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County Helps Feed Needy

FLORENCE—The Lauderdale County License Commissioner's Office, Sheriff's Office, and the Lauderdale County Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) are collecting canned goods and other non-perishable food items for distribution to the Salvation Army and other local charities to feed the needy and homeless.

"Our office wants to do all in our power to help residents of Lauderdale County, especially those who are less fortunate," Sheriff, **Rick Singleton**, said.

Donation drop-off points include:

- Lauderdale License Commissioner's Office, 102 South Court Street in downtown Florence (Local Government Building)
- Lauderdale County Sheriff's Office in the second floor of the Lauderdale County Courthouse
- Lauderdale County Courthouse first floor security station. Donation collections are focused on the holiday season but will continue through January 31.

License Commissioner **William Smith** added, "As a board member of the Salvation Army, I know the challenges facing the Salvation Army and other organizations this time of year to feed the homeless and those in need."

For more information, call the Lauderdale County License Commissioner's office at 256-760-5833, the Sheriff's office at 256-760-5757, or Lauderdale RSVP at 256-760-5888.

Chick-fil-A in Muscle Shoals

MUSCLE SHOALS—Chick-fil-A® is set to open its first restaurant in Muscle Shoals December 10. The restaurant will bring 90 new jobs, the chance for 100 adults to win free Chick-fil-A meals for a year, and the opportunity for community members to donate books that will benefit The Healing Place.

Chick-fil-A's "First 100" celebration continues to be the chain's signature grand opening event. The restaurant parking lots are transformed into a 24-hour community-friendly party as the crowd awaits the opening.

The new restaurant is located at 511 Avalon Avenue across from ALDI in the Southgate

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Board Selects Boutique Air

MUSCLE SHOALS — The Northwest Alabama Regional Airport Authority board has selected

Boutique Air as the next airline that will provide commuter air service to the Shoals.

The proposal subsidized through the

federal Essential Air Service (EAS) program includes two daily non-stop flights to Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport and

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In Candlelight

FLORENCE—Day by Day, a grief support group for bereaved parents/grandparents, hosts its annual candlelight remembrance ceremony on Sunday, December 13. The event gets underway at 3pm at the Cross Point Church, located at 1350 Cox Creek Parkway in Florence. Friends and family will gather to honor

See **CANDLE...** on Page 6



Shoals Home Builders

Members of the Shoals Home Builders celebrate winning the President's Trophy for a Small Association. Home Builders

Assn. of Alabama President, **Lynn Corder** presented the 2015 trophy.

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President's Trophy Recipient for Excellence

MONTGOMERY—The Shoals Home Builders Association (SHBA) was honored during the Home Builders Association of Alabama (HBAA) 2015 Annual Convention, held November 5-7 at the Sandestin Golf & Beach Resort in Sandestin, Florida.

Each year, the current HBAA President selects two local Home Builders Associations (one large and one small) to receive President's Trophies in honor of outstanding service and

excellence throughout the year.

SHBA was presented with the President's Trophy for a Small Association by the 2015 HBAA President, Lynn Corder.

Shoals Home Builders Association President, Randy Bratton, accepted the award on behalf of his association.

For more information about the Shoals Homebuilders, call 256-766-9110 or visit shoalshomebuilders.com

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Ecclesiastes 7:1 "A good name is better than precious ointment; and the day of death than the day of one's birth." This one of the most profound scriptures in the Bible. The Word continues **Ecclesiastes 12:5B.....** "and desire shall fail: because man goeth to his long home, and the mourners go about the streets" and in **Ecclesiastes 12:7** "Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it." This part of this chapter refers to an aging man dying. Recently, I visited my MD and he asked me what was wrong? I replied, "I am dying a slow death and I have gotten used to it." He stared back at me and seemed puzzled. Truth always has perplexed the wisdom of this world. There is only one who can stop the aging or dying process and that is the Lord Jesus Christ. The Bible is always right. We read in **Hebrews 9:27** "And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment" and in **Psalms 68:20** "He that is our God is the God of salvation; and unto GOD the Lord belong the issues from death." Doesn't it make sense to be on God's side?

After this short life is over and we through death are ushered into eternity, judgment arrives, and soon after we are assigned our final home, forever. No one, except Enoch and Elijah, has thus far been able to stop D-day, the day of death. If you insist on dying lost and going to the fiery lake forever, my advice to you is "grab all you can, for this is the only heaven you will ever see." On the other hand, if you change your mind about being saved, and you decide that sin is just not worth it, bow your head right now and ask Jesus Christ to forgive your sin, and come into your heart and save your soul, and receive Him now before your D-day overtakes you. You do not want to enter eternity unprepared. You must have a Savior when the waters of death flood your soul. You must receive Christ before your time runs out. Ask Him today in your own words, to forgive you and to be your Savior. Christ never fails. Christ always fills that empty void in your soul. Let me know if you need help or advice.

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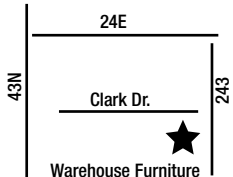
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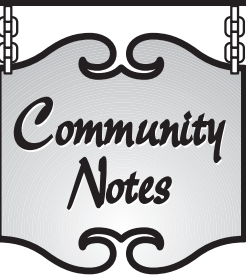
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NAMI Shoals Support Group for families with adults and/or children who have brain disorders (mental illnesses) meets Tuesday, December 8 at 7pm at the NAMI Shoals office, 749 Thompson St., Suite A, Florence. Families helping families. You are not alone. Need directions or more information, call 256-765-2081.

Plaxco Chiropractic at 814 2nd Street in Muscle Shoals is a drop off point for the US Marines Toys For Tots program. They will be collecting until December 21. For more information, contact Pattie at Plaxco Chiropractic, 256-381-2504.

Highland Park Church of Christ is providing a Community Grief Support group during the months of December and January, free of charge.

Meetings are each Wednesday of December and January at 12noon. Meetings will last around 1-1 1/2 hours. The final meeting will be on January 27, 2016. For more information, call the church office at 256-381-8311. Highland Park Church of Christ is located at the corner of Woodward Avenue and Geneva Avenue, Muscle Shoals. Group leaders are Cayron Mann, ALC & Becky Daugherty, ALC.

Alzheimer's Support Group Meeting at 6pm December 10 (Second Thursday of each month) at Muscle Shoals Public Library, History Room, 1918 East Avalon Ave., Muscle Shoals. Contact: 256-810-5518 for information. Sponsored by a partnership of Liberty Baptist Church and C.A.R.D. (Coalition of Alzheimer's and Related Disorders of Northwest Alabama).

VFW Sheffield Post 4919. Book your Holiday Party Now. Spacious room, bar if needed. For more information, call Deb White at 256-349-8409.

VFW Sheffield Post 4919 will have a dance every Friday and Saturday Night. The doors open at 6pm, the band starts at 7pm.

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The North Alabama Ballet company will perform "The Nutcracker" Friday, December 11 at UNA's Norton Auditorium. The school performance is at 9:30am and is reserved for students and field trip opportunities. The evening performance for the public at 7pm. Tickets are available at the door or reserved seating is available. Stop by Parkway Shopping Center, Florence at The Dance Academy or call 256-366-6136. Student and senior citizen discounts are available.

The University of North Alabama Association of Computing Machinery (ACM) Student chapter will co-host a local "Hour of Code" event with the Florence Lauderdale Public Library, December 11, from 4-5:30pm. "Hour of Code" is a one-hour introduction to computer science with game-style activities for ages 4 and up. Participants will have the opportunity to learn about a variety of computer-related things, including how phone and computer apps, and programs are made. No prior programming experience is required.

For more information on the "Hour of Code": Dr. James Jerkins at jakerj@una.edu or the FLPL at 256-764-6564, ext. 24.

3rd Annual Holiday Showcase will be on Saturday, December 12 from 9am - 4pm at the A.W. Todd Center in Russellville. Lots of great vendors and no admission. This is a fundraiser for the Relay for Life. For more info call Buffie at 256-332-8643.

Food for Christ - Saturday, December 12 at Rhodessville Methodist Church. Call 256-370-7213 for more info.

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Chick-fil-A in Muscle Shoals

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Mall parking lot.

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Muscle Shoals Chick-fil-A operator, **Luke Kyle**, is collecting new children's books at the new location on Thursday and Friday this week during regular business hours. The books collected will be donated to The Healing Place, a non-profit organization that offers grief support for children and families.

The new restaurant can seat 103 inside with additional outside patio seating. It has dual

drive-thru ordering lanes, free Wi-Fi, and an indoor play area that includes an interactive section for toddlers. Hours are Monday-Thursday from 6:30am-9pm and 6:30am-10pm on Friday and Saturday with a full breakfast menu until 10:30am. Like all Chick-fil-A restaurants, it will be closed on Sunday.

STUFFaBus at Roadhouse

FLORENCE-Florence City Schools is grateful to KISS-FM and the other sponsors of the Stuff A Bus event for their efforts to collect toys and other items for the less fortunate families in the Shoals area.

The event has been a huge success in recent years and has undoubtedly provided toys and clothing during the holidays to families that otherwise would have gone without. All of the items collected are distributed through referrals from school guidance counselors and social workers, so there are assurances the items will go to those who have a need.

The bus is located at Texas Roadhouse through December 13. Toys will be evenly sorted among all local school systems on December 14. Please take this wonderful opportunity to give to the less fortunate families in the Shoals area during the holidays.

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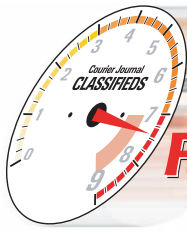
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The EAS contract must be approved by the U.S. Department of Transportation which oversees the EAS program. The proposal includes an annual subsidy of \$2,779,632. Service will likely start in January of 2016.

Though the flight schedule has yet to be finalized, officials anticipate early morning flights to and

late evening flights from Atlanta. Mid-morning flights to Nashville with return flights in mid-afternoon are also likely.

"I really like that concept," Shoals Chamber of Commerce President Steve Holt said of the Atlanta and Nashville flights. "We've always gone to one airport or another, but never both. This gives us the best of both worlds."

According to their website, Boutique Air operates a modern fleet of Pilatus PC-12 aircraft built by Swiss aircraft manufacturer Pilatus Aircraft Ltd. founded in 1939. It has built more than 1,200 PC-12 aircraft since the first model's introduction in 1994. Recognized for its world-class engineering and safety ratings, the PC-12 continues to be a very popular choice with charter and scheduled air carriers.

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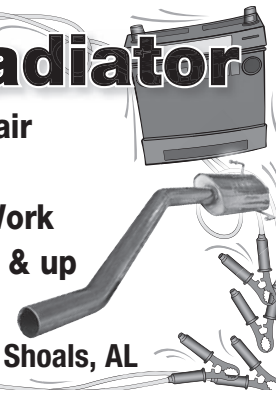
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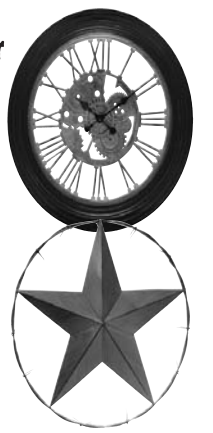
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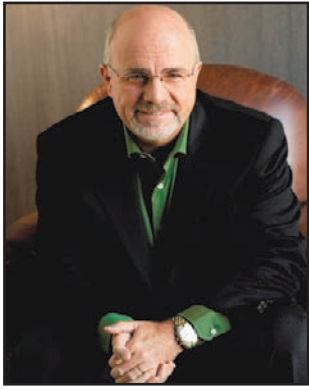
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Angela

Dear Angela,
Congratulations on finally kicking that old woman out of your house! It feels great, doesn't it?

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Dear Dave,

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Israel

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—Dave

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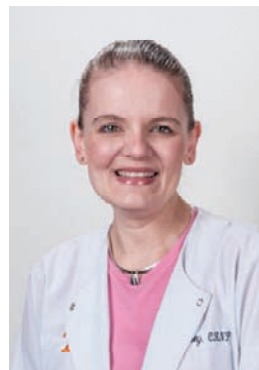


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Commentary

Climateers Are Full of Noxious Gases

World leaders gathered last week in Paris for the United Nations COP 21 summit. They discussed how we can curb CO2 emissions and address climate change, a threat worse than terrorism according to some. Listening to the propagandists repeat the same lies over and over doesn't will man-made climate change into existence.

No one can deny that the EPA is responsible for some beneficial direction with regard to environmental issues. However, that is only offset by those who battle daily to keep the agency with an ever-expanding budget in check and living in reality.

The visual imagery of the polar bears drifting on the iceberg or chunks of ice falling away from cliffs is way beyond ridiculously emotional. Only the seriously gullible will buy into the fact that those images are anything more than everyday occurrences in nature and they have been for thousands of years. Glaciers are not disappearing and bears are not drifting off or being lost from family.

Yet, President Obama's arrogance knows no bounds. He eagerly blamed us for the manufactured problem. "...the United States of America not only recognizes our role in creating this problem, we embrace our responsibility to do something about it."

Obama and the other 146 leaders had three

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In A Few Words



TOM MAGAZZU
Editor

Courier Journal

THIS WEEK

in the

Shoals

December 9, 2015

Happening

THIS WEEK

A Restart for Candy Cane Run

FLORENCE- Potential flooding concerns at McFarland Park postponed last weekend's annual Candy Cane Run/Walk and the Polar Plunge into the Tennessee River until this Saturday, December 12. Shoals CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) is hosting the festivities that take place from 8-11am.

After the 7-7:45am check-in, participants in the 8th Annual Candy Cane event will hit the pavement at 8am or 9am to

See **CANE RUN...** on Page 24



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Christmas Past

Dress-Up Ball Boosts ToT Awareness

TUSCUMBIA- Create holiday magic this Christmas by experiencing a Christmas Ball and celebrating bygone traditions from years past.

The Natchez Trace Parkway Association's Ball of Christmas Past is 7-10:30pm on Saturday, December 12 at the beautifully decorated Winston Home in Tuscumbia.

The classic dress-up ball is a natural match for the historic Georgian-style dwelling

at Deshler High School in Tuscumbia. This new event will enhance the holiday cheer of the *It's a Dickens Christmas Ya'll* festival, hosted annually by the Tuscumbia Retail Development, by extending the event through Saturday night and capturing the essence of the season.

Dance Master, Matthew Hawkins of Huntsville will be

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THE NORTHWEST-SHOALS COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Music Department will present the concert, *A Christmas Celebration!* on Sunday, December 13 at 3pm at First Baptist Church in Russellville.

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Past Ball...

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Costumes from the 1815-1850 era are requested and appreciated, but modern evening-wear is perfectly acceptable. Ballet slippers, dance shoes, or low-heeled, smooth-soled shoes are recommended for ladies. Any leather-soled shoe is great for gentlemen. Spending a fortune on a lovely costume is not necessary for enjoying the evening. With just a little creativity, guests will be able to dress in a way that captures the essence of the romantic historical era, filled with beauty and elegance.

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Proceeds raised from this Ball of Christmas Past will be earmarked for the Trail of Tears signage and educational materials locally.

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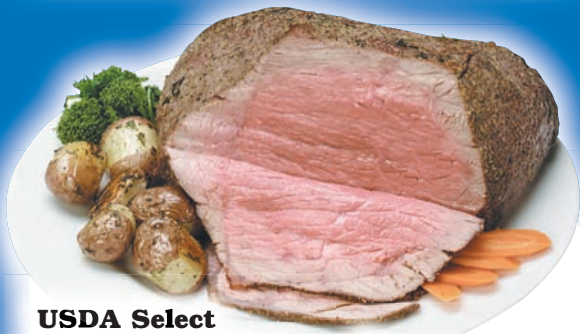
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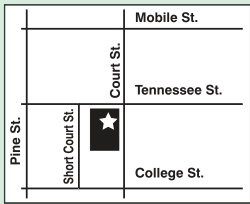


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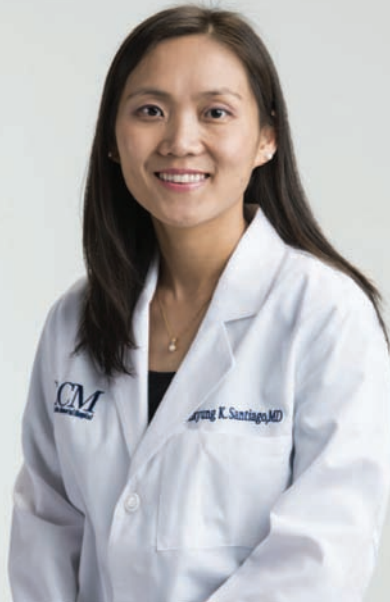
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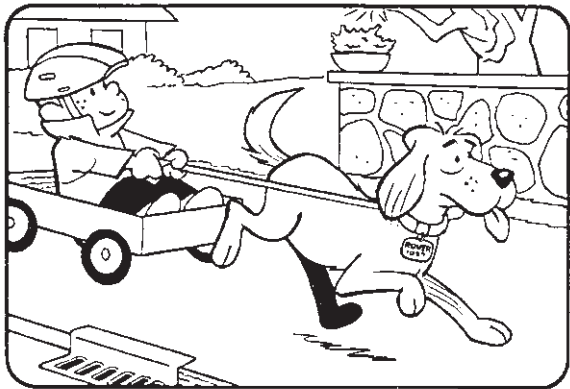
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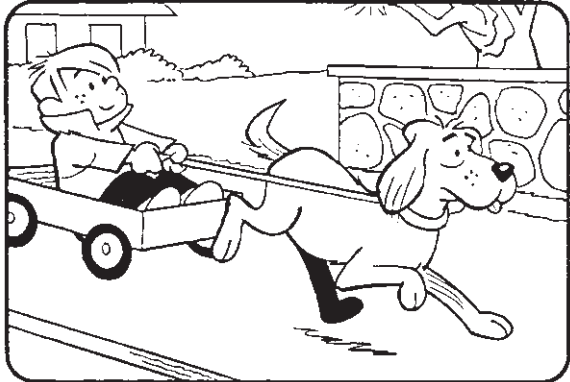
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(BPT) - While the number of home fires occurring in the U.S. each year has fallen by more than 50 percent since 1977, the ratio of people who die in home fires has remained virtually unchanged, based on data from the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA). In 1977, deaths occurred in .8 percent of home fires, and in 2013, that rate was .7 percent. One possible explanation for this discrepancy: home fires now burn hotter and faster than they did 40 years ago, meaning victims have less time to escape a burning house.

"In a series of experiments, UL demonstrated that the nature of residential fires has changed dramatically," says Eric Skare, a volunteer firefighter in Minnesota and product manager of fire safety systems for Uponor. "Flashover - the point when intense heat causes an entire room to become engulfed in flames - now occurs less than five minutes after a fire starts. It used to take 30 minutes or longer for flashover to occur. People now have less time to get out of a burning house, even if their smoke alarms have alerted them to the fire."

The UL study cites several factors as driving the changes in home residential fires, including:

- Modern home design is toward larger homes with more open floor plans, an arrangement that facilitates

the spread of fire. Older homes were smaller overall and featured smaller room plans.

- Construction materials currently in use contribute to a faster burn time.

- Today's home furnishings are made from many synthetic materials that combust easily, meaning fires have more fuel.

- In UL testing, modern windows of all types failed faster than windows made from older - or "legacy" materials. In some cases, the time difference was significant. For example, legacy windows made of wood with a metal frame and nine single-glazed panes failed in about 12 to 16 minutes, while modern premium wooden frame windows with two panes of double-glazed glass failed in about four to six minutes. When windows fail, they admit more oxygen into a burning building to feed the fire.

Working smoke alarms in a home are proven to reduce the risk of injuries and fatalities. Virtually every construction code in the U.S. requires smoke alarms in new construction. Functioning smoke alarms reduce the risk of home fire fatalities by 50 percent, according to the NFPA. A residential sprinkler system slashes the risks even further - by 80 percent. The U.S. Fire Administration recommends that all homes should be equipped with both smoke alarms and sprinklers. And the International Residential Code also requires fire sprinklers for new-home construction.

A typical system represents about 1 to 1.5 percent of the total cost of new-home construction.

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DAYS OF OUR LIVES Abigail pleaded with Ben to give her back her baby. Hope was pushed over the edge as she demanded answers from Dr. Malcolm. Eduardo and Kate got to know one another. Later, Eduardo received an unexpected visitor. Hope struck a deal with Dr. Malcolm. Someone from Steve's past turned up in Salem. John questioned Eduardo about Winterthorne Academy. Andre targeted Belle to get to Sami. Steve and Kayla made love. Joey was unaware that was he was in over his head. Philip returned home with big plans for Titan. Later, Brady confided to Theresa his concerns about Philip. *Wait to See: Belle shares a secret with Brady.*

GENERAL HOSPITAL Elizabeth crumbled under pressure and finally made a confession. Dante and Valerie were interrupted at the most

awkward of moments. Lulu made a deal with Johnny. Michael made a covert attempt to learn more about Sabrina's pregnancy. Robin's failure resulted in her living on borrowed time. Olivia went ballistic. Dillon came to the wrong conclusion about Johnny. Jason filled in Sonny on the recent events and received some advice in return. Elizabeth warned Nikolas that the truth was out and to brace himself for the fallout. Morgan got reckless with his meds. Monica came up with an idea for a charitable donation that conflicted with Paul's plans. *Wait to See: Dillon and Maxie recognize an important anniversary.*

THE YOUNG AND THE RESTLESS Ashley asked Adam what Victor was holding over him. Lily hoped that she and Cane could mend fences. Marisa tried to seduce Luca in order to get more information about their daughter. Meanwhile, Noah asks Kevin to help him find dirt on Luca. Nick pleaded with Sage not to push him away. Dylan asks for Paul's help getting Sharon an early Christmas present. Adam told Chelsea that working with Victor allowed him to protect Jack. Sharon told Dr. Anderson that feared she was going to lose her baby. Ashley promised Adam she would keep his secret. Paul was proud of Dylan's devotion to family. Devon lashed out at Cane for making Lily cry. Ashley tried to make a deal with Victor that would end the feud between Jabot and Newman Enterprises. *Wait to See: Stitch is forced to tell Abby about his feelings for her mother.*

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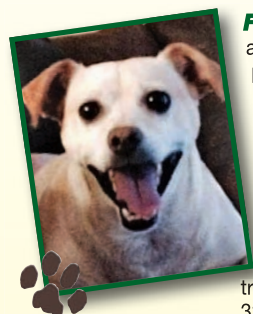
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Commentary...

Climateers

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minutes each to address the attendees. Obama went over... 4 minutes, 5, 6, then 7. After eight minutes a series of three clearly defined wrap-it-up tones sounded in 30 second intervals. There were five or six sets of tones. Obama simply ignored them. He finally wrapped up the shroud of deception after 13 minutes. It is just another example of how he deems himself and his family above the law and exempt from any parameters or restrictions with which he disagrees.

We've been force-fed nonsense about global warming since the early 1980's. The term morphed into a more trendy "climate change" a few years ago when the intellectually honest realized we weren't actually warming.

Popular magazines in the 70's routinely discussed the impending cooling of the planet, as did prominent newscasters. Defenders now say, "Yeah, but they were not scientists." Where was all this information coming from? Was it conjecture? Surely they didn't do that in the 70s, too!

NASA's satellite instrument launch in 1979 was perfect timing for global warming alarmists as it ushered the end of a brief 30-year cooling trend. In spite of some modest receding of polar ice between 2005 and 2012, polar ice has dramatically rebounded and has now surpassed the 1979 average.

NASA's data from May 2015 shows that polar sea ice is almost 5% above the levels in 1979 - which were at almost historic highs



anyway.

Overall world climate hasn't changed significantly in well over fifteen years. In fact, many unbiased researchers not subjected to grants and federal funds for their livelihood actually notice a tendency toward planetary cooling, but we don't hear about that. It conflicts with the prevailing narrative and the socialist's drive toward global income redistribution.

Leaders of third world countries are nodding their heads in agreement at the Paris summit.

Other countries and our national media are worried about U.S. energy consumption levels and what kind of energy we do consume. They conveniently ignore the U.S. economic costs and job losses.

The third world isn't about to let a financial windfall get away. That's because there is a \$100 billion in play, offered by the world's successful economies. Plus they all get the nice two-week sightseeing trip on taxpayer tabs to say they and the other leaders are accomplishing something worthwhile.

The only people who are serious about reducing carbon emissions are the guilt-ridden, rich white American and European

liberals using dubious science, a complicit media, and your money to help even the economic table and alleviate their guilt. Those "developing" countries are quite happy to take advantage of that guilt and your money as they also ignore the alleged problem.

According to Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research and Ecofys Consultancy, a renowned firm in renewable energy, carbon efficiency, and energy and climate policy, literally thousands of coal-fired power plants are currently under construction or being planned around the world, most of them are in China and India. Sure, they will go along with change, but don't want to be among the economically-limited, since they like to be classified as "emerging economies."

Japan has also decided to look back at coal since the nuclear disaster at Fukushima. They have five plants under construction and 40 more on the engineer's table.

So many become willing participants in this lie, not because they necessarily believe any of it, but because there's a pay-off.

The world's carbon dioxide emissions since 1990 constitute more than one-third of all human CO2 emissions since the dawn of the Industrial Revolution over 150 years ago. However, there has been no significant rise in global temperatures measured by satellite for more than 18 years.

If human-caused emissions of CO2 elevate temperatures, we should have seen elevated temperatures from human caused CO2 emissions in the past two decades. There is none.

That may be because

carbon dioxide emissions from coal and oil hit a 27-year low in April 2015, according to the U.S. Energy Information Administration. In addition, a just-completed study by the American Petroleum Institute shows that the U.S. oil and gas industry has spent \$90 billion of its own money on emissions control technology in the last 15 years.

Yet, this administration continues its crackdown on oil and coal, including the elimination of eight TVA coal-fired power plants in the last two years. This has cost us over 100 Shoals jobs at the Colbert Steam Plant alone.

All we hear about from Paris is how impressive our President is and how conference participants are demanding radical reductions in carbon emissions.

We haven't even touched on the domestic cronyism, corporate favoritism, Chicago-style deal making or bogus 501(c)(3)s that this administration has foisted on American taxpayers.

The now bankrupt Solyndra also comes to mind quickly. The one-time poster child for everything clean and green blew through our \$535 million in taxpayer subsidies awfully fast.

Thankfully, fewer and fewer taxpayers are buying this climate change crap.

Now we are hearing calls for prosecution of 'climate change deniers.' That would be a monumentally step.

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Contracts and Curtains

Over the Thanksgiving holiday, a colleague of mine had a conversation about real estate with an irate family member. The family member, whom I'll call Jane, was getting ready to close on the sale of her own house and the purchase of her new house. Everything was wonderful until she realized that she was expected to leave her window treatments. This should not have come as a surprise, but it did. You see, in the excitement of getting an acceptable offer on her home, she neglected to read the contract. Curtains might seem like a really small issue to you, because they do to me. But Jane really loved her curtains and insisted that they could not be replaced. In the heat of the moment, she even considered backing out of the contract!

Jane lives in another state, and the curtains were added to the contract in an area for additional provisions called "Including the following". There's even a box to check. In Alabama, a standard real estate contract includes (and states specifically that it includes): "heating and cooling system, doorbells, mantels, mailboxes, fire screens, water heaters, plumbing fixtures, light fixtures, ceiling fans, wall-to-wall carpeting, built-in appliances, fences, outbuildings, trees, shrubbery, window coverings (I interpret this to mean shades, blinds, AND/OR curtains), and window hardware, if any, on the premises at the execution of this contract". There is then an area with boxes marked "Including" and "Except" and lines on which to write additional provisions. If Jane had read her contract, she would have seen her window coverings in that area, and could have informed her Realtor that she did not agree. It would have become a point of negotiation, but more than likely the buyer would have gone ahead with the purchase. However, since the contract was signed, the curtains went with the house.

Now, there is a possibility that Jane could offer a gift card in place of the curtains. If the buyer is not as in love with Jane's curtains as she is, the buyer might accept. You might argue that Jane would be paying for her own curtains again. The buyer would argue that the curtains were theirs, per the contract. All of this about curtains is just to point out the importance of reading contracts completely before signing. If you have any questions, ask your Realtor. They'll be happy to clear up any potential confusion before the contract is finalized. *mr*

Please feel free to send your questions. Rest assured I will only use your first name when I answer your questions. Email to: questions@mikerandallhomes.com or mail to:

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An earlier tribute to Coach Joe Grant in this column in 2007, contained some of the following comments from some of his former players and acquaintances. All-American running back Terry Haddock: "Coach Grant was the ultimate player's coach." "He loved and cared for everyone of his players and kept in close contact with many of them until he died."

All-State running back Bill Hunt who played on Coffee's 1964 State Championship team: "coach was like a father figure to his players." "He had a calm demeanor about him and was always very organized and detailed." Jody Terrell said: "He was a great motivator in his own quiet way." "He was a class act."

Ikey Fowler never

played for Coach Grant but remembers cherishing his friendship through the years. Fowler said: "I always had great respect for Coach Grant and actually modeled a lot of my coaching philosophies after following his career." Hall of Fame Coach Buddy Moore, who succeeded Grant as head coach at Coffee, faced him many times while head coach at Deshler said: "You had really done something when you beat a Joe Grant coached team."

One of my most cherished memories in my association with Coach Grant was on the way to broadcasting a UNA home game, he would ask me to stop by Stagg's restaurant and bring him his favorite sandwich. Many attributes have been attributed to Coach Grant: coach, organizer, mentor, principal, sportsman, gentleman and first class.

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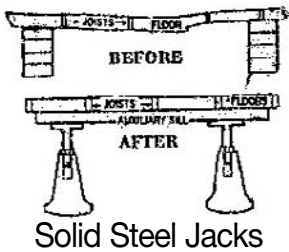
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Open Mic Gospel Singing - Friday, December 11 at 7pm at Piney Grove Church, Waterloo, located off Hwy 20 near AL-TN state line. For info call Pastor Robert Gilchrist, 256-766-1534. Everyone welcome.

"It's a Dickens Christmas, Y'all" will be celebrated in Tusculumbia on December 11-12. The Dickens Feast (advance tickets required) takes place at the Roundhouse of the Tusculumbia RR Depot at 7pm on Friday, December 11. The Dickens Christmas Festival (free) will be held on the streets of downtown Tusculumbia on Saturday, December 12, 10am - 5pm. Event includes Dickens characters and carolers, with entertainment throughout the day. Expect snow, carriage rides, trolley tours, arts & crafts and food vendors, Victorian dancers, and more special events, including new surprises. Sponsored by Tusculumbia Retail Development, Inc. For info: 256-383-9797 or 256-383-0783.

Second Annual 2015 Green Hill Christmas Parade - December 12, line up 1pm, start time 1:30pm, same route as the Rogers Homecoming Parade. Donations will be for High School Band, Green Hill Fire Department, Green Hill Neighborhood Watch (sponsor's choice). Float fee: \$10, Antique cars: \$5. If you would like to be in this parade, please contact Ricky Johnson at 256-762-7058. Sponsors are welcome to put floats in. Everyone is welcome to be in this parade, even if you can't pay a fee. This fee is to help our community.

Annual Education and Scholarship Brunch sponsored by Kappa Phi Chapter, Chi Eta Phi Sorority, Inc. Professional Nursing Organization, Saturday, December 12, 11am-12:30pm at Mt. Carmel MB Church, South Mulberry St., Tusculumbia. Guest speaker, Attorney Ouida Brown, topic "Legal Issues and the Minority Community". Donation \$10 per person.

The Tennessee Valley Strummers will return to the Florence/Lauderdale Visitor Center for a special dulcimer music program featuring holiday favorites. The program will be held in the Gallery on Saturday, December 12, from 1-3pm. Featured selections during the program will include: "Hark the Herald Angels," "Blue Christmas," "O Come All Ye Faithful," "Silent Night" and "Appalachian Carol." The dulcimer, which means "sweet sound," is a four-stringed instrument developed in the 1700s in the southern Appalachian Mountains. The featured players use a tablature system of playing, based on fret numbers, which enables them to play with others - even if they have never met before.

Visitors are encouraged to come out and listen to the music, enjoy refreshments and tour the Visitor Center. Admission is free. For more information call the Florence/Lauderdale Tourism Office at 256-740-4141.

A Night with the XXXtremes (a third course), Saturday, December 12 at Shoals Theatre, Florence with 2 shows, 2pm and 6:30pm. Tickets \$15. Special guest appearances by KOK Teachers and LHS Coaches.

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The Natchez Trace Parkway presents "The Ball of Christmas Past" in conjunction with TRD's "It's a Dicken's Christmas Y'all" Saturday, December 12, 7-10:30pm at the Historic Winston Home, Tusculumbia. Featuring: Live music, Country English dancing, light refreshments and holiday decorations. Advance tickets are \$15 each or \$25 per couple available at OH! Bryan's, Downtown Tusculumbia. \$5 surcharge per ticket at the door.

Mt. New Home M. B. Church, Leighton will be Celebrating its 145th Church Anniversary & Homecoming, December 13. Speaker of the 11am service is the Rev. Cornell Martin, Pastor of Tabernacle M. B. Church, Pulaski, TN. Speaker of the 2pm service is the Rev. Chris Mayes Pastor of Sand Creek Chapel M. B. Church Starkeville, MS.

The Underwood/Petersville Neighborhood watch is holding their meeting December 13 at 2pm at the Underwood/Petersville Community Center. We will be having a short meeting and a December pot luck get together. Please come join us bring a dish to pass and get to know your neighbors as well as learn how you can help keep our community a safer place for all. For any questions or more info, please email suebeehoney2015@outlook.com

Cloverdale RSVP Luncheon will be Tuesday, December 15 at 11:30am. Bingo will follow lunch. Merry Christmas Everyone!

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Cosy Christmas Mingle for the Homeless - December 15, 5-7pm, two locations: Cliff Haven Church, 1601 Andrews Avenue, Sheffield and 224 E. Mobile Street, Florence.

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Christmas Party for All Kids - Saturday, December 19, 3-5pm at St. Joseph Civic Center, St. Joseph, TN. Admission is 10 can goods per family. Live Christmas music by The Cadillacs. There will be Chicken Stew you can purchase by the bowl or gallon.

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<h2>DAIRY SPECIALS</h2>		<h2>FROZEN FOODS</h2>	
<p>SHUR FINE CREAM CHEESE</p>  <p>8 OZ. PKG. 4/\$5</p>	<p>SUNNYLAND MARGARINE SPREAD</p>  <p>45 OZ. TUB \$1.69</p>	<p>MAYFIELD ICE CREAM SANDWICHES</p>  <p>6 CT. BOX 3/\$5</p>	<p>MCKENZIE'S CREAMED CORN</p>  <p>20 OZ. CHUB 99¢</p>
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