# **EMS Director** in State Post

SHEFFIELD – Bruce Carson was nominated to sit on the State Emergency Medical Control Committee (SEMCC). Carson is the director of Keller EMS. The SEMCC is a committee of the Alabama Department of Public Health

office of EMS and Trauma.
The SEMCC formulates
rules and policy pertaining to
emergency medical services. This committee comprises physicians and medical professionals across the state of Alabama. Carson will be one of the first paramedics to ever serve on the committee.

Carson has worked with Keller EMS for over twenty years and has served as director since 2008. He also serves as the Trauma Coordinator for Helen Keller Hospital and is a member of both the trauma and stroke committees at the hospital. Carson is also a flight paramedic with Air Evac.

# **Health Plan** for Florence

FLORENCE-August 29 marked the opening of the City of Florence Employee Health & Wellness Center, a new facility that will provide access to primary and preventive healthcare to city employees and their dependents which will be covered by the city's health plan. This new center is a collaborative partnership by the city of Florence and Tennessee-based industry pioneer for onsite healthcare, CareHere.

Covered patients can schedule appointments online or over the phone. Appointments are never double-booked so the wait time is on average less than two minutes.

CareHere will oversee and manage the operations of the facilities. "We look forward to providing primary care and preven-ntive care resources that will help to inspire the employees of the city of Florence and their families in reaching their health and wellness goals," stated Ben Baker, Florence native, CareHere Co-founder, and

The City of Florence Health and Wellness is located at 311 West College Street.

# **Birthday Plans** for Wheeler

HILLSBORO- The Alabama Historical Commission is honoring General **Joe Wheeler**'s birthday at his home in on Saturday, September 10.

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# **Flood Relief**

SBC Disaster Relief Ministry on Site with Others in Louisiana



Editor's Note: Ginamarie Showalter spent many years of her life in Florence and now lives in Zachary, LA. Šhe assisted with flooding stats and information for a commentary that published in last week's Courier Journal. Ginamarie was pulling out of a Baton Rouge parking lot August 31 and a Woodmont Baptist Church bus with Disaster Relief trailer passed her. She followed it and later got these photos.

BATON ROUGE, LA – The Southern Baptist Convention Disaster Relief Ministry team has been trained and certified to do what is called "mud out" relief work from flooding. They help remove and tear out the insides of flooded homes to the studs. Then treat the studs with Clorox water to kill the mold and to dry out foundations. Preston "Butch" Hillis is a member at Woodmont Baptist in Florence, and he is the Northwest

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# It's All About **Our Caring**

SHOALS-The 2016 United Way of Northwest Alabama's Campaign Kickoff and Day of Caring will begin with the hands-on meal packaging event, UN1TE to Fight Hunger, on Tuesday, September 13 beginning at 7:30am at the Florence-Lauderdale Coliseum on Veterans Drive in

The mission of United Way of Northwest Alabama is "to improve lives by mobilizing the caring power of the community to create

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# **GOSPEL** from the Son of the Mob

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FLORENCE- The Attention Homes of NW Alabama is hosting a Benefit Dinner on Thursday, September 15 at 6pm at Cross Point Church of Christ in Florence.

The featured guest will be nationally-acclaimed speaker and author, Michael Franzese. Dinner will be catered by Ricatoni's.

Michael Franzese grew up as the son of notorious Underboss of New York's violent and feared Colombo crime family. At his most affluent he generated an estimated \$5-\$8 million per week from legal and illegal businesses. Then an innocent young woman walked into his life. Her beauty captivated him and her faith in God brought him home. It's a

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# **Birthday Plans** for Wheeler

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The annual celebration begins at 10am. The public can explore the grounds from 10am-3pm. Come see re-enactors firing a working Civil War cannon and cavalry officers performing drills. Watch folk artists such as a blacksmith demonstrate their skills. Enjoy a pit-fire cooking demonstration or view handmade quilts based on designs from the 1860s. Learn about bees and their ecosystem from the Tennessee Valley Beekeepers Association.

Lunch will be available for purchase from Copperhead Road Barbeque & Such, a local food truck. At noon the grounds will be filled with live music featuring country music performer Wade Oliver on the museum's front porch.

Wheeler was a legendary Confederate general, a U.S. congressman, and a Spanish American War general. Following the Civil War, Wheeler became a national symbol for reunification and reconciliation. His 1870s home is the center point of the 50-acre historic site owned by the Alabama Historical Commission. The collection contains around 10,000 objects, furnishings, clothing, and papers associated with the family. For more information contact Kara Long at pondspringdirector@gmail. com or 256-637-8513.

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> 2003 Ford F150 Crew Cab White Exterior 1FTRW07673KB97967

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# The Mystery of Iniquity

The phrase found only in 2 Thessalonians 2:7, one Webster's definition of iniquity is "a sin or a crime; wickedness, any act of injustice." Iniquity is in Bible 262 times. Sin is in Bible 389 times. The Bible says *Ecclesiastes 7:20* "For there is not a just man upon earth, that doeth good, and sinneth not." James 1:15 states "Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death." Sin came on this earth through the Devil. See <u>1 John 3:8b</u>-"for the devil sinneth from the beginning." The devil caused Adam and Eve to disobey God. Romans 5:12 "Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:" Romans

6:23 "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." God set the death penalty, not man. In <u>Romans 7:17&20</u>, the saved Apostle Paul declares "<u>sin</u> that dwelleth in me." Paul died. Why? <u>Sin was in his body after</u> salvation and sin is in our body whether you are saved or not. We will all die because our physical body is cursed. Only the saved will escape physical death if the Lord comes and takes us up to be with Him. The mystery of iniquity does his work very well. SIN IS A PERSON AND A SILENT KILLER. SEE GENESIS 4:7. Only two men have escaped death so far, Enoch and Elijah. See Genesis 5:24 & 2 Kings 2:11.

As a result of sin, (iniquity), man has two appointments ahead of him. Hebrews 9:27 "And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment." Acts 17:31 "Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead." Now, today as you read this and you are not ready to meet these appointments, you still have a chance to prepare to meet God. You can decide now, today, to receive the one who paid the penalty for your sins, the Lord Jesus Christ. If you don't and you die and enter eternity alone, you will be without hope forever. Christ can fix you up, just

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Another upcoming activity will be the annual balloon release on October 11. For more information about either event, email anita.watkins@comcast.net

or nhargett@comcast.net or call 256-764-8093. The Club in Florence Boomers and Seniors is sponsoring a Pigeon Forge and Smoky Mountains Show

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Deadline to register extended to September 9. For Information and Reservations Contact: Fran Davis at 256-

Swamp John's Fish Fry Friday, September 9 from 4-7pm at the Lions Den, 118 Church Street in Cherokee. Fish, chicken tenders, shrimp or combo plates with fries, slaw, hush puppies and drink for \$10. Dine in or carry out.

Autism Support Group meets every fourth Thursday of every Month. For more information please call Bridget Anderson Hodges 25'6-767-6417 or 256-740-2532 or email bridgethodges4@gmail.com

The Board of Directors of Kennedy Douglass invite you to join them for an Open House on Friday, September 9 from 11:30am-2pm at 217 East Tuscaloosa St., Florence. All three houses will be open, and we encourage you to tour each house. Many changes have been made in each one. Refreshments will be served. Door prizes. For more information, please

Alamance Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution will meet Friday, September 9 at 2pm at the Florence Lauderdale Public Library.

Single Adult Ministry for Seniors (S.A.M.S.) meets Friday, September 9 at 6pm at Cross Point Church of Christ Pavilion. Bring finger food and be ready for some corn hole competition. 256-767-(non-denominational singles -40 and over)

Cloverdale Community Center Breakfast will be held on Saturday, September 10 from 6:30-9am. The cost of the breakfast is \$6 for adults and \$3 for children. Profits from the breakfast will go toward the upkeep of the center.

Food From Christ - If you are in need,

Ladies Day at Salem Church of Christ, 9671 Hwy 17, Florence on Saturday, September 10, 8:30am-Noon. Breakfast will be served. Guest speaker: Leah

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The Order of St. Luke Shoals **Chapter monthly meeting** is September 1 at 6:30pm in the Sheffield Room of Park Place, 501 N. Montgomery Ave. Sheffield. Dr. Stephen Gray's message "Are You Ready to Commit to Spiritual Growth?" is the last of his series. Prayer is available at 6pm and after the program

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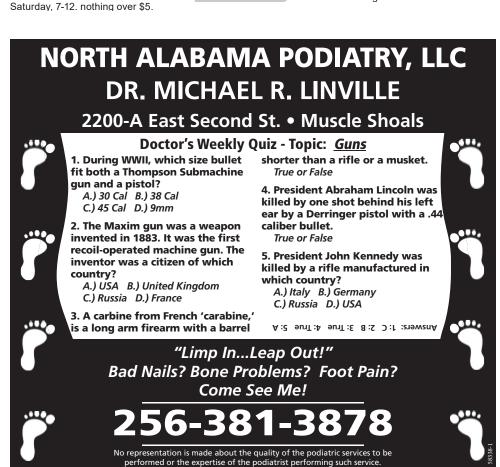
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disaster relief The trailer that accompanies the crew is owned by the Colbert Lauderdale Baptist Association and is equipped with chain saws, tools, and other vital equipment that the crew utilizes while they are on site.

According to Woodmont ssociate Pastor, Steve Associate Thompson, the team was called out by the SBC Disaster Relief Ministry after an assessment was made permission granted the homeowners to

involves homes that do not have flood insurance. The state of Alabama has dozens of similar teams that have been and will be called out to help with the damage in Louisiana. Usually a local Baptist church is set up as the staging ground for the volunteers to eat and sleep. Several disaster relief food trailers that can provide hundreds of meals a day have also been sent to Louisiana. The Southern Baptist Convention Disaster Relief program works closely with the Red Cross.

If you see a yellow hat or yellow shirt in an affected area, it most likely is a SBC disaster relief volunteer.

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lasting change" and for the third year in a row the UN1TE to Fight Hunger event is helping to achieve that mission.

Through a partnership with Numana, Inc. (www. numanainc.com), City of Florence, and sponsorships, corporate United Way volunteers will package over 20,000 Meals In 60 minutes for local food pantries! Hunger continues to be a serious problem in Northwest Alabama. According to Feeding America's most recent statistics, there are approximately food insecure individuals in Colbert, Franklin and Lauderdale counties. This is an increase from just one year ago.

Approximately volunteers of all ages are needed to help accomplish the mission of this day from start to finish. Each will volunteer receive breakfast and a United Way t-shirt. All volunteers must pre-register with Teresa Bartek by calling the United Way office at 256-764-5892

or by emailing campaign@ uwshoals.org with name and t-shirt size.

At the conclusion of the packaging event, the annual Day of Caring will commence and volunteer teams will disperse all across Northwest Alabama to complete projects for area non-profits. Projects range from yard work to indoor cleaning and time commitments range from one hour to all day.

United Way would like to thank Navistar, TNT Fireworks, MJ Carter & Co., BAM! (Books A Million), SunTrust Bank, Buffalo Rock Pepsi, CB&S Bank, McDaniel Window & Door, Blue Cross Blue Shield, The Caring Foundation, and Publix for their corporate sponsorships this year.

If you would like to volunteer your time on the Day of Caring or if you are a company that would like to adopt one of the remaining Day of Caring projects, please contact the United Way of Northwest Alabama at 256-764-5892 no later than Wednesday, September 7.

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10:15 Introduction of Special Guests, Committee Welcome - Calling Song - Drums

11:00 Grand Entry and Salute to Veterans

11:20 Northern and Southern Drum Demonstration

11:30 Chickasaw Nation Dance Troupe

11:50 Eastern Band Cherokee Dancers

**12:10 Hoop Dance - Lyndon Alec (Alabama)** 

12:25 Arvel Bird (Paiute) - Music

1:20 Injunuity - Choctaw / Chickasaw - Music

1:00 Chickasaw Nation Dance Troupe

1:55 Eastern Band Cherokee Dancers

2:15 Storyteller

2:25 Northern and Southern Drum Demonstration

2:35 Hoop Dance - Lyndon Alec (Alabama)

2:45 Arvel Bird (Paiute) - Music

3:15 Chickasaw Nation Dance Troupe

3:35 Injunuity - (Choctaw / Chickasaw) - Music

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# Ask Dr. Webb



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When dementia has been diagnosed, why should that influence your decisions about other medical problems?

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a 'heart problem', or a 'lung problem', but an 'aging person problem'! This is especially important when dementia develops. Why? Because it has been described by families as 'a

disease worse than even cancer': it robs them of the person they knew, and causes great physical, mental, and spiritual suffering.

Much has been written about the distress families are forced to endure when we fail to take a more 'holistic' approach. Katy Butler's article in the New York Times, My Father's Broken Heart: how a pacemaker wrecks a family's life, describes how both her demented father's and their whole family's suffering was prolonged: a pacemaker was inserted to 'fix' the heart to keep him alive; that action interfered in what could have been his escape from a *fate* worse than death, and allowed his dementia to deteriorate

More patients and families who, once dementia has been diagnosed, want to avoid a similar situation, are choosing Comfort Care Only', which means, do nothing which could prolong their suffering and dying: this includes "No CPR", "No ventilator", "No feeding tube", "No surgery", "No dialysis", and "No antibiotics". They hope that some other terminal event such as a cancer, or a heart attack or other terminal event, such as a cancer, or a heart attack, or a pneumonia (the "old person's friend"), will allow them to die before they reach dementia's final stage.

And yet, some adult children struggle to accept this, wanting 'everything done'. Unfortunately, that misguided love may worsen the suffering everyone wants to avoid.



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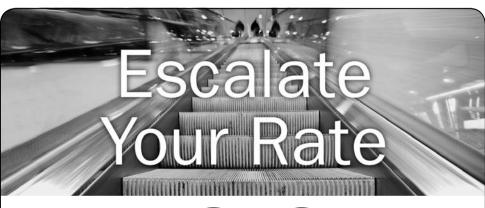
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# **Commentary**

# Oops, Not Genetic .. So Now What?

wo weeks ago a significant report published in the journal, *The New Atlantis*, challenged all the progressive talking points. The 143 page report discusses over 200 peer-reviewed studies in the social, psychological, and biological, sciences, detailing

Few

Words

documenting what scientific research demonstrates about gender and sexuality.

I'm not at all surprised that the decades-long media-aided premise about sexuality and gender are not supported by scientific evidence. There is no scientific evidence of a gay gene, no biological cause for same-sex orientation, and no scientific basis for special transgender rights or accommodations. The notion that gender identity as a fixed trait independent of one's biological sex was summarily dismissed.

The report was authored by two of the nation's leading scholars on mental health and sexuality. Paul McHugh, a professor of psychiatry and behavioral sciences at Johns Hopkins University, and Lawrence Mayer, a professor of biostatistics at Arizona State University, cannot be considered remotely conservative.

That doesn't matter. Not only will the findings will be suppressed by the national media, but the two researchers will be discredited academically and their findings summarily labeled as invalid. Undoubtedly,

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# An Electric Hot House Benefit

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injury in a jet ski accident on Memorial Day weekend. Bring a lawn chair and be ready for Ragan's Rock in the Park.

Three freshmen classmates

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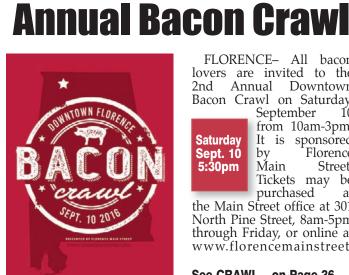
FLORENCE-There will to benefit Ragan Morris on Thursday, September 8 from 5:30-8pm in

Sept. 8 5:30pm

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Thompson, Monday,

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Editor, Courier Journal:

On August 27 the *Times Daily* carried a cartoon which said, "Trump for Fuhrer." The Fuhrer was Hitler. If the Times Editor was not likening Donald Trump to Adolph Hitler, I do not understand his point.

I wrote to the Editor that if this type of material continues, the Times Daily will soon not come into my home. I and millions more Americans, including our able Sen. Sessions, support Donald Trump for President.

I pay \$55.25 every three months to the *Times Daily*. I do not pay this kind of money to be offended and abused. It would be nice if a thousand more would join me in this.

Anyway, the Courier Journal and East Lauderdale News are enough. Thank you for your excellent, helpful paper.

OC Birdwell, Jr. Rogersville

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## The Vote Can Unseat

Editor:

The very idea of a state lottery was doomed from the very first words out of our Governor' mouth. Others who thought it would easily get total backing and get the necessary votes, really failed this time. You ask "Why?" Attempts to make a state lottery legal have been going on for a very long time and never will see the light of day.

Those who oppose it say it is gambling. That may be true, but everything you do in this life is a gamble. When you get up in the morning you might not make it through the day. When you drive to work it is a gamble. You might not get there for various reasons. It is a gamble at work that you will be fired or let go for many different reasons. So, fellow Alabamians, do you want the lottery to help with education like Tennessee?

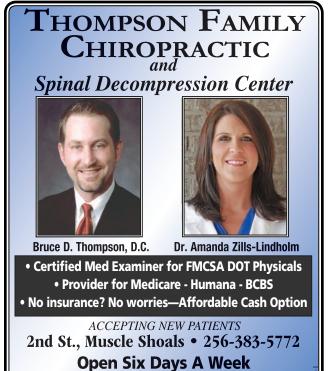
help with education like Tennessee?

Or do you want our representatives to tack on other things to the proposed bill and dwindle the amount for education, so it winds up with less than it has now? Put our representatives on notice that we are watching them. They better do a good job for education, because there is a thing called a VOTE that can unseat them for the one who will do what they could not do. will do what they could not do.

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I ABSOLUTELY LOVE getting reader mail. This last one really hit on a good point so I'd like to share it with you. The question was, "Hi Jim, is it just Alabama people, or is the entire world's population getting stupider? Do folks in, say, Norway, fall for such?" The writer

was responding to my last article concerning those who fall for those "free car, camper, motorhome" scams seen on Facebook almost daily. It does take some restraint

Fisher sometimes when I see those kinds of posts or listen to clients relate their scam stories to me. My inner voice often screams, "What were you thinking you big silly?" Alas, there's an old saying, "There but by the grace of God go I."



I have learned through long experience that the moment you think you're smarter than someone else, life delivers unto thee a heaping slice of humble

Scammers are getting better and better at what they do. They prey on our insecurities, greed, and, yes, ignorance. They know exactly what buttons to push to get their way. Just yesterday, I had a client come in who has a PhD in education. He was scammed into granting computer So, no, the victims I talk to almost daily are definitely not stupid. The scammers are simply getting better. And, okay, maybe we are all a little stupid.

But you certainly raise a valid question: Are we in the South stupider"?

Åre Americans more stupid than other countries? Does this kind of thing happen in Norway? I think it is a fascinating scientific question. My hypothesis is that ignorance knows no borders. But I want to know more so here we go: The gold standard for measuring intelligence is the Intelligence Quotient (IQ). I found a website

that ranked countries by average IQ and found that Far Eastern countries are the "smartest" with an average IQ of about 105. Eastern and Northern European countries followed as behind countries follow close behind that with an average of 100. The US, Canada, Germany and the UK are all pretty darn close with an average of about 99. The bottom of the list offers no surprises. All of them are 3rd World countries that severely lack educational opportunities. And it's no surprise that, on average, us Southerners are a few insignificant IQ points lower than the rest of the nation. But to directly answer my reader's question, Norway averages an IQ of 100, the US averages 98. So Norway is "smarter" but not by enough to really matter. I then researched how prevalent Facebook scams are in Norway and found that, unsurprisingly, Facebook scams in Norway are

thriving quite nicely, thank you. The same goes for every other country that I could translate. So, yeah, with regards to internet scams, it certainly appears that we are made of the same gullible stuff.

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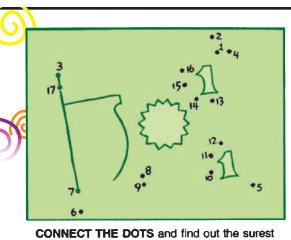
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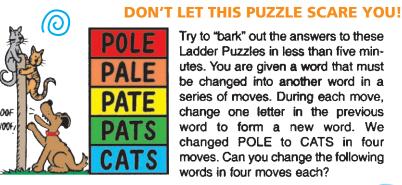


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by Charles Barry Townsend

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# Will Not Cater to Cell Issues

To the Other Readers:

How many of us have friends and relatives who have moved here from another state and insist on keeping their old cell numbers? They fear that some old friend, business associate, etc. won't be able to get in contact with them if they changed to a local cell number. If they want to keep their old numbers, I suggest they get a cheap prepaid phone with a one year card and transfer their old cell number to that phone. Set up a voicemail message that states to NOT leave messages here but call the new number.

Apparently, our friends and relatives love having to respond to every question of, "Where are you from" and the standard answer of, "I'm from \_\_\_\_\_ but I live here now" every time they use their out of state numbers.

I am no longer going to cater to these new local residents by using my cell phone to call their number to save on long distance charges that would be incurred on my local home phone service if I called them and they were in the same building as me.

If you are going to live here, then you need to have a local number. It's not my problem that you'll miss a call from an old acquaintance who may never call you again anyway.

This is kind of the same situation I have because I'm tired of telling people that I'm not from Russellville since I am stuck with that address, but live in Colbert County.

Roger Henry Russellville, AL (Colbert County)

# Relied on a Sincere Fear

Editor:

Lately I've been studying the Biblical concept of the fear of the Lord. It seems to me that I should have had more of it. Fearing God is the best approach to his grace that can keep me out of hell. It is the best way to govern my life so that the president or policemen won't have to do it for me.

In studying Colonial American history, is recognized that the founders of our country relied on a sincere fear of the Lord. The Constitution they drafted was constituted for a people who were primarily governed by the God of Israel. It served to limit civil government by checks and balances. It prescribed that our leader would simply preside while we managed quite well on our own. His job was to lead us as defenders

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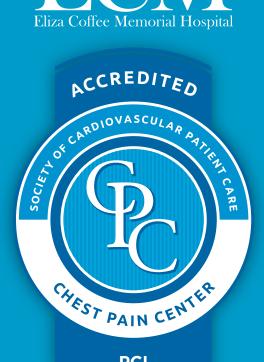






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when hostile armies came to subjugate us and burn the White House. Our first president had to be urged to take the job, preferring retirement after winning the War of Independence. Candidates today fight for the presidency as if to save us. However, our problem is in how we despise the wisdom and instruction from God.

Besides jacking up healthcare costs, President Obama has joined the enemy in wresting the institution of marriage away from God. By turning his back on God's authority, Obama has turned against legitimate government. He has turned on his friends, three of them having a special claim on him and his affinity for homosexual policy. Their names are Bland, Spencer, and Young. disintegration of integrity accompanies his rebellion against God on

marriage.

Of the candidates to replace him, Donald Trump is a failure at running casinos, several of which gone bankrupt. have Casinos exploit willing losers. The occasional payoff is nothing more than bait for those who hope to make a living by feeding cash to slot machines, card tables, and roulette wheels. Will Donald Trump and bankruptcy be our national lottery ticket?

Another candidate is Hillary Clinton. She puts the "madam" in Madam Secretary. She was "lady of the house" where President Bill Clinton treated a young intern like a whore. Whenever women balk at Bill's sexual advances, Hillary calls them bimbo eruptions. On a visit as Secretary of State, she danced like a drunk at one of Colombia's finer party establishments.

Meanwhile, back at the hotel the Secret Service confirmed were whoremongers while on business of State. Hillary doesn't mind, she's used to whoremongers. Their company can always be aborted and abandoned in the park. Her level of is zero. Those who were killed in Benghazi were in her trust. With aggravated nonchalance she asks what difference it makes at this point, anyway.

The difference is made when we the people decide to live up to the notion of 'In God We Trust.' "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man. For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil." (Ecclesiastes 12: 13-

Floyd Jones Killen

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# **Continued from Page 19** Wind Turbines Killing Bats by the 1000's Editor: The casualty toll of green energy continues to mount. The danger wind turbines pose to birds is well-known. Less appreciated is that hundreds of thousands of bats are also dying. Both birds and bats are

critical to our ecosystem. Their mass extermination poses a bigger, more immediate threat to the environment than climate change.

Letters...

Scientific American recently highlighted the problem of bat deaths from wind turbines, citing a wind industry initiative to reduce deaths by 30%. Unfortunately, even if these efforts succeed they may not be enough to avert serious consequences.

A Wildlife Society Bulletin study estimated that 573,000 birds, including 83,000 birds of prey such as eagles and hawks, and 888,000 bats were killed by wind-energy projects in 2012. Still, the number of wind turbines grown substantially has since then.

Echoing those findings, ird Studies Canada Bird estimates that 14,144 nonraptors and 462 raptors were killed by wind turbines in Canada between May and October of 2015. The same study estimates 42,656 bat deaths which is three times the number of bird deaths. And it's not just North America. Scientific American explains, research paper published in January of this year found that wind turbines are by far the largest cause of mass bat mortality around the world."

Bats are crucial to the ecosystem and to humans. They eat many insects including some verv damaging ones, reducing the amount of pesticides needed for crops. Moreover, bats are pollinators, they scatter fruit seeds, and are considered a keystone species in regions where the ecological system depends on them.

The mosquito-borne Zika and West Nile viruses are major public health threats, making murdering bats and birds that consume mosquitoes all the more dangerous. Bats prey on mosquitoes, as do Purple Martins, a species fourth on Bird Studies Canada's "Top 15 Hit List" of birds killed by wind turbines.

Yet there is a ho-hum response from many people who regularly lecture about the importance of the environment - no one more so than President Obama.

President Obama recently unveiled a plan that would turn a blind eye to the killings. Under the plan "wind companies and other power providers could kill or injure up to 4,200 bald eagles a year without penalty-nearly four times the

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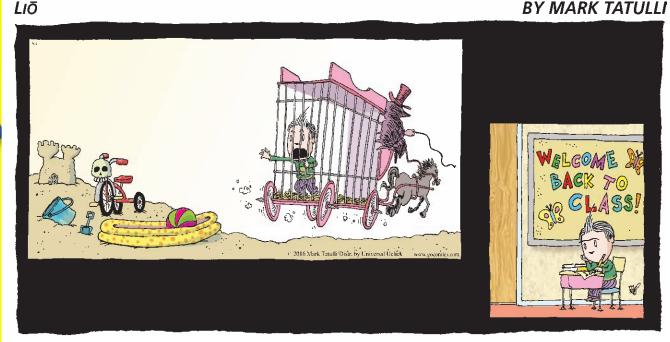
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# Killing Bats by the 1000's

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current limit. For instance, golden eagles could only be killed if companies take steps to minimize the losses by retrofitting power poles to reduce the risk of electrocution.'

Since when is it acceptable to kill 4,200 bald eagles? Although they were removed from the endangered species list in 2007, the birds are still protected under the Bald and Golden Eagle Act of

this presidential election year, we frequently hear about equal justice. Accidentally killing a bald eagle can bring down the full wrath of law enforcement unless you own a wind turbine, apparently.
Some bat species are on or

are being considered for the endangered list, but wind turbines don't care.

rights Animal environmental activists are pushing back against the bird and bat holocaust, but are conflicted because of their support for renewable

Past environmentalist efforts rightly supported expanding natural gas because it burns cleaner than coal and nuclear energy. Neither of these would decimate bird and bat populations. However, those days are gone.

Environmentalists who think that climate change is our most serious threat have themselves become a threat to wildlife vital to the

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# "ARF"-LETES FOR THE WIN

# Dogs showcase guts and glory in canine sports

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venting. Jumping. Racing. Diving. → With the Rio Olympics in full swing, we thought it would be fun to take a look at the world of competitive dog sports, which often parallel those of their human counterparts and require just as much athletic ability, stamina, speed and agility. Top dog contestants come in all shapes and sizes, but the two things they have in common — with each other and with human

athletes — are heart and hustle.

Take Wren. The 10-inch papillon excels at the highest levels of her sport, agility. With tight turns and at top speed she races around a course that includes bar jumps, tire jumps, weave poles, a teeter-totter the element that can really slow a tiny dog because it tips downward more slowly an A-frame and tunnels. In the six height classes, from 8-inch (Wren's category) to 26-inch, the dog with the fastest time and fewest faults wins. Wren, owned and handled by Betsey Lynch of Tulsa, Oklahoma, has had big wins in her class in the past year, including American Kennel Club's National Agility Championship, USDAA Cynosport Performance Grand Prix and Westminster Masters Agility Championship.

Any dog can compete in agility, but the dogs with speed and drive tend to be the ones at the top of the charts. Current contenders include Sierra, a Shetland sheepdog, in the 12-inch class; Hottie, a border collie, in the 16-inch class; Mr. T, a golden retriever, in the 20-inch class; Skillz, a border collie, in the 24-inch class; and Pace, a border collie, in the 26-inch class.

The best agility dogs from more than 35 countries will gather in Zaragoza, Spain, Sept. 22 through 25 to compete in the 21st Agility World Championship, where they'll run on state-of-the-art artificial turf specially ordered for the event. Closer to home, check out the North American Dog Agility Council Championships, held Sept. 29 through Oct. 2 in South Jordan, Utah.

Flyball, the fastest-growing canine team sport, is a relay race popular around the world. Teams of four to six dogs race over four hurdles, pounce on a spring-loaded box to release a tennis ball and race back over the hurdles with it before the next dog begins. Each dog has a handler, and line coaches help to improve the team's performance.

Any dog who's fast and loves tennis balls can play, but small dogs have a special role. They can be a team's secret weapon because jump height, ranging from 7 to 14 inches, is determined by the height of the team's smallest dog. A team with a "height dog," as the shorties are known, benefits because the larger dogs get to jump lower

Record-holders in the sport include a mixed breed named Everest, with a run of 3.417 seconds in United Flyball League International's Singles race, in which dogs run against the clock, and a team called Border Patrol, made up of mixed breeds Troy, Banshee, Epic and Syber. They hold the current North American Flyball Association Regular record of 14.433 seconds, set June 5, 2016, in Rockton, Ontario,



Canine athletes score big in dog sports.

Canada. The NAFA CanAm Classic is Oct. 7 through 9 in Indianapolis. The UFLI Tournament of Champions takes place Oct. 21 through 23 in Gray Summit, Missouri, near St. Louis.

Perhaps the nearest canine equivalent to the Olympics is the Incredible Dog Challenge, hosted by Purina Pro Plan. Events include dock-diving, catching flying discs, surfing and more. In the West Coast Challenge, an American Eskimo Dog named Ziggy won the Small Dog Surf Event, and a Belgian malinois named Saphira set a new world record with a 25-foot-6-inch jump in the Fetch It event. The IDC National Finals take place Sept. 30 through Oct. 1 at Purina Farms in St. Louis.

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# pet **buzz**

# "Heat dome" brings hot pavement woes

 $\cdot$  In the dog days of summer — that would be now — it's not unusual for veterinary hospitals to see paw burns on a frequent basis. Hot asphalt and pavement can cause severe burns to a dog's paw pads, injuries that can take weeks to heal. Other surfaces that can become hot and cause injury include wood, sand and  $\operatorname{metal} - \operatorname{car} \operatorname{truck} \operatorname{beds}$ , for instance. They can reach temperatures of 145 degrees Fahrenheit or higher and stay hot for hours. Place your hand flat on pavement and hold it there for 10 seconds. If the heat is painful to you, it's too hot for your dog.

· Want a cat to leave you alone? The last thing you should do is ignore him. Cats are attracted to people who don't make them nervous. If given a choice, they're always going to head for the person who isn't looking at them or trying to pet them because, obviously, that person has proper cat manners and knows not to stare or make the first approach. If you do want a cat's attention, play hard to get. He'll love you for it.

· With Labor Day coming up quickly, you may be planning a hiking or camping trip that includes your dog. The American Veterinary Medical Association has five tips to help you and your dog stay healthy. Use species-specific products to protect yourself and your dog from mosquito, tick and other insect bites. Check your dog for ticks at least once a day, and remove them promptly. Prevent your dog from touching or eating sick wildlife or birds. Make sure your dog's rabies vaccination is up to date. Carry a first-aid kit with appropriate supplies for both of you. Got an adventure cat? Same rules apply.

- Dr. Marty Becker, Kim Campbell Thornton and Mikkel Becker

# **Medicare Minute**

# "Choosing a Medigap Plan"

Choosing the Medicare supplement, or Medigap plan, that's right for you can be a difficult task. As mentioned in a prior article the most common Medigap plans sold in Alabama are Plan A, Plan B, Plan C, Plan F, Plan G and Plan N. Each of these plans are "standardized" by Medicare. "Standardized" means that each of these individual plans must contain the same basic benefits regardless of the insurance company you purchase it from. For example, Plan F with company XYZ must contain the exact same benefits as Plan F with company WXY. The one thing that can be different is the premium each company charges for the exact same coverage.

The plan letters (A, B, C, F, G, & N) represent different levels of coverage that a person can purchase. Plan A is the most basic Medigap plan. It does not cover the Part A or Part B deductibles or Skilled Nursing Facility coinsurance but does pick up the Part A and Part B coinsurance after the deductibles are met. On the other hand, Plan F is the "cadillac" of Medigap plans. Plan F will cover all deductibles, coinsurance and/or copays that is due after Medicare pays its part. Of course the premium for Plan A will be less than the premium of Plan F because Plan F gives you 100% coverage.

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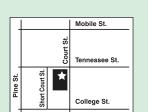


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they will now be considered as haters and bigots.

Regardless, the small but boisterous transgender crowd is reeling.

Many want to laugh at Bible-thumpers for their stale, antiquated views. Yet, as has been proven many times before, the only way Biblical truths can be debunked is by science being ignored or the results being manipulated.

We have changed many laws and courts have granted wide interpretation to give our whims the societal stamp of approval. Taboos are bowled over in an ever-increasing push for greater visual, audible, and sensory gratification. That doesn't change whether something is right or wrong. God is not going to be made a fool and he's not going to be mocked in the long run. These results also seriously discredit religious institutions that give excessive consideration to same sex marriage based on genetics or a sexual predisposition. The science proves that no one is discriminated against or misunderstood. It proves that we are all God's children and sinners with our own unique sets of weaknesses and challenges.

There are still social aspects that are worthy of discussion, but nothing based on bigotry and discrimination that only race, nationality, age, and true gender issues can rightfully claim.

Theoretically, every new law based on sexual preference or gender identity should be overturned, but that won't happen.

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The problems with this are many.

First, there are going to be pictures and posts that you wish weren't there. We had a case where a very nice young lady had a torn rotator cuff as a result of a seatbelt restraint injury. She went to the bowling alley with her friends

where they posted pictures of themselves on Facebook. None of the pictures showed her bowling and she testified that she didn't bowl and the medical evidence was consistent both in time and manner with the injury being caused by the car accident. She did not recover the full amount of her damages because she had to explain to the jury that she wasn't bowling.

Second, I'll be the first to say that jurors take their job seriously. That being said, they just have a hard time applying the correct evidence standard in a civil case. In a civil case, all the Plaintiff has to prove is that the Defendant caused the accident and injuries more likely than not. The judge will say "to your reasonable satisfaction by a preponderance of the evidence". That's just fancy talk for more likely than not. The fact is that we all hear the phrase "guilty beyond a reasonable doubt" which is the appropriate standard in a criminal case and certainly there are a lot of television shows about criminal cases. Nobody ever explains that a preponderance of the evidence is merely more likely than not on television.

So, the problem created by Facebook is that when a photograph inconsistent with the Plaintiff's injury or story or even showing the Plaintiff having a good time, which even injured people do from time to time, they lose their case. I don't know much about Facebook and can't imagine that anyone would be very interested in how I spend my time, however I am aware that a lot of people spend a lot of time on Facebook and if they don't shut it down when they get hurt, it can come back to haunt them. Of course, most people think that the insurance company is going to treat them fairly without a lawyer that can sue them successfully. Please don't make your lawyer's job harder than it is.

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September 11 at Tuscumbia Church of Christ. The speaking event will begin at 5:30pm with a book signing to follow. SAYS is a year-long series of youth devotionals held at various congregations in the Shoals area focused specifically on topics affecting teens today. This event is free and open to the public. Tuscumbia Church of Christ is located at 102 East 4th Street in Tuscumbia.

Cagle will also speak to students during a chapel assembly at Mars Hill Bible School in Florence.

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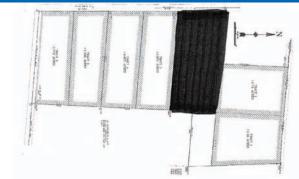
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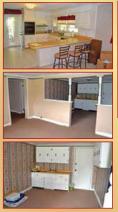
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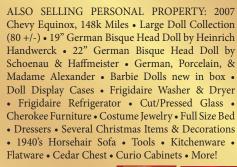
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Maureen

### Dear Maureen,

I understand wanting your kids to get the best education possible. Private schools can provide some advantages academically, while a good Christian school might offer spiritual advantages. But the bottom line is this: If you can't cash flow it, you shouldn't do it.

All of my kids went to public schools, and they are good, moral people and strong Christians. In the process, they learned how to interact with people of all faiths, no faith, and how to display their faith and beliefs adequately in their personal lives and in the marketplace.

The truth is, you'll find great things and bad things in any school, private or public, Christian or not. And no matter where your kids go to school, as parents, you still have to teach them about the world — the good and the bad, the right and the wrong. Life can't be lived inside a protective bubble.

—Dave

# WHAT'S THE DEAL WITH DEFERRED COMP?

Dear Dave,

I work for a fire department in Mississippi, and I've been trying to get information on the state's deferred comp plan. No one here seems to know a lot about it, so I was wondering if I should keep

looking for information or is it not worth the bother? Brandon

Brandon,

Deferred comp simply means you are electing to defer and receive a portion of your compensation at a later time or date. People who use these types of plans have a portion of their compensation withheld and directed into an investment of some kind instead, and you aren't taxed on it immediately. It's sort of like a pre-tax investment, but it's not transferrable to an IRA or 401(k).

I would only do deferred compensation after I've done everything else in terms of saving 15 percent of my income for retirement, including a Roth IRA. These are funded by after-tax dollars, but they grow tax-free. But I wouldn't do any of this until after I had paid off all my debt, except for my home, and had an emergency fund of three to six months of expenses in place.

Good question, Brandon!
—Dave

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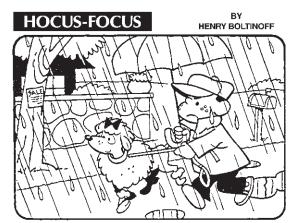


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Sam Thompson Family Reunion, Sat Faith Baptist Church in Moulton will host Gospel recording artist Joseph Habedank on Sunday, September 11 at 6pm. Habedank was voted new artist of the year in 2014 by the Singing News. This will be a free concert with a love offering received for Mr. Habedank. For more information, contact Faith Baptist Church, Moulton at 256-974-9351.

Gospel Meeting at Maud Church of Christ September 11-14. Sunday services will be at 10am, 11am and 7:30pm. Services will be held at 7pm Monday-Wednesday. Al (Butch) Colley will be the guest speaker. Everyone attending Sunday morning services is invited to stay for dinner after service. The church is located 15 miles south of Cherokee at 2300 Mingo Road.

Jacksonburg Church of Christ will conduct a Gospel Meeting September 11-14. Visiting speaker is Ben Hayes, of Highland Park Church of Christ. Bible class September 11 will be at 9am, morning worship at 9:45am, followed by a fellowship meal and an afternoon service at 1:30pm. Nightly services are September 12-14 at 7pm. The church is just off Chisholm Highway at 414 Lauderdale CR 28.

Homecoming at Fairview Freewill Baptist Church Hwy 13, Iron City, TN, eptember 11. Service starts at 10am. Bro. Bobby Rich will be preaching. "Sanctified" will be singing at 11am and Lunch at noon. Everyone welcome

A revival with Bro. Bobby Rich will begin Wednesday September 14-Friday September 16 at Fairview Freewill Baptisi

Church, Hwy 13, Iron City, TN.
Different groups each night will be singing. For more info, call Nancy Johnson 256-980-6133 or Robert Dixon 931-724-9323. Everyone welcome

Gospel Meeting at Courtland Church of Christ with Larry Waymire, September 11-14. Sunday Morning Bible Study, 10am; Sunday Morning Worship Service, 11am. Dinner for everyone after Morning Worship. Sunday Evening Worship, Monday-Wednesday, 7pm.

Zip City Neighborhood Watch **Meeting** will be on September 11 at 2pm at the Zip City Fire Department.

LifeSouth Community Blood Centers faces emergency need for all blood types, and encourages the community to donate

Summer is historically a slow time for blood donations due to travel and school breaks, and this summer continues to be a challenge not only to LifeSouth, but to blood centers across the country. LifeSouth only uses the word "emergency" when the reserve supply to restock area hospitals drops below a two-day level. Please find

attached the press release. A list of local bloodmobile drives can be found on the LifeSouth website, www.lifesouth.org under Blood Drives/Bloodmobile locater. The area LifeSouth centers are listed below:

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Announcing the first-ever Renaissance City Authors Festival Poster Contest- Meet and Greet Local Authors at the Renaissance City Authors Festival Sponsored by the Shoals Writers Guild, Saturday October 29 from 10am-4pm, and Sunday October 30, 2-4pm. Cost: \$10 - arm

band for both days.

The poster contest will accept entries from: September 12-October 12. Guidelines: Size 18x24. Medium: Acrylic, Oil, or Computer Graphic.

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Entries may be delivered to the Kennedy Douglas Center, 217 E. Tuscaloosa, Street Florence. Monday-Friday 9am-5pm.

Questions: email:Shoalswritersguild@

Keep the Shoals Beautiful in partnership with TVA is challenging Shoals residents to "fish for litter to catch \$500 cash" at its Tennessee River Litter Tournament on Saturday, September 24 from 8am-4pm

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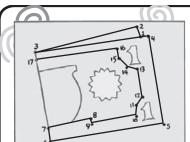
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