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By Cheryl Dyson



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CRIME IN COUNTY NOT AS BAD AS IN THE CITY

Our 3rd quarter newsletter has come out. It breaks down the crime in Montgomery County and lets you know what is happening in your area. If you would like a copy of the newsletter, email **Lt. Clarence Brannon** at **Clarence-Brennon@mc-ala.org**. We break down the county into 6 districts. You can see what is happening in your neighborhood by looking at the statistics provided in the newsletter. I will give you a breakdown for the whole county, not including the city.

So far this year there have been 136 Residential burglaries, 24 business burglaries, and 1 church burglary for a total of 161 burglaries. We have had 13 utility trailers stolen, 9 ATV's stolen, 6 copper thefts, 3 A/C thefts, 35 B&E of a vehicle reports, 8 armed robberies, 11 cases of lawn equipment theft, 40 vehicle thefts, and 21 vehicle recoveries. We have answered 364 Domestic Violence calls throughout the county this year.

As you can see, the crime in the county is not nearly as bad as in the City of Montgomery. This doesn't mean that you shouldn't be vigilant in protecting your property. If you can afford one, get an alarm system for your house. Get one that makes plenty of noise, hopefully to scare off the burglars when it goes off. If it doesn't run them off, it will make them get in and out without stealing you blind. Remember, there is a delay of several minutes between the time you alarm goes off and the time that we receive the call. We then have to respond to the call, so make sure you have an audible alarm.

If you see something or somebody suspicious in your neighborhood, call the Sheriff's Office. Most of the time there is a legitimate reason for what you saw, but what you see can help us to solve a crime. We have had some success catching bad guys because we received a call from a citizen who saw something that didn't look just right. Your deputies just love getting a bad guy and they work hard at serving you.

I send out my congratulations to our deputy of the quarter for the 2nd and 3rd quarter of this year. **Deputy Josh Henry** is our 2013 Deputy of the second quarter. On June 22, Deputy Lucas, along with **Deputy Morrow** responded to a Burglary alarm on Highway 31. As the deputies arrived at the scene, they observed a vehicle leaving the driveway at a high rate of speed. The pursued the vehicle back into the city and continued to the Gibbs Village projects where the suspects fled on foot. Three of four suspects were apprehended after a foot pursuit. The suspects were tied to several burglaries in Montgomery County over several months prior to being arrested.

The Deputy of the third quarter is **Investigator Kenneth Gordon**. Corporal Gordon received a lookout for two suspects who were wanted in Troy for

armed robbery. **Corporal Gordon** partnered up with **Corporal F. Johnson** and decided to check an address that was given on the lookout. It was learned that the suspects did not live there so Corporal Gordon and Corporal Johnson decided to check the hotels and motels in the area. They spotted the suspect vehicle at one of the motels and was able to apprehend both suspects without incident. Corporal Gordon went that extra step to help get two robbery suspects off of the streets and did an outstanding job.

CHRISTMAS TIMES A COMMUN'

Christmas is fast approaching and the Montgomery County Deputy Sheriff's Association is compiling a list of needy families who live outside the city limits, in the county. Each year they bring Christmas to several families that could not otherwise afford to have a Christmas. Last year some of the neighborhood associations sponsored some of the families providing gifts, clothing and food. If you would like to help sponsor a family or if you know a needy family, contact us by calling 832-13239 and we will put you in touch with our association. Do a good thing and help a needy family this Christmas.

I recently received a call from a lady who lives in the county complaining about what she called the high crime rate in the county. She complained that her elderly neighbor had 4 burglaries in the last 4 years. The neighbor, as it turned out, has been the victim of 2 burglaries and two thefts in the past 4 years. The caller correctly complained that nobody had been arrested in these cases. I had the cases reviewed and had the Captain over investigations call her neighbor who, as it turns out, had no complaint with our handling of her cases. The caller told me that we should work harder at solving cases and quit putting on our fishing rodeos for the seniors and kids. There was no convincing her that we do everything we can to solve a case but real life is not like C.S.I.

I disagree with the lady about our events that we put on for our citizens. These events such as our Deputy Dave Day, our fishing rodeos, our Camp Show and Tell, and our annual Halloween Night are all events that allow our citizens, especially children, to interact with law enforcement. It gives them a positive interaction with the deputies instead of being afraid and cautious of the law. It instills in them a feeling that our deputies are people just like them and we are there for them. Our community involvement is a positive thing and we will continue as long as I am the Sheriff of Montgomery County.

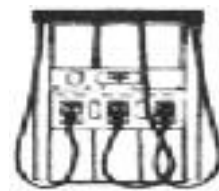
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Roby Co-Sponsors “Keep Your Health Plan Act”

After revelation of President Obama’s broken promise, bill aims to make it right.

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Representative Martha Roby (R-AL) today announced she is co-sponsoring legislation offering protection to the many Americans whose health care plans are being cancelled because of ObamaCare.

When championing his healthcare law over a period of five years before and after its passage, President Obama repeatedly promised Americans in no uncertain terms that, “If you like your healthcare plan, you will be able to keep your healthcare plan. Period.” Now, as the law is being implemented, millions of Americans, including many in Alabama, are seeing their health care plans cancelled or altered because they do not comply with ObamaCare regulations.

On Monday, an NBC News investigation revealed that the Obama Administration knew a large portion of the individual insurance market would lose coverage because the Department of Health and Human Services tweaked a regulation meant to “grandfather in” existing plans.

The “*Keep Your Health Plan Act*,” authored by Energy and Commerce Committee Chairman Fred Upton (R-MI), would ensure individual policy holders who like their healthcare are truly allowed to keep it as the President originally promised.

In a video statement, Rep. Roby said Americans are suffering because of President Obama’s broken promises, and Congress must act quickly.

Below is the complete transcript of Rep. Roby’s statement.

“Remember when President Obama said over and over again that ‘if you like your health care plan, you will be able to keep your healthcare plan’?”

“Well, it turns out that wasn’t true, as thousands of Alabamians and millions across America are facing health insurance cancellations or skyrocketing costs.

“President Obama broke his promise, and hardworking Americans who took the president at his word are paying the price.

“That’s why this week I am co-sponsoring legislation that would make this right by protecting Americans who are losing their health plans because of ObamaCare.

“The ‘Keep Your Health Plan Act’ would allow health care plans available today on the individual market to continue to be offered so people have the option to keep what they have if they like it. The bill also ensures that Americans maintaining their health care plan as they were promised they could will not face a penalty under ObamaCare.

“I don’t know why the President repeatedly mislead the country about ObamaCare. This is the kind of Washington political doublespeak people are so fed up with – and this time it is hurting people in a very real way.

“The President made a promise to Americans all across the country, and we need to make it right. That’s why I’m urging the House to take up the ‘Keep Your Health Plan Act’ right away.”

HOUSE TO VOTE ON BILLS AIMED AT HELPING VETERANS

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Five bi-partisan bills designed to provide critical resources and assistance to the nation’s veterans are slated to come before Congress on Monday, U.S. Representative Martha Roby (R-AL) announced. The bills demonstrate a bi-partisan commitment to improving the lives of those who have served the United States with honor, Rep. Roby said.

“From working to reduce the outrageous backlog at the Veterans Administration to ensuring that our poorest veterans have ample opportunities for housing, these bills are critically-needed and deserve to pass right away,” Rep. Roby said. “It is our collective duty as a nation to look out for the well-being of our veterans. Swift passage of this package of bills will enhance our education and job training programs, as well as extend a helping hand to homeless veterans.”

One of the bills being considered would limit the amount available for the VA to distribute as employee bonuses. Rep. Roby helped lead an effort earlier this year to prohibit bonuses for Veterans Affairs officials while the agency deals with a backlog of more than 800,000 veterans’ claims.

“Alabama is home to more than 400,000 veterans. My offices in Dothan, Montgomery, and Andalusia work with veterans everyday who need help dealing with delays at the VA. Many of these cases represent a person who has served his or her country only to be denied the benefits they earned because of bureaucratic red tape.

“It is Congress’ role to provide oversight and ensure accountability of Executive agencies on behalf of the American people. I believe rewarding failure

only leads to more failure, and I don’t see how this agency can justify giving bonuses to high-ranking officials in the midst of such a massive backlog.

“I’m urging my House colleagues on both sides of the aisle to do right by our nation’s veterans and pass these bills without delay.”

The bills expected to be considered in the House of Representatives under a suspension of the rules are:

- H.R. 1742: Vulnerable Veterans Housing Reform Act of 2013;
- H.R. 2189: To establish a Commission to evaluate the backlog of disability claims of the Department of Veterans Affairs;
- H.R. 2481: Veterans Economic Opportunity Act of 2013;
- H.R. 1405: To require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs include an appeals form in any Notice of Decision issued for the Denial of a Benefit sought; and
- H.R. 2011: Veterans Advisory Committee on Education Improvement Act.

For more information contact Communications Director Todd Stacy at 202-225-2901 or at todd.stacy@mail.house.gov.

Friends,

While all the major news networks were focusing on the government shutdown, the disastrous rollout of ObamaCare was pushed aside. Now with the shutdown over, all eyes are on the failed ObamaCare website. Long wait times, timed-out registration attempts, faulty servers, and other technological failures have plagued the site, proving what we’ve been saying all along: ObamaCare is not ready for prime time.

Monday morning, nearly four years after the Affordable Care Act became law, President Obama gave yet another White House speech attempting to defend his signature legislative achievement. He said the widespread problems were just a few “glitches” and that the law is really “working just fine.”

Working just fine?

Premium rates in Alabama and across the country have skyrocketed. People who like their insurance are having their plans canceled. Regulations are forcing businesses to cut back hours and contribute to this “part-time economy.” Mr. President, ObamaCare is not “working just fine.”

Even if they fix every technical “glitch” associated with the exchange website, the Obama Administration cannot fix the fundamental problem with this health care law: the federal government of the United States should not be running the nation’s health insurance market.

Benghazi Investigation Gains Traction

Key questions raised in my House Armed Services Subcommittee’s investigation into the terrorist attack in Benghazi, Libya made it to the White House. After interviewing me and reviewing information we’ve collected, Fox News Chief Washington Correspondent James Rosen pressed White House Press Secretary Jay Carney for answers about who should be accountable for our lack of preparedness that day.

Staying in Touch

Have you seen your rates rise due to ObamaCare? Are you interested in learning more about our Benghazi investigation? Do you have questions about the important reforms being pursued for our nation’s waterways? I want to hear from you. You can also stay engaged on Facebook and Twitter. Hearing from you helps me become a better representative.



Robservations...by Robert Tate

The views of this editorial may not express the views of The Alabama Gazette.

FOR THE LOVE OF OLD AIRCRAFT

I opened the Montgomery Advertiser this morning and I was overwhelmed with joy. Okay, not overwhelmed, but I was pretty happy to see the Collings Foundation is

bringing their B-17, B-24 and P-51 to Montgomery on 27, 28 and 29 October. The last time they were here in town was close to three years ago when I was still pretty new as your Robservations writer. Because the Collings Foundation is back in town, I decided to reprint this, my eighth Robservations. Enjoy.

BEAUTY IS IN THE EYE OF THE BEHOLDER

I've been married to the same wonderful woman for over 28 years and am as blessed as any man can possibly be. Still, like any red-blooded American male, I remain appreciative of physical beauty. The world is full of it. I'm not necessarily talking about the new Victoria Secrets commercial or Kate Beckensale running around as a vampire. (Okay, maybe a little) Although many a beauty will grab my attention from time to time, few succeed in keeping it.

I'm not sure if it is the way she looks standing alone in the distance or whether it is the way she confidently presents and carries herself. Strong and self-assured yet full of the soft, majestic lines every man likes to see. It is almost like the woman who walks into the room and acts as though she owns the place.

People are unwittingly drawn to her like a moth to a flame. As I approached her the other day, my decades old initial reactions to her still proved to be correct. She, in her own way, remains indescribably stunning. She may not be as "pretty" as some younger "girls," but none are more beckoning, proud and supremely confident as is she. When you saddle up next to her, the feel of her "skin" under your hand is intoxicating and her scent unforgettable. She, in effect, is what we call "the total package." My wife knows of my obsession yet graciously puts up with it. "Bless his heart," she thinks.

Now before you jump to conclusions, I am of course talking about the Boeing B-17 Flying Fortress. From 1-4 November, members of the Collings Foundation brought their B-17 "Nine-O-Nine", their B-24 "Witchcraft", and a P-51 Mustang to the Montgomery Regional Airport. This is an event that I look forward to like a little kid on Christmas morning. Whenever I find out a B-17 (any B-17) is coming to town, I start planning my schedule to make sure I'm around so I can see her. Sometimes only a solitary B-17 will show up, other times more planes will come. It doesn't really matter to me because the star of the show remains the same. Although I love the P-51 and recognize it as one of the two greatest fighter aircraft of all time, there are literally hundreds of those flying around. As for the B-24, although there are only two of those flying today, it is just not as pretty an airplane. The B-24 is the ugly puppy at the kennel that nobody sees. It is a good dog and a tireless workhorse that will serve its owner honorably but . . . it's not a B-17.

The B-17. Made famous by movies like 12 O'clock High, The War Lover and Memphis Belle, out of the 12,731 B-17s built during the war, only 45 are left, of which 15 at any given time are airworthy. And yes I was fixin' to crawl through one.

The tours began Monday afternoon at 1400. When my wife and I got to the airport at 1345, she could tell I was ready to burst. Across the fence from us stood "the other woman." I started walking faster and faster, turning back to her urging her to "come on." Going into the Montgomery Aviation main building which led to the ramp, she told me she had to first use the bathroom. I thought to myself, "Oy, now I have to wait another 3.27 minutes."

Out of the building and into the clear blue sky, the only thing separating me from "Nine-O-Nine" was the beautiful silver P-51 and about 50 yards of open tarmac. After a brief discussion with several of the pilots, my prize was just a few heartbeats away. As I approached her I had to stop, marvel at her functional beauty and ponder her very existence. Why was she born at all? What was her real purpose? What was her role in helping to defend this great democratic republic we live in today? Do people realize she was just as deadly as she is beautiful? My mind could not help but wander to the dark days of WWII when Nazi Germany looked unstoppable and most of Europe was under her crushing Teutonic boot.

After WWI, aviation technology began to blossom in earnest. Many military theorists began to speculate that an enemy country could be defeated through aerial bombardment alone. To this end, many industrialized countries built bomber aircraft for that role. In the US, many bombers were built and to be honest, most of them stunk. It wasn't until Boeing built the Model 299/ XB-17 in 1935 that the hallmark of a true thoroughbred was born. This machine matured rapidly and the newly coded YB-17 evolved through the B-17 E, F and culminated in the magnificent B-17G. Bristling with up to 13 .50 caliber machine guns, the B-17 wore her moniker "Flying Fortress" well. Worn torn and tested, the B-17 became the face of American airpower in WWII. It remains that face today.

When one stops to think of the contribution of the men who flew in this and other great airplanes over Europe during WWII, the numbers are truly

staggering. During the war over Europe, American bombers dropped some 395,000 tons of bombs on Germany. In doing so, we lost 4,754 B-17s with their crews of 10 men and suffered a total of 174,238 casualties (deaths, PoWs, injuries). Few people realize the conditions in which these men had to fight their German counterparts. Flying in their unpressurized aircraft, at the altitudes they flew, the temperatures inside these bombers often dropped to -37 degrees. Men without hands, fingers, toes and noses, lost to frostbite, was a common sight on American bomber bases during the war.

When I watch shows on HBO like "The Pacific" or movies like "Flags of our Fathers" and "Letters From Iwo Jima," I am reminded how brutal the war in the Pacific was and how hard the Marines had it. Not to demean the contributions of the Marines by any stretch, but few realize that although the Marines had 19,733 men killed, in the air war over Europe we lost 45,520 KIA. Some sources put Marine casualties at 31,986, 5.44 times less than that of the airmen. The battlefield in the skies over Europe was bloodier than the worst of Pacific battlefields.

I also often think about the young German pilots sent up daily to try and turn back the unstoppable American formations. One German pilot, Hans Phillip penned a letter four days before his death in October 1943 about attacking the American bombers. He wrote, "To fight against twenty Russians that want to have a bite of one, or also against Spitfires, is a joy. And one doesn't know that

life is not certain. But to curve into seventy Fortresses (B-17s) lets all the sins of one's life pass before one's eyes." I A Luftwaffe pilot attacking a single Bomb Group of 21 B-17s, had to brave the defensive firepower of 273 machine guns. One German pilot wrote that attacking an American formation was like trying to have sex with a porcupine and not getting stuck.

It was with these and dozens of other thoughts that filled my mind as I approached this most magnificent and timeless of women. To look at her, to touch her and to smell her was to put me into the skies with those young men who fought, died and won the war so many years ago. I can only hope that groups like the Collings Foundation will continue to do what they do. They tour the entire country every year, bringing this living history for all of us to enjoy. The next time they come to Montgomery, I suggest as many of you as possible come out to see these magnificent

machines. Although I doubt many will share the same visceral response to them as do I, you will nonetheless see them for the wonderful history they represent.

My wife and I went back out on Thursday to watch them take-off. When I was talking with a couple of the pilots, they told me how I could become a member of the foundation and get checked out as a pilot on the B-17 and B-24. When I retire from Delta (if not sooner) and have time to dedicate to this cause, I will certainly be sitting in the cockpit, also presenting this great history to our younger generation. So until the next time they grace the skies of Montgomery, fly safely and Hals und Beinbruch.

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Inside the Statehouse



with Steve Flowers

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October 30, 2013 - Steve Flowers

The greatest partisan change in American political history has occurred during my lifetime. The transformation of Alabama and our sister Deep South states from an all Democratic region to an all Republican territory has been remarkable and historic.

Exactly 50 years ago today Alabama's entire delegation in Washington was Democratic. Democrats held all seven constitutional offices. Every member of the Supreme Court ran as a Democrat. Sixty-six out of 67 sheriffs were Democrats and 138 of 140 members of the legislature were Democrats.

Fast-forward 50 years to October of 2013. You see just the opposite picture. All seven executive constitutional offices including governor are held by Republicans. Every member of the Supreme Court and all ten appellate judges are Republican. Six of our seven congressmen are Republican and both U.S. Senators are stalwart members of the GOP. Both the State House of Representatives and our State Senate are overwhelmingly Republican. That is quite a change.

This titanic shift began in the Fall of 1964 when Republican Barry Goldwater carried the Heart of Dixie. He not only broke the ice, he shattered the Democratic hold on the South. When it comes to presidential politics, we are the most reliable Republican region of the country.

Since the Goldwater landslide of 1964, the GOP candidate for president has carried Alabama in every presidential election with the exception of 1968 when George Wallace won the state as an Independent and 1976 when Georgia Democrat peanut farmer Jimmy Carter carried the state. It has been 37 years since a Democrat carried Alabama. In the last 50 years the score is Republicans 11 and Democrats 1.

I am not saying the Democratic Party is dead. However, the odds of a Democrat winning a statewide race in Alabama would be analogous to and have the same odds as Tulane beating Alabama in football.

The Democrats failed to even field a single candidate in our Supreme Court races in 2012. It looks like the same thing will occur this year. Our sister southern

state of Louisiana had no Democratic statewide candidates for their constitutional offices in 2012.

However, some of our southern neighbors are seeing some brave souls seek statewide offices as Democrats in the upcoming 2014 elections. In Georgia, the daughter of their last Democratic U.S. Senator is seeking her father's former seat as a Democrat. Sam Nunn was a very popular long term Senator from Georgia, the last of his breed of conservative Democrats from the South. His daughter Michelle Nunn is running a serious campaign. She is working to portray herself as a moderate to conservative candidate to Georgia's rural voters who are overwhelmingly Republican. She takes heart in the fact that Atlanta is now a cosmopolitan melting pot. It has one of the largest gay communities in American and its significant African American population makes it a Democratic target in future years. In fact, Obama only lost Georgia by five percentage points in 2012.

Alison Lundergan Grimes, Kentucky's Secretary of State, is taking a similar approach in her attempt to knock off U.S. Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell.

In Arkansas, former Rep. Mike Ross is running for Governor of Arkansas as a Democrat and is given an outside chance since popular Republican Governor Mike Beebe is retiring.

South Carolina boasts of being the most Republican state in the country. However, Vincent Sheehan is running against incumbent GOP Governor Nikki Haley. He ran against Haley four years ago and lost by 60,000 votes or about 5%. South Carolina voters fall almost exactly along racial lines with most whites voting Republican and most blacks voting Democratic.

All of these southern Democratic candidates are striving to distance themselves from President Barack Obama and the national Democratic Party. They are stressing their lifelong roots in their respective states and portraying themselves as real southerners. They are also focusing on bread and butter issues and trying to sell themselves as problem solvers. These folks are facing an uphill battle in the Deep South. We will see.

November 6, 2013 - Steve Flowers

Alabama is without a doubt one of the most heavily laden military employee states in the union. In fact, if you took the federal military employment and automobile manufacturing employment out of Alabama we would be decimated.

When the federal furloughs occurred recently it had a profound affect on Alabama. When the furloughs hit more than 20,000 Alabama workers, mostly civilians, were affected.

We have tremendously important and significant federal bases in strategic parts of the state. These military bases are the heart and soul of their regions. These bases are vitally important to Alabama.

Huntsville's Redstone Arsenal, Dothan's Fort Rucker and Montgomery's Maxwell Air Force Base are the most important economic engines of these areas of the state. When you throw in Mobile's Corp of Engineers, you are talking about a lot of good paying jobs.

Recently, while visiting with Montgomery Mayor Todd Strange, I asked him about the most important and largest employer in his city. I assumed that with Montgomery being the capital, state government and state employees was number one. My second assumption was that the tremendous Hyundai plant located in Montgomery was number two. He said neither is number one. The number one economic impetus and largest employer in the River Region is the Maxwell-Gunter Air Force facility. I was amazed.

Strange further elaborated that there are

additional benefits to his city that do not show up in statistics. Thousands of military retirees have chosen Montgomery as their retirement home. These Air Force officers, who retire in Montgomery and throughout the state, are extremely important to Alabama's economy. They may have been born in Minnesota but decide they like the climate in the South and do not want to pay the high property taxes on the Florida Gulf Coast. Strange said if you throw in the ramifications of military retirees, the importance of Maxwell/Gunter becomes even more significant.

If you think Maxwell is important to Montgomery, then you ain't seen nothing when you compare how important the Redstone Arsenal is to Huntsville or Fort Rucker is to the Wiregrass. These two bases are the premier economic centers of their regions. Redstone Arsenal and NASA built Huntsville. Like Montgomery, most of these high paid NASA engineers choose to retire in the beautiful Tennessee Valley area of our state.

Folks, there are over 400,000 military retirees living in Alabama. We are and have always been a very pro military state. Our state merit system is even designed to give preferences to military veterans. We also have 12,000 Alabamians on current active military duty. In addition, we have 22,000 in Reserves and in the National Guard.

You can thank a congressional delegation of bygone years for these vital federal facilities located in our state. We had a tandem in the U.S. Senate for close to 30 years that spanned the 1940's through 1960's that were instrumental in securing and nurtur-

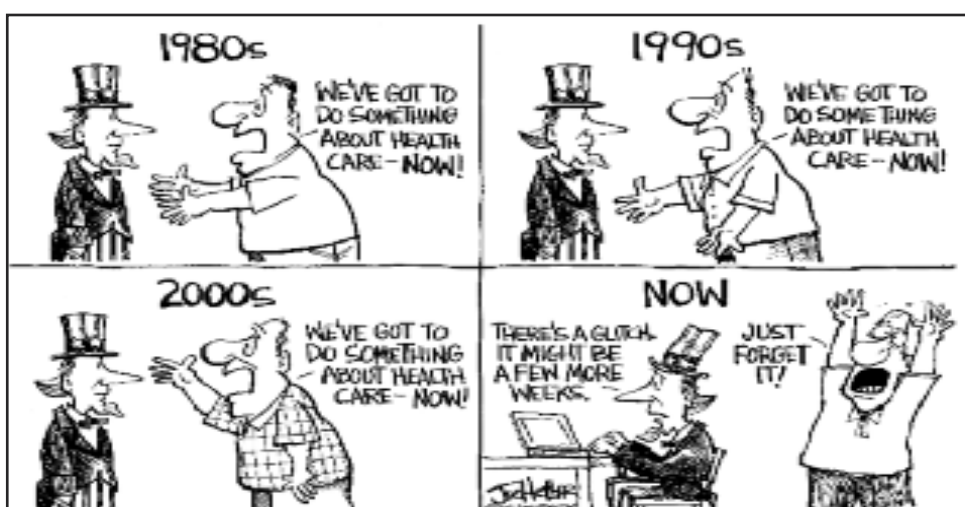
ing these important bases. Senators Lister Hill and John Sparkman spearheaded the efforts to locate Redstone Arsenal, and other bases to their state. We are reaping the benefits today of these two distinguished gentlemen's efforts.

Lister Hill was from Montgomery. He worked diligently to sustain Maxwell and Gunter in his hometown. John Sparkman was born in Hartselle and moved to Huntsville as an adult to practice law. Both men were SGA presidents at the University of Alabama. Both men graduated from Alabama Law School and practiced law a short time before going to Congress at an early age. They both served about 10 years in the U.S. Congress before garnering their U.S. Senate seats before they were 40 years old. Hill was the scion of a prominent Montgomery family. Sparkman was the ultimate Horatio Alger story.

Both left an indelible mark on the state. We are reaping the harvest from their labors today. As mentioned, Redstone Arsenal and NASA are what built Huntsville. Therefore, John Sparkman's being the father of that base leaves quite a legacy. They probably should change the city's name from Huntsville to Sparkmanville.

Our Senior Senator Richard Shelby has done a yeoman's job of protecting and sustaining these facilities over the last 20 years. He has been especially instrumental in the funding of Redstone Arsenal.

We have had some outstanding U.S. Senators from our state. However, history will record that our three greatest senators have been Lister Hill, John Sparkman and Richard Shelby.



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HUNTING WHITETAILS

Deer gun season comes in on Saturday, November 23rd. Hunters across the state will head to their favorite hunting sites in anticipation of taking an "opening day" whitetail. If you have done your homework and know where the deer on your property are most likely to be, you could be one of the successful hunters who are able to harvest a whitetail on the opening weekend of gun season. This month, let's take a look at some early season tactics that will help increase your odds when you hit the woods.

All deer hunters know that it doesn't take deer long to realize that hunting season has arrived. Bucks and does react quickly to hunting pressure and tend to become more nocturnal as the season progresses. Your best chance of taking a mature buck will be during the first week to 10 days of the season. After that, the older bucks will become more secretive and much more difficult to hunt, that is, until the onset of the pre-rut in late December. So, what is the key to early season success? Finding the food source. If you scouted back in early September, glassing the oak trees on your property, you will know which trees are producing acorns. Green fields that were planted back in September or early October will also be potential hot spots. Hopefully, you put up some stands in these areas and will be ready opening morning. This time of the year, the key to success is to follow the food source. The average deer needs about 8 to 12 pounds of food per day. Time of day, moon phase, temperature, barometric pressure, wind and terrain are all factors that a good hunter should take into consideration, but food sources should be tops on your list. If the acorns are plentiful, deer will concentrate on these and to a lesser degree, food plots. Just keep in mind when hunting early deer season that a whitetail's habits change with the various food sources that become available at different times during the season.

While it is too early to use decoys effectively, calling can be very effective during the early season. You just have to adjust your technique a little. Early in the pre-rut, a buck will respond to soft grunts, known as

contact grunts. These sounds give several impressions; first, that a buck is looking for contact with other males; second, that the male emitting the sound is doing so in a non-threatening manner; and third, that the buck is communicating that "everything is okay." Remember that in the opening stages of the pre-rut, bucks have not yet scented does in estrus and still frequently travel in bachelor groups. This explains why hunters often see



several nice bucks together at this time of the year. Soft contact bleats will also attract deer during the pre-rut.

I've bleated in does as well as bucks, during the first month of deer season using a bleat call. The key with calling deer early in the season is to keep the calls soft. Hunting deer trails can also be a good way to take an early season deer, but how do you pick the right trail? Let's look at some time-tested tactics that seem to produce results regardless of where you hunt.

We've all heard it said that deer are like people... they prefer taking the path of least resistance. A friend of mine who hunts an area consisting of thick young pines and hardwoods, with dense areas of greenbrier and honeysuckle, decided to put this theory to the test.

Several years ago, he and his hunting partners cut

several trails through a previously inaccessible area of dense thickets. Within days, they found fresh deer sign on these new trails. They started hunting these manmade trails and have consistently taken deer that were using them. Blazing trails in overgrown areas is now a standard hunting practice for them.

Another hunter I know has been consistently successful by hunting creek drainages. These drainages often serve as highways for deer because they define the path of least resistance for water, and deer follow them too. The greenest vegetation is always in areas with an abundance of water, and acorn-bearing trees in or near wet areas are likely to produce nuts more consistently than those in other spots.

All deer hunters should be familiar with the "edge effect". Edge areas define breaks in habitat, and deer sometimes use these breaks to define their territories. An edge could be where pine forests meet hardwoods, dry land borders a swamp or my favorite edge, those where a cutover meets a patch of mature trees, preferably hardwoods. Trails will be located just inside of the tree line, paralleling the edge, and there will be trails where the deer enter the cutover. If the area is hilly, deer will almost always use a low, wooded drainage to enter the cutover. Hunting from a tree stand offers a clear advantage in this situation by putting you above the ground vegetation, which will allow you to see deer from a greater distance and make longer shots.

Next month, big changes will take place in the Alabama deer woods. Late December will see the onset of the pre-rut and bucks will shift their focus from eating to preparing for the breeding season. We will look at several different strategies for hunting this phase of the season, so don't miss next month's article. Until then, remember safety first! Always wear a safety harness when hunting from an elevated stand, be sure of your target at all times and when you are going to be hunting alone, let someone know when to expect you back. And if you can, take someone hunting this fall and introduce them to the outdoors.

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Ed Jones**

AUBURN STILL A WORK IN PROGRESS...

There are many optimistic Auburn fans who are prepared to go to Jordan-Hare Stadium on November 30th to witness the game which will determine the champion of the Western Division of the SEC, with the winner going to the SEC Championship game in Atlanta. This of course depends on three things; Arkansas, Tennessee and Georgia. The Arkansas thing will be decided on November 2nd in Fayetteville, Arkansas. The Tennessee thing will be decided on November 9th in Knoxville, Tennessee. The Georgia thing will be decided in Auburn on November 16th. That's a hill even for a climber!

Now, don't write me off as a non-believer. I may have been the only person in the country to pick Auburn to finish in the "Top Twenty-five" with at least an 8-4 record...and...go to a respectable bowl game. I must admit that I did not see them beating Texas A&M, so the Tigers are even ahead of my schedule. Let's be realistic. Auburn has a good quarterback with an injured shoulder. **Nick Marshall** also has just recovered from an injured knee. Suspensions and injuries are part of the game of football and by this time of the year are beginning to affect every team in America.

Alabama lost its best defensive back and the captain of the secondary to a knee injury occurring while he was on the kick-off team. The loss of **Vinnie Sunseri** for the year because he was on the "Kick-Off Team" is only one example of the fact the **Coach Nick Saban** is no genius. He is the best recruiter in the United States, however. No matter what the situation is on November 30th, Nick Saban will put better football players on Pat Dye Field than will **Gus Malzahn**. You can ask any football man in the country and he will confirm this fact. The greatest thing about college football is that the best team does not always win (Auburn over Alabama in 2010).

From my standpoint, I think the Auburn-Alabama game this year will be a "duzzie". You know what a duzzie is. It's when the fans in both stands feel as though they cannot sit down for fear of missing an important play. Alabama will be favored by 12 to 14 points. Coach Saban would take 3 points right now. Coach Gus Malzahn is a better game day coach than Coach Nick Saban! However, that might not be enough. Alabama out-mans Auburn at every position with the possible exception of center, and that's a tie between 6-5, 290 lb. Alabama sophomore, **Ryan Kelly** and 6-3, 297 lb. Auburn junior **Reese Dismukes**. Auburn can count on quarterback **A. J. McCarron** having a good day. The 6-4, 215 lb senior has directed Alabama to two national championships and is approaching three straight. No other quarterback has ever done this.

Auburn will field a potentially great quarterback for Malzahn's offense. Nick Marshall had never donned a practice jersey at Auburn until August of this year. The 6-1, 210 lb. junior has grown in the offense to the point where he is lethal running the zone read option. If he is healthy the Tigers can compete with Alabama. If he can't play, Auburn could be able to compete with Alabama, anyway. Freshman quarterback **Jeremy Johnson** has gone from freshman red-shirt, fourth string to having to play in place of the much injured Marshall. At 6-5, 220 lbs., Johnson has more speed than Marshall although not as quick. He is very strong to have been playing high school football this time last year. Malzahn the "magician" can coach quarterbacks. Both have rockets for arms when it comes to the long ball. They both need to ease up on the short throws.

Auburn's best chance is with Marshall. He has the experience and the toughness to handle the offense. Nobody knows how good Johnson will be in a tight ball game. He may be great, but no coach wants a freshman running his offense unless his name is Manziel.

Alabama should win the game in November, but Gus Malzahn will have a good plan. If it works, look out! Auburn is leading the SEC in rushing and in red-zone defense. That's not too shabby for a team that was 3-9 just 11 months ago. We can't judge Coach Gus Malzahn against Coach Nick Saban at this juncture. Saban has won national championships at two schools and Malzahn has been a college head coach for less than two years.

On November 30th it will be the "rookie" going against the best college football coach we have seen since **Paul Bryant, Bud Wilkinson, Joe Paterno, Bobby Bowden** and **Knute Rockne**.





John Sophocleus



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GETTYSBURG ADDRESS SESQUICENTENNIAL: LINCOLN'S LEGACY OF DYSFUNCTIONAL GOVERNMENT

No column I've penned generated more mail than this July's Sesquicentennial of the carnage at Gettysburg - one of the bloodiest (tangibly dysfunctional) results in reforming the federal government into the forced coalition observed today. Some mail offered words from another Ohioan, Edwin M. Stanton, which simply asserted the attempted February 1861 Force Bill allowed federal and/or State armies/troops to levy war (in clear violation of Art. 3, Sec. 3) upon another State(s) without approval of the duly elected Legislature or Governor of the State being invaded to suppress Stanton's alleged 'insurrection.' Little surprise this Quaker raised lawyer who litigated the first successful temporary insanity defense in US 'jurisprudence' (for Daniel E. Sickles; a prominent oft described 'political general' key at Gettysburg for those who appreciate how poor legal decisions continue to permeate in a nation losing righteousness and how men of this sort connect) would become the 27th Secretary of War. Few possessed a more suited character to accomplish the Republican Party's corporate welfare program via military efforts, once political efforts proved insufficient as more States exercised their sovereignty as they exited the coalition voluntarily joined three score and a dozen years prior. 'Temporary insanity' evoked to achieve short-term ends/transfers of this sort often produce a great deal of dysfunction (death & destruction) in the long-run.

One wonders how men like Stanton kept a straight face asserting 'insurrection' as armies mustered into serving their respective State(s) were successfully repelling attacks and invasion rather than the much easier task of overthrowing their own State's sovereign government duly elected by the people. This republican form of government guaranteed in the Constitution is of little concern or use to those wanting to empower the central government. Edwin M. Stanton's championing treason via a Force Bill clearly differed from Congressman Clement L. Vallandigham (also from Ohio) who long before the Gettysburg rhetoric eviscerated Lincoln's assertion his undeclared war was to 'save the American union' after the 1861 Force Bill failed in Congress. Author Thomas DiLorenzo cites Vallandigham's August 2, 1862 quote, "The president professes to think that the Union can be restored by arms. I do not. A Union founded on consent can never be cemented by force. This is the testimony of the Fathers." DiLorenzo also includes a February 23, 1863 Vallandigham quote which explains the painfully obvious truth about the Lincoln administration's unconstitutional conscription law as "a confession that the people of the country are against this war. It is a solemn admission . . . that they will not voluntarily consent to wage it any longer." Two weeks later, in a NYC speech, Vallandigham received loud cheers when he declared, "instead of crushing out the rebellion,

the effort has been to crush out the spirit of liberty." Again for those who appreciate irony and how the players connect, Stanton loaned Vallandigham \$500 (over \$30,000 today) to start his legal practice and were considered friends before Stanton's advocating treason/war against a State(s)... some still in the union at the time.

Six weeks before imprisonment and deportation, Vallandigham made remarks at a March 21, 1863 meeting in Hamilton, Ohio, that must have been the last straw for the Lincoln dictatorship according to Professor DiLorenzo. Lincoln issued yet another unconstitutional military General Order (Number 15) which condemned private ownership of firearms as "unnecessary, impolitic, and dangerous" and "a violation of civil law" as defined by the military authorities then occupying Ohio. "Are we a conquered province governed by a military pro-consul?" Vallandigham asked, "And has it come to this, that the Constitution is now suspended by a military General Order?" It is easy to see how the issue of unconstitutional federal gun control laws are every bit as important today for Bush/Obama types carrying on the post-Lincoln tradition of a federal government transferring more wealth and power from the people. Given the Lincoln, Stanton, et al Republican Party successes, 'none dared call it treason' as John Harrington sagely observed in his era - further paving the way to impose this first blatant 2nd Amendment civil right violation; along with the first income tax, conscription acts, suspending writs of habeas corpus, fiat money, imprisoning elected officials and press, etc...

Vallandigham had to be arrested and deported by the Lincoln administration. Republicans couldn't allow such free and true speech in defense of Constitutional liberty to continue - esp. in the face of mounting military failures. One cannot take Professor DiLorenzo's 'dictator' nomenclature lightly. **Congressman Thomas S. Bocock of Virginia** prophetically sets out the future speaking against the proposed Force Bill. I strongly suggest reading it [<http://archive.org/stream/forcebillspeech00lboco#page/n4/mode/lup>] so you might agree how difficult it would have been to vote for such a diabolical piece of legislation even at the threat of placing oneself at odds with Mr. Stanton. Those who've sent me pro-Lincoln mail using Stanton see nothing wrong with revisiting the 1833 Force Bill episode, formally titled "An Act further to provide for the collection of duties on imports" enacted by the 22nd US Congress. Thankfully, cooler heads prevailed (unlike the Lincoln/Stanton corporate welfare types) in the 1830s and compromise tariffs averted war and the hundreds of thousands dead observed thirty years later under Lincoln's dysfunctional result. Our nation has not suffered any more effective enemy of the Constitution (foreign or domestic) than Abraham Lincoln and his supportive minions.

The July 9, 1861 New York Times published:

"It is a proof how wholly unprepared was the last Congress for the direction events have taken since the 4th of March, that it failed to pass the bill of Mr. BINGHAM, authorizing the President to collect the revenue at the Southern ports, or to close them. The omission has left foreign Powers at liberty to discuss the blockade in the light of international law, and to decide whether or not they would respect it, as if they were the interpreters of the code; whereas, had the ports been declared closed as a purely domestic measure, connected with the interests of the revenue service, the question would have been decided by ourselves, and so definitively, that for a European ship to enter a Southern port, even in the absence of a blockading fleet, would expose its officers and crew to the penalties of smuggling. To place, the question in this position at the earliest possible moment is clearly our duty, and Congress cannot too promptly, authorize the President to take the necessary steps."

Those who sent this as evidence of great regret the Force Bill did not pass, fail to recognize it lends more weight to the corporate welfare explanation for the 'dysfunction' of death and destruction over the tired old public interest rhetoric of "preserving a union" by force. I also find it revealing so many see blockade less an act of war than uninvited Massachusetts troops in Maryland killing citizens. Even when dealing with Cuba in 1962, the federal government was careful to call US Naval actions a "quarantine" instead of a blockade - universally recognized as an act of war. Incompetent or amoral/corrupt Supreme Court Justices (doesn't really matter which applies with respect to the end result) who've completely destroyed the meaning of the commerce clause (including the most recent Roberts machination) are also blind to the violation of blockading a sovereign State's ports as an impediment to keeping commerce regular. Alas, the Republicans (since inception) have been more interested in using the tax code to pick winners/losers and redistribute wealth to specific interests over the general welfare - how many lives are damaged/destroyed in the process are of increasingly less concern. Lincoln is our greatest president in this regard by any measure.

Those who expressed great disdain over H.L. Mencken's quote in my column:

"The Gettysburg speech was at once the shortest and the most famous oration in American history...the highest emotion reduced to a few poetical phrases. Lincoln himself never even remotely approached it. It is genuinely stupendous. But let us not forget that it is poetry, not logic; beauty, not sense. Think of the argument in it. Put it into the cold words of everyday. The doctrine is simply this: that the Union soldiers who died at Gettysburg sacrificed their lives to the cause of self-determination - that government of the people,

by the people, for the people, should not perish from the earth. It is difficult to imagine anything more untrue. The Union soldiers in the battle actually fought against self-determination; it was the Confederates who fought for the right of their people to govern themselves" provided excerpts from Senator Charles Sumner's eulogy on Lincoln in refutation. Sumner described Lincoln's most (in)famous speech a "monumental act" prophetically asserting the slain president was mistaken in thinking "the world will little note, nor long remember what we say here," at Gettysburg. Instead this well known, unapologetic advocate of big/coercive government from Boston emphatically claimed, "The world noted at once what he said, and will never cease to remember it. The battle itself was less important than the speech." The spirit of this modern yankee (sadly the great traditional Yankees of Massachusetts fame who championed freedom, liberty and independence had already faded away to transform into the spirit they once reviled) is still very alive and well today in the disturbing belief speeches and rhetoric to advance leviathan (Soviet-style) government results are more important than those who sacrifice to keep them in power. This callous reformation of a once great nation of sovereign States into the de facto coerced coalition, turned our federal government from a vehicle to advance freedom and the general welfare into a forced suicide pact of slow, self-destruction as her vast wealth and blessings of liberty erode away.

The fiscal constraint resulting from several score of extremism by big govt. conservatives (a.k.a. Republicans) and big govt. liberals (a.k.a. modern Democrats) aided and abetted by all the big govt. moderates (Republicrats) who worst of all have brokered/compromised the many deals of our destruction is finally coming to fruition. This has brought to fore the most deleterious of extremists who wish to (re)voke the 14th Amendment to continue this Soviet path of destruction instead of learning from the lessons and circumstances which produced this terrible, most destructive (to date) episode of 1861-5 dysfunction. Little surprise pro-Soviet economists (historians, et al) delight in sending me quotes from President Buchanan who they revile in his principled, well reasoned reluctance to take the Republican Party's path to destruction. Once again it is revealing when one sends what they believe are the words of a fool because they do not possess the ability, capacity, knowledge nor spirit to appreciate or understand they're in fact providing words of wisdom from one courageously trying to avoid great harm.

After South Carolina seceded Buchanan asserted:

"Apart from the execution of the laws, so far as this may be practicable, the Executive has no authority to decide what shall be the relations between the

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Ronald A. Holtsford

he has been there for four months and receives two bills there. How can I get him out?

This is not my area of specialty and I can see some grey areas. You have not mentioned whether he pays a portion of the rent or whether he was placed on the lease. Also, you have not mentioned the terms of the lease whether others can reside with you.

Since it was to be a short term I will assume he is not on the lease and possibly not assisting with rent payments. While this situation seems to be cut and dry, it is not as you might think when someone refuses to leave that has been living some place.

One legal theory that may be used is criminal trespass. Criminal Trespass, third degree is defined in the Code of Alabama, 1975 in the following manner:

ALA. CODE § 13A-7-4 (1975)

§ 13A-7-4. Criminal trespass in the third degree

(a) A person is guilty of criminal trespass in the third degree when he knowingly enters or remains unlawfully in or upon premises.

(b) Criminal trespass in the third degree is a violation.

While I have only cited Criminal Trespass in the Third Degree, it may also be possible that prosecution may be used in the Second or First Degree depending on circumstances.

Once an individual has remained for some period of time or done such things as to suggest that the individual resides in a home, I would think that any form of trespass becomes a less likely legal theory to use.

A more likely legal theory that might be used might be what is used when it is necessary to eject a tenant from a rental home. While most call it "eviction", the correct legal definition is "unlawful detainer". In a lease unlawful detainer can be filed in Court seven days after legal notice is given to the person, but only if it involves the lack of payment of rent. For all other matters which may include



I allowed a friend to move in to the home that I am leasing as he was separated from his wife and needed a place to live short term. It only took a short time for me to realize that some of his living habits are less than desirable, maybe why his wife wanted him out. I have repeatedly asked him to find his own place. At first he would be emotional and I would give him more time. Now he gets angry and refuses to leave, actually threatening me one time. I have called the police and they will not escort him out citing residency as

breaking the terms of the lease which may include disturbing neighbors, failure to keep up the yard, leaving garbage in the wrong locations where it is unsafe or not prone to city pickup or consistently parking cars in areas that are designated as "no Parking" in the lease, there is a fourteen day notice required before filing for Unlawful Detainer in Court.

The definition of Unlawful Detainer, reads as follows:

ALA. CODE § 6-6-310 (1975)

§ 6-6-310. Definitions For the purposes of this article, the following terms shall have the meanings respectively ascribed to them by this section:

(1) FORCIBLE ENTRY AND DETAINER. Where one by force or strong hand, or by exciting fear or terror, enters upon and detains lands or tenements in the possession of another, as by breaking open doors, windows or any other part of a house, whether any person is within or not, by threats of violence to the party in possession, or by words or actions that have a tendency to excite fear or apprehension of danger, by putting out of doors or removing the goods or chattels of the party in possession, or by entering peaceably and then by unlawful refusal, or by force or threats, turning, or keeping the party out of possession.

(2) UNLAWFUL DETAINER. Where one who has lawfully entered into possession of lands as tenant fails or refuses, after the termination of the possessory interest of the tenant, to deliver possession of the premises to anyone lawfully entitled or his or her agent or attorney.

Most often I would expect such action to be filed in an Alabama District Court. District Court has a Small Claims docket for actions up to \$3,000.00. District Court otherwise decides cases involving less than \$10,000.00. Circuit Court decides cases involving \$10,000.00 or more. A person losing in District Court may be given the right to appeal in an Alabama Circuit Court.

This is not my specialty area so I definitely advise that you seek the counsel of an attorney that handles cases such as yours. If you do not have an attorney I would advise that you check with the Alabama State Bar Lawyer Referral or seek the advice of a trusted friend or relative.

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Retired Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor recently bemoaned the "alarming degree of public ignorance" regarding civics and it was never more apparent as during the recent partial (17%) government shutdown. I'm increasingly of the opinion that this ignorance is achieved by design so that the political elites, particularly those on the left, can manipulate public opinion and voters to their benefit.

I keep hearing, "You lost the election so get over it." Well, yes and no. Conservatives did lose the White House and failed to win majority in the Senate, but we did retain control of the House of Representatives. The House, by virtue of our Constitution, Article One Section 7, is given the power of the purse strings to control spending. It is part of the marvelous system of checks and balances to ensure that the other branches of government do not exceed authority, a system that has distinguished our nation from others and why so many citizens are alarmed at its erosion.

As Rush Limbaugh so aptly commented, when has losing an election ever stopped Democrats from pushing back and obstructing Republican policy? Never. And I note that whenever the left obstructs, their battle cry is always that they are fighting to "save our democracy," the biggest fallacy used by the liberal statists to manipulate public opinion because our Founders did not create a democracy but rather a constitutional republic designed to protect the rights of the individual as well as those in the

minority from mob rule.

And it certainly feels as if mob rule is in force these days, especially as it relates to the demands for irresponsible government spending.

Big government politicians on both sides of the aisle continue to allow the federal government to spend money at a frightening pace, money we can ill afford to spend and quite frankly do not even possess.

Since our tax dollars do not provide enough revenue to cover our monthly deficit spending, the Federal Reserve "buys" approximately \$85 billion per month in U.S. Treasuries with simply a journal entry to cover the difference - no check is ever written to the U.S. Treasury for the purchase. But the Treasury acts as if they actually receive the "money" and proceed to send out government benefits in the form of food stamps, disability income, Social Security (there is no lock box), Obamaphones, school lunch programs, the WIC program, Section 8 housing, farm subsidies, city and state grants, corporate welfare, foreign aid, etc., and the list grows longer with each new government program.

In reality, the bulk of actual money flowing to the Treasury is our tax dollars. The journal entry transactions are the biggest Ponzi scheme of all time, an illusion which expands the money supply and is a precursor to inflation.

All of this debt will eventually lead to our dollar losing its status as the leader of recognized world currency. Once that happens, all these government programs will grind to a halt as the Fed

won't be able to print our way out of the situation. Sorry folks, but Santa Claus is actually broke.

So now the partial shutdown is over, the debt limit has yet again been raised, and the blame game is on for the D.C. dysfunction with the finger-pointing, handwringing, and outright vicious assaults fully targeted on Sen. Ted Cruz. As one who cheered his endeavor to educate Americans and the elected political elites on the economic dangers of Obamacare, I recognize I am no expert in political maneuvering or strategy, and, as the pundits continue to remind us, perhaps Sen. Ted Cruz' effort was destined to fail, but, he at least attempted SOMETHING more than empty campaign promises. What I do know is that there are millions of Americans who are sick and tired of having more and more government shoved down our throats at the expense of those who work hard and live within their means.

So I ask: Is the dysfunction in DC really created by Sen. Ted Cruz as so many accuse, or by the irresponsible spending and crushing debt that he, Sen. Mike Lee, Sen. Rand Paul, Sarah Palin and others are calling out?

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Bench-Bar- & Beyond

THE HUMPTY DUMPTY PROBLEM *By Judge Dale Segrest*

Last month, I described the meltdown of family that resulted from our nation's movement from an agrarian, small town economy to a technological economy. Men and women have more contact with members of the opposite sex who are not their spouses than with their spouses. The Nineteen Sixties marked the pivotal change. The judicial system and the legal profession were not designed to solve the problems of the disintegration of marriage and family.

Nursery Rhymes teach us a lot. Humpty Dumpty sat on a wall, and had a great fall. All the Kings horses and men could not fix the problem. And the "king's horses and men" – judges and governmental bureaucracy – can't repair emotional and structural problems inherent in the breakdown of marriage and family. Assigning domestic relations disputes to the courts seemed natural enough. Courts were already handling the divorces that occurred when governmental policy required a sufficient legal reason for divorce. Marriage was more than a simple contract between two parties. Government was like a third party to the marriage. After the adoption of no-fault divorce the assignment of marital disputes to an adversarial system was not a good policy.

For a lawyer to make money, there had to be a divorce. Trials have often been detrimental to the continuing relationship of the parties. The adversarial system required lawyers to provide "zealous representation" for their client. Lawyers were forbidden by the system to advise both parties to a divorce. Zealous representation often involved digging every possible skeleton out of the closet and throwing as much dirt at the other side as possible. The parents were urged to "fight for their rights". But the kids were still emotionally attached to both parents. Children were caught in the middle. Often kids were pulled into the battle, with both parents trying to "use" them as witnesses, and urging them to take sides.

The system that had previously sought to preserve marriages became extremely insensitive to that relationship overnight. In the "no fault" system, there was no legal issue as to whether a divorce was "justified" or "in the best interest" of the family. The issues were about who would get the kids, who would get the property, and how much spousal and/or child support would be paid. A financial obligation replaced

the emotional support of the non-custodial parent.

The breakdown of marriage was brought about by changes in the culture, not by changes in the law. Judges could not handle the onslaught of cases. The changes opened Pandora's Box. I spent about 40% of my time for 18 years as a judge dealing with domestic relation cases. No amount of wisdom can bring happiness in these cases. Hundreds of hours would be required for every case, and judges simply cannot do that. Myriad problems engulfed the system, and Humpty Dumpty lies shattered.

The problem is not the character of lawyers and judges. Most of them are extremely sensitive to the issues, but are caught in the system. We assigned the most sensitive and important relations that exist in our society to an adversarial system that was not designed to deal with it. Lawyers are ethically committed by the adversarial system to "zealously" represent their clients. In other words, unless they fight with maximum hostility for husband or wife with kids in the middle, they may be criticized for being "ineffective".

Describing the problem is easy; solving it is not. Someone said, "To survey the Aegean Stables is not to clean them." In Greek mythology, the Aegean Stables was where the horses that pulled the sun across the sky by day slept at night. One of Hercules tasks was to clean the Aegean Stables. He solved the problem by running a river through them.

To understand that there are problems with the system is not to provide solutions. But recognition of problems is the first step toward solving them. Many lawyers and judges today recognize the problems, but are caught in the system. Mediation holds some promise, but often is too expensive, and fraught with the same faults and economic burden as the adversarial system. Collaborative divorce, in which lawyers representing the parties attempt to work peaceful solutions, without the bitter rancor of the traditional adversarial system also holds some promise.

We have a long way to go. The system that has ruled for the past forty to fifty years has damaged the role of family in the moral formation of children. We will explore that topic next month.



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- He is a member of the First United Methodist Church, Tallahassee, AL.
- A renowned public speaker, teacher and noted writer in the field of judicial articles.



Rogers Co-Sponsors "Keep Your Health Plan Act" Says President Obama should keep his promise.

(Washington, DC)—Congressman Mike Rogers announced his support today for H.R. 3350, the Keep your Health Plan Act of 2013, a bill that would allow health care plans on the individual market to remain available so people across East Alabama could have the option to keep their current health care plans.

Under the Affordable Care Act, many insurance providers are offering different plans to comply with the new guidelines and cancelling current plans consumers are currently enrolled in.

"Time and time again, President Obama promised folks across the country they could keep their health care plans under the Affordable Care Act. However, I have heard from numerous folks in East Alabama who are being forced into new plans with higher premiums after being told their old plans don't meet the new requirements of the law.

"The Keep Your Health Plan Act, if passed, could help remedy this problem, and I hope the House will debate it quickly," Rogers said.

In his bi-weekly op-ed this week, Rogers noted responses he received from many constituents about their rising health care premiums under Obamacare.

Rogers serves as Chairman of the Strategic Forces subcommittee on the Armed Services Committee and is a senior member of the Homeland Security and Agriculture committees.

Rogers on First Farm Bill Conference Meeting

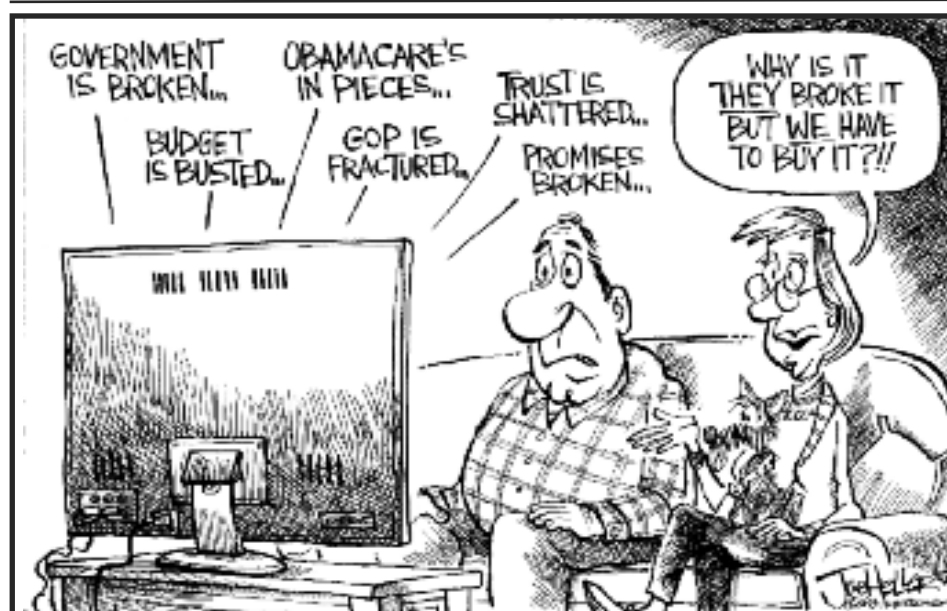
(WASHINGTON, DC)—Congressman Mike Rogers made the following comments today after the first Conference meeting on the Farm Bill.

"As we begin the conference committee on H.R. 2642, the Federal Agriculture Reform and Risk Management Act of 2013, I am honored to be working to resolve differences between the Farm Bills passed by each Chamber," Rogers said.

Alabama is home to over 48,000 farms and Alabama's agricultural exports total \$1 billion a year. It is a massive industry for the economy and is vital these folks have a voice in Congress to look out for what's in their best interest.

"The negotiations we face will be tough. There are reforms we must consider in order to make these programs more sustainable and to be responsible stewards of taxpayer money.

I believe we can work through these differences in a timely and bipartisan manner to achieve real results that will help our farmers and the agriculture industry over the next five years. Hopefully our efforts will demonstrate that Congress can function on behalf of the greater good of our nation. I look forward to beginning work," Rogers added.



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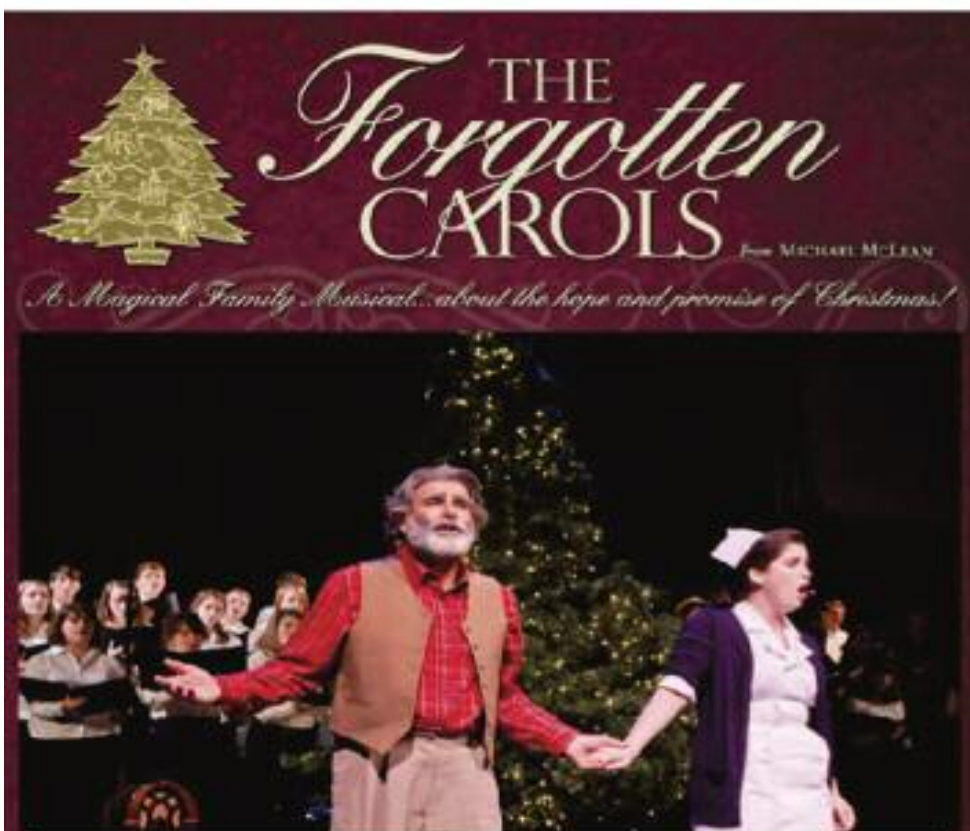
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For the past 3 years my knees hurt so bad I could barely walk. Jeff had told me about his results and I too had tried everything for my pains. After wearing the band for one night, the next morning I jumped out of bed. I've now purchased 15 bands for friends and family.

Glenda DeRamus, Montgomery, AL

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Jeff N, Montgomery, AL

In October of 2007, I was hit by a pickup truck while riding my bicycle. God had other plans for me. My injuries were so severe they included a shattered left tibia, 5 broken ribs, a broken pelvis, a punctured lung and my recover took over a year. After my recovery, my left ankle and leg would hurt so bad every morning when I would awake. On a scale of 1-10 my leg was a three yet by the end of the day it was a twenty three and every evening my leg hurt so bad I could not walk. On October 18, 2009, I went to my orthopaedic surgeon, Roland Hester with pain so severe that I wanted to cut my leg off. A friend gave me this miracle band and after two days, the results were unbelievable. I highly recommend it to anyone. To me this miracle band is worth a billion dollars.



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SOUTHERN GARDENING

NOVEMBER POTPOURRI - by Peggy Givhan

Pumpkins abound, colorful leaves sail to the ground, county fairs come to town with Ferris wheels that turn round and round. There is a definite deep fresh coolness that pervades the early mornings and a marked clarity in the sky in November. The humidity and heat have lifted and I am energized to finish gardening tasks that I have been remiss in completing. My first priority will be to set up a daily schedule to plan, shop for new plants for late fall and winter, and to execute. Sometimes I overlook plant catalogs in my haste to get finished, but I will just add this task to my daily schedule. These catalogs are wonderful snapshots of tried and true flowers, and show new selections which have passed field trials. My problem is that I want to try them all.

How many times have I written on this topic of spraying your lawns, shrubs, vines, fences, walls and trees with a winter dormant oil? Too many to remember, so I will repeat myself another year. To rid your yard of many pests which include fleas, white flies, and even roaches, follow these instructions. First wait until after the first hard freeze, when leaves on flowers are wilted. Purchase a winter dormant oil, such as Volk Oil and Lime Sulfur. The Lime sulfur prevents and kills mold and types of fungus, such as black spot on roses. Purchase a hose end sprayer which is available at most garden centers or nurseries that is capable to spraying at least 20 feet. Read the dilution rates for both per gallon, and if you desire to apply 10 gallons then multiply the gallon rate by 10 and add to the receptacle. If you are unsure of how to use the sprayer, ask the merchant for help as there are several types of sprayers on the market. Attach the hose, and begin spraying. Lime Sulfur has a very unpleasant odor, something on the order of rotten eggs but I use them together because I have no desire to spray the back and front of my yard twice. Incidentally, the sulfur smell dissipates within 12 or so hours. It is a little inconvenience that is well worth the trouble.

I plan to use an old technique that the Europeans have been enjoying for centuries--over planting. One of the easiest planting schemes for this affect is pansies or dianthus and tulips. Buy big tulip bulbs, refrigerate for 6 weeks and plant them between the pansies or dianthus. Either the tulips should be all one color with perhaps mixed color pansies, or vice versa. If one had both tulips and pansies of multi-colors, the affect would be confusing. The height of the tulips over the blanket of pansies or dianthus is the secret. Since tulips are expensive, and will not come back for us in

Alabama, one can plant a small area of the bed or plant the combination in containers. Another attractive combination is to use Parsley as the under planting with tall snaps giving the height. Let your imagination be your guide.

Late October through the end of November is the best time to sow seed for spring bloom. Get out the old fashion Poppies, Larkspur, and Holly Hock seed you have saved from last spring and plan for a sunny spot in your garden. Mark off the area with paint and/or note this area on your plan and do not over plant nor mulch. After scratching the bare soil with a rake, sow the Larkspur and Holly Hock. Because poppies have prolific germination, you must mix only about 1/8 teaspoon of poppy seed with a quart of sand and then sow. One fall I did not have sand at hand, so cut the seed with sugar. Please heed my warning on using a tiny bit of poppy seed, or you will be weeding out poppy seedlings forever.

PLANT OF THE MONTH

Beautyberry (*Callicarpa americana*) is a native deciduous shrub which rises 5-6 feet tall and the same width. This shrub is hardy, performs well in poor soil such as ours



in Montgomery and does well in the garden setting. The rich rose-purple berries which seem stuck to the branches surrounded by light green leaves are an arresting sight. Great for flower arrangements and in the wild, serves as a source of food for wildlife. One can find these shrubs growing at the edge of woodlands. A white-berried selection of the Beautyberry is called *Lactea*.

GOOD GARDENING AND HAPPY THANKSGIVING.

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Federal Government and South Carolina. He has been invested with no such discretion. He possesses no power to change the relations heretofore existing between them, much less to acknowledge the independence of that State. This would be to invest a mere executive officer with the power of recognizing the dissolution of the confederacy among our thirty-three sovereign States."

President Buchanan understood one of the foremost concerns of guaranteeing a republican form of government within a sovereign State is the right of the people of each State to independently determine if they wish to remain in any coalition/confederacy of States. No Legislature or Governor (of a State like South Carolina, seceded from the USA/changed to the CSA or from a State like Maryland, still in the USA) asked for federal troops to address civil unrest or insurrection within their State when considering the Force Bill. Not getting the February 1861 Force Bill from Congress after President Buchanan makes it clear he will not commit

Art. 3, Sec. 3 treason pressed Mr. Lincoln and the Republicans toward military action before Congress reconvenes to secure their desired transfer of wealth and power.

President Buchanan adhered to the letter, spirit and pre-Lincoln tradition of the Constitution, unwilling to fail his oath of office and step outside his authorization at perhaps the most difficult time since the Nullification Crisis. He understood there are no enumerated powers for the executive to act unilaterally, esp. in this manner not authorized. This is well reasoned by Buchanan in his following words: *"The question fairly stated is, has the Constitution delegated to Congress the power to coerce a State into submission which is attempting to withdraw or has actually withdrawn from the Confederacy? ... After much serious reflection I have arrived at the conclusion that no such power has been delegated to Congress or to any other department of the Federal Government. It is manifest upon an inspection of the Constitution that this is not among the specific and enumerated powers granted to Congress, and it is equally apparent that its exercise is not 'necessary and proper for carrying into execution' any one of these powers."*

Small wonder pro-government historians unanimously place Buchanan as the worst president.

Seven score and ten later the result is clear - the unauthorized federal military actions of 1861-5 were indeed over slavery. Mr. Lincoln and the Republicans took a nation conceived in liberty, which courageously abolished (less than 20 years after adoption of the Constitution) importation of slaves from abroad; advancing emancipation (even in 'slave States' like Maryland where 49% of African Americans/ Blacks were free) at home and reformed it into a forced coalition. In short, it took those who were free or on the path to freedom (esp. as more efficient physical capital displaced slave labour) and coerced the people back into slavery and tyranny. As 'emergencies and crises' continue to mount in our command economy, I have little doubt how modern executives will respond when pressed... it will not be the courage of refusing to execute military hegemony to coerce even more transfers of wealth and power from the people. This is the tragic legacy of Lincoln's dysfunctional government still heralded today as those with the courage and wisdom of Buchanan are vilified.



Kyle' McKinney

By Kyle' D. McKinney

*Alabama Public Affairs
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Leader John D. Jordan encourages the community to attend. As at each meeting there will be PLENTY of door prizes and refreshments. It is a causal dress event.

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HISTORIC PRATTVILLE REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY SET TO MAKE REPAIRS TO 1854 DANIEL PRATT BUILDING

Anchoring the western end of downtown Prattville, the timber and brick structures built by city founder Daniel Pratt represent the unique industrial history of Alabama and the southeastern United States. Built between 1843 and 1912, the five historic structures on the banks of Autauga Creek



conversion of the site for uses that enhance the economic vitality of the historic district and preserve and protect the unique structures. Chartered by the Prattville City Council in 1988, HPRA has played a major role in past and ongoing projects in the Prattville historic downtown. The HPRA's efforts to facilitate the adaptive reuse of the Continental Eagle site are consistent with its mission to provide technical and financial assistance with revitalization of the downtown.

As a part of its overall efforts to preserve the site's historic structures until they can be acquired for redevelopment, the HPRA has determined that emergency repairs are necessary to protect the structure referred to as the "1854 Building". The emergency repairs will replace a severely deteriorated beam on the far western end of the building. Safe execution of this repair will require removal and replacement of the supported roof sections. The proposed work has been reviewed and approved by the Prattville Historic Preservation Commission and the Alabama Historical Commission. The proposed project was the subject of a HPRA public hearing and meeting on October 7, 2013. The meeting was scheduled for 4:00 pm at the Prattville Area Chamber of Commerce.

Questions regarding the repair project may be directed to Tom Newton, HPRA Chairman at hpra@prattvilleal.gov or to Joel Duke, City Planner at 334-595-0501 or joel.duke@prattvilleal.gov.

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Until closing its doors in December 2011, the successor to the Daniel Pratt Gin Company, Continental Eagle Corporation, continued to produce cotton gins on the site. Since the close of operations at the site, the Historic Prattville Redevelopment Authority (HPRA) has been assisting the Continental Eagle Corporation with

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THE MARSHALL MOMENT

SOMETHING MORE THAN JUST TURKEYS

When we think of Thanksgiving, what images come to mind? For some it may be nothing more than food starting with the "old gobbler," who was really just a "tom turkey" on some commercial farm a few weeks earlier. As the saying goes, "it begins with the gobbler and ends with the cobbler." For others it is a big family gathering and for another group of us it centers around football or other sports events. We should not forget the many who serve in the retail industry who spend the day dreading having to go to work that night or the next morning. Most are just grateful to have a day off from work and may think of it as only another holiday.

Perhaps we need to be sure that we understand this special time as more than just a day of feasting. Not all our traditions are unworthy of celebrating, as long as in the Christian community we do not forget the deepest meaning of Thanksgiving.

In **Psalms 111** we find some helpful words about giving thanks. "Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with all my heart, in the company of the upright and in the assembly. Great are the works of the Lord; they are studied by all who delight in them. Splendid and majestic is His work, and His righteousness endures forever. He has made His wonders to be remembered; The Lord is gracious and compassionate." The Psalmist gave us three excellent ways to "make the best of the best" in this season of the year.

FIRST, true thanksgiving begins with worship. Recognizing and celebrating what God has done, can only find its best expression with the people of God in worship. It reminds me of people who rarely ever find themselves in corporate worship but talk about how they can worship God on the lake or the golf course. Certainly all of us can find reason to

express to God our appreciation for the blessings of nature or the fellowship of family when not at church, but it is like music slightly off key compared to what it could be in accompaniment with regular worship with God's people. God's people were never created to worship in isolation. Whatever you plan to do in expressing your gratitude this Thanksgiving season, let it include joining with the family of God in worship.

SECOND, thanksgiving is a time to turn from our work and to contemplate God's work. "Even for the secular world, God's work is hard to ignore." I particularly enjoy the verse which says, "The works of the Lord are great, studied by all who have pleasure in them." Did you know this verse graces the entrance to one of the finest scientific institutes in the world, the Physics Building of the Cavendish Laboratory in Cambridge, England. It stands as a remarkable tribute to the open-mindedness of a sophisticated scientific community to the blending of faith and science. The Psalmist reminded us we could not appreciate God's work in this world with just a casual glance around us from time to time. But if we carefully observe and study the created world and if we meditate on all God has done for us, His power will become more and more evident.

Thanking God for what He has made helps us keep perspective on our own selves compared to His greatness. For example, the sun is 330,000 times the size of earth. But the star Antares is 8 times the size of our sun. And that pales in comparison to the diameter of the star Betelgeuse, which if placed in the center of our universe would wholly engulf Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars and extend beyond Jupiter. While Betelgeuse is a giant star, it is certainly not even the largest in the universe. Looking at the vastness of the

creation in this way helps increase our faith in an all-powerful Heavenly Father.

THIRD, Thanksgiving is about remembering. The fourth verse of the passage mentioned above says, "He has made His wonderful works to be remembered." When one looks behind the English translation of the word "works," it becomes apparent there is a different word here. The earlier one which says "God's work is hard to ignore" used a word in Hebrew which refers to the physical things of creation. In this instance, the word "works" speaks of God's acts in addition to His creation.

In other words, we are to remember not only what He made but what He has done and is doing for us and with us. One skeptic of the Christian faith said every church should have in bold letters over its doors and on all its signs, "Important If True." Even as a nonbeliever he recognized the greatness of the message of Christianity. He would say, "If it is real and true, why aren't you shouting it from the rooftops?"

The memory of what God was doing when Christ died on the cross for our sins should never die. If we have received forgiveness for our sins and the gift of eternal life it should never be forgotten. It is too great a story never to tell! Thanksgiving must include remembrance of what God has done for us.

Juliette Drouet, in writing to Victor Hugo, said, "I need your love as a touchstone of my existence. It is the sun which breathes life into me." Daniel Defoe said it this way, "All our discontents spring from the want of thankfulness for what we have. As the Thanksgiving season approaches may we determine this will be our attitude toward our God. In so doing we will make the best of God's best."

Snowdown Baptist Church

U. S. Highway 331, Montgomery, Alabama

(Norman Bridge Road- Past Hyundai on the right.)

Sunday Worship Services: 11:00 am & 6:30 pm ~ Wednesday night churchwide Bible Study: 6:30 pm.



Matt and Christine Hamb are New Tribes missionaries living in the Madang region of Papua New Guinea where they serve amongst the Manam people. Snowdown Baptist Church is their sending church. The Gospel was presented a few years ago to the Manam tribe, but the missionaries had to leave the work in the early stages due to personal and medical reasons. For many years they have been without solid Biblical teaching and this young church is in desperate need of discipleship. They have partnered with the already established church leaders to see these men and women grow in their relationship with the Lord and someday take on the lead roles of discipleship, teaching and outreach. Matt says, "Basically we want to work ourselves out of a job. It is a work God is doing - we are just privileged to be a part of it. For now we are focusing on CLA (Culture and Language Acquisition) as we live our lives before the Manam people, praying they see in our lives the Lord Jesus Christ."

Matt and Christine have two children. Matthew graduated high school in 2011 and is currently living in the U.S. He is married to Briana and the two of them are attending Bible school. Their daughter Meghan graduated in 2013 and is attending a university in California, studying to become a school teacher.

Matt and Christine shared an update of their work with the Manam tribe at Snowdown Baptist Church on Sunday evening November 3rd at 5:30 PM. The Snowdown Men's group purchased much needed fishhooks, line and lead for the Manam fishermen. They're calling it "Operation Fishhook". Matt will take these back to Manam when they return to the island in early January 2014.

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Contact: Terry Ivey, Brotherhood President, Snowdown Baptist Church. Anyone interested in supporting "Operation Fishhook" or the missions work of Matt and Christine Hamb should make checks payable to Snowdown Baptist Church, 6564 Norman Bridge Road, Montgomery AL 36105 (designated for Hambs) or to New Tribes Mission, 1000 E First St, Sanford, FL 32771 (include a note "for the ministry of Matt Hamb") or visit webpage at www.ntm.org/matt_hamb

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A wonderful time was had by all at the Annual Homecoming of this amazing church founded in 1828.

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Pastor Aaron Fleming presented the Homily. Postlude was beautifully played by Bobbie Williams. All were invited to stay for the wonderful lunch that followed.



Pastor Aaron Fleming
Serving as Pastor since June of 2013 welcomes congregation and guests.



The Education Station... *By Bobbie Ames*

THE LORD HATH DONE GREAT THINGS FOR US; WHEREOF WE ARE GLAD

Psalms 126:3

The tragic lessons of History will be repeated if History is removed from a nation's memory, as it has been for several generations since American's Christian History was replaced by Social Studies in public schools nearly a century ago. How many adults know what sacrifice and triumph brought about our uniquely American Holiday tradition of Thanksgiving?

Through brief bits of the story here, let's look at this American legacy, our own American heritage, and embrace it for a true Thanksgiving celebration this year. Go back with me to the Pilgrim Fathers of 1620, who embarked on the adventure of colony planting, with no experience, and no skills for the task, only seeking freedom of worship and self government.

Picture the wild land and the wild sea, the bitter cold winter of 1620, and the illnesses which cost them half of their lives the first year. The contract with the mercenary shareholders who funded the "adventure" required them to practice Communism in labor and supply, denying them private property rights and other incentives,

If communism would ever work, it would have worked for this colony, where people were deeply religious and loved one another, as well as having a work ethic.

Governor William Bradford took over the leadership of the colony upon the death of Governor Carver, in the first year. He ruled almost continually for thirty seven years, until his death. His literary gift has left us a detailed and documented history that is a treasure for every lover of History, and every seeker of Truth. The lesson of the Pilgrims rejecting Communism can be valuable today and help us to come against another similar "Pernicious System," as they called it. That system is strong in our post modern world today.

After abiding by the terms of their contract for two years, seeing that communism had brought the colony to the verge of ruin, Governor Bradford "had the courage to cut the knot he could not untie." He divided the land among the families, and placed every single person in a family unit. Attitudes changed. Now, mothers with children would go willingly in the fields to help their husbands. Wives were pleased to wash the clothing of their family rather than collectively. Working their own field, laboring together as a family brought peace and incentive, and Bradford wrote: "any general want or suffering hath not been among us since to this day." Every adult shared in the responsibility to pay the just debts, through private ownership and free enterprise, which brought into being a successful fur trade into commerce - Industry and brotherly love combined for success.

Yes, abolishing communism may have been a violation of the contract, but Governor Bradford saw that the system was pernicious and that he had a life and death struggle for survival. Free Enterprise was instituted.

Why do we remember this little colony, never more than a few thousand people? God's Providence shown in their story is dramatic. In their own words, they prayed to be "stepping stones for others" to migrate, and indeed they were. They were the forerunners of the great Puritan migration of the 1630s.

When the Mayflower ship returned to England, not one Pilgrim was aboard. ***That little band of believers had introduced a new powerful force on this continent-----that of individual religious liberty in practice.*** Unable to reform the Church of England, now they could walk with God, and raise their families in a church congregation guided by God's Word alone, not by the King, and not by the Civil Magistrate.

"The glories of Christianity are to be traced in the sufferings of confessors and martyrs of the 16th and 17th Centuries; and it was under the influence of Christian principles, imbibed at this very period, that the Mayflower brought over the band of Pilgrims to Plymouth....We should never forget that the prison, the scaffold, and the stake were stages in the march of civil and religious liberty which our forefathers had to travel, in order that we might obtain our present liberty....."

"Before our children remove their religious connections.....before they leave the old paths of God's Word.....before they barter their birthright for a mess of pottage...let us place in their hands the chronicle of the glorious days of the suffering Churches, and let them know that they are the sons of the men 'of whom the world was not worthy' and 'whose sufferings for conscience sake' are here monumentally recorded."
John Overton Choules, August 12, 1843.

Preface to the 1844 reprint of Neal's "History of the Puritans," 1731 The Christian History of the Constitution, FACE, 1966

On that simple First Thanksgiving, one dynamic rises above all others; This small group of survivors labored to bring Glory to God for His Providence. They had survived hunger, disease, native attacks, unreasonable demands of their shareholders, and the death of spouses, children, best friends. Living in a wilderness they were utterly dependent and faithfully relying on God to sustain them. They rejoiced in freedom of worship and in the civil liberty of Christian self government. They had been successful in establishing a covenant relationship with their Indian neighbors, who were present at the First Thanksgiving. Can you not see the Hand of God using those first seeds, which brought forth for us, Individual Liberty of Conscience, Christian self-government, and ultimately a Christian Constitutional Republic. May it be restored today.

A Day of Thanksgiving has been a continuing tradition in our nation.

The Journals of the Continental Congress record a Proclamation by the United States Congress assembled on Saturday, Oct. 18, 1783: These words are a portion of that proclamation:

"Whereas it has pleased the Supreme Ruler of all human events, to dispose the hearts of the later belligerent powers to put a period to the effusion of human blood, by proclaiming a cessation of all hostilities by sea and land, and these United States are not only happily rescued from the dangers and calamities to which they have been so long exposed, but their freedom, sovereignty and independence ultimately acknowledged.....The interposition of Divine Providence in our favor has been most abundantly and most graciously manifested, and the citizens of these United States have every reason for praise and gratitude to the God of their Salvation. Impressed therefore, with an exalted sense of the blessings by which we are surrounded, and of our entire dependence on that Almighty Being, from whose goodness and bounty they are derived, the United States in Congress assembled, to set apart the second Thursday in December next, as a day of public Thanksgiving, that all the people may then assemble to celebrate with grateful hearts and united voices, the praises of their Supreme and all bountiful Benefactor, for His numberless favors and mercies."



The Proclamation further leads in offering prayers for forgiveness, for wisdom to be granted, for prosperity for every good work, for peace for the nations, for blessings in the labors of the people, for commerce and navigation, for education and for the seminaries and all means of education, for true religion to flourish, and that the world be filled with His Glory. Oct. 18th, 1783.

John Hancock, Governor of Massachusetts, called for a Day of Thanksgiving established in a proclamation dated November 8, 1783.

In his proclamation, he praises the Lord for the "Unanimity and Resolution to adhere to our just Rights...." He refers to God as "our powerful Ally to assist us in supporting" those Just Rights. He pleads to continue "in the light of the Blessed Gospel, and secure for us, to the fullest Extent, the Rights of Conscience in Faith and Worship." And so much more is in his proclamation. We see pure Biblical Christianity here, strong, and the virtue of the character of these founders.

Let me urge readers to go to the website (FACE.Net) of the Foundation for American Christian Education, Chesapeake, Va. and learn of their publications on America's Christian History. Also, they are source for the Webster's 1828 Dictionary of the English Language, which is the vocabulary of liberty. We strongly recommend it for every family. Source for these Proclamations: The Bible and The Constitution, published by FACE.



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Stop Common Core in Alabama

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A CHILD'S TREE GROWS IN THE FOREST

Out of the corner of my eye I saw something running straight at me. In that first flash of recognition that something was there and moving fast. I startled. I thought it was a coyote or maybe a wild dog on the attack, but when I whirled around I found that it was only a newborn fawn. He ran up to within ten feet of me and stopped. We stood there looking at each other for a while and then he decided to tag along when I went back to work on the tractor. I put one front tire on and then he followed me around to the other side to watch that one go on too. "Where is your mother?" I asked him. "Don't you know that you are supposed to be afraid of people?" He was young and innocent and did not yet know about the dangers of the world he lived in. His mother snorted anxiously from the corner of the yard and he lost interest in tractor tires and went to breakfast. "You better do a better job of keeping up with that baby," I told her, "or something will be having him for breakfast."

There are many young and innocent things in this world, and predators don't always hunt them with teeth and claws - in the world of man mostly they use deception. Sometimes they poison their minds with destructive thoughts or purposely mislead them in the name of power and profit.

I first became aware of these human predators on the innocent, these trained practitioners in the art of the lie, near an Alabama National Forest. Several of us were working in the area when a friend of mine reported that, just to see what they were about, he had latched onto an environmental tour for some city kids. All day long they had been told over and over and over again about how all the forests were endangered. At the end of the day they gave each child a seedling to plant. Once that child's little tree was planted in the forest there was an emotional attachment. He said, "You could see it in their eyes. It was their tree!" It doesn't matter that 68 % of Alabama is covered by forests. It doesn't matter that there are more forests in America now than when Columbus landed. Those are only the facts. The residual, the deep emotional attachment of a child and the desire to protect their little tree, will linger on, making them forever willing to believe, at some level, that the forests are threatened, that man made global warming actually exists and that it is because of our carbon footprint and that we are, even though we worked hard to accomplish it, undeserving of our prosperity. That day the seeds of rebellion against their parents and their way of life had been

planted along with that seedling. Most of these kids would grow up to support environmental causes; and they would use their money and their votes to ease their consciences over a crime that neither they nor their parents had committed.

One of the greatest of these human predators, who by his own definition was an expert liar and an advocate for national control of education, made an in-depth study of this emotional process, especially in regards to children. Upon it he developed the propaganda apparatus which has served as the model for all modern socialist movements. With obvious disdain for the average man he wrote: *"In the big lie there is always a certain force of credibility; because the broad masses of a nation are always more easily corrupted in the deeper strata of their emotional nature than consciously or voluntarily; and thus in the primitive simplicity of their minds they more readily fall victims to the big lie than the small lie, since they themselves often tell small lies in little matters but would be ashamed to resort to large-scale falsehoods. It would never come into their heads to fabricate colossal untruths, and they would not believe that others could have the impudence to distort the truth so infamously. Even though the facts which prove this to be so may be brought clearly to their minds, they will still doubt and waver and will continue to think that there may be some other explanation. For the grossly impudent lie always leaves traces behind it, even after it has been nailed down, a fact which is known to all expert liars in this world and to all who conspire together in the art of lying. These people know only too well how to use falsehood for the basest purposes. ..."* - Adolph Hitler- from his 1925 autobiography "Mein Kampf"

The people who helped those children plant their little tree in the forest were not evil people; they were victims of the lie themselves. But those who created and still promote these "colossal untruths" in their quest for power and profit... certainly are.

Today, there is another big lie afoot in our nation. Its target is the minds of our children, but its ultimate purpose is the destruction of our way of life. It is called Common Core Education and despite the loud



protestations to the contrary, its first goal is the centralization of public education under the control of the Federal Government. If not stopped, it will take over all education in America: public, private and home schools. All this is done once again in the name of the "greater good" according to those who, "conspire together in the art of lying." Understand, most of the local promoters of Common Core are victims of the lie themselves. But there are also some expert liars among them who have been elected or appointed to top leadership positions in Alabama Education. Our children, their teachers, and our Legislators are being led astray by these masters of deception.

Parents, if you love your country and your children, you had better do a good job of keeping up with just what is being fed into their minds. Their values, their beliefs, and our entire nation are at risk. Common Core, another big lie, is on the move!

By Ken Freeman, Chairman
 The Alliance for Citizen's Rights

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Gazette Seniors...

SENIOR LEGISLATORS WRAP UP ANOTHER

YOU MAY BE
OVER THE HILL
...if you find yourself
somewhere, but
you don't know
where or why.

The dust has settled on another session of the Alabama Silver-Haired Legislature, and a good bit was accomplished during its three-day session in Montgomery that ended Oct. 23.

In the absence of **House Speaker Melvin Cooper** of Prattville, who is convalescing, Speaker Pro-tem Winston Griggs of Headland, presided over a vigorous three-day session.

Ten of the 60 resolutions submitted for consideration by the legislators were selected for submission to the governor for his action; five of direct concern to seniors and five, while related to senior issues, were of a more general, statewide application.

SENIOR CONCERNS

Topmost on the resolutions of specific concern to seniors was a resolution calling for an increase in funding for senior nutrition programs.

Secondmost important in the minds of the delegates was a resolution urging the Legislature to designate a tax-free day on food items purchased by or for seniors.

Third in importance was one calling for legislation to authorize a property tax freeze on ad valorem taxes assessed on real property used as a residence.

The seniors also felt that the Legislature should find a way to provide funding for respite assistance for family members caring for persons with dementia; and the fifth resolution called for an increase in funding for all Department of Senior Services, and Agencies on Aging to compensate for inflation.

GENERAL APPLICATION

Of a more general, statewide concern were resolutions dealing with allowing the State to participate in expansion of the affordable Care Act (Obamacare); legalizing a state lottery; making the Yellow dot program available in all counties in the state; the collection of sales tax on Internet purchases, and a final resolution dealing with filling vacancies on the Teacher Retirement System Board of Control.

The opening day of the session got off to a good start when **Gov. Robert Bentley** addressed the seniors and told them that his major goal as Governor was to bring to Alabamians a "modern government that worked; not one that was run by a bureaucracy." He went on to say that he will continue to provide better government for the people of Alabama.

He described State Government as being broke when he took office; "it was set up for failure; but we haven't failed," he said.

Following the Governor's remarks the legislators adjourned to their respective committees to study the 70 resolutions that had been submitted by their colleagues. On Tuesday the evaluation and selection process had ended, the Rules Committee had met and made the final cut.

MORE THAN 60

During the three-day session, held in the House Chamber in the Alabama State-House three-score resolutions were introduced dealing with a wide range of senior issues, including greater emphasis on increasing geriatrics-trained professionals, increases in various

allowances afforded seniors, placing tighter controls on lending programs targeted at elders and ensuring that the provisions of the recently enacted elder abuse laws are carried out. There were a number of resolutions introduced regarding protections afforded seniors, expansion of various senior-related health care programs, and the allowance of various tax credits.

ALWAYS ACTIVE

Over the past five years ASHL members have been extremely active in legislation pertaining to Elder Abuse, the revival of the Alabama Ethics Commission, voter identification, creation of the Silver Alert System, and the provision of affordable prescription drugs for seniors, to name but a few.

Although the annual session has ended, the Silver-Haired legislators will be busy working with individual seniors in their districts and with the Legislature with regard to proposals to be introduced in the next regular legislative session that have either a direct or a tangible impact on seniors.

BACKGROUND

During each General Session of the Legislature, ASHL members work actively with their counterparts in the regular Legislature in an advisory capacity, never in any way that could be considered lobbying.

The ASHL was established August 8, 1991, by Joint Resolution SJR 101, which was signed into law as PL91-727. Its first elections were held in 1993, and its first session occurred in the same year.

WHO'S LOOKIN' IN NOVEMBER?

Mea culpa. Mea maxima culpa. With this Latin phrase let me start out the November "Who's Lookin' Out for You?" schedule. In October your humble chronicler made the unforgivable mistake of listing the first meeting, which fell on the 7th, as falling on October 1. Forgiveness is begged. This plea for mercy should follow by the phrase: "It won't happen again;" but it probably will.

Nov. 4, Karen Coffee, who is with the State's Independent Living program shared important information for independent seniors.

Nov. 11, John Craft, who many should remember for his astute legal acumen, along with some of his Jones Law School students, will discuss legal matters as they pertain to seniors.

Nov. 18 will be emergency planning day, as **Mary Conway** with the **Montgomery County's Disaster Preparedness** department will help us to think the unthinkable and to prepare for any emergencies.

Nov. 25th, Monica Sheeler from the State Attorney General's office will visit us once again to talk about **Christmas scams**. Bon Noel, herzliche Weihnachten, Feliz navidad and whatever else. Only one month left in this year - and that one is a merry one.

ONE OF THE MORE COMMON SIGHTS AT FACILITIES THAT HOUSE SENIORS IS THE PILL FUMBLE.

From time to time one of the residents will find himself, or herself, at a loss as to which pill to take when, if one of the little rascals had not already been taken, or painstakingly overdosing because that person had forgotten that the medication had already been taken that day.

With this in mind, The Gazette wishes to rerun a poem that has appeared on this page in the past, but which bears repeating:

Old Mother Hubbard

Old Mother Hubbard went to the cupboard,
To get her poor stomach a pill;
But when she got there, she found bottles to spare;
From other times she'd been ill.
There were capsules and potions,
And drugs for emotions,
Prescribed by a dozen physicians.
Some were her brother's,
Some borrowed from others;
Who'd had the same conditions.
I'll throw them all out,
She said with a shout;
My doctor's advice I will follow.
I'll take only pills
Prescribed for my ills,
And think before I swallow.



2013 Fall Festival -1st Place

Maw and Paw Snowdown
Raine Morales (15) and Caleb Campbell (10)
Representing Snowdown Baptist Church
"It's fun to be getting older - when you are 15 & 10."

WHAT'S NOVEMBER ALL ABOUT?

Well, this year's nearly over, and what a year it has been. On the 28th, we celebrate Thanksgiving. Some of us may feel that we have little for which to give thanks this year, while others, for much the same reasons, may be thankful that the year 2013 is almost over. But what lies ahead?

We start off the month by acknowledging that it's **Aviation History Month**, and a lot of aviation history came to pass at our two local air fields: Maxwell and Gunter, Air Force bases.

November 2nd is **Book Lovers Day**, which is one of your writer's favorites.

VETERANS DAY falls on the 11th of

November, and **World Kindness Day** follows on the 13th.

Then there's the usual number of celebrations until we reach the 17th, and it's **Homemade Bread Day**. Now there's a day worth celebrating. In your humble writer's better days bread baking was an art to be well honed. There's nothing like good homemade bread. **World Peace Day** is also celebrated on this date.

Then we plod along until Nov. 21st, and the **Great American Smokeout**. There's a day worth celebrating. Of all the sins and vices that tempt mankind, smoking has to be among the most dreadful. For those smokers who haven't shrugged off this deadly habit by now; this day's a good day to start. Don't just think about it or talk about it: do it.

On November 23rd, the nation celebrates

National Adoption Day; as well it should. As one who was adopted, there's not enough good to be said about this practice. There's an abundance of youngsters who don't have a good home. They need one. **November is also National Adoption Awareness Month.**

Square Dance Day is celebrated on the 29th of November, and **Stay at Home Because you Are Well Day** rounds it out. And that's it for November. No, we didn't forget **THANKSGIVING**; everyone knows when that is; it's the 28th. Give thanks; as best you can.

And why do we call the month November? When it was named it was the ninth month in the Latin calendar, and novem is the Latin word for nine.

And now it's on to December;
but that's another month.



Pike Road News

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Upcoming Pike Road Town Meetings:

Town Council
Monday, November 11 at 7:00 p.m.

Planning Commission
Monday, November 11 at 5:30 p.m.

Both meetings are at Pike Road Town Hall.
Meeting dates are listed on the town's web calendar.



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Sunday November 10th Veterans Day Ceremony,

Veterans Day 2013

Mark your calendars
for one of our favorite

annual events, the Veterans Day Commemoration at the Pike Road Veterans Memorial. This year's event will begin at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, November 10 with the Walk of Honor. All veterans are invited to be recognized as they make a short walk through the crowd and to their places of honor to begin the ceremony.

We will have live music by the Capitol Sounds, the colors will be presented by a USMC Honor Guard, and we'll dedicate the brick pavers you purchased in honor of your American heroes. We hope to see you there!



PIKE ROAD SCHOOL

PIKE ROAD, ALABAMA

The Pike Road Education Leadership Council hosted an information sessions related to the Pike Road School System Tuesday, November 5 at 6:00 p.m. at Town Hall and will another meeting Thursday, November 7 at 6:00 p.m. at The Chapel at The Waters. The council will present renderings of the school and will address the school construction and hiring timelines in addition to answering questions. The events are open to the public.

BRAD SHAW SELECTED AS PIKE ROAD FIRE DEPARTMENT NOVEMBER GIVING OUR BEST



The Pike Road Fire Department is delighted to announce fire department member **Brad Shaw** has been selected as the November Giving Our Best recipient.

Shaw is a four year member of the department. He resides in Pike Road with his wife, Jessica who also serves as vice-president of the ladies auxiliary. Their beautiful family includes a daughter Madison and son Matthew. Madison is in the first

grade at Halcyon Elementary. Matthew attends Saint James K 4 Pre-School.

Shaw's easy spirit and kind voice draws his peers in and makes him a favorite among the department. Along with his firefighting skills, Shaw is excellent with the computer and his skills are put to good use around the fire house with computer programs and computer equipment. Shaw has worked his

combined knowledge of firefighting and information technology to create programs to assist in accountability and safety as well as mapping and response programs.

Shaw has completed a number of training courses conducted by the Pike Road Fire Department. He has also completed the first responder course.

In addition to his fire department duties, Shaw also volunteers and assists the department and ladies auxiliary with MDA, Annual Boston Butt Fund Raiser, 9/11 stair climb and 9/11 ceremony. Shaw is co-owners of Wilson Shaw IT. He enjoys running his business. Shaw is an avid University of Alabama fan.

Shaw is ready to participate and contributes in a positive way. He is knowledgeable regarding safety and firefighting tactics. His loyalty and efficiency make him a deserving recipient for the November Giving Our Best. For more information on how you can make a difference in the Pike Road community, visit the Pike Road Fire Department website at www.pikeroadfire.com or phone (334) 271-1048.

PIKE ROAD FIRE/RESCUE VISITS MACON EAST AS PART OF FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

Pike Road Fire/Rescue is dedicated to ensuring students in the Pike Road area schools are educated on fire safety. Students at Macon East Academy received hands on safety lessons from Pike Road Fire Department as part of fire



Susan York's first grade class at Macon East

prevention week in early October.

During the visit firefighters Barry Glassford, BJ Green and Andrew Parker used a variety of educational tools to help teach students about fire safety. The firefighters took the Children's Fire Safety House along with a fire truck to Macon East. The fire safety house is a small replica of a house with a kitchen, living room and bedroom. Firefighters guided students through the house, showing students how to avoid fire hazards. Light non-toxic smoke is released to simulate fire. Students are taught to get low and crawl to safety on their hands and knees. Firefighters are there to greet students at the door and help them down the steps.

Students enjoyed the visit and took away valuable fire safety lessons.



Will McClelland and Pike Road firefighter Barry Glassford

Patricia Killough



Please send Patricia your family birthdays, anniversaries and weddings to alabamagazette@yahoo.com. The Alabama Gazette will make every effort to include your submissions if space permits.

HOME TOWN COMMUNITY NEWS

November Birthdays



- 1 Barbie O'Neal, Kelei Lewis, Bobbie Parker, Al Flanary, Bill Grubs, Mary Ellis Killough (5th), Mike Lane, Larry Chambers, Doug Sellers, Jo Guthrie, Patrick Sikes (3rd), Mike Davis, Margaret Ann Morgan, Faye Deal, Teresa Seevers, Carol Harrison, Debbie Green, Jane Camille Robinson, Helen Struthers, Paula Barker, Mildred Kendrick (89th), Trey Mainor, Gerry Williams, Kristen Butler, Carl McDevitt, John Porterfield, Jamalyn Smith, Patrice Wasden, Frances Dover, Gayle Harper, Myra Mills, Manly Swearingen, Robert Sandifer, Faye Best, Jo Hurley, John Messick, Warren Miller, Mary Talley, Tom Vocino, LeeAnn Willams (32nd), Sarah Bone, Jenelle Jones, Norman Rahn, Janet Roughton, Marie Penn, Shawn Adams, Kenneth Banks, Houston Harris, Walker Meadows, Xan Morrows, Spears Rhodes, Larry Browder, Mary Elizabeth Dean, Mae H. Poole, Katherine Huro, Debbie Johnson, Heather Killough, Thomas Joseph Boyd, Alton Haraway, Dan Fowler, Bill Harper, Mary Holman, Cara Stafford, Billy Jack Beck, Doug Cole, Laird Bone, Mattie Sherman, Sharon Harper, Rich Takacs, James Miller, Annette Banks, Randy Bishop, Amy Grubbs, Ed Grubbs, Lee Hartley, Tommy Jones, Virginia Shearin, Locke White, Charles Wilkerson, Charles Winsett, Joyce Mims, Peggy Cole, Brittany Hord, Helen Cain, Howard Duncan, Donald McClain, Pearl McClain, Jerry Shadrick, Colonel Durden, Bonnie Morris, Faye Spivey, Vaughn Lowery, Jessika Wallace, Marilyn Oliver, Betty Spivey, Weston Browder, Mavis Kratzer, Brittany Abott, Kaitlin Castleberry, Drew Meadows (5th), Jackie Moseley, Boyd Partridge, Jim Tinney, Earle Williams

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT



David Jace McClelland was born September 18, 2013. He weighed 9 lbs. & was 21" long. Proud parents are John & Whitney McClelland of Pike Road, Alabama. Jace is welcomed by older brothers Will and Lane. Grandparents are Mike & Debbie Green of Pike Road, Alabama and John & Pat McClelland of Marbury, Alabama.

NATE'S FIRST HALLOWEEN



Mason with his Geez (Faye Boyd)

Mason Williams invited family and friends to come celebrate his 3rd birthday with a cook-out and ride in the park at Snowdoun on Saturday, October 5, 2013.



Nate Friday enjoys his first Halloween pumpkin. Nate was one year old on January 16, 2013. He is the son of Wesley and Kelli Dailey Friday of Equality

Happy Anniversary

- 2 Reese & Tina Campbell, 5 Brad & Julie Echols, 7 Jud & Jane Huett (54th), Brian & Jennifer Rushing (4th), 9 Don & Tanya Cooley, Tommy & Patti Maihan (28th), 10 Tanner & Shannon Grant, Manly & Kris Swearingen, Tom & Jayne Ward, 14 Jim & Frances Ard, 16 Stephen & Joyce Turnipseed, 17 Chip & Tricia Norris, 21 Boyd & Ashley Partridge(4th), Doug & Cindy Young, Gary & Martha French (39th), 24 Gary & Debbie Partridge, 27 Mike & Wanda Horsley, 28 Andre & Beverly Stephens

In Memory of Charles "Chuck" Ming Jr. March 28, 1959 - October 29, 2013



Charles (Chuck) Owen Ming, Jr., 54, of Mount Carmel Community, passed away following a sudden accident on October 29, 2013. He was employed with the Alabama Department of Transportation, where he had worked for 25 years. He was an avid hunter and outdoorsman. He is survived by his son, Patrick (Krista) Ming; loving parents, Charles and Beverly (Poole) Ming; sisters, Charlotte (Chris) Tesmer and Cindy (Chad) Phillips; and three nephews. Funeral services were at 11:00 am, Friday, November 2013 at Leak Memory Chapel with Pastor Jim Looney officiating. Burial followed at Greenwood Cemetery. Pallbearers were Jeremy McGinty, Chad Phillips, Chris Tesmer, Casey Tesmer, Cody Tesmer, and Russ Berry. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Danielville Baptist Church, 59 Danielville Road, Honoraville, Alabama 36042 or to one's favorite charity.

Sympathy to the families of...

- Meriwether, Bettydied September 21, 2013, Whittington, Luther G. "Whit" (53)died September 23, 2013, Ward, Addie Boyd Churchwell (84)died September 24, 2013, Wiggins, Caitlyn Marianne (23)died September 24, 2013, Kennamer, Dr. Rex (93)died September 28, 2013, Armagost, Josephinedied September 29, 2013, Kendrick, James "Allen" (88)died September 29, 2013, Girmsley, Rex Arnold (88)died September 30, 2013, McGinty, Fayona Clarise (79)died October 2, 2013, Reed, Julia Boozer (90)died October 3, 2013, Bowden, Martha Ann (72)died October 4, 2013, Berney, Louis Neal (61)died October 11, 2013, Bowick, Jacqueline Rhodes (62)died October 15, 2013, Bowman, Rev. Frank Edward, Jr. (70)died October 17, 2013, Sheehan, Douglas Owen "Jimmy" (83)died October 17, 2013, Northington, Jordan Brooke (20)died October 18, 2013, Castleberry, Annie Merle (73)died October 19, 2013, Norton, Sara Marie Lewisservice on October 22, 2013, Golden, Dr. Charles William (81)died October 24, 2013, Kelley, Susan Marie (50)died October 24, 2013, Trammell, Charles H. "Sonny" (69)died October 24, 2013, Daniels, Margaret Goodgame "Marnie" (64)died October 25, 2013, Bracknell, Catherine Grider Ganey (91)died October 26, 2013, Goerner, Inez Thornell (94)died October 26, 2013, Swearingin, Tommy Joe (55)died October 26, 2013, Drew Alyiah Bradley died October 26, 2013, Findley, David Randolph, Jr. (54)died October 27, 2013

Today's Woman

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“BE GRATEFUL”

Year after year, the earth's inhabitants are fed, watered, clothed, and sheltered. Generations come and go, nations rise and fall, yet God continues to live and keep this old world turning and the sun shining day after day.

James 1:17 reminds us, *“Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above and comes down from the Father, with whom is no variableness neither shadow of turning.”*

This Thanksgiving season, let's recognize the God from whom ALL blessings flow...either directly or indirectly. Let us offer Him the praise of our lips, the love of our hearts, and the consecration of our lives.

“My cup runneth over” - Psalms 23:5

Such gratitude can deepen character and spark personality. One of the prerequisites to being an optimist is to have grateful memory. Yet, how often we forget!....And how devastating it is to personality and outlook on life! The person who constantly complains that nothing goes right and the world is against him/her, invariably has a good “forgettery” rather than a good memory. On the other hand, the optimist sees his/her blessings and counts them with appreciation. The optimist focuses on the positives of life.

Psalms 92:1 tells us, *“It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord.”*

Happy Thanksgiving and Many Blessings!



WOODLAND UMC MORNING CIRCLE

Debbie Green, president of the Pike Road Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary, spoke to the ladies at Woodland United Methodist Church's Morning Circle on Thursday, October 24, 2013.

Hope you Enjoy these recipes!!



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Recipe for: Awesome Broccoli-Cheese Casserole

1 (10.75 ounce) can condensed cream of mushroom soup	8 ounces shredded sharp Cheddar cheese
1 cup mayonnaise	salt to taste
1 egg, beaten	ground black pepper to taste
1/4 cup finely chopped onion	2 pinches paprika
3 (10 ounce) packages frozen chopped broccoli	

- Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Butter a 9x13 inch baking dish.
- In a medium bowl, whisk together condensed cream of mushroom soup, mayonnaise, egg and onion.
- Place frozen broccoli into a very large mixing bowl. (I like to use my large stainless steel bowl to mix this recipe thoroughly.) Break up the frozen broccoli. Using a rubber spatula, scrape soup-mayonnaise mixture on top of broccoli, and mix well. Sprinkle on cheese and mix well. Spread mixture into prepared baking dish, and smooth top of casserole. Season to taste with salt, pepper and paprika.
- Bake for 45 minutes to 1 hour in the preheated oven.

Recipe makes 8 servings allrecipes .com

Recipe for: Grandma's Corn Pudding

5 eggs	4 tablespoons cornstarch
1/3 cup butter, melted	1 (15.25 ounce) can whole kernel corn
1/4 cup white sugar	2 (14.75 ounce) cans cream-style corn
1/2 cup milk	

- Preheat oven to 400 Degrees F (200 degrees C). Grease a 2 quart casserole dish.
- In a large bowl, lightly beat eggs. Add melted butter, sugar, and milk. Whisk in cornstarch. Stir in corn and creamed corn. Blend well. Pour mixture into prepared casserole dish.
- Bake for 1 hour.

Recipe makes 6 servings allrecipes .com

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