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SHEFFIELD— Bank Independent sponsored 44 Shoals area high school juniors and seniors from 12 schools to participate in the Alabama Bankers Association Legislative Day event in Montgomery on Wednesday, April 13.

Nearly 200 bankers and high school students from all over the state attended the annual event featuring speakers representing key areas of government including a keynote address by Gov. Kay Ivey.

“Bank Independent looks forward to participating in Legislative Day each year and we are proud to bring the largest group every year to the event,” said **Jeremy Britten**, Bank Independent Digital Marketing Manager. “I’m proud to be a part of Bank Independent’s efforts to bring these opportunities to students in our communities.”

It’s 40 Years with Sawyer

FLORENCE—Mt. Moriah Primitive Baptist Church of Florence will honor their Pastor, Elder **Leroy Sawyer**, for 40 years of service to their congregation, the Shoals community, and West Florence on Sunday, May 22 at the 11am

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Alabama Arts Honors Two Shoals Legends



MONTGOMERY—Seven special Alabamians are being honored this week during the 2022 Celebration of Alabama Arts.

The Alabama Council on the Arts have identified these seven as having contributed significantly to our state’s creative sector and rich cultural landscape. Two of those seven, **Mary Settle Cooney** and **David Hood**, call northwest Alabama home and are dear to the hearts of Shoals residents.

The 2022 award recipients and categories:

The contributions and accomplishments of these remarkable individuals will be recognized at 7pm Wednesday, May 18, at the Alabama Shakespeare Festival in Montgomery. **Tonya Terry** is hosting.

The evening will include memorable performances by Red Mountain Theatre, the Alabama Ballet, Iron Horse bluegrass band, Innergy Inc. dance company, Muscle Shoals musicians, and more!

THE SEVEN

- **Wes Chapman**, Ballet Dancer/Artistic Director from Birmingham – Governor’s Arts Award
- **Jason Ferdinand**, Conductor/Composer from Huntsville – Governor’s Arts Award
- **Clifton Pearson**, Visual Artist from Huntsville – Governor’s Arts Award
- **Mary Settle Cooney**, Arts Administrator from Sheffield – Jonnie Dee Riley Little Lifetime Achievement Award
- **Patty McDonald**, Arts Patron from Birmingham (posthumously) – Albert B. Head Legacy Award
- **Stanley Smith**, Sacred Harp Singer/Composer from Ozark – Alabama Folk Heritage Award
- **David Hood**, Musician from Muscle Shoals – Alabama Distinguished Artist Award

MARY SETTLE COONEY

The *Jonnie Dee Riley Little Lifetime Achievement award* recognizes individuals who have devoted a lifetime of energy, service, and contributions to the arts in Alabama. The award’s namesake served on the Council on the Arts from 1974 to 1986 and exemplified the spirit of this award through her consistent support of the arts and civic engagement.



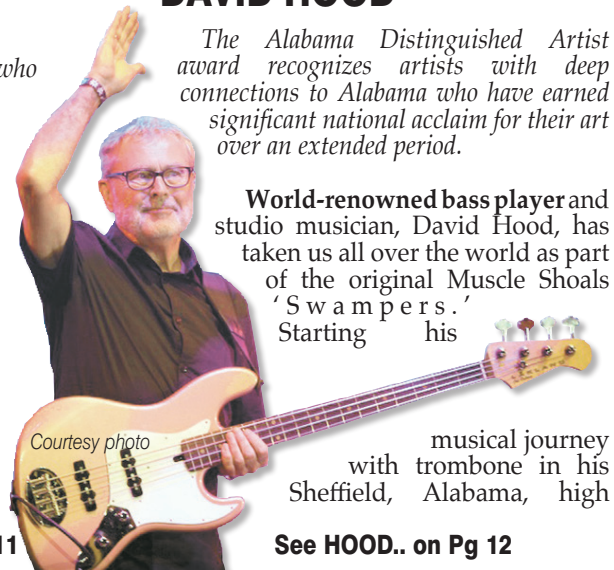
Courtesy photo

Over the course of 39 years, Mary Settle Cooney

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DAVID HOOD

The *Alabama Distinguished Artist award* recognizes artists with deep connections to Alabama who have earned significant national acclaim for their art over an extended period.



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World-renowned bass player and studio musician, **David Hood**, has taken us all over the world as part of the original Muscle Shoals ‘Swampers.’ Starting his

musical journey with trombone in his Sheffield, Alabama, high

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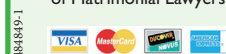
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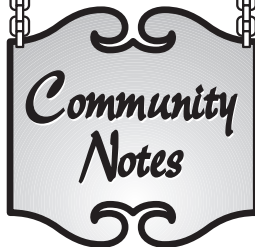
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- Email to editor@courierjournal.net;
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All properly submitted Community Notes which are dated will be posted weekly at www.courierjournal.net. We do our best, however, there is no guarantee that this free information will be published each week in the paper. Visit our website for a complete list of community notes. If your item MUST appear in the paper a certain week, we suggest you also place a paid ad by calling 256-764-4268. That way it will be in at least one area of the paper. When your community note is published, your event will have coverage in two different locations.

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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

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

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ROGERSVILLE: Yard Sale, 550 Thornton Dr Sat. 8am-3pm, Map ID#523

ROGERVILLE YARD SALE, 11655 Co Rd 92, Fri. & Sat. 7am-until? Lots of Tools, Pictures, Large Mirror, Roto Tiller, Small Shop Vac, Air Compressor, Christmas Stuff, Garage Full of Things!! Map ID# 500

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FLORENCE YARD SALE, 514
Eugenia St., Tuesday, May 17th thru Sat., May 21st. Household items.

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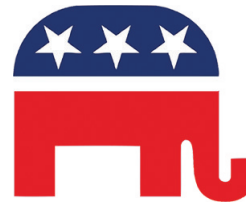
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MAURICE ON THE ISSUES



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- Our History is Part of Who We are and Must Be Preserved
- Will Fight for Accurate Teaching of Our History (Opposes The 1619 Curriculum Taught in Schools) and Will Protect Our Monuments

Education (Alabama Christian Education Association Executive Board) (American Association Of Christian Schools Southeastern Legislative Director)

- Parents Should be the Primary Voices in Education for Children
- Will Fight for Parental Choice in Education and Will Oppose CRT and Gender Identity Instruction

Government

- Government Provides the Parameters Within Which We Exercise Our Freedoms and Should Not Intrude on Our Constitutional Rights
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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

Shoals Artists Guild Meeting Friday, May 20th, 10am-Noon at the Southall-Moore House, next to the Kennedy-Douglass Art Center, Downtown Florence. For more info, contact Carolyn Wear, 256-710-6854.

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, Bill 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

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

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

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 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.

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 or 256-383-0533

The Town of Killen will be hosting Food Truck Fridays this Spring and Summer! Come to Killen Park for lunch in the park! (Stay tuned for the first date announcement.) Food truck vendors are now welcome to apply! If you are a vendor please visit www.revds.com for your business license. Stop by Killen Town Hall at 319 J.C. Mauldin Hwy for your food truck application.

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Central Community Center in Central Heights will be having monthly breakfast, the third Saturday, May 21 from 7-9am. Includes bacon, sausage, eggs, biscuit, gravy, chocolate gravy, grits. \$8 for adults and \$4 for ages 10 and under. Proceeds go toward upkeep of Community Center.

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Dr. O. Wendell Davis, Pastor of Union Chapel P. B. Church in Huntsville will deliver the word on Sunday morning. Those interested in joining in this celebration for Leroy Sawyer may donate to the Mt. Moriah Christian Community Life Center in Sawyer's honor at mtmoriahflorence.com under the Give icon or mail to P.O. Box 567, Florence, AL 35630. For more information, call 256-764-0701.

The Program on Sunflowers

FLORENCE—The Florence Indian Mound Museum's series of children's programs allow students to explore the early history of the Shoals through hands-on learning exercises. The programs will cover a wide range of topics within Native American history and culture and are aimed at an elementary level age

group. All programs are free and have a creative component with hands-on learning.

The program Saturday, May 21 starts at 10am and it will focus on sunflowers and their uses by southeastern Indigenous people. Students will learn about how the importance of sunflowers and work to create an outdoor exhibit for the Museum. Visit www.florencealmuseums.com/young-learners to sign up.

The Florence Indian Mound Museum is located at 1028 South Court St in Florence. Call 256-760-6427 for more information.



Storytelling is Back, Live

FLORENCE—World-class storytellers and musicians will be at the Shoals Theatre on May 19-21 to regale expected crowds with tales of heart, humor and music with the 11th Annual Shoals Storytelling Festival.

"We're so excited to have national speakers and musicians like Donald Davis, Bil Lepp, Dolores Hydock and Elizabeth Ellis as featured tellers," said Debbie Chaffin, UNA professor emeritus and chairman of the storytelling festival.

"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."

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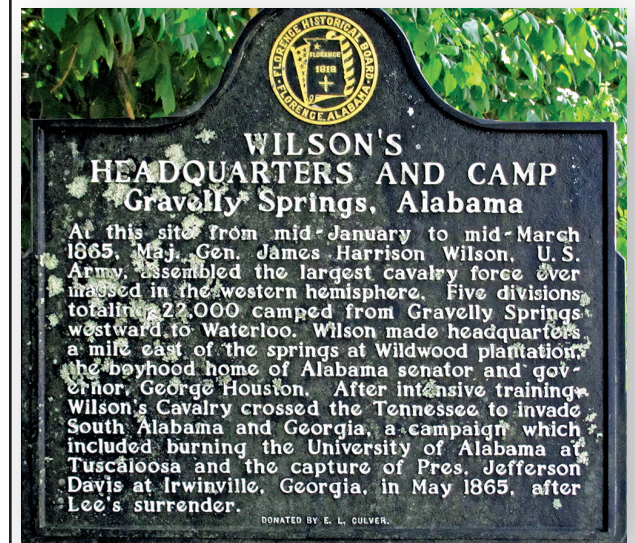
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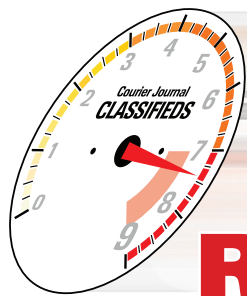


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The Shoals Storytelling Festival is co-sponsored by the Muscle Shoals National Heritage Area and the Alabama State Council on the Arts.

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A Big Return of the Spirit!

FLORENCE – Singing River Media Group and the City of Florence are excited to announce that the "39th Spirit of Freedom Celebration" will kick off Independence Weekend in McFarland Park with fireworks and live music on Friday, July

1. The patriotic celebration will start with a live music lineup at 3pm featuring a special guest headliner at 8pm. The fireworks show will follow at 9pm.

Singing River Media Group, comprised of WLAY, WVNA, WMSR, and WMXV, will have a live remote at McFarland Park and several food and beverage vendors.

To register to be a vendor during the celebration, contact Singing River Media Group at 256-383-2525.

Independence celebrations will include Downtown Florence Alliance's First Friday Event on Friday, July 1 from 5:30pm-9pm, where market vendors will sell handmade merchandise and more on Court Street. On Thursday, June 30, the Florence Parks and Recreation Department will host a patriotic-themed Kids Fest at Lewis Field from 5–8pm which includes activities, inflatables, and snow cones.

Mayor Andy Betterton expresses his gratitude to all who assisted with coordinating this weekend kickoff. "I want to thank Singing River Media Group, Florence Council Members, and all of the sponsors for their efforts in making this event possible," he said.



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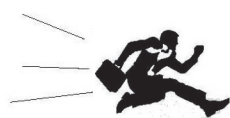


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Mary Settle directed the renovation of the abandoned historic Ritz Theatre in the heart of downtown Sheffield in 1985. The performing arts campus is now home to a lively performing arts school that provides



Cooney



Mary Settle Cooney speaks to a student group at the Tennessee Valley Museum of Art. Photo courtesy TVAA

performing arts training for high school students without access to such programs.

The Tennessee Valley Art Center was transformed under her leadership, growing from a multipurpose space to a dynamic museum with four galleries. Along with the expanded

facilities, the Tennessee Valley Museum of Art developed collections and exhibitions, including the permanent installation of one of the oldest works of Alabama art, the Martin Petroglyph.

The education gallery at the Museum houses local and traveling exhibitions, workshops, and lectures. It was recently named the Mary Settle Cooney Gallery. This lively, energetic space is indicative of the character of Mary Settle, always brimming with ideas and productive but also contemplative.

Mary Settle has never lost momentum or her passion for the arts. She has touched the lives of thousands of artists, art administrators, volunteers, board members, staff, students, educators, and citizens. Her vision and coaching have breathed energy into a dynamic, cooperative community arts culture in North Alabama.

Williams Best Trained for Coroner

FLORENCE - Long-time public servant, Max Williams, has announced his candidacy for Lauderdale County coroner in the May 24 Republican primary.

Williams has been a Lauderdale County resident for the past 33 years. He said his public service during the past 47 years as a paramedic and volunteer firefighter has played a role in preparing him to be Lauderdale County's next coroner.



Williams

Williams has worked for the Lauderdale County Coroner's office for the past six years as deputy coroner, and has served as chief deputy coroner the past two years.

"I'm the qualified candidate in this race and have the experience required to do this job," Williams said, adding that

his expertise extends to securing and investigating fatal scenes.

Williams said he is currently licensed as a paramedic in Alabama and Tennessee.

"I have also received the suggested training recommended by the Alabama Department of Health for the coroner

position," he added.

He also said he that if elected he will become the first-fully qualified coroner in Lauderdale County's history.

He listed his training to include: Death Scene Investigation through the Death Scene Academy in Arkansas; Crime Scene Investigation through Jackson State University; and Forensics Investigation from the University of Tennessee's Forensic Anthropology Center in Knoxville.

Williams is also a retired member of the IBEW Local Union 558.

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Hood...

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school band, and picking up guitar and bass guitar by age 17, Hood fell into the music business unintentionally as he became a success.

By 1967 David had played bass or trombone on several early Muscle Shoals hits including James and Bobby Purify's "I'm Your Puppet," Percy Sledge's "Warm and Tender Love," and Etta James' "Tell Mama." During this time, he connected with Roger Hawkins, Jimmy Johnson, and Barry Beckett to form the Muscle Shoals Rhythm Section. The rhythm section continued to rack up a string of hits at FAME Studios until 1969 when they felt it was time to go out on their own.

David, Roger, Jimmy, and Barry purchased a studio in Sheffield at 3614 Jackson Highway, which they remodeled and renamed Muscle Shoals Sound Studios. David's defining bass lick in the Staple Singers' "I'll Take You There" was the first in a series of hit songs the Rhythm Section recorded. The group notably worked with R.B. Greaves, Aretha Franklin, Lulu, Wilson Pickett, Bobby Womack, Mel and Tim, Paul Simon, Traffic, Millie Jackson, Bob Seger, Willie Nelson, Delbert McClinton, Rod Stewart, Jimmy Buffett, Joe Cocker, Dr. Hook, the Oak Ridge Boys, John Prine, and Glen Frey, and appeared on more than



David Hood during a recording session in the Shoals at Cypress Moon Studios in Sheffield.

Photo: Courtesy Jan A. Bruso (janbruso.com)

500 recordings and over 75 gold and platinum hits. The Muscle Shoals Rhythm Section was immortalized in the 1974 Lynyrd Skynyrd hit "Sweet Home Alabama" under their nickname 'the Swampers.'

David and his fellow Muscle Shoals Rhythm Section members were honored by induction to the Alabama Music Hall of Fame in 1995. In 2008 they were inducted into the Musicians

Hood

Hall of Fame. David was rated as one of the top 50 bass players in the world by Rolling Stone in 2020, coming in at #27. He has also been a part of the stage band for the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame tribute shows.

David continues to be a full-time working musician playing all over the world. In addition to his studio

work, Hood has appeared live with artists such as Art Garfunkel, Ronnie Blakely, and toured for two years with the English group Traffic. During the past few years, he has recorded or played live with Alicia Keys, the late Levon Helm, Drive-By Truckers, Betty Lavette, Steve Winwood, Percy Sledge, the Amazing Rhythm Aces, the Memphis Boys, and numerous others.

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Commentary

Barbs Take Over the Senate Race

While Katie Britt, Mo Brooks, and Mike Durant are getting the lion's share of the GOP consideration for the retiring Richard Shelby's US Senate seat, any respectful relations in the race are deteriorating by the day.

I personally know little about any of them, other than witnessing what the subversive political action committees can concoct in the way of hit-piece commercials and direct mail-outs on each.

Britt was president and CEO of the Business Council of Alabama since 2018 following two years as Shelby's chief of staff. That experience may be intense, but it is also minimal. Britt has Senator Shelby's support, but I can see her being a moderate.

Durant was among those in the helicopter shot down over Mogadishu, Somalia, in the well-known 1993 "Black Hawk Down" incident. He was the only American to survive and was held captive for 11 days.

After a 22-year active-duty military career, Durant and his family moved to

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TOM MAGAZZU
Editor

Courier Journal

in the *Shoals*

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"I'm really looking forward to

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The Shred of Evidence

Editor:

The Florence BBB Shred Day on Friday, May 5 was a great success!

We had around 300 vehicles drive through and 12,500 pounds of documents were shredded. Thanks so much for helping get the word out to the community and for supporting this event.

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Christie Vick Yeiser
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The Offense of the Gospel

Editor:

When I was a boy preacher I heard affirmations from congregants such as, "Preacher, you really stepped on my toes today!" This remark meant I'd either raised my voice or spoke forthrightly about known sins (known sins in that day were smoking and drinking). Another phrase was "You shelled the corn today, preacher!" This comment meant essentially the same thing, though the implication was that the commenter thought I'd dressed down other people.

I know I offended many along the way. As George W. Bush famously said, "When I was young and foolish, I was young and

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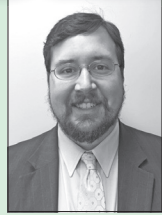


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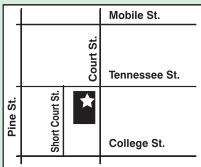
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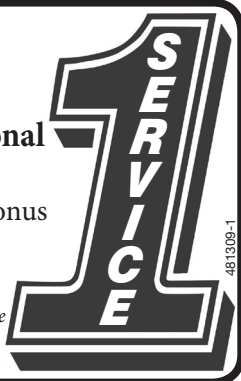
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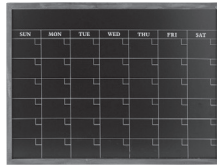
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Belle's skin. Johnny impresses upon Chanel how much he still loves her.

GENERAL HOSPITAL After asking Anna about her relationship with Valentin, Felicia called him out. Stella told Curtis the truth about what she knew. After a disappointing encounter with Spencer, Esme manipulated Nikolas. Trina shared some disheartening news with Ava and Portia. Michael and Drew received an unexpected offer from Carly. At his birthday party, Leo reminded Chase of the promise he made. Ned had a meeting with someone unexpected. Sam told Spencer she needed answers. Gladys figured out what Sasha had been hiding. Portia opened up to Curtis. Gladys confronted Sasha with the pill bottle. Finn, Laura and Kevin had a fraught interaction with Elizabeth. Gregory and Violet enjoyed each other's company at Kelly's. *Wait to See: TJ tries to calm things when events take an intense turn in Brooklyn. Finn wonders to Gregory if Violet is on to something. Taggart confronts Jordan about Trina when Portia steps in.*

DAYS OF OUR LIVES The battle between good and evil came to a stunning conclusion. A family crisis brought Shawn and Belle closer together. Ciara and Ben had an unexpected encounter. A shocking death rocked Salem. Allie's family dealt with the aftermath of her possession. Kate grilled Lucas when he returned to town without Sami. Lani and Paulina kept a secret from Eli and Abe. Steve raised Abe's suspicions. Nicole was disappointed by Eric's news. Xander and Maggie struggled to tell Sarah the truth. Xander later asked Eric for a favor. Nicole was thrown by Sarah's accusation. Julie urged Abe to tell Paulina how he felt. Chanel and EJ and Chad teamed up to oust Gabi. *Wait to See: Gabi receives help from an unexpected ally. Jan gets under*

THE YOUNG AND THE RESTLESS Tessa faced an unexpected crisis as she and Mariah prepared to walk down the aisle. Family and friends gathered to attend the nuptials. Tessa and Mariah celebrated their love, and a surprise guest crashed the wedding festivities. Phyllis caught Jack off guard. Noah turned on the charm. *Wait to See: Phyllis and Ashley discuss Diane's latest move. Chloe helps Esther start a new chapter. Kyle faces a major decision.*

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NEW 40-YEAR FHA LOAN MODIFICATION OPTION

There is a proposed change to the FHA options offered to homeowners and buyers in terms of mortgages. With a longer-than-ever 40-year term announced, the intent is to help keep people in their homes, reduce foreclosure actions and make housing more affordable.

The FHA has introduced a proposal that would add an additional 120 months to the maximum term for mortgages. This would create a 40-year option for those looking to obtain an FHA loan modification as a result of the impact of the pandemic.

The immediate goal of this move is to reduce monthly payments, with the larger goal being to prevent additional people from facing foreclosure. The Department of Housing and Urban Development is in favor of offering the opinion that will prevent thousands of families each year from losing their homes due to foreclosure.

Why Lengthen The Terms Of A Mortgage?

Many financial advisors guide their clients toward shorter terms when it comes to mortgages. The sooner you can repay a loan, the better – at least in most cases. This is certainly true of conventional thinking when it comes to a home loan.

However, the last few years have brought some very exceptional circumstances into play for many people. The pandemic largely changed the look of employment and income for many families, and those impacts are still being felt. With that in mind, it is no wonder so many people have been forced to think outside the box when it comes to making ends meet and remaining in their homes.

When the term of mortgage repayment are lengthened, there is more time for the homeowner to repay that loan. In the case of the 40-year mortgage repayment plan, the payments are spread out across 480 months,

as opposed to 360. Those additional years mean that the monthly payments are much lower, which is much more manageable for many American homeowners in the current economic landscape.

Is The Lower Payment Worth The 120 Additional Months?

One major drawback is that with slower repayment, homes will accrue equity much more slowly than they would with a 30-year or shorter loan term. Another issue is that more interest payments will be present, adding up to a larger overall total that must be repaid.

These are things that should be clearly stated before a person modifies their loan terms – and understood as part of the agreement. Before making this decision, be sure to go over all these terms and conditions with the financial institution you are working with.

Should You Modify? Let Us Help You Decide!

An FHA loan modification can be a good option for those who are looking for ways to remain in their homes and continue paying their mortgage payments despite changing circumstances. However, the process is not suitable for every person and financial situation.

If you have concerns about keeping up with your mortgage payments and would like to explore your options, we can help you do that. The team at the Bond & Botes Law Offices has ample knowledge and experience when it comes to federal housing laws. Our goal is to help you better understand your options – and guide you through the process of choosing the best one for you.

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Athletic by Eli Cranor SUPPORT



City needs new baseball complex

Dear Athletic Support: We're deep in the throes of travel baseball season, and I love it! I read your column every week and most of the time it's somebody complaining about something. I'm not here to complain. I just have a question. I live in Arkansas, right outside of Little Rock, and every weekend we travel all over

the state, and sometimes even outside the state (to places like Oklahoma or even Louisiana) to play in tournaments. I can't remember the last time we played a tournament right here in Little Rock, and I know why. It's because we don't have a quality complex. All these other places we go make Burns Park and the Junior Deputy complex look like bush-league jokes. What could be the reason behind this? Why are we forced

to travel so far for these tournaments when we live near a bigger-than-average city like Little Rock? Surely, there's money to be made!

— Come on, Little Rock

Dear Little Rock: Yes, there is money to be made. A whole bunch of money.

Let's say there are twenty teams in a tournament. Each of those teams has at least ten kids on it. That's two hundred kids—two hundred families—flocking into a town for one weekend.

Those families get hotel rooms. They eat at local restaurants. And that's not even mentioning the money that's made from the tournament.

Travel league baseball is a booming business,

which in some ways makes it an exclusive sport. This is another topic that deserves its own column, but I will mention it here.

There are many families who simply cannot afford to play travel league ball. As a result, many young sluggers are denied the chance to craft the skills necessary to play baseball at a higher level.

For this reason—as well as the potential to bring in big bucks—it would be very wise for a city like Little Rock to invest in a new baseball complex.

Not only would the city stand to generate revenue, but it would also help open the doors to less-privileged young athletes.

What better deal could you ask for?

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



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GOAL RUSH! Just one of four shots lands the hockey puck in the net. Which shot scores the goal? Take a guess.

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Letters...

The Offense of the Gospel

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foolish." I chided people when the church didn't move as quickly as I thought it should. I once wrote a newsletter column suggesting Christians should avoid country music due to the "beer drinking and two-timing." Oh, the impudence of young ministers, like me, who must learn grace, and at times the discipline of silence! Plus, there wasn't an ounce of gospel in those words.

Nowadays I don't hear from people wanting to be stepped on.

For example, a long-time Baptist deacon said to me, "I wish I could understand the Bible. It's a book of mystery to me." Another person said, "I pray but nothing happens. I wonder why." And yet another said, "So many bad things happen to me. God must be angry with me."

I think modern worshippers are beset with so much stress and so many questions that a loving minister must try to encourage them in their faith.

But shouldn't the gospel be offensive? Erik Raymond in an article on *Christianity.com* wrote, "The gospel is offensive because it unseats self from the throne of the heart and establishes God as King."

When people consider the claims of Christ over our sin and selfishness the truth can be offensive. It cuts across the grain. No question about this.

But I don't think the scripture calls Christians to be offensive. Robert Schuller used to point out that Jesus never called a sinner "a sinner." It was the self-righteous religious people he called sinners. He was always tender with broken people.

And the Apostle Paul was clear in 1 Corinthians 10: "Give none offence, neither to the Jews, nor to the Gentiles, nor to the church of God: even as I please all men in all things, not seeking mine own profit, but the profit of many, that they may be saved."

Paul said he strove to be a loving vessel of God's truth. As is often said, people must get past Christians before they can get to God. And we

must be sure we're not stumbling blocks through angry tirades or offering judgments that belong only to the Great Judge of the Universe.

Michael J. Brooks
 Alabaster, AL

Treat Voters Respectfully

Editor:

I just received a mailed political ad from Katie Britt. She just hit a political campaign low by including fake pictures of her opponents in the ad.

Most of them come up with ways to twist their opponents' positions in a bad way. This was ridiculous using bad fake pictures of them to belittle them.

I will never vote for her for anything. I will vote for those who don't treat voters like they are stupid.

Barry Lee
 Rogersville

Democracy Argument Doesn't Work

Editor:

In the wake of a leaked draft Supreme Court opinion which, if it represents a final vote, would overturn *Roe v. Wade*, pro-choice advocates are marshaling their best -- and worst -- arguments against removing that ruling's protections for abortion.

As always, I'll refrain from sharing my own opinions on abortion as such. I'm not interested in convincing anyone of anything because I'm not firmly convinced myself.

The worst argument I'm hearing right now is that overturning *Roe* would be "undemocratic."

"Overturning *Roe v. Wade* Shows the Right Has Nothing but Contempt for Democracy," Ben Beckett writes at *Jacobin*. "If the decision stands, it will be a high-water mark for the Right's project of undemocratic rule As the draft decision shows, the Supreme Court is arguably the most powerful weapon the Right has for ruling without and against the people."

Really? The problem isn't

a matter of fundamental individual rights versus state power, but rather of "democracy?"

Let's take a look at the three underlying cases:

In *Roe v. Wade* (1973) the Supreme Court overturned Articles 1191-1194 and 1196 of Texas's Penal Code. Those articles and that code were passed by a democratically elected state legislature. The Court overturned "democracy" in favor of what it held was a constitutionally protected individual right.

In *Planned Parenthood v. Casey* (1992), the Court further expanded its interpretation of those constitutional protections versus Pennsylvania's Abortion Control Act of 1982, once again ruling against a democratically elected state legislature and in favor of a right to abortion.

In the current case, *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Association*, the Court will rule regarding Mississippi's Gestational Age Act -- which, you guessed it, was duly passed by a democratically elected state legislature.

If the draft opinion becomes an actual ruling, democratically elected state legislatures will once again make decisions on abortion law.

That's the exact opposite of "undemocratic." It's full-blown democracy, tip-toeing through the abortion tulips with bells on and playing a ukulele.

Those who claim a constitutional right to abortion might want to reconsider their fetishistic (and in this case, simply incorrect) appeals to "democracy." There's something to be said for protection of individual rights against the whims of majorities -- and not only on this issue.

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Lessons From The TITANIC!

I have always been intrigued by the tragedy of the sinking of the astonishing ship, Titanic, in 1912. Hundreds perished that night. It was a marvelous vessel in that day. Latest and greatest. Luxurious and plush. Many traveled to Southampton just to be able to be on the maiden voyage to New York. Many of the most wealthy people alive were on that infamous voyage. Structurally, 3,000,000 rivets held it together. Bulkheads, 1" steel plates, powerful boilers, huge propellers and a mere sixteen lifeboats.

What can we learn SPIRITUALLY from this historic tragedy? Consider:

1. **Over-confidence and arrogance.** Many believed the Titanic was "unsinkable." They were traveling at a high speed with a goal of setting a record of travel.
2. **They failed to heed the warnings.** Nearby ships warned them (at least six times) of icebergs in the area, but they ignored the warnings. They had a greater motivating goal.
3. **They refused to admit they were in danger.** Even after striking the iceberg, many refused to get into a lifeboat in the dark and cold night. They believed that they were not in danger.
4. **Wealth was worthless.** The Astors and Guterheims were powerful, wealthy businessmen, but their millions of dollars could not save them that tragic night. The rich perished alongside the poorest of the poor.
5. **Do we recognize the "icebergs" in our lives that have the power to destroy us?** An iceberg is normally protruding above the water line only 10% of its' size. That means about 90% of its size is invisible (below water). The weight of the iceberg was approximately 20 times the weight of the ship Titanic (46,000 tons).
6. **The end is coming to all one day.** Our life on earth is temporary and brief (James 4:17)

Will we be guilty of making similar mistakes? Will we, like those on the Titanic, perish because we failed to heed the clear warnings of the Bible? Do we seriously believe that we are in danger of losing our soul?

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How to Buy a Car Online

Need a new set of wheels but not looking forward to the high-pressure environment of a dealership? While including the added benefit of social distancing for higher-risk shoppers, a (mostly) virtual buying experience can often save you time, money and unwanted stress.

Buying cars online vs dealership

When it comes to buying cars online versus at a dealership, it's not an all-or-nothing situation. Of course, there is the traditional method of visiting a dealership and completing your purchase there, from start to finish, as well as the opposite practice of completing the purchasing process from your office chair at home. There are, however, many variations that fall between those two extremes. You could shop dealerships first, and ultimately find a specific car online, or you could do your research and dealing online and ultimately purchase your car at a dealership. Here are steps you should follow no matter where you fall on the spectrum.



Do Your Research

- Choose a model, trim level and your must-have features. Be sure to check car safety ratings and car insurance rates for your chosen model. You can change your mind at any time, but knowing what you want will help you narrow your search.

Set Your Budget

- Establish your budget before you inquire about pricing. Determine whether it makes sense to look for a new or used car, which can significantly affect pricing. When you land on a car budget you feel comfortable with, you can look for funding.

Get A Pre Approved Auto Loan

- Whether this car purchase is your first or your fourteenth, it's always important to brush up on auto loan basics before purchasing a new vehicle. Familiarize yourself with the process and secure your funding before you reach out to dealerships for pricing.

Go For A Test Drive

- Visit a dealership to take your preferred make and model vehicle for a spin. Once you've located the specific car you want, make sure to test drive it to make sure everything is running smoothly. But don't get caught up in the moment — wait until you're back in front of your computer to get down to brass tacks.

Get Quotes

- After you've found the car you want, you can contact dealerships about pricing. Ask them for their best out-the-door price (inclusive of taxes and fees).

Negotiate

- Email each dealership again and ask them to beat the lowest quote you've received. Then keep circulating the new lowest quote until the dealerships stop coming down on their price. A few extra emails could save you hundreds — or even thousands — of dollars.

Protect Your Investment

- Purchasing a car is a significant investment — make sure you take the proper steps to ensure a secure transaction. Ask to see the title before you make the purchase and, if the car is used, make sure to ask for a car history report. Take time to review the purchasing and loan contracts, and if possible, have them reviewed by a lawyer.



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Cat & Kids

by Cathy Turner

In My Room

In a *Writer's Note* first printed on February 11, 2009, I noted, "I found the following essay in our 15 year-old's room one morning recently as I was waking him up. Randall had written it for an English assignment. I think it voices the thoughts of many young teenagers.

Thought seems to be man's greatest answer to its greatest questions. When we are faced with problems or difficulties, we resort to using our minds to solve our issues. Many times we see that our proposed plans for fixing these quandaries are completely ineffective, so we go back to our internal drawing boards to ponder another solution.

Having said all this, one of the locations where I feel the most comfortable deliberating about situations that may arise (whether they be important or not) or just to calm myself from whatever ordeals I have

faced during the day is in my own room. It is the place where I feel that I am the sole possessor of the proverbial "Gauntlet of Solitude". I can go there to be alone with myself and truly feel that that separation from humanity can remain. Sitting on my bed, I feel like a king presiding over a domain completely under his own control.

Absolute control would seem to be a difficult premise to acquire given the circumstance that I don't own my room by some monetary purchase. It is, in actuality, my parents who own the place that I call my domain. The reason I have this deep-seeded inkling of jurisdiction over my room is because of the degree to which my parents are lenient. The relationship that my parents and I possess is one that very few children can claim to have with their parents. In my experience I have

seen parental units be altogether too lax in their dealings with their children. On the other hand, my view has crossed guardianships which have been militaristically strict. My parents, however, have found the perfect blend of discipline and leniency. This allows us to be friendly, but still keeps me in the position of one who is under an authority. From their standpoint, I think they allow me my space so that I can further develop my person in a way all my own.

The sum of all my nature, being left to itself by my parents, can come together while I am in my room. In the expanse of white carpet that lays before me as I sit on my bed, I can consider all the possibilities of my existence. I can take a long pause at one of my three windows and marvel at the excellence of God's creation. I can lay under sheets of my bed and listen to the occasional drone of falling rain, relaxing as He serenades me with His majesty. I can sit upon my futon and drift into a fantasy world of some author's creation. I can create my own world, let it flow from the tip of a pen

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or pencil onto the page whether it be through art or writing. I can live a secret life away from all humanity and never let anyone in. I am fearlessly, positively and wholly one with myself in that realm.

So, I, as I go to sleep tonight, I can know that any idea I may concoct within my chamber – however feeble, faulty or brilliant – is entirely my own. And, as I dream tonight, I can know that whatever my dreams may be will never have to be known by anyone aside from myself. As I turn the knob and make an exodus from that place that I call my own and go into the world that we must all live in, I can know that at the end of the day I can return to the silence and solitude of my room.

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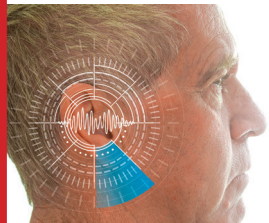
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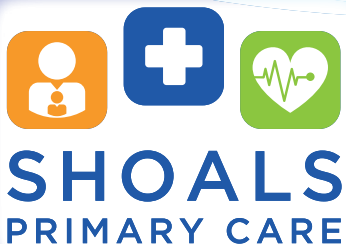
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and the U.S. Special Operations Command. He earned a bachelor's degree in professional aeronautics and an MBA in aviation.

Mo Brooks has been the representative for Alabama's 5th US Congressional District since January of 2011 and was part of the Madison County Commission from 1996-2010. He was also appointed state special assistant attorney general in Alabama from '95-2002.

Alabama is going to be fighting an uphill battle for influence in the senate without the combined

experience of Jeff Sessions and Richard Shelby that we enjoyed just a few years ago. We simply can't look for Tommy Tuberville to offer a lot other than a conservative outlook. Remember, we voted ourselves that bonus.

If he can work with others, Brooks just may be the experience and stabilizing influence we need. "That is a BIG IF," you say?

Almost every GOP candidate wants to court the Trump supporters. Interaction may not be Brooks' strongest point, but he showed a lot of class after Trump rudely pulled his early endorsement in March. That is not a surprising move by Trump. He didn't want to support someone who was running third among the top three at the time.

Brooks is also getting the most attack TV ads and mass mailing focuses against him. Shelby and McConnell PACS have spent millions because they want a rubber stamp republican. That is not Brooks. A lot of that negative focus mentions Trump's dumping of Brooks. However, at press time, neither could produce the endorsement for themselves. There's a reason everybody is worrying about Brooks.

The January 6 investigating committee has supposedly just subpoenaed Brooks to testify. The fact that it came right at the culmination of the Senate primary season is more than just suspect. Brooks has been under oath with two sworn statements in federal court already about this involvement in

the overblown incident.

Besides, now with so much irrefutable election evidence from the 2000 Mules documentary, the left can no longer just blow off the 2020 election concerns as zealotry, misinformation, or as being inconsequential.

The election process and resulting January 6 events come in through a much clearer and more justifiable prism.

And so does the subsequent Pelosi/

Cheney 5 star investigative clown show.

All three candidates should be able to serve Alabama well.

Brooks is also known in looney lib circles as a far right wing extremist. That is media code speak which translates to being grounded, logical, a believer, staunchly conservative, pro-life, pro-self-defense, and America first.

Brooks can seem rather caustic at times. He doesn't have a radiant personality. However, like it or not, we can count on him to be informed and unabashedly conservative at all times. and not go along with possible GOP leader Mitch McConnell just to do so.

There will most assuredly be a runoff for the republican senate nomination, so we can expect more bashing. The eventual GOP nominee will have a clear advantage in November.

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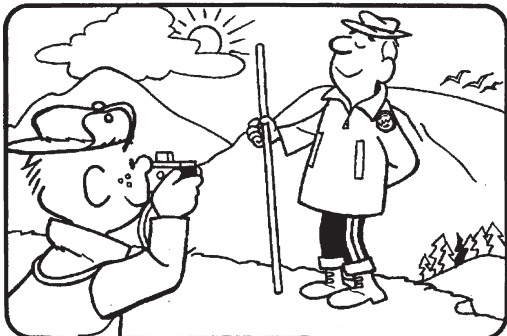
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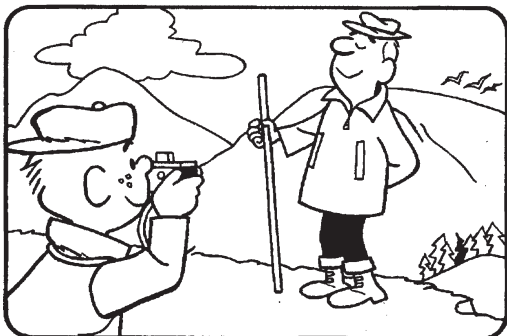
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DAVE Says

by DAVE RAMSEY

IT'S REALLY ABOUT GIVING AND PUTTING OTHERS FIRST

Dear Dave,
My wife and I have always attended church, and we have always tithed. Over the last few months, we have come to the decision it is time for us to find a place to worship that is a little more involved in the community. If we are actively looking for a new church, should we continue to tithe to our current church? Would giving our tithe money to a charity be better? We both agree it feels strange to continue giving to our current church when we would rather be somewhere else.

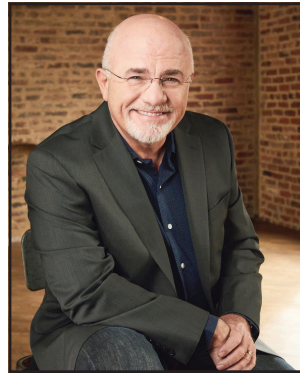
Brad

Dear Brad,
There's nothing wrong with continuing to tithe to your current place of worship until you find a new church home. It would probably be alright, too, if you gave your tithe to one of the places you visit while you're looking. When it comes right down to it, it's all about learning to be a giver and putting others first.

I can tell you two are taking this situation very seriously. But I mean, it's not like He needs the money, you know? Tithing isn't about making a deposit into God's bank account, or building up spiritual brownie points. It isn't a salvation issue, either. It's all about changing our hearts and our minds. It's about being a little less selfish, and a little more Christ-like. I believe it makes God smile when we put other people's needs ahead of our own wants.

There are some pretty strong indications in scripture that a tithe—which is a tenth of your income—should go to your local church. I have no problem with giving to responsible charitable organizations, too, but when it comes to tithing, I'm not sure a generic charity is the answer.

My wife and I have had times in our lives when we changed churches, and in the periods when we didn't have a home



church, we'd write out the checks just like normal, but leave the "pay to the order of" portion blank. That way, the money was already accounted for in our minds and in our checkbook. Then, when we found a place that really spoke to us, we'd complete the checks and give them to that church.

I hope this helps a little, Brad. God bless you two!
— 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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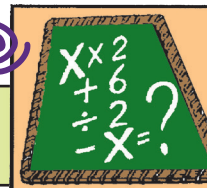
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by Hal Kaufman

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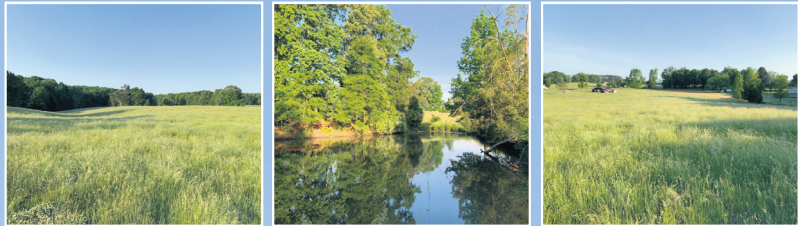


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Hosted by Miss Shoals Area Teen Volunteer. Proceeds support S.H.I.N.E. Inspiring Kids. 50% of the proceeds will be donated to Big Brothers - Big Sisters of the Shoals.

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

Homecoming at Peppertown FW Baptist Church on Sunday, May 22. Regular morning services at 10am, Lunch is at noon. Singing at 1:15 pm featuring One Heart. The church is located at 1941 County Road 48 in Lexington. Everyone is Welcome!

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Baha'i's around the world will celebrate the holiday known as the Declaration of the Bab on May 23. It commemorates when the Bab announced in 1844 that he was the new messenger of God. The holiday begins two hours and eleven minutes after sunset on May 23, which is the exact time the Bab made his declaration. The local observance by members of the Baha'i Faith will be a noon picnic at Martin Park on Royal Avenue in Florence on Tuesday, May 24.

Central Community Center's monthly luncheon will be Monday, May 23rd, at 11:30am. Covered dish. Entertainment by the NuTones.

Northwest Alabama Spay And Neuter Assistance (NASANA) is having a benefit yard sale on Saturday, May 28 from 8am-6pm at 301 River Drive in Tuscumbia. We will have clothes, housewares, home décor, and much more.

Local author Harry Shannon Phillips, Sr. will host a signing event for his book, "History of Center Star, AL" on Saturday, May 28 beginning at 3pm at the Elgin Senior Citizen Center, 2519 Hwy 101 in Elgin. Half of all proceeds Benefit Historic Phillips Cemetery at Center Star, AL. NOTE: Public signings will not take place before 3pm.

Knights of Columbus Council # 3889 Memorial Day BBQ takes place May 30 from 6-9am. The price for whole Boston Butt is \$40 and Boston Butt by the pound is \$9/lb. The BBQ sale location is at 5045 St. Florian Rd.

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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.

The Margerum Community Church (formerly Margerum United Methodist

Church) is planning a Homecoming / Military Tribute on Sunday, May 29 at 9:30am. Lunch will follow. This will be our 115th Anniversary of the establishing of the church.

The church is located at 2460 Margerum Road in Cherokee. Everyone is welcome for this special service.

Memorial Day Ceremony, May 30 at 201 North Main Street, Colbert County Courthouse, Tuscumbia. Ceremony honoring veterans of all wars at the Circle of Valor, sponsored by American Legion Post 31 at 11am. Contact: 256-762-4206

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