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## Job Fair for Lauderdale

FLORENCE—Lauderdale County Commission is sponsoring a Job Fair this Thursday, June 23 from 10am-2:30pm at the Florence-Lauderdale Coliseum at 702 Veterans Drive.

There are full and part time positions open. All positions are listed in our Employment section this week.

Full-Time Benefits include vacation, sick leave, insurance, and retirement.

Meet with Department Heads and get your interview on the spot. For more details and job descriptions, visit [www.lauderdalecountyal.gov](http://www.lauderdalecountyal.gov)



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MUSCLE SHOALS -- Northwest-Shoals Community College is offering students an opportunity to finish their college degree or certificate program with less financial burden this fall with the Continuing Excellence Scholarship. The deadline to apply for the half tuition scholarship is August 1, 2022.

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## An Incentive for Music

SHOALS – The Shoals is synonymous with legendary hit music. No one can deny the heritage and musical pedigree of our community and its influence across the world. The Shoals is the largest hit-making area in the world, rightfully known to the world as the “Hit Recording Capital of the World.”

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## Think: Internet Safety

Privacy Settings are Mandatory in Efforts to Shield Children from Predators

SHOALS—Did you know that internet predators can judge by the appearance of a profile or by the behavior that a child is exhibiting online whether he or she might be a prime target for sexual grooming and exploitation?

According to Enough is Enough®, Children, teens and adolescents who don't use privacy settings

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## A Gold Plus on the Guidelines

FLORENCE – North Alabama Medical Center has received the American Heart Association's GoldPlus with Target: Type2Diabetes Honor Roll *Get With The Guidelines*® - Stroke quality achievement award for its commitment to ensuring stroke patients receive the most appropriate treatment according to nationally recognized, research-based guidelines, ultimately leading



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Stroke is the No. 5 cause of death and a leading cause of disability in the U.S.A stroke occurs when a blood vessel that carries oxygen and nutrients to the brain is either blocked by a clot or bursts. When that happens, part of the brain cannot

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## Shorts...

### An Incentive for Music

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to launch the Shoals Music Makers Recording Incentive. Eligible and approved recipients will receive up to a 30% reimbursement incentive on their entire budget, provided the project is recorded in Colbert or Lauderdale County.

The selection process will mirror that of the successful Remote Shoals program, which includes an interview and analysis on the economic impact of the project.

More information can be found on the website

www.shoalsmusicmakers.com. We encourage artists and producers to visit the site to learn more and apply.

For more information about this program, contact **Kevin Jackson** (kjackson@shoalseda.com) or call 256-764-4661.

### A Centennial Farm Program

MONTGOMERY—The Alabama Department of Agriculture and Industries (ADAI) is now accepting applications for their annual Century & Heritage (C&H) Farm and Bicentennial Farm programs. ADAI created these programs to help recognize and

celebrate family farms that have significantly impacted Alabama history and agriculture.

A Century Farm is one that has been in the same family continuously for at least 100 years and currently has agricultural activities on the farm. The farm must include at least 40 acres of land and be owned by the applicant or nominee. Over 700 farms across the state have been recognized by the C & H Farm program for their longtime contributions to Alabama agriculture.

ADAI is also accepting applications for the Bicentennial Farm program. The Bicentennial Farm program recognizes farms that have been owned and operated by the same family for 200 years or more. The farm must be at least 40 acres in size, owned by an Alabama

resident and have current agricultural activities. To date, 17 farms have been recognized by this program.

If your farm meets the qualifications for the 2022 C & H Farm program or Bicentennial Farm program, contact Amy Belcher at 334-240-7126 or by email amy.belcher@agi.alabama.gov to receive an application. A copy of both applications are available on the ADAI's website at <https://agi.alabama.gov/centuryheritage-bicentennialfarms/> along with sample applications to use as a guide. All applicants must complete the appropriate Ownership Registration Form and return it to ADAI by Friday, August 26, 2022.



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**FLORENCE YARD SALE, 101** Colonial Dr., Forest Hills Sub., Fri. & Sat., 7am-6pm, Purses \$2 each, Lots of Material, Dolls, Furniture, Toys, & misc.

**FLORENCE: 2119 OLD CLOVERDALE ROAD** Yard Sale, Furniture, Electronics, Clothing, and Misc. Map ID #662

**FLORENCE ESTATE SALE** 504 N. Patton St. Fri. & Sat. 7am-until? Home decor, Collectibles, Household items, Glassware, Dinnerware, Furniture, Tools, Linens/Draperies, Cookware, Clothes

**MUSCLE SHOALS: 280** Sycamore Dr Fri/Sat.6am-12pm, YARD SALE, Adult Children clothing, Furniture, Lamps, Boys Dirt Bike, Go-cart, King Size Mattress, Patio Map#659.

**FLORENCE: 132 Dogwood Dr.** Florence Yard Sale:

132 Dogwood Dr.

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**FLORENCE YARD SALE, 346** West Duncan Ave., Fri. & Sat. 7am-until? Household, Retro Clothes, Kitchen items, Lamps, and much more!

**FLORENCE: 306 Colonial Dr** Sat. 7am-Until, Multi Family Yard Sale Household items, clothes for Men & Women & Plus sizes. MAP ID#663

**ELGIN YARD SALE, 72 Bobo** Lane, Wed. & Thurs. 9am-3pm, Furniture, Appliances, Household items and misc. Map ID# 651

**FLORENCE YARD SALE, 115** Talisman Dr., Fri. & Sat., 7am-1pm, Hunting clothes, Fishing Rods & Reels, Music CDs, Furniture, Men's Big & Tall Clothes, Women's Clothes, Household knick-knacks, animal crate & more! Map ID#661

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Community Notes must be submitted in writing by 3pm Friday for consideration in the following week's issue.

- Email to editor@courierjournal.net;
- 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.

**Wood Avenue Church of Christ in Florence will host a series "Difficult Questions Answered"** each Wednesday at 7pm this summer, located at 400 N. Wood Ave. Florence. Until August 10 with different guest preachers every week.

June 22 - Does God condone lying in 1 Kings 13 and 1 Samuel 16:1-2? - Vance Hutton

June 29 - Does the Bible allow "social drinking"? - Reed Swindle

**LifeSouth Blood Drives for June**

Wednesday, June 22, 11am-5pm - Bank Independent, Avalon Ave., Muscle Shoals

Thursday, June 23, 9am-4:30pm - Russellville Utilities

Friday, June 24, 4-9pm - Helen Keller Festival, Spring Park, Tuscumbia

Saturday, June 25, Noon-6:30pm - Helen Keller Festival, Spring Park, Tuscumbia

Sunday, June 26, Noon-6pm - Walmart, Avalon Ave., Muscle Shoals

Monday, June 27, 1-7pm - Walmart, Hough Road, Florence

Wednesday, June 29, 11am-5pm - CB&S Bank, Avalon Ave., Muscle Shoals

Thursday, June 30, 10am-4:30pm - Listerhill, Hwy 43, Russellville

**The Miracle Worker Play**, Helen Keller Birthplace, 300 North Commons W, Tuscumbia. June 24, 25 & July 8, 9, 15, 16, - Performances are Friday and Saturday evenings at 8pm (gates open at 7pm). Reserved seats \$15, General Admission \$10. Info: www.helenkellerbirthplace.org Ticket reservations: 256-383-4066

**Survivors' Day will be held at Singing River Cancer Center** in Florence on Friday, June 24. Oncology patients are invited to attend the drive-thru event from 12-2pm. Singing River Cancer Center is located at 180 Cox Creek Parkway in Florence, across from TJ Maxx.

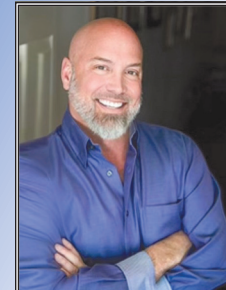
Survivors' Day will be strictly a drive-thru event. Participants will pick up a free bag and t-shirt.

**The Arts Alive Gallery exhibit is showing at the Kennedy-Douglass Center for the Arts** in Florence until June 24. Hours are 9am-4pm Monday-Friday and 1-4pm on Sunday.

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Midway is located at 6000 US Hwy 43 just north of Killen. For directions or more information, please visit facebook.com/midwaychurchofchrist.org Everyone is invited to come...and bring someone with you!



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**The Florence-Lauderdale Farmers Market is Now Open** 6am-1pm on Saturdays. You will find fruit, vegetables, beef, chicken, farm-fresh eggs, flowers, plants, and knife / scissor sharpening.

The market is a covered pavilion located at 451 Fairground Road in Florence with plenty of parking. Call if you have questions 256-443-4998.

**Divorce Care** is a weekly seminar and support group that will help you heal. Join on Tuesdays, 6-8pm, supper at 5:30pm, at Highland Baptist Church Christian Life Center, Room C101, corner of Martin and Eugenia St., Florence.

More info - 256-764-1392 or [www.divorcecare.org/groups/149930](http://www.divorcecare.org/groups/149930).

**Helen Keller Art Show of Alabama**, June 4-25 at TVMA, 511 N. Water St, Tuscumbia. The Helen Keller Art Show of Alabama is an annual traveling juried art show.

**Special programming on 19th Century dining culture will be presented at Belle Mont Mansion** by collector and historian George Terrell on Friday, June 24, and Saturday, June 25. The banquet table at Belle Mont will be set to show a multi-course Victorian meal to illustrate his talk. Tickets to his discussions will be sold in advance and will include a box lunch catered by Sweet Basil Alabama and served on the Belle Mont courtyard. A collector-led tour of the museum and the exhibit of antique and vintage china is included.

Proceeds benefit operations and preservation of Belle Mont Mansion, built circa 1828, owned by the Alabama Historical Commission. Sponsor of the event is the Colbert County Historical Landmarks Foundation. The mansion is located at 1569 Cook Lane, Tuscumbia.

Tickets are \$25 and must be purchased in advance by calling Belle Mont at 256-381-5052, visiting Event Brite, or from Fiddledee D! gift shop in downtown Tuscumbia. Seating is limited and program times are specified at 11am or 1pm. For more information: 256-381-5052 or [bellemontmansion@gmail.com](mailto:bellemontmansion@gmail.com)

**Summer Saturdays**, Tennessee Valley Museum of Art, 511 N Water St., Tuscumbia, June 25. Children's art activities, free to guests with paid admission, 11am-2pm.

**The Faith-Based Support Specialist (FBSS) Program is designed to bridge the gap between the faith community and the mental health field** and looks to give church leaders of all faiths the opportunity to become skilled professionals in supporting those who seek help with substance abuse. The first FBSS Training conference for this area is Thursday and Friday, June 23-24 in Huntsville. It is free to participants and is sponsored by funding from the Foundation for Opioid Response Efforts.

Leaders who complete the program will have the knowledge and resources to point individuals in the direction of the most appropriate care for their individual situation, receiving a certification backed by the Alabama Department of Mental Health.

FBSS program participants will be educated on substance misuse, ethics, communication skills and many more relevant topics. For more information, and registration options, contact FBSS Ambassador, Byron Jackson, at [byronajackson@gmail.com](mailto:byronajackson@gmail.com) or by phone at 256-525-8191.

**The Muscle Shoals Songwriters Festival** early bird tickets went on sale June 15 for the upcoming festival, scheduled for November 4-5 in Muscle Shoals.

The festival will feature more than 50 songwriters at multiple venues across The Shoals. A portion of the lineup is now available online. The remainder of the lineup, along with the festival schedule and headliner, will be announced later this summer.

Early Bird general admission weekend pass is \$79. Early Bird VIP weekend pass is \$99, and Early Bird VIP weekend pass and access to Thursday night Kick-Off Party is \$129. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit [www.mssongfest.com](http://www.mssongfest.com).

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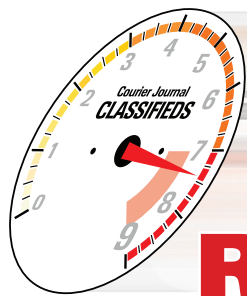
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**Accountant**  
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Monday, June 27, 2022.

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Please send resume and/or  
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P.O. Box 580, Sheffield,  
Alabama 35660, Attention:  
HR Dept. or e-mail to:  
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Applications will be accepted from  
**Tuesday, June 14 at 8am** through the close  
of business **Friday, June 24 at 4:30pm.**  
Applications with a job description may be  
obtained in person from the **City Clerk's Office**  
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**Sheffield Utilities** will be accepting applications for the position of **Electrical Engineering Associate** beginning Monday, June 20, 2022, through 5:00 p.m. on Monday, June 27, 2022.

- Duties include line locating, customer meetings, drawing work orders, job requisitions, system mapping, etc.
- Combination of office and field work.
- Computer skills: Excel, Word, Mapping Software

Please send resume and/or application to Sheffield Utilities, P.O. Box 580, Sheffield, Alabama 35660, Attention: HR Dept. or email to: [apply@sheffieldutilities.org](mailto:apply@sheffieldutilities.org).

Applications and Job Descriptions can be downloaded from our website: [www.sheffieldutilities.org](http://www.sheffieldutilities.org) or picked up at 300 N. Nashville Avenue, Sheffield between the hours of 8 am and 5 pm, Monday through Friday. Sheffield Utilities is an Equal Opportunity Employer

### SUPPORT COORDINATOR Position

Northwest Alabama Mental Health Center currently has an opening for a full-time Support Coordinator position located in Florence, Alabama.

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### BUILDING PLANNING OFFICER

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Applications are available at the **City Clerk's Office, 2010 East Avalon Avenue, Muscle Shoals, Alabama,** between the hours of 7:45am and 4:30pm, phone number 256-383-5675. Applications may be downloaded from our website, [www.cityofmuscleshoals.com](http://www.cityofmuscleshoals.com)

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on social networking and gaming sites often post personal information - including their deepest desires, likes and dislikes, real-time moods, pictures, videos, addresses, and phone numbers - for anyone to see.

That's why it's important to use privacy settings on all social media and gaming platforms as well as their mobile devices.

Depending on the platform, these settings help control privacy-related issues such as:

- Account privacy (who can see your child's

profile, posts, photos and videos)

- Who is able to view contact information
- The ability to view your child's "friends" list
- Who can 'tag' or mention your child
- The audience your child chooses to share information with
- Who your child can communicate with (ex. can only communicate with friends)
- Activity status (when turned off, latest 'active' status is hidden)

Teach your children to block anyone they don't know in the physical world as its impossible to detect a disguised predator. If you feel you and/or someone you know are in danger, contact law enforcement immediately.

Remember, privacy settings only work if they are set to begin with, so please do not overlook this critical step!

Please visit [www.internetsafety101.org](http://www.internetsafety101.org) for more information.

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## Commentary

# Serious Red Flags and Inane Political Monkey Business

**P**roposed Red Flag Gun Laws authorize police to conduct searches and seize guns from individuals who are deemed a danger to themselves or others. These are warrantless orders to seize lawfully-possessed firearms based on the notion that the gun might pose a danger - solely on the basis of a stated concern by one individual.

From what I understand, Red Flag Gun Laws are already active to various degrees in 19 states and DC. They allow a family member, roommate, partner, law enforcement officer, or any type of medical professional to file a court petition asking that a person's home be 'temporarily' cleared of firearms. It doesn't require a mental-health diagnosis or an arrest.

The stated intention is to disarm individuals who are potential threats. While we may all agree on some possible benefits, allowing government officials (with this or ANY administration) to determine the validity of such arbitrary and invasive infringements on our 2nd and 4th Amendment rights is a moving locomotive looking for a busy intersection.

This same government freely uses the words "anti-government," "extremist," "right wing," and "terrorist" interchangeably. THAT should be a concern.

Anyone who observes their Constitutional right to speak freely, worship freely, criticize the direction of government, owns a firearm, associates with like-minded individuals who share political/societal/spiritual views on social media, or has been associated with any group that the Southern Poverty Law Center arbitrarily labels as bigoted, racist, homophobic, hate, or anti-government could be subjected to a no-knock, warrantless search any morning at 4am.

See **RED FLAGS...** on Page 39

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## In A Few Words



**TOM MAGAZZU**  
Editor

## Courier Journal

# THIS WEEK

in the *Shoals*

June 22, 2022

*Happening*  
**THIS WEEK**



## FLPL is Keeping the Kids Reading

FLORENCE—Oceans of Possibilities - Summer Reading at Florence-Lauderdale Public Library, is a fun way to keep kids reading and learning at the library during summer! They offer prize incentives for books read and daily

See **READING...**  
Page 33

## Archaeology in Focus for June

FLORENCE—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 level age group. Each program will have a creative component with hands-on learning. All events are free.

See **EXPLORE...**  
on Page 21



File photo

**AN IDENTITY THEFT AND SCAMS** workshop is hosted by the Alabama Human Sciences Extension of Financial Management on June 28 from 10-11am at the Sheffield Public Library, 316 N. Montgomery Ave in Sheffield.

**YOU'RE INVITED TO THE OUTDOOR STUDY SERIES,** Part 3 of a 3, hosted by Midway church of Christ at 6:30pm on Monday, June 27 in Killen Park, Shelter #3. Revisiting The Divide: A Historical Perspective on Institutionalism is a study with Bill Hall from Hartselle, AL. Bring a chair and a Bible! Time permitting, we will have Q&A at the end of the study. In case of inclement weather, the event will take place at the Midway building located at 6000 U.S. Highway 43 (next to Q-Gas). For more information, please visit: facebook.com/midwaychurchofchrist.org

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## The Truth, the Whole Truth

Editor:

I have received campaign flyers from people who want my vote. Most of the flyers professed that the candidate was a Christian Conservative.

I began to question the truthfulness of that statement because the flyers would also say something negative about the opponent.

That led me to consider Rule 9 of God's Top 10: Thou shall not bear false witness against thy neighbor. When a witness takes the stand in a Court of Law, he or she swears or avows that he or she will "...tell the truth, the whole truth,..."

The author of the flyer may say, "I did not lie; it happened." I say read Rule 9 of 10 very carefully and show me the word lie. If a

candidate that is willing to go against one of God's Top 10 rules for his or her benefit, I have to wonder how far he or she will go against the will of the voters for his or her benefit.

**Vic Billingham**  
Killen

## Kindness: We Can Be One

Editor:

I hear so many say that these are the worst days of our lives and that gas prices have never been so high. Inflation, greed, ignorance, hate, and fear raise their ugly heads.

Instead of listening and repeating

See **LETTERS...** on Page 24

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**HONDA: CR-V, 2009 \$14,450.** EXL, with navigation, all-wheel drive, only 70K miles, heated leather, unroof, rear-view camera. Just serviced. Excellent Condition! 256-527-2125.

## Half Price

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With inflation forcing tough economic times, students aren't exempt. NWSCC officials say there's help available beginning this fall through the Continuing Excellence Scholarship.

"We hope this will help relieve financial burdens for those who are so close to completing their degree or certificate program this fall," said NW-SCC Dean of Students, Dr. Crystal Reed.

The competitive scholarship equates to about \$2,000 in savings for students and pays half tuition for the fall 2022 or the spring 2023 semester.

To be eligible, students must meet the below requirements:

- **Minimum 2.5 GPA on all college coursework**
- **Successfully completed a minimum of 30 credit hours at NW-SCC**
- **US Citizen or Permanent Resident**
- **Completed Application (Deadline: August 1, 2022)**
- **Completed 2022-2023 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)**

"We see students who weren't academically strong in high school come to us and do really well and maintain good GPAs," she said. "This is a way for us to give something back to those students who stayed committed and excelled."

If you meet the above requirements, visit <https://nwsc.edu/scholarships> to apply.

For more information, please email [financialaid@nwsc.edu](mailto:financialaid@nwsc.edu) or call 256-331-5364.

## Notes...

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**Want to see your Event here? Email your information to Editor@CourierJournal.net.**

**A monthly grief support group meets** the first Tuesday of each month at 10am at Cliff Haven Church in Sheffield. Kindred Hospice is sponsoring the meetings which are free and open to the public. The church is located at 1601 Andrews Ave. in Sheffield. For more information, call 256-764-0873.

**We Stand Basketball Tournament** on July 16 at Sheffield Rec Center. Doors open at 5pm. Adults \$10, kids \$5. Quad Cities Players vs Police Dept. Members.

General public...interested in playing...? Contact Chris Armstead 256-366-6678 or Willie Pride 256-577-9369.

This will be an annual event for scholarships for children of deceased police officers.

**Come Travel with The Club** (Florence Senior Center), Diamonds in the Rough. 256-760-6642. Our trips are open to the general public.

Pigeon Forge, August 1-5, 2022. \$599 double rate per person, add \$149 for private room. Final payment due 5/25/22.

Biltmore Estate & Asheville, NC, December 12-15, 2022. \$569 double rate per person, add \$140 for private room. \$75 deposit on signing up. Final payment 10/5/22.

Mackinac Island, May 14-20, 2023, \$775 double rate per person, add \$219 for private room. \$75 deposit on signing up. Final payment 3/7/23.

Mount Rushmore, the Badlands & Black Hill of South Dakota, Sept. 30-Oct. 8, \$999 double rate per person, add \$286 for private room. \$75 deposit on signing up. Final payment 7/23/23.

**Last month KIX-96 and Big River Broadcasting's beloved on-air personality "Fletch Brown" (aka Steifon J. Passmore), was diagnosed with cancer.** Fletch was referred to MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston which specializes in the treatment he needs. He will undergo a chemo schedule here in the Shoals that will last 4-5 months. Working regularly may be difficult as he deals with the side effects.

Following chemo, Fletch will have 3-4 weeks of radiation treatments in Houston. After the tumor has been reduced they will surgically remove it. At that point, the hope is that he will only have to travel to Houston every few months to check that it hasn't returned, and he is cancer free!

Fletch/Steifon would literally give you the shirt off of his back. He is a valued member of our Shoals Community. He feels his best when he's lifting you up. However, now he needs our help. The bills are coming in from only the last month and this is just for the testing they've done, he hasn't been treated in any way yet. A GoFundMe account has been set up and whatever you can donate would be greatly appreciated - the GoFundMe link is <https://gofund.me/7366e27d> You can also search GoFundMe for Steifon J. Passmore the beneficiary (this is Fletch's given name). And if you see Fletch, let him know you're a member of his support army!

**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.

## Speaking The

# Truth

Ephesians 4:15

In Love

## The Depth Of God's Love

God loves you! This fact has been declared countless times throughout the history of mankind. But can we know and understand the breath, length, height and depth of the love of Almighty God toward man? I suggest it is not possible to realize.

Note what **Isaiah 55:7-9** states about God and man and the difference between them. *"(7)Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. (8)For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord. (9)For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.."*

Humans may love apple pie, baseball, their spouse, their automobile or their children and grandchildren - but certainly in different ways and at various degrees. The original word in the Koine Greek for **LOVE** is translated into English in various words (brotherly love, sexual love, deep agape love, etc).



So, we cannot fully appreciate the love of our Creator, Almighty God. Especially as He gave His only begotten Son for sinful man (John 3:16; Rom. 5:8-9), we see the extent of His love. In God's patience and longsuffering toward sinful man, we see the love of our Father (2 Peter 3:9ff).

Our loving God wants ALL to be saved (1 Timothy 2:3-4). He offers salvation, He wants all to live with Him in paradise eternally (Matthew 25:31-46). He waits for you to come to Him, submit and obey His will (Matthew 7:21). One day it will be too late as the *"day of the Lord* will come as a thief in the night (1 Corinthians 15; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18) and the end and all things will be burned up, melt with fervent heat (2 Peter 3:9-10).

As we close today's study, please examine what God has expressed toward the fickle, wavering Israelites in the long ago. God's cry of Divine love is recorded in **Deuteronomy 5:29**, *"O that there were such an heart in them, that they would fear me, and keep all my commandments always, that it might be well with them, and with their children for ever!"*

The *"chosen few"* will be saved. Those who did not accept the love of God and obey Him will be lost. In what condition are you friend?



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**The 2021 Florence Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER)**

will be on review for 15 days beginning Tuesday, June 21, 2022 on the Florence Planning and Community Development Department website

[www.florenceal.org](http://www.florenceal.org)

Comments concerning the Annual Performance Report may be submitted to [cdbg@florenceal.org](mailto:cdbg@florenceal.org)

# Moments in History

from The History Channel

• On July 3, 1863, the third day of the Battle of Gettysburg, Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee's last attempt at breaking the Union line ends in disastrous failure, bringing the most decisive

battle of the American Civil War to an end. Exhausted, both armies held their positions until the night of July 4, when Lee withdrew.

• On July 2, 1938, Helen Wills Moody defeats Helen Jacobs to win her eighth Wimbledon singles title. Her record stood until Martina Navratilova won her ninth Wimbledon title in 1990.

• On June 28, 1940, Gen. Charles de Gaulle, having set up headquarters in England upon the establishment of a puppet government in his native France, is recognized as the leader of the Free French Forces, dedicated to the defeat of Germany and the liberation of France.

• On June 29, 1967, actress Jayne Mansfield is killed instantly when the car she's riding in strikes the rear of a trailer truck on I-90 east of New Orleans. Her three

children, asleep on the back seat, survived.

• On June 30, 1971, the three Soviet cosmonauts who served as the first crew of the world's first space station die when their spacecraft depressurizes during re-entry and a critical valve opens.

• On June 27, 1985, after 59 years, the iconic 2,200-mile Route 66 is decertified when the American Association of State Highway and Transportation officials votes to remove all its highway signs. Most of

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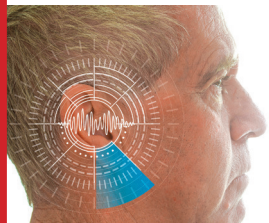
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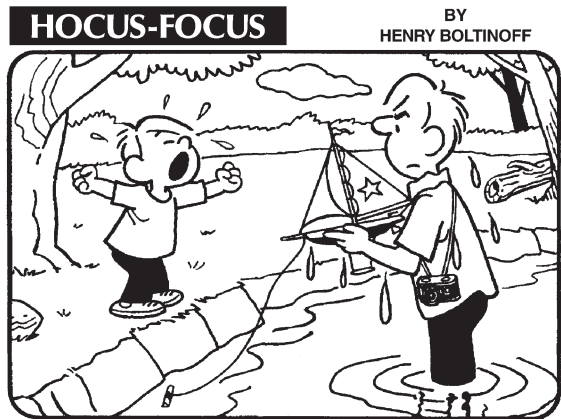


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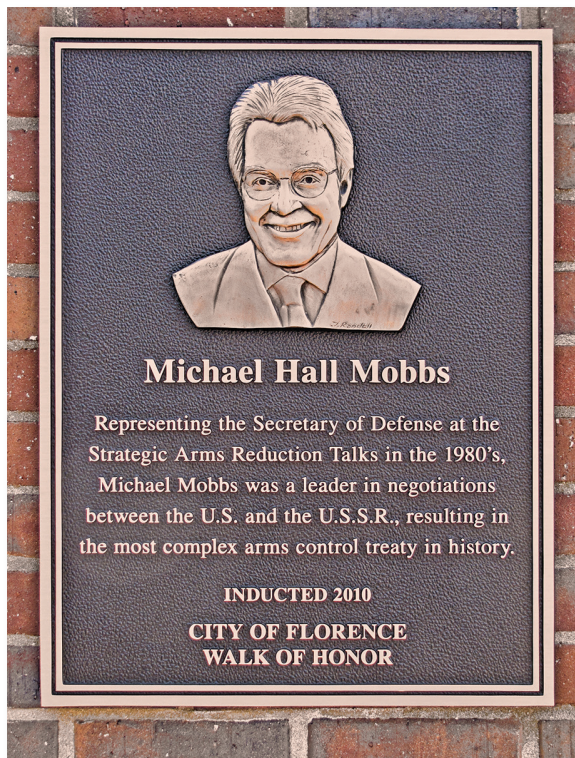
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**Letters...**

**Kindness: We Can Be One**

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misinformation, you should research it. Because it's far from the truth. But that is history you can read, not politicians' lies.

No more politics. I've chosen to follow Jesus instead. You must remember how Jesus felt about politicians. Jesus fed the multitude, healed the sick, cared for the old, the poor, the infirm, the homeless, and orphans and widows... saint and sinner alike, where everyone was His brother and sister, and He was only filled with love and asked you to do the same...and follow Him.

There were no borders for Jesus. No one was less or more. Imagine how He looks upon us today. Finger pointing, palpable angst, but especially hate. Jesus is Love and Truth, not hate.

Until the world figures out that We Are One, there will be nothing but chaos. Fill your fellow human with the shining light of

Love. Reach out a helping hand with a full heart. Let love shine through you.

We will actually lift ourselves up. And pull our brothers up behind us. Fill your heart with Love and kindness.

We Can be One. Quickly now, I hear the flapping of angels wings.

Linda Johnson  
Florence

**Of Supremacy and Hypocrisy**

Editor:

Well, bless Mr. James E, Bankston's little biased and hypocritical heart. He chose to pontificate in the June 8 *Courier Journal*, insisting that the Editor was a "Cleverly Cloaked White Supremacist." Typically, like most small-minded people pressured by real facts they do not like, they play the "Racist" card.

First, Mr. Bankston proves he is as racist as he accuses others of being. In his first sentence, he refers to "minority castes of our society". Any caste system

is based on concepts as onerous as his definition of white supremacy. Hypocrisy, Mr. Bankston, of the worst kind.

Secondly, Mr. Bankston spouted his OPINIONS like they were facts. The real fact is his opinions do not make anything a fact. His scurrilous attack is shameful.

Thirdly, Mr. Bankston chooses to overlook a real fact of life: whether he likes it or not, in a Republic, the majority usually rules.

If one chooses to believe his opinions, one must believe blacks are still relegated to the days of terrible racism of the deep South. Obviously, that's not so. All the civil rights laws were passed by a white majority. In many states, even Alabama, black politicians are elected by non-black people. Some of the finest physicians, attorneys, business CEOs and large corporation owners, military generals, pilots, and engineers, etc. are black. Many came from humble circumstances; they chose to follow their dreams instead of sitting on their behinds and

expecting others to take care of them.

Mr. Bankston harped on "equal opportunity" being under the control of non-blacks. If this were true, none of the individuals cited above would have obtained those positions. Regardless of color, every opportunity involves competition, education, training. Many organizations start training with 5 or 6 people, regardless of skin color or sex, knowing only 2 or 3 will be accepted. Said company is primarily interested in the individual capable of producing profit for their shareholders-not the color of their skin or sex.

Has Mr. Bankston ever sat down with the editor of the *Journal* or anyone else he disagrees with and tried to find areas of common beliefs, looking for ways to reduce the real problems affecting our daily lives? I seriously doubt it.

Yes, there are problems in our society. None of Mr. Bankston's opinions are facts, and nowhere do I find where he was

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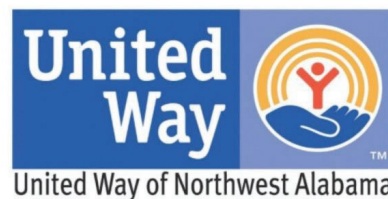
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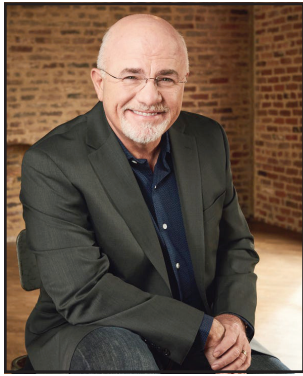
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# DAVE Says

by DAVE RAMSEY



## COMBINE... EVERYTHING

Dear Dave,  
I live with my boyfriend, and we have a baby together. I brought debt into the relationship, and I'm using your debt snowball method to pay it off, but he is debt-free. We have quite a few shared expenses that we split 50-50, but that means we are constantly reimbursing each other. Should we keep our finances separate until I pay off my debt, or is it okay to combine everything now? I'm 26, and we love each other and want to get married, but he makes quite a bit more money than I do. I feel guilty taking that step when I still have debt.  
Dakota

Dear Dakota,  
I don't tell people they have to wait until they're out of debt to get married. I don't tell people they should wait until they're debt-free to have children, either. Listen, you two love each other. You have a baby together, you live together and you're trying to figure out a way to combine incomes and everything else—except the debt. Too late. That ship has sailed.

Here's some arm-around-your-shoulder, old-man advice. The best thing for that baby, and the best thing for you and your boyfriend, is for you two to get married and combine your incomes, combine your lives—combine everything—and

join it all so tight it cannot be torn apart. Then, go live a beautiful, glorious life together. Getting out of debt is part of the adventure. Raising that child together is part of the adventure. Waking up and looking at your husband when he starts to lose his hair is part of the adventure.

It's very difficult legally and relationally to play house financially when you're not married. You get into stupid arguments over who bought the mustard when you're sharing the same bed. It's just so inconsistent and incongruent. That's the system you're using now, but there are better things waiting for you.

I'm not being judgmental, Dakota. I just want good things—the best things—for you and your family.  
— Dave

Dave Ramsey is an eight-time #1 national best-selling author, personal finance expert, and host of *The Ramsey Show*, heard by more than 18 million listeners each week. He has appeared on *Good Morning America*, *CBS This Morning*, *Today Show*, *Fox News*, *CNN*, *Fox Business*, and many more. Since 1992, Dave has helped people take control of their money, build wealth and enhance their lives. He also serves as CEO for Ramsey Solutions.



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faced off with Nina and Sasha. Sonny told Brando and Dex they had to get along. Carly celebrated with Josslyn and Bobbie. Leo overheard Michael talking about his next move regarding Sonny. Anna questioned Valentin's relationship with Victor. TJ supported Epiphany in her studies for the MCAT. Dante and Sam were surprised by Cody's connection. Britt took issue when Spencer sought Brad's help. *Wait to See: Esme flirts with Rory at the Metro Court Pool. Trina, Curtis and Marshall strategize about her upcoming court date. Sasha and Michael reconnect.*

**THE YOUNG AND THE RESTLESS** Kyle took on a new challenge. Chelsea and Chloe shared a difference of opinion. Phyllis made a bold move. Victor rallied the Newmans to help Victoria. Chelsea revisited her past. Lily made an interesting discovery. Amanda learned some disturbing news, while Michael pointed Diane in the right direction. Victor derailed Victoria's new venture. Phyllis extended an olive branch. Diane seized an opportunity with Jack. *Wait to See: Jack stands his ground with Phyllis. Tessa faces an unexpected crisis. Nick contemplates a change in scenery.*

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**THE BOLD AND THE BEAUTIFUL** Carter moved on from his love for Quinn by proposing to Paris. With Sheila in hot pursuit, a frightened Li made a run for her life. Paris instigated an argument after flaunting her engagement ring to Grace. Ridge offered Carter an honest perspective on his situation with Quinn and Paris. Meanwhile, Paris and Carter moved up their wedding date amidst pushback from their loved ones. Eric promised a bright future to an overjoyed Donna. Quinn and Bridget learned a shocking truth about Eric's pickleball "exercise." *Wait to See: Carter makes a stunning admission to Ridge about his genuine love for Quinn. Bridget finds Eric and Donna in bed together. As Carter and Paris' wedding begins, Quinn grapples with having lost her two true loves.*

TR. Sarah attacked Nicole. Ava demanded answers from Gwen. Johnny offered his services to Chanel. Lani was pushed to the brink. Abe and Paulina's Juneteenth wedding was rocked by a stunning reveal. Julie devised a plan to save the day. Nicole and Eric shared a close moment. Johnny and Allie bickered over Chanel. Sami returned to Salem. Leo made a deal with Clyde. EJ offered Chad his support. Ciara was concerned as Jan and Shawn grew closer. Sami questioned Lucas' odd behavior. *Wait to See: Shawn drives Belle straight into EJ's arms. Chloe and Brady have a tense encounter with Leo. Bonnie and Victor find common ground.*

**GENERAL HOSPITAL** In a special 15,000th episode, the town of Port Charles banded together when an unknown political force took aim at beloved Mayor Laura Collins. Carly told Olivia about her latest business move. Dante asked Cody what happened to him before talk turned to the past. Olivia

**DAYS OF OUR LIVES** Paulina and her loved ones celebrated after she was released on bail. A guilt-ridden Lani had visions of



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Park and the Historic Loft District on select Saturdays and Sundays.

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Monday Night 6-8pm, Singing River Squares. At The Club, 450 Country Club Drive in Florence. Caller: Kevin Cozad,

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Want to list your event in Community Notes? Email your information to [editor@CourierJournal.net](mailto:editor@CourierJournal.net).

The Shoals Writers Guild will present a new community enrichment program beginning in September called, "Segway to Your Story," the Who, What, When, Where and Why... at 4wpm on the third Thursday of each month at the Florence-Lauderdale Library.

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## Letters...

### Of Supremacy and Hypocrisy

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appointed judge or jury. Stating someone is a racist is the typical ploy of those who have no real solutions to problems, and who advocate forms of government around the world proving daily their systems only work for the controlling few.

**Floyd N. Price**  
Florence

### Some Infected with Stupidity

Editor:

I have seen a lot of dismal changes in our great country in the last few years, all to do with a sizable portion of our population becoming incredibly stupid and acting out in ways that do not make any sense at all. The BLM people claim to be standing up for black folk while they burn down and destroy black owned businesses. They are tearing down "oppressive" statues, and even the statues that are of men of color who fought slavery and others of men who made amazing contributions to the scientific world.

I couldn't understand where this rampant stupidity was coming from until I stumbled upon the writings of Dietrich Bonhoeffer, a Lutheran minister and a strong opponent of Hitler's policies before and during World War

II. While sitting in prison before Hitler had him murdered, he recorded his thoughts in a work we now known as "Letters and Papers from Prison." One of these papers was titled "On Stupidity."

Many of his thoughts fit our nation's current turmoil perfectly. He said, "Upon closer observation, it becomes apparent that every strong upsurge in power in the public sphere, be it political or religious in nature, infects a large part of humanity with stupidity, the power of one needs the stupidity of the other."

Dietrich goes on to say that people caught up in this movement have lost their inner independence and are incapable of establishing an autonomous position toward the emerging circumstance

Now here is the kicker and what makes these people turned stupid so dangerous; Dietrich states, "Thus having become a mindless tool, the stupid person is capable of any evil and at the same time incapable of seeing that it is evil."

Case in point, tens of thousands of women marching in the streets

screaming "my body my choice" and demanding that they be allowed to murder their babies.

I don't know how the present situation will play out in the future. It will be determined at the ballot box, one can vote for freedom and prosperity or oppression, lawlessness and the continued chaos in our streets sanctioned by the left.

**Eric Krewson**  
Florence

### Is Anything Better, Now?

Editor:

When I read letters such as, "A Cleverly Cloaked White Supremacist" (James Bankston, June 8), I have to remind myself that almost 37% of the people in my home state voted for the current occupant of the White House.

The author defines the terms "conservative" and "conservative values" by using phrases such as: "interpreted as pseudonyms for white supremacy", and

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## Is Skin Cancer Hereditary?

Dear Savvy Senior,  
Is skin cancer hereditary? My 63-year-old brother died of melanoma last year, and I'm wondering if I'm at higher risk.  
Younger Sister

Dear Younger,

While long-term sun exposure and sunburns are the biggest risk factors for melanoma – the deadliest form of skin cancer – having a sibling or parent with melanoma does indeed increase your risk, according to the Skin Cancer Foundation.

Each year, around 100,000 Americans are diagnosed with melanoma, and about 7,500 people will die from it. While anyone can get it, those most often diagnosed are Caucasians, age 50 and older. And those with the highest risk are people with red or blond hair, blue or green eyes, fair skin, freckles, moles, a family history of skin cancer and those who had blistering sunburns in their youth.

### Skin Exams

The best way you can guard against melanoma and other skin cancers (basal and squamous cell carcinomas) is to protect yourself from the sun, and if you're over age 50, get a full-body skin exam done by a dermatologist every year, especially if you're high risk.

Self-examinations done every month or so is also a smart way to detect early problems. Using mirrors, check the front and backside of your entire body, including the tops and undersides of your arms and hands, between your toes and the soles of your feet, your neck, scalp and buttocks.

Be on the lookout for new growths, moles that have changed, or sores that don't heal, and follow the ABCDE rule when examining suspicious moles.

- **A**symmetry: One half of a mole doesn't match the other.
- **B**order: The border is blurred or ragged.
- **C**olor: The mole has uneven colors, often shades of brown, tan or black, with patches of pink, red, white or blue.
- **D**iameter: The lesion is new or at least a quarter inch in diameter.
- **E**volving: The mole is changing in size, shape or color.

For more self-examination tips and actual pictures of what to look for, see [SpotSkinCancer.org](http://SpotSkinCancer.org) or use a skin cancer detection app like [Miiskin.com](http://Miiskin.com), [MoleMapper.org](http://MoleMapper.org) or [SkinVision.com](http://SkinVision.com).

In the spring and summer, there are also a variety of places that offer free skin cancer screenings, like the American Academy of Dermatology ([spotskincancer.org](http://spotskincancer.org)) and the American Society for Dermatologic Surgery ([asds.net/skincancerscreening.aspx](http://asds.net/skincancerscreening.aspx)), which offer screenings done by volunteer dermatologists across the U.S.

### Sun Protection

Even though you can't change your skin or family history, there are some proven strategies that can help you protect yourself.

For starters, when you go outside put-on broad-spectrum SPF 30, water-resistant sunscreen on both sunny and cloudy days. If you don't like the rub-on lotions, try the continuous spray-on sunscreens which are easier to apply and re-apply and less messy. Also, seek the shade when rays are most intense – between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

You can also protect your skin by wearing a wide-brimmed hat, and long sleeves and pants when possible. The best clothing options are tightly woven fabrics that help prevent the sun's rays from reaching your skin, or you can wash in an invisible shield sun protection into your clothes with SunGuard laundry additive (see [sunguarduv.com](http://sunguarduv.com)). You can even buy a variety of lightweight clothing and hats that offer maximum UV protection in their fabric. [Coolibar.com](http://Coolibar.com) and [SunPrecautions.com](http://SunPrecautions.com) are two good sites that offer these products.

### Treatments

If caught early, melanoma is nearly 100 percent curable. But if it's not, the cancer can advance and spread to other parts of the body where it becomes hard to treat and can be fatal. Standard early treatment for melanoma is surgical removal. In advanced cases, however, immunotherapies and targeted therapies have shown positive results, or chemotherapy and radiation may be used.

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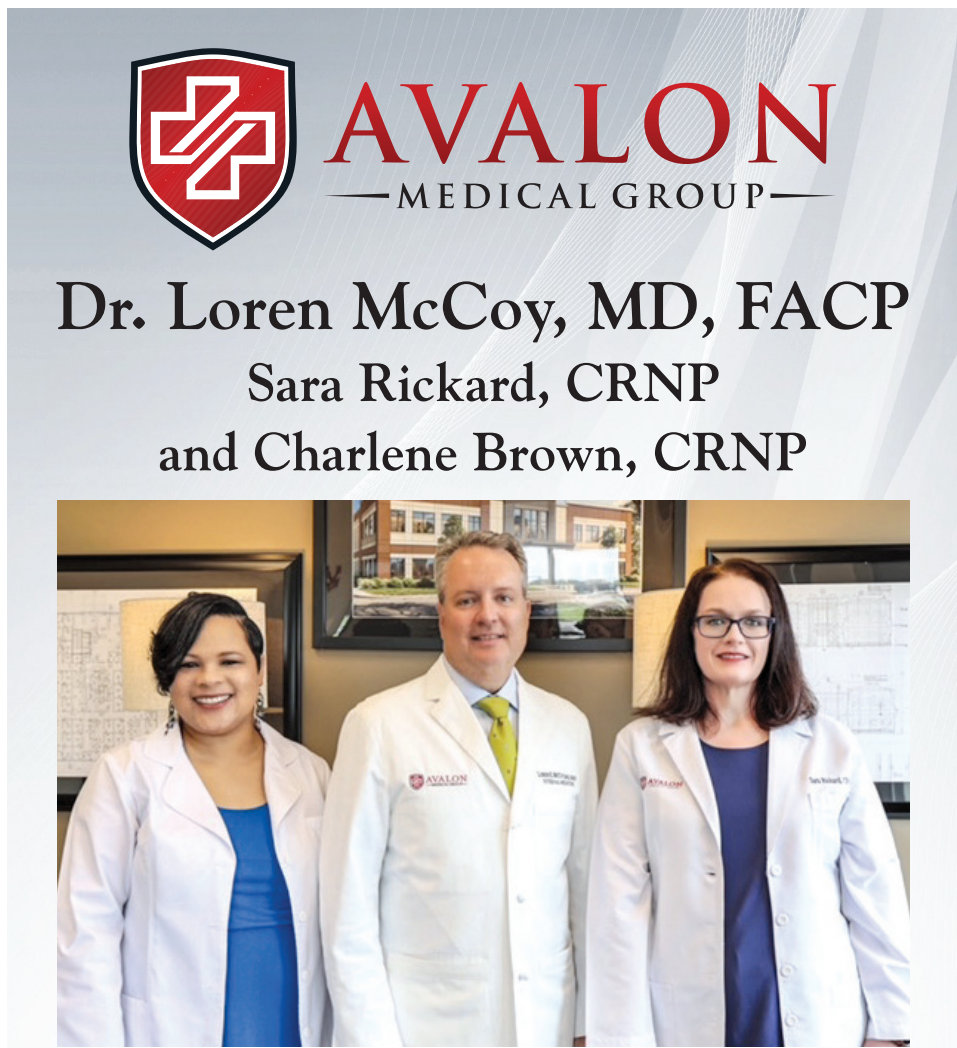
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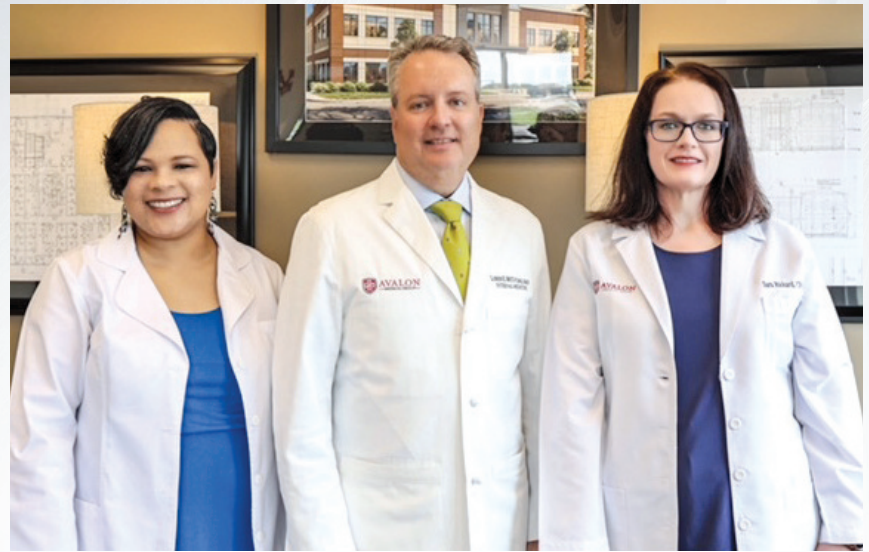


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medium, 50 pounds and heavy which requires lifting 100 pounds or more.

This does not address the skill level or educational requirements of a job.

In workers compensation, if a worker through injury can not perform the physical demands of their job or if there is a question about that, a doctor will order an FCE. An FCE will measure the ability to lift, carry, bend, squat, stoop, and kneel. The FCE will address reaching overhead. It will address pushing and pulling with the arms as well as balance. The FCE is the measure a person's physical functional capacity over an 8-hour work-day and 40-hour week.

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A vocational specialist will take into consideration the age, education, training and experience of an injured worker and use their functional capacity evaluation to determine the amount of loss they have sustained. This loss is often stated in terms of reduced wages and a loss of the number of jobs available to a worker with impaired physical function.

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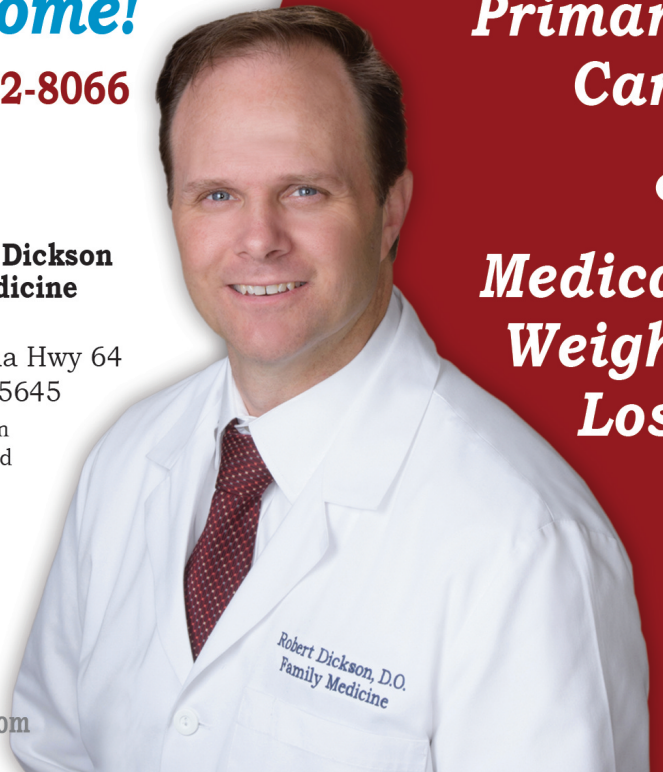


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# Reading...

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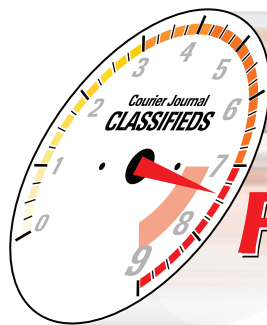
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# Junior Whirl

by Hal Kaufman



### Sum Measuring-Up Over Pentagon

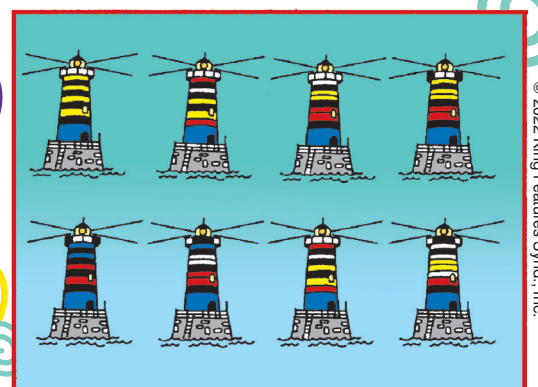
"AT WHAT angle do you figure sides of a pentagon meet?" asked helicopter pilot Bill.

"Well, a pentagon is a five-sided polygon," replied co-pilot Joe. "A 'regular' pentagon has equal angles and equal sides. Sum of the interior angles is the number of sides minus two, times two right angles. Divide by five and you have the individual angle."

"Hey, how about translating that into numbers," laughed Bill. "What is the angle of a side?"

Question: What angle of a 'regular' pentagon's side did co-pilot Joe describe?

How quickly can you answer?



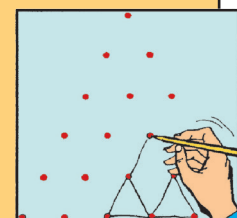
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## Letters...

### Is Anything Better, Now?

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"generally accepted as indicative of supporting suppression of equal opportunity for minority castes". What a bunch of hogwash! Liberals and progressive thinkers define conservative terms that way.

I am a conservative, and most of my friends are conservative. I know of NO conservatives who support unequal opportunities for all or white supremacy. White supremacy and racism are terms the left have used for years to slap down conservatives. Deletion I will not be defined by leftists, Marxists, and communists. And before I am a conservative, I am a Christian. And Christians believe all colors are precious in His sight!

Republics use elected representatives to make the laws for the people. If the people do not like the laws, or feel oppressed by them, the people have the next opportunity to unelect the people who were in office. I think a lot of that is about to happen in November. I am proudly pro-life as are most conservatives. Compare this to where most of the left is; abortion anywhere and anytime up until first breath. That is murder! Even most democrats considered it murder just a few years ago.

In passing election integrity laws, Biden said the Georgia law was Jim Crow 2.0. Yet, voting was up about 60% over the last midterm primary elections. The narrative doesn't fit the results. So the left just keeps repeating the same lie thinking if it is told enough times it will be accepted as truth.

We know what happened in 2020. The left used Covid to illegally violate election laws and procedures, and mass-mailing ballots. Magically, a man who stayed in his basement for months was elected by over 80 million people. We know this didn't happen legitimately. The recently-released videos of people turning in thousands of ballots into drop boxes proves it.

What was one policy that came out of the Trump

administration that helped Russia? Putin didn't dare invade Ukraine while Trump was president. He took advantage of this weak president we have now.

I admit, I do not want school children taught about immoral sexual matters; children being taught that the doctor may have been wrong when he "decided" their gender; children are racists just because of their skin color, that they have to make up for wrongs from ancestors 200 years ago; that men can compete in women's sports; that boys and men can use the women's restroom just because they feel they are not what they were born.

Critical race theory is poison for a child's mind, and so is the gender conditioning being done to children.

Black Lives Matter almost destroyed America. And the insurrection? Do you seriously believe a bunch of folks waving American flags and wearing Nordic helmets were capable of overthrowing the most powerful government in the world?

Is anything better in America since Democrats control all the levers of national power? Gas rapidly heading to \$5 a gallon, a southern border that is open, inflation out of control, crime sky rocketing, a Supreme Court justice who can't define what a woman is, protesters openly breaking the law in front of a Justice's home.

This country's main problem is there aren't enough conservatives!

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# STRANGE but TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

• **Bugs Bunny's relaxed manner** of eating carrots was inspired by a scene from the movie "It Happened One Night," in which Clark Gable crunches on the vegetable while chatting with Claudette Colbert.

• **Caligynophobia**, also known as Venustraphobia, is the fear of beautiful women.

• **Pale skin was such a big fad in the 1700s** that some French women even drew over their veins in blue pencil to accentuate their ethereal look.

• **The first guidebook for Stonehenge**, published in 1823, claimed the formation was one of the few ancient structures that survived the Old Testament flood.

• **On average, less than 18 minutes** of a baseball game is actual action.

• **While many people are attracted by the promise** of greener pastures, more than 100,000 are ready for those of a redder hue -- they've applied for a one-way trip to Mars as part of The Mars One project.

• **Vampire squid**, which live in Monterey Bay, get their name not from drinking blood (they live on plankton), but their intelligence: They've been known to create complex geometrical patterns on the ocean floor.

• **The New York City Ballet** has an annual shoe budget of \$780,000! Dancers go through 500-800 pairs of pointe shoes just while performing "The Nutcracker" over a period of six weeks, and use even more pairs in two weeks performing "Swan Lake."

• **Singer Billie Holiday** babysat actor/comedian Billy Crystal, even taking him to his first movie.

• **Researchers at California State University** discovered that the self-control needed to suppress the urge to urinate can produce a more convincing liar, something known as the inhibitory spillover effect.

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Jim Fisher

# TEXT SCAMS

by "The Computer Skeptic"

carry on a conversation with you. "She" may send you a sexy picture or ask you general questions designed to build a relationship with you and gain your trust.

Sometimes these very attractive, talkative scammers (who, in actuality, are probably large, hairy guys from another country) will try to get you to join an online dating app, appeal to your lonesomeness, gain your trust, then "borrow" thousands of dollars from you. Sometimes they will send you a dirty picture and ask you to do the same. If you were to do

that, they might threaten to send your dirty picture to all your friends unless you send them some money.

These scammers sometimes can lure you in because they have some inside information about you that makes them appear to be more legitimate. This is probably the result of data breaches or even legitimate online directories such as Whitepages.com that list your name, address, and phone number, income, and children's names.

Regardless of the scenario, a random text from a stranger

should immediately invoke extreme skepticism. I do not recommend you engage with them. Replying can often put you on a "live number" list that will result in being inundated with these messages.

My wife has been getting a few phishing texts that read something like, "Your credit card has been charged \$1800 for a new iPad. Please click the following link to dispute the charge on Amazon" followed by a link to some website. If you were to click on the link, it will ask you to sign into your Amazon account. If you were silly enough to do that, you'd be giving up your sign-in information to scammers who will then ACTUALLY try to order an expensive iPad from your account. The link can also contain a virus or other

malicious code so please don't click on it.

The bottom line is that scammers know that emails are often filtered and many of us have wisened-up to email scams. Text messages, on the other hand, are a little more personal which makes them appear a little more legitimate which makes them most effective for scammers. The fix is to simply ignore the text or, better yet, "long press" on the text message and block that number. Be careful out there.

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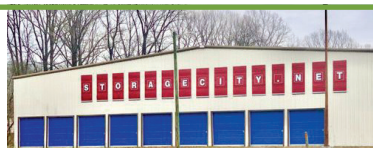
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## Community Notes...

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The events are free and open to the public. For more information, email: shoalswritersguild@gmail.com.

**The Help Center in Florence we 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.

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**LifeSouth is in emergency need for blood donors**, as the national blood shortage continues, and asks

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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.

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# Junior Whirl Answers

by Hal Kaufman

**Sum Measuring-Up Over Pentagon**

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**HUE DUNIT!** Find a hidden color among letters of each sentence: 1. His store dropped prices. 2. We will vote the B row next. 3. Sometimes the mayor angers pals. 4. Cola venders vie for trade. 1. Red. 2. Brown. 3. Orange. 4. Lavender.

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Commentary

# Red Flags

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That is NOT a good facilitator of freedom.

We also need to be careful about allowing some pin-head set of bureaucrats to arbitrarily shame a sometimes quirky but honorably discharged and otherwise stable Vietnam or Gulf War veteran. It is highly inadvisable to declare a veteran unworthy of his/her 2nd Amendment rights. That provocation could create attempts for vindication where none previously existed, resulting in the exact situations we want to avoid. In that case, the government action would be DIRECTLY responsible for all the resulting casualties.

The last thing we need are a bunch of insulted, suddenly motivated, and resourceful individuals thinking, "I'll show those SOB's."

## WHO is Still in Left Field

The World Health Organization is a laughing stock, a token arm of the Chinese government that got very little right about the COVID-19 virus. That has been on full display for two years. Now it is pontificating about yet another virus.

Monkeypox has been endemic in west and central Africa for decades. However, cases have been



primarily associated with animals and spillover from animals, rather than human-to-human transmission.

The US had one of the past outbreaks outside African countries in 2003. Cases were linked to contact with animals carrying the virus. While it is still unclear how monkeypox entered humans in the current outbreak, the virus has been spreading through close, intimate contact -- a change from earlier episodes.

Monkeypox is reportedly not a sexually transmitted disease, but one spread by skin-to-skin contact with someone who has monkeypox sores, as well as by direct contact with materials that have touched body fluids or sores, including clothing.

The WHO director-general, Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, said there have been more than 1,600 confirmed cases worldwide and 72 deaths.

There have been 65 confirmed monkeypox cases in the US and no deaths as of June 13, according to the CDC. A recent outbreak in Chicago was linked to the

International Mr. Leather conference, a BDSM event May 26-30.

More than 30 international scientists wrote an open letter last week stating there was an "urgent need for a non-discriminatory and non-stigmatizing" name for monkeypox. They argued that news reports referring to the virus as an "African" virus were discriminatory, stigmatizing, and racist.

The WHO's organizational guidelines apparently recommend against using geographic regions and animal names to describe disease-causing pathogens.

Okay, so which is it? - Is it the association with monkeys that makes the name racist or the association with Africa?

This seems like another stretch of wokeness just to earn some positive press coverage.

These people at the WHO need something constructive to do if they are going to continue to exist as an organization. And they need to do it without US support.

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