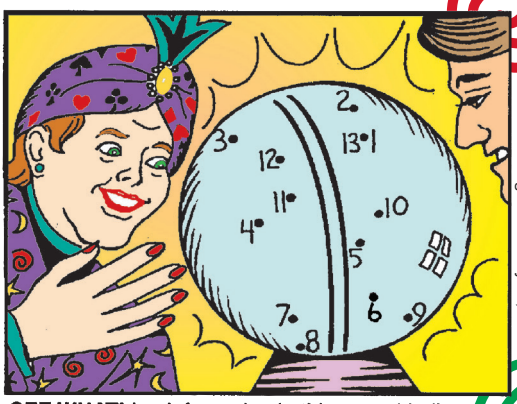
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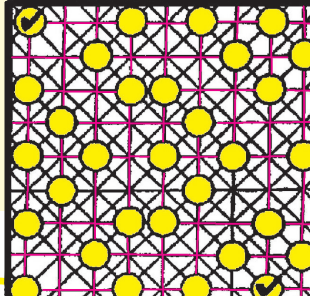


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SEE WHAT! Look for a sign in this crystal ball. What sign can it be? Draw lines from 1 to 2 to 3, etc. to find out.

S-CURVES! Letter S completes each of these seven-letter series: 1. MNOPQR—. 2. OTTFFS—. 3. SMTWTF—. 4. MAMJJA—. See if you can explain why. Hint: Each is an initial letter.



DOT'S NICE! An intricate circle-and-line design shown here provides a challenging wits test. It is possible to place nine checkmarks among the various circles so that no two checks appear in the same row, column or diagonal line. Two starter checks are already in place. See if you can insert the remaining seven. Remember, nine checks are required. Just one on any line. How quickly can you comply? P.S.: Have an eraser handy.

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but party line and inflammatory, misinformation.

Yes, every society has

some who place their personal goals above local and societal needs. If Ms. Johnson had mentioned the scenario of the person buying Dollar Tree instead of party rhetoric, I could have agreed with her.

Heaven forbid that the accusing one ever do some due diligence and find out the perpetrator might be a Democrat. So, typically one instance is used to "bad mouth" every one who disagrees with the Democratic party line.

Many Democrats are very wealthy and loved and accepted the tax cuts while continuing to call the cuts a bad thing. Hypocritical at best!

Money invested in the economy, whether through the stock market or individual companies, drives the economy. Obama's ideas and his minions killed the economy by over-taxing the rich which caused investments to dry up.

Talk about being led by the nose hairs. Spouting party rhetoric without knowing or investigating the facts is a case of the pot calling the kettle black - again a typical response of many liberal Democrats.

During my 80+ years, I've been fortunate to have Jesus Christ become my Savior and Lord. Though saved, I'm still imperfect. He has blessed me with a beautiful and wonderful wife of 57 years, allowed us to do many wonderful and exciting things, and to be taught by experience to vote for and support politicians, not according to party lines or political rhetoric. Rather, I vote on the basis of their productivity or the practical probability of success of their proposals.

I am not wealthy by any worldly standard. However, I do not brag about what I "might" do with the money we've been given. It has been said, "By reviewing their checkbook, one can tell whether or not one is a Christian." More important is how one's thoughts and actions are judged by Jesus. To the best of my knowledge, Jesus has helped me remove much of the hatred and bigotry which is innate in us all due to our fallen state. Could this not be another situation of one castigating another to cover up their own faults?

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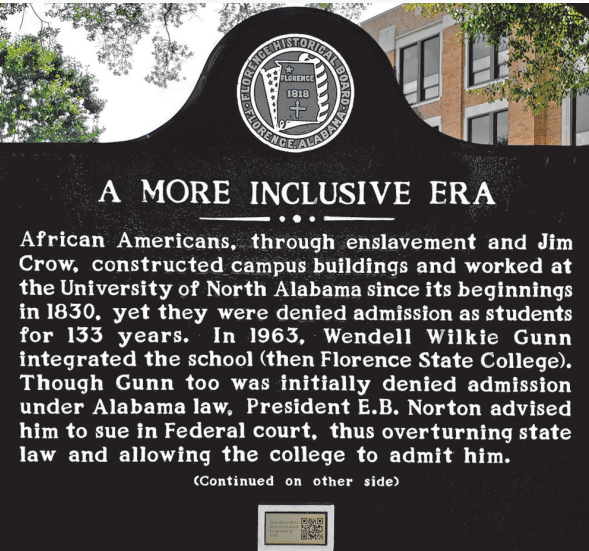
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This marker highlights the role University President Ethelbert Norton played integrating UNA (then Florence State College) and the crucial influence of Wendell Gunn. Notice the QR code at the bottom of the sign which, when scanned using your phone, brings up more information.

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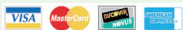
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Show hours are 2-8pm on Friday and 9am-5pm on Saturday. The public is invited to attend. Regular admission is only \$5 per day. A special \$10 Early-Bird Admission is available on Friday beginning at 11am.

Additions show information is on website at www.alabamarecordcollectors.org or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/AlabamaRecordCollectors. Questions or info requests may be emailed to alabamarecordcollectors@gmail.com.

Directions: Take I-65 to exit 271 Fieldtown Rd, then 0.8 miles East to Main St., turn right and go 0.6 miles. Gardendale Civic Center is on the left at 857 Main Street.

"Charlotte's Web" This performance, directed by Laura Connolly and Andrew Maples, will be on Saturday, March 5, at 2pm at The Ritz Theatre, 111 W. Third St. Sheffield Tickets are only \$6 each and are available at <https://tennesseevalleyarts.ticketspice.com/charlottes>...

Enjoy E.B. White's classic children's tale performed live on stage, in this adaptation by Joseph Robinette. All the enchanting characters of "Charlotte's Web" are here: Wilbur, the irresistible young pig who desperately wants to avoid the butcher; Fern, a girl who understands what animals say to each other; Templeton, the gluttonous rat who can occasionally be talked into a good deed; the Zuckerman family; the Arables; and, most of all, the extraordinary spider, Charlotte, who proves to be "a true friend and a good writer." Determined to save Wilbur, Charlotte begins her campaign with the "miracle" of her web in which she writes, "Some pig." This is a beautiful, knowing play about friendship that will give the audience an experience of enchantment.

The Batting Brigade Quilt Guild meets every 2nd Monday at 9:30am at Edgemont Methodist Church, 1330 Eauclaire Ave in Florence. Everyone interested in Quilting is welcome - from beginners to expert

You're invited to the **Alabama Policy Institute 2022 Annual Huntsville Event** featuring Rightside Radio Host, Phil Williams at Burritt on the Mountain in Huntsville Thursday, March 10. Reception and Hors D'oeuvres at 6pm and program begins at 7pm.

Phil Williams is a retired Colonel in the United States Army, an attorney, an ordained minister, a former State Senator for Etowah County, and the Chief Policy Officer and General Counsel for the Alabama Policy Institute. Now the host of Rightside Radio - live weekdays from 2-5pm on WNN in Huntsville.

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For questions or to RSVP, contact APU's office at 205-870-9900 or meredith@alabamapolicy.org.

Heritage Christian University Alumni Days is an annual event hosted by HCU to gather friends, family, and alumni together for a time of spiritual growth

and fellowship. Event is scheduled for Thursday, March 10-Friday, March 11 at HCU located at 3625 Helton Drive, Florence.

The Florence Kiwanis Club's Annual Pancake Days returns for a 70th year Friday, March 11, 6am-7pm and Saturday, March 12, 6am-1pm at the Florence-Lauderdale Coliseum. Advance tickets are \$8. Bundles of 10 or more in advance, \$7 each. At the door, \$10. Children under 12 are \$5 at the door. Advance tickets are available from Florence Kiwanis members or email kiwanisclubflo@gmail.com.

The Lauderdale County Sports Hall of Fame has announced the 2022 class. This year's inductees will include Elmo Alexander, Cary Williams, Daniel Creel, Daniel Jackson, James Barksdale, Marcus Bodie, Emily Mason Stewart, Jay Stejskal, Troy Pettus, and Amanda Thompson Hunt.

The banquet takes place Saturday, March 12 at the Florence Conference Center at 6:30pm and tickets are \$35 each. Tickets are available at area schools or by calling Dennis Hargett at 256-762-9056 or Steve Harrison at 256-810-3460.

"Funniest Man in America" James Gregory, a veteran comedian known as "funniest man in America," will perform two shows of hilarious stand-up comedy at the Ritz Theatre on Saturday, March 12, at 4:30 and 7:30pm. Tickets are \$35-\$55 and are available now at tennesseevalleyarts.org.

Gregory has been performing stand-up for 40 years, and his PG-rated brand of comedy storytelling has led to regular guest stints on multiple syndicated radio programs and sold-out shows across the country.

"We Rocked the World" - The Colbert County Tourism Bureau will sponsor a monthly music event titled "We Rocked the World - Muscle Shoals Music: Songwriters in the Round," every third Thursday throughout this year at the Fizz Restaurant inside the Clarion Inn, 4900 Hatch Blvd., Sheffield. The event is 7-9pm and is free.

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Historic Walking Tour - Florence City Cemetery on April 2. The tour of the Florence City Cemetery, established in 1818, features unique headstones and monuments adorned with burial and religious symbolism. The cemetery contains graves belonging to early settlers, two former governors in the O'Neal Family, along with other prominent community leaders and families.

The tour begins at the Florence City Cemetery entrance at 10am 705 E. College Street next to the Animal or entrances on Tennessee Street. Tour led by Harry Wallace.

Historic Walking Tour - Walnut Street Historic District boasts tree lined sidewalks, diverse architecture and elegant homes. On April 9 participants will walk by 29 beautifully restored homes that belonged to some of Florence's prominent figures and originally composed the Walnut Street Historic District. These houses were placed on the National Register of Historic Places.

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"...that whosoever believeth in him..." God wants all men to be saved



(1 Timothy 2:3-4) but He will save ONLY those who obey Him (Hebrews 5:8-9). Faith (belief) in Him is the first step after hearing the gospel (Romans 10:17).

"...should not perish..." God does not want anyone to perish! But our Father expects and demands our submission to His will (Matthew 7:21) in order to receive a mansion in heaven.

"...have everlasting life." Jesus left earth to go prepare a place for all the faithful followers (John 14:1-3). Our Lord invites YOU and everyone to come to Him for rest (Matthew 11:28-30). Jesus was willing to pay the ultimate price, death on the cross, that we might have an eternal existence in heaven.

Friend, GOD LOVES YOU! God knows you have sinned, but He loves you anyway. You cannot sin beyond the love of God. His blood can cleanse you of ALL sins (Ephesians 1:7; Colossians 1:13-14). In fact, the blood of Jesus is THE way by which salvation is obtained (Hebrews 9:22).

Will you hear Him, love Him and obey Him? Our life on earth is brief (James 4:14). We must not allow death to occur without coming to the loving God and submitting to His will. One day will He will say "Well done?"

Friends, we are thrilled to examine the Scriptures with you. We would be honored to study with you further on these serious eternity-determining matters.



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