

**First Metro
Tabs Nava**

LEXINGTON—First Metro Bank proudly announce the promotion of long-time bank employee, Tara Nava to Branch Manager and Loan Officer at the Lexington Branch, as well as being named a bank officer and as an assistant cashier.

The Lexington native, has served customers of the hometown bank since 2012.



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Her exemplary work ethic and commitment to First Metro Bank led to the promotion.

“Over the past year, Tara has shown an admirable desire to learn

and improve upon her current banking skills,” said Rodney Howard, First Metro Bank President, and Chief Lending Officer. “This dedication is something our board of directors seeks from our bank leaders: someone who is ambitious and strives for success. We have no doubt that Tara will succeed in her new role.”

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TUSCUMBIA— The 26th Annual “Saddle Up for St. Jude” Trail Ride takes place July 14-16 at Gardiner Farm, 85 Underwood Road, Tuscumbia. This traditional blockbuster event features 300 acres of riding trails to enjoy along with featured entertainment of local musicians and country music stars Aaron Tippin & Sammy Kershaw, Darryl Worley, and Shenandoah. This is the largest event of its kind in the nation, and annually among the largest

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**School Share
Winds Down**

SHEFFIELD – Bank Independent 9th Annual School Share Drive is underway to benefit local school children through the “\$5 Helps Carry the Cost” campaign. School supplies and donations will be accepted at all locations of Bank Independent by PayPal

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Pictured left-to-right are Anne Smith, Jim Green, Hoke Hampton-President, and Nell Logan.

Courtesy photo



Helping Someone to Read

FLORENCE—Northwest Alabama Reading Aides Director, Jim Green, was recently presented an engraved gold pen and a beautiful calligraphy plaque to commemorate his 12 years of service to the organization and the effort to fight illiteracy. NARA Board of Directors members, Nell Logan, Anne Cutter Smith, Mary Tidwell and Board President Hoke Hampton made the presentation.

NARA was established in 1977 and has been a United Way Agency since 1979. It's primary goal is teaching the

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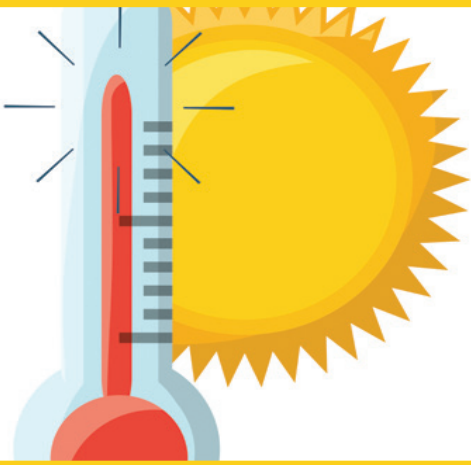
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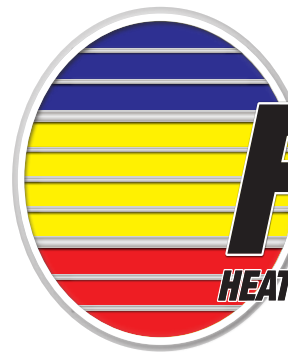
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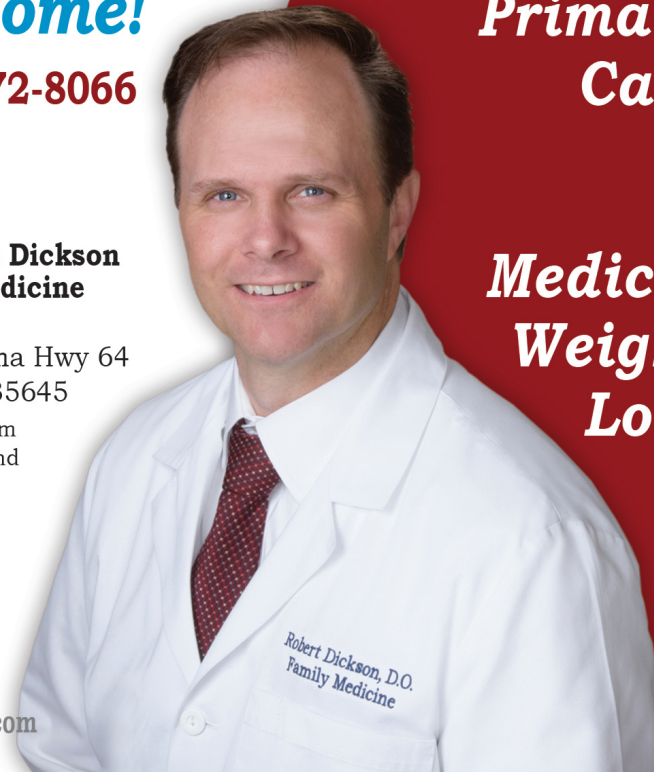
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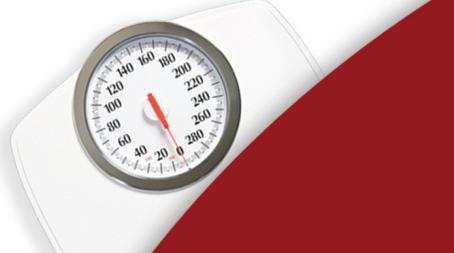


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School Share Winds Down

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and through scheduled collection events until July 15. Bank Independent works with local partner organizations across its seven-county footprint to ensure donations are distributed to area families in need.

"Our '\$5 Helps Carry the Cost' campaign is a great reminder that a little can go a long way to make a big impact," said Nikki Randolph, Community Engagement Officer at Bank Independent. "Whether you can drop off school supplies or take a moment to donate to the drive, we'll ensure your donations make a positive difference in the community."

Last year the drive collected and distributed over \$17,100 in cash donations and an additional 10,345 school supply items. Over the last eight years, School Share has created a financial impact of over \$200,000.

In addition to the campaign, Bank Independent pledges to match total customer Smart Swipe savings up to \$10,000 until July 15 and donate that amount to School Share partner organizations.

sponsored by the city of Florence Department of Arts and Museums and the Muscle Shoals National Heritage Area. The Florence Indian Mound Museum is located at 1028 S. Court St in Florence. Call 256-760-6427 for more information.

Empty The Shelters Week

FLORENCE—Animal shelters across the country are in crisis, and adoptable pets are at risk due to unprecedented overcrowding. Factors such as increased length of stay for pets, slowed adoptions, staffing issues, the current housing and rental crisis, and more have created a dire situation for our nation's pets. BISSELL Pet Foundation is hosting its



longest-ever Summer National "Empty the Shelters" reduced-fee adoption

event to prompt a national call for adoption. The reduced fee adoption event runs from July 11-31, although some participating shelters may have modified schedules. Over 250 organizations in 42 states are participating, five of which are in Alabama. Florence Lauderdale Animal Services is the local participant with dogs only and through July 15 only.

During this nationwide event, BISSELL Pet Foundation sponsors have agreed to offset adoption fees making the local fee \$50 or less to take a deserving shelter pet from the kennels to the couches of loving homes.

Since 2016, BISSELL Pet Foundation "Empty the Shelters" events have helped over 96,000 pets find homes in the US and Canada.

View the Interactive map at www.bissellpetfoundation.org/empty-the-shelters/

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FLORENCE—The Florence Kiwanis has scheduled a "Jazzy Night of Giving Dinner"

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Oceans of Possibilities - Summer Reading at Florence-Lauderdale Public Library - A fun way to keep kids reading and learning at the library during summer! We offer prize incentives for books read and daily activities to keep everyone excited about learning, thinking, and creating. Don't forget our program is completely FREE!

Register anytime during the summer! Daily activities will be hosted until July 15. The last day to pick up prizes will be July 29. The Children's Summer Reading Program is for ages 0-10. The library also has Teen and Adult Summer Reading Programs.

You don't have to attend our Daily Activities to participate in Summer Reading or even to earn prizes, but they are FUN!

For more information, contact us at 256-764-6564 ext. 114 or YouthServices@flpl.org

The Florence-Lauderdale Farmers Market is Now Open 6am-1pm on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturday's. You will find fruit, vegetables, beef, chicken, farm-fresh eggs, flowers, plants, and knife/scissor sharpening.

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

Food Pantry at North Wood Methodist Church, North Florence. Call for appointment, 256-764-2111

Northside church of Christ will host a Gospel Meeting Sunday, July 10 - Thursday, July 14 with Leon Mauldin as the guest speaker. Sunday 9am, 10am, and 3pm. Monday-Thursday 7pm. Congregational singing Friday, July 15, 7pm. Located Hwy 101 in Lexington. Everyone welcome.

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. Until August 10 with different guest preachers every week. July 13 - VBS July 20 - What is the meaning of Matthew 24? - Brian Giselbach

The Friends Bookstore will have a half-price sale until Sunday, July 17. Proceeds from sales in the all-volunteer staffed bookstore support the Florence-Lauderdale Public Library and its programs.

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

LifeSouth Blood Drives for June Wednesday, July 13, Noon-6pm - Red Bay Hospital Thursday, July 14, 9am-4pm - Lewis Electric Supply Company, Muscle Shoals Friday, July 15, Noon-6pm - Shoe Carnival, Florence

Saturday, July 16, 4-7pm - Walmart, Hough Road, Florence Sunday, July 17, Noon-6pm - Walmart, Muscle Shoals Monday, July 18, 10am-5pm - Mitchell-Hollingsworth Nursing and Rehab, Florence Tuesday, July 19, Noon-5pm - The Healing Place, Muscle Shoals Wednesday, July 20, 11am-5pm - Lexington Public Library, Lexington

Elgin Senior Center is planning a yard sale July 14, 15, and 16 starting at 8am each day. We are working on renovations at the center and your support is appreciated. The center is located 1 block south of the red light in Elgin on Hwy 101.

The Miracle Worker Play, Helen Keller Birthplace, 300 North Commons W, Tusculumbia. July 15, 16, - Performances are Friday and Saturday evenings at 8pm (gates open at 7pm). Reserved seats \$15, General Admission \$10. Info: www.helenkellerbirthplace.org Ticket reservations: 256-383-4066

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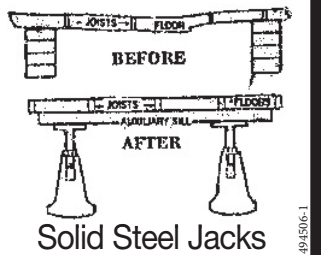
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Unsteady Eddie

Dear Eddie,

Electric powered adult tricycles – also known as e-trikes – are a great cycling option for older adults with balance or stamina issues because they're safe and super fun to ride, and easy on an aging body. Here's what you should know, along with some tips to help you shop for one.

Safer Cycling

If you're interested in cycling, but worry about falling or injuring yourself, e-trikes are a great choice because of the three-wheeled stability they provide. With a trike you can ride as slow as you want without ever losing your balance, which is very reassuring for most older riders.

E-trikes also come with a small electric powered motor to enhance the riding experience, so when you saddle up and apply the throttle the motor will give you a boost when pedaling, or it will do all the work for you. This makes it much easier to whiz up hills and ride into headwinds without gassing yourself or taxing your knee joints.

In addition, most adult e-trikes are also made with a low "step through" design making mounting and dismounting easier; they typically come with big tires that ensure a smooth ride; have ergonomic handlebars that are easy to reach and grip; and offer oversize seats (some even have backrests) for comfort and support.

There are many different types of adult e-trikes to choose from with prices ranging anywhere from around \$2,000 up to \$7,000. To shop for one, contact some bike shops in your area to see what they offer, or you may need to order one online.

When shopping for an e-trike, pay special attention to the motor, which determines how fast it will go, and the battery, which determines how far it will go between charges.

Most e-trikes can reach speeds of anywhere between 15 and 28 miles per hour, and typically go somewhere between 20 and 55 miles on a single charge, depending on how much pedaling you do. Battery charge times will vary too, ranging anywhere from 3 to 8 hours.

How to Choose

To help you figure out the right kind of e-trike for you, ask yourself how and where you plan to ride it. If you're primarily interested in a leisurely ride around the neighborhood for pleasure, fitness or running errands, an upright cruiser e-trike that has a rear cargo basket would be a nice choice.

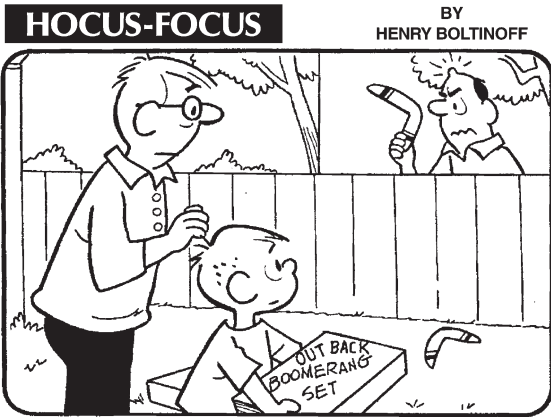
Some popular options in this category include: Addmotor's M-340 Electric Fat Trike and M-360 Semi-Recumbent Trike (both \$3,000, addmotor.com); Emojo Caddy Pro (\$2,900, emojobike.com); Sixthreezero EVRYjourney 250W Tricycle (\$2,200, sixthreezero.com); EWheels EW-29 (\$2,000, ewheelsdealers.com); and Buzz Cerana T (\$1,700, buzzbicycles.com).

Or, if you're looking to take longer road rides a recumbent e-trike may be a better option. These are aerodynamic, low-to-the-ground stretched-out frame trikes that allow you to recline with your legs positioned in front of you. Catrike (catrike.com) and TerraTrikes (terratrike.com) are two of the biggest U.S. companies that make recumbent tadpole-style trikes (the two wheels are in front) and they both offer electric assist options at prices ranging from \$5,000 to \$7,000.

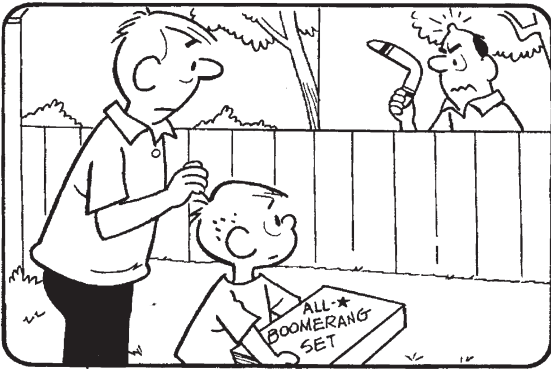
There are also folding e-trikes, which are practical if you have limited home storage space or would like to take your trike with you when traveling. Some good options here include the Liberty Trike (\$1,600, libertytrike.com) and Eunorau New-Trike (\$2,500, eunorau-ebike.com).

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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Ephesians 4:15

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They learned the hard way that "sin is deceitful." The writer of the book of Hebrews said, "Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God. But exhort one another daily while it is called today, lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin" (Hebrews 3:12-13). Sin is deceitful in that it misrepresents what it is; it promises to be one thing while it really is something else. To use the terms our Lord used, "It masquerades as sheep, but it is a wolf in sheep's clothing." It deceives the young and the unsuspecting. It is deadly, but it does not look that way. Several years ago, one writer put it this way, "Sin promises liberty, but gives slavery instead. Sin promises silk, but gives sackcloth. Sin promises sleep, but gives a nightmare. Sin promises rest, but gives weariness." The account of the prodigal son bears this truth out in great detail, (Luke 15:11-32).

Sin, transgression of God's law, is a heavy burden to bear. One of the most descriptive portraits of sin as a burden is given by the prophet Isaiah. He wrote, "Woe unto to them who drag iniquity with cords of falsehood, and sin as if with cart ropes" (Isaiah 5:18). The Hebrew writer penned the following, "Let us lay aside every weight and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us; looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith" (Hebrews 12:1-2).

The fruit that sin produces is not pleasant. Hear the warning found in 2 Peter 2:21-22. Sin is a spiritual sickness, but Jesus is the Great Physician and He is the cure for that illness.

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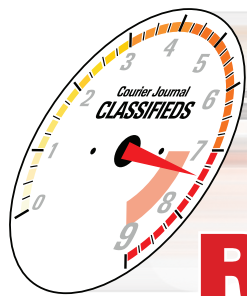
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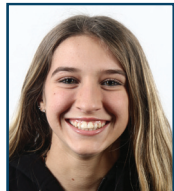


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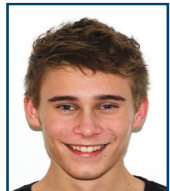
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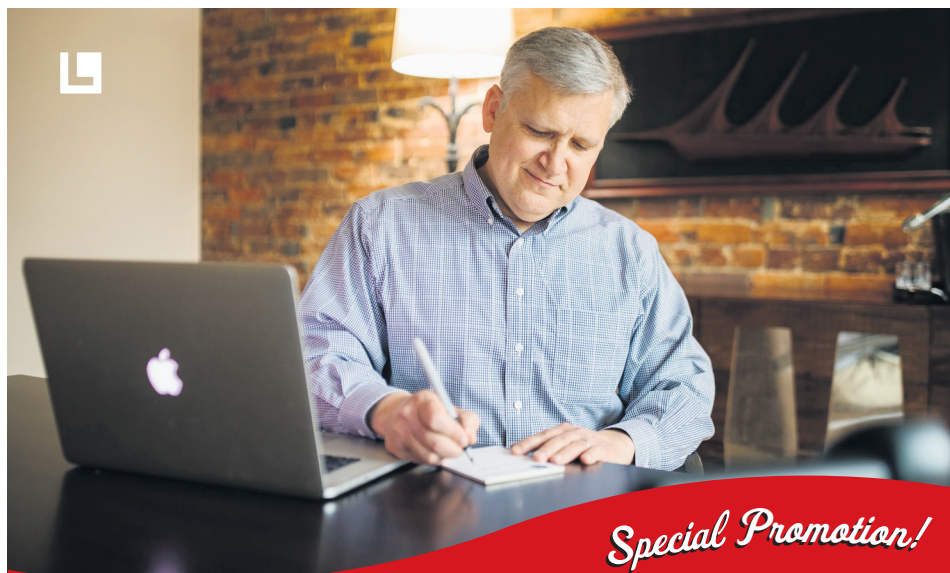
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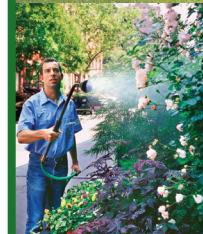
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Guest Commentary

The Inconvenient Truth About COVID-19 Relief Scandals

Raise your hand if you're surprised that the trillions of dollars spent on COVID-19 relief gave way to billions of dollars in government waste, fraud, and abuses. I'm not, but based on recent reporting, you might think this type of carelessness with taxpayers' money has never before happened. Sadly, such waste and fraud are normal byproducts of most government programs.

Too much focus on waste and fraud misses a more important problem: Lots of the COVID-19 spending that doesn't qualify as wasteful or fraudulent was nonetheless misspent.

When the pandemic hit the United States in March 2020, people all over the country panicked. Everyone seemed to agree the right thing to do was pump the nation full of as much money as possible, as fast as possible. As a result, nearly everyone—married, unmarried, employed, unemployed, through businesses small and large—got cash through

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in the *Shoals*

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NW-SCC Will Host Kids in College Event

MUSCLE SHOALS--Northwest-Shoals Community College's Child Development Center will offer the 2022 Kids in College STEAM summer camp, Out of this World!, July 18-22. The space themed camp is open to children entering grades first through eighth in the fall.

Each day participants will experience STEAM related activities in science, technology, engineering, art and math. According to NW-SCC Child Development Center Coordinator, Jacque Jefferys, all the camp activities will take place with



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Woodruff
Courtesy photo

An Escorted Hike at Wheeler State Park

FLORENCE--The Florence-Lauderdale Public Library is sponsoring an educational nature program, hike, and scavenger hunt Saturday, July 16 at Joe Wheeler State Park.

Park Naturalist, Sam Woodruff, will lead the excursion at 10am. Participants will meet at the park for this "at your own pace" educational program. They will get up close and personal with multiple skulls, skins, tracks, scat, leaves, and even a box turtle and crested gecko.

There will be a 1-mile hike along the Champion Trail

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THE FRIENDS BOOKSTORE will have a half-price sale until Sunday, July 17. Proceeds from sales in the all-volunteer staffed bookstore support the Florence-Lauderdale Public Library and its programs.

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Why Play in Madison?

Editor:

UNA's football coach is making a big mistake by moving the UNA vs Jacksonville State game this year to Madison. UNA was supposed to play Jacksonville State at home at Braly Stadium on Saturday, October 15, 2022. Instead, the game will be played at Toyota Field in Madison, the home of the Rocket City Trash Pandas. I do not think Chris Willis understands how much the Shoals will lose by moving the game. Madison and Huntsville look to gain about 1 million dollars in hotel and restaurant business by this game being moved to that area, while the Shoals will be left high and

The blood of those young Americans and many others is on the hands of Blinken and Biden who appointed him to his position.



dry. What UNA makes from the game in dollars, some of it will go back to the Trash Pandas by changing the field from a baseball field to a football field, and then back to baseball. UNA is 0-4 against Jacksonville State over the last four years. With next year's game being at Jacksonville State, do you think they will be willing to move their home game to the Huntsville and Madison area? Maybe Chris Willis needs to move to Madison or

Huntsville. Since he likes that area so much, maybe he can get a job there. He says it's so his players and team can get more exposure. Can they not get that exposure here at the home of the UNA Lions?

Terry Willis
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THE BOLD AND THE BEAUTIFUL Taylor grilled Deacon for information about Sheila before spilling the tea about Ridge and Brooke. In an attempt to escape his captivity, Finn played a trick on Sheila. Brooke and Ridge received some very interesting news from Chief Deputy Baker. Finn was stunned when he realized that Sheila had a partner in crime. Quinn confronted an intimidated Donna about her affair with Eric. Finn startled Sheila when he began to fight back. He soon realized how twisted Sheila was when she showed him his death certificate. *Wait to See: Sheila panics, fearing that she's gone too far this time. Mike turns on Sheila, arguing that it's time for her to turn herself in. Taylor throws caution to the wind and shares her feelings about Brooke and Ridge with Deacon.*

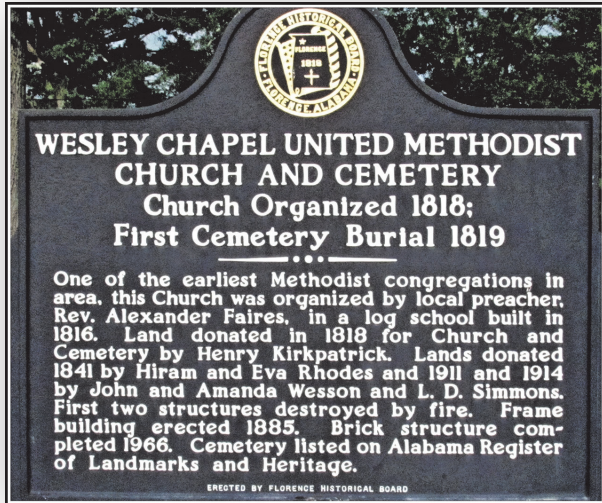
DAYS OF OUR LIVES EJ was displeased when Johnny informed him that it was Lucas and Sami's wedding day. Allie pressed Nicole about her feelings for Eric. Lucas made a confession to Will. Kate had a slip of the tongue with Chad. Allie and Johnny bickered over Chanel. Sparks flew between EJ and Sami as they discussed her pending nuptials. Chad

had a stunning realization about Abigail's murderer. Lucas and Sami's wedding took an unexpected turn. Belle and EJ commiserated with each other. Chad made a stunning accusation. Nicole was stunned by Eric's news. Sami and EJ had an explosive encounter. Chad demanded answers from the latest suspect in Abigail's murder. *Wait to See: Steve and Kayla come to Shawn's aid. Kate is unhappy when she learns of Lucas' plan. Brady and Chloe give Belle advice about Shawn.*

GENERAL HOSPITAL Valentin was surprised by Nina's reaction. Olivia tried to help a friend. Sonny confronted Spencer. Dante and Cody reminisced at the pool, until he spotted a new arrival. Britt felt like the third wheel to Austin and Maxie's romantic picnic. Carly received an unwelcome visitor. Trina found herself distracted as her trial was set to begin. Brando tried to convince Sasha that she needed help. Nikolas tried to reconnect with Ava. Curtis and Marshall tracked down a lead. Esme noticed that Spencer seemed shaken by something. Josslyn urged Trina to come forward with her alibi. *Wait to See: Spencer enacts his plan to help Trina, as her family and friends gather to support her at trial. Brando can't quit worrying about Sasha. Nina has an unanticipated encounter at the cemetery.*

THE YOUNG AND THE RESTLESS Victor gave Michael a challenging assignment. Victoria made a power move. Billy used his platform for revenge. Nikki gave Summer a warning. Phyllis developed a new strategy against Diane. Nick made a surprising announcement. Victor considered a reboot at Newman. Nate fell into a trap. Chelsea took on a new venture. Victor celebrated Ashland's defeat. Adam made a sacrifice to help Sally. Sharon helped Noah with a tough decision. *Wait to See: Nikki and Michael share a difference of opinion. Lily is suspicious of Imani. Diane proves herself to Kyle.*

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Subconsciously, we're faced with this prospect continually, but try to act like it probably won't be today. So, any urgency is shoveled ahead to tomorrow. Sadly, age slips by with this process, and being used to it, the day overtakes us unexpectedly. We spend a lifetime saving the worlds trinkets, only to leave it all behind. These snares manipulated by the devil has sent billions into perdition. See: 1Timothy 3:7, 1Timothy 6:9, & 2Timothy 2:26. The devil knows where he is headed. There is nothing he can do but use the world's tidbits and toys to bring as many souls to the fiery lake with him as he can. The god of this world (devil) is helping the blind lead the blind. See: 2Corinthians 4:4 and ask God to open your eyes. We're all just one breath and one heartbeat away from eternity. Jesus is coming again to catch up all the born-again, saved, children of God, and take them up to be with Him forever. When Christ does this, and you're not saved and left behind, a lot of your friends, neighbors and relatives will come up missing.

Don't panic. We told you this was coming. Start working to get saved and don't take any marks or spots or chips or worship devilish images, living or lifeless. Save this article. If you don't know much bible, this info will help you later. The Lord Jesus Christ, after the above paragraph, will visibly soon come again and finally straighten out this chaotic system with a rod of iron. Eternity is a long time for us to waste our lives on things of no eternal value. As an unsaved person and now older you should see things are deteriorating at a rapid pace and soon you must face your maker. Life is short and death is sure and eternity beckons us all. What have you done with your life that will benefit you eternally? What have you ever done for God that would benefit you eternally? Soon you must face Him. Wasted time and wasted years produce wasted lives. Today, now, this moment, seek the face of the Saviour, Jesus Christ and let Him take your soul and face God with a smile in eternity.

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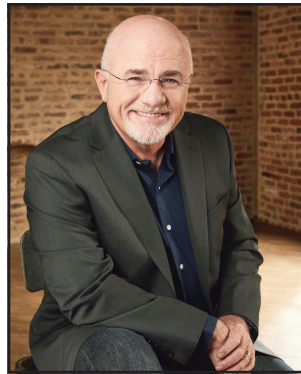
DAVE Says

by DAVE RAMSEY

DAD ALREADY MADE THE DECISION

*Dear Dave,
My father-in-law passed away earlier this year. Since then, my wife and I have faced a dilemma because of the inheritance. Her dad had several life insurance policies, and he left one to her and one to each of her siblings. The one he left my wife was bigger than the ones he left to the others, and now her sister who received the smallest settlement is angry about the situation. She wants more, and it's causing a real dilemma within the family. I told my wife I am okay with doing what she feels is best. What are your thoughts?
Daniel*

Dear Daniel,
So, your wife's sister feels like she's entitled to



something their dad didn't want her to have? The arrogance of your sister-in-law is appalling. If their dad had wanted her sister to have a different policy, he would've put her name on the other policy. I mean, it was his decision, not hers.

Giving someone money because you think it will enhance or save a relationship is a really bad idea. A relationship that's purchased isn't a real relationship—it's prostitution. If giving this sister money is the only way she'll act right or ever speak to you guys again, then she ain't worth having. That's no longer someone you should feel the need to impress, and

it's not on you guys if she decides to pitch a fit or sever the relationship.

This is a heart decision, a conscience decision. I would advise you and your wife to make it together and be in full agreement. I'm sorry you two are going through this, but the idea her sister deserves more just because she wants more? Sounds like their dad already made his feelings known on that subject.

— Dave

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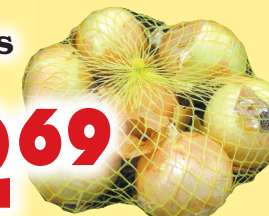
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The Florence-Lauderdale Public Library is sponsoring an educational nature program, hike and scavenger hunt this month at Joe Wheeler State Park.

Park Naturalist Sam Woodroof will lead the excursion, beginning at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 16. Participants will meet at the park for this "do at your own pace" educational program. They will get up close and personal with multiple skulls, skins, tracks, scat, leaves, and even a box turtle and crested gecko. There will be a 1-mile hike along the Champion Trail, and participants will be encouraged to complete a fun nature scavenger hunt while on the hike.

Tickets should only be reserved for

children or teens. Accompanying parents or guardians do not need to reserve a space. Go to <http://flpl.org/eventbrite> to reserve tickets.

This event was made possible in part by the Institute of Museum and Library Services, grant number LS-249947-OLS-21.

Dinner & ALL STAR Jazz featuring Denise Thimes at Old Grace, 700 N. Montgomery Ave., Sheffield on July 23. Doors open at 6:30pm. Tickets on sale through July 18 on Eventbrite. Catering provided by Rhoda P's.

We Stand Basketball Tournament on July 16 at Sheffield Rec Center. Doors open at 5pm. Adults \$10, kids \$5. Quad Cities Players vs Police Dept. Members.

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This will be an annual event for scholarships for children of deceased police officers.

Vacation Bible School at First Free Will Baptist Church, 2701 Florence Blvd, Florence, "The Chronicles of Whoville" on Monday, July 18-Friday, July 22 from

6:30-8:30pm. Everyone is invited. If you have any questions, you can call the Church Office at 256-764-3591.

Northwest-Shoals Community College's Child Development Center will offer the 2022 Kids in College STEAM summer camp, Out of this World!, July 18-22. The space themed camp is open to children entering grades 1-8 in the fall.

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For more information on the 2022 Kids in College summer camp or to register, contact the NW-SCC Child Development Center at 256-331-5245

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Cat & Kids

by Cathy Turner

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Corvette to send to my son. He loves a pretty car. He can't afford one, but he can always wish – and work. So many pretty cars have older men driving them. They had that wish when they were younger, then they worked a lifetime. Now my friend has more than two nickels and has fulfilled that dream. What was your teenage wish?

Mine was to have a "cement pond". That's what they called a swimming pool on the "Beverly Hillbillies". I not only wanted to a pool; I wanted a pool room – an indoor pool off my kitchen. When I was in junior high, I had a girlfriend who had that very thing – an indoor swimming pool that you stepped into a few steps from her kitchen. It was a beautiful room, and you pushed a button and the roof opened to let the sun shine in. Her dad owned several newspaper outlets. As an adult, I had another friend who had an off-kitchen pool room – complete with ferns, a hot tub and dressing rooms! He was the director of the pediatric cardiac/pulmonary department of a large teaching hospital. What I am trying to say is the pool room of my dreams would probably cost more than that fancy Corvette!

But for now, I am aiming for the cement pond. I have wished and worked. My sister who likes luxury cars says, "Make a plan, and save your nickels." This is the way most of us come into our dreams. Well, I think that I can see finagling some nickels in the not too far away future in order to swim – whenever I want. He probably doesn't remember, but somewhere along the way, my husband said that maybe we should wait to get a pool until our grandbabies are all water-safe. Well, this summer I have thoroughly enjoyed teaching our five year old granddaughter (#2 of 3 grands) how to tread water, dive, and swim on her back. And her breathing is coming along! Whoop! That three year old boy is next! Maybe in another two years, the nickels will be right and that little boy will be swimming and breathing! We all win! I can see it! Some of that hope is for them and some is for me!

Do you still wish? It's great to wish and set goals. My life does not depend on getting a pool room. I

figure that my heavenly mansion might have one with a sky button! Nonetheless, it's good to still have dreams to fulfill. So, don't stop planning. There's so much to do. So many wishes. Right now, I truly wish that I can help more people to find joy. Give me time, Lord! Keep wishing!

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Guest Commentary

Scandals...

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the \$2 trillion CARES Act.

Some people did raise the potential for fraud. We were told that there was no time to put in place measures sufficient to prevent it. However, the CARES Act did create an oversight mechanism called the Pandemic Response Accountability Committee. The committee had a difficult task due to the enormous size of the relief bill, a hardship compounded by the fact that the program had to become functional before it could even start looking into the spending. Dollars were pouring forth fast from Washington, and the committee was basically behind from the start.

Then Congress added another two relief bills totaling around \$3 trillion and including extensions of some programs implemented in the CARES Act. It's now clear that an enormous amount of the eventual \$5 trillion was spent "improperly," and that some was downright fraudulent.

For instance, according to the Labor Department, at least \$163 billion of the \$873 billion in unemployment insurance benefits was spent in error, and little of this sum was recovered. Making matters worse is that a significant share of the \$163 billion was claimed by organized fraudsters and scammers in the United States and countries like China and Russia.

The inconvenient truth behind all this fraud and waste is that these government programs never should have been designed as they were. For example, while the federal government justifiably boosted state unemployment benefits at the beginning of the pandemic, it was irresponsible to enhance the benefits by \$600 a week. As a result, 76% of the individuals who received such benefits were making more by not working than by working. It was also irresponsible to extend the program long after the economy reopened and resumed growing.

The same is true of the overly generous three rounds of \$1,200, \$600 and \$1,400 individual payments to people who either already received the

enhanced unemployment benefits or who never lost their jobs. Most recipients of these funds didn't need them. In fact, only 15% of people who received the first round of checks said they had spent it or planned to spend it. And there were other benefits on top of these checks.

The end result was that, according to Marc Goldwein at the Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget, COVID-19 benefits were so generous that a family of five could have received \$25,000 independently of the parents' employment status. This non-fraudulent spending is now helping to fuel inflation.

Then you have the money dispensed to corporations. In one way or another, that spending made up a huge share of the COVID-19 relief. Indeed, whether through the airline bailouts or the Payroll Protection Program, shareholders collected trillions of dollars in government handouts they didn't need. Most of the PPP funding, for example, went to companies whose workers were never at risk of losing their jobs since they were well-suited to work from home.

Finally, billions of dollars went to state and local governments, including for schools that stayed closed, even though many of these governments' revenue growth equaled or exceeded pre-pandemic levels.

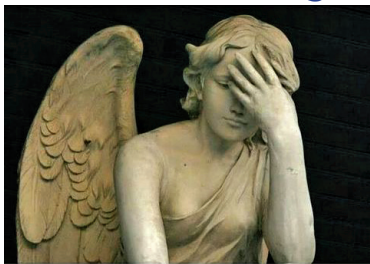
Of course, there was some fraud, but the malfeasance happened only because the programs were created in the first place and designed to go to everyone regardless of need. This reckless "design" is the true scandal.

Will Congress ever learn its lesson? I assume not, as it's easier to complain about fraudsters than to acknowledge that the real scam is the entire process—a process that starts on Capitol Hill.

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I have a feeling



this is how my guardian angel feels about me

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1. The greatest glory in living lies not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall. -Nelson Mandela
2. The way to get started is to quit talking and begin doing. -Walt Disney
3. Your time is limited, so don't waste it living someone else's life. Don't be trapped by dogma – which is living with the results of other people's thinking. -Steve Jobs
4. If life were predictable it would cease to be life, and be without flavor. -Eleanor Roosevelt
5. If you look at what you have in life, you'll always have more. If you look at what you don't have in life, you'll never have enough. -Oprah Winfrey
6. If you set your goals ridiculously high and it's a failure, you will fail above everyone else's success. -James Cameron
7. Life is what happens when you're busy making other plans. -John Lennon



You can't always control who walks into your life... But you can control which window you throw them out of.

No One Is Too Old To Laugh...

1. What do Alexander the Great and Winnie the Pooh have in common? Same middle name.
2. I was horrified when my wife told me that my six-year-old son wasn't actually mine. Apparently I need to pay more attention during school pick-up.
3. What is the opposite of a croissant? A happy uncle.
4. If April showers bring May flowers, what do May flowers bring? Pilgrims.
5. Which branch of the military accepts toddlers? The infantry.
6. Did you know you can actually listen to the blood in your veins? You just have to listen varicosely.
7. Though I enjoy the sport, I could never date a tennis player. Love means nothing to them.
8. I have a joke about time travel, but I'm not gonna share it. You guys didn't like it.

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For those electing to sign up for Part B after their IEP a late-enrollment penalty may be assessed. This penalty can last as long as you have Part B and there may be a gap in your health coverage. However, one exception to this rule is being employed and having coverage through your company's group health plan. If this applies to you check with your benefit coordinator, Medicare or contact our office.

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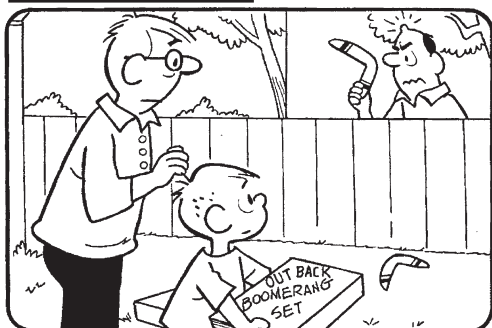
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a space theme. "Our camp participants that are going into the sixth grade and older will experience robotics in a space setting and how robots operate," said Jefferys. "The younger participants will learn science, technology, engineering, art and math concepts in a space themed environment."

Registration cost is \$90 per child. Spaces are limited and early registration is encouraged.

Healthy snacks will be provided daily. Each camper will receive a camp t-shirt. Children are to arrive promptly at 8am in the Patriot Center (gym) on the Shoals Campus. Each day's events will conclude each day at noon.

For more information on the 2022 Kids in College summer camp or to register, contact the NW-SCC Child Development Center at 256-331-5245 or email jjefferys@nwsc.edu. Registration is available online at <https://www.eventbrite.com> and search NW-SCC.

ON YOUR DEBT

FAST DEBT RELIEF OPTIONS - THINK AGAIN



B. Grant McNutt
Managing Attorney

If get-rich-quick schemes worked no one would have debt issues. This also applies to Get Out of Debt schemes. People often find themselves even deeper in debt after attempting to follow any of the risky strategies described here. These rarely work out and rather than helping, can worsen problems and make it even tougher to dig yourself out of debt.

If you're considering taking on more debt to alleviate existing or past-due debt - or trying more drastic measures - this is not recommended! Here are some not recommended debt relief alternatives you should avoid:

- **Home Equity Loan** - If you had a small roadblock such as a stint of unemployment or an accident or illness that kept you out of work and are now back on track, this could be workable. However, if you are struggling with consumer debt, such as credit cards and car loans you need to avoid using your home's equity to pay these off, because whatever is causing you to get behind on your debt payments will also prevent you from keeping up with payments on your home equity debt.

- **Payday Loans** - Payday and title loans are the worst sort of debt to consider. Some with interest rates of more than 500%, it's unlikely that you will be able to keep up with payments on this type of rapidly escalating debt. If you are behind on payments for credit cards or your car, taking out a payday loan will only put you deeper in the hole.

- **Debt Settlement Firm** - You hear the commercials - "We will settle all your debts for pennies on the dollar" - They promise to, for a large fee, negotiate lower payoffs from your creditors. It sounds great, but you know what they say about things that sound too good to be true. Further, which they don't tell you, if by a small chance they are successful in settling a debt or two, the creditor will just end up sending you a 1099 and you will then likely be required to declare the amount negotiated as income and pay the IRS a tax on your savings.

- **Credit Card Cash Advances** - Cash advances are typically charged at a much higher rate of interest than purchases. It can be as much as 10% higher than your standard rate and if you are already dealing with sub-prime interest of near 20%, this can result in a shockingly high-interest rate. You may also be hit with a 3% "transaction" fee which will drive the amount owed even higher.

Getting yourself in deeper debt to pay off existing debt is not wise and will catch up with you sooner rather than later. If your credit cards are tapped out, or you have late payments, your credit score will drop again. Incurring debt for debt is not a solution and can impact your finances terribly.

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The Colbert County Conservation of Soil and Water will hold its monthly board meeting Thursday July 21 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.

The Shoals Writers Guild will host "The Journey to Joy; Losing a Child to Suicide," with speaker Connie Cooley who lost her son to suicide in 2019. Cooley's focus will not be on suicide but finding Joy in mourning.

The free event will be held at the Florence-Lauderdale Public Library, 350 N. Wood Avenue, Florence, on Thursday, July 21 at 4pm.

Anyone who has lost a child, and especially a child to suicide is invited to attend.

For more information, email: shoalswritersguild@gmail.com

Northwest AL Beekeepers Association Beginner Bee Class on Thursday, July 21, 6-9pm and Saturday, July 23, 8-11am at Helen Keller Library Annex, 511 N. Main St., Tuscumbia. \$45 for both classes.

Snacks and drinks will be provided. Experienced Bee Mentors on site to answer all your bee questions.

Contact Carmela King, 512-415-5244, call/text for payment or information.

The 41st Annual W.C. Handy Music Festival, July 22-31 at various locations in Colbert and Lauderdale counties. The W.C. Handy Festival is a weeklong celebration of the musical heritage of northwest Alabama, honoring Florence native W.C. Handy, the "Father of the Blues." For more information, visit www.wchandyfestival.com or the WC Handy Facebook page.

The RITZ Gospel Showcase takes place July 23 at the Ritz Theatre, 111 W 3rd St, Sheffield. Kick off Handy Week at the Ritz! Enjoy an inspirational concert of gospel music as the TVAA spotlights three Shoals area choirs. There will be an afternoon matinee at 2pm and an evening show at 7pm. Tickets are \$25 and a portion of the proceeds will go to each participating choir. Information & tickets: www.tennesseevallyarts.org or 256-383-0533.

The 59th Annual member exhibition, Artworks, takes place July 23 - August 13 at the Tennessee Valley Museum of Art, 511 N Water St, Tuscumbia. The exhibition showcases the work of talented artists right here in the Shoals area. Come see a wide range of art from dozens of artist members of the Tennessee Valley Art Association. Member Reception: Saturday, July 23. Exhibition Hours: Tuesday-Friday 9am-5pm; Saturday 10am-5pm. Exhibit opening, and 50th Birthday Celebration will be Sunday, July 24, at 2pm.

Elgin Senior Center monthly Ham and Bean Day is July 25 from 11am-1pm. Live music will be playing during this time. Please come eat with us and stay and enjoy the music! The center is located 1 block south of the red light in Elgin on Hwy 101.

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Been Wrong for 4 Decades

Editor:

In a Senate speech in 2014, John McCain opposed Antony Blinken's nomination as Deputy Secretary of State. He declared Blinken "not only unqualified," but also "dangerous to America and to our young men and women serving our country."

Blinken, as Deputy Secretary of State in the Obama administration, apparently shared Obama's Muslim sympathies in putting restrictions on the generals fighting the battle against ISIS and also in not allowing the CIA to deal with Iran's terrorist activities in the Middle East. At the same time, he was sending billions of dollars to Iran which they used to create more terrorist cells throughout the Middle East.

Blinken thought the war in Afghanistan would end in 2014. This worried McCain and he said if we followed Blinken's advice it would be a disaster. McCain felt a stabilizing force should remain to cover our withdrawal and Trump, on the advice of his advisors, had planned on making a conditional withdrawal.

The withdrawal from Afghanistan has all the

earmarks of Blinken's plan and fulfills the prophecy that McCain made in 2014. The blood of those young Americans and many others is on the hands of Blinken and Biden who appointed him to his position. When Biden was asked if he had been advised about the withdrawal, he answered by saying he couldn't recall.

Another apparent tragic mistake on the part of Blinken was claiming that they had wiped out a carload of terrorists with a drone missile, when in fact they had sent it into the back yard of a Kabul family, killing several members of the family. When Press Secretary, Psaki was asked about this, she said they were looking into it. It has now been confirmed.

Also in his speech in 2014, McCain stated that former Defense Secretary Robert Gates said that "Biden had been wrong on nearly every major foreign policy and national security issue in the last four decades."

Norman L Kramer
Killen

Consumers are to Blame

Editor:

In December, gas prices were \$3.29. Prices at the

grocery store were still pretty good. No sky rocketing prices. Price of gas is now about \$1.10 more. Groceries have risen astronomically. Much more by comparison. We can assert by this that the rise of gas and diesel prices are not controlling the cost of groceries. Not only because we've been through this same thing in 2008, but so many years prior. It's something more terrible.

No one wants to believe that we as consumers are to blame by buying buying like there's no tomorrow, and no one sees that corporate greed is putting its heavy sticky hand on the scales.

Until we can unite as one, we will be bombarded by lies and the stench of fear.

Taters and beans are really good.

Linda Johnson
Florence

He Knew You Before

Editor:

In response to Dan Waterman's recent letter in local papers about high death rates in Republican counties:

Is he looking at the Democratic county death

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Personally, I like watching Shark Tank. One of my favorite sharks is Mark Cuban. I think it is worth knowing that Mark Cuban recently

began a new business that really will help people get better prices on the prescription drugs they need.

Cost Plus Drug Co. is a new business venture by Mark Cuban that sells generic drugs for the manufacturer's cost plus a 15% markup and a \$3.00 service fee.

The Department of Health and Human Services found that in 2019, 3.5 million Medicare recipients over the age of 65 reported they had difficulty affording their prescription drug bills. A report released by a congressional study on oversight found that Medicare would have saved over \$25 billion in a five-year period if they had paid the same price for seven similar drugs.

Certainly, Good RX is a workable solution in certain cases and WalMart has competitive prices on generic drugs. I admire Publix for keeping a list of medications that they give at no charge.

In our business insurance companies always try to not pay claims. If an injured person is prescribed a medication by a doctor and they do not fill that prescription, the insurance laughs all the way to the bank because they will try and persuade the jury that if the person needed it, they would have gotten it. For a lot of people, that is just not the case. I have seen plenty of parents put their children's needs over their own medical needs only to have an insurance company argue that if they had needed it, they would have gotten it. If you are having trouble affording certain drugs, look into Cost Plus Drug Co. It very well may be worth your time.

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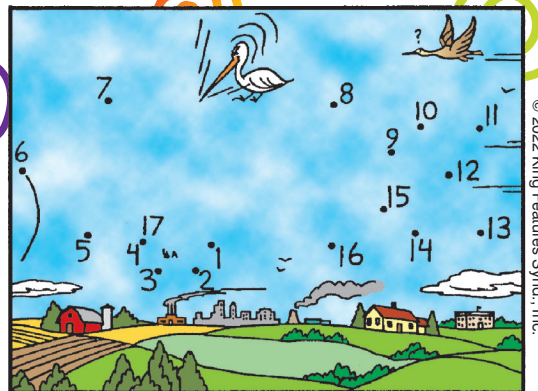
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OBSERVE that the word ATE appears progressively as a key element of five words at left. See if you can find these words in accord with the following definitions:

1. "It must have been some thing I ___." (ATE, in place).
2. Utility bill cost factor.
3. Collective group running for office.
4. Contribute to a cause or charity.
5. Promote.
6. Fire up into motion.

How quickly can you fill in the answers?

WHERE TO? Joe's at the show. Paul's at the mall. Gail's at the sale. Nellie's at the deli. Can you think of some?



SHIP AHOY! What's coming in for a landing? Add lines dot to dot. What can you draw to complete the picture?

PAIR GAME! You are invited to take aim with a pencil at this 64-square target. Object is to fire off 16 shots in such a manner that there are two hits in each of the rows across, down, and in corner-to-corner diagonals. (No two shots are to strike the same square.)

Let's see how quickly you can achieve the desired result.

P.S.: Target design at top right is for embellishment purposes only.

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WINGING IT! Two of these creatures are wingless, two have two wings and two have four wings: Flea, gnat, deer tick, dragonfly, housefly, butterfly. Which are which?

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AUBURN, AL – Spiders are beneficial to the environment. Fear of these insects is common, but—believe it or not—most spiders cannot hurt humans. However, the brown recluse spider is a dangerous exception.

IDENTIFICATION

The recluse spiders, commonly known as fiddle-back or violin spiders, belong to a variety of spiders in the genus *Loxosceles*. The most common and most famous species in the United States is the brown recluse spider, *Loxosceles reclusa*. These arachnids carry this name because of the violin-shaped marking on the dorsal surface of the cephalothorax (i.e., fused head and thorax).

Not every spider that is brown is a recluse. They are identified by their number and pattern of

eyes. If you can get close enough, you can determine which species of spider you are observing. The brown recluse has six eyes arranged in three pairs in a semicircular pattern. Sac spiders and funnel weaver (hobo) spiders have eight eyes arranged in two rows of four.

HABITAT

The brown recluse spider is typically located throughout Alabama but is more commonly found in the state's northern half. Preferred habitats are dry areas such as caves, rocks and log piles. However, these spiders can also be prone to moving into your home.

"Brown recluses are attracted to homes not because they are after you, but because they are after your home's insects," said Alabama Cooperative Extension System

Entomologist Xing Ping Hu. "They can easily get into houses through cracks in foundations, around



exterior doors, vents and even under eaves and soffits."

These arachnids have adapted to living indoors by residing in areas without air conditioning

or ventilation. These areas may include a furnace, water heater, bathrooms behind toilets and tubs and

basements. They remain active in temperatures ranging from 45-110 °F.

BEHAVIOR AND LIFE EXPECTANCY

The brown recluse earns its name because of its shy nature. During the daytime, they will remain in hidden, reclusive locations that are typically in dark areas. At night, the spider will wander for prey. They are often found when moving from their retreat because of hunger, pesticide applications, overcrowding or disturbances.

This spider also dislikes conflict. When threatened, they usually flee but are still able to inflict a bite in defense. Brown recluse fangs are tiny, so they are not able to pierce clothing. Humans are usually bitten by one while putting on shoes, rolling onto them while sleeping and moving items that the spider uses as a home.

Unlike most spiders, brown recluses do not construct webs to catch prey. Instead, they build flat webs called retreats consisting of silk strands. Recluses have remarkable survival skills as well. For example, they can live up to 12 months without food and water. The maximum life expectancy for a brown recluse is a maximum of four years.

WHAT TO DO WHEN BITTEN

A bite from a brown recluse is not painful initially; it is the aftereffect that causes issues. Most bites typically heal within three weeks without complication. However,

in some cases, it can cause deflections of the skin.

The venom from the recluse is a potent cytotoxin that can cause necrotic lesions that could take months to heal. Observe the bite area for a flat or sunken bluish patch

INSPECTION

Thorough inspection with a bright flashlight to reveal the location and level of infestation is the first step in effective management. Inspection should focus on likely spider habitats. Indoors, look for spiders, egg sacs and shed spider skins in undisturbed storage areas. These places include closets, crevices behind furniture and beds, behind hanging pictures, clothing, shoes and especially storage containers and boxes.

MONITORING

Sticky spider traps and flat glue boards are excellent non-chemical ways to aid visual inspection. Professional pest control services can also use flushing agents as a monitoring tool to locate breeding areas.

EXCLUSION

Deny the spiders access to homes and hiding places. Seal cracks and crevices in the structure where spiders may gain access to the house.

Chemicals. Pesticides labeled for spider control are often required for serious brown recluse infestations. Enlisting the services of a professional pest control operator is an option to be seriously considered when chemicals are to be applied.

MORE INFORMATION

Spiders are not for everyone. However, it is crucial to positively identify venomous species such as the brown recluse. To learn more about spiders as well as other insects you may find around your home, visit the Alabama Extension website at www.aces.edu.

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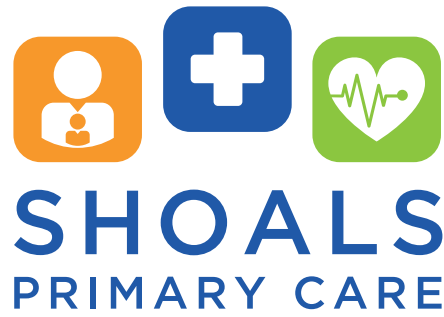


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Edna loved high quality, well preserved antiques and she took delight in creating beauty in each room of her home. Her beloved twin sister, Elba Crowe Barnes is managing her sister's Estate Sale for Edna's daughters, Tracie Martin and Meg Martin of Montana. People across the Shoals knew Edna as a founding partner of "The Yellow Door" home accessories gift shop in English Village, which is still in business today. She also donated her time and resources to Caringplace of the Shoals. Proceeds from the sale will be shared with Caringplace of the Shoals, a non-profit adult daycare center waiting to open. It will provide a social daycare for frail elderly people suffering from Alzheimer's or other dementias, providing them with activities like art, music, reminiscing and making new friends. Both Edna and Elba have been very active in serving the center and helping to raise funds for its operating budget. Due to a fast real estate sale of her home in Indian Springs, Edna's beautiful furnishings have been moved this week to this location to host the Estate Sale.

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Shoals Singer/Songwriter Showcase

- For a second year, the Florence Lauderdale Convention & Visitors Bureau will host the Shoals Singer/Songwriter Showcase during the week of July 25. Some of the top, hit songwriters in the Shoals, including Lenny Leblanc, Billy Lawson, James Leblanc, Gary Baker and many more, will share their stories and songs.

Showcases will take place from 1-3pm during the week. A full line-up of writers will be out soon!

Please arrive early as this will be a sell-out with standing-room crowds. Our lobby area will be set up so a limited number of guests can watch the show on a large LED screen.

Date: July 25-30
Location: The Gallery @ the Florence Lauderdale Visitor Center, 200 Jim Spain Dr. Florence.

Handy Concert at the Ritz July 30.

The Justus Brothers featuring Katrina Anderson, at the Ritz Theatre in Sheffield. Memphis' kings of smooth, contemporary jazz will delight as they close out the Handy Festival at the Ritz. Individually, they have played with an outstanding list of bands and musicians. Joining them on stage will be the vocal stylings of the amazing Katrina Anderson, a staple at BB King's in Memphis. Show will begin at 7pm. Info & tickets available: tennesseevalleyarts.org or 256-383-0533.

"Music at the Mansion," takes place

July 30 at Belle Mont, 1569 Cook Lane, in Tuscumbia. This annual Handy Festival event will bring the Jazz Allstars Trio to Belle Mont Mansion. Concert is 3-5pm. No charge to attend/donations accepted. Light refreshments will be available. Guests may enjoy a complimentary informal tour of the historic home, built circa 1828. Information: 256-381-5052

Open registration for

Community Bible Study, a women's interdenominational Bible study, will be on Wednesday, August 3 from 9-11am in the Chapel of Woodmont Baptist Church, 2001 Darby Drive, in Florence.

Please join us for an exciting, in-depth study of the books of Joshua; Colossians; I and II Peter; and James. The registration fee is \$35 for adults (scholarships available) and \$10 for infants - 12th grade. There is limited capacity in the children's classes. Classes meet on Wednesday from 9:45am-12pm beginning September 7.

Participants may also register on-line at <http://florenceal.cbcsclass.org/>

Hi Neighbors of the Shoals meets

on the 1st Tuesday of each month at 10:30am in the Florence Public Library. The women's social group welcomes all ladies who are currently residents of the Shoals area. Come join us! Contact Berta Birch, 256-777-3119, for further details.

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.

Florence Recreation Centers Pools are Open

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.

17th Annual No-Show Picnic

- Shoals Community Clinic invites you to NOT attend our Annual No-Show Picnic this weekend. Rather, we invite you to sit back, relax, and contribute from the comfort of your own home.

This annual fund-raiser helps make it possible for our clinic to provide services to individuals in our community who are without health and dental insurance. The clinic and your neighbors count on your participation to assist those who are struggling to work and keep their families going. YOU are the piece that brings it all together. Please, contribute generously today. We greatly appreciate your support! Visit www.shoalscommunityclinic.com/donate for more information.

Come Travel with The Club

(Florence Senior Center), Diamonds in the Rough. 256-760-6642. Our trips are open to the general public.
Pigeon Forge, August 1-5, 2022. \$599 double rate per person, add \$149 for private room. Final payment due 5/25/22.
Biltmore Estate & Asheville, NC, December 12-15, 2022. \$569 double rate per person, add \$140 for private room. \$75 deposit on signing up.

Final payment 10/5/22.
Mackinac Island, May 14-20, 2023, \$775 double rate per person, add \$219 for private room. \$75 deposit on signing up. Final payment 3/7/23.

Mount Rushmore, the Badlands & Black Hill of South Dakota, Sept. 30-Oct. 8, \$999 double rate per person, add \$286 for private room. \$75 deposit on signing up. Final payment 7/23/23.

The Muscle Shoals Songwriters

Festival early bird tickets are on sale now for the upcoming festival, scheduled for November 4-5 in Muscle Shoals.

The festival will feature more than 50 songwriters at multiple venues across The Shoals. A portion of the lineup is now available online. The remainder of the lineup, along with the festival schedule and headliner, will be announced later this summer.

Early Bird general admission weekend pass is \$79. Early Bird VIP weekend pass is \$99, and Early Bird VIP weekend pass and access to Thursday night Kick-Off Party is \$129. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit www.mssongfest.com.

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may have hit a rough patch in his life before joining us, but he is still a smart, social, playful superstar! Someone already taught him "sit", "down" and "paw", he seems like the type that knows no stranger, he likes to play with water, and he insists on carrying his stuffed toys around every where he goes. He's around 2 years old and 60 pounds. He's so funny he will definitely make you laugh.

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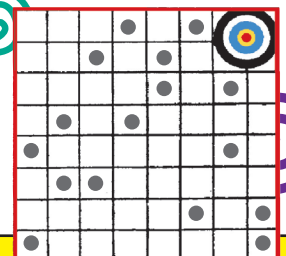
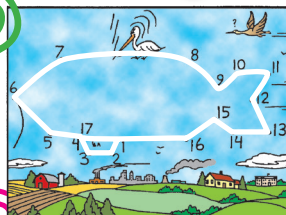
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Jane's in the rain. Lurch's at the church.
Gus is at the bus. Etc....

Junior Whirl

by Hal Kaufman

Answers



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In response to Sally Monzyk's June 30 letter.. The Supreme Court has not dismantled abortion rights across America. They have just stopped forcing taxpayers to pay for abortions. Women can still have abortions in states that allow it.

Before anyone uses abortion for birth control, they might want to read what God said in Jeremiah 1:5, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you."

A big AMEN to Floyd Price's letter last week. My wife and I have a 2012 Toyota Camry 4 cylinder that gets 22 miles per gallon in town, and 40 miles per gallon on the highway. It has 117,000 miles on it. I am 82 years old. Most Toyotas will last for 300,000 miles when serviced regularly. So, I will give it to one of our six grandchildren when I can no longer drive.

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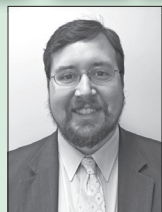
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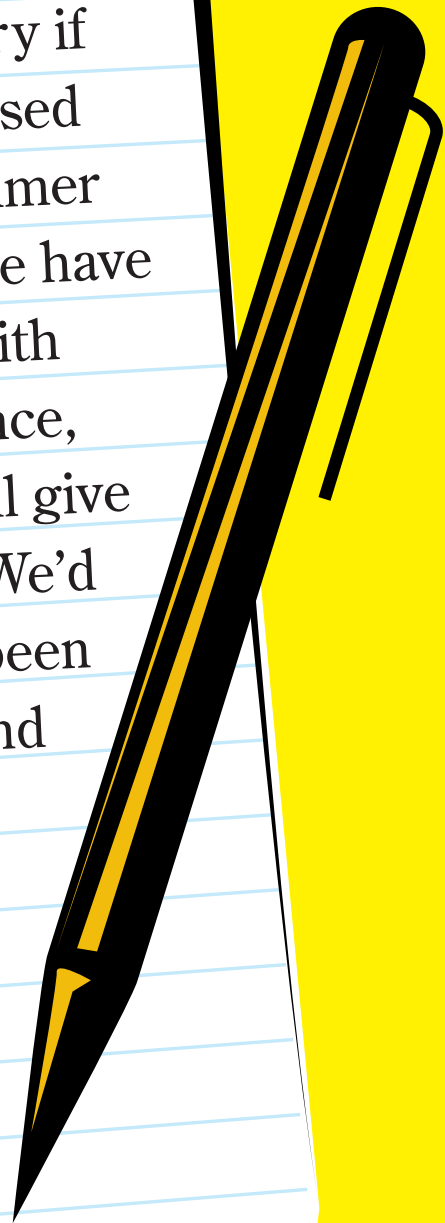
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