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FLORENCE—Christian Partners welcomes best-selling author and renowned speaker, Don Piper, to the Shoals area for two shows, Friday, April 29 at 6pm and Saturday, April 30 at 9am.

The author of the best-selling book, *90 Minutes in Heaven*, will discuss the story of his accident, clinical death, return to life, and painful recovery with friends at the Florence Lauderdale Coliseum in Florence. Piper will also include personal reflections that the ordeal has had on him, his family, and the millions who have heard about and his story. Admission to either show is free and reserve tickets may be obtained by calling 256-335-8990 or emailing Faulkner@hiwaay.net

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FAME, 8 Track Entertainment will Open More Music Doors

MUSCLE SHOALS – The newly formed 8 Track Entertainment has entered into an inaugural partnership with the legendary FAME Recording Studios for future music projects.

FAME and 8 Track recently announced the signing of Grammy® award-winning country stars,

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FLORENCE – The American Heart Association recently presented the 2021 Get With The Guidelines®-Stroke Quality Achievement Awards to hospitals around the country.

North Alabama Medical Center has received the GoldPlus version of that award from the AHA for their commitment to ensuring that stroke patients receive the most appropriate treatment according to nationally recognized, research-based guidelines.

Stroke is the No. 5 cause of death and a leading cause of adult disability in the U.S. On average someone in the U.S. suffers a stroke every 40 seconds, and nearly 795,000 people suffer a new or recurrent stroke each year. Early stroke detection and treatment are key to



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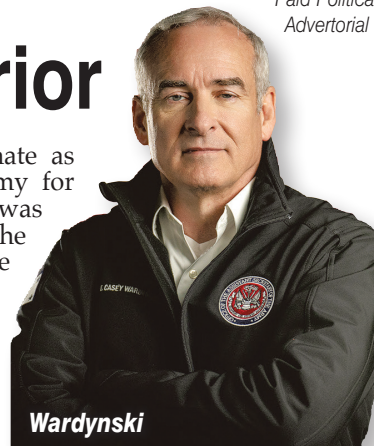
U.S. HOUSE RACE: Casey Wardynski is Trump's Conservative Warrior

With Congressman Mo Brooks vacating his seat, the fifth district House of Representatives position is now open. We must fill that seat with a true conservative fighter. From Florence to Stevenson, the district needs somebody representing us that has the knowledge, experience, and grit to be effective for North Alabama. Only one candidate in the race passes the test. It's Casey Wardynski.

Wardynski was appointed by President

Trump and confirmed by the Senate as the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Manpower and Reserve Affairs. He was responsible for policy relating to the Army's 1.3 million people. In that role he also changed the hiring authority rules to jumpstart construction of the southern border wall. The West Point graduate served in the Army

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Shorts...

Continued from Page 1 Distillery Raid at LaGrange

LEIGHTON—Mark Your Calendars - The LaGrange Living Historical Association will host The Distillery Raid on the Mountain on May 7 at the College Site Park off of Hwy 157.

Living History events will be on-going throughout the day from 10am-4pm with craft and food vendors, tours of the Pioneer Village, and wagon rides, tours of the near-by Dawson Distillery during the day. The Observatory will also be open that night for Stargazers.

The day will include a period-correct Living History Event centering on a Prohibition Era Raid on a suspected moonshine still at 2pm. A group of lawmen will descend on the pioneer village of LaGrange and will engage in a brief skirmish with the locals.

The event is FREE. Donations are appreciated for operations of the park.

Park Reservations are available now as well by calling 256-446-9324.

\$1,000 for Shoals CASA

TUSCUMBIA—The Tuscumbia Civitan Club recently announced a \$1,000 check to Shoals CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) at a club meeting.

Shoals CASA is headquartered in Sheffield and is committed to promoting awareness of child abuse and neglect within the Shoals area. CASA trains volunteers to advocate for the best interest of children within the judicial system. It is the only volunteer organization that empowers everyday citizens as officers of the court.

Civitan member, **Mary Baschab-Haslacker**, presented the check to CASA's Director, **Heather Begley**.

The Tuscumbia Civitan Club meets at noon every Thursday at the Helen Keller Library in Tuscumbia. Members meet for lunch and local speakers are often featured.

Fred Joly, Club President, invites anyone to come to a meeting and see if the Civitan Club is for them.

Absentee ballot applications can be downloaded online or requested by visiting or calling the local Absentee Election Manager's office. Voters may also contact the Secretary of State's Elections Division at 334-242-7210 to request an absentee ballot application.

Important absentee voting deadlines for the 2022 primary are listed below:

May 17: The last day that absentee ballot applications can be returned by mail.

May 19: The last day that absentee ballot applications can be returned by hand.

May 23: The last day to return absentee ballots by hand to the Absentee Election Manager.

May 24: Absentee ballots must be returned by mail to the Absentee Election Manager no later than noon.

Voters who are eligible to vote pursuant to the Uniformed and Overseas Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA) will have until May 24 to postmark an absentee ballot.

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20 Days Left for Absentee

MONTGOMERY — The absentee voting period for the May 24 Primary Election began on March 30.

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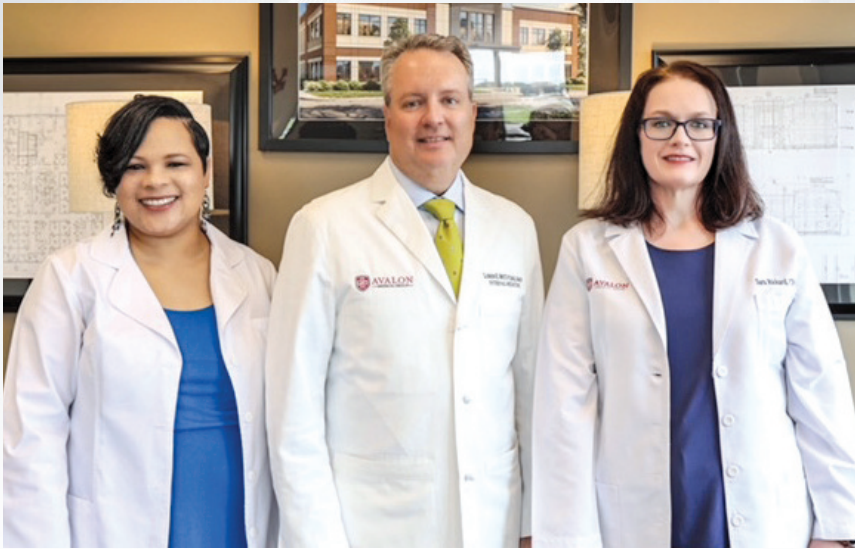
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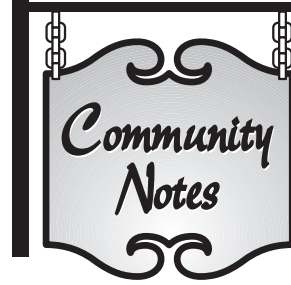
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- Look for "Submit News" on our website at www.courierjournal.net.
- Fax to 256-760-9618;
- Mail to 219 W. Tennessee St, Florence, AL 35630; or
- Bring in person.

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.

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The Florence Lauderdale Public Library and Citizens' Climate Lobby will offer two films for viewing in celebration of Earth Day and CCL will lead discussions on each.

"Kiss the Ground" is scheduled for 5-7pm Wednesday, April 27. Narrated by and featuring Woody Harrelson, the film offers a solution to the climate crisis: Regenerate the world's soils. The regeneration would stabilize Earth's climate, restore lost ecosystems, and create abundant food supplies.

"Before the Flood" is scheduled for 2-4pm Saturday, April 30. It features Leonardo DiCaprio and his team as they travel the globe to witness the effects of climate change and what can be done to stop it.

Quad Cities Squares Come enjoy fun & lessons of square dancing 7-9pm Thursday evenings at the Royal Avenue Recreation Center, 421 N. Royal Ave, Florence.

The Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group meets at the Florence Lauderdale library at 2pm every 3rd Monday of each month. All caregivers are welcome. We all need encouragement.

Moments of Radiance is featured at Tennessee Valley Museum of Art, 511 N Water St, Tusculumbia through April 30. Chitrasutra, a 5th-6th-century Sanskrit text about art, says "Art is not for worldly pleasure; it is to take one on the path of spiritual experience, to Divinity." This tenet will be on full display in Moments of Radiance, an up-coming exhibition by India-born artist Amita Bhakta. Info: tennesseevalleyarts.org

Historic Sheffield Saturday Walking Tours, April 30, Downtown Sheffield, City Hall, 600 N. Montgomery Ave. Free guided tours include history of people and homes of N Montgomery Ave and proprietors of the downtown commercial district. Sponsored by Historic Sheffield Commission. Info: 256-383-0783

Historic Tusculumbia Saturday Walking Tours, April 30, Downtown Tusculumbia, The Palace 100 S Main St. Free guided tours will focus on the history of Tusculumbia and its people. Sponsored by Colbert County Historic Landmarks Foundation. Info: 256-383-0783

The Town of Killen will be hosting Food Truck Fridays this Spring and Summer! Come to Killen Park for lunch in the park! (Stay tuned for the first date announcement.) Food truck vendors are now welcome to apply! If you are a vendor please visit www.revds.com for your business license. Stop by Killen Town Hall at 319 J.C. Mauldin Hwy for your food truck application.

Vulcan Park and Museum in Birmingham announces the return of its annual tour programming, the Birmingham Walking Tours. Visitors and residents alike can once again experience the history and beauty of Birmingham's neighborhoods and cultural districts in a fun, invigorating way. The spring tours include Forest Park and the Historic Loft District on select Saturdays and Sundays.

For more information or to register go to Birminghamwalkingtours.com.

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

Darshan: Visions of India, featuring art exhibitions, an outdoor festival, performances, discussions, and workshops at the Tennessee Valley Museum of Art in Tusculumbia and the Ritz Theatre in Sheffield through April 30. Full schedule/ info: www.tennesseevalleyarts.org

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FLORENCE CHURCH YARD SALE, 2705 Co Rd 222, Pleasant Hill Methodist Church, Fri. & Sat. 7am-12pm. Proceeds for youth.

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Florence 542 Riverview Dr. Fri.-Sat. 7am-until Sun. 1pm-until Flower pots, kitchenware, vintage glassware, dishes/serving pieces, Vera Wang prom dress, women's clothes 4-6, home decor: lamps, artwork, wood frames, decorative pieces., vintage records, old doors & gate, table & bed linens, Christmas items, cow skull with horns, gene doll, fishing rod holder, coffee table. Map ID#420

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The **largest 1-mile fun run and 5K race in the Shoals takes place** on Saturday, April 30 at Muscle Shoals Middle School. The 18th Annual Swampers 5K gets underway at 8am and the 1 mile fun run is set for 9am. Since its inception, the Swampers Race has attracted runners from all over the Shoals, surrounding communities, and neighboring states. After two years of presenting the race virtually, organizers are excited to be back in person.

There will be a classic t-shirt and finishers medals for runners and awards for the top finishers in each age group.

There will also be a \$500 award to the charity of your choice to the team with the most runners. Come out and set your own personal best record or walk with friends on this flat course through the neighborhoods and down Avalon Avenue in Muscle Shoals. All proceeds from the race stay local to help local charities and needs.

Register before April 9 to get the early bird price of \$15. After that registration is \$25 until April 26.

For more information and to register, go to www.swampers5K.com.

The **Lauderdale County District Attorney's office is hosting a Victim Service Providers Resource Fair** on Saturday April 30 from 11am- 2pm at Wilson Park. There will be several local Victim Service Provider agencies participating in this event including the District Attorney's Office, VOCAL, One Place of the Shoals, SafePlace, The Healing Place, DHR, UNA, Florence Police Department, Lauderdale County Sheriff's department, and many more. This is a free public event here will be activities for children and free information and material available.

"The Little Mermaid" & the **Shoals Symphony**, Norton Auditorium on the UNA Campus in Florence Saturday, April 30 at 7pm. As "The Little Mermaid" plays on a large movie screen, Maestro Stevens will lead the Shoals Symphony Orchestra performing the award-winning score. Tickets & info: shoalssymphony.org or 256-710-1623

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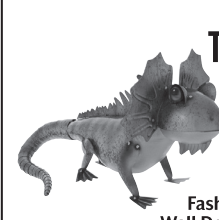


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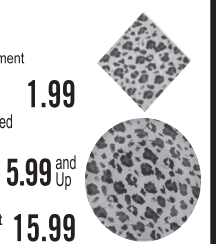
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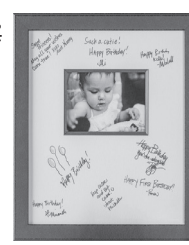
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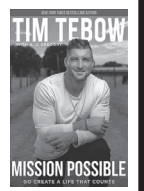
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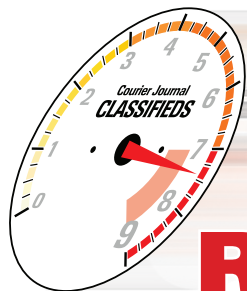
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Dear Love,
Educational travel, which combines travel with in-depth learning opportunities has become a very popular way of travel among retirees. Here are a few good places to turn to find these types of trips in the U.S. and abroad.

Tour Organizations
One of the best places to start is with Road Scholar (RoadScholar.org), which invented the idea of educational travel for older adults in the mid 1970s. The Boston-based organization offers 5,500 learning adventures in all 50 states and 150 countries.

You can search for learning adventures by location, interest, activity level and price. Road Scholar also offers "Choose Your Pace" senior travel tours that allow participants to adjust their level of challenge on a daily basis. And for skip-gen vacations, they offer tours designed specifically for grandparents traveling with their grandkids.

Another excellent option is Smithsonian Journeys (SmithsonianJourneys.org), a nonprofit travel group affiliated with the Smithsonian Museum. They lead 350 educational trips a year on every continent that are led by experts from a variety of fields — academia, the diplomatic corps, scientists and curators, among others.

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Academic Travel
Another good source for educational trips is colleges and universities. Some of my favorites include Cornell University's Adult University ([//SCE.Cornell.edu/travel](http://SCE.Cornell.edu/travel)), which offers a half-dozen educational trips and courses in the U.S. and abroad, each lasting a few days to a week or more. And Stanford Travel/Study (Alumni.Stanford.edu) that offers educational travel journeys to more than 80 countries each year.

Most college/university trips are led by faculty who share their expertise, along with regional experts and local guides, and you don't need to be an alumnus to participate.

Also check out the Traveling Professor (TravelingProfessor.com), a small-group touring company led by Steve Solosky, formerly a professor at the State University of New York. They offer a dozen or so tours abroad each year and take between 8 and 16 people.

Cruising Options
If you enjoy cruising, consider Grand Circle Travel (GCT.com), which offers educational travel aboard small ships, and Naturalist Journeys (NaturalistJourneys.com), which specializes in nature and birding tours.

American Cruise Lines (AmericanCruiseLines.com) also offers more than 35 river and coastal itineraries in the Northeast, Southeast, Pacific Northwest and along the Mississippi River. And it has themed cruises (Lewis and Clark, Mark Twain, Civil War, etc.) for people with specific historical, literary or other interests.

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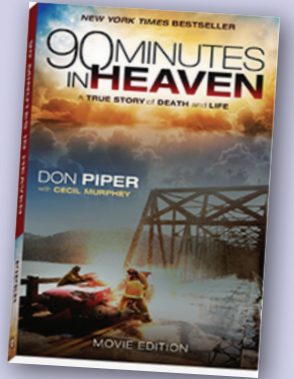
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Casey for Congress... Continued from Page 1

for 30 years, retiring as a Colonel and having held the role of the Army's chief economist.

Prominent America First figures are backing him. He's endorsed by the House Freedom Fund, General Michael Flynn, and Congressman Jim Jordan.

Casey Wardynski is a proven leader, a Trump-appointed fighter, and the only true conservative choice to represent north Alabama in Congress. Here's what he had to say at a recent forum:

I'm Casey Wardynski. I'm running for Congress. I'd like to say the people in Washington are friendly and decent folks. When we think of them, we think they're people with bad ideas. When they think of us, they think we're bad people. They call us deplorables, they call us dregs. President Trump listened to that under the last administration

before him. He wanted to put America right, he ran for President. In 2018, he asked me to join him in Washington DC to put America first. That was important work, we got a lot done, but there's a lot left to do. You saw how the election worked out. You saw how it was run in the red states and you saw how it was run in the blue states. We're going to have a conservative America first President in '24. That President is going to need a strong Congress. He's going to need conservatives who put America first, who have the experience, the willingness, and the knowledge to take on the swamp. I'm asking you to send me to Washington to help make that happen.

He brought me up there because he trusted me. He asked for my help in key areas. We built the wall; Congress appropriated zero bucks to build the wall...his premier priority.

After two years he turned to the Army and said "defend America Army. Move your money around and build a wall." He came to my office to help get the people, to get the land appraisers, to get the realtors to buy the land for what has now become the longest fort in the United States Army. We need to finish that fort. We need to close that border. We need to make sure the people who come here sign up for our values. I came to Huntsville and I'm running for office not because I was born here, but because I chose Huntsville. I went to West Point as a kid, my first assignment was here, and I fell in love with this place. My first son was born here. I came back twenty years later and brought 500 million dollars worth of work to the Arsenal. I learned how great this place is, how great the workforce is, and how important the work is.

After six years of that I retired from the Army. I was tired of Washington, I was tired of the folks there who were on the wrong track, but I still wanted to lead and I still wanted to serve. I came here because the state had taken over a school system that had fallen into disarray. They were 19 million dollars in the hole, and after five years they were 30 million in the green. We didn't raise taxes, but we sure raised the standard of excellence. We took graduation rates from 66 to 88 percent, we hired the best teachers and we put them where the toughest work was, we built the number one cyber security program in the United States - the only school system recognized as a cyber center of excellence in our country, formed a partnership with the United States Army Cyber Command, to build a workforce here that could become a bedrock for

growth and what would become a Cyber Academy in Huntsville to support the Southeast and our state.

After that work, I went on to lead a small high-tech event technology company that supported the NFL, MLB, Army, Navy, and a bunch of other outfits. It hadn't grown much, but after two years as CEO we grew the revenues, we grew the earnings, and sold that thing for three times revenue.

While in that role, President Trump's team called from the White House and asked me to join them in Washington. They knew what I had done in the Army and they wanted somebody tough to take over the manpower program in the Department of the Army. After 17 months of background checks, confirmation hearings, in January of 2019 I entered the Pentagon and joined President Trump's team.

It was tough work. We got the people to build the wall, that was the tough part which they thought would take two years. If you've ever dealt with the government getting a job established, you'd know that. We created hiring priorities, got the workforce in place, and built the wall. We took on Critical Race Theory at West Point...got it out of there. I went up to talk to the Dean. She explained they had academic freedom and a year later we had a new Dean that I picked.

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FAME and 8 Track...

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Shenandoah, to a worldwide recording and distribution agreement. They plan to release the "60th Anniversary of FAME and the Muscle Shoals Sound" album.

All projects will be distributed by Warner Music Group's ADA (Alternative Distribution Alliance) through 8 Track Entertainment.

8 Track Entertainment's founding partners, Noah Gordon, President; Jeff Goodwin, Vice President of Marketing & Partnerships; and Bill Harbin, Vice President of Corporate Partnerships announced that the multi-faceted global entertainment company will be based in Muscle Shoals with satellite offices in Nashville.

"I am absolutely delighted to sign Shenandoah to 8 Track Entertainment because Muscle Shoals is where it all began for this group at the outset of their career," stated Gordon. "They will return to FAME to record their next project scheduled for release in the coming months."

"New music will also be coming from Ira Dean, LeBlanc Family Band, BoomTown Saints, and Ivas John."

In addition, 8 Track and FAME have numerous co-ventures planned for the future including music publishing, TV/film, touring/live events and music programs for community schools.

"We will be intentionally working with outside studios as the bigger movement is about Muscle

Shoals and Alabama... not only FAME," Gordon added.

"The most incredible things continue to happen in the life of Shenandoah," Marty Raybon commented.

"A very large piece of our moving forward is the signing with 8 Track Entertainment. This will expand our music reach in so many ways, even expanding the brand, Shenandoah. We are looking forward to the partnership and the work we have before us. Nineties country music is still alive and we are going to make more of it, just all grown up now."

"We are very excited to partner with 8 Track Entertainment on this next chapter in Muscle Shoals music's historic legacy," said Rodney Hall, co-owner and President of FAME Publishing/FAME Records/FAME Recording Studios.

"Our music is currently on fire with the Shoals represented on almost every major award show over the last few years.

We look forward to working with the entire Shoals music scene and all the other music-related businesses," Hall added.

The partnership's first project, "60th Anniversary Of FAME And The Muscle Shoals Sound," between the newly revamped storied FAME Records and legendary producer, Keith Stegall's Dreamlined

Pictured above at the contract announcement are L-R: Bill Harbin, V.P./Partner 8 Track Ent.; Jeff Goodwin, V.P./Partner 8 Track Ent.; Shenandoah's Manager, Cole Johnstone; Mike McGuire, Shenandoah; Marty Raybon, Shenandoah; Noah Gordon, Pres./Partner 8 Track Ent.; and Rodney Hall, Co-Owner/Pres. FAME Publishing/FAME Records/FAME Recording Studios

FRONT PAGE PHOTO L-R at the contract announcement: Bill Harbin, V.P./Partner 8 Track Ent.; Jeff Goodwin, V.P./Partner 8 Track Ent.; Rodney Hall, Co-Owner/Pres. FAME Publishing/FAME Records/FAME Recording Studios, Keith Stegall, Producer/Dreamlined Ent.; and Noah Gordon, Pres./Partner 8 Track Ent.



Entertainment, is currently in production and is set for release later this year. It will feature such artists as War & Treaty, Demi Lovato, Chris Stapleton, Shenandoah, Candi Staton, Willie Nelson, LeBlanc Family Band, Alison Krauss, The Fame Gang, Alan Jackson, Anderson East, Vince Gill, Billy D. Allen, Michael McDonald, The Pollies and others.



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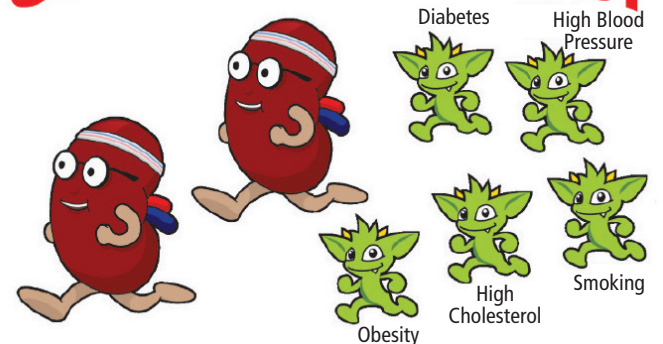
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Commentary

Redirecting Our Young Children?

Thankfully, the preschool teacher I mentioned in last week's column (Lois) is not the norm in Alabama and the Shoals. Her topics with her Pre-K class were criminal. From what I hear and based on those whom I know personally, our children are largely blessed with knowledgeable and rational teachers. It is coming, though.

There are much more subtle ways that progressives can go after our youth without our permission or approval.

Many of the teachers don't even realize objectives of a process called Social Emotional Learning (SEL) which has been adopted to at least a degree in all 50 states for pre-K and in 18 states so far for K-12. SEL starts early and involves the actions and trends of your child through social media and data mining. It's just like how advertisers online and on social media follow you, know your interests, where you are, where you have visited. However, social engineers have a much more sinister plan than advertisers trying to put you in a new pair of shoes.

The objective is to direct or redirect children through data mining. Depending on their likes,

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In A Few Words



TOM MAGAZZU
Editor

Courier Journal

in the Shoals

THIS WEEK

April 27, 2022

Happening THIS WEEK

Shoals Allocation Fund for Entrepreneurship Starts with All The Best!

THE SHOALS- The Shoals Chamber of Commerce recently announced that All The Best! Records/Refreshments at 128 E. Tennessee St. in Florence is the first recipient of the Shoals Allocation Fund for Entrepreneurship.

SAFE is a new initiative from the Shoals Chamber to encourage entrepreneurship in the Shoals and help alleviate some barriers of start-up fees incurred during the process.

"We are continually seeking ways

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Flanked by Chamber representatives Olivia Bradford, left, and Rebecca Moon, Kristy Bevis, owner of All The Best, holds her prize announcement.

Chamber photo



THE SPRING CARNIVAL IS UNDERWAY NOW at the North Alabama State Fairgrounds in Muscle Shoals. Join the fun April 26-30 with Free parking and FREE gate admission. Armbands are \$20. Enjoy Concessions, Games, and Rides Tuesday-Friday 6pm-until, Saturday 3pm until. Follow the North Alabama Satet Fair Facebook page for updates.

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Clarification of Letter

Editor's Note: A letter in last week's issue regarding House Bill 496 (Where's Our 25% Raise?) had some inaccurate information.

Although the bill appeared to read that way, it **WOULD NOT** have provided a raise for Lauderdale County Commission Chair, Danny Pettus. It only corrects an error made by county commissioners across the state decades ago that was associated with The Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990. That bill incorrectly granted some county department heads a salary increase every time county employees received a raise. Three decades later the State Board of Examiners started noticing the errors.

The proposed bill actually would have avoided the relinquishing of previous

salary and setting the new rate beginning next term. The bill did not receive 100% local support, so it failed.

Pettus now has an additional \$476 deducted every pay period from this point forward. So, the ordeal amounts to a pay cut, not a pay increase.

Democrats have always had the peoples' backs. Even if you were an elephant, the donkey always had your back.



He Chose the Donkey

Editor:

We celebrated Easter on a recent Sunday. Most Christians know what that means. He has risen. Jesus was 33 when he was nailed to the cross. But here's a back story.

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For the past 16 years, I have worked as a law enforcement officer, businessman, and as an educator, all in a full-time capacity to better help support my family. This shows I am not afraid of hard work and long hours. I will bring that same dedication and commitment to the office of Sheriff.

My experience in leadership includes a degree in *Career Technology* teaching from Athens State University. I attended Jefferson County Sheriff's Academy. I have taken leadership classes as well as upper level management training courses at the University of North Alabama. I was the public safety director with Limestone County Schools for 6 years. This involved managing the employees, purchasing all supplies, as well as preparing the yearly budget for the Public Safety Academy.

I spent 26 years as an educator helping to train and mold the minds of the upcoming generation. I began teaching auto technology and then transitioned into teaching criminal

justice and forensic sciences. As an educator that taught criminal justice, I would like to see more focus on launching a new Explorer Program partnering with the sheriff's office.

This would allow us to have more opportunities for our younger generation involved who have an interest in law enforcement. This allows them to be mentored and trained as future recruits in criminal justice, forensic sciences, and/or dispatchers.

As your sheriff, I want to work to build a stronger trust between the Sheriff's Department and you, the public. I want to implement new and improved community policing policies. I have future plans of the department working more closely and developing a stronger relationship with the active neighborhood watch and volunteer fire departments.

One of the biggest problems in our county is drugs. It is a personal goal of mine to rid the problem and get as many illegal drugs being sold off the streets, out of the hands of minors and adults. Drug abuse leads to many other kinds of crime including burglary, theft, domestic violence, and too many others to list here. It is a passion of mine for the Lauderdale County Sheriff's Office to establish their own task force unit. Illegal drug sales and usage is at an all time high and it is impacting our county in a negative way. NOW is the time to combat this ever growing problem to start making a significant



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difference in the lives of our citizens and future generations.

As sheriff, I will ensure that all of our staff and deputies within the department have access to all essential and advanced training available. They need to be equipped with knowledge and skills to do the very best job for you, and represent our county with the highest standards of professionalism and accountability. Many of these trainings are free, but yet are not being utilized at this time.

As your sheriff, I will have an open door policy so that when issues within the department arise, the staff and deputies will feel comfortable enough to come to me immediately and get things resolved. In the past, I have felt that my superiors did not act in the best interest of myself and others. By having this open door policy, the trust and dialogue will be established before problems arise, allowing a swift handling of the problem that is in the best interest of the department and the employee.

I have many other plans and goals that I would like to bring with me to better the Lauderdale County Sheriff's Office. With your public support, we can ALL make a difference!

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The 2022 Honorary Chair is Henry J. King, President of King Realty & Auction Company, Inc. The 2022 Honorary Patient Chair is Jay Thomas.

Please register online at shoalskidneywalk.org, email Johelene@alkidney.org or call 256-975-0000.

Homecoming and Gospel Meeting at Hendrix Chapel Church of Christ located at 13007 CR 8, Florence, May 1-4. Speaker will be Floyd Harris from Nashville.

Sunday Bible Classes at 9am, worship 10am, fellowship meal following morning worship. Sunday evening services 7pm, Monday-Wednesday night at 7pm.

Come Out and Enjoy a Chicken Dressing Fund Raising Dinner for the Lexington Senior Center on Sunday, May 1 from 11am until in the Lexington School Lunch Room. Donations accepted.

Menu includes chicken and dressing, green beans, cream potatoes, slaw, cranberry sauce, drink, and desserts.

Expanding Diversity with Erin Piedmont, UNA Professor, on Monday, May 2, 11am at Florence-Lauderdale Public Library.

In 1985, only 18 books for children and young adults (out of approximately 2,500 published) were written or illustrated by African-Americans. Over the past few decades, that number has increased to include more diverse titles and relatable experiences for readers. Erin Piedmont and her students will share titles that paved the way for diversity, which have allowed children to identify with characters who look and feel the way they do.

Visit flpl.org/childhoodclassics for more information.

The Colbert County Republican Party invites all Republican candidates and voters to attend a candidate forum May 2 at The Ritz Theater, 111 W 3rd Street in Sheffield.

Doors open at 5pm. Candidate introductions begin at 6pm.

Special question and answer sessions will be held for candidates in competitive races - District Judge, District Attorney, and State Representatives for Dist 3 and Dist. 7.

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The Better Business Bureau of North Alabama will host Shred Day in Florence on Friday, May 6 from 10am-noon at the Florence-Lauderdale Coliseum, 702 Veterans Drive.

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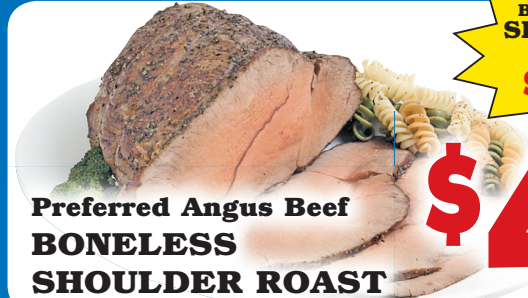


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IT'S BEEN A FEW YEARS SINCE I "CUT THE CORD" FROM DIRECTV and switched over to streaming TV through the internet via YouTubeTV. The years-long process of switching internet service providers (canceling land-line phone service, cutting Comcast off after they ticked me off for gouging, then cutting off DirecTV for the same reason) resulted in savings of hundreds of dollars per year. I loved putting it to The Man like that!



Jim Fisher

Fast forward to the present day and The Man is putting it right back to me. I'm a victim of "stream creep." It started with streaming YouTube TV. I've

STREAM CREEP

by "The Computer Skeptic"

had Netflix since the mail-in DVD days. Amazon Prime has some other perks that I enjoy. Game of Thrones happened so I had to have HBO Max. Apple TV was cheap enough so why not? I simply can't do without the Marvel Universe and Star Wars on Disney+. Hulu had Handmaid's Tale so I had to go there for a good show or two. Now, instead of paying two fat bills every month for internet and entertainment services, my wallet is being devoured by a thousand little bites. To top it off, Netflix recently announced a substantial price hike. On top of that, they are going to

restrict how many devices you can use which means no more "password sharing" with your family.

So I'm going to fight back. I'll probably cancel Netflix and I'm not alone. Their stock tanked on the news of the price increase. Netflix lost 200,000 subscribers this year when it had expected to gain over 2 million. Oops! But what to do about all the others? The number of online streaming sources is exploding. What to do as our choices become even more confusing and expensive?

One method of fighting back involves taking advantage of

free trials or subscribing to a service then immediately canceling. Most services don't pro-rate a payment so subscribing then immediately cancelling will give you a whole month of access to binge a series, then you can move on to some other service. If you find yourself re-subscribing to the same service over and over, then maybe you should keep that one. Personally, I watch Hulu maybe once every couple of months. Why am I still paying for that? Cycling through free trials and subscribing in one-month increments can be cumbersome as some services don't make it super easy to cancel. One thing that makes this a little easier is the "Channels" marketplace from Amazon Prime. This service allows you to subscribe or cancel with a single click (or three) on the remote. You'll

simply need to remember to cancel the services as you cycle through them.

There is another inexpensive DIY solution that I think will become more prevalent as consumers become more overwhelmed. We will talk about that in my next exciting installment. Until then, remember that sunsets off the back porch are still free--until The Man figures out a way to charge for that, too.

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The bell was mounted atop Wesleyan Hall after the school was donated to the state by the Methodist Church in 1873, at which time the school became State Normal College. The bell was used to call students to class, for ceremonial purposes, and other uses.

Around 1910, the bell was removed from Wesleyan Hall and placed in storage. In 1951, the bell was discovered and unsuccessful efforts were made by alumni to display it on campus. During the summer of 2002, the 130-year-old Wesleyan Bell was rediscovered after having been in storage for over 90 years.

Construction of the Smith Bell Tower began in March of 2003, and was completed during the summer of 2004. The Smith Bell Tower, present home of the Wesleyan Bell, was dedicated during a ceremony on September 17, 2004.

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If you'd like to participate with a vehicle, as a vendor, or as a sponsor, please email jlsfunddevelopment@gmail.com.

Osborn Hill Cemetery - Decoration Day will be on May 7. The first Saturday of May has been observed as Decoration Day for well over 100 years. Please make plans for that special day to come to the cemetery by removing all old flowers off of the graves.

Also its time again for annual donations. If you would like to donate to the Osborn Hill Cemetery Fund, please send your donations to: Osborn Hill Cemetery Fund, c/o Mrs. Lana Duncan 2330 Colburn Mtn. Road, Tuscumbia, AL 35674.

Legacy's Spring Market & Car Show is May 7, 9am-4pm, at Killen First Baptist Church (Legacy Christian Academy). There will be shopping, cars, door prizes, BBQ lunches, music, and fun! This is a fundraiser and all proceeds benefit Legacy Christian Academy to provide Christian education to our local community. Info: 256-757-5345.

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Speaking The

Truth

Ephesians 4:15

In Love

What Does "ONE" Mean?

The title of this article is not intended to be sarcastic or amusing. There is an intended purpose in asking this question.

In every walk of life, we can and do understand what one means. A child understands if a parent says "Only get ONE cookie." An employee understands when his boss says, "You have ONE hour for lunch." All understand when a spouse says "You are the only ONE I love."

Now consider further and answer, do we understand and accept the truth taught in Ephesians 4:4-6? In these three verses in the New Testament (the New Covenant) we read: "There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; One Lord, one faith, one baptism, One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all."



Seven times we find the word ONE in this brief section of inspired Scripture - but do we know, understand and accept what it means?

There is ONE Lord (Jesus Christ), ONE God (Father of all), ONE Spirit (Holy Spirit) - but will we equally accept there is ONE body (one church, which is the body, Ephesians 1:22-23)?

If the Bible is true (and it is), if the Bible is from God (it certainly is), then we must accept, embrace and stand upon its absolute truths.

Further consider what Jesus said, "I will build my church" (Matthew 16:18). So, how many did He build? The correct answer is ONE and only ONE! But one might ask, "Well, why are there so many 'churches' today? Are they all the church Christ built, and of which He is the Saviour?" The why is because man has created, built and promotes his own ways and doctrines (Matthew 15:7-9). They are NOT all the one Christ build and He is NOT the Saviour of all religions. He is the Saviour of the body, church, that HE BUILT (Ephesians 5:23).

Thus, based on these developing facts and truths, it matters what we believe. It matters what religion we embrace and follow. For our Lord said simply, "There is one way" (John 14:6). That settles it. It is a Divine fact.

The church at Cedar Grove fervently seeks to know the will of God (Matthew 7:21) and humbly obey what our Saviour declares - to the glory of Almighty God in all matters.



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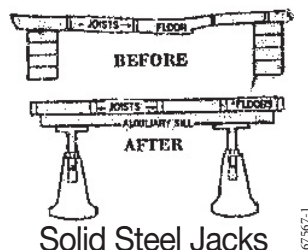
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Make a monetary donation. In almost all cases, it's best to give money instead of goods. Cash is the most effective and efficient option. Whether it's an online donation, gift by text, or rounding up a purchase at checkout, contributing money may seem impersonal but it empowers the agencies that are doing the work. Cash gifts are quick and flexible, allowing organizations to purchase what is needed, often in bulk, at reduced rates near disaster sites. When supplies are purchased on location, it helps ensure the food is fresh and items are familiar to locals. Buying nearby also supports local businesses as they work to recover from the event.

Seek out trustworthy organizations. Scam artists often see opportunity in the misfortune of others. It's not unusual for counterfeit charities to pop up during a disaster, seeking to capitalize on the public's goodwill. Don't let the dishonesty of a few discourage your inclination to give. Look for organizations that have a proven track record and clear mission statement. Review their ratings and financial statements on websites like CharityNavigator.org or GuideStar.org.

Mind your budget and be strategic. Even the most generous among us have a budget when it comes to giving. As you determine how much you plan to donate to relief efforts, consider whether you intend your gift to be a one-time event or an ongoing financial commitment. While a bigger, lump sum donation can go far in helping, particularly at the beginning of a crisis when the need is great, there may also be benefits to spreading out gifts if you intend to be a long-term supporter. Whatever options are available to you, and however much you're able to give, it's wise to determine whether you want to give all at once or spread out the impact of your generosity over time.

Save on your taxes to give more next time. Donations to a qualified charity may qualify for a tax deduction if you itemize deductions. Keep in mind that there are limits to financial contributions and rules for non-cash donations like property. Talk to your financial advisor and tax professional before making a donation, to map out potential tax implications and requirements.

Watching major conflicts and crises like the one in Ukraine unfold can leave us feeling deeply sad and powerless, but there are ways to help. Consider the above tips to make the greatest impact with your generosity.

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Soap Opera Preview

THE BOLD AND THE BEAUTIFUL Sheila intervened when Ridge and Baker kept pushing Steffy to remember. Hope and Brooke urged a conflicted Liam to tell Steffy the truth. In a panic, Sheila decided to finish the job she started. Liam gently broke the news to Steffy about Finn. An emotional Steffy faced Finn's death surrounded by her loved ones. Steffy later shared a rare moment of sympathy with an increasingly desperate Sheila. Hope worried about

the connection between Steffy and Liam. *Wait to See: Sheila's evil plan gets thwarted in an unexpected way. Bill and Liam vow to get justice for Steffy. Deacon serves up well-intentioned words of comfort to a tortured Sheila.*

DAYS OF OUR LIVES Johnny was tormented as he watched Chanel and Tripp find solace in each other's arms. Paulina put the brakes on TR's advances. Beth attempted to tell Lani the truth about TR. EJ consoled Belle over her marital crisis. Jan relayed alarming news to Shawn about their unborn baby. Jake turned to Gabi for help. Marlena questioned Eric about his feelings for Nicole. Ciara worried when she couldn't get in touch with Ben. A possessed Allie sought out an old foe of Ben and Ciara's. Jan put Shawn in a tough spot. Eric gave Belle advice about her marriage. Ciara made a horrifying discovery. Andre offered a Devil's bargain to Ben. Susan informed EJ she had a premonition about Johnny. Shawn's decision infuriated Belle. Susan tried to convince EJ that Johnny was possessed. *Wait to See: An undead Andre toys with Ben and Johnny. Ciara falls into Allie's trap. Tripp and Chanel continue to bond.*

at her door, and the conversation took a turn when Michael arrived. Curtis told Marshall it was too late. Carly sought out Alexis at home. Brook Lynn was upset with Chase. Diane made a compelling argument. Alexis and Carly found themselves in a dire situation. Sasha showed up at Nina's in the nick of time. Willow was concerned about Michael's decision. Sasha was blindsided at a Deception celebration. Maxie questioned Austin's intentions. TJ received an unexpected gift from his grandfather. Nina shared her concerns with Brando. Sasha and Gladys made a horrifying discovery. Nikolas set up a grand romantic gesture. Dante met Willow and Michael at the Metro Court Gardens. Willow told Michael she didn't want to be alone. *Wait to See: Brando tries to calm Sasha. Ava comes to her senses. Esme eavesdrops on Spencer.*

THE YOUNG AND THE RESTLESS Jack told Nikki about Diane's return. Phyllis laid down the law. Sharon made a painful decision. Victor had a change of heart about Victoria. Diane wanted to make amends with Nikki. Kyle returned home to chaos. Jack dropped a bombshell. Phyllis busted Diane. Chelsea was forced to defend herself. Ashland made a promise to Victoria. Imani worked overtime to charm Nate. Chance made a shocking discovery. *Wait to See: Victor vows to protect Nikki. Sally shares a secret with Adam. Kyle reunites with Diane.*

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to assist our businesses with their growth and development," said Caitlin Holland, president of the Shoals Chamber.

"When the opportunity presented itself to create a financial assistance program to alleviate fiscal concerns for business owners, we seized it. Entrepreneurs and business owners in the Shoals can incur upwards of \$1,000 in fees if they operate in multiple municipalities. Therefore, we hope to provide as much relief through the SAFE initiative."

The SAFE application is open to those who own a brick-and-mortar business, operate within the cities of Florence, Muscle Shoals, Sheffield, or Tuscumbia, and must be a new business rather than a franchise or secondary location (additional opportunities may exist). SAFE solely provides a reimbursement for the Municipal Business

License fee incurred by a new business. All business owners and entrepreneurs are encouraged to apply, as some of the application restrictions have been temporarily waived.

To raise the funds for this initiative, the Shoals Chamber is selling "The Shoals- Live Local" baseball tees. One hundred percent of the proceeds raised from these shirts go to SAFE, allowing for more applicants to receive reimbursements, just like All the Best! The shirts are available for purchase on the Chamber's website for \$30.

Those who wish to make direct donations to SAFE can do so by making checks payable to "Shoals Chamber Foundation attn: SAFE."

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There are ways to avoid common bank fees. To be fair, a lot of banks and credit unions do charge to cash non-customer checks, but some don't. Our bank doesn't as long as the check is drawn on that bank. CitiBank does not charge to cash their customers' checks. Most banks charge a monthly service fee. You can avoid that by keeping a balance over the amount required to avoid those fees or you can choose a bank or credit union that simply doesn't charge monthly fees. By banking with a company that doesn't charge monthly fees, you don't have to worry about whether or not you're meeting the requirements each month.

Avoid overdraft fees by choosing a bank or credit union that doesn't charge overdraft protection fees. There are plenty of institutions with free overdraft protection services.

Forbes Advisor recommends SoFi Bank and they have no monthly maintenance fee and few other fees, competitive interest rates, early direct deposit, no-fee overdraft protection, and automatic savings features. On the negative side, they don't have physical locations. I will say that we have wonderful banking relationships with First Metro Bank, Bank Independent, and Progress Bank that are beneficial to us and our clients. I do not think online banking would work for a business such as ours. A good banker can be really helpful.

If you do decide to change institutions, do it properly. First, find a new bank or credit union. Review and transfer automatic payments and recurring transactions. Transfer the money from your old bank to your new bank. Close the account and request a written letter that states that your accounts are closed just in case you have to settle any discrepancies in the future. If you didn't already move your money, you will receive the balances in your accounts in the form of a check. By the way, if you're receiving a paper copy of your monthly statement in the mail, you're probably being charged for that too.

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He Chose the Donkey

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God did not send an elephant. He could have chosen an elephant, but decided HIS Son would be best served by a donkey.

This is to remind you that you would also be best served by choosing the donkey. Democrats have always had the peoples' backs. Even if you were an elephant, the donkey always had your back.

You have the right to choose wisely. Or you can choose the elephant.

Linda Johnson
Florence

Cultivate a Friendship

Dear Sir,

Amity is a word that means FRIENDSHIP.

National Race Amity was celebrated in the Shoals in 2021, in observance of the centennial of the organization. The Race

Amity Day Coalition received proclamations from the cities, towns, and county commissions in the Shoals area, and celebrated the day with a program at our Florence Public Library. Race Amity Day has an overall mission of the cultivation of friendship (amity) and cooperation among and between all people, with the cultivation of race amity as its key tool and end goal.

This year we are expanding our efforts to invite civic organizations and churches in the Shoals to join our coalition and demonstrate their support for the mission and local efforts to publicize and expand the observance of Race Amity Day.

If your organization or church would like to be a supporter, you can contact the Race Amity on Facebook at Race Amity Day in the Shoals or call 256-764-1766.

Jacqueline Osborne
for the Race Amity Day Coalition

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Barry Lee
Rogersville

One Side of the News

Editor:

"All the News fit to Print..." was a most famous phrase in American Journalism, a declaration of the *New York Times* to report news impartially. It is sad most media, including many smaller daily newspapers don't adhere to impartial reporting.

I would like to submit a few examples of important news not reported: not one article about Hunter Biden's laptop; not one article about Hunter Biden's involvement with Ukraine oil; the Biden's investments in China; the independent Durham investigation conclude the involvement of the Clinton campaign; how the CIA knew the Trump-Russia collusion data was not technically plausible since 2017; how the Biden administration policies of cancelling the Keystone

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attractions, opinions, and educational successes, data will be taken, analyzed and re-channelled to individuals as needed so they eventually understand society, life, and obligations as they are supposed to.

Data is about equity, equity is about socialism, and socialism is about controlling what your children see, how they think, and how they react. It's a small but vital part of a larger plan of control.

Creators "envision a world where data will be used to drive systematic change, economic mobility, and student success." If student success and upward mobility were the primary goals, student success would be listed first. But it is not.

SEL uses data-mining to manage affairs to produce equitable outcomes. They are not looking for leaders, stars, achievers, and those who ask why. They are looking to create a lot of followers, conformers, and

those who are satisfied with learning at a modest pace under the guise of fairness.

After all, your child doing well could make another child feel inadequate. And how dare we put some drive into a talented, but unmotivated learner! Instead, they'll work toward tempering the drive in those who would otherwise excel. That's why a lot of advanced and honors classes are being scaled back. It's just *not fair* to those who cannot achieve.

We have a lot of good teachers, however the WOKE seeds of "white privilege" and horrors of "western colonialism" are already infiltrating some of their thoughts, too.

The teachers' union antics and a constant focus on test scores can also quell real learning and often erodes teacher enthusiasm. The unions always drive left in election years and take the focus off helping our children to achieve their dreams and become productive, successful citizens.

As a whole, kids may not be better educated in

math, history, geography, and real science than they were 20, 40, 60 years ago. However, they are exposed and receptive to much more than the generations before.

Proponents of SEL call for less focus on academics, knowledge, and achievement, and more on student feelings, mindsets, values, and behaviors. Which government-run vendor attitudes and behaviors should be promoted?

The overwhelming majority of children are not damaged or vulnerable trauma victims in need of a behavioral overhaul. And our teachers are not equipped to be therapists.

That approach can actually lead to deterioration in both self-esteem and academic performance. And that could be the plan.

Remember the public education movement is towards socialism. Socialism is all about conformity. It involves an education curriculum that starts with tempering drive and individualism.

No one has the right to collect data on our children,

public schools or not. If we allow bureaucrats to continue influencing children behind our backs and under the radar, we are done as a free society.

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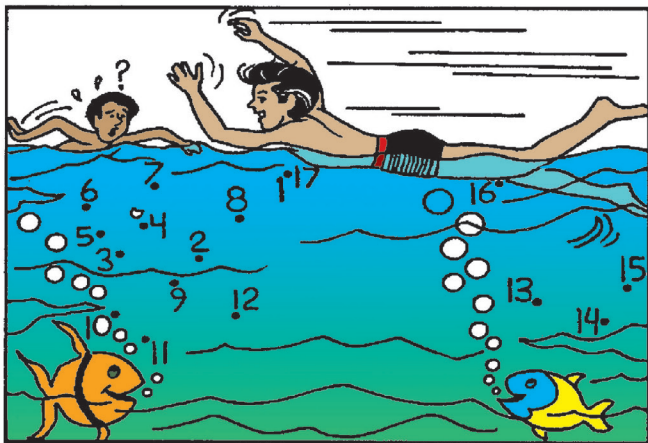
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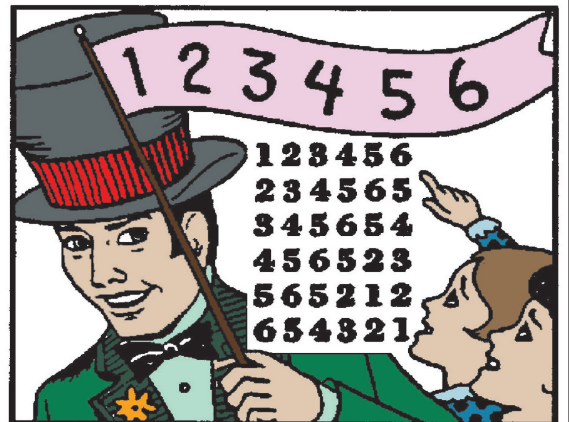
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1-TO-6 SEQUENCE COUNTDOWN

LOOK over the systematic arrangement of numbers 1 to 6 at right. Then see if you can determine in how many different ways you can find 1 to 6 in order, moving up or down, to right or left, but not diagonally.

Each 1-6 run must differ. That is to say, each six-some must be traced out in a varying path to include at least one new number.

Perhaps you lack the patience to make an actual count. If so, take a guess instead.



WEIGH FARE! It seems that if Lorna weighs less than Fran, and Hazel weighs as much as Lorna, and Sue weighs more than Fran, then Hazel weighs less than Sue. True or false?

PAIR GAME! A dozen words shown in the diagram at right are to be paired to form just six words (of varying lengths) having two syllables each. Words at left are to precede words at right in the new words formed. A way to avoid confusion in solving this poser is to start with the first word in the first column, find a compatible word in the second column and draw a connecting line to the second word. do the same with the next word, etc.



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Pipeline actually is bad for the environment; in reference to climate change that in the 50's another ice age was predicted; etc. I could go on, but it would be redundant. Of course, we are still fed anti-Trump stories, such as articles his claims of voter fraud are unfounded. Sad, when not only are we censored in Face Book, Twitter, etc., but continually fed one side of the news.

John Lee
 Florence

Future is Not Assured

Editor:

An interesting thing happened after Russia invaded Ukraine. As Europe and Asia have found a new resolve on behalf of democratic values, the US has been front and center in rallying them to the cause.

This is a role we've played—with ups and downs—for many decades. It became fashionable not very long ago to argue that the US's preeminent role in world affairs has disappeared, but it's harder to make that case at the moment.

With all of our problems, there are several reasons we've retained that position. The first is that, in the end, we know what we stand for: personal liberty, justice, economic opportunity, a sense of morality in world affairs.

There are other factors as well, of course. One is our military strength, its technological innovation, and the professionalism of our armed forces. Another is a solid economy which, despite its inequalities and occasional struggles, has over the long term brought general prosperity to Americans.

We've also benefited from a remarkable degree of political stability. We have our hard-fought differences, and there's no question that we face a time of testing ahead. However, the country's not coming apart at the seams. In a dangerous world, that's a vital asset not to be squandered.

So is the attitude we

bring to the task of world leadership—a sense of civility that leads many nations (though not all) to trust us to act decently and work closely with allies and other like-minded countries. In part, this is because we bring good people to the task of leadership. We maintain a reputation for fielding a strong civil service, we constantly refresh the country's talent through immigration, and our education system produces a steady stream of motivated, talented people.

None of this is to say that our future on the global stage is assured. Politicians who embrace the extremes, battles over school curriculum, a less welcoming approach to immigration—all are troublesome. And, of

course, we face ambitious rivals for power overseas, China especially.

Notwithstanding, we have a legacy of strong institutions and national strengths that have seen us through trying times before. If we don't undermine them from within, they can do so in trying times ahead, as well.

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Families, singles, couples are invited. The Club is an alcohol, drug, tobacco, weapon free facility. Mask are optional. Caller Kevin Cozad, Centerville, AL.

For more information, please call Fran at 256-760-6420.

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

The Deshler High School class of 1972 is having a 50th Reunion on June 18. An effort is being made to reach all classmates. For info call Matt Kirkland at 256-280-1487.

The Help Center in Florence will be open on the 3rd Saturday of each month on a permanent basis. The volunteers felt they could better serve their Saturday clients if they made the change to be open on 3rd Saturday every month to help avoid confusion. Hours are 8:30-10am - for food distribution ONLY. Saturday hours are for families who are unable to come from 8:30-noon on Monday, Wednesday or Friday.

Pay it Forward: Donate to Educate. Shoals Scholar Dollars is an Education Foundation raising money to pay tuition at Northwest Shoals Community College and transfer scholarships to the University of North Alabama for Lauderdale and Colbert County students who meet certain criteria. Donate to Scholar Dollars at any participating financial institution the second Friday of each month.

Recall LaGrange's Distillery Raid on the Mountain is set for Saturday, May 7 from 10am-4pm. It will include a period correct living history event centering on a Prohibition Era Raid on a "suspected moonshine still." A group of lawmen will descend on the pioneer village of LaGrange and will engage in a brief skirmish with the locals at 2pm on the 7th at the College Site Park. Living history presentations will be ongoing

throughout the day and also tours of the near-by Dawson Distillery earlier in the day. Craft Vendors and Tours of the LaGrange's Pioneer Village will be open inside the park all day. The Event is Free. Donations are always appreciated for continued operations of the park.

For more information, contact: Louise Lenz 256-446-9324 or Colbert County Tourism: 256-383-0783.

The Belle Mont Celtic Fest, featuring the music and culture of Scotland and Ireland, will take place

on the grounds of historic Belle Mont Mansion in Tuscumbia on Saturday, May 14. Gates open at 8am. Events begin at 10am. Headliners are well-known Celtic musicians - Ed Miller, the Piper Jones Band, and Chambliss and Muse. Food vendors, chamber musicians, kids' activities, and demonstrators on site. Bring blankets and chairs. Advance Tickets through Eventbrite or by calling

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BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

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Medicare Minute

Medicare vs Medicaid

It seems like potential cuts to Medicaid are all over the news lately. People who confuse Medicare and Medicaid are obviously concerned. This is easy to do because they both can be related to a person's health insurance. Although they coordinate in many ways, they are two distinctive programs.

Medicare is a federal health insurance program. There are three ways to qualify for Medicare. The first way is to be 65 years of age or older. The second way is to have been on Social Security disability for at least 24 months. The third way to qualify for Medicare is be any age and have either end-stage renal disease or ALS. Medicare is not income based as far as qualifying. As long as you meet one of the three requirements above you will qualify for Medicare. Your income, however, can affect the amount you pay for your Part B premium.

Medicaid is a state health insurance program. Medicaid is income and resource based, meaning you will qualify or not according to how much money you make and/or how much money you have saved. In 2022 if you made less than \$1,153 as an individual or \$1,546 as a couple you could qualify for Medicaid. Whereas Medicare has deductibles and coinsurance, Medicaid will take care of most of your healthcare cost. A person on Medicaid can also get a break on how much they pay on their prescription drugs.

Medicare and Medicaid will coordinate in a couple of ways. In some counties in north Alabama there is a Medicare plan that will coordinate with Medicaid. To qualify for this plan you must be on Medicare and Medicaid. This is referred to as "dual eligible". Also, if you make more than the Medicaid limits but are under \$1,698 as an individual or \$2,288 as a couple you may qualify for "extra help". This would help you on your prescription drug cost.

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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256-381-5052: Adults \$15, Youths 12-18 years \$5, Children under 12 years free. Gate Admission (on festival day): Adults \$20, Youth \$5. Children under 12 free with paid adult. Rain location is the Roundhouse at Tusculumbia Depot. Belle Mont is located at 1569 Cook Lane off of Hwy. 43 South.

For more Information, call 256-381-5052 or email bellemontmansion@gmail.com

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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.

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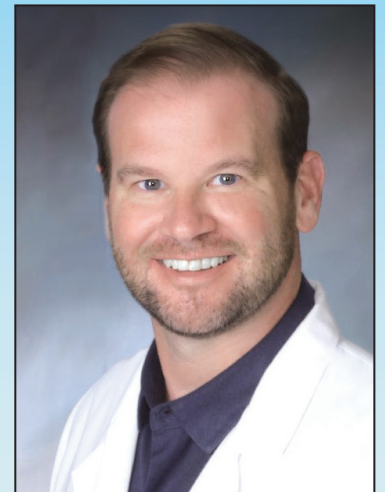
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