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Bake Sale for Furry Friends

FLORENCE—From our hearts to yours... Chloe's Fund Volunteers spend many hours baking and making homemade crafts to help you support animals in need. T

These homemade treats will be available once again just in time for Valentine's Day from 8am-2pm on Friday, February 14 at the Florence-Lauderdale Government Building in downtown. All proceeds from these sales benefit Chloe's Fund in helping with medical expenses for local animals and many at Florence Lauderdale Animal Services.

The government building is located at 102 S. Court Street. It is the building with time and temperature on top!

Child Respite Grant- \$3,000

FLORENCE - The Anderson College of Nursing and Health Professions at the University of North Alabama received a \$3,000 grant from the Alabama Lifespan Respite Network for the development and maintenance of the Children's Respite Program. The ALRN is a program of the United Cerebral Palsy Centers of Huntsville and the Tennessee Valley.

The Respite program is open to local parents of special needs children and their siblings, to a monthly event during the fall and spring. The first event is set for 6pm on Friday, February 14 at the Baptist Campus Ministries on the UNA campus. Pickup will be at 9pm.

"The ACON-HP Children's Respite Program provides a valuable service to families in our local community and

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Claim Your FAME

NW-SCC Hosts First Networking Event



Essity human resource manager, Bryan Dyar, left, talks with students at the NWSCC FAME networking open house last week. Courtesy photo

MUSCLE SHOALS-Northwest-Shoals Community College's FAME Program hosted the first of three Discover Your Claim to FAME open house networking events last week on the NW-SCC Muscle Shoals campus. High school seniors and counselors from schools in Colbert, Franklin, and Winston counties had an opportunity to hear from NW-SCC and

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SHEFFIELD—North Alabama Animal Hospital in Sheffield was recently recognized by DVM Insider as one of the best companion animal veterinary hospitals in America. There were 500 winners nationally out of tens of thousands of nominees. North Alabama

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Pictured working at NAAH are, from left, Amy Hellums, Jack, and Dr. Adam Thompson
Courtesy photo



Burrell's 7th Class

FLORENCE- The 7th Burrell-Slater Athletic Hall of Fame Induction banquet took place February 7 in the old Burrell Slater gym in Florence to congratulate this year's Burrell Slater HOF inductees. The featured honorees were Sam Barnett, Dave Smith, and the 1967 champion men's basketball team.

Special recognition was given to Samuel L. Brewer and Will Liner, Jr. as distinguished contributors to the Burrell-Slater legacy. The combined contributions of these gentlemen spans decades. They persevered through segregation and discrimination in all aspects

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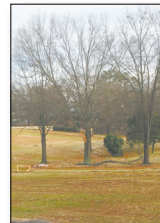
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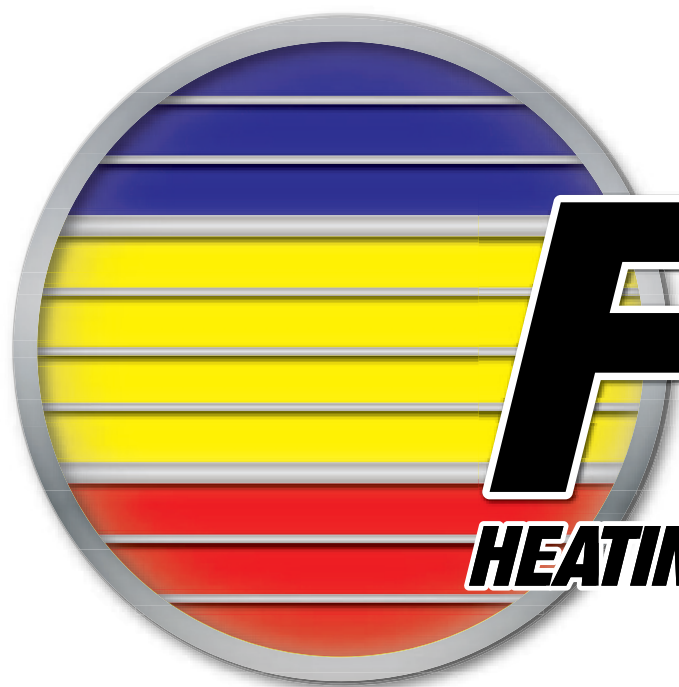
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Child Respite Grant-\$3,000

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to our UNA students," said Dr. Rachel Winston, Associate Professor of Nursing and Nursing Project OPEN Director. "Families of children with special needs gain a service that addresses their specific needs, and UNA students

are afforded valuable medical, educational exposure, and interactive activity planning experience."

The ACON-HP collaborated with Breaktime, a volunteer organization that serves special needs families in the Shoals to identify families that might benefit from the program.

The Respite events will include food, crafts, activities, entertainment, sensory friendly games, and prizes for the children who attend. The time will also allow parents to have a break from the stress often associated with caring for a child with special needs.

For details on the event or to reserve a spot in the program, please email respite@una.edu.



From left: Superintendent of Florence Arts and Museums, Libby Jordan, and Endowments Chair, Betty Balch, award grant checks to Lauderdale County Schools Art teacher, Dusty Farris.

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supplies to build sets for their drama and music productions. Riverhill School teacher, Lisa Wallace, and Shoals Christian School teacher, Paige Stephens, received

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K-D Center Endowments

FLORENCE-The Kennedy-Douglass Art Center Volunteers Endowments Committee has awarded grants for art project supplies for the 2020 spring semester. Lauderdale County art teacher Dusty Farris received checks to cover supplies for separate weaving and sculpting projects at five Lauderdale County schools. She travels between Brooks Elementary, Central Elementary, Underwood Elementary, Waterloo



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The Shoals Chapter of the Order of St.
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Burrell's 7th Class...

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of their years in school and went on to stand out as productive, well respected citizens in the area. Their phenomenal efforts to tell the stories and highlight the history of this beloved African-American high school have resulted in organized events that attract many old timers and history buffs. The strong leadership of Brewer and Liner in Burrell-Slater Athletic Hall of Fame, Burrell School Reunion, and community activities has been inspirational.

The prowess of football quarterback Sam Barnett and the basketball shots of Dave Smith as well as the 1966-67 basketball team—

one of the several teams to win a championship were remembered.

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Animal Hospital placed #54. Rankings were determined by online reviews and votes from satisfied clients of the practices.

There were only six winners from Alabama in the top 500. The state list is as follows.

- 21 Dykes Veterinary Clinic - Foley
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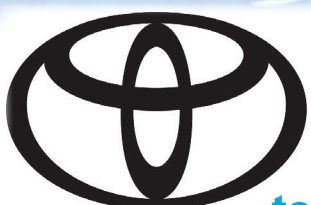
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Cat & Kids

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Writer's note: These are thought-filled words from my daughter, Lora.

My husband and I are helpers. You know the helpers - the social workers who forego larger salaries to meet neighbors' pressing needs day in and day out, the foster parents, the college kids taking sandwiches to people under the bridge, the folks who give rides to neighbors who haven't showered in some days, the folks who care for kids so DFACS [D.H.R.] doesn't have to get involved, the folks who help friends who've been evicted move on short notice, the folks who sit and chat a while with panhandlers downtown, the organizers who spur the community to action when oppressive laws are hurting

the most vulnerable. Like the other helpers, we've found that our life and our faith make more sense when we are in the service of people on the margins.

We've spent the last decade of our lives helping our neighbors in need. And guess what... our neighbors are still in need. They still get evicted. DFACS still gets involved, and some laws are still oppressive. *People are hurting.*

Being a helper means being near the hurting all the time. I will never forget sitting in a sparse, dank apartment room in west Athens with a weeping, struggling single mother who said, "I'm just so tired." Though she showed a brave face most of the time, the hurt was always there.

There seem to be two

approaches to constantly encountering this hurt. The first way is to essentially ignore it. The second way is to hurt with. Ignoring poor folks' hurt may sound villainous, but let me explain. I think some people enter a life of helping because they are looking for adventure. For a kid like me, who grew up in a loving family with a cushy lifestyle, it was kind of a thrill to meet folks living under a bridge for the first time. I felt nervous and challenged and unsure of what to expect.

There is something sexy and cool about being a helper in this generation. But there's also something sick about being a helper just because it makes you feel edgy and seems impressive.

How often do we help others just so we can say we did or so we can post on social media? How often do we help just so we can feel dangerous or feel alive or feel useful? Am I preaching to anybody?? Or is it just me?

This is the definition of poverty voyeurism. And after living this way for some time, I finally came to the following conclusion: **poverty is not cute.** It's not "cool". It's not trendy. It is

PAINFUL. It is death by a thousand disappointments. It is hunger pangs. It is desperation. It is exhaustion. It is fear. It is *children*. Children in cold rooms with hard floors. Children in cars. And mothers with hidden tears. It is assault. And even worse, invisibility. It is daughters and friends and veterans and grandmothers. It is relentless uncertainty.

If you want to be a helper, get ready to hurt. Get ready to pray instead of post to


facebook. Get ready to be dirty. To cry. To have to leave your sweet family moment unexpectedly sometimes. Get ready to have people in your home. Or to sell your home and live more simply. Get ready to be lied to, to be stolen from, and to love anyway. Get ready to feel hopeless and to keep going anyway.

Get ready to hurt. That's the definition of compassion: to hurt with.

Why would anyone live

this way? Well, I'll speak for myself. I do it because Jesus left heaven just to come and hurt a while with us. He befriended the most destitute. And he said things like "love one another as I have loved you". And then he died so that we humans would only have to hurt for a brief time here on earth but then experience wholeness with Him forever.

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K-D Center Endowments

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Photographs and art from all the projects will be displayed at Kennedy-Douglass Center for the Arts during Arts Alive, May 16 - 17.

NW Part of 2020 Census

MONTGOMERY—Northwest-Shoals Community College representatives joined representatives from Alabama's other 23 community colleges, state officials, and U.S. Census Bureau staff recently in Montgomery to launch the community college's Alabama Counts effort. The objective was to coordinate ideas and get students, faculty, staff and community members involved with the 2020 Census. The ACCS was awarded an \$80,000 grant last month from the Alabama



From left: NW-SCC President, **Dr. Glenda Colagross**, Assistant Dean, **Crystal Reed**, and Coordinator of Career Services, **Amanda Peters**, join with state officials to kick-off the system's 2020 census efforts in Montgomery. *NWSCC*

Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA) to establish help centers on ACCS colleges' campuses and Adult Education sites where community members can come to fill out the census. In addition, Alabama's community colleges will conduct awareness events across the state.

With more than 130 locations across the state, Alabama's two-year colleges are well-positioned to assist the state with their efforts to obtain a full and accurate count in the 2020 census. Additionally, community colleges rely on federal funding to help support many of their student and community programs

which are impacted by the census count.

For the first time individuals will be able to respond online, by phone, or by mail. Letters encouraging residents to complete the census should be mailed between March 12 and 20. The official census opens for completion April 1, Alabama Census Day. For more information, visit www.census.alabama.gov.

If you have any questions about the Alabama 2020 Census or would like more information, contact **Amanda Peters** in the NW-SCC Career Center at 256-331-8121 or email amanda.terry@nwscc.edu.

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Commentary

A Rush to Misery for the Democrats

Just when we thought that political polarization in the United States had reached its nadir, the 24-hours between February 4-5 reminded us how wrong we were.

We were not a full day into Iowa's Caucus chaos when President Donald Trump publicly recognized (gasp) Rush Limbaugh in the gallery of the House chamber during his State of the Union speech. Then, he asked the First Lady to place the Presidential Medal of Freedom around Limbaugh's neck in front of an international television audience. It continued the next day with the US Senate's acquittal of the impeachment charges leveled by the House against Trump weeks earlier.

Limbaugh was emotionally overcome by the gravity of the surprise at the SOTU instead of a ceremony taking place weeks later as previously planned. Limbaugh was speechless for one of the few times in his life. When he stood to accept he was in tears, as were millions watching, and many legislators watching from the floor.

Notwithstanding, Limbaugh's recent diagnosis of advanced lung cancer didn't temper the onslaught of venomous

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In A Few Words



TOM MAGAZZU
Editor

Courier Journal

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February 12, 2020

THIS WEEK

Happening THIS WEEK

Build - Remodel

Mardi Gras Theme Adds Zest to Home Show

SHEFFIELD—There will be a Mardi Gras theme surrounding the 20th Annual Shoals Home Builders Association Home Show at the Clarion Hotel and Conference Center on Hatch Blvd. in Sheffield this weekend.

The free red beans and rice from 306 BBQ and the numerous giveaways will add some zest to the SHBA Home Show this year. This show isn't just for builders and remodelers. The latest in home decor, art displays, samples from new restaurants, cookware, local goods and so much more is expected to be included.

In addition, local builders, contractors, Realtors and design teams will be there to assist and discuss your specific building, renovation or remodeling needs. The SHBA Home Show is the place to start. Saturday, February 15 from 9am-5pm and Sunday, February 16 from 12:30-5pm. Admission is free.

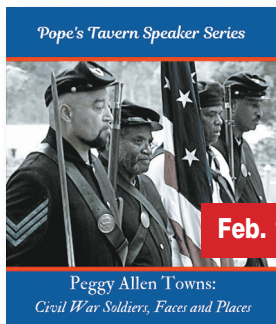
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will be setting up tables on 3 different Saturdays in February (Spay/Neuter month) to let people sign up for a discounted spay/neuter procedure, provide their proof of eligibility, and make the small copay. The remaining dates are: Pet Depot in Florence on February 15, and Pet Depot in Muscle Shoals on February 22. The first 10 people who come in each Saturday will be able to get one animal fixed for \$10 and that includes the rabies vaccination. Those with multiple animals or those who come in after the first 10 of the day will get the offer for only a \$25 copay, and that also includes rabies vaccine. This is a great deal because these needed procedures often cost over \$100 elsewhere. NASANA helped 423 animals get fixed in 2019. For more information, check the NASANA Facebook page.

Pope's Tavern Series Welcomes Towns



FLORENCE—The Pope's Tavern Speaker Series features presentations about Florence's early history, from settlement through the Civil War. This is the third of ten in the first series of presentations taking place at Pope's Tavern spanning December - June.

Peggy Allen Towns will deliver her presentation, "Civil War: Soldiers, Faces and Places" on February 16 at 2pm. Towns is the author of *Duty Driven: The Plight of North Alabama's African Americans During the Civil War* and much of the talk will focus on her research of African American soldiers from North Alabama during the Civil War. Pope's Tavern is located at 203 Hermitage Drive in Florence. The series is free. Call 256-760-6439 for more information.

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Editor:

The Shoals Writers Guild invites others who are passionate about writing to join us. We are a group of people who wish to be life-long learners and seek to be inspired by other writers who can provide guidance about the publishing business.

The Guild meets at 10am the third Saturday of each month in the Florence Lauderdale Public Library downstairs conference room.

The yearly membership fee is \$25. However, for the month of February we are offering a reduced rate of \$20 to new or returning inactive members.

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Writers and anyone interested in offering editing or reading services is cordially invited to attend our meeting on February 15. Come at 10am for refreshments and conversation followed by presentations from two local authors, Will Drake at 10:15 and Danny Creasy at 11.

Please consider this opportunity to motivate, educate, and inspire your fellow writers in the niche forum offered by the Shoals Writers Guild.

For more information, contact us at shoalswritersguild@gmail.com.

Joy Willow Florence
Shoals Writers Guild

Couldn't Be More True

Dear Editor:

I whole-heartedly agree with D. Williams on the subject that Killen is not growing (*Wake Up Mom & Pop! January 22*). If people would take a minute and speak up, we would see there are many more feeling the same as we do!

There must be some reason that our old mom & pop's don't want Killen to grow. Seems like when we do luck up and get a new business, it's not too long before they close or move on! It really would be nice for at least a Taco Bell, Jack's, Burger King, or any other food service to be here in our

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The benefits of renewable energy can provide significant economic opportunity...



Medicare Minute

"Medicare Part A Part 1"

On a Medicare card Part A will have the word "Hospital" beside it. Because of that Medicare Part A is most commonly known as the inpatient or hospitalization part of Medicare. This means when a Medicare beneficiary is admitted into the hospital most of the services that are received are filed under Medicare Part A. This sounds simple but sometimes it's not.

Medicare Part A has a deductible of \$1,408 per benefit period. Notice two things here. First is the deductible of \$1,408. If you are admitted into the hospital and had Original Medicare only, you would owe the first \$1,408 of your stay. This deductible covers hospital services, including semi-private rooms, meals, general nursing, drugs as part of your inpatient treatment, and other hospital services and supplies.

The second thing to notice is the term "benefit period". This tells you the deductible is not an annual deductible but could hit you more than once in a calendar year. A "benefit period" begins when you are discharged from a hospital or skilled nursing facility and ends when you haven't received any inpatient care for 60 consecutive days. If you are admitted as an inpatient after the 60 days of no inpatient care a new benefit period begins, meaning another \$1,408 deductible. Also if you are confined to the hospital for 60 consecutive days your deductible will cover you but on the 61st day you will begin paying a coinsurance.

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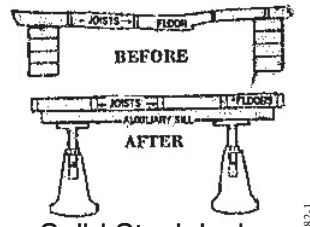
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ON YOUR DEBT



What Happens to Unlisted Debt in an Alabama Chapter 7 Case?

B. Grant McNutt
 Managing Attorney

It is very important to make sure that the schedules of debts and creditor matrix you file in an Alabama bankruptcy case are complete and accurate. Your bankruptcy petition and schedules are submitted under oath. Thus, it is a crime to knowingly or intentionally make misrepresentations. Aside from the risk of criminal penalties associated with willful misrepresentation of your debts, incomplete or inaccurate information can lead to delay or even dismissal of your bankruptcy case. Unlisted debt, with this in mind, can be quite problematic.

Often, people facing significant financial difficulties are overwhelmed by calls, bills, and collection letters. Creditors and debt collectors may seem harsh and constant. Yet, some agencies may go quiet for a while, and debts are often transferred from one collection agency or debt buyer to another. Given a sometimes-chaotic situation with the fact that more than 9000 consumer bankruptcy cases are filed in Alabama each year, it is not surprising that occasionally a debt is accidentally left out, or a debtor provides outdated information about the owner of the debt.

Is an Unlisted Debt Discharged in Chapter 7?

The primary purpose in filing a Chapter 7 Bankruptcy case is to receive a discharge of unsecured debt. While a debt that was not listed in the bankruptcy filing may still be deemed discharged in a Chapter 7 case, that is not always the case. The best way to ensure that you receive full value from your bankruptcy case is to take great care to provide complete and accurate information.

The reason for the omission is a key factor in determining whether or not an unlisted debt is discharged. While a debt that was left off of the bankruptcy paperwork as the result of an honest mistake may be discharged, bankruptcy courts tend not to reward omissions they believe to have been intentional misrepresentations.

Assuming that the debt was omitted through a good faith error, the most significant factor in determining whether or not the debt will be discharged is whether there are non-exempt assets in the bankruptcy case. While most Chapter 7 bankruptcy cases are "no asset" cases, meaning that there are no assets available to be liquidated for the benefit of creditors, a small percentage of Chapter 7 bankruptcy cases do involve non-exempt assets that the bankruptcy trustee can sell in order to make a partial payment to creditors.

A creditor whose debt was not listed in a no asset bankruptcy case typically suffers no ill effects from the lack of notice. Since there were no assets to distribute to creditors, the creditor would have received nothing in the bankruptcy case even if it had been listed. Therefore, lack of being properly noticed of the bankruptcy didn't cost the creditor anything. However, in a case where there are assets to be distributed,

an unlisted creditor misses its chance to file a proof of claim and receive its prorated share of any available assets. Thus, a creditor who is not listed in a case with non-exempt assets available for distribution will typically not be subject to the Chapter 7 discharge.

Amending Your Chapter 7 Bankruptcy Case

Sometimes, a bankruptcy petitioner will realize after the initial documents are filed that he or she has left out a debt. In some cases, the debtor simply remembers a debt that he or she did not list. In other cases, the bankruptcy petitioner is reminded of the debt because collection calls or notices that continue after the automatic stay is entered and other creditors and collectors have largely dropped away. Since the unlisted creditor did not receive notice of the bankruptcy filing, he or she also did not receive notice of the automatic stay. Therefore, that creditor would have no reason to stop collection activity.

When you remember or are reminded of the debt while the Chapter 7 case is in progress, your bankruptcy attorney will be able to amend your documents to include the omitted creditor or creditors. There may be a small fee associated with this amendment.

In short, forgetting to list an unsecured creditor in a no asset Chapter 7 bankruptcy case need not necessarily present a serious problem. However, you should make every effort to provide complete and accurate information to the bankruptcy court in your initial filing. This will help protect you against claims of fraud or abuse. Also, it will help avoid delays. Further, it will preserve the benefit of your discharge if your case involves non-exempt assets. If you discover that you have forgotten to list a debt or provided outdated information, advise your bankruptcy attorney of the discrepancy as soon as possible. You should make every effort to provide detailed, accurate information to have the best chance of receiving full benefit of a successful bankruptcy discharge.

If you don't realize that a debt has been omitted until after you receive your bankruptcy discharge, contact your bankruptcy attorney right away. Based on the specifics of your case and the debt in question, your lawyer will be able to tell you whether you may be liable for the unlisted debt, and what steps you should take.

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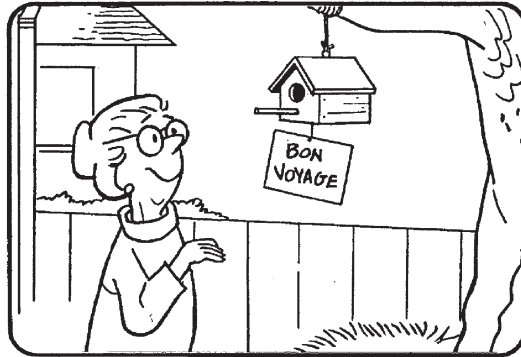
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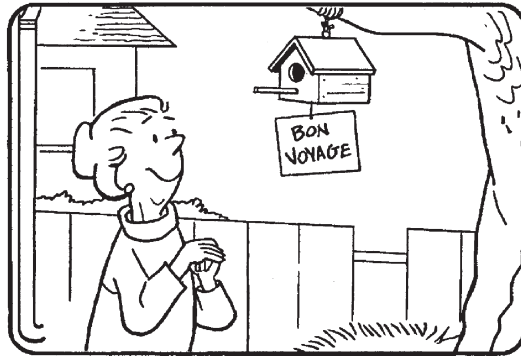
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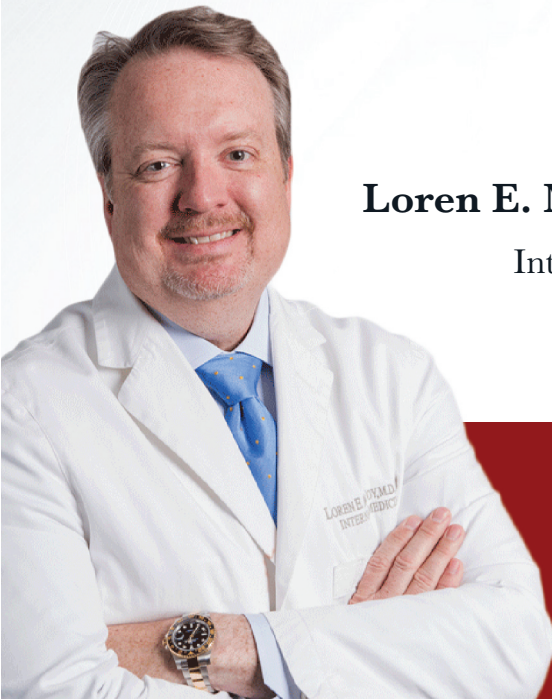


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Soap Opera Preview

THE BOLD AND THE BEAUTIFUL Katia continued to share Sally's confidential medical diagnosis. Carter offered Zoe a special gift. Vinny called out Thomas for how his plan was affecting Douglas. Katie made Wyatt promise to keep Sally's secret to himself. Brooke found Thomas' birthday party for Zoe very suspicious. Ridge made it clear to Brooke exactly what was keeping them apart. Vinny pleaded with Thomas not to make the same mistake twice. Flo welcomed Shauna back to her apartment. Wyatt reached out to Sally. Brooke encouraged Liam to make things right with Hope. Zoe tried to connect with Douglas. *Wait to See: Thomas makes the ultimate sacrifice.*

DAYS OF OUR LIVES Marlena made a sacrifice to save John's life. Stefano and Chad came to blows. Ben and Clyde's prison escape went awry. Chad and Abigail got locked inside Gina's lair. "Steve" sought help from Kayla. Jennifer

finally remembered it was Hope who pushed her off the balcony. Kayla smuggled "Steve" out of the hospital. Sarah and Eric received news about the bone marrow search for Mickey. Kristen kept a secret from Brady, even as they grew closer. Ciara hid Ben at the DiMera gatehouse. Shawn confronted Princess Gina and tried to get through to his mother. "Steve" continued to deceive Kayla. *Wait to See: Gabi and Eli's wedding begins.*

GENERAL HOSPITAL Valentin ran into Lulu. Carly and Bobbie made solid plans. Chase followed up on a police report filed by a waitress at Kelly's. Lucas struggled with flashbacks. Molly vocalized her opinions. Brad thanked Willow. Sonny delivered a stern warning. Nelle made a discreet exit. Curtis confronted Jordan. Mac and Taggart got caught up on each other's lives. Trina received a visit from a family member. Jason offered his opinion. Jordan came in contact with an old enemy. Curtis was put on notice. Sonny tried to make sense of a situation. Carly struggled to figure out what was best for the baby. *Wait to See: Chase becomes the bearer of bad news.*

THE YOUNG AND THE RESTLESS Kyle admitted that he never got Summer out of his system and that he couldn't be the husband that Lola deserved. Jack was shocked when he found out that Billy tried to kill Adam.

Mariah and Rey made Sharon laugh as she settled in for her first chemotherapy treatment. Adam told Chelsea that he needed to go to Las Vegas to settle unfinished business and that he would fill her in when the time was right. Chelsea decided to trust him. Kevin finally admitted he secretly asked the nurse about the

gender of his and Chloe's baby. Nate tested Billy for a concussion and said that he had an addiction to adrenaline, but Billy laughed at the diagnosis. *Wait to See: "Y&R" airs a special episode to honor Eric Braeden's (Victor) 40th anniversary.*

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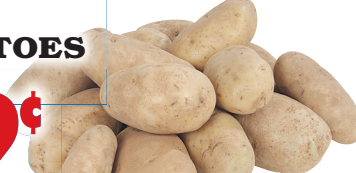
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Commentary

Misery...

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incredulity from the left. Social media posts, talk show minions, editorials and blogs into the tens of millions mocked him this past week. One, penned by a typical and perpetually miserable hack referred to Limbaugh as a "leading enemy of racial and social harmony, of humanitarianism, and of peace."

Pure BS. It's the opinion of someone who can't slow his own political hate wagon enough to appreciate trailblazing brilliance, ingenuity, and light-hearted sarcasm.

It's another of the millions parroting similar opinions, because few ever take the time to listen personally. Those who do cannot see a master matching the absurd with even more absurdity because they don't see the absurdity of their own perspective.

I'm not sure that a racist would ask a black man to officiate at his marriage. (Clarence Thomas in 1994). Someone who is racist wouldn't be close with some of the nation's most

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Limbaugh worked in Kansas City and Sacramento before moving to WABC in New York. He went national in 1988. His outspoken opinions touched a political nerve

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Radio Hall of Fame in 1993. He was just getting started.

Limbaugh's on-air musical parodies and spoofs are stuff of legend. Oh sure, he is called racist, sexist, and homophobic. It goes with the territory. Few point out that no group of liberals is off-limits - male-female, black-brown-white, gay-straight, American-Asian-European, etc. Absurdity manifests itself in all areas, not just with white, straight males. Some of the better musical parodies I recall included, *In a Yugo* (a dig at small car safety issues), *Try to Remember* (Hillary Clinton), *Barack, the Magic Negro* (a portrayal of Al Sharpton's jealousy), *The Candy Man* (Obama), *The Philanderer* (Ted Kennedy), *Banking Queen* (Barney Frank), *Ball of Fire* (Al Gore) *The Justice Brothers* (Sharpton/Jackson).

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is common, referencing his 2003 admission to his prescription medication addiction after unsuccessful spinal surgery.

He takes the digs in stride, knowing he is striking a chord, making people think, and knowing he is usually right in his assessment. Limbaugh reads extensively, is a great listener, and takes none of his blessings for granted. He pokes fun at himself and coined terms and phrases that still drive his enemies crazy. That humor includes the decades-old declaration on his show that he has "half his brain tied behind his back just to make it fair."

Limbaugh is a genuine human being with faults like the rest of us, except the rest of us aren't willing to be frank with listeners on 600 radio stations nationally about failed marriages, prescription addictions, sudden loss of hearing, weight issues, and now his stage 4 cancer diagnosis.

Limbaugh knows that democrats of old are becoming rare, replaced by a much more extreme, intolerant, unappreciative, socialistic - near Stalinist - group. Much of it stems from an elitist segment of society, often a wine, cheese, and croissant crowd that is rarely happy and always looks for conflict. They can publicly lament the plight of others, but they do very little to help lift others unless there is something in it for them. Yet, Limbaugh looks for opportunities to help.

A classic example was in July of 2019 when Nike pulled its Betsy Ross flag shoes because one of their spokespeople, Colin Kaepernick, was offended by the first American flag. Limbaugh decided to push back by offering a commemorative Stand Up for Betsy Ross T-shirt during his show. All proceeds went to the Tunnels for Towers Foundation, a nonprofit that provides for the families of 9/11 victims, first responders to 9/11, and families of the US military in general. Limbaugh's listeners purchased over 350,000 of the \$27 shirts in the first three weeks of the promotion. He pocketed nothing. The NET for the charity was over \$3 million and counting as July was rolling into August. It was ALL generated through his show and his website at RushLimbaugh.com,

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because as is usual with any avenue in which Limbaugh may shine, there is no media coverage.

Limbaugh began an annual event on his radio show in 1991, the Leukemia & Lymphoma Cure-A-Thon. One day a year his show is dedicated exclusively to that cause.

He seeds the pot every year with a six-figure contribution. In 2016 for example, Limbaugh pledged \$400,000. The total raised that day was over \$3.3 million. Since '91 he and his radio audience have collectively raised well over \$50 million dollars for LLS, helping provide much-needed research and support for individuals and families affected by blood cancer diseases.

What can all his critics show for their contributions to society?

Insulting to Parks' Memory?

Last week's most distressing element for liberals may have been that a racist, sexist, homophobic could receive the Presidential Medal of Freedom. After all, that's the same honor as their beloved Rosa Parks. And Limbaugh is *certainly* not her equal.

Limbaugh's 30 years of trailblazing is much more substantive than Ms. Parks' 30 minutes of visible defiance and her nondescript NAACP involvement. While thousands of others did the hard work, sacrificing, and suffering, somehow Parks' name landed in democrat immortality when it was the democrats who were trying to keep her and other blacks down in the 50's and 60's.

On the other hand, 100 year-old Charles McGee, a legendary aviator and one of the last surviving Tuskegee Airmen from World War II, who was honored last week during the State of the Union speech. He was seated beside the Limbaughs. McGee did far more to earn that Presidential Medal than Parks.

McGee flew 409 combat missions in his three wars spanning 1944-1968. McGee's decorations include the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star, the Air Medal, and the Presidential Unit Citation. McGee was officially promoted to brigadier general by Trump on Tuesday prior to the SOTU address.

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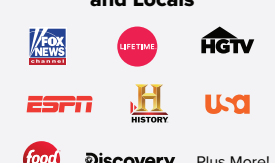
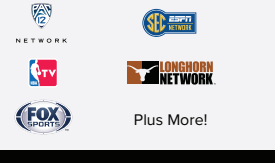
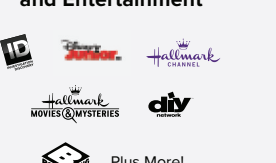


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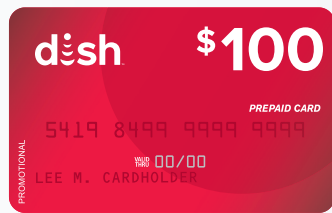
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outshines a hostile bus ride AND a few decades in the broadcast booth. Limbaugh would be the first to agree.

That said, neither McGee nor Parks has single-handedly changed a thought process or culture the way Limbaugh has. Once again, as Limbaugh often notes, for liberals, it is often symbolism over substance.

Despite all his wealth and fame, Limbaugh has never taken himself too seriously. He has not become haughty or condescending. Limbaugh is still everyday middle America. He reassures others that it's okay to relish freedom, to work hard, and achieve goals in life. He is an encourager who stays upbeat, loves his country and the people who make the wheels of freedom and independence turn. Limbaugh reminds us that there is not a finite pool of money in this country. Hard work and dedication creates more of it and there is no guilt associated with success as long as we help bring others forwards on the way. Limbaugh was still reassuring when he shared the ominous medical diagnosis with his listening audience. He let them know it would be okay, that God was in control, that he would be thinking of his audience when he couldn't be on air during treatments, and that he would do his best to make the broadcast convenient and normal for them when he was able to be on.

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community. Some have said it's the sewage problem, but I'm sure there is a way to solve this if they really wanted to! I know the issue is not about finding land because there are several good places that are available and wanting to sell!

Maybe another reason is that McDonalds is paying off "mom & pop" and keeping down their competition!

Carolyn Miller Killen

Renewable Grid Impacts Rural Areas

Editor:

The last decade has seen a drastic shift in the way the U.S. generates electricity.

We have shifted from relying primarily on fossil fuel burning power plants to a clean energy industry that supplies renewable, low-cost electricity to consumers. A combination of demand from customers and diminishing technology costs have helped wind and solar projects sprout up across the country. With them has come a range of economic benefits.

Renewable energy systems have created new jobs and career fields,

especially in rural areas that tend to host projects. Utility-scale systems also offer land lease payments to landowners, providing a new source of income for families dealing with volatile agricultural markets. Many communities in the Midwest and Great Plains also have seen an increase

in tax revenue, especially from wind generation.

This expansion has been tied to available electric transmission capacity to carry power to the homes and businesses of consumers. However, the grid was designed when centralized, fossil fuel

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Grid Impacts Rural Areas

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burning power plants were the primary source of generation. As we have shifted to renewable energy spread out across a wide geographic area, the transmission system has required careful planning and upgrades.

We know the expansion of the clean energy economy must coincide with an expansion of the electric transmission system. By building out our electric grid, we can ensure there is capacity to allow consumers to access reliable clean energy.

The benefits of renewable energy can provide significant economic opportunity for rural America with the infrastructure in place to support development.

Lu Nelsen
Policy Associate-Center for Rural Affairs
Lyons, NE

Romney Can Be Voted Out

Editor:

It was obvious that Mitt Romney voted for impeachment witnesses against Pres. Trump and later voted to convict simply because he does not like Trump, not because there was wrongdoing.

Hopefully, Romney will be voted out of office because prejudice, hate,

and revenge have no place in his elected position.

Paul Sabatino
Florence

A Risky Move for UNA

Editor:

The *TimesDaily* reported January 31 that the Atlantic Sun Conference (ASUN) is considering a proposed expansion that would place University of North Alabama in a new conference for 2023. The

form of a proposal lets us know the ASUN is serious with their plans. Right now the ASUN is a non-football conference.

Currently, the ASUN includes four members that play football with other conference affiliations. UNA and Kennesaw State play football in the Big South Conference. Liberty plays as Independent in the Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS) and Stetson plays in the Pioneer League, which is a non-scholarship league.

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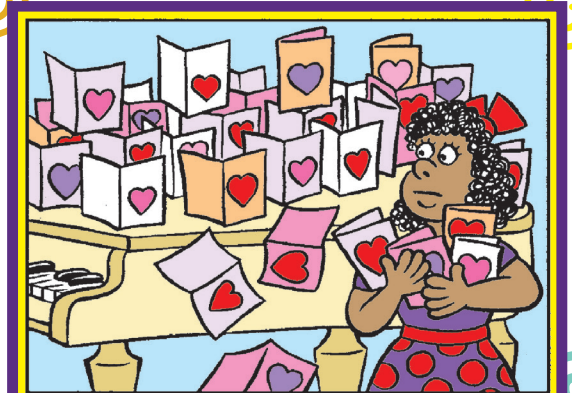
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HIDDEN in the diagram at left are 13 words associated with Valentine's Day. They can be found by reading up or down, side to side or diagonally. Letters can be used more than once. Listed below are the 13 words you're looking for:

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A	R	T	E	D	E	R	S
D	E	A	E	V	A	W	M
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H	F	A	R	O	S	E	S
Z	R	C	U	P	I	D	F

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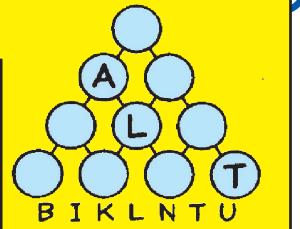
THIS popular young lady is running out of room to display her valentines. We counted at least 25. How many can you find?

- Arrows
- Candy
- Cards
- Cupid
- February
- Flowers
- Heart

- Holiday
- Love
- Poems
- Red
- Roses
- Sweets

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Then there's family stuff. Maybe it's getting the kids to and from school, soccer practice or dance. Cleaning the house, laundry, what are we doing for dinner? There's always something to do and time to spend in this category, right?

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A Risky Move for UNA

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The ASUN would become the Coastal Collegiate Sports Association (CCSA) under the proposal. Currently, the CCSA offers the following sports - Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving and Women's Beach Volleyball. Additionally, UNA and Kennesaw State would become members of a new eight-member United Athletic Conference (UAC). UNA and KS will play all sports within the UAC. Previously, UNA played football in BSC and all other sports were played in ASUN. Not counting Stetson, it appears that Liberty will be only football school in the CCSA. Is UNA keeping the Big South informed?

The UAC will provide for seven conference game each year beginning in 2023. Completing the schedule, adding a minimum of three more games, will be similar to membership in the BSC. This would not be true for other sports such as basketball. The ASUN will add Bellarmine as a tenth member for 2020.

Therefore, UNA will play a total of 18 conference basketball games each season prior to 2023 season. As a member of the UAC, UNA would play a total of 14 conference basketball games. This could make basketball scheduling more difficult. ASUN Commissioner Gumhart stated, "CCSA and the UAC would be kind of sister conferences and help each other schedule and sponsor." The Commissioner also stated

CCSA membership could reach 12 teams. However, the basketball games played with members of the CCSA would be non-conference games and not have the interest of a conference game! Please note that Mr. Gumhart is also President of the CCSA!

To ask UNA to join a new conference for all sports after only four years in the ASUN is a proposal UNA must reject. If changes made for 2023, UNA needs to request membership in CCSA for all sports except football and to have football membership in the UAL or BSC. Personally, I don't like the name change!

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looking at ways to increase your income and selling stuff you don't need to build an emergency fund. You two have been smarter than some, but you're really going to have to buckle down and rearrange your priorities to make this happen!

—Dave

CASH OUT MY ROTH IRA?

Dear Dave, I have around \$15,000 in a Roth IRA. I just recently started studying your advice, and I was wondering if it would be a good idea to cash it out and put the money toward debt.

Sarah

Dear Sarah, I teach people to stop investing temporarily while they attack their debt. So, I wouldn't add anything to it at this point, but the worst thing you could do is cash it out. If you do, taxes and penalties will steal a huge chunk of that cash. The only time I take money out of a retirement account to pay off debt is to avoid bankruptcy or foreclosure.

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Dear Dave, I'm beginning to think we got in over our heads with our house. My wife and I make about \$125,000 a year combined, but we've never been able to put anything aside for an emergency fund. Our mortgage payment is 35 percent of our take home pay each month. We have two young children, so we eat out a lot, but we have no debt other than our house. Do you think we should refinance our home?

Jeff

Dear Jeff, You two are making good money, and you're debt-free except for your home. You can't tighten up your budget enough to save up an emergency fund? Stay out of restaurants, dude! There's no law stating you have to eat out a lot just because there are kids in the house. I mean, you've

got no emergency fund. That's a pretty basic thing.

You guys need to get on a written, detailed plan, and start hitting your goals. I'm talking about a strict, monthly budget. Now, I'll admit your mortgage payment isn't exactly what I would've signed you up for. Your house payments, or rent, should be no more than 25 percent of your monthly take home pay. But your house payment isn't what's holding you two back. What's holding you two back is the fact that you haven't been willing to tighten up the finances in other areas of your life to offset biting off more than you could chew in terms of a home.

No, I wouldn't refinance. You're fairly close where the mortgage payments are concerned, so I think you can make it through this by

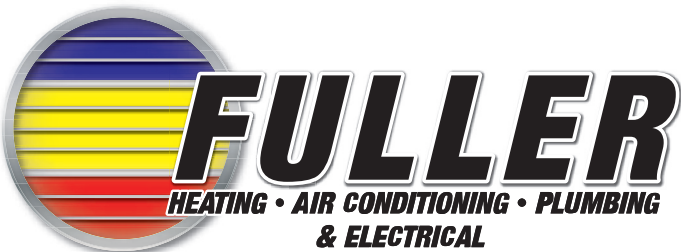
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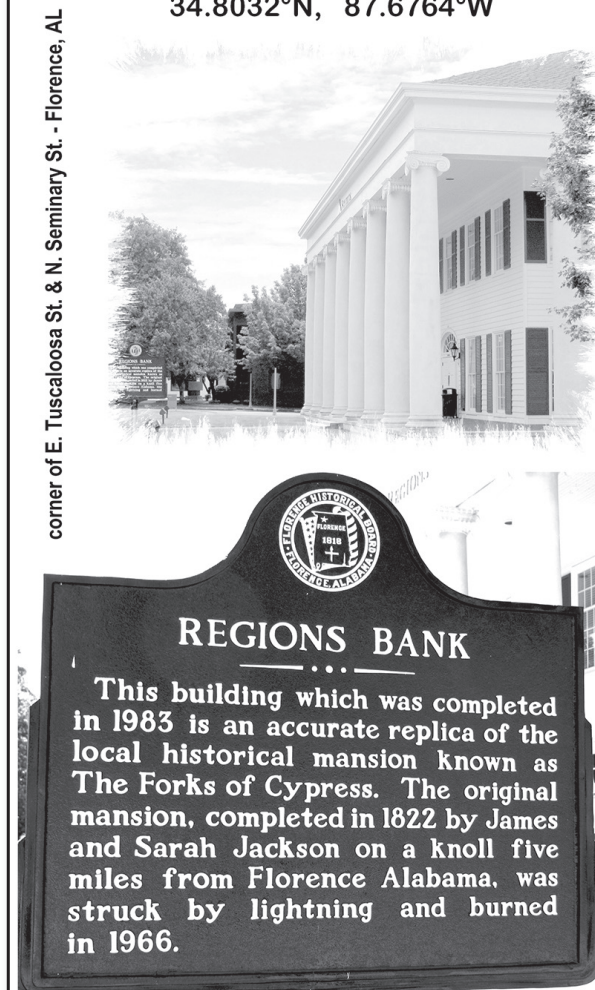
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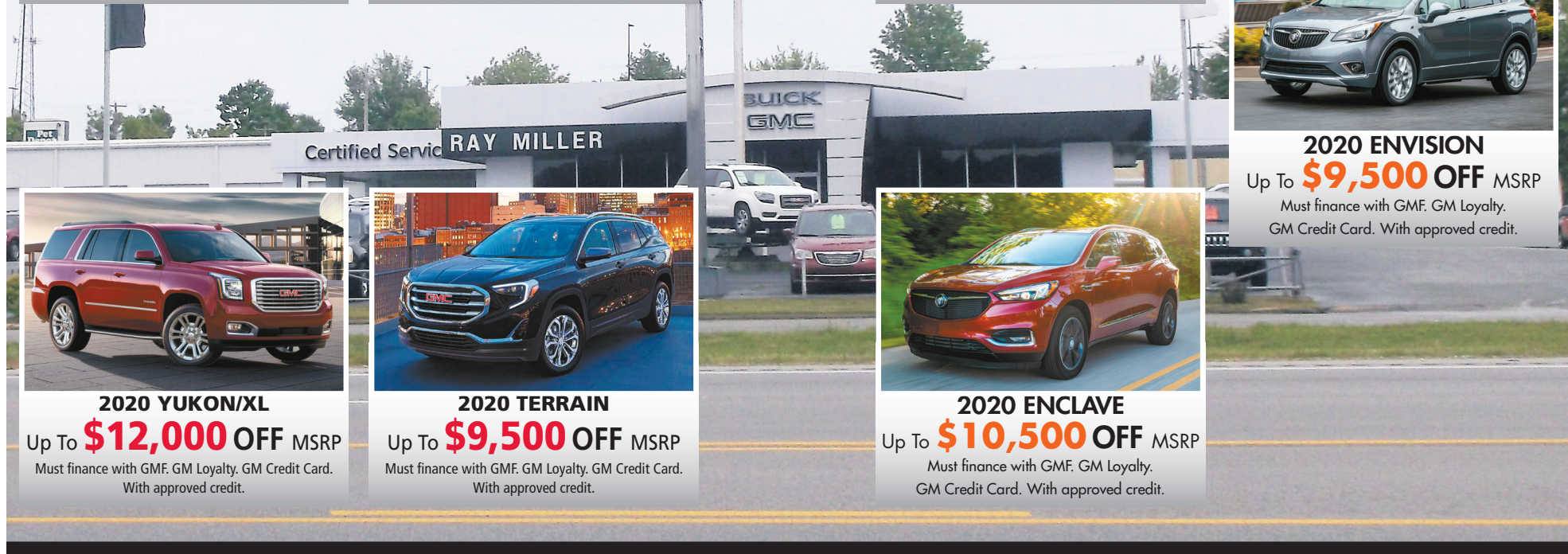
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