

CCI and ACC Host a 'Break'

FLORENCE - Clearview Cancer Institute (CCI) and Alliance Cancer Care (ACC) is hosting a "Break for Breakfast" Survivors Day celebration Friday, June 23 to recognize the courage, determination, and achievements of cancer survivors.

This special day dedicated to cancer survivors, their families, and friends will take place from 6:30-8:30am at the Singing River Cancer Center, located at 180 Cox Creek Parkway South in Florence. Cancer survivors are welcome to join in on the celebration where they will receive a free t-shirt, mug, and breakfast, during the drive-thru event.

"Our team is honored to put on this event where we can celebrate alongside our patients and recognize them," said Michelle Brown, Chief Operations Officer at Clearview Cancer Institute. "This is a day to celebrate life and remind ourselves that cancer survivors are not just



Recent photo at a Break for Breakfast event.
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Kids in College Set for July 17-21

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Each day participants will experience STEAM related activities

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Games on Campus!

UNA Trustees Approve New Multipurpose Stadium Facility

FLORENCE-- Amid an outpouring of philanthropic support for such a project, UNA's Board of Trustees recently approved an on-campus, multipurpose stadium facility to be named Bank Independent Stadium, and authorized next steps for the venue's design and planning process.

University officials confirm that external fundraising will be the core driver for the stadium's development.

"As a member of the board who voted to accept the ASUN Conference invitation and move to Division I athletics, it is certainly a milestone for us to be announcing this project," said



Artist's conception of an entry point at the proposed Bank Independent Stadium. Courtesy

Will Trapp, President Pro Tempore of the Board. "In many ways, our step up into this higher level of competition was a leap of faith. We held a collective belief that it would be beneficial to the University and the community, but we all knew at some point there would need to be greater investment in facilities if we were going to build on this move."

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Southwire Expansion in Florence will Create 120 More Jobs

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patients, but they are also champions."

In addition to this event at the Florence Campus, Clearview Cancer Institute will host multiple Survivors Day celebrations at other locations across North Alabama throughout the month of June.

Medley Eyes Circuit Seat

FLORENCE – Lauderdale County District Court Judge **Carole Coil Medley** has announced she will seek the newly created seat on the Lauderdale County Circuit Court.

"After 15 years, it is time for a new challenge. I am asking voters for their prayers and support as I announce my candidacy for this judgeship," she said.

Medley was an Assistant District Attorney in Lauderdale County from 1999-2008 when Governor **Bob Riley** appointed her to fill a vacancy as the county's District Judge. She was elected to a full term in 2010 and re-elected again in 2016 and 2022 without opposition. She earned BS and MA degrees from UNA, and her Juris Doctorate from Jones School of Law.



Medley

Medley serves as a member of the Faulkner University, Jones School of Law board of trustees, and the Northwest Alabama Medical Center board. She belongs to the Rotary Club, Lauderdale County Cattlemen's Association, and Lauderdale County Farmers Federation. Medley is a member of Killen Church of Christ. The Republican primary election is scheduled for March 5, 2024.

in Tuscumbia in 1874. She was the daughter of Gov. **Robert Burns Lindsay**, the only foreign-born governor of Alabama. Lindsey hailed from Scotland before relocating first to North Carolina and then to Tuscumbia.

Maud Lindsay became an internationally esteemed teacher and author who crossed social barriers to establish Alabama's first free kindergarten in the working class cotton mill district of east Florence. Although she had no formal higher education, she published 17 books and became an international speaker, lecturing on the art of storytelling and teaching. She declined an



Lindsay

invitation from famed Italian educator, **Maria Montessori**, to teach in Italy, instead, she chose to remain in her beloved Alabama.

"We are delighted to honor the life and legacy of Maud Lindsay," said **Lorie Johnson**, president of the Colbert County Historical Landmarks Foundation. "Miss Maud was a world-renowned teacher and author who ignored social barriers erected against women and social classes to pursue her passion for early childhood education. She was a gifted teacher, author, and storyteller who made a difference in the lives of countless children and other educators. She left a beautiful legacy of selfless service that still inspires us today."

Lindsay was inducted into the Alabama Women's Hall of Fame in 1995.

Maud Marker Dedication

TUSCUMBIA—The Maud Lindsay Study Club will host a historical marker dedication ceremony and reception honoring **Maud Lindsay** at 3:30pm on Thursday, June 22 at the **Helen Keller** Public Library in Tuscumbia. The public is invited to attend.

The Maud Lindsay Study Club purchased the historical marker to honor the club's namesake. It has been erected in front of the Gov. Robert Burns Lindsay home on Main Street in Tuscumbia. The marker was funded by members of the study club established in 1925 and the Colbert County Historical Landmarks Foundation.

"As the Maud Lindsay Study Club nears its centennial, club members were discussing how to commemorate this special anniversary," said club president, **Jackie Stutts**. "While the marker notes the lives of the past, it should give inspiration and courage to our generation and those who follow. May this marker keep alive the appreciation of unselfish service and remind everyone of a life well-lived."

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Saturday, June 24 Helen Keller Festival, Spring Park, Tusculmbia, 1pm - 9pm
Sunday, June 25 Walmart, Cloverdale Rd., Florence, 10 am - 4 pm

You're invited to a Gospel Series at Midway church of Christ, June 25-30 with guest evangelist, Chuck Durham from Springdale, Arkansas.

This series of gospel sermons will benefit all ages and places in life. Services at 10:30am and 7pm Sunday and at 7pm each evening throughout the week. We invite you to come and be with us!

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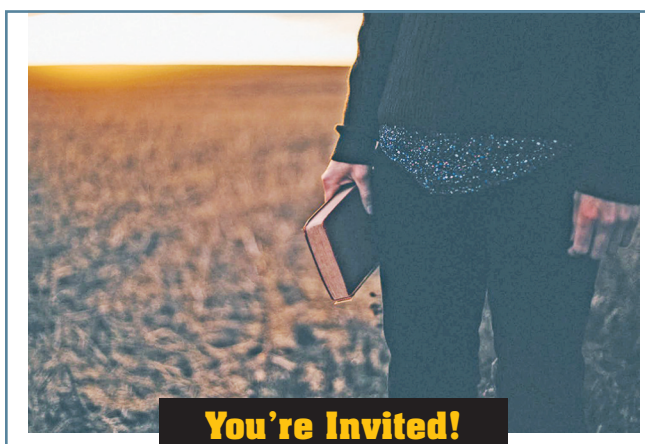
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The Bill Jones Athletic Complex on the UNA campus along Pine St. as it looks today. This is the area slated for the proposed multipurpose stadium. *Dan Busey/TimesDaily*

Games on Campus!...

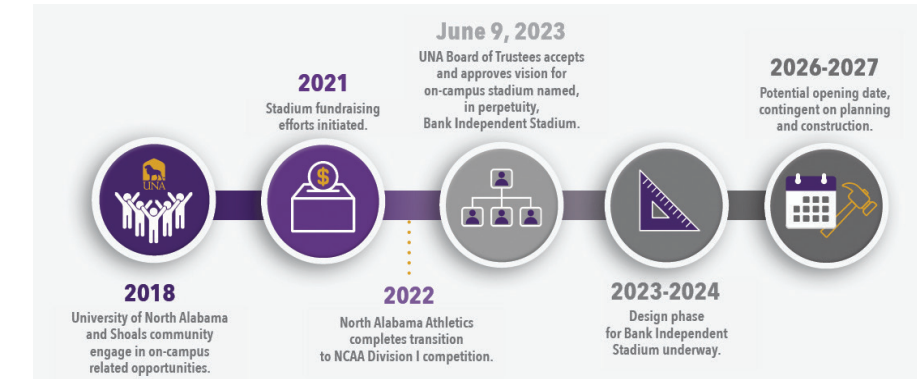
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The community and investment by local businesses, civic, municipal, and private individuals have helped the University bring this goal one step closer to fruition, reiterating the fact that private giving and fundraising have provided a strong foundation of financial support for this project.

The multipurpose Bank Independent Stadium is the culmination of a vision that began almost 50 years ago and was reinvigorated in 2018 when UNA's President Dr. Ken Kitts convened a task force to consider

the idea after receiving a resolution from the Student Government Association in favor of an on-campus stadium.

"Our campus, our community, and our philanthropic conversations have brought us to this day and this historic decision made by our Board of Trustees," Kitts said. "I am thrilled that our partnership with Bank Independent and other donors allows us to move forward with a multipurpose, on-campus stadium so that we may begin to realize next steps and see this longtime goal become a reality."



The proposed stadium will re-develop areas used by North Alabama baseball, football, and soccer, while providing an opportunity to host concerts, live performances, community events, and

other sporting events.

"It is a game-changer for football, for athletics, and for the University," said Steve Pierce, a longtime Board of Trustees member and chair of the Campus Life, Athletics, and Diversity

Committee. "As a student from the 1970s, I see the value in having an on-campus stadium. This is why I am behind this 1000%."

Trustee approval launches Bank Independent Stadium

into a 12-18 month design phase with a sports construction firm to formalize the project scope, design, and financial strategy. Details will be shared as they become available, according to North Alabama Athletics Director, Dr. Josh Looney. "Today's vote is the culmination of much work, planning, and many conversations with others who told us, unequivocally, that the time has come to make an on-campus stadium at UNA a reality," he said.

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We invite you to come and be with us! For more information, please visit: facebook.com/midwaychurchofchrist.org

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.

The Inaugural Team Roping benefiting Ronald McDonald House Charities of Alabama, takes place Saturday, June 24 and Sunday, June 25 at Longhorn R Arena, 2576 3 Mile Lane, in Tuscumbia. Saddle up and show off your roping skills! Registration opens at 8am each day at the Longhorn R Arena, and roping begins at 9am. The organizers of the event, the Austin family, have a personal connection to the RMHC of Alabama mission. Information: 256-383-2965.

The Lauderdale County Solid Waste Dept. will be closed on Tuesday, July 4. All commercial and residential garbage collections, will be delayed by one day following the holiday, meaning Tuesday's will be picked up on Wednesday, Wednesday on Thursday, Thursday on Friday, and Friday on Saturday. The landfill and the solid waste office will be closed July 4. For any questions, residents can consult the Lauderdale County Solid Waste Department Facebook page.

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

Singing River Square dance beginners class dance each Monday 5:30-7pm followed by the Singing River Square Dance Club hosting dance and Plus workshop from 7-8:30pm at The Club/Florence Parks and Recreation, 450 Country Club Drive in Florence. The National Square Dance Convention will be in Mobile, AL this June. That's great for square dancers in the state. Over 15,000 dancers are registered! 256-760-6642.

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.

Social Dance on Tuesday Nights, 6:30-8:45, at The Club (Florence Senior Center), 450 Country Club Drive in Florence. Music from across the decades provided by The Browns. The Club is an alcohol, drug, smoke, and weapon-free facility. 256-760-6420.

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Savvy SENIOR

Health Insurance Options After a Spouse Retires

Dear Savvy Senior,
My 63-year-old wife, who's doesn't work, is on my health insurance plan through my employer. When I retire next month and go on Medicare, what are our options for getting her health coverage until she turns 65? Is there some kind of Medicare coverage for dependent spouses?
Need Insurance

Dear Need,
Unfortunately, Medicare does not provide family coverage to younger spouses or dependent children when you qualify for Medicare. Nobody can obtain Medicare benefits before age 65, unless eligible at a younger age because of disability. With that said, here are your best options for covering your wife.

Affordable Care Act: In most cases, your best choice is to get your wife an individual health insurance policy through the Affordable Care Act (ACA) health insurance Marketplace (a.k.a. Obamacare). The Marketplace offers comprehensive health coverage, and she won't be denied coverage or charged extra for preexisting health conditions.

And thanks to the American Rescue Plan and Inflation Reduction Act, the Marketplace now provides enhanced subsidies through 2025. If your income falls below the 400 percent poverty level after you retire - anything below \$73,240 for a couple or \$54,360 for a single in 2023 - your wife will be eligible for a tax credit that will reduce the amount you'll have to pay for her policy. The Marketplace also ensures that households with incomes above that 400 percent poverty level will not have to pay more than 8.5 percent of their income for a benchmark policy.

To see how much subsidy you may be eligible for, use Kaiser Family Foundation calculator at //KFF.org/interactive/subsidy-calculator.

To shop for Marketplace plans in your state, visit HealthCare.gov or call 800-318-2596. Or, if you want some extra help, contact a Marketplace-certified agent or broker at //HealthCare.gov/find-assistance.

COBRA: Another option is the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (COBRA), which is a federal law that would allow your wife to remain with your company insurance plan for at least 18 months after you make the switch to Medicare. But not every employer plan is COBRA eligible. Contact your employer benefits administrator to find out if yours is one of them.

You also need to be aware that COBRA is not cheap, requiring you to pay the full monthly premium yourself. But, if you've already met or nearly met your employer plan's deductible or out-of-pocket maximum for the year, and don't want your wife to start over with a new plan; or if you find your employer's health plan to be more affordable than the Marketplace plans, it makes sense for your wife to keep her current coverage under COBRA.

Short-Term Health Insurance: If you can't find an affordable Marketplace plan and COBRA is too expensive, the next option is short-term health insurance. These plans, which are not available in every state, are cheaper, bare-bones health plans that provide coverage for one to 12 months and may be renewed for up to three years in some states. But be aware that short-term plans don't comply with the ACA so they can deny sick people coverage, they don't cover preexisting conditions, and they can exclude coverage essentials like prescription drugs.

To find and compare short-term health plans, try sites like eHealthInsurance.com or PivotHealth.com.°

Healthcare sharing ministries: One other coverage option you should know about is healthcare sharing ministries (HCSM). These are cost-sharing health plans in which members - who typically share a religious belief - make monthly payments to cover expenses of other members, including themselves.

HCSM's are cheaper than paying full out-of-pocket costs for traditional health insurance but be aware that HCSM's are not health insurance. They don't have to comply with the consumer protections of the ACA. They can also reject or limit coverage for having pre-existing health issues and can limit how much you'll be reimbursed for your medical costs.

To look for HCSM plans, comparison shop at the three largest providers: SamaritanMinistries.org, MyChristianCare.org and Chministries.org.

Send your senior questions to: Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, OK 73070, or visit SavvySenior.org. Jim Miller is a contributor to the NBC Today show and author of "The Savvy Senior" book.



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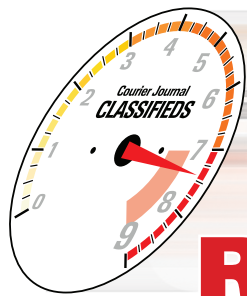
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All Medical Cannabis Rulings from June 12 have been Rescinded

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The stay was issued because of AMCC's discovery of potential inconsistencies in the tabulation of scoring data. During this pause in proceedings, the Commission will seek an independent review of all scoring data.

"The Commission will work expeditiously to investigate and identify inconsistencies in the score data" explained AMCC Director, John McMillan. "Out of an abundance of caution, we are suspending all current procedural timelines until those matters are resolved."

The stay issued by the Commission impacts the following procedural requirements of the program:

Applicants who were awarded a license on June 12, 2023, are not required to pay the license fee by June 26, 2023.

Applicants who were denied award of license

on June 12, 2023, are not required to submit a request for investigative hearing by June 26, 2023.

Licenses that were awarded on June 12, 2023, will not issue on July 10, 2023.

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The Florence Farmers Market (corner of Chisholm and Fairground Roads) will open on 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.

The market has a safe, atmosphere where children are welcome. There is plenty of parking and accessible rest rooms.

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

The second annual **National Homeownership Month Art Contest** sponsored by the Alabama Housing Finance Authority (AHFA) is open for entries.

Alabama children between the ages of 5 and 12 are invited to illustrate financial concepts like earning, saving, spending, and giving, featuring AHFA's popular blue mascot, Bud.

Then, with an adult's help, they can upload their entries at <https://woobox.com/mzz4r2> from June 1-30. Public voting runs July 1-9, and winners will be announced on July 11. Contest entry is free, and the top three vote-getters will win deluxe art supply sets and Kiwi Crate subscriptions, which deliver monthly craft, STEM, and science activity kits to their doors. More contest details, rules and voting information are available at www.ahfa.com.

Jacksonburg Church of Christ, 414 Lauderdale 28, Florence, will have Vacation Bible School Monday-Thursday, July 10-13 from 6:30-8:30pm each night. There will be classes for all ages, with Mike Tays teaching teens and adults. Theme: "Roadtrip!" Jesus Is Our Way to Heaven. Everyone is welcome.

Florence Camerata summer concert, America Sings! will be on Tuesday, July 18 at First Presbyterian Church in downtown Florence, and will help to kick off Handy Week!

We will be singing music by American Composers....some spirituals, some popular, some ballads, some patriotic.... just a wide variety of beautiful music! For more information, call 256-810-9512.

What a Wonderful World - Edsel Holden Legacy Series Sunday July 23, 2pm at UNA Norton Auditorium, presented by: One Place of the Shoals, UNA School for the Arts, UNA Center for Women's Studies and Aaron Howard with Cloud Investments, LLC. Dr. Lyman Mitchell's Shoals Area Big Band - Featuring: Spooner Oldham, Mark Narmore and more special guests.

Entry \$20. **Ticket Outlets:** One Place of the Shoals, Kennedy-Douglass Art Center and TVA Community Credit Union. **Online:** www.oneplaceoftheshoals.com

All Active Duty Military and Veterans Admitted **FREE**. Call 256-284-7600 for Tickets! Proceeds to benefit the One Place of the Shoals.

Southern Gospel's favorite, The Mark Trammell Quartet, will be at Cypress Creek Methodist Church on Sunday, July 23 at 10:30am. These guys sing all over the country. Join us for a wonderful time of music and ministry - 801 Lewis Bruce Lane in Florence, off of Cox Creek Pkwy. N

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.

This trip is popular and is filling quickly. Call for more info or to book, Fran 256-760-6442. \$75 due upon signing. Final payment due Sept. 20. Departure on November 27 from The Club, 450 Country Club Drive in Florence.

FREE Fishing Days at Deibert Park 6:30-11:30am on Sept. 12 and Oct. 12. No fishing license needed. Bring your own tackle, snacks and chairs. 256-760-6420.

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

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

Through popular demand, Heritage Preservation, Inc. (HPI), the local non-profit organization in Florence that sponsors the shield-type metal plaques for individual historic houses in Florence and Lauderdale County, is pleased to announce that the plaques are available once again. The plaques have the same classic background design that appears on existing plaques, and each one is personalized with the name of the house or building and its date of construction. An individual plaque cost is \$100 each in pre-sold lots of 50. When as many as 50 have been sold, the local manufacturing company will create them for immediate distribution. The goal is to place the first order of 50 or more with the manufacturer by July 1, 2023, if not before.

LifeSouth is in emergency need for blood donors. This year continues to be difficult for LifeSouth and blood centers across the country with the impact of the pandemic causing a decrease in blood donations, while the need to help patients in local hospitals continues to increase.

Regular blood donors who have not given recently and first-time donors can make a major impact by donating. One donation can save up to three lives.

Donate at the Center, 307 Veterans Drive, Florence. Schedule an appointment, 256-765-7038. www.lifesouth.org. The hours are: Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9am-5pm; Tuesday and Thursday 9am-7pm; Saturday 9am-3pm; Sunday 1-5pm.

To find a donor center or mobile blood drive near you, visit lifesouth.org or call 888-795-2707. Blood donors must be at least 17 or 16 with parental permission, weigh a minimum of 110 pounds and be in good health. A photo ID is required. LifeSouth donors receive a complimentary cholesterol screening with each donation.

Are you looking for a new church home? Weeden Heights Methodist Church is a small friendly church with Christians who love the Lord, welcome new members with open arms and no affiliation with larger denominations; an independent Church whose discipline is the Holy Bible. We answer to no organization or group. We answer to the Holy Lord and God.

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120 Jobs...

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and longstanding, disciplined financial management by building upon its strengths to attain sustainable, strategic growth.

“At Southwire, we’re making a multi-year investment of more than a billion dollars to integrate newer and better equipment, systems, and technology into our operations to increase efficiency, enhance competitiveness, and to ensure the operational capability and capacity to support our strategic growth. The Florence expansion is a testament to those efforts,” said Rich Stinson, Southwire’s president and CEO.

The Southwire Florence Plant was acquired from Essex in 2006 to support the company’s production of commercial and residential building wire. The 300,000 square foot campus has grown over time, and this expansion will include approximately 340,000 square feet of added space for new equipment.

In addition to more operating space and new equipment, the project will also renovate the existing building to enhance the team member experience. This includes locker rooms, training space, and an outdoor picnic and activity area.

“This investment will allow us to better service our customers safely and efficiently.



The Southwire property pictured above on Helton Drive has increased by over 8 acres to accommodate the company’s expansion.

Courtesy Shoals EDA

The Florence team and I are very excited about the expansion and what it means for the future,” said Brian Davis, plant manager. “This expansion speaks volumes about the dedication, hard work, and commitment of our team members, and we look forward to the opportunities that this expansion will bring.”

These investments and upgrades will effectively streamline Southwire’s commercial and residential building wire efforts, complement existing products, and emphasize the facility’s culture and labor pool.

“Southwire’s investment project will create good-paying jobs in Florence while enhancing the facility’s competitiveness and

solidifying its future in the community,” said Greg Canfield, Secretary of the Alabama Department of Commerce.

“It’s always an exciting day when we can celebrate a company’s commitment to continued growth in the region,” said John Bradley, TVA senior vice president of Economic Development. “We are proud to partner with Shoals Economic Development Authority (EDA) to support companies like Southwire and look forward to its continued business success in the region.”

Construction is expected to begin this summer and should be completed in in 2025.

“Existing industries are the lifeblood of

economic development,” said Kevin Jackson, Shoals EDA President. “Their growth and expansions are a testament to the communities and employees they support. It’s always a great day when we can assist a gold-standard company like Southwire with this expansion in Florence and Lauderdale County. This project will create a lasting positive impact on the entire Shoals region.”

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Dropkick Trump Yet Another Time

I'll admit to not understanding the need or purpose for any former US President leaving office to declassify any sensitive material. The fact that an outgoing U.S. President can arbitrarily "declassify" ANY set of classified federal documents and take them to a private residence would seem to create major security concerns, regardless, of who, or how it took place.

However, by law, ONLY the President can do this.

Regardless of how it transpired and how careless he may or may not have been with them, as a former President, Donald Trump is perfectly within his legal and constitutional rights to possess them.

I'm no fan of Trump. My wife can vouch for that because she is tired of hearing me. His policies were solid, but his narcissistic/antagonistic attitude got old quickly. He is his own worst enemy. However, all that is beside the point.

As we all know by now, Trump's Mar-

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McCoy Headlines

Helen Keller Festival

TUSCUMBIA – The Helen Keller Festival, a captivating four-day event paying homage to Helen Keller, from June 22-25 in downtown Tuscumbia and Spring Park will come alive with a vibrant array of activities and entertainment for all ages.

The festival offers an unforgettable experience, featuring a delightful parade, a fine arts and



Saturday headliner, Neal McCoy, above, and Sunday performers, Vocal Union, below. Ticket information on page 33. Courtesy photos



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FLORENCE– Make Music Florence is a free citywide day of music to be held annually on June 21, the longest day of the year.

This Inaugural Make Music Day festival is part of the larger Make Music Day, an international summer solstice music celebration occurring in 1,000+ cities across the globe.

Florence will fill with music for everyone to enjoy, coffee shops, restaurants,

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YOU'RE INVITED TO A GOSPEL SERIES at Midway church of Christ, June 25-30 with guest evangelist, Chuck Durham from Springdale, Arkansas.

This series of gospel sermons will benefit all ages and places in life. Services at 10:30am and 7pm Sunday and at 7pm each evening throughout the week. We invite you to come and be with us!

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YOUR Letters

Your Courier Journal welcomes tastefully presented typed or neatly written letters to be published as space allows. Letters may refer to timely matters of local, state, or national interest or any topic of concern or interest. **Letters must include name, address and phone number for verification.** (Only name and town will be published.) Letters are subject to editing. Please limit letters to 400 words. All letters become the property of the Courier Journal and may not necessarily reflect opinions of the Courier Journal staff, its advertisers, or a majority of readers.

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The Beauty Above

Editor:

We drive on Rasch Rd and Jackson Rd toward Cypress Creek almost daily. Through the years we've been greatly blessed by the canopy of trees arching over those roads. Whatever the season, an immediate calm envelopes us soon as we hit that tunnel of arched trees that meet over the road.

Full foliage in summer brings soothing cool, fall an array of color, winter freezes make every twig a sparkling crystal. It is always like driving through a cathedral on those stretches of road, and we always thank the folks in the road and tree crews who allow the trees to do that, while at the same time, keeping us safe from

any potential falling trees and limbs. Their work is artistry.

Judith Rausch
Florence

Leave Willie Green

Dear Editor:

My house is on High Street and people wave at me as they ride by. I think to myself, "Isn't that nice."

It's a quiet place and famous in it's own way. For there once stood a

Are there any liberals who respect our flag anymore?



school. But like all things, it's gone now. Only a marker for all to see.

But there is a place called Willie Green where children learn to play games. Their friends and family watch them with pride.

Children need a place that they can belong to and learn to play games which give them confidence and help them find their dreams.

Why can't these people focus on another place for the political things they seek to find?

Leave the Willie Green Recreation Center for those children who go there and for those who went there in the past.

Vivian Bates
Tuscumbia

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REDUCE DRYER TIME

I keep a clean, dry towel by my dryer. I toss it in with the wet clothes. It cuts my drying time by about a quarter. I've been doing this for years, and it works. Besides, it's free!
Amy

avoid this, whenever we buy ingredients for a particular recipe, we place them in a bag together and label the bag, so others know what not to use.
Norma

SUMMER GRILLIN'

If you do any summer grilling, you need to know this tip. Any time I cook with a closed grill, I place a foil pan full of tap water inside. High heat can dry out food really fast. The water evaporates and helps keep food moist as it

cooks. More than once, it's saved a meal for me.
Jordan

NO POISON MOUSE REMOVAL

If you want to get rid of mice without traps or poisons that could hurt pets or toddlers, try this. Buy some peppermint and spearmint essential oil. Mix them. Pour some of the mixture on cotton balls and place the balls where the mice like to be. Mice hate the smell and will go away.
Dot

FREE SUMMER COOLING

A wet cloth can make summer much easier to take. If I get warm watching TV, I put a cool, wet towel on the back of my neck and shoulders. When I'm doing yard work, I have a wet bandanna that I tie loosely around my neck. At night, I even sprinkle my PJs before bed. The wet cloth cools the skin and makes it feel much cooler than it really is.
Susie

I'M A GRINDER

Ground beef has gotten so expensive! One way to fight that is to watch for sales on roasts or London broils. When I see a sale, I pick up a couple of them, take them to the butcher's counter, and ask to have them ground up into hamburger. I get a better quality meat for less money. My next purchase is going to be a grinder, so I can do that at home.
Amy

NEIGHBORHOOD GET TOGETHER

Each spring or summer, I inspect my house for small jobs that need to be done. This year, we'll need to have a patch in our driveway repaired and some tree trimming done. Both jobs are too big for me but too small for many contractors. That's why I get together with a bunch of neighbors on my

block. Between us, four houses need driveway repair. That makes for a reasonable job for a contractor. We split the cost. The same thing is true with tree trimming. Each spring, we all get together to compare notes and see where we can add our jobs and save a few dollars. It's our way of participating in the new share economy.
Alex

GREAT SLEEPING WEATHER!

Our days are hot, but nights are cool, usually in the low 70s. We rigged our house to draw the cool night air through it. All three bedrooms are on the same side of the house. Our living room and kitchen are on the other side. We placed two box fans in windows in the living room and kitchen. They're set to push inside air out of the house. That pulls cooler outside air in through the open bedroom windows. Since the fans are on the other side of the house, we don't notice the noise, and the cool air is just a gentle draft through the bedroom. It makes for perfect sleeping!
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~ Courtesy David Curott ~ author of "Signs of the Past" and "More Signs of the Past"

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YES IT IS TIME FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

We sometimes refer to this special few days as Family Bible School. It has an emphasis on children, but parents and older folks become students as well.

We have so many boys and girls (and adults too) at Hendrix Chapel that enjoy studying the Bible. Just so you know, we at Hendrix believe it is our God-given responsibility to teach the Bible to anyone and everyone who could be taught. (Matthew 28:18-20; 1 Timothy 3:15.)

For our adult classes this year, **Sonny Owens** and **James Senn** will be our guest speakers on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday nights. **Nolan Burns** will teach our Wednesday night class, **Wayne Wood** will begin our classes on Sunday Morning as we all will be taking a little closer look at the Parables of our Lord.

Yes, it is that special time at Hendrix Chapel to set other things aside and focus on the most important education for our children and adults as well. As we all become students of the Bible, please accept this as our invitation to come and study the Bible with us.

This Sunday morning, June 25, 9am through Wednesday, June 28, 7pm nightly. †

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Vulcan Observation Tower Gets Touch-Up Sealant

BIRMINGHAM — Vulcan Park & Museum temporarily closed the Observation Tower on June 8 to begin a phased preservation project.

This is the second time that waterproofing sealant has been applied to seal the mortar since Vulcan was restored and replaced on his pedestal in 2003. Amanda Hare, Director of Marketing & Public Relations for Vulcan Park and Museum says, "Mother Nature and time will always be factors. Therefore, it is expected that Vulcan will need restoration touch-ups periodically to keep our city symbol looking his absolute best."

A City of Birmingham asset, the Vulcan Observation Tower and statue have been listed on the National Register of Historic Places since 1976. Historic designation is administered by the National Park Service and requires all preservation and restoration work to the structures to comply with the Secretary of the

Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties.

The Observation Tower's current restoration project will focus on reducing water infiltration to the inner staircase to preserve the marble landing with sealant application, which must be completed during the warmer months of the year.

Vulcan's Observation Tower is closed to the public until further notice.

Park grounds, including Kiwanis Centennial Plaza, will remain open from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily.

Vulcan Center, including the Museum and The Anvil gift shop will remain open from 10 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Admission will be reduced during restoration project.

For more information visit our website, visitvulcan.com



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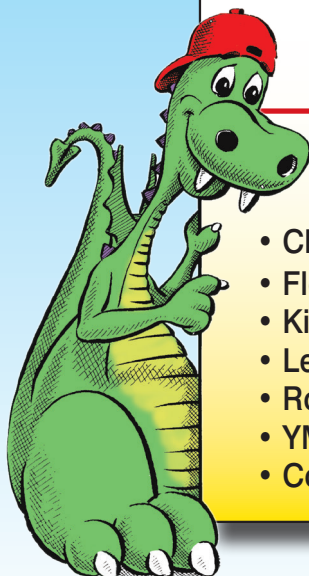
Special Education records for students who graduated or should have graduated during the year 2018 are going to be destroyed in August, 2023.

Persons interested in receiving their records should contact the Special Education Department at 256-760-1324 before August 1, 2023.

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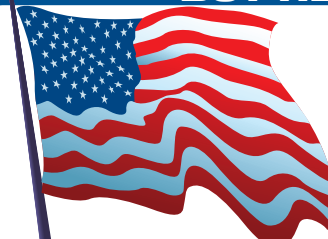
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Jim Fisher

"Hello. If anyone is looking for this sweet girl, found her lying on the side road in #Florence. She was hit by a car in a hit and run incident. I took her to the vet. She is in a critical condition, sustained

The Content Switcheroo Scam

by "The Computer Skeptic"

multiple fractures and on pain relief and oxygen. She is not chipped. I know someone is looking for her. Please bump this post to help me find the owner.

The posting usually has comments disabled so you can't ask any questions and people like me can't reply with a cathartic insult to the scammer and warning to anyone who reads it. So many of my gentle-hearted friends have dutifully shared these posts thinking they were helping out this poor animal. Here's what happens when you do share it:

Once the posting gains a few hundred or even thousands of "shares" the original creator will change the content of the original post. So instead of a badly injured animal, the post will advertise cheap sunglasses, baby food deals, or even a link to a malicious website. So instead of you helping a poor animal, you inadvertently helped propagate a scam on your friends. Nice, huh?

It's not always an injured animal. I've seen a lot of scammers post inspirational quotes that some of you like to share. Some of it has been real

estate deals that are too good to be true or missing baby claims.

A twist on this is the "free stuff scam." I've recently seen scammers post on a local buy/sell page that claims they've won the lottery and want to share their wealth. All you have to do is guess the answer to some really simple question. The scammer will congratulate you on the correct answer (even when it's wrong) and urge you to message them to collect your free money. I don't know exactly what they will do when you message them, but it's probably some form of the "advance payment scam" where you send them \$100 or more and are guaranteed to receive your \$25,000 or \$25 million dollars. Just don't do that, please.

So how do you spot the vile creatures? The poster is often

an alluring young woman in revealing clothes with a photo clearly scarfed from the internet somewhere. They often have Middle Eastern names. The account may have been created in the past day or two. Sometimes the account might even be someone you know such as the poor older woman from Rogersville whose account was hacked and stolen from her and now "she" has become a scammer and supposedly giving money away.

Jim Fisher owns Excel Computer Services in Florence. Reach him at www.ExcelAL.com



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Kids in College...

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in science, technology, engineering, art, and math. According to NW-SCC Child Development Center Coordinator, Jacquie Jefferys, all the camp activities will take place with an emphasis on STEAM in the Shoals area. "Our camp participants that are going into the fifth grade and higher will experience building and programing a robot, as well as other STEAM related activities," said Jefferys. "The younger participants will learn science, technology, engineering, art and math concepts through meaningful activities and experiences as it relates to the Shoals area."

Healthy snacks will be provided daily. Children are to arrive promptly at 8:00 a.m. in the Patriot Center on the Shoals Campus. Each day's

events will conclude at 12pm. Friday, July 21 will feature a Family Fair. State and local agencies along with businesses will share information with camp participants and their families.


Deadline for registration is July 10. Registration is \$90 per child. Spaces are limited and early registration is encouraged.

Registration is available online at <https://bit.ly/kidsincollegeregistration> for one child, and https://bit.ly/kidsincollegeregistration_multiplechildren for multiple children.

For more information on the 2023 Kids in College summer camp or to register, contact the NW-SCC Child Development Center at (256) 331-5245 or email jjefferys@nwscc.edu.

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Neighbors, we encourage you to **CHOOSE WISELY** in things that matter. In the grand scheme of things it does not really matter what team you support, even the political candidate. But, it does matter, eternally matters, what you do religiously.

Let the words of Jesus echo in our minds and hearts. He spoke about A WAY that leads to eternal life in heaven (John 14:1-3). The Bible says there is a way that seems right, but the end thereof are the ways of death (Proverbs 14:12). Further we read that it is not up to man to direct his own steps, determine his way of righteousness (Jeremiah 10:23).

CHOOSE the CHURCH of Christ's choice – the one that He shed His blood to purchase (Acts 20:28); the one that He is the Head (Ephesians 1:22-23), of which He is the Saviour (Ephesians 5:23ff). **REJECT** the religions of men, those who follow doctrines of men (Matthew 15:7-9).

It really matters **WHY** you do **WHAT** you do! It is **NOT** just a matter of going to a church, anyone of the hundreds around us! Since Christ will judge us in the end, choose His way, His church.



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:

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Religious Abuse Support Group of the Shoals will start meeting in September - first & last Sundays of every month. Time and Location will vary. About us: we are a group dedicated to supporting individuals in our local community who have experienced abuse within religious institutions.

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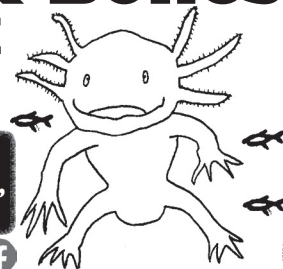
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- 2. Ancient Romans used tattoos to mark certain people.**
True or False
- 3. Which rock group has an album titled "Tattoo You?"**
A) Rolling Stones B) ZZ Top C) Journey D) Allman Brothers
- 4. Nazis would tattoo Jewish children of the Holocaust with what?**
A) Numbers B) Star of David C) Names D) Swastikas
- 5. The book "Illustrated Man" was written by whom?**
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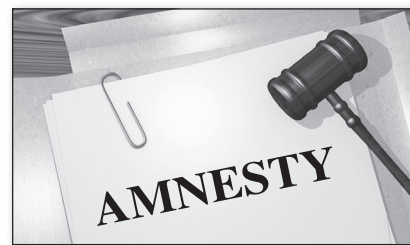
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A Downward Trajectory

Editor:

The political landscape in America is quickly headed for extreme polarization with each side growing from the end instead of the middle. Whenever I hear liberal media and democrats use the word "Democracy,"

I shake my head in frustration as they have weakened and strained the tenets and principles of what democracy means in our Republic. To thumb their noses at our military's obligations and our ability to defend ourselves is like cutting off your nose to spite your face. To support any liberal cause, no matter how illegal, unconstitutional, or violent is just downright unpatriotic.

Are there any liberals who respect our flag anymore? Who fly their flag on holidays? If mainstream Americans

don't come together and vote their conscience, considering policies over party, then our country is going to continue to decline with many ominous possibilities.

The direction Biden has taken us since being awakened in his basement and told that he won the Presidency has been a sharp downward trajectory in every category that defines America.

Wayne South
Florence

We're Wise to Your Ways

Editor:

ABC news routinely interrupts the *General Hospital* soap opera program with anything they can about Trump!

The strange thing about their rude intrusion of GH fans is that they always and only choose that time of day in our program schedule. It's almost like they do it on purpose. They hate Trump badly and want to brag about

anything negative and destructive about him.

What ABC news is doing while trying to bring Trump down is they are bringing themselves down. Not only are they upsetting General Hospital fans, but they are also proving themselves to be a vindictive, sleezy news organization.

They try to excuse themselves and claim their news about Trump is in the best interest of the country and needs to be reported. Well, ABC, we the people are wise to your devious, unscrupulous, and unprofessional way of reporting all news about Trump.

Paul Sabatino
Florence

We Should Demand It

Editor:

A recent local letter, entitled, "We should minimize dealings with China," noted that China has taken an increasingly belligerent attitude toward the United States.

The bad part is that we have financed China's military build-up by buying trillions of dollars of their cheap goods." Many manufacturers have gone to China due to cheap labor and, of course, for greater profits. They have put increased profits ahead of our country. Their actions are a reason that we currently have a national debt of over \$31 trillion!

In addition, it has just been announced that we are running low on a drug used to treat cancer. Whom are we asking for help? China! Our country is no longer self-supporting, and that IS NOT good!

Paul once stated, "For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs." (1 Tim. 6: 10)

It is up to us to demand action by our leaders. If you don't want to do it for yourself, do it for your children and their children.

Bill Smoak
Florence

Some Beliefs Are Insane

Editor,

There is much misinformation in the media today about white nationalism, angry and violent parents, book bans, and generalized hate against the alphabet soup crowd. It has gone so far as to state these people are actually practicing anti-first amendment principles of our beloved constitution. Well, words have meaning. So, let us look at the actual text of the first amendment.

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

Some in our local community, think that the state government passing laws that prohibit sexually explicit books in school libraries is a ban

on books. They have no problem with the Bible being banned. This is a ridiculous argument! Most citizens do not want sexually explicit books to be available in school libraries to children. Would it be appropriate for Playboy magazine to be available for checkout at an elementary school library? Of course not. This isn't a hard call. Books are not being banned. Parents are free to buy books they would like their children to read, but that does not mean they should be available in the school library.

Maybe local governments in some areas of the country where their political beliefs are insane, may want them to be available. They are free to make that choice.

It is criminal for the federal government to use its massive power to investigate parents who oppose this poison in our schools; who stand up and speak against it; who oppose this toxic agenda attempting to indoctrinate children. The Biden press secretary stood at the

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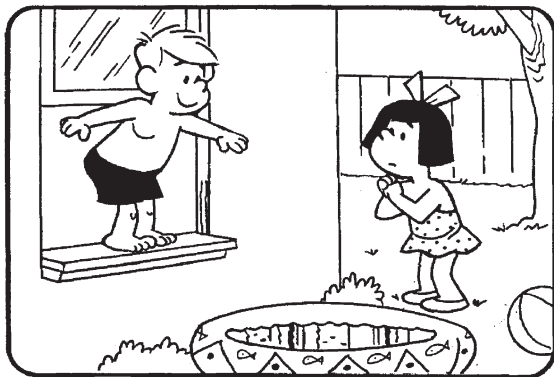
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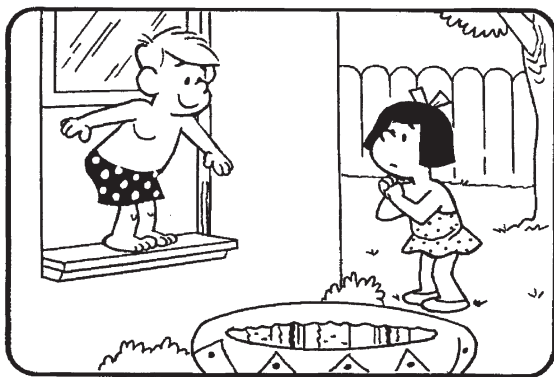
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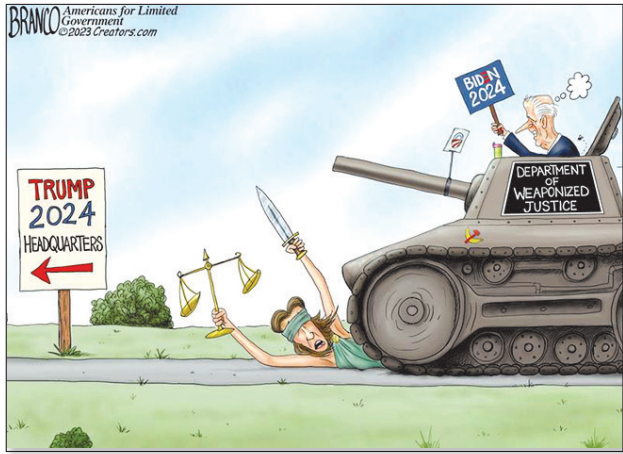
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a-lago Florida residence was raided and searched in a primetime news spectacle last year that the media never stopped talking about.

Last week Trump was charged with 37 counts of mishandling and withholding classified information under the Federal Espionage Act of 1917.

It sounds ominous, and it may be if indeed some of what he possesses was not properly declassified.

Since the President has the constitutional authority to declassify any document or combination of documents, that automatically removes them from being officially sensitive or 'classified.' That's IF he covered all of his bases and didn't run his mouth too much.

Short of treasonous intent, they become as legally insignificant as your grocery list and renders the Espionage Act inapplicable - as a former President.

That exemption would not be applicable to a former US Senator, Vice President, or Aecretary of State. A violation of the Espionage Act or a charge of treason may well be in play if he/she were found to be recklessly storing, transporting, hiding, or destroying hundreds of boxes of classified documents. Funneling/laundering \$millions in foreign company cash payments through flimsy shell corporations without a return of a worthy product could also be considered treasonous, as would accepting \$millions in foreign contributions to



a closely held 501 (3)(c) foundation or exchanging some of America's most sensitive military and satellite technology to our enemies in exchange for \$millions in campaign contributions.

However, that is not what we are talking about here, is it?

What we ARE talking about is what we now know was a full-scale fraudulent accusation against a Presidential candidate starting in 2016, knowingly and willfully perpetrated by an opponent and facilitated by a sitting President with full knowledge and participation of FBI and DOJ.

When the effort failed, the accusations only metastasized further during Trump's four-year term, the next election season, and beyond.

And now Biden's DOJ and other Democrats keep insisting that the current indictment of Donald Trump is about the law and is not driven by political concerns.

"This is about the law and not politics" becomes less genuine every time somebody on the left suggests that the DOJ should give Trump the option of having the charges dropped in return for Trump deciding to forego politics from now on.

Some of these people deserve a level 5 clown stamp on their forehead, some a 5-bag rating of manure dumped on them. Some both.

Anyone who still proudly says that the FBI and the Department of Justice are fairly and evenly meting out the law without regard to political purpose is either underinformed, under the influence, or in need of a personal character inventory, because they are not being honest with themselves.

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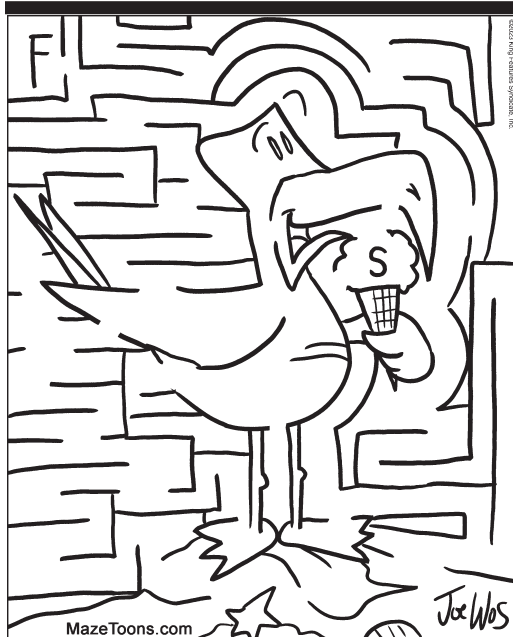
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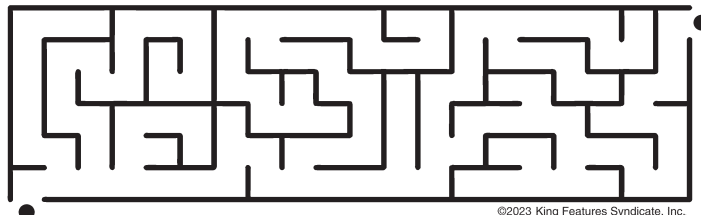
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Even Exchange by Donna Pettman

Each numbered row contains two clues and two 6-letter answers. The two answers differ from each other by only one letter, which has already been inserted. For example, if you exchange the A from MASTER for an I, you get MISTER. Do not change the order of the letters.

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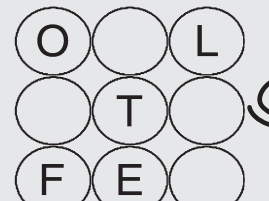
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Answers on Page 38

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Thomas McCutcheon

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Medical Malpractice

A lot of people believe they were injured through medical negligence. A few years ago, it was the sixth leading cause of death in the United States. It was the equivalent of a jumbo jet crashing every day.

Doctors hate malpractice suits and dislike paying for the insurance they have to carry.

Medical malpractice occurs when a "standard of care" is breached and harm results. Alabama by and large put an end to medical malpractice cases through the state legislature about 20 years ago when they enacted the Alabama Medical Liability Act.

The standard of care is the established rule or ordinary care given or followed by doctors. The rule or standard can be established by the testimony of physician or in certain cases, a medical textbook. I strongly recommend the movie *The Verdict* starring Paul Newman which is the most realistic lawyer movie I have ever seen.

It used to be that when medical malpractice occurred a lawyer would find a retired doctor to review the facts and the medical documents to determine whether malpractice had occurred. You have to give credit to the medical profession in that everybody doesn't get a good result, every person is different, and we all die from something. Doctors have a tough job to do, and they have to credit the legislature for putting a stop to medical malpractice cases by and large.

Under the Alabama Medical Liability Act for a medical malpractice case to proceed not only does a person have to have suffered a serious injury, but the exact same type of practicing (not retired) doctor has to say that your doctor committed malpractice. The legislature went on to shield doctors from past mistakes they've made. Not only can a jury not hear about the exact same mistakes a doctor has made before, the lawyer can't even ask the question.

The court has ruled that an RN who practices in an ICU is not qualified to testify against an RN who testifies in a Cardiac Care Unit or CCU. There was a recent case where a doctor who had founded a board certification program for that particular type of physician but let his dues lapse was disqualified from testifying and the case was dismissed against the doctor.

Not only does the person have to suffer injury, that injury has to have been preventable. In other words, if the ER misses a malignant tumor but you would have died of it anyway, the Alabama Legislature says that's no harm no foul and you don't have a case.

People get very excited about medical malpractice cases when they occur but because they are so expensive to litigate it takes a very serious injury and extremely obvious malpractice to even consider taking on such a case.

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

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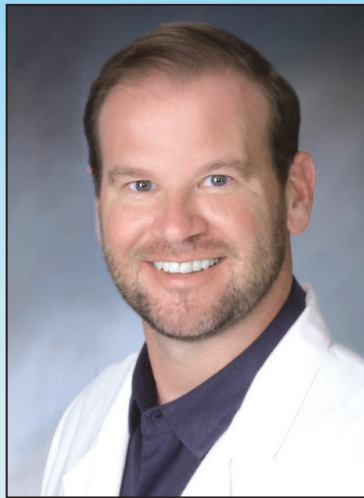
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Stop Foreclosure With Chapter 13 Bankruptcy: Your Guide To Protecting Your Home

Are you facing the daunting possibility of foreclosure? It's a distressing situation that can leave you feeling helpless and overwhelmed. However, there is hope in the form of Chapter 13 bankruptcy. In this article, I will discuss how Chapter 13 bankruptcy can help you stop foreclosure and protect your home. So, if you're searching for a bankruptcy attorney to assist you during this challenging time, read on to understand how Chapter 13 can be the lifeline you need.

payments and stay current on future payments. By including your mortgage arrears in the repayment plan, you can prevent foreclosure and gradually bring your mortgage payments up to date. As long as you adhere to the terms of the repayment plan and make the required payments, your home will be protected from foreclosure.

Other Benefits Of Chapter 13 Bankruptcy:

Understanding Chapter 13 Bankruptcy:

Chapter 13 bankruptcy is a type of bankruptcy that allows individuals to reorganize their debts and establish a manageable repayment plan. Chapter 13 focuses on creating a repayment plan that spans over three to five years, allowing debtors to catch up on missed mortgage payments and prevent foreclosure.

Besides the Home retention, Chapter 13 bankruptcy is specifically designed so you have the advantage of spreading out your debts over a more extended period, making it more manageable to repay what you owe.

Halting The Foreclosure Process:

One of the most significant advantages of filing for Chapter 13 bankruptcy is the automatic stay. Once you file your Bankruptcy case, an automatic stay is immediately put into effect, which halts all collection actions, including foreclosure proceedings. This gives you the breathing room you need to address your financial difficulties and work towards a solution that will help you keep your home.

Further, it also provides protection from creditors: The automatic stay offers immediate protection from collection actions, including repossession. This means your creditors cannot proceed with foreclosure or repossession while you're under Chapter 13 bankruptcy protection.

Filing for bankruptcy involves a lot of paperwork, rules, and procedures that can be confusing and overwhelming for someone who is not familiar with them. We can help you navigate through this difficult time and on to other side and financial freedom.

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crafts show, delectable food vendors, captivating art exhibits, the engaging Keller Kids program, stage musical entertainment, immersive history programs, fascinating tours, and two captivating performances of the renowned play, "The Miracle Worker."

"This event showcases the rich history and cultural heritage of Tuscumbia, offering a wide range of activities and entertainment for visitors of all ages," said Susann Hamlin, President and CEO of Colbert County Tourism, "Join us as we pay tribute to this remarkable individual."

The festival's highlight is the lively downtown parade, set to commence at 6pm on Thursday. It will wind through the streets of Tuscumbia, creating an electric atmosphere and celebrating the indomitable spirit of Helen Keller, America's "First Lady of Courage." Visitors can explore captivating exhibits throughout the festival, such as the Helen Keller Art Show of Alabama at the Tennessee Valley Art Museum. This juried exhibition showcases artwork created by talented students from across Alabama who have visual impairments or blindness. Additionally, tours of Ivy Green, Helen Keller's childhood home, and the cottage where her beloved teacher, Anne Sullivan, taught her to communicate, offer an intimate glimpse into her extraordinary journey.

"The Helen Keller Festival has truly worked its magic on our city's tourism scene over the past 45 years," stated Eli Harper, a member of the Helen Keller Festival Executive Board. "It's like nothing you've ever seen before, bringing together music, culture, and the amazing legacy of Helen Keller."

The festival's marketplace in Spring Park is a haven for art lovers, housing a wide variety of artists and vendors from the Southeast. Guests can peruse unique creations, shop for one-of-a-kind souvenirs, and enjoy live musical performances in the park.

Music enthusiasts will be treated to exceptional

talent during the Music in the Park events held on Friday and Saturday evenings.

Attendees are invited to witness "The Miracle Worker" play at Ivy Green. This powerful production, now in its 62nd year, recounts Helen Keller's early life and the transformative moment that occurred at the famous well pump. Each performance will be signed for the hearing impaired, ensuring inclusivity for all.

Most festival events are free, allowing visitors to fully enjoy the vibrant atmosphere. However, there will be a \$5 admission fee for the unforgettable evening concerts.

For more information and a detailed schedule of events, please visit www.helenkellerfestival.com

Helen Keller Festival

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SATURDAY, JUNE 24
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SUNDAY, JUNE 25
Vocal Union 7pm

Many of the events that take place during the Helen Keller Festival are open to the public and require no admission.

Below you will see ticket information to enter Spring Park for the main events. All children 10 & Under are FREE!



Thursday - FREE Admission
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Saturday - \$5 Admission Beginning at 3pm (Tickets purchased in park only)
Sunday - FREE Admission

Soap Opera Preview

DAYS OF OUR LIVES Eli, Olivia and Theo all arrived in Salem to commemorate Juneteenth as well as Abe and Paulina's anniversary. Chad helped Theo prepare to give his dad's speech. Eli reunited with Doug and Julie. Chanel found Talia committing a kind gesture. Abe remembered that it was his anniversary, and Whitley played along. Chanel, Julie, Eli and Theo continued to comfort Paulina. Julie and Gabi's old animosity resurfaced. Leo confronted Megan about her and Dimitri using Gwen. Meanwhile, Dimitri declared his love for Gwen. Steve and Kayla reflected on how lucky they were to be reunited. Alex and Brady celebrated closing a deal, when Maggie arrived. Stephanie and Chad decided to take a big step in their relationship. Xander recounted a strange encounter with Bonnie to Chloe. Sarah was shocked to learn Bonnie told Justin her secret. Xander attempted to catch up with Justin. Belle and Brady caught up on recent events. Chad and Stephanie were stunned when Maggie offered him a job. Eli arrived to offer his help on Abe's case. *Wait to See: Belle and Talia meet with Melinda to make a plea for leniency. Chanel speaks with Paulina about the abuse Talia suffered. Whitley surprises Abe by telling him that his son is in town.*

GENERAL HOSPITAL Jordan took the high road. Curtis had some explaining to do. Sasha was taken by surprise. Cody summoned Gladys. Sam was interrupted. Tracy unleashed her fury. Drew was blindsided. Selina mediated a conflict. Michael was grateful. Alexis made a suggestion. Carly felt outraged. Gregory and Tracy clashed. Olivia was desperate for answers. Drew stuck to his guns. Lucy confided in Maxie. Trina sought quality time with Spencer. Brook Lynn was frantic. Laura encouraged Anna. Nina spotted a familiar face. Alexis and Diane got caught up. Nina's relief was short-lived. Ava and Austin were rattled. *Wait to See: Laura lays down the law. Trina opens up to Josslyn. Lucy defends Martin.*

THE YOUNG AND THE RESTLESS Sharon and Nick turned to Chance for help. Adam wrestled with a tough decision. Faith delivered some explosive news. Victor caught Adam off guard. Nick and Sally's relationship was put to the test. Sharon saw a new side to Nikki. Victoria made a power move. Nate got the upper hand against Nick. Adam took a risk with Sally. Traci took control to help her siblings. The Abbotts received a surprise visitor. *Wait to See: Victor questions Victoria's leadership. Tucker gains some intel against an opponent. Adam's dark side emerges.*

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Today, my birthday, I thank God for my many years of life, for my wife, salvation, blessings, calling, purpose, posterity (4 generations), saved folks, churches and preachers I've known. I thank God my life wasn't totally wasted on the world and myself. I thank God for his patience and long-suffering with me. I thank God He gave me a chance to know Him personally. I thank God for the wisdom to know that only He can save and only He can be trusted, permanently. I thank God He has given me an error-free book called The Holy Bible, KJV. That's one thing a have not betrayed Him on. I thank God that when He saved me, He sealed me with the Holy Spirit OF PROMISE to teach me and to guide me forever. I thank God as of this day my wife, my kids, grandkids and great grand kids and families are not sick or in a hospital somewhere. God controls life and death and eternity and has our future in His hands. I thank the Almighty everlasting God, a righteous, holy, perfect creator, that one day He will make the crooked places straight and iron out all the wrinkles in us.

The Lord Christ has given many of us real long lives and plenty of time to get ourselves ready to meet Him, so that we are without excuse! So sad so many in our families have left this world following the Devil's ways and wound up in the fiery lake! Confusion reigns worldwide in the day in which we live. To you who are reading these words and you have never been saved, my prayer for you is for you to ask Christ to forgive your sins and save your soul come into your heart and trust Him alone for salvation. Christ will do it. He cannot fail. Receive Christ now, cry out to Him for mercy. Jesus is listening and waiting for you. Christ promised: **John 6:37** "All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out." **Romans 10:13** For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."

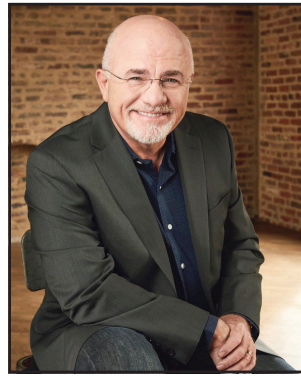
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by DAVE RAMSEY

YOUR FINANCIAL LIFE DEPENDS ON IT

Dear Dave, I've been struggling for about a year, ever since I made a stupid new-college-graduate decision to finance a car. It's a 2018 Jeep Compass, and I owe \$21,000 on it. The trade-in value is about \$11,000, so I really got stung on the sticker price and everything else. I also have \$85,000 in student loan debt and around \$7,500 on credit cards. The good news is, I make \$63,000 at my job, and that should increase to \$75,000 by January of next year. My girlfriend and I are renting an apartment and engaged to be married in 2025. How do I clean all this up before then?
 Austin



Dear Austin, Well, the good news is, you have the rest of your life to never make this kind of mistake again. I'm really sorry you're going through all this, son. What a horrible thing to experience right after college. So, you're \$10,000 upside down on a vehicle you owe \$21,000 on, right? The truth is, you're kind of stuck. If you're serious about getting out of this mess and not repeating the same mistakes twice, you're going to be working like a dog for the next year or two. Right now, you need a serious side job nights and weekends—maybe two. And I'm talking bare-bones living. No

vacations, and no eating out for a while. You don't need to see the inside of a restaurant unless you're working there. Get what I'm saying? No unnecessary spending. Period. On top of all this, you've got to start living on a strict, written monthly budget. Now, about your fiancée. I get the desire to fix things before you get married. But married people work together on this kind of stuff all the time. Believe it or not, there's no perfect time to get married. I mean, it sounds like you two have already decided to go there and figured out neither one of you are perfect. That's just called being human. So, there's really no reason to wait on tying the knot at this point. And the truth is, the two of you can whip your finances into shape faster and much more efficiently working on it together—as a married couple. Austin, I want you tear into this debt like your life depends on it. Because guess what, dude? It does!
 — 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.

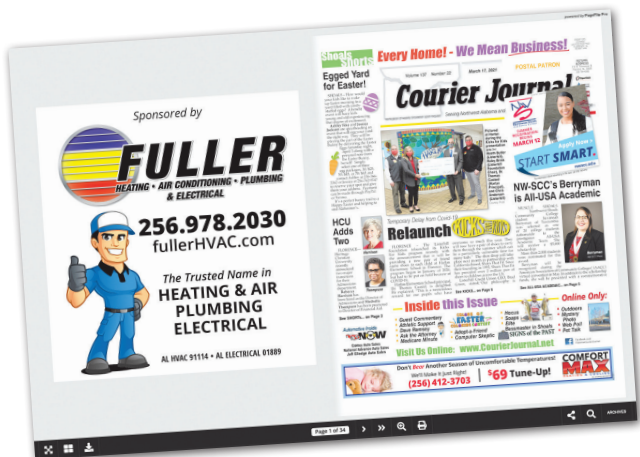
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- **In a study to improve hospital design for children**, researchers polled 250 kids about their opinions on clowns. The verdict was unanimous: Every single one reported disliking or fearing them. Well, so do some adults.
- **A Texas woman named Verda Byrd**, adopted by a Black family in the 1940s, only discovered she was white after finding her adoption papers in 2013.
- **In 1987, a barge left New York for North Carolina** with a whopping 3,168 tons of trash on board. North Carolina didn't want it either, so the barge traveled for seven long months trying (and failing) to find someone to take it, launching a national conversation on the subject of landfills

- and recycling.
- **The town of Dull in Scotland** has been twinned with the town of Boring, Oregon, since 2012.
- **Because goats can eat poison ivy** with no ill effects, some farmers rent out the animals to clear parks, golf courses and historical sites without having to use chemicals or herbicides.
- **A nuclear bomb is stuck somewhere** in the ice on the coast of Greenland.
- **Retired NFL wide receiver Steve Smith** left his cleats on the field after every game to raise awareness of homeless people who don't have shoes.
- **In 1993, a Missouri man purposely damaged a levee** on the Mississippi River to delay his wife coming

home from work so he could party. The plan spectacularly backfired when the river flooded 14,000 acres, leading to his arrest and conviction for causing a catastrophe and a life sentence in prison.

- **There are cases of identical twins** in which only one is born with Down syndrome.
- **Before he became the axman for Guns N' Roses**, Slash auditioned for the band Poison but decided not to join when he was asked about wearing makeup.
- **The "Guinness World Records"** holds the world record for being the most stolen book from public libraries.
- **When George Washington died**, Napoleon Bonaparte gave a personal eulogy and ordered a 10-day mourning period for France.

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Letters...

Some Beliefs Are Insane

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podium a couple of weeks ago and said, "There is no such thing as someone else's child. Our nation's children are all our children."

News flash: my children are not the responsibility of our government or others, they are my responsibility! Make no mistake, the Democratic Party, the Biden administration, corporate America, and legacy media are going after the children, YOUR children. They know people like me are past the point where I can be bent. The future they desire will be won if they can get the children!

Look at that first amendment again. Covid lockdowns, closing churches were illegal - specifically prohibited by the first amendment. Churches were closed while malcontent masses assembled, burned, pillaged, and brought violence to the populace. The media and their cohorts gaslight us! It would be laughable if it weren't so egregious to think local school parents are authoritarian. Taking almost every norm we have known as Americans and flipping it upside down is what the left has done today. The most authoritarian regime today is the Biden administration! They have no regard for decent, God-fearing, law-abiding citizens. These people hate America and desperately want to change it. They MAY succeed. But the historical fact will remain that this country was founded on Judeo-Christian principles, and the source document was the Bible - the book the left has no problem banning!

Greg Duncan
Center Star

Funds There for Rural Clean Energy

Editor:

Wind, solar, and other renewable energy projects offer a significant opportunity to revitalize rural communities and diversify the local economy.

Increased tax revenue from renewable energy projects enables school districts, cities, and other entities to address local emergency services and infrastructure improvement needs while reducing the local tax burden. Additionally, farmers and landowners can earn additional income through land-lease payments from project developers, and new job opportunities arise during the development, construction, and operation of a project.

Those economic benefits have not gone unnoticed in Washington, D.C.

With \$1 billion in funding from the Inflation Reduction Act, the U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development (USDA-RD) is set to make one of the largest investments in rural electrical service in almost 90 years.

The Powering Affordable Clean Energy (PACE) program will provide partially-forgivable loans to renewable-energy developers and electric service providers, including municipalities, cooperatives, and investor-owned and Tribal utilities. The loans can be used to finance large-scale solar, wind, geothermal, biomass, and hydropower projects as well as storage in support of renewable energy systems.

In selecting projects to fund, USDA-RD will emphasize development

in rural areas. Eligible applicants can serve both rural and non-rural areas, but at least 50% of the population must live in communities with populations of 20,000 or fewer.

USDA-RD will open the loan process by accepting letters of interest between June 30 and Sept. 29. The agency will then invite eligible entities to submit an application.

Through the Inflation Reduction Act, USDA-RD is making a substantial investment in rural America. Now it's time for developers and electric service providers, with input from rural residents and customers, to follow suit.

For more information on PACE, visit rd.usda.gov/programs-services/electric-programs.

Lindsay Mouw
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The Help Center - 621 South Court Street, Florence. A cooperative ministry of local churches in Lauderdale County serving our neighbors in need with utility, food, clothing, prescriptions, and dental.

Hours: Monday, Wednesday, and Friday and 4th Saturday of each month 8:30am to 12pm.

Please bring a photo ID and proof of address.

If you have questions or need assistance call Help Center at 256-766-7663 or come by our Florence location during open hours.

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You Are Not Alone! Grief can be an overwhelming season to go through. Often the time it takes to process all of those feelings is multiplied simply because those who grieve have no one to talk to. You are not alone as you go through this difficult time! Let us help!

There is a monthly grief support group that meets the first Tuesday of each month at 10am at Cliff Haven Church in Sheffield. Located at 1601 Andrews Avenue in Sheffield directly behind McDonald's near the O'Neal Bridge.

There is a second monthly grief support group that meets the third Friday of each month at 10am at First Baptist Church of Rogersville. Located at 222 College Street in Rogersville.

Come and share and let us pray with you for strength and comfort! These groups are FREE and open to the public. We will provide wonderful, supportive materials to take home to help with your healing process!

For more information call 256.764.0873.

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• An AA Group: closed discussion. 9am Saturdays, Adult Center Rm 20 at Cross Point Church of Christ, 1350 Cox Creek Parkway, Florence.

• Florence H.O.W.: smoke-free, closed

discussions 7pm, Mondays, Edgemont Methodist Church, 1330 Eauclaire Ave., Florence.

• Florence Open Door: Every day of the week at 6pm and 8pm. Mondays, additional 4pm. The 8pm on Wednesdays is a speaker meeting. Monday thru Saturday also have a 12pm meeting. All are open meetings and smoke-free indoors. 526 W. College St., Florence. Park in the lot across the street.

• Fourth Dimension: 7am Monday-Sunday, closed discussion – in person and online Zoom option (ID 573857015, password 241873); 9:30am Thursdays, women's meeting, closed; 11am Monday-Sunday, closed discussion; 6pm Mondays, open Big Book study; 6pm Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays, closed discussion; 11am first and third Mondays, open discussion, 505 N. Seminary St., Florence, entrance in rear of building. All meetings smoke free.

Freedom Group: Tuesdays 6pm, Big Book study, online only Zoom (ID Code 509289139, Password 790671); Sundays 8pm, open speaker, in person and Zoom (ID: 101061663, PW: 247476). CB&S Bank building, 464 4th St. W., Red Bay.

• Grupo Nuevo Amanecer, Spanish speaking, 7pm Mondays, Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays, open discussion; 9am Sundays, open discussion, 110 Tuscaloosa St E., Russellville.

• Happy Hour Group, smoke-free. 6am Mondays, meditation open discussion; 6am Tuesdays, Big Book open meeting; 6am Fridays, 12&12 open meeting, Killen Methodist Church, 201 J.C. Mauldin Hwy, Killen, building behind the church.

• Island Group, smoke-free. 7pm, Fridays, open-speaker meeting, Highland Park Church of Christ, 600 Geneva Avenue/ corner Woodward, Muscle Shoals.

• Keep It Simple Group, smoke-free. 6:30pm Tuesdays, speaker meeting, open; 6:30pm Thursdays, closed discussion. Cross Point Church of Christ, 1350 Cox Creek Parkway, Florence.

• La Alegria de Vivir, Spanish speaking, 7-9pm Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays, open discussion and non-smoking. St. Joseph Catholic Church Parish Building, 1111 E. College St., Florence.

• Lexington 449 Group, smoke free. 8pm, Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Sundays, open discussion; Big Book study on Sundays; 8pm Saturdays, open speaker, 6083 Alabama Hwy 101, 3.5 miles north of U.S. 72.

• Monday Maintenance Meeting, 5pm on Mondays, closed discussion, masks required. First Cumberland Presbyterian Church, 16751 US-72, Rogersville.

• Permanent Recovery Group, 6:30pm Tuesdays, open Big Book discussion.; 6:30pm Thursdays, open 12&12 discussion. First United Methodist Church, 14596 Market St., Moulton.

• Quad-Cities Group, 11am and 5:30pm, every day, open discussion. 2pm Tuesdays and Thursdays, open Big Book discussion. 750 E. Michigan Ave., Muscle Shoals.

• Sheffield Group, smoke-free. 9:30am Sundays closed discussion meeting; 11am Monday-Saturday, open discussion, with closed discussion on Fridays; 6pm Sundays closed discussion, 6pm Wednesdays open speaker meeting; 6pm Fridays newcomer open discussion; 5-7am Tuesdays, women's closed discussion; 7pm Mondays open 12&12 meeting, 7pm Tuesdays and Thursdays closed Big Book meeting; 8pm Saturdays open speaker meeting. 210 E. Second St., Sheffield.

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Medicare Minute “Frequently Asked Questions”

We began in the Medicare business in 2010. Since that time we have been asked some interesting and unique questions about Medicare. However, the majority of the questions we are asked we get on a regular basis. Over the next few weeks we are going to discuss some of our most frequently asked questions.

Do I have to sign up for Medicare Part B when I turn 65 if I'm still employed? This is one of the questions we get asked the most. In most cases the answer to this is “no”. When you turn 65, if you are still working and on your employer's health insurance plan you probably will not need Medicare Part B. I say probably because most employer plans do not file on Medicare if you have a claim. Because you have to pay a premium for Part B, Medicare does not require a person to sign up for Part B as long as you are on your employer's plan. Also, because the rules can be different for companies with less than 20 employees, the safest thing to do is check with the benefits coordinator at your place of employment for guidance or give us a call at our office.

I am on Medicare and Social Security Disability. I'm turning 65 soon. What are my options? Once you reach the age of 65 you have many more options than before. As you know if you go on Medicare and you are under the age of 65 your options for health plans are limited. When you turn 65 you will have another open enrollment period to sign up for any plan you wish to get. In other words, just because you are already on Medicare does not prohibit you from having all the options a person not on Medicare and turning 65 would have.

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



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Al-Anon

• Al-Anon meeting schedule: Hope Al-Anon Family Group, 6pm Mondays, Highland Park Church of Christ, 600 Geneva Ave., Muscle Shoals, childcare provided; Florence Daytime Al-Anon Family Group, 11am Tuesdays, Magnolia Church of Christ, 2650 Vulcan Ave., Florence; Paths to Recovery, 6pm Thursdays and 10am Saturdays, Cross Point Church of Christ,

1350 Cox Creek Parkway, Florence, 256-764-4073. Shoals Al-Anon contact phone: 256-648-5777.

• Al-Anon, 6pm Thursdays, First Baptist Church, Jackson Avenue, Russellville.

• Hope Al-Anon and Shoals Al-Teen (ages 12-18), 6pm, Monday, Highland Park Church of Christ, 600 Geneva Ave., Muscle Shoals.

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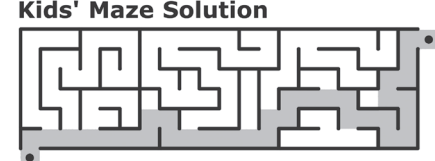


Puzzle Whirl Answers

Even Exchange answers

1. Faint, Saint
2. Brainy, Brawny
3. Scroll, Stroll
4. Harry, Hardy
5. Alter, Aster
6. Liston, Lisbon
7. Boast, Boost
8. Check, Chick
9. Reason, Season
10. Finale, Finals

Kids' Maze Solution



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WORD LADDER

PRIDE, PRIME, GRIME,
GRIPE, GRAPE, FRAPE

MINI SUDOKU

Answer

1	5	2	3	4	6
4	6	3	5	2	1
2	3	6	1	5	4
5	1	4	2	6	3
3	4	5	6	1	2
6	2	1	4	3	5

Word Spiral Answer

LAKEFRONT

Make Music...

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retail shops, worship centers, front porches, and park. The event is open to music makers of ALL ages, skill levels, and musical persuasions.

Florence-Laud. Public Library 350 N. Wood Avenue
10:30-11:30am Jessica Hill Kids

11:45am-12:30pm
Flowerpot Music by Audience
Participants Kids, Other
2-3pm Audience
Participants Kids

UNA
Fountain at Harrison Plaza
10-11am Jam Session
Open to everyone, bring an instrument

Florence Middle School
648 N Cherry St
10-11am Ukulele Jam Open to all 13+, 40 ukuleles available

Wilson Park 10am-noon
Cain Creek Cliff Dwellers
Blues, Celtic, Folk
12-2pm The Cadillacs Band
Rock, Pop, R&B

Dandelion & Co. Tea and Coffee Bar 108 E Tuscaloosa
5-6pm Aaron Dean Band
Indie-Rock, Singer / Songwriter, Pop

The Mane Room - Pine St.
11:30am-12:30pm
Christopher Crompton; Bring your lunch and enjoy.

Indian Mound Museum
1028 S. Court St.
1-3pm Native American
Drum Circle, Open to everyone

Manic Studios
1301 Andrew's Ave
10:30-11:45am Open to everyone and anything

First UMC- McDowell Hall
415 North Seminary St
5pm Ernie Fite & St. Joe Ensemble

Haley's Merchandise
116 E Mobile St, 3:30-4pm
Kendall Kilpatrick

Magnolia Soap
105 W Tuscaloosa St.
1-1:45pm Sophia Baker

Rollies Ice Cream
104 N Court St.
2:30-3pm Sophie Baker

The schedule will continually be updated at www.makemusicday.org/florence/
Make Music Day is presented by Mayor Betterton & Council, Florence Academy of Fine Arts, Florence Public Library, Florence Arts & Museums, Florence Parks & Recreation, UNA International Affairs, Shoals Chamber of Commerce, and the Downtown Florence Alliance.

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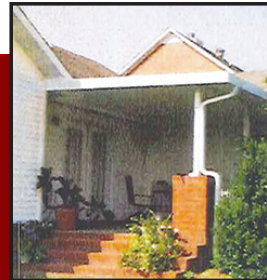
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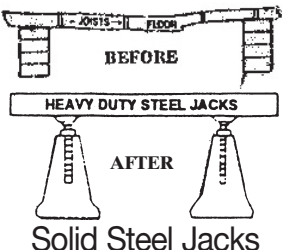
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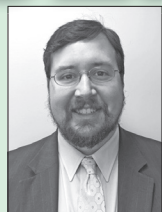


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