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Cane Run & Polar Plunge

FLORENCE—Shoals CASA's 9th Annual Candy Cane Run/Walk and Polar Plunge takes place Saturday, December 3 in McFarland Park in Florence.

Get your friends and family moving at the annual Candy Cane event, a fun and festive way to kick off the holidays with friends and co-workers! Be a team captain for kids and create a unique team name and holiday team uniforms. Rally your team to help raise funds for the abused and neglected children in our community. Register online at www.EventBrite.com – search for Shoals CASA events.

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For more information, call Shoals CASA at 256-765-0041.

MINORITY ACCESS APPLAUDS

UNA's Diversity

FLORENCE— Officials with Minority Access announced that the University of North Alabama has been recognized as an institution committed to diversity for 2016. UNA received formal recognition recently during the 17th National Role Models Conference in Washington, DC. The conference addresses issues of diversity and disparities in the U.S.

Director of Diversity and Institutional Equity for UNA is Joan Williams. She believes UNA was selected for this award based on the school's holistic approach to pursuing inclusive excellence.



"The application packet notes that UNA's commitment to diversity is exhibited by the Board of Trustees approval of the Strategic Diversity Plan and Search Protocol, along with promoting an inclusive campus environment in its 2014-2019 Strategic Plan," said Williams. "This speaks to UNA's understanding of the importance

Williams

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A NuTone Christmas

The NuTones Christmas Concert takes place Tuesday, December 20 from 6:30-9pm at the Marriott Shoals Conference Center. Linda Balentine, Bill Wooten, Lendon Balentine, Rex Hall, and Lawrence Alexander will welcome special guest, Ken Lovelace from Nashville and other special guests, Kerry Gilbert, Alyssa (Cissy) Ashley, Hugh Banks, Mallie and Ida Kate Stutts. Doors open at 5:30. Tickets are \$8 in advance from any band member or from Keestone at 201 N. Cedar St. in Florence Monday-Friday from 9-4. Tickets are \$10 at the door. For more information call, Bill Wooten at 256-483-1366. Courtesy photo

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Turner Takes Florida Post

FLORENCE—Georgia Turner has been named executive director of the West Volusia



Tourism Advertising Authority in Florida.

Since 2014 she has been manager of media relations and group sales for the Florence-Lauderdale

Tourism here in her hometown of Florence. Turner is set to start at the WVTA in mid-December.

Turner's 31 year career has included two separate stints at the Daytona Beach Convention & Visitors Bureau with numerous responsibilities. From 1994-2000 she served as the executive director of the Alabama Mountain Lakes Tourism Association, and she ran her own tourism/public relations/marketing firm in Ormond Beach Florida from 2000 to 2010.

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Guild Hosts the First Authors Crawl

FLORENCE—The Shoals Writers Guild is hosting the inaugural Christmas in the Renaissance City Authors Crawl on First Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, December 2-4 with twenty-four authors participating. The Authors Crawl allows businesses and curators to host authors who will be autographing and selling books. Participants purchase a \$5 ticket to attend all three days of the Crawl. The wristband ticket entitles the wearer to receive a 10% discount on all book purchases and they will be registered for the daily drawings of a basket of autographed books.

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United Way Seeks Bikes, Toys

SHOALS—United Way of Northwest Alabama is seeking donations of toys and bicycles to be given to children enrolled in the Toys for Tots Christmas assistance program. Donations will remain in our community and will be distributed to children in Colbert, Lauderdale, Franklin and Marion Counties. Collection sites are located throughout the community at various businesses and organizations. To find a location

near you, please visit our Facebook page or go to <http://huntsville-al.toysfortots.org/local-coordinator-sites/lco-sites/donate-toys.aspx> to search by zip code.

United Way of Northwest Alabama received its first donation of toys to be given to children who are signed up for Toys for Tots this week. Tim Roach and Blaine Cantrell held

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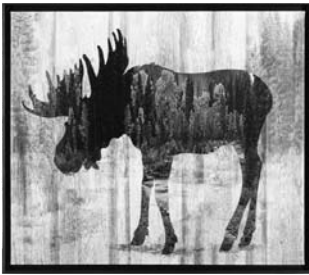
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Saturday, December 3, 10am - 4pm, Title Max, 233 Cox Creek Parkway, Florence
Sunday, December 4, 11am - 5pm, BAM, 318 Cox Creek Parkway, Florence
Monday, December 5, 7:30am - 4pm, Phil Campbell High School, 65 School Street, Phil Campbell
Wednesday, December 7, 10am-5pm, Shoals Hospital, 201 West Avalon Avenue, Muscle Shoals

The Gift of Hope - Grief Support for adults who are coping with Grief during the Holidays is a free service facilitated by licensed counselors Becky Daugherty and Cayron J. Mann (both under supervision by Kay Parker, LPC-S Tuesdays noon-1pm - November 15 - January 3 (no meeting on December 27 Woodmont Baptist Church, 2001 Darby Drive in Florence.
For additional information, please call 256-263-6367 or 256-320-4200 (no childcare provided)

The Salvation Army of The Shoals kicked off the Annual Angel Tree program last weekend with an event at the Florence Mall
Along with the familiar Red Kettles, the Angel Tree program is one of The Salvation Army's highest profile Christmas efforts. Angel Tree was created by The Salvation Army in 1979 by Majors Charles and Shirley White when they worked with a Lynchburg, Virginia shopping mall to provide clothing and toys for children at Christmastime.
This year we are serving 1,488 local children for the Angel Tree program and MANY Senior Citizens.

Official Angel trees are located at Dillard's in the Florence Mall, SunTrust Bank on Cox Creek Pkwy, Long Lewis Ford in Muscle Shoals, and McCutcheon & Hamner Attorneys at the corner of Bradshaw and Helton Drives in Florence
If you would like to participate in other volunteer capacities with the Salvation Army, please call 256-764-4432.

Clothes Give Away - Thursday, December 1 from 8-10am at the Care Center, First Baptist Church, Killen.

Upward Basketball and Cheerleading is now registering at Highland Baptist Church with practices beginning December 1.
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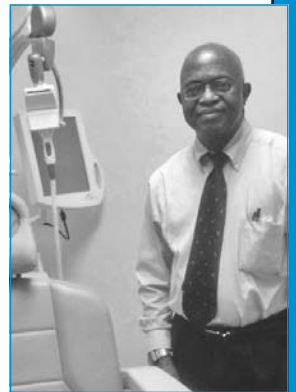
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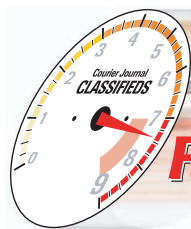



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Shorts...

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First Fridays for December

FLORENCE-The theme for December First Fridays is an Old-Fashioned Florence Christmas. Santa Claus will be there on Friday, December 2, from 5-8pm on Court Street as will carolers, musicians, and vendors. Santa will be decked out in his best Victorian-era finery. Those who do dress in Dickensian-era costumes will have an opportunity to win a prize from a downtown merchant. Santa will also be decked

out in his best Victorian-era finery. In keeping with the theme, there will be a children's art exhibit. Music is a key part of this year's December First Fridays. The Cadillacs will kick off at 5pm with some traditional Christmas carols. Hunter Slade will perform at 6pm followed at 7pm by Chndlr. First Fridays will also be partnering with the Shoals Writers' Guild for the first Christmas in the Renaissance City Author and Artist Crawl. This special event gives local authors and artists an opportunity to sell and sign their books while visiting with fans and readers.

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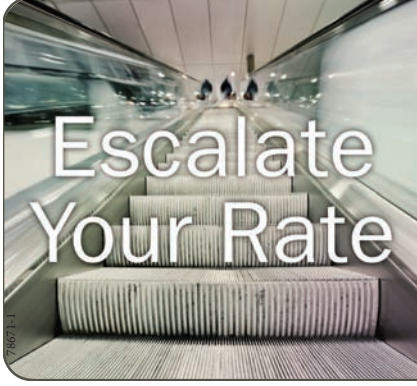
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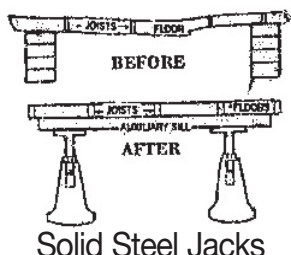
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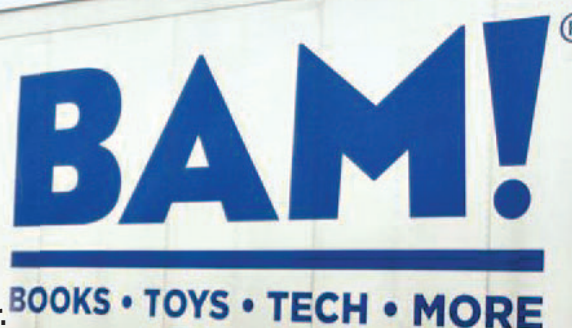
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When asked what motivated them to focus on Toys for Tots this year, Blaine Cantrell explained, "Each year we try to help a needy family and/or child. The Toys for Tots program aligns perfectly with that goal." He added, "It feels wonderful knowing that some children will have a little better Christmas than they expected. Tim and I both have kids and we love to help anyone in need. We especially love knowing that this will help some locally."

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Medicare Minute

"Prescription Drug Plans 3"

Last week we discussed prescription drug plan premiums, deductibles and coinsurance. This week we will continue to look at Medicare prescription drug plans by looking at copays, formularies and provider networks. When choosing a prescription drug plan these six things are very important to consider.

A copay is a fixed amount you pay for each individual prescription. Copays can vary depending on the tier of your prescription. Typically the lower the tier, the lower the copay. A tier 1 drug usually has a lower copay than a tier 2 drug, tier 2 drugs have a lower copay than tier 3, etc. Because different plans may categorize drugs in different tiers it's a good idea to know how your plan treats your prescriptions.

The prescription drug plan's formulary will tell you two important things. First, it will tell you if the prescription you are taking is covered under the plan. Second, it will tell you the tier of the prescription. Knowing the tier of your prescription is important in determining the copay. For example, Plan A may list your prescription as a tier 2 whereas Plan B may have it as a tier 3. This should tell you that Plan A will have a lower copay on your prescription than Plan B. It will also tell you if your drug will fall in the deductible phase of the plan.

The plan's provider network is a list of pharmacies that accepts the plan. All pharmacies do not accept all plans so if you have a particular pharmacy you would like to use check to make sure they accept your plan. You can do this by simply asking your pharmacist. Also, pharmacies are listed as "preferred" and "standard" under some plans. In this case a "preferred" pharmacy may have lower copays than a "standard" pharmacy.

If you have questions regarding any aspect of Medicare or Medicare health plans feel free call us at Alabama Health Guidance (256-284-7249), stop by our office at 879 Florence Blvd (Four Lane Shopping Center) or email me at ikey@alabamahealthguidance.com. Alabama Health Guidance is an independent insurance agency and is not affiliated with Medicare or any other government agency.



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Commentary

Sessions Bringing Dignity Back to AG

President-elect Donald Trump has chosen Alabama Senator, Jeff Sessions, for Attorney General of the United States in his new administration. Sessions will have to be confirmed by the Senate. However, that should be a formality.

Although the U.S. Senate would be in much better position to confirm appropriate Supreme Court Justices were Sessions to remain part of that body, his nomination to AG is also welcomed relief. Following Eric Holder and Loretta Lynch as the Attorney General of the United States won't be much of a challenge for Sessions. It was clear that both Holder and Lynch were in the position of Attorney General based on their race and political ideology. The levels of unprofessionalism created a new low, especially with regard to transparency, immigration, and pure defiance of law.

Sessions has demonstrated a strong commitment to the rule of law, protecting liberty, and the U.S. Constitution.

He was a prosecutor as the U.S. Attorney of the Southern District of Alabama under President Ronald Reagan and former Attorney General in Alabama.

Before his stint as Alabama's AG, he was nominated by Reagan to be a federal district court judge. The nomination was hijacked by left-wing activists in the Civil Rights Division

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In A Few Words



TOM MAGAZZU
Editor

Courier Journal

THIS WEEK

in the *Shoals*
November 30, 2016

Christmas is Expressed in
The Trees

TUSCUMBIA—The twinkle of lights and the tinsel in the trees returns to The Tennessee Valley Art Association. The Trees of Christmas 2016 opens Friday, December 2 at 9am. The Trees of Christmas is an annual exhibition featuring a display of nine 12-foot-tall live fir trees decorated by civic and school groups, businesses and/or individuals. The trees will be displayed through

See **TREES...** on Page 24

Trees from 2015
Courtesy photo



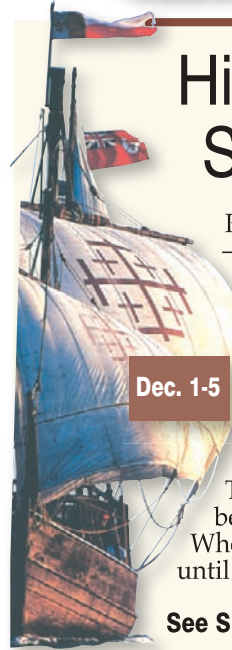
Holidays in Colbert



TUSCUMBIA-A Plantation Christmas at Belle Mont Mansion Sunday, December 4 is one of many DECEMBER events in Colbert County. The 1-5pm holiday event is reminiscent of an old fashioned southern Christmas with traditional live decorations, period Christmas music, vintage ballroom dancing, and refreshments. Belle

See **COLBERT...** on Pg 22

Historic Ships



ROGERSVILLE - The 'Pinta' and the 'Nina', replicas of Columbus' Ships, will open Thursday, December 1 in Rogersville. The ships will be docked at Joe Wheeler State Park until their departure

See **SHIPS...** on Pg 27

Happening
THIS WEEK

THE MUSIC MINISTRY OF WOODMONT BAPTIST Church at 2001 Darby Drive in Florence will present a concert of Christmas music entitled "Oh, What a Glorious Night!" on Sunday, December 4 at 6:30pm. Everyone is welcome.

NOMINATIONS FOR FLORENCE WALK OF HONOR will be accepted until Friday, December 2 for the 2017 City of Florence Walk of Honor. The walk recognizes individuals from Florence and Lauderdale County who have achieved national or international acclaim. Contact the Florence Mayor's office at 256-760-6400 or www.florenceal.org for nomination forms and information.

THE SHOALS AUDUBON SOCIETY'S next meeting is Thursday, December 1 at 7pm at the Florence Lauderdale Public Library at 350 North Wood Ave. The speaker is Dr. Jim Lacefield, presenting "The History of the Tennessee River."

A TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY - EVERY LIGHT A PRAYER FOR PEACE at Pope's Tavern in downtown Florence, December 2 at 6pm honoring Veterans of United States of America. Pope's Tavern will be decorated with Christmas floral arrangements provided by Florence Council of Garden Clubs. Pope's Tavern will be open for tours following the ceremony. Refreshments will be served.

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I Have One Challenge

To the Editor:

In my letter of October 12, (*Be a Man, Endorse Him*), I don't recall questioning Mr. White's patriotism as some in follow-up letters seem to allege.

Is this 2003 when a person who was against the Iraq War was considered unpatriotic? We have all seen how that ended up, haven't we?

When Mr. White wrote that anyone who votes for the democratic nominee is a vote in favor of sexual molestation, he crossed the line. Republicans, Democrats and Independents all should be alarmed, disgusted and angered. Mr. White owes an apology to democrats for this. I know many democrats that served or who are serving. Does this give them the right to say crap like that, and if anyone questions them, they are unpatriotic. I do thank Mr. White for his service and anyone who has served or is serving.
I do have one challenge for any

...Even if we were to concede that the election should go to the popular vote majority, the Democrats would still lose without the millions of fraudulent votes.



republican. Name one bill that has been passed by republicans, that has benefitted the middle class. Here are some examples of bills passed by democrats that were opposed by republicans. 1. Social Security. 2. Medicare. 3. Minimum Wage. 4. Unions. 5. Obama Care. Republicans name just one!

Mike Hester
Tuscumbia

Want Absolute Power

Editor:

I have been amazed and amused by the whining of Democrats over the election results. They seem so ignorant of this Republic's founding history that they think the Electoral College is something contrived by Republicans for the 2016 election. Even if we were to concede that the election should go to the popular vote majority, Democrats would still lose without the millions of fraudulent votes.

Should those who are demanding that the system be changed have their way, and the Republicans have a majority of popular vote in the next election, they would demand that the Electoral College be reinstated. The only thing that will satisfy these so-called progressives is to have absolute power.

Euell T. White
Florence

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December 2016

Calendar of Events

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25



From

 Helen Keller Hospital

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31



I WROTE AN ARTICLE A FEW weeks ago bemoaning the lack of skepticism regarding social media participants sharing fake news stories without vetting them. Little did I know that Facebook and Google were busily devising a plot to combat those by developing a list of fake news sites.



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There have been many who attacked this move as an attack on free speech. Those people are usually the same ones who insist the fake news stories are real. When I first heard about this strategy, I was a little concerned, too. Alas, this isn't an attack on free speech. It's not an Orwellian "list of banned sites." It's more of a strategy to close a loophole that was generating income for unscrupulous website owners

FAKE NEWS CRACKDOWN

by "The Computer Skeptic"

located in faraway places.

One such false story claimed that Pope Francis had endorsed Mr. Trump. Another one cited unnamed FBI sources claiming that Hillary Clinton will be indicted in 2017 for crimes related to her email scandal. You guys were sharing these stories like mad all over Facebook.

Little did you know that many of these news stories originated from teenagers from a tiny little town in the Baltic republic of Macedonia. Yep, a small group of teens found that they could make a pile of money by manufacturing news on their

websites. Their websites included American-sounding domain names such as WorldPoliticus.com, TrumpVision365.com, and USConservativeToday.com. Almost all the stories were aggressively pro-Trump. The reason so many of these sites appeared to support Trump? According to one 16-year old who was interviewed, "People in America prefer to read news about Trump." Translation: Hillary just wasn't as interesting.

As I explained in my last rant on this subject, the way it works is someone will develop a website then publish outlandish "news"

headlines. Then they post links to these articles on social media such as Facebook and Twitter. Others share these stories and people then flock back to these websites to get the latest scoop. Those websites have advertisements on them generated by Google. Google pays a few tenths of a penny to website owners whenever an ad is displayed to a website visitor.

So, to combat these websites, both Facebook and Google had to come up with lists of websites that are clearly fake. From now on Google will not publish their ads on those websites. Facebook will soon start removing fake "related stories" that you often see referenced below actual news stories that people share with each other.

These sites are identified using various algorithms including counting the number of times Facebook users comment on a

story using the word "fake." The more people who report these stories as fake, the less these stories will clog your news feed. This, in effect, chokes off the revenue stream of these websites and they simply fade away.

So, no, no one is "censoring" what you are able to view. But Facebook and Google are going to start limiting your "accidental" exposure.

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FLORENCE—When young Andrew Luna used to visit his grandmother's house in Florence, Alabama during Thanksgiving and Christmas time, he loved all of what the town had to offer during the holidays. In his new book, *Unwrap the Memories: Nostalgic Christmas Stories to Warm the Heart*, Luna now shares many of his fun and poignant Alabama tales to help readers rekindle fond Christmas memories of their past.



Luna

"First of all, my grandmother's house was right next to the old Sears and Roebuck. I remember waking up on Friday morning after Thanksgiving to the sounds of a helicopter buzzing our house, flying Santa over to start the Christmas shopping at that store," Luna said. "I also remember driving through

the UNA campus, playing around Wilson Park on a cold December day, as well as stopping by Abrams and Rogers Department stores to buy presents."

Before getting into higher education, Luna was a newspaper editor and writer who appeared in many publications including USA Today, Birmingham Post, Montgomery Advertiser, Alabama Monthly, and Alabama Heritage. Ideals magazine, a family-oriented, homespun publication since 1944, has purchased some of the stories in Luna's book for this year's and next year's Christmas editions.

Luna will share some of his thought from *Unwrap the Memories* at the Florence-Lauderdale Public Library on Thursday, December 8 at 5:30pm.

Looking for Rusty Gold in the Southeast U.S.

NEW YORK, NY—Mike Wolfe, Frank Fritz, and their team are excited to return to Alabama! They plan to film episodes of the hit series, *American Pickers*, throughout the region this winter.

American Pickers is a documentary series that explores the fascinating world of antique 'picking' on History. The hit show follows Mike and Frank, two of the most skilled pickers in the business, as they hunt for America's most valuable antiques. They are always excited to find sizeable unique collections and learn the stories behind them.

As they hit the back roads from coast to coast, Mike and Frank are on a mission to rescue and recycle forgotten relics. Along the way the Pickers want to meet characters with remarkable and exceptional items. The pair hopes to give historically significant objects a new lease on life while learning a thing or two about America's past along the way.

Mike and Frank have seen a lot of rusty gold over the years and are always looking to discover something they've never seen before. *American Pickers* is looking for leads and would love to explore your hidden treasure. If you or

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For more information about "A Plantation Christmas" or Belle Mont Mansion in general, call the museum at 256-381-5052

OTHER EVENTS INCLUDE:

The Christmas Train and holiday lights at Spring Park from 4-8pm daily December 1-24 in Tuscumbia. Ride the Santa Express Train and see Christmas lights in the park. Enjoy a ride on the Carousel. An admission fee will be charged. For more information, call 256-389-1357

Cherokee Christmas Festival 1-6pm Sunday, December 4, downtown Cherokee. Entertainment, arts and crafts, food vendors, horse and buggy rides, bake sale, face painting, and letter-to-Santa writing station.

We'll be Home for Christmas concert, 7pm Tuesday, December 8 at the Alabama Music Hall of Fame, 617 U.S. Highway 72, Tuscumbia, featuring the music and comedy of Aaron Wilburn, Mark Narmore, and Bobby Tomberlin. An admission fee will be charged. For tickets and more information, call 256-381-4417.

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It's a Dickens Christmas Y'all Holiday Festival, 9am-7pm Saturday, December 10, downtown Tuscumbia. Holiday festival reminiscent of the holiday classic "A Christmas Carol", Carriage rides, snow, music, arts & crafts and food vendors. Admission charged for some events. For more information, call 256 383-0783 or 256-383-9797.

Christmas Dinner Show on the Mountain, 7pm Thursday, December 15 and Friday, December 16 at the Mountain Theater, 4150 Underwood Mtn. Road, Tuscumbia. A Holiday Musical Celebration for all ages. \$35 adults, \$28 for children 12 and under, group rates available. For tickets and info: www.mountaintheater.org or call 256-383-3594 or 256-710-8963.

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Commentary

Sessions...

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of the Justice Department exaggerating claims of racism, aided incidentally by Joe Biden and Ted Kennedy. His nomination never got past the Judiciary Committee.

The head of Alabama's Democratic Party, Nancy Worley, issued a press release from the organization last week with some meritless claims of Sessions being a racist and against civil rights of others. Furthermore, Worley felt the need to identify him in the release as "Jefferson Beauregard Sessions, III." One can only assume that she wants an implied parallel with Confederate general, Pierre Beauregard.

That's interesting. Generally people in these parts might know of two others with the name, Worley. Former owner and executive at WOWL-TV,

Jack Worley, who portrayed the kid's character, "Captain Jack," and a prominent early 18th century pirate in the Caribbean, captain Richard Worley. A kids' character and a thief/pillager. And she's one to try name association?

Sessions knows we are a federal republic, he knows that our founders intended the federal government to be limited in its powers, and that the Constitution is not a breathing, evolving document. As a long-time senator, Sessions also understands the founders' design of an oversight role for Congress.

Sessions has been a solid fiscal and rationally conservative voice against nonsense in Washington for the better part of two decades. I hate that he will largely have to leave that role up to South Carolina House member, Trey Gowdy, but I have a feeling that both Gowdy and Sessions can handle it.

Trees...

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Christmas Eve at the Tennessee Valley Museum of Art with original themes to reflect the cultural stories

of the northwest Alabama region.

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The line-up of decorators this year includes 4-H of Colbert and Lauderdale County, Martha Couch, Tuscumbia City Schools, Junior League of the Shoals, Barb Hendricks and Pam Wright, Girl Scouts of North Central Alabama, Carol Hubbard, Kathy Hester, and Shoals Christian School.

The Tennessee Valley Museum of Art is located at 511 N. Water Street in Tuscumbia. The museum is open 9am-5pm Monday through Friday and Sunday 1-3pm. Museum hours for December 24 are from 10am-2pm. Admission is free for TVAA members, \$5 for adults and \$3 students. Sunday admission is free for all. For more information, please contact TVAA at 256-383-0533 or visit tvaa.net.

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My Turn, by Major Euell White, U.S. Army, (retired)
Protecting Our Children

One of the issues that must be addressed by the Trump administration and Congress is the protection of our children in the public schools.

While the majority of Americans believe that homosexual behavior is morally wrong, the homosexual activists have found that indoctrinating impressionable schoolchildren is easier than persuading adults, and is the easiest way to change public attitudes. Often parents of children who are practicing this vile behavior think that to show their children they love them they must affirm them in the behavior.

The Apostle Paul warned that drunkards, thieves, and extortioners will not enter the kingdom of heaven. In the same context he warns that homosexuals or abusers of themselves with mankind cannot enter the kingdom of heaven. (1 Corinthians 6:9-10.) Parents who would never affirm the behavior of a thief will affirm their child who is practicing this unnatural and sinful lifestyle. Homosexuality is being taught in our public schools supported by the National Education Association (NEA) -- the teachers union that all teachers must pay dues to if they want to have health insurance.

In 2013 The US centers for disease control CDC released a report placing the total number of sexually transmitted infections (STIs) in the United States at 110 million, or approximately one third of the entire US population. Some 20 million new cases are diagnosed each year costing taxpayers approximately \$16 billion. Young people between the ages of 15 and 24 are disproportionately affected by the epidemic. They account for only a quarter of the sexually active population, but half of all infections. Human papillomavirus (HPV) is the most common infection, followed by chlamydia, gonorrhea, syphilis, herpes, hepatitis B, HIV and trichomoniasis. The Obama administration's emphasis on legitimizing such a perversion contributed to this problem.

While the world was in the midst of an epidemic caused by HIV, our government was legalizing and promoting the very lifestyles and practices most responsible for spreading the disease. HIV infections are acquired mostly by those who engage in a limited and identified number of behaviors. The risk for people who avoid these behaviors is almost non-existent. These behaviors include intravenous drug use, transfusion or needle stick with contaminated blood, and various sexual practices. Men who have sex with men are at extremely high risk because of infection.

Even before the first case of AIDS was diagnosed, men who had sex with men were in the midst of an epidemic of sexually transmitted diseases. Homosexual men are more likely to be diagnosed with sexually transmitted gonorrhea, syphilis, dysentery, hepatitis, and viral infections. It is now considered hate speech to say that homosexuality is sin. Obama aided by Congress has ruled that homosexuality is not to be criticized. The cost in tax dollars for the treatment and support of this epidemic will be tremendous. But even more important is the cost in physical and moral destruction of human lives. Comments welcome on my website

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Roden, one of the main reasons for the teams' success, was the fact the girls had been playing softball together since they were 9-10-year olds.

That experience and close knit teamwork showed up in the statistical category when they surrendered only 26 hits and 19 total runs combined in all three tournaments. The pitchers were equally impressive, recording a total of 80 strikeouts.

Two important trademarks of the team were courage and character. They always started each game with a team prayer. Muscle Shoals Parks and Recreation Director Rusty Wheelers was quoted as saying "they put Muscle Shoals on the map." "The World Series title was great," said Wheelers but I was more proud of the fact they were awarded the sportsmanship trophy that was voted on by the Dixie Softball officials and all the umpires."

Members of the World Series Championship team were: Ann Aycock, Kaneisha Boddie, Alli Evans, Jayci Evans, Megan Goodman, Janna Poague, L.K. Potter, Kimberley Powell, Nicole Reach, Brittany Richardson and Emily Roden. The coaches were Jim Potter and Donnie Roden.

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 Darryl

Dear Darryl,
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 —Dave

MICRO INVESTING APPS?

Dear Dave,
 What is your opinion on micro investing apps?
 Tammy

Dear Tammy,
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 — Dave

Dave Ramsey is America's trusted voice on money and business, and CEO of Ramsey Solutions. He has authored five New York Times best-selling books. The Dave Ramsey Show is heard by more than 8.5 million listeners each week on more than 550 radio stations. Dave's latest project, EveryDollar, provides a free online budget tool. Follow Dave on Twitter at @DaveRamsey and on the web at daveramsey.com.

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We Overcome or Give In

Editor:

Soon some Christians will be celebrating the birth of Christ. The older I get the more spiritual and realistic His life, death, and resurrection are to me.

I don't go out and spend a lot of money on junk. I try to give only one gift that I know will be received. God did the same with us. His One gift was perfect. Yet, that gift was rejected, and killed.

Sometimes I have pity parties. I get tired of the ailment battle of being human. Recently, I burned my eye with peroxide while washing my car mats, and now I need to have yet another cornea transplant, but it will have to wait.

Last month I stumbled upon this big yellow box that was lying perpendicular to the corner of a desk at my work place.

That night I experienced dizziness with vomiting. The dizziness has not left. On Sunday, I went for Xrays. The doctor said I had a hairline fracture between two of my vertebrae. He showed it to me and gave me a soft collar and suggested that I see a neurologist. Oh great, one more body ailment and how long can I suffer before I give in to surgery?

Since I have already had four cornea transplants and developed an autoimmune disease called Sjogrens. I have no moisture, so I have to put ointment in my eyes several times a day. Yesterday, someone asked me, "What's that goop you're putting in your eyes?" "It's a necessary ointment," I said, "and it rehydrates, since I have dry eye disease."

"Jesus made his own ointment with His spit," he said. Can you imagine being immediately healed by Him? Can you also imagine being called to give birth to a baby that many wanted to kill? Can you imagine running from kings and armies to save your child?

And when His time came He surrendered sinlessly and gave the gift of a lifetime, His life. His journey was not easy, but His heart was obedient.

This is what He said: These things I have spoken unto you, that in Me you might have peace. In the world you shall have tribulation, but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world. John 16:33 Hallelujah.

As followers of His example we can either overcome or give in to the evil, callous, insensitive, and wicked people in the world, or we can choose peace.

I choose peace and that makes all the difference.

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THE BOLD AND THE BEAUTIFUL Maya comforted Nicole following her breakup with Zende. Meanwhile, knowing that Zende had just been dumped, Sasha offered herself as a more suitable replacement. Bill awaited word from Brooke so he could make final preparations for their elopement. Ridge and RJ wondered if they were able to get through to Brooke so that she would choose a life with Ridge over Bill. Quinn encouraged Wyatt not to give up on his marriage to Steffy. Eric voiced his lack of desire to return to Forrester Creations. Steffy was taken aback by the response she received after expressing her feelings regarding Quinn's change of attitude. *Wait to See: A past victim warns a new target.*

DAYS OF OUR LIVES Gabi and Chad shared a close moment, which was witnessed by Jennifer. Victor and Maggie worried about Brady following Theresa's departure. Eduardo and Kate spent Thanksgiving together. Rafe appealed to Steve to help him with Hope's predicament. Hope found an unlikely ally in prison. Claire and Theo decided to take their relationship to the next level. Lucas and Justin's tempers flared. Jennifer was furious when she realized that Laura knew about Abigail. JJ worried that Gabi and Chad were more than friends. Sonny tried to

break up the argument between Justin and Lucas. Shawn and Rafe went over the events leading up to Stefano's death. *Wait to See: Ciara is shocked when she meets her online date.*

GENERAL HOSPITAL Nelle manipulated an unsuspecting Sonny. Bobbie resumed her position at General Hospital. Terrified he would lose her the same way he lost his wife, Finn raced to find a cure for Hayden. Carly came clean with Sonny. Nelle struggled with her guilt. Anna and Griffin focused on trying to find Claudette. Valentin used Charlotte to draw Nina closer. Dillon tried to cheer up Kiki. Laura considered taking her relationship with Kevin to the next level. Maxie and Nathan were worried about the company Nina had been keeping. Anna confronted Valentin. Griffin and Liz had a heart-to-heart. Franco paid Heather a visit. Sam was concerned that Jason's trust in Curtis was misplaced. *Wait to See: Julian makes Alexis a surprising offer.*

THE YOUNG AND THE RESTLESS Travis got into an argument with Victor and quit Newman Enterprises. Cane tried his best to resist taking a painkiller. Jill encouraged Billy to come clean with Victoria about Travis' secret. Victor assured Nick that a court would never allow Sharon to visit Christian. Hilary secretly recorded Nikki telling her that Sharon ruined both of her sons. Later, Victor informed Nikki that she might have to choose between Dylan and Nick. Hilary kicked Christian's fame-seeking babysitter out of GC Buzz. Jill refused to hire Travis. Neil tried to convince Jack to return to the foundation. Cane was still in pain from his surgery. Nikki tried to convince Sharon that leaving Dylan would allow him to be a part of Christian's life. *Wait to See: Traci's plan to reunite her siblings backfires.*

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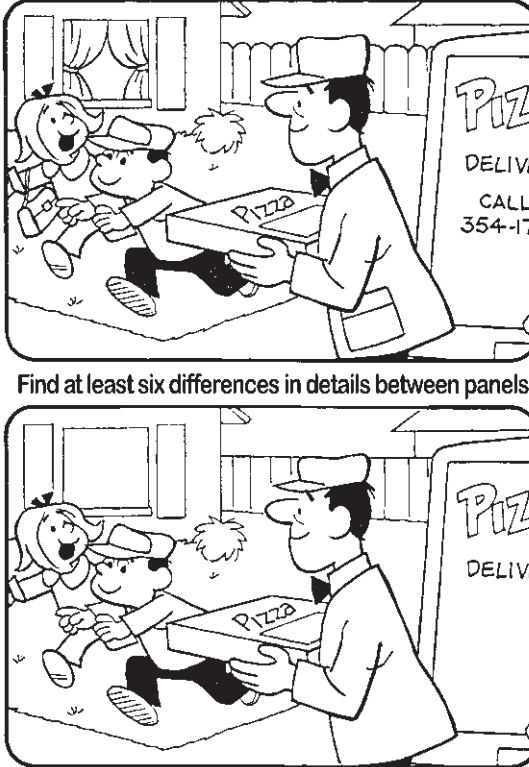
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The Renaissance City Authors Festival will be held First Friday December 2, and Saturday December 3, in conjunction with the "Old Timey Christmas." It will not be held October 29th and 30th as originally planned.

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Breakfast with Santa at Cherokee Lions Den sponsored by the Lions Club Saturday, December 3 from 8-10am. Pancakes, sausage links, juice, milk, water, and coffee. Free of charge, donations appreciated. Free gift to children. Children must be accompanied by adult.

Annual Education & Scholarship Brunch sponsored by Kappa Phi Chapter Chi Eta Phi Sorority, Inc. Professional Nursing Organization on Saturday, December 3, 11am-12:30pm at Mt. Carmel MB Church, South Mulberry St., Tusculumbia. Guest speaker is Sarah Hannah, RN, topic "When a Health Crisis Strikes the Family". Donation \$10 per person.

Contact: Nina Pride at 256-359-6471.

Fish Fry at East Colbert Church of Christ Saturday, December 3, 12:00-5pm. All you can eat. Adults & Carry Outs \$12 each. Children ages 5-11 \$6. 4 & Under free. (All proceeds go to mission work & benevolence.)

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The "Hi Neighbors of the Shoals" meeting will be Tuesday, December 6 at 10am at the Florence Public Library. This group welcomes all newcomers to the Shoals area. Contact Janice Hilborn at 256 247-1077 for further information

Lauderdale County Soil and Water Conservation District will be hosting a Soil Quality Field Day on Thursday, December 8 at D.C. Thornton's Shop in Rogersville at 13100 Highway 72. Several state level NRCS, Soil and Water Conservation committee members and the Alabama Association of Soil Conservation District members will be present. Lunch will be provided! Please RSVP and request special accommodations to the Lauderdale Co. SWCD office by December 1. Call 256-764-5833 Ext. 3.

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Former Florence Hospital Employees Christmas Dinner Saturday, December 10, 6-9pm at St. James United Methodist Church, 610 N. Cox Creek Parkway, Florence. Bring covered dish. For more information, call 256-627-1911.

Knights of Columbus Council 3989 is sponsoring its 50th Annual Turkey & Ham Shoots on Saturday, December 17 from 7am to dusk at the Knights of Columbus Langer Hall at 4051 County Road 30 (St. Florian Road). Shotgun and 22 rounds of Turkey and Ham will be \$4 and \$6, respectively. Ammunition will be provided. Shotguns and rifles are available, but you can bring your own. Concession stand will be open serving hamburgers, hot dogs, chili and coffee, soft drinks etc. All are welcome.

NuTones Christmas Concert Tuesday, December 20, 6:30-9pm at Marriot Shoals Conference Center. Tickets \$8 in advance, \$10 at door. Buy your tickets until December 16 from Keestone, 201 N. Cedar St., Florence, 256-767-7676, Monday-Friday, 9am-4pm. Tickets may also be purchased from band members. Other special guests: Kerry Gilbert, Alyssa (Cissy) Ashley, Hugh Banks, Mallie and Ida Kate Stutts. For more information: Bill Wooten, 256-483-1366; Jackie Bevis, 256-383-3091; or Lawrence Alexander, 256-810-5740.

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