

It's Lunches and Snacks!

SHEFFIELD-The Ekklesia **Ministries Summer Feeding** Program is returning to provide hot and nutritious funches to children in the community this summer who often depend on lunches at school to help bridge the day.

The program is provided with assistance from the Alabama State Department of Education and the USDA. Meals and snacks will be available in Colbert and Lauderdale counties. Details and times are listed inside this issue.

Florence Honorees

FLORENCE—The city of Florence concluded National Police Week by recognizing police officers and employees for their achievements throughout the past year.

Officer Samual Garrison -Officer of the year.

Desk Officer Carol Bevis -Employee of the year.

Dispatcher Jason Gandy -Dispatcher of the year.

Sergeant Andrew Graves -Supervisor of the year.

În addition, Defective Justin Whitten's actions in May of 2021 made a direct impact in saving two lives. He was awarded the Life Saving Medal.

Officer Blake Burress was also recognized for being

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North FLORENCE-Alabama Medical Center recently

announced that Lisa o n e s been has recognized as the facility's 2022 Mercy Award

winner. The Mercy Award

one employee recognizes from each of LifePoint Health's facilities who profoundly touches the lives of others and best represents the spirit and values on which the company was founded.

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The Mercy Award is an annual recognition program established in 2002 to honor the life and contributions of Scott Mercy, LifePoint's founding chairman and chief executive officer. The

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FLORENCE-If you are looking for a unique way to help kick off summer, check out all that is going on at the Sweetwater Pop-Up Market on Saturday, June 4 from 9am–12. The family-friendly event will feature local businesses, product vendors, live music, and an assortment of fresh produce.

"There will also be plenty of activities for the kids such a rock-climbing wall, corn-hole, and inflatables," said District 3 Councilman, Bill Griffin. While enjoying the fun, shop with local vendors

and eat with local businesses, including Sweetwater Bakery, Staggs, and Rays at the Bank." Hunter Jackson with My101.5 will be onsite with music and

Pop-Up Market June 4 9-12

giveaways. The event and activities will take place in the newly-revived Sweetwater District on Huntsville Road near the roundabout, and there is no fee to attend or to be a vendor.

In addition, Florence Lauderdale

Animal Services will have pets for adoption and popcorn. Firefighters and police officers will bring a car and firetruck to let the kids explore. For more information, or to sign up to be a vendor, call 256-740-6086.

You may also register to be a vendor at FlorenceForward.org.

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artist, Johnny Collier, recently earned music award nominations from two Music Award Programs. Earlier this month Collier was listed among the finalists in three categories for the International Singer Songwriter Association's Official 2022 ISSA

Awards. Collier secured nominations for Male

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A Drive-Thru and Take Out **Benefit Dinner**

FLORENCE-North Alabama Christian Children's Home will host its 3rd Annual Drive-Thru and Take-Out Benefit Dinner on Saturday, June 11 (rain or shine) from 2-5pm at the home located at 6372 County Road 63 in Florence. Pop's BBQ will cater the meal cof either Smoked Chicken or Pulled Pork, baked beans, potato salad, a roll, chips, a SAMS cookie, and bottled water. The meal is free, but donations to the home are always greatly

appreciated. Those who desire to participate must place their order by Tuesday, June 7, to allow adequate time to process requests, order the food, etc.

Adam D. Isbell, MD

Orders may be placed by calling in with your name, phone number and what plate(s) you would like to 256-

757-4212 (office), or (256-426-0464, or 256-366 3327

North Alabama Christian Children's Home was established in May of 1973 and will be 50 years old next year. The 501 c-3 non profit residential group home, provides 24/7 care for children of the state who have been abused, abandoned, and/or neglected. It is supported by churches of Christ and many other businesses and gracious individuals.

51st Street **Rod Show**

TUSCUMBIA-The 51st Annual Muscle Shoals Area Street Rod Festival takes place Saturday, June 4. It is held on the first Saturday in June at Spring Park in Tuscumbia, Alabama. The club was founded in 1971 and hosted its first show at Southgate Mall in Muscle Shoals. Many things have changed since that first year including the size of the festival. Typically,

around 300 antique and street rod cars are on display. This makes it one of the largest

car shows in Alabama. Participants pay a \$20 registration fee at the gate the day of the show. There will be \$5,000 in cash prizes as well as over \$1,000 in door prizes

given away. There will be vendors as well as a free swap meet in the park. The day long festival is free to all and will be held rain or shine. Gates open at 7am, and cars will be shown until 2pm.

For more information contact Rex Pinkard at 256-366-7002, Don Baker at 256-412-4573, John Davis at 256-366-9130, or the Colbert County Tourism & Convention Bureau at 256-383-0873, or ColbertTourism@comcast. net.

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MUSCLE SHOALS COMMUNITY YARD SALE, Fox Loop, Saturday, 7am-2pm, Lots of misc. items.

FLORENCE YARD SALE, 143 Dogwood Dr., Fri. & Sat. 7am-until? Clothing including plus sizes, shoes, books, movies, and more! Map ID# 575

MUSCLE SHOALS HUGE GARAGE SALE, 700 Fords Way Ave., Off 2nd St., two streets from Firestone Ave., Fri. & Sat., 7am-until? Women's name brand clothes, shoes & bags, jewelry, like new! House-hold items & Home decor, & much more, all like new Map much more, all like new. Map ID# 563

FLORENCE - GLEN MARY PLACE on DUNOLLY LANE (be-tween Cloverdale Rd & Chisholm Rd off E Rasch Rd): Fri. 7am 2pm & Sat. 8am-2pm, TWO FAMILY, Large variety; lamp sets, end tables, drapery's, NICE young/older women's clothing (priced low!), toddler boy's clothes 18 mos-2T, travel bags, summer hats, designer office desk, plants, books, tent, retail 3-tier display table, & more. All must go! Follow Hot Pink Signs!! Map ID# 577

MUSCLE SHOALS: 313 W Highland Ave Fri. / Sat. 7am,Household,Clothes, Toys ,Furniture, Map ID584



SHEFFIELD: 815 Alabama Ct Yard/Estate Sale Sat. 7am-, Fur-niture, Glassware Ceramics, Clothes and LOTS more. Map ID 579

FLORENCE BACKYARD SALE 405 Howell St. Fri 7am-4pm & Sat. 7am-2pm Half price after 12pm, Household items, Glassware. Depression Glass. No Sales before 7am.

Tuscumbia Leighigh Acres Neighborhood Yale Sale 405, 65, 400 Alma St. (Off Old Hwy 20) Fri. 7am-2pm, & Sat. 8am-noon, To many items to list! Map ID#731

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FLORENCE: Garage/Estate Sale, 125 Meadowcrest Dr Fri. / Sat. 7am-More Items added on Sat.Map ID 574

KILLEN YARD SALE, 223 Cedar Creek Way, Off Co Rd 36, Thurs., Fri., & Sat. 7am-2pm, Estate Sale Items, Furniture, Dishes, Home & Christmas Decor, Sporting Goods, Camping & Fishing Gear, Patio Sets, Men's & Women's clothing, and much more! Map ID# 572

FLORENCE FAMILY YARD SALE: 408 W. Rasch Rd. Fri. & Sat. 8am-3pm, Antique Bike, Tools, Toys, Dishes, Household items, & decor.

FLORENCE TWO FAMILY MOVING SALE, 241 Roxie Dr., Forest Hill Sub. Fri. & Sat., 7am-until? Estate Sale Items: Tools, Garage items, Glass-ware, Books, CDs, DVDs, Lamps, Furniture, clothes, and lots more! Map ID# 554

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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

Want to see your Event here? Email your information to Editor@

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

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.

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.

The Lord's House Church at 7210

CR 7 in Florence is doing a photo

fundraiser for June 3 - 4 to raise money for electrical work to be done on the

church. 8 x 10 vintage or family 10 x 13 sizes are available. The photographer

sizes are available. The photographer is Classic Colors. The price is \$10 for

either One per household Reservations are required to schedule a time - 256-367-7598. Please call Delana by May

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.

Helen Keller Art Show of Alabama, June 4-25 at TVMA, 511 N. Water St,

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Wood Avenue Church of Christ in Florence will host a series "Difficult Questions Answered" each Wednesday at 7pm this summer, located at 400 N. Wood Ave. Florence. May 25-August 10 with different guest preachers every week.

June 1 - Why is there human suffering in this world?. Harrison Chastain.

Annual Board Meeting Spring Valley Water System Office Thursday, June 2 at 6pm. There will be an officer election. The System Office is at 912 Lagrange Road for info. Call 256-383-1666

Last month KIX-96 and Big River Broadcasting's beloved on-air personality "Fletch Brown" (aka personality "Fletch Brown" (aka Steifon J. Passmore), was diagnosed with cancer. Fletch was referred to MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston which specializes in the treatment he needs. He will undergo a chemo

schedule here in the Shoals that will last 4-5 months. Working regularly may be difficult as he deals with the side effects. Following chemo, Fletch will have 3-4 weeks of radiation treatments in Houston. After the tumor has been reduced they will surgically remove it. At that point, the hope is that he will only have to travel to Houston every few months to check that it hasn't returned, and he is cancer free! Fletch/Steifon would literally give you

the shirt off of his back. He is a valued member of our Shoals Community. He feels his best when he's lifting you up However, now he needs our help. The bills are coming in from only the last month and this is just for the testing they've done, he hasn't been treated in any way yet. A GoFundMe account has been set up and whatever you can donate would be greatly appreciated - the GoFundMe link is https://gofund. me/7366e27d You can also search GoFundMe for Steifon J Passmore the beneficiary (this is Fletch's given name). And if you see Fletch, let him know you're a member of his support army!

CLOTHES GIVE AWAY: Adults Teens and Children Thursday, June 2 from 8-10am at the Care Center, First Baptist Church, Killen

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The Florence-Lauderdale Farmers Market is Now Open 6am-1pm on Saturdays. 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. you have questions 256-443-4998. Call if

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Sunday, June 5, 1-6pm - Walmart, Cloverdale Road, Florence Monday, June 6, 11am-7pm - YMCA

of the Shoals. Helton Drive. Florence Tuesday, June 7, Noon-5:30pm - TVA Power Service Shops, Muscle Shoals Wednesday, June 8, 11am-5pm -Parthway Eye, Rogersville

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ABEL offered a more excellent sacrifice (v. 4) • ENOCH pleased God and was translated (v. 5) • NOAH prepared an ark and saved his family (v. 7) • ABRAHAM obeyed God and left his home, would receive an inheritance (vs. 8-10) • ABRAHAM offered his son Isaac, accounting that God was able to raise him up (vs. 17-19) • MOSES chose to suffer, rather than enjoy pleasures of sin (vs. 24-25) • ISRAELITES kept the passover (v. 28); passed through the Red Sea (on dry land) by faith (v. 29) • WALLS OF JERICHO fell, after the people marched around them exactly as God commanded (v. 30).

The inspired writer then said, "what shall I more say for time would fail me" adding he could speak of Gideon, Samson, David, Samuel, the prophets and others.

Notice the ACTION WORDS

obeyed, offered, pleased, prepared, built, etc. They heard the command of God and obeyed. As a result of their obedience to the commands of God, they were saved and blessed.

TODAY, we have not been commanded to build an ark, offer a child as a sacrifice, walk around walls, or anything similar. YET, we have been told to obey by FAITH and OBEY (do the will of the Father, Matthew 7:21).

Consider also, Saul (Acts 9) was not saved by just faith he was told what to do to have his sins forgiven (Acts 22:16). The Ethiopian eunuch was taught Jesus and obeyed by being baptized (Acts 8). Cornelius was commanded to be baptized (Acts 10:48), though he already had faith and was devout.

We MUST have FAITH (Hebrews 11:6) but we MUST also take the steps (actions) of obedience - in order to be forgiven of our sins and one day receive the eternal home of the soul.

It is so simple - God loves you and wants you to be in paradise eternally. He invites you. So, it is up to YOU to determine your eternal place of abode, based on your obedience to His will.

Where will you be eternally?



Questions, comments, or criticisms are welcomed. Responses may be sent to: **Church Of Christ at Cedar Grove** 6421 County Road 26, Rogersville, AL 35652 or email to: Cedargrovechurchofchrist@gmail.com www.cedargrovechurchofchrist.org

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Songwriter of the Year, Music Video of the Year for his February 2022 release, "A Hole In My Heart," and the coveted Entertainer of the Year nomination.

'My wife and manager, Dallas, and I have worked hard for years building my music career and my music catalog," said Collier. "It feels great to see our efforts recognized by such a prestigious organization as ISSA. And having so many friends, family and fans voting for me and encouraging me through the process of creating, marketing, promoting, and performing. It's humbling and heartwarming." The awards show takes place August 6 at the Sandy Springs Performing Arts Center in Atlanta, the same venue where the Annual BMI Awards take place.

You can read more about the ISSA Awards on their website at https:// issasongwriters.com/theissa-awards/.

Collier also received two award nominations from the Alabama Music Awards Band in the Country and Country Male Artist The awards categories. Alabama Music Awards organization was founded in 2012 with the purpose of

giving recognition to the vast array of entertainers, musicians, and journalists from Alabama on a local and regional level. The Alabama Music Awards show is the first award show that spotlights an eclectic genre of music and its many influences in the state of Alabama.

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Voting continues until June 12. It takes place online at www. alabamamusicawards show.com/vote/. Winners will be announced at the Alabama Music Awards Show at 6pm Sunday, July 24 at the Bessemer Civic Center. Johnny Collier and his band, The Misbehaviators, are performing on the main stage during the award show.

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spring - a small cascade of rocks with icy water flowing down it. Ón a hot summer day, nothing was better than a sip from that miniature waterfall.

The spring was at the bottom of Spring Hill – a street three blocks long with a slope that was probably 55 to 60 degrees. What an awesome bike ride. I can't even start to estimate the speed to which we accelerated. Sometimes it was so fast that our eyes watered. At the bottom of the hill, we would hit the railroad tracks and then swerve into the icehouse yard, creating a big donut in the rocks. Oh, I shudder to think how many times I came down that hill with no hands.

The icehouse itself consisted of a shanty, little office with a porch and a refrigerated warehouse locked with a huge, silver latch. A few people back then still bought cubic cubes of ice to put in their iceboxes, which looked like refrigerators, but the ice provided the coolant. On several occasions, gentleman older the that ran the icehouse let next twentieth anniversary us go into the huge 60'x 30'refrigerator. The stacks relevant. and rows of ice were beautiful. We could see our breath. The corrugated metal walls were freezing

the street was a natural to the touch. The old man would let us stay in there until we cooled off. Then we would sit on the front porch and he would tell us stories – scary stories about the railroad track, stories about his childhood and about our hometown.

As far as I know, my mom didn't know the old man at the icehouse, but I don't think that she thought he would harm us. She just didn't want us bothering him, and she wanted us to be closer to home.

Nowadays, this story would reek of stranger danger, no bike helmets, and e-coli or bacterial infection possibilities. It was all so much safer back then. The icehouse was just a fun adventure. We were not leery of everything and everybody. Oh, to return to a time when the biggest risks from pushing your childhood limits was the wrath of the mama chain and mama.

Writer's note: The occurrences of the last week and these times made me think of this column that was first printed on November 9, 2005. I pray that on my these thoughts won't be so

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he 18-year old who killed 21 at an elementary school last week sounded like another wayward soul, a virtual template for so many of the young people who decide to "go live" with what proliferates in their minds from action flicks

and video games that promote annihilation of all who stand in their way. The collective pain and trauma of what resulted in Texas is inconceivable.

Sure, it's not that simple, and all the premeditated violence is not coming from one set of traits, ages, or ideological issues. Mass homicides have recently been perpetrated by an older Asian male, a young Hispanic male, young white male, and a middle-aged black male. And not all weapons are guns. We can still recall the man whose goal it was last

the man whose goal it was last November to kill as many people as possible with his car along the sidewalks at a Christmas parade in Waukesha, Wisconsin. His toll was six dead and dozens injured.

But this is really about confused and misled young people looking to kill helpless younger people at school - which is supposed to be safe. It's happening far too often; so much more than it used to.

Our high school parking lot at Coffee was

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African Heritage Festival June 3-4

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TUSCUMBIA – The 22nd Annual North Alabama African Heritage Festival will be held Friday and Saturday, June 3–4, at the Willie Green Recreation Center in

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at Hendrix Chapel Church of Christ begins this Sunday night and runs through Wednesday, June 5–8 at 7pm each night. There will be classes for all ages each evening. Wayne Wood will teach our adults on Sunday night. Ben Siegel is the special guest speaker on both Monday and Tuesday. Nolan Burns will teach the class on Wednesday night. Please come, bring your kids and grandkids. 13007 County Rd 8 in Florence, 1 mile

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A Big Help to Chloe's

Editor:

On behalf of all the volunteers at Chloe's Fund, the Emergency Medical Fund for Florence Lauderdale Animal Services, We want to thank the Courier Journal for all of the community support we receive from your newspaper. We often ask our customers how they find out about our event(s), and a large percentage mention seeing the listing, articles, or an ad in your newspaper.

We recently had a new fundraising event – our Garden and Plant Sale. We have no doubt that the promotional space we received and ad we placed in the Courier Journal helped make it our most successful event to date.

We also want to thank the community for all the positive response and all the support we receive for so many of our fundraising events. Your involvement helps us cover medical expenses for animals found injured before being brought to the shelter, and giving them the chance to be adopted and share their love and appreciation with their new family.

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Whether it's public relations or paid advertising, working with the Courier Journal has been beneficial to Chloe's Fund fundraising efforts year after year. Again, we thank all of you who have helped make this happen.

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Divorce Care is a weekly seminar and support group that will help you heal. Join on Tuesdays, 6-8pm, supper at 5:30pm, at Highland Baptist Church Christian Life Center, Room C101, corner

of Martin and Eugenia St, Florence. More info - 256-764-1392 or www. divorcecare.org/groups/149930.

The Miracle Worker Play, Helen The Miracle Worker Play, Helen Keller Birthplace, 300 North Commons W, Tuscumbia. June 3, 4, 10, 11, 17, 18, 24, 25 & July 8, 9, 15, 16, – Performances are Friday and Saturday evenings at 8 pm (gates open at 7pm). Reserved seats \$15, General Admission \$10. Info: www.helenkellerbirthplace.org Ticket reservations: 256-383-4066 reservations: 256-383-4066

African Heritage Festival, June 3-4, at Willie Green Center, 609 S East St, scumbia

A cultural lecture series will begin at noon June 3 with music on the lawn at 5pm. Festivities begin at 11am on June 4 with gospel music. Uhuru Dancers will take the stage at 2:30pm followed by the Exodus Raggae Band and King Tuck, and the Midnighters will close out the festival

Bring lawn chairs. Free event.

Vacation Bible School at Valdosta Church of Christ, 119 Old Lee Hwy, Tuscumbia, June 4, 9am-2pm. Kick off with dinner June 3 at 6:30pm. All ages welcome. More info, 256-381-0331 or

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Florence Recreation Centers Pool **Opening** on June 4. For more information call 256-760-6425. Handy Recreation Center, 1105

Beale Street - Tuesday–Saturday 1-5pm; Sunday 2-5pm. Admission \$1. All ages, 2 slides

Royal Avenue Recreation Center, 421 North Royal Ave. - Tuesday-Sunday 1-5pm. Admission \$4. All ages, 3 pools, 1 slide

Muscle Shoals Street Rod Run, June t at 8am-2pm in Spring Park Rd, Spring Park Tuscumbia Swap meet rain or shine. Car registration is \$20 at the gate Free public admission to the event. Gates open at 7am

Summer Saturdays, Tennessee Valley Museum of Art, 511 N Water St, Tuscumbia, June 4, 11, 18, & 25. Children's art activities, free to guests w/ paid admission, 11am-2pm.

Wesley Chapel United Methodist be celebrating Church will Homecoming and Decoration Day on Sunday, June 5. Worship service will be at 11am with a fellowship meal following in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome. 11025 CR 15 in Florence

"Jackie Robinson and the Real Story of MLB Integration" will be otory or mile integration will be presented by Mark Everett Kelly on June 6 at the Sheffield Public Library, 316 Montgomery Ave, Sheffield. Music and hotdogs 6-7pm. Program at 7pm.

United Way is looking for volunteers who can help answer our 2-1-1 line. Training will be provided for volunteers and you can help from the comfort of your own home! Please visit https:// www.uwnwal.org/volunteer-opportunities to submit your information!

Reunion of USS Kitty Hawk CVA/ CY-63 - June 6-9, 2022 in San Diego CA. For information, contact Jim Melka at jfmelka@netins.net or 319-332-1632.

Hi Neighbors of the Shoals is meeting again! This women's social group and will meet on the first Tuesday each month at 10:30am in the Florence Public Library. Our next meeting will be June 7. Our group welcomes all ladies who are currently residents of the Shoals area. Come join us! Contact Laura Engdahl at 512 965-9023, for further

North Alabama Christian Children's Home, located at 6372 County Road 63. Florence will host its 3rd Annual Drive thru and Take-Out Benefit Dinne on Saturday, June 11 (rain or shine) from 2-5pm. Pop's BBQ will cater the meal consisting of either Smoked Chicken or Pulled Pork, baked beans, potato salad. a roll, chips, a SAMS cookie, and bottled water. The meal is free, but donations to

the home are always greatly appreciated. Those who desire to participate <u>must</u> put in their order by <u>Tuesday, June 7</u>, in order for time to be given to order the food, etc. Folks can call in their order giving their name and what plate(s) they want to 256-757-4212 (office), or 256-426-0464, or 256-366-3327.

North Alabama Christian Children's Home was started in May of 1973 and will be 50 years old next May. It is a 501 c-3 non profit Residential Group home providing 01/2 Group home, providing 24/7 care for children of the state who have been abused, abandoned, and/or neglected. It is supported by churches of Christ and many other businesses and gracious individuals.

The Valdosta Community Reunion will take place at 11am on Saturday, June 11 at Southland Stephano's 1309 South Jackson Highway in Sheffield. If you or any of your family grew up in Valdosta, we would love for you to come out and enjoy the food, fun, and fellowship. It was cancelled the last two years due to Covid. For more information, contact Penny at 256-856-0835.

Homecoming at Bumpus Creek Freewill Baptist Church located at 2725 Co. Rd. 14, Waterloo on June 12. Worship service 11am with Bro. Jimmy McGee. Dinner at 12pm and singing at 1:30pm with Crossroad Singers from Florence.

Come worship with us and enjoy good food, fellowship, and singing.

Homecoming and Gospel Meeting at Pine Hill Church of Christ located on County Road 10, Waterloo on June 12-15 with speaker Keith Parker. Sunday Bible Study 9am, Worship 10am. Meal after morning service. Sunday evening service 1pm. Monday – Wednesday evening at 7pm. Everyone welcome.

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Muscle Shoals Music: Songwriters in the Round, June 16 at Champy's, 120 E 2nd St. Muscle Shoals.

The Muscle Shoals Chapter of the TVA Retirees Association will have their 20th Annual Picnic and Health

Fair Thursday, June 16, at the Florence Lauderdale Coliseum in Florence. The cost is \$12 and it must be mailed no later than May 28 to John Blackwell, TVARA , MPB 1C-M, PO Box 1010, Muscle Shoals, AL 35662-1010

The Phil Campbell Hoedown will be June 17-18 in downtown Phil Campbell

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The Evidence of Jesus Christ-2 Corinthians 5:17 "Therefore if any man be in Christ, *he is* a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." **Galatians 1:23** "But they had heard only, That he which persecuted us in times past now preacheth the faith which once he destroyed." That's evidence. Do you remember the time when you asked Christ to forgive your sin and save your soul? Where's the evidence? Where is the noticeable difference Christ has made

in your life? The Apostle Paul was a saved man. 2 Timothy 1:9 "Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began," Our beloved brother continues: Philippians 1:21 "For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain." Philippians 1:23 "For I am in a strait betwixt two, having a desire to depart, and to be with Christ; which is far better:" That's evidence. Do you worry, fear, doubt, fret, panic and have no faith or peace at all and question eternity? I am convinced that most church buildings are filled with lost pastors, speakers, teachers and lay-people and need to get saved.

Quit following a dead horse? Salvation is not a toss-up or a crap-shoot. Are you still doing the same old cruddy things you did before you were (religious)? Salvation is a gift, not a giddy, worked up ritual or ceremony. Salvation is a personal contact with Christ Himself. Christ is the author and finisher of a perfect plan and doesn't need help from anyone. If you don't get saved, it is not God's fault. The call goes out to all: John 6:35 "And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst." If, after 30 years of church religion, you are still hungering and thirsting and have no peace, get saved. If you have Jesus, He is all the evidence you need.

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DINNER FOR 6...NOT!

Instead of inviting friends over for dinner and drinks, we invite them for breakfast! Eggs are much cheaper than a roast! I can feed everyone without busting my grocery budget. And we find that we enjoy each other's company in the morning, too! - Allison

RENEW YOUR DECK

Last spring, I decided that we need to do something with our old wood deck. It was fading and looking old. I decided to paint it, but not just one color. I created a maze like pattern with three colors! It's almost like having a decorator carpet on my deck! I did this all for the price of some paint and painter's tape! - *Gale*

GETTING MORE DONE

I recently changed my habits. Instead of checking my Facebook page first thing when I get home from work, I spend some time on whatever task is on my to-do list. Since I'm anxious to get to Facebook, I do the task quickly. Once I do get to Facebook, I don't feel guilty about the work that I haven't done. It's a win/ win! - *Mia*

BUILDING AN EMERGENCY FUND

There's an old saying that the best way to eat an elephant is one bite at a time (not that I want to eat an elephant!). So when we decided we really wanted to create a sixmonth emergency fund, we used that principal. We broke it down into smaller amounts that equaled one month's worth of expenses. Even that felt like a hard target, but we were determined to do it. We're on month number two now. We celebrated with a special dinner when we had the first month saved. Looking forward to our next celebration when we get to month two! - Becca

FREE FIREWOOD

We like to use our woodstove and fireplace in the winter, so firewood is always welcome. A neighbor was taking down a tree and offered us the wood. We paid the tree company to cut it into one-foot sections for us. He was glad to do it to avoid paying the tipping charge at the landfill. I told him we'd take any that he wanted to drop off. He said that he'll probably be able to drop off a full cord this summer. That's lots of free heat next winter! - Joe

CREATING SPACE DIGITALLY

Whether you're downsizing or just trying to reduce clutter, digitizing can make your life easier. We reduced a whole file cabinet of papers when my dad moved into an apartment. Now it's just a thumb drive. My husband and I are doing the same thing around our house. Not only are we getting rid of paper copies, but also we're replacing hardcover books that we think we might read again with ebooks. So far, I've eliminated a whole bookcase full! It's taking us a little time, but what other hobby actually saves you money? - Sarah

DON'T LEAVE HOME WITHOUT IT

Recently, my credit card company called and asked if I had made a \$2k purchase at Macy's in Chicago. I was glad they did because someone was trying to use our card. They sent a new card right away, but it occurred to me that we were planning a trip for this summer. Our daughter just moved into a house, and it's likely we'll be making some unusual purchases far away from our home. I'm going to call the credit card company before we go to let them know, so they don't challenge the charges. - Iosh

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BEAUTIFUL Quinn tried to dissuade Carter from making a foolish move with Paris. The depth of Steffy's despair over losing Finn guided her on a new path. Li urged Finn to fight for his life and get back to Steffy and Hayes. Steffy broke down in Liam's arms as she said an emotional goodbye. Eric managed his entanglement with Donna while married to Quinn. Ridge intervened when Taylor and Brooke bickered. Deacon offered Brooke reassurance after her failed attempt with Ridge. Wait to See: Donna takes Eric on a trip down memory lane before making a stunning request. Brooke surprises Ridge with a late-

reunite. Unable to contain Sparks flew as Anna his true feelings, Carter challenged professes his love to Quinn. Sonny was worried when Will urged Sonny to Spencer and Ava looked report Leo to the police. for Esme and Nikolas. Someone caught Belle In the park with Wiley, and EJ sharing a kiss. Josslyn took action. Sonny Abigail asked Chad if he made a discovery. Sam wanted to have another was surprised by what child. Xander Sarah had an emotional Josslyn asked Cameron breakthrough. wanted Shawn to sign noted that Nikolas was a separation agreement. acting strange. Ned and Nicole encouraged EJ Olivia proudly watched to pursue Belle. Jan Leo bond with his horse sought Marlena's help. until Valentin stopped by

The judge declared her verdict in Nina's visitation hearing. Britt caused scene at the Society Setups event before things took a drastic turn. Carly learned the truth. Nikolas THE BOLD AND THE night visit and a plea to and Esme were tempted. Valentin. DAYS OF OUR LIVES he couldn't reach Nina. and she heard about Dante. Belle if they could talk. Ava Wait to See: Ciara has a with an offering. Drew special request for Rafe. talked with Michael Programming Note: "Days" about ELQ as Willow was pre-empted on Monday, told Carly she'd come to Thursday and Friday for a big decision. Wait to See: the French Open tennis Portia happily greets Curtis, Stella and Marshall, who

GENERAL HOSPITAL finally reveals the truth. Terry counsels a drained TJ. As Laura visits with Elizabeth, Finn arrives.

THE YOUNG AND THE RESTLESS Victor plotted his next move against Ashland. Phyllis strategized with Jack. Sharon stood her ground. Devon and Nate shared a difference of opinion. Chance made a promise. Sharon and Nick reminisced about their past. Victor crossed enemy lines. Kyle faced an ethical dilemma. Phyllis went too far with Diane. Jack stopped Phyllis in her tracks. Diane offered up an apology. Wait to See: Elena sends Imani a message. Victor orders Ashland out of town. Victoria asserts her independence.

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Before accepting the lose of your home, you may wish to consider your options for stopping foreclosure. Chapter 13 bankruptcy could act as the relief method you need if you qualify and feel that moving forward with this route suits your circumstances.

Repayment Plan

With Chapter 13 Bankruptcy, courtapproved repayment plans allow you to have additional time to pay off your outstanding debts. When it comes to stopping foreclosure, you can utilize this method to address the payments you previously missed. However, you must also keep up with the current mortgage payments as well.

Therefore, you will need to ensure that your current income will cover these payments. This will also need to go into consideration when you propose the length of time your repayment plan will cover. A longer repayment period may mean lower payments in addition to your current full mortgage payment.

Additional Mortgages

Individuals who face financial struggles often take out second or third mortgages on their homes in hopes of lessening the financial burden. However, you could face issues if you still fall behind on payments and fear foreclosure. Luckily, Chapter 13 bankruptcy can also address these additional mortgage payments

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McNutt Managing Attorney Often, the bankruptcy process reorganizes these payments as unsecured debt. By completing your case successfully, the court is likely to

completely discharge those unsecured debts as they become a lower priority. Of course, additional details of your case could play a role in whether this total forgiveness occurs. More Information Because many bankruptcy myths exist,

you may balk at the idea of moving forward with such an option. However, Chapter 13 bankruptcy can offer many benefits to qualifying parties. Therefore, you may wish to gain reliable information on this debt relief method.

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MY RECEIPTS FILE

Tired of looking for receipts? I take a picture of any receipts that I could need later for appliances, electronics, tools, etc. I keep them in a directory on my laptop and a thumb drive. I can sort the directory by date or name to easily locate a receipt. I no longer have to dig through file folders to find what I need. - *Felix*

NIGHT COOLING

Except for the hottest days, it cools down into the mid-70s during the night. We open up the windows and draw the cool air through. The wind usually comes from the west. Therefore, in the west facing windows, box fans push the air into the house. On east facing windows, we have box fans pulling the air out of the house. Box fans are cheap compared to running our air conditioning. Plus, the movement of the air makes it feel a couple of degrees cooler! - Adelle

SUMMER DRYER MAINTENANCE

Each summer, I do some basic maintenance on our clothes dryer. I unplug it and take off the front and top covers. There are a couple of screws holding each. I check the belt for cracks. Last year, I bought one online since the old one was showing its age. I found a YouTube video that showed how to replace it. I also vacuum out the traps and airways of any lint build-up. Drying time drops by about 25% after and it usually only takes an hour! - Sean

THE WEDDING PLANNER

If you're planning your own wedding, you need to pay attention to prices. I was going to use a caterer until my sister called and asked for pricing for a birthday party. She was quoted a price per

person about 20% less than what they told me my wedding dinner would cost. I'm calling around now to do some price comparisons. Just because it's for a wedding doesn't mean they should take advantage of me. -*Rachelle*

MORTGAGE PAYOFF PLAN

We bought our first house last year. We wanted to get a 15-year mortgage, but we were afraid that we might not be able to keep up with the payments at first. Then we came up with a way to speed things up. We got an amortization table that shows how much of each payment goes to interest and to principal. At first, not much of the payment reduces the loan. Most is just interest. We decided that each month we would overpay by the amount of principal reduction. It's not a lot in the early years, but it increases as time goes on. We expect to have a bigger income when that happens. If we keep it up, we'll really shorten the mortgage. Even if we can't keep adding the full amount each month, we'll still increase the amount of each monthly payment that goes to pay down the principal amount. - Corrie

ASK TWICE

I used to work the call center for a well-known national company. They told us to always turn down requests for refunds unless it was the second time that someone called in. Therefore, if I need to get a refund, I call once and make sure that they log in my call. Then I call back the next day and ask again. It doesn't always work, but it works often enough to make it worth trying. Try it next time you get a bad product or service. - Kelli

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occur each year in the United States. Fortunately, most of them involve only property damage (damage to the vehicle as opposed to the occupants). But one in three accidents involve personal injury to the driver or passengers and out of that number, two out of every ten accidents lead to fatal injuries.

If you are involved in an automobile accident, there are certain things you can do to protect yourself and your interests. The following is a list of the things you should do if you are in an automobile accident.

Make sure to call law enforcement and have a report made. It is important to call police to an accident once it has occurred. The police officer will do a preliminary investigation, examine the scene, interview the parties and any witnesses, as well as provide a determination as to who was at fault. An accident report sets forth who was at fault and is the single most persuasive piece of evidence proving liability. It is difficult to make an insurance claim without one.

Obtain witness contact information. If there are witnesses to the accident, you should obtain their contact information.

Seek medical treatment. If you believe you have been injured in the accident, you should receive medical treatment immediately or as soon as possible. The longer you wait to receive medical treatment, the more likely the insurance company will argue that you were not hurt as a result of the accident. This is the defense that the insurance companies raise most often.

Do not give statements to an insurance company. Never give a statement to an insurance company following an accident (not even your own). Insurance companies will seek to obtain a statement that they can use later against you when you are seeking compensation for your injuries. You should notify your insurance company that the accident occurred, but you should tell them that you do not want to give any statement until you have consulted an attorney.

Complete your medical treatment. It is important to follow through with all prescribed medical treatment following an accident. If you do not complete your treatment, the insurance company will argue that you are not injured to the extent that you claim. Keep up with your copays and out of pocket expenses.

Buckle up, drive safely, and as always, your referrals are appreciated! 256-764-0112

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The plan letters (A, B, F, G, & N) represent different levels of coverage that a person can purchase. Plan A is the most basic Medigap plan. It does not cover the Part A or Part B deductibles or Skilled Nursing Facility coinsurance but does pick up the Part A and Part B coinsurance after the deductibles are met. On the other hand, Plan F is the "cadillac" of Medigap plans. Plan F will cover all deductibles, coinsurance and/or copays that is due after Medicare pays its part. Plan F can only be sold to individuals who became eligible for Medicare prior to January 1, 2020.

The most popular Medigap plan our company offers has been Plan G. Plan G covers everything Plan F covers except the Part B deductible of \$233. When talking to a company or agent about Medigap policies you may benefit by talking to someone who offers ALL the plans. Every company selling Medigap policies does not offer all the plan options. If you are speaking with an agent or company that does not offer a particular plan, such as Plan G, you may never hear about this plan.

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

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Saturday festivities will begin at 11am with a gospel explosion. Musical guests will include Rev. Chris Neloms Por Shane Rainer, the Garner Brothers, and the world renowned Orr Sisters. The always favorite Uhuru Dancers from Atlanta, Georgia, will take the stage at 2:30pm followed by the Exodus Reggae Band from Memphis, Tennessee. Blues man King Tut will play once again before the final act. Closing out the festival will be the Shoals' very own Midnighters.

Many vendors will be onsite with cultural and traditional food, clothing, and other items. A children's area will provide games and fun for the whole family. Don't forget to bring a chair to





Resources (DNR). Check with your state's DNR office for registration instructions and requirements. Take a canoe or kayak safety course, especially if you're a beginner. • Practice swimming in case your boat capsizes.

• Pack essentials, including basic first-aid items, sunscreen, food and water in a dry bag or waterproof bag and an extra paddle.

safety tips.

Water:

- Bring a life jacket for
- each passenger, and be sure you all wear your life jackets when you're on or near the water. The majority of drowning victims do not wear life jackets.
- · Adding a whistle to your life jacket, along with other safety equipment, can help you be found if you go overboard. A whistle can be heard up to a half mile away - much further than your voice, especially when wind and waves are present. Be sure to use a marine whistle which has no pea (ball).
- Check the water and weather conditions, and pay attention to any safety warnings. Rough or high water can be dangerous, even for experienced paddlers.
- If you plan to go out by yourself, let someone know where you're headed and when you plan to be back.

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- Dress for water temperature, not air temperature. Hypothermia reduces your core temperature and motor control.
- Never stand in your canoe. Stay low and centered in your craft. Tether the paddle to you or your craft. This will reduce the chance of losing your paddle if you capsize.
- Be aware of local conditions. If you're in a new area, check on currents, shoreline conditions and weather patterns. Off-shore winds can also make it difficult to return to shore.
- · Wear a helmet. River and surf-zone paddling can be dangerous.
- Never mix alcohol or drugs (prescription or non-prescription) with paddling. They can decrease your ability to make good judgments or respond in the case of an emergency.
- Don't exceed the weight capacity of your craft. If you're overloaded, it makes it less stable and increasing the risk of capsizing.
- Check equipment for wear and tear before you paddle. Don't risk your safety by using equipment that could break or malfunction.
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littered with gun racks in pick-up trucks every school day, and no one ever thought about using one on another person at school. We may not have all been practicing believers, but there was a degree of respect or reverence for what was right and wrong. We didn't know all of our classmates, but we absolutely respected one another enough to know that none of us would plan to take out any group of people for any reason especially younger ones – even during the height of adult-induced racial tensions. Children could hear about God and religion without some ACLU fanatic waiving Children them down. could play outside with friends into the night without parents having to be paranoid about kidnappings on every corner, or perverts in the bushes. They were not concerned about their kid getting a scrape, getting a bee sting, or getting a little bit of extra sun. We put a band-aid or some lotion on

it and went back out! Now young people are taught from a more self-serving secular 'individualized and angle. Anything from a spiritual perspective may make 10% of the people uncomfortable, so the 90%has to keep it to themselves and out of the public arena. There are fewer twoparent households. And although most parents still love their kids and try their best, there are more irresponsible parents who



life's rights and wrongs.

Furthermore, growing secularism tells young people that they get to decide for themselves what

is right and wrong, that

the terms are subjective

based on whims and circumstance. They are

told one set of feelings and

perspectives is just as viable

as another. Most want to protest something... anything. They even have supposedly bright adults

convincing them that they can choose their sex

whenever they feel like

it, a position that has no

they are confused and why

mass shooting, the media and the meddlers look

for a racial angle or a

gun accessibility angle. We don't critique a lack

of family nurturing, wholesome home life, or spirituality. Instead

we are told it is about

systemic racial hatred

or the excessive political influence of the NRA.

a societal undercurrent at war with religion, the

nuclear family, responsible

parenting, and respect for authority. We are a society that is engrossed by social media which

creates a lack of personal

interaction and empathy.

Our children can't be

physically punished like

No, the truth is we have

And we wonder why

Every time there is a

scientific underpinning.

so many feel lost?

we were because it may hurt them emotionally or psychologically.

We long ago graduated from movies with real themes and intelligent plots, music with understandable and meaningful lyrics, and PAC MAN gobbling up dots. We now have movies with inescapable violence and unrealistic sensationalized characters, music that is pushing the bounds of sex, language, and violence in the name of artistic expression, and video games that reward blowing of anything that moves.

And all this is supposed to somehow enhance everyone's respect for life?

These same half-wits have claimed for years that the Three Stooges and the Roadrunner promoted injury, carelessness, and violence. Now you are lucky of you find those crazy innocent antics anywhere on TV or video.

They harped on how playing cowboys and Indians outside all day and owning cap guns was stereotyping and creating unhealthy unhealthy perspectives and aggressiveness.

We can all see what the modern perspective on society is creating. Some say we need new, more restrictive laws. With few exceptions, we actually need to revert back to the old ones.



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by Hal Kaufman **Sharpen Your Wits To Cut Doughnut** DRAW a doughnut outline on paper and cut it out. Now, you are challenged to divide this paper doughnut into 13 FIND TWINS! Which of these eight baseball separate pieces with just three cuts. sluggers look enough alike to be twins? Which There is this catch: Each time two is for you to say. you make a cut, you have to cut through all of the pieces. SAFE SIDE! STAY and SAFE are two appropriate four-letter words that may be One way it can be done: found among letters of the word SAFETY. How many more four-letter words can 1. Cut doughnut in half. you find? 2. Bend halves in two; put one atop the other, and cut TAKE NOTE! Mi-mi-mi-mi...let's see if you are in tune with this note sufficiently again. Result: Six pieces. to form six progressively longer words in accord with the following definitions: Open all folded pieces. 1. Combine together, as cake ingredients. MI_ 3. Fold one of these six pieces 2. Out of sight, out of —, 'tis said. 3. Type of skirt, van, bus, etc., (pl.) in two; stack the lot; and cut MI 4. Millionth of a meter unit of length. through again. 3 MI Compact car's larger cousin. Result of this third cut should be 5. 4 M I 6. Playful deviltry, or worse. a total of 13 pieces. How quickly can you fill in these words? 5 M I 6 M I

Dear Savvy Senior,

and if so, what I need to do to get them.



Dear Sad,

Dear Sad, I'm very sorry about the loss of your mother. The government program you are asking about is the COVID-19 Funeral Assistance Program administered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (or FEMA). This program is part of the American Rescue Plan, a stimulus package passed in 2021 in an effort to help the country financially manage amid the pandemic

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country financially manage amid the pandemic. This program, which has no end date, offers up to \$9,000 to cover the cost of a funeral for someone who died

of COVID-19 as far back as January 2020. Unfortunately, less than half the people believed eligible for funeral assistance have actually applied for it. Here's what you should know about the program's requirements and how to apply. Where to Start?

To apply for COVID-19 funeral assistance, you must do it over the phone by calling FEMA at 844-684-6333, anytime Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Eastern Time. The application process takes about 20 minutes.

After you apply, FEMA will provide you an application number, which you may use to create an online account at DisasterAssistance.gov if you choose.

You will then need to submit supporting documents, including a death certificate for your mother, but it must state that her death "may have been caused by" or "was likely the result of" COVID-19 or COVID-19-like symptoms. Her death must also have occurred in the U.S. on or after Jan. 20, 2020.

If you don't have this, you won't be eligible.

You'll also need to submit proof of funeral expenses, such as itemized receipts, invoices or funeral home contracts.

These supporting documents can be submitted either online (through your *DisasterAssistance.gov* account), by mail (P.O. Box 10001, Hyattsville, MD 20782) or via fax (855-261-3452).

After the paperwork is received, it takes FEMA about 45 days to make an eligibility decision.

Families who had multiple deaths due to the coronavirus can also apply. One family can receive up to \$35,000 across multiple funerals.

Reimbursements can be used to cover any portion of funeral expenses including burial plots, caskets, preparation of the body, cremation, urns, clergy, services and headstones as well as costs related to state or local ordinances and producing death certificates.

But be aware that pre-paid funerals are not eligible for reimbursements. Any payment made specifically for a funeral prior to death is considered a duplication and is

not eligible. If FEMA approves your application, the funds will either be deposited into your bank account or sent by mail via check, usually within a few days of approval.

If, however, you receive a letter from FEMA saying you're ineligible, or if the amount awarded is not enough, you have the right to appeal within 60 days of FEMA's decision letter.

For more information on the COVID Funeral Assistance program, visit //FEMA.gov/disaster/coronavirus/ economic/funeral-assistance.

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



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REMODELING

Room additions, sunrooms, all

by DAVE RAMSEY I'M NOT DOING THAT

Dear Dave,

My wife and I are empty nesters, and our house is too big for just the two of us now. We talked about selling the house and moving into an apartment in a multi-use development with retail and restaurants that we go to several times a week. Then, in a year or so, buying a smaller house when housing prices go back down. How do you feel about this idea? Ephraim

Dear Ephraim, I like the idea of downsizing. My wife and I did the same kind of thing recently. But at this point, I'd say there's about a 99% chance the housing market is not going down. It has gone down two times in the last 100 years—way back during the 1930s and again in 2008. And the market snapped back fairly fast after 2008.

I don't think the price of housing is going to go



will slow down, that still kind of defeats your premise of renting until then. I wouldn't be opposed to you two buying a different property in the same area and just moving in, but I'm not going to tell you to go rent something right now. That would put you in a hole with the rental amount, plus the fact that housing prices are probably going to continue to rise, even if not at the pace they've risen recently. In other words, if you

rent, you're going to lose money two different money two different ways—with the rental amount and home prices continuing to increase. Buying high and selling high isn't such a big deal. But buying high, and later buying higher after renting? No, I'm not doing — Dave

Dave Ramsey is a seven-time #1 national bestselling 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 Morning," "Today," Fox News, CNN, Fox Business, Fox and more. Since 1992, Dave has helped people regain

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Hankins, Grover	K-21	Household, Misc
Hornberger, Audrey	K-22	Household, Misc
Jackson, Tess	K-30	Household, Misc
Johnson, Lona	K-13	Household, Misc
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GRANDDAD'S ADVICE

I was raised by my grandparents. They didn't have much money, but I always had the things that really mattered. One thing that my grandpa always said was that it was easier to stay out of trouble than to get out of trouble. This is true in life generally and in money matters, too. I'm in my 40s now, and I am so grateful that he taught me that lesson. I have friends who make more than I do but are always complaining about their credit card bills and the interest they're charged. I don't owe anyone except the mortgage company. Grandpa also said that there wasn't much difference between being poor and being wealthy. He meant two things by that. Little money decisions add up, and wealthy people still have

troubles in their lives. We share that fate, but for me, worrying about debt isn't something I do! - Anna

THINKING OF FREE

Once a person starts to look for "free" stuff, there's a whole new exciting world available. Curbside shopping just before trash pick-up day comes to mind. One day, I harvested a set of four refinished golden oak c 1910 antique chairs in excellent condition and a small 1940s secretary. I sold them the same day to a woman who paints and sells furniture for \$45. I also found an antique door and two sets of beautiful, like new outdoor chairs. One set was lacy cast aluminum (painted them jelly bean green and kept them!) and one set was incredibly heavy wrought iron mid-century modern chairs sold at a sale.

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If you really start curbside shopping, you'll need to have a couple of yard sales a year and you'll be surprised at how much money you get from selling discards. Need children's clothing? Ask your friends who have slightly larger children for hand-medowns. Once you replace "buy" in your mind with "free," you will save a ton of money, save the environment. make America's balance of trade better, and find a fascinating new pass time! - Karen

CUSTOM BLENDS

I think that spices are a wonderful way to add interest to meals. I like all kinds of rubs and spice combinations, but rather than buy them at the grocery store, I make my own. In fact, some are so good that my friends ask me for them. If this keeps up, I'm thinking of turning it into a side gig! - Kara

AFFORDABLE SKINCARE

You don't need expensive scrubs to have a glowing complexion. You can do what my dermatologist suggested to me. Three times a week, I wash my face with my normal liquid soap with a

teaspoon of baking soda mixed in. It's gentle and inexpensive. My skin looks great! My boyfriend thinks so, too! - *Nicole*

A/C EFFICIENCY

I made a simple cover for my air conditioner out of PVC pipe and a thermal blanket. I made it so that it's about two feet bigger than the air conditioner and it's about two feet higher. The sun bounces off the thermal blanket and the blanket shades the unit. It took less than an hour to make and cost less than \$10. If what I've read is right, I should save about 10% on electric bill - Lynn

MOTIVATING THE COOK

Most family cooks get tired after years of making sure there's dinner every night for the family. Here's how I keep motivated. For each dinner I make, I estimate how much we saved by not going to a restaurant or bringing in takeout. At the end of the month, I total the savings. 10% goes into our emergency fund. I put another 10% into an account that I use to treat myself! I figure that's a small reward for all the money I'm saving my family! - Candy



Like Yard Sales? See page 3!



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opportunity to support the evergrowing Shoals music scene by bringing artists from all walks of life together for this one of a kind event. Bring your chairs, blankets, sunscreen and enjoy.

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slowly, please: cheoncheonhi hae juseyo, Through 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-dying and slow-stitching, biographical explorations, concentrated gazing, and listening, the collection features concentrated 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 of human dignity and the significance of the natural world are important themes through-out all of her work. Information: www. tennesseevalleyarts.org or 256-383-

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The Faith-Based Support Specialist (FBSS) Program is designed to bridge the gap between the faith community and the mental health field and looks to give church leaders of all faiths the opportunity to become skilled professionalsin supporting those who seek help with substance abuse. The first FBSS Training conference for this area Thursday and Friday, June 23-24 in Huntsville. It is free to participants and is sponsored by funding from the Foundation for Opioid Response Efforts

Leaders who complete the program will have the knowledge and resources to point individuals in the direction of the most appropriate care for their individual situation, receiving a certification backed by the Alabama Department of Mental Health.

FBSS program participants will be educated on substance misuse, ethics, communication skills and many more relevant topics. For more information, and registration options, contact FBSS Ambassador, Byron Jackson, at byronajackson@gmail.com or by

phone at 256-525-8191.

Juneteenth Celebration on Sunday, June 19, 1-8pm at Lewis Field, 1050 Pruitt Street, Florence. Free hotdog, hamburger, and chips. Live music, face painting, spoken word poetry and vendors. Nonprofits welcome! (must bring your own tent)

If interested in setting up a table, please contact Ron Patterson at , rpatterson1@una.edu or 256-765-4900 or Kaytrina simmons at ksimmons@florenceal.org or 256-349-3879.

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Florence City Historian Billy Warren's presentation, "How Florence Became the Renaissance City." And at 4:30pm,

Shoals Tourism Director, Rob Carnegie

will present, "How the Tourism Board Impacts the Shoals."

The Help Center in Florence we will be open on the 3rd Saturday of

each month on a permanent basis. The volunteers felt they could better serve

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Hours

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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.

43rd Annual Helen Keller Festival. ne 23-26 - Downtown Tuscumbia & Spring Park.

Art of the Dish Antique & Vintage China Exhibit & Luncheon, June 23-25, at Belle Mont, 1569 Cook Lane, Tuscumbia.

Vulcan Park and Museum Birmingham announces the return of its annual tour programming, the Birmingham Walking Tours. Visitors Visitors and residents alike can once again experience the history and beauty of Birmingham's neighborhoods and cultural districts in a fun, invigorating way. The spring tours include Forest Park and the Historic Loft District on select Saturdays and Sundays.

For more information or to register go to Birminghamwalkingtours.com

Florence Parks and Recreation/The Club/Florence Senior Center offers a variety of activities.

Chair exercise classes Games Lunches, Square Dance Social Dance Night, Rock BINGO. Lessons, Painting, Walking Trail, Farmer's Market Voucher Registration, Fishing Days at Deibert Park, Kayaking, 3rd Saturdays, April-September, Stateside and International travel opportunities. All ages welcomed. Lunch is for 60 and older. For more information please phone 256-760-6420, fdavis@florenceal.org, Facebook:

Florence Senior Center "The Club". Tuesday Night Dance, 6:30-8:45pm, at The Club, 450 Country Club Drive in Mic Oldb, 450 County Oldb Drive in prence. 256-760-6420 \$5. The Browns. Monday Night 6-8pm, Singing River

Squares. At The Club, 450 Country Club ive in Florence. Caller: Kevin Cozad, Paint a rock, hide a rock, share a rock, Rock Painting, Friday 10am-1pm at The Club. Bring your rocks and paint with us. Join in the nationwide fun of painting, hiding and finding rocks, Keep your eyes open! The Club, 450 Country Club Drive in Florence. 256-760-6420

Identity Theft and Scams Workshop by The Alabama Human Sciences Extension Financial Management and Workforce Development on June 28, at the Sheffield Public Library, 316 N. Montgomery Ave., Sheffield.

Want to list your event in Community Notes? Email your information to editor@CourierJournal.net.

The Shoals Writers Guild will present a new community enrichment program beginning in September called, "Segway to Your Story," the Who, What, When, Where and Why... at 4pm on the third Thursday of each month at the Florence-Lauderdale Library.

The September 15 with feature

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Place large, broken-down cardboard boxes 3 feet away from your recycle and garbage carts. Remove all contents from each box before recycling as Styrofoam and plastic film are NOT recyclable. Televisions/Electronics

Old TV's are not collected with curbside trash. They can be dropped off at two locations:

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 An AA Group: closed discussion 9am Saturdays, Adult Center Rm 20 at Cross Point Church of Christ, 1350 Cox Creek Parkway, Florence. • Florence H.O.W.: smoke-free,

closed discussions 7pm, Mondays, Edgemont Methodist Church, 1330

Eauclaire Ave., Florence.
Florence Open Door: Every day of the week at 6pm and 8pm. Mondays,

additional 4pm. The 8pm on Wednesdays is a speaker meeting. Monday thru Saturday also have a 12pm meeting. All are open meetings and smoke-free indoors. 526 W. College St., Florence.

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Park in the lot across the street. • Fourth Dimension: 7am Monday-Sunday, closed discussion - in person and online Zoom option (ID 573857015, password 241873); 9:30am Thursdays, password 241873); 9:30am Thursdays, women's meeting, closed; 11am Monday-Sunday, closed discussion; 6pm Mondays, open Big Book study; 6pm Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays, closed discussion; 11am first and third Mondays, open discussion, 505 N. Seminary St., Florence, entrance in rear of building. All meetings smoke free. Freedom Group: Tuesdays 6pm, Big Book study, online only Zoom (ID Code 509289139, Password 790671); Sundays 8pm open speaker in person and Zoom

8pm, open speaker, in person and Zoom (ID: 101061663, PW: 247476). CB&S

(ID: 101061663, PW: 24/4/6). CB&S Bank building, 464 4th St. W., Red Bay. • Grupo Nuevo Amanecer, Spanish speaking, 7pm Mondays, Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays, open discussion; 9am Sundays, open discussion, 110 Tuscaloosa St E., Russellville.

 Happy Hour Group, smoke-free. 6am Mondays, meditation open discussion; 6am Tuesdays, Inculation open open meeting; 6am Fridays, 12&12 open meeting, Killen Methodist Church, 201 J.C. Mauldin Hwy, Killen, building behind the church.

 Island Group, smoke-free. 7pm, Fridays, open-speaker meeting, Highland Park Church of Christ, 600 neva Avenue/corner Woodward, Muscle Shoals.

• Keep It Simple Group, smoke-free Tuesdays, speaker meeting, 6:30pm Thursdays, closed 6:30pm open; discussion. Cross Point Church of Christ.

discussion. Cross Point Church of Christ, 1350 Cox Creek Parkway, Florence. • La Alegria de Vivir, Spanish speaking, 7-9pm Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays, open discussion and non-smoking, St. Joseph Catholic Church Parish Building, 1111 E. College St., Florence,

 Lexington 449 Group, smoke free.
 8pm, Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Sundays, open discussion; Big Book study on Sundays, 8pm Saturdays, open speaker, 6083 Alabama Hwy 101, 3.5 miles north of U.S. 72.

 Monday Maintenance Meeting, 5pm on Mondays, closed discussion, masks required. First Cumberland Presbyterian

Church, 16751 US-72, Rogersville. • Permanent Recovery Group, 6:30pm Tuesdays, open Big Book discussion,; 6:30pm Thursdays, open 12&12 discussion. First United Methodist Church, 14596 Market St., Moulton.

 Quad-Cities Group, 11am and 5:30pm, every day, open discussion. 2pm Tuesdays and Thursdays, open Big Book discussion. 750 E. Michigan Ave., Muscle Shoals.

Sheffield Group, smoke-free. Sherileia Group, Shoke-rice.
 9;30am Sundays closed discussion meeting; 11am Monday-Saturday, meeting; 11am Monday-Saturday, open discussion, with closed discussion on Fridays; 6pm Sundays closed discussion, 6pm Wednesdays open speaker meeting; 6pm Fridays newcomer open discussion: 5-7am Tuesdays, women's closed discussion; 5-7am Tuesdays, women's closed discussion; 7pm Mondays open 12&12 meeting, 7pm Tuesdays and Thursdays closed Big Book meeting; 8pm Saturdays open speaker meeting. 210 E. Second St., Sheffield

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Monday-Friday • Lauderdale Co. Cherry Hill Housing Lunch 12:15-12:45, Snack 12:50-1:10 Florendale Apartments Lunch 11-12pm, Snack 11:50-12:15 Hermitage Knolls Lunch 12:30-1pm, Snack 1:05-1:30

Closed Sites Various Dates

June 1-June 3 Sheffield H. S. Band Lunch 11:30-12:00, Snack 12:05-12:30

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poverty line. One-fourth of our children experience food insecurity. Christian Republican politicians argue that assistance to the less fortunate should be locally sourced, not federally. Just as all major

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religions do, Christianity urges followers to donate money and time to those in need and to achieve justice for the poor. Individuals, churches, businesses, and local non-profits should be the front lines.

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Due to concern over COVID, many local organizations support lost volunteers and were forced to close for a time. Meanwhile, households requiring help with with requiring food, utility bills, and clothing doubled. more than Republican representatives should stop opposing programs that relief that can improve the health and economic well-being of our residents.

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