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MUSCLE SHOALS -- Northwest-Shoals Community College recently announced the hiring of **Laken DiStefano** as the softball assistant coach and **Kolby Robinson** as baseball assistant coach.

DiStefano is a native of Florence and an alum of Central High School. She received the TimesDaily 4A-6A pitcher of the year two years in a row while also receiving awards for All-Area team, All-Region team, and All-State

tournament team in 2016. While at Central she had over 1,000 career strikeouts and .400 plus batting average. She made her mark as a pitcher for UNA being selected for the All GSC first team, while earning All-South region honors by the Division II

Conference Commissioner's Association. Robinson graduated from Cullman High School in 2016, where he helped to lead the Bearcats to three state championship appearances and a state title in 2016. He was selected first team all-state. He then played two years at Wallace State-Hanceville Community College. There he earned a 2018 National Junior College Athletic Association Gold

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College St. Bridge Resolution

FLORENCE — The Florence city council recently approved a resolution in support of constructing roadway and a bridge across Cypress Creek at the western edge of the city connecting West College Street to Alabama 20.

The resolution from the city indicates to potential funding sources that Florence greatly values the project.

District 1 Councilwoman, Kaytrina Simmons, whose district includes the area of the proposed bridge, has been an advocate for years.

“That bridge is viable and needed for the city to open up the west end of Florence, and open up the city as a whole. Everybody will benefit. Hopefully, some growth will come from this.”

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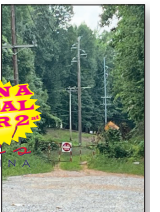
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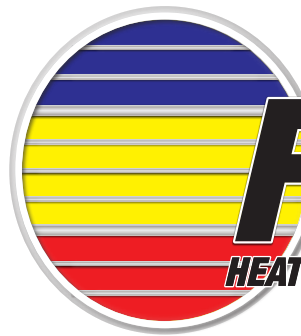
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Shorts...

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Glove for his play on the infield. Robinson finished his collegiate career at the University of Alabama where he was College Sports Information Directors of America Academic All-District IV Team in 2020.

The Patriots will play their first fall exhibition baseball game on September 9. The Patriots will play their first fall exhibition softball game on September 10.

According to Patriots Athletic Director **Taylor Franks**, the addition of DiStefano and Robinson gives the Patriots well-rounded staffs for the 2022-2023 season. "Our coaches, Langston and Brown, did a great job selecting assistant coaches to help compliment their strengths," said Franks. "Both our assistant coaches have had successful careers at the four-year level. They are passionate about teaching and growing our student athletes into the best version of themselves on the field and off."



Connolly and Franks

is directed by **Laura Connolly** and **Andrew Maples**, who have been directing plays for The Ritz together for 15 years.

Tickets are \$15 and are available online at tennesseevalleyarts.org and at the door.

Deliver Us From Mama!—a comedy written by Jessie Jones, Nicholas Hope, and Jamie Wooten—follows a madcap cross-country trip. Walker Sprunt is in Los Angeles when his wife goes into labor with their first child in Alabama. An airline strike means that he has to make the trip by car, with his meddling mother and bossy big sister along for the ride.

The play features 10 actors playing a total of 22 eccentric characters, as one thing after another goes wrong for the family.

"Audiences will enjoy the characters and the trip we take from California to Birmingham, and the chaos that ensues," says co-director Laura Connolly.

Connolly and Andrew Maples began their

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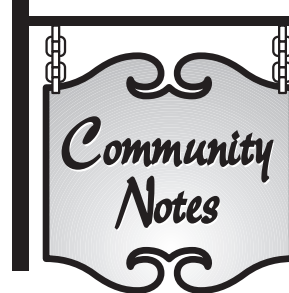
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The church is located at 2460 Margerum Road, Cherokee.

Vender opportunities are still open for Shoals CASA is hosting its 2nd Annual Music Fest on Saturday, September 3 at the Muscle Shoals Amphitheater. Vendor times are from 10am-6pm. Food trucks are 10am-9pm. Vendor spaces only \$50

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North Alabama Christian Children's Home is hosting its 6th Annual Ride to the Home on Saturday, August 27, from 11am-1:30pm at the Home, located at

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Those riding motorcycles can meet at Longshore Cycle Center from 8:30-10:15am. The ride leaves at 10:15am. A group of riders is leaving Cracker Barrel in Pelham at 8:30am and traveling through Haleyville at 9:30am on their way to the Shoals.

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• **Cherry farmers hire helicopter pilots** to air-dry their trees after it rains so the fruit won't split open.

• **Toe wrestling has been a sport in several countries** since the '70s, with men's and women's divisions and even a World Championship. Players attempt to pin and hold down their opponent's bare toes for three seconds. Best two out of three rounds wins!

• **Speaking of feet**, the overwhelming fear of those appendages is called podophobia.

• **Cartoon canine Scooby Doo's excessive use of the letter "R"** is the result of a speech disorder known as rhotacization.

• **The first public phone call on an Apple iPhone** was a prank. On a San Francisco stage, Steve Jobs opened Google Maps, located a nearby Starbucks, and placed an order for 4,000 lattes, then told the surprised

barista he was just joking and hung up.

• **Classical composer Franz Schubert** was nicknamed "Little Mushroom" for his short stature and wide girth.

• **New York has been destroyed** in more movies than any other city.

• **A dating app called Hater** that began as a joke in 2016 matched potential couples according to their dislikes. While it launched to respectable success, it only lasted a couple of years. Perhaps it was the name?

• **Statistically, the most dangerous job** one can hold in America is president.

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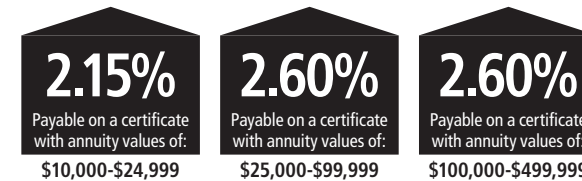
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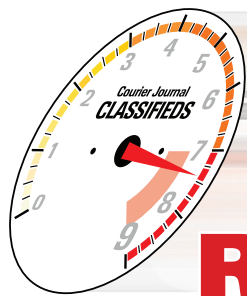
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Doug Seagle, a civil engineer and north Alabama design manager for the professional services firm Volkert Inc., told members of the Shoals Metropolitan Planning Authority in

June that a feasibility study of the College Street extension has been completed. A public meeting was scheduled for August 22 at the Burrell Slater School Gym to discuss the results of the study. It was not a public input meeting.

During a public meeting in December, the consultants presented three options for the bridge:

• Alternative 1 runs from Gunwaleford Road to West College Street, costing \$9,110,175 and

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• Alternative 2 travels from Coffee Road to West College Street, costing \$11,097,659 and averages 2,375 vehicles.

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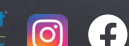


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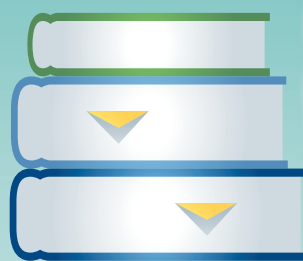
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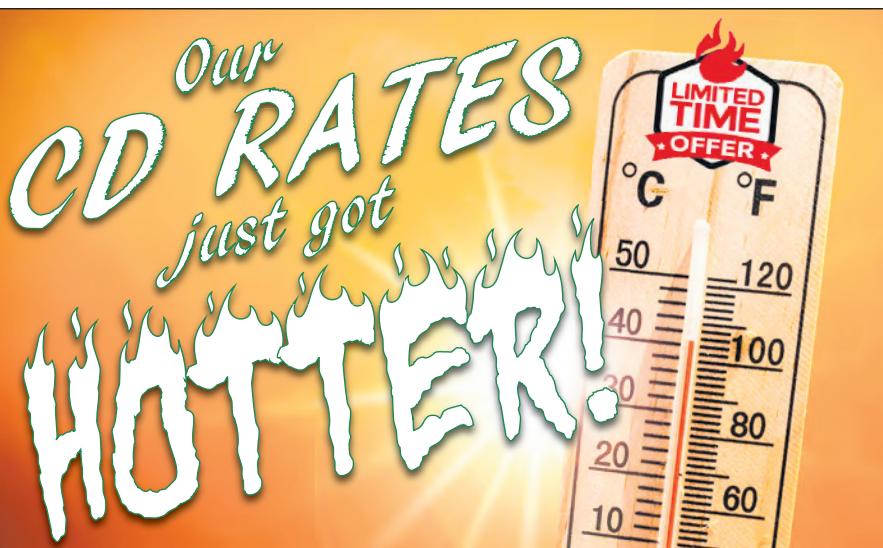
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Commentary

Overpass is Old, Recycled News

Last week's announcement about the funding for a railroad overpass in Sheffield is difficult to get excited about.

It's a mixture of, "It's about time," and "We'll believe it when we drive over it."

It a great start, but that's exactly what it is. A start.

We've been excited over possibilities here before. Proposals have been made, resolutions have been passed, and, if I recall correctly, one governor had a huge event on site 'announcing' an overpass well over two decades ago. However, there has been no groundbreaking.

Twenty years ago some discussion also surfaced about rerouting the rail system south of Highway 72 in Colbert county, but that idea gathered little momentum. Besides, the expense would have been significant and would have involved numerous additional bridges.

The preliminary funding announcement for the overpass came from Congressman Robert Aderholt's office, even though he did

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In A Few Words



TOM MAGAZZU
Editor

Courier Journal

THIS WEEK

in the *Shoals*

August 24, 2022

Happening THIS WEEK

Bolton Part of 40th Opening

Shoals Symphony at UNA's Season Gets Underway

SHOALS - The Shoals Symphony Orchestra at UNA welcomes two-time Grammy award winner, Michael Bolton, to the stage to help kick off the 40th Anniversary season at 7pm on Saturday, August 27 in Norton Auditorium. Bolton has sold over 75 million albums worldwide and will perform his 'Symphony of Hits' that includes a Shoals staple, "When A Man Loves A Woman."

This special program was underwritten by Robert and Judith Rausch, Joe and Marie Fields, and GunRunner Hotel.

Very few tickets remained at press time. However, there is a full season ahead.

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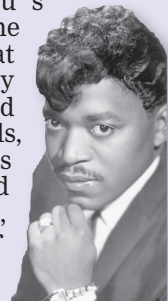
'When A Man Loves A Woman' Changed it All

As part of the Bolton/Shoals Symphony event, ticket holders arriving early will have the opportunity to hear a special pre-concert discussion. "This lecture will

f o c u s on the song that not only transformed Muscle Shoals, but also Bolton's career," said David L. Black, a board member with the Shoals Symphony Orchestra at UNA.

The lecture will take place from 5:45-6:35pm in the Choral

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TO CELEBRATE THE LAUNCH OF WINNING WORSHIP RADIO, WKAX, 1500AM, and in combination with Pastor Moshu T. Knox's birthday, WKAX is hosting a Free Gospel Concert on Sunday, August 28 at 3pm at the Alabama Music Hall of Fame at 617 US-72 W. in Tusculmbia. In addition to the free music, there will be food, vendors, and more. The show features Keith WonderBoy Johnson, Alphonzo Bowen, Sunday Best Keyla Richardson, Vintage Soul, Canton Jones, Orr Sisters, Paul Porter, Pastor Shane D. Rainer and Fresh Wind. The event is free as a show of love, unity, and diversity for our community.

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Aderholt Voted NO

Editor:

There is some clarification needed in your, "Overpass!" article that ran August 17.

Representative Aderholt voted against the measure that allowed this project in Sheffield. Your article, "Overpass!," your online poll question, and possibly more, contain misleading information.

You credit the Representative for leading this grant. However, his vote on PL 111-5 was against the initial Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability & Equity Predecessor. Please issue the correction so that the public is properly aware that this is nothing

more than an attempt by the Representative to capitalize from the funding NACOLG and Muscle Shoals MPO worked to obtain.

Cory Creel
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What concerns the American public today is the politicizing of the FBI and the Justice Department... ”

He Voted Against It

Editor:

Page one of the August 17 *Courier Journal* talked about the railroad overpass in Sheffield.

Okay, it's needed. HOWEVER, Congressman Aderholt and Senators Shelby and Tuberville - ALL 3 - voted against the Infrastructure Bill. Now they want credit for getting the funds. Hypocrites.

Larry Oneill
 Muscle Shoals

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Letters...

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Green Money Vacuums!

Editor:

There is now a \$7,500 credit for EVs (Electric Vehicles) placed in service before 2033. Now, only EVs assembled in North America qualify for the credits. The credit will be reduced by an additional 50% if the vehicle's battery is not principally sourced from North America. "North America" for this purpose comprises seven countries, including the United States, but NOT including Canada. Batteries will probably come from Mexico!! - A loss of jobs for Americans.

To get the credit the prices are capped at \$55,000, assuming MSRP, for sedans and capped at \$80,000 for trucks, SUVs and vans.

The current average price of an EV sedan is \$66,000. In addition, the credit is not available to citizens filing jointly

with adjusted gross income (AGI) of \$300,000 or more; Not available to citizens filing as head of household with AGI of \$225,000 or more; Not available to other filers with AGI of \$150,000 or more. Subject to further regulations and guidance, the qualified taxpayer acquiring an EV may transfer the credit to the selling dealer. The dealership, if it is a corporation, will pay less in taxes!

The law does impose a 15% minimum tax on 'book income' for corporations with profits over \$1 billion effective for tax years 2023 and beyond. Book income is the amount of income corporations publicly report on their financial statements to shareholders. This book income often does not reflect economic reality and can result in a firm appearing profitable while paying little or no income tax

Congress's Joint Committee on Taxation estimates that only 150 corporations would be subject to the proposed tax! Will those 150 cover the cost of the new law?!

The cost - \$739,000,000.000! \$739 billion.

Please note that the National Debt August 16 at 6:22pm was \$30,697,183,785,250. Two minutes later the National Debt increased by \$1,730,650!

Bill Smoak
Florence

Focus is Only on Trump

Editor:

The news today, especially the liberal media, is mostly concerned with Donald Trump and his alleged misdeeds. Whether the raid at Mar a Lago was justified or not will eventually be revealed before the Nov. election or afterward.

Trump's election as president was fortunate in that it stopped the corruption of the Obama Administration from continuing under a Hillary Clinton Presidency.

With all the attention focused on Trump, one wonders what happened

to the investigations concerning Hunter Biden's laptop. It's apparent, from leaked information, that the President of the United States was deeply involved in Hunter's corrupt dealings with China. If that is true then why would we not assume that the same corrupt dealing was being carried out in the Ukraine with Zelenskyy, Biden and son Hunter involved.

What happened to the investigation of the Clinton Charity, which was actually a slush fund used to fund the lavish lifestyle of the Clinton family and friends? Also, why has there been no investigation of how the Clinton's, Obama's, and Biden's amassed so much wealth during the Obama Presidency?

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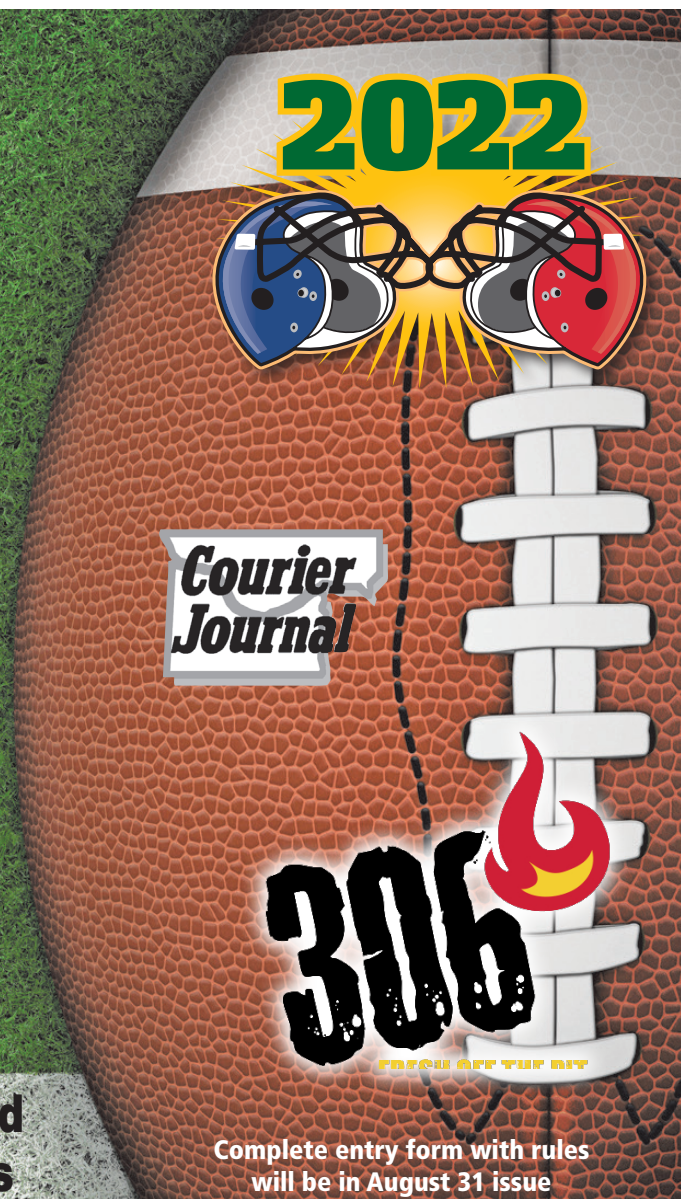
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What is an Annual Notice of Change?

Dear Savvy Senior,
 Last year I received a "notice of change" letter from my Medicare provider. Should I expect another one this year, and what should I do with it?

Medicare Rookie

Dear Rookie,
 The letter you're asking about is actually referred to as the Annual Notice of Change (or ANOC), which is a letter you receive from your Medicare Advantage or Medicare Part D prescription drug plan in late September. (People with only a Medigap plan don't receive these because Medigap plans do not have benefit changes from year to year.) So yes, you should expect to receive another letter next month.

The ANOC gives a summary of any changes in your plan's costs and coverage that will take effect Jan. 1 of the next year. The ANOC is typically mailed with the plan's "evidence of coverage," which is a more comprehensive list of the plan's costs and benefits for the upcoming year.

You should review these notices to see if your plan will continue to meet your health care needs in 2023. If you are dissatisfied with any upcoming changes, you can make changes to your coverage during fall open enrollment, which runs from Oct. 15 to Dec. 7.

Here are three types of changes to look for:
Costs: If you have a Medicare Advantage plan, find out what you can expect to pay for services in 2023. Costs such as deductibles and copayments can change each year. For example, your plan may not have had a deductible in 2022, but it could have one in 2023. A deductible is the amount of money you owe out-of-pocket before your plan begins to cover your care. Another example is that your plan may increase the copayments you owe for visits to your primary care provider or specialists.

Coverage: If you have an Advantage plan with prescription drug coverage check to see if your doctors, hospitals, and other health care providers and pharmacies will still be in network for 2023. You have the lowest out-of-pocket costs if you go to providers and pharmacies that are in your plan's network. If you see an out-of-network provider, your plan may not cover any of the cost of your care, leaving you to pay the cost out-of-pocket. You should also contact your providers directly to confirm that they will still be accepting your plan in the coming year.

Drugs: If you have prescription drug coverage, look through the plan's formulary, which is the list of drugs the plan covers. Formulary changes can happen from year to year, so make sure the medications you're taking will be covered next year, and that they're not moved to a higher tier which will affect your copay. If you see any changes that will increase your costs, you may want to select a different drug plan that covers all of your medications. If the formulary is incomplete, or you do not see your drug(s) on the list, contact the plan directly to learn more.

If you have not received an ANOC by the end of September, you should contact your Medicare Advantage Plan or Part D plan to request it. This notice can be very helpful in determining whether you should make any changes to your coverage during the fall open enrollment. Reading your ANOC can also prevent any surprises about your coverage in the new year.

Shopping, comparing and enrolling in a new Medicare Advantage or Part D plan during the open enrollment period can easily be done online at Medicare's Plan Finder Tool at <http://Medicare.gov/find-a-plan>.

Or, if you don't have a computer or Internet access, you can also call Medicare at 800-633-4227 and they can help you out over the phone. Your State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP), which provides free Medicare counseling, is also a great resource to help you make any changes. To find a local SHIP counselor, visit ShipHelp.org or call 877-839-2675.

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Our online poll last week was also reflecting a mood of skepticism at press time.

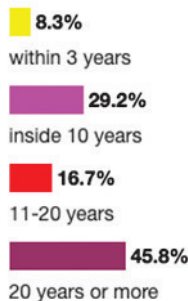
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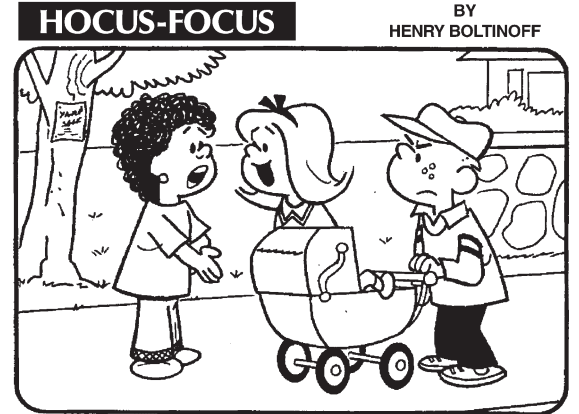
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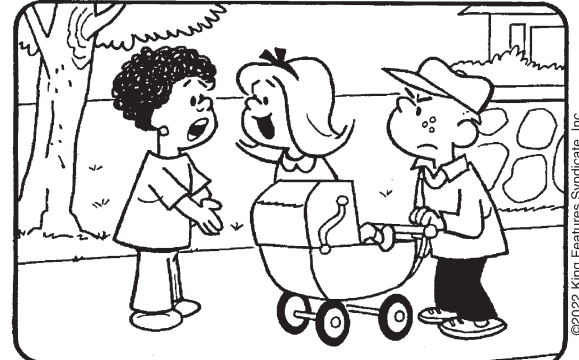
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Whose Name Is In The Book Of Life?

What is it about human nature and our never-ending pursuit to make sure our name is found on various lists? The lists we strive to be a part of are not bad in themselves, yet on the contrary, are admired. In grade school we work hard to have our name on the "All A's" or maybe the "A/B" honor roll lists. In junior high, we practice late to make the basketball team, nervously checking the list to see if the coach added our name to the roster of only ten. At the university level, we go online to see if our name is among the list of our peers who have successfully passed the semester exams. The college football athlete awaits the selection of the first-round draft picks into the NFL, if you will, making the list. The NFL football standout is finally added to the elite group in Canton, Ohio, making the list. The country music singer, after many years of hard work is finally inducted into the country music hall of fame, he or she is making the list, if you will.



All our examples before us are temporal / earthly, not spiritual by design. Why do we, those created in the image of God, all having an eternal soul, go to such effort to have our names added to a medley of listings, yet never considering the most important list for all time, **The Lambs Book of Life?**

Let us visit this thought, The Lambs Book of Life, as found within the pages of God's word, wisely elevating it to its eternal position. Within the pages of God's word, at numerous times, we find a record of those who's name is found in God's book of life and others who are not (Exodus 32:33; Deuteronomy 29:20. We find in Luke 10:20, Jesus reminded what was truly important, eternally, "But rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven." The Lord lovingly reveals to us that only the faithful workers in the kingdom of God have their name recorded in the book of life (Philippians: 4:3).

Friend, at the final judgment of God, only one listing of names will matter. Only one book of recorded names will matter. Is your name written in the Lamb's book of life? We are talking about an eternal separation from God if your name is not written there, "And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire," Revelation 20:15. Can you say with confidence, yes, my name is in the book of life?



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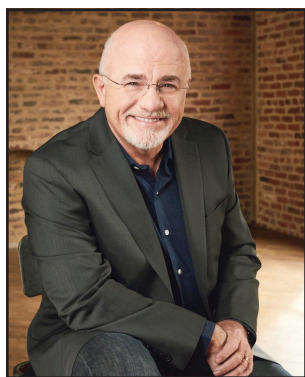
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Dear Dave,
How do you know if a will or a trust is best for you?
Monica

Dear Monica,
This is a great question, especially since August is National Make-a-Will Month. The first thing you should do is take a serious look at your needs, your wishes and your overall life and financial circumstances.

If you're like the average person with a couple of kids, a home and some savings, a will is all you need. There's no reason to bring lawyers into the mix, unless there's something complicated about your situation. In cases like this, you can even set one up online that's perfectly legal in just a few minutes.

If you're older, your kids are grown and your estate is worth \$1 million or more, a trust is the way to go. By doing this, you can avoid probate in a way that wills don't allow. Now, if you have a large estate and dependents, having both a will and a trust is a good idea. And you don't have to worry about the two bumping into each other. They're separate legal instruments, and there's generally no

conflict between them. If there is a legitimate, legal conflict between them, the trust usually overrides the will.

Simply put, everyone needs a will. But not everyone needs a trust. Trusts can be more than you need, but they can also be a great tool if you have a larger estate. So, if you're in the vast majority of folks who don't need a trust, just get yourself a will. You'll spend a lot less money and feel so much better knowing your stuff will go to the right people—and that your family will be taken care of!

— Dave

Dave Ramsey is an eight-time #1 national best-selling author, personal finance expert, and host of The Ramsey Show, heard by more than 18 million listeners each week. He has appeared on Good Morning America, CBS This Morning, Today Show, Fox News, CNN, Fox Business, and many more. Since 1992, Dave has helped people take control of their money, build wealth and enhance their lives. He also serves as CEO for Ramsey Solutions.

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Deliver Us From Mama!

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career as a directing team in 2007, when they directed *Kitchen Witches* at The Ritz. The pairing worked so well that they've continued as a team ever since. *Deliver Us From Mama!* is the 28th play they've directed together.

"The audience will recognize themselves in the characters," said Maples. "From the daughter who is tired of her Mom's meddling, to the brother who is starting a family but missing the connection

to where he grew up. And who doesn't have a crazy Aunt or Uncle to add a little fun to life?"

In addition to tickets for this play, The Ritz is also offering a \$55 season ticket for the remaining five plays in this season. Three of those plays are directed by

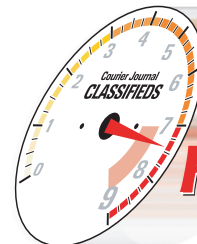


Connolly and Maples. In addition to *Deliver*, they are also directing *Sanders Family Christmas* this November and *Stuart Little* in March of next year.

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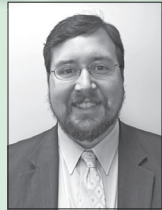


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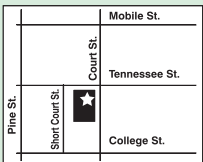
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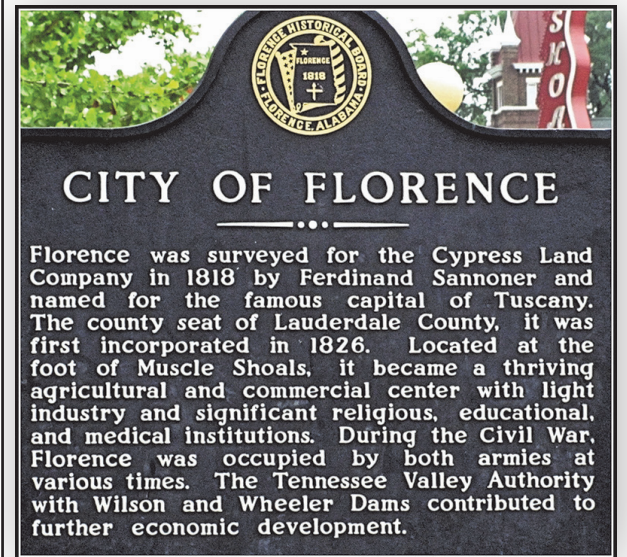
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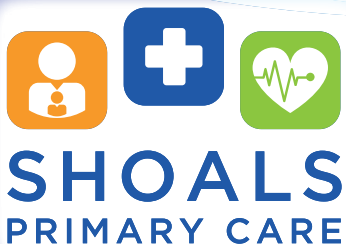
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Proof of insurance — that small, usually perforated ID card that arrives in the mail along with your insurance declaration — is designed to be slipped into your car's glove compartment.

But it can just as easily slip your mind. If it does, and you're stopped for even the most minor infraction, the consequences could run to hundreds of dollars in fines. In many instances a digital insurance ID card can be substituted for the paper card, but you might want to check with your local Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV).



Who Needs to See My Insurance ID Card?

There will be times when an insurance ID card is needed — whether in paper or digital form.

DMV: You'll need to provide it every time you renew your license plate.

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Are There Substitutes for the ID Card?

Unfortunately, nothing can take the place of that little ID card — not your declaration page, not even your most recent insurance payment receipt. Just about everywhere in the country, the law requires that you carry proof of insurance in the vehicle you're driving — and are able to present it to authorities when asked.

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Cat & Kids

by Cathy Turner

Tromp Through the Woods

My first boyfriend was Casey LeSieur. I always had boyfriends, because my sisters, who were five years and eight years older than me, had boyfriends. Casey was my first boyfriend before I went to second grade. Douglas McDaniel was my boyfriend in second grade and maybe third grade too. I remember I liked holding my boyfriends' hands and sometimes kissing them. Douglas lived on First Avenue, but Casey didn't live in what was considered our neighborhood.

My neighborhood was

two long blocks of 1st and 3rd Avenues. These blocks were closed in by Oak and Justice Streets. These blocks had the best black homes in Hendersonville (N.C.). There were a few brick houses, but ours was wooden with a tin roof. I knew everybody. Just beyond, white people lived on 4th Avenue. Those houses were a little better – some brick, some wooden. We interacted with a few families on 4th Avenue. I remember playing with a family of girls there. We played store. They would open one window in their kitchen, and standing on their porch, we would order real food and pay play money. That's how we got lunch or a snack when playing at their house. 5th Avenue (in that same two block stretch) had nice big, brick houses. We knew the names of these families. They were lawyers, owned the furniture shop downtown, taught at the high school and such like. We knew them, but I didn't play with them. My siblings and I ended up playing ball with or cheering with them as the first black cheerleaders in our high school. This was my side of town.

Casey LeSieur was from 4th Avenue. He would tromp through the woods and come play with us on 3rd Avenue.

Nobody was bothered by Casey LeSieur. All of the adults involved were okay that he came over and that I tromped over and played at his house. We were friends. For me and this blonde boy with a big, beautiful smile, we were each other's first elementary school kiss. I never kissed any white guy after that. Casey moved before second grade. Then came Douglas.

My husband came from an all-black neighborhood in Memphis. Small houses. Bars on some windows. Lots of children in small spaces. They ate a lot of beans and rice, cornbread and biscuits. Life wasn't easy for the people in his neighborhood. But the children had shoes and they did their homework. The year my husband, Kevin, graduated from all-black Memphis Mitchell High school, that school produced several engineers, preachers, chemists, a professional athlete, some politicians, etc. Later graduating from that same school, Kevin's siblings became an IRS manager, a Marine Captain Recruiter, a property manager, and a 20 year professional basketball player who is now coaching at his Alma Mater. Amazing accomplishments have come from the Walker Homes community.

Recently, Kevin's neighborhood has become more run down, but a lot of the same families are still there, at least the grandparents. Not too long ago, Kevin got a Regional Manager work assignment in Memphis at a plant about two miles from his mom's

house. Kevin's coworkers expressed trepidation and warned Kevin about going through the neighborhood near the Memphis plant – saying that it was rough and dangerous. Little did they know that they were talking about Kevin's neighborhood.

As I happen to think about Casey today, I wonder if he is still trying to be friends, or if trepidation or anger or hate or assumptions have gotten in his way. Until recent years, I thought that we were all trying to be friends – or was that just where I was growing up? Did you tromp through the woods? Are you tromping now? I don't know. Do we want to be friends?

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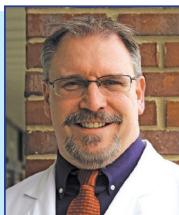
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Poulenc - Concerto for Two Pianos in D minor, FP 61

Brahms - Symphony No.2 in D major, Op. 73

January 28 at NORTON AUDITORIUM

Bernstein – *Somewhere from West Side Story*
Williams – *Jurassic Park Theme*
Morricone – *Cinema Paradiso*
Bulla – *007: Through the Years*
Vangelis – *Chariots of Fire*
Williams – *Harry Potter Suite* and many more!!

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Sledge...

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Bolton's 1991 remake of the Percy Sledge classic, "When a Man Loves a Woman," for his album, *Time, Love & Tenderness* reached number one on the U.S. pop and adult contemporary singles charts.

"Kevin Lamb, the first graduate in UNA's Commercial Music program in 1978, will lead this special discussion," added Black. "Lamb worked at Wishbone Studios before moving to Nashville to begin a long career as a leading music

industry executive."

"The Percy Sledge recording was one of those unique times when the perfect performance of a really great song was captured," Lamb said. "Percy felt the song, and as such he and the musicians sold the song. That doesn't happen as often as you might think, and yet Bolton came along and decades later and sold it to a new generation. That's the thing about a great song - it is timeless."

Two of the original musicians on the Percy hit, Spooner Oldham (organ) and Junior Lowe (bass) have been invited

to discuss the recording session. Percy Sledge's sons, Percy, Jr. and Howell, have also been invited to talk about their father and the impact of that legendary tune. The late Jimmy Johnson was the recording engineer on that original.

"As one of six professional orchestras in the state, this area is blessed to have one in its own backyard. In the November/December issue of *Alabama Magazine*, the Shoals Symphony will be featured," Black said.

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DAYS OF OUR LIVES

Gabi grew suspicious of Li when she caught him with Dr. Rolf. Stefan's brainwashing went awry. Gwen sat down with Rafe to tell her side of the story about what happened the night Abigail died. Leo confessed his side of the tale to Sloan. EJ accused Ava of trying to seduce Johnny. Stefan demanded answers from Rolf. Kayla tried to mediate an argument between Steve and Stephanie. Paulina sought John and Marlena's help. Li was horrified by Rolf's news. Stefan searched for Gabi. Steve and John crashed Stephanie's meeting. Melinda made a shocking announcement to Gwen and Leo. Sonny questioned Alex about being a player. Paulina apologized to Allie. Wait to See: Alex is smitten with Stephanie. Kate asks Roman for another chance. Nicole is horrified to find an undressed Jada in Eric's bedroom.

GENERAL HOSPITAL
The Quartermaines

hosted a hospital charity picnic. Willow consulted with Britt. Dex was worried that Sonny was suspicious of him. Nikolas devised a plan to keep the Esme situation under wraps. Willow decided to open up to Michael. Leo prepared a special love drink for Sam and Dante at the picnic. Carly and Drew grew closer. Olivia shared her disapproval of Sonny and Nina's relationship. Love was in the air at the picnic. Carly and Drew had second thoughts about their relationship. Victor threatened Ava not to mess with the Cassadines. Spencer was unresponsive to his father's affection. Finn decided to make a confession to Elizabeth. Wait to See:

Lucy and Felicia tell Mac and Anna the truth about Cody's birth parents. Mason threatens Austin. Spencer learns the truth.

THE YOUNG AND THE RESTLESS

Victor lost patience with Adam. Billy gave Victoria some sage advice. Sharon helped Nick face his demons. Victor called Chance's bluff. Nikki questioned Victoria's state of mind. Lily forced Billy to make a decision about his future. Victor defended his actions. Adam got the upper hand against Kevin. Nick relished his new role. Phyllis closed a power deal. Kyle protected Jack's interests. Chelsea made a bold move. Wait to See: Victoria strikes back. Nate steals the spotlight. Chelsea experiences some mixed signals with Billy.

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ROYAL FLUSH! Try matching old-time kings with their countries. Kings: Harold Fairhair, Harold Bluetooth, Harold Harefoot. Countries: England, Norway, Denmark.

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Numerical 6-Pack Puzzlement

NUMBER six inserted at center of diagram, left, is a reminder that the overall figure is a hexagon, and it is also an indicator that radiating from it are six equilateral triangles.

You are asked to arrange missing numbers 1-19 in these triangles so that the sum of each three-number side is 23.

Numbers appearing in some triangles make this an easy enough task, but others demand some juggling.

Remember, missing numbers are between 1 and 19; three-number sides total 23.

See if you can work it out.

IN CROWD! Welcome, Mr. Balloonist. Thank you for dropping IN on our word test. Object here is to find progressively longer words beginning with IN, in accord with the following definitions:

1. Opposite of out.	4. Gandhi's country.
2. Writing fluid.	5. Ant, for instance.
3. Drag in traffic.	6. Quick-fix coffee.
	7. Casual dress mode.

How quickly can you answer?

1	I	N	_____
2	I	N	_____
3	I	N	_____
4	I	N	_____
5	I	N	_____
6	I	N	_____
7	I	N	_____

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Free Settlement Tips For Accident Victims

Some injury cases can and should be handled without an attorney. Here are some free tips for handling an automobile accident case.

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You will need:

1. The accident report;
2. Medical bills;
3. Proof of who paid the bills, i.e., Blue Cross, Medicare, Tricare, or that they have not been paid.
4. Proof of lost wages.

You will also need some patience. Do not take the first offer. Think about it overnight. Different insurance companies make different kinds of offers. Some are fairer than others but not a single one will make their best offer first. If you have more treatment than just an ER visit, a good personal injury attorney can do all the work and make you money.

We get a large number of cases from people who refuse to sign medical authorizations issued by the insurance company. If we take the case, we review the medical records for accuracy before we send them to the person evaluating the claim.

With property damage claims the value of the car is what it is. It doesn't matter what you paid for the vehicle or how much you owe. One of the things that we hear often is that the replacement value is not adequate and now a person has a car payment that they didn't have before. Please note that if you had to replace the engine or transmission and you have those receipts it could add value to the vehicle.

If your vehicle is a total loss, make sure you have the title to the vehicle. If you still owe for the vehicle, make sure you have the lien holder's information as well as the amount of the payoff.

I think we all see people driving as if they are alone on the road. The best tip is to drive defensively.

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



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Moments in History

from The History Channel

• **On Aug. 29, 1945,** President Harry S. Truman authorizes the Navy to seize control of and operate petroleum refineries to counteract strikes by oil workers. Oil, gas and chemical workers had worked hard during the war to meet production demands and now wanted to return to a 40-hour work week. They resented the amount of money oil industry CEOs were making off of their labor while they simultaneously threatened to lower workers' wages after the war.

• **On Aug. 30, 1967,** Thurgood Marshall becomes the first African American to be confirmed as a Supreme Court justice. He would remain on the Supreme Court for 24 years before retiring.

• **On Aug. 31, 1888,** Mary Ann Nichols, the first victim of London serial killer "Jack the Ripper," is found murdered in Whitechapel's Buck's Row. On Nov. 7, after a month of silence, Jack took his fifth and last victim, Mary Kelly. In 1892, with no leads found and no more murders recorded, the Jack the Ripper file was closed.

• **On Sept. 1, 1850,** circus entrepreneur P.T. Barnum brings to the United States Jenny Lind ("The Swedish Nightingale"), the greatest opera performer in the world at the time. Her tour is believed to have netted Barnum close to a half-million dollars.

• **On Sept. 2, 1987,** the trial of Mathias Rust, the 19-year-old pilot who flew his Cessna plane into Red Square in May 1987, begins in Moscow. Rust had become an international celebrity after he flew completely undetected

through Soviet airspace. Rust claimed that he was merely trying to promote world peace.

• **On Sept. 3, 1783,** the American Revolution comes to an end when representatives of the United States, Great Britain, Spain and France sign the Treaty of Paris. The signing signified America's status as a free nation, as Britain formally recognized the independence of its 13 former American colonies.

• **On Sept. 4, 1957,** Ford Motor Company unveils

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It should be noted that 256 Thrift Center in Tuscumbia is a non-profit outreach project through Parkview Baptist Church, and 100% of the profits go to missions locally and throughout the world. However, they were not part of the recent promotion.

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Athletic SUPPORT by Eli Cranor

Player punished for beach trip



Dear Athletic Support: We were at the beach last week. My son missed a whole week's worth of summer football workouts/camps. He was really upset about this, but I told him family time at the beach was more important. We go to Gulf Shores every year. We've been going there since he was four. The only thing that has changed is my son is going into his junior year of high school and has a chance to start on the varsity football team. Because of this, he doesn't want to miss anything the coach schedules. Even something as silly as a summer workout or two. Well, he missed four workouts last week, and one team camp in Conway, which is just like some sort of scrimmage from what he tells me and now my son says he's not starting anymore. They had another team camp yesterday. When my son came home, he was so mad because he only got to get in for a few plays with the first team. Apparently, his coach benched him because of our beach trip. I can't believe this. I'm ready to give this coach a piece of my mind, but my husband says I shouldn't. Surely, this coach can't punish my son for going on a family vacation, can he?

— Hot and Tanned



Dear Tanned: I think your son's coach is making a point. He's showing the other players — the ones who were there all last week — that he appreciates their commitment to the team.

If I had to guess, I'd say your son will be back in the starting rotation before long. Most coaches aren't going to put their jobs at risk just to make a point. So, if your son really is the best player at his position, he won't have anything to worry about.

Regarding whether or not you should miss summer practice for family vacation, well, that's a choice only you, your husband, and son can make. If the trip is something that cannot be rescheduled or moved due to issues beyond your control, then by all means, go spend time with your family.

If, however, the trip can be scheduled during the two "dead weeks" then you might save yourself some heartache. The "dead weeks" usually fall at the end of June/beginning of July, right in the heart of summer. Sounds like the perfect time for a beach trip to me



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

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Shoals CASA is hosting its 2nd Annual Music Fest on Saturday, September 3 from 10am-9pm at the Muscle Shoals Amphitheater. Shoals CASA will have great music, food, and vendors on site with advocacy awareness featured for local abused and neglected children.

Guests are invited to shop from 10am-6pm with local vendors showcasing unique, handmade crafts and art to marketplace modern, traditional, and emerging items. The concert is from 6-9pm with the Shoals' very own Tommy Shields, Gary Nichols, and American Idol contestant, Cadance Baker!

FOOD TRUCKS - Smashed Burgers, Quench, and many more. For more information on how to be a vendor or sponsor, please email hbegley@shoalscasa.org

Hi Neighbors of the Shoals will meet Tuesday, September 6 at 10:30am in the Florence-Lauderdale Public Library. We are a women's social group. The group welcomes all ladies who are currently residents of the Shoals area. Come join us! We meet on the first Tuesday of each month at 10:30am. Please contact Berta Birch, 256-777-3119, for further details.

Shoals Area COARMM announces the re-opening of its Jumpstart Tutoring & Mentoring Program with registration and orientation on September 6. Tutoring begins September 7. Tutoring hours are: Monday- Thursday 3-5:30pm at 500 S.

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The Oka Kapassa - Return to Cold Water Native American Festival will take place in Tusculumbia on September 9-10 in Spring Park, 1 Spring Park Rd (South end of Main St.). Friday is an educational day for elementary students. Saturday, September 10 is the public day, when authentic Native American culture will be demonstrated through dance in full regalia, music, crafts, life skills and Native American food. Free event, 10am - 5pm. Trolley shuttle available from downtown. For more information. Call 256-383-0783, 256-757-4438 or on Facebook, The Oka Kapassa - Return to Coldwater Festival.

Annual Birthday Celebration for General Joe Wheeler on Saturday, September 10 from 10am-2pm at the General Joe Wheeler Home in Pond Spring, Hillsboro.

The event will be attended by various local civic and historic organizations with artifacts that tell the story of Lawrence County and the Shoals region. There will be a free crafts table for children and horse-drawn carriage rides. Music will be provided throughout the day by Remnants Band with their blend of country & oldies, along with Southern gospel group Joyful Noise. Food will be available to purchase throughout the day. Guided tours of the grounds and the Wheeler Home will be available. Wheeler family artifacts will be on exhibit in the rooms to tell the story of General

Wheeler and his family. Entry and tour of the grounds are FREE. Admission to the Wheeler Home is: \$8 Adults; \$5 Seniors 65+.

Military, College Students; \$3 Students 6-18 years of age; Children under 6 are FREE. For more information contact John Griffin at pondspringahc@gmail.com or 256-637-8513.

Pond Spring is an historic property of the Alabama Historical Commission and is located in Lawrence County in Hillsboro, three miles east of Courtland, on Alabama Highway 20 (US Alt. 72)

Rogers High School Class of 1972 50th Class Reunion on September 17 at 5pm at St. Florian Park, Shelter #1. Chicken stew and drinks provided. Bring desserts.

Salem M. B. Church invites everyone to come and worship with us every Sunday morning at 10am at 923 West Mobile St, Florence. 256-633-3382.

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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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The Help Center in Florence will Be Open on the 3rd Saturday of each month on a permanent basis. The volunteers felt they could better serve their Saturday clients if they made the change to be open on 3rd Saturday every month to help avoid confusion. Hours are 8:30-10am - for food distribution ONLY. Saturday hours are for families who are unable to come from 8:30-noon on Monday, Wednesday or Friday.

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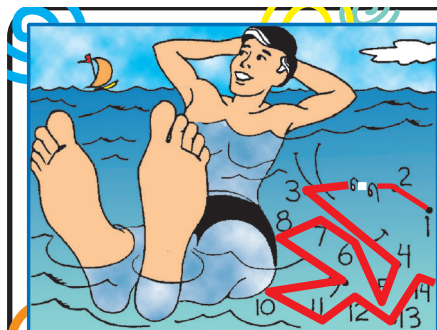
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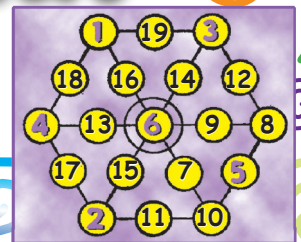


Junior Whirl

by Hal Kaufman

ROYAL FLUSH! Try matching old-time kings with their countries. Kings: Harold Fairhair, Harold Bluetooth, Harold Harefoot. Countries: England, Norway, Denmark. Fairhair—Norway, Bluetooth—Denmark, Harefoot—England.

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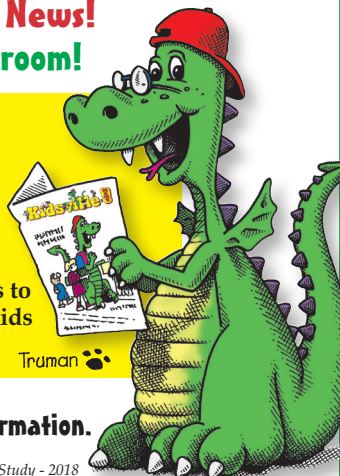
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