Mills Day in Cherokee

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CHEROKEE-The town of Cherokee has designated Friday, April 6 as coach Bud Mills Day in honor of



the long-time Hall of Fame football coach. All former players, coaches,

friends, and their families are invited to attend a meet and greet event in the high school cafeteria that evening. The program begins at 5:30pm. There is no admission charge.

Coach Mills won 152 games in his football coaching career. He also coached baseball and basketball. Mills is a member of the Alabama High School Sports Hall of Fame and Colbert County Sports Hall of Fame.

Architecture Walk Theme

FLORENCE-Local architecture is April's theme for the Florence's Bicentennial. Therefore, it is appropriate that the April's Bicentennial events will consist of a series of

Walking Tours. The first tour will take place Saturday, April 7, and will feature Wilson Park and the surrounding buildings.

A walking tour of upper North Court Street and North Seminary Street will follow on Saturday, April 14. A tour of Walnut Street will take place on Saturday, April 21 and a tour of the Florence Cemetery will take place Saturday, April 28. Each tour will start at 10am.

April will also feature Sunday tours of the Rosenbaum House. Those will occur April 8, at 2pm, April 15, at 1:30pm, and April 22, at 2pm.

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Teaching & Training is a two-year program where level one students visit classrooms one day per week to participate in field experience. Level two students complete their course work in the

by Michelle Ward

FLORENCE - In honor of Oral Cancer Awareness Month, Signature Smile of Florence will be offering free oral cancer screenings throughout April. Oral cancer is not a rare

disease. Approximately 49,750 people will be diagnosed with oral cancer every year in the US. It kills one person every hour of every day, and approximately 132 new individuals will be diagnosed with it each day. The good news is that it can often be

found early in its development through a simple, painless, and quick screening.

Who should get screened? Every adult. Oral cancer can

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Nutrien's Local Investment

Nutrien's JD Oliverius with local officials at the check presentation for Helping Hands. Courtesy Photo

FLORENCE–Nutrien (formerly Agrium) recently presented The Helping Hands Association with a check for \$10,000 in support of a health and wellness initiative within the area schools.

Helping Hands is a non-profit organization that distributes funds to area organizations. This contribution will be used to ensure all public schools are stocked with important health and

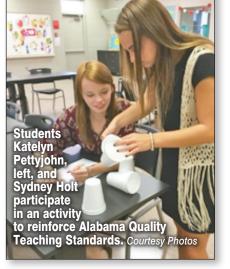
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very open and willing to support the program, as they understand the advantage these students will have upon applying for a teacher education program. Caitlyn Conner, Brooks High School

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Early Detection Will Save Lives

can celebrate Alabama's Bicentennial as they explore the history of Sheffield and Tuscumbia. The tours begin Saturday, April 7 and will continue April 14, 21, and 28. Each of the hour-long tours will start at 10am.

The Tuscumbia tours begin outside Cold Water Bookstore, 101 W. Sixth St. The Sheffield tours begin at the Municipal

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Building, 600 N. Montgomery Ave. The tours will be led by local historians.

'This year's tour focus will be on the early settlers of the area, what caused



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them to locate here and what kept them here, said Susann Hamlin, President of the Colbert County Tourism and Convention Bureau.

"In Tuscumbia, the first citizens include the Native Americans who were living here when the first white family, the Dickson's, arrived. Most of the area's early settlers were claiming their bounty from the various wars and some settled here while others built plantations here but moved on further west as other lands opened up for settlement," Hamlin added.

Sheffield was founded in the 1880s, so most of the people talked about on the Sheffield tour will be from a totally different generation. However, Andrew Jackson first named, present-day Sheffield, "York Bluff" and a town was laid out before 1820. Jackson (himself) also owned property in York Bluff, including a home near the Winston Cemetery in today's Sheffield.

The Tuscumbia tours are organized by Colbert County Tourism. The Sheffield tours are organized by the Historic Sheffield Commission. Jimmy Austin, who will lead the Sheffield tours, said the walks provide an opportunity to learn about early residents of the city.

The walking tours are a part of a state initiative and take place across the state in various communities. The program has been going on for about a decade throughout Alabama.

VOCAL Vigil on April 10

FLORENCE-National Crime Victims' Rights Week is April 8-14. *Expand the Circle: Reach All Victims* is the 2018 theme. The

theme emphasizes the importance of inclusion in victim services and addresses how the crime victims field can better ensure that every crime victim has access to services and support and how professionals, organizations, and communities can work in tandem to reach all victims.

Victims of Crime and Leniency (VOCAL) will host its annual Candlelight Vigil Tuesday April 10 at 7pm at Wilson Park in downtown Florence. The rain site will be **Florence Baptist** Church at 2235 N. Wood Avenue in Florence. The Keynote Speaker will be Alabama Attorney General Steve Marshall. Lauderdale County DA, Chris Connolly, and retired Judge, Mike Jones,

will participate. The Cramer Center, Safeplace, the Healing Place, One Place of the Shoals, along with VOCAL members will be present. The community is also invited.

White Crosses of crime victims will be displayed in front of Lauderdale County Courthouse for the week.

Play Premier is April 13 and 14

LEXINGTON-Holman Productions presents the premier of the award-winning comedy, Three Margarets and a Grace on Friday, April 13 and Saturday, April 14 at the Family Theater at 11080 Hwy. 101 in Lexington. Curtain time is at 7pm each night. Tickets are

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2:22 "But it is happened unto them (people) according to the true proverb, The dog is turned to his own vomit again; and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire." Now back to the nations. In Daniel 7:3 "And four great beasts came up from the sea, diverse one from another." Explained in Daniel 7:17 "These great which are four, are four kings, which shall arise out of the earth." Daniel 12:9 "And he said, Go thy way, Daniel: for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end." End times are here. The four beasts in our text are Daniel 7:4: #1. A lion, Persia (Iran), a type of England. #2. Daniel 7:5: A bear. Greece, a type of Russia. #3. Daniel 7:6. A Leopard. Intergrated beast, with four heads was ancient Rome with the four heads, (world influence), typifying America. 4. Daniel 7:7. Fourth beast, dreadful, terrible, and strong, with great iron teeth, and stamped the residue and had ten horns (ten kings) (see verse 24) and was diverse from all the other beasts, but a composite of the other three. AKA the U.N. See Zephaniah 3:8. Now turn to **Revelation 13:1-2** "And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy. And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard (America) (integrated), and his feet were as the feet of a bear (Russia) (walked Socialist), and his mouth as the mouth of a lion (England) (spoke English): and the dragon (Satan) gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority." Parentheses are mine. Rome is in power at first and second advent. Study this and Revelation 17.



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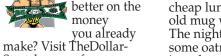
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Oatmeal makes a great, cheap lunch. I have a large old mug with a lid on it. The night before I put some oatmeal and milk into the mug. Then it goes into the refrigerator. In the morning, I take the mug and some fruit (often a banana) to work. We have a microwave that we can use. It only takes a few minutes, and it just costs pennies. *Marilyn*

SPRING PATIO PREP

It's snowy now, but I look forward to spring. To help get me in the mood, I'm going to get my patio furniture ready. I've already lightly sanded the wrought iron frames to the chairs and table. Next I'll spray it with a black anti-rust paint. Then I'm going to shop for some new cushions. It'll be just like having a new patio set when spring finally arrives! *Vicki*

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If you need an appliance, spread the word to your friends. My husband's co-worker was moving his grandmother to a retirement home where laundry was provided for clients, so she downsized her furniture and didn't need any appliances. He offered her washing machine to us for \$50! He helped my husband haul it out of her basement. It was dirty inside from soap buildup, but after running an empty wash of each vinegar and bleach, it was very clean! My friends are complaining that the new agitator-free washers are terrible, leaving clothes dirty, so we'll be keeping our bargain as long as it runs.

Liz

Medicare Minute "Physician Charges"

There are three ways your doctor can be paid if you are on Medicare. The three ways are through Medicare assignment, Medicare excess charges or by not taking Medicare at all. Today we will discuss these three methods.

The most common way a physician gets paid is by Medicare assignment. These physicians are called "participating doctors". After the Part B deductible of \$183 is met, participating doctors will accept the Medicare approved amount for their services. These doctors charge Medicare 80% and the beneficiary 20% of the cost of the benefit. For example, if your doctor charges \$200 for a service and Medicare only approves \$100, Medicare would pay 80%, or \$80, and you would be responsible for the other 20%, or \$20.

A "non-participating doctor" can choose to accept or not accept Medicare assignment. If the doctor does not accept Medicare assignment you may have to pay an additional 15% of the cost of the service the doctor provided. This is call a Medicare excess charge. It means you would be responsible for 35% of the Medicare reduced amount instead of 20%. If we follow the example in the previous paragraph, if your doctor charges \$200 for a service and Medicare only approves \$100, Medicare would pay 80%, or \$80, but you would be responsible for 35%, or \$35.

Doctors who opt out of Medicare can charge whatever they want for their services and you are responsible of 100% of the cost. The majority of doctors in north Alabama accept Medicare, so you won't be faced with this situation very often.

Most people who have Medicare also have a supplemental policy that helps cover the 20% Medicare doesn't cover. If you are just entering Medicare and would like to know which policies cover what Medicare doesn't pay, you can contact our office for more information.

If you have questions regarding any aspect of Medicare or Medicare health plans feel free call us at Alabama Health Guidance (256-648-5710), stop by our office at 885 Florence Blvd (Four Lane Shopping Center) or email me at ikey@alabamahealthguidance.com. Alabama Health

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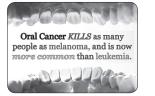
Oral Cancers...

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often be caught early, even as a pre-cancer. With early detection, survival rates are high and the side effects are from treatment are least harsh. Like other screenings such as cervical, skin, prostate, colon and breast examinations, oral cancer screenings are an effective means of finding cancer at its early, highly curable stages. Make them part of your annual health check-ups.

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Commentary

Editor's Note: The following article was emailed to my work address by a friend. I am not sure where the piece originated. However, a similar piece encouraging the people of Athens and Limestone county to get behind an effort to honor Judge James E. Horton ran in the Athens News Courier dated March 17. It's an honor to allocate this space this week to assist in such a worthwhile effort.

Help Get Judge James Horton on a U.S. Postage Stamp

statue honoring Judge James E. Horton, native of Limestone County, was unveiled in front of the Limestone County Courthouse in October of 2017.

If the tale of the Scottsboro Boys can be said to have heroes, there is no person more deserving of the label than James E. Horton. He is the judge who presided over Haywood Patterson's second trial. Patterson was one of nine black youths known as the Scottsboro Boys who were falsely accused of raping a woman in 1931. The decision

Judge Horton made to set aside the verdict and death sentence of the all-white jury was despite death threats from white supremacists and backlash which effectively ended his career as a judge and politician. Several local Athenians have prompted an

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FLORENCE-Kennedy-Douglass Center for the Arts presents Faces of Florence: A Bicentennial Portrait Exhibition April 2 - May 8.

Through May 8

Portraits of early settlers to Lauderdale County and Florence have been gathered for this once-in-a-lifetime gallery of early local portraits. Portraits are on loan from local families, collectors, and house museums.

Unique pieces include the portraits of John Coffee and Mary Donelson Coffee from the Hermitage in Tennessee and a collection of miniatures of the Jackson family lineage on loan from family member, Curtis Flowers.

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Beautification Day at Belle Mont



Mansion will host a spring clean-up day on Saturday, April 7 at 9am.

Portrait of

John Coffee from

the Hermitage

MontApril 7 Belle Beautification Day is part of a National Park Day initiative by the Civil War Trust that is designed to aid and draw attention to parks and historic sites. Volunteers willing to do light interior

TUSCUMBIA-Belle Mont cleaning or small grounds maintenance, such as clearing underbrush and picking up trash and sticks, are

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invited to participate. Documentation of service hours will be provided for student groups. Teens under the age of 18 should provide written permission

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Nursing Services. When assigned to the U.S. Navy Bureau of Medicine and Surgery in Washington, DC in 1978, she was the first married nurse ever assigned to the bureau. When then CAPT Hall was assigned as the Commanding Officer of the U.S. Naval Hospital in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, she became the first military nurse to command a military hospital. Hall was appointed as Commanding Officer of the Naval Hospital in Long Beach, CA in 1986 where she became the first Navy nurse to command a Fleet hospital. CAPT Hall became the first married Director of the U.S. Navy Nurse Corps in 1987. When promoted to Rear Admiral (Lower Half) she became the first married female flag officer. In addition to the above, in 1990 RADM Hall testified before the U.S. Congress as the first Navy Nurse Corps Director to do so. Prior to her retirement in 1991, RADM Hall was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal, Distinguished



April 7, from 11am-6pm in historic, downtown Tuscumbia. Family-friendly activities are highlighted, including a children's activity tent. eco-entertainer Steve Trash, all-day live music, art and crafts vendors, food, juggling, recycling drop off, pet adoption, and Earth-friendly booths with information on solar energy, organic gardening, and much more! Rain location is the Roundhouse at 204 W 5th Street inTuscumbia. For more information to participate or sponsor, please call 256-767-2909 or visit www. ShoalsEarthMonth.com for continuing updates.

THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH ALABAMA THEATRE will present

Eurydice, April 6, 7, 12, 13 and 14, at 7:30pm, and April 8 and 15, at 2pm in the George S. Lindsey Theatre. A 2003 play by Sarah Ruhl, Eurydice retells the myth of Orpheus from the perspective of his wife, Eurydice. The story focuses on the choice of Eurydice to return to earth with Orpheus or to stay in the underworld with her father. Eurydice is presented by special arrangement with Samuel French Inc. Tickets are \$10 for the public or \$5 for UNA students, faculty, staff or alumni. For more information go to www.una. edu/theatre/productions

THE DAY BY DAY SUPPORT

GROUP meeting will be Sunday, April 8 at 2pm at Woodmont Baptist Church East Campus in Florence. Anyone who has lost a child is welcome.



In A

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TOM MAGAZZU Editor

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Editor:

The Shoals area has many outstanding citizens. Several such have been publicly through community individuals recognized programs such as Shoals Citizen of the Year, the Florence Walk of Honor, etc. However, there is one citizen who has not been recognized. This citizen has accomplished much in her life, with many now reaping the benefits of her hard work. To ensure this humble lady's accomplishments are not relegated to obscurity, a brief synopsis of her career is hereby provided.

Mary Hall was born in Pennsylvania in 1934 and had a distinguished career as a U.S. Naval officer. Following receipt of a degree in nursing from the Episcopal School of Nursing in Philadelphia, Mary applied for and received a commission as a LTJG in the

Her assignments included tours at several Naval hospitals throughout the U.S., in Cuba, and Guam. While assigned to the Naval Hospital at Quantico, VA in 1975, RADM Hall became the first married Director of

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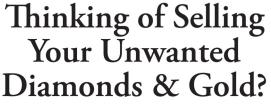
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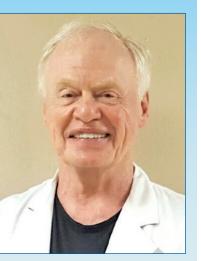


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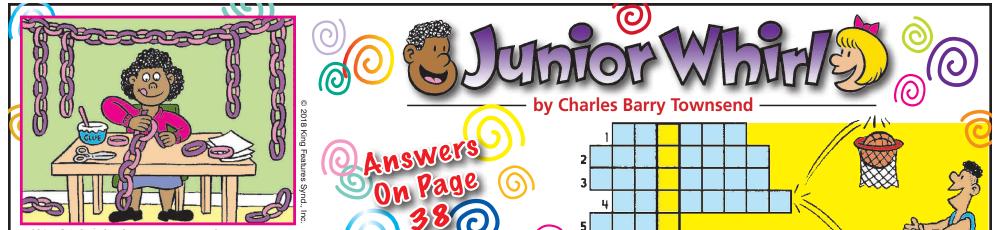
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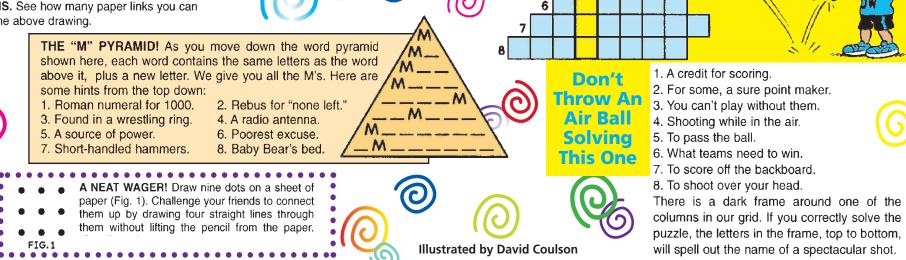


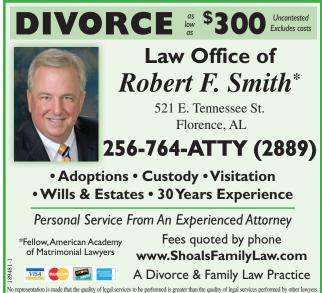




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I'm not going to the politics here except to warn you all to be more skeptical of the headlines you see on Facebook. Especially those espousing "dirt" on one political target or another. I've seen so many



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blatantly false claims shared by my Facebook friends from all sides of the political spectrum and it drives me a little bit nuts. As some of you may know, it's hard to keep my mouth shut and I've made a few enemies when I call people out for not thinking. I don't know if that's a curse or a

A WILDFIRE OF MISINFORMATION

by "The Computer Skeptic"

blessing. Probably a little of both. The novel way that this privacy breach happened is quite interesting: If you use the internet or social media, you leave behind a digital trail of crumbs. Every post you like, every tweet you retweet, every text of every thread you participate in — it's all up for collection and analysis by Facebook, Twitter, and a litany of other social applications in order to target you with advertisements based on your interests.

But one company, Cambridge Analytica, took this analysis to a whole new level. They developed a new Facebook "app" called "thisisyourdigitallife." It based on a legitimate personality test originally developed by Cambridge University professors. The company reached out to American Facebook users and offered them a few dollars to download and take the personality quiz. About 270,000 people participated. This is all legal and above-

This is all legal and aboveboard so far. But here is where it gets interesting: When a user installed this Facebook app, there were certain "extra permissions" granted to the app that allowed the app to gather not only your entire Facebook data, but also (perhaps illegally) all your friend's profile data. Ultimately, the company pilfered high resolution data on over 50 million Facebook profiles without their permission.

From that data, they got to know you better than you know you. Your politics, sexual preferences, taste in wine, intelligence level, income level, where you live--everything. That data was then used in a psychological warfare to sway votes by targeting specific groups of people in specific geographic areas with perfect timing. Those users would see ads tailored to their politics--generally in the form of a "fake news" headline. The users then "shared" those news headlines in sort of a wildfire of misinformation.

This all led to communities of enraged like-minded people. Cambridge Analytica and campaign managers knew that the information that makes us angriest becomes the information least likely to be questioned. Whether or not enough people fell for this to sway the vote count is up for debate.

Both my readers have heard me espouse the sentiment that none of us have privacy anymore so we may as well get used to it. But this is a pretty darn serious breach of trust coming from Facebook. They should pay dearly for it. No doubt we will see some changes in their policies very soon.

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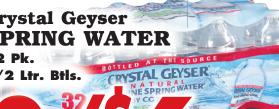






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Recently a young lady from our congregation got married. The day after the wedding, all her people were at our Sunday morning gathering. I ran into her father's parent's as they were about to leave. I had met them on occasions before. I spoke to he added while looking at the grandmother – wishing her, "We've been here for her children well. Then each other a long time." Old the granddad came over such a sweet and happy gray-haired gentleman. He grabbed me up in a big side hug. As he did he pulled wife to himself and his asked me if I had met her. she reminded me that she To which he added, "Ain't and her mister had been she the sweetest thing. Best thing that ever happened to he passed. Then she spoke me." She stood there as if it didn't matter that they were him. She met him when she

Well, I am still stuck on leaving and that she didn't care how many times, she loved hearing those words. Then he suggested, "Guess how many years we have been married – go ahead guess." Before I could get out any number, he said, "62 years! She was 12 and I was 14." "Just kidding," he said. "But almost," and endearing love.

And just this morning, after I had taken my other mother to an appointment and then to breakfast to celebrate her 85th birthday, married for 62 years before of how much she missed



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was 17 and married him when she was 19. According to her, they "grew up together." Her love for him is still palpable. At one point she said, "Sometimes I find myself still talking to him." Well, how difficult would it be to end that con-versation after 62 years of being one flesh?!!!

Young love is exciting and breathless, but old love is secure and sweet, one breath. Old love is built on time and history kids and purchasing cars, renting and buying homes, chasing jobs and dreams, making meals and feeding the sick, losing loved ones and training young ones, arguing and making it through it, supporting each other and making up the rules, holding hands and traveling abroad, pushing lawn mowers and watching teenagers wreck, being a leader in her family and being needed by his, kissing on grandbabies and praying together fervently for their parents, holding on to each other, and loving it, when everyone else is gone. Young love is a treat. Old love is a blessing.

Are we training the young to love until they are old? All these thoughts remind

me of another wedding song sung best by Glenn and Tammy Walton (of Killen fame) at their wedding 26 1Ž2 years ago. Now they have a grandbaby. Obviously, their answer to the song is "Yes." "Can I Count On You" by McBride and the Ride:

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STAN DEAN

see if they could turn things around. These experts went to work trying to determine where changes needed to be made.

One of the areas specifically targeted was the renewal department. They were sending out these heart-rending letters to every reader whose subscription was soon to expire. They were having some success, but the problem was that there were 350 people employed in this department. It was calculated that millions of dollars could be saved if they could purchase a machine to do this work and pare down their overhead expenses.

They went with that advice, laid off a lot of workers and bought a fancy computer system from IBM. It was set up so that all the subscribers' names were entered into the system. Then, when a subscription was within six weeks of expiring, that name would be affixed to one of those pre-written, heart-breaking letters. The machine would then fold, stuff and stamp the letter, even dropping it into a mailbox without a human hand touching it! Everything seemed to be going as planned for a while. Then one day there was a computer glitch which caused one name to get attached to 12,634 tear-jerking letters and mailed before the glitch was discovered. A few days later a sheepherder in Montana, who had not received a letter in years, received several mailbags containing 12,634 letters addressed to him! It took him three weeks to open and read all the letters. Blood-shot eyes and weary he then made out a \$6.00 check and mailed it back to Time-Life. He also attached a personal note addressed to the President of Time-Life which simply said, "I give up!" I found this story rather humorous, but I also think there is a serious application that could be made from it too. God has demonstrated his great love to us time and time again. He desires for us to subscribe to His will (cf. 1 Timothy 2:4). But He does not do that by hounding us to death- - but by loving us to life (cf. John 10:10).

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community.

Mary married Noel Hall, Sr. in 1964. In 1993 they moved to beautiful Florence where they continue to live.

Submitted on behalf of members of the Greater Shoals Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA)

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She Excelled in a Male Culture

Editor:

It is a distinct honor for me to endorse LTC Bennett's letter regarding Admiral Mary Hall. We hear a lot about

women's rights today, but Admiral Hall excelled in See LETTERS... on Page 37



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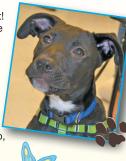


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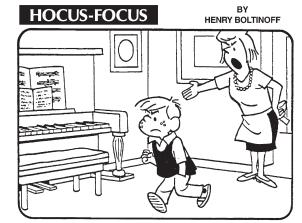
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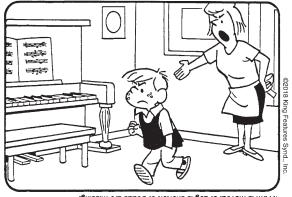


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This is the third play that Holman has written and directed. The first was Bartholdi's Lady, a full-length musical about the Statue of Liberty. The other was *Lady Bluebeard*, a black comedy about the first female serial killer.

First Fridays Philanthropy

FLORENCE - First Fridays is stepping into Spring with arts, crafts, and music on Friday April 6. The event will take place from 5-8pm on Court Street in historic downtown Florence. In addition to celebrating the Florence Bicentennial, this month puts the spotlight on local nonprofits One Place and Safeplace and the way they serve our community.

Alpha Tau Omega is also participating by bringing their "Walk A Mile in Her Shoes" event through downtown." The annual philanthropy event by UNA's Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity features members of the fraternity walking in high heels to raise funds for The UNA Center for Women's Studies.

Music will kick off on the Big River Broadcasting stage at 5pm with Elle Claytor. *N*ill & The Prodigal Son takes the stage at 6pm, followed by West Means Home at 7. As usual, dozens of vendors will line Court Street with artisans and crafters, from wood workers to jewelry makers to potters. First Fridays is a rain-or-shine event.

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Holt, invites everyone to participate in the parade. "Our Bicentennial is here, and we are excited to begin several months of activities and events to celebrate the 200th birthday of Florence. We look forward to a great parade and the City of Florence plans to be a very active participant."

So grab your friends, decorate a float, put together a band on a flatbed trailer, and join us to celebrate the bicentennial of Florence. You are encouraged to theme your float, performance or musical group, costume, decoration or musical selection related to anything in Florence's past, present or dream of the future.

Florence Main Street is responsible for coordinating the **Bicentennial Parade** and all the rules and regulations can be found on the Florence Main Street website, www. florencemainstreet.org Participation registration deadline is Thursday, April 5. Horses are allowed in the parade, but groups must clean up after their horses throughout the parade. Car groups can have up to ten entries, but cars must represent different decades.

The Parade route will follow Court Street from the north end at Rogers Hall on the UNA campus to the southern end at Alabama Street. Arrange your drop off and pick up locations to match those areas.

Parade line up will begin at 9:30am on Pine Street between Irvine and Cumberland Streets. Your exact time for line-up will be determined by your placement in the parade. That information will be sent to you early in the week of the parade. Awards will be given so really dive into your theme. Consider your group's history, the history of Florence, or the history of the Shoals. Consider where you see Florence or

"Planning for the Bicentennial has been so much fun and has different involved so many differen groups," said Pat Burney, Chair of the Bicentennial Planning Committee. "We hope the community will come out to help us celebrate in the parade!" For more information, contact Florence Main Street at 256-760-9648 or info@florencemainstreet. org

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Katie and Wyatt's affairs. DAYS OF OUR LIVES As Lani's world unraveled, Eli offered to be there for her and the baby. Steve adjusted to life without his vision. Fearing that she was losing her mind, a desperate Abigail turned to Marlena for help. As Chad pressed him for answers, Stefan finally revealed the identity of the mystery woman. Paul and Will grew closer, while Sonny got to know Leo better. Justin had to scramble when he realized that he messed up with Adrienne. Kayla relayed some bad news about Lani's baby. Steve delivered a stern warning to Stefan after meeting him for the first time. Jennifer and Eric shared a romantic evening together. Marlena met "Laura." Wait to See: Vivian takes the next step in her plan to bring down her enemies.

GENERAL HOSPITAL Maxie felt smothered. Lulu got the encouragement she needed. Spinelli prepared to leave. Alexis offered some them. words of caution. Peter manipulated a situation to his advantage. Griffin was conflicted. Jason worried about Elizabeth. Nina looked to Curtis for advice. Nathan's actions were finally recognized. Peter demanded answers. Anna got the help she needed. Michael worked to preserve his family's legacy. Carly and Bobbie reminisced. Ava couldn't help herself. Franco was terribly shaken. Elizabeth and Jake inadvertently put themselves in harm's way. Drew showed a softer side of himself. Wait to See: Mike's condition worsens.

THE YOUNG AND THE **RESTLESS** Hilary gloated to Lily about spending the night with Devon. Abby met Arturo at the GCAC and was quickly charmed by him. Nick snapped at Sharon when she tried to get him to open up to her. He later apologized, but she was still irked by their previous exchange. Later, Mariah asked Sharon about her true feelings for Nick. Simone visited Devon at the office, and Lily decided she would concoct a scheme to push them together. Ashley and Abby struggled with the validity of a family secret. Ashley contemplated sharing the news with Jack, but Abby warned her of the consequences. Nick found himself more comfortable opening up to Phyllis rather than Sharon. Wait to See: Kyle presses Dina to reveal her secret.





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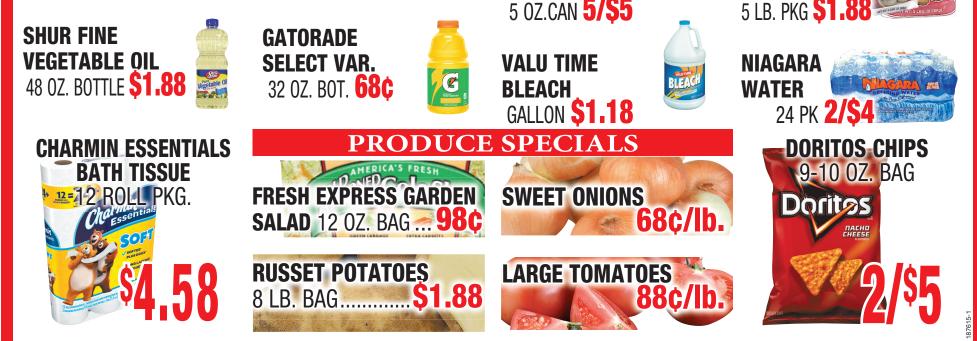
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JAN INGLE IS KNOWN FOR Leading in the Trenches

By Haley Walden for the Courier Journal

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Jan Ingle is a fixture in the Shoals community, volunteering her time and talents with a variety of organizations and nonprofits in the area. Outside her career as a purchasing agent at SBS Electric Supply, Ingle has invested in the community through the Shoal's Chamber of Commerce, United Way, Florence Camerata, Shoals CASA, and more.

Ingle recently stepped into the position of Board of Directors chair for the Chamber's 2018-2019 year.

"I consider myself a worker bee, so I never thought that I would end up being Board Chair," she said. "I don't want to be on a board just to sit on a board. I want to be involved.

"I'm really looking forward to bringing people back into the Chamber and getting them involved. I

Shoals Chamber of **Commerce Board** Chairwoman, Jan Ingle, left, at the Chamber's **Annual Meeting with** Chamber President Čaitlin Holland, and U.S. Chamber representative, Brince Manning who made the Chamber's 5-year national accreditation official. Ours is one of only three accredited chambers in Alabama. Chamber photo

want it to be their Chamber where they feel comfortable walking in the front doors."

Chelsea Kauchick, Director of Marketing and Leadership Programs at the Chamber, feels Ingle has earned the title through hard work and dedication to the community.

Shoals Chamber out in the community. So, it was a always seeking new chair to lead the Board of Directors," said Kauchick.



the same time, she goes out and does the work as well. She's not afraid to roll up "She's always been a her sleeves and be part of huge advocate of the that effort."

While the Chamber is focus on getting current members more involved. "Jan is a great leader and She insists the Chamber

no-brainer having her as members, Ingle wants to

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"I want to change that impression," she said. "There is office space and free meeting space Chamber members may use if they need to.

"There are things available that people don't know about because they write their check, have their ribbon cutting, and that's it. They never walk in the doors after that."

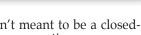
According to Ingle, people don't realize that if they work at a company that is a member of the Chamber, then they are also members.

"It's not only the CEOs who can take part. And you don't even have to join as a business; you can join as an individual.'

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is when they're dealing with collectors over a bad debt.

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you're dealing with a debt

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relationship. As a rule, no one

in that industry should ever be given electronic access to

any of your accounts. There

may be a few decent debt

collection companies out

there, but many of them will lie, cheat, and steal to get

I hope that clears things

* Dave Ramsey is CEO of

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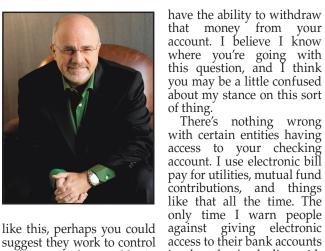
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millennials that government isn't the solution to their problems? Josh

Dear Josh,

I think you're proceeding from a false assumption. Many millennials already understand it's not the government's job to take care of everyone and provide **ACCESS TO MY** everything. The problem, I think, is there's a group of people in every generation that wants someone else to take care of them.

The only thing I can suggest is that you try to be kind to everyone. It does no good to have a political discussion with a political neophyte. If you have friends account, of course they will



How can I convince my fellow like this, perhaps you could suggest they work to control and improve the variables in their lives they can actually control and make better namely themselves.

You can't control the variable of government, Josh. It's not going to come to your rescue. It never has. —Dave

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Leading...

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Ingle first became involved with volunteering for the Chamber in 2000. She has worked since then with investors and multiple committees within the Chamber. She has been a Chamber Ambassador, Vice Chair of the Chamber's Community Development Committee, and she was also the recipient of the prestigious Chairman's Award for her past service to the Chamber.

She is an example of her own words, "The more a member puts into the Chamber, the more they get out of it."

Ingle has a long history of volunteering for other local organizations as well. Shortly after she earned her degrees in Business and Commercial Music from the University of North Alabama, she got involved as a volunteer with Big Brothers Big Sisters.

According to Ingle, the impact volunteers have on their "littles" is life-changing. This incredible work often goes unrecognized because the volunteers can't share information about their activities with the kids they help

There's so much that goes on behind the scenes that people just don't know. With privacy issues, a lot of things can't be shared."

Ingle also spent time on the board of directors and as past president of Shoals CASA whose volunteer child advocates face a similar situation. Although she did not work as an advocate herself, Ingle has a deep

According to Kauchick, the Chamber staff is looking forward to Ingle's tenure as Chair which began this month and extends through March 2019.

"Jan understands how the Shoals works," Kauchick said. "She's a doer; she gets things done."



Our

Unsung

Volunteer

Hero, Jan Ingle, left,

with her

husband,

Dr. Brian

Ingle. Courtesy Photo

social workers who work on

behalf of the neglected and

abused children that Shoals

CASA represents in custody

hardest-working,

unrecognized people because

they can't talk about the kids

they help," she said of CASA advocates. "They follow that

child from start to finish.

They're probably the least-

supporter of CASA and is a

charter member of Mary

Ellen's Circle which was formed under CASA to help

meet the needs of children in

foster care. Mary Ellen's

Circle supplies things that

aren't supplied by foster families and for the needs of

children who are aging out of

the Shoals Storytelling

Festival which will take place

at the Shoals Theater May 18-

19. She has also volunteered

her time to the UNA Alumni

Board, the Shoals Scholar

Dollar auction committee,

Florence Camerata, the

Gingerbread Players, and

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Ingle is a recipient of the

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To Live, Love, and Forgive

Editor:

"We will know a tree by the fruit it bears," He said. (Read Matthew 7: 15-20)

The human tree is made of good and bad fruit. When the fruit was mostly bad, Christ commanded the tree to be cut down. (Read Luke 13:7)

Some people occasionally perform random acts of kindness, but at their core they are bitter. (Read Hebrews 12:15)

Bitterness often comes from abuse, especially



childhood abuse. The best way to heal from any abuse is to forgive

the abuser. Christ was THE most abused Person to ever live, and from His cross He said, "Father forgive them they don't know what they are doing." (Read Luke 23:34) Christ had pity on the us

because He knew His death was not the end.

He knew he would rise from the dead and ascend to heaven and sit on the right hand of God our Father. (Read Mark 16:19) Forgiveness is essential

to rising and ascending. (Read Matthew 11:25) Don't let the weight of an

old wound be a millstone. Imagine the stone rolled away and the tomb empty because it is.... (Read Matthew 28:2)

If you are suffering from the bondage of hurt, imagine that wound in a bag deposited at the foot of the cross.

Leave it there. His Grace is sufficient.

Our grace is sufficient. Forgiveness is an amazing commandment.

Father, help us to live, love, and forgive as Christ did. Amen

Joy Willow Florence

Following the False Logic

Editor:

I am trying to understand how the National Rifle Association is to blame for the Florida school shooting. The liberals are using the emotions of the students to press their agenda to overturn the Second Amendment. If we follow the false logic that guns kill people and banning them will stop the violence, then we need to ban packages as well, since people were recently killed by package bombs.

It seems that someone other than the perpetrators of violent crimes must always be blamed. I cannot grasp the logic that the NRA, an organization that promotes gun safety, is responsible for incidents like the Florida school shooting. However, if we are going to blame everyone except the shooter, there are more logical choices than the NRA and the conservatives who cling to our guns and our constitutional rights. Already the FBI and local sheriff's department have been included. I nominate school teachers, the administrators, and fellow students. Mike Watford graduated from the high school in 2016. He said that Cruz often said how tired he was of everyone picking on him and the staff doing nothing about it. The students who rejected Cruz and the school staff who allowed it should share in the blame. In all of the efforts to make the school safe this should be included.



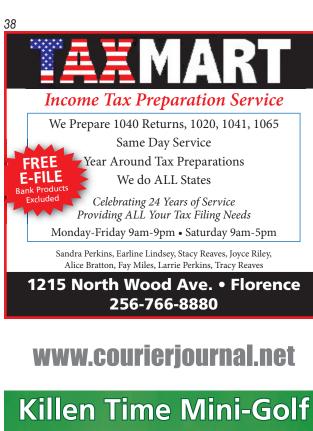
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Line Dance Lessons-Florence Parks and Recreation Department is taking registration for Beginner Line Dance Class. Fun and easy to learn dances! Class starts April 5th and meets on Thursday, 6:30-7:30pm for 5 weeks at Broadway Recreation Center. Fee is \$25 by March 30. Late Registration is \$35. For information, call Broadway Rec Center-256-760-6418 or Jan Ownby-256-627-0052

Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church History Committee is currently selling their 200th Anniversary History Publication. Please contact a History Committee member (Faye Abramson Allison Delbert, Patricia Haddock, Melinda Hargett, Joe Riddle, Milly Wright and Doris Whisenant) or call the church office 256-767-0017. Publications are \$10. All proceeds will benefit the activities and complication of our church history.

Through a partnership with the Colbert County Juvenile Court and the Colbert County Children's Policy Council, the Character in Action (CIA) program was introduced at the beginning of this school year. Participation, nominations, and support for the first semester awards were overwhelming. Deadline for second semester nominations is April 20. The second semester awards ceremony will be May 2 at 4pm in Judge Coker's Court Room at the Colbert County Court House.

CIA was established to encourage students in grades 1-12 to practice good character. Those who excel will deservedly be recognized by the Juvenile Court and the Criminal Justice System. Teachers and school staff are urged to nominate students who exhibit good character. Every student who is nominated will receive a Character In Action certificate. Three students from each of the four public school systems in Colbert County will be selected to represent all of those nominated for displaying good character. For more information, email colbertcpc@gmail. com.

Spring Gospel Meeting at Valdosta Church of Christ, April 1-5. Sunday 9:30am Bible Class, Sunday Worship 10:30am and 5pm, Monday-Thursday 7pm Nightly. The speaker is Mel Futrell from Birmingham, AL

Clothes Give Away - Thursday, April 5 from 8-10am at the Care Center, First Baptist Church, Killen

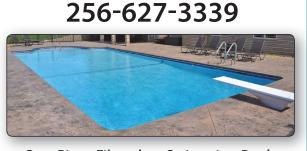
Members of the Shoals Area Chapter of the Order of St. Luke will be available to pray for you in the meeting room at The Rock Christian Bookstore, 310 N. Montgomery Ave., Sheffield, Thursday, April 5 from 4-5:30pm followed by our monthly meeting in the Sheffield Room at Park Place, 501 N. Montgomery Ave., Sheffield at 6:30pm. Charlotte Heaps, who was healed of non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, will share her testimony. We believe that God heals spiritually physically, and emotionally. All pray is confidential. All are welcome.

A special night of Southern Gospel will feature The Hoppers on Thursday, April 5 at 7pm at Harris Chapel Baptist Church on North Pike in Cherokee. (1 mile north of the Cherokee Stadium) Free Admission! (A love offering will be received) For more information, call 256-359-6897

The LaGrange Living Historical Association will meet at 7pm Thursday, April 5 at the LaGrange College Site Park, 1491 LaGrange College Road, Leighton. (near White Oak) in Colbert County. This will be the final meeting prior to the Recall LaGrange Event, scheduled for May 4-6. Volunteers are encouraged to attend and support the activities at the College Site, forerunner of UNA.

Revival at Christian Church with Bro. Joe and Sis. Diane Wallace April 6-8. Friday and Saturday services begin at 7pm each night, Sunday service at 5pm. Different singers each night.

Bro. Dennis Hanvey invites all to come receive a blessing. You are welcomed to join us at Christian Faith Church, 670 Co. Rd. 257, Florence. From Florence - come out Hwy 157 North about 13 miles turn right onto Co. Rd. 257. Church is on the left at the top of the hill.

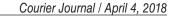


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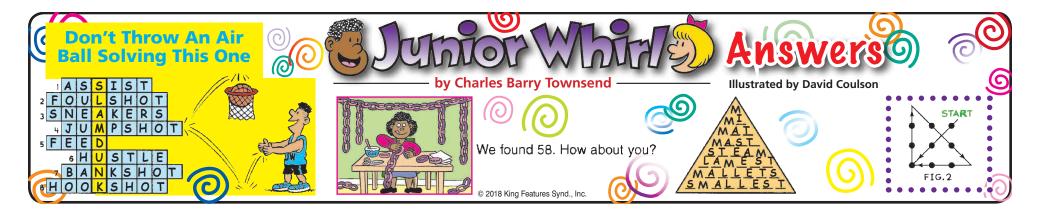


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How to Write a Will

Dear Savvy Senior,

Though it may seem hard to believe, at age 65, I never have gotten around to making a will, but I'd like to now. My question is: Do I need to hire a lawyer to write my will, or can I do it myself? I want to get my affairs in order, but I hate paying an attorney fee if I don't have to.

Getting Organized

Dear Getting,

It's not hard to believe at all. Fewer than half of American adults have a will, mainly because they either haven't thought about it or gotten around to it, or they've put it off because they don't want to think about dying.

But having a will is important because it ensures that your money and property are distributed to the people you want to receive it after your death.

If you die without a will, your estate will be settled in accordance with state law. Details vary by state, but assets typically are distributed using a hierarchy of survivors. Assets go to first to a spouse, then to children, then your siblings, and so on.

You also need to be aware that certain accounts take precedence over a will. If you jointly own a home or a bank account, for example, the house, and the funds in the account, will go to the joint holder, even if your will directs otherwise. Similarly, retirement accounts and life insurance policies are distributed to the beneficiaries you designate, so it is important to keep them up-to-date too.

Do You Need a Lawyer?

Not necessarily. Creating a will with a do-it-yourself software program may be acceptable in some cases, particularly if you're single and have a modest bank account.

But if you have significant financial assets or a complex family situation, like a blended family or child with special needs, it's best to seek professional advice. An experienced lawyer can make sure you cover all your bases, which can help avoid family confusion and squabbles after you're gone.

The National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys (*NAELA.org*) and the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel (*ACTEC.org*) websites are good resources that have directories to help you find someone in your area.

Costs will vary depending on your location and the complexity of your situation, but you can expect to pay somewhere between \$200 and \$1,500 to get your will made. To help you save, shop around and get price quotes from several different firms. And before you meet with an attorney, make a detailed list of your assets and accounts to help make your visit more efficient.

If money is tight, check with your state's bar association (see *www.FindLegalHelp.org*) to find low-cost legal help in your area. Or call the Eldercare Locater at 800-677-1116 for a referral.

If you are interested in a do-it-yourself will, one of the best options is the Quicken WillMaker Plus 2018 software (available at *NOLO.com*) that costs \$70, works with Windows personal computers and Macs, and is valid Alabama's Largest Direct Mail Weekly



in every state except Louisiana.

It's also recommend that if you do create your own will, it's wise to have a lawyer review it to make sure it covers all the important bases.

Where to Store It?

Once your will is written, the best place to keep it is either in a fireproof safe or file cabinet at home, or in a safe deposit box in your bank. But make sure your executor knows where it is and has access to it. Or, if a professional prepares your will, keep the original document at your lawyer's office. Also, be sure to update your will if your family or financial circumstances change, or if you move to another state.

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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