

## Songwriters Set to Return

MUSCLE SHOALS- The Muscle Shoals Songwriters Festival is set to return to the "Hit Recording Capital of the World," on November 4-5, for two days of music and talent.

"We are excited to kick off the 3rd Annual festival," stated owner and founder of the Muscle Shoals Songwriters Festival, Lillian Glanton. "Each year we grow in attendance, artist talent and enthusiasm



for songwriters. There's nothing I enjoy more than bringing together my love of songwriting and love for my hometown." This year's festival will feature over 30 hit songwriters who will be showcasing their music. The larger shows will take place at the Marriott Shoals Conference Center, with smaller shows being hosted at multiple music venues in the area.

"It is all because of the outstanding individuals who support this event," Glanton added.

For more information, visit [www.mssongfest.com](http://www.mssongfest.com).

## BBB Hosts Shred Day

FLORENCE-The Better Business Bureau of North Alabama will host Shred Day in Florence on Friday, May 6 from 10am-noon at the

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## Taking on the River

FLORENCE - Muscle Shoals National Heritage Area programs coordinator, Terrence Johnson, took to the water this past weekend to start a kayaker's dream trip - paddling the length of the Tennessee River and completing a 652-mile journey.

Little did Johnson know when he paddled the first four miles of the river last May during the Tennessee RiverLine's official launch celebration, that he would be paddling the remaining 648 miles this year. Johnson left Saturday from Suttrees Landing Park Pavilion and Kayak Launch in Knoxville. "As an outdoor and kayaking enthusiast, I'll consider this the trip of a lifetime or perhaps the start of many more adventures!" Johnson said. "I hope my trip can help highlight some of what the river has to offer as a recreational and



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Johnson at a recent Keep the Shoals Beautiful cleanup on Cypress Creek.



Johnson

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This exciting and highly-anticipated four week community event will culminate with 12 winners and at least 20

Honorable Mention photos in our May 25 issue as we close National Pet Month.

Thousands of dollars in space and prizes will be awarded for photos depicting some of the funniest, cutest, sharpest, and most moving pet photos as submitted by pet owners across the Tennessee Valley.

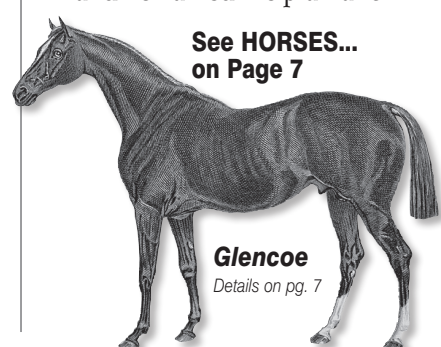
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## - ALABAMA - Home of the Thoroughbred

by Mike Drury  
direct to the Courier Journal

May 7th is Derby Day in Kentucky and Churchill Downs will be full of fans sipping Mint Julips and cheering on their favorite horses. But if you could go back in time about 175 years you would see that The Shoals area had a similar reputation.

James Jackson (1782-1840) was one of the founders of Florence. He was a surveyor, a land speculator and a politician. He held offices in both state legislative branches and served as president of the Senate. But his passion was importing, breeding and racing horses. He purchased 3000 acres of land outside of Florence for his home and he named the plantation



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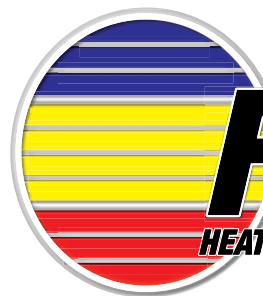
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- Documents should be placed in the trunk area of the vehicle.
- Remain in your vehicle. This is a no-contact event.

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### NW-SCC is in the Challenge

**MUSCLE SHOALS** -- Lumina Foundation announced this week that Northwest-Shoals Community College was selected as one of 10 finalists for The Million Dollar Community College Challenge, a national grant opportunity supporting brand building and marketing for community colleges.

"It is so exciting to be selected as one of 10 finalists from hundreds of submissions across the country," said NW-SCC President Dr. Jeff Goodwin. "We have a passion for educating our community, and we want our prospective adult students to know that college is for everyone and we are working to remove any barriers that might hold them back."

The 10 finalists are:

- College of Eastern Idaho
- Community College of Rhode Island
- County College of Morris
- Great Falls College
- Montana State University
- Houston Community College
- Long Beach City College
- Madera Community College
- Madison Area Technical College
- Minnesota State College Southeast
- Northwest-Shoals Community College

Once the grant process is completed, one college will receive \$1 million, plus technical assistance to develop actionable brand building and marketing strategies. Nine colleges will receive \$100,000 each, plus technical assistance.

Round two and the final stage of the grant competition will require each college to create a brief video narrative that communicates what their college promises to adult students.

The million-dollar winner will be named in August.

### NAL's Latest Expansion

**THE SHOALS-** North American Lighting celebrated their newest expansion last week in Muscle Shoals. The Shoals Economic Development Authority and the Shoals Chamber of Commerce were present, along with the mayor of Muscle Shoals and several executives from NAL's corporate headquarters.

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MUSCLE SHOALS: 300 Block West Michigan Ave.

Fri. 6:30 AM-?, Sat. 6:30 AM-?, MULTIPLE HOMES!! More homes added Saturday! Map ID #440

FLORENCE: 2153 Belview Road

Fri. 7AM, Sat. 7AM, Multi Family Car Port Sale! Lots of decor, house misc. + more! Map ID #458

TUSCUMBIA: 1011 FRANKFORT RD.

Sat. 7AM-7PM, 3 Family Moving Yard Sale! Lots of small size ladies clothing and much, much more! Map ID #462

FLORENCE INDOOR YARD SALE

1300 SkyPark Rd.

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FLORENCE MULTI-FAMILY YARD SALE (In back driveway) 820 Olive St. Sat., 7am-2pm

Tools, Toys, Pool supplies, Home goods, Furniture Map ID# 461

TUSCUMBIA: Yard Sale

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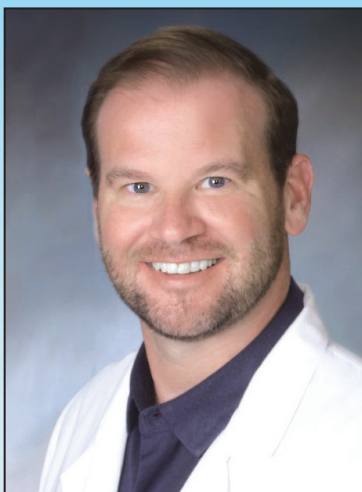
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**Homecoming and Gospel Meeting**  
at Hendrix Chapel Church of Christ located at 13007 CR 8, Florence, May 1-4. Speaker will be Floyd Harris from Nashville.

Sunday Bible Classes at 9am, worship

10am, fellowship meal following morning worship. Sunday evening services 7pm, Monday-Wednesday night at 7pm.

**CLOTHES GIVE AWAY**, Adults, Teens and Children – Thursday, May 5 from 8 - 10am at the Care Center, First Baptist Church, Killen - 510 J. C. Mauldin Hwy

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# Maurice McCaney Announces Run for State House

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"I am a lifelong resident of Lauderdale County and a lifelong conservative," McCaney said. "District 1 needs conservative leadership we can count on. I will fight government mandates and higher taxes."

McCaney is a practicing Attorney at Woodruff & McCaney, LLC. He is the lead legal counsel against removal of Confederate Monument, Eternal Vigil. Maurice has also been very active in the community for years. For over 30 years his family has led Victory Ministries and Victory Christian Fellowship Church, and he serves as Chancellor for Victory Christian Academy

"Public service has always been a passion of mine," McCaney added. "I hold our conservative principles dear. As a Christian, I will always defend the rights of the unborn and support Biblical, moral principles."

McCaney is an executive board member for Alabama Citizens Action Program (ALCAP), Alabama Christian



McCaney

Education Association (ACEA), and Shoals Sav-A-Life. Maurice is the Southeastern Legislative Director for the American Association of Christian Schools. He also serves as a member of the Lauderdale County Republican Executive Committee.

"There is a swamp culture in Montgomery just like there is in Washington," McCaney concluded. "There are too many special interests and campaign contributions flowing from Montgomery. The only special interests I hope to represent are those of District 1 as a public servant, not a politician"

Maurice and his wife of 19 years, Lorraine, attend Victory Christian Fellowship Church. He is father to James McCaney II, age 12.

House District 1 includes portions of Lauderdale County including Florence. McCaney is challenging Phillip Pettus in the Republican Primary. The Primary will be held on May 24th.

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## Pet Pictures...

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Studies show that pet ownership offers extensive health and emotional benefits for humans and so many rewarding experiences with our pets. Those are the times that often make the best memories ... and provide the best photo opportunities!

Curious stares, playfulness, daring actions, or evidence of that mischievous personality might make it difficult to keep the camera still during your laughs, but that is part of the fun. Capturing your pet's personality is often the key to having a photo that draws the judges' attention.

The winning and honorable mention photos will appear in our four-page color display on May 25, making dozens of local pets famous for at least a full week.

Winning picture-takers will also receive gift certificates to Rosie's Mexican Cantina in downtown Florence, gift

certificates to area Foodland Stores, personalized trophies from Florence Trophy Company, and Courier Journal pens and mugs.

Enter your pet photos into one of three categories, Dogs, Cats, or Exotics. Our staff will also create a fourth category in which your pet photo may also qualify. The Companions category best depicts the companionship that pets offer.

The entry form and rules are in this and the next two issues. Follow the directions and select from the various options to enter through our office at 219 West Tennessee St. in Florence.

We will be posting pictures from time to time on our Facebook page [Facebook.com/FlorenceCourierJournal](https://www.facebook.com/FlorenceCourierJournal) is where you can check out some of the preliminary photos and vote for all your favorites. Those likes



will also be weighed heavily as our staff judges the entries.

Business owners are also welcomed to reserve sponsor spaces on the winners' pages. A 2 column x 3" space is only \$129 and availability is limited. If interested,

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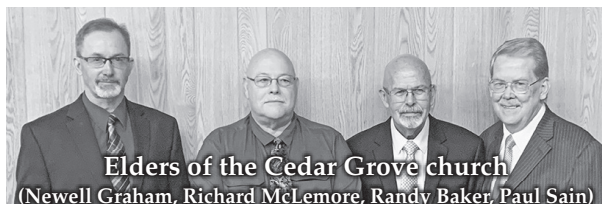
If you want to go to heaven, after this life on earth is over (having heard of the indescribable mansion prepared by our Lord [John 14:1-3]) – YAGOTTAWANNA!

Friend, it is NOT possible to just accidentally wake up one day in heaven. It is imperative that you seek the way of God, be crucified with Christ (Galatians 2:20) and live daily for Him. You must learn the will of the Father (2 Timothy 2:15) and fully obey Him (Acts 5:29). You cannot reach heaven if you choose and follow just any religion of man – the crown of life is given / obtained by ONLY those who follow and obey the will of Almighty God in heaven (Matthew 7:21). So, to reach heaven – YAGOTTAWANNA!

The grace of God brought salvation to all who will hear the instruction and submit lovingly and completely to it (Titus 2:11-12). The absolute truth is clear – YAGOTTAWANNA!

By the way, yes I know "yagottawanna" is not a word in most dictionaries, and it is likely not a practice of good English – but I am praying we all understood the points made and learned from this brief study. Until next time...

**The church at Cedar Grove fervently seeks to know the will of God (Matthew 7:21) and humbly obey what our Saviour declares – to the glory of Almighty God in all matters.**



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## Horses...

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the Forks of Cypress. One of the first construction projects, after the home was completed, was a standard horse racing track.

At the time, English horses were superior so Jackson imported several horses from England to improve American race horses. The most famous of these horses was Glencoe, a chestnut stallion that, according to encyclopediaofalabama.org, Jackson purchased from King George IV and imported in 1836. Glencoe quickly established a name for himself on both the race track and as a great sire. Horse owners from all over the country brought their mares to Florence to be mated with Glencoe. He sired 481 foals and was so successful that by the mid 20th century virtually no thoroughbred in the world could be found who did not descend from Glencoe of the Forks of Cypress.

Jackson died in 1840 and in 1843 Glencoe and some of the other well-known horses at Forks of Cypress were moved to a farm in Nashville, TN. In 1848, prior to the start of the Civil War, they were moved to Kentucky. This took a toll on the horseracing industry in north Alabama and it never recovered.

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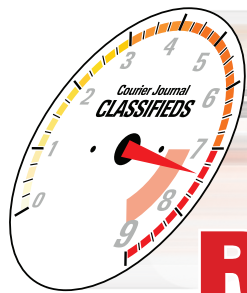
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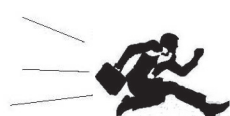
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A monthly grief support group meets the first Tuesday of each month at 10am at Cliff Haven Church in Sheffield. Kindred Hospice is sponsoring the meetings which are free and open to the public. The church is located at 1601 Andrews Ave. in Sheffield. For more information, call 256-764-0873.

The Sheffield Parks and Recreation Department is taking registration for summer swim lessons. The lessons will be given in June and July. Classes are limited. Visit the center or call 256-386-5615.

**Wounded Warriors Project & Semper Fi Fund** will benefit from the Susan Bentley Golf Tournament & Silent Auction on Friday, May 6 at Cypress Lakes Golf Club in Muscle Shoals. Shot gun start at 1:30pm.

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Girl Scout troop 503 at Riverhill School is sponsoring a benefit rummage sale in the school gym Saturday, May 7 from 8am-5pm. The sale is a fundraiser for a local older couple who were recently met with some surprise medical expenses due to unexpected illnesses. Thus far the

sale will include household items, a few kitchen items, some kids bedroom furniture, toys, kids clothes, decorations, and more. Items are coming in daily. We are still taking donations. The sale is rain or shine because it's in the gym! 2710 Darby Drive in the back of the school!

For questions or donations for the sale, please text the Troop leader, Christy, at 512-644-3504.

Legacy's Spring Market & Car Show is May 7, 9am-4pm, at Killen First Baptist Church (Legacy Christian Academy). There will be shopping, cars, door prizes, BBQ lunches, music, and fun! This is a fundraiser and all proceeds benefit Legacy Christian Academy to provide Christian education to our local community. Info: 256-757-5345.

Junior League of the Shoals is excited to host Touch A Truck on Saturday, May 7, from 10am-3pm at Brooks High School in Hwy 72 in Killen.

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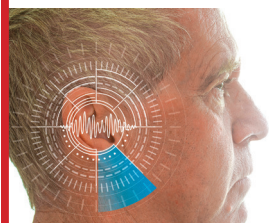
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Most people are worried about how debt will impact their retirement funds and 31% of Americans feel like inflation has set back their retirement plans.

#### Gen X And Debt

Gen X has more debt than any other generation, which sits at an average of \$136,869. In 2016, that average debt load was \$124,972, according to a LendingTree report that analyzed over 140,000 credit reports for the four oldest generations. It's no wonder then, that the typical Xer is generally pretty stressed about their finances, particularly when it comes to credit card debt.

More than half of Xer respondents said that they were stressed "some" or "a lot" of the time when it comes to any type of debt, whether it be credit cards, personal loans, or student loan

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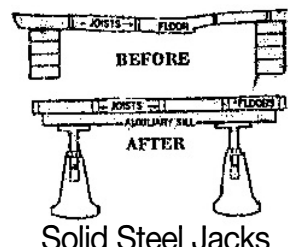
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## Commentary

### Elon's Coming... and the Cards Say

**H**earing some of the whining and journalistic drivel these past few weeks on the alphabet channels has been glorious beyond expectation. Who would have ever dreamed that something so simple as a business transaction could so effectively and abruptly dump the left wing of politics onto its backside?

While Elon Musk buying the Twitter social media platform for \$44 billion is hardly a simple business transaction, the reactions have also been once-in-a-lifetime priceless!

And all the evidence we need to verify the long-held assertion of left wing media bias has come into full bloom over the last couple of weeks. Mainstream talking heads lament that Musk is personally putting an end to free speech and taking down our democracy. This shows exactly where they have been residing for decades; a self-imposed LaLa land of assurances. Assurances that those in high places on the left won't be pressed for answers that may be embarrassing. And assurances that public discussions won't be allowed to get so intense

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**In A  
Few  
Words**



**TOM MAGAZZU**  
Editor

## Courier Journal

# THIS WEEK

in the *Shoals*

May 4, 2022

**Happening  
THIS WEEK**

## We Recall LaGrange

An Area Favorite at  
Former College Site

**LEIGHTON**— The LaGrange Living Historical Association will host the 34th Annual Recall LaGrange Saturday, May 7 at the College Site Park off of Hwy 157.

Living History events will be on-going throughout the day from 10am-4pm with craft and food vendors, tours of the Pioneer Village, and wagon rides, tours of the nearby Dawson Distillery during the day. The Observatory will also be open that night for Stargazers.

The day will include a period-correct Living History Event centering on a Prohibition Era Raid on a suspected moonshine still at 2pm. A group of lawmen

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## An Advance for Theatre Season

**SHEFFIELD** — The Ritz Theatre is getting ready for its upcoming theatre season with a Stage-to-Screen film series, featuring movie adaptations of popular Broadway musicals.

The screenings will take place each Thursday in May at 7pm. *Les Misérables* opens the series on May 5, followed by *Chicago* on May 12, *The Phantom of the Opera* on May 19, and *Rent* on May 26. Tickets are \$10 each or \$30 for a series pass and are available at

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**PLEIN AIRE PAINTING** will take place at Easterwood House in Cherokee, located at 200 Easterwood St. on Weds, May 4. The staff of Life Vegan Cafe located in The Easterwood House, is opening the grounds for Plein Aire Painters. The artists will be recording the lovely flowers that are in bloom and the majesty of the house. Plein Aire painters from the area are invited along with those who are curious or just like to watch. The artists will be willing to talk to discuss their process. Feel free to enter the house and enjoy the ambiance. Refreshments will be outside for those who come. If Wednesday is a workday, maybe you could stop by at lunch or when you get off. The artists will start around 9 and may stay as long as the light lasts. If it rains the event will be cancelled.

**WOUNDED WARRIORS PROJECT & SEMPER FI FUND** will benefit from the Susan Bentley Golf Tournament & Silent Auction on Friday, May 6 at Cypress Lakes Golf Club in Muscle Shoals. Shotgun start 1:30pm. This is a scramble with the best ball. Teams of 4 (or we will pair singles into a team). \$100 /person or \$380 for a team of 4. Boxed lunch will be provided. Mulligans for sale for \$10 each and a silent auction. Plaque awards for the winning team. Proceeds will be donated to Wounded Warriors Project to help local veterans.

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## Elephants Remember

Editor:

In reference to Linda Johnson's letter of April 27, *He Chose the Donkey*, God gave the elephant an excellent memory. The elephants remember that the first day Biden took over as president he revoked the Keystone pipeline permit and nearly 1,000 union workers lost their jobs.

The elephants remember that gas was \$2.18/gallon under George W Bush, \$3.03/gallon under Barak Obama, and \$2.57/gallon under Donald Trump. On January 31, 2022 the price of gasoline was \$3.36/gallon. Putin's invasion of Ukraine began on February 24. The elephants remember

that it was Biden that raised the price of gas not Putin.

The elephants remember the debacle in Afghanistan when Biden's actions let the Taliban take over and left 13 of our service members dead.

The elephants remember when Biden cancelled building the wall at our southern border. Now look at what the top donkey has done to the illegal daily crossings of people into the United States.

When I look at the price of gas and food, I choose the elephants not the donkey.

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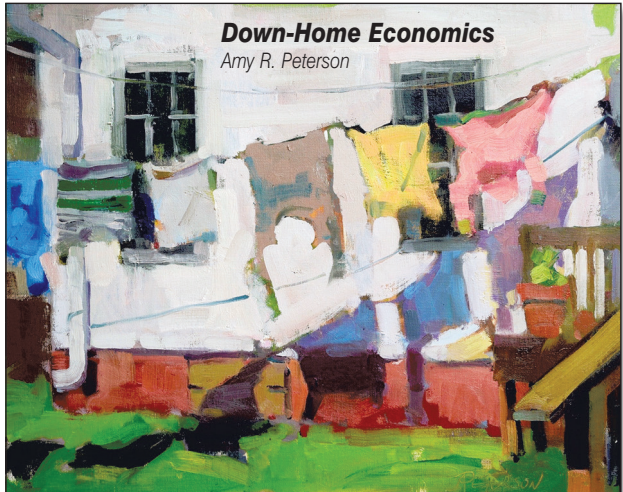
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## We Deserve to Hear

Editor:

Why are Republican political office seekers avoiding candidate forums, town halls and debates? We have local organizations, such as UNA, League of Women Voters, Times Daily

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**Down-Home Economics**  
Amy R. Peterson

## Shorts...

### NAL's Latest Expansion

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announcement in Muscle Shoals, they had tripled their footprint to 600,000 sq ft becoming the largest manufacturing employer in the Shoals.

In 2019, The Shoals EDA began discussions with NAL about additional expansions to support NAL's growing business. Quickly, NAL chose the Shoals as the location of their new 150,000 sq ft warehouse investing another \$8 million in the area. NAL quickly filled the new warehouse and just a year later committed to doubling the size of the warehouse investing another \$30 million and adding 100 jobs.

To date, NAL has invested over \$265 million and created more than 1,400 jobs in the Shoals.

### Light & Air is Thru May 21

TUSCUMBIA- The Tennessee Valley Museum of Art is hosting a new exhibition, Light & Air which continues through May 21. The exhibition features artists who paint in the plein air style.

Plein air is the act of painting in the outdoors with a full, open view of your subject, whether it's a landscape, structure, or still life. For this exhibition, works by artists Amy P. Collins, Benny Melton, and Amy R. Peterson will fill the galleries with their individual styles as they exhibit their unique personal approaches to plein air painting.

One of the exhibiting artists, Melton from Yazoo City, MS, will be showing paintings that he completed during a visit

to the Shoals last summer. His work in the show depicts local landmarks and landscapes.

"Tuscumbia and its immediate surroundings inspired me visually and personally," said Melton. "There is something about the quality of life in places with easy access to water and outdoor activities that provides compelling subject matter for me. The combination of light and atmosphere creates the beautiful color harmonies and subtle variations of value in the distant objects.



Melton

Capturing these elements can be very rewarding to the artist, as they are most challenging when attempting

en Plein Air from direct observation."

Hours for the Light & Air exhibition are Monday-Friday 9am-5pm and Saturday 12pm-3pm. Masks and distancing are required. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for students, and free for TVAA members. Admission is also free for education, healthcare, and first responder workers, as part of our Arts for the Frontline program, sponsored by Bank Independent and E.S. Robbins. To learn more about the Tennessee Valley Art Association, which runs the Tennessee Valley Museum of Art and the Ritz Theatre, visit [tennesseevalleyarts.org](http://tennesseevalleyarts.org) or call 256-383-0533.

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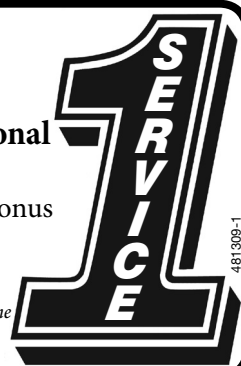
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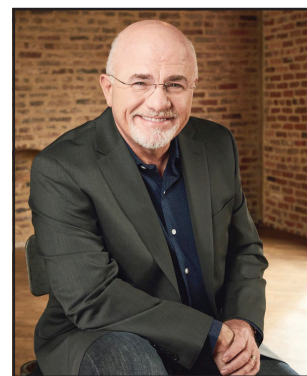
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by DAVE RAMSEY

### TEACH THEM, DON'T ENABLE THEM



Dear Dave,  
My younger brother and his wife did their taxes last month and learned they owe \$15,000 to the IRS. I love them both, but they are extremely irresponsible with money. I know they have a lot of credit card debt, too. I am debt-free, including my home after following your plan, and would like to help them. I was thinking about taking out a one-time loan from the bank to help cover what they owe the IRS, because my emergency fund is a little low after a recent car accident. Under the circumstances, would this be okay?

Carson

Dear Carson,  
In my mind, "help" would be aiding them in changing their ways with money. I don't say this to be sarcastic or mean, but it's the truth about where they are in life right now. They both need to be educated, not enabled, when it comes to their behavior with money. This doesn't mean they're bad people, but it does mean you don't need to be a party to, or a temporary fix for, their bad financial decisions.

Some people might say taking this attitude would mean you don't love and care about your brother and his wife. Those people would be wrong. You've already told me they won't behave with money, so at this point it would kind of be like giving a drunk a drink. You don't give more money to people

who won't behave with it. That solves nothing, and in most cases it just reinforces the negative behavior.

This might be a good opportunity to sit down with your brother and his wife, and have a firm—but gentle—talk about their situation. Maybe you could offer to teach them the things that worked for you when it comes to finances, using the Baby Steps as your guide. And make sure they get in touch with the IRS about a payment plan.

I know you love them, but you can't fix this for them. In some cases, the best thing you can give someone is the understanding that they need to change their behavior. Hopefully, with you as their inspiration and support, they can learn how to manage their finances wisely.

Good luck, and God bless you all, Carson!  
— 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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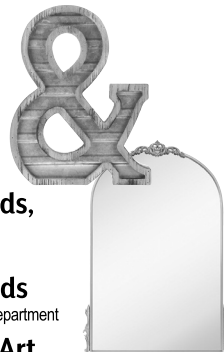
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## 652 Miles...

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environmental resource for all. I also want to focus on the work people are doing along the river to make that happen."

Johnson and the MSNHA are working with the Tennessee RiverLine, an initiative led by the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, and Tennessee Valley Authority, as well as community partners across the region to develop a continuous system of paddling, hiking, and biking experiences along the Tennessee River from its origin in Knoxville, Tennessee, to its confluence with the Ohio River in Paducah, Kentucky. The initiative seeks to catalyze economic development, promote public health, improve equitable access to river spaces and experiences, and inspire resource stewardship.

The Shoals was one of the Tennessee RiverLine's 2019 pilot communities, and a member of the Tennessee RiverTowns Program's inaugural cohort in 2021.

"As a proponent of the Tennessee RiverLine, I'm excited to start this 37-day journey, during which I will be

privileged to experience the riverscape's natural beauty. And, perhaps even more importantly, I'm excited to meet people of Tennessee River communities who share the same passion for the river as me and interact with other Tennessee RiverTowns and paddlers along the way."

Part of Johnson's agenda includes highlighting the importance of river access to a diverse community of paddlers, including those traditionally underrepresented on the water. For the first 10 days of the paddle, Johnson will be joined by Fred Vail, an adventure paddler and supporter of organizations promoting adaptive paddling and recreational opportunities in the region, such as Team River Runner and SPARC Chattanooga.

Johnson will post regular updates during his trip on MSNHA's Facebook page, @muscleshoalsnha, and other social media using the hashtag #TJ652. The Tennessee RiverLine will also be sharing Johnson's progress on its social media accounts, @tnriverline.



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# Shorts...

## Shelter Share is Underway

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this week. All locations are serving as donation points for pet food and supplies designated for local animal shelters. Bank Independent will close the drive on May 20 with Adoption Day sponsoring the adoption application fee for animals adopted from partner shelters.

"Bank Independent is proud to support Shelter Share as part of our Helping Hands initiative," said CEO **Rick Wardlaw**. "Local shelters rely heavily on the support of the community to meet the daily needs of animals in their care. We are pleased to help provide this much needed assistance with the generous support of our team members and the community."

The bank has also partnered with the Tennessee Valley Museum of Art to present the Pets in Paint exhibit from May 14-27. Pets from the Colbert County Animal Shelter will



be available for adoption at the Tennessee Valley Museum of Art during Bank Independent's Adoption Day on Friday, May 20, from 9am-4pm.

The 2021 Shelter Share drive collected and distributed over 1,207 items and more than \$10,900 in donations to shelters in northwest Alabama last year. Donations were used to supplement resources available to local shelters. Additionally, the Bank sponsored 74 pet adoptions across partner animal shelters in northwest Alabama.

Between May 2 - 20, every Bank Independent sales office will accept donations of pet food, kitty litter, paper towels, nursing bottles, cleaning supplies, first aid items, used blankets, bedding and towels.

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**Safety** - Some tips to consider to keep your child safe are:

- Avoid cars that have a sporty, performance-type image that might encourage young drivers to speed and test their performance.
- SUVs and pickup trucks may seem a safe choice because of their size and weight, but they're actually more likely to roll over in a crash. A teen driver's high crash rate and an SUV's high rollover rate can be a deadly combination.
- Later-model mid- and full-size passenger cars are good choices since they offer sufficient weight, as well as updated safety features. Small cars offer less crash protection because of their size/weight.
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- When you find a car that seems like a good choice, be sure to check safety ratings.



**Reliability** - Before buying any car you'll want to make sure that it is dependable. Some things to ask before you buy are:

- Does the car have a warranty? If so, what does that warranty cover and for how long?
- Has the car been water damaged? Water damage may decrease the life of a car.
- Is the mileage high on the car? If the car has more than 12,000 miles for every year of its life then the car may not last as long as you think.
- Are there records to prove that regular maintenance has been performed on the car?
- Are there any recalls on the car? You can check at the National Highway Traffic Safety Administrations recall website.

#### Price and Responsibility

- Shop around for your car and your loan. The car dealer may not have the best loan terms.
- When shopping for a used car always have the vehicle inspected by a trusted third party mechanic.
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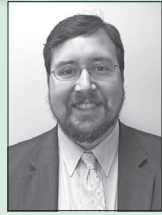
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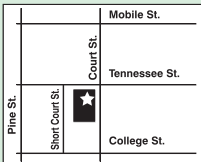
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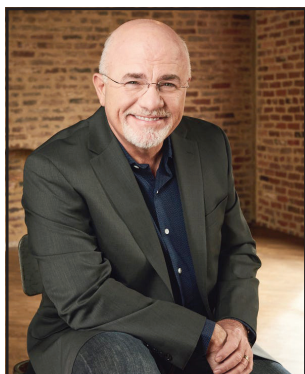
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Victoria

Dear Victoria,  
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Different people have different personal and business financial situations, so there could be many reasons to have more than one life insurance policy. I have lots of insurance connected to our estate plan, our business and different kinds of things. Most life insurance companies will only write so much in coverage for one person, so when this

has been the case, I just went to another carrier for additional coverage.

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— Dave

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

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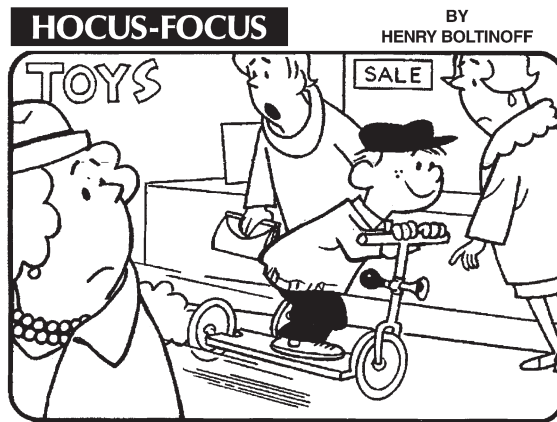
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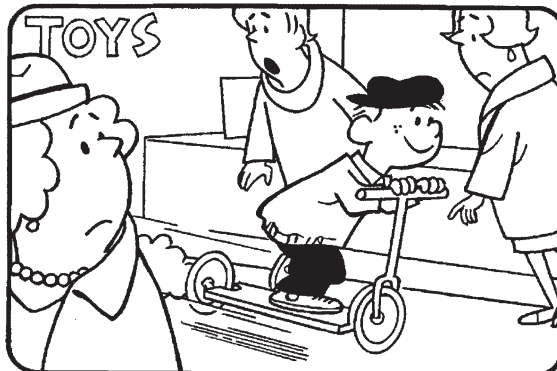
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by Hal Kaufman



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Remember, numbers in the hat are 1 through 10. Your task is to find five pairs of these numbers that total the stated amounts.

Hint: Only two of those in the hat can possibly total 4 — 1 and 3. Take it from there.

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Letters...

We Deserve To Hear

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and Chamber of Commerce that could sponsor such events - if the candidates would agree to participate.

Even if they do not want to appear with Democrats, it is important that GOP primary candidates engage publicly among themselves so voters can compare their positions and experience. In most cases in Alabama, the winner of the Republican primaries in May will be elected in November.

TV ads are hardly a sufficient way for us to judge the merits of candidates and make informed voting decisions. The campaign ads expound on why their candidate is the most conservative Christian, pro-gun, pro-Trump, and anti-Biden contender who will take on the liberals and close the southern border. The ads are often over the top and embarrassing for the state.

What will the candidates plan to do in Washington or Montgomery to improve the basic needs of Alabamians, such as economic and job expansion, education, healthcare, and prison reform?

Voters need to be able assess which among the candidates is best qualified to achieve results. How will they work with Democrats to devise policies and accomplish goals that benefit constituents - and not just the rich and powerful ones?

Let's petition the Lauderdale and Colbert County Republican Parties and Executive Committees to promote joint public appearances by their primary candidates - before May 24. Voters deserve no less.

Dan Waterman  
Killen

A Life We So Greatly Miss

Editor,

Mama loved us thru the years, she learned to smile thru many tears, her heart was big as the world is wide, she fed and clothed many a child. She was never too busy to stop and say, "I'm sure everything will be okay."

When she was worried, and could not rest, she'd work in her flowers that she loved best.

She talked with God on a daily basis, and taught each one, just be patient. When all the kids were grown and gone, she really loved her time alone.

As the days grew long, and she grew frail, her mind stayed sharp, and never failed.

She told us stories of days gone by, many times they made us cry, to remember things she has endured, which made her stronger, more assured.

If each could thank you one by one, there will be a million things you have done.

For each one was special in their own way, in your sight, Mama, anyway.

Stella Hallmark  
Sheffield  
for my mother, Pearl  
Hallmark, on Mother's Day  
1997. She died Nov. 9, 1997

You Need to Go to Church

To the Editor:

I have read some sad letters in the Courier Journal in my life, but I have never read a letter so misinformed than the recent letter from Linda Johnson. How sad.

Number one, Jesus would not belong to the Democratic party. He would not support killing unborn babies or homosexual marriage. Jesus hates sin just like God.

There is no worse of a sin than killing innocent babies in the womb. I Corinthians 6:9-10 tells who will not inherit heaven. And those who support this will have the same punishment.

I was born a democrat like so many others, but when I got saved by the blood of Jesus I had to change parties. I did not leave the Democratic party, they left me.

Linda Johnson you need to go to church and get saved. I know you couldn't be saved. How can you say you are saved when you agree with the democrats about abortion and same-sex marriage?

Bobby Merryman  
Muscle Shoals

We Still Need Our Mothers

Editor,

Ida lay dying, shrouded in white sheeting on a hospital bed. Around her were gathered her grown son, her old friend, Marta, and a doctor whose name Ida could not recall. At eighty-five and dying, Ida felt that she cared little for this trio. Her son had only just arrived, though Ida had been sick and longing for hi for weeks-perhaps for months. It was late, now. She loved him, but she no longer longed for him as she had. Marta was faithful and true-a good friend and neighbor, but not blood and not of the strength Ida needed now to carry her to the other side.

Feeling weary, it was her mother for whose presence Ida longed. At eighty-five and dying, Ida had the heart and soul of her five year old self. It was as if she had flown backward through eighty years, and she was, once again, innocent and young.

Suddenly, she was in her mother's lap. Her mother's arm twined about her, and Ida felt safe and loved as she has not felt for many, many years. The hollow in her hospital bed was her mother's lap. The tubes encircling her body were her mother's embracing arms. As her sone leaned down and kissed her forehead, Ida experienced it as her mother's kiss. As Marta smoothed and patted her gray hair, Ida experienced it as her mother's fingers untangling her baby locks.

Then, Ida felt as if she

were being rocked to sleep, and she heard her mother's voice singing a lullaby in the rhythm of the beeps of the machine to which she was attached. Ida felt a calmness descend over her as she felt herself drifting toward that final sleep in her mother's embrace. Then, her mother's singing voice became a hum-the hum of the flat-line of the heart monitor machine. Ida's mother embraced her and rocked her and sang her over to the other side, and Ida knew, that even at eighty-five, we still need our mothers.

Susan North  
Florence

Less Land is Protected

Editor:

Since Russia has sanctions on it, do we declare the federal lands and waters the last administration leased for drilling, mining, fracking, and or sold, auctioned off, as Public Lands once again?

Or do we just sit back and take it like we don't care...once again.

One day we might not recognize the Grand Canyon. Bears Ears in Utah, our protected lands were reduced 85% so it could be auctioned off.

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Linda Johnson  
Florence



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Original Medicare does not cover routine dental or vision care. Therefore, if you have Original Medicare only, or Original Medicare and a Medicare supplement, you will not be covered for routine dental or vision care. Routine dental would include exams, cleanings, x-rays, fillings, caps, etc. Some oral surgeries may be covered. Routine vision would include exams, x-rays, glasses, and contacts. Cataract surgery, however, should be covered under Original Medicare.

If you are enrolled in a Medicare Advantage plan, there is a good chance you have dental and vision coverage as part of your plan. A typical Medicare Advantage plan will have a maximum benefit ranging from \$1,000 to \$2,500 per year. Usually there is no copay for exams and cleanings. Most plans will include coverage for fillings and extractions. The one thing not covered by Medicare Advantage plans are implants.

Regardless of whether you are on Original Medicare, or you have Medicare Advantage, if you want additional dental or vision coverage you would need to enroll in a stand-alone plan. Most major insurance companies offer these.

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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# Screen...

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tennesseevalleyarts.org or at the door.

This series is a celebration of stage musicals, so the audience is invited to sing along to their favorite songs during the screenings. Each film will be introduced by a member of The Ritz's upcoming musical production of *The Drowsy Chaperone*.

The films will be shown on the big screen in the historic theatre. Concessions— including fresh popcorn, sodas, candy, wine, and beer—will be available, and doors open at 6:30pm.

The 2012 adaptation of *Les Misérables* on May 5 was directed by Tom Hooper and starred Hugh Jackman and Anne Hathaway, who won the Academy Award for her role.

The 2002 adaptation *Chicago* on May 12 was directed by Rob Marshall and stars Renée Zellweger, Catherine Zeta-Jones, and Richard Gere. It won the Academy Award for Best Picture, and Zeta-Jones won Best Supporting Actress.

*The Phantom of the Opera* (2004) on May 19 was directed by Joel Schumacher and starred Gerard Butler and Emmy Rossum.

The 2005 adaptation of *Rent* concludes the series. It was directed by Chris Columbus and featured six of the original Broadway cast members reprising their roles, including Anthony Rapp, Jesse L. Martin, and Idina Menzel.

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## Commentary

### Elon...

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that their tightly-held beliefs may get torn away by facts.

They still run most of the media companies, so distortions and cover-ups will continue to rain down. However, Twitter was their baby. The little blue bird was their shelter from an outside storm where alternative discussion about Trump, COVID-19, abortion, voter fraud, January 6, transgenderism, Hillary and Russian dossiers, and the like was shelved because it "violated terms" or was summarily deemed "misinformation" if it went against a prevailing left wing or government narrative.

We don't realize how dangerous that type of policy is to our freedoms and a transparent discussion - in either direction. However, when the "proper" people have the "correct" views and have the hammer, it's just fine with them.

A prime example was the bombshell *New York*

Post story about the Hunter Biden laptop. There were reams of credible evidence. If it had been one of Trump's sons instead of Biden's, all hell would have broken loose before election day. Twitter intentionally suppressed the story over "lack of authoritative reporting on the origins of the materials included in the article." As it turned out, the story is 100% true... and Biden is President. In the current Twitterverse, THAT is what matters. However, more and more is coming out and people are getting uncomfortable.

Suddenly the White House is also concerned about the power that social media can wield. The leftist media is going nuts. They're worried about toning down the reach of one party versus the other just before elections. Isn't that ironic? MSNBC, CNN, NPR along with groups like the ACLU - all them and more. These people had no problems with the massive Disney leviathan foisting itself into politics last month. However, Elon Musk and other unwelcomed rich people

have no business owning a property and steering in a counter direction.

The ACLU stopped worrying about real civil liberties years ago. Now they are all about equity.

Musk may not be the ideal ally for the fight to pull back the curtain on corporate censorship. However, it's great to see SOMEONE in that position.

The long process of his takeover already has the left crying foul on the 2022 election. They are concerned that Musk and his people will be manipulating algorithms or suppressing content. Excuse me? You mean they are now concerned about what has been going on for years. Twitter already engages in "content moderation" practices that seemingly do exactly what the media talking heads political mouths are concerned about.

They are either clueless or disingenuous. They are not stupid, so...

Through all the humor and gnashing of teeth that we are enjoying, Musk is anything but a flag-waving conservative. He harbors a lot of left-wing views. Climate change is front and center. He has to espouse an urgency there because electric vehicles are his bread and butter.

However, we can respect that he doesn't hold back an opinion because of controversy or because he needs kudos from the rich and famous. He doesn't care what anyone thinks of him or his positions.

Bill Gates is a case in point. Gates texted Musk casually asking him to contribute hundreds of \$millions towards Gates' climate change propaganda campaign. It's not that he doesn't agree with Gates' position. It's that he doesn't appreciate Gates' hypocrisy.

Like most rich climate freaks, Gates expends more carbon in a day or two than most of us do in a full year. His massive houses, yachts, private jets, and the like give him a carbon footprint like few others. And while Gates is requesting Musk's climate money, he is simultaneously short-selling shares of Tesla stock. In other words, he is betting that the stock price of the electric carmaker will fall, so he can then cash in. The judgement and timing for Gates to request a favor there was surprisingly poor. And Musk called him out publicly on it.

Twitter employees are also losing their collective mind - to the point of needing therapy, consoling, and medication. What a bunch of dogs... Good for them. It's time for some reality. There are plenty of other jobs out there. Find one, because Elon's Coming... and You'll Never Get Away.

Don't let the door hit you in the backside on the way out.

### Can God Be Trusted?

His credentials far exceed any genius we have today. God is a divider, a separator and laid out a plan in scriptures for us to receive sonship and maintain fellowship with Him. Anytime any nation or individual fails, its not because they were following God. Confusion reigns when we become our own God. See 1Corinthians 14:33. Study: **Acts 17:24-26** "God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands; Neither is worshipped with men's hands, as though he needed any thing, seeing he giveth to all life, and breath, and all things; And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation;" If you won't study and rightly divide the scriptures, how can you be trusted to get anything else right? God deals in absolutes and ignoring them creates further confusion.

**Matthew 22:29** "Jesus answered and said unto them, Ye do err, not knowing the scriptures, nor the power of God." In the culture we live in, we've entrusted the people that created our problems to solve them. **Jeremiah 8:9** "The wise men are ashamed, they are dismayed and taken: lo, they have rejected the word of the LORD; and what wisdom is in them?" God has answers and can be trusted. We just don't like God. Read in Genesis: "God divided and separated". People decided they know more than God and so rebellion set in and destruction and judgment followed. History repeats and so wild grapes now run the land. Without God can we expect confusion tomorrow? God has our health and breath in his hands. God separated light from darkness, good from evil, sweet from salty and a myriad of other contrasts. God even separated the natures in the saved man. Read Colossians 2. Our divorce rate is so high, traditional marriage is laughed at. Can we expect God to ignore our self, hellbent destruction? I trow not. Read Hosea 4:6 & Isaiah 42:14. Payday someday.

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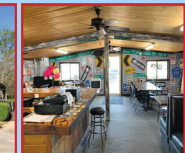


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at Edgemont Methodist Church, 1330 Eaucilaire Ave. in Florence. Everyone interested in Quilting is welcome - from beginners to expert

**Recall LaGrange's Distillery Raid on the Mountain** is set for Saturday, May 7 from 10am-4pm. It will include a period correct living history event centering on a Prohibition Era Raid on a "suspected moonshine still." A group of lawmen will descend on the pioneer village of LaGrange and will engage in a brief skirmish with the locals at 2pm on the 7th at the College Site Park. Living history presentations will be ongoing throughout the day and also tours of the near-by Dawson Distillery earlier in the day. Craft Vendors and Tours of the

LaGrange's Pioneer Village will be open inside the park all day. The Event is Free. Donations are always appreciated for continued operations of the park.

For more information, contact: Louise Lenz 256-446-9324 or Colbert County Tourism: 256-383-0783.

**Want to see your Event here? Email your information to Editor@CourierJournal.net.**

**Registration is open for Florence Lauderdale Public Library's Bookin' It:** Friends of the Library 5K Fundraiser! Join us at the library beginning at 8am, Saturday, June 18, for the Bookin' It 5k and 1 Mile Fun Run. Registration is \$30 and includes a Bookin' It 5k T-Shirt.

This event has been made possible in partnership with the Friends of the Florence-Lauderdale Public Library, and Solid Rock Running Company. Proceeds benefit the library's Summer Reading Program.

**Junior League of the Shoals is excited to host Touch A Truck** on Saturday, May 7, 10am-3pm at Brooks High School in Hwy 72 in Killen.

Touch A Truck is a family-friendly sensory experience where children can play and explore various pieces of machinery, equipment, and trucks! Children will also have the chance to meet and interact with the men and women who help build, protect, and serve the Shoals communities!

If you'd like to participate with a vehicle, as a vendor, or as a sponsor, please email [jlsfunddevelopment@gmail.com](mailto:jlsfunddevelopment@gmail.com).

**Quad Cities Squares** Come enjoy fun & lessons of square dancing 7-9pm Thursday evenings at the Royal Avenue Recreation Center, 421 N. Royal Ave, Florence.

**Swamp John's Dinner** at Lexington Senior Center on May 10, 4-7pm. Your choice of shrimp, fish, or chicken. \$13

per plate. Meal includes slaw, fries, dessert, and drink.

**The Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group** meets at the Florence Lauderdale library at 2pm every 3rd Monday of each month. All caregivers are welcome. We all need encouragement.

**Shoals Christian School presents SHREK the Musical Jr.** on Thursday-Saturday, May 12-14 at 7:30pm nightly. The 60-minute musical is based on the 2008 Broadway production and DreamWorks 2001 animated feature film. The Shoals Christian School talented cast consists of 57 students.

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**Stage-to-Screen Film Series,** Ritz Theatre, 111 W 3rd St, Sheffield. Get ready for the Ritz Theatre's 2022/23 theatre season with these films adaptations of beloved Broadway musicals! Tickets for each film are \$10 each, or you can get a pass for all four films for \$30. Doors @6:30pm, Show @7pm. Concessions available. Tickets: at the door or [www.tennessevalleyarts.org](http://www.tennessevalleyarts.org)

May 12: "Chicago", May 19: "Phantom of the Opera", May 26: "Rent"

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There are two ways where a person can be injured by an Uber driver. First, another motorist on the road can get hit by a person who is driving for Uber at the time of the accident. The other way a person can be hurt by a ride share driver is as a passenger. If a ride share driver causes an accident, the passenger has the right to sue the driver and Uber or Lyft. In those cases, there's plenty of coverage and there's lots of

information to obtain.

There are three different periods of coverage for Uber and Lyft drivers. The first is when they are waiting for a match and in those cases their coverage is supposedly limited, however there probably are layers of coverage and both companies have assets, so I wouldn't take someone's word for a limitation of coverage. The second period is when a ride share driver has accepted a match and is on the way to pick up a passenger and the third period is when the passenger is actually in the car.

We know that there is a \$1,000,000 in coverage in periods two and three.

Remember that Uber and Lyft will video tape inside the car and quite often outside of the car. There is GPS data available. You can always request warnings, complaints and citations about the driver to show that the ride share should have known that this driver was not an appropriate hire. There are ratings and comments that are publicly available about the driver. Your ride share companies typically require arbitration agreement to be in the contract that you agree to in order to use the service. Different states enforce that arbitration provision differently.

If a person is in a ride share that is hit by another driver who is at fault, the at fault driver is the primary coverage. There is likely uninsured motorist coverage on the ride share car and if the passenger has or is a resident relative of someone who has uninsured motorist, that coverage can come into play.

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**Pre-Celtic Fest Day, Belle Mont Mansion,** 1569 Cook Lane, Tusculumbia on May 13. Kick off the weekend with a panel discussion on Celtic migration into the Tennessee Valley will be held at 11am and a demonstration of Gordon Setters will be given at 1pm. Both programs are free, plus free tours of the mansion this day (only). For more info: [bellemontmansion@gmail.com](mailto:bellemontmansion@gmail.com) or 256-381-5052

**The Belle Mont Celtic Fest featuring music and culture of Scotland and Ireland,** will begin at 10am May 14 at Belle Mont Mansion, 1569 Cook Lane in Tusculumbia. Gates open at 8am. Headliners include Ed Miller, the Piper Jones Band, and Chambless and Muse. Advance tickets through Eventbrite or by calling 256-381-5052: Adults \$15; youths 12-18 years \$5; children younger than 12 free. Gate admission (on festival day): Adults \$20; youth \$5; children younger than 12 free. Rain location is the Roundhouse at Tusculumbia Depot.

**Shoals Cornhole Tournament** Saturday, May 14, 11am at Muscle Shoals Amphitheater, located behind Muscle Shoals City Hall. Unlimited inflatables \$5. Food trucks. Bring a chair. 1st place: \$500 2nd place: \$250 3rd place: \$150 Visit [mscsfoundation.com](http://mscsfoundation.com) to register. Questions? Call 256-389-2698.

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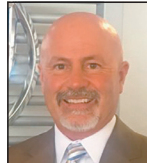
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