

**Character  
in Action**

TUSCUMBIA — The Colbert County Children’s Policy Council presented its annual “Character in Action” ceremony last week. The event was hosted by Colbert County District Judge **Chad Coker** who handles Colbert County’s juvenile cases.

“All too often I have families in my courtroom that are broken, and we don’t always get to see the good. However, today we’re seeing the good – the best of the best,” Coker said to a courtroom packed with students, parents, and school officials. Recipients received a certificate, a CIA T-shirt, and \$25 in cash.

The student honorees included **Alley Noel**, **Cannon Cornelius**, **Brianna Isbell**, and **Adison Williamson**, all of Colbert County Schools; **Jameson Beal**, **Judson Morris**, **Ethan Ray**, and **Shay Algamish** of Muscle Shoals; **Grant Berry**, **Cullen Archer**, **Makynzie Thompson**, and **Reeve Holcomb** of Sheffield schools; and **Jennie Brazell**, **Mia Izucar**, **Dayton Sanford**, and **Katie Brooke Clemmons** of Tuscumbia schools.

Coker read each student’s nomination description as he gave out the awards.

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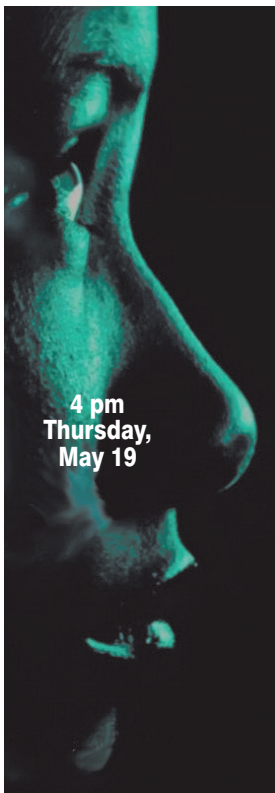
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**When I Became a Widow**

FLORENCE—The Shoals Writers Guild will host a community outreach program geared toward widows at 4pm on Thursday, May 19 in the colonnade on the ground floor of the Florence-Lauderdale Public Library.

Florence City Councilwoman Michelle Eubanks, the first speaker, recently presented a TedxWilsonPark program entitled “Living With Grief: What We Learn About Ourselves in the Process.” It is available at the following YouTube address:

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MUSCLE SHOALS -- Northwest-Shoals Community College will host its 2021-2022 commencement ceremonies Thursday, May 12 outdoors on the Shoals campus.

In the event of rain, the commencement ceremony will be moved indoors at Grace Life Church in Muscle Shoals. Graduates from the summer semester of 2021 through spring

**NWSCC Nurse Pinning Ceremony (ADN) 11am Grace Life Church Muscle Shoals**

**NW-SCC Commencement 6pm NW-SCC Shoals campus**

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**Keepers from the Bleachers**



FLORENCE – The Burrell Schools Alumni Association is celebrating the legacy of historic Black Florence schools with special “Keepers from

the Bleachers” plaques. The Association has commissioned a limited number of unique keepsakes created from original wood from the Burrell School Gymnasium Bleachers and made them available for purchase.

Burrell Schools Alumni are students who attended any of the three Florence

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**Storytelling Festival May 19-21... DO TELL!**

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FLORENCE—World-class storytellers and musicians will be in Florence at the Shoals Theatre on May 19- 21 to regale expected crowds with tales of heart, humor, and music as The Shoals Storytelling Festival continues with the 11th Annual event in north Alabama. The Shoals area is certainly

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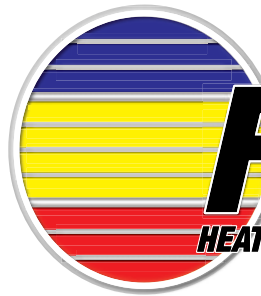


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**Kimmy Brazell and her daughter, Jennie, are all smiles at the "Character in Action Program"**

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initiative in 2017 to network, mentor, support, and educate women of The Shoals.

The hope of the Stacey Hamner Memorial Fund is to provide support for Women in Business, young female entrepreneurs, and female students studying business at the University of North Alabama, Stacey's alma mater.

"Creating a 'women in business'-focused financial opportunity has long been a dream of the Shoals Chamber's and Stacey was very much a part of those conversations. She helped originate the idea for the Chamber Women in Business Council, and we could not think of a more beautiful way to honor

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## Shorts... Character in Action

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Colbert's Chief Juvenile Officer and CPC Coordinator, **Lee Cox Young**, said, "CIA allows the Juvenile Court to take the focus off the negative behaviors of youth and focus on the youth who do what is right and good."

**CORRECTION**—The Light & Air Exhibition mentioned in the Shoals Shorts section of last week's issue occurring at the Tennessee Valley Museum of Art during May was published in error. It was a featured event from last year. We apologize for any inconvenience.

## Memorial for Hamner

THE SHOALS – The Shoals Area Chamber Foundation recently announced the establishment of the **Stacey Hamner Memorial Fund** which benefits Women in Business by providing scholarships for students and micro-grants for female entrepreneurs.

Stacey Hamner, founder and owner of Reclaimed Spirit in downtown Florence, was a beloved artist, entrepreneur, and friend in the Shoals. Hamner unexpectedly passed away on December 15, 2021.

Though there will always be a large gap in the Women in Business community from her loss, Hamner's legacy is even bigger. The Shoals Chamber of Commerce created the Chamber Women in Business



**Attending the Stacey Hamner Memorial Fund announcement L-R: Katie Bauw (Stacey's Sister), Linda Hudson (Stacey's Mom), Olivia Bradford (Shoals Chamber)**

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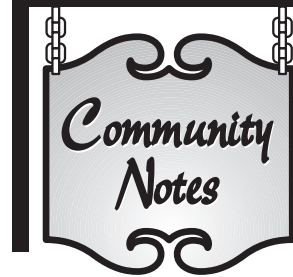
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**The Florence-Lauderdale Farmers Market is Now Open** 6am-1pm on Saturdays in May. You will find fruit, vegetables, beef, chicken, farm-fresh eggs, flowers, plants, and knife / scissor sharpening.

The market is a covered pavilion located at 451 Fairground Road in Florence with plenty of parking. Call if you have questions 256-443-4998.

**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.

**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.

**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.tennesseevalleyarts.org](http://www.tennesseevalleyarts.org)  
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**Pre-Celtic Fest Day, Belle Mont Mansion**, 1569 Cook Lane, Tuscumbia 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

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## Memorial for Hamner

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her. Creating this fund in her honor will ensure her impact on the women in business community," said **Olivia Bradford**, Director, Communications & Events for the Shoals Chamber.

Donations can be made to the Shoals Area Chamber Foundation RE: Stacey Hamner Memorial Fund. All donations are tax-deductible as the Shoals Area Chamber Foundation is a 501(c)3 organization. Questions or inquiries regarding the fund can be directed to Olivia Bradford (obradford@shoalschamber.com).

## Artifacts in St. Joseph



ST. JOSEPH, TN –The St. Joseph, Tennessee Artifact & Collectables Show will take place Saturday May 14 from 8am-3pm at the St. Joseph City Park on Spring Street. Admission is free and the Loretto Band Boosters will have food and desserts for sale to raise money for the band. On display will be arrowheads and tools made by early inhabitants of the Americas. There also will be displays of Civil War Artifacts, Bottles, Coins, Pocketknife's, Fossils, and other collectables.

There will be people displaying from all over the southeast as well as local collectors. Attending this year will be Jerry Dickey Artifact Authenticator and Appraiser. Also attending will be Dennis Bushey Artifact Restorer, and Charles Moore Author of a new book on De Soto he will have his new book for sale. Also many other collectors from the area.

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A native of Georgia, Thompson moved to Florence to attend International Bible College (now Heritage Christian University) and was a member of IBC's first graduating class in 1972.

He was selected as Alumnus of the Year in 1989 and was elected President of the IBC/HCU Alumni Association in 2017. He also served as IBC's Director of Public Relations from 1997-2000.

Thompson spent over fifty years as a gospel minister at congregations in Georgia and Alabama. He served as a missionary to the South Pacific, the Caribbean, Romania, and Estonia.

Thompson retired from full-time ministry in 2014, but continued to work as a fill-in preacher for several years. He will be awarded an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree, honoris causa, by the University during its annual commencement ceremony.

## Choirs to Vie for Handy \$\$

SHEFFIELD - The Tennessee Valley Art Association is looking for the best choirs in the Shoals to perform in this summer's Ritz Gospel Showcase. Three selected choirs will perform in two back-to-back performances on July 23 at the Ritz Theatre as part of the W.C. Handy Music Festival. The choirs will also share equally in 50% of the gross ticket sales—potentially \$2500 for each choir. Choirs should fill out the entry form and submit a video audition at tennesseevalleyarts.org no later than Friday, May 20.

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Teri Reese, a newcomer to the Shoals area, will also share her experience of "When I Became a Widow" at 4:30pm. She was completing her recent move to Muscle Shoals from San Antonio when she was unable to reach her husband by phone. The Colbert County Sheriff confirmed her fears.

The speakers will host a Q&A session from 5-5:30pm.

Joy Willow, President and Founder of the Shoals Writers Guild, herself became a young widow many years ago when



she lost her beloved husband to sudden death in a drowning accident. Writing, journaling, and sharing her experience led her to found the Guild. "We who remain are all here for each other," Willow stated. "The Guild wants to encourage others to share and record their own healing process." The library is located at 350 North Wood Avenue, in downtown Florence.

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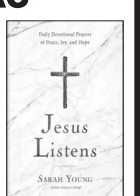
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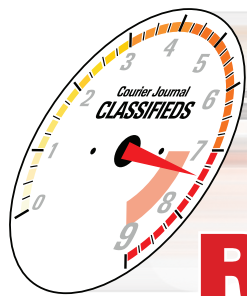
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no stranger to festivals. "Our area hosts the George Lindsey Film Festival and is home to many fantastic events like the Shoals Symphony, W.C. Handy Music Festival, the Renaissance Faire and the Helen Keller Festival annually," said Debbie Chaffin, UNA professor emeritus and chair of the storytelling festival. "Arts Alive Festival will also be the same weekend as the Storytelling Festival."

Chaffin is working with a committee composed of retired university personnel and community leaders to organize the event.

"We're so excited to have national speakers and musicians like Donald Davis, Bil Lepp, Dolores Hydock and Elizabeth Ellis as featured tellers," said Chaffin. "We also have an incredible lineup of musicians, which includes Mac McAnally,

Walt Aldridge, and Lenny LeBlanc who will tell stories behind their many hit songs and records. People have already purchased tickets from Indiana, Missouri, Florida, Tennessee, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina and as far south as Mobile."

Tickets for the festival will be available at shoalsstorytelling.com and the Shoals Theatre Box Office on the days of the performances.

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The Shoals Storytelling Festival is co-sponsored by the Muscle Shoals National Heritage Area and the Alabama State Council on the Arts.

For more information, please call 256-577-3756 or email Debbie at [dkchaffin@una.edu](mailto:dkchaffin@una.edu).



L-R from top: Donald Davis, Bill Lepp, Elizabeth Ellis, Dolores Hydock, Bobby Horton, Eric Kirkman, Walt Aldridge, Lenny LeBlanc, Mac McAnally *Courtesy Photos*



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Chapel has deep roots in Lauderdale County; her family owned a local business (Ingram's) for 60 years. This background gave her a strong appreciation for our small businesses and entrepreneurs.

Chapel's husband, Phillip King, was a Volunteer Fireman at the Underwood-Petersville Volunteer Fire Department for five years. Chapel served as Secretary of her graduating nursing class and since then has been a Registered Nurse for 19 years. She is a conservative, Christian mother of three.

Chapel King currently serves as the Vice-President of Friends of the Florence-Lauderdale Animal Services. She is an active volunteer helping take care of animals. In recent years, Chapel has also worked diligently to build support in the Alabama legislature for an Outdoor Shelter Bill.

Chapel has worked with the Lauderdale County Commission in the effort to set up a County Animal Control Department. She also gained experience working for the County Commission as a nurse. Her duties there included

maintaining the medical budget for the jail for three years.

Chapel King has never previously run for office, although she has been active in local politics for several years. During that time, Chapel has frequently attended County Commission meetings and work sessions. Her experience has prepared her for this office.

Chapel King has a serious plan for Lauderdale County. Above all, she wants to bring transparency to the County Commission. She will communicate clearly with constituents, honestly letting them know what is going on.

King plans to better protect our property by increasing funding for the Sheriff's Department, and wants to recruit more volunteer firefighters. A true fiscal conservative, Chapel King will strive to be The People's Voice in office.

"If elected Commissioner, I intend to fund law enforcement and first responders within the county adequately, as well as address our infrastructure needs. I will vote to use your tax dollars wisely. I will truly listen to

the people of District 1 and put their desires and needs first," King said.

"I have both the passion and the knowledge to succeed on the Commission. Many of you have seen me

act and get results on animal issues; I would love an opportunity to show you what I can do for you!"

King has diligently researched and assessed the needs of the County Departments; she's taken the time to meet with the Road Department, the Solid Waste Department, and the Mayors of towns throughout the District. She even rode with a Sheriff's Deputy for an afternoon in a Patrol Vehicle, learning firsthand what resources our Deputies need.

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Chapel King stated, "Your vote in the Republican Primary on May 24th (and possible Runoff on June 21st) is critical for change. Please join me in fighting for what

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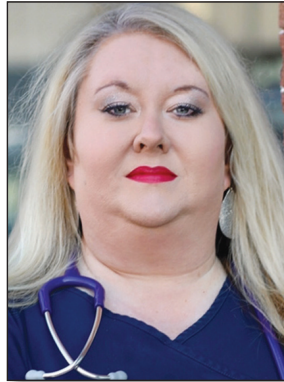
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Celtic artists such as Ed Miller, The Piper Jones Band (featuring bagpiper E.J. Jones), and Chambless and Muse will be featured. Additionally, folklorist and author Joyce Cauthen will be joined by her husband, Jim Cauthen, to perform in the courtyard, playing fiddle melodies and discussing the Celtic and African influence on the music that developed in early America and Appalachia, influences that can be heard in the famous "Muscle Shoals Sound."

Ninon Parker, site director of Belle Mont said that hosting a Celtic event has been a special desire for the museum for a very long

time. "We are so excited to be bringing a festival of this quality to the Shoals area. The musicians are truly world-class!"

The festival will include crafts, life-skill demonstrators, activities for children, food and Celtic merchandise vendors. Gates open at 8am, and events will begin at 10am and last until dusk. Participants are welcome to bring lawn chairs and/or blankets.

Tickets are available in advance through Eventbrite or by calling Belle Mont at 256-381-5052 to pay by credit card. Advance tickets are \$15 for adults, \$5 for youths 12-18 years, and free for children under 12. On the day of the festival, admission at gate will be cash preferred and an increase to \$20 for adults. Tickets include admission to the historic museum. In case of severe

weather, the festival will move to the Roundhouse at the Tuscombiana Railway Depot in Tuscombiana.

On Friday, May 13, two free pre-festival events at Belle Mont will serve as a kick-off to the Celtic Fest. At 11am a panel discussion describing the trends of Scots Irish migration into the Tennessee Valley and the influence of their settlement in early Alabama will be led by Dr. Carrie Barske-Crawford, Executive Director of the Muscle Shoals National Heritage Area, and Professor of Public History at UNA.

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According to Burrell Schools Alumni President, Odessa Bailey, the plaques were made possible by the generosity of Florence City School Superintendent Jimmy Shaw and were created by Florence High School students. Superintendent Shaw credited creation of the plaques to students in the Agri-Science Department, led by Matt Ball and David Wiggington. Shaw commended the students for their work.

To view or purchase a "Keepers from the Bleachers" plaque, contact President Bailey at 256-766-0663, or members of the Burrell School Alumni Association. Plaques come with descriptive labels and are \$15. They will be sold until inventory is depleted.

The Burrell Slater Museum is located in the Burrell School, 127 South Cherokee Street in Florence. Tours are available by appointment or during specially announced events.

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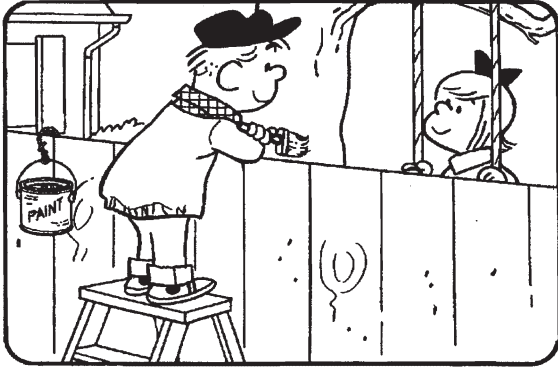
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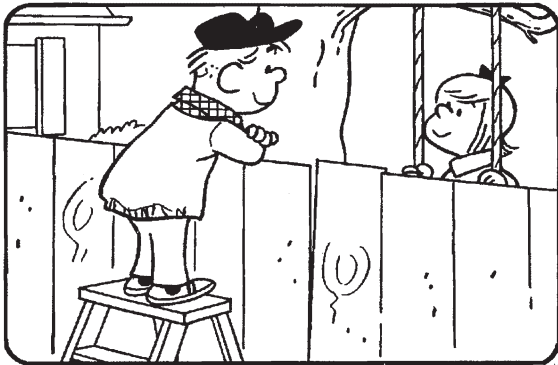


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**Commentary**

# Precautions Are a Better Remedy

The leak of Justice Samuel Alito's early draft opinion in *Dobbs v. Jackson*, the U.S. Supreme Court case that could overturn *Roe v. Wade* was clearly intentional. It was clearly intended to ignite our streets in hopes of influencing the court in advance of a final decision.

The leak to the left-wing website, Politico, is a permanent scar on the sanctity of the Supreme Court and the theoretical independence of our three branches of government.

This is months beforehand an expected summer ruling and is timed to influence coming primary elections, and B) encourage massive protests, intimidation, and even possible violence against justices who would be leaning to the right.

A court leak of this nature happened only once before almost 50 years ago. Coincidentally or not, it also dealt with the abortion issue. However, it was only a small bit of information a few days before the 1973 *Roe v. Wade* ruling. Alito's initial draft is possibly an early indication that the Court will abandon that position. It is an

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**In A Few Words**



**TOM MAGAZZU**  
Editor

# Courier Journal

in the *Shoals*

# THIS WEEK

May 11, 2022

**Happening THIS WEEK**

HELP STAMP OUT HUNGER SATURDAY

## Leave Food by Your Mailbox

SHOALS – Saturday, May 14 marks the 30th anniversary of one of America's great days of giving – the National Association of Letter Carriers Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive.

The traditional food drive returns this year after a two-year hiatus due to the pandemic. In 2020 and 2021, it was replaced by the NALC's donor drive, in which those wishing to help made online donations to local food pantries.

Letter carriers walk through the communities every day; often coming face-to-face with the sad reality of hunger for far too many.

See **FOOD...** on Page 28



**FLORENCE DISTRICT 6 COUNCILMAN, JIMMY OLIVER**, will host a community meeting for the district's citizens on Monday, May 16. The meeting starts at 6:30pm in the Family Life Center at St. James United Methodist Church on Cox Creek Parkway. Oliver will present an update on issues affecting the community and Florence as a whole. He will also address other concerns that you may have.

**A FREE MIDNIGHTERS CONCERT WILL TAKE PLACE** on Friday, May 13 at Burrell Slater gym. Doors open at 6pm. Voter registration, restoration, and voter precinct info will all be available. The show is presented by the Lauderdale Co. Democratic Executive Committee, Alabama Democratic Conference, and the Shoals Democrats Club.

**THE SHOALS CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT** takes place at 11am Saturday, May 14 at the Muscle Shoals Amphitheater which is behind Muscle Shoals City Hall off of Avalon Ave. The family fun includes unlimited inflatables for \$5. Food trucks will also be there, so be sure to bring a chair. Prizes: 1st place: \$500, 2nd place: \$250, 3rd place: \$150 Visit [mcsfoundation.com](http://mcsfoundation.com) to register. For questions please call 256-389-2698.

## The Melson Marijuana Menace

"During the 2020 Regular Session, a bill by State Senator Tim Melson was viewed by the Alabama Policy Institute (API) as one of the most dangerous bills to come before the legislature in recent memory. This bill came back in 2021 as SB46 carried again by Melson... Under the auspices of medical treatment by means of marijuana, the bill establishes an entire new department of government, raises taxes at unparalleled levels, impedes civil rights by allowing warrantless search and seizure, and portrays a substance currently banned by federal law as acceptable to the state." 2021 Alabama Policy Institute Scorecard pg. 3, <https://indd.adobe.com/view/2846b645-004a-4bb2-8af8-5eab0592c3a7>

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### Just Black Boxes

Editor:

I recently completed the online training course to become a poll worker for my precinct in Mobile County, AL, but then had to withdraw my application. I cannot participate in a process that is devised to be susceptible to vote tampering. Our elections are vulnerable, if not already compromised.

We have all become comfortable

using machines and computers. We trust them for all kinds of conveniences in our lives. Of course, we are really placing our trust in the manufacturers of the machines. Machines don't make mistakes and they don't have intent. But in the voting process, the means by which we protect our God-given rights, we should only be required to place our trust in persons from our own community, people that live in our voting precinct. The manufacturers of the machines we use to count our votes don't live in our precinct.

Whether or not anything nefarious is

happening in our elections, we should not be required to trust machines that are too complex for anyone who votes to understand how they work. They are just black boxes into which our votes disappear. What happens to our votes once they enter the machine, only the manufacturer knows. And we don't know the manufacturer.

We are literally handing our votes to a nameless stranger to count them. Machine counts might be a convenient way to verify hand counts after they are completed, but they should never be our primary method to count votes.

Wayne Christopher  
Grand Bay, AL

Senators Elizabeth Warren and Bernie Sanders want to get rid of the filibuster...



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# Shorts...

## Choirs to Vie for Handy \$\$

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quality. Due to space limitations of the Ritz stage, choirs performing in the Ritz Gospel Showcase will be limited to 50 members or fewer.

This new event is part of the Tennessee Valley Art Association's mission to celebrate and support artistic expression in all its forms, according to Britten.

For more information about Ritz Gospel Showcase auditions or about the Tennessee Valley Art Association, which runs the Tennessee Valley Museum of Art and the Ritz Theatre, visit [tennessevalleyarts.org](http://tennessevalleyarts.org) or call 256-383-0533.

## SHREK The Musical Jr.

FLORENCE- 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



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Beauty is in the eye of the ogre in SHREK The Musical Jr. It's a "Big Bright Beautiful World" as everyone's favorite ogre, Shrek, leads a cast of fairytale misfits on an adventure to rescue a princess and find true acceptance. Part romance and part twisted fairy tale, Shrek Jr. is an irreverently fun show with a powerful message for the whole family.

Zach Adams is honored to be playing the role of Shrek. The Shoals Christian School sophomore can identify with the character in many ways. "Shrek is a fun character who has a definite sarcastic side which is kinda like me," said Adams. "The cast is amazingly talented and

the audience will laugh and cheer as they join Shrek on his adventure with his zany friends."

Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$8 for students/children, and \$6 for ages 5 and under. Families/Groups of 5 or more are \$8 per ticket. Advance tickets are on sale now and can be purchased by calling Shoals Christian School at 256-767-7070 or by coming by school which is located on 301 Heathrow Drive in Florence. Tickets will also be available at the door.

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## Telling Back Yard Tales

SHEFFIELD. - The Colbert County Tourism and Convention Bureau continues its special program series with "Front Porch Stories and Backyard Tales: From York Bluff to Sheffield." The May 15 event will take place at 2pm in Gordon Park located next to the historic Standpipe in Sheffield.

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# Athletic SUPPORT

by Eli Cranor



## I wish my son would quit travel ball

**Dear Athletic Support:** My son has mentioned quitting baseball a couple of times over the last month. We're not even in the thick of the travel ball season yet, but I know it's coming. All those never-ending weekends spent in hotel rooms, our sunburnt cheeks sticking to the cheap bed sheets. Ugh. I know it sounds like I'm complaining (okay, I guess I am complaining), but I really wish my son would quit travel baseball. Does that make me a bad mom? Probably. And I know I shouldn't be writing all of this out on here, but I don't live in the town where your column is published. I've just read it a few times online when my sister shares one. So I don't think anyone will figure me out. Honestly, though, I don't care if any of the other moms figure out how I feel. Deep down, I know they feel the same way too! Listen, my son doesn't even play that much. And when he does, he's way out in the outfield. I can barely see him out there. My husband loves baseball. He loves it more than my son. I know if my son ever really tried to quit, his dad would lose his mind. What should I do? I think my son really does want to quit. That's why he keeps bringing it up, but he doesn't want to upset his dad. Then again, maybe I'm just hoping

*my son quits. Okay. I've already said too much. Now it's your turn. What should I do?*  
 — Cray Cray

**Dear Cray Cray:** You should support your son. That's it. That's all you have to do.

It doesn't matter if your husband is a baseball fanatic, or if you don't really enjoy travelling to all the tournaments over the summer.

It isn't about y'all — it's about your son.

If he likes travel ball and is just being whiney, then urge him to stick it out. You only get to play youth baseball once, and from what I hear about travel ball, there's a lot of baseball to be played in that league.

If, on the other hand, he just kind of likes baseball, then maybe it's time for him to drop out of the travel league. That doesn't mean he has to quit baseball altogether. Most towns still have community teams that play each other. That's what I did growing up (there was no such thing as travel ball back then).

The final option is for him to quit baseball outright. This is a big decision, one that should not be taken lightly. The only way to figure out if it's the right decision is for you and your husband to lay down your own agendas and talk to your son.

If your son does end up quitting baseball, I would urge you to help him find a new activity. Idle hands are the devil's playground.



*Eli Cranor is a former professional quarterback and coach turned award-winning author. His debut novel, "Don't Know Tough," is available for pre-order wherever books are sold. Send questions for "Athletic Support" to [eli.cranor@gmail.com](mailto:eli.cranor@gmail.com)*

# Shorts...

## Telling Back Yard Tales

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Local historian **Jimmy Austin's** presentation will discuss the meeting of Andrew Jackson and Chickasaw Chief George Colbert and how it spurred interest to start a town in the location of present day Sheffield. York Bluff was later laid out by **John Coffee** under the guidance of Andrew Jackson. Learn more about the influences of John Coffee, James Jackson, and others in the area and what led to the eventual settlement of Sheffield.

The Standpipe is located at 1399 N Montgomery Avenue. Gordon Park lies adjacent to it along Gordon Drive. Please bring a chair to this free event.

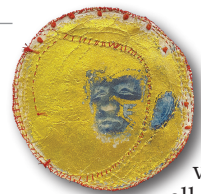
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## TVMA Textiles and Collages

TUSCUMBIA— The Tennessee Valley Museum of Art presents *slowly, please: cheoncheonhi hae juseyo*, an exhibition of textiles, collages, and photographs by Birmingham artist **Tara Stallworth Lee**. Her work will be on view from May 14-June 25.

The exhibition's opening on Saturday, May 14 will be a great opportunity to spend a day at the museum. Alongside Stallworth Lee's exhibition, the museum will also open a "Pets in Paint" show, featuring pet portraits by artists Vivian Moody, Katie Graham, Monica Dahl, and Liza Harrison.

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According to the NW-SCC Enrollment Management Office, approximately 1,250

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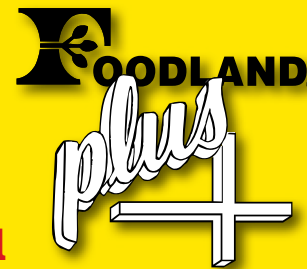
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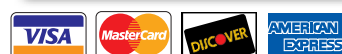
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Let's pursue further the answer of WHY He came to earth. The answers highlight our own salvation from sin.

Jesus came to "seek and save the lost" (Luke 19:10). Mankind, in sin, was lost, without hope, without Christ (Ephesians 2:12). Unable to save himself, man was doomed eternally without a Savior.

Jesus loved us SO much. Consider the depth of the love of Christ (2 Corinthians 5:14) who was willing to die in our place. He was without sin (1 Peter 2:22) yet suffered and died that we might be forgiven.

Jesus wants ALL to be saved in heaven eternally. He invites us to come to Him (Matthew 11:28). He has gone to prepare a place for us (John 14:1-3). He will come again and receive us unto Himself (1 Thessalonians 4:16-17).

Salvation in Christ is the ONLY WAY to heaven. Our Lord stated clearly "I am the way" (John 14:6) and that no man cometh unto the Father but by Him. In the Garden of Gethsemane, the night before His crucifixion, Jesus prayed that if there is any way, let this cup pass from Him. He then stated, "Thy will be done" (Matthew 26:42).

God's plan (before creation) was to offer salvation from sin, by the blood of His Son (Ephesians 1:4). Paul wrote further in verse 7: "In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace." John 3:16 stated simply and powerfully, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

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# Letters...

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## Grasping at All the Straws

Editor:

The recent leak of a draft document about the possibility of scuttling Roe v. Wade is a god-send for the Democratic Party. They will let no crisis go to waste. The Democrats have a good idea that they will lose both houses of Congress this fall, so they are grasping at any straws that may come their way. The LEAK was a big straw for them.

To me, the opinion written by Justice Samuel Alito right now is nothing more than an opinion. However, Democratic leaders, such as Senator Chuck Schumer, treat the opinion as a report and not as a leak of a highly suspicious nature, especially from the Supreme Court, which apparently has never had a leak before.

Senators Elizabeth Warren and Bernie Sanders want to get rid of the filibuster so they can codify Roe v. Wade. There is no right to abortion in the Constitution or in the 14th Amendment. It is purely a Judges law.

I believe the leak was to Politico for the sole purpose of influencing the upcoming midterm and fall elections. I don't think it was done to try to sway the SCOTUS.

The Democrats have been falling on hard times because of the President's actions and their own. This leak works so much in their favor and gives them the great opportunity to energize their base as they did in the last election with the pandemic, mail-in ballots and heaps of Zuckerberg money.

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# 2 Sample Ballots for Lauderdale County Primary SAMPLE BALLOT

# Soap Opera Preview

does the same for Nina. Carly and Joss catch up over a mani-pedi.

## THE YOUNG AND THE RESTLESS

Victor restored confidence at Newman. Vicky confronted Billy about his new venture. The Abbotts interrogated Diane. Later, Nick and Sharon reconnected with Diane. Kyle planned his escape. Jack received a surprise visitor. Sharon mourned Rey. Lauren shared her concerns with Michael about his new venture. Chelsea struggled to find closure. Ashland tried to make amends. Nick faced an ethical dilemma. *Wait to See: Nikki does damage control. Victor gives Michael a dangerous assignment. Nikki gives Ashland his marching orders.*

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## THE BOLD AND THE BEAUTIFUL

Quinn rescued Carter from an awkward moment with Paris. In shock and disbelief, Steffy's memory came flooding back. An unfaithful partner felt guilty for cheating on their unsuspecting spouse. Steffy was devastated as she realized Finn died so that she could live. Quinn presented Eric with a special gift that had a meaningful purpose. Taylor, Ridge and Steffy put their duplicitous plan to expose Sheila into action. Deacon delivered some mind-blowing news about Sheila to Brooke and Hope. *Wait to See: Sheila's façade quickly cracks as Steffy makes a startling accusation. Deacon doubles down on his theory about Ridge to Brooke and Hope. During a heated fight with Sheila, Steffy recalls another shocking memory.*

an answer from Sonny. Xander was stunned by Sarah's request. Anna told Tony that she was going on the run. Gwen was torn between offers from Jack and Ava. Lani and Chanel were consumed with worry about Paulina. *Wait to See: A possessed Allie enlists a familiar face to help with a horrifying ritual. Johnny, Susan and Marlena try to reach out to Allie before it's too late. Evan attacks Ciara.*

## GENERAL HOSPITAL

Carly was on a fact-finding mission. Curtis and TJ clashed over what to do next about Marshall. Josslyn wasn't the only one who noticed the attraction between Rory and Trina. Nina and Carly faced off at Charlie's. Alexis visited Willow to talk about Harmony. Spencer searched Esme's room for evidence. Joss and Trina were furious at Cameron for his behavior. Drew confronted Carly about what he saw. Willow told Michael that she'd made a decision. Things got heated when Nikolas came upon Laura with Sonny. Spencer sought out Britt's help. Finn brought his concern about Elizabeth to Laura. Drew, Sonny and the other parents gathered for the school festival. Dante and Sam came to Willow and Michael with some news. *Wait to See: Valentin and Martin strategize. Jordan checks on TJ, while Curtis*

## DAYS OF OUR LIVES

TR turned to violence as he became more desperate. Lani reeled from Eli's revelation. Ciara and Ben were heartsick over their missing child. A possessed Allie revealed her shocking plans for the baby to Evan. A heated confrontation turned deadly. EJ had a proposal for Chad. Kayla received some good news. Xander and Maggie made a tough decision about Sarah. Gabi enticed Jake with an unexpected offer. Victor demanded

# EVERY HOME EVERY WEEK

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THESE OFFICES RUN BY DISTRICT

- FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE, DISTRICT NO. 1 (Vote for One)
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  - PHILLIP PETTUS
- FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE, DISTRICT NO. 2 (Vote for One)
  - JASON SPENCER BLACK
  - KIMBERLY BUTLER
  - BEN HARRISON
  - TERRANCE L. IRELAN
- FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE, DISTRICT NO. 3 (Vote for One)
  - FRED JOLY
  - KERRY "Bubba" UNDERWOOD

- FOR MEMBER, LAUDERDALE COUNTY COMMISSION, DISTRICT NO. 1 (Vote for One)
  - BRAD BLACK
  - LOWERY DAVIS
  - CHAPEL KING
  - PHILLIP PETTUS II
- FOR MEMBER, LAUDERDALE COUNTY COMMISSION, DISTRICT NO. 2 (Vote for One)
  - GUNNER FORD
  - JOE HACKWORTH

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<input type="radio"/> LINDY BLANCHARD	<input type="radio"/> STAN COOKE	<input type="radio"/> KIMBERLY A BUTLER
<input type="radio"/> LEW BURDETTE	<input type="radio"/> RUSTY GLOVER	<input type="radio"/> TIM MELSON
<input type="radio"/> STACY LEE GEORGE	<input type="radio"/> ANDREW SORRELL	<input type="radio"/> WILLIAM (Will) SMITH
<input type="radio"/> KAY IVEY	FOR PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, PLACE NO. 1 (Vote for One)	FOR STATE REPUBLICAN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, LAUDERDALE COUNTY, PLACE NO. 3 (Vote for One)
<input type="radio"/> TIM JAMES	<input type="radio"/> JOHN HAMMOCK	<input type="radio"/> ROBERT T. (Scott) JONES
<input type="radio"/> DONALD TRENT JONES	<input type="radio"/> STEPHEN McLAMB	<input type="radio"/> MATTHEW SORRELL
<input type="radio"/> DEAN ODLE	<input type="radio"/> JEREMY H. ODEN	
<input type="radio"/> DAVE THOMAS	<input type="radio"/> BRENT WOODALL	
<input type="radio"/> DEAN YOUNG		
FOR UNITED STATES SENATOR (Vote for One)	FOR PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, PLACE NO. 2 (Vote for One)	FOR LAUDERDALE COUNTY REPUBLICAN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, PLACE NO. 1 (Vote for One)
<input type="radio"/> LILLIE BOODIE	<input type="radio"/> CHIP BEEKER	<input type="radio"/> BARRY MORRIS
<input type="radio"/> KATIE BRITT	<input type="radio"/> ROBIN LITAKER	<input type="radio"/> PHILLIP PETTUS
<input type="radio"/> MO BROOKS	<input type="radio"/> ROBERT L. MCCOLLUM	
<input type="radio"/> KARLA M. DUPRIEST	FOR MEMBER, LAUDERDALE COUNTY COMMISSION, DISTRICT NO. (Vote for One)	FOR LAUDERDALE COUNTY REPUBLICAN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, PLACE NO. 2 (Vote for One)
<input type="radio"/> MIKE DURANT	<input type="radio"/> JAKE SCHAFFER	<input type="radio"/> WILLIAM L. GIESKE
<input type="radio"/> JAKE SCHAFFER		<input type="radio"/> ZACHARY YOUNG
FOR UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE, 5TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT (Vote for One)	FOR LAUDERDALE COUNTY SHERIFF (Vote for One)	FOR LAUDERDALE COUNTY REPUBLICAN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, PLACE NO. 3 (Vote for One)
<input type="radio"/> ANDY BLALOCK	<input type="radio"/> MAX DOTSON	<input type="radio"/> SUZANNE B. MORRIS
<input type="radio"/> JOHN ROBERTS	<input type="radio"/> JOE HAMILTON	<input type="radio"/> RODNEY PETTUS
<input type="radio"/> PAUL SANFORD	<input type="radio"/> RANDALL McCRARY	FOR LAUDERDALE COUNTY REPUBLICAN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, PLACE NO. 5 (Vote for One)
<input type="radio"/> DALE STRONG	FOR LAUDERDALE COUNTY CORONER (Vote for One)	<input type="radio"/> RICHARD HERSTON
<input type="radio"/> CASEY WARDYNSKI	<input type="radio"/> KIM EDGIL JONES	<input type="radio"/> JAY McCANEY
<input type="radio"/> HARRISON WRIGHT	<input type="radio"/> MAX K. WILLIAMS	FOR LAUDERDALE COUNTY REPUBLICAN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, PLACE NO. 6 (Vote for One)
FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL (Vote for One)	FOR MEMBER, LAUDERDALE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, PLACE NO. 1 (Vote for One)	<input type="radio"/> JIM BRASFIELD
<input type="radio"/> STEVE MARSHALL	<input type="radio"/> DANIEL PATTERSON	<input type="radio"/> PHILLIP PETTUS II
<input type="radio"/> HARRY BARTLETT STILL III	FOR MEMBER, LAUDERDALE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, PLACE NO. 2 (Vote for One)	FOR LAUDERDALE COUNTY REPUBLICAN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, PLACE NO. 7 (Vote for One)
<input type="radio"/> TIM MELSON	<input type="radio"/> GERALD FREEMAN	<input type="radio"/> CHEYENNE DODD
<input type="radio"/> JOHN SUTHERLAND	<input type="radio"/> JEFF GARRETT	<input type="radio"/> MARY PETTUS
FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE, DISTRICT NO. (Vote for One)	<input type="radio"/> B.J. TULLY	FOR LAUDERDALE COUNTY REPUBLICAN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, PLACE NO. 8 (Vote for One)
<input type="radio"/> GREG MICHAEL	FOR STATE REPUBLICAN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, LAUDERDALE COUNTY, PLACE NO. 1 (Vote for One)	<input type="radio"/> F. E. SONNY BALTIMORE
<input type="radio"/> DANIEL PATTERSON	<input type="radio"/> ANGELA BROYLES	<input type="radio"/> JOSH CURBOW
FOR MEMBER, LAUDERDALE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, PLACE NO. 2 (Vote for One)	<input type="radio"/> PHILLIP PETTUS	FOR LAUDERDALE COUNTY REPUBLICAN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, PLACE NO. 11 (Vote for One)
<input type="radio"/> GREG COOK		<input type="radio"/> MATTHEW CONNOLLY
<input type="radio"/> JEFF GARRETT		<input type="radio"/> BOBBY DOLAN
<input type="radio"/> B.J. TULLY		
FOR ASSOCIATE JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT, PLACE 5 (Vote for One)		
<input type="radio"/> GREG COOK		
<input type="radio"/> DEBRA JONES		
FOR SECRETARY OF STATE (Vote for One)		
<input type="radio"/> WES ALLEN		
<input type="radio"/> ARTHUR KENNEDY		
<input type="radio"/> ED PACKARD		
<input type="radio"/> JIM ZEIGLER		
		CONTINUE VOTING ON BACK

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- FOR UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE, 4TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT (Vote for One)
  - RHONDA GORE
  - RICK NEIGHBORS
- FOR UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE, 5TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT (Vote for One)
  - CHARLIE THOMPSON
  - KATHY WARNER-STANTON

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FOR GOVERNOR (Vote for One)	FOR UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE, CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT (Vote for One)	"Shall the following Amendments to the Constitution of Alabama be adopted?"
<input type="radio"/> YOLANDA ROCHELLE FLOWERS	<input type="radio"/> SUSAN WARREN BENTLEY	<b>PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO APPEAR ON THE BALLOT STATEWIDE</b>
<input type="radio"/> MALIKA SANDERS FORTIER	<input type="radio"/> WESLEY THOMPSON	<b>STATEWIDE AMENDMENT 1</b>
<input type="radio"/> PATRICIA SALTER JAMIESON	FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE, DISTRICT NO. 3 (Vote for One)	Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, authorizing the issuance and sale of general obligation bonds of the State of Alabama of up to \$85,000,000 for the purposes of the improvement, renovation, equipping, acquisition, provision, construction, and maintenance of Alabama state parks under the jurisdiction of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, and public historical sites and public historical parks under the jurisdiction of the Alabama Historical Commission. (Proposed by Act 2021-326)
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<input type="radio"/> CHAD "Chig" MARTIN	FOR STATE DEMOCRATIC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (FEMALE), DISTRICT NO. 1 (Vote for One)	<input type="radio"/> NO
<input type="radio"/> DOUG "New Blue" SMITH	<input type="radio"/> ELAINE MOKWUNYE	
FOR UNITED STATES SENATOR (Vote for One)	FOR STATE DEMOCRATIC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (MALE), DISTRICT NO. 3 (Vote for One)	
<input type="radio"/> WILL BOYD	<input type="radio"/> JOSE V. FIGUEROA-CIUFENTES	
<input type="radio"/> BRANDAUN DEAN	<input type="radio"/> ANTHONY L. GUNN	
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President Kennedy promoted Harris to 4-Star General in 1964. Gen. Harris retired in 1965 after a 34 year career and succeeded 4-Star Gen. Mark Clark as president of The Citadel, a military college in SC. Died in 1979 and buried in Arlington National Cemetery. His plaque also appears in the Florence Walk of Honor.

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Stamp Out Hunger, the country's largest one-day food drive, provides communities with an easy way to donate food to those in need.

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billion pounds of food. This is thanks to postal service universal delivery network that spans the entire nation, including Puerto Rico, Guam, and U.S. Virgin Islands.

The pandemic combined with escalating food prices, should make the need for food donations a huge priority for each of us who can participate. Current estimates list more than 42 million Americans as food-insecure, unsure where their next meal is coming from. More than 12 million are children who feel hunger's impact on their overall health and ability to perform in school.

Nearly 5.2 million seniors over age 60 are food insecure. Many who live on fixed incomes are often too embarrassed to ask for help.

Food banks and pantries often receive the majority of their donations during the Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday seasons. So, by springtime, many pantries are depleted. Entering the summer low on supplies at a time when many school breakfasts and lunch programs are not available is of grave concern.

"Our food drive's timing is crucial," said Lisa Jones, a local letter carrier and Shoals Area's Stamp Out Hunger Coordinator.

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So, how are Medicare beneficiaries taken advantage of? Most scams happen over the phone. People who reach out to you by phone are known as telemarketers. Telemarketers are trained to get as much information out of you as they can, including your personal and Medicare information. They are also trained to talk fast and never take "no" for an answer. They may be offering walkers, wheelchairs, back braces, or Medicare Advantage Plans.

Here are some tips to help you avoid being scammed. First is never, never, NEVER give your Medicare or Social Security number out over the phone. If someone calls representing your insurance company, and they ask for your Medicare number, do not give it to them. If they are truly your insurance company, they will already have it.

The second thing to avoid is allowing anyone, except your doctor or other provider, to review your medical records or services. Third, never join a Medicare Advantage plan or Prescription Drug plan over the phone without checking with Medicare first. The commercials you see on television are designed to entice you to call an 800 number. Once you make that call the odds are you will be enrolled in a Medicare plan whether you wanted it or not.

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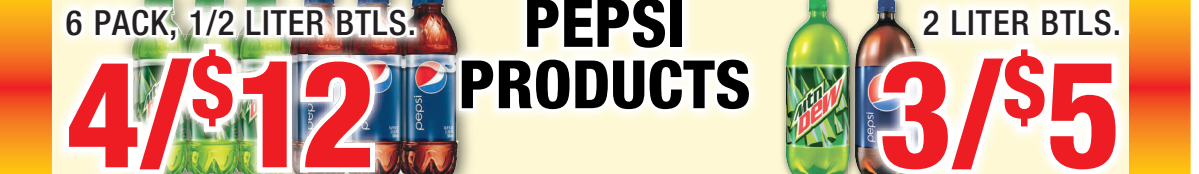
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# Junior Whirl

by Hal Kaufman



### Testing Waters Wordwise

WILL you sink or swim in this quiz on water? Let's see. Simply fill blanks to complete statements:

- If you're in trouble, you're in \_\_\_ water.
- To discourage something is to throw \_\_\_ water on it.
- Niagara and Victoria are water \_\_\_.
- \_\_\_ water is a city in Florida.
- The water \_\_\_ is an oxlike animal.
- Water \_\_\_ is a symbol of defeat.
- Past history is known as water \_\_\_.

Time limit: two minutes.



**CLUB STAKE!** Our artist claims to have included 25 golf clubs in the picture above. How many clubs do you see?

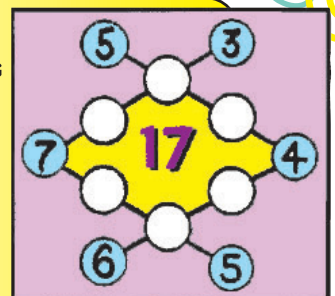
**CLIPSO FACTO!** Bonnie clipped six letters from a magazine: M, E, N, Y and two T's. She turned one letter upside down and arranged the lot to form a number. What number?

**SUM-TE-DUM!** Challenge: Place the numbers 1 to 6 in empty circles of the diagram at right so that the sum of each four-number row will be 17. (Numbers presently shown remain in place.)

Remember, all six numbers 1-6 are to be inserted. Duplicates, in rows, of numbers now in place are permitted.

Starter clue: Uppermost and lowermost vacant circles require even-numbered digits.

See if you can puzzle it out.



**Answers On Page 38**



# Annual Drinking Water Quality Report

## GREENHILL WATER & FIRE PROTECTION AUTHORITY

### January - December 2021

We're pleased to present to you this year's Annual Quality Water Report. This report is designed to inform you about the quality water and services we deliver to you every day. Our constant goal is to provide you with a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. We want you to understand the efforts we make to continually improve the water treatment process and protect our water resources. We are committed to ensuring the quality of your water. Greenhill's water sources are two groundwater wells which draw from the Tusculumbia/Fort Payne Aquifer and purchased water from Florence Water & Sewer Department (50%). Florence water is supplied by surface water from the Tennessee River and the Cypress Creek. In addition, Florence Water Department pumps ground water from two wells in the Killen and Center Star areas in Lauderdale County, which is blended with the treated surface water sources. In the water provided to our customers (from Greenhill), Chlorine is added for disinfection purposes, Caustic Soda is added to raise pH levels of the water that will prevent it from being corrosive and Aqua Gold to produce a desirable water quality by raising the pH level to reduce corrosion and acidic conditions. In the water provided to our customers (from Florence), Chlorine is added for disinfection purposes, Fluoride for the prevention of tooth decay, lime to produce a desirable water quality by raising the pH level to reduce corrosion and acidic conditions, Potassium Permanganate to oxidize iron, and aid in taste and odor control, Poly Aluminum Chloride for turbidity removal and Alum for coagulation. Also Florence has added a new treatment process called the MIEEX system as a simple solution for meeting U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) disinfection by-product (DBP) removal by employing a continuous ion exchange process. The Process removes dissolved organic carbon (DOC) allowing for improved drinking water quality and regulatory compliance. Greenhill Water & FPA and Florence Water & Sewer Department have implemented a Source Water Protection Plans. These plans provide more information such as potential sources of contaminations, which may affect our water source. If you have any questions about this report or concerning your water utility, please contact Greg Thompson, Manager/Operator, (256) 757-2863. We want our valued customers to be informed about their water utility. If you want to learn more, please attend our regularly scheduled meetings held on the second Monday of each month at 1 PM at the water board office on County Road 8.

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Greenhill Water & Fire Protection Authority and Florence Water & Sewer Department routinely monitors for contaminants in your drinking water according to Federal and State laws. This table shows the results of our monitoring for the period of January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021. All drinking water, including bottled drinking water, may be reasonably expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. It's important to remember that the presence of these contaminants does not necessarily pose a health risk.

#### PLAIN LANGUAGE DEFINITION

- Not Required (NR)** – Laboratory analysis not required due to waiver granted by the Environmental Protection Agency for the State of Alabama.
- Parts per million (ppm) or Milligrams per liter (mg/L)** - one part per million corresponds to one minute in two years or a single penny in \$10,000.
- Parts per billion (ppb) or Micrograms per liter - one part per billion corresponds to one minute in 2,000 years, or a single penny in \$10,000,000.**
- Parts per trillion (ppt) or Nanograms per liter (nanograms/l)** - one part per trillion corresponds to one minute in 2,000,000 years, or a single penny in \$10,000,000,000.
- Parts per quadrillion (ppq) or Picograms per liter (picograms/l)** - one part per quadrillion corresponds to one minute in 2,000,000,000 years or one penny in \$10,000,000,000,000.
- Picocuries per liter (pCi/L)** - picocuries per liter is a measure of the radioactivity in water.
- Millirems per year (mrem/yr)** - measure of radiation absorbed by the body.
- Nephelometric Turbidity Unit (NTU)** - nephelometric turbidity unit is a measure of the clarity of water. Turbidity in excess of 5 NTU is just noticeable to the average person.
- Variances & Exemptions (V&E)** - State or EPA permission not to meet an MCL or a treatment technique under certain conditions.
- Action Level – (AL)** the concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.
- Treatment Technique (TT)** - (mandatory language) A treatment technique is a required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.
- Maximum Contaminant Level - (mandatory language)** The "Maximum Allowed" (MCL) is the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
- Maximum Contaminant Level Goal - (mandatory language)** The "Goal"(MCLG) is the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.
- Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal or MRDLG** - The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.
- Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level or MRDL** - The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- Microbial contaminants**, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.
- Inorganic contaminants**, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban storm water run-off, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.
- Pesticides and herbicides**, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, storm water run-off, and residential uses.
- Organic chemical contaminants**, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban storm water run-off, and septic systems.
- Radioactive contaminants**, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

#### Cryptosporidium

Cryptosporidium is a microbial pathogen found in surface water throughout the U.S. Although filtration removes Cryptosporidium, the most commonly-used filtration methods cannot guarantee 100 percent removal. Ingestion of Cryptosporidium may cause cryptosporidiosis, an abdominal infection. Symptoms of infection include nausea, diarrhea and abdominal cramps. Most healthy individuals can overcome the disease within a few weeks. However, immune-compromised individuals, infants and small children, and the elderly are at greater risk of developing life-threatening illness. We encourage immune-compromised individuals to consult their doctor regarding appropriate precautions to take to avoid infection. Cryptosporidium must be ingested to cause disease, and it may be spread through means other than drinking water. We currently monitor for Cryptosporidium and have had none detected.

Secondary Drinking Water Standards are guidelines regulating contaminants that may cause cosmetic effects (such as skin or tooth discoloration) or aesthetic effects (such as taste, odor, or color) in drinking water. ADEM has Secondary Drinking Water Standards established in state regulations applicable to water systems required to monitor for the various components.

#### GENERAL INFORMATION

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA (Environmental Protection Agency)/CDC (Center of Disease Control) guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by cryptosporidium and other microbiological contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791). All drinking water, including bottled drinking water, may be reasonably expected to contain at least small amounts of some constituents. It's important to remember that the presence of these constituents does not necessarily pose a health risk.

All drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. **More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791).**

MCL's are set at very stringent levels. To understand the possible health effects described for many regulated contaminants, a person would have to drink two liters of water every day at the MCL level for a lifetime to have a one-in-a-million chance of having the described health effect.

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. The Greenhill water & Fire Protection Authority is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

Unregulated contaminants are those for which EPA has not established drinking water standards. The purpose of unregulated contaminant monitoring is to assist EPA in determining the occurrence of unregulated contaminants in drinking water and whether future regulation is warranted.

Based on a study conducted by the ADEM with the approval of the EPA, a statewide waiver for the monitoring of Asbestos and Dioxin was issued. Thus, monitoring for these contaminants was not required.

We at the Greenhill Water & Fire Protection Authority work around the clock to provide top quality water to every tap. We ask that all our customers help us protect our water sources which are the heart of our community, way of life and our children's future.

#### Table of Detected Drinking Water Contaminants

CONTAMINANT	MCLG	MCL	Range			Amount Detected	Likely Source of Contamination
<b>Bacteriological Contaminants January - December 2021</b>							
Total Coliform Bacteria (Florence)	0	< 5%				5.0	Naturally present in the environment
Turbidity (Florence)	0	TT				0.15	NTU Soil runoff
<b>Inorganic Contaminants January - December 2021</b>							
Chlorine (Florence)	MRDLG 4	MRDL 4	0.20	-	1.6	1.6	ppm Water additive used to control microbes
Chlorine (Greenhill)	MRDLG 4	MRDL 4	1.0	-	1.5	1.3	ppm Water additive used to control microbes
Chromium	100	100	0.68	-	0.68	0.68	ppb Discharge from steel and pulp mills erosion of natural deposits
Copper (Greenhill)	1.3	AL=1.3	0.007	-	0.144	0.10	ppm Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives
Fluoride (Florence)	4	4	ND	-	0.80	0.80	ppm Water additive which promotes strong teeth; erosion of natural deposits; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
Fluoride (Greenhill)	4	4	0.02	-	0.02	0.02	ppm Water additive which promotes strong teeth; erosion of natural deposits; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
Nickel	0.01	0.01	0.01	-	0.01	0.01	ppb Erosion of natural deposits; discharge from refineries and factories; runoff from landfills; runoff from cropland
Nitrate (as N) Florence	10	10	0.54	-	0.54	0.54	ppm Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits
Nitrate (as N) Greenhill	10	10	2.63	-	2.64	2.64	ppm Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits
Turbidity (Florence)	N/A	TT				0.15	NTU Soil runoff
<b>Organic Contaminants January - December 2021</b>							
Di(2-ethylhexyl)phthalates (Greenhill)	0	6	0.02	-	0.04	0.04	ppb Discharge from rubber and chemical factories
Haloacetic Acids (HAA5) Greenhill	N/A	60	11.0	-	25.0	19.13	ppb By-product of drinking water chlorination
Total Organic Carbon (TOC) Florence	N/A	TT	0.5	-	1.5	1.5	TT Naturally present in the environment
Total trihalomethanes (TTHM) Greenhill	0	80	22.0	-	54.0	32.13	ppb By-product of drinking water chlorination
<b>Secondary Contaminants January - December 2021</b>							
Chloride (Florence)	N/A	250	34.8	-	34.8	34.8	ppm Naturally occurring in the environment or as a result of agricultural runoff
Chloride (Greenhill)	N/A	250	4.11	-	4.11	4.11	ppm Naturally occurring in the environment or as a result of agricultural runoff
Copper 2019	N/A	1	0.093	-	0.093	0.093	ppm Erosion of natural deposits; leaching from pipes
Sulfate (Florence)	N/A	250	13.4	-	13.4	13.4	ppm Naturally occurring in the environment
Sulfate (Greenhill)	N/A	250	0.40	-	0.40	0.40	ppm Naturally occurring in the environment
Total Dissolved Solids (Florence)	N/A	500	152	-	152	152	ppm Erosion of natural deposits
Total Dissolved Solids (Greenhill)	N/A	500	124	-	124	124	ppm Erosion of natural deposits
Zinc	N/A	5	4.35	-	4.35	4.35	ppm Erosion of natural deposits
<b>Special Contaminants January - December 2021</b>							
Calcium (Florence)	N/A	N/A	22.6	-	22.6	22.6	ppm Erosion of natural deposits
Calcium (Greenhill)	N/A	N/A	8.58	-	8.58	8.58	ppm Erosion of natural deposits
Carbon Dioxide (Florence)	N/A	N/A	ND	-	ND	ND	ppm Erosion of natural deposits
Carbon Dioxide (Greenhill)	N/A	N/A	1.30	-	1.30	1.30	ppm Erosion of natural deposits
Magnesium (Florence)	N/A	N/A	3.3	-	3.3	3.3	ppm Erosion of natural deposits
Magnesium (Greenhill)	N/A	N/A	2.08	-	2.08	2.08	ppm Erosion of natural deposits
pH (Florence)	N/A	N/A	7.8	-	7.8	7.8	SU Naturally occurring in the environment or as a result of treatment with water additives
pH (Greenhill)	N/A	N/A	7.6	-	8.0	7.8	SU Naturally occurring in the environment or as a result of treatment with water additives
Sodium (Florence)	N/A	N/A	13.3	-	13.3	13.3	ppm Naturally occurring in the environment
Sodium (Greenhill)	N/A	N/A	25.5	-	25.5	25.5	ppm Naturally occurring in the environment
Specific Conductance (Greenhill)	N/A	<500	170.0	-	170.00	170.00	umhos Naturally occurring in the environment or as a result of treatment with water additives
Specific Conductance (Florence)	N/A	<501	224.0	-	224.0	224.0	umhos Naturally occurring in the environment or as a result of treatment with water additives
Sulfate (Florence)	N/A	N/A	10.9	-	10.9	10.9	ppm Naturally occurring in the environment
Sulfate (Greenhill)	N/A	N/A	13.4	-	13.4	13.4	ppm Naturally occurring in the environment
Total Alkalinity (Florence)	N/A	N/A	47.3	-	47.3	47.3	ppm Erosion of natural deposits
Total Alkalinity (Greenhill)	N/A	N/A	78.3	-	78.3	78.3	ppm Erosion of natural deposits
Total Hardness (as CaCO3) (Florence)	N/A	N/A	78.4	-	78.4	78.4	ppm Naturally occurring in the environment or as a result of treatment with water additives
Total Hardness (as CaCO3) (Greenhill)	N/A	N/A	70.1	-	70.1	70.1	ppm Naturally occurring in the environment or as a result of treatment with water additives
<b>Unregulated Contaminants January - December 2021</b>							
Bromodichloromethane (Greenhill)	N/A	N/A	4.5	-	9.5	7.06	ppb Naturally occurring in the environment or as a result of industrial discharge or agricultural runoff; by-product of chlorination
Chloroform (Greenhill)	N/A	N/A	19.0	-	43.0	25.87	ppb Naturally occurring in the environment or as a result of industrial discharge or agricultural runoff; by-product of chlorination
Dibromochloromethane (Greenhill)	N/A	N/A	1.70	-	5.5	3.58	ppb Naturally occurring in the environment
Metolachlor (Greenhill)	N/A	N/A	0.16	-	0.16	0.16	ppm Runoff/leaching from herbicide use

#### Table of Primary Contaminants

All high levels some primary contaminants are known to pose a health risks to humans. This table provides a quick glance of any primary contaminant detections.

CONTAMINANT	MCL	AMOUNT DETECTED	CONTAMINANT	MCL	AMOUNT DETECTED
<b>Bacteriological</b>					
Total Coliform Bacteria (Florence)	< 5%	5%	Dalapon(ppb)	70	ND
Total Coliform Bacteria (Greenhill)	< 5%	ND	Dibromochloropropane(ppb)	200	ND
Turbidity (Florence)	TT	0.15	0-Dichlorobenzene(ppb)	600	ND
Fecal Coliform & E. coli	0	ND	p-Dichlorobenzene(ppb)	75	ND
Fecal Indicators (enterococci or coliform)	TT	ND	1,2-Dichloroethane(ppb)	5	ND
<b>Radiological</b>					
Beta photon emitters (mrem/yr)	4	ND	1,1-Dichloroethylene(ppb)	7	ND
Alpha emitters (pCi/l)	15	ND	Cis-1,2-Dichloroethylene(ppb)	70	ND
Combined radium (pCi/l)	5	ND	trans-1,2-Dichloroethylene(ppb)	100	ND
Uranium (pCi/l)	30	ND	Dichloromethane(ppb)	5	ND
<b>Inorganic</b>					
Antimony (ppb)	6	ND	Di(2-ethylhexyl)phthalates(ppb)	6	0.04
Arsenic (ppb)	10	ND	Greenhill	7	ND
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Barium (ppm)	2	0.13	Diquat(ppb)	20	ND
Beryllium (ppb)	4	ND	Endothal(ppb)	100	ND
Bromate (ppb)	10	ND	Endrin(ppb)	2	ND
Cadmium (ppb)	5	ND	Epichlorohydrin	TT	ND
Chloramines(ppm)	4	ND	Ethylbenzene(ppb)	700	ND
Chlorine (ppm) (Florence)	4	1.60	Ethylene dibromide(ppb)	50	ND
Chlorine (ppm) (Greenhill)	4	1.30	Glyphosate(ppb)	700	ND
Chlorine dioxide(ppb)	800	ND	Haloacetic Acids(ppb) Greenhill	60	19.13
Chlortf(ppm)	1	0.62	Heptachlor(ppb)	400	ND
Chromium (ppb)	100	0.68	Heptachlor epoxide(ppb)	200	ND
Copper (ppm) Greenhill	AL=1.3	0.10	Hexachlorobenzene(ppb)	1	ND
Cyanide (ppb)	200	ND	Hexachlorocyclopentadiene(ppm)	50	ND
Fluoride (ppm) Florence	4	0.80	Lindane(ppb)	200	ND
Fluoride (ppm) Greenhill	4	0.02	Methoxychlor(ppb)	40	ND
Lead (ppb)	AL=15	ND	Oxamyl [Vdate](ppb)	200	ND
Mercury (ppb)	2	ND	Pentachlorophenol(ppb)	1	ND
Nickel (ppb)	0.01	0.00754	Picloram(ppb)	500	ND
Nitrate (ppm) Florence	10	0.54	PCBs(ppb)	500	ND
Nitrate (ppm) Greenhill	10	2.64	Sinazinc(ppb)	4	ND
Nitrite (ppm)	1	ND	Syrene(ppb)	100	ND
Total Nitrate & Nitrite	10	2.64	Tetrachloroethylene(ppb)	5	ND
Selenium(ppb)	50	ND	Toluene(ppm)	1	ND
Thallium(ppb)	2	ND	TOC (Florence)	TT	1.1
<b>Organic Chemicals</b>					
Acrylamide	TT	ND	TTHM(ppb) Greenhill	80	32.13
Alachlor(ppb)	2	ND	Toxaphene(ppb)	3	ND
Atrazine(ppb)	3	ND	2,4,5-TP (Silvex)(ppb)	50	ND
Benzene (ppb)	3	ND	1,2,4-Trichlorobenzene(ppb)	70	ND
Benz(a)pyrene(PHAs)(ppb)	5	ND	1,1,1-Trichloroethane(ppb)	200	ND
Benzo(a)pyrene(PHAs)(ppb)	200	ND	1,1,2-Trichloroethane(ppb)	5	ND
Carbofuran(ppb)	40	ND	Trichloroethylene(ppb)	5	ND
Carbon Tetrachloride(ppb)	5	ND	Vinyl Chloride(ppb)	2	ND
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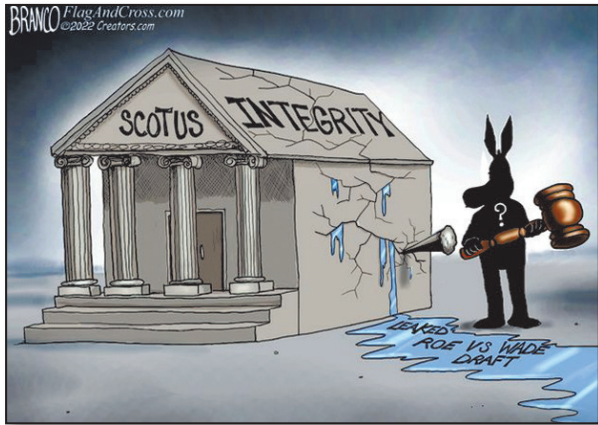
unapologetic repudiation of that 1973 decision.

The breach is exhaustive, unprecedented, and inexcusable.

Accusations that such a reversal "will signal an end to our democracy" are as uninformed as they are incorrect. Just the opposite it true. It will return the decision to the people rather than a select group of judges with an agenda.

We need to understand that discarding Roe v Wade at this point WILL NOT ban abortion or end abortion. It gives the decision back to the states where it constitutionally belongs.

Before the '73



ruling, duly-elected representatives in 30 US states had or were already preparing to vote on heavy abortion restrictions or outright bans. The positions may not have been favorable in other regions, however, it was democracy in action. The high court ruling actually undermined the aspect of democracy in those states. It invented law based on

a hoodwinked plaintiff, Norma McCorvey, who soon afterward regretted her involvement until her death in 2017. The sweeping federal overreach was described as "egregiously wrong from the start."

It just goes to show that the left will stop at NOTHING in order to keep what they consider to be a woman's sacred right as the law of the land. It is also another nudge by those who want to end the process of the filibuster and pack the Supreme court with several more hand-picked cronies to satisfy their agenda.

Most parents intuitively understand that abortion is the taking of a human being.

Staunch abortion advocates summarize

dismiss the human/person element. However, there is a reason that lobby vehemently fights mandatory waiting periods, images of the baby in the womb at 8-12 weeks, or requirements that expectant mothers see videos of what happens during an abortion.

If a women wants to terminate a pregnancy, this ruling will not prevent that. If she can't do it in her own state, she will travel to a state where abortion is legal or she will have advocates who will help her find an illegal provider in her area. She could also get a prescription for misoprostol and mifepristone, or she can drink pennyroyal tea.

However, in the overwhelming majority of cases, science, pharmaceuticals, and the social safety net have developed to a point that women who don't want to be pregnant don't have to be. Women of all socioeconomic levels have access to low or no-cost birth-control. However, it too requires a level of responsibility; to remember the need for it on a proper schedule. It's adult stuff for adult behavior. I'm not dismissing the responsibility that men

have either. That is another subject for a later date.

If sexually-active females could have a greater degree of concern

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**IN MY LAST EXCITING INSTALLMENT**, we discussed the bewildering choices of video streaming services, price gouging from Netflix, and a few ways of lowering your monthly payout and blood pressure. I mentioned that there is an alternative to all this that I believe is going to become more popular as time goes on.

That alternative is Plex. Plex is a "do it yourself" streaming service that you can install on your home computer. Essentially, Plex is the entertainment "server" in the same way that Netflix or Amazon Prime serves videos. Plex comes in 2 parts: the media



**Jim Fisher**

# STREAM CREEP PT 2

by "The Computer Skeptic"

server software that is installed on your home computer, and a separate Plex app that you install on your phone, tablet, and smart TV.

Plex has been around for decades. It was a great "open source" method of organizing and streaming your local collection of home videos that were typically "ripped" from DVDs or downloaded from the internet--kind of a Netflix before Netflix was cool. Now it has morphed into a full-blown personal streaming service.

Plex requires a dedicated computer in your home that is always powered on. That

computer could be in the form of a desktop, an old laptop, or a "network-attached storage" (NAS) device which is essentially a big hard drive running Plex. Once you install the software, it will find your local movie collection, if you have one. Then you will open the app on your phone or TV where you will be presented with a familiar grid-view of all your movies along with lots of free live TV channels, and even a few free streaming movies. As of this writing, there are about 86 different channels.

Although Plex is best for people with large repositories

of movie files stored on their computers, it's also for people who oppose some current price-gouging tactics by popular video and music streaming services and are fighting back. Piracy is quite illegal and I certainly don't condone the practice. However, corporations are waging war on consumer pocketbooks. This has historically resulted in consumers fighting back in this manner. That happened a few years ago with music where "everyone" was downloading their favorite music from illegal sources. This eventually resulted in inexpensive music streaming services such as Pandora. It was a disruption of the music industry but a win for the consumer. The same thing is happening with streaming video services. Content pirates are drawn to Plex for customizations that allow easy access to pirated movies and TV

series.

The last cool part of Plex is the ability to access your movie collection from anywhere. You can be on a business trip in Hong Kong, whip out your tablet or phone, and stream the stuff from your home Plex server to your phone. You can easily add family members and friends to your Plex account and share your entire collection with them. Keep in mind that each user will eat up some of your "upload" speed from your internet provider, so you will need a fast internet connection.

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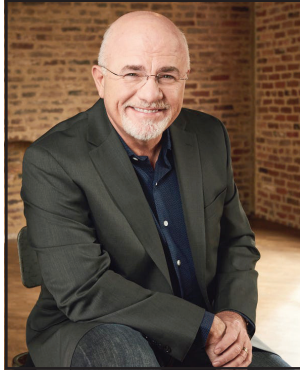
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Andrew

Dear Andrew, I'm excited for you, man! And I love your ambitious spirit. Working for yourself is one of the toughest and most rewarding things anyone can do. It'll take a lot of blood, sweat and tears to be successful, and you'll experience some of the highest highs and lowest lows in the process.

But, if you don't absolutely love cars and everything that goes into keeping them clean and looking great, I'd advise looking into another line of work. In other words, if you're thinking about this kind of business just because it's plausible or a way to make money, chances are you're not going to be happy or stick with it very long. In that case, it's really more of a side job than a business.

Is this something you'd want to be doing every day five years from now? Think about possibly having a team to lead and work with, too, at some point. Then, lay out a smart business plan, and write up everything from

your marketing strategies to the cost of start-up equipment and supplies, to what your projected revenues are, and the per unit charges for all your services and widgets. Work this up like you had to prepare a report for a college class, and that's what a business plan looks like.

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Best of luck, Andrew!

*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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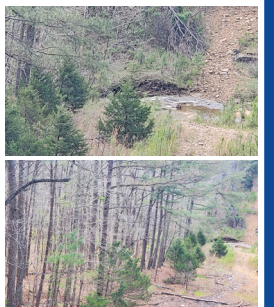
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**The Belle Mont Celtic Fest featuring music and culture of Scotland and Ireland**, will begin at 10am May 14 at Belle Mont Mansion, 1569 Cook Lane in Tuscumbia. Gates open at 8am. Headliners include Ed Miller, the Piper Jones Band, and Chambless and 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 Tuscumbia Depot.

**The Forks of Cypress Plantation will host a walking tour** on Saturday, May 14. It is one of the oldest Antebellum mansions in Alabama, built in 1822 by James Jackson, one of the first settlers in Lauderdale County and a friend of Andrew Jackson. Bring your lawn chairs for the beginning portion of the tour! The second part of the tour will be at the historic Jackson Cemetery. This tour is led by Harry Wallace and it begins at 10am. DIRECTIONS: Take Cox Creek Pkwy. to Jackson Rd. and turn right (no traffic signal at intersection). Turn right at the dead end. Park along the road or enter the gate to park in the field leading to the columns. You will see a historic marker beside the gate which identifies the site as the Forks of Cypress.

**Day by Day**, a grief support group for bereaved parents/grandparents, meets Sunday, May 15 at 2pm at Woodmont Baptist East Campus, 2002 Darby Dr., Florence.  
For information, email [debbiec2414@aol.com](mailto:debbiec2414@aol.com).

**The Muscle Shoals Area Chapter of Alabama A&M University Alumni** request your presence at our High School Senior Tea for students who will be attending Alabama A&M in the fall of 2022, and the introduction of our new president, Dr. Daniel K. Wims. This event will take place on Sunday, May 15 at 3pm at the Florence-Lauderdale Public Library in the conference room.  
In order to accommodate everyone, please RSVP 256-710-3883 to let us know if you're planning to attend by May 11.

**Front Porch Stories & Backyard Tales: From York Bluff to Sheffield**, May 15 at the Standpipe/Gordon Drive, Sheffield. Bring a chair to Gordon Park beside the Standpipe to learn more about the town of Sheffield. Local historian Jimmy Austin will tell of its earliest beginning -York Bluff. York Bluff was originally laid out by General John Coffee of Florence, with the help of Andrew Jackson. Learn of the town that never was and what led to the later development of the city of Sheffield. Event is free and sponsored by Historic Sheffield Commission and Colbert County Tourism. Information: 256-383-0783 or [ColbertTourism@comcast.net](mailto:ColbertTourism@comcast.net)

**The Killen Public Library will be having sign ups for Summer Reading** beginning on May 16 with programming beginning on June 6. Each participant is required to read 15 books. Prizes will be awarded on completion. For more information, call: 256-757-5471 or Email: [killenpubliclibrary@gmail.com](mailto:killenpubliclibrary@gmail.com)

**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.

**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

**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.

**Monthly Covered Dish Lunch and Program** at the Zip City Community Center, 10511 Hwy 17, Florence on Thursday, May 19 at 11:30am. Please bring a covered dish. Everyone is welcome.

**The Colbert County Conservation of Soil And Water will hold its monthly board meeting** Thursday, May 19 at 7am at Two Fat Sister's Restaurant, 1606 US 72, Tuscumbia. All are welcome to attend.

Dutch Treat if you choose to eat breakfast. Any questions or comments, please call: Brooke Pate 256-383-4323 EXT# 3

**Muscle Shoals Music: Songwriters in the Round**, May 19 at Champy's, 120 E 2nd St, Muscle Shoals. Colbert County Tourism will sponsor a monthly music event each third Thursday of 2022. Local songwriter & Wishbone Studio owner Billy Lawson will host & emcee the show each month. Come hear the music & stories from the original artists. This free event will be held 7-9pm each month. Sponsored by Colbert County Tourism & Muscle Shoals National Heritage Area. Info: 256-383-0783 or [ColbertTourism@comcast.net](mailto:ColbertTourism@comcast.net)

**11th Annual Shoals Storytelling Festival**, May 19 at Shoals Theater, 123 N Seminary St, Florence. This year's lineup includes Dolores Hydock, Bobby Horton, Donald Davis, Bil Lepp, and Elizabeth Ellis. It concludes on Saturday night with music by Mac McAnally, Walt Aldridge, and Lenny Leblanc. Tickets (\$25-\$90) and info: [www.shoalsstorytelling.com](http://www.shoalsstorytelling.com)


**Shelter Share (Pet Adoption) on the Commons**, May 20 at Tennessee Valley Museum of Art, 511 N Water St, Tuscumbia. TVAA is partnering with Bank Independent to hold a special event in conjunction with their 9th annual Shelter Share pet food and supply drive. BI is sponsoring an Adoption Day event outside the museum on the Commons from 9am-4pm. They will pay the fees for any pets adopted at the event. Food trucks will also be set up that day on the commons in front of the museum. Additionally, pet food and supplies may be dropped off at the event, or at any BI location May 2-20. Info: [www.tennesseevalleyarts.org](http://www.tennesseevalleyarts.org) or 256-383-0533

**Community Yard Sale at The Club**, 450 Country Club Drive, Florence on Saturday, May 21, 7-11am. Rain date May 28.

Call to register at 256-760-6420. \$10 setup fee, pay at the gate. Concessions: hotdogs, chips, and drinks. Sell off a table, tailgate, or trunk. Setup starts at 6am.  
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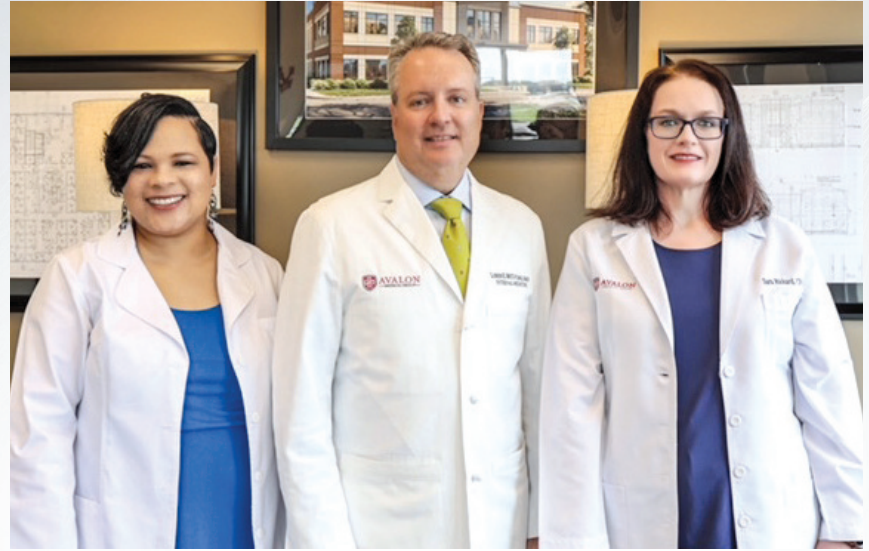
**35th Annual Arts Alive Festival**, May 21 & 22 at Wilson Park, Downtown Florence. Arts Alive is the annual juried Arts Festival sponsored by the Kennedy-Douglass Volunteers. The festival takes place during the third weekend in May in downtown Florence in Wilson Park and throughout the Kennedy-Douglass Art Center (217 E Tuscaloosa St) adjacent to the park. The festival raises funds for Arts in Education Teacher Grants as well as art classes, workshops and programs at the Kennedy-Douglass Art Center. The festival is open to the public and free to all visitors. Information: 256-760-6379 or [www.alabamaartsalive.com](http://www.alabamaartsalive.com)

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**Pet Portraits** will be May 14-17 at TVMA, 511 N Water St, Tuscumbia. Pets in Paint will feature artists Vivian Moody, Katie Graham, Monica Dahl, and Liza Harrison. In addition to the paintings, there will be pet portrait photographs of pets for adoption. There will also be a pet adoption event sponsored by Bank Independent on Friday, May 20, outside the museum. Info: 256-383-0533 or [www.tennesseevalleyarts.org](http://www.tennesseevalleyarts.org)


**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.

**slowly, please: cheoncheonhi hae juseyo**, May 14-June 25 at TVMA, 511 N Water St, Tuscumbia. This exhibit is an ongoing body of work composed of textile sculptures, collage memorials, and photographic portraits. Through hand-dyeing and slow-stitching, biographical explorations, concentrated gazing, and listening, the collection features a simple desire to cultivate a greater intimacy with the world. Birmingham artist Tara Stallworth Lee makes photographs, paper, books, and collages. Expansion of human dignity and the significance of the natural world are important themes throughout all of her work. Opening Reception will be Saturday, May 14, 2-4pm. Information: [www.tennesseevalleyarts.org](http://www.tennesseevalleyarts.org) or 256-383-0533


**You are invited to attend the Macedonia Church of Christ Annual Homecoming** on May 15th. Bible Classes at 10am and Worship at 11am. Located at 2931 County Road 158, Florence.



by Hal Kaufman



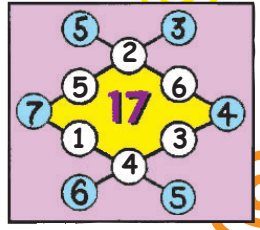
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