

Pet Clinics for Rabies Underway

SHOALS- Rabies Clinics for the Summer are underway now in the Shoals with vaccination stops in dozens of locations through June 14.

Colbert County vaccination stops continue Tuesday June 3 - Saturday, June 7. Dr. **Randall B. Davis** is the Rabies Inspector for Colbert County. Lauderdale Clinics get underway on Saturday June 7 and run through June 14. Dr. **Whitney C. Terrell** is the Rabies Inspector for Lauderdale County.

Respective schedules are in this week's issue. Alabama State Law requires that all dogs and cats three months of age or older to be vaccinated against rabies. The fee is \$12 per animal (cash only) at any given stop. Every effort will be made to follow the listed schedules rain or shine. All cats should be confined in a pet taxi or some other type of box and left in your vehicle. The veterinarian will come with the vaccine. All Dogs must be leashed, confined to a pet taxi, or left in your vehicle.

Don't forget water, so your pets remain hydrated!

Free Fishing All Saturday

MONTGOMERY - Alabama's Free Fishing Day

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Leon Bates

Deibert Bench Dedicated to Bates

FLORENCE-Members of the Florence Beautification Board gathered at Deibert Park in mid-May for a special ceremony dedicating a new bench in honor of the late Leon Bates.

Bates served as the first Horticulture Director for the city of Florence from 1997-2005. During his tenure, he played a key role in shaping the city's approach to public landscaping and beautification, leaving a lasting impact on parks and green spaces throughout the community.

The bench, situated in a quiet, scenic area of

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Free Fishing All Saturday

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is Saturday, June 7. The event allows residents and non-residents to enjoy the outstanding fishing Alabama has to offer without purchasing a fishing license. Free Fishing Day is part of National Fishing and Boating Week, which runs June 1-8.

"From the Gulf of America to our mountain streams, our state has world-class waters that anglers from far and wide travel to enjoy," said Governor Kay Ivey. "Free Fishing Day is a great opportunity to enjoy the unmatched natural beauty of our state while also supporting our state's economy. So, grab your tackle box and enjoy our Alabama the Beautiful."

The fishing license exemption on Free Fishing Day covers most public waters including both freshwater and saltwater. Alabama's State Public Fishing Lakes still require a fishing permit on Free Fishing Day, and fishing in a private pond requires the pond owner's permission. Some piers may also require fees and permits.

Academy Sports & Outdoors is the title sponsor of Alabama's Free Fishing Day.

TVA Cultural Resources, Florence Parks and Recreation, along with staff from the Moundville Archaeological Park. In addition, we will be hosting the following activities alongside the archaeological stations:

Artifact Drawing:

Learn how to sketch artifacts like the ones found at Pope's Tavern. All materials provided.

Plant Identification 101:

Learn how to identify, harvest respectfully, and use plants. Learn how plants were used in the past for medicine and in foods.

Blacksmith Demonstration:

Watch a demonstration about how blacksmiths create metal tools.

Flintknapping:

Learn how projectile points, arrowheads and tools are made from chert.

This will be a FREE and FUN event for the entire family! Florence Arts and Museums will be facilitating this event along with volunteers from the Archaeology at Pope's Tavern project. Pope's Tavern is located at 203 Hermitage Drive in Florence. Call 256-760-6379 for more information.

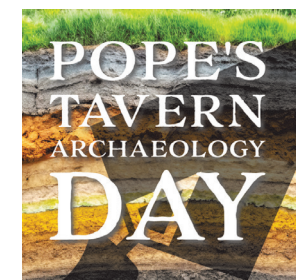
Three Locally Have Grants

MONTGOMERY – The Alabama Department of Early Childhood Education (ADECE) last week announced that 55 new classrooms will be funded through the Pre-K through 3rd Grade Integrated Approach to Early Learning (P-3) for the 2025-2026 school year.

This expansion will increase the number of classrooms implementing the P-3 approach to 454 across 29 Alabama counties. The ADECE, in partnership with the Alabama State Department of Education, is working to align instructional practices, assessments and leadership from First Class Pre-K–3rd grade.

"Each year, Alabama's P-3 approach continues to build momentum and grow to provide a smooth transition from pre-k to third grade," said Governor Kay Ivey. "Our

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Pope's Tavern Archaeology

FLORENCE—Pope's Tavern Museum will host its third annual ARCHAEOLOGY DAY on Saturday, June 7 from 9am until 2pm.

Archaeology Day will provide an opportunity to learn more about archaeology by excavating, sifting, and processing artifacts. Several supporting organizations will be present, including the Muscle Shoals Chapter of the Alabama Archaeological Society,

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The Helen Keller Festival Color Run will take place on Saturday, June 7 from 9am-noon in downtown Tusculumbia. This 5K fun run and fundraiser begins and ends downtown, with participants being showered with color throughout the course. The event is family-friendly and supports the Helen Keller Festival and the Keller Kids program. Registration and check-in start at 9am, with the race beginning at 10am. The cost is \$25 per participant or \$80 for a bundle of four. Register by May 23rd to receive a free t-shirt. All ages are welcome. For more details or to register, visit helenkellerfestival.com.

Rhodesville Methodist Church Homecoming - Sunday, June 8 at 11pm with speakers: Bro. Mike Bevis and Sister Deb Bevis. Lunch after worship. Everyone is welcome. Come and be blessed. Also three nights of revival Monday thru Wednesday at 6pm. Come and be revived a new for the Lord with Bro. Mike and Sister Deb speaking. Also, special singing each night.

Elgin Senior Center has a pancake breakfast the 2nd Monday of each month (Monday, June 9, 7am) Located at Alabama 101, Rogersville. Event Contact: 256-762-2104

Write Your Art - Monday, June 9, 1pm-2pm at the Florence-Lauderdale Public Library, 256-764-6564.

Art isn't just paintings, sculptures, and photographs. Art is also theatre, stories, and movies! Here at Write Your Art, we celebrate the written word and use art to inspire our minds. Join Mr. Caleb as he leads us through different styles of writing, a scavenger hunt, and poetry!

Additional Dates: June 16; June 23

District 1 Masters' Games — The Masters' Games for people 50 and older will be at 9am Tuesday, June 3 at Broadway Recreation Center. The event includes shuffleboard and soft ball throw with lunch and corn hole, nerf ball toss, frisbee toss, and basket ball throw at the Coliseum. Sign up at 8:30am at Broadway or call The Club/Florence Senior Center, 256-760-6642.

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June 7-14, 2025

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Dr. Whitney C. Terrell, DVM
Rabies Inspector, Lauderdale County

Saturday, June 7
8-9:45am.....Wilson High School
10:15-11:30am.....Central High School
12-1:15pm.....Cloverdale Elementary School/Cloverdale Fire Dept.
1:30-2:45pm.....Underwood Elementary School

Monday, June 9
3-4pm.....Elgin Fire Department
4:14-5:15pm.....Center Star Baptist Church
5:30-7pm.....Brooks High School

Tuesday, June 10
3-3:45pm.....Waterloo High School
4-4:45pm.....Waterloo Fire Department Station 2
5-5:30pm.....Gravelly Springs
5:45-6:30pm.....Oakland Community Church
6:45-7:45pm.....Threets Crossroad/Liberty Baptist Church

Thursday, June 12
3-4pm.....Lexington High School
4:15-5:15pm.....Grassy Baptist Church
5:30-6:30pm.....Old Ball Field on Bayles Street
6:45-7:45pm.....Lauderdale County High School

Friday, June 13
3-4:15pm.....Rogers High School
4:30-5:30pm.....Lone Cedar Church
5:45-6:30pm.....Mt. Zion Church
6:45-8pm.....St. Florian Park

Saturday, June 14
8:45-9:15am.....Handy Recreation Center
9:30-10:30am.....Lauderdale County Co-Op
10:45-12pm.....Broadway Recreation Center
12:15-1:15pm.....Royal Avenue Recreation Center
1:30-3pm.....Cox Creek Farmer's Market

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Any questions please call us at 256-386-9800.

Below are the dates and locations for this year's Rabies Clinics.

Randall B. Davis, DVM - Colbert County Rabies Officer	Wednesday, June 4 5-6:30 pm: Colbert Heights HS Lot
Monday, June 2 5-6:30 pm: Muscle Shoals HS Lot	Thursday, June 5 5-6pm: Colbert County HS Lot 6:30-7pm: Sheffield Park & Rec Dept. Parking Lot
Tuesday, June 3 5-6 pm: Cherokee HS Lot 6:30-7 pm: Tusculumbia Multipurpose Center	Saturday, June 7 8-10am: TN Valley Animal Clinic Lot

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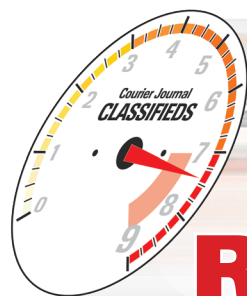
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local safety partners. "We are so grateful for the continued support from ADECA," said **Ashley Bridgmon**, Manager of the Health Education and Safety Center at Children's of Alabama. "We must all do our part to prevent hot car deaths."

Experts say vehicular heatstroke can occur at any time, but it is more likely to happen during the summer months.

According to NHTSA, 39 children died last year of heat stroke in vehicles, up 35% from 2023. The state of Alabama has seen a total of 33 pediatric vehicular heatstroke deaths from 1998-2024. No deaths occurred in the state in 2024. At least four deaths have been reported in the United States this year.

Children's of Alabama will try to educate parents and caregivers in the coming months about the dangers of hot cars and provide them with ways to prevent hot car deaths. Drivers will also see billboards with messaging about the dangers of hot vehicles along beach routes in Alabama this summer.



LOOK Before You Lock!

BIRMINGHAM — Children's of Alabama urges drivers to look before they lock. The Children's of Alabama Look and Lock: A Child Safety Campaign kicked off in May and raises awareness about pediatric vehicular heatstroke and its dangers. It is sponsored by Children's, the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA), the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), and several other state and

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Bates...

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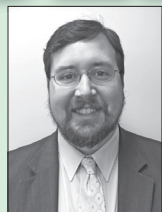
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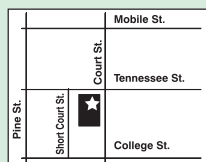


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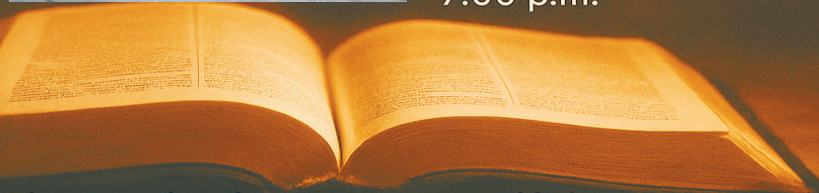
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African Heritage...

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Recreation Complex in Tusculumbia. This community favorite brings people together in the best kind of way. The entire event is free, thanks to a group of dedicated sponsors who believe in what this festival stands for.

The weekend kicks off Friday at 5pm with live music from The Come Up Band out of Decatur. They'll get the crowd going before blues artist King Tut from Tennessee takes the stage. It's the perfect way to ease into a weekend filled with good vibes and great sounds.

Saturday is where the fun really takes off. Starting at 10am, the festival grounds will be packed with food vendors, kids' games, cultural exhibits, and a wide mix of live music. There's something for just about every taste. Gospel, R&B, reggae, blues, and hip hop will fill the air throughout the day.

Local favorites The Midnighters will represent the Shoals music scene, while Birmingham's Pinky with The YAC Blues and reggae group Cultural Dread bring their own energy to the stage. Exodus Reggae from Memphis is back for their sixth year in a row, and new to the lineup this year is 3N?GMA from Pensacola, Florida, with their unique urban hip hop style.

The festival isn't just about music, though. Saturday afternoon will feature an African fashion show that highlights both traditional and modern styles, along with a performance by the always-popular Muscle Shoals Twirlers.

At its core, this festival is about more than just entertainment. It's about community. It's about honoring heritage,

sharing culture, and creating a space where everyone feels welcome.

"The North Alabama African Heritage Festival is one of those events that truly captures the spirit of our community," said Susann Hamlin, President and CEO of Colbert County Tourism. "It celebrates the history, the music, and the shared experience that brings people together. We are proud to help support something so meaningful."

"We're thrilled that the forecast is looking great for our 21st year," said Rea Phyfer, Treasurer of the North Alabama African Heritage Association. "This festival is about bringing the entire Northwest Alabama region together, from Huntsville to Cherokee. We're planning a fun, family-friendly event filled with great vendors and unique entertainment. It's a celebration of culture and community, and we want everyone to feel welcome. So, bring your family, your friends, and don't forget your lawn chair."

It's the kind of event that brings generations together. Kids will be laughing and playing, old friends will be catching up under the shade of a tent, and music will carry across the grounds. Whether you're stopping by for the food, the music, or to soak it all in, you'll leave feeling a little more connected.

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Summer Reading Event - Friday, June 6, 10am-12pm at Riverfront Park, 321 Park Blvd, Sheffield, Tiny Hiney's Travelin' Farm (live animals), Wacky Wascals Balloon Art, Chubby Hubby Ice Cream Truck

First Metro presents "Toy Story" at the Shoals Theatre - Sunday, June 8, 2pm. 123 N Seminary St, Florence, 256-764-1700.

You're Invited to a Gospel Sermon Series - At Midway church of Christ with Kasey Harbin at 6000 U.S. Highway 43, Florence. June 8-13. Times of Assembly: Sunday 10:30 a.m. & 7 p.m. and Monday-Friday 7 p.m.

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The Summer Tennis Camp with Clay Mize will take place from Monday, June 9 (registration beginning at 8:30am), and will run through Thursday, June 12, with sessions at 10am each day. The camp takes place at the Muscle Shoals High School Tennis Courts, located at 1900 Avalon Avenue, Muscle Shoals.

Senior Meals on Weekdays at 11:30am at The Club, 450 Country Club Road in Florence. \$1 donation.

Colbert Transportation - Wells of Hope Ministries, Inc. was recently awarded a grant to provide transportation services for seniors and individuals with disabilities in Colbert County. Seniors and handicapped individuals who live in Colbert County and are in need of free transportation, please contact Mr. Wendell Plain at 256-412-5220 or Mr. Otis Johnson at 256-762-1378.

Wood Avenue Church of Christ renews its Annual Wednesday Summer Series on June 4 with guest speakers each Wednesday at 7pm through August 27. The theme this summer is The Book of Job: Finding God During Suffering. Everyone is welcome to any all services. Wood Avenue is located at 400 North Wood Ave. in Florence (Northeast corner from Wilson Park).

June 4- Introduction to the Book of Job: Adam Richardson (Florence)

June 11- Finding God Because He is the Creator of Life: David Smith (Chattanooga)

June 16-18- VBS: James Senn (Florence)

June 25- Finding God Because the Devil is Real: Brian Giselbach (Hebron, KY)

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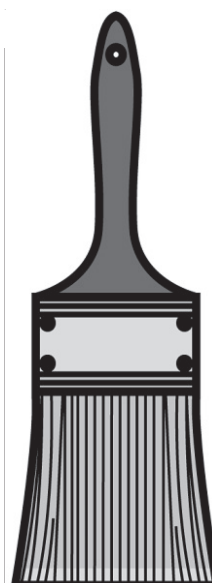


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Commentary

Everything Trump Needs Moderation

Many of us understand the enthusiasm and energy created during the first 130 days and appreciate the new direction the country is taking regarding common sense science, watchdog spending, and putting U.S. citizens and American taxpayers first. We know too well the atrocities, fraud, indiscriminate waste, and incompressible criminality of the last four years, and still see more evidence surfacing as the days pass.

We may not be thrilled with how the changes are being processed, yet we also know the status quo is grossly askew and that time is of the essence. A traditional process delays thousands of cases into stagnation and obscurity, playing right into the hands of democrat obstructionists who have favored criminals, criminal behavior, and government waste for decades. That said, there is a time for politics and a time for reverence. Memorial Day weekend is time for the latter.

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In A Few Words



TOM MAGAZZU
Editor

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THIS WEEK

in the *Shoals*

June 4, 2025

Happening THIS WEEK

Food Truck Fest for CMOS

FLORENCE – The Children's Museum of the Shoals is sponsoring its 7th Annual Food Truck Festival presented by Singing River Brewing Co. at 526 E. College St. Florence. June 7, 6:30-8:30pm. This is CMS' largest fundraiser, and funds raised will go



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Race Amity Day for Better Relations



SHOALS–Race Amity Day calls attention to the power of cross-racial friendships as a force for social change by promoting activities where everyone can talk, listen, and grow together.

See **AMITY...** on Page 19



54th Rod Run

TUSCUMBIA –The 54th Annual Rod Run is rolling back into Spring Park in Tuscumbia Saturday, June 7, and it's shaping up to be one of the biggest yet.

Hosted by Muscle Shoals Area Street Rods, this longtime favorite event boasts more than 300 street rods, antiques, and vintage rides — through 1995 models. From shiny chrome to custom paint jobs, there's something special about seeing these cars up close in the heart of downtown Tuscumbia.

The show runs from 7am-2pm and includes a free swap meet, local vendors, cash prizes, and a 50/50 drawing. Registration is \$20 at the gate, and spectators can enjoy the day for free. Rain or shine, Spring Park will be packed with great cars and a great time.

For more details, call Jesse Wisdom 256-710-6959.

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Fed Funding Freezes Put Rural Libraries at Risk

Editor,

Federal grants often serve as the backbone of rural library services. Without their local library, many communities would lose access to basic resources. However, recent federal actions have placed critical funding for public libraries and museums in jeopardy.

Following an executive order from President Trump, the future of the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) has been uncertain. Staff were placed on administrative leave, and grant processing came to a halt.

The consequences are especially severe in rural areas. In Nebraska, where library funding varies by locality, federal support

helps bridge gaps between city- and county-funded systems. Without it, rural patrons may face reduced hours, increased service fees, or loss of access altogether.

In 2024, Nebraska received more than \$2 million in IMLS funding and South Dakota received \$1.4 million, primarily through the Grants to States program. These grants support everything from technology upgrades and digital access to early literacy programs, staff training, and outreach services. In South Dakota, the funding freeze has already ended the interlibrary courier service, forcing libraries to rely on more expensive shipping options. Access to statewide databases and services for residents with disabilities are also at risk.

The IMLS represents a small portion of the federal budget — just 75 cents per American in 2024 — but plays a vital role in

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...More than 560 employees have left the NWS this year. Fear of burnout is high among remaining forecasters...



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Presbyterians at Pentecost



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On June 8 we will celebrate Pentecost at Westminster. That brings a lot of joy and energy to church services throughout the country on that Sunday.

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At Pentecost, the disciples experienced a miraculous occurrence of the Holy Spirit descending on the church. People spoke in different languages, but they understood each other. Tongues of fire appeared and a mighty wind blew. This was a happening service.

Today we still remember and celebrate this special beginning of the church without Christ on earth. They needed the fire and energy of the Holy Spirit to do the work of the church and we still need that today. So celebrate! Shout! Enjoy!

Rev. Dr. Susan A. Parker, Pastor



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"Below is a State Farm® Simple Insights® article about "Why should I review my home insurance annually?" is provided by State Farm agent Rebecca Stutts Hovater.

Why Should I Review My Home Insurance Annually?

The next time you need to renew your insurance policies, consider taking these steps to make sure you understand what your coverages are.

Most often, people purchase a homeowners insurance or renters insurance policy when they first move out and into their new home. Many people pay little attention to the policies after that. Over time, as they make renovations, purchase new items or replace existing appliances, they don't perform home insurance reviews to ensure they are properly covered. This, unfortunately, can lead to a gap in their coverage.

Tips for a successful home insurance review

The next time you need to renew your insurance policies, consider taking these steps to help you get the most out of them.

- **Create a home inventory** - A home inventory is a listing of the property in your home, the date you bought it and what you purchased it for. This list can be used to discuss your needs with your agent as you choose the right coverage.
- **Meet with your agent** - Your insurance needs change over time. Conducting a home insurance review with your agent at least once each year can help you determine if your policies still make sense for your current situation. During this meeting:
 - **Ask about discounts** - Before you renew your policy, speak with your agent about discounts that may be available. You may qualify for discounts for alarm systems, multiline or higher deductibles.
 - **Ask to review your auto policy** - If you combine your home or renters insurance with auto insurance to get a discount, consider reviewing your auto coverage as well. Ask them about any safe driving discounts you might be eligible for.
 - **Review home renovations** - If you have added on to your home or updated any rooms in the house, be sure to talk about them with your agent to make sure your coverage reflects the changes.
 - **Talk about any landscaping changes** - Any new sprinkler systems, sheds, pool or even a new riding mower may require changes in your policy.
 - **Share any changes in the appliances** - Like home renovations, updating your furnace or air conditioner can increase the value of your home.
 - **Confirm your home is insured for the estimated cost to rebuild** - State Farm® suggests you select a policy amount equal to at least 100% of the estimated replacement cost of your home, but the choice is yours. You should also make sure any replacement cost estimate reflects the actual characteristics of your home. Insuring your home for at least 100% of its estimated replacement cost — not the current market value — could give you the means to replace your home entirely in the event of a loss.

Insurance review reminders

Make sure you remember to:

- **Share any significant life changes.** Getting married, having a baby, starting a new home business or even getting divorced may trigger changes to your property that are worth a conversation to address the correct coverage with new needs. Your agent can make you aware of extra coverage available for jewelry and fire arms or additional coverage for business property.
- **Ask questions about current coverages, limitations and exclusions.** You can get the best out of meeting with your agent by asking about your current coverages and understanding any limitations and exclusions to the homeowners policy. You can be better prepared for a loss when you are aware of what is covered and what is not.

For more information about a home insurance review and your policies, contact a State Farm agent.



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Medical Testimony Is Required In An Injury Case

In every case we know that an accident happened we generally know how it happened. We know what the medical treatment was, who did it, and where it was done.

The severity of an injury really determines the value of a personal injury case. Obviously, there are other factors that drive the value up or down. Most personal injury lawyers would agree that the victim of a drunk

driver is likely to get more money. Often the perception that someone was on their cell phone or otherwise distracted can increase the value of the case.

Injuries come in all different kinds from cuts and bruises to catastrophic injuries such as the loss of a limb, paralysis, or death. The monetary value of a case should correspond to the extent of the injury.

There are defenses to liability such as contributory negligence or sudden emergency, but if there is a strong defense, the value of the case decreases.

In cases where there is medical treatment, the courts will not allow, by and large, an ordinary person to testify about their injuries unless and until a physician testifies that the injuries were caused by the accident that the lawsuit is about. In other words, you can have the accident report showing how the accident happened on one side and on the other side a stack of medical records showing what treatment has been given to the injured person. Without a doctor's testimony to connect the two, the medical treatment can't be heard by the jury. A doctor is required to say the treatment was caused by the accident more likely than not.

Here's the problem. I have taken over a thousand doctor depositions. I prepare and I know how to take a doctor's deposition and what is required to make the testimony admissible. These depositions cost \$1,500.00 or more. A lot of lawyers don't have enough cases to invest the money to learn how to take the deposition successfully. There are outlines. That said, every deposition is different and there's always a defense lawyer contesting the testimony.

Insurance companies are really using this requirement to not pay claims. Unless the medical records are really clear and the injuries are severe, insurance companies often elect not to pay or pay a very small value. Insurance companies really look for pre-existing conditions or an incident like a fall at home that happened after the date of the original injury.

One problem we see is that the court system has for many years allowed doctors (and only doctors) the privilege of testifying by deposition and excusing them from having to come to court. That privilege does not extend to physician assistants and nurse practitioners (PAs and CRNPs). We are seeing and will continue to see more treatment by nurse practitioners and physicians' assistants. These professionals are certainly entitled to act as expert witnesses and testify to causation and treatment in the vast majority of cases; however, they must testify live in court.

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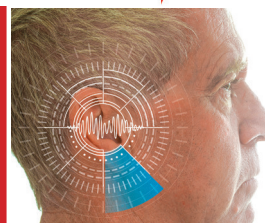
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Last time we chatted about challenges facing a certain generation. Let's get a little more specific about what can be done to help. If you didn't grow up with cell phones practically glued to your hand, all this newfangled tech can feel like stepping onto a different planet entirely. It's totally understandable to feel a bit lost or even frustrated, especially when it seems like everyone else just gets it automatically. It's not about being "techy" or not; it's just learning a new set of rules.

One of the biggest worries, and a completely fair one, is the fear of scams and all the



Martin Dean

Tech Challenges Facing Older Adults

Part 2

by "The Computer Skeptic"

bad folks out there online. You hear stories about people getting tricked out of money, identity theft, and data breaches like that AT&T one we saw. Scammers are sneaky, using phone calls pretending to be official folks, sending texts trying to get those one-time security codes, setting up fake shopping websites, or even cooking up phony profiles on places like Facebook to try and get your money or information. It's enough to make you want

to just avoid it all.

But here's the thing: you don't have to tackle everything at once. The best way to start is small, with one specific thing you actually want to do. Maybe you just want to see pictures of the grandkids on Facebook or learn how to order groceries online. Pick one goal and focus just on learning how to do that one thing. Celebrate every little victory along the way, because successfully sending a photo really is a win!

When you're learning, don't be afraid to tap around and explore the device. You're not likely to break it. Find someone patient to help you – a family member (sometimes a grandkid is perfect!) or maybe someone at the local library or senior center or even a local tech shop (hint hint). Ask them to go slow and let you do the steps yourself. Avoid anyone who gets impatient or just snatches the device out of your hand.

There are resources made just for folks getting started, like classes at senior centers or easy-to-follow videos online. Devices can often be adjusted too, for things like bigger text or making touchscreens easier to use, especially if you have conditions like arthritis. And if the cost of internet or devices is a problem, there are programs out there to help low-income

individuals and families, sometimes specifically for those 65 and older.

Keep the technology focused on what matters to you. Ignore the complicated stuff you don't care about. And most importantly, be kind to yourself and patient. Getting stuck or feeling confused is totally normal. Everyone learning something new goes through it, and that includes figuring out this digital world. It's all about taking those steps to stay connected and keep your independence.



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Commentary

Needs Moderation...

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The President made two official presentations, one Saturday as the commencement speaker to U.S. Military Academy graduates at West Point, the other at Arlington National Cemetery on Monday.

His words were impressive on Monday, and his 17 minutes were appropriate. He could have avoided the brief, veiled digs at the previous administration, but all things considered it went well.

Maybe he thought better of repeating his Saturday show on the holiday.

The presentation at West Point began well with appropriate recognition to those graduating, but deteriorated into a long, and politically skewed offering to a group which is always supposed to maintain political neutrality in public. Donning his red Make America Great Again ball cap at the podium should have tipped us off.

They didn't show up for a political rehash and pep rally or yet another prolonged campaign speech loaded with all the criticisms of the last four years and the assumed accomplishments of the those still before us.

Those on both sides know the details and don't care to relive them at graduation.

Trump's Truth Social media post in all caps wished "A HAPPY MEMORIAL DAY TO ALL, INCLUDING THE SCUM WHO SPENT THE LAST FOUR YEARS TRYING TO DESTROY OUR COUNTRY THROUGH WARPED RADICAL LEFT MINDS..." It continued with the expected digs, as did a second post.

Neither contained a mention of U.S. military personnel who lost their lives in service.

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Delinquencies and Credit Score Declines

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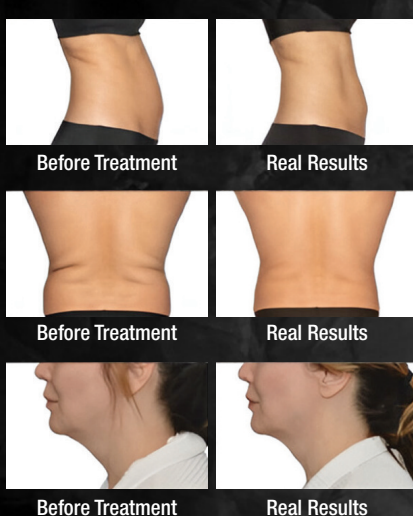
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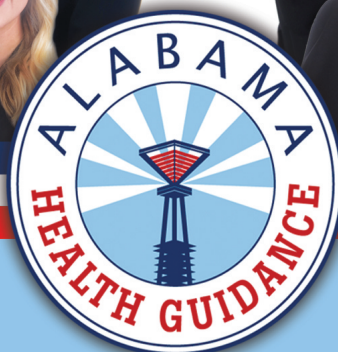
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Funding Freezes

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maintaining access to education, technology, and community services. Across the country, libraries have already begun scaling back. Some have lost access to digital

platforms; others have paused national projects or eliminated services altogether.

Libraries and museums are essential civic infrastructure. If left unaddressed, the federal funding freeze will erode library services across the U.S., particularly in low-income, rural, and underserved communities. Weakening the agency that supports them threatens to unravel the public services millions rely on every day.

Madeline Faber
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Trouble with Major Storms

Editor,

We are facing an upcoming threefold dangerous weather challenge.

One, fossil fuel carbon emissions are stoking global warming that causes more damaging hurricanes, tornadoes, flooding, and wildfires.

The Trump administration denies this reality and has dismantled climate research, fired some of the nation's top scientists, and gutted efforts to chart how fast greenhouse gases are building up in the atmosphere and what that means for the economy, employment, agriculture, health and other aspects of American society.

Two, the Trump Administration makes the situation worse by weakening the National Weather Service (NWS), the National Oceanic

and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and scientific research that can help prepare for the consequences, study the weather, and alert folks to coming storms.

More than 560 employees have left the NWS this year. Fear of burnout is high among remaining forecasters. NOAA employees are worried about the thin staffing at some Gulf coastal offices and the cutbacks in meteorologists, other experts and experienced managers. Three, the Administration has undermined FEMA so there is now less federal help for those affected by natural disasters. An internal FEMA review underscored the agency's lack of preparedness for the June start to hurricane season. There is general uncertainty around its existence and mission - and lack of coordination with states and other federal agencies, low morale, and new red tape.

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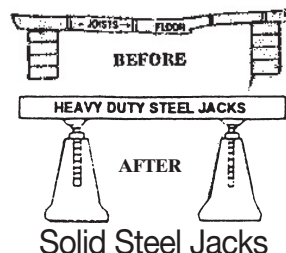
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Amity...

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Saturday, June 7, 10am and 11am - History Tours of West Florence at starting at W.C. Handy Museum on West College St. in Florence.

Saturday, June 7, 2pm - Florence Library: Book Talk by Dennis Balch: "The Other Madisons" documents the bi-racial history of U.S. President, James Madison's family.

Sunday, June 8, 2pm - there will be an Amity Concert entitled "Lifting Our Voices for Unity and Friendship" in the Performance Center at UNA's Guillot Center featuring combined choirs.

In addition, there will be book displays at the Florence, Tuscumbia, and Russellville public libraries from June 2-13 that support the themes of understanding and friendship among the many peoples who make up this great nation.

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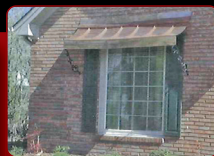
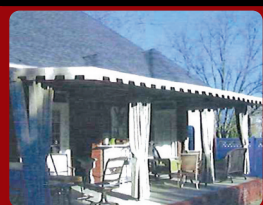
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MONTGOMERY – Behavioral and mental health issues affect every aspect of life; one in five adults in the United States experiences mental illness each year. Alabama has seen the number of mental health providers increase and access to care improve. However, more work is needed to meet the demand for services. State Health Officer Dr. Scott Harris said, “The strains experienced with COVID-19 highlighted a mental health gap between the people seeking assistance and the shortage of providers available.”

In partnership with the Alabama Department of Public Health, Alabama Department of Mental Health, Jefferson County Department of Health, and Mobile County Health Department, the mental well-being platform called CredibleMind is now available to Alabama residents at no charge.

CredibleMind provides a means of empowering and assisting individuals to overcome mental health challenges through a confidential, personalized, accessible, immediate, and anonymous self-care and mental well-being platform. By accessing CredibleMind, the barriers of long waits for professional help and the social stigma that may come from seeking mental health services are

avoided. This one-stop information platform supports wellness with evidence-based resources designed to support the mental health needs of most everyone.

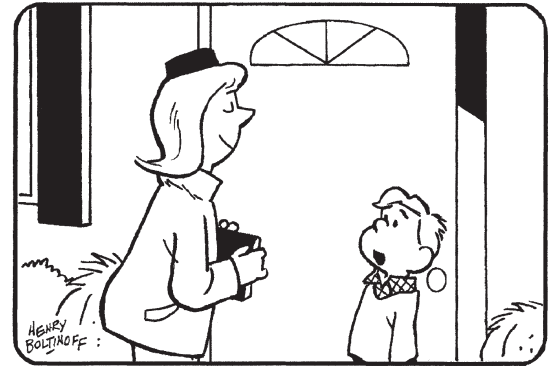
Jefferson County Health Officer, Dr. David Hicks, expressed enthusiasm for the new platform, stating, “CredibleMind represents a significant step forward in our efforts to support the mental health and well-being of our community by using a public health approach focused on prevention and early intervention. Through CredibleMind’s free, easy-to-access resources, barriers to better mental health are reduced and access to the tools needed to thrive are improved. We are committed to promoting mental wellness and reducing the stigma associated with mental health issues.”

Mobile County Health Officer Dr. Kevin Michaels said, “CredibleMind helps you catch mental health concerns early and learn more about them by bringing together personalized resources. Everything is neatly organized by specific topic or condition, so whether you’re dealing with stress, anxiety, sleep issues, or just want to boost your overall well-being, you can quickly find what fits your needs.”

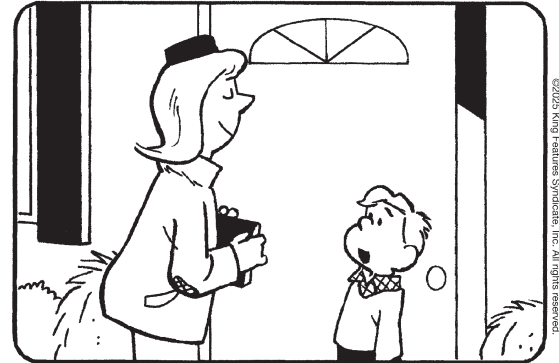
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Psalms 31:19-20 “*Oh* how great *is* thy goodness, which thou hast laid up for them that fear thee; *which* thou hast wrought for **them that trust in thee** before the sons of men! Thou shalt **hide them in the secret of thy presence** from the pride of man: thou shalt keep them secretly in a pavilion from the strife of tongues.” **FEELING** God's constant fulness around you after you are saved should be the goal of every saved person. God's power, presence, protection, provision and preservation are essential for a victorious Christian life! A close walk with God is necessary in light of the complete wickedness of the world! **THE WORLD TODAY: Romans 3:11** “There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God.” Dear saved one, I urge you today to walk with God, seek His face every day. Get under His shadow and stay there. That will bring the peace of God with it!

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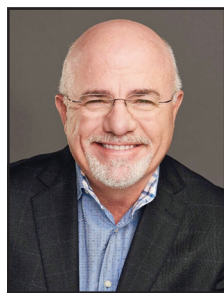
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UNIQUE SITUATION, SEPARATE FINANCES?

Dear Dave,
My fiancé and I are getting married this year. We're both in our 40s with kids, so we'll be a blended family. The thing that worries me is that we have drastically different views on handling money. I'm a saver, and he's a spender. I also make significantly more money than he does. He's been trying to get his production company in Tampa off the ground for about 10 years, making \$50,000 a year. I'm an accountant, and I make \$300,000 a year. Considering the uniqueness of the situation, would it be easier for us to keep separate financial lives? I've got a feeling it's going to be hard talking him into being more responsible with money at his age.

Lisa

Dear Lisa,
You're going to burn a lot of calories either way, aren't you? Either you folks are going to do the hard work of getting on the same page together, or you're going to essentially work against each other and underperform. In your lives and your finances.

All the data we've collected shows that the couple who win with money are the couples who work together. Nearly 80% of the 10,000+ millionaires we interviewed in "The National Study of Millionaires" were married. On top of that, 80% of them said they were able to build that kind of wealth because they were working together financially with their spouse, instead of despite their spouse.

As far as your fiancé and his business are concerned, it doesn't take 10 years to get a business off the ground. If you know your stuff, it takes

about 10 months. So, he doesn't really have a small business. He has a hobby. Don't get me wrong. I admire the dude's commitment and ambitious spirit. It may just be a case of him being good at what he does but not being good at running a business. Accidental entrepreneurs happen a lot, and that's not a sin. He may just need to educate himself on the how of running a business successfully.

Along those lines, I'd recommend that he pick up a copy of "The E-Myth" by Michael E. Gerber. It's a great read for anyone looking to evaluate their small business and get it moving in the right direction. But if that's not the answer, he needs to find a different career. My guess is he could double what he's making now working for someone else in the production world in a place like Tampa.

Looking at you two on the surface, you've got a chance to build a beautiful life together. That's not going to happen, though, if one or both of you are in denial about a job or your finances. The awkwardness of you making literally six times what he makes — and his business situation — needs to be discussed with a good pre-marital counselor before you two walk down the aisle.

God bless you two, Lisa!

— Dave

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

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Sheffield Utilities 2024 Annual Water Quality Report

Sheffield Utilities is pleased to bring you our 2024 Annual Water Quality Report. This report is designed to keep you informed about the quality of water and the services we provide daily to our community. Our top priorities are your safety and serving as a responsible custodian of the environment. We rigorously monitor our system and service area to uphold the highest standards of water quality and reliability.



The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the State of Alabama have established strict guidelines to ensure safe drinking water for all residents. Sheffield Utilities not only meets these standards but continually strives to exceed them. Through advanced water treatment processes, regular testing, and ongoing infrastructure improvements, we are committed to delivering clean and safe water to the homes and businesses throughout our service area. We recognize the vital role that water plays in the well-being of our community. Whether it's for drinking, cooking, bathing, or daily household use, you can trust that our dedicated team works around the clock to maintain water safety and reliability. We appreciate your trust in us and remain dedicated to our community now and in the future.

The Sheffield Water Treatment Plant is located at 919 Alabama Ave and utilizes the Pickwick Lake portion of the Tennessee River for its primary drinking water source. Our facility employs a comprehensive treatment process including mixing, flocculation, sedimentation, filtration and disinfection. To further enhance water purity and taste, we are in the preliminary process of integrating Granular Activated Carbon (GAC) filtration into our treatment process. This advanced filtration method will provide an additional layer of protection by effectively reducing organic compounds, improving odor and taste, and minimizing potential contaminants.

Sheffield Utilities, in conjunction with TVA, has produced a Source Water Assessment Report. This Source Water Assessment Report is available at the main office of Sheffield Utilities at 300 North Nashville Avenue, Sheffield, Alabama and can be seen Monday - Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Based on a study conducted by ADEM with the approval of the EPA a statewide waiver for the monitoring of asbestos and dioxin was issued. Thus, monitoring for these contaminants is not required. Radiological samples were tested in 2021.

In 2022 Sheffield Utilities completed lead and copper monitoring without exceeding any lead or copper action levels. We will continue monitoring lead and copper every three years according to Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM) regulations. The next monitoring period will be June through September 2025.

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised people such as people with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, people who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk for infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. The EPA and CDC (Center for Disease Control) have guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by cryptosporidium and other microbiological contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-4276- 4791). All drinking water, including bottled drinking water, may be reasonably expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. It's important to remember the presence of these contaminants does not necessarily pose a health risk.

The Sheffield Utilities Board has regularly scheduled meetings on the last Wednesday of each month in the main conference room at Sheffield

Utilities’ main office building at 300 N. Nashville Avenue, Sheffield, Alabama. Current Board Members are Kermit Campbell, Chair; Rea Phyfer, Vice Chair; Brian Young; Heath Colcock; and Mike Davis.

- In the following tables you will find many terms and abbreviations that may not be familiar to you. To help you better understand these terms we have provided the following definitions:**
- **Parts per million (ppm) or milligrams per liter (mg/l):** One part per million corresponds to one minute in two years or a single penny in \$10,000.
 - **Parts per billion (ppb) or micrograms per liter:** One part per billion corresponds to one minute in 2,000 years, or a single penny in \$10,000,000.
 - **Parts per trillion (ppt) or nanogram per liter(ng/L):** One part per trillion corresponds to one second in 31,709 years.
 - **Nephelometric Turbidity Unit (NTU):** Nephelometric turbidity unit is a measure of the clarity of water. Turbidity in excess of 5 NTU is just noticeable to the average person.
 - **ND- Not detected.**
 - **Maximum Contaminant Level Goal or MCLG:** The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.
 - **Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL):** The highest level of contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
 - **Action Level (AL) • Treatment Technique (TT)**
A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant on drinking water.
 - **Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG):** The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.
 - **Variance and Exemptions:** ADEM or EPA permission not to meet a MCL or a treatment technique under certain conditions.
 - **Reporting Violation:** The result of a lab not submitting a utilities test result by the due date.

PFHxS	ppt	2.7	Nonstick; food packaging and water-resistant
PFOS	ppt	19.0	Nonstick; food packaging and water-resistant
PFOA	ppt	10.0	Nonstick; food packaging and water-resistant
Radiological - 2024 Data			
Gross Alpha	pCi/l	1.93	Erosion of natural deposits
Combined Radium	pCi/l	.768	Erosion of natural deposits
Crypto - 2024 Data			
Cryptosporidium	0	0 N.D.	Found in Surface water
Giardia	0	0 N.D.	Found in Surface water

REGULATED CONTAMINANTS				
Bacteriological	Beryllium	Carbaryl	Methoxychlor	PFAS
Total Coliform Bacteria	Dissolved Solids		Metolachlor	PFHpA
Fecal Coliform	Lead	BDMC (S)	Metribuzin	PFPeA
Cryptosporidium	Selenium	Glyphosate	Propachlor	PFPeS
Giardia	Thallium	Diquat	Simazine	PFDoA
E Coli	Mercury	2,4,5-TP (Silvex)	Endothall	PFMPA
Radiological	Sodium	Picloram	1,3-Dimethyl-2-nitrobenzene	PFNA
Beta/photon emitters	Nitrate-Nitrite	Alachlor	Benzo(a)pyrene-d12	PFPeA
Alpha emitters	Nitrite	Aldrin	Triphenylphosphate	PFPeS
Combined radium	Orthophosphate	Atrazine	Aldicarb	4:2 FTS
Uranium	Cyanide	Benzo(a)pyrene	Aldicarb sulfone	6:2 FTS
Inorganic Chemicals		gamma-BHC (Lindane)	Aldicarb sulfoxide	8:2 FTS
Arsenic	Organic Compounds	Butachlor	Carbofuran	9Cl-PF3ONS
Cadmium	1,2-Dibromo-3-chloropropane	alpha-Chlordane	3-Hydroxycarbofuran	ADONA
Calcium	1,2-Dibromoethane (EDB)	gamma-Chlordane	Methomyl	HFPO-DA
Chromium	Chlordane (Technical)	Dieldrin	Oxamyl	NFDHA
Iron	PCB, Total	Endrin	UCMR5	PFHxA
Manganese	Toxaphene	bis(2-Ethylhexyl) adipate	lithium	PFHxS
Nickel	2,4-D	bis(2-Ethylhexyl) phthalate	11Cl-PF3OUdS	NMeFOSAA
Silver	Dalapon	Heptachlor	NEtFOSAA	
Zinc	Dicamba	Heptachlor epoxide	PFOS	
Antimony	Dinoseb	Hexachlorobenzene	PFBS	
Bromate	Pentachlorophenol	Hexachlorocyclopentadiene	PFDA	

Unregulated Contaminants			
Methylene Chloride	1,3-Dichlorobenzene	1,1,2,2-Tetrachloroethane	trans-1,2-Dichloroethene
Dichlorodifluoromethane	1,4-Dichlorobenzene	2-Chlorotoluene	1,1-Dichloroethene
Chloromethane	1,2-Dichloroethane	n-Propylbenzene	trans-1,3-Dichloropropene
Vinyl chloride	1,2-Dichloropropane	4-Chlorotoluene	Bromochloromethane
Bromomethane	Dibromomethane	1,3,5-Trimethylbenzene	4-Bromofluorobenzene
Benzene	Toluene	tert-Butylbenzene	Toluene-d8
Chloroethane	1,1,2-Trichloroethane	1,2,4-Trimethylbenzene	1,2-Dichlorobenzene-d4
Chlorobenzene	1,3-Dichloropropane	sec-Butylbenzene	Trichloroethene
Trichlorofluoromethane	1,2,3-Trichloropropane	p-Isopropyltoluene	Tetrachloroethene
1,1-Dichloroethane	Ethylbenzene	n-Butylbenzene	cis-1,2-Dichloroethene
2,2-Dichloropropane	1,1,1,2-Tetrachloroethane	1,2,4-Trichlorobenzene	cis-1,3-Dichloropropene
1,1-Dichloropropene	Xylene (Total)	Naphthalene	Styrene
1,2-Dichlorobenzene	Bromoform	Hexachloro-1,3-butadiene	Bromochloromethane
1,1,1-Trichloroethane	Isopropylbenzene (Cumene)	1,2,3-Trichlorobenzene	Dibromochloromethane
Carbon tetrachloride	Bromobenzene	Methyl-tert-butyl ether	Dibromochloromethane

Table of Detected Contaminants - 2024 Data					
CONTAMINANT	MCLG	MCL	DETECTED		SOURCE
Alkalinity	-	-	68.0	ppm	Measuring Scale
Aluminum	0.2	0.2	.043	ppm	Erosion of natural deposits
Barium	2	2	.026	ppm	Fertilizer runoff; Erosion of natural deposits
Calcium	-	-	20.7	ppm	Naturally present in the environment
Chloride	-	250	17.6	ppm	Fertilizer runoff; Erosion of natural deposits
Carbon Dioxide	-	-	5.73	ppm	Naturally present in the environment
Copper	1.3	1.3	.0015	ppm	Erosion of natural deposits
Fluoride	4	4	.64	ppm	Erosion of natural deposits
Iron	-	-	.003	ppm	Erosion of natural deposits
Magnesium	-	-	.005	ppm	Erosion of natural deposits
Nitrate	10	10	0.57	ppm	Leaking Septic tanks; Erosion of natural deposits
Nitrogen:Nitrate	10	10	.57	ppm	Fertilizer runoff; Erosion of natural deposits
PH	-	-	7.61	SU	Measuring Scale
Sodium	-	-	13.2	ppm	Naturally present in the environment
Sulfate	-	500	9.3	ppm	Fertilizer runoff; Erosion of natural deposits
Turbidity	TT	TT	0.038	NTU	Soil Erosion
Tot Hardness	-	-	70.6	ppm	Fertilizer runoff; Erosion of natural deposits

Disinfectants in Distribution System - 2024 Data					
Chlorine	4	4	1.63	ppm	Disinfection
Disinfection By-Products - 2024 Data					
TTHM	-	80	56.1	ppb	By-Product of drinking water disinfection
HAA5	-	60	30.6	ppb	By-Product of drinking water disinfection

Organic Chemicals - 2024 Data					
TOC	n/a	TT	1.41	ppm	Naturally present in the environment
Bromodichloromethane	n/a	TT	2.4	ppb	Naturally present in the environment
Chloroform	n/a	TT	5.1	ppb	Naturally present in the environment
Dibromochloromethane	n/a	TT	2.81	ppb	Naturally present in the environment

Per and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances - 2024 Data			
Contaminant	Units	Amount Detected	Source
PFBS	ppt	4.5	Nonstick; food packaging and water-resistant
PFHxA	ppt	3.7	Nonstick; food packaging and water-resistant
PFHpA	ppt	2.6	Nonstick; food packaging and water-resistant

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The Lions Helen Keller Memorial, located at her birthplace in Tusculumbia, honors the work that began with Keller's famous 1925 challenge to Lions Clubs International and includes initiatives like the brick donation program. The Centennial Celebration of that milestone commemorating the 100th anniversary of Keller's challenge is on Saturday, June 7. For more information on attending, contact Lion Dustin Phillips at d.phillips0601@gmail.com or 256-810-1301.

Playwright William Gibson's renowned drama "The Miracle Worker" will be performed outdoors on the grounds of Ivy Green, Helen Keller's birthplace in Tusculumbia, at 300 N. Commons in Tusculumbia on weekends from early June-mid-July (June 6,7,13,14,20,21,27,28). Celebrating over 60 years of performances, the play follows Helen Keller's journey from illness and isolation to her breakthrough under the guidance of Anne Sullivan. Produced by the Helen Keller Foundation, Inc. and directed by Caroline Self, the show features authentic period costumes and professional acting. For tickets or to request special seating accommodations (with at least two weeks' notice), contact 256-383-4066 or email helenkellerbirthplace@comcast.net.

Spring and Summer Clothes Giveaway -- Infants - Adults clothes and shoes 8-10am Thursday, June 5 at the Care Center, First Baptist Church, Killen.

Shoals Model Railroaders meeting, 6pm., first Tuesday (June 3) 206 W. Fifth St., Tusculumbia

"The Miracle Worker" at Ivy Green is performed out-of-doors at the Helen Keller Birthplace Amphitheater, 300 N. Commons West, Tusculumbia. Gates open at 7pm, with the play beginning at 8pm June 6-7, June 13-14, June 20-21, June 27-28, July 11-12 and July 18-19. Tickets can be purchased by calling 256-383-4055 or at <https://www.themiracleworker.info/general-admission>.

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