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DOT Grant of \$15 Million in Lauderdale

WASHINGTON, DC – U.S. Senator Richard Shelby (R-Ala.) today announced that the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) has awarded a grant totaling \$14,880,000 in funding for highway infrastructure improvements in Lauderdale County, Alabama. The grant is made available as part of the DOT Better Utilizing Investment to Leverage Development (BUILD) Grant Program, which focuses on economic development and infrastructure upgrades.

"The decision by the DOT to award Lauderdale County with \$14.9 million in funding is a testament to the economic development taking place in the Florence area," said Senator Shelby.

This \$14.9 million BUILD grant will expand a stretch of U.S. Highway 72 also known as Florence Boulevard. The four-lane divided highway will be expanded to a six-lane divided highway with concrete curb and gutters. These improvements will alleviate traffic congestion and provide easier commutes for those traveling to and from the area.

"On behalf of the Lauderdale County Commission, I would like to thank Senator Shelby and his staff for the hard work and support on this project," said Lauderdale County Commissioner Roger Garner.

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Bridgeforth Named to FSB Board

FLORENCE — North Alabama farmer and businessman, Billy Bridgeforth, has been elected to the board of directors for First Southern Bank according to Dennis Morgan, President and CEO.

Bridgeforth graduated from Alabama A&M with a degree in soil science and is Chairman Emeritus of the National Black Growers Council, where he advocates on behalf of black farmers in the United States and abroad. He was recognized as a "Champion of Change" by

Bridgeforth

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Second Class Has 10

NW-SCC and Machinists Local 65 Bring in Ten Apprentices



IAMAW signs 10 students into Machinist Apprenticeship

MUSCLE SHOALS -- The Northwest-Shoals Community College department of Workforce Solutions partnered with the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers (IAMAW) District 711, Local 65, to sign ten machinist apprentices into the second class of the Machinist Apprenticeship Program last week on the Shoals campus.

The IAMAW Machinist Apprenticeship Program at NW-SCC is a non-credit

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Christmas Parades Dot the Calendar

SHOALS— Christmas parades begin this weekend in NW Alabama beginning with the one at LaGrange. The schedule is as follows, weather permitting.

SHOALS CHRISTMAS PARADES

LaGrange – 5pm on Saturday, November 30.
Lineup is at 4pm on Waldrep Loop. The parade will

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\$15 Million in Lauderdale

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"With the addition of the event center to our area, this will be a vital part of the transportation infrastructure. I would also like to thank our local State Senator, **Tim Melson**, and Representatives, **Lynn Greer** and **Phillip Pettus**, for all their hard work on this project. Commissioner **Joe Hackworth**, added, "I think this will have a positive impact on our area for years to come."

Grants for Two Projects

MONTGOMERY – Gov. **Kay Ivey** recently awarded \$18.7 million in grants for improvements in 58 Alabama communities. The funds from the Community Development Block Grant program will enable communities to provide water, improve roads and sewage systems, construct public community buildings, and remove blight.

The competitive grants are awarded annually in several categories including county, large city, small city and community enhancement. The Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs is administering the grants from funds made available by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Grants awarded and projects in our area include:
• **Leighton** - \$350,000 to provide water line improvements at several

locations.

• **Town Creek** - \$350,000 to upgrade and repairs sections of the town's sewer system.

Lopez Closes Fine Career

CHARLOTTE, NC -- University of North Alabama senior quarterback, **Christian Lopez**, of Henderson, Nevada has been named Big South Conference Football Co-Offensive Player of the Week for his performance in the Lions' season-ending 34-30 win on the road at Gardner-Webb November 16.

Lopez threw for a career high 446 yards and four touchdowns and led a game-winning, 72-yard touchdown drive in the final minutes of the game.

It was Lopez's second game-winning fourth quarter drive this season and the sixth in his two seasons at UNA.

Lopez completed 28-of-44 passes with no interceptions and hit three different receivers with touchdown passes in **Andre Little**, **Dexter Boykin** (2) and **Jakobi Byrd**.

Lopez shared the award with Monmouth's **Pete Guerriero** who set a school record for all-purpose yards with 303 on a career-high 237 rushing yards and four total touchdowns.

Lopez finished his career at UNA in the Top 10 in many of the Lions' career passing categories. He finished sixth in career passing yards (4,883), seventh in career completions (331), eighth in career pass attempts (592), tied for seventh in career touchdown passes (32) and 10th in career total yards (5,177). Lopez accomplished those marks in just 21 career games.

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UNA's Steele Students Win Big

FLORENCE – Student teams from the Steele Center for Professional Selling on the UNA campus were extremely successful at five recent competitions. UNA's selling teams were in the Top 5 of the group of competitors in each event.

- UNA students **Chandler Boy, Brooke Edwards, Emily Evans, and Bobbi Bukovac, Madison**, finished 3rd in the AT&T National Sales Competition in Dallas, Texas. They won \$2,500 for the Steele Center for Professional Selling and \$2,000 in scholarships.

- Brooke Edwards and Chandler Boy competed in the warm call pre-event for International Collegiate Sales Competition World Cup of Sales and finished in second place of 80 universities vying for top spots.

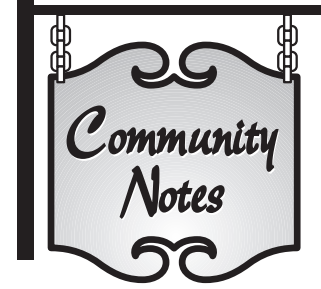
- Brooke Edwards, Bobbi Bukovac, Josh Williams and **Paige Wilbanks** competed at Bryant University in Smithfield, Rhode Island. All advanced in the competition with three of the final 20 semifinalists coming in 4th out of more than 30 universities.

- Erin Gillespie, Chandler Boy, **Victoria Bottom, and Abby Howdyshell** competed at Northwoods in Eau Claire, Wisconsin. Chandler Boy garnered second place out of 70 finalists and won \$750.

- Michael Worley competed in the Atlanta Hawks Sports Sales Competition and placed 5th out of 100 students.

"Events such as these allow our students to demonstrate what they've learned in a competitive environment," said **Tim Butler**, Director of the Steele Center. "I am certainly proud of them, both individually and in their team efforts. We are making a name for ourselves among larger and more seasoned collegiate programs."

UNA's Steele Center for Professional Selling provides an experiential learning environment for students pursuing a degree in Professional Marketing and Sales or a minor or certificate in Sales. The Center was founded in 2017 to honor alumnus Robert H. Steele's father. Since that time, the program has grown from 68 Sales majors and minors to more than 100.



Monthly gospel singing Friday night November 29 at 7pm at the Cloverdale Community Center. Heavenly Blessed, Jimmy Cox and lots more. Good singing, food, and fellowship. Hope to see you there.

Petersville Missionary Baptist Church, of Florence, is inviting you to a "Benefit Program" for one of their members on Saturday, November 30 at 5pm. Brother Clifford Anderson is currently dealing with some health issues. The purpose of the program is to help him financially as well as offer him encouragement. This program will consist of singing from various choirs and groups, hosted by Brother Richard Turner of St. James Missionary Baptist Church, of Florence. All proceeds will be given to Brother Clifford Anderson. Everyone is invited.

The Kellys of Lawrenceburg, Tennessee will have a Christmas Concert at 6pm December 1 at Springfield First Baptist Church in Rogersville. For more information, call Marty Mosley at 256-366-5248.

Christmas For Kids – Dear Friends: It's that time again. We are in need of sponsors for children during Christmas in the Christmas for Kids program. These children have one or both parents in jail or prison.

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Debbie Dixon, Executive Director, 256-443-1297.

The Zip City Community Center will NOT serve breakfast the 4th Saturdays in November and December. This gives our volunteers more holiday time with their families.

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We are looking for anyone who would like to donate any Christmas decoration items to Waterloo seniors. Any and all donations will be greatly appreciated. You can drop them off or we will pick up. Call 256-412-2772.

LifeSouth Blood Drives for November: The Shoals Center, 307 Veterans Drive, Florence, 888-795-2707. The hours are: Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 9am-5pm; Tuesday and Thursday, 9am-7pm; Saturday, 9am-3pm; Sunday, 1-5pm.

Wednesday, November 27, 8am – 1pm, Walmart, 2701 Cloverdale Road, Florence

Friday, November 29, 9am – 5pm, Shoe Carnival, 356 Cox Creek Parkway, Florence

Saturday, November 30, Noon – 7pm, Walmart, 42466 Highway 195, Haleyville

"Getting Well Together", a grief support group, will meet the 2nd Thursday of each month at 10am in the Family Life Center of Cliff Haven Church in Sheffield. This is a FREE support group for anyone who would like to attend. This support group is a courtesy of Kindred Hospice of Florence. For more information, call 256-764-0873.

Waterloo Annual ATV Christmas Parade Sunday, December 1. Lineup will be at the North boat dock at 4:30pm, with the parade beginning at 5pm. First, second and third places will receive awards. After devotion and lighting of the town Christmas tree, the Edith Newman Culver Museum will have an open house and a free soup sandwich and dessert supper. Come and join us and enjoy a great parade, good food and friendly fellowship.

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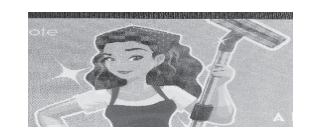
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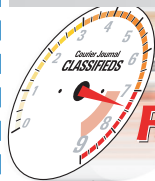
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New First Southern Bank board member, Billy Bridgeforth, is part of a five generation farming family in North Alabama.
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Board...

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President Barack Obama, an award given to advocates for the agricultural profession who encourage the next generation of farmers and ranchers.

Bridgeforth and his brother, Greg, represent senior management of Darden Bridgeforth & Sons, which grows cotton, corn, wheat, soybeans and canola using a variety of cutting-edge agronomic techniques and land conservation practices on a 3,000+-acre family owned farm and 10,000+ additional leased acres. The farm was started in 1870 by his great-grandfather, who was born into slavery.

With his son, Kyle, a graduate of Morehouse College and a former New York banker, and Greg's sons, Lamont, an Auburn graduate, and Nicholas, currently attending college in Huntsville, the family business is now firmly in its fifth generation.

Carlton, another of Billy's sons, is currently a staff member working on policy at the House Committee on Agriculture

in Washington, D.C., and Troy, Billy's oldest son, has retired from the Navy and now works for the Department of Defense. Other members of the family are also involved in the business.

The Bridgeforth family is credited for refining and reintroducing canola to north Alabama, a crop previously grown in North Dakota and Minnesota. Their research showed that it would grow well in a northern Alabama winter climate, and that there are profitable markets for the crop.

"When I think about Billy's experience and influence and what our bank is trying to do for farmers and small-and-medium-sized business owners in our region, I can't imagine a better fit," said Dennis Morgan, President and CEO of First Southern Bank. "Billy's guiding philosophy has always been one of service, and he has helped many people thrive and grow. We are humbled by his interest in working with us to continue our mission of service to the people of north Alabama. We are excited about the things we will learn from each other."

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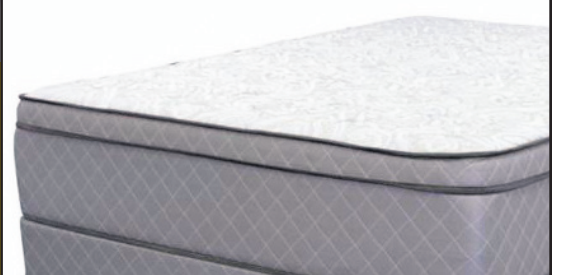
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False Light: December Of The Damned, a military history lecture with Matt Osborne takes place Tuesday, December 3 at 5:30pm. The so-called Christmas Truce of 1914 is among the most enduring myths of the last century. This lecture will uncover the real story of a series of local truces that took place throughout December at the direction of commanders, serving their purposes, and carefully stage-managed at every point. These events have been misinterpreted and imbued with false light ever since. Recommended reading for this lecture is *The Christmas Truce: Myth, Memory, and the First World War* by Terri Blom Crocker.

This event is the last of a series of military history lectures led by veteran, writer, and researcher Matt Osborne. Matt is a US Army signals intelligence veteran and website news beat editor turned social media consultant.

Republican Women of The Shoals - December 3, 11:30am - Social and Lunch ordering; 12pm - Lunch, Meeting and Guest Speakers, at The Rack 310, 310 North Montgomery Ave., Sheffield.

Congressman Bradley Byrne, Senate Candidate and Mr. Tommy Oswalt, Colbert County Revenue Commissioner will be speaking.

Kennedy-Douglass Center for the Arts membership is pleased to present our annual holiday luncheons, **Holly and Ivy**, December 3, 4, 5, and 6. These luncheons are an excellent opportunity to celebrate the season with friends. The Cup O'Cheer begins at 11:30am which offers an excellent time to walk through the galleries. A beautiful lunch created by Jill Larkin will be served by the Kennedy-Douglass members after. Tickets to this event are \$25. Please join us!

Kennedy-Douglass Center for the Arts is free and open to the public Monday-Friday 9am-4pm. The art center is located at 217 E. Tuscaloosa St. Florence and can be reached at 256-760-6379 to reserve tickets.

The "Hi Neighbors of the Shoals" meeting will be Tuesday, December 3 at 10:30am at the Florence Public Library. This group welcomes all newcomers to the Shoals area. Contact Laura Engdahl at 512-965-9023, for further information.

Social dancing takes place from 6:30-9pm Tuesdays at The Club, 450 Country Club Drive in Florence. Alcohol/smoke/drug free facility. For people 18 and older, \$5. 256-760-6420

University of North Alabama Alumnus of the Year and Grammy Award winner John Paul White will perform as part of the "Home for the Holidays" concert set for 7pm December 4 in Norton Auditorium. Proceeds will benefit the John Paul White Entertainment Industry Endowed Scholarship.

White graduated from UNA in 1999 with a degree in Business Administration in Management with a concentration in Entertainment Industry Management. In 2009, he joined Joy Williams to form The Civil Wars, and, in 2012, the duo won a Grammy Award for best Folk Album and Country Performance by a Duo or Group. Today, White is the co-owner of Single Lock Records, based in Florence. His most recent album, "The Hurting Kind," was released in 2018.

Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased at jpwholiday.brownpaperickets.com. For ticket information, call 256-765-4342. Doors open at 6pm.

The Florence Garden Council and the Florence Department of Arts and Museums will be hosting the annual "Every Light a Prayer for Peace" program at Pope's Tavern Museum on December 6 at 5:30pm. The museum will be decorated inside and out with natural greenery. Refreshments will be served. The program will take place on the front porch of the museum. Everyone is invited. Following the program everyone can go to the other events of the Florence's First Friday to start the holiday season.

Pope's Tavern Museum is open Tuesday-Saturday, 10am-4pm. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$2 for students. Call 256-760-6439 or 256-764-4945 for more information.

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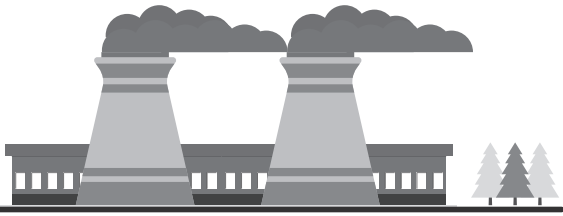
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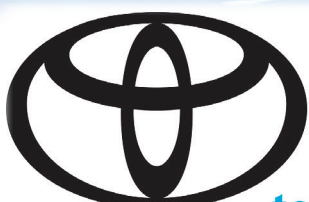
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Santa Run presented by Global Health Collaboration - A Holiday Celebration for the Whole Family - on December 7 at 301 E. Tennessee St., Florence.

5K: pre-registration \$35, starts at 8am.

Fun Run: Registration \$15, starts at 9:30am.

Register to run at: <https://www.globalhealthcollaboration.org/santa-5k-and-fun-run>.

Unity in the Community - Saturday, December 7, 10am-Noon at Hopewell CPCA, 1600 First St., Leighton. Financial planning and budget planning and youth summit. Motivational speakers: Ms. Apriell Burgess, youth and Rev. Dr. Laurentis Barnett, Financial.

Games, door prizes, refreshments will be served. Free vegetables - turnip green, sweet potatoes, etc.

To pre-register, please call: 256-381-0412, 256-446-8153, 256-577-8340, or 256-446-0572.

Welcome to the Club - Politics, Breakfast, Friends - December 7, 8-10am at Helen Keller Public Library, 511 North Main St., Tuscumbia.

Guest speakers: Judge Roy Moore, Senate Candidate; Melvin Hastings, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place One Candidate; and Chris Hand, Colbert Co. Superintendent of Education Candidate. Entrance \$6, breakfast included.

Annual Education & Scholarship Brunch of Kappa Phi Chapter, Chi Eta Phi Sorority, Inc., Professional Nursing Organization, will be Saturday, December 7, 11am-1pm, at Mt. Carmel MB Church, South Mulberry St., Tuscumbia. Guest speaker will be Vickey Cook, RN, topic "Managing Stress and Caregiving During the Holidays." Donation \$10 per person.

Christmas Dinner at the Oaks - Carriage House, Ricks Lane, Tuscumbia on December 7 at 6pm.

Bring a covered dish, your family & friends. Hosted by: Harold & Debra Kimbrough.

Sponsored by: LaGrange Living Historical Association. For additional information, call 256-446-9324, 256-702-6953 or 256-702-9799

"A Plantation Christmas" will be held at historic Belle Mont Mansion (circa 1828), 1569 Cook Lane (off Hwy. 43 S), Tuscumbia on Sunday, December 8 from 1-5pm. The traditional holiday open house, will feature decorations of fresh greenery and fruit along with period music and dance performances. Refreshments served. Shuttle available from roadside and parking in nearby field. Admission: \$8 adults, \$4 children 6-12, under six free. Sponsored by Colbert County Historical Landmarks Foundation to benefit Belle Mont and local preservation efforts. Information: 256-381-5052 or 256-383-0783, www.bellemontmansion.org

Councilwoman Kaytrina Simmons invites you to her 3rd Annual Holiday Fellowship Dinner Sunday, December 8, 1-4 pm at Burrell Slater School, 610 West College St., Florence.

Everyone is welcome to dine in or carry out. Come as you are and join the fun festivities. Unity in the Community.

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." - Luke 2:14.

The Shoals Symphony at UNA will conduct Handel's Messiah at 3pm on December 8; Preludes and Polovtsian Dances at 3pm February 2; Valentines, Vino and Vivaldi at 7pm February 14 (for 21 and older); A Midsummer Night's Dream at 7pm on March 14; Raiders of the Lost Ark in Concert at 7pm May 1; and Joe Gray and the Moscow Mule at 3pm October 20, 2020.

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\$60,000 in Area Grants

FLORENCE—The Muscle Shoals National Heritage Area has \$60,000 in federal money available as grant awards for planning historic preservation and recreational projects in Colbert, Franklin, Lauderdale, Lawrence, Limestone and Morgan counties.

Public and private non-profit agencies located within the MSNHA are eligible. Proposals and a non-refundable \$250 application fee are due by 5pm on Monday, January 6.

"While there is a quick turn-around for project completion with this grant round, we know that these funds can be put to good use in our six counties, said MSNHA director **Carrie Barske Crawford**. "Applicants may be cities, counties, or non-profit entities. We can't wait to see what projects you come up with."

Project examples can include developing city/county preservation plans, surveying for potential historic districts, updating National Registry designations, surveying historic cemeteries, designing interpretive panels for parks, developing a master recreational plan, and creating construction documents for a public park or trail.

According to **Emily Rhodes**, MSNHA grants coordinator, funding requests cannot exceed \$20,000 and must include a match of at least equal value from cash sources. Contracts will be signed at the end of January and projects must be completed and invoiced to MSNHA by Aug. 1. Awards will be made as reimbursable grants.

Projects will be evaluated on their connection to the MSNHA management plan, feasibility, and community impact, Rhodes added. Applicants are encouraged to contact MSNHA prior to proposing activities with any potential environmental impacts.

For more details, email Rhodes at ebhodes@una.edu.

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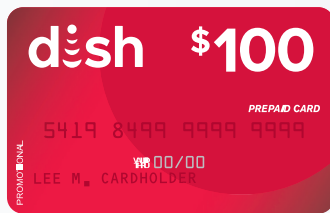
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Commentary

First Colonials Also Fell Victim

We recalled last year that the first Thanksgiving was celebrated at Berkeley Hundred on the James River in Charles City County, Virginia on December 4, 1619. That was three years before what most of us recognize as the first Thanksgiving with pilgrims at Plymouth, Massachusetts who ventured over on the Mayflower.

One of the 102 on the Mayflower was pilgrim William Bradford, who would be Governor of the new Colony for its first few decades. He penned a detailed manuscript covered the pilgrim's time in the Netherlands, the voyage aboard the Mayflower, and first 30 years in the Plymouth Colony. It was originally entitled *Of Plim'oth Plantation*. Later titles include *The History of Plymouth Plantation*, *History of the Plantation at Plymouth* and *William Bradford's Journal*.

The 270 page manuscript was written in the form of two books between 1630 and 1651, and is considered the first American book on history ever written. There are also numerous references to colonists' reactions surrounding the events of the day. That

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In A Few Words



TOM MAGAZZU
Editor

Courier Journal

THIS WEEK

in the *Shoals*
November 27, 2019

Happening
THIS WEEK

Time for Toy Share



A portion of the toys shared in 2018
Courtesy photo

SHEFFIELD – All locations of Bank Independent are now accepting donations of new, unwrapped toys for area children through December 6 as part of the Bank's ninth annual Toy Share drive.

"The generosity of our friends and neighbors makes a huge impact in the lives of children in our own communities," said Macke Mauldin, President and CEO of BanIndependent, Inc., the

parent company of Bank Independent. "Every year

seems to build on the success of the previous one. I'm confident this year we'll make Christmas morning brighter for more families than ever before."

The Toy Share drive provided over 3,275 toys and more than \$1,016 in cash donations to partner organizations last

thru Dec. 6



year in time for distribution to local families for Christmas.

Charitable organizations distributing Toy Share donations include the Angel Tree Program in partnership with Lexington High School, Christmas Charities Year Round of Madison County, Committee

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Historic Quilts Join Peacemakers Display



FLORENCE – This season historic quilts from Pope's Tavern Museum will be on display for the first time at Kennedy-Douglass Center for the Arts alongside the 2019 Shoals Piecemakers Guild Quilt Challenge.

Nov. 26 - Dec. 27

This year makes the 31st year for this annual quilt challenge. All quilts are on display and open to the public November 26 - December 27.

See QUILTS... on Page 39

THE SHOALS COMMUNITY CONCERT BAND will present its Annual Christmas Concert along with the Swingin' River Jazz Band, both under the direction of Mr. James Ed Champion, along with the Riverbank Saxophone Quartet, on Sunday, December 1 at 3pm at Magnolia Church of Christ in Florence.

THE GREAT GATSBY THANKSGIVING CABARET takes place Friday, November 29 at Montgomery Place, 406 N. Montgomery Ave. in Sheffield from 7-11pm. Live entertainment from The Midnighters, Donna Wills, and Mr. GR, music by superstar DJ Doc. Sponsored by the City of Sheffield and Sheffield Utilities. Tickets available at About Your Hair, Unique Car Care, Nu-Look Barbershop, and Tan City. General Admission \$25. VIP reserved tickets \$35. Tables available. Stop by Party Wow for your costumes needs. Friday, November 29, Thanksgiving Cabaret with the Midnighters. Call Kym Robinson for more information or to reserve. 256-810-8426

THE SHOALS CHAMBER SINGERS will offer two performances of its Christmas concert: the first at 7pm on Tuesday, December 3, at Grace Episcopal Church, 103 Darby Ave., Sheffield, and again at 7pm on Tuesday, December 10, at Florence First United Methodist Church, 415 N. Seminary St., Florence. Both performances are free to the public, with donations being accepted at the door.

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Great Veterans Event

Editor:

As a veteran of the U.S. Navy Submarine service, the father of an Army combat veteran, and son of a WWII U.S. Navy combat veteran, I wanted to thank the Administration, Staff, and most of all the students of Florence High School, Florence Freshman Center, and Hibbett Middle School for the wonderful veterans programs they conducted and the hospitality shown to veterans in attendance during the Veterans Day period. The children put their hearts into the performances and the student body was very patriotic and respectful. It was humbling and heart-warming for the veterans in attendance. It made me feel honored and more privileged to be one of the ten percent who have served in the

armed services of this great nation.

Michael Snodgrass
U.S. Navy 1971-1977
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The Tragedy with Tua

To the Editor:

There has been so much banter about what happened to Alabama's quarterback in the Alabama vs. Mississippi State game last Saturday.

Why was he in the game? Should he have been pulled to accommodate

his back-up as the game progressed in Alabama's favor?

Should he have been cleared to play knowing that the ankle was still tender and not 100% after the LSU game?

What is most important...the win, the score, the team, the championship, or the player?

There are as many opinions on the above questions as there are people in the SEC. But, let's try to bring this down to our everyday level.

The scuttlebutt has it that Tua lobbied to go back in the game prior to his injury. Well, now, as a parent

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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12

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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18

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Blood Pressure & Glucose Check Health Screenings

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Christmas Parades...

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Waterloo - 5pm on Sunday December 1 Annual ATV Christmas Parade Lineup will be at the North boat dock at 4:30pm. Devotion and lighting of the town Christmas tree, Edith Newman Culver Museum Open House.

Tuscumbia - 6pm on Tuesday, December 3. Lineup is at 5pm at Deshler High School. The parade will travel south on Main Street. Call 256-386-7200 to register.

Muscle Shoals - 7pm on Thursday, December 5. Lineup is at 6pm on Avalon Avenue. The parade will travel east on Avalon Avenue. Call 256-386-9250 to register.

Rogersville - 7pm on Friday, December 6 in downtown. Please call Misty at Town Hall 256-247-5446 to participate. Businesses, churches, individuals, horses, and

ATVs are all welcome.

Cherokee - 11am on Saturday, December 7. Lineup is at 10am on Main Street. The parade route is through downtown. Call 256-359-4959 to register.

Sheffield - 6pm on Tuesday, December 10. Lineup is at 5pm on North Montgomery Avenue. The parade will travel south on Montgomery Avenue. Call 256-810-3030 to register.

Leighton - 6pm on Friday, December 13. Lineup is at 5pm on New High School Street. The parade will travel along New High School Street and County Line Road and then wind through downtown. Call 256-446-8477 to register.

Florence - from 7-9pm on Thursday, December 12 in Historic Downtown Florence. The rain date is Saturday, December 14. The parade lineup begins at 6pm. Parade will begin at 7pm. Presented by Bank Independent.

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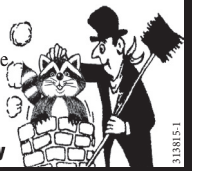
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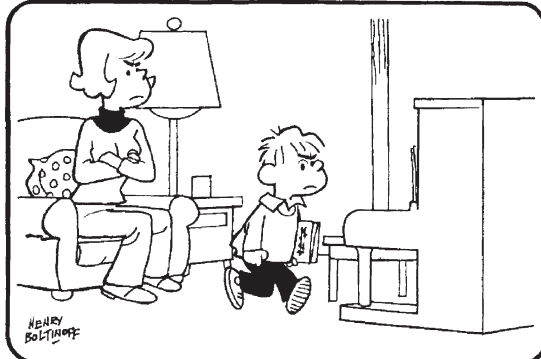
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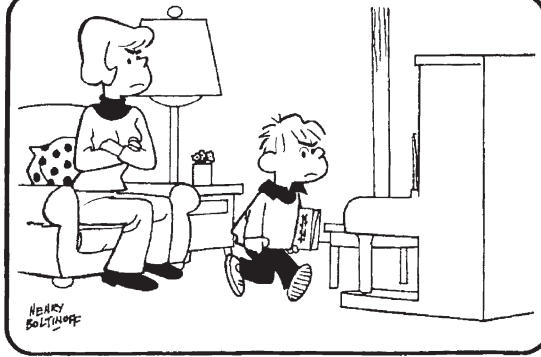
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You can't pass the bar until you're a lawyer. A courtroom is divided into two parts by a railing or similar barrier called the bar. Only lawyers, their clients, and witnesses who are called to testify may traverse it. The use of "bar" to refer to the legal profession

as a whole derives from the tradition of barring non-participants from the trial area of the courtroom.

Law school doesn't teach laws. One attends law school to learn how to think like a lawyer, not to memorize laws. Laws change; how they are properly analyzed does not.

Most of what happens in a civil trial happened before the trial. In civil cases, litigants are required to exchange information before trial. Through the discovery process, each party may depose (question under oath) the opposition and any other individuals who may provide relevant information. Consequently,

each side knows the other's case well before the trial begins.

A judge is also involved well before trial. A judge reads pretrial pleadings and motion from the two sides, researches relevant issues, settles disputes that arise during discovery, issues warrants and summonses, and supervises jury selection. Most cases settle before trial, making pretrial work the court's main work.

Not guilty doesn't always mean innocent. In issuing a verdict of guilty, a jury asserts its belief that a criminal defendant is responsible for a crime beyond a reasonable doubt. A jury that believes a defendant is "probably guilty" must vote to acquit. A reasonable doubt must be derived rationally from the evidence, or from a lack of evidence presented by the prosecution. It cannot be based on sympathy for the accused, unfounded theorizing, or fanciful conjecture.

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The very idea of "thanksgiving" usually suggests that we have a grateful heart for the good things that have come (and continue to come) our way – as well we should (cf. James 1:17). However, you may feel that not a lot of good

has come your way lately. Hence, there is another way of looking at "thanksgiving" that I want us to take a moment to consider.

Recorded in Acts chapter five is an account of the apostles getting in trouble with the Jewish authorities for teaching about Christ. Verse forty informs us they were "beaten and commanded that they should not speak in the name of Jesus."

I have never known of any beating to be pleasurable and the kind of thrashing they received would have been worse than most of us have ever experienced. But note that the very next verse tells us that the apostles found it an occasion to give thanks! Why? The text says because "they were counted worthy to suffer shame for His name" (Acts 5:41).

The principle that we learn here is that thanksgiving often involves "perspective." The apostles could not give thanks (at the moment) for what they had received, but they were thankful for what they were able to give; namely, the giving of themselves to the glory to God.

Not everything in life will bring you and me the greatest pleasure, but if our lives still magnify God, then we can be thankful. The apostle Paul made that very point when he spoke of his own sufferings. He told the Corinthians, "It is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God" (2 Corinthians 4:15).

God has promised that He will eventually reward us for any sacrifice that we might make for His cause. As He told the apostles, "Everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for My name's sake, shall receive a hundredfold, and inherit eternal life" (Matthew 19:29).

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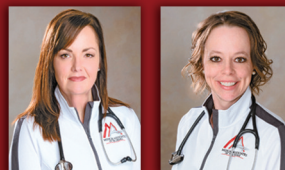
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According to Wendell Dean, administrator of the apprenticeship program, the program has been in the works for several

years. "The IMAW has been working toward an apprenticeship program for machinists for several years, and it is great to see it come to fruition and successful," said Dean. "The first class was selected in December of last year and we hope this pipeline of machinists through Northwest-Shoals continues for many years to come".

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According to Wendell Dean, administrator of the apprenticeship program, the program has been in the works for several

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The ceremony for the Anderson College of Nursing and Health Professions and the College of Education and Human Sciences will be Friday, December 13 at 7pm in Flowers Hall. Carol Behel, Alabama's Teacher of the Year and a 1990 UNA graduate, will be the featured commencement speaker.

Graduation ceremonies for the College of Arts and Sciences and the College of Business will take place on Saturday, December 14 at 10am and again at 2pm in Flowers Hall. Dr. Deborah E. Barnhart, the Chief Executive Officer and Executive Director of the U.S. Space & Rocket Center, will be the featured commencement speaker.

Behel has 25 years of experience in education. She is a first-generation college graduate with degrees from UNA, and she is pursuing her Doctor of Education degree from the University of Alabama. Behel has been

working with children and families of various language and cultural backgrounds at Weeden Elementary School in Florence for the last eight years. As the state's Teacher of the Year, she will travel to different schools in Alabama to share her teaching philosophies. Behel is also a contender for the National Teacher of the Year and will travel to Washington, D.C. in January to participate in that event.

Dr. Barnhart has served in her role at the U.S. Space & Rocket Center since December of 2010. The Center is the official Visitor Center for NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center and is home to U.S. Space Camp, U.S. Space Academy, Aviation

Challenge, and Robotics Camp. The Center is also Alabama's leading tourist attraction.

Barnhart's career spans four decades of service in commercial industry, government, aerospace and defense. Dr. Barnhart is a retired Navy Captain (O-6). She was one of the first ten women assigned to duty aboard ships and commanded five units in her 26-year career. She was vice president of three Dow 30 aerospace and defense companies, serving in manufacturing, business development, program and research management, and congressional lobbying for Honeywell International, McDonnell Douglas (now Boeing), and United Technologies Aerospace.

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Letters...

The Tragedy with Tua

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I can recall many times when my children wanted to do something that my wife and I thought was not good for their health. Remember begging to do something as a child and being turned down? Maybe that should have occurred last Saturday, or even beforehand by the team doctors, the trainers, the coaches. Or maybe it did, but their opinions were ignored. Who knows?

When playing any sport, one takes the risk of being injured. The Players wear protective gear to minimize injury, but it occurs anyway.

Granted, Tua's hip injury had nothing to do with his tender ankle. Did that ankle affect his mobility and possibly contribute to the season-ending tackle?

Sometimes you coaches must make an unpopular decision and go with what's best for the player, not the win, the score, the team, or the Championship.

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You can shop whenever their doors are open. One special day this year to keep in mind is Small Business Saturday, which is Nov. 30. Many of these businesses will have

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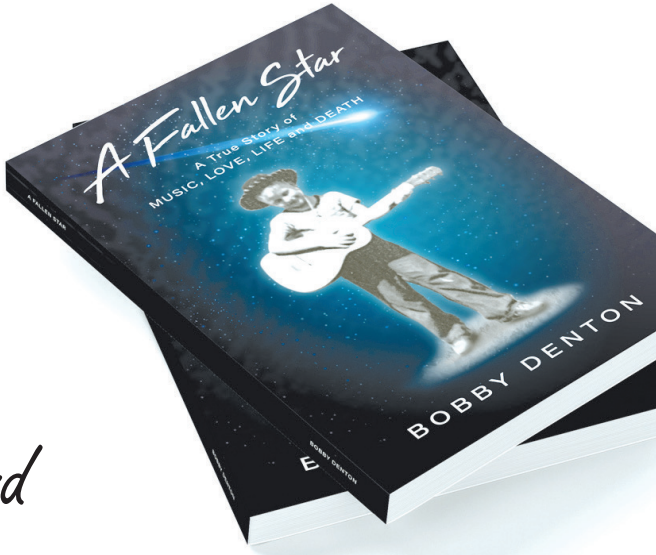
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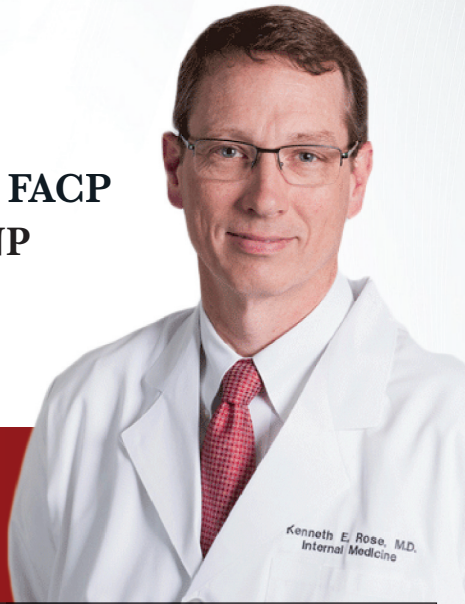


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Commentary

Colonies...

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diverse perspective may be one reason why it is considered by historians to be among the preeminent works of 17th century American historical literature.

Bradford explained in chapter 6 that he wrote the manuscript so that the descending generations would know and appreciate the hardships of their ancestors. Interestingly, Bradford never attempted to publish the manuscript. He instead gave it to his son William, who later passed it on to his own son Major John Bradford.

What is not widely known is that the first form of government established by the colonists in New England was not a form of capitalism which would help catapult the economy; it was a two-year failed Socialist government.

Following what was popular among the aristocratic class in the early 1600's, the charter was a seven-year contract signed July 1, 1620 before leaving Plymouth England which called for farmland to be worked communally and for the harvests to be shared. It stipulated that the Pilgrims were to pool for common benefit all profits and benefits that are got by trade, traffic, trucking, working, fishing, or any other means of any person or persons. It also stated that colonists would obtain their meat, drink, apparel, and all provisions out of the common stock and goods of the colony.

The first few years were going to be hard anyway, but shortages and starvation were exacerbated by policy.

Half the colonists died, and incentive was neutralized by continued unrest.

In one of many unflattering references to the contract, Bradford noted.

“The contract was found to breed much confusion and discontent and retard much employment that would have been to the benefit and comfort. For the young men, that were most able and fit for labour and service, did repine that they should spend their time and strength to work for other men’s wives and children without any recompense. The strong, or man of parts, had no more in division of victuals and clothes than he that was weak and not able to do a quarter the other could; this was thought injustice...”

After two years the colonists scrapped the failed contract and as Bradford recorded.

“So they began to think how they might raise as much corn as they could, and obtain a better crop than they had done, that they might not still thus languish in misery. At

length, after much debate of things, the Governor (with the advice of the chiefest amongst them) gave way that they should set corn every man for his own particular, and in that regard trust to themselves; in all other things to go on in the general way as before. And so assigned to every family a parcel of land, according to the proportion of their number, for that end, only for present use (but made no division for inheritance) and ranged all boys and youth under some family. This had very good success, for it made all hands very industrious, so as much more corn was planted than otherwise would have been by any means the Governor or any other could use, and saved him a great deal of trouble, and gave far better content...”

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by Eli Cranor



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Dear Athletic Support: My son's high school football coach just instated a new rule regarding cellphones; he banned them completely from the field house! The boys now have to leave their phones in their vehicles (or their backpacks if they don't have a car). I'm not sure what sparked this change in policy, but as a mother it deeply concerns me. What if there's an emergency and I need to get in touch with my son? There was no major incident that I'm aware of which led to this. Can you think of any reason why our coach might have resorted to such extreme measures? — Searching for Service

Crimson Tide a few weeks back. Coach Orgeron, LSU's head coach, gave a fiery, expletive-filled speech in the locker room after the game. The speech was livestreamed by one of his players and has since gone viral.

When later asked about his speech, Coach O didn't apologize for his rant, or for f-bombing Bama. He just said, "You get emotional when you talk to your football team, just like when we all talk to our family. We talk around the dinner table, and we say some things that outside the family we don't say. It was not meant to hurt anybody or nothing like that. It was just a fiery moment."

A locker room is not a dinner table, and a football team is not a real "family," but Coach O is right on one account; there are some things I say and do with the people closest to me that I would not want aired publicly.

Oversharing is one of the biggest problems we face in 2019. Be it in a locker room, a business, or a friend group, there really are some things that are better left unsaid/unread/unseen.

The flip side of all this is that the transparency of our modern world holds people — coaches, parents, players — to a higher standard. But then again, are any of us really perfect? Would you actually want what goes on inside your house to be under constant surveillance?

Maybe your son's coach made his decision simply because he didn't want his locker room being broadcasted to the world. And, maybe, that's not such a bad idea.

Eli Cranor is a former professional quarterback and coach turned award-winning author. Send questions for "Athletic Support" to eli.cranor@gmail.com or visit elicranor.com.

Dear Searching: Not all that long ago, kids didn't have cellphones. Heck, parents didn't either. How on earth did we survive? The same way you will survive this coach's new policy — by having a little faith.

Faith in your son's coach. A coach has the benefit of being removed from his players. A coach may love his players sure, but it's different from parental love, which is a good thing because sometimes parents can love a kid to death.

Which leads me back to your son's coach and his new cellphone policy. If some sort of emergency were to arise, all you'd have to do is call the fieldhouse, the school, or even the coach's cellphone. There's no need for your son to have a phone. He wouldn't have one when he's out on the field anyway.

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"Forgive Me When I Whine"

Today upon a bus I saw a lovely maiden with golden hair; I envied her—so beautiful, and how, I wished I were so fair;

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Oh God, forgive me when I whine,
I have two feet—the world is mine

And when I stopped to buy some sweets, the lad who served me had such charm; he seemed to radiate good cheer, his manner was so kind and warm; I said, "it's nice to deal with you, such courtesy I seldom find;"
He turned and said, "Oh, thank you sir."
And then I saw that he was blind.
Oh, God, forgive me when I whine,
I have two eyes, the world is mine.

Then when walking down the street,
I saw a child with eyes of blue;
He stood and watched the others play,
it seemed he knew not what to do;
I stopped a moment, then I said,
"Why don't you join the others, dear?"
He looked ahead without a word,
I realized—he could not hear.
Oh God, forgive me when I whine,
I have two ears, the world is mine

With feet to take me where I'd go,
with eyes to see the sunsets glow,
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(Not sure where this poem came from. I have had it in my files for decades.)



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THE BOLD AND THE BEAUTIFUL Bill gathered Justin, Wyatt

and Emmy to welcome Liam home to Spencer Publications. Wyatt gave a surprising response to Liam when asked why he hadn't bought Sally a ring yet. Ridge told Shauna that he liked having her close to him. Quinn then witnessed Shauna and Ridge kissing and later queried her friend about their relationship status. Wyatt demanded answers from Sally, prompting her to propose a quick elopement. Bill asked Liam to always have his brother Wyatt's back. Ridge confronted Thomas about signing the papers that gave Hope joint custody of Douglas. *Wait to See: Hope and Liam spend the days leading up to the holiday with both Beth and Douglas.*

DAYS OF OUR LIVES Eric was stunned by Nicole's revelation. Ciara took on Mickey's

kidnapper. Xander tried to destroy his confession. Chad's meeting with Stefano didn't go the way he imagined. Xander told Sarah that he loved her. Lani finally confided to someone why she left Eli. Abigail and JJ talked about Haley's death. Eli warned Gabi that Abigail and Chad were onto him. Marlena received a present from an admirer. Gina finally finishes her portrait of Stefano. *Wait to See: Eve celebrates her first holiday in prison with Hattie.*

GENERAL HOSPITAL Valentin discovered some interesting information. Laura was frustrated because she just wanted what was best for her family. Willow got very introspective. Michael became confrontational. Neil's theory was incorrect, but he eventually put the pieces together. Peter became unnerved. Julian took some drastic measures. Brad received a pep talk. Alexis stumbled upon the truth. Lucas pleaded with Brad. Liz was very surprised. Olivia felt optimistic about something. Monica reached out to Epiphany. Finn and Anna had a

heart-to-heart talk. *Wait to See: Bobbie shares some awful news.*

THE YOUNG AND THE RESTLESS Chelsea learned from Adam that Connor's stomachache was a result of the stress of the hostage situation. Billy was in danger of self-sabotage if he didn't get to the root of his problems in therapy. He later distracted himself by sharing a romantic lunch date with Victoria. At Society, Lola gave Theo a pep talk before his first day of work at Jabot, but he ended up getting into a power struggle with Kyle. Chelsea agreed to spend a few nights at the penthouse until Connor felt better. At Thanksgiving dinner, Victor and Nikki shared the good news about Victor's health. Summer arrived for dessert, and she and Victor finally made amends. After dinner, Victor and Nikki recapped their successful dinner and reaffirmed their love for each other. *Wait to See: Devon and Elena's relationship is put to the test.*

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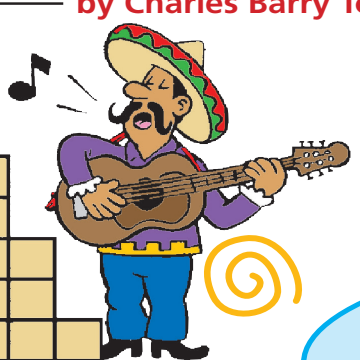
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2. Abandon on an island.
3. A large game fish.
4. Theaters usually have one.
5. Found on the printed page.
6. A street band.
7. An endurance contest.
8. Type of Australian animal.

Answers On Page 4-6


CHAIN REACTION! Take the seven letters printed below our diagram and place them in the circles so that eight four-letter words can be read, top to bottom, along the connecting lines. All the words will begin with the letter in the top circle.

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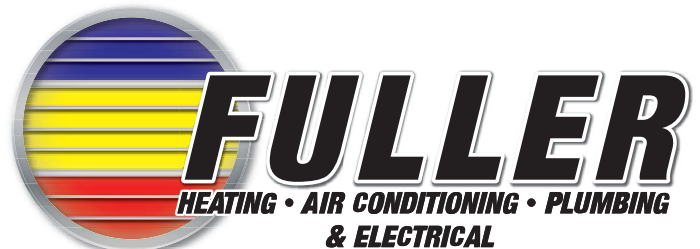
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Although the things listed above are most important so are the tiers that drugs are placed into. So before we discuss the cost of the plans let's look at drug plan tiers. Normally there are five tiers to a drug plan. Tier 1 and Tier 2 drugs are usually your most common generic drugs. Tier 3 drugs are preferred brand, Tier 4 drugs are non-preferred brand and Tier 5 drugs are specialty drugs. One of the most misunderstood parts of a drug plan is the tier a person's drug is in.

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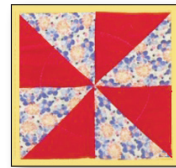
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The origin story of quilt patterns is a fascinating history lesson. The historic quilts from Pope's Tavern Museum will tell the story of early quilt patterns in America alongside the quilts from the museum's collection.

The exhibition will show how these patterns influence quilts that are still made today.



The Piecemakers Quilt Challenge showcases quilts that followed a specific set of rules for the challenge. All entries are 12-inch blocks. No new materials were to be purchased for the projects. All quilters were to use their own personal stash of fabrics to complete the quilt.



There was no set size requirement for the entries, but each quilt must have started and completed within 2019. There was no shape requirement, but each entry must be a three-layer quilt with top, batting, back, and a finished edge.

The quilters have included a display of 12-inch blocks with an explanation as to how they are manufactured either -by machine sewing or by hand - so viewers might understand the construction of the quilts. There is a ballot box for viewers to vote for their favorite quilt.

The Shoals Piecemakers Quilt Guild meets at 7pm on the second Monday of each month at Saint Bartholomew's Episcopal Church in Florence. New members are welcome. Quilters of every level of expertise including those interested in promoting the collection and preservation of quilts are part of the Guild.

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Perspective on Thanksgiving

Editor:

Throughout the nation, families will come together next week to

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"Give thanks for the companionship; without your family and friends it can be the loneliest day of the year," says Dan Weber, president of the Association of Mature American Citizens [AMAC]. "Consider the lament of Abigail Adams on Thanksgiving Day, November 29, 1798. Her husband, John Adams, was nearly halfway through his tenure as America's second president. He was busy tending to the needs of a nation still in its infancy and she was all alone at their home in Quincy, MA. Yet, she took the time to compose a letter to the man she called, 'my dearest friend'."

Her missive begins with these words, courtesy of Massachusetts Historical Society: "This is our Thanksgiving day. When I look Back upon the Yearpast, I perceive many, very many causes for thanksgiving, both of a publick and private nature. I hope my Heart is not ungrateful, tho sad; it is usually a day of festivity when the Social Family circle meet together tho separated the rest of the year. No Husband dignifies my Board, no Children add gladness to it, no Smiling Grandchildren Eyes to sparkle for the plumb pudding, or feast upon the mind Eye. Solitary and alone I behold the day after a sleepless night, without a joyous feeling. Am I ungrateful? I hope not."

The celebration of Thanksgiving Day was the brainchild of

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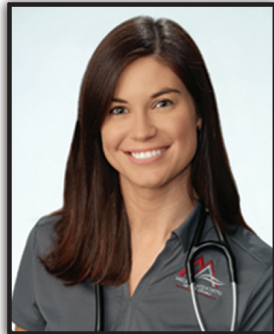
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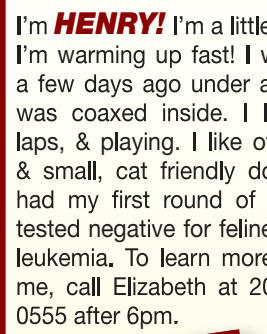
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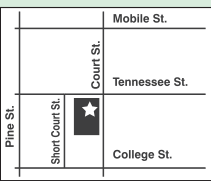
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The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) estimates that foodborne illness results in roughly 128,000 hospitalizations and 3,000 deaths in the United States annually.

This Thanksgiving Americans will consume more than 40 million turkeys. Holiday hosts must be especially careful not to serve up food poisoning.

Four Steps to Food Safety

- **CLEAN:** Clean hands, surfaces, and utensils with soap and warm water before cooking. Wash hands for 20 seconds before and after handling raw meat and poultry. After cleaning surfaces raw poultry has touched, also apply a sanitizer.

- **SEPARATE:** Use separate cutting boards, plates, and utensils to avoid cross-contamination between raw meat or poultry and foods that are ready to eat.

- **COOK:** Confirm foods are cooked to a safe internal temperature by using a food thermometer. Turkey should be cooked to 165°F and measured at the thickest part of the breast, the innermost part of the thigh, and the innermost part of the wing.

- **CHILL:** Chill foods promptly if not consuming immediately after cooking. Don't leave food at room temperature for longer than two hours.

Recent USDA research conducted in a test kitchen found some startling insights about how bacteria may be spread around the kitchen when individuals are preparing raw poultry, especially when the raw poultry is washed or rinsed.

Poultry Washing and Cross-Contamination:

Researchers analyzed the spread of bacteria from chicken thighs that had been spiked with harmless tracer bacteria. The microbiological data identified both direct and indirect cross-contamination that occurred during the meal preparation experiment.

The most frequently contaminated surface was the kitchen sink, even for the participants that did not wash or rinse the poultry.

This could explain where cross-contamination may have occurred especially if produce (i.e., the salad ingredients) was washed or rinsed in the sink. You should take extreme

precautions when washing or rinsing a turkey (or any eggs, meat, or poultry products for that matter) before cooking. Juices can transfer bacteria onto kitchen surfaces, other foods, and utensils. Be sure to thoroughly clean and then sanitize all kitchen surfaces to eliminate the risk of cross-contamination.

Salad preparation should never take place in the sink anyway as that is a breeding area for germs.

Handwashing:

Inadequate handwashing has been identified as a contributing factor to foodborne illness, especially when preparing raw meat and poultry. Hands can become vectors that move potential pathogens found in raw meat and poultry around the kitchen, which can contribute to foodborne illnesses.

Researchers observed 1,145 cases in which handwashing was required to prevent cross-contamination during meal preparation.

Of these, handwashing was not attempted 74% of the time, and 99% of the attempts did not contain all the steps of correct handwashing.

Proper hand washing after handling raw meat, poultry and eggs can greatly reduce the risk of bacterial cross-contamination. Hand washing should always include five simple steps:

1. Wet your hands with clean, running water (warm or cold), turn off the tap, and apply soap.
2. Lather your hands by rubbing them together with the soap. Be sure to lather the backs of your hands, between your fingers, and under your nails.
3. Scrub your hands for at least 20 seconds. Need a timer? Hum the "Happy Birthday" song from beginning to end twice.
4. Rinse your hands well under clean, running water.
5. Dry your hands using a clean towel.

Food Thermometer Use:

You can't see, smell or feel bacteria on meat and poultry, so you should always use a food thermometer to make sure you have destroyed any illness causing bacteria, such as Salmonella or Campylobacter.

- 44% of participants in the study used a food thermometer on at least one chicken thigh. 20% of participants only used visual cues, 11% only used time and 9% only used touch.

Your turkey is safe to eat when the temperature reads 165°F in three places, the thickest part of the breast, the innermost part of the thigh, and the innermost part of the wing

Preparing Your Turkey

Fresh turkeys should not be purchased until one or two days before Thanksgiving,

unless the manufacturer's tag has a "Best By" or "Use-by" date that indicates the turkey will be safe until Thanksgiving. Fresh turkey: The "fresh" label means the turkey has never been chilled below 26°F. If you bring home a fresh turkey before Tuesday, it should be frozen before cooking.

A "frozen" turkey is a turkey that has been cooled to 0°F or lower. When purchasing a frozen turkey make sure to leave enough time for it to defrost.

- You should thaw a turkey in the refrigerator, in cold water or in a microwave oven according to the directions on the packaging.

- For instructions on microwave defrosting, refer to the owner's manual for your microwave. Cook the turkey immediately after defrosting using this method.

- Do not stuff a turkey the night before cooking it. Harmful bacteria can multiply in the stuffing and cause food poisoning when a stuffed bird is refrigerated

Cooking Your Turkey

- To cook a large turkey, use the timetables for turkey roasting for an unstuffed turkey, which can be found in the Turkey Basics: Safe Cooking section of the FSIS website. Add 10 minutes per pound for turkeys over 24 pounds. FSIS does not recommend stuffing a turkey over 24 pounds.

- It is safe to cook a frozen turkey. The cooking time will take at least 50% longer than recommended for a fully thawed turkey.

- After cooking meat and poultry, keep it hot at 140°F or warmer, until served. The cooked meat can be kept hot in an oven set at approximately 200°F, in a chafing dish, slow cooker, or warming tray.

Thanksgiving Leftovers

Leftovers should be stored within two hours of cooking.

Dividing leftovers into smaller portions and refrigerating or freezing them in covered shallow containers helps cool leftovers more quickly than storing them in large containers.

Thanksgiving leftovers are safe in the refrigerator for up to four days. If you store leftovers in the freezer, they will be of best quality within 2-6 months.

Reheat leftovers thoroughly to an internal temperature of 165°F.

For more information and tips on preparing the Thanksgiving meal safely, visit FoodSafety.gov or call the Meat and Poultry Hotline toll-free at 1-888-MPHotline (888-674-6854), open weekdays from 10am-6pm EST and from 8am-2pm EST on Thanksgiving Day.



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everything paid off. Both our cell phones are pretty old, and I'd like to get a new one that costs \$350 so we can have really good pictures of the baby. My job is the only income we have right now, and I'm making \$45,000 before taxes. Is this a silly thing to do in our situation?
Jamie

Dear Jamie,
This is an important question. It's not important because \$350 is a big deal in the grand scheme of things, it's important because you're making a judgment call as to what you're focusing on and what you value.

If you're focusing on your husband finishing school, so his income goes up and you're trying to get out of debt, that's fine. I love it when people are willing to work their tails off to have better lives. But if that's your focus, and at the same time you're trying to rationalize buying something you don't really need, that's a bad thing. You don't need a new cell phone for a camera, especially if the camera is the only reason you're buying it. You can find decent digital cameras everywhere these days for \$50 or less.

I understand the joy that goes along with having a child. I have three kids, and we were absolutely ecstatic each and every time one was born. And, of course, we wanted good photos of them all. But right now, I think you're trying to rationalize a phone upgrade based on the emotion of a new baby. As an exercise of your value system, that's a tendency you need to break. This is a test, Jamie. What you're talking about here is a luxury, not a necessity. Rationalization is one of the prime causes of overspending.

Please understand, I'm not picking on you and I don't mean to be harsh. We've all flunked this test at times. But this is an important moment where your judgment and values are concerned. It's your call, but you really don't need to blow \$350 on a new phone right now.

—Dave

* Dave Ramsey is CEO of Ramsey Solutions. He has authored seven best-selling books, including *The Total Money Makeover*. The *Dave Ramsey Show* is heard by more than 14 million listeners each week on 600 radio stations and multiple digital platforms. Follow Dave on the web at daveramsey.com and on Twitter at @DaveRamsey.

God's Plans For Us

Football, as much as I like it, there are more important things in our life. I was watching as Tua, Alabama's quarterback went down this week and was injured. Immediately, I'm sure hearts went up in prayer and concern for that fine young Christian man. I've watched Tua for a couple of years now and I can read lips a little and I have never seen anything coarse or irreverent come out of his mouth. So whether in football or another vocation, right now, God has some great things in store for that young man. As a role model for our youngsters, he seems like an excellent choice. Nick called him at the hospital to encourage and lift him up and Tua wound up encouraging him. That's the kind of man that he is. Outside of God, his parents are the main influence in his life. God has plans for Tua that even Tua may not know about right now. I'm sure right now that he knows eternal things are much more important than earthly temporary stuff.

Before we were born God had plans and purposes for all of us. God told Jeremiah in: **Jeremiah 1:5** "Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations." Read: **Isaiah 43:7** "Even every one that is called by my name: for I have created him for my glory, I have formed him; yea, I have made him." God's plan is for you to be saved. **1 Timothy 2:4** "Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth." Again in: **2 Peter 3:9** "The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance." God wants you to live with Him in heaven forever. Wouldn't it be wonderful to spend eternity with some of our heroes we had in this life and meet God as your friend? You can do it by receiving Christ today as asking Him to forgive your sin and save your soul. Trust Christ today, talk to Him, He will not fail you. **GOD HAS A PLAN FOR YOU.**

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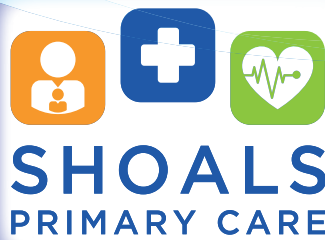
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"After Hamilton: Aaron Burr on the Natchez Trace" Tuesday, December 10, 5:30pm Florence-Lauderdale Public Library

FLPL is hosting a Hamilton night on

Tuesday, December 10! It will feature a history talk by Tony L. Turnbow about Aaron Burr's time on the Natchez Trace, followed by a Hamilton singalong performance.

After Aaron Burr shot Alexander Hamilton, Burr traveled to the Natchez Trace to plot a mysterious scheme of rebellion, and he pulled Andrew Jackson into the plot. Burr's trial for treason was one of the first celebrity trials and established precedents still in the news today.

Tony L. Turnbow is author of *Hardened to Hickory: The Missing Chapter in Andrew Jackson's Life*. He spent seven years tracking down unpublished documents to tell the story of Andrew Jackson's first military command on the Natchez Trace. Turnbow, a Franklin, Tennessee lawyer, is past-president of the Natchez Trace Parkway Association. He has researched the history of the historic Natchez Trace for over 30 years.

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It's a Hamilton night at FLPL! Get ready for the upcoming Nashville performances (or make up for the fact that you didn't get tickets) with this special Hamilton sing-along performance, led by students from the UNA School of the Arts. The performance is being directed by Benjamin South. There will be a history lecture about Aaron Burr at 5:30, and the sing-along will start about 6:15. Note that the sing-along may include some adult language.

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Junior Whirl Answers
 by Charles Barry Townsend — Illustrated by David Coulson

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