

**Five Merit  
Semifinalists**

MONTGOMERY—The list of Alabama high school's 2023 National Merit Scholarship semifinalists was released last week, and it includes five students from the Shoals. Only the highest-scoring entrants in the state on the 2021 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship qualifying test are represented.

Muscle Shoals High School's **Riley Davis**, **Trey Stoddard** and **Henry Waldrop** were among the semifinalists as were Brooks High School's **Ben Underwood** and Mars Hill Bible School's **Tyler Foster**.

The students will go on to compete for the coveted finalist standing and scholarships provided by the National Merit Corporation, businesses and corporations and colleges.

The list of National Merit finalists will be made public in the spring.

**Roadshow to  
Lil Capone's**

FLORENCE – America's Best Restaurants, a national media and marketing company focusing on local, independently-owned restaurants, will bring its ABR Roadshow to the Lil Capone's Bar & Grille on Cloverdale Rd. They will be filming on location from 2-5pm on October 5.

Popular dishes will be highlighted along with an extensive on-camera interview with owner

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First-time freshmen up 16%; Dual Enrollment up 50%

MUSCLE SHOALS -- This fall Northwest-Shoals Community College (NW-SCC) has topped 4,000 credit students for the first time since 2010. Currently, NW-SCC has enrolled 4,071 credit students for the fall 2022 semester. This is an increase of 700 students, or over 20% from final fall 2021 figures (3,371).

According to NW-SCC President Dr. Jeff Goodwin, the college looks to build on this momentum and focus on providing the best virtual and on-campus environment for its students to be successful. "It is an exciting time to be a part of Northwest-Shoals Community College," said Goodwin. "The college is nearing completion of our new athletic fields, working on facility upgrades to both campuses, and we have an amazing team of people working hard every day to make sure our students are successful in their academics and in the workforce when they finish here."

NW-SCC saw significant increases in on-campus technical programs, Child Development (up 26%), Cosmetology (up 24%), Electrical (up 30%), and Industrial Systems (up 35%), as well as a 12% increase in students taking virtual learning courses.

However, the largest increase in student enrollment came from

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**Big Music Weekend  
Ahead in the Shoals**

FLORENCE—ShoalsFest will close out a big weekend of music in the Shoals when it returns to McFarland Park October 1-2.

There will be stellar performances by Jason Isbell and The 400 Unit, Nathaniel Rateliff and the Night

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Jason Isbell and the 400 Unit headline this weekend. Courtesy photo



Courtesy photo: NW-SCC

NW-SCC electrical students, Emitt Green (left) of Russellville and Dylan Matlock of Leighton, work on installing ceiling fans during lab.

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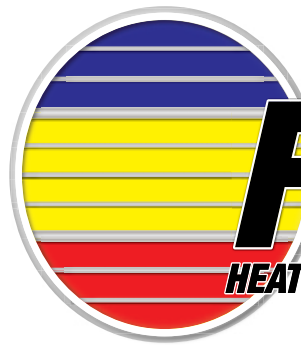
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Chris Hearn about the restaurant's special place in the community. The episode will be aired extensively on social media channels at a later date.

Originally from Rockford, Illinois, and tired of eating bad pizza once he moved to Alabama, Hearn opened several restaurants in the area before opening Lil Capone's with his mother, Candy.

The restaurant is named after notorious mobster, Al Capone, in a nod to Chicago and its excellent pies, as Hearn refers to pizza. All Lil Capone's recipes are created from scratch, and all pizza dough is hand-tossed.

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## Evening for Progress '22

SHOALS- The Shoals Chamber of Commerce is proud to host the third annual Evening for

Progress set for October 25.

The 2022 Evening for Progress will feature a keynote address by House Majority Leader Rep. Nathaniel Ledbetter, followed by a town hall forum with Alabama House District 3 candidates, Kerry Underwood and Wesley Thompson.

"We are excited to present to the Shoals community what respectful, bipartisan discourse can look like during an election. Underwood and Thompson exemplify the reverence that is missing in our nation across the aisle, and both men are passionate and invested in the responsibility that comes with holding the district 3 office," said Olivia Bradford, Director of Communications and Events for the Chamber.

The event begins at 6pm at the Tuscumbia Roundhouse and is open to the public. Tickets are \$20. For more information, call 256-764-4661.

## Photography Club Exhibit

FLORENCE-Kennedy-Douglass Center for the Arts presents the Quad Cities Photography Club Member Exhibition from September 28-October 10. The Quad Cities Photography Club was created in January 2022. Their mission is to provide an informal, friendly, and supportive environment for local photographers at all levels of experience and with interests in all types of photographic imagery. They share ideas and knowledge with one another

through participation in meetings, guest lectures, and club excursions.

This first Member Exhibition offers the photographers an opportunity to display their works and foster a sense of accomplishment. Additionally, the exhibit gives the public a chance to view club activities, enjoy and purchase fine art, and possibly join us as we pursue this most enjoyable pastime. New members are welcome. For more information, including how to join, phone 256-710-2958.

The Kennedy-Douglass Center for the Arts is open Monday-Friday from 9-4 and on Sundays from 1-4. The art center is located at 217 E. Tuscaloosa St. in Florence. There is no admission charge.

## Scarecrow Stroll in New



HILLSBORO-Pond Springs, the General Joe Wheeler Home, invites you to participate in a brand new free family-friendly event, its first Scarecrow Stroll!

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Map ID #909

**KILLEN: 17640 CO RD 33**  
Thurs. - Sat. 7AM-3PM Misc. Stuff! Furniture + plus more!  
Map ID #907

**TUSCUMBA MULTI-FAMILY ADOPTION FUNDRAISER YARD SALE**, 719 Volunteer Dr., Richmond Hills Sub., Sat. 7am-2pm, Furniture, Holiday Decor, Wall Decor, Jewelry and much more! "Rain or Shine!" Map ID# 911

**KILLEN: (CENTERHILL/KILLEN AREA) 6614 CO. RD. 36**  
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**Muscle Shoals Huge 5-Family Yard Sale**  
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**Killen Moving Sale: 5388 Co. Rd. 71**  
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**FLORENCE MULTI-FAMILY YARD SALE**, 733 W. Lakeside Dr., Lakeside Highlands Sub. Sat., 7am-1pm, Lots of stuff!

**FLORENCE: 865 RIDGECLIFF DRIVE** Thurs. and Fri. 7AM Furniture, glassware, household items, decor, clothes, American Girl, toys.  
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**TUSCUMBA: 950 MILK SPRINGS Rd** 10/01/2022 Sat. 7:30 am, Two JD riding mowers, garden tools, hand tools, air compressor, drill press, misc plumbing supplies, Barbie dream house, nice baby dolls, girls clothes, etc.  
Map ID #903

**CENTER STAR HUGE MULTI-FAMILY YARD SALE**, 1474 Co. Rd. 107, Sat. 6:30am-2:30pm Housewares, Home Décor, New Christmas items, Infant girl clothes 0-4T, Ladies Plus Size Clothes, Too Much To List! Y'all Come!!  
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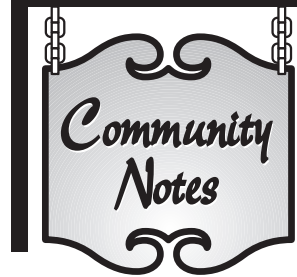


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**Until further notice, the fishing pier at McFarland Campground is closed.** As disappointing as it may be, this decision was made out of genuine care and concern for the safety and well-being of those who utilize the pier. The city appreciates your patience as they work to determine a best course of action moving forward.

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students taking dual enrollment courses at area high schools or on one of the college's campuses. From fall 2021 to fall 2022, NW-SCC saw over a 50% increase in dual students.

Muscle Shoals Career Academy (MSCA) at Muscle Shoals High School is one of the largest dual enrollment sites for NW-SCC. According to MSCA Principal, Jeff Madden, the partnership between MSCA and NW-SCC has seen substantial growth this fall throughout their program offerings.

"We appreciate the long partnership we've had with Northwest-Shoals to offer our students dual enrollment opportunities across the years," stated Madden. "We've seen tremendous growth this year with the expansion of dual enrollment in almost every one of our programs. There has never been a better time to enroll in a Muscle Shoals Career Academy course to learn valuable life and career skills while earning college credit."

According to Dr. Crystal Reed, NW-SCC Dean of Students, the high school partnerships are essential to having a thriving dual enrollment program. "High school students are more interested in taking college-level courses than ever before at Northwest-Shoals," said Reed.

"Our K-12 school systems are doing an amazing job guiding their students into career pathways that are well suited for their students. Our high school partnerships create an environment that promotes academic and career success," added Reed. "We want our area high school students to easily transition to Northwest-Shoals, a university, or into the workforce immediately after they graduate high school."

The 4,071 student headcount is an unofficial student census following the registration of all dual enrollment high school students and does not include students who may be auditing a class or enrolled in non-credit workforce training courses. Fall semester enrollment numbers are not official until verified by the Alabama Community College System (ACCS) at the end of the semester.

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Sunday, October 2 - 10am and 1pm.  
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**You are invited to our Fall gospel meeting** at Valdosta church of Christ at 1119 Old Lee Hwy, Tuscumbia October 2-6. Sunday 9:30am, 10:30am, and 5pm. Monday-Thursday 7pm nightly. Speakers Wayne Scott and David Conley.

**Hi Neighbors of the Shoals** meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 10:30am in the Florence Public Library. We are a women's social group. The group welcomes all ladies who are currently residents of the Shoals area.

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In addition, a discussion of the quilts with a guided tour of the exhibit will be presented by Glenn Rikard each Friday during October (Oct. 7, 14, 21, 28) at 1pm. Individuals are invited to bring quilts from their private collections for "show and tell." For more information: 256-381-5052 or bellemontmansion@gmail.com. Find info on Facebook or visit <https://ahc.alabama.gov>.

**Fall Clothes Give Away** - Thursday, October 6 from 8-10am at the Care Center, First Baptist Church, Killen.

**The Shoals area's popular community choir, Florence Camerata, will resume rehearsals** on Thursday, October 6 from 6:30-8pm at the University of North Alabama choral room at the end of north Court Street in Florence. Thursday evening rehearsals will continue through October and November as we prepare for our Holiday Concert, which is scheduled for Tuesday night, December 6.

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**The Ritz Theatre in Sheffield will be hosting a Hitchcock film series** this October. The dates and titles are:

Friday, October 7, 7pm: "Rear Window"

Friday, October 14, 7pm: "The Birds"

Friday, October 21, 7pm: "Psycho"

Advanced tickets are \$10 each or \$25 for the 3-film pass, available at [tennesseevolleyarts.org](http://tennesseevolleyarts.org). Tickets will be \$12 at the door.

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**Ladies Day at Jacksonburg Church of Christ** at 414 Lauderdale CR 28 in Florence at 10am Saturday, October 8. The guest speaker will be Celine Sparks, with the topic "Hospitality." Lunch will be served.

**Brooks Band 1970 through 1975** - Stacy Goss, first Band Director at Brooks High School will be at the Brooks/Rogers game on October 7. All former band, majorettes, drill team, and choir members are invited to be there as he will be guest directing the current band for the "National Anthem" before the game. Pregame is at 6:45pm.

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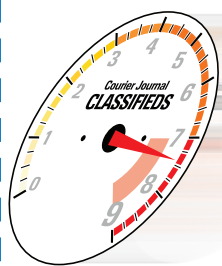
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IT SEEMS LIKE YESTERDAY THAT ELON MUSK SHATTERED THE CAR MARKET with the introduction of the first Tesla Roadster in 2008. Anyone with a molecule of nerd in their bones was excited for this fabulous new electric vehicle (EV) that had a range of 300 miles, accelerated from 0 to 60 in an instant, and could someday even drive itself. Fast forward to 2022 and EVs have suddenly become an evil socialist plot to forcibly remove our dinosaur-powered cars. How in the world did we get here from there? Well, the answer is the same as it is



Jim Fisher

# EV ENVY

by "The Computer Skeptic"

with so many other otherwise benign subjects these days: Misinformation and politics. Here are a few of the most egregious examples of EV misinformation I've seen recently.

CLAIM: Batteries die quickly and they cost a fortune to replace FACT: The federal government requires a minimum warranty on EV batteries of 8 years or 100,000 miles. Many manufacturers go way beyond that--up to a lifetime. Reports of 500,000 miles are common. Lots of things factor into the equation

but the bottom line is that EVs have a current life expectancy of at least as long as gas cars. The evolution and reliability of car batteries are increasing rapidly even as costs decrease.

CLAIM: EVs are bad for the environment because electricity comes from coal power. FACT: There are no coal plants in North Alabama. Even so, EVs have zero emissions and are far more efficient than gasoline at converting fuel to motion. The pollution equation is complex but still favors EV cars even in coal country.

MYTH: We don't have

enough electricity for everyone to charge EVs. FACT: If every American purchased an EV tomorrow, our current grid could charge 85% of them every day during non-peak hours. Obviously, not all of us are going to purchase an EV tomorrow. We will have plenty of car juice as the demand increases and grid power is added.

MYTH: EV cars don't work well in cold weather. FACT: Yeah, I don't either. EV range is significantly reduced in extremely cold temperatures. For the average daily commuter in Alabama, this difference means plugging in the car overnight in your garage once every 3 or 4 days in the winter, versus once every 10-15 days in the summer. Cool fact: Norway (near the north pole, ya know) purchases more

EVs, per capita, than every other country.

EVs are certainly not the best choice for every driver--especially those who travel long distances--but obstacles are being demolished regularly. Within 2 to 5 years, it will not make financial sense to purchase a gas vehicle for most people. Regardless, there are plenty of legitimate pros and cons with EVs. The good news is that you have the ability to learn the facts literally at your fingertips.

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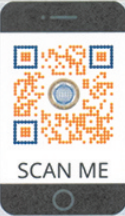


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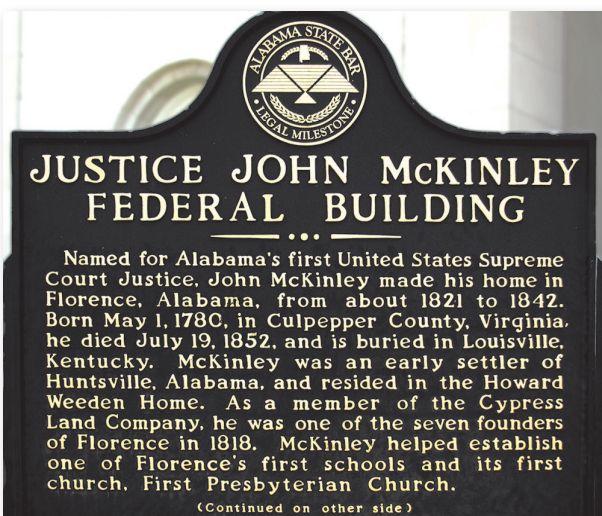
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## Shorts...

Continued from Page 2

### Scarecrow Stroll in New

There will be two People's Choice Awards. One will be based on votes cast from guests who tour the house. The other will be an online contest at the General Joe Wheeler Home Facebook page of our charitable foundation with pictures of all the scarecrows.

Due to the rules of the Alabama Historical Commission, no stakes can be driven into the ground. However, you can be very creative in how to display your scarecrow. Stake him or her in a 5 gallon bucket, sit him in a lawn chair, build a frame with a weighted base, etc.

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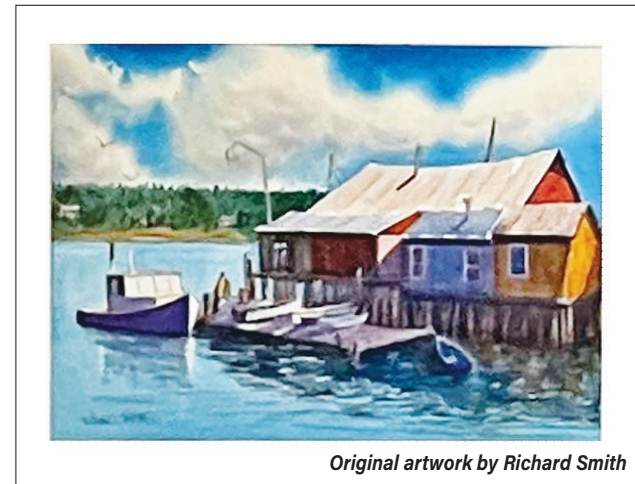
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Note that by participating in the Scarecrow Stroll, you agree to allow the use of photographs of your scarecrow for marketing and publicity efforts  
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Original artwork by Richard Smith

### Smith's Art Auction

SHEFFIELD— Art collectors will get the chance to bid on original watercolor artworks by the late **Richard Smith** at a benefit auction on Friday, September 30, at 6pm. The auction will take place at the Ritz Studio, which is next door to the Ritz Theatre in downtown Sheffield. The pieces were donated courtesy of **J.D. and Anna Smith**. Proceeds will benefit the Tennessee Valley Art Association, which runs the Tennessee Valley Museum of Art and The Ritz.

Smith was an artist of renown in the Shoals area as well as

in his early career as a syndicated cartoonist. He lived much of his life in Iowa and moved to Alabama after retiring from dentistry. He was a signature member of the Watercolor Society of Indiana and long-time member of the Shoals Artist Guild.

In his watercolor paintings, he loved to highlight clouds and was often known as the "cloud artist."

Richard's wife, **Lorraine**, was also an artist and will have a few pieces up for bid as well.

The auction will be facilitated by Dalton Appraisals and Auctions.

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Commentary

# Really Bad Look on Biggest Stage

We had plenty of ego and opinion when Donald Trump was in office. Many thought he was an embarrassment, yet he placed the United States at the forefront once again. We weren't looked upon as second fiddle and didn't lick anyone else's boots.

Last week's funeral for Queen Elizabeth offered an opportune chance for Joe Biden to get a lot of favorable pre-US election coverage. As one of Britain's strongest allies, Biden and wife, Jill, would get national and international coverage by just being there as our official representatives.

However, Biden managed to seize that moment only to embarrass the U.S. Biden is only prompt for vacations and is late for most other events and appointments. Surely, he wouldn't be late for a funeral, and not the biggest funeral the world has ever witnessed, an event that would be choreographed to the second. With his heavily tarnished U.S. reputation already in

See **BAD LOOK...** on Page 31

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In A Few Words



TOM MAGAZU  
Editor

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# THIS WEEK

Happening THIS WEEK

## Lepp is Full of Laughs

SHEFFIELD— Audiences of all ages can enjoy some laughs at *Mayhem and Madness: Family-Friendly Tall Tales with Bil Lepp* at the Ritz Theatre on Thursday, September 29 at 7pm.

Bil Lepp is an award-winning storyteller, author, and recording artist, who is also the host of The History Channel series, *Man Vs History*.

Tickets are available now at [tennesseevalleyarts.org](http://tennesseevalleyarts.org) or by calling 256-383-0533.

See **LEPP...** on Page 34



**THE 20TH ANNUAL OKTOBERFEST** takes place Saturday, October 1 at 9am at the St. Florian Park in St. Florian. The day includes an antique tractor show, car show, historical displays, craft vendors, kids games, BBQ competition, and live music. Free Admission and free parking. This year includes celebrating the 150th anniversary of the founding of St. Florian.

**CENTER STAR CHURCH OF CHRIST** will host a Gospel Meeting Sunday-Wednesday, October 2-5 with Larry Kilpatrick speaking. Services are Sunday 10am & 1pm and Monday-Wednesday at 7pm nightly. Please join us for this series of Bible-centered lessons! The church is at 5901 Hwy 72 in Killen.

## Both Shelters Are Participating

SHOALS – Over 280 shelters in 42 states are participating in the BISSELL Pet Foundation Fall National Empty the Shelters adoption event from Oct. 1-8. Among the seven Alabama shelters participation are Colbert

County Animal Services and Florence Lauderdale Animal Services.

This effort has helped more than 117,716 pets find loving homes, making Empty the Shelters the largest funded adoption event in

the country. During each nationwide event, BISSELL Pet Foundation sponsors reduced adoption fees so shelters can charge \$50 or less to take deserving pets from

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**IN CELEBRATION OF TENNESSEE CRAFTS AND IN SUPPORT OF THE ARTS** in Franklin County and the surrounding area, the Franklin County Arts Guild announces a Month of Craft Workshops each weekend in October. Workshops this year will feature hands on workshops on traditional season decorating using natural and recycled materials, making art book nature journals, crafting stained glass Christmas suncatchers, creating leather bound journals, learning acrylic pours, and a family art class for all ages celebrating fall and Halloween. For more information on instructors, time, place, materials, what to expect go to [www.franklincoarts.org](http://www.franklincoarts.org) and click on OCTOBER WORKSHOPS at the bottom of the homepage.

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## Burdens Fall Heavy

Editor:

The Alabama legislature imposes among the harshest anti-abortion policies and penalties while ignoring the plight of poor pregnant woman and their newborns. The irony is not lost that Alabama is last in the nation for ideal places to have a baby in 2022 and near last for health care, according to a report from WalletHub.

Alabama ranked 46th in maternal and infant mortality, 49th in low birthweights and 50th in pre-term births. The state lags in parental leave policy options, medical providers, Medicaid expansion, access to birth control, prenatal

*Social security goes private and greed takes over, Medicare is dissolved, and Medicaid gutted;...*



care, and maternity practices.

The burden falls heaviest on those with low incomes, who also are least able to seek an abortion in another state. Children born to women denied an abortion are more likely to live in a household without enough money for basic expenses. Two-thirds of women who obtained abortions in 2019 were minority,

and 85% were unmarried.

Many conservative state lawmakers said women can give their newborns up for adoption and the state would provide funding increases for foster-care programs. But Alabama's foster-care system has about 6,000 children waiting for new parents to provide them a loving home. The Times Daily recently reported staffing shortages and 54% turnover in the Child Welfare Division.

Having a baby in Alabama is a challenge, and early child-care expensive at \$7200 annually. An unexpected pregnancy should not become a poverty trap for mother and offspring – and a dependency

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Speaking The

# Truth

Ephesians 4:15

In Love

## Spiritual Tug Of War

How long has it been since you participated in the old-fashioned contest of TUG A WAR? It may very well have been as an elementary child during field day, nearing the end of the school year? It could have been as an adult, an attempt to revive bygone days, joining in for a friendly TUG A WAR at the annual family reunion or company picnic. Do you recall the choosing of sides, the attempt to ensure equity in strength and size of each opposing team, the intensity once "play began," the careful positioning of the strongest being the anchor man/woman, the in-unison pulling effort of each opposing side, the digging in to ensure maximum and most efficient pull as a group, the sustained and focused effort, the burning of the rope within the palms, the blisters and mostly, the sore muscles. Yet, the best memory is that of bragging rights for the next year, awarded to the group which prevailed to victory.

Friends, the descriptive nature of our friendly game of TUG A WAR before us has so many similarities to the TUG A WAR of life, the souls of men representative of the rope, the opposing teams, representative of good and evil, pulling, tugging, vying relentlessly for the soul of man. The in-unison effort is reminisced of the combined effort, locally, of the Lord's church. The sustained effort of each member is comparative to daily taking up our cross in the kingdom, not yielding to Satan's devices to hinder. The blisters and sore muscles are evidence of a great struggle, such as the trials and even sufferings of the faithful child of God that will surely come, yet Paul places even this into perspective, "For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory," 2 Corinthians 4:17. The apostle Paul dealt with and fully understood "the rope of life" and the ever tugging of the opposing forces of the power of sin and the law of God, "For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do," Romans 7:19. We find a beautiful response to Paul's battle within "I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of Go..." Romans 7:25.

Friend, may we all be wise along the TUG A WAR of life, seeking salvation in Christ Jesus, mindful of the constant battle between the spirit and the flesh (Galatians 5:17).



Elders of the Cedar Grove church (Newell Graham, Richard McLemore, Randy Baker, Paul Sain)

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## Weekend...

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Sweats, Drivin n Cryin, Christone "Kingfish" Ingram, Amanda Shires, John Moreland, Danielle Ponder, Billy Allen + The Pollies, Wand Band, and Steve Trash. This year will also include an in-the-round set from Isbell, John Paul White, Chris Tompkins, and Gary Nichols.

Speaking of Gary Nichols, he is hosting a special night of local music on Friday, September 30 when five local bands get together in a rousing musical benefit for the United Way of Northwest Alabama.

Coffee Black, The Neds, Furniture, Yes Trespassing, and Holy Living Creatures will each play a set on the Shoals Theater stage. The show starts at 7:30pm. Tickets are \$15 and are available at [TheShoalsTheatre.org](http://TheShoalsTheatre.org) or by calling 256-764-1700.

Four-time Grammy Award-winner and Shoals native, Jason Isbell, teamed up with his manager, Traci Thomas, and Outback Presents to bring the special ShoalsFest event back to the place that has given him, and the world, so much.

Isbell developed his guitar playing and his deep reverence for music history as a teenager working at FAME, and playing with local musicians and members of the studio's revered house band, The Swampers.

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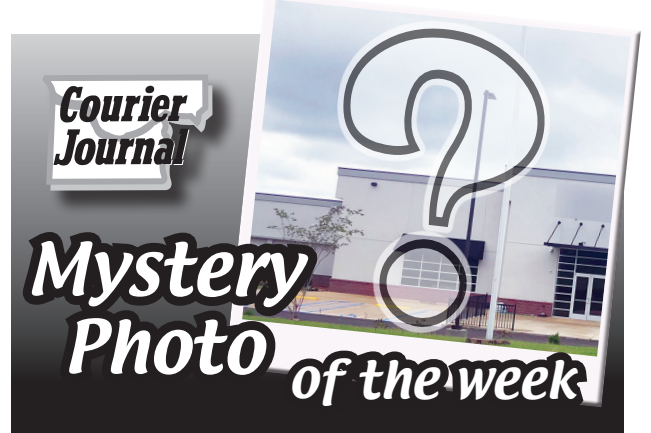
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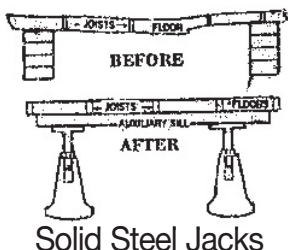
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- On Sept. 29, 1954, Willie Mays, center fielder for the New York Giants, makes an amazing over-the-shoulder catch of a fly ball hit by Cleveland Indians first baseman Vic Wertz to rob Wertz of extra bases in game 1 of the 1954 World Series. The catch has gone down as one of the greatest in the history of baseball.
- On Sept. 28, 1901, Ed Sullivan, who will become the host of the long-running TV variety program "The Ed Sullivan Show," is born in New York City. During the peak of its popularity in the 1950s and 1960s, Sullivan's program showcased a wide range of entertainers.
- On Oct. 1, 1920, Scientific American magazine reports that the rapidly developing medium of radio would soon be used to broadcast music. Experimental concerts were being conducted from the Radio Laboratory of the Bureau of Standards with local radio operators being used to see if the transmissions could be heard hundreds of miles away.
- On Oct. 2, 1965, a team of scientists invent Gatorade, a sports drink to quench thirst, in a University of Florida lab. The name Gatorade was derived from the nickname of the university's sports teams. A coach had asked for something to help his players who were negatively affected by the heat during play, and the salt and sugar drink was developed.
- On Oct. 3, 1995, Heisman Trophy winner O.J. Simpson is acquitted of the double murder of his estranged wife, Nicole Brown Simpson, and her friend, Ronald Goldman, despite a DNA match, a wound on Simpson's hand, the recent purchase of a Stiletto knife and matching shoeprints at the scene.
- On Sept. 27, 1930, Atlanta golfer Bobby Jones wins his fourth major tournament of the year, making him the first person ever to win the Grand Slam of golf. Jones had the picture-perfect swing of every golfer's dreams,

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Service Dogs Alabama Executive Director Jeff Parker, left, and Governor Ivey had a good time watching "Ivy" during some down time. Governor's Office/Hal Yeager

# Namesake Makes Official Visit

*Ivy One of Many Service Dogs in Training*

MONTGOMERY – Governor Kay Ivey last week welcomed a special guest to the Alabama Governor's Mansion. Service Dog Ivy, at just 12 weeks old, is becoming a highly-trained, Labrador Retriever that could serve as either a mobility assistance dog or a seizure alert dog. "The work Service Dogs Alabama is doing to support our state's children, adults and veterans with disabilities is truly changing lives," said Governor Ivey. "Working dogs of

this caliber are both hard to come by and very expensive, but the impact they have on their recipients is immeasurable. I'm incredibly proud to have this organization here in Alabama and am honored to have a life-changing dog share my name." Service Dogs Alabama provides medical and psychiatric assistance dogs to children, adults and veterans with disabilities. The organization also provides facility dogs trained in intervention and behavior disruption to schools, courtrooms and state departments where stress is prevalent. "Our mission, although not lacking obstacles, is quite simple: to maintain

the highest standards of training in order to produce the highest caliber service dogs for our recipients across Alabama," said Service Dogs Alabama Executive Director Jeff Parker. "At just 12-weeks-old, Ivy possesses the ideal traits of a highly performing service dog, and I have no doubt she will change her recipient's life for the better." Service Dogs Alabama has placed more than 130 service dogs throughout the state since its inception. The organization has at least 50 dogs in training at various stages at all times to ensure the wait time for a service dog is less than 18 months for a fully trained dog.

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# Soap Opera Preview

**THE BOLD AND THE BEAUTIFUL** During an argument with Thomas, Brooke felt scared for her safety. Nikki Newman visited Forrester Creations, before completing a deal with her ex, Deacon Sharpe. Brooke recounted her scary moment with Thomas to Ridge. Later, Ridge received some unwelcome visitors at the Forrester Mansion. Hope and Brooke disagreed about Thomas' ability to parent Douglas appropriately. Ridge vigorously defended

Thomas to authorities who were asking the hard questions. Taylor expressed a change of heart to Steffy. *Wait to See: Thomas feels betrayed when Ridge takes Brooke's side. Steffy arranges for Taylor to take a trip to clear her head. Ridge calls on a friend's favor to get the truth.*

**DAYS OF OUR LIVES** Chloe tried to enlist Craig to help stop Nancy's wedding. EJ relayed stunning news to Belle. Chad was out for blood. Rafe and Jada attempted

to track down Abigail's killer. Chad learned what happened the night Abigail was murdered. Belle and EJ desperately tried to locate Chad. Gwen exposed Jennifer's secret to Jack. EJ came to Chad's rescue. Rafe came upon an injured Gwen. Jennifer confessed to Jack and Julie. Xander was stunned when Gwen was brought into the ER. Chad had a heartbreaking goodbye with a vision of Abigail. Gabi was distraught over Stefan's behavior. Allie told Johnny he'd overstayed his welcome. EJ made Ava and Johnny an offer. Rex had a surprising realization about Kate's illness. *Wait to See: Kristen seeks assistance from Dr. Rolf. Brady finds Stefan and Chloe together. Stephanie is upset with Steve for not telling her about Kayla's illness.*

**GENERAL HOSPITAL** Anna and Valentin got romantic. Alexis and Gregory made a gruesome discovery. Cody confronted Felicia. Nikolas made a big sacrifice. Finn worked to save a life. Cameron called out Trina. Dante had a hunch. Portia felt uneasy. Sonny demanded answers. Spinelli opened up to Sam. Curtis made a surprising request. Trina got a shock.

Dex was in the hot seat. Sam had questions for Spinelli. Josslyn and Dante brainstormed together. Austin met with Mason. Maxie urged Cody to keep an open mind. Portia confronted Jordan. Victor visited Spencer at Pentonville. Nikolas and Finn argued. *Wait to See: Anna and Valentin recruit a new ally. Liz confides in Gregory. Brook Lynn helps Chase prepare for a performance.*

**THE YOUNG AND THE RESTLESS** Victoria and Billy made a painful decision. Sally struggled with her feelings for Adam. Jill took matters into her own hands. Jack and Phyllis questioned Diane about her past. Nate crossed the line. Chelsea stood her ground with Victoria. Nick and Sally discussed their status. Adam lost his cool. Diane made a bold move with Jack. Kyle and Summer prepared for their vow renewal. Elena gave Nate an ultimatum. Nick gave Adam a reality check. *Wait to See: Victor shares some sound advice with Victoria. Diane receives a surprise guest. Nikki gives Phyllis intel from her meeting with Deacon.*

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## Burdens Fall Heavy

on taxpayer resources. Urge our representatives to focus on the healthcare system.

**Dan Waterman**  
Killen

## Conservative Votes Mean:

Editor:

When you vote conservative, this is what you vote for:

Minimum wage never getting above the poverty level;

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the poor;  
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Keep them poor and stupid and in fear to control them, says every despot in every tyrannical country. If we don't remember the wars we fought and why we fought them, we might have to repeat history. Let's don't.

You'd be surprised that some think it's about Pro-life. You really aren't Pro-Life if you stop caring about life as soon as they're born. That's more Pro-control.

Some think Social Security and Medicare are entitlements. If that means we worked hard, long hours bent over machines or pushing burgers for a pittance, paid into both insurances for God knows how many decades and are actually ENTITLED to receive OUR fully tax-paid benefits, then, yes, entitle me 'til I die.

We The People deserve better. America isn't about corporations but people. At least it should be.

As America goes forward, we should not be the most hateful, hard-hearted, cruel, bigoted, anti-Jesus, inhumane

peoples on Earth: Not to only people wanting a better life coming to America, but to our own citizens. The world looks at us and what do they see?

**Linda Johnson**  
Florence

## Should Shun Halloween

Editor:

S o m e t i m e s instructions spoken with intense love are misconstrued as hate speech, e.g., when a sweet mom yells at her dear toddler, "Don't touch that stove!"

So, please do not mistake what I am about to say as hate speech, because it is intended to keep people from going to hell. While we are to speak the truth in love [Ephesians 4:15], proper preaching involves correction and rebuke [2 Timothy 4:2].

October 31 is Halloween. I hate Halloween. It is a celebration of the evil and the ugly. With only a little research, one can find that the origin of Halloween is a blending of paganism and Roman Catholicism with a strong influence of witchcraft and spiritism.

Galatians 5:19-21 clearly identifies

sorcery/witchcraft as a work of the flesh, and states that those who practice such things "will not inherit the kingdom of God."

I would strongly advise against dressing as a witch, since God's Word says, "Avoid the very appearance of evil" [1 Thessalonians 5:22]. In the Old Testament, those who practiced witchcraft were to be put to death [Exodus 22:18].

Last year, some local churches moved their Bible study sessions in order to accommodate Halloween. The Bible instructs us that we are not to give the devil a foothold [Ephesians 4:27]. Our Lord Jesus Christ Himself said that we are to seek God's kingdom and his righteousness first [Matthew 6:33]. Don't be surprised on the Judgment Day if you get turned away from Heaven because you skipped church to celebrate Halloween.

I am expecting to get flack from this letter, but so be it! You can't serve God and the devil at the same time. You must avoid the appearance of evil. Jesus had children crawling up in His lap. Witches scare kids and make them cry. Go figure. "Depart from evil and do good" [Psalm 34:14].

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## God and Government




**Drew Edwards**  
Evangelist

Over the last several years, there has been a great deal of confusion and misinformation being shared about God, the role of government, so-called separation of church and state, and other such questions. I would like to use this forum as an attempt to respond to some of these issues using the word of God and documented historical information that anyone can find and read for themselves.

While some leaders and pundits contend that the United States is not a "Christian nation," they clearly do not acknowledge our history or the God our country's leaders referred to when drafting our founding documents. He is not a generic god or "higher power" like the world might mention for the sake of political correctness - Jehovah God as acknowledged by the likes of Thomas Jefferson, Benjamin Franklin, John Hancock, John Adams, and George Washington is the God of the Bible! In addition, all of these men consistently professed their Christian faith throughout their extensive public and private writings.

First of all, the government and its leaders only have the power that God allows them to have. This is a fundamental and crucial part of understanding the authority that man is given. Romans 13:1 says, "For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God." The founding fathers of the United States referred to God in the Declaration of Independence five times, referring to Him as "Nature's God," the "Creator," "the Supreme Judge," and "Divine Providence."

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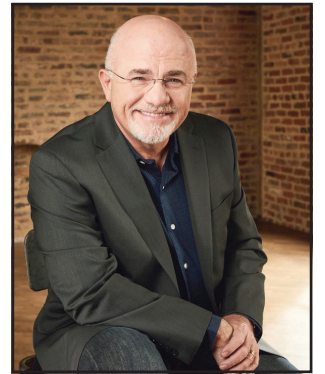
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Grant

Dear Grant,  
 When the rule of paying off debts from smallest to largest doesn't apply, I think you should attack the one with the larger interest rate first. In your case, that'd be the credit card debt.

I get what you're saying about the truck. And I agree that transportation is a necessity. You guys might be in a bind if something happened and you lost a vehicle, but it's also a situation you could probably work around for a little while if you had no choice. My guess is you have friends or relatives who could loan you a car in a pinch, and public transportation is an option for some folks. So yeah,

knock out the credit card first, then move on to the truck.

Do you understand my reasoning, Grant? Going this route serves two purposes: First, it will save you a little money. And second, I've got a feeling it will fire up your wife, and get her on board with the idea of you two getting your finances in order even more than she already is.

She's taking this whole thing pretty seriously if she's eyeballing interest rates, buddy. She loves the thought of you two having control of your money. Use this momentum to work together as a team, and knock out that debt!

— 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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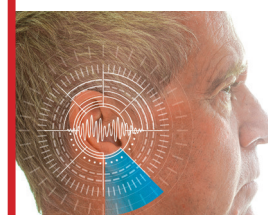
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## Flu Vaccines That Are Recommended for Older Adults

Dear Savvy Senior,  
I just turned 65 and would like to learn more about the stronger flu shots I see advertised for older adults. What can you tell me about them and how are they covered by Medicare?

Senior Novice

Dear Novice,

There are actually three different types of senior-specific flu shots (you only need one) that the CDC is now recommending to people age 65 and older. These FDA-approved annual vaccines are designed to offer extra protection beyond what a standard flu shot provides, which is important for older adults who have weaker immune defenses and have a greater risk of developing dangerous flu complications. Here's more information on these three vaccines.

**Fluzone High-Dose Quadrivalent:** Approved for U.S. use in 2009, the Fluzone High-Dose is a high-potency vaccine that contains four times the amount of antigen as a regular flu shot does, which creates a stronger immune response for better protection. According to a study published in the New England Journal of Medicine, this vaccine was proven 24 percent more effective than the regular dose shot at preventing flu in seniors.

**Fluad Quadrivalent:** First available in the U.S. in 2016, this adjuvanted vaccine contains an added ingredient called adjuvant MF59 that also helps create a stronger immune response. In a 2013 observational study, Fluad was found 51 percent more effective in preventing flu-related hospitalizations for older patients than a standard flu shot.

You also need to be aware that both the Fluzone High-Dose and Fluad vaccines can cause more of the mild side effects that can occur with a standard-dose flu shot, like pain or tenderness where you got the shot, muscle aches, headache or fatigue. And neither vaccine is recommended for seniors who are allergic to chicken eggs, or those who have had a severe reaction to a flu vaccine in the past.

Also note that the CDC does not recommend one vaccination over the other.

**FluBlok Quadrivalent:** For older adults that are allergic to eggs, FluBlok, which is a recombinant vaccine that does not use chicken eggs in their manufacturing process is your best option. This vaccine is proven to be 30 percent more effective than a standard-dose influenza vaccine in preventing flu in people age 50 and older.

All of these vaccines are covered 100 percent by Medicare Part B as long as your doctor, health clinic or pharmacy agrees not to charge you more than Medicare pays.

### Pneumonia Vaccines

Another important vaccination the CDC recommends to seniors, especially this time of year, are the pneumococcal vaccines for pneumonia. Around 1.5 million Americans visit medical emergency departments each year because of pneumonia, and about 50,000 people die from it.

The CDC recently updated their recommendations for the pneumococcal vaccine and now recommend that everyone 65 and older who has not previously received any pneumococcal vaccine should get either PCV20 (Prevnar 20) or PCV15 (Vaxneuvance). If PCV15 is used, this should be followed by a dose of PPSV23 (Pneumovax23) at least one year later.

Or, if you've previously received a PPSV23 shot, you should get one dose of PCV15 or PCV20 at least one year later.

Medicare Part B also covers two different pneumococcal shots – the first shot at any time and a different, second shot if it's given at least one year after the first shot.

### COVID Booster

If you haven't already done so, you should also get a COVID-19 booster shot this fall. Both Moderna and Pfizer have developed new bivalent booster vaccines that adds an Omicron BA 4/5 component to the old formula, which provides better protection.

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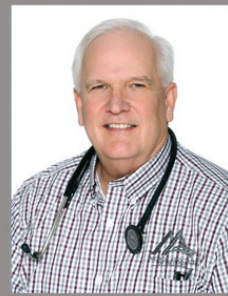
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Dr. Olsen received her undergraduate degree from Auburn University and attended Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine in Auburn. Dr. Olsen completed her Family Residency at University of Alabama at Birmingham - Huntsville.

Dr. Olsen, her husband, Ryan, and their daughter Emily are excited to make their home in Florence.

### Commentary

## Bad Look

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tow, Biden was late to the funeral.

Biden had the option of going to the funeral with other world leaders in special shuttle buses, but he turned that down.

Rather, he decided to take his limo, the Beast, the highly protected presidential limousine that travels with POTUS nearly everywhere. Why? It certainly wasn't saving energy or helping the environment. It could have been to avoid contact with other world leaders who may realize the obvious when spending a few minutes with him. Perhaps security was the

reason, although other world leaders were fine with the measures being taken. Perhaps the Bidens were just high-browed it, hot lowering themselves to a bus ride.

Regardless, the deviation, excess traffic, and tight security resulted in delays that should have been expected, and the Bidens being late to the funeral.

When they arrived,

Biden was forced to stand and wait until a procession of George and Victoria Cross-holders passed ahead of them down the nave of the abbey. The Biden's were then seated 14 rows back.

Biden had already created a stir because he needed a cue card for what to write in the condolence book for the Queen.

That's not exactly the ideal way to build up

the image for the U.S. internationally or his party at home.

Never-ending buffoonery can cause dangerous problems with other nations and seriously hurt our interests. Being relegated to the 14th row is not a good look for the alleged leader of the free world and one of Britain's strongest allies.

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Death cases that would have been past the statute of limitations before this Act are now able to be filed.

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Some health problems are “Tier 1” and are presumed to have been caused by the contaminated water at Camp Lejeune. The conditions contained in Tier 1 include: Bladder Cancer, Breast Cancer, Esophageal Cancer, Kidney Cancer, Leukemia, Lung Cancer, Multiple Myeloma, Non-Hodgkin’s Lymphoma, Female Infertility, Hepatic Steatosis, Miscarriage, Myelodysplastic Syndromes, Neurobehavioral Effects, Parkinson’s Disease, Renal Toxicity, Scleroderma.

There are some “Tier 2” health problems that are included but those require more proof.

Joel and I are handling these cases. If you believe you meet the requirements, please call us and schedule a free consultation.

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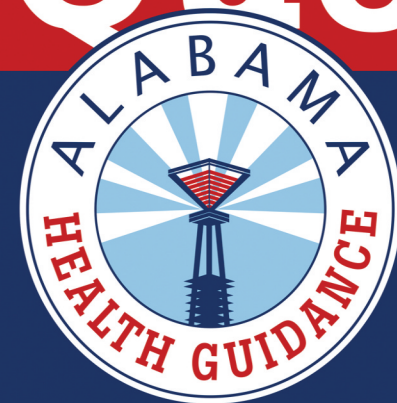
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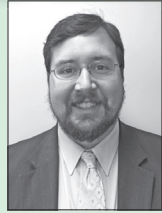


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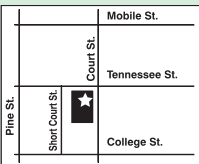
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### HOMEMADE MASSAGE OIL

I work in a gym with massage therapists. I was talking to one of them about what kind of oil she uses for massage. She told me to avoid using baby or mineral oil as it can clog pores. She uses a very light olive oil mixed with a bit of more expensive massage oil or scented essential oils. *Charmain*

### POISON CONTROL?

I love hot foods. The spicier the better! But occasionally I eat something that's beyond even my hardened taste buds. When that happens, I reach for a glass of milk or some sour cream! I learned this trick from a friend who's a nurse at the poison control center. The milk has a chemical that counteracts the peppers! *Doug*

### BACON AT THE READY

My husband and I like bacon, but we don't eat it that often. And we don't eat a lot at one time. Therefore, buying a standard sized pack of bacon almost always leads to us throwing away half of it uneaten but spoiled. I solved the problem by cutting the package in half. I cook one half and freeze the other. It's just about right for the two of us. *Julia*

### DINGY WHITE TREATMENT

My family likes to wear white clothes. I don't mind, but sometimes it's hard to keep them from getting dingy. One solution that works for me is to pour approximately 1/2 cup

## Medicare Minute "Medicare Pre-AEP"

Each year anyone who is on Medicare and enrolled in a Medicare Advantage Plan (MA) or Prescription Drug Plan (PDP) has an open enrollment period to make changes in their plan if they wish. This open enrollment period is called the Annual Election Period (AEP). It extends from October 15th to December 7th. There is also a period from October 1st to October 14th that is commonly called Pre-AEP.

Pre-AEP is an important time for Medicare beneficiaries. Insurance companies who offer MAs or PDPs cannot release their plan information for 2023 until October 1st. You can use this time to review your current plan to see if there has been any significant changes in your premium or copays. It's also a good time to review the prescription drug coverage of your plan, especially if you have had changes in the drugs you are taking. If any new plans are coming into your county, this is the time they are announced so be on the lookout for those.

Pre-AEP can also be a confusing time. Although it's designed for you to gather information on any changes that are coming for 2023, you may get phone calls or letters from insurance companies or your local agent. Local agents, in particular, like to use Pre-AEP to reach out to their clients and do policy reviews for the next year. This is totally acceptable under Medicare rules. It is also acceptable for you to attend a meeting or seminar during Pre-AEP to hear the details of 2023 plans. The one thing you cannot do is officially sign up for a new plan until after October 15th.

The good news is if you're happy with the plan you are in you won't have to do a thing. You will automatically roll into the 2023 plan as long as it's still offered in your area. If you have any questions about Pre-AEP you can contact our office for more information.

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# Shelters...

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socialized, house-trained, and leash-trained pets desperate to find a home," said Cathy Bissell, Founder of BISSELL Pet Foundation. "Our fall Empty the Shelters will support the adoption of thousands of pets across the country, helping shelters in this critical time. Opening your home to a shelter pet saves a life and creates space to give

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Join us for our **2nd Annual Fundraiser and Open House** at The Village School in Sheffield on Saturday, October 8 from 11am-5pm. We've made some great strides in restoration this past year, including having some extensive roof repairs completed.

A big thanks to our volunteers coming together for the various clean up events we've had.

Sheffield's own Momma P's Taco Truck will be on site. Quench will also be joining us with their amazing shaved ice, refreshing Lotus Energy drinks, and Cold Brew!

For the music portion of the day, we have Maxwell Russell + Andrew's Legend + The Dirty Rain Revelers.

We'll have local art featured from Sheffield's own, Home Grown Art + Eve Skywalker, Kudzu Mama and The Beaded String.

We'll also have a selection of merchandise from The Village School web store on hand for the event!

We'll have a raffle drawing with prizes from Companion Coffee Roasters, Shoals Healing Arts Massage and Yoga, and Princess Theatre!

Come see what we've been up to and join in the festivities.

**Bless Yr Heart & UNA host the First Annual North Alabama Guitar Pedal**

**Swap Meet** on Saturday, October 8 from noon-4pm at The Mane Room - 310 N. Pine St. in Florence. Free to attend, all are welcome.

Attention Shredi Masters: kick off Rocktober around the Tone Henge and summon the box of rock that you need to complete your arsenal. Bring your noise boxes to trade, barter or buy the missing tone link that will turn your dull axe deadly! One person's trash is another person's THRASH!

Tables and power are first come, first serve. Please bring power supplies (or batteries), a small amp, cables & axe to demo the sounds you are putting on the chopping block of rock. Sweet Santana, we're anticipating a metric ton of tone! There are confirmed boxes from Electro-Harmonix, Boss, JHS, DeArmond, Line6, Mooer, Heather Brown Electronics, DOD, Behringer, Keeley, Danelectro, TC Electronics, Ibanez, Strymon, Digitech and many more chug boxes to riff your face off. All are welcome - FREE to attend!

**The Tennessee Valley Art Association will be hosting a TVAA Fall Festival** on Saturday, October 8, from 5-8pm. It will take place in front of the Tennessee Valley Museum of Art, on the Tuscumba Commons. There will be free games, crafts, a pumpkin exhibition, and an outdoor movie. Plus, concessions available to purchase.

The crafts will be fun fall-themed art projects for children and adults alike. Participants should bring a blanket or lawn chairs for the movie.

**Day By Day**, grief support group for bereaved parents and family resumes its annual balloon release on October 9 at the Cross Point church of Christ at 3pm. All family members are invited to come and lift balloons in memory of the child who has died.

Send the child's name to [anita.watkins@comcast.net](mailto:anita.watkins@comcast.net) or msg at 256-810-1010 by October 2 deadline.

**First Baptist Church of Florence is hosting a special night of worship "Hometown Homecoming: Come on Into the House!"** First Baptist's Choir will be joined by special musical guests from the Shoals area as they share beloved hymns, southern gospel favorites, and more, along with testimonies and stories sure to warm the heart. "Hometown Homecoming: Come on Into the House" is Sunday evening October 9 at 6pm. Doors open at 5:15pm. Admission is free. First Baptist Church is located in historic downtown Florence at 209 North Walnut Street.

**WoodmenLife Charity Tournament** benefiting local elementary schools Back Pack Program - filling needy back packs with food on Fridays so students will have food over the weekend, 1pm Shotgun Start on Monday, October 10 at Turtle Point Yacht & Country Club. 2 person scramble @ \$250 per team. Prizes for Long Drive and Closest to Pin 3 Flights: 1st Place Team \$300 2nd Place Team \$200 3rd Place Team \$100 (Pro Shop credit) Hole sponsors available \$100 Hole-in-One Prize New Car Sponsored by Long Lewis Ford Questions or to register or to sponsor contact, office 256-760-1581, Rocky Beck 256-710-7133, or Adam Beck 256-762-6499.

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## Quick Figuring Is Magical

# Junior Whirl

by Hal Kaufman

## Answers


Another example: The person's original number is 35. They do not share that with you. Ask them to subtract 1 from their number. (1 - 35 = 34) Multiply that number by 2 (34 x 2 = 68) Ask them to add their original number to that amount (35 + 68 = 103.) (They give you THAT total number.) ----- YOU divide that number by 3. (103 divided by 3 = 35.) You tell them that their original number is 35. Any number they give you between 1 and 100 will work.

1	2	U	B	E
2	T	U	B	E
3	T	U	B	E
4	T	U	B	E

Across: 1. Tube. 2. Tube. 3. Tube. 4. Tube.  
 Down: 1. T's. 2. U's. 3. B's. 4. E's (ease).

INS AND OUTS! Said Kin Hubbard: "I don't know anything as willing, and that seems to enjoy its work as much as a —." What two words are missing?

Answer: "...revolving door."



Answer: Seventeen.

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Even though I don't use dryer sheets or fabric softener, I haven't noticed any appreciable difference in the softness of my clothes. If you are a person that wants a certain fragrance in your clothes, put a clean rag with a bit of your favorite perfume on it into the dryer. Molly B.

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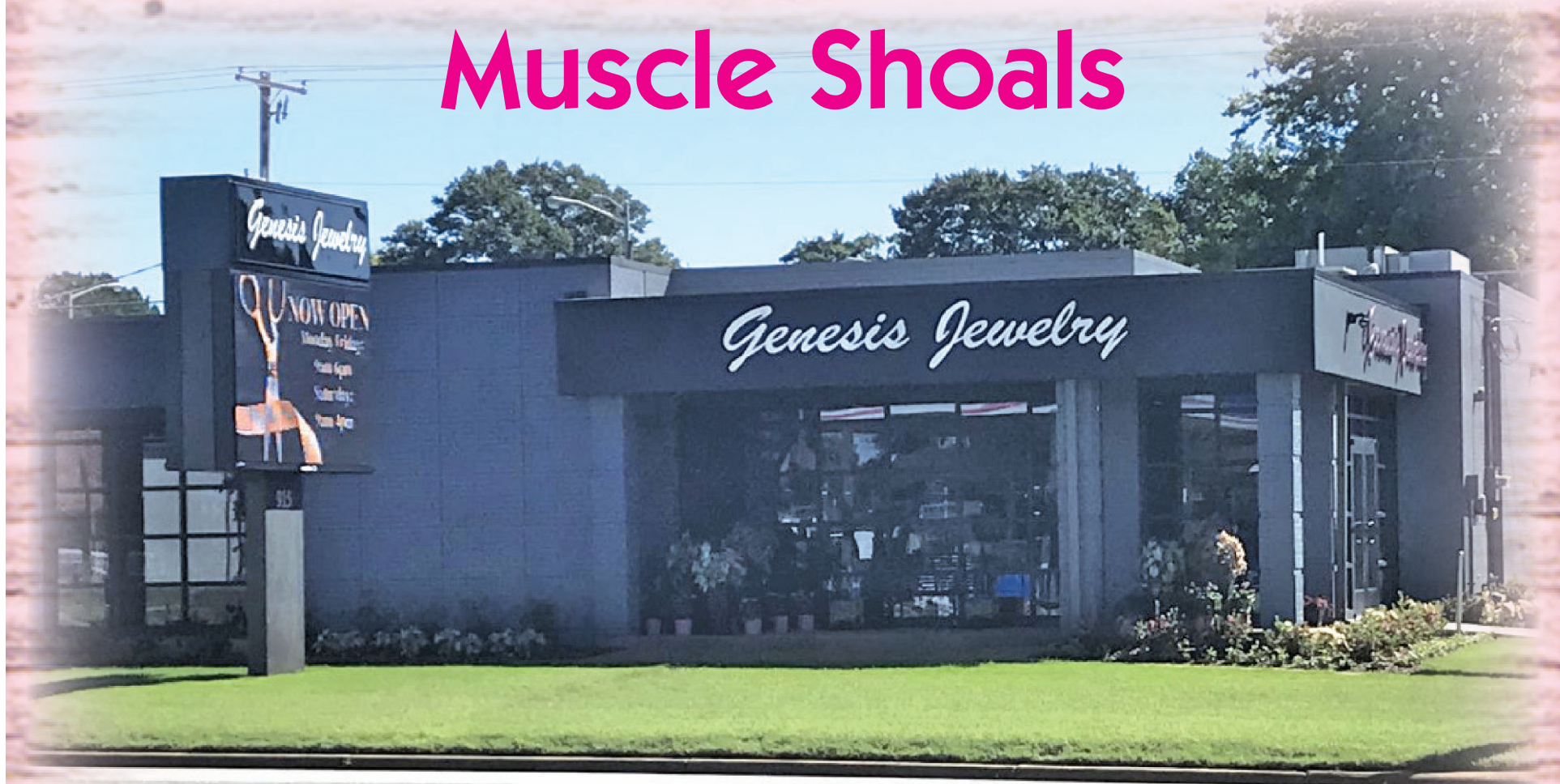
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