

appeared in last week's issue about Florence High School Principal, Dr. Roderick **Sheppard** accepting a new role as the Director



Unfortunately, a photo of Superintendent, Dr. Jimmy Shaw, was incorrectly used in the article.

The correct photo for Sheppard is here. We regret any inconvenience.

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Automotive Inside

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FLORENCE-The city of Florence unveiled its 2023 Walk of Honor Inductees on Friday, June 30 at the Marriott Shoals Conference Center.

The Walk of Honor is located just outside the Marriott Shoals Hotel and Spa in the beautiful River Heritage Park. The area recognizes individuals of Florence Lauderdale and County who have

achieved national or

international acclaim.

This is a means of giving honor and perpetuating the names and achievements of deserving individuals, either current or former citizens, through a form of civic recognition. of Areas national

international or accomplishment include, but are not limited to, the following: agriculture,

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Community College launched a rebranded

visual identity last week that celebrates the college's unity since 1963 and the impact it continues to have on northwest Alabama.



The rebrand initiative is a direct result of receiving a \$100,000 national branding grant from the Lumina Foundation in August 2022 through the Million Dollar Community College Challenge.

MUSCLE SHOALS-Northwest Shoals

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Shorts... **Continued from Page 1 Full-Tuition**

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3 Earn Skills Certificate

ATLANTA-Three local career and technical students were recognized for excellence at the 2023 SkillsUSA Championships in Atlanta June 21-22 The SkillsUSA Championships is the largest skill competition in the world as more than 6,000 students

competed at the national showcase of career and technical education. Skill Point Certificates

were awarded to all national contestants who met a threshold contest score. The Skill Point Certificate represents workplace readiness in the occupational specialty and can be added to the student's employment portfolio as an indicator of proficiency.

Students were invited to the event to demonstrate their

technical skills, workplace skills, and personal skills in 110 hands-on competitions including robotics, automotive technology, drafting, criminal justice, aviation maintenance, and public

speaking Certificate winners included:

• Robyn N Culver, Florence, a student at Northwest Shoals Community College, was awarded a Skill Point Certificate in Cosmetology.

• Whit Martens, Leighton, a student at Muscle Shoals Career Academy, was awarded a Skill Point Certificate in Carpentry.

• Jasmine D Pierce, Sheffield, a student at Northwest Shoals Community College, was awarded a Skill Point Certificate in Nail Care.

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• Baylee Joiner of Barton, \$1,000 to attend the University of North Alabama

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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 holiday, Thealing Tuesday 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.

The Florence Indian Mound Museum is excited to host "Storytime at the Museum," each Thursday morning during the summer from 9-10am starting on July 6. Children ages 2-6 are invited to participate in an interactive storytime with Native American stories and literature. The Florence Indian Mound Museum is located at 1028 South Court Street, Florence and is open Tuesday- Saturday from 10am-4pm and Sunday from 1–4pm. Call 256-760-6427 for more information.

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Dates Thursday, July 6 Lauderdale County Health Department, 10am - 4pm Sunday, July 9 Sam's Club, Florence,

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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 complementary cholesterol screening with each donation.

Second Saturdays Creators Co-op in Tuscumbia takes place from 6-9pm Friday, July 7 with a street party kick-off and on Saturday, July 8 from 5-9pm. Look for crafts, authors, artists, food, bouncy houses for kids, and much more.

The Town of Cherokee invites everyone to its Annual Independence Celebration Saturday, July 8 from 6–9pm at the downtown Cherokee stage area. This free event will include live music by Southern Axcent, great food vendors, and fireworksl

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The Florence Kiwanis Club will host its "Annual Night of Giving" Dinner at 6pm Thursday, July 13 at the Shoals Marriott Conference Center.

The evening is an opportunity for the area to join Florence Kiwanis in celebrating the efforts of numerous organizations in the Shoals community by presenting each with a generous donation. The event is open to the public. Tickets are only \$35/ person and allow the holder to attend the evening – enjoying music, a fabulous meal, and celebrating these worthy organizations with the Kiwanis

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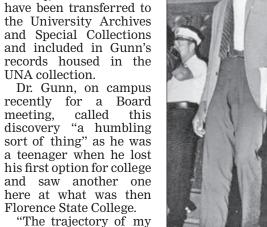
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Dr. Gunn said he has seen some of the documents, and he has the original court order from the federal judge that was presented to Dr. E.B. Norton who was president of the institution at the time.

"These documents are vital to our understanding of UNA and the Civil Rights Era,' said UNA Historian Dr.

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Wendell Gunn in '63 UNA correspondence on his Gunn...

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"Dr. Jeffrev Bibbee. Gunn's admission was personal milestone but also very much a seminal moment in our institution's story of diversity, equity, and inclusion. No other students at the time would have needed court orders and records to be admitted, and this shows just how political and contentious this period of history was for UNA and other institutions."

Among the documents recovered and digitized are the court records that include notary seals as these are not typical items included in student records, according to Dr. Bibbee.

"The use of a court order highlights that each and every one of Alabama's colleges and universities required a separate court case to be integrated," he said. "It wasn't just one case that opened all colleges at once. Had it not been Wendell Gunn, it for might have been months or years – before this happened at our

institution."

The documents are on very delicate onion-skin paper, protected from excess heat and humidity and stored in the dark to avoid unnecessary exposure to light sources. These precautions are vital to ensure their longevity as a tangible part of the University's history.

As a member of the Board of Trustees, Dr. Gunn continues to be an active member of the campus community. His appointment came in 2019 by Alabama Gov. Kay Ivey and on the 55th anniversary of the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

As a student, Dr. Gunn received academic honors, and he participated in a number of extracurricular activities, including the choir. After he graduated in 1965 with a degree in chemistry, he continued his education at the University of Chicago. In his professional life, Dr. Gunn has served as a vice president at Chase Manhattan Bank, assistant treasurer at PepsiCo, and, later, in the White House as a senior advisor, Special Assistant for International Trade. to President Ronald Reagan.

"Wendell Gunn pushed open the doors on this campus for generations of underrepresented populations," said Dr populations," said Dr. Bibbee. "He ushered in a new period in our institutional institutional history. We have to see this in its totality, and these documents verv are much at the start of that long and very impressive history."

UNA's Archives and Special Collections are house in Collier Library. The campus and broader community are welcome to view Dr. Gunn's papers as well as the other artifacts stored there.

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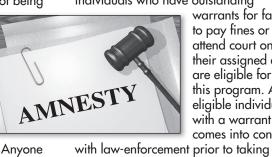
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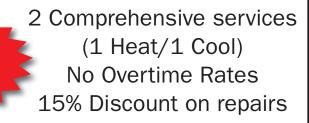
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Looking Down from Heaven?

e often hear or read about someone referencing a recently deceased family members in relation to events taking place here. They may be "looking down and cheering us on,'

'Smiling proudly from heaven about our accomplishment," or something similar.

While that is a comforting thought and an interesting concept, I'm not sure the idea of any such association is supported Biblically.

The only reference I recall of a deceased individual having interest with those physically alive comes in Luke 16: 19-31 when Jesus tells his disciples the story of the rich man in torment and Lazarus who is in Abraham's bosom.

The latter part of the story

Abraham to let Lazarus come back and warn his five brothers so they could repent and avoid "this place of torment." However, Abraham declines, reminding the rich man that his brothers have Moses and the

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No True Believer...

Editor:

If you are a Christian, you probably believe in the End Days where the lions lay down with the lambs - In Peace. However, today's Christian doesn't seem to follow the teachings of Jesus Christ. They can't have peace with anyone except humans who look like them, talk like them, walk like them, and think like them.

No true believer of Jesus would have hate for LBGQTIA, Latinos, Blacks, Asians, American indigenous, Whites, or for anyone who is different.

Jesus said, "Love one another as I have loved you." Here's the thing... YOU DO NOT LOVE ANYTHING

THAT IS NOT EXACTLY LIKE YOU. You judge, sneer, rebuke, try to change, or just plain hate with a passion those that don't conform to your idea of human. You compound your hate by saying, 'I don't hate the

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person, only their ways'.. which is total hogwash. There is real hatred in your heart. It shows. It's not invisible like you think. It's all out front for God, Jesus and sundry to view. It's in your face, your eyes, and vour voice.

All vestiges of your Christianity are fading fast. You will never allow the lion or the lamb peace. You will continue to hate even though Jesus said Love. HIS command to you. Love.

Jesus weeps. So do I. So should vou

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Words

TOM MAGAZZU Editor

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again permanently in 1999. Robert has always being proud of his hometown and Alabama and has promoted the South and the Shoals in his work across the world.

Robert's photography design and work have been featured in numerous national publications such as Elle, Southern Living, and Vogue. He has been engaged with regional and multinational corporations such as Levi Strauss, Hilton Hotels, Whole Foods, and Pepsi Co. and has photographed for the New York Times for the past 15 years. His work has been voted best photography of the year for the magazine, and many of his photos have been included in the Times selection for the best twenty photos of the vear.

Closer to home, Robert has helped shape the design aesthetic for Serenbe, a high profile sustainable conscious community outside of Atlanta. He not only designed the identity for the community, but over the past 20 years, he has designed the fixtures that shape the community.

Robert's personal work has been included in exhibitions in Italy, Mexico, Los Angeles, and Atlanta.

His passions, gentle spirit, and talent have allowed Robert to work with international clients like Hugh Jackman, Elton John, Paloma Picasso, Alex Haley, and Elizabeth Dole.

DR. GERALD G. WILLIAMS

(Plaque reads) recognized as an international leader in agronomy, devoted his life to alleviating poverty and world hunger through sound agricultural practices. After retirement from the TVA in 1980, he served the Heifer Project International in Cameroon.

Gerald Gordon Williams was born in south Texas to a sharecropper who was later devastated by the depression. As a child and young man, he worked the family farm plots, worked with 4-H and the Civilian Conservation Corps, and served in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

Devoting his life to the alleviation of poverty and world hunger, Williams trained in agriculture, with degrees from Pepperdine College, UC Davis, and Purdue University. He believed in sound agricultural

practices and community outreach locally, regionally nationally, and internationally. He worked in agriculture Purdue, for USDA. TVA, and Heifer Project International. Gerald Williams' success resulted from his skills as a teacher, scientist, practitioner, and leader in agriculture and his appreciation of the basic goodness of people worldwide.

After receiving nominations from the public, the Walk Selection Honor of Committee chose these four inductees. These Inductees join the other individuals selected from previous years. A bronze plaque with a picture of each inductee, along with a brief inscription of their accomplishments, has been placed on Walk the of Honor monuments in the park. The public is invited to visit the site. More detailed information on these individuals is available in the Local History and Genealogy Department at the Florence-Lauderdale Public Library.

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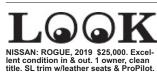
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No Record of Wrong

How did you respond the last time someone offended you, sinned against you, maybe even in a most grievous way? Did you lie in wait, looking for that opportune time to get even, having an ax to grind with the offender? Is it just possible even during your emotional hurt / disappointment, you took the high road, though difficult, all being human with feelings, yet remembering the words from First Corinthians 13:5, "charity (agape love) thinketh no evil" (KJV). Other translations of this same verse are, "love, it keeps no record of wrongs," "love, taketh no account of evil," "love, it is not resentful," "love, does not keep an account of wrong suffered."

Friend, we have two responses here before us, that you and I consciously must choose when we have been wronged. God doesn't force you and me to make the correct Biblical choice, being free moral agents. Yes, we

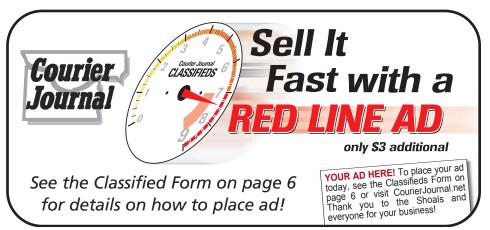
can go with the majority, electing the worldly reaction "having an ax to grind-getting even, settling the score," or follow the example footsteps of Jesus in Christian love, "seeking to bury the hatchet-

keeping no account of wrongs done, extending forgiveness to the penitent," see Luke 17:3-4. Are we willing to walk the talk or just simply talk the talk, concerning having the "Christ like" response to this most matter before us? Will we actively seek reconciliation and pursue forgiveness toward our offender, with their best interest in mind even as Christ did, (Philippians 2:4-5). Is it easy to turn the other cheek when we have been wronged, no (Matthew 5:38-39). Is it easy to hold our tongue when another is maybe cursing and saying all manner of unprovoked evil against us, no it is not, (Isaiah 53:7, Mark 15:5 Jesus' example)? Was it easy, painless, was it not a conscious choice when Jesus Christ upon the cross uttered, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do?" (Luke 23:34)

The type love that we read about from First Corinthians 13 that will motivate and inspire you and me to turn the other cheek, possibly literally and keep no record / account of wrong suffered is not a self-seeking and self-serving love. The love before us will be less concerned with self and more concerned with the greatest good of another, Christ being our example for all times. The love before us, when practiced daily, will require faithfulness, commitment and sacrifice without expecting anything in return. May God give us strength to "cast" aside the sting of past hurt, never to resurrect previous wrongs long forgiven.



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Medicare Minute "Qualifying for Medicare"

When I began working with Medicare health plans a few years ago it became obvious to me that people aging into Medicare were joining a health insurance program that they really didn't understand. Although the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) do all they can to educate Americans about the benefits of Medicare it still isn't enough for them to fully understand what they have as far as medical coverage through the federal government. Over the next the next few weeks we're going to discuss the basics of and what is covered under Medicare. But first let's look at how Medicare started.

On July 30, 1965, President Lyndon B. Johnson signed into law the bill, Title XVIII of the Social Security Act, which led to the establishment of Medicare. The original bill included Part A (Hospital Insurance) and Part B (Medical Insurance). Today we know these 2 parts as "Original Medicare". In the beginning Medicare was created to provide health insurance to people 65 years of age and older, regardless of income or medical history.

Over the past five decades changes have been made as to who qualifies for Medicare. In addition to people over the age of 65, Medicare now covers people under the age of 65 who are permanently disabled and have been receiving Social Security Disability Insurance for 24 months. Also anyone at any age can receive Medicare if they have End Stage Renal Disease or ALS.

Although Medicare provides medical coverage for those who qualify it is not 100% coverage!! We often hear "once I go on Medicare my medical insurance worries are over." Medicare has deductibles and coinsurance that the Medicare beneficiary is responsible for unless the beneficiary has additional coverage to supplement Medicare.

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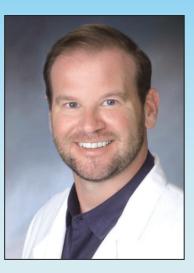
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Colossians 3:2 is just one of many references

that tells us to set our minds on things above, not on earthly things. Then why would souls in paradise/heaven be concerned with ANY earthly things?

I have a feeling that looking down from heaven may just be a feelgood, human concept that keeps loved ones close to our hearts and minds, something that comforts all of us.

However, the concept of those in torment seeing what is on earth or what they are missing in heaven may have merit. That may all be part of an eternal punishment.

It's deep, but its something we all need to think about.

I am curious to know what some readers may think about it. There aren't any bad ideas because no one this side of eternity has the facts.

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Cathy, I once counseled a guy who walked into my office with \$11,000 on his American Express card that was "supposed" to be reimbursed. Guess what happened? When he went into work earlier that day, he found a padlock on the door. The company he worked for had filed Chapter 11 bankruptcy, and he got nothing. At that point, he had \$11,000 on his American Express card, and the credit card company didn't care one bit about his company going broke. They wanted their money.

When you use a credit card, vou spend more than when using a debit card or cash. Tons of research has proven this to be true. Using someone else's money just doesn't produce the same friction in your brain as paying for something with your own money. You don't feel the sting of it leaving your personal account. Do you want to know something else? I've never met a single millionaire who pointed to credit cards and airline miles as the reasons for their financial success.

But I do know a lot of broke, middle-class people strutting around, bragging that they gamed the system. They'll tell you they beat a multibillion-dollar company, one that spends tens of millions of dollars every year on studying consumer behavior in depth, at their own game. No, they really didn't. I'm telling you all this, Cathy, because I want you and your husband to protect your number-one wealth-building tool: your income.

Long story short: If you play with snakes, sooner or later you'll get bitten. — 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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DAYS OF OUR LIVES dangerous Harris Α crashed Gabi and Stefan's engagement party. Rafe caught Li lurking. Nicole complained to Eric about EJ abandoning her. Leo found Kristen and EJ. Lani returned to Salem. To no avail, Chanel tried to snap Paulina out of her deep depression. Theo caught up with Steve and Kayla as well as John and Marlena. Steve and John compared notes about Abe. Abe had no choice but to keep watching a soap opera. Whitley gave her condolences to Paulina. Jerry ran into Theo and was overcome by guilt. Chanel and Talia had a bit of a rapprochement. Eli and Lani celebrated their anniversary. Abe was stunned to see Theo. EJ and Kristen asked Marlena for help. Gabi and Stefan confronted Li about his plot. Leo shared with Gwen that he still harbored some doubts about Dimitri. Meanwhile. Megan asked Dimitri about his proposal to Gwen. Harris stonewalled Kate. Kristen threatened Leo. Belle was dismaved to find Shawn drinking. Wait to See: EJ and Kate are shocked to find Gabi instead of Megan. Nicole breaks down, and Eric comforts her. Gwen gives Dimitri an answer to his proposal. **GENERAL HOSPITAL**

Carly and Sam cleared the air. Drew received unexpected an gift. Gladys was dismayed. Cody met with Scott. Dante was suspicious. Tracy summoned Diane. Cody struggled with his conscience. Felicia did digging. some received Nina some good news. Martin was propositioned. Molly opened up to Kristina. Curtis and Marshall supported TJ. Brook Lynn issued a warning. Finn expressed his regrets. Terry encouraged Elizabeth. Tracy wouldn't take "no" for an answer. Liz and Portia got caught up. Wait to See: Sam touches base with Curtis. Sonny reassures Dante. Anna is insistent. THE YOUNG

AND THE RESTLESS Victor caught Adam off guard. Sharon looked forward to a fresh start. Kyle pulled out all the stops to impress Audra. Jack pushed Kyle to make a tough decision. Summer faced the music. Devon surprised Lily. Victor tested Audra. Nick gave Adam an ultimatum. Chelsea received an unexpected offer. Wait See: Jack discovers to Ashley's deception. Nick turns to Sharon for advice. Adam makes an impression on Sally.

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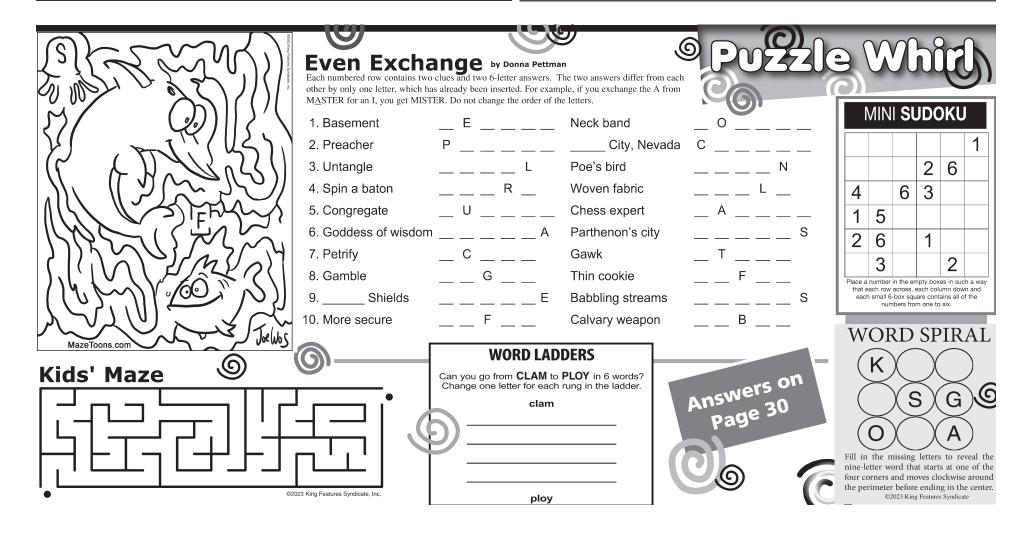
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If you are a parent, it is critical that you avoid distracted driving at all times, but especially in front of your children. Children will pick up on your actions much quicker than your words.

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Psalms 37:1-20 A Psalm of David. "Fret not thyself because of evildoers, neither be thou envious against the workers of iniquity. For they shall soon be cut down like the grass, and wither as the green herb. Trust in the LORD, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed. Delight thyself also in the LORD; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart. Commit thy way unto the LORD trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass. And he shall bring forth thy righteousness as the light, and thy judgment as the noonday. Rest in the LORD, and wait patiently for him: fret not thyself because of him who prospereth in his way, because of the man who bringeth wicked devices to pass. Cease from anger, and forsake wrath: fret not thyself in any wise to do evil. For evildoers shall be cut off: but those that wait upon the LORD, they shall inherit the earth. For yet a little while, and the wicked shall not be: yea, thou shalt diligently consider his place, and it shall not be. But the meek shall inherit the earth; and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace. The wicked plotteth against the just, and gnasheth upon him with his teeth. The Lord shall laugh at him: for he seeth that his day is coming. The wicked have drawn out the sword, and have bent their bow, to cast down the poor and needy, and to slay such as be of upright conversation. Their sword shall enter into their own heart, and their bows shall be broken. A little that a righteous man hath is better than the riches of many wicked. For the arms of the wicked shall be broken: but the LORD upholdeth the righteous. The LORD knoweth the days of the upright: and their inheritance shall be for ever. They shall not be ashamed in the evil time: and in the days of famine they shall be satisfied. But the wicked shall perish, and the enemies of the LORD shall be as the fat of lambs: they shall consume; into smoke shall they consume away." WOULD GOD AMERICA'S LEADERS WOULD READ THE BIBLE!

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Ethical Crises Are Piling Up

To the Editor:

The Supreme Court is running amok, and it's past time we got it under control. In the year since

In the year since the Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization decision, abortion has been effectively banned with extremely limited exceptions in 14 states. Nearly 1 in 3 Americans has lost access to abortion.

On top of that, the ethical crises keep piling up. We've seen Republican mega donors footing the bill for Clarence Thomas's vacations, mortgage payments, and family tuition; Samuel Alito dinners taking with conservative antiactivists, abortion accepting a lavish vacation from someone with business before the Court, and allegedly leaking reproductive health decisions; and Neil Gorsuch selling property to an executive that has business before the Court just days after his lifetime appointment was finalized.

We can't let this continue. Congress must stop the out-of-control, right-wing majority on the Supreme Court. The only way to do that is to restore ideological balance to the Court by adding four more seats.

I'm urging our legislators to stand up as a governmental body and rein in this illegitimate Court by passing the Judiciary Act.

Henry Weekly Florence

A Previous Letter Wrong

Editor:

In response to Dan Waterman's June 28 letter, entitled, "Demand our Home Rule," Ron DeSantis did not ban books. He just took the ones out of the school libraries that encouraged young children to have sex change procedures done on them.

The Republicans are not restricting the voting abilities of minorities. Everyone who votes has to have an I D or a drivers license with a photo on it.

You said tens of millions of women have been stripped of their autonomy . Don't forget a women on the Supreme Court cannot define what a woman is.

If you prefer the murder rate in New York compared to northwest Alabama, have you thought about moving to New York?

We know our Republicans' positions on Home Rule.

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



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• All the paint on the Eiffel Tower weighs the same as 10 elephants.

 The actual grave of Mumtaz Mahal, for whom the elaborate crypt known as the Taj Mahal was built, is the only undecorated part of the famous structure, due to a Muslim law dictating that graves cannot be adorned, as this is seen as an act of vanity.

• One ingredient in Ranch salad dressing is titanium dioxide, which is used to make it look whiter. It's also the same ingredient that's used in sunscreen and paint for coloring.

 George Washington celebrated July Fourth by giving his soldiers a double ration of rum.

 The Bagheera kiplingi spider, discovered in the 1800s, is the only species of spider that has been classified as vegetarian.

• William Moulton Marston, who created the superheroine Wonder Woman, also designed the first lie detector.

• The full name of the famous Chuck E. Cheese mouse is **Charles Entertainment** Cheese.

• During the Second World War, German tank drivers would drive their vehicles over camel droppings, thinking it would bring good luck.

• After the release of the 1996 film

involved an anonymous killer calling and murdering his victims, caller ID usage tripled in the United States. • The longest-ever

"Scream," which

cricket test match, between England and South Africa, lasted more than 12 days and finally came to a conclusion because the English team would have missed their boat home.

• There's very little evidence the TSA has ever stopped a terrorist or found a real bomb. When tested, they failed to find fake weapons and bombs 95% of the time.

• The island of Madagascar got its name when Marco Polo misspelled it.

Thought for the Day: "In the long run, the sharpest weapon of all is a kind and gentle spirit.' -- Anne Frank

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Visual...

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According to NWSCC President, Dr. Jeff Goodwin, the process started with one clear objective: listen to the campus community to discover the visual representation of what makes Northwest "Our Shoals special. research process predominantly was community and student driven," said

Goodwin. "We came out of those meetings **Northwest Shoals**

aware that COMMUNITY COLLEGE we needed a visual identity that was

welcoming, unifying, and collegiate. The branding committee heard story after story about how Northwest Shoals changed students' lives, but they did not feel our logo represented their collegiate experience."

The college conducted market numerous research meetings and



testing logo concept focus groups. After with alumni. meeting faculty, staff, students, educators. K-12 and community leaders, there was a clear consensus on the selection of the new visual identity.

"The new logo selection is very collegiate with a strong sense of unity," said NWSCC

Public Relations d n а Marketing Director, Trent Randolph.

"Northwest Shoals is a fabric of our communities that we serve in northwest Alabama. Regardless of the campus you visit, Northwest Shoals' faculty and staff are united in serving our area schools, community, students, and workforce in the best way we can." unifying Another

symbol in the college's

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Tickets are \$15 online and \$20 at the or. For more information regarding door. the show or to purchase tickets please contact 256-335-6961 or visit www. CvpressMoonStudios.com.

The 26th Annual "Saddle Up for St. Jude" Trail Ride takes place July 14 – 16 at Gardiner Farm in Tuscumbia. Horseback trail riding, auctions, wagon rides, roping demonstrations, headliner concerts, and much more mark this two-day charitable event. This horse-related event benefits St. Jude's Children's

Research Hospital and is the largest in the Southeast. This is a Southeast Tourism Society Top 20 event and takes place annually on the 3rd Weekend in July. Visit www.saddleup4kids.org

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, es are limited. Visit the recreation center or call 256-386-5615.

Sweetwater Avenue in Florence from Patton Street to Florence Blvd will be closed beginning Monday, June 26 for road repairs and will remain closed for up to two weeks. Thank you for patience. For questions, call 256-760-6460

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 Drivein 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 Tuesdav 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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EVENT, and plenty of eyes to read it. Email your information to editor@ CourierJournal.net.

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 Evenyone is welcome 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!

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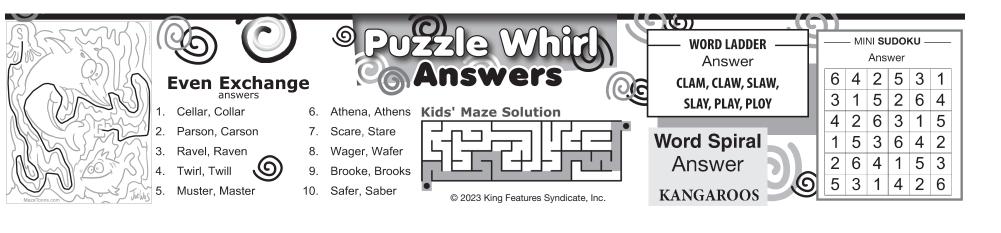
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"Mike Johnson Center" in Sheffield, AL

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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-30am. No charge. on-one instruction and feedback. \$150 for general public; \$125 for TVAA Family/

11:30am lunch (w/ \$1 lunch donation)! If you are 60+ you can join us for lunch and games. 256-760-6420.

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

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

Theater and art camp registration



New RMD Rules for 2023

Dear Savvy Senior,

What are the new rules on required minimum distributions from IRAs and 401(k)s? I will turn 72 this year and want to be clear on what I'm required to do. Planning Ahead

Dear Planning, Thanks to the SECURE Act 2.0 that was passed by Congress last December, there are several new rules that affect required minimum distributions (RMDs) from traditional IRAs, 401(k)s and other tax-deferred retirement accounts. These changes, which build on the original SECURE Act of 2019, are a benefit to retirees by increasing the RMD age and lowering the penalty for missing a withdrawal. Here's what you should know.

New RMD Rules

As of Jan. 1, 2023, the starting age for taking RMDs is now 73, up from 72. And it rises to age 75 in 2033. This change means that if you turn 72 this year, as you stated in your question, you can delay your RMDs one more year, allowing your savings in these accounts to grow longer, tax deferred.

But once you turn 73 (next year), you must start taking annual RMDs from the tax-deferred retirement accounts you own - like traditional IRAs, SEP IRAs, SIMPLE IRAs, 401(k) s, 403(b)s and 457(b)s - and pay taxes on those withdrawals. Distributions are taxed as ordinary income in your tax bracket.

There are, however, a few exceptions. Owners of Roth IRAs are not required to take a distribution, unless the Roth is inherited. And starting in 2024, Roth 401(k)s will not be subject to RMDs either.

There's also a work waiver for RMDs you should know about. If you are still working beyond age 73, and you don't own 5 percent or more of the company you work for, you can delay withdrawals from your employer's retirement plan until after you retire. But if you have other non-workrelated accounts, such as a traditional IRA or a 401(k) from a previous employer, you are still required to take RMDs from them after age 73, even if you're still working.

Deadlines and Penalties

Generally, you must take your distribution every year by Dec. 31. First timers, however, can choose to delay taking their distribution until April 1 of the year following the year you turn 73. But be careful about delaying, because if you delay your first distribution, it may push you into a higher tax bracket because you must take your next distribution by Dec. 31 of the same year.

Also note that you can always withdraw more than the required amount, but if you don't take out the minimum, you'll be hit with a 25 percent penalty (it was 50 percent) on the amount that you failed to withdraw, along with the income tax you owe on it. This penalty drops to 10 percent if you take the necessary RMD by the end of the second year following the year it was due.

Distribution Amounts

Your RMD is calculated by dividing your tax-deferred retirement account balance as of Dec. 31 of the previous year, by an IRS estimate of your life expectancy. A special rule applies if your spouse is the beneficiary and is more than 10 years younger than you.

IRA withdrawals must be calculated for each IRA you own, but you can withdraw the money from any IRA or combination of IRAs. If you own 403(b) accounts, they too allow you to total the RMDs and take them from any account or combination of accounts.

With 401(k) plans, however, you must calculate the RMD for each plan and withdraw the appropriate amount from each account.

To calculate the size of your RMD, you can use the worksheets on the IRS website – see IRS.gov/Retirement-Plans and click on "Required Minimum Distributions." Or contact your IRA custodian or retirement-plan administrator who can do the calculations for you.

For more information, see the "Distributions from Individual Retirement Arrangements" (publication 590-B) at IRS.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p590b.pdf.

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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