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The Courier Journal office will be closed Christmas Eve Friday, December 24 and New Year's Eve - Friday, December 31. Press availability around the holiday season will require early deadlines as well.

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Cancer Center Opens

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FLORENCE—North Alabama Medical Center celebrated the third anniversary of its new facility on Veterans Drive last week as a backdrop to the open house and ribbon cutting ceremony for its new Radiation Oncology and Medical Oncology Services in the North Alabama Cancer Center facility.

After the brief morning ceremony, officials and guests were invited to tour the \$15 million facility that houses some of the industry's latest technology. Hospital staff

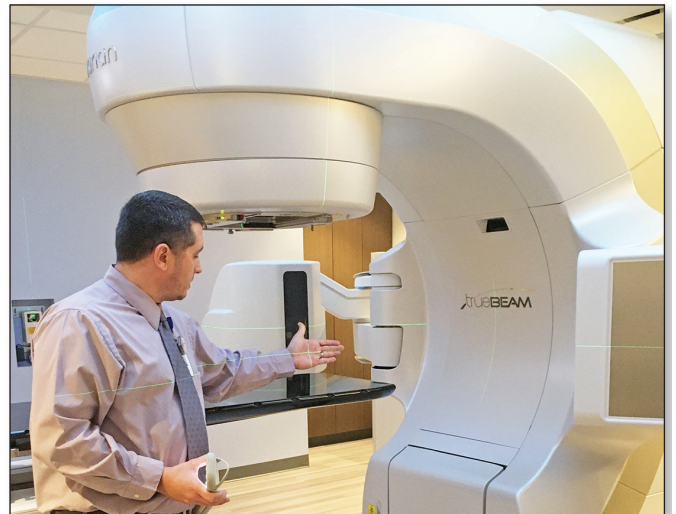
showed guests from room to room, highlighting the center's latest technology, including full-spectrum radiotherapy, a molecular lab, infusion center, chemotherapy treatment center, and onsite pharmacy services.

"We are committed to giving our patients their best chance at remission, recovery, and long-term quality of life," said Stephen McNutt, North Alabama Cancer Center Director.



McNutt

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Chief Therapist, Josh Purser, demonstrates the laser on the Varian TrueBeam Linear Accelerator. Staff photo: TVM

Two Named at NW-SCC

MUSCLE SHOALS -- Two students from Northwest-Shoals Community College were among 56 in the state to be awarded a \$3,600 scholarship to study in automotive manufacturing programs

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McLendon
Staff photos: TVM

Cut Out for the Coast

FLORENCE – The idea came from a woodworking ad that he saw in a magazine. The inspiration was easy; his wife's love for the beach and the ocean. That small ad that Jody McLendon saw in the late 1980's really made an impression on him, resulting in a passion that

he enjoys to this day. "I was flipping through a magazine that had some patterns in it. They caught my attention, so I decided to order some patterns and got started in it. I've been doing it for longer than 30 years.

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Can you see the mermaid?



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Two Named at NW-SCC

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at Alabama's community colleges.

The scholarships are a result of the partnership between the Alabama Automotive Manufacturers Association and the Alabama Community College System. The scholarship

program was designed to build interest in the exciting and rewarding careers in what the automotive industry offers.

Lucas Isbell of Muscle Shoals and Payton Scott of Belgreen are both Industrial Maintenance Majors. Both will have scholarships to pursue a technical education

certificate or associate degree at NW-SCC.



Scott

Each student was required to have at least a 2.5 GPA and to submit an essay on why he or she wants to work in Alabama's automotive industry, a transcript, and a reference letter. The scholarship covers up to \$3,600 (\$1,800 for two semesters) of tuition, fees, and books.

\$2,000 Check from Civitans

FLORENCE- The Tuscumbia Civitan Club recently presented a \$2,000 donation to Shoals Sav-A-Life Executive Director Beth Grisham at the Sav-A-Life office in Florence.

Several members of the Shoals community

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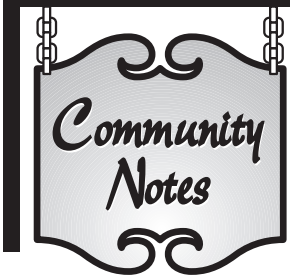
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- Email to editor@courierjournal.net;
- Look for "Submit News" on our website at www.courierjournal.net.
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All properly submitted Community Notes which are dated will be posted weekly at www.courierjournal.net. We do our best, however, there is no guarantee that this free information will be published each week in the paper. Visit our website for a complete list of community notes. If your item MUST appear in the paper a certain week, we suggest you also place a paid ad by calling 256-764-4268. That way it will be in at least one area of the paper. When your community note is published, your event will have coverage in two different locations.

The Christmas at the Ritz Movie Series through December 17 at the Ritz Theatre, 111 W 3rd St, in Sheffield. Enjoy a different holiday film each night. Each show starts at 7pm. Tickets available in advance - online or at the museum, or get tickets at the door for \$10 each or \$25 for the Week-Long Movie Pass. tennesseevalleyarts.org/product/christmas-movies-at-the-ritz Info: 256-383-0533 or tennesseevalleyarts.org

Movie Schedule: Tuesday, Dec. 14: National Lampoon's "Christmas Vacation", Wednesday, Dec. 15: "The Muppet Christmas Carol", Thursday, Dec. 16: "A Christmas Story", Friday, Dec. 17: "Elf"

The Colbert County Conservation of Soil And Water will hold its monthly board meeting Thursday, December 16 at 8am at Two Fat Sister's Restaurant, 1606 US 72, Tusculmbia. All are welcome to attend. Dutch Treat if you choose to eat breakfast. Any questions or comments, please call: Brooke Pate 256-383-4323 EXT# 3

Monthly Book Club Discussions at the Florence Lauderdale Public Library 350 N. Wood Ave. Florence. For more info contact: 256-764-6564 ext.136 or katie@fpl.org. Thursday, December 16, 5:30pm - "Christmas in Peachtree Bluff" by Kristy Woodson Harvey

A special performance by Paul Thorn benefiting Jeffery Charles Eubanks Endowment Fund UNA Foundation on Friday, December 17 at Marriott Shoals Conference Center. Doors open 6pm, silent auction and show at 8pm. General admission \$25, VIP tables \$500. Tickets at <https://paulthornmarriottshoals.eventbrite.com>. Sponsored by Shoals Primary Care, UNA, and the Marriott Shoals.

The Last Food Distribution for 2021 is Saturday, December 18 at the Help Center in Florence. The schedule is from 8:30-10am. Starting in January 2022, the Help Center will continue with its food distribution program on the 3rd SATURDAY of each month from 8:30-10am.

The Helen Keller Library will host a book presentation and signing for internationally-sold Florence author, Charles E. Cabler from 10am-noon on Saturday, December 18. Cabler will be discussing his recently published book, "Overhead Espionage-A Historical Snapshot of US Aerial Reconnaissance" in the library's community room.

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The Batting Brigade Quilt Guild meets every 2nd Monday at 9:30am at Edgemont Methodist Church, 1330 Eauclaire Ave in Florence. Everyone interested in Quilting is welcome - from beginners to expert

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Shoals Sav-A-Life offers women and families facing an unplanned pregnancy somewhere to turn for help and education and to hear the message that every life is sacred and designed by God with a purpose and a plan in mind.

Sav-A-Life is located at 2201 Cloyd Boulevard. It offers free pregnancy tests, ultrasound services, confidential peer counseling, options for clients - including parenting and adoption, and factual information



Beth Grisham, Executive Director of Shoals Sav-A-Life, left, with Tuscumbia Civitan, Mary Baschab Haslacker. *Courtesy photo*

about abortion and the side effects on both mother and child.

The Tuscumbia Civitans meet Thursdays at noon at the Helen Keller Library Annex. Civitan President, **Fred Joly**, said, "Civitan Club members are always looking to help worthwhile causes. If you want to have a good time doing good with good people, contact us or come to one of our meetings."

UNA's ChemE Car Team 3rd

FLORENCE – The ChemE Car team from the University of North Alabama has placed third in the National ChemE Car Competition that took place recently in Boston. The team bested groups from much larger institutions from the southeast and the nation.

"UNA's ChemE Car team achieved great success at the National Competition this year," said **Dr. Heejoon Park**, the ChemE car team advisor as well as an assistant professor in Engineering and Technology. "We are extremely happy to continue our department's legacy of excellence in the national-level competition."

"For the project, the students learned how to build efficient teamwork, involving effective division of work and communication," he said. I am sure this experience

will be valuable for them in their careers and in their futures."

ChemE car team members are:

- **Jasmine Tharpe**, senior, ChET option BSET major;
- **Jacob Scott**, senior, ChET option CSET major;
- **Tyler Canady**, senior, ChET option BSET major;
- **Tingyi Wei**, team captain and senior, E-M option CSET major; and
- **Timothy Street**, computer science major

This is the third time UNA has placed third in the nation, having done so previously in 2017 and 2019.

"We are immensely proud of the students and faculty who have participated in the ChemE car development and competitions," said **Dr. Sara Lynn Baird**, Dean of the College. "They have achieved sustained excellence in these competitions since the inception of our Engineering Technology degree programs.

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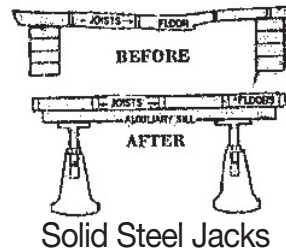
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Heavy Rain - If you're in a rainstorm, avoid slamming on the brakes or abruptly correcting your steering. If your vehicle begins hydroplaning, ease off the gas pedal and steer straight until you regain control.

Dense Fog - Heavy fog makes it harder for you to see your surroundings and for others to see you. Here are some steps to keep you safe.

- Use your fog lights if your vehicle has them. Fog lights help illuminate the road and make you more visible to other drivers.
- Keep headlights on low beam (high-beams just reflect off the fog and don't illuminate the road ahead).
- Hug the right edge of the road.
- If you need to pull over, move far away from traffic and turn off your lights: Other drivers might see taillights and think you're in the traffic lane, which can lead to them going off the road.

Icy Conditions - When the roads are icy you need to avoid making sharp turns or corrections, and avoid slamming on the brakes, which could cause skidding. Drive steadily up a hill but avoid going too fast; that could cause you to swerve.

Snowy Weather or on Snow-Covered Roads - When the streets have snow on them, you won't be able to stop or maneuver as quickly. When you see snow on the roads here are some steps to take.

- Don't pass snowplows or sanding trucks - they are likely trying to clear the road ahead.
- Approach intersections slowly, and brake gently to avoid skidding. If you slide, turn your steering wheel in the direction your vehicle is sliding.
- Avoid using cruise control.
- Drive slower than usual, and double the usual distance between your vehicle and the one in front of you to about eight seconds and decrease your speed by five to 10 miles per hour.
- Avoid the impulse to firmly push the brake pedal. Instead, ease off the accelerator, slowly tap the brakes to slow momentum and eventually come to a complete stop.

Black Ice - When snow melts during a warm winter day but freezes again overnight, something termed black ice can form. It's not actually black - just a very thin, shiny-looking sheet of ice that's often difficult to detect. Drive at slower-than-posted speeds and increase your following distance.

Gusty Winds - As cold fronts move in, winds often pick up speed. High winds or strong gusts can affect how your vehicle handles, even if you're driving at normal speeds. Especially after a snowfall, blustery conditions can result in fallen branches, poor visibility and downed power lines. In gusty conditions, you should slow down so it's easier to brake and handle your car.

Nearby Drivers Losing Control - Slow down and put as much distance as possible between your vehicle and other vehicles, in case you spin out or someone else loses control. If your vehicle begins to skid, do not overcorrect. Keep your foot off the brake and steer into the direction of the skid until you regain control of the vehicle. If you can, pull off to a rest stop or other parking area until you can make a better judgment about the condition of the roads.

Icy Windshields - Be sure your defrost system is fully functional. While your vehicle is parked but running, manually scrape the ice from your windshield; repeat as necessary.

Drifting Snow - Getting off the road until conditions improve should be your first goal. Until you can do that, turn your headlights on low, which will increase your visibility to others, and try to follow in other drivers' tracks. If possible, pull over safely or exit, turn your hazards on and wait to resume your drive until the wind and snow decrease.

Stay Smart - If you feel that you can't safely drive any further, pull off the road out of traffic.



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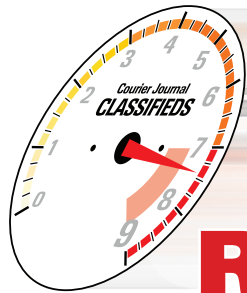
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"Alongside our team of providers, North Alabama Cancer Center is packed with the latest, newest, most advanced technology you can purchase," said Russell Pigg, CEO of North Alabama Medical Center. "The fact that residents in our community and surrounding areas will no longer have to drive for excellent cancer care is something to be



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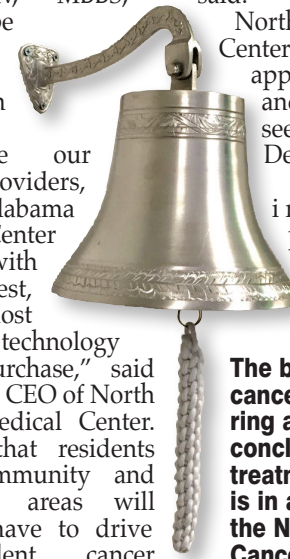
celebrated." Long time ECM and NAMC nurse, Hollie Smith, is happy to know that cancer patients no longer have to leave the Shoals to receive radiation treatment.

When Smith, a 13-year nurse and breast cancer survivor, was in her own battle in late 2018, that wasn't the case.

"I was one of the 565 surgeries performed here that first month in our new building, but I had to leave Florence for my radiation treatment following the surgery," Smith

North Alabama Cancer Center is accepting appointments now and will begin seeing patients on December 14.

For more information, please call 256-629-4800.



The bell that cancer patients ring at the conclusion of their treatment schedule is in a main hall of the North Alabama Cancer Center.

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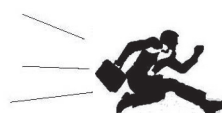
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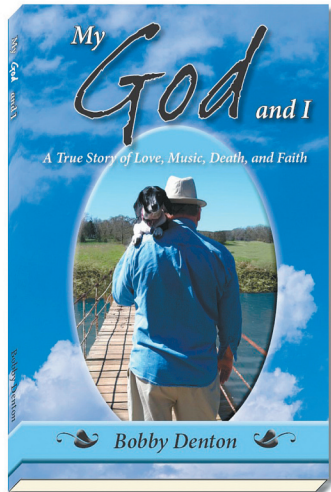
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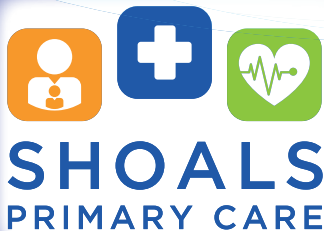
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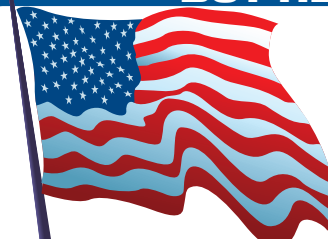
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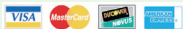
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Woodwork...

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"I've made a lot of stuff." McLendon's now deceased wife had an affinity for the coastline, so that was a major focus of his early work. The maritime emphasis just expanded from there. "My late wife, Connie, was a fan of lighthouses, so I decided to build her an ocean-themed bed with lighthouses at the end of the footboard and ocean scenes in between."

Nautical elements of fish, cliffs, vessels, rope, and posts, are also among those depicted on his bed.

"The bed itself took

seven months working three days-a-week and about 12 hours a day. I carved all the bricks in that lighthouse bed post."

In addition to the extensive carving work, McLendon adapted a lot of images to the shelving and cabinets.

"Some of the work, especially ships, sea life, plant life, that's done with a scroll saw, McLendon added. "I have to drill a hole in each cut slot, slip the blade through there and attach it, then cut the shape out. I adapted the doors, the captain's wheel, seagulls, sailboats, and the image



of a mermaid."

McLendon drew many of the scenes himself on the wood before cutting it out and gluing it to the wood furniture.

The nautical motif is smartly accented in the bedroom with some large framed pictures from local stores like Hobby Lobby.

He adapted the nautical designs to some other

furniture as well.

McLendon has also created detailed wood sconces, tables, shadow boxes with nature scenes, decorative shelves, two elaborate clocks, plant and flower pot holders, spice racks, prayer chapels, and much more. Some of the themes include nature, western, and native-American.

In addition, McLendon built some display cases for displaying eye glasses (his vocation). He collected some antique pairs of eye glasses along the way that he also now displays.

The semi-retired local businessman doesn't do the work commercially, just for family and a few friends. It is a gratifying avocation that offers plenty of time for thought and helps soften some edges.

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McLendon said he has a few other ideas in mind as well. There's no time to be in the doldrums around

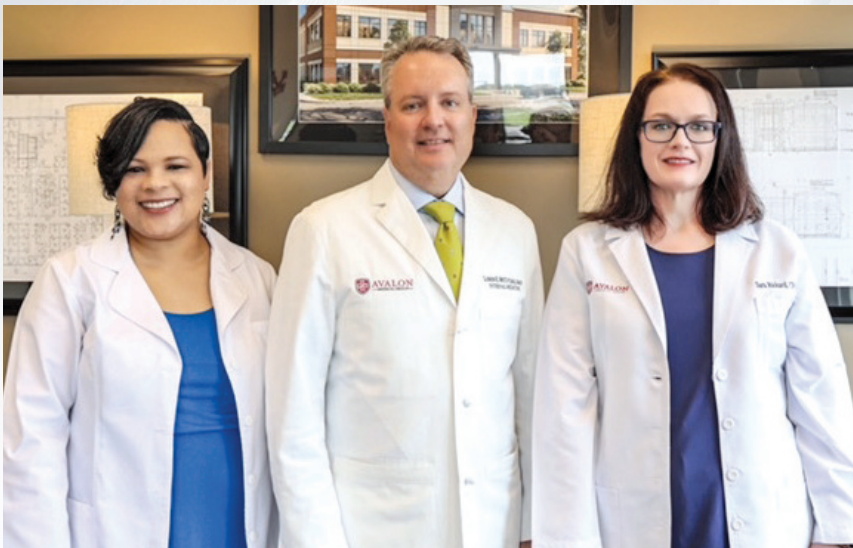
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by Cathy Turner

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That's about the time we approached the airport, in the midst of the crazy! Our daughter, Lora, had called me the day before, "Mom, let's have a spend-the-night party in New York City, so I can see Garrett on stage!" Since her schedule had been so full, our oldest had not yet seen her brother on Broadway. "Please, Mom, I haven't been able to talk with you in a while either!!!" So, yes. When we arrived at the airport everything was at a standstill. In our car, we re-booked the flight we missed while we were stuck a quarter mile from Economy Parking. Finally, we got into the only creeping lane. It was headed to International Parking. We parked, hustled through to the other side of the airport and got our tickets. We went to Security and started backtracking to find that the end of the line twisted through the atrium, around the food, almost back to the other side of ticketing. We had an hour to make it through a 2-hour Security line. People were crying in the line, because they were going to miss weddings and funerals. Everyone in our family was texting that they were praying over us. We decided to stay in line. Half an hour later, the line started moving first in clumps then with speed. Then the crowd parted, like the Red Sea. They had brought in extra workers and opened up another 15 lines of Security. By the time we got through Security, our plane should

have boarded, but if they were late by 5 minutes, then...maybe we could make it. On the train from Concourse A to C, I told Lora that if we got separated, not to worry about me, just get to the plane. She said that she couldn't leave me. I told her that she could get there and hold the plane. "Hold the plane," she said. Her eyes lit up. She did that little Ali bounce step - "I. Can. Hold the plane!" She bent down and tied her shoe. People around us cheered her on! When the door opened, she shot out of that train! I followed her, running up a mountainous escalator dodging people! At the top when I put my hands on my knees, I lost sight

of that Emory basketball player running an airport suicide. I went fast as fast as I could...Gate 30, 34, 37, 42, 45, 47...then I could see her waving me on! Gate 50! We made it on the plane - sweaty and with lungs burning! I made that stewardess give me a cookie and some orange juice.

The Uber driver was on our side, too. He made a 35 minute trip in 25 minutes. We made it to the theater at 8:03! When Garrett walked out on that stage, Lora wept. Sobbed, really. What we had been through to get there - Rudolph, Templeton, Lumiere, Atlanta, London, Connecticut, NYC, Baltimore, Miami, Sarasota, etc. - and that airport! Let me say it again - families, support each other! Say yes! It's worth it. What a beautiful afterparty/spend-the-night party we had. I turned my light out at 3am! Blessed!

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Commentary

Break from Tyranny: Brief or Permanent?

R Stan Baker, a U.S. District Court Judge in Augusta, GA, issued a nationwide stay last week barring President Joe Biden's administration from enforcing a COVID-19 vaccine mandate for employees of federal contractors.

In A Few Words



TOM MAGAZZU
Editor

The order came in response to a lawsuit from several contractors and a nationwide trade group, Associated Builders and Contractors Inc., and seven states - including Alabama. It is among several other court-mandated suspensions, that will ultimately get decided by the Supreme Court.

Baker, a Trump appointee, wrote, "The Court acknowledges the tragic toll that the COVID-19 pandemic has wrought throughout the nation and the globe. However, even in times of crisis this Court must preserve the rule of law and ensure that all branches of government act within the bounds of their constitutionally granted authorities."

Not surprisingly, White House spokeswoman, Jen Psaki, said the Justice Department (the Administration) will continue to defend the mandate.

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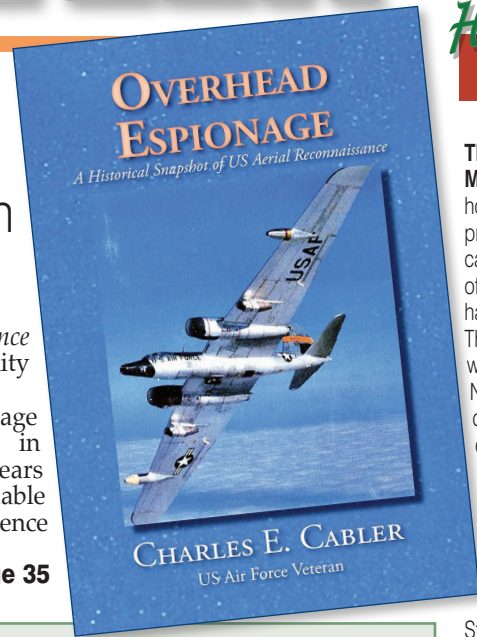
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TUSCUMBIA-The Helen Keller Library will host a book presentation and signing for internationally-sold Florence author, Charles E. Cabler from 10am-noon on Saturday, December 18, Cabler will be discussing his recently published book, *Overhead Espionage-A Historical Snapshot*

of US Aerial Reconnaissance in the library's community room.

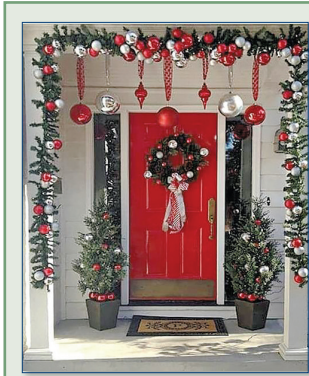
Overhead espionage as it was referred to in this developmental years has been an invaluable part of US intelligence

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THE FLORENCE INDIAN MOUND MUSEUM is hosting a series of children's programs where students can explore the early history of the Shoals through hands-on learning exercises. The programs will cover a wide range of topics within Native American history and culture and are aimed at an elementary age group. Each program will have a creative component with hands-on learning. All events are free. The Storytelling program will take place Saturday, December 18 at 10am.

Students will learn about the importance of storytelling and work on a storyboard that will be left at the Museum. Students will then work to create a character from a story to take home with them. Visit www.florencealmuseums.com/young-learners to sign up. The Florence Indian Mound Museum is located at 1028 S. Court St. in Florence. Call 256-760-6427 for more information.



It's a Porch Parade

TUSCUMBIA-The community's first-ever Parade of Holiday Porches is underway in historic downtown Tuscumbia. The driving tour of the porches will have been established and maps will be available for people to view the garlands, Christmas trees, and bright lights of homes in the town's historic district. Approximately 50 porches of Tuscumbia's downtown residential area will be festively decorated in a "parade" route is free to

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Blake Did Not Die

Editor:

I want to let you know about a mistake in your December 1 editorial, although I don't think it's your fault. It's yet another example of the lies the media keeps telling us. You stated that the police shot and killed Jacob Blake on August 23, 2020.

On a radio talk show recently, I heard a couple of clips of people in the media reporting this. Then the host informed us that Jacob Blake IS NOT DEAD.

I looked online to verify this. I learned that he was shot seven times in the back and left paralyzed from the waist down. One article from a few

..The ones who have out-lived their usefulness are three names that I want to add to your list that you requested...



weeks ago said that he is learning to walk again. So he was very seriously injured, but he was not killed.

Teresa Michael
Florence

Identify the Nonsense

Editor:

This letter is in response to Linda Johnson's accusations (*December 1 - Just Plain Nonsense*) about my letter to the editor dated November 17 concerning *His Precious Project*, a title chosen by the editor.

It would be nice if Ms. Johnson would be more specific about what she calls "nonsense." Otherwise, what she says may equally apply to the letters she writes and to a lot of stuff written by the Associated Press. It may be that we are using different sources of information, but to accuse

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Major James Greg Kimbrough, a retired USAF pilot with the 9th Strategic Reconnaissance Wing will join Cabler as his special guest. Tuscumbia is Kimbrough's hometown, and he is a 1984 graduate of Deshler High School. He will discuss what it was like to pilot the legendary CIA/USAF U-2 spy plane during Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan. Everyone is welcome to attend this event.

The Shoals Writers Guild has finalized the remainder of its 2021 Schedule. Update your calendars.

All meetings at Florence-Lauderdale Public Library, 350 N. Wood Avenue, Florence unless otherwise indicated.

Saturday December 18 10am-noon, Speaker: Author Bradley Sides, Event: Christmas Social

For more information, please email, shoalswritersguild@gmail.com

The Winter Art Market at Tennessee Valley Museum of Art in Tuscumbia is scheduled for November 27-December 23. Find the perfect gifts for your loved ones from 35+ local and regional fine

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Shoals Tinsel Trail, December 3-January 3 at Alabama Music Hall of Fame, 617 US Hwy 72W, Tuscumbia. Local businesses and organizations decorate trees in an array of themes. Be sure to vote for your favorite. The best overall tree will have their charity of choice as the recipient of the proceeds. This is a wonderful free family event! Information: www.ShoalsTinselTrail.com

Colbert County Baseball Umpires Association will start meeting Wednesday, January 12 at Covenant Christian School gymnasium. We are looking for new members. All umpires will receive AHSAA training at weekly meetings. Meetings will be January 12, 19, 26 at 6:30pm. Beginning February 2, meetings will be at 5:30pm.

If you have any questions please call Lee Walker 256-483-2690 or Wayne Cobb 256-366-5221.

Lifesouth is in emergency need for blood donors, as the national blood shortage continues, and asks donors to help by donating blood during their Back to School Blood Drive. Blood donors who give blood at any LifeSouth donor center or bloodmobile through Sunday, August 8 will help summer blood shortages, save lives, and receive a \$20 e-gift card as a thank you for donating.

This year continues to be difficult for LifeSouth and blood centers across the country with the impact of the pandemic causing a decrease in blood donations, while the need to help patients in local hospitals continues to increase.

Regular blood donors who have not given recently and first-time donors can make a major impact by donating. One donation can save up to three lives.

Donate at the Center, 307 Veterans Drive, Florence. Schedule an appointment, 256-765-7038. www.lifesouth.org. The hours are: Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9am-5pm; Tuesday and Thursday 9am-7pm; Saturday 9am-3pm; Sunday 1-5pm.

To find a donor center or mobile blood drive near you, visit lifesouth.org or call 888-795-2707. Blood donors must be at least 17 or 16 with parental permission, weigh a minimum of 110 pounds and be in good health. A photo ID is required. LifeSouth donors receive a complementary cholesterol screening with each donation.

Where Did God Make a Mistake

Surely among the millions of fact-checkers among us, there is one that can prove that Almighty God has made one error somewhere. Remember last weeks article and what you are made of. Now the clay is telling the potter about His boobos. Don't you love the analogy? The Bible says: **Job 5:17a** "Behold, happy is the man whom God correcteth." And therein is the crux of the issue; man's pride can't stand correction and eventually that sin lands him in hell. The bible says about Christ: **Mark 7:37** "And were beyond measure astonished, saying, He hath done all things well: he maketh both the deaf to hear, and the dumb to speak." The bible says about God: **Titus 1:2** "In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began;" The bible says about man: **Psalms 116:11** "I said in my haste, All men are liars." If you want continued confusion in your life, just keep grabbing the "preferred" and "reliable" books that "contain the essentials." It's like poisonous air, it's lethal, even though it contained some essentials.

The holy Bible saves us, corrects us, rebukes us, guides us, strengthens us, feeds us and exhorts us, empowers us, teaches us after salvation how to live for God and allow the Lord through us to continue His work on earth during His absence. And it does. God says about His word: **Psalms 12:6** "The words of the LORD are pure words;" **Proverbs 30:5** "Every word of God is pure: he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him." **James 1:21** "Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls." **1 Peter 1:23** "Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever." **1 Peter 1:25** "But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you." God cannot lie or make mistakes. Folks avoid the truth because it cuts them deep and the truth never speaks well of them. YOU need to get saved.

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HELP YOUR NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS STICK

Dear Dave,
 I thought I was going to get control of my money and make a lot of other positive changes in my life this year, but very few of the things I wanted to accomplish happened. I started strong, and began with serious intentions, but somewhere along the way I lost focus. Can you give me some advice for making and sticking to my resolutions in 2022?
 Isaac

Dear Isaac,
 Lots of people make big promises with the best intentions on December 31st. It seems everyone comes up with a laundry list of New Year's resolutions, but research shows very few people actually achieve their goals.
 If you're ready — and I mean *really* ready — to reset your life and succeed with your New Year's resolutions, here are a few simple, proven steps that'll help.
 First, write down your top goal. Pick the resolution that means the most to you and *write it down*. You're more likely to succeed if you can focus on a single goal, and you have a greater chance of achieving it if you write it down — on paper, on purpose. And make sure the resolution you choose is very important to you. Writing down a goal just because it's what someone else is doing, or because it sounds like a good idea, isn't good enough. If your goal isn't yours, it won't happen.
 Second, set benchmarks. Let's say you want to pay off your credit cards before July. You need to make that goal measurable throughout the year by setting benchmarks. If you owe \$5,000 on your credit cards and want to pay them off in six months, you need to pay about \$833 towards them every month. Write your benchmark down beneath your goal, and make a plan for how you're going to get it done.
 Three, find an accountability partner. A great accountability partner isn't afraid to ask how your goals are coming along,

and they'll call you on it when you're slacking. If you set a financial goal, a good accountability partner isn't going to be the friend who always asks you to go shopping. Studies have shown that having a strong accountability partner increases the likelihood of achieving a goal dramatically.

And finally, make sure you reward yourself along the way. It's tough to stay motivated when hitting your goal takes a while. Lots of folks start out at full speed, only to see the momentum disappear over time. You might treat yourself to a night at the movies when you've paid off the first \$1,000 on your credit cards, or maybe a nice, new shirt when you've paid off half the card.

Sometimes life doesn't work out the way we think it will, Isaac. Our priorities can change, and our goals may change, too. If that's why you didn't make your resolutions happen this year, that's fine. Just don't make the mistake of thinking it's too late to change and improve your life!
 — Dave

Dave Ramsey is a seven-time #1 national best-selling author, personal finance expert, and host of "The Ramsey Show," heard by more than 20 million listeners each week. He has appeared on "Good Morning America," "CBS This Morning," "Today," Fox News, CNN, Fox Business, and more. Since 1992, Dave has helped people regain control of their money, build wealth and enhance their lives. He also serves as CEO for Ramsey Solutions.

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In 1837, Congress increased the number of Supreme Court Justices from 7 to 9. Senator McKinley was offered a Supreme Court appointment by President Van Buren. John McKinley owned 12 slaves in 1850.

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"What brings to mind a holiday welcome to family and friends more than a greeting at the front porch?" asked Parade of Holiday Porches organizer, Mark Orman. "The Parade of Holiday Porches is a new, fun, and exciting way to welcome folks to see how Tuscumbia celebrates Christmas. The festive porches interpret the most joyful time of the year."

The Christmas porch

parade is sponsored by the Colbert County Historical Landmarks Foundation and the Tuscumbia Historic Preservation Commission, with the support of Tuscumbia Retail Development and Colbert County Tourism. In holding this event, the groups hope to bring attention to the historic neighborhoods that were laid out as the original town of Cold Water. Boundaries of the town were at that

time designated by the Tuscumbia Commons, a strip of public land reserved for use by citizens for the common good. Therefore, the parade route is bounded by the streets of town that are part of the Commons.

Prizes have been offered for Best Traditional/Historic Theme, Best Dickens Theme; and an award for Most Original in Undesignated Theme. Watch for the winners to be announced.

Free maps and parade guides are available at Fiddledee D! 111 S. Main St., Tuscumbia; and at Colbert County Tourism, 719 U.S. Hwy. 72 West, Tuscumbia. For more information, call 256-383-0783, 256-383-9797, or 256-710-9081. Email: colberttourism@comcast.net.

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When I vacation in countries with the British legal system I don't go to the beach, I go to court. I love to watch English barristers. These people are Ladies and Gentlemen to a fault. Quite polite but deadly effective.

The judges are different also. American judges generally apply the law like an umpire calling balls and strikes. English judges "sum up" the evidence and tell the jury why they think a witness should or should not be believed. In America the credibility of a witness is a question for the jury.

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In the United States, lawyers who go to court to try cases are called "litigators" while in England those lawyers who try cases are barristers.

In England those lawyers who prepare documents are "solicitors" while in America they are known as corporate or transactional lawyers.

In England each has a different education. In America all lawyers have about the same education and any lawyer can go to court, although there are various state requirements for lawyers in criminal cases involving the death penalty.

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Letters...

Identify the Nonsense

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sources of information, but to accuse me of not doing the necessary research is beyond the dignity of this person unless she backs it up.

So, Linda, tell me what you don't agree with and maybe both of us can become more enlightened and better educated.

Better yet, as an alternative, you might want to write a letter laying out your facts and presenting your viewpoint.

Then, relax and have a cup of coffee.

Tom Jones
Florence

Keep the One's Who Help

Editor:

In response to Pete Lopez letter to the editor on December 8, (*Outlived Their Usefulness*), the Democrats have controlled the House, Senate, and the Presidency since January. They are not protecting the legal voters in the USA by trying to let Illegals vote in our country. They are not helping our economy by stopping the pipeline and killing thousands of jobs.

Why have they not submitted a budget to congress instead of trying to shut down the Government?

Joe Manchin needs to stay in Washington since he has blocked a lot of liberal bills that put us deeper in debt, and hurt our economy. Kyrsten Sinema, and Tommy Tuberville have not outlived their usefulness. It is their first term.

The ones who have outlived their usefulness are three names that I want to add to your list that you requested. Chuck Schumer 40 years, Nancy Pelosi 34 years, and Joe Biden 48 years. They are the three that shut down the pipeline and killed thousands of jobs.

They were for opening the southern border and stop building the wall. Look what kind of mess we have at the border now.

They voted for same sex marriage and said it is an alternate lifestyle. God says it is an abomination in Leviticus 18:22, Leviticus 20:13, First Corinthians 6:9, Romans 1:24, Romans 1:26, and Romans 1:27.

They voted for murdering unborn babies that God knew when they were formed in the womb Jeremiah 1:5, and Isaiah 44:2. Kevin McCarthy needs to stay in Washington since he voted for the Hyde Amendment to stop 300,000 abortions every year.

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Athletic SUPPORT

by Eli Cranor



Hard work not paying off

Dear Athletic Support: At what point should a coach stop working a team so hard and just let them have fun? I think my daughter's basketball team is there. They've only won one game so far this year, but the coach just keeps working them harder and harder. We've gone weeks where we've had extra practices in the morning. Sometimes, she even makes the girls come in on the

weekends. I get it: you must work hard if you're going to get any better, but we just keep working and we're not getting any better! We can barely get the basketball in bounds without tripping over the three-point line. In all these practices, I find it hard to believe this coach couldn't teach the girls something as simple as an inbounds play. Recently, the coach has started demeaning the girls from the bench during games. It's obvious she's

just as worn out as they are (she is working really hard and putting in long hours too), but I just can't stomach her speaking down to my daughter. I really wish she'd cut practices short, send everyone home early, and try to make the best out of a bad situation.
— Time To Give Up?

Eli Cranor is a former professional quarterback and coach turned award-winning author of the BOOKS MAKE BRAINZ TASTE BAD series. Send questions for "Athletic Support" to eli.cranor@gmail.com or use the contact page on elicranor.com.

Dear Time: This question hits very close to home for me. My first season as a head football coach we didn't win a single game. 0-10. And let me tell you, it was tough. During that season, I did exactly what your daughter's coach is doing. I pushed harder, hoping that the extra work would pay off and we'd miraculously win a game somewhere down the line.

We didn't. We never even came close. Most every game was a blowout. But I just kept pushing. I'm afraid that was a mistake. The better thing to do would've been to cut practices short and try to make football as fun as possible until the end of the season.

The reason I didn't, though, was because it felt too much like giving up. I thought that if I stopped asking the boys to practice late, run the extra wind sprints, and come in on Sundays—they'd see right through me. They'd know that I'd quit on the season. That I'd quit on them.

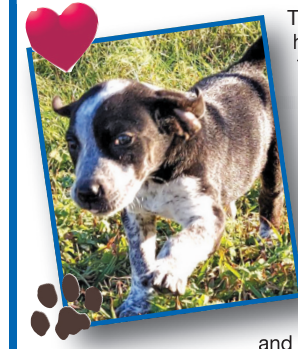
So I stuck it out, and yes, it was painful. The next year, we only won one game, but we were competitive in almost all of them. During that second year, I never even questioned whether I should've been working the kids so hard. They wanted it. They could feel that we were getting better, we were getting close to where we wanted to be.

What does that say about the first season? I don't know. Maybe we wouldn't have won that one game in season two without grinding it out. Maybe we would've won three games if I let them take it easy. Who knows? That's coaching. That's life. You make the choices you can, and you roll with it.

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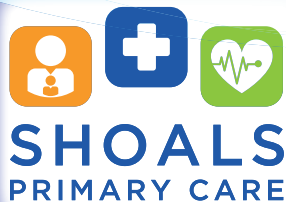
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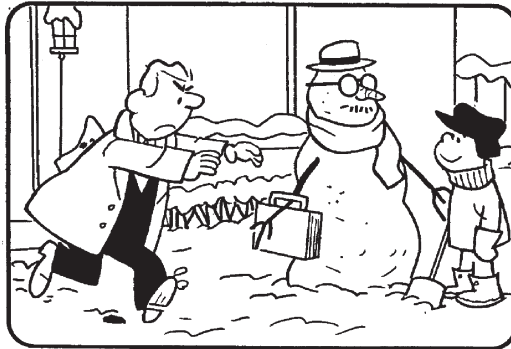
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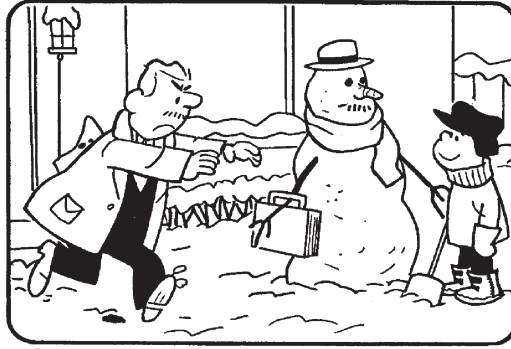
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Soap Opera Preview

THE BOLD AND THE BEAUTIFUL Deacon and Hope realized they shared common interests. Brooke and Katie had memories of their own father while discussing Hope and Deacon's new dynamic. Taylor and Ridge shared a warm and sweet reunion. Steffy and Thomas felt sentimental witnessing Ridge and Taylor together. Deacon and Hope practiced father-daughter martial arts.

An emotional Thomas was reunited with his mother. Taylor recounted to Steffy how Deacon and Brooke's affair affected Ridge back in the day. *Wait to See: News of Taylor's unexpected return throws Brooke off her game. Ridge comes to the stunning realization that Hope isn't the only Logan woman with whom Deacon wants to reconnect. Deacon and Hope's sparring session is unceremoniously interrupted.*

DAYS OF OUR LIVES Marlena caused tension between Ciara and Ben. Belle investigated the night of Philip's disappearance. Kate ripped into Chloe and Brady. John confronted a possessed Marlena at the cabin. Susan got EJ to open up about Sami. Meanwhile, Sami and Nicole had a scratchy encounter. Ciara was horrified to learn the truth about Marlena. Nicole slapped Rafe. Sami pulled EJ into a steamy kiss. Allie encouraged Lucas to rekindle his relationship with Sami. Marlena had a terrifying showdown with John, Ben and Shawn. Gwen tried to keep Xander from running

into Rex. Eli and Lani fended off pressure from D.A. Trask. Victor and Kate were faced with a difficult decision. Xander was stunned by Rex's revelation. *Wait to See: The Devil has more tricks up his sleeve. Chloe voices her support for Brady. Kate makes a stunning discovery.* **GENERAL HOSPITAL** Elizabeth and Finn shared a close moment. Sasha and Brando received the EEG results. Anna received an unexpected call. Trina and Portia reconnected over breakfast. Michael and Willow attended Brad's parole hearing. Maxie waited for news at the hospital. Sonny made an unexpected gesture. Austin gave Britt news

about a patient of interest. Chase and Finn talked in the steam room after a workout. Willow and Olivia's holiday shopping went awry. Elizabeth talked to Portia and Terry about matters of the heart. Michael was shocked by what he witnessed. Brook Lynn and Chase shared an awkward moment. Olivia was nervous to meet Ned for Leo's appointment. Carly wanted to support Sasha. *Wait to See: Sam brings Scout to see Drew. Curtis talks with Portia about his concerns. Britt and Elizabeth have an unexpected interaction.* **THE YOUNG AND THE RESTLESS** Nikki urged Victor and Nick to make amends. Amanda

cooked up a surprise for Devon. Noah considered a new opportunity. Victor and Adam took advantage of Billy's downfall. Chloe and Lily shared common ground. Chelsea returned home to Genoa City. Victor received ammunition against an opponent. Christine shared some surprising news with Chance. Ashland met Billy's dark side. Chelsea cornered Adam about the status of their relationship. Tessa had a change of heart. *Wait to See: Sally covers her tracks. Chelsea and Sally size up the competition. Billy provides Lily with a much-needed distraction.*

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Espionage

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gathering, military warfare, and the support of ground troops. Cabler's seventh book is a historical snapshot of significant first aircraft in the evolution of US aerial reconnaissance. It looks at everything from the Union Army's hot air balloon in 1861, to the SR-71 Blackbird, to the Global Hawks in use today. The book pays tribute to the men and women who have bravely helped ensure our freedom through the strategic art of aerial reconnaissance.

Major James Greg Kimbrough, a retired USAF pilot with the 9th Strategic Reconnaissance Wing will join Cabler as his special guest. Kimbrough is a Tuscumbia native, a graduate of Deshler High School, and of Auburn University. During his Air Force career, Kimbrough flew the legendary CIA/USAF U-2 Spy Plane in Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan from 2000-2009. That is one of the aircraft discussed in Cabler's new book. Kimbrough will be making a presentation entitled "Fighting the Dragon to Dance with The Lady," - what it was like to fly the U-2 reconnaissance plane.

Cabler is also a US Air Force veteran who served for six years during the Cuban Missile Crisis and the Vietnam War. He is also an amateur historian and an aviation enthusiast with a great appreciation for the work accomplished in aerial reconnaissance.

In addition autographed books being on sale at the library on Saturday, Cabler's book is available online through the usual online sellers including BooksAMillion.com and Amazon.

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With Baker's ruling, Oracle, the world's second largest software company with 132,000 employees, along with HCA, America's largest hospital chain, 3M, Verizon, and GE were among those that have said they will not mandate employee vaccinations. Even though companies risk huge lawsuits if they proceed during the

stay as Biden wishes, that public corporate acknowledgement is significant.

In addition, The US Senate last Wednesday night voted 52-48 in favor of the "Congressional Review Act" (CRA), to overturn Biden's COVID-19 vaccine mandate for private employers with over 100 employees.

Senate Republicans were joined by U.S. Sens. Joe Manchin (D-WV) and Jon Tester (D-MT) in voting for the legislation.

That mandate, issued through OSHA, was met with a temporary injunction last month by the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals. The vote is largely symbolic because it stands very little chance of seeing the President's desk, much less being signed. However, it sends a message.

Our freedom to get vaccinated against COVID-19 at no charge if we choose is something for which we should be thankful.

However, we citizens have slowly been relegated to subjects since we grudgingly went along with "15 Days to Flatten the Curve." That 'brief' shutdown lasted for months and mushroomed into a level of federal tyranny that was unconscionable 18 months ago.

We're still lucky here in Alabama that we don't have to deal with abject power-hungry stupidity the likes of which Gov. Gavin Newsom in CA and Mayor Bill DeBlasio (leaving office Dec. 31) in NYC espouse.

Unfortunately, the recent court stays are a little late for the millions of US workers who were forced out of current jobs because of vaccine mandates.

We can close this element of the topic with the fact that mixed messages continue the confusion. PSA's and news about masking and social distancing persist, while elected officials mask-up only for appearance, throngs of people gather unmasked and tightly wedged in public places, and COVID cases continue to level off.

Notes...

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Reunion of USS Kitty Hawk CV41-CY-63 - June 6-9, 2022 in San Diego, CA. For information, contact Jim Melka at jfmelka@netins.net or 319-332-1632.

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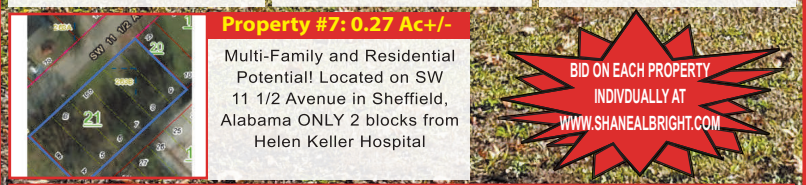
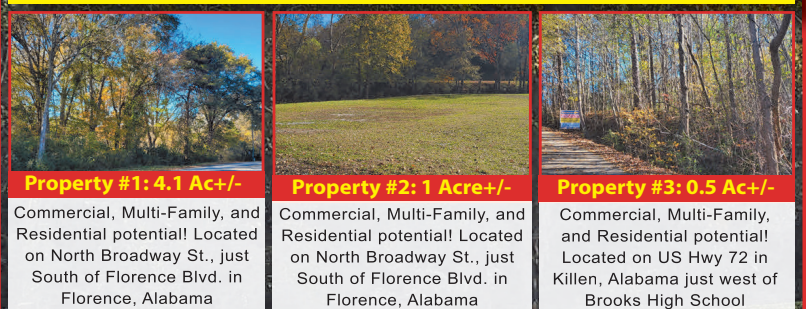
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The Foster Grandparent Program is now taking applications for senior citizens in Colbert and Lauderdale County to work 15-40 hours a week with special needs children in the school systems, head starts, and daycares. You will be tutoring and mentoring children with their school work and helping to learn.

If you are 55 years or older and live on a fixed income, then this is the program for you. You will receive a small non-taxed stipend 2 times a month, mileage reimbursement, and lunch for each day of service. This stipend does not count as income according to Public Law 93-113 under Older Americans Act. It will not affect any other federal or state assistance that you are already receiving. You will also be covered with accidental and personal liability insurance while working with the program.

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The Manufacturing Skill Standards Council (MSSC) currently offers industry-led training certifications at Northwest-Shoals Community College.

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The Long Term Care Ombudsman's job is to protect the rights of residents of long term care facilities, including Nursing Homes, Assisted Living Facilities, and Specialty Care Assisted Living Facilities.

The Ombudsman works to ensure that the Residents receive fair treatment and quality care. Anyone can contact the Ombudsman to report long term care problems or to request information about long term care facilities. For more information contact Tina Pitt, local Ombudsman at 256-389-0533.

Want to list your event in Community Notes? Email your information to editor@CourierJournal.net.

Hurricane Cemetery is located between Rogersville and Anderson on Lauderdale County Road 551. The cemetery was established in 1852 and is totally supported by volunteers and donations. Through a private donor, the cemetery committee started a project three years ago to create a historical documentary DVD to preserve stories from the past, as told by older members of the community. The first release, "Hurricane Cemetery: Memories of the Past", is a 30 minute video now available for purchase. A copy of the DVD can be purchased for \$10 plus \$3 shipping by calling or texting Doug Newton at 256-247-1420. All proceeds will be used for upkeep of the cemetery and facilities. Please visit our Facebook page "Hurricane Cemetery" for photos and information.

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To begin with you should make sure you have received your enrollment card from each insurance company you signed up with. If you enrolled into a Medicare Supplement and prescription drug plan you should have received two cards. One card from the company handling your supplement and another card from the company handling your drug plan. If you enrolled in a Medicare Advantage plan you should have received one card and that's from the company your Advantage plan is with.

The second thing to verify is your premium is coming from the appropriate place such as your bank account or Social Security check. You may not know this until January. If the premium is taken out of your bank account, for example, and you don't see it deducted in January you will want to contact the company. You don't want to go two or three months without paying the premium and then have to pay those months at one time. It's better to address it up front.

On behalf of Lee, Hope, Beverly, Erica, Anah, Judy, Caycee and myself, I would like to wish all of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!! We would also like to thank each of you who read our column each week. We have had many calls and visits from our readers and it's always appreciated!!

If you have questions regarding any aspect of Medicare or Medicare health plans feel free call us at Alabama Health Guidance (256-648-5710), stop by our office at 885 Florence Blvd (Four Lane Shopping Center) or email me at ikey@alabamahealthguidance.com. Alabama Health Guidance is an independent insurance agency and is not affiliated with Medicare or any other government agency.



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