

Broadband's 67 Meetings

MONTGOMERY – The Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs last week reached an important milestone. It has now hosted a community broadband meeting in each of Alabama's 67 counties with Thursday's meeting in Autauga County. These meetings were implemented through the Alabama Community Broadband Technical Assistance

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CORRECTION—Last week's issue included a commentary piece on the late **Verna Brennan** of Sheffield. The article incorrectly stated that a visitation/service took place the previous Saturday. The visitation for Verna is scheduled for Saturday, May 27 from 10:30am-12:30pm at Colbert Memorial Chapel. We regret any inconvenience the error may have caused.



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The 2023 Florence-Lauderdale County Memorial Day Ceremony will take place at 11am on Monday, May 29, in Veterans Memorial Park, off

of South Cox Creek Parkway. The theme is "Freedom is Not Free, Some Paid All."

The number of attendees is not restricted. However, seating is limited. Standing room is available, and attendees are encouraged to bring chairs. In the event of inclement weather, the ceremony will take

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Pictured left to right during the recent Hero of the Year presentation through the Long-Lewis Foundation are Christopher Ouellette, Ashlon Ouellette, Chastin Mitchell, Sabrina Mitchell, Leslie Ouellette, Todd Ouellette. Courtesy photo

Community Hero of Year Honored

FLORENCE— Long Lewis of the Shoals recently recognized its first ever Hero of the Year for the Shoals area during a luncheon at the Gold Record Room in downtown Florence.

Chastin Mitchell was selected from among the twelve-monthly recipients in 2022. Mitchell was personally awarded \$1,000. Since the winner was also allowed to designate a non-profit beneficiary of \$2,500, Mitchell chose to donate \$1,250 to Kruzn for a Kure Foundation and \$1,250 to The

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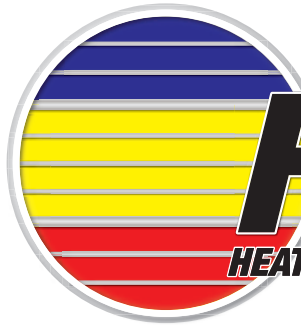


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Program in response to the critical need for high-speed internet access in communities across the state. They are designed to bring community leaders to the table and provide state-level assistance to expand broadband infrastructure for the benefit of the public and economic development.

Shoals area meetings have produced very little in the way of enthusiasm for this vital economic concept thus far.

ADECA will conduct periodic additional meetings. The conclusion of these broadband meetings will be specific profiles for each Alabama county with strategic approaches to help communities achieve broadband goals. It will also help counties to take advantage of significant broadband funding opportunities in the state during the next few years.

Kiptoo Leads Cross Country

FLORENCE— The University of North Alabama cross-country program will have a new leader beginning next year as UNA Athletic Director, Dr. **Josh Looney**, announced the hiring of **Evans Kiptoo** as head coach for both the men and women's teams.



Kiptoo

Kiptoo joins the Lions after previously serving in the dual role as the head cross country/ track and field coach at Northwest Kansas Technical College. He will become the 14th head coach of the men's program at UNA and the 13th head coach for the women.

"It is a great honor for me to join the Lions family," Kiptoo said. "After visiting the school and meeting with the staff members, I felt welcomed. I am grateful for this opportunity, and together, along with everyone on our staff, will work very hard to help our student-athletes become successful. This includes helping them achieve

success athletically, academically, and their social well-being."

Kiptoo assumes the position after the five-year tenure of previous head coach Jeremy Provence, who departed the program after becoming the first head coach for the Lions at the Division I level. UNA's successful program includes a combined four ASUN Conference Runners of the Week and seven ASUN Conference Freshmen of the Week honors. The UNA women have had three second-team All-ASUN runners.

Kiptoo was an All-American while at Lindenwood University in 2007 and continued the same success after transferring to Eastern Kentucky the following year, where he became a decorated cross country and long-distance track and field athlete. He joined the U.S. Army in pursuit of his professional goals of leading a collegiate running program and mentoring distance athletes. This impressive determination helped fuel the rapid development of Northwest Kansas Technical College into a national junior college distance-running power.

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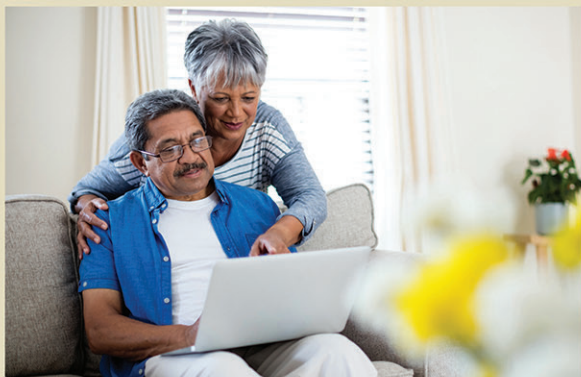
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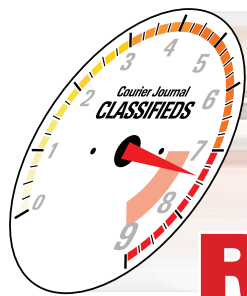


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Part of the text in the October 2022 Hero of the Month nomination post comments: "Chastin has such a loving heart for others within her community! She is going to be such an amazing teacher one day. She is so loved by everyone and has learned first-hand by having a special needs brother that she adores. I've known Chastin her whole life and she has such a kind soul and a heart to serve her community."

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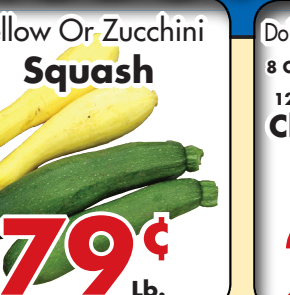
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Defense lawyers make big things little and little things big. For example, if a person had to have surgery and got a pretty good result, that's a little thing. If that same person misses a few visits to physical therapy or doesn't have a prescription filled, then that's a really big thing and maybe they didn't recover as well as they would have if they had done what the doctor said. Of course, this ignores the fact that their client ran a red light or crashed into somebody from the rear.

Defense lawyers want to know about your past medical history. Anything that you forget will be made to look like a lie, which is a big thing. Being thorough or at least honest about maybe not remembering every doctor you've seen in the last ten (10) years can take away that argument. Many people are afraid of their past medical history because of prior treatment. Alabama and most other states compensate people who had or have preexisting conditions and the law is favorable to the person who was hurt and not to the person who was careless.

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Commentary

Immigration on a Front Burner

When the Center for Disease Control's Title 42 public health order lifted on May 12, the United States returned to fully enforcing Title 8 immigration protocols. This allows authorities to expeditiously process and remove individuals who arrive at the U.S. border unlawfully without a legal basis to stay. The problem is that majority of illegals are being processed but they are being allowed to STAY in the US pending a court date to appeal their plea for asylum status. How many of those are going to stick around for that appearance? Furthermore, some of those dates are ten years from now. Seriously, has government idiocy reached a tipping point?

And the Biden administration is trying to nix that court requirement. So that means just process them for unfettered admission into our country.

What is unappreciated by far too many

See IMMIGRATION.. on Page 26

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In A Few Words



TOM MAGAZZU
Editor

Courier Journal

in the Shoals

THIS WEEK

May 24, 2023

Happening
THIS WEEK

Seven NW-SCC Students Show

MUSCLE SHOALS -- Seven art students from Northwest-Shoals Community College will be showcasing their art as part of a new exhibit at the Tennessee Valley Museum of Art in Tusculumbia from May 23–June 30.

According to NW-SCC Art Instructor Zack Underwood, the exhibit will be running alongside another exhibit of painter, Lori Putnam.

"It is really exciting for our students to have their art displayed alongside well-known artists," said Underwood. "The pieces created by our students were created this spring. It will be a show of paintings and drawings."

This opportunity gives some students the courage to turn their passion into a career. Others are excited to share their hard work

See SEVEN... on Page 28

Yorkshire Coast- Lori Putnam



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See PUTNAM.. on Page 36

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The Monster Catfish

To the Editor:

Fifty miles downstream from the Shoals on the Tennessee River stands the mighty Pickwick Dam, whose waters cascade down to create a raging, swirling, deadly whirlpools know as the Boils.

One day the water flow was cut so divers could go down deep and inspect the dam for any potential repairs. The submerged divers saw what they thought was a large log until it moved. It was a giant catfish and estimated by the divers to weigh 500 pounds. And so, the legend of the Monster Catfish of Pickwick Dam was born.

One man resolved to catch that

behemoth. One morning he launched his boat and headed up river. His boat was small, his motor was small; only his dream was big. Within close sight of the dam he dropped anchor, uncoiled the rope, tied one end of it to his boat with a hard knot, to the other end attached a large hook, baited that hook with an entire chicken, cast out, and sat back to wait.

Long hours passed, and then suddenly the rope sprang taut. He rushed to start his motor, but in his excitement he flooded it, and realized to his horror that his boat

Americans don't want to pay for those goodies, and American politicians don't want to demand payment for those goodies.

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It's a long way from Pickwick Dam to Ukraine, but Ukraine has its own Monster Catfish: its called Russia. The man in the boat is Joe Biden, who has his own big dream. Biden is convinced that if he provides Ukraine with an endless supply of weapons, ammunition, and money, he can symbolically land the Monster

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Applications are available at the **City Clerk's Office, 2010 East Avalon Avenue, Muscle Shoals, AL** between the hours of 7:45am and 4:30pm, phone number 256-383-5675. Applications may be downloaded from our website, www.cityofmuscleshoals.com

Application Deadline: Friday, June 9, 2023, 4:30PM

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Candidate must pass a DOT physical, be able to lift up to 50 pounds, and be capable of driving up to 8 hours at a time. Must be able to work flexible schedules including days, nights, weekends, and holidays as needed.

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Minimal requirements include ability to work in a fast pace environment, Microsoft office, attention to detail, good verbal and written communication, deadline oriented and excellent customer service skills.

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Memorial...

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place at the Florence-Lauderdale Coliseum at 702 Veterans Drive in Florence. The ceremony may also be viewed live online on the City of Florence's Facebook page.

America owes its Fallen Heroes a debt of gratitude. Attending the ceremony is an excellent way of showing that gratitude. Family members of Fallen Heroes and members of Gold Star families are especially encouraged to attend the ceremony in memory of their loved ones. Veterans are also encouraged to attend in honor of their fellow service members. Veterans and Gold Star family members in attendance will be recognized collectively.

The Ceremony will feature a wreath-laying ceremony, the playing of Taps, and other special remembrances. The program will also include honors to our nation, including the Pledge of Allegiance and the singing of both the National Anthem and "For Freedom."

There will be special tributes to the 225 Fallen Heroes of Florence and Lauderdale County who are recognized, by name and war, on five memorial markers in the Fallen Heroes Memorial at the rear of the Veterans Memorial. The Fallen Heroes Memorial will be open for everyone to visit.

A limited number of copies of a special booklet, with pictures of the memorial markers, will be available at the ceremony. Copies of a colorful and informative program brochure will also be distributed.

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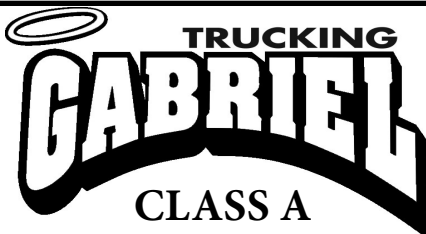
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Applications will be accepted beginning **Monday, May 22 at 8am** through the close of business **Friday, June 2 at 4:30pm.** Applications may be obtained in person from the **City Clerks' Office** and the **City's Facebook page.**

The completed application must be returned to the City Clerk's Office, **600 N. Montgomery Ave., Sheffield**

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2803 E Avalon Ave in Muscle Shoals, AL from

June 12-16, 2023

Applications can be picked up between the hours of 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. (Offices closed 12:00-1:00)

\$20.00 PROCESSING FEE due upon turn-in, cash or money order only

Applicants need to provide COPIES of the following:

- Valid Driver's License
- H.S. Diploma (must be Standard, Academic, or Credit based) or GED Certificate with Test Results
- H.S. Transcript of Grades (seal not required)

APPLICANTS MUST BE 18 YEARS OLD TO APPLY

Incomplete applications without the items above will not be considered

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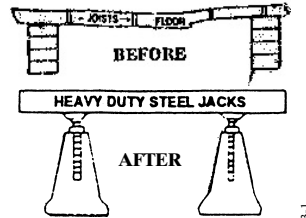
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ALL AGES

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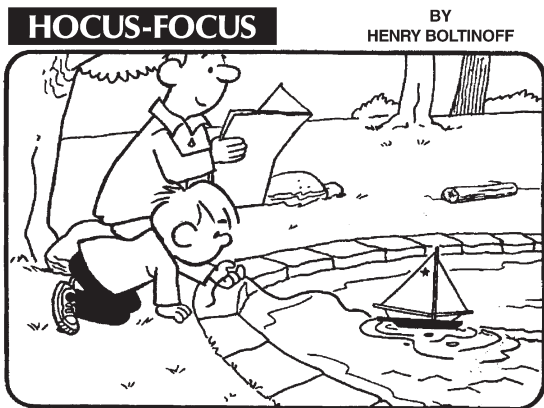
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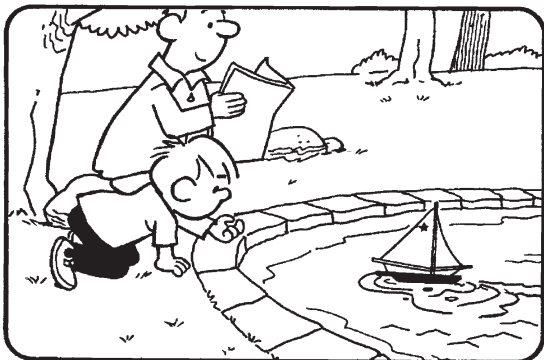


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Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Sheaker is different, 2. Sleeve is shorter, 3. Paper is smaller, 4. String is missing, 5. Sail is different, 6. Log is missing.

Moments in Time



- On May 22, 1906, Wilbur and Orville Wright were granted a patent for their "flying machine." Their first application was rejected, and the overall process took three years, after which they sold the patent to the newly formed Wright Company for a sweet \$100,000, 40% of the company's stock, and a royalty of 10% on all aircraft sold.
- On May 23, 1962, 12 doctors at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston performed the first

successful reattachment of a human limb -- the severed arm of 12-year-old Everett "Red" Knowles. After four years of recovery, he had regained complete mobility and use of it.

- On May 24, 1887, President Chester A. Arthur and New York Gov. Grover Cleveland opened the Brooklyn Bridge. At the time, it was considered engineering's greatest achievement, with a span of 1,600 feet, which made it the longest suspension bridge in the world.

- On May 25, 2011, "The Oprah Winfrey Show" came to an emotional end after 25 years and 4,561 episodes, with its longtime host telling her audience, "You and this show have been the greatest love of my life." It remains one of the highest-rated daytime TV talk shows in American entertainment history.

- On May 26, 1993, Major League Baseball's Jose Canseco and the Texas Rangers were playing against the Cleveland Indians when the latter team's infielder, Carlos Martinez, famously hit a fly ball that bounced off Canseco's head. All ended well, however, in a home run and no injuries, as well as some astonished laughs.

- On May 27, 1679, the Habeas Corpus Act passed, strengthening an individual's right to contest unlawful arrest and imprisonment. The act is considered one of the most important rulings in English constitutional history.

- On May 28, 2016, a gorilla named Harambe was relaxing inside the Gorilla World habitat at the Cincinnati Zoo when a 3-year-old boy climbed into the enclosure and fell into the moat. While it seemed that Harambe was protecting the boy from drowning, zoo officials decided to shoot the animal as they feared he might accidentally kill the child.

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Speaking The

Truth

Ephesians 4:15

In Love

Why Should I Be A Christian?

This is a question that many sincere people ask. They feel that they have everything they need, so why should they bother embracing a system of beliefs that might cause them to need to make changes in their lifestyles.

The following are just a few of the reasons that a person would do well to consider. First, Christianity is the only belief system that answers the great questions of life: 1.) Where did I come from? 2.) Why am I here? and 3.) Where do I go after my time on earth is over? The human race exists because God created man in his image and gave each human being a soul that will continue to exist in eternity, Genesis 1:26-27. The prophet Isaiah tells us that we were created for the purpose of honoring our Creator, Isaiah 43:7 and the apostle Paul tells us in Galatians 5:13 that through love we should serve one another. When an individual resist any suggestion that they might need to consider changing their life style, they need to be reminded that that God has promised, "No good thing will I withhold from those who walk uprightly"



Psalms 84:11. In other words, if it would be good for you, God wants you to have it. It might also be worth remembering that man does not always know what would be in his best interest. Did you ever work hard to secure a job/position that you thought you 'had to have' and later found out that it was not at all what you thought it would be? Christianity offers a perfect pattern of how life should be lived in the person of Christ, I Peter 2:21. We will never be able to perfectly follow His example, but just by focusing on Him as our example we will find great rewards and find those efforts to be extremely rewarding. All of the social issues that are tearing modern society apart would vanish if every single person would simply practice the words of Matthew 7:12, "treat people the way you want them to treat you." The Christian understands that "this world is not my home, I'm just passing through." If all your hopes are focused on a short life of less than a 100 year span, you will find life rather empty, but if you realize that your purpose is to glorify God and serve your fellow humans, you will find life is fulfilling and every day becomes an adventurous undertaking! The Bible is filled with wonderful examples of ordinary people making a difference because they chose to serve the Creator by doing their very best to walk in the steps of Jesus. What about you?



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

Questions, comments, or criticisms are welcomed. Responses may be sent to:
Church Of Christ at Cedar Grove
6421 County Road 26, Rogersville, AL 35652
or email to: Cedargrovechurchofchrist@gmail.com
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LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF ALABAMA, LAUDERDALE COUNTY

NOTICE OF ABANDONED AND UNCLAIMED MOTOR VEHICLES

Notice is hereby given that on **Wednesday, the 21st day of June, 2023 at 9:00 am**. The following motor vehicles will be sold at public auction for cash. The Auction will be held at **Horne Wrecker Service, Inc., 1634 State Street, Florence, Alabama**. Horne Wrecker Service Inc. will accept proof of ownership should anyone care to submit same, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8 am and 5pm, until the day of the sale. **Vehicles may be viewed starting Wednesday, June 14, 2023 between the hours of 8am and 5pm.**

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Weekly Quiz • Central America (C.A.)

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A) 5 B) 6 C) 7 D) 8
- Which country in C.A. has the most populated city as of 2015?
A) Guatemala B) Honduras C) Costa Rica D) Panama
- Which U.S. President was in office at the completion of the Panama Canal?
A) William McKinley B) Theodore Roosevelt C) Rutherford Hayes D) Woodrow Wilson
- Which U.S. President gave U.S. control of Panama Canal to Panama?
A) Richard Nixon B) Gerald Ford C) Jimmy Carter D) Bill Clinton
- Relative to the equator, which C.A. country extends most northward?
A) Guatemala B) Belize C) Costa Rica D) Nicaragua

Answers: 1) C 2) B 3) B 4) C 5) B

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

A public hearing will be held on Friday, June 2nd, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. in the Florence City Council Auditorium, 110 W. College Street, Florence, AL.

The purpose of this hearing is to discuss the closeout of the Florence CDBG Project # CV-EC-20-008. Individuals wishing to attend this public hearing with special accommodations may contact the Florence Community Development Division at 256.740.8806 at least 24 hours prior to the hearing.

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Soap Opera Preview

THE BOLD AND THE BEAUTIFUL Hope had to decide whether to seize the opportunity presented to her and admit to Thomas how she feels. Bill urged Liam not to take his relationship with Hope for granted.

Thomas disclosed the truth about Hope and Brooke to Taylor. Steffy dropped a reality bomb on Liam. Taylor confronted Brooke for holding back on her true feelings about Thomas. *Wait to See: Brooke struggles to keep her newfound relationship with Taylor intact. Thomas reflects on the possibility that Hope might be into him. Hope is blindsided by the accusation that Steffy has leveled against her.*

DAYS OF OUR LIVES Eric gave Sloan an ultimatum. Rafe found Abe in bad shape. Colin was intent on making Paulina suffer. Nicole was insulted when EJ proposed. Chanel was beside herself after Talia intervened to save her from Colin. Rafe was forced to deliver some tough news to Jada. Paulina rushed to Abe's side. Wendy spoke with Johnny about her feelings for him and Tripp. Gabi brought signed divorce papers to Li. John arrived in San Francisco to tell Paul about Andrew's kidnapping. Steve and Harris learned why Dimitri was requesting immunity for Megan. Kristen reminded Megan that she promised to free her. With Roman by her side, Kate reunited with Marlena. Later, Marlena and Brady were disturbed to learn that Kristen had been released from prison. Kate and Roman had a similar reaction to Megan's presence in Salem. Harris warned Shawn that Megan was free. Xander offered Chloe a job. *Wait to See: Anna lies to Tony about Nicole's secret. Nicole asks Kayla about a paternity test.*

EJ is surprised to find Megan in his home.

GENERAL HOSPITAL Gladys met with Selina. Tracy dined with Chase. Josslyn confronted Michael. Gregory matched wits. Sonny was insistent. Ned felt extremely grateful. Spencer picked a fight. Josslyn updated Trina. Chase made a romantic gesture. Carly encountered Olivia. Ava offered congratulations. Portia and Jordan cleared the air. TJ presses Molly. Curtis and Drew got caught up. Diane warned Carly. Kristina and Sam had a frank talk. Nina was determined. TJ confided in Stella. Curtis surprised Portia. Sonny shared some important news. Diane and Nina clashed. Anna sought out Robert. *Wait to See: Drew is suspicious. Ned pleads with Olivia. Willow's loved ones rally around her.*

THE YOUNG AND THE RESTLESS Victor learned of Victoria's relationship with Nate. Billy and Chelsea switched gears. Chance discovered his investigation was sabotaged. Jack questioned Ashley's motives at Jabot. Tucker and Audra reached an understanding. Sharon shared some disturbing news with Nick. Nikki gave her daughter, Victoria, some unsolicited advice. Summer apologized to Kyle. Ashley made a shocking announcement. Phyllis made a bold move. Christine gave Chance his marching orders. Devon made a promise to Abby. *Wait to See: Sharon receives a disturbing message. Sally and Chloe pursue a new venture. Summer makes a pact with Phyllis.*

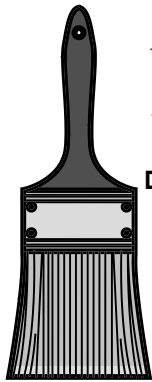
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Proof Of Salvation The Vail Removed

A religious man one time told me no one knows for sure if heaven was their final home until they died. Proof bible text given, none. Death is just a little too late to find out you're in hell. Some folks KNOW they're saved and their face shows it. Some wonder. **2 Corinthians 3:13-18** "And not as Moses, which put a vail over his face, that the children of Israel could not steadfastly look to the end of that which is abolished: But their minds were blinded: for until this day remaineth the same vail untaken away in the reading of the old testament; **which vail is done away in Christ.** But even unto this day, when Moses is read, the vail is upon their heart. Nevertheless when it (their heart) shall turn to the Lord, the vail shall be taken away. Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. But we all (saved), with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, **are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.**" If you're lost, the vails' on.

2 Corinthians 4:3-7 "But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them. For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake. For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our (saved) hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, **that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us.**" If you're saved, the vails' off and your face shows it. Don't buy this hope so, or think so salvation. Ask Christ to forgive your sin, save your soul and receive Him and call my hand and see if the vail is removed.

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THIS ARTICLE WAS INSPIRED BY A FRIEND OF MINE WHO WAS BEMOANING YET ANOTHER PRICE INCREASE from Verizon for her cell phone service. She asked for some alternatives to Verizon so that sent me off on a research project I'd like to share with both of my dear readers.



Jim Fisher

Wireless service is dominated by "the Big Three" carriers: Verizon, AT&T, and T-Mobile. But these companies don't need all of their capacity all the time, so they lease out some of their excess bandwidth to smaller companies who then provide "cheap" cell service to their clients. Companies

CELL SERVICE ON THE CHEAP

by "The Computer Skeptic"

like Mint Mobile, Consumer Cellular, Xfinity, and Walmart's "Family Talk" are what's called mobile virtual network operators, or MVNOs. There are so many competing MVNOs that I can't possibly cover all of them in this small space, so this is the 10,000-foot view of what to expect if you decide to bolt from your expensive provider to one of the cheap services.

Walmart's Family Talk and Xfinity use Verizon towers. Consumer Cellular uses either T-Mobile or AT&T towers depending on which service is more predominant in your area (in the Shoals area, it will be T-Mobile). You can't choose

which one you prefer, and you can't switch from one to another. But, with all of these services, you can save at least \$20 to \$100 per month.

But there's always a catch; the data bandwidth from these services is at the leisure of the Big Three providers. You're only using the leftovers so your might get "deprioritized" if they are experiencing high traffic. This is not likely to happen very often, but if you go to a big game in Tuscaloosa, your phone may be "throttled" resulting in extremely slow internet access. It's enough bandwidth to send a text and talk, but you won't be live

streaming or posting selfies during the game. This doesn't happen very often, but when it does, it's helpful to remember that you're saving up to \$1200 per year.

There are other considerations. Xfinity, for example, uses Verizon's towers and is inexpensive, but they require that you subscribe to Xfinity home internet. I tend to switch internet providers every couple of years when either AT&T or Xfinity ticks me off. I do not want to be locked into Xfinity, so that won't work for me.

Consumer Cellular or Mint Mobile are excellent choices for cheap service. Mint Mobile's data plan is a little complex to explain but decent plans start at \$15 per month if you bring your own phone. My friends who use Consumer Cellular seem to be very pleased.

These MVNOs might not be great for students or professional people in rural areas who rely on their phones for internet access. It could get very frustrating if you're relying on a hotspot or are deprioritized during times of congestion. However, if you can put up with a bit of congestion a few times per year you can save a lot of money by switching.

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Letters...

The Monster Catfish

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Catfish by enabling Ukraine to defeat Russia. It is a delusion, of course. Ukraine will never defeat Russia, because Russia has 1,400 nuclear weapons, and Ukraine has none. And yet, an obsessed Biden stubbornly clings to his big dream of victory, even as he is pulled ever closer toward The Boils of a possible catastrophe of nuclear war with

Russia. Sometimes, even good Presidents make bad decisions, but a bad President makes even worse ones. It's time to go, Joe. Cut bait... Cut bait before it's too late.

William Davis
Muscle Shoals

Why is the Debt Ceiling a Problem?

Editor:

As I write this, the latest episode of US Government

Debt Ceiling Theater seems to be approaching its denouement: Congressional and White House negotiators report "progress" in talks to raise the government's debt ceiling before the not-especially-fat lady, US Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen, sings "default."

I say "episode," but perhaps the proper term is "reboot." The story never really changes. In each iteration, both sides dance on the brink of default until nearly the last minute, then agree to minor spending cuts now and big ones later in return for raising the

"debt ceiling." They then cruise toward the next episode when those big spending cuts never arrive, and Congress gets up against its credit card limit yet again. Rinse, repeat.

The big question which never seems to get asked very loudly is, "why do we go through this over and over, with big blow-ups every few years, and nothing ever getting really settled?"

The answer, as popularized in several mid-20th-century songs:

"Everybody wants to go to heaven, but nobody wants to die."

Americans want all kinds of goodies, and American politicians want to hand out those goodies.

Americans don't want to pay for those goodies, and American politicians don't want to demand payment for those goodies.

For example, Americans want lower retirement ages, bigger retirement benefits, and better Medicare services, without paying higher FICA taxes.

If you suggest that they pay more in advance, wait longer to collect, make do with a smaller check, or pay a higher Medicare premium, don't bother running for office or re-election.

Ditto good highways but no tolls, mass transit with fares that don't cover the cost of providing it, "free" college, etc.

Politicians' solution: No biggie! We'll just BORROW the money and let someone ELSE worry about it later!

It should be obvious that this can't go on forever.

And, in fairness, other countries have all those things.

How do those other governments provide all those goodies? By taxing the life out of their "middle class" citizens.

France's government takes 46.2% of the

country's Gross Domestic Product in taxes. Denmark takes 46%. Sweden, 44%. Germany, 37.5%.

Apparently, THEIR citizens are willing to die to go to heaven, and a social-democratic welfare state strikes them as heaven.

The US government takes 27.1% of GDP in taxes and does a lousy job of replicating those welfare states. The people who want that kind of thing don't want to pay nearly twice as much in taxes for the real deal, and even the insane level of borrowing we've seen since World War Two won't cover the tab.

Neither will taxing the rich. There are only so many of them, they already pay most of the income taxes in the US. Confiscating every dime they have or earn wouldn't come close to making up the difference between revenues and spending.

I'm not big on the social-democratic welfare state concept. However, those "middle class" Americans who want it need to either cough up or shut up.

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Commentary

Immigration on a Front Burner

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is that the support resources we have are growing more limited by the day. Those benefits and services should go to US citizens who are in dire need of them.

Adding 1,500 border patrol agents and taking away their ATV's and rifles is absurd. We have a border patrol for a reason, and it is not to be a welcoming committee.

Sure, there are always elements of compassion to the discussion, much of it justified. However, their is plenty of compassion needed here as well, and we can't open the doors and take in every person. When we do that with animals (strays), we are deemed mentally unfit.

Anyway, the liberal socialists in power don't

give a rat's rear about compassion or they wouldn't be providing the magnet to unvetted sponsoring agents to escort unaccompanied children. That is a red-carpet invitation for sex traffickers. That's not compassion for young migrants; it's a living hell. However, as long as 7 of every 10 who survive to adulthood vote democrat, liberals are fine. That is what really matters long-term.

We hear about this massive housing crisis in America, the lack of affordable shelter. Even basic apartments here are outrageous now. Where are all the unskilled, destitute migrants supposed to live long-term? Taxpayers

leasing entire hotels and gymnasiums that are being trashed daily and providing daily meals is getting old.

The ongoing influx has overwhelmed public services in border communities and beyond.

People who want some immigration controls are not necessarily racists or xenophobes. Locking our doors at night doesn't mean we hate everyone who is outside. It means that we love and have a responsibility to everyone inside.

Millions of people flooding into our country every year is simply not "sustainable," to use a word every liberal can understand.

Those who are in danger from their



government exist, but not in significant numbers. They may be greater danger of unrestricted crime or their respective floundering economies.

Two positive aspects of heavy immigration are that it will reverse the trend of our declining and heavily aging population and that there are plenty of working-class jobs to fill.

Deaths have recently started to outpace births in the US, and that on a continued basis is a death blow to a society.

Birth rates for developing countries are still healthy. There is no reason to think migrants from those countries will deviate from that tendency unless they take advantage of free birth control.

Economists generally consider 5% unemployment as "full employment." That is when everybody who actually wants a job has one, and employers are having trouble hiring. We are close to 3% unemployment now

nationwide, and it's very hard to find employees.

Agricultural and other lower wage jobs are attractive to a modestly educated influx that is often coupled with limited communication skills. Will those low wage, low benefit jobs be enough for groups that have never shied away from work to sustain and support themselves - making them an asset to our society? Let's hope so.

But wait... If they hang around long enough and get to vote democrat, they may not have to.

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Seven NW-SCC Students Show

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with their community. "I hope our art helps people realize how much the Northwest-Shoals Art Department impacts us as students and the community," said Russellville resident, Nayely Mojica. "I have been given the opportunity to proudly share these new pieces that I didn't think I had the courage or skill to create. The art pieces I selected are the ones I worked hardest on. More importantly, they are those I had the most fun making."



NW-SCC students Nayely Mojica, above, and Coby Fuller work on their pieces that will be on exhibit at the Tennessee Valley Museum of Art starting May 23. NW-SCC courtesy photos

According to NW-SCC student and Florence resident, Coby Fuller, the opportunity to display his work validates his passion and work as an artist can be his career. "Having my art displayed at the TVAA is a milestone for me, and makes me feel even more

confident that I can make a career out of doing what I'm passionate about," said Fuller. "I selected these pieces because I think they represent my range as an artist and my ability to learn and adapt to mediums that are new to me."

Displayed artwork was created by NW-SCC students Daniel Galvez, Ismael Lopez, Emma Cole, Martha Lee, Amanda Jacobs, Mojica, and Fuller. A special reception will take place at the TVAA from 2-4pm on Friday, May 26 to meet the artists. It is free to the community.



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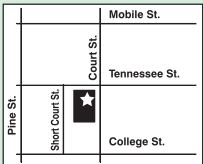
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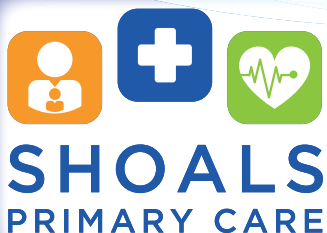
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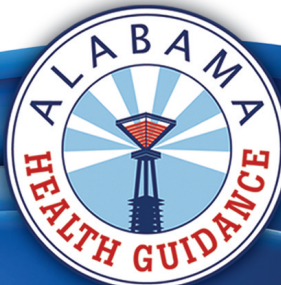
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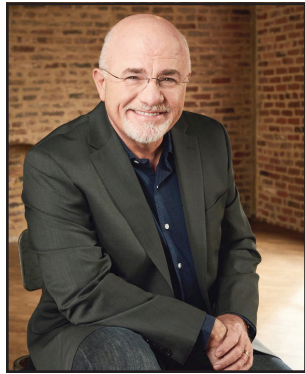
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by DAVE RAMSEY

A LOT OF RED FLAGS HERE



Dear Dave, I live in Dallas, Texas, and I'm wondering if I should sell my condo in order to pay off debt. I owe \$120,000 on it, and it's worth around \$260,000. Plus, the homeowners association fee used to be \$450 a month and has gone up \$100 each year for the last two years, so now we're paying \$650. No one has ever told us why the fee went up so much. There haven't been any major improvements to the complex in the last five years, so I don't know what to think. Can you give me some advice?

Daniella

Dear Daniella, As a homeowner, I'd want some answers by the end of day as to why the HOA fees are so high. I mean, for a \$260,000 condo, the fee you mentioned is ridiculous unless the building owners are doing a major renovation, like replacing the parking lot or updating the community's clubhouse. Even then, it's crazy! On top of all that, it devalues your condo. Nobody wants to buy a \$260,000 condo with a \$650 HOA fee every month, especially when the fee has gone up that much for no apparent reason.

There's always the possibility the company is building up a war chest for improvements in the next year or so. But you have a right to know exactly where the money you pay in HOA fees is going. Ask to see a copy of their financials, and if they won't do that—or explain why the fee is so high and where the money's

going—you need to sell the place because it's being poorly managed.

You've got to get an explanation. You're owed one. And, if you try to sell the place, you're going to have to tell prospective buyers why the HOA fee is so high. Maybe there's a good reason for it buried somewhere. But without knowing more, as a buyer, there's no way I'd take this thing off your hands.

There are a lot of red flags fluttering around the situation, Daniella. Even in a place like Dallas, this HOA fee is about double what it should be for a \$260,000 condo. I'm not saying this just because I don't like HOAs, which I don't. And that's mainly because I don't like paying money for something, and then being told by someone else what I can or can't do with it. But you need some answers for your own information, peace of mind and to give potential buyers an honest answer when they ask why the fees are insanelly high.

Lose the headache. Sell it. — 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," the "Today" show, Fox News, CNN, Fox Business and many more. Since 1992, Dave has helped people take control of their money, build wealth, and enhance their lives. He also serves as CEO of Ramsey Solutions.

Community Notes...

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The Florence Farmers Market (corner of Chisholm and Fairground Roads) will open on Saturdays in May; Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays in June, July, August and September and Saturdays in October. Hours of operation are 6am-1pm each day.

There will be 35 sellers (by June) of fresh fruit and vegetables, meats, baked goods, eggs, local honey, flowers and plants, and firewood.

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

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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/Friend members and above

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

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.

All proceeds go directly into projects that promote the preservation of local historic structures, sites, and documents. For further information, contact: Billy Warren, Chairman of Heritage Preservation, Inc. (bwarren@florenceal.org); 256-718-5020.

There is space HERE for YOUR EVENT, and plenty of eyes to read it. Email your information to editor@CourierJournal.net.

Florence Camerata is resuming rehearsals for the summer concert, America Sings! Rehearsals will start on Thursday, May 25 at 6:30pm at the UNA choral room. Rebecca Rockhill is our director and we will be singing music by American Composers...some spirituals, some popular, some ballads, some patriotic...just a wide variety of beautiful music!

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.

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Established 1896

The area known as Killen, in Lauderdale County, was settled in the early 1800s. In 1826, Joseph Mason was appointed the first postmaster of the new community called Masonville, later to become Killen. The post office existed until 1866. In the 1830s, the construction of the Alabama Canal brought growth to the area. The canal was built to solve navigation problems created by the shoals in the Tennessee River. Construction on the new canal began in 1875 and the 14 1/2-mile canal, with nine locks and a lift of 85 feet, opened November 10, 1890. The canal was renamed the Muscle Shoals Canal. Lock Six served as the headquarters and was located just 1/2-mile south of Killen. The canal system had a major economic impact on the development of Killen. Many of the citizens were employed on the canal and others supplied raw materials and food for the operation.

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AUGUST 2010

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It started out as Masonville (ca 1826) but James Killen built a general store and applied for a post office, named for himself. Thus the town of Killen was established in 1896.

~ Courtesy David Curott ~ author of "Signs of the Past" and "More Signs of the Past"

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2022 Annual Water Quality Report

(Testing Performed January through December 2022)

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We are pleased to present to you this year's Annual Water Quality Report. This report is designed to inform you about the quality water and services we deliver to you every day. We want you to understand the efforts we make to continually improve the water treatment process and protect our water resources.

Source Water Assessment: Our water supplier's, Muscle Shoals Utility Board, Tuscumbia Utilities, and West Morgan East Lawrence Water have developed a Source Water Assessment Plan (SWAP) that assists in protecting our water sources. This plan provides additional information such as potential sources of contamination. No sites evaluated pose a significant risk to our customers. It includes a susceptibility analysis, which classified potential contaminants as high, moderate, or non-susceptible (low) to contaminating the water source. It has been determined by the assessment that the source water susceptibility ranking has a low-risk potential. The assessment has been performed, public notification has been completed, and the plan was approved by ADEM. Anyone wishing to review the SWAP can review it at the offices of the Muscle Shoals Utility Board, Tuscumbia Utilities, and West Morgan East Lawrence Water. Please help us make this effort worthwhile by protecting our source of water. Carefully follow instructions on pesticides and herbicides you use for your lawn and garden, and properly dispose of household chemicals, paints, and waste oil.

Information about Lead: Elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women, infants, and young children. NEVER make baby formula with warm or hot tap water. Lead is rarely found in source water. If lead is present in tap water, it is primarily from corrosion of materials that were used in older plumbing, solder that connects pipes, or from pipes connecting a house to the main water pipe in the street. Lead is no longer used in manufacturing these products, but plumbing components containing lead may still remain in some older homes and buildings. When water sits for several hours in pipes containing these older materials, lead can leach into the water. Boiling will NOT reduce the amount of lead in your water. If you choose to have your tap water tested, be sure to use a properly certified laboratory. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize your family's exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water hotline at 800-426-4791 and from <http://www.cdc.gov/nceh/lead/tips/water.htm>.

We use an independent laboratory to analyze samples from our distribution system for lead according to a monitoring schedule set by ADEM. Your water system is responsible for providing high quality drinking water but cannot control the variety of materials that were used in household plumbing. The EPA and the CDC make the following recommendations:

- Before using any tap water for drinking or cooking, flush your water system by running the kitchen tap (or any other tap you take drinking or cooking water from) on COLD for 1-2 minutes. Flushing can minimize the potential for lead exposure, especially if the water has been sitting undisturbed for several hours, as in overnight.

- In all situations, especially for making baby formula, drink or cook only with water that comes out of the cold tap. Warm or hot tap water is more likely to cause lead to leach from plumbing materials.

- Periodically remove the aerator on the tip of the faucet and wash out any debris such as metal particles.

General Information: All drinking water, including bottled drinking water, may be reasonably expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. MCLs, defined in a List of Definitions in this report, are set at very stringent levels. To understand the possible health effects described for many regulated constituents, a person would have to drink 2 liters of water every day at the MCL level for a lifetime to have a one-in-a-million chance of having the described health effect.

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and radioactive material, and it can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- **Microbial contaminants**, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.
- **Inorganic contaminants**, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally occurring or result from urban storm water run-off, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.
- **Pesticides and herbicides**, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, storm water run-off, and residential uses.
- **Organic chemical contaminants**, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff, and septic systems.
- **Radioactive contaminants**, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations which limit the number of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water. Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. People at risk should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbiological contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

Based on a study conducted by ADEM with the approval of the EPA a statewide waiver for the monitoring of asbestos and dioxin was issued. Thus, monitoring for these contaminants was not required.

Our source water is also tested for pathogens, such as Cryptosporidium and Giardia. These pathogens can enter the water from animal or human waste. For people who may be immuno-compromised, a guidance document developed jointly by the Environmental Protection Agency and the Center for Disease Control is available online at www.epa.gov/

[safewater/crypto.html](#) or from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 800-426-4791. All test results were well within state and federal standards. *Cryptosporidium* and *Giardia* have not been detected in our finished drinking water.

Questions: If you have any questions about this report or concerning your water utility, please contact Melissa Tidwell, Operator or Derek Fleming, Manager at the water office at 256-383-1666. We want our valued customers to be informed about their water utility. If you want to learn more, please attend any of our regularly scheduled meetings. They are held on the first Thursday following the last Saturday of each month at 5:0 pm at the water office.

Board of Directors: Jimmy Looney - President, Tony Jones - Vice President, Robert Butler - Secretary/Treasurer

More information about contaminants to drinking water and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (1-800-426-4791).

DEFINITIONS

- **Action Level**- the concentration of a contaminant that, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements.
- **Coliform Absent** (ca)- laboratory analysis indicates that the contaminant is not present.
- **Disinfection byproducts** (DBPs)- formed when disinfectants react with bromide and/or natural organic matter (i.e., decaying vegetation) present in the source water.
- **Distribution System Evaluation** (DSE)- a one-time study conducted by water systems to identify distribution system locations with high concentrations of THMs and HAAs.
- **Maximum Contaminant Level** (MCL)- highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
- **Maximum Contaminant Level Goal** (MCLG)- level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.
- **Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level** (MRDL)- highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water.
- **Millirems per year** (mrem/yr)- a measure of radiation absorbed by the body.
- **Nephelometric Turbidity Unit** (NTU)- a measure of the clarity of water. Turbidity in excess of 5 NTU is just noticeable to the average person.
- **Not Detect** (ND)- laboratory analysis indicates that the constituent is not present above detection limits of lab equipment.
- **Parts per billion** (ppb) or **Micrograms per liter** (µg/l)- corresponds to one minute in 2,000 years, or a single penny in \$10,000,000.
- **Parts per million** (ppm) or **Milligrams per liter** (mg/l)- corresponds to one minute in two years or a single penny in \$10,000.
- **Parts per quadrillion** (ppq) or **Picograms per liter** (picograms/l)- corresponds to one minute in 2,000,000,000 years, or a single penny in \$10,000,000,000.
- **Parts per trillion** (ppt) or **Nanograms per liter** (nanograms/l)- corresponds to one minute in 2,000,000 years, or a single penny in \$10,000,000.
- **Picocuries per liter** (pCi/L)- a measure of the radioactivity in water.
- **Running Annual Average** (RAA)- yearly average of all the DPB results at each specific sampling site in the distribution system. The RAA, along with a range, is reported in the Table of Detected Contaminants.
- **Standard Units** (S.U.)- pH of water measures the water's balances of acids and bases and is affected by temperature and carbon dioxide gas. Water with less than 6.5 could be acidic, soft, and corrosive. A pH greater than 8.5 could indicate that the water is hard.
- **Treatment Technique** (TT)- a required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.
- **Variations & Exemptions** (V&E)- State or EPA permission not to meet an MCL or a treatment technique under certain conditions.

Below is a table of contaminants for which the Environmental Protection Agency and the Alabama Department of Environmental Management require testing where applicable. These contaminants were not detected in your drinking water unless they are also listed in the Detected Drinking Water Contaminants table elsewhere in this report.

STANDARD LIST OF PRIMARY DRINKING WATER CONTAMINANTS					
Contaminant	MCL	Unit of Msmt	Contaminant	MCL	Unit of Msmt
Bacteriological Contaminants					
Total Coliform Bacteria	<5%	present/absent	dis-1,2-Dichloroethylene	70	ppb
Fecal Coliform and E. coli	0	present/absent	trans-1,2-Dichloroethylene	100	ppb
Turbidity	TT	NTU	1,2-Dichloropropane	5	ppb
Cryptosporidium	TT	Calc organisms/l	Di (2-ethylhexyl)adipate	400	ppb
Radiological Contaminants					
Radionuclides	4	mrem/yr	Di (2-ethylhexyl)phthalate	6	ppb
Alpha emitters	15	pCi/l	Dinoseb	7	ppb
Combined radium	5	pCi/l	Diquat	20	ppb
Uranium	30	pCi/l	Endosulf	100	ppb
Inorganic Chemicals					
Antimony	6	ppb	Epichlorohydrin	TT	TT
Arsenic	10	ppb	Ethylbenzene	700	ppb
Asbestos	7	MFL	Ethylene dibromide	50	ppb
Barium	2	ppm	Glyphosate	700	ppb
Beryllium	4	ppb	Heptachlor	400	ppb
Cadmium	5	ppb	Heptachlor epoxide	200	ppb
Chromium	100	ppb	Hexachlorobenzene	1	ppb
Copper	AL=1.3	ppm	Hexachlorocyclopentadiene	50	ppb
Cyanide	200	ppb	Lindane	200	ppb
Fluoride	4	ppm	Methoxychlor	40	ppb
Lead	AL=15	ppb	Oxamyl (Vydate)	200	ppb
Mercury	2	ppb	Polychlorinated biphenyls	0.5	ppb
Nitrate	10	ppm	Pentachlorophenol	1	ppb
Nitrite	1	ppm	Picloram	500	ppb
Selenium	.05	ppm	Simazine	4	ppb
Thallium	.002	ppm	Styrene	100	ppb
Organic Chemicals					
2,4-D	70	ppb	Tetrachloroethylene	5	ppb
Acrylamide	TT	TT	Toluene	1	ppm
Alachlor	2	ppb	Toxaphene	3	ppb
Atrazine	3	ppb	2,4,5-TP(Silvex)	50	ppb
Benzene	5	ppb	1,2,4-Trichlorobenzene	.07	ppm
Benzo(a)pyrene (PAHs)	200	ppt	1,1,1-Trichloroethane	200	ppb
Carbaryl	40	ppb	1,1,2-Trichloroethane	5	ppb
Carbon tetrachloride	5	ppb	Trichloroethylene	2	ppb
Chlordane	2	ppb	Vinyl Chloride	10	ppm
Chlorobenzene	100	ppb	Xylenes	10	ppm
Disinfectants & Disinfection Byproducts					
Dalapon	200	ppb	Chlorine	4	ppm
Dibromochloropropane	200	ppb	Chlorine Dioxide	800	ppb
1,2-Dichlorobenzene	1000	ppb	Chloramines	4	ppm
1,4-Dichlorobenzene (para)	75	ppb	Bromate	10	ppb
o-Dichlorobenzene	600	ppb	Chlorite	1	ppm
1,2-Dichloroethane	5	ppb	HAAs (Total haloacetic acids)	80	ppb
1,1-Dichloroethylene	7	ppb	THHM (Total trihalomethanes)	80	ppb
LIST OF SECONDARY CONTAMINANTS					
Alkalinity, Total (as Ca, Co ₃)	Copper	Manganese	Specific Conductance		
Aluminum	Corrosivity	Odor	Sulfate		
Calcium, as Ca	Foaming agents (MBAS)	Nickel	Total Dissolved Solids		
Carbon Dioxide	Hardness	pH	Zinc		
Chloride	Iron	Silver			
Color	Magnesium	Sodium			
LIST OF UNREGULATED CONTAMINANTS					
Aldicarb	Chloroethane	Dieldrin	Propachlor		
Aldicarb Sulfone	Chloroform	Hexachlorobutadiene	N-Propylbenzene	n/a	n/a
Aldicarb Sulfoxide	Chloromethane	3-Hydroxycarboluran	Propachlor		
Aldrin	O-Chlorotoluene	Isopropylbenzene	1,1,1,2-Tetrachloroethane		
Bromoacetic Acid	p-Chlorotoluene	p-Isopropyltoluene	1,1,2,2-Tetrachloroethane		
Bromobenzene	Dibromochloromethane	M-Dichlorobenzene	Tetrachloroethene		
Bromochloromethane	1,2-Dibromoethane	Methomyl	Trichloroacetic Acid		
Bromodichloromethane	Dibromomethane	Methylene chloride	1,2,3-Trichlorobenzene		
Bromofom	1,1-Dichloroethane	Methyl tert-butyl ether	Trichloroethane		
Bromomethane	1,3-Dichloropropane	Metolachlor	Trichlorofluoromethane		
Butoxychlor	2,2-Dichloropropane	Metribuzin	1,2,3-Trichloropropane		
N-Butylbenzene	1,1-Dichloroethene	MTBE	1,2,4-Trimethylbenzene		
Sec-Butylbenzene	1,3-Dichloropropane	Naphthalene	1,3,5-Trimethylbenzene		
Tert-Butylbenzene	Dicamba	1-Naphthal			
Carbaryl	Dichlorodifluoromethane	Paraquat			

Below is A List Unregulated Contaminant Rule 4 (UCMR4) Contaminants for which some water systems were required to monitor during 2018-2020

Contaminants	Unit Msmt	Level Detected	Contaminant	Unit Msmt	Level Detected
Germanium	ppb	ND	1-butanol	ppb	ND
Manganese	ppb	0.49-1.6	2-methoxyethanol	ppb	ND
Alpha-hexachlorocyclohexane	ppb	ND	2-propen-1-ol	ppb	ND
Chlorpyrifos	ppb	ND	Butylated hydroxyanisole	ppb	ND
Dimethipin	ppb	ND	O-toluidine	ppb	ND
Ethoprop	ppb	ND	Quinoline	ppb	ND
Oxyfluorfen	ppb	ND	Total organic carbon (TOC)	ppb	2550
Profenofos	ppb	ND	Bromide	ppb	ND
Tebuconazole	ppb	ND	HAAs	ppb	109-829
Total permethrin (cis- & trans-)	ppb	ND	HAAsBr	ppb	25-128
Tribufos	ppb	ND	HAAs	ppb	59-787
Bromide	ppb	27.4-45.3			

Monitoring Results

As you can see by the table below, our system had no violations. We have learned through our monitoring and testing that some constituents have been detected. We are pleased to report that our drinking water meets federal and state requirements. The tables below show only those contaminants that were detected.

Detected Tuscumbia Utilities Detected Drinking Water Contaminants						
Contaminants	Violation Y/N	Level Detected	Unit	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
Turbidity	NO	0.03	NTU	n/a	TT	Soil runoff
Barium	NO	ND	ppm	2	2	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits
Copper	NO	.133	ppm	1.3	AL=1.3	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching of preservatives
Fluoride	NO	.69	ppm	4	4	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from factories
Nitrate (as Nitrogen)	NO	2.52	ppm	10	10	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits
THHM - Total trihalomethanes	NO	18.0	ppb	0	80	By-product of drinking water chlorination
HAAs - Total haloacetic acids	NO	12.3	ppb	0	60	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Unregulated Contaminants						
Chloroform	NO	ND	ppb	n/a	n/a	Naturally occurring; industrial discharge; agricultural runoff
Bromodichloromethane	NO	n/a	ppb	0	n/a	Naturally occurring; industrial discharge; agricultural runoff
Perfluorooctanoic Acid	NO	n/a	ppt	0-4.0	n/a	Product that resists heat, oil, stains, grease, and water
Secondary Contaminants						
Aluminum	NO	0.02	ppm	n/a	0.2	Erosion; treatment with water additives
Chloride	NO	7.4	ppm	n/a	250	Naturally occurring; industrial discharge; agricultural runoff
Hardness	NO	138.0	ppm	n/a	n/a	Naturally occurring; treatment with water additives
Iron	NO	ND	ppm	n/a	0.3	Occurs naturally or from water treatment
Manganese	NO	ND	ppm	n/a	0.5	Occurs naturally
pH	NO	7.4	S.U.	n/a	n/a	Naturally occurring; treatment with water additives
Sodium	NO	4.8	ppm	n/a	n/a	Naturally occurring in the environment
Sulfate	NO	2.8	ppm	n/a	250	Naturally occurring; industrial discharge; agricultural runoff
Total Dissolved Solids	NO	173.0	ppm	n/a	500	Naturally occurring; industrial discharge; agricultural runoff

* Figure shown is 90th percentile and # of sites above Action Level (AL) = 0

West Morgan East Lawrence Detected Drinking Water Contaminants						
Contaminants	Violation Y/N	Level Detected	Unit	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
Turbidity	NO	0.025	NTU	n/a	TT	Soil runoff
Barium	NO	N/A	ppm	2	2	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits
Copper	NO	.041	ppm	1.3	AL=1.3	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching of preservatives
Fluoride	NO	ND	ppm	4	4	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from factories
Nitrate (as Nitrogen)	NO	.518	ppm	10	10	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits
THHM - Total trihalomethanes	NO	.40	ppb	0	80	By-product of drinking water chlorination
HAAs - Total haloacetic acids	NO	3.0	ppb	0	60	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Unregulated Contaminants						
Chloroform	NO	2.5	ppb	n/a	n/a	Naturally occurring; industrial discharge; agricultural runoff
Bromodichloromethane	NO	.02	ppb	n/a	n/a	Naturally occurring; industrial discharge; agricultural runoff
Perfluorooctanoic Acid	NO	NA	ppt	n/a	n/a	Product that resists heat, oil, stains, grease, and water
Secondary Contaminants						
Aluminum	NO	0.028	ppm	n/a	0.2	Erosion; treatment with water additives
Chloride	NO	2.44	ppm	n/a	250	Naturally occurring; industrial discharge; agricultural runoff
Hardness	NO	8.1	ppm	n/a	n/a	Naturally occurring; treatment with water additives
Iron	NO	.011	ppm	n/a	0.3	Occurs naturally or from water treatment
Manganese	NO	.003	ppm	n/a	0.5	Occurs naturally
pH	NO	7.71	S.U.	n/a	n/a	Naturally occurring; treatment with water additives
Sodium	NO	2.1	ppm	n/a	n/a	Naturally occurring in the environment
Sulfate	NO	N/A	ppm	n/a	250	Naturally occurring; industrial discharge; agricultural runoff
Total Dissolved Solids	NO	11.0	ppm	n/a	500	Naturally occurring; industrial discharge; agricultural runoff

* Figure shown is 90th percentile and # of sites above Action Level (AL)

Spring Valley Water System Detected Drinking Water Contaminants						
Contaminants	Violation Y/N	Level Detected	Unit	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
Chlorine	NO	1.21-2.0	ppm	4.0	4.0	
Copper	NO	0.055*	ppm	1.3		

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Spring Planting - Oil on Linen Lori Putnam

Putnam...

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believes that works created from life help her maintain freshness in her studio paintings.

That work comes to life for almost a full month for visitors to the Tennessee Valley Museum of Art as it hosts an exhibit of Putnam's work, entitled, *Lori Putnam: Far From Home* May 23 - June 20. This exhibition includes select paintings from her larger body of work.

Modern Impressionism stretches the boundaries with artists painting in styles ranging from near realism to almost abstraction. Putnam's work is closer to the latter.

Putnam was born in 1962 and grew up in the Tennessee countryside. With no neighbors for miles, she credits her love of the outdoors and creative spirit to those many hours spent by herself as a young child. Her high school art classes became one of the first places she recognized an aptitude for drawing and the desire to paint. However, it was many years and career choices later (including running a graphic design company) that Putnam considered a life as a fine artist. Needing time for more

intense focus, she and her husband, Mark, sold their home and belongings in 2008. They traveled to the Italian countryside to live for eight months with the sole purpose of self-study and artistic experimentation. A catalyst for Putnam's artistic growth, the concentrated work accomplished during that period resulted in a personal breakthrough.

Putnam is now recognized as one of the top living artists today. Her paintings are highly sought after by collectors. They have been featured in numerous past issues of *Western Art Collector*, *American Art Collector Magazine*, *Plein Air Magazine*, and more. Museums, including The Tucson Museum of Art, and the Brinton Museum in Big Horn, Wyoming. Many more have sought out Putnam's works for awards, exhibitions, and permanent collection.

In 2019 she accepted an appointment as Vice President of *Art Ambassador for a Colorful World* and travels often to work with children in less advantaged areas. These experiences shed light on her purpose.

"It is finally clear why I am here on the earth," Putnam said. "Bringing joy and laughter amidst the most horrific circumstances

fills my soul." Putnam won both the \$15,000 Grand Prize and the People's Choice Award for the Plein air Salon Competition in 2021. The awards went to two different paintings and were chosen from more than 8,000 entries. Museum admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for students, and free for TVAA members. Museum hours are Tuesday-Friday 9am-5pm, and Saturday 10am-5pm.

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Saturday, May 27 Walmart, 517 Avalon Avenue, Muscle Shoals, 10am - 4pm
Tuesday, May 30 TVA Power Service Shops, Hwy 133 TVA Reservation Rd, 127 Power Service Center, Conference Room, Muscle Shoals 10am - 5:30pm

Margerum Community Church will celebrate Homecoming / Military Tribute on Sunday, May 28 with the service beginning at 9:30am. Lunch will be served following the service. It is also our 116th anniversary as an established church. Everyone is welcome. The church is located at 2420 Margerum Rd. in Cherokee.

Armstead CME Church will host a Family & Friends Day & Grand Re-Opening Sunday, May 28 2pm Worship Service. It has been almost three years since the church closed for the pandemic. After much prayer and hard 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.

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

Spring Valley Water System's Annual Board Meeting is Thursday, June 1 at 6pm at the Spring Valley Water System Office, 912 Lagrange Road. 256-383-1666

Friday Night Stars And Guitars Live Music at Wilson Park, Florence - during the month of June. Music begins at 7pm.

June 2 - The Midnighters • June 9 - Rewind of the Shoals • June 16 - Drumb & Drumber • June 23 - Deja Vu • June 30 - Dixie Mafia.

This is a FREE community event. Bring a lawn chair.

Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church will celebrate Homecoming on Sunday, June 4 at 11am. Located at 11025 County Road 15 in Florence, A fellowship meal will follow in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited to attend.

Let's Talk about Mental Health - 3rd Wednesday of the month. June 21 Florence/Lauderdale Public Library 5:30 - 7pm. Do you have an adult loved one that experiences a mental health condition? Join the Shoals NAMI (National Alliance for Mentally Illness) Family Support Group. "Hope starts with you."

The Club (Florence Senior Center) and Diamond Tours presents the Myrtle Beach Holiday Show Trip November 27-December 2, 2023 (Monday - Saturday) 6 days, 5 nights \$798/person (dbl occupancy). The incredible price includes: motorcoach transportation, 5 nights lodging including 3 consecutive nights in Myrtle Beach area; 8 meals -5 breakfasts and 3 dinners.

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Recently, leaders from Rotary Districts 6860 and 6880, Muscle Shoals National Heritage Area and Alabama Black Belt National Heritage Area signed an Operation Pollination Partnership. In the resolution, the Rotary Districts and NHAs agree to collaborate on improving pollinators' declining numbers.

On April 19, leaders from Rotary Districts 6860 and 6880, Muscle Shoals National Heritage Area and Alabama Black Belt National Heritage Area signed a joint Pollinator Resolution that acknowledges pollinators

are declining in numbers and Rotary and NHAs can act together to help. This is the second time in Rotary history that an entire state has collectively pledged to support pollinators.

Operation Pollination is a pollinator conservation framework where everyone is invited to participate. In the past 50 years, pollinator populations have declined by more than 40% across the globe. In some areas of the world, this decline is even more severe. Alabama's state insect, the iconic monarch butterfly, has declined by more than 80%, according to the International Union for the Conservation of Nature.

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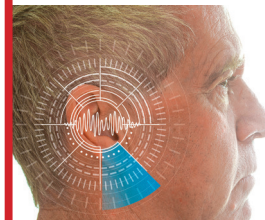
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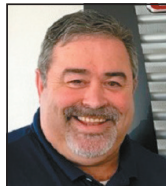
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