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Reopening at Armstead

FLORENCE-Armstead CME Church will host a Family & Friends Day and Grand Re-Opening with a 2pm Worship Service on Sunday, May 28. It has been almost three years since the church closed for the pandemic. After much prayer and hard work, their building at 121 Simpson Street in Florence has been restored and will reopen.

The official opening is part of a celebration weekend. There will be a free gospel concert in the church parking

> Saturday, May 27

concert is

open to the

public and

everyone is

welcomed

from 5-7pm. The



Armstead Chapel

to join in.

A souvenir journal booklet is being created to commemorate the Grand Re-Opening event. Ads and sponsor listings will be included to support the church and its work. Spaces of a full page, half page, quarter page, and supporters listings are available from \$100- \$10. All ads and donations must be received by May 17.

AJ Cole is the event coordinator. Email him all questions and submissions:

AJCole024@icloud.com The mailing address is: PO Box 2506 Florence, AL 35630

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Spivey resigned from his supervisory position at a manufacturing company

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the state May 20-21. More than 80 iuried artists will converge on leafy Wilson Park to sell their work

from colorful booths during the

one of the

largest art

markets in

Annual Arts Alive Festival. For 37 years the Kennedy-Douglass Center for the Arts Volunteers organization has celebrated local and regional artists. Additionally, they have raised money for art scholarships and grants by hosting this festival.

A longer-term component of the festival is the Arts Alive Gallery Exhibition. From May 20-June 29 the galleries of the Kennedy-Douglass Center are filled with works by artists who utilize diverse materials from the traditional to the modern. Recent award winners include textile art, wooden furniture, and kudzu vine sculpture. The Arts Alive Gallery

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Well Done

HCU Recognizes Spivey for His Lifetime of Work

FLORENCE-A classroom at Heritage University was recently Christian dedicated to the memory of a former graduate, Prentiss C. Spivey.

Spivey was born in 1941 in Forrest, Mississippi, obeyed the gospel and became a Christian in 1962, and married

Carrie Tucker in 1963 in Delrav Beach, Florida. Spivey began preaching 1965 while

Prentiss Spivey (at left) as a young staff member at International **Bible** College, the forerunner of Heritage Christian.



and Anthony Spivey in front of the classroom dedicated to Prentiss, Sr. All three sons retired from the US Air Force with more than 20 years of service and have embarked on other careers.

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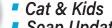


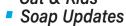
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Hot Summer Utility Grants

MONTGOMERY— Gov. **Kay Ivey** has awarded grants totaling nearly \$26 million to help lowincome households with utility costs during the hot summer months.

The grants will enable 18 community service agencies to provide emergency funding to help low-income families cool their homes.

"Alabama's hottest times of the year can hit many low-income residents particularly hard when they struggle to pay their utility bills along with other needs on extremely limited budgets," Gov. Ivey said. "These grants will provide necessary funding to assist these Alabama families."

Gov. Ivey awarded the grants to the community agencies that manage the program at the local level and receive applications from individuals seeking assistance.

Among those grants in our service area are:

• \$980,396 to Community Action Agency of Northwest Alabama, Inc. (Colbert, Franklin, and Lauderdale) 256-766-4330;

• \$1.38 million to Community Action Partnership of North Alabama Inc. (Cullman, Lawrence, Marion, Morgan, and Winston) 256-355-7843; and

• \$1.6 million to Community Action Partnership of Huntsville-Madison and Limestone Counties, Inc. (Madison and Limestone) 256-851-9800.

Homeschool Children?

FLORENCE – What do you need to consider before dedicating your time and family to homeschooling? What do you need to know after starting homeschooling?

Whether you are experienced in homeschooling or simply want to learn more, the Florence-Lauderdale Public Library Youth Services is sponsoring an informative program that can help. The



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session is scheduled for 5:30pm Monday, May 22, in the library conference room. The

session will be led

by Celeste Coffman, a licensed professional counselor, certified school counselor, and homeschooling mom. She will lead this informal session to teach how homeschooling works in Alabama and offer tips on making it work for your family. Parents and students may attend the session.

Coffman will teach parents how simple and effective homeschooling can be for any family.

This is a free program, open to the public.

CAMP KD for Summer '23

FLORENCE–Summer will be here soon, and the Kennedy-Douglass Center for the Arts is preparing for CAMP KD

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FLORENCE: 161 Cypress Bend Place May 19-20 Fri. 7AM-1PM, Sat. 7AM-1PM, Garage/Yard/Etsy vintage store sale - Tiara/Indiana Glass and other glassware, Avon and other collectables, old vinyl albums & CDs, furniture, appliances, large pictures, books (collectibles, westerns, etc.), exercise equipment, X-carve CNC (router) Package and lots of other old and new usable items. Cash/checks/creditcards accepted.

FLORENCE: 7738 DR. KENNEDY DRIVE (Kendale Gardens) Sat. 7AM-1PM, Multi Family Yard Sale! Housewares, clothes, shoes, elec-

tronics, yard equipment, tools, etc.

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FLORENCE YARD SALE: 205 Roxie Dr., FOREST HILLS SUB., Sat. 7am-until? Jewelry, Kids,

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KILLEN YARD SALE 240 Harrington Dr. Sat 7am-4pm Furniture, Outdoor Equipment, Homeware, Clothes & more! Rain

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KILLEN ESTATE SALE, Estate of H. Cain, 42 Bluebird Lane, Fri. & Sat., 8am-3pm, Household items, Glassware, Collectibles, Hand Tools, Mowers, Lots of misc. items. Map ID# 1275

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All are invited to attend the Annual Homecoming Service on May 21 at Macedonia Church of Christ, 2931 Co.Rd. 158, in Florence. Guest speaker will be Sonny Owens. Bible Class is at 10am and Worship Service is at 11am.

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Shoals Artists Guild Meeting Friday, May 19, 10am-Noon at the Southall-Moore House, next to the Kennedy-Douglass Art Center, Downtown Florence. For more info, contact Carolyn Wear, 256-710-6854.

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Shoals Master Gardeners pictured include: Michael Thomason, Paula Kelly, Cynthia Kershaw, Sally McGuire, John Norton, Michael Wilson, Alan Nix, Dwight James, Wray Dillard, Candy Parkhurst, Lynn Buchanan and Karen Crow. Courtesy photo

Center for the Arts is located at 217 East Tuscaloosa Street in Florence.

Gardeners in Tuscumbia!

TUSCUMBIA - The Shoals Master Gardeners were honored by the Tuscumbia City Council Monday night for their generous service to the city. At the request of the Tuscumbia Historic Preservation Commission (THPC), the Master Gardeners recently spent many volunteer hours redesigning and landscaping the raised beds along Commons and

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Spivey...

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in Delray Beach and took his family to Tuscumbia, Alabama to begin a new life in full-time ministry in 1972. He attended International Bible College, now known as Heritage University, in Florence and graduated with honors in 1975.

Spivey worked as a recruiter, teacher, and coordinator of student activities until 1985 while continuing his full-time ministry of preaching the gospel. He and Carrie moved to Miami in 1985 where he would complete his ministry at the Pembroke Park Church of Christ.

Spivey also attended arding Graduate Harding School of Religion and South Florida Center for Theological Studies Miami. Spivey in evangelistic directed campaigns nationally and internationally and led 13 mission trips to West Africa, where a school was started in his name, the Prentiss C. Spivey Elementary School. His expertise included workshops on church development, evangelism, stewardship, marriage, and family. Spivey was an outstanding counselor and mentor and trained many gospel preachers. Spivey was later presented with an Honorary Doctorate of Divinity from Faith Grant College Birmingham.

Spivey went on to his eternal reward in 2006, leaving an impressive legacy of service for the cause of Christ.

Spivey is survived by his widow, Carrie, and their three sons, Anthony, Prentiss. and Reginald. All attended the April 26 naming ceremony at HCU and received a commemorative plaque.

Leon Smith, a former Vice-President IBC/HCU, close was with Spivey friends through school at IBC. They maintained that friendship throughout life, and Smith preached Spivey's funeral. Smith recalled over 1,400 people attending that service in Florida and some had to be turned away because of fire code restrictions.

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Shorts...

Gardeners in Tuscumbia!

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Sixth Street.

Mayor William Foster and Commission members, Lorie Johnson and Ron Hudson. presented the Shoals Master Gardeners with certificates of appreciation during the council meeting.

The Commission reached out to Master Gardener Dwight James for help with the project, and he organized the redesign efforts.

""The Shoals Master Gardeners were grateful for the recent opportunity to collaborate with the city of Tuscumbia to refurbish two raised beds that had formerly been maintained by the Helen Keller Garden Club," said James. "This project was a perfect fit for our Project Objectives and Purpose, and hopefully citizens of Tuscumbia will benefit from the enhanced beds.

'We are thankful to the Shoals Master Gardeners for so generously giving of their time and expertise to clean up and re-landscape that area of our Commons," said Johnson. "They did an excellent job restoring what had been so lovingly cared for by the Helen Keller Garden Club for many years. The beautiful landscaping is a wonderful first impression for those visiting our beloved community. It is much appreciated by all who live here.'

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Words

TOM MAGAZZU

she loved serving her community, especially Sheffield and Colbert County. The Kentucky native relocated here many years ago to Sheffield.

Verna was informed, astute, involved,...and fierce if need be.

For many years, she worked for Bob Love, the founder and president of L&L Services. L&L was an umbrella company that developed and operated numerous local businesses including area Foodland Stores, Park

Place, Greenview Memorial Park, Colbert Memorial Gardens, The Courier Journal, and Metro Communication Services. Understandably, Love wielded a big stick in Sheffield for many years. His company was

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SHOALS ARTISTS GUILD MEETING Friday, May 19, 10am-Noon at the Southall-Moore House, next to the Kennedy-Douglass Art Center, Downtown Florence, For more info, contact Carolyn Wear, 256-710-6854.

Three Days of Stories



FLORENCE - The Shoals Storytelling Festival takes place May 18–20 at the historic Shoals theater in downtown Florence. Three big days include brief sets with some of the best storytellers and conversationalists in the country. There is a special twist on tap for the event's opening on Thursday night from 7-9pm.

Shoals favorite, Walt Aldridge, will open with a 45-minute musical set that will be followed by storytelling

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May Focus is on Chief Tuscumbia

FLORENCE- Children can join other Young Learners on Saturday, May 20 at 10am for a program and activity about Chickasaw chief, Tuscumbia, for whom the city of Tuscumbia, Alabama is named. Tuscumbia sold land to the Dickson family, considered to be the first white family in the area. Tuscumbia, or Tashka Ambi, was also a veteran of the War of 1812. He fought alongside the Americans at the Battle will include a short lesson on Tuscumbia followed by a handson activity. The program is part of the Indian Mound Museum's series

of children's programs where students can explore the early history of the Shoals through short lessons and hands-on learning

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Dimming Prospects

Editor:

Your May 3 editorial (Dominion's Win Does Not a Just Election Make) was quite prescient. As I read it, one question arises for which there seems to be no answer. Who owns Dominion? Staple Street Capital is listed as the owner. Who controls Staple Street Capital? The answer to that question is clouded by several layers of management and a couple of dozen relatively meaningless names. Who are these managers? What are their motives and their political When the undeniably leanings? behavior shady of Dominion in handling election returns is examined, the motivation behind the questionable actions becomes of paramount importance. How could election results be so important to a company like Staple Street Capital? Why would any company want to influence something as vital as a presidential election in favor of the calamity that is Joe Biden?

I have posed a lot of questions, yet I have no answers that are not deeply troubling.

The decision and its aftermath does not represent what President Biden savs he values, which is people. . .

Only a company or a board of directors bent on the destruction of the United States would engage in any action that would lead to the election of someone like Biden. No true patriot would want him in the Oval Office. Only people who do not understand the importance of a republican form of government would want to see our nation breaking apart under the feckless leadership of Biden.

A close examination of what is transpiring daily in our country is frightening. Indeed, our prospects seem to grow dimmer by the month. Our children are not being taught to understand the history of our nation and to value all the principles for which it stands. Our children,

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Even Exchange by Donna Pettman

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Adult Children And Financial Help

A recent CNBC headline, "Parents are overextending themselves to help their adult children financially" describes a real and present issue. The article went on to describe how 7 in 10 parents made personal financial sacrifices to help their adult children. Sacrifices as benign as skipping a vacation or dipping into retirement savings, and as risky as taking on unexpected new debt later in life. There's nothing wrong with wanting the best for your children and helping them out in tough times. But the help you provide shouldn't place your own financial well-being in jeopardy.

The First Rule Of Lifeguarding: Do Not Endanger Yourself In Order To Save The Other Person

Not having enough in your retirement savings as a result of helping your kids pay rent can easily backfire:

If paying rent for your adult child means sabotaging a comfortable retirement, it's likely not the wisest idea. By withdrawing from your 401(k) early you'll lose out on compound interest and have to pay a 10% penalty, plus income tax, on whatever funds you take out. Plus, if you don't have enough money to sustain yourself in retirement, your kids could in turn be on the hook to help you out financially.

• If helping your child stay current on their student loan payments means:

You might not be able to cover an unexpected expense.

• You most likely shouldn't touch your savings:

Not having an emergency fund and having to potentially take on high-interest debt to cover an urgent cost can hurt your finances much more in the long run.

• You also don't want to undermine your debt repayment goals:

If you have high-interest debt, such as on credit cards. The higher you let your balances get, the quicker interest charges grow — and the harder it can become to get rid of debt.

It's important to set expectations and give your children a timeframe for when they'll need to be financially independent. For instance, you can let your 20-year-old know that you only plan on paying their cell phone bill until they turn 22. This way, your child will have adequate time to prepare for when they'll need to cover this expense on their own.

Trading Debt With Your Child Can Lead To Disaster

If you have already done one or more of these things above and find yourself over your head in overwhelming debt by helping your child, it is time to have a conversation to discuss all the options you have. Our compassionate team at Bond & Botes is here to walk you through all of the debt and financial relief programs available. This also extends to your child and may be the best advice you could give to them to get them out of their financial situation as well. Please call us at Bond & Botes Law Offices

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Dream of

penned by our performing after a historic cessation son, Garrett, recently printed in Emory University's Marshall Scholar Alumni Newsletter.

For a brief time at the end of 2021, I was a part 2019, I originated the role of Anger in the world premiere production of Thoughts Of A Colored Man, a play written by Keenan Scott II and directed by Steve Broadnax III. We performed at two regional theaters, Baltimore Čenter and Syracuse in hopes of word Stage, in hopes of word poetry, direct transferring to the Main monologues, and realism

Here are some thoughts Stem. Two years later, and unprecedented unemployment, we were one of the first shows to reopen Broadway. But that is not the history to which I am referring. Thoughts Of of Broadway history. In A Colored Man was the first show in Broadway history ever to be performed, written, directed, and lead produced entirely by Black men.

The play tells the story of seven Black men over the course of one day in Brooklyn, NYweaving together spoken direct to craft a panorama of the Black male experience in the United States. Each character is named after an emotion: Love, Lust, Happiness, Depression, Anger, Passion, and Anger, Wisdom. For Broadway production, understudied Anger, Depression, Love, and Happiness. Playing these potentially limiting labels, the task was to explore the multiplicity of Blackness within them. In all, we ran for 89 performances, out of which I went on ten times for three different characters. Angela Bassett, Mary J. Blige, Michael Eric Dyson, and mayor of New York Eric Adams all paid us a visit. The fanfare had all the trappings of Black Broadway history. And on top of that, the show itself was a beautiful piece of art that allowed Black folks to see themselves reflected in a nuanced and meaningful way. The story re-raised important

through a new prism, and our audiences were some of the Blackest Broadway has ever seen.

There is something special very about having been an integral part of this momentous occasion. There is also something about it that feels concerning. Being the first African-American to do something is a lineage I never sought to join. It conjures images of people who blaze trails but also catch hell, neither of which I aspired to do. But it is our aspirations as a people that, for me, are principally brought to mind in reflecting upon what we achieved with Thoughts Of A Colored Man. I believe, as Black thespians, making Broadway history should not be our goal. Because implicit in that goal is the upholding of what Broadway is, which is a gustom of system. It is a system of 41 theaters within a few blocks on one island that are primarily owned by three white families

(the Nederlanders, the Schuberts, and the Roths). A system that is obsessed with consolidating power, gatekeeping prominence, and arbitrating who deserves to be wellresourced in our industry. The question is, should we be expending our energy trying to scale the heights of this system? To participate within it? To undergird it? To venerate it through our participation as the pinnacle of western theater? Or is what is much more important, trying to find a way to undo this system and/ or create a new system that serves our people more and serves theater artists across the country in a much more equitable and progressive fashion? Is it worth it to continue knocking on the doors of these three white families in order to make history (or any art at all)? Or is there a much richer goal to reach?

To quote Depression from Thoughts Of A Colored "Our ancestors Man:

endured centuries being property, merely holding onto a dream of us having more than they could fathom. They wanted us to live amongst the stars they charted for us. So why have we settled for the dim light of the moon and not bask in the sun?" May our dreams and aspirations be worthy of the sacrifice of our ancestors.

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She took their out of state check to her bank and deposited it. She then mailed them a \$2,800 check to buy the magnetic signs for which she

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The check she had received bounced, and her bank attached her savings account and her checking account for the \$2,800 check that she had written. She, of course, never received the signs or money.

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What all that means is that if you get a check from someone you don't know and you put it in your bank, don't spend any money until it clears. I tried a case 25 years ago where a lady who owned a carpet store had received payment for a big job and wrote checks against this big check she had received. The check she received wasn't good and she was prosecuted. I won the criminal prosecution in a hard fought trial in District Court, but she was still obligated to the people that she wrote the checks to.

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GENERAL HOSPITAL Dex's news left Josslyn shaken. Gladys took a loss. Scott pitched a new plan. Brook Lynn reported for duty. Nina arrived at Robert Carly's. sought romantic advice. Diane put her cards on the table. Sasha faced her fear. Cody rode to the rescue. Robert did some digging. Dante reached out to Mac. Portia sought out Ava. Alexis made an offer. Esme pondered her options. Jordan offered congratulations. Alexis received an important Sam invitation. was thrown. Molly felt troubled about something. Holly big decision. made Taggert advised Portia. Michael updated Dante. Wait to See: Josslyn has a request for Sonny, Sasha supports Nina. Scott meets with Cody.

AND THE YOUNG THE RESTLESS Jack kept a secret from Diane. Elena discussed the state of affairs with Nate. Sally pondered an important decision. Victor pushed Jack's buttons. Summer put on a brave front. Chelsea leaned on Billy. Nick warned Victoria about Nate. Lauren took matters into her own hands. Ashley lashed out at Diane. Jack and Kyle took matters into their own hands. Sharon experienced deja vu. Devon started a new chapter. Wait to See: Victor keeps Nick in line. Sharon receives a mysterious gift. Tucker tries to make amends with Abby.

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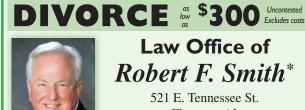
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Charlotte S. Dean Florence

Fulfilling the Promise

Dustin's Promise hosting its 3rd Annual Ryan Dustin Hamm Memorial Golf Tournament Saturday, Blackberry May 20 at Trail Golf Course. two-man scramble is \$200 per team. Shotgun start is at 9am. Breakfast and lunch are provided.

Dustin's Promise 501(c)(3) non-profit charity established by John Hamm a few years ago. John's little brother, Dustin was a cancer patient when they were both very young.

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For more information about Dustin's Promise or this weekend's golf tournament, go to www. dustinspromise.org/

> Julie Hamm Muscle Shoals Mother of John and Dustin

His Wisdom and Human **Foolishness**

Letter to Editor:

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God determined human life to be sacred. Violating God's moral law produces

children. unwanted solution—kill Society's them in the womb.

God designed and female with unique characteristics. However, humans have determined that we can choose our gender and mutilate bodies, our creating monumental problems for families and society.

God promised wisdom if we ask, victory over our enemies if we honor Him, and gave government their power. He is banned from our schools and military, and religion is separated from government.

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involved in numerous projects. Verna had a heavy thumb on all those as his vicepresident as well as his business operations.

She was not afraid to let the president know when his inclinations could be better considered. And she was usually right. Verna was also extremely dedicated in whatever she took part.

Verna decided to retire at least two times when Bob was alive, only to reconsider when realized he couldn't lose her. After Bob's passing in 2009, Verna took the reins as L&L's president for a time before she retired in 2011.

Verna was a trailblazer for women and was very active in the community before and after her retirement. She served four years as a Sheffield City Councilwoman, she was a civil service board member and served on various other boards representing Sheffield representing and the surrounding area, including the Shoals Chamber of Commerce, Colbert County Tourism, Sheffield Education Foundation, the Sheffield Housing Authority, and Sheffield Redevelopment Authority.

Verna was also a member of the Muscle Shoals Kiwanis Club, and later the Sheffield Kiwanis Club, Chief Colbert Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution, Colonial Dames XVII Century, Daughters of American Colonists. Magna Charta Dames and

and Kentucky Barons, Colonels. She was a state officer for many of these organizations.

She was not one to play games, dance around, or soft-peddle any issues. In matters of business and community, she was respectfully direct. other areas, Verna had her opinion, stated her opinion, and had no problem reminding you of that opinion if needed.

People who knew Verna had a great deal of respect for her. You knew where she stood and you knew that all her passion was in line with benefitting her community and its residents.

Verna maintained her home in 'The Village' area of Sheffield for as long as I knew her. She was very proud of that area, its history, and its people. I have long appreciated her wisdom, opinion, and quick wit.

Verna Brennan will be remembered fondly by many. That kind of dedication cannot be replaced.

This Courier Journal photo from November 2020 has Verna **Brennan presenting** veterans advocate, Tom McKnight, with acknowledgement of his being named a Kentucky Colonel, the highest civilian honor that Kentucky presents. Brennan nominated McKnight for the honor through the Chief Colbert **Chapter, Daughters** of the American Revolution.

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If what you are trusting to save you can't keep you, what good is it? Is it money? Peter said in: Acts 8:20b "Thy money perish with thee,". Paul concurs in: 1 Timothy 6:5 "Perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth, supposing that gain is godliness: from such withdraw thyself." "Faith works" is what one unsure soul replied to me. Faith in what, and what kind of works insure me of heaven? James 2:19 "Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble." Whoever or whatever rules your future and you're trusting in for salvation better be able to save and keep you forever or you are just as lost as the day you were born. God cannot trust us with much, that's why He provided Himself and us a perfect Saviour with a perfect salvation that cannot fail. You either have HIM or you don't. What or who your trusting rules your future. Can it save you and keep you?

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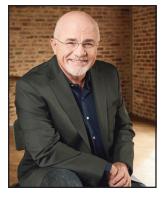
small-business owner, should I work with multiple banks to avoid what happened with Silicon Valley Bank?

Matt

Matt,

You should work with multiple banks, but that has nothing to do with Silicon Valley Bank. SVB shouldn't be a business model anyone follows. It was a crash of high-tech, start-up and venture-capital players. It was a "players" bank. In other words, it was a bunch of Silicon Valley posers misbehaving under the heading of a bank—and it all came crashing down on their heads. But it didn't have anything to do with the kinds of banks you or I do business with.

Believe it or not, a bank is just another vendor. They are helping you, and they are a supplier to you whether it's a checking account, debit card or Anytime anything else. doing vou're business. especially when it comes to



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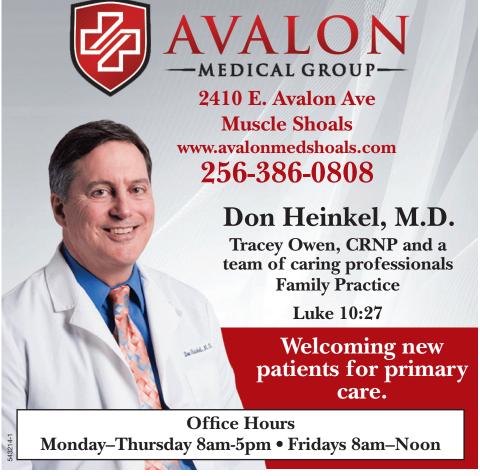
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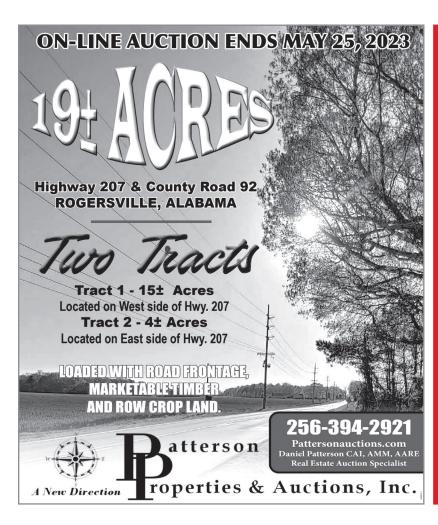
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God blessed Israel when they honored His lawotherwise they suffered tremendously. He sent His Son to save them, but they rejected and crucified Him. Though His grace, mercy, and forgiveness are still freely offered, most still reject Him. The Bible instructs us to learn from history. Our society

prefers to erase it.

"The wisdom of man is foolishness with God" (I Corinthians 3:19).

Janet Barnes Sheffield

Biden's Help for Early Alzheimer's

Editor:

Last year the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) announced that it would refuse to cover an entire class of

FDA-approved therapies for the treatment of mild cognitive impairment early dementia and Alzheimer's due to disease. CMS' decision effectively cut off access for the vast majority of beneficiaries living with early Alzheimer's, except those wealthy seniors who could choose to pay out-ofpocket.

The decision its aftermath represent what President Biden says he values, which is people. It was a shocking and disheartening illustration of what happens when bureaucrats crunch numbers and forget about the people behind the math.

CMS applied extralegal tool called 'coverage with evidence development" (CED) to all monoclonal antibody therapies for early Alzheimer's. Under a CED, Medicare denies coverage for an FDA-approved item or service, except for treatments provided through a very narrowly constructed clinical study.

Once CMS places a treatment in CED, it's extraordinarily difficult to reverse the decision.

But, the agency's April 2022, Alzheimer's

coverage decision was the first time CMS applied CED to an on-label use of an FDA-approved drug. There are strong signals from CMS that it won't be the last, as gene and stem cell therapies for cancer and rare diseases continue progress through clinical development.

A report on CED called Façade of Evidence: How Medicare's Coverage with Evidence Development Rations Care and Exacerbates Inequity, issued by my organization, found that Medicare beneficiaries of color and those living in rural areas are more likely to be denied access under CEDs because the rigid conditions of coverage primarily direct care to urban medical centers in wealthier areas.

The FDA approved a recently second monoclonal antibody treatment called Leqembi that slowed progression of early Alzheimer's by 27% over an 18-month trial. Many neurologists who were skeptical of the first drug say Leqembi could be a game-changer.

However. Alzheimer's community, including the American Academy of Neurology and more than research experts in the space, have had to plead with CMS to revise its extreme Medicare coverage restrictions. So far, CMS has rejected those requests.

As the president notes in his November 2022 Proclamation on Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month, "Alzheimer's is common and especially cruel, robbing people of their memories, thoughts, and identity over many years. Across the Nation, this epidemic is growing: In the next 30 years, the number of Americans with Alzheimer's expected to reach nearly million, straining families and our health care system. Fortunately, we are on the cusp of lifesaving advances that can forever change the course of the disease.

We completely agree. He needs to step in so people living with early Alzheimer's get a fair shot at more time with their families.

Sue Peschin President & CEO Alliance for Aging Research Washington, DC.





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festival veterans, Goforth, Bill Harley, Dolores Hydock, Sheila Arnold, and Bil Lepp.

Aldridge has written dozens of hit country songs including several #1's. In his early career, Aldridge worked for 17 years at Fame Recording Studio as a producer, songwriter, and back-up musician. It's 12 hours of storytelling on both Friday and Saturday from 9am-9pm.

Melissa Foster will emcee all three days. Foster's father is the late. Dr. Bill Foster, a longtime UNA professor and celebrated musician. He was also one of the founders of the storytelling event and an exquisite anecdotist, himself.

Tickets for Thursday night only are \$20. Friday or Saturday one day tickets are \$50. A full 3-day festival pass is \$70.

For a complete schedule and ticket info, visit www. shoalsstorytelling.com.

The festival began in 2011 as the Front Porch Storytelling Festival and was originally hosted on the UNA campus. The festival moved to the historic Shoals Theatre in 2017 and was renamed, the Shoals Storytelling acknowledging Festival, its home in "the Shoals. The Shoals Storytelling Festival has been listed as a Top 20 Event by the southeast Tourism Society.

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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 Annual Knights of Columbus Council #3889 Memorial Day BBQ takes place on May 29 from 6am-9am at Langer Hall, 5045 St. Florian Rd in Whole Boston Butt- \$40; Florence. Boston Butt by the pound- \$9. Our famous chicken stew is \$6/quart, \$12/ half gallon, and \$24/ gallon.

LifeSouth Blood Drive Dates Tuesday, May 16 Muscle Shoals Electric Board, 1015 Avalon Avenue, Muscle Shoals, 10am - 4:30 pm

Wednesday, May 17 North American Lighting, Inc., 100 Shoals, 6am - 1pm 100 Counts Dr, Muscle

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Sunday, May 21 Walmart, 517 Avalon Avenue, Muscle Shoals, 10am - 4pm

Tuesday, May 23 Marriott Shoals Hotel and Spa, Florence, Noon - 6pm Friday, May 26 Cricket Wireless, 2010

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Theater and art camp registration is taking place NOW at the Tennessee Valley Museum of Art in Tuscumbia. Details below. For more information or to register visit www.tennesseevalleyarts.

Ritz Theatre Camp for 3rd-6th

June 12-16 or June 19-23 9am-3pm Kids will spend a week learning acting, script writing, set building, and more with instructor Jaleesa Escott. They will develop a show using the theme "Fairy Tales Gone Wrong" and will conclude the week with a performance for family and friends! \$175 for general public \$150 for TVAA Family/ Friend members and above

Junior Art Camp for 3rd-6th grade July 10-13, 9am-3pm; July 14, 9am-12pm. Students will explore multiple mediums through engaging art experiences, led by veteran artists and art teachers. Students will be divided into two groups: 3rd & 4th graders and 5th & 6th graders. \$200 for general public; \$175 for TVAA Family/Friend members and above

Advanced Art Camp for 7th-12th grade; July 10-14, 9am-12pm. Advanced Artists will work with the highly skilled portrait artist Martha Carpenter to explore advanced drawing methods, learn new skills, and refine existing techniques. This class is limited capacity to allow for one-on-one instruction and feedback. \$150 for general public; \$125 for TVAA Family/ nd members and above

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For more information or to register visit www.tennesseevalleyarts.org/school/

A newly formed Colbert County Republican Women's Club meets every third Wednesday at Noon at the Helen Keller Library in Tuscumbia. Visitors welcome. For further information contact Mary Baschab Haslacker at 251-234-0077

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Homecoming at North Carolina Church of Christ is on Sunday, May 21 with Guest Speaker, Kyle Massengale.

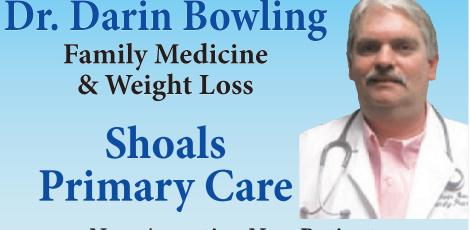
Bible Class is at 9am, Worship at 9:50am. A fellowship meal will follow immediately after morning services. Everyone Welcome! There will be no Evening Service. North Carolina is located at 3500 CR 36 in Killen. 256-757-1700

The Heinie Manush Day will be May 21 at Heinie Manush Field, Deshler High School, North Commons St., Tuscumbia. Gates open at 11 a.m., Calliope at noon; exhibition games at 1 p.m. Doubleheader: Tennessee Association of Vintage Baseball "The Cumberland Club of Nashville" vs. "The Franklin Farriers." The second game played with volunteers. Sponsorship: \$25. If interested in volunteering to play, call Gary Bridges, 270-535-4357; Mary Carton, 256-436-0733; Annie Perry, 256-

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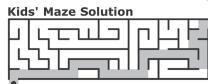




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The concert will be on Tuesday, July 18 at First Presbyterian Church in downtown Florence, and will help to kick off Handy Week! Anyone who is interested in singing with us should come to rehearsals. For more information, call 256-810-9512.

Armstead CME Church will host a Family & Friends Day & Grand Re-Opening Sunday, May 28 2pm Worship Service. It has been almost work, their building at 121 Simpson St. in Florence has been restored and will reopen.

The official opening is part of a celebration weekend. There will be a free gospel concert in the church parking lot on **Saturday, May 27** from 5-7pm. The concert is open to the public and everyone is welcomed to join in.

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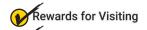


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