

**Help Center:  
More Hours**

FLORENCE— The Help Center Food Pantry in Florence is expanding its hours to include one Saturday per month in order to serve those who are unable to come during the week.

Beginning February 22, the Food Pantry will be open from 8:30-11am only on the fourth Saturday of each month. This is for qualifying low-income families in need of food, and who are unable to visit during the regular weekday hours of 8:30am-noon Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.

What to bring: Photo ID, proof of current address (mail, driver's license, etc.), Social Security numbers and birthdates of all household members.

The Help Center is located at 621 S. Court St, Florence, and the corner of Veterans and Court.

Volunteers are also needed on weekdays and Saturday hours. Please show up at 8am for a summary.

For more information, please call 256-766-7663 or visit [www.FlorenceHelpCenter.com](http://www.FlorenceHelpCenter.com). The mailing address for donations is P.O. Box 1713, Florence, AL 35631.

**Prepare with  
Tax-Holiday**

SHOALS – From Friday-Sunday, February 23-25, Alabama will observe the state's 9th Annual Severe Weather Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday. The Alabama Retail Association encourages

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**At right: Alabama Attorney General, Steve Marshall, L, talks with Florence Police Chief, Ron Tyler, and Florence Fire Chief, Jeff Perkins, during the Alabama Safe Schools presentation at Forest Hills Elementary.**

*Courtesy Matt McKean/Times Daily*

**Safe School Award**

FLORENCE—Attorney General Steve Marshall today presented Forest Hills Elementary School in Florence with the Alabama Safe Schools Initiative Attorney General's 2019 Safe School Award for State Board of Education District 7. The school is a second-time recipient, having been honored previously with this award for 2016.

Schools were selected as winners of the Attorney General's 2019 Safe

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**Forest Hills Named Again**



**Clockwise from top left: Freda Coleman-Reed, Jackie Winston, Nancy Isom (honoree), Arnedea Heath, and Alma Bompreszi.**

*Courtesy photo*

Memories, Stories, and Thanks for

**Community Service**

by Nancy Gonce  
for the Courier Journal

Late last month I was invited to a very special gathering of the original board members, early staff, and volunteers at Safeplace, Inc. to honor 35 years of service by Nancy Isom. Several dozen of her former co-workers, volunteers, and friends listened as I, then first chair of the board which

founded Safeplace, gave brief accounts of the struggles and eventual success in establishing a safe place for victims of domestic violence in our community. Joining me were several of the original board including Judson Emens, Judge Debrah Bell Paseur, Betty McCutchen, and Elizabeth Hawk. The remarkable Jean

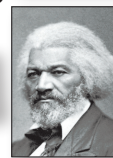
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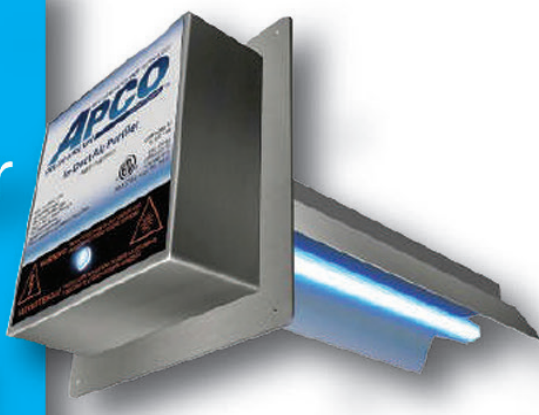
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## Shorts...

### Prepare with Tax-Holiday

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Alabamians to restock emergency supplies in homes, workplaces and vehicles during this three-day tax holiday. Certain emergency preparedness items will be exempt from the state's 4-percent state sales tax, and in some cities and counties, local taxes are waived on those items as well. The tax holiday means shoppers can save as much as 10 percent on these items in some areas of the state.

From 12:01am Friday - midnight Sunday the tax-exempt items include the following priced at \$60 or less:

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- Two-way radios
- Manual can openers
- Tarps and plastic sheeting
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- Fire extinguishers
- Tie-down kits, bungee cords or rope

Other tax-free items include: Coolers, ice packs, plywood, window film, and smoke/ fire/ carbon monoxide detectors. Portable generators and power cords costing \$1,000 or less are also tax free. For a full list of tax-free items, go to the severe weather preparedness

sales tax holiday page at [alabamaretail.org](http://alabamaretail.org).

Alabama is one of three states with a severe weather preparedness sales tax holiday in 2020. The other states with similar holidays are Texas and Virginia.

### Merrill Named RSSC Chair

MONTGOMERY - At this year's annual National Association of Secretaries of State (NASS) Winter Conference, Alabama Secretary of State John

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- Email to editor@courierjournal.net;
- Look for "Submit News" on our website at www.courierjournal.net.

- Fax to 256-760-9618;
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- Bring in person.

All properly submitted Community Notes which are dated will be posted weekly at www.courierjournal.net. Visit our website for a complete list.

**Lauderdale County Head Start/ Early Head Start is now taking applications.** High Quality Services are provided at no cost to families including all school supplies. Enrollment is offered to all children from birth to 4 years of age. Children with special needs and/or disabilities and homeless families are given priority selection. Please contact 256-566-3204 for more information.

**Come and meet Lily Seibert,** author of the children's book, "The Secret In the Jungle". She will be at the Florence Lauderdale Public Library on Tuesday, February 18 at 4pm.

**The Alabama Department of Early Childhood Education is now accepting pre-registration applications for Pre-K programs** for the 2020-2021 school year. All children who will be four years old on September 1, 2020, are eligible. However, there are limitations on the number of children that can be accepted. Pre-K provides wonderful educational and social opportunities for our children. Educational foundations can be strengthened and advanced because of Pre-K learning. Unfortunately, there are many parents of young children that are unaware of the beneficial Pre-K programs in our area. You can visit www.children.alabama.gov

**Florence Parks & Recreation Dept Registration for Youth Softball Program** - NOW through February 23 for girls ages 5-12. You can register now on our website www.FPARD.com. Registration fee is \$35 per player. For more information contact David Dolan 256-760-6628.

**Florence Parks & Recreation Dept Registration for Youth Baseball Program** - NOW through February 23 for ages 3-12. You can register now on our website www.FPARD.com. Registration fee is \$35 per player. For more information contact David Dolan 256-760-6628.

**Sheffield Head Start Program** located at 701 East 17th St., Sheffield is now taking applications for Pregnant Moms and children ages 6 weeks to 4 years for the upcoming 2020-2021 school year from 8am-2pm.

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**Florence Kiwanis Club - Meets Fridays at noon at Marriott Shoals Conference Center in Florence**  
February 21 - Firefighter of the Year recognition

February 28 - Case Reed - Director of Instruction: Federal Programs, Transportation, and School Safety will be speaking on "Poverty and Education, the Effects of Poverty on Students"

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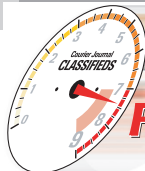


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Gay Mussleman, who wrote the original grant for \$30,000 from the Appalachian Regional Commission, died this past December. Still, her untiring efforts were acknowledged and appreciated.

Present for an informal lunch in the King Room of the Sheffield Public Library were also people who had been rescued and supported by Safeplace programs. In the late 1970s, a group from varied programs, service agencies, churches, law enforcement, mental health, judiciary, government, education and professional backgrounds met weekly. A committee studied, documented, and proposed solutions to assess needs of the community, resources and interventions. It was determined that at that time, 300 women and children were identified as needing short term housing and support service each month. The mission was to promote healthy relationships by providing education, intervention, and safe places for victims.

The formal needs assessment produced data to validate the need for shelter in 1978. The non-profit agency of Safeplace opened July 1, 1981 to provide crisis line, shelter, and support service while long-term solutions were sought. The shelter was filled to capacity the day that it opened. Arned Heath, Director, was

amazing in her efforts to provide excellent staff and volunteers for those who entered the shelter or called the crisis help line. The program had expanded to Colbert, Franklin, Lauderdale, Lawrence, Marion, and Winston Counties by 1986. The professional staff and director were under the guidance and support of a very capable and compassionate board of directors.

For the years 1981-1984, the 24-hour crisis calls increased from 376 to 2,104, shelter admissions increased from 133 people to 260, and attendance at support groups increased from 62 to 304. Prevention programs were established in schools, and the first court-ordered batterers intervention program was developed in each of the communities served.

Milestones for Safeplace, Inc. included the retirement of founding director, Arned Heath, who retired in 2006 after 26 years of service and Nancy Isom, who retired after 35 years of service at Safeplace, Inc. Attendees shared stories of the rescue and support services that had been and continue to be available to the community for the agency that by 2019 served 3,837 people during that year. All expressed gratitude for those who have been part of the past and present stories as Safeplace, Inc. moves toward four decades of community service.



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**The February Meeting of the North Alabama Civil War Round Table** will be held on Tuesday, February 18, 6pm at the Florence Lauderdale Public Library, in the upstairs Reading Room.

Our featured speaker will be Mr. Eric Toxey, a Tuscaloosa attorney and life long maritime historian, who will present "The Battle Of Hampton Roads"; Sometime known as the "Duel Of The Ironclads." Mr. Toxey will discuss this important battle in March 1862, that involved the C.S.S. Virginia (formerly the U.S.S. Merrimack) and the U.S.S. Monitor in the first battle every fought between ironclad warships.

This promises to be an outstanding meeting and is open to anyone who enjoys this pivotal time in our history.

**"Scandalous Women: The Lives and Loves of History's Most Notorious Women" by Elizabeth Kerri Mahon** will be discussed at the February 19, 10am meeting of the Readers of the Lost Ark Book Club. The club meets at Helen Keller Public Library, 511 North Main Street, Tusculmbia. For more info: nancy537481@yahoo.com.

**Monthly Covered Dish Lunch and Program** at Zip City Community Center, 10511 Hwy 17, Florence, on Thursday, February 20 at 11:30am. Please bring a covered dish. Everyone is welcome.

**Get ready for planting season with Get Dirty at the Library**, the Florence-Lauderdale Public Library's gardening series. All classes are taught by Taylor Vandiver Reeder of the Alabama Cooperative Extension System.

**Get Dirty at the Library** events continue Thursdays at 11:30am:  
February 20 - Bedding Plants  
February 27 - Plant Propagation 101  
March 5 - All About Tomatoes

**Al-Anon, a worldwide organization that offers a program of recovery for the families and friends of alcoholics, will have its area convention** February 21-23 at the Clarion Inn, located at 4900 Hatch Blvd. in Sheffield. Speakers and workshops are offered. Newcomers are welcome. \$20 at the door. Contact Sharon at scivia@aol.com for more information.

**Fourth Saturday Breakfast** at Zip City Community Center, 10511 Hwy 17, Florence, on February 22 from 6:30-9am. Menu includes eggs, sausage, bacon, biscuits, gravies, grits, juice and coffee. Adults \$6, children 10 and under, \$3. Proceeds used for Center expenses. Everyone is welcome.

**Homecoming at Crossroads Church** at the corner of County Road 7 and 8 in Florence on February 23 at 6pm with Brother Sammy Hughes and sister Angela singing.

**LifeSouth Blood Drives for January** The Shoals Center, 307 Veterans Drive, Florence, 888-795-2707. The hours are: Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 9am-5pm; Tuesday and Thursday, 9am-7pm; Saturday, 9am-3pm; Sunday, 1-5pm.

Wednesday, February 19, 10am - 5pm, Terrace Manor Nursing and Rehabilitation, 390 Underwood Road, Russellville  
Thursday, February 20, 8:30am - 4pm, Wilson High School, 7601 Highway 17, Florence  
Friday, February 21, 9am - 4pm, Senators Coach, 160 Jeremy Drive, Florence  
Saturday, February 22, 11am - 6pm, Lowe's, 130 Cox Creek Parkway South, Florence  
Sunday, February 23, 10am - 4pm, First Southern Baptist Church of Muscle

Shoals, 3806 W Wilson Dam Road, Muscle Shoals

Monday, February 24, 9am - 3:30pm, Shoals Dream Center, 2950 Cloverdale Road, Florence

Tuesday February 25, 6am - 1pm, North American Lighting, 100 Counts Drive, Muscle Shoals

Wednesday, February 26, 1-7pm, North American Lighting, 100 Counts Drive, Muscle Shoals

Thursday, February 27, 10am - 4:30pm, Listerhill Credit Union, 4790 E 2nd Street, Muscle Shoals

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### Merrill Named RSSC Chair

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H. Merrill had the privilege of meeting with the Republican Secretaries of State Committee (RSSC), where he was then elected by his peers to lead the delegation as its chair.

"At our meeting in Washington, we solidified our goals for the upcoming term and identified new ways in which we can better ourselves as Secretaries of State. Our chief objective is to protect the integrity and credibility of the elections process in every state," emphasized Merrill.

In their commitment to maintaining fair and secure elections that are inclusive of all eligible citizens, the Republican Secretaries of State Committee will continue to work to modernize the systems in which Americans use each and every day, as well as cut down on all forms of voter fraud.

### Documenting Music Spaces

FLORENCE - The Muscle Shoals National Heritage Area received an Alabama State Council on the Arts grant for a photography project documenting spaces where local musicians work.

"Hidden Spaces: Muscle Shoals Music" brings University of North Alabama art and public-history students together with Florence photographer **Abraham Rowe**. The project explores the solitary creative process musicians go through before recording or performing.

"When preparing to record, songwriters, musicians, engineers and producers often work singularly in their own private spaces. Before recording, they may gather in shared locations outside of the studio to collaborate and share ideas," said **Carrie Crawford**, MSNHA director. "This process, while creatively exciting for the artists and an integral part of the final product, remains unseen and unknown to fans."

**Brian Dempsey**, UNA assistant professor of history, agreed. He and Crawford are overseeing

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**Kindergarten Registration for Leighton Elementary School** in the 20-21 school year is set for Tuesday, March 10 from 8am-2pm

This is required for every kindergarten student planning to attend in Leighton. Student must be 5 before September 2, 2020

Bring: Birth certificate, Immunization record, Social security card, a Recent Proof of Residency (utility bill, lease agreement, mortgage statement, declaration of residence), Parent identification, and Custody documentation (if applicable)

**Pesticide License Recertification Classes for Green Industry Professionals** take place Thursday, March 12 from 9am-2:30pm at Cross Point Church of Christ in Florence.

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Information about Agenda and CEUs: [fkapp@bellsouth.net](mailto:fkapp@bellsouth.net)

Attendance at both events, Thursday and Friday, March 12-13, 2020, \$75 (\$80 after March 5)

**The 24th Urban Forestry & Horticulture Conference** is Friday, March 13 from 8am-3pm at Cross Point Church of Christ, 1350 Cox Creek Parkway in Florence.

"Our World, Our Weather, Our Landscape: How weather patterns are changing our world and our landscapes" is the theme of this year's conference, sponsored by the City of Florence Mayor and City Council and the Florence Tree Commission, Beautification Board, and Urban Forestry/Horticulture Department.

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**The Florence Kiwanis Club is hosting its 69th Annual Pancake Days event** at the Florence-Lauderdale Coliseum on Friday, March 13 from 6am-7pm and Saturday, March 14 from 6am-1pm. Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world one child and one community at a time. Advance tickets can be purchased for \$8 (\$7 each for 10 or more) and \$5 for children 12 and under. They are available at First Southern Bank on Court Street in Florence, from any Florence Kiwanis Club member or by visiting the website at [www.florencekiwanis.com](http://www.florencekiwanis.com) Tickets at the door are \$9 each.

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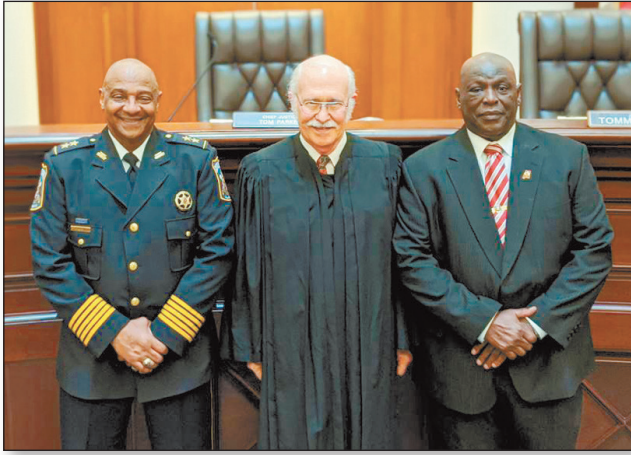
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Left-right: new Marshal of Appellate Courts of Alabama, Earl Marsh, Jr.; Chief Justice, Tom Parker; Retired Marshal, Willie L. James. Courtesy photo

## Shorts...

### Documenting Music Spaces

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the project. "Documenting these personal spaces and visually capturing the artists that use them will help music fans understanding the hidden creative process. These individual spaces serve critical functions by providing songwriters and musicians the focus they need," Dempsey said.

Rowe will photograph eight musicians and record oral history interviews. UNA students will transcribe the interviews, add content to an interactive Hidden Spaces map and help prepare an exhibit set for June at Gallery 126, with the UNA School of Arts.

### Marsh is the 13th Marshall

MONTGOMERY - In a packed courtroom at the Supreme Court of Alabama last week, a historic "passing of the

torch" ceremony took place with the swearing-in of the 13th Marshal of the Appellate Courts of Alabama, Earl Marsh, Jr. Also honored at the event was his beloved predecessor, Willie L. James, who retired January 1. James was appointed in 2001. He was the first African-American Marshal of the appellate courts. Prior to his new post, Marsh had served as Chief Deputy Marshal since 2017.

### Archery Event in February

HILLSBORO- High Tech Archery will host a tournament from 8am-5pm on Saturday, February 29 and from 8am-4pm on Sunday, March 1, on the grounds of Pond Spring - the General Joe Wheeler Home, located at 12280 AL Hwy 20 in Hillsboro.

Archers may choose to enter the Open Class, Known (for those using scopes), Hunter, Novice, Senior Open, Senior Known, Women's Open, Women's Hunter, High School, Middle School, Elementary

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**Shorts...**

**Archery Event in February**

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Admission to the grounds, parking, and self-guided tours of the Wheeler Home grounds are free to the public, and picnic tables and public restrooms are available. Visitors and participants are invited to enjoy a guided tour of the historic home for a small admission. A portion of the tournament proceeds will benefit the Friends of

the General Joe Wheeler Home Foundation, a private organization that works with the Alabama Historical Commission to help make the site a good choice for community

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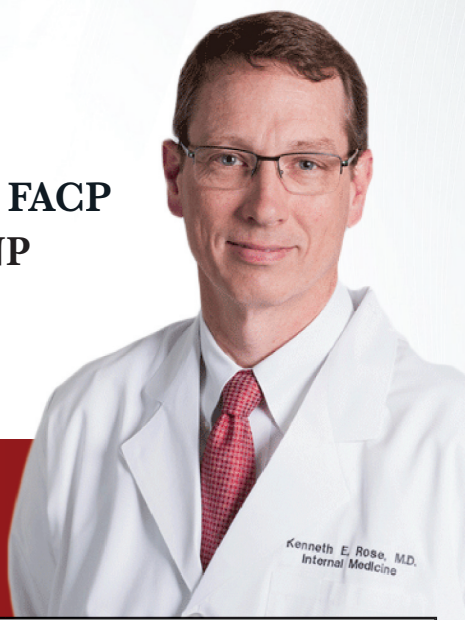
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**Commentary**

**The Unexplainable is Always Possible**

**R**eceiving an emergency text from this employee on a Sunday afternoon was not a good sign. *Call me when you can. Something has come up and I need to be off for a few days.*

According to my employee, her brother in Texas with a 12 year-old heart valve had a serious episode that ostensibly gave him a matter of hours. His blood pressure was dangerously low, he was in and out of consciousness, and because of his weak condition, surgery was not an option. Hospital staff told the family there was nothing they could do at this point.

My employee was flying out that evening hoping to get to San Antonio's Methodist Hospital by the University of Texas Medical Center before he passed away.

This was going to be especially hard for my employee because her oldest sister passed away in mid-January. She really wanted to see her brother and for him to know she was there for him.

That's when a series of occurrences took place that really defies logic. Please excuse our layman's terminology with this.

One of the cardiac specialists from the

See **POSSIBLE...** on Page 23

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**In A Few Words**



**TOM MAGAZZU**  
Editor

**Courier Journal** in the *Shoals*  
**THIS WEEK** February 19, 2020

*Happening*  
**THIS WEEK**

FLPL SERIES EXPLORES  
**A HISTORY OF Voting Rights**

FLORENCE - The Florence-Lauderdale Public Library's in-depth "Voting Rights in America" series continues through February and March, coinciding with Black History Month and Women's History Month.

It commemorates the 150th anniversary of the 15th Amendment which banned the restriction of voting based on race. It also commemorates 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment, which banned the restriction of voting based on sex.

Feb. -Mar.

**Voter Restoration with the Alabama Voting Rights Diversity Alliance**  
Thursday, February 20 at 5pm

See **VOTING...** on Page 32



**Fiddlers Joyce and Jim Cauthen will perform February 23.**  
*Courtesy photo*

ALABAMA FOLKLIFE ASSOCIATION

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TUSCUMBIA-Belle Mont Mansion hosts Alabama Humanities Foundation Road Scholar, Joyce Cauthen, director emeritus of the Alabama Folklife Association. She will present "Fiddlers, Banjo Players and Strawbeaters" on Sunday, February 23 at 2:30pm. This event is free and open to the public.

Feb. 23

Cauthen will be examining the pivotal role played by African-Americans in developing the music at the roots of today's bluegrass and country music. Cauthen draws her knowledge from historical writings, slave narratives, early newspaper articles, and interviews with older

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**AL-ANON, A WORLDWIDE RECOVERY ORGANIZATION** for the families and friends of alcoholics. The organization will have its area convention February 21-23 at the Clarion Inn at 4900 Hatch Blvd in Sheffield. Speakers and workshops are offered and newcomers are welcome. Admission is \$20 at the door. Contact Sharon at scivia@aol.com for more information.

**FEBRUARY IS SPAY/NEUTER MONTH. NORTHWEST ALABAMA SPAY AND NEUTER ASSISTANCE (NASANA)** will have at table set up at Pet Depot in Muscle Shoals on February 22 to let people sign up for a discounted spay/neuter procedure, provide their proof of eligibility, and make the small copay. The first 10 people who come in will be able to get one animal fixed for \$10 including 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. This also includes rabies vaccine. These needed procedures often cost over \$100 elsewhere. NASANA helped 423 animals get fixed in 2019, 1600 since its founding in mid-2015. Shelters and some other rescues are trying to find homes for as many animals as possible. However, the real solution to excessive pet population is still spay/neuter. For more information, check the NASANA Facebook page.

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**The Hungry Citizens**

Dear Editor:

In reference to D. Williams' letter, which was published in a recent edition of *The Courier Journal*, I would like to reiterate his thoughts about the lack of eateries in Killen. I have lived in Killen since 2001. I totally agree with the writer.

It is a shame that there are no offerings here except McDonald's (which is not easily accessed), Pizza

Hut, Subway, and Lawler's Barbecue. It makes one wonder "what the deal is" in Killen. Other towns of similar size have several food options. I'm just wondering what part the leaders at city hall are playing in our having to go elsewhere to eat.

How can we as hungry citizens - who really don't like to cook - help expedite restaurants of any type? Or is there a bigger problem which no one seems able to answer?

Mary McCoy  
Killen

*Did you know that this nationwide consistency section is not listed on the Primary ballot? Why does it only mention the citizens not voting anymore and the Governor appointing the members?*



**A Good Move for Fans**

Editor:

In response to Bill Smoak's letter of February 12 entitled, "A Risky Move for UNA," Ted Gumbart the commissioner of the Atlantic Sun Conference said he wanted to add 10 schools with 7 playing FCS football. That would leave 3 schools that don't play football.

There are currently 2 schools that play FCS football, North Alabama and Kennesaw State. If you add 7, that would be a total of 9 in the conference. If I didn't miscount that would be 16 conference games for basketball rather than 14.

I have no clue which schools are being considered, but I would like to guess at least half of the schools here are under consideration. Kennesaw

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Schools Award from each of the eight state school board districts and one private school statewide. In addition, three schools were selected for the Attorney General's 2019 Safe School Award of Excellence and 61 schools were selected for the Attorney General's 2019 Certificate of Building a Culture for School Safety.



Forest Hills principal, Laurie Fowler, receives the Safe Schools Award from State Attorney General, Steve Marshall, last week. Courtesy photo

"The safety of our schoolchildren is a vital matter foremost in all of our minds and hearts. This year we have enhanced the Alabama Safe Schools Initiative Awards to encourage and honor more of those who have implemented strong programs to protect our students, teachers and other staff," said Attorney General Marshall. "These schools have developed innovative programs and taken practical, effective steps to combat the threat of violence that has become a terrible part of our modern society. Their dedication and resolve to provide a safe haven for learning is an inspiration to us all."

In presenting the award last week, Attorney General Marshall said, "The Attorney General's Office is proud that Forest Hills Elementary School was selected as one of the winning schools in Alabama for 2019. In making this decision, judges noted many things that distinguished Forest Hills Elementary School: excellent school resource officer training, inclusion of emergency response agencies, good use of technology, and outstanding mentoring programs."

Principal Laurie Fowler said, "Forest Hills is honored to receive this recognition from the Attorney General as one of Alabama's Safe Schools. We have worked diligently at Forest Hills to ensure our students have a safe, secure, and happy learning environment. We believe that our students, teachers and staff learn and work best when they know they are being kept safe. As safety measures and technologies evolve and improve regularly, Florence City Schools is committed to

continuously improving our safety plan and procedures."

Attorney General Marshall is presenting the Safe School Award to nine winning schools throughout Alabama, and the Safe School Award of Excellence to the state's top three schools overall.

Other Safe School Awards went to: District 1: Pleasant Home School, Andalusia; District 2: Loachapoka High School, Loachapoka; District 3: Shades Mountain Elementary School, Hoover; District 4: Northridge Middle School, Tuscaloosa; District 5: Prattville Junior High School, Prattville; District 6: Austin High School, Decatur; District 8: Discovery Middle School, Madison; and Private School: Lee-Scott Academy, Auburn.

One public school with the top overall score was selected from the North, Central and South regions of Alabama for the Attorney General's 2019 Safe School Award of Excellence. Attorney General Marshall will visit each school to present the award in person. These winners are North Region: Decatur Middle School, Decatur; Central Region: Westlawn Middle School, Tuscaloosa; and South Region: Orange Beach Elementary School, Orange Beach.

Winners were selected by a panel of independent judges who reviewed submissions from a total of 124 schools. A list of schools that received the Attorney General's 2019 Certificate of Building a Culture for School Safety may be found in the Attorney General's news release of December 19, 2019. It may be found at the Attorney General's website, www.alabamaag.gov

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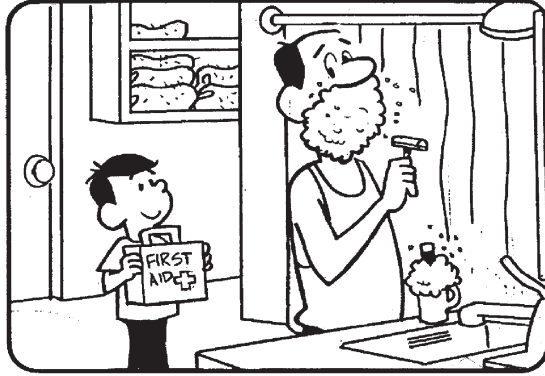
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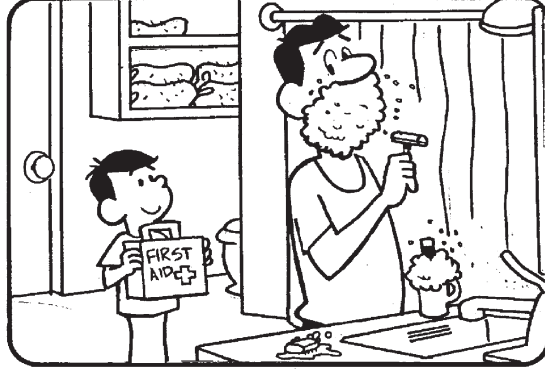
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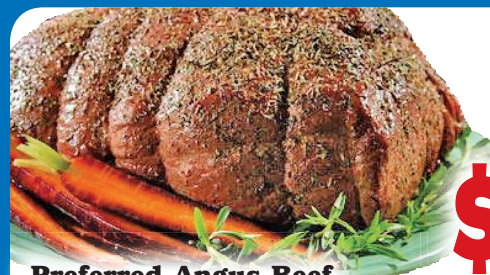
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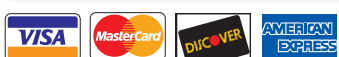
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Commentary

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hospital group who just happened to be on duty at that hospital on a Sunday afternoon became aware of the situation.

He told the family that he was aware of a procedure that may be an option. It had only been performed about 1,000 times over the past seven years in the whole nation. However, it had never been performed in an emergency situation. He had been a part of the procedure on three occasions. He admitted this was a long shot at best. The brother was truly too weak for any surgery, much less heart surgery. He would very likely expire during the procedure, but he was done without it.

They needed the valve from a cow which would somehow be inserted into the now failing valve that was from a pig. Plus, they had to assemble a surgical team almost immediately.

Having to remove the tracheal intubation to insert a scan probe behind his heart was the first risky procedure. This was required to get the measurements for the needed valve. He made it through that step and was approved for the surgery. The surgery was performed on Sunday night, which is very rare.

My employee received word late that night that the procedure went well. His BP was coming up and he seemed to be stabilizing. His next challenge was to make it through the night.

My employee arrived very early Monday morning expecting the worst.

She called me a little later. Her brother was in ICU after making it

through surgery. He was having his meds lowered and was beginning to wake up. He had low BP and was still on a ventilator and with tubes seemingly coming from everywhere. Although the prognosis was still very bleak, he was alive and he squeezed his sister's hand when he heard her voice.

The next 24 hours would be critical for him.

At 2:30 Tuesday I received the following text:

*More good news today! They have removed most of his tubes and taken him off some meds. He is awake and alert. Therapy came in and assessed him and even got him to stand with help. Doctor said he is doing great. Monitoring him for pneumonia, but he is coughing up stuff and they started breathing treatments.*

*So, I am coming home tomorrow, be back to work on Thursday. Thank you for your support and prayers.*

As of Friday afternoon, the patient was out of ICU and in a regular room, sitting up much of the time, and was able to feed himself.

Debate rages as to whether we have modern-day miracles, and that is understandable. Biblical miracles were done to serve a purpose at the time, to convince those of that day that they were in the presence of God or the Christ of prophesy. Those miracles traditionally involved suspending the laws of nature.

However, when we experience a series of circumstances that coincide perfectly, in spite of all probability and beyond reasonable explanation, we're well past luck and coincidence. There are those rare times when no explanation other than miraculous/divine intervention will suffice.

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I SPENT THE LAST TWO ARTICLES SHARING SOME HORROR STORIES of customers who are not always right. I hope I didn't give the impression that those stories are a regular occurrence and especially hope I didn't indicate that I dislike any customer because as long as you are paying, I'm your friend! But I'd like to balance those negative articles with some positive stories about clients who have made this job worth doing for nearly 27 years. This one happened just yesterday. The subject of this story reads my column so I'm sure she will get as much of a kick out of this as I.



Jim Fisher

## Customers Who Are Not Always Right Part 3

by "The Computer Skeptic"

The client fell for one of those Microsoft scams that I've covered before. A quick summary is that you may receive a big message on your computer screen that warns you of all sorts of bad things and has a toll-free number to call to get help. If you call them, they will get your permission to remotely access your computer and show you all sorts of horrible things about your computer that really aren't horrible at all. Then they will try to convince you to spend hundreds of dollars fixing stuff

that doesn't need fixing. So we cleaned up her mess and gave her some advice on how to undo the harm done to her credit card. On her way out, she turned to me and said, "I hope you don't mind me telling you this but your picture in the Courier does you no justice. You're much better looking in person." I ignored her obvious lack of taste in men but getting that kind of compliment is awesome even when it comes from an 82-year-old hottie. So thank you, Ms. Francis. You're

not too bad yourself! I have a literal wall full of thank you letters I've collected over the years. I tack each of them to my office wall and the wall is full. They all occupy a treasured place in my heart but one of them stands out. Ms. Gallaher wrote a letter to me a while back to tell me how much she appreciated this column. She made some hilarious intentional strikeouts and corrections on the letter (substituting nice terms for words that were more "colorful") that, two years later, still makes me giggle when I read it. Ms. Gallaher may be a regular reader of this column so I hope this gets back to her. Thank you! These stories might sound kind of braggadocious. I don't mean it to be that way because

my two admirers are clearly in the minority. But I hope you'll absorb these stories of appreciated clients as reminders that a "thank you" or sincere compliment goes a very long way. I don't hand out nearly as many as I should, but we should all take the time to do so. In my next exciting installment, I'll be sharing my experience with finally "cutting the cord" and saving tons of money compared to cable/satellite TV. Stay tuned!

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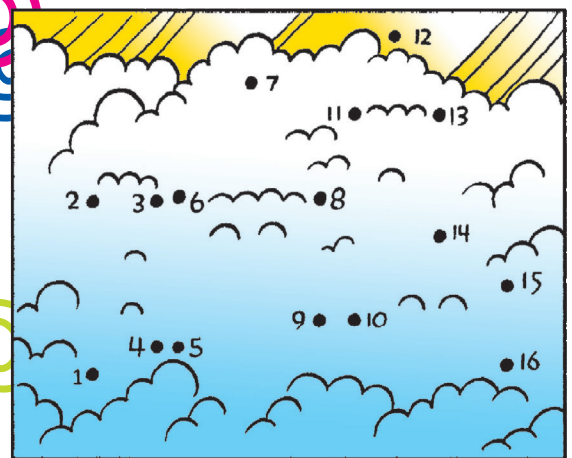
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# Junior Whirl


by Charles Barry Townsend



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**Answers On Page 38**

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**THE BOLD AND THE BEAUTIFUL** Katie shared with Sally the pain and isolation she went through after giving birth to Will. Brooke caught Thomas eavesdropping on her quarrel with Ridge. Liam was floored when Hope made it clear that Thomas was not the problem between them. Douglas wasn't happy that his dad was spending time with Zoe. Ridge implored Steffy to give Thomas another chance. Thomas made sure that everyone was invited to a special dinner he was hosting at Forrester Creations. Brooke informed Thomas that she was onto his game. Thomas proposed to Zoe in front of everyone. Ridge asked his son about his true intentions. Douglas told Hope a secret. *Wait to See: Brooke lashes out at Thomas.*

**DAYS OF OUR LIVES** Sonny and Will separately recalled their last Valentine's Day together. Doug reflected on his 50 years in Salem. Rafe arrested Gabi. Lani attempted to explain her actions to

Eli. Jennifer received some sad news about a loved one. Kayla was shocked by "Steve's" revelation. Hattie and Roman shared a sweet moment. Rafe and Justin tried to track down Kayla. Kristen had an unsettling dream about Rachel. Sarah received some hopeful news about Mackenzie. Ciara told Ben her theory about Jordan's killer. Will questioned Maggie about the night of the accident. Sarah was shocked when she learned the identity of Mickey's bone marrow match. Ciara resorted to desperate measures to stop Rafe from arresting Ben. *Wait to See: Gabi faces a bleak future.*

**GENERAL HOSPITAL** Alexis and Neil squared off. Sonny was reminded to be appreciative. Sam and Jason met on the sly. Finn was committed to protecting the woman he loved. Robert contacted the Feds. Nikolas ran into Elizabeth. Peter bonded with Emma. Robert got confrontational. Nina confided in Ava. Valentin received some shocking information. Maxie misunderstood what

was going on. Sam had a bright idea. Valentin made an official announcement. Jax felt encouraged to move forward. Maxie complained to Lulu. Brad reached out to Nelle. Valentin's life took a dark and terrible turn. Alexis offered her support. Lucas asked Sam for her honest opinion. *Wait to See: Nelle feels jealous.*

**THE YOUNG AND THE RESTLESS** Adam then transferred a large sum of money to Riza to keep the

woman quiet. Nikki got suspicious when she saw Sharon experience a bout of nausea. Chance didn't want Adam to go to jail for this, but Adam knew that Chance couldn't protect him. Summer and Kyle revealed their love for one another. Chance told Devon that he was chasing a lead on Colin. *Wait to See: Jack eventually gives Kyle and Summer his blessing.*

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State, North Alabama, Jacksonville State, UT-Chattanooga, Alabama State, Alabama A&M, Tennessee State, Murray State, and Tennessee Tech. Most schools are 300 miles apart or less. No school is more than 400 miles away from another. Murray State seems to prefer admission into the Missouri Valley Conference, but it doesn't look like they will get an invite. Murray has a great basketball tradition. Maybe Western Carolina, Southeast Louisiana, Nichols State, or Central Arkansas are options. Maybe some UNA football fans would prefer to go to Charleston, SC every other year. The basketball teams make those long trips to Fort Myers, FL, Lynchburg, VA, and Newark, NJ on a yearly basis. The NCAA has certain

sets rules on how a new multi-conference can be formed. The only way for it to take place would be for Florida Gulf Coast, Stetson, North Florida, Jacksonville, Kennesaw State, Lipscomb, and NJIT to form a new conference, and it cannot be before 2023. That would give the new conference their AQ. If one of those 7 schools leaves the ASUN before 2023, then everything is void. The United Athletic Conference (UAC) is just a temporary name or holding name. After the approval by the NCAA, the Coastal Collegiate Sports Association (CCSA) schools will revert to using the ASUN name. The ASUN's current NCAA basketball automatic qualifier can be transferred to the (UAC). After the setup, the UAC name can be changed. What about the Mid-Southern Athletic Conference? (MSAC). This proposed new conference would be more cost-effective for North Alabama in regard to the travel distance. Travel times will also lessen for the fans of all the schools who like to travel to away games. They will also become better rivals.

Gerald W. Clemmons  
Florence

**And Take Pale-Face Biden too**

Editor:

The newest battle cry for the GOP coming up on the South Carolina Primary and Super

Tuesday should be, "Send Pocahontas Warren back to the reservation and send pale face Biden with her".

James W. Anderson  
Talladega

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The one aspect of Medicare Part A we get the most questions about is coverage at a skilled nursing facility (SNF). To be covered by Medicare at a SNF certain criteria has to be met. First, of course, is you must have Medicare Part A. Next your doctor has determined that you need daily skilled care given by, or under the supervision of, skilled nursing or therapy personnel. Your skilled nursing care will have to be in a SNF that is certified by Medicare.

What a lot of people don't know is that you must have a "qualifying" hospital stay to be covered at a SNF. Under Medicare a "qualifying" hospital stay is at least a 3-day inpatient stay prior to being admitted to the SNF. If you go to the ER and are held one day for observation and are admitted into the hospital for two days this does not constitute a "qualifying" hospital stay. If you are admitted on a Monday and discharged the following Wednesday this is not a "qualifying" hospital stay. In the two examples above those are 2-day inpatient stays. A good rule of thumb is you must be admitted as inpatient for at least three midnights.

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**Voting...**

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Learn about Alabama laws related to voter restoration for citizens who have lost their voting rights due to felony convictions. This program is led by Bonita Gill, Coordinator of the Alabama Voting Rights Diversity Alliance (AVRDA). AVRDA is a grassroots coalition that works to increase voter turnout and coordinates voting rights restoration workshops. This event is co-sponsored by Project Say Something.

**Buried Truths Podcast Listening Session**  
Tuesday, February 25  
11:30am

We'll listen to and discuss the first episode of Season 1, which explores the story of Isiah Nixon, a Black man who was murdered because he voted. If you are unfamiliar with podcasts, library staff will be on hand to show you how you can listen to the rest of *Buried Truths*. This event is a preview for our *Buried Truths* live recording at FLPL on February 27.

**Buried Truths Live: Civil Rights in the**

**Shoals Thursday, February 27 at 6pm**

The Shoals area has a reputation for having experienced more peaceful race relations during the civil rights movement than much of the South. Still, does that reputation tell the whole story?

Hank Klibanoff—Pulitzer Prize-winning author, veteran journalist, and now professor, and Sherhonda Allen, City Editor for the *TimesDaily*, will explore this question as they co-host a live recording of an episode for Klibanoff's Peabody-winning podcast *Buried Truths*.

Klibanoff was a white student at Coffee High School when the schools of Florence integrated. Allen is a black woman who started school at Brooks Elementary shortly after the onset of integration. Through discussion, interviews, and Q&A, the two will explore the Black and White experience in the Shoals during the civil rights era and beyond.

**Voices of Women's Suffrage: A Living History Presentation**  
Saturday, March 7, 1pm

Get an overview of the suffrage movement while hearing the words of the suffragists themselves with this living history performance by Stephanie Vickers.

Throughout the 72-year struggle to win the American woman's right to vote, women had to

constantly push forward to be heard—especially as public speakers.

This program highlights the dynamic shifts in the different ways women began to speak for their beliefs. Performance excerpts from plays, magazine articles, and famous speeches bring to life the unique voices of the brave women who dared to speak out and fight for their place in American citizenship.

Vickers is a public historian and interpretation specialist who combines storytelling with academic research. She is the Arts Integration Coordinator at the Tennessee Valley Art Association.

**Votes for Women: The Push for a Federal Amendment & the Reemergence of Division Among Suffragists, 1913-1920**  
Thursday, Mar. 12, 6pm

Dr. Lynne Rieff will share the fascinating & dramatic stories from the final years of the fight for women's suffrage. She will discuss the stalled efforts to accomplish suffrage at the state level and explore Alabama's role, and she will discuss the differing strategies that emerged among suffragists during the fight for a federal amendment.

Rieff is Professor of History at UNA & the Director of the UNA Center for Women's Studies, which is a co-sponsor for this event.

**Abolition, Women's Suffrage, and the Right to Vote - Sunday, March 15, 2pm**

Many suffragists first became involved in activism through the abolition movement (the fight to end slavery). While the two movements overlapped significantly, there was also friction, particularly with the passage of the 15th Amendment. Linda T. Wynn, Assistant Director for State Programs for the Tennessee Historical Commission and Lecturer of History at Fisk University, will explore the collaborations and will discuss the elements of racism and sexism played in the movements.

**Women of the Muscle Shoals National Heritage Area**  
Tuesday, March 24, 6pm

Learn about the lives and work of local women in this women's history talk by Dr. Carolyn Barske Crawford, Director of the Muscle Shoals National Heritage Area. This program is based on the exhibit and explores some of the societal contributions by women of the MSNHA.

The exhibit was co-created by Josh Grigsby, Julia McGee, and Lacie Rowe through an Exhibit Design course at UNA, in anticipation of the 19th Amendment centennial. There is also an educator packet available for teachers at [msnha.una.edu/resources](http://msnha.una.edu/resources).

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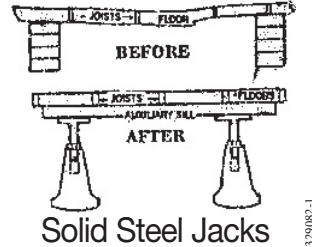
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# Athletic by Eli Cranor SUPPORT



## Should My Son Take Supplements?

**Dear Athletic Support:** My son will be a sophomore on the high school football team next year. This winter he's going through his first-ever varsity offseason training program. As a mother, I worry about his health. He hasn't fully grown into his body like

a lot of the other boys, but all the coaches keep telling him to gain weight and get stronger. This has led my son to start taking different supplements. Mainly it's just creatine and a whey protein mix. Are there any downsides to these supplements? — **Working It Out**

**Dear Working It Out:** I was a long-legged, gangly teenager for most

of my high school football career. I was constantly urged by coaches to "put on more weight." I remember thinking if I could just get up to 190 pounds, man, I'd be set.

Mainly, I stuck with natural weight-gaining methods. One coach told me to eat a peanut butter and jelly sandwich along with every meal, so I did. A few weeks later, I went to the doctor only to find that my triglycerides were up!

Next, I tried whey protein. I remember not liking the taste of it much at all. My dad would mix these heaping shakes together with milk and ice cream, adding a cup of the protein to top it off—but I still didn't really like it. I kept drinking them, though, and by my senior year in high school I had finally topped out at 190 pounds.

Creatine, on the other hand, is a touchy subject in the world of athletics.

There are all sorts of myths swirling around on the internet about what it is and what it isn't. So let me try and explain this as simply as possible.

Creatine is a compound found naturally in your muscles. It is released during intense exercise, providing an extra boost of energy. It can also help with muscle recovery. Creatine most-commonly comes in powder form and can be taken with water or juice.

I experimented with creatine last summer. During my playing days, I was always afraid of taking anything that might negatively impact my game, but since I hung up the cleats years ago, I figured I'd give it a try.

I saw results in my body composition in under two weeks. I also noticed strength gains. After a month on creatine, I was in the best-looking shape of my life, but I didn't feel all that great.

I was sore all the time. Like my muscles had sand in them. I did gain ten pounds of what seemed to be muscle, but I felt slower. I was told to constantly drink water while taking creatine — which I did — but this just made me feel even more sluggish, almost waterlogged.

Long story short, I'm glad I didn't take creatine during my playing days. Sure, I might have looked like a million bucks, but I don't think the extra weight and strength would have translated to the field.

The thing parents and coaches should remember is that we're talking about young athletes here, some of whom are not fully matured. Ask any adult, fighting like crazy to keep his/her winter weight down — there will soon come a day when gaining weight is easy!.

*Eli Cranor is a former professional quarterback and coach turned award-winning author. Send questions for "Athletic Support" to [eli.cranor@gmail.com](mailto:eli.cranor@gmail.com) or visit [elicranor.com](http://elicranor.com)*

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# DAVE Says

by DAVE RAMSEY



## INCREASE LIFE INSURANCE?

Dear Dave,

My husband and I are on Baby Step 3b, and we're saving for a house. We're out of debt and both of us make good money, plus we each have 20-year level term life insurance policies with coverage equaling 10 times our individual incomes. We also have an emergency fund equal to six months of expenses. I recently received a promotion at work, with a subsequent raise of \$10,000. Should I update my life insurance policy to reflect this new income?

Maria

Dear Maria, I think you're okay right now. I'd evaluate it, and maybe update the amount every three or four years. But as you get out of debt and build wealth, and as the kids get older, the real question to ask yourselves is how much less life insurance do you need?

As your income increases and you get in better and better financial shape, it's not going to be necessary to have 10 to 12 times your income wrapped up in life insurance policies. That's just a starting point.

Would your husband and any kids be well taken care of based on your current life insurance amount? Would you and any kids be okay based on his life insurance? If the answer to both questions is yes, you're good!

—Dave

## BILL DISPUTE

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.

Start working the Baby Steps from the beginning. Baby Step 1 is saving up \$1,000 for a starter emergency fund. Baby Step 2 is paying off all debts from smallest to largest, except for your home, using the debt snowball method. This will free up a ton of money! Then you're ready for Baby Step 3, which is increasing your

beginner emergency fund to a fully-loaded emergency fund of three to six months of expenses.

Now you're ready for Baby Step 4, which is 15 percent of your income going into retirement!

—Dave

\* Dave Ramsey is CEO of Ramsey Solutions. He has authored seven best-selling books, including *The Total Money Makeover*. *The Dave Ramsey Show* is heard by more than 14 million listeners each week on 600 radio stations and multiple digital platforms. Follow Dave on the web at [daveramsey.com](http://daveramsey.com) and on Twitter at @DaveRamsey.

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# Letters...

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## Amendment One: About it

Editor:

The only amendment on the March 3 ballot

deals with education. Alabamians will lose their right to vote and elect our State school board members if it passes. Instead of being elected, the amendment lets the Governor appoint all 9 members for the Alabama Senate to vote and confirm. The Governor would also appoint a team of local educators and other officials to advise the 9 members.

The amendment changes the name of the State Board of Educations to the Alabama Commission on Elementary and Secondary Education. The amendment says this 9 member Commission shall adopt certain things. The first thing they must adopt is a "course of study

standards that ensure nationwide consistency."

At the present time, that would remove Alabama State Common Core Standards and then adopting Common Core as taught in the nation. As time marches on, who knows what curriculum the Federal Government will come up with! For future generations, whatever the nation is teaching, Alabama would have to follow along. Becky Gerritson of Alabama Eagle Forum said, "Course of study standards that ensure nationwide consistency means national standards."

Did you know that this nationwide consistency section is not listed on the Primary ballot? Why does it only mention the citizens not voting anymore and the Governor appointing the members? Why does the ballot not mention the last section which tells what teachers in Alabama would be required to teach our children?

Because SB 397 that was passed by the Senate and the House and signed by the Governor tells exactly how the ballot is to read! The last half of the amendment is

intentionally left off the ballot.

If I correctly understand Section 285 of our State Constitution and Alabama Code, Section 17-6-41, the ballot language is unconstitutional. The Code says a proposed constitutional amendment ballot language shall be "so printed that the nature thereof shall be clearly indicated." Only half of the nature of this amendment is indicated on the March ballot!

I urge you to vote "No" on this Amendment. Please remember that if this amendment is passed, it would become a part of our State Constitution. Our state would have no say in what our children are taught, and we the people would lose our right to vote.

Danny Pettus  
Killen

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## The Right Addiction

Saint Paul writes: **1 Corinthians 16:15** "I beseech you, brethren, (ye know the house of Stephanas, that it is the firstfruits of Achaia, and that they have addicted themselves to the ministry of the saints.)" Man, couldn't we change this world if we could change people from the addiction to evil things to the addiction of good things. Today folks keep searching for the wrong things to satisfy the big void in their soul that only God can fill. For example: **Acts 17:16** "Now while Paul waited for them at Athens, his spirit was stirred in him, when he saw the city wholly given to idolatry." America is full of idols. America is addicted to sin. People today go physically and spiritually bankrupt trying to find the right feeling that will bring them permanent satisfaction. The world and its pleasures can only come in a miserable second place in the end. The devil's snares have captured millions unto death through the addictions of drugs, alcohol, immorality, idols and other hooks that cost the users their souls. They try to excuse themselves with: "I can't live it" or "I just don't have the right feeling."

For 30 years you have used these excuses. Are you going to take this excuse in front of Almighty God? **SIN PACIFIES. CHRIST SATISFIES. SIN PACIFIES. CHRIST SATISFIES.** Get it? What feeling are you waiting for or have not tried? You aren't living it now, what makes you think you will live long enough later to live it. If you could live it, you wouldn't need a Saviour. That next drink or that next buzz might be your last. People booze it to get a feeling. Users space out to get a feeling. These sins have big hooks in them and won't let go. The devil promises everything but delivers nothing. Satan gives false hopes. You want real peace and rest? Read: **Matthew 11:28-30** "Come unto me (CHRIST), all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I (CHRIST) will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my (CHRIST) burden is light." Christ ONLY can live it in you and give your soul rest and peace. **TRUST HIM NOW. Christ satisfies.**

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## Community Notes...

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Centers of operation:  
Florence Public Library on Mondays and Thursdays, 10:30am-4pm by appointment only, call 256-277-8595

Broadway Recreation Center in Florence on Wednesdays, 9am-1:30pm by appointment only, call 256-483-2894

Helen Keller Library in Tuscumbia, Tuesdays and Fridays, 10am-4pm appointments preferred, call 256-386-7831

Russellville Department of Human Resources Building on Thursdays, 9am-3pm by appointment only, call 256-332-0252

Leighton Hopewell CP Church on Saturday, March 21, 9am-3pm by appointment only, call 256-483-2894

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We are also asking for donations (gift cards, merchandise, etc.) to be included in our raffle drawings. If you would like to donate and/or set up at our event, please stop by the office, give us a call at 256-978-5526, or email us [coxsheffield@storesmart.org](mailto:coxsheffield@storesmart.org). Donations can also be mailed to: or mail donations to MidGard Self-Storage 414 Cox Blvd. Sheffield, AL 35660. We look forward to hearing from you and hope you can join us for this event!

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If you or someone you know has

an interest in serving as a volunteer at Shoals Hospital, the application may be completed online at [www.shoalshospital.com](http://www.shoalshospital.com), or in person during regular business hours. All other questions may be directed to the Volunteer Services Office at 256-386-1640.

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**The Keller Hospice Promise Foundation** assists patients and families with essential, non-hospice related expenses they are unable to afford themselves—such as rent and utility bills, emergency repairs, personal care items, and food assistance. The foundation also provides funding for patient's last wishes, burial assistance, and community projects like bereavement camps for children and educational outreach programs for end-of-life care.

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**Volunteers Needed** - Keller Hospice LHC of Tuscumbia is currently seeking volunteers to serve in Colbert, Lauderdale, and Lawrence.

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For more information contact: Keller Hospice LHC of Tuscumbia, 1404 East Avalon, Suite C, Tuscumbia. Phone 256-314-1204 or email [Barbara.Johnson@LHgroup.com](mailto:Barbara.Johnson@LHgroup.com).

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**"Getting Well Together"**, a grief support group, will meet the 2nd Thursday of each month at 10am in the Family Life Center of Cliff Haven Church in Sheffield. This is a FREE support group for anyone who would like to attend. For more information, call 256-764-0873.

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Please consider becoming a Volunteer Advocate for local children who need a caring and committed adult to speak up for their best interest. Call the Shoals CASA office at 256-765-0041 or check out the agency's website for more information [www.ShoalsCASA.org](http://www.ShoalsCASA.org).

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**Answer:** Every day he removed one ear of corn and his own two ears.



**Answer:**  
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# ASK THE ATTORNEY



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**Q** My husband passed away and left everything to me. Do I have to probate his Will?  
- Penny Claire, Florence, AL

**A** You probably do. There are certain cases where the deeds and bank accounts and cars have already been made in such a way that there is nothing really to probate and in those situations there is no need to probate a Will or administer an estate.

Often something is overlooked whether it's a bank account or an insurance policy made payable to an estate or a car. When a loose end is not tied up by thorough preparation, then you have to probate a Will.

The first thing a probate court does is to make certain that what you think is a Will is what they think is a Will. Wills are required by law to contain valid language and signatures that were executed by a person legally entitled to do so and witnesses properly.

Remember that Will is only good for five years and after that if there is a mistake or if there are unpaid debts, the Estate would have to be administered at more cost than probating a Will for any property to be sold for the benefit of your heirs.

One of the most unnecessary messes I've ever cleaned up was when a long time school teacher wrote her own Will and named the First National Bank of Florence as her Executor so as to avoid paying a lawyer to write the Will. She had three daughters who were teachers and one son who was an engineer. The First National Bank of Florence was no longer an ongoing concern. It cost the estate over \$12,000.00 in bond and Executor's fees to resolve the issues created by her attempt to save \$50.00. Not only did the Will that she wrote cost her children a substantial amount of money but she left them things that she no longer had at the time of her death and I recall a bitter argument between the children as a result.

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