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For additional questions, please call 833-470-7096 for the Florence Aldi store and 833-470-7084 for the Muscle Shoals Aldi location.

**Awareness &
Teen Talent**

MUSCLE SHOALS—The 1st Annual Teen Mental Health Awareness Talent Showcase & Concert takes place Wednesday, May 3 from 3:15–6:30pm at the Muscle Shoals Amphitheater.

Organizers are asking

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CORRECTION: An article on the Burrell-Slater Hall of Fame last week incorrectly stated that former NFL player, Gary Weaver, was junior varsity player at Burrell Slater until mandated desegregation moved him to Coffee High School. Weaver played at Bradshaw High School. We apologize for any inconvenience.

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Funds Help Colbert Co. Search and Rescue

TUSCUMBIA—Thanks to the Colbert County Development Commission, the Colbert County Sheriff's Department has a new drone for search and rescue efforts and law enforcement.

Sen. Larry Stutts, Rep. Kerry Underwood, Rep. Jamie Kiel and Rep. Ernie Yarbrough facilitated a check presentation to Sheriff Eric Balentine last week in the amount of \$18,000

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Sen. Larry Stutts presents Sheriff Eric Balentine the \$18,000 check to fund a drone and protective body armor. Also attending the presentation were Rep. Ernie Yarbrough, Colbert County Commissioners Dr. Jimmy Gardiner and Tyrus Mansell, Colbert Co. DA Hal Hughston III, County Administrator Roger Creekmore, Probate Judge Daniel Rosser, Briggs Wright/Sheriff's Department, and Waylon Huguley and Lorie Johnson with the Colbert County Development Commission. *Courtesy photo: Lorie Johnson*

Raid on Suspected Still at LaGrange

LAGRANGE—Recall LaGrange is a two-day event May 5-6 at the historic LaGrange College site in Leighton. This is a celebration of history, culture, and community. The event activities include living history demonstrations, Civil War displays and demonstrations, Arts & Crafts vendors, musical entertainment, food vendors, tours of the historic LaGrange College site, and a Prohibition Era raid on a suspected



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**Local TVA
UpLift
Grant
Winners**

KNOXVILLE—TVA on Monday announced the 2023 School Uplift Grant winners from across six states through a virtual event attended by hundreds of students and school administrators. TVA and its energy partners awarded four of those 64 grants to schools in its north Alabama service area, three of which are

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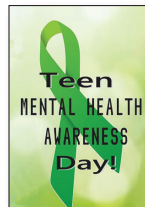
Awareness & Teen Talent

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everyone to wear green on the first Wednesday in May, Youth Mental Health Day!

The May 3 event will consist of bands, local artists, singers, games, mental health speakers, food trucks, and more.

The showcase and concert is hosted by **Diamond Eggleston**, Miss Historic Springville Teen, a 9th grader at Muscle Shoals High School. Diamond's Social Impact initiative is S.H.I.N.E. (Sharing Hope Inspiration Now Everywhere) Inspiring Kids and Teen Mental Health. Suicide is the second-leading cause of death among people ages 15-24 in the United States. Diamond is proud to partner with the Crisis Center, Inc (988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline) of Birmingham which answers calls for our region.



Sanders on Keller Hall

FLORENCE – A ceremony last week on the UNA campus officially unveiled the family name of **Horace and Mary Jane Sanders** on Keller Hall that houses the Sanders College of Business and Technology. The naming came as a result of a \$3.5 million gift from the Sanders family. “Dad believed in generosity and giving to good causes,” said **Bill Sanders**, the youngest son of Russellville Hospital’s former owners and the family spokesperson. “We as a family believe this is an excellent investment in the North Alabama community to give to UNA. Further, we believe in giving back to the area where the financial blessing originated all these many years later.

Horace and Mary Jane owned and operated Russellville Hospital from the late 1960s until 1973 when they sold the facility to Humana. The couple remained in Russellville for another decade.

The Sanders College is the third named College at UNA. The others include the Anderson College of Nursing and Health Professions and the Delores and Weldon Cole Honors College.

Kidney Walk: A Reminder

FLORENCE—The 2023 Shoals Kidney Walk & Celebration - Saturday, May 6 at River Heritage Park at 15 Hightower Place in Florence. Registration at 8:30am, Celebration 9:30am.

There will be food, music, vendor tables, children’s area, door prizes and prizes for top fund-raising teams and individuals. Best t-shirt design will also receive a special prize! The annual Shoals Kidney Walk & Celebration is the Alabama Kidney Foundation’s premier fund-raising event. Proceeds assist kidney patients in the Shoals area and throughout North Alabama in need through the Foundation’s Financial Assistance Program.

The Financial

Assistance Program serves low-income dialysis patients by helping them with necessities such as high utility bills, prescription medications, and transportation to and from dialysis treatments.

Register online at ShoalsKidneyWalk.org, email: johelene@alkidney.org or call 256-975-0000.

Online donations can be made online for team “Save the Beans” or on day of Walk. Sponsored by Shoals Kidney & Hypertension Center, www.shoalskidneycenter.com.

Family Fun Fair May 4

FLORENCE—The 6th Annual Family Fun Fair takes place Thursday, May 4 from 3-6pm at the Florence-Lauderdale Coliseum, 702 Veterans Drive, Florence. This is a FREE event in honor of child abuse prevention month.

Local community agencies will provide free food, games, books, activities and more!

This Fair is hosted by The Parent Involvement & Early Care Committee of Colbert and Lauderdale County Children’s Policy Councils.

For more information, contact: **Darlene Minniefield** at minida@auburn.edu or 256-766-6223; or **Heather Haynes** at heather@lauderdalecountypc.org or 256-710-4434

New Breast Imaging

FLORENCE – North Alabama Medical Center recently announced the addition of a specific imaging service designed for dense breasts called ABUS (automated breast ultrasound). The new technology, which was delivered to the Tri-State Center for Breast Health on Cloyd Blvd in Florence recently, is a non-invasive ultrasound examination. This is an adjunct to mammography for asymptomatic women with dense breast tissue.

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Yard Sales

An exclusive listing of the better sales in the Shoals area.

To list your sale, fill out the form on page 6.

WE MUST receive your ad by Friday prior to the Wednesday release date. (8 days before a Saturday sale)

KILLEN: 17640 CO RD 33
Thurs., Fri., and Sat. 7AM-3PM, MOVING SALE! Furniture, appliances and many more items. Come look around, I bet you can find something you like. Everything MUST GO...

NEIGHBORHOOD YARD SALE, County Road 366, Florence, AL in the Greenhill Community Saturday, May 6th at 7 am.

FLORENCE: 1512 Ridge Ave 4/29/23 Sat. 7am, Huge multi-family yard sale. Name brand clothing for the whole family. Shoes, furniture, seasonal decor. Home decor. Toys. Books. Etc. Little bit of everything. Start time 7am. No early birds please. 1512 Ridge Ave, Florence. Canceled if raining. Cash and credit accepted.

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Fri. & Sat. 8am-5pm. A pair of car ramps, some tools, outdoor grill, Women & Men's clothing, shoes, purses, household items, steamer, small kitchen appliances, books, & lots of misc. items.

THANK YOU for reading the Courier Journal!

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257 ROOSEVELT AVE Sat 7am-untill? (North Florence) Hosta, Yellow Lillies, & more! 1 gal pot \$5 each, Tools, Furniture, Jewelry, Glassware & much more!

TUSCUMBIA YARD SALE, 105 W Coldwater Dr., Sat., 7am-untill? Christmas Decor, Household items, and more!

FLORIAN SENIOR CENTER INDOOR YARD SALE, 81 St. Florian Road, Sat. 7am-untill? Household items and much more!

Center Star Yard Sale 1248 Co. Rd. 107 Sat. 6am-1pm
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KILLEN: Aqua Vista Neighborhood Yard Sale May 5th & 6th Fri. & Sat. 7 - 1 Corner of Aqua Vista Drive and Echo Lane Weather Permitting Map ID # 1219

FLORENCE YARD SALE, 210 West Lee Ave., Sat. 7am-untill? Furniture, Appliances, Housewares, Clothing and more! Map ID# 1222

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

For Parrot Lovers in the Shoals- Join our Facebook group - For the Birds Parrot Club. We discuss Pet Sitting, Re-homing, best Bird Vets, Bird food, Sharing Advice, and more.

Singing River Squares meets on Monday nights 7-9pm at The Club/ Florence Senior Center. Social Dance with The Browns, Tuesday nights 6:30-8:45pm. Doors open at 6pm. Generations of music and dance fun. 450 Country Club Drive. 256.760.6420. The Club is a drug, alcohol, smoke, weapon-free facility.

'Hi Neighbors' of the Shoals meets on the 1st Tuesday of each month at 10:30am in the Florence Public Library. (May 2, 2023.) We are a women's social group. The group welcomes all ladies who are current Shoals residents. Come join

us! Contact Berta Birch, 256-777-3119, for further details.

Lexington Senior Center - Swamp John's Dinner - Tuesday, May 2, 4-7pm Your choice of Shrimp, Fish Or Chicken. Meal includes Slaw, Fries, Dessert and Drink. \$14 per plate.

Live Music in the Park - Wilson Park Wednesdays in May at 11:30am, in Florence.

May 3 - Joseph Baldwin • May 10 - David Phillips & Tammy Summerhill • May 17 - Shannon Knight • May 24 - Jeff Hornbuckle • May 31 - Jacob Adams
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Medicare Minute

"Medicare vs Medicaid"

It seems like potential cuts to Medicaid are all over the news lately. People who confuse Medicare and Medicaid are obviously concerned. This is easy to do because they both can be related to a person's health insurance. Although they coordinate in many ways, they are two distinctive programs.

Medicare is a federal health insurance program. There are three ways to qualify for Medicare. The first way is to be 65 years of age or older. The second way is to have been on Social Security disability for at least 24 months. The third way to qualify for Medicare is be any age and have either end-stage renal disease or ALS. Medicare is not income based as far as qualifying. As long as you meet one of the three requirements above you will qualify for Medicare. Your income, however, can affect the amount you pay for your Part B premium.

Medicaid is a state health insurance program. Medicaid is income and resource based, meaning you will qualify or not according to how much money you make and/or how much money you have saved. In 2023 if you made less than \$1,235 as an individual or \$1,664 as a couple you could qualify for Medicaid. Whereas Medicare has deductibles and coinsurance, Medicaid will take care of most of your healthcare cost. A person on Medicaid can also get a break on how much they pay on their prescription drugs.

Medicare and Medicaid will coordinate in a couple of ways. In some counties in north Alabama there is a Medicare plan that will coordinate with Medicaid. To qualify for this plan you must be on Medicare and Medicaid. This is referred to as "dual eligible". Also, if you make more than the Medicaid limits but are under \$1,822 as an individual or \$2,465 as a couple you may qualify for "extra help". This would help you on your prescription drug cost.

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



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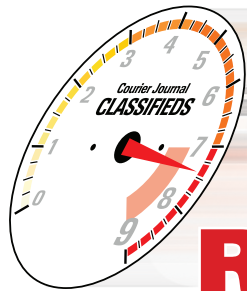
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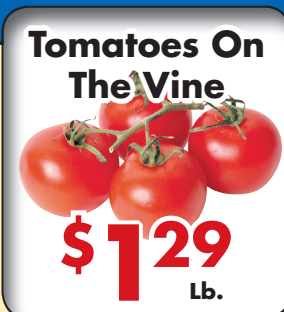
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Honor Them

My aunt is a year older than me. She married her high school sweetheart right out of high school. Later she had twin boys and five months later I had my firstborn. Tragically, when the twins were teenagers their dad died suddenly. What an indescribable loss. Now in their thirties, the twins just want to know about their father. My aunt asked me to write a few sentences about him for them. What a lovely moment of remembering. Who could you remember and write about?

Dear Courtland and Channing,

When I think of your dad, I think of a sweet blessing. Even as a young man your dad was not a showoff. Did he have skills? Yes, he was excellent on a football field. I guess that's how I first remember him – in a football uniform. I cheered for him. He was dedicated to football. Whatever Curtis put his mind to, he did well. So he was a great athlete. He enjoyed sports and from what I could tell he was a self-motivated, hard worker. He was not ostentatious, (he could have been) but he just did his job. He truly loved sports and he

did a great job teaching you guys how to play well. I can remember you three shooting around in your backyard. Can you remember this? And it was all about you.

That's the thing about your dad, he didn't need to be front and center. He cared more about others than he worried about himself. This giving love shone through especially on your mom and his family. He quietly went about meeting their needs. Oh my, did he love your mom! He swam upstream for her early. They got married early because they knew. How did they survive? They worked at it. What a blessing he was to Bena. My relationship with your parents was really my relationship with your mom, but I watched the way that Curtis treated Bena – truly like his queen! He was so excited and proud to have her. Now, don't get me wrong – I never saw him jumping up and down shouting her name, (because he was much quieter than that) but that shine in his eyes when he looked at her was true, strong and proud. They just lived together well. He "got" your mom and loved what she loved and gave her what she needed

when he could. He loved her people – that's why I was blessed by his love. He had a calm, welcoming spirit and I loved him.

I loved the way Curtis loved. He showed people respect. He valued those who were in his life. And even though he didn't live where his family lived, he still had a great relationship with all of them. Either he went there or they came to him. Curtis worked to keep relationships close. If he loved you, you knew it. Your mom loved having

company, and she and your dad made it look like it was nothing. We had good times in all of their houses.

I miss your dad. I miss his sweet smile, that gleam in his eyes when you walked in the room. I miss his positive personality and his unannounced service to others. You come from good stuff. I see it in your good work ethic, your creativity and in your love and respect for your mom. I do wish that you had had his example longer, but rest

assured – he is in you – there is no denying it.

Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long upon the land. Ex. 20:10. Quite a promise. I know what's in you because I know who taught you. Continue to honor them – your mom and dad are your sweet blessings.

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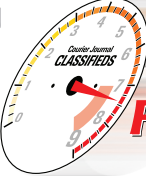
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Stacy Ray Dawson, left, and L C Lenz portray Bootleggers filling containers of moonshine during a recent Distillery Raid reenactment on LaGrange Mountain across the road from the old LaGrange College Site Park. The raid begins at 2 PM on Saturday, May 6. Activities run all weekend except for Distillery Raid which is on Saturday only.

Photo by Mary Carton

Recall LaGrange...

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moonshine still.

The highlight of the event is the period-correct living history of a Prohibition Era

raid on a suspected moonshine still. Visitors can witness a group of lawmen descending on the pioneer village of LaGrange and engaging in a brief skirmish with

the locals.

In addition to the living history, the event offers other important historical accounts, Civil War collections, and fun activities for the whole family. The Alabama Bicentennial Table, once owned by Senator Charles Tait, will be on display, along with art and craft demonstrations, wagon rides to the historic LaGrange Cemetery, food vendors, antiques, and fragments of period moonshine stills.

The pioneer and log buildings located in the park will be open for tours, and living history presentations will be ongoing. Visitors can also tour Dawson Distillery near the park during the festival.

The festival will be open from 10am-4pm on both Friday and Saturday, and admission is free. Donations will be accepted at the gate for the upkeep of the historic



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Commentary

Dominion's Win Does Not a Just Election Make

We all heard a lot about those Dominion voting machine accusations, that internal programming altered votes. Some details may have been true, some not, but the point is that Fox outkicked its punt coverage with thousands of telling details, clips, and accusatory emails for Dominion attorneys to access. The case was increasingly undefendable for Fox.

However, Dominion's \$780 million windfall settlement from Fox News doesn't mean that the 2020 general election, or 2022 for that matter, was conducted fairly.

Far from it. Even the mainstream news listeners have to get serious. Anyone who is seeing all the criminality surface and doesn't have at least a slight degree of curiosity as to how and why elements lined up in a manner that allowed a functionally failing, basement-dweller to

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TOM MAGAZZU
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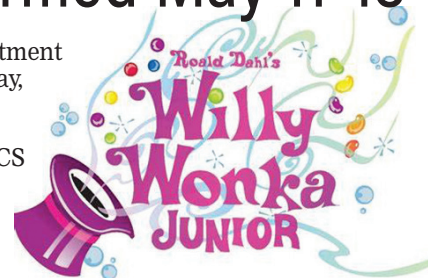
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Saturdays 8am-noon

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NORTH ALABAMA CHRISTIAN CHILDREN'S HOME will celebrate its 50th anniversary on Saturday, May 6 on Children's Home campus at 6350 County Rd. 63 in Killen. A special anniversary program will start at 1pm. This is not a fundraiser. Everyone in the Shoals community is invited to come out to the campus, enjoy the catered appetizers, and celebrate the many success stories that began in this nurturing environment.

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Must Restore Faith

To the Editor:

The recent news about Clarence Thomas's financial entanglements with GOP mega donor, Harlan Crow, should be alarming to every American. This is what happens when the highest court in the land is given free rein to police itself. Clarence Thomas isn't the first justice to engage in unethical behavior. And if Congress continues to ignore the need for a Supreme Court code of ethics, he won't be the last.

Of the nine justices currently on the bench, four have been called out for unethical behavior and connections in the last year. Neil Gorsuch sold property to the head

of a law firm with cases in front of the Supreme Court. Samuel Alito dined with anti-abortion activists and allegedly leaked decisions on reproductive health. John Roberts' wife has earned millions of dollars from law firms with business before the Supreme Court.

Congress has a constitutional duty to act as a check on the Supreme Court and restore faith in our judicial system. It's time they act and pass a Supreme Court code of ethics.

Larry Main
Rogersville

We Don't Choose

Editor:

When will American citizens understand that nobody gets in the Oval Office unless they will do the globalists' bidding? In other words, "We the People" do not choose the President!

Why are people still playing the game as if their vote for President counts?

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- 1. Stop Foreclosure Proceedings and Repossessions of Vehicles**
One of the main benefits of filing for Chapter 13 bankruptcy is that it can stop foreclosure proceedings and repossession of vehicles in their tracks. If you are behind on your mortgage or vehicle payment and you are being threatened with foreclosure or repossession, a Chapter 13 bankruptcy can stop these immediately and can give you the opportunity to catch up on your payments over time. This can help you avoid losing your home and vehicles you use to travel to work and give you the chance to get back on track financially.
- 2. Keep Your Property**
Another benefit of Chapter 13 bankruptcy is that it allows you to keep your property, such as your home, car, furniture, and personal belongings as long as you continue to make your payments according to your repayment plan.
- 3. Reduce Your Debt**
Chapter 13 bankruptcy can also help you reduce your debt. While you will still be required to pay back some of your debts through your repayment plan, some of your debts may be discharged or eliminated. This can include credit card debt, medical bills, personal loans, and other unsecured debts.
- 4. Improve Your Credit Score**
While filing for bankruptcy can have a negative impact on your credit score, Chapter 13 bankruptcy can actually help improve your credit score over time. This is because you will be making regular payments on your debts according to your repayment plan, which can show creditors that you are making an effort to pay back your debts.
- 5. Get Relief From Creditors**
When you file for Chapter 13 bankruptcy, you will be granted an automatic stay. This means that creditors cannot contact you or try to collect on your debts while your bankruptcy case is pending. This can give you instant relief from the constant phone calls and collection letters you may have been receiving.

In conclusion, Chapter 13 bankruptcy can be a powerful tool for individuals who are struggling with overwhelming debt. While it may not be the best option for everyone, it can provide many benefits, including stopping foreclosure proceedings, keeping your property, reducing your debt, improving your credit score, and giving you relief from creditors. If you are considering filing for bankruptcy, it is important to speak with an experienced bankruptcy attorney who can help you determine if Chapter 13 bankruptcy is the right choice for your situation.

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No Accountability in Alabama House Bill 106

Newspapers have a long history of serving as watchdogs for their communities, holding local officials accountable, and shining light on issues that might otherwise go unnoticed.

Requiring government bodies to continue to print public notices in newspapers is a key step in ensuring that these important watchdog functions are preserved.

However, there is currently a bill in the Alabama House of Representatives that would sound a death-knell for local government transparency and accountability.

Proponents of HB106 claim government notices in Alabama should be published on government-controlled websites, instead of in newspapers, because it is easier and costs less money. But is that true?

The cost of running public notices represents a tiny fraction of the mind-boggling budgets of most local governments. And what government officials don't talk about is the expense of

designing, operating, properly maintaining, and updating those websites. If done right, the costs would erase most, if not all, of the savings from eliminating public notices in newspapers.

In truth, it's not really the cost of public notices governments are most worried about, it's the ability to control the dissemination of the information those notices contain.

And therein lies the great concern of local newspapers throughout the state, who believe this fight is truly about transparency in government, and keeping citizens informed about what their tax dollars are supporting, and what their political leaders are doing.

Where is the accountability in HB106? There is none.

Legislators can't guarantee the posting of public notices on government-controlled websites will be free from manipulation or abuse. Also, we know all too well that websites can be hacked, updated, altered, or deleted at any time.

The public notice process for newspapers, however, ensures the

information presented is correct; requires a notice to be published for a specific amount of time; and generates an affidavit that serves as proof that the notice ran correctly.

Without the requirement of notarized affidavits, how will citizens know the notices on government-run websites ran correctly, or for the right amount of time? Also, the public

is far less likely to see a public notice on a government-run website because those sites typically have far fewer visitors than newspapers and newspaper websites.

Currently, public notices printed in newspapers have triple exposure to Alabama citizens. It begins with print – a format that cannot be

changed and offers permanence. Placement in print requires the notice to be posted on the newspaper's website and on alabamapublicnotices.com.

Those three elements offer the maximum exposure possible for public notices.

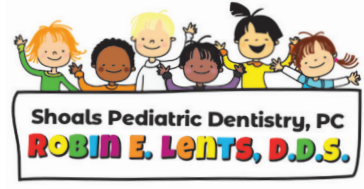
It is the job of local newspapers to serve as a check on government, not the government to check itself. If legislators were truly concerned about providing effective service to their constituents, they would leave legal notices in newspapers, which provides the transparency and accountability every Alabama citizen deserves.

Ask your local House members to consider these issues when HB106 comes up for a vote and urge them to vote "NO."



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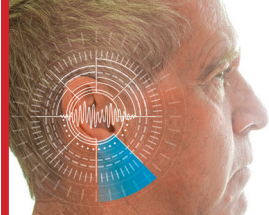
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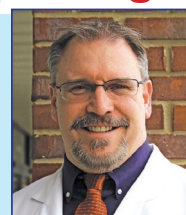
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DAYS OF OUR LIVES Roman, Steve, Kayla and Andrew analyzed Bo and Kate's last encounter. Harris urged Shawn not to blame himself for shooting Bo. Kayla gave Chad and Stephanie some shocking news. Belle punched an insensitive E.J. Jada felt unsettled by the discrepancies in Talia's statement. Chanel received bad news about her bakery. Brady learned that Chloe and Xander were moving in together. Alex told Gwen they should stop seeing each other. Alex then received an opportunity to prove himself to Maggie.

Chloe insisted to Brady that there was no chance for them to be together. Talia made her move on Chanel. Jada couldn't shake her suspicion that Talia had been going after Paulina and Chanel. Nicole learned that Eric and Sloan were back together. Sloan unwittingly made a major slip in front of E.J. Jada confronted her sister with her suspicions. Chanel informed Paulina that she and Talia were going on a date. Gabi took Nicole to the hospital when Nicole suddenly doubled over in pain. *Wait to See: In Greece, Steve protests when he learns he and Chad must work with Harris. Kayla and Stephanie ran into Alex, who offers a heartfelt apology. E.J. and Eric come to blows.*

GENERAL HOSPITAL Nina met with Martin. Victor grew suspicious. Obrecht stood her ground. Holly took a drastic measure. Anna was determined. Valentin made an offer, and Marshall consoled Portia. Robert ran interference. Josslyn

and Dex were very hopeful. Willow was in for a shock. Michael was frantic. Felicia delivered some bad news. Tracy and Brook Lynn banded together. Nina briefed Ava. Laura made a bold move. Spencer and Trina were alarmed. Carly supported Michael. Willow had a choice to make. Felicia went to bat for a loved one. Nina tried to distract Sonny. Elizabeth and Portia were puzzled. Willow issued a request. *Wait to See: Nina makes a promise. Victor is caught off-guard. Laura is horrified.*

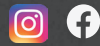
THE YOUNG AND THE RESTLESS Ashley and Billy did damage control against Diane. Michael crossed the line to help a client. Nate had a change of heart. Victor gave Sally an ultimatum. Summer struggled with keeping secrets from Kyle. Elena connected the dots. Jack shared some shocking news with Diane. Devon and Lily took on a new endeavor. Summer came clean with Daniel. Victoria and Nate received a reality check. Diane received a second chance. Tucker worked to regain Devon's trust. *Wait to See: Nick learns of Victor's meeting with Sally. Abby questions Ashley about Tucker. Devon receives a surprise visitor.*

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Nightly shows of *Side By Side By Sondheim* begin at 7:30 Thursday–Saturday, May 11-13. Sunday's performance is at 2pm, and all moms who attend will receive a fresh flower for Mother's Day.

Local stage legend, **Randy Pettus**, is directing this Tony Award-winning musical that is a perfect introduction to the work of this contemporary master and a must for diehard fans. Musical Directors are **Rebecca Rockhill** and **Karen Cantrell**. The Choreographer is **Lisa Valentine**, and the evening will be narrated by **Alan Flowers**.

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2. The study of embryology is based on chicken embryos.
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3. An average new born human female has approx 300 ova (eggs) at birth.
True or False
4. A robin lays eggs that are what color?
A) Green B) Blue C) Brown D) Red
5. The duck-billed platypus is an egg laying mammal.
True or False

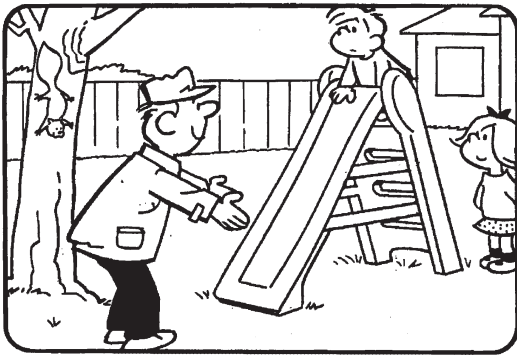
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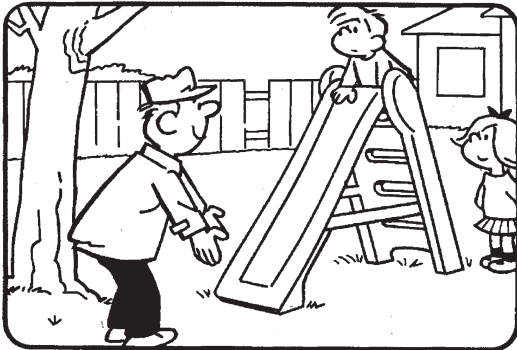
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Commentary

Dominion's Win Does Not a Just Election Make

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be elected President by a relatively bright citizenry is not being intellectually honest. That, or they are functionally failing themselves.

That's not saying that everyone's legal vote was not legitimate and legally counted. However, those who refuse to acknowledge the volumes of evidence that represent tampering and interference in November 2020 are the real election deniers.

The video evidence in the 2,000 Mules documentary is rather mind-numbing on its own, but that too is only a small element.

Investigators found that Konnech's EMS voter management system, used in hundreds of US counties, stored proprietary poll worker information on servers in the People's Republic of China.

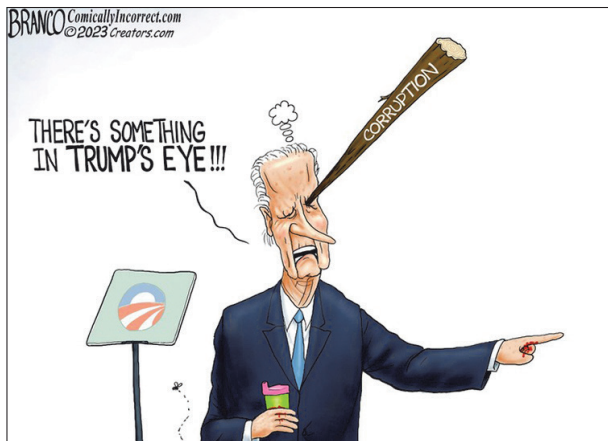
That is illegal.

Two individuals bringing this situation to light were strip-searched and wrongly imprisoned

in solitary confinement until the intervention of a higher court released them. Did you hear about any of that on CNN or MSNBC?

The damning evidence of improprieties on Hunter Biden's laptop was not the conspiracy theory and misinformation that the media kept imploring. Fifty-one spy chiefs, all signed the now-debunked October 19, 2020 letter that the laptop was Russian disinformation - All while they had it in hand and knew it was real. It was all true and was in the FBI's possession since 2019, well before the election. The evidence against Hunter and Joe continues to stack up and is supposedly being investigated - by the same clowns who squashed it for years. This is election interference.

Anyone who believes that such a pre-election revelation wouldn't have pulled legal votes



from Biden isn't smart enough to vote. The association with foreign bribes and payoffs would have eliminated Biden's chances of unseating Donald Trump.



No one paid attention to the content or the legitimacy of Ashley Biden's diary (Joe's daughter) in the two weeks before 2020 election. Now, no one is questioning the diary's legitimacy or the references about her showering with her dad

at a young age and her wondering if she were molested. Now the only questions seem to be to how the diary came to be in the hands of Project Veritas and why the contents was originally published on a 'conservative' website.

We know all about the Russian election conspiracy circus, complete with Hillary Clinton's Alpha Bank hoax, the Steel Dossier fraud, organized by Hillary's team with falsely derived testimony, a solid five-year dose of

misinformation that the media kiss-ups force-fed us daily to undermine Trump's efforts and credibility. Hillary should be in prison.

We now know about Operation Bronze Griffin, the stealth collaboration between the federal government and Facebook, to manipulate algorithms, censor a political party, and significant portions of its messaging and messengers in both the 2020 and 2022 elections.

Since Elon Musk purchased Twitter, the curtain has been pulled back on Twitter's internal documentation that describes in detail the conservative side of the election process. At least nine former FBI employees were at one time with Twitter, so they already had the association they needed.

Musk revealed even more information on how the FBI and other agencies

also controlled and monitored sister social platforms.

Had Musk not purchased Twitter, those conversations would never have seen the light of day. America would never know the criminality involved to ensure all future elections could be rigged in the same manner, preserving the power of the political Deep State (something else that many will claim doesn't exist.) The whole focus was to get Trump at any cost.

With that level of censorship, it is amazing that Trump received the number of votes he did.

This just scratches the surface of the government, media, and corporate corruption we've dealt with over the last six or seven years.

The Dominion issue is just a distraction from the real issues of the election. It's little more than a tick on the possum's backside.

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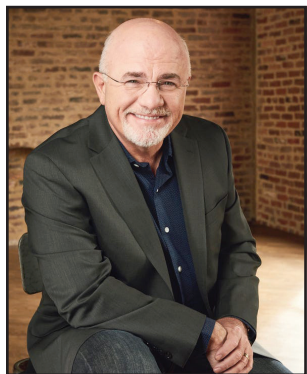
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by DAVE RAMSEY



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Brett

Dear Brett,
I like the way you're doing things. Right now, you're simply parking the money short term for a purchase a few months down the road. If you invest it, you might make a little more, but you're taking more risk too. If I'm you, I'm parking the cash.

Here's the deal: The money you'll have to purchase another property won't come from a return on the investment. It'll come from you putting money in the account. The investment isn't the secret sauce in this scenario—you are. If you invested the money and made 10% rather than 4% over two months, let's say, that amounts to about a 3% difference. That's nothing

in your case. You're not within a couple thousand dollars of doing a deal at the moment. Your deal is a \$150,000 deal. Your return on investment isn't going to make this happen, or keep it from happening. See what I'm saying?

Just keep doing what you've been doing and park the money. That's what I'd do. People who are math nerds, like us, always look for things to fix an investment. But sometimes the thing that fixes the investment is you. You are the one doing the investing. You are the one putting money in the account. So, in this case, don't try to fix it. Just pile up money and go do it.

Great question, Brett!
— Dave

Dave Ramsey is an eight-time national bestselling author, personal finance expert and host of "The Ramsey Show." He has appeared on "Good Morning America," "CBS This Morning," "Today," "Fox News," "CNN," "Fox Business" and many more. Since 1992, Dave has helped people regain control of their money, build wealth, and enhance their lives. He also serves as CEO of Ramsey Solutions.

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Wonka, Jr

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Elijah Letson, a senior at Creekside Homeschool Academy is playing the role of Grandpa Joe. When asked why he likes the playing to role of Grandpa Joe, Letson stated, "I love that Grandpa Joe is intentional about spending time with his grandson. He's one spry grandpa, too!"

The production is being directed by Jennifer Adams with Jacob Adams as assistant director. Stephanie Jackle and Hannah Grace Thompson are choreographers. Leesa Barber is the music director and stage manager.

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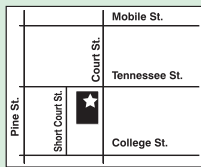
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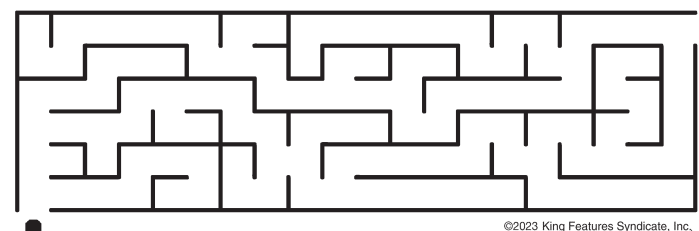
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| 1. Clothes stiffener | ___ T ___ | Go exploring | ___ E ___ |
| 2. So-so | ___ S ___ | Glue | ___ T ___ |
| 3. Abrasive | ___ A ___ | Soup or dessert, e.g. | ___ U ___ |
| 4. Wander aimlessly | ___ I ___ | Rough copy | ___ A ___ |
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Answers on page 31

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I don't mind a pre-existing condition and in fact think that sometimes it makes a case more valuable and easier to prove. The law is on your side unless you try and conceal the previous injury.

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I think that juries really try to follow the law as best as they understand it. As long as a pre-existing condition exists, it helps explain how a car wreck that might not be that bad or an injury that's more severe than you might expect would happen. That explanation satisfies the jury as long as it's honest and the jury understands the law.

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Letters...

We Don't Choose

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The government in D.C. is not the government our founders set up. It was infiltrated many years ago by a bunch of money hungry, power-hungry globalists.

It is now under the control of the United Nations. Their agenda is to bring the United States under the umbrella of

a one-world, tyrannical government!

Let's get our government back, and then we'll have some say as to who occupies the office of the President.

Until that happens, we are just spinning our wheels and wasting our precious time being caught up in their charade.

Janice Gross Williams Killen

A Matter of Who We Trust

Editor:

In response to Linda Johnson's recent letter, (*Watched in Horror*); Linda, you need to consider how slowly the wheels turn D C. No president could pardon anyone in 14 days, Jan. 6 - Jan. 20.

You ended your letter with, "It's a matter of trust." I guess you trust the main media controlled by the Democrat party. Like Wayne South wrote in his letter last week, Trump will be blamed for all the leaks from the Pentagon.

We know Biden is the President now. So, why don't you write a letter about what happened in Chicago with a Democrat mayor on Sat, April 15 with hundreds of teenagers destroying property and looting. According to their mayor, it was not the teenagers' fault.

Linda, why don't you write a letter about the Democrat-run city of New York finding a secret Chinese police department? Why don't you write a letter about Alvin Bragg setting 327 criminals free for shoplifting, the same 327 criminals arrested repeatedly, a total of 6,000 times for similar crimes? They don't get punished so they keep doing the same crime over and over.

Linda, did you know since January of this year, 400 bills limiting the public impact of transgenderism have been introduced in state legislatures across the country. On April 20, Montana's Republican-dominated legislature advanced a bill that would define gender based on sexual organs at birth. Look what happened when the Bud Light TV ad by Dylan Mulvaney was aired. The company changed their mind when they saw what it did to their sales.

The Republican Party looks for ways to curtail gender dysphoria. So far this year, 29 bills that take aim at transgender identity have become law in 14 states. All of them have been signed by Republican governors. So, Linda, remember, it is a matter of who we trust.

Rogers Kimbrell Florence

Jackels Are Emboldened

Editor:

No amount of debate over Afghanistan has diminished the American and entire world's views of abandoned military equipment, bases, prisoners, the fear-scrambled attempt at evacuations, mass uprising of scared citizens, or the faces of disbelief and faded hope.

Then there's the southern border and all the human misery built up to numbing numbers, with Mexico not being able to control the violent gangs.

The embassy's closing in Ukraine told a lot about American intelligence compared to Ukrainian resilience. Now another US Embassy in Sudan is in "Shelter in Place" mode with hundreds of Americans trapped in the country.

Israel in conflict is always an issue and isn't good for our world.

North Korea and its antics, along with Iran are concerns. Chinese aggression against Taiwan is only made more likely during this administration.

Any time America shows a fading of strength or resolve is when the jackals of the world become emboldened. This is exactly what has happened.

Our politicians focused inwardly on attacking each other with nothing but reactionary responses after each failure. There are wars going on in 15 or 20 countries right now. Even Finland hopped under the protective auspices of NATO. That's a telling sign. They don't want to be the ones running toward an invading army with flowers. Biden's legacy might be gauged by the advancement of rogue nation activities, which seems to be coalescing. Former President Trump is certainly an extreme egoist with the personality of a wood rasp, but his collective policies sat well with me. The whole world felt safer. Every single decision made by the Biden administration has been an abject failure from generals to appointments. Whatever happened to genuine American pride and patriotism?

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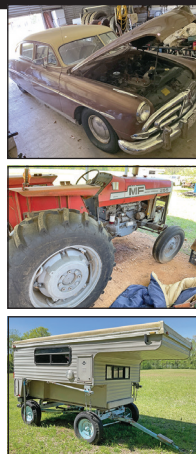
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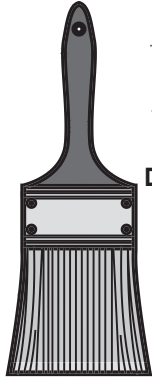
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Infants through Adults, Clothes & Shoes Giveaway - Thursday, May 4 8-10am. At the Care Center, First Baptist Church in Killen.

Tribute Concert - A Tribute to Legendary Songwriter Earl "Peanut" Montgomery will be at 7pm May 4 at the Ritz Theatre, 111 W. Third St., Sheffield. Featuring Darryl Worley, Georgette Jones,

Lenny LeBlanc, Bradley Walker, Mark Massey, with Billy Lawson and Wishbone. Tickets: <https://tennesseevalleyarts.ticketspice.com/peanut-tribute> Muscle Shoals.

The Killen Farmer's Market at Killen Park on Lock 6 Road is open every Saturday for the spring and summer season where you can purchase fresh produce, meats, flowers and more. Hours are 8am-noon. The Killen Farmers Market is an affiliate of Sweet Grown Alabama.

The 9th Burrell-Slater High School Athletic Hall of Fame Dinner will take place Friday, May 5 at 6:30pm at the Burrell Slater gym, 610 W. College Street in Florence. This year's inductees are Lock Beachum, Isaiah Coffey, Charles Linder, William Lee Simpson, Gary Weaver, and the championship Men's Basketball team of 1955-56. Tickets are \$30 and may be purchased from any HOF committee member or by calling 256-710-9057.

Church Women United invites everyone to May Friendship Day at 10am on Friday, May 5 at N. Wood United Methodist Church, 1129 Willis Ave. in Florence. The theme is "Living a Legacy of Love: Doing God's Work." CWU Mission: "Agreed to Differ, Resolved to Love, United to Serve."

LifeSouth Blood Drive Dates
Monday, May 1 YMCA of the Shoals, Florence, 11am - 6pm
Tuesday, May 2 O'Reilly Auto Parts, 14101 Hwy 43, Russellville, Noon - 6pm
Thursday, May 4 Helen Keller Hospital Sheffield, 9am - 6pm
Thursday, May 4 Lockheed Martin, Yeager Ave, Courtland, 11am - 6pm
Friday, May 5 L.E. Willson Elementary School, Sheffield, 8:30am - 2pm
Sunday, May 7 Cross Point Church of Christ, Cox Creek Pkwy, Florence, 8am - 1pm
Tuesday, May 9 Flexco, 1401 E 6th St, Tusculumbia, 6am - 1pm
Thursday, May 11 Southwire Company, 4251 Helton Drive, Florence 6am - Noon
Friday, May 12 Southwire Company, 4251 Helton Drive, Florence, 2pm - 8pm

Florence Parks and Recreation/The Club/Florence Senior Center, hosts a variety of activities for adults throughout the week. Chair exercise classes, line dancing, Square dancing, social dancing, BINGO, \$1 lunch, Rummy, Rummy cubes, Rook, Mexican Train & Chicken Foot Dominoes. 9am-3:30pm. 450 Country Club Drive in Florence. Group Travel is available for the community. Call for specifics. 256-760-6420.

GRADUATING CLASS OF 1967 Central High School in Lauderdale County is having a get together on May 11th, 2023. From 11:00AM - 1:30P:M at Donna & Friend's Restaurant in Muscle Shoals on Avalon Avenue across from Muscle Shoals Elementary School at the cross walk. Call Carolyn Balentine 256-386-7068.

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Summer swim lessons – The Sheffield Parks and Recreation Department is taking registration for summer swim lessons. The lessons will be given in June and July. Register now, classes are limited. Visit the recreation center or call 256-386-5615.

Osborn Hill Cemetery - Decoration Day will be on Saturday, May 6. The first Saturday of May has been observed as Decoration Day for well over 100 years. All old flowers will need to be removed off the graves beforehand. Please make plans for that special day to come to the cemetery. Also its time again for annual donations. If you would like to donate to the Osborn Hill Cemetery Fund, please send your donations to: Osborn Hill Cemetery Fund, c/o Mrs. Lana Duncan 2330 Colburn Mtn. Road, Tusculmbia, AL 35674.

Join Laurie Nave at Coldwater Coffee & Mercantile in Tusculmbia on May 6, at 3pm for a Book Launch Party. There will be games, goodies, and giveaways, and Laurie will be signing copies of her children's book, Ava the Almost Dachshund, which releases May 1. Get your signed copy and browse all the wonderful products at Coldwater Coffee & Mercantile while you're there!

Celebrating Nurses' Week - Kappa Phi Chapter of Chi Eta Phi

Sorority, Inc., Professional Nursing Organization presents "A Mental Health Conversation of Grief," Helen Keller Library, 511 N. Main Street in Tusculmbia, May 6 at Noon
Guest Speaker : Mrs. LeTandra Thompson, LMSW - Certified Grief Educator, Owner & Founder of Renewed Minds, LLC (Grief Education and Grief Support Services)

This is a free community event for nurses. Other healthcare professionals and the community are invited. For

additional information please call: Nina Pride 256-359-6471 or Dr. Teresa Leonard at 810-6314.

Legacy Car Show – Shoals Christian School, 301 Heathrow Drive, Florence, will have a car show from 9 a.m. to noon May 6. Free admission, \$25 to show car. Proceeds benefit school's transportation ministry.

Fund-raiser for the Lexington Senior Citizens Center - Sunday, May 7. You are invited to join us for lunch at Lexington School lunch room. Serving starts at 11am. Price: Donation.

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Lifeguarding Certification Classes
Redcross Lifeguard Class: May 8-9 and 11-13 at the Sheffield Recreation Center indoor pool. \$225 for full certification, \$125 for recertification. Call 256-386-5615 for more information.

YMCA Lifeguard Class: May 10-13 at the YMCA indoor pool. Swim test dates - April 20 at 6:30pm. April 17 at 4:30pm. \$250 for members, \$280 for non-members. Call 256-246-9622 for more information.

Graduating class of 1967 Central High School in Lauderdale County is having a get-together Thursday, May 11, 11am-1:30pm at Donna & Friends Restaurant in Muscle Shoals (located on Avalon Ave. across from Muscle Shoals Elementary School at the crosswalk). For more information, please call Caroline Balentine 256-386-7068.

ACE for CASA 2023 Golf Tournament - May 12 at Cypress Lakes Golf & Tennis Club, 1311 E. 6th St., Muscle Shoals. \$100 per person, 4 person teams, 18 holes. Entry fee includes greens, golf cart and balls.

All proceeds benefit Shoals CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates). Hole and team sponsorships available. Email hbegly@shoalscasa.org or call 256-765-0041.

Alabama Hospice of the Shoals is currently seeking volunteers to serve in Colbert, Lauderdale, Lawrence, Franklin, Marion, and Winston counties. For more information, contact Christy Perry at 256-314-1204.

The 2nd Annual Belle Mont Celtic Festival takes place May 12-13 on the grounds of historic Belle Mont Mansion. The Steel City Rovers, all the way from Ontario, Canada will join returning Celtic artists Ed Miller, The Piper Jones Band, and Chambliss and Muse. The festival will include crafts, life-skill demonstrators, activities for children, food, and Celtic merchandise vendors. Free pre-festival events at Belle Mont on Friday, May 12, from 10am – 4pm will serve as a kick-off to the Celtic Fest.

On Friday evening the outdoor stage will come alive with the festival headliners performing from 6–9pm. Concert admission, cash preferred, at the gate is \$20 adult, \$5 youth ages 13-18, and free for kids 12 years and under. Gate admission for the all-day Saturday festival is \$20 adult, \$5 for youth 13-15 years, and kids 12 and under free. All adult tickets are discounted to \$15 if purchased in advance through Event Brite or by calling the museum at 256-381-5052 to pay by credit card. Saturday tickets include admission to the historic museum. You are invited to bring chairs and blankets for seating. In case of severe weather, the festival will move to Northwest Shoals Community College.

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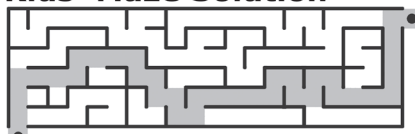


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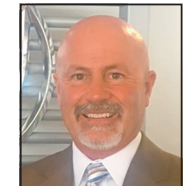
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