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POSTAL PATRON

**Fox Named
AC Director**

FLORENCE—Leah Fox was recently named as the new Florence-Lauderdale Animal Control Director. Fox assumed her duties with Animal Control on Monday March 21.

She holds a degree in Animal Science from the Columbia State Community College in Tennessee and has ten years of experience in animal care and management. Most recently, Fox was a licensed Veterinary Technician/Manager with West Lauderdale Veterinary Hospital.

Fox

“We are happy to have an individual with Mrs. Fox’s experience joining the city and we look forward to working with her,” said Florence mayor, Mickey Haddock.

**Center of Hope
Open House**

FLORENCE—There will be an Open House and Ribbon Cutting to celebrate the grand opening of the recently-completed Center of Hope Emergency Shelter on April 4 at the Salvation Army, 1601 Huntsville Road in Florence.

Open House begins at 10am followed by the ribbon-cutting at 11am. Light refreshments will be provided.

A gracious thank you is extended on behalf of the thousands of men, women, children and families who will receive life-changing assistance in the new Center Of Hope. God bless you!

**Health Fair
on April 4, 6**

FLORENCE—The Shoals Community Clinic, in partnership with the UNA College of Nursing, Tri-State Center for Breast Health at ECM East, will host the annual Catherine Barnes Women’s Health Fair on April 4 and April 6 from 9am-2pm at the clinic at 309-B Handy Homes in Florence.

The fair will offer free cervical and breast exams and free mammograms with some restrictions for women ages 40-64 who do not have health insurance or a primary healthcare provider. This is a part of the clinic’s Well Woman Project and is supported by the Alabama Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection

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Ruth Marks, Faye Snelling, Julia Dowd
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**Fashions
Statement**

FLORENCE—The North Wood United Methodist Women recently conducted a recycle fashion show where they modeled the latest in recycle fashion wear. The local models were from the internationally known modeling school, N.W. Fashion University. Recycle designs were by Barbbra Anderson.

Fashion show participants included Ruth Marks, wearing a recycled steel can belt and necklace; Faye Snelling, wearing an apron made of paper labels; Julia Dowd, sporting a white paper skirt of return envelopes and matching hat; Susan Williams, wearing

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**An Easy
Decision**

Local Couple Honors Lee’s Biography Wishes

by Bill Campbell

FLORENCE – As a courtesy to one of his childhood idols, Darren Butler withheld reprints of famous author Harper Lee’s biography when he bought the company that owned the “Alabama Roots” books series.

Lee professed a distaste for biographies of the living and sent heartfelt thanks to Butler in 2014 for respecting her wishes. In previous hand-written letters to Seacoast Publishing Co.’s prior owner, Lee expressed her sentiment. She joked that he would not have to wait too long for her dust to settle and offered her best wishes for a posthumous biography.

In accordance with her expressed wishes, Butler and his wife, Freda, plan to publish the children’s biography with a new final chapter – one that includes the reclusive author’s final work, “Go Set a Watchman,” and the final years of her life.

Lee’s story is among 50 about great Alabamians in Seacoast’s Alabama Roots series, and the Butlers, of Florence, hope to expand the concept nationally and to other states. The goal is to provide elementary students with in-depth but easy to read

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TUSCUMBIA—Bass with Lemon, Butter and Dill, Turkey Baking Roll, and Poppin’ Dill Peppers were just a few of the tasty dishes found at the recent Alabama Wildlife Federation Wild Game Cook-Off at the Longhorn Arena in Tusculumbia.

Twenty-nine cook teams and close to 600 members and guests were in attendance as The Lumbee Smokers captured the top prize of “Best Overall,” with their scrumptious White Tail Chili w/ Antler Wraps.

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The Lumbee Smokers

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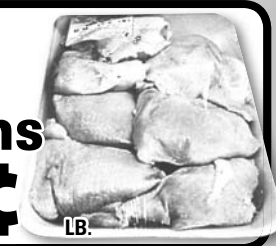
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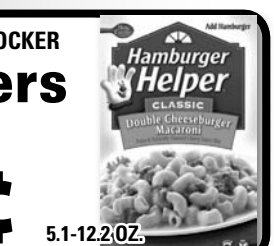
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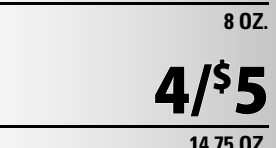
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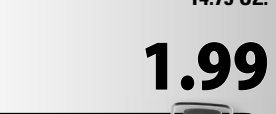
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Health Fair on April 4, 6

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Program. This program is part of a nation-wide initiative launched by the Center for Disease Control (CDC) which has offered over nine million cancer screenings and provided follow-up treatment to over 200,000 women.

Breast cancer is the most common cancer among adult women and the second leading cause of death from cancer among women. Screening can find cancer at an early stage when treatment is most effective and successful.

This program has benefited thousands of women in the state who would not have had these crucial screenings otherwise. Because of this program, the lives of hundreds of women in Alabama are saved each year.

The health fair is named after one the clinic's founding officers and first directors, Catherine Semmes Barnes, who was an inspiration to women fighting this disease.

For more information or to set up an appointment for the health fair, call the Shoals Community Clinic at 256-760-4713.

Who Serves the Shoals?

SHOALS - With so many Shoals citizens actively engaged in volunteer work, the Shoals community is a better place. #ServetheShoals Challenge is a social media initiative developed in collaboration with United Way of Northwest Alabama, the Shoals Chamber of Commerce, and the University of North Alabama. It will amplify the volunteer investments made in North Alabama. "We each have the power to change our world whether we spend five minutes, five weeks, or five years performing a service to others. It adds up and makes a real difference," said Martin Abrams, UNA Board President Pro Tempore.

Billions of taxpayer dollars are saved each year through the efforts of a diverse pool of volunteers and the agencies served by their talents. April is nationally recognized as a time to reflect and show appreciation to volunteers who are actively giving

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There's the "doer's" works crowd, and there's the "faith in Christ blood alone" crowd. This story is as old as Cain and Abel. Cain brought the fruit of his hands. Cain is a picture of today's doer and religious crowd. When rejected by God, Cain reacted and proved clearly who his father was. *See John 8:44 & 1 John 3:12.* Cain, when rebuked by the LORD, could have chosen to offer a blood sacrifice. Cain chose to kill his brother, Abel. Before you can even come to God in prayer, worship, thanksgiving, offerings or anything else, you must have a blood sacrifice. That blood sacrifice is Jesus Christ. *See Hebrews 9:1.* Your self-righteousness and self-justification claims or church affiliation or any other works you might employ cannot save your soul. The Cain and Abel story should teach you that. The only way to God is through the blood of Christ that was offered for the sins of the world. Allow Christ to do what he died for, to save sinners like me and you. Cain was a doer coming to God with works of his hands and was rejected. Abel brought a blood sacrifice and was called righteous. *See Hebrews 11:4.*

Matthew 7:13-14 "Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it." Christ is the way, the Door, that blessed hope, and the Saviour of all men especially them that believe. *See John 14:6, John 10:7&9, Titus 2:13 and 1 Timothy 4:10. Romans 3:25* "Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God;" *See also Romans 5:9, Romans 5:1* "Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:" Faith is not a work, faith believes, faith doesn't waiver or doubt or wonder or worry. Faith trusts God. How are you approaching God, with works, like Cain or with blood like Abel? Faith and belief responds to God's offer and gift of salvation. Are you trusting by faith the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ or are you trusting yourself?

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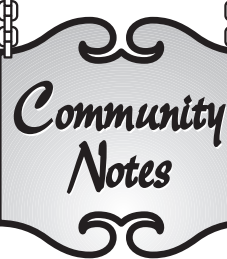
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Singing River Squares. Friday Nights 6:30-9pm. The Florence Parks & Recreation Department, Senior Center, affectionately known as "The Club", located at 450 Country Club Drive, off Savannah Highway. Caller/Instructor: Chuck Bernmele. The Club is an alcohol/drug free facility. For more program information please call 256-760-6420.

A Community Grief Support Group meets at the Highland Park Church of Christ every Wednesday at noon. Meetings are facilitated by licensed counselors and are free and open to the public. The church is located on Woodward Avenue in Muscle Shoals. For more information, call the church office at 256-381-8311.

Celebrate Recovery Group meets on Tuesday nights at Rogersville United Methodist Church. Free dinner at 5:45pm, large group at 6:30pm. We are a caring group who wants to help with solutions to everyday life and the hurts, hang-ups, and habits we all face everyday. We pledge anonymity. Small groups start at 6:30pm with a group for men and a group for women. Call Rogersville Methodist Church with any questions. 256-247-0512.

Glendale Church of Christ Wednesday Night Series 7pm each night, located at 8000 County Road 200, north of Florence.

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Autism Support Group Meeting Thursday, March 24, 10am-noon, at Florence Public Library. We will have refreshments.

Autism Support Group is every fourth Thursday of every month at Florence Public Library. For more information, please call Bridget Hodges at 256-767-6414 or 256-740-2532, email: bridgethodges4@gmail.com.

Underwood-Petersville Community Center Breakfast -- Please Join Us For Our First Saturday Breakfast, April 2, from 6-9am. Menu: scrambled eggs, sausage, bacon, biscuits, pancakes, grits, wonderful chocolate gravy, sausage and regular gravy, orange juice, regular and decaf coffee. Adult plates are \$6 and children 8 and under are \$3. Proceeds go toward the Center expenses.

The Shoals Faith Riders (local chapter of Christian Motorcyclist's Association), will be having a BREAKFAST at Applebee's in Florence, AL on Saturday, April 2, from 8-10am. The cost is \$5 for AYCE pancake with trimmings breakfast/drink (retain coupon for \$3 toward visit this year). All proceeds go to CMA's Run for the SON ministries.

PAWS (Pets Are Worth Saving) is Having a Adoption Event on April 2 at Petco in Florence from 10am-2pm. If you are looking to add a four legged family member come join us and maybe you will find your friend for life. Look forward to seeing you all there!

Celebrate Recovery. The Sweet Home Alabama Jubilee is set for April 15-17 at the Jamison Inn in Sheffield. Fun and fellowship with folks from all walks celebrating recovery from Alcohol and Drug dependency. National speakers will be featured each night. A \$25 free covers all events for registration includes sobriety count down, prizes giveaways, and refreshments. For more info call Candice T at 256-412-2616 or 256-856-2896, or the Jamison Inn.

Fish Fry at East Colbert Church of Christ Saturday, April 2, 12:30-6pm. All you can eat. Adults & Carry-outs \$12 each. Children ages 5-11 \$6. 4 & under Free. (All proceeds go to mission work & benevolence.)

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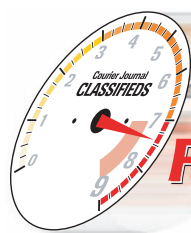


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Barbra Anderson models her dog food bag dress accompanied by her plastic pup.

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Terri in New Jersey

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Deb C.

AT A GLANCE

When keeping track of expenses for my budget, I have found it is easier to

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Jennifer

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Many of our neighbors have returned to growing vegetable gardens. Unfortunately, we live in an area with a heavy deer population. To discourage the deer from his garden, one neighbor has begun hanging used CDs on fishing line along the perimeter of the garden. As the CDs turn in the breeze, the sunlight reflects off the surface in bright flashes, frightening away the deer.

Angela S.

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Renee in PA

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SHORTS...

Who Serves the Shoals?

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#ServetheShoals Challenge is an organic initiative to create engagement and track the conversation that surrounds community volunteer service. From April 1-30 community volunteers are encouraged to post photos of their efforts to Facebook, Instagram, or Twitter with the hashtag #ServetheShoals.

Project organizers will collect the social media photos in an effort to measure the breadth of volunteer efforts in the Shoals. Organizers will then spotlight some of those volunteers and organizations they are associated with throughout the year. Additionally, one winner will be selected randomly from the photos to receive a prize at the end of the Challenge.*

*For more information on the requirements for posting entries to the #ServetheShoals Challenge, visit www.servetheshoals.org or contact the United Way office at 256 764 5892 or bhaddock@uwshoals.org

Doctor's Day in Alabama

MONTGOMERY—March 30 will include a proclamation declaring that day Doctors' Day in Alabama. Governor Robert Bentley's signature will formally recognize Alabama's more than 11,000 licensed physicians serving millions of residents through private practice, in hospitals, in research, and in other healthcare facilities.

Doctors' Day in Alabama is a project sponsored by the Medical Association of the State of Alabama and the Alabama Department of Public Health. It will be held in conjunction with National Doctors' Day to celebrate physicians of all specialties serving in our communities.

Although they are first healers, Alabama's physicians contribute both to patient health and the state's economy. According to a study by the American Medical Association, each Alabama physician supports an average of ten jobs - contributing to 83,095 jobs statewide - for an average of \$1.3 million in positive economic input and a total of \$11.2 billion in economic impact statewide.

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person who would benefit from the question "Can I tell you something to make you better?"? Do you have the ability to ask that question with a real desire to help them? If not, you may need to take a look in the mirror and ask yourself that question first and then have a long discussion with yourself about needed corrections. All of us have room for improvement but we don't always recognize the need. Can you imagine the benefits of this question if we started with self, extended to family, friends, our community, etc.? Let me ask

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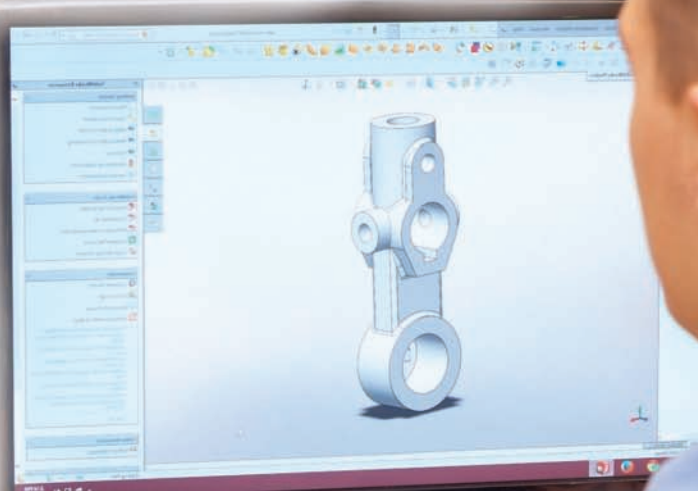
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- When a King wanted amusement, he would call on which member of his court?
A.) Lawyer, B.) Jester, C.) Buffoon, D.) Bozo
- Court referral officers (CRO) work with drug and alcohol offenders in a given district's court system.
True or False
- Which animal's name is synonymous with a mock court in which the principles of law and justice are disregarded or perverted?
A.) Baboon, B.) Kangaroo, C.) Hyena, D.) Opossum

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Commentary

Those Political Prisoners, Raúl

President Obama last week became the first sitting U.S. President to set foot on Cuban soil in 88 years when he met Cuban president Raúl Castro in person. Calvin Coolidge also spoke from the stage at the Grand Theatre in Havana back in 1928.

I have no doubt that in addition to bolstering his legacy, the President had some sincere motives. However, it is unfortunate that his lifting of the trade embargo against Cuba coupled with this official visit and some marginally relaxed travel opportunities for foreigners will give young and uninformed Americans the misconception that Cuba has turned a new leaf with at least marginally acceptable human rights policies.

Generations of Cubans and Cuban-Americans can testify to the fact that nothing has changed for rank and file citizens. Raul Castro's denial to the American press that there are any political prisoners in Cuba and his comparing our human rights stance with his are bad signs for the future as well. The visit may actually do more short-term damage, giving Raul the false confidence of pandering international exposure through the complicit media in both countries.

The trade embargo against Cuba that Obama lifted served no positive purpose anyway. It further burdened and inconvenienced the

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In A Few Words



TOM MAGAZZU
Editor

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THIS WEEK

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March 30, 2016

Happening
THIS WEEK

No Fools, Green Flavor on Friday

FLORENCE - The April First Fridays is set The April First Fridays is set for Friday, April 1 and we're not foolin'. It's going green in honor of Earth Month. The event is scheduled for 5-8pm on Friday, April 1 in historic downtown Florence.

"Earth Month is always a popular theme," said First Fridays Co-chairwoman Jennifer Smith. "We hear from folks all the time who tell us how much they enjoy going green this time of year and getting ready for spring."

As part of the Go Green theme representatives from the Lauderdale County Extension Service, Keep the Shoals Beautiful, the Soil and Water Conservation Districts, and the Eco-Smart Unit will be on hand.

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Taking a Walk

SHOALS - Local residents and area visitors will have the opportunity to enjoy the historic sites of Florence, Tuscumbia, and Sheffield by participating in the free walking tours each Saturday during the month of April.

Twenty-six towns across Alabama will be on display during Saturday mornings in April as part of Alabama Tourism Department's April Walking Tours. It is a great way to promote the historic sites, neighborhoods, and unique architecture of each community.

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Walkers in the April tours will see historic and ornate headstones in the Florence Cemetery and numerous historic buildings in Tuscumbia.

Courtesy photos



THE SHEFFIELD BEAUTIFICATION AND TREE BOARD will be holding its 5th annual Spring Cleanup Event on April 2, 2016. SBTB will be partnering with Keep the Shoals Beautiful (KTSB). The event will begin at 8am in front of the Sheffield Municipal Building. Maps of the cleanup areas, vests, bags, and litter grabbers will be distributed. There will be water provided to keep everyone hydrated. The cleanup will last until 12pm. If you have questions, call SBTB Chairman, Joe McPhail at 256-483-6449. The rain date is April 9.

VALDOSTA CHURCH OF CHRIST at 1119 Old Lee Hwy in Tuscumbia will host a Gospel Meeting April 3-7. The guest speaker is Byron Longcrier. Sunday Bible classes are at 9:30am followed by morning worship at 10:30am. Lunch follows the morning worship. The annual singing takes place at 2pm. Sunday evening worship is at 6pm and Monday-Thursday meetings are at 7pm. Everyone is invited to all services. For more information, call 256-381-0331.

TAYLOR VANDIVER of the Alabama Cooperative Extension System will be teaching the classes for this year's 'Get Dirty at the Library' gardening series at the Florence-Lauderdale Public Library. All classes will be on Thursdays at 11:30am. • Raised Bed Gardening - March 31 - Raised Bed Gardening has become increasingly popular in recent years and Taylor will help you decide if it's right for you. • Landscape Design for Sustainability - April 7 - Get tips for designing your landscape in a way that will be efficient and sustainable.

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Not Rejoicing Today

Editor:

When the Republicans took over the state government, they promised they were going to be the party of ethics and that they would lead us like Moses to the Promised Land. They made promises that they simply have not kept. I hope the people of Alabama will remember that.

No one rejoices in the downfall of another person. Accusations have been made against the highest law

enforcement officer in Alabama by the man who hired him. The governor has been accused of using his office to cover up his infidelity - the same governor who said 'if you're not a Christian, you are not my brother.'

Democrats are not rejoicing today in what has happened. We believe everyone is our brother, and our focus will continue to be on representing the people who elected us.

Rep. Craig Ford (D)
Alabama House Minority Leader
Gadsden

Unexpected Courtesy

Dear Editor:

Just over two years ago my family relocated to Florence to open a business. My sister, Dr. Meredith Pickett of Avalon Medical Center, had relocated to Muscle Shoals a year prior to open her own practice. I followed as a way to be near to her while operating my own business.

While I expected a positive experience in moving to Florence, I was unprepared for one major selling point: the city of Florence boasts the most courteous and genuinely kind-hearted citizens I have ever had the privilege to live and work among.

This week I moved my practice downtown, directly above Rivertown Coffee, and was the recipient of several random acts of kindness.

Larry of Rivertown notified me of the coffee shop's hours when I pulled in to

See LETTERS... on Page 18

The current policies that have led sites like Colbert Fossil Plant to close are the same policies that Hillary Clinton brags about furthering! ”

April 2016

Helen Keller Hospital

Friday

1

Blood Pressure & Blood Sugar Screenings

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Friday

1

Silent Auction

9am-4pm • Main Lobby

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Monday

4

Masquerade \$5 Jewelry Sale

HKH Main Lobby • 7am-6pm

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Tuesday

5

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Tuesday

5

Men's Health Seminar

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Tuesday

5

PALS Renewal

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Wednesday

6

Masquerade \$5 Jewelry Sale

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Thursday

7

LifeSouth Blood Drive

HKH Campus • 7am-5pm

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Thursday

7, 11, 12

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Saturday

9

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4 mile run @ 8am,

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Wednesday

13

Diabetes Self Management Education

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Friday

15

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Monday

18 & 19

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Thursday

21

"This Thing Called Sleep"

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Friday

29

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Celestial Thoughts

If you have ever been employed, there is most likely something you have done repetitively at that job. In my current position, I asked people everyday if they have a religious preference. I have heard everything from "Native American" to "Catholic" to "non-religious" and everything in between. I don't bat an eye or judge people, but one day I was pleasantly surprised at one little lady who hesitated when I asked her that question. She looked at me, smiled, and said, "Jesus." His amazingly beautiful name hung in the air as we both smiled. I had never heard anyone claim their religious preference to be "Jesus". Simply, Jesus. Now that's food for thought.

"...God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name..." Philippians 2:9

Dawn N.

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by Charles Barry Townsend

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Answers On Page 38

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13			

Below is a list of 15 words that start with either "D" or "E." You must use these words to complete the puzzle grid to the left. Use the good old trial-and-error method.

A CARD CONUNDRUM! To the right are three facedown cards. Can you figure out their values using these hints?

- There is at least one queen just to the right of a king.
- There is at least one queen just to the left of a queen.
- There is at least one spade just to the left of a heart.
- There is at least one spade just to the right of a spade.




"D" Words

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DEED
DENSE
DENTS
DODGE
DREAD
DROLL
DUDED
DUPED

"E" Words

EDGE
ESPY
EYED
EASEL
EAVES
ENDED

CHAIN REACTION! Take the seven letters printed below our diagram and place them in the circles so that eight four-letter words can be read, top to bottom, along the connecting lines. All the words will begin with the letter in the top circle.



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Letters...

Unexpected Courtesy

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park early Saturday.

John, Rivertown's owner, graciously jogged to hold the door for me as I struggled with a bulky package.

Jim, owner of Renewal Resources downtown, popped his head in to ask whether I could use help with unloading my boxes.

Yesterday I stopped into McDonald's in Seven Points and was delighted to witness two employees creating a special order (a warm apple pie with caramel sauce garnish on the plate) for a precious elderly gentleman who frequents the restaurant.

Additionally, on numerous occasions I have been assisted by shoppers at Regency Square Mall who held the door while I finagled a heavy stroller into the mall.

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Celeste Coffman
Florence

Current Policy Fails Workers

Editor:

Sunday night at a town hall meeting, Hillary Clinton stated, "We're going to put a lot of coal miners and coal companies out of business." She's absolutely right! She will put a lot of coal miners, pipefitters, welders, operators, laborers, electricians, boiler makers, and engineers out of business! The current policies that have led sites like Colbert Fossil Plant to close are the same policies that Hillary Clinton brags about furthering!

If you think that Hillary and some of the others will bring high-paying jobs to our area, I encourage you to take a trip to the steam plant to look for the hundreds of construction workers who once worked there. You won't find them anymore. Listen for the generators that have supplied the valley for sixty years. You better

hurry, they will all be silent in a week. Then wait for exceptional payroll checks to show up in and boost our local economy Won't be happening anymore!

I've grown up in a union family, so I understand the old argument, "Well he/she supports the unions and therefore the good jobs," but let me ask this. When they eliminate the good jobs, where is a union pipefitter, welder, or electrician going to work? Yes! Hillary and Bernie may raise the minimum wage so that students and others can earn more. However, where will economic growth come from? Will it be through encouraging low-skilled workers to remain low-skilled, or from increasing the amount of skilled labor jobs that pay WELL?

Adam McCollum
Tuscumbia

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Dear Editor:

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10. Your family would be happy if you didn't go too far away.

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Commentary

Cuba...

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citizenry. The big splash with last week's visit was far more symbolic than substantive.

This regime has not changed since the Cuban Missile crisis of the early sixties when Raul's brother, Fidel, was a young Marxist toying with Presidents Dwight D. Eisenhower and John F. Kennedy.

The blood of former dissidents killed by firing squad is left in public view for the edification of would-be dissidents. Prison, torture, and death are all real elements of life in Cuba for anyone who objects to government restrictions and oppression in any way. The ruling class hasn't blinked for over fifty years. They are still communists; just without the support of the former Soviet Union.

The widely-circulated propaganda photo of Obama with the six-story iconic image of Che Guevara as a backdrop tells me everything I need to know.

That symbol of modern progressive counterculture overshadows Guevara's history of a racist, sadistic, and murderous past. He was a man who forcefully and permanently silenced the young outspoken progressives of his day generations ago. It was Guevara in 1961 who said, "Youth must refrain from ungrateful questioning of governmental mandates." That was only two years after he was among those who helped Fidel Castro overthrow the regime of Fulgencio Batista. They promised reform and immediately clamped down on anything not pro-Castro.

The American Marxists have wished for a normalization of relations with their brothers to the southeast since the sixties.

The Castros will long interpret Obama's visit as a wall coming down, a concession by the capitalist giant to the north. His visit was a personal and

subjective choice, the kind to which we have become accustomed in the past seven years. It was hardly necessary and was not in America's best interest. However, it WAS a nice expense-free, history-making vacation for the first family.

Obama would have us believe that relaxed travel restrictions and a new trade agreement will have long-lasting human rights benefits in Cuba. I'm not sure he cares to see reforms one way or another.

I know Raúl doesn't.



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A Walk...

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simultaneous walking tours.

Florence/Lauderdale Tourism will host the walking tours in Florence. Each tour will be guided by a local historian and will feature a different historic location. The tours are free to the public and will last 60-90 minutes.

April 2 - Florence City Cemetery

The tour of the Florence City Cemetery was established in 1818 and features unique headstones and monuments adorned

with burial and religious symbolism. The cemetery contains graves belonging to early settlers, two former governors in the O'Neal Family, along with other prominent community leaders and families. The tour begins at the Florence City Cemetery entrance at 705 E. College Street next to the Animal Control entrance or on Tennessee Street. Guide: Harry Wallace

April 9 - Walnut Street Historic District

The Walnut Street Historic District boasts tree lined sidewalks, diverse architecture, and elegant homes. Participants will walk by

Visitors tour landmarks in downtown Sheffield during a recent walking tour.

Courtesy photo



beautifully-restored homes that belonged to some of Florence's prominent figures and originally comprised the Walnut Street Historic District. These houses were placed on the National Register of Historic Places. The tour will begin in the UNA Tennis Courts parking lot on Hermitage Drive where parking will be available. Guide: Billy Warren

April 16 - Historic UNA Campus

The Historic University of North Alabama campus tour will feature iconic buildings such as Wesleyan Hall. Wesleyan Hall predates the Civil War and the Memorial Amphitheater which is a memorial to UNA students who served in the military during war. Meet at the fountain in front of the president's home at 10am. The guide will be UNA Public History student Thomas Hale.

April 23 - North Court and Seminary Streets

The North Court Street and Seminary Street tour will begin at Rogers Hall or Courtview on the UNA Campus. The tour will feature Rogers Hall (former home of Governor O'Neal), Coby Hall, Connor Place, the Robert Dean Martin Home, the Medical Arts Building, Pope's Tavern and others. Parking will be available on Court Street and at the UNA parking lot. Guide: Billy Warren

April 30 - Forks of Cypress Plantation Site /Cemetery

The Forks of Cypress Antebellum mansions was built in 1822 by James Jackson, one of the first settlers in Lauderdale County and a friend of Andrew Jackson. Bring your lawn chairs for the beginning portion of the tour! The second part of the tour will be at the historic Jackson Cemetery. Take Cox Creek Pkwy to Jackson Road and turn right (no traffic signal at intersection). Turn right at the dead end. Park along the road or enter the gate to park in the field leading to the columns. Guide: Harry Wallace

For more information, call the Florence/Lauderdale Tourism at 256-740-4141 or visit www.VisitFlorenceAL.com.

Hour-long tours of Tuscumbia are being organized by the Colbert County Tourism Bureau and begin at 10am at the Cold Water Bookstore downtown. The theme

of the tours is Tracing Our Roots, Tuscumbia's History. The tours will be led by local historians and will include living history demonstrations.

The **April 2** Tuscumbia walking tour focuses on Native American history. It includes a free tour of the Tennessee Valley Museum of Art to view a Native American petroglyph and other American Indian artifacts relating to Chickasaw Chief George Colbert, for whom the county is named.

The **April 9** tour's focus is the founding families of Tuscumbia and their homes. It includes a free tour of the historic Julian Home, owned by Richard and Ninon Parker. The Julian House was originally built in Cherokee and was moved to Tuscumbia in the early 1800s. It is perhaps, the oldest home in Tuscumbia.

Architecture is the focus of the **April 16** tour and will include various buildings around town and a visit to the historic 1830's Winston Home.

Jackson's Military Road and a living history program at the historic stage coach stop will be featured at the **April 23** Tuscumbia tour. Railroad history and a free tour of the historic train depot are featured on the **April 30** tour.

The Sheffield tours are organized by the Sheffield S.H.I.N.E. Committee. Each tour begins at 10am at the Sheffield Municipal Building on North Montgomery Avenue.

Participants in the Sheffield tour will walk along Montgomery Avenue to the historic Standpipe and back down the street on the other side.

The tour will include commentary on each home's Victorian and Arts & Crafts architecture and the various residents who made contributions to the city of Sheffield.

"Tuscumbia and Sheffield both have rich histories," said Susann Hamlin, president and CEO of Colbert County Tourism. "This year's tours are a great opportunity to learn about the history of the cities as we prepare to celebrate Alabama's Bicentennial beginning in 2017."

Hamlin said walking tour participants should wear comfortable shoes and dress appropriately for the weather that day. The tours are handicap accessible.

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Soap Opera Preview

THE BOLD AND THE BEAUTIFUL Katie told Bill that she was ready to quit drinking. Quinn did her best to discourage Liam from researching his past life. Steffy and Wyatt made a friendly bet to see who could find their best man and maid of honor first. After a memory resurfaced, Liam questioned Quinn about the details surrounding their wedding. Bill and Brooke met in private to discuss Katie's change in behavior. Meanwhile, Katie mentally listed the many reasons why she was turning to booze for comfort. Caroline welcomed Steffy in to the Forrester family. Liam began to sketch the face of the woman he couldn't place. As Steffy's wedding began, the guests wondered who would be accompanying Quinn. *Wait to See: Siblings agree to keep a secret in order to save a marriage.*

DAYS OF OUR LIVES Deimos gave Victor an ultimatum. Abigail came face-to-face with Ben. Maggie encountered an unexpected health issue. Summer's motives were put into question. Theresa lost her engagement ring. Maggie was rushed to the hospital with Victor by her

side. Abigail realized that she had imagined her encounter with Ben. Philip wanted to define his relationship with Belle. Chad did his best to distract Abigail from her concerns and anxiety. Ciara struggled with the aftermath of her rape. Chase's desperation caused him to commit yet another crime. The Hernandez clan weighed in on giving Eduardo a second chance. *Wait to See: Deimos recalls a woman from his past who looks just like Nicole.*

GENERAL HOSPITAL Ava admitted to Scott that she had no one to turn to anymore. Jason and Dillon were stunned to learn of Hayden's true identity. Tracy received a sweet surprise, sending her into a moment of true vulnerability. Julian was presented with an interesting offer. Kiki had something in mind to snap Morgan out of his depression. Kristina opened up to Alexis. Scott and Ava's arrangement got off to a rocky start. Kiki's PTSD reaction had an unexpected effect on Morgan. Julian set Ava's mind at ease. Griffin revealed his DNA test results. Sonny's contact put a bug in someone's phone. Jason and Sam came up with a plan to get to the bottom of Hayden's shooting. Nina enlisted a guest columnist at Crimson. *Wait to See: Sonny embarks on a mission.*

THE YOUNG AND THE RESTLESS Summer visited Victor before his trial and was shocked to learn that, according to him, Phyllis kidnapped Adam. Phyllis gave her testimony about what life was like when Marco impersonated Jack. Sage and Shawn shared a nice moment after painting the baby's nursery. Victoria told Jack that she would end the Newman-Abbott feud if Victor went free. Meanwhile, Phyllis broke down and told Billy that she will never forgive Victor. Adam read an article about how his family's business had been in a steep decline since Victor's trial. Faith told Sage that she would miss living with Shawn once the baby was born. *Wait to See: Dylan chases a lead on Dr. Anderson.*

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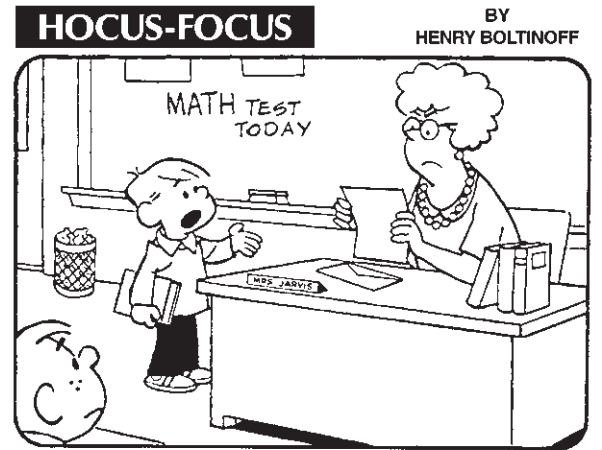
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First-time homeowners with little or no landscaping experience may not understand the benefits of mulch, which can be used to strengthen soil and protect properties from the elements.

What is mulch?

Mulch refers to a material spread around or over a plant to enrich and/or insulate its soil. Many homeowners prefer mulch made of wood chips, which is both effective and readily available. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency notes that organic mulches, which include leaves, wood chips, compost or grass clippings, can be used by homeowners who want to develop eco-friendly landscapes.

Why mulch?

Mulching can benefit plants around a property in various ways. Many people lay mulch because the mulch helps soil retain moisture in the summer, when temperatures tend to be at their hottest. This can help plants survive summer heat waves.

Mulch also can be used to suppress weeds. Weeds, which steal moisture plants need to

build strong roots and survive summer, need light to grow. When laid correctly, mulch deprives weeds of the light they need to grow. Organic mulches can even provide homes for crickets and a type of beetle that feed on weed seeds.

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bacteria in the soil, and they also increase the presence of helpful insects that do not pose a threat to plant life. Those helpful insects help keep harmful insects at bay. Compost is a type of organic mulch that may attract harmful insects. While that does not mean homeowners should shy away from using compost as mulch, they should know that they may need to employ organic insecticides to combat their unwanted guests.

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Fridays...

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Cook-Off...

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The Lumbee Smokers includes Bracy Cummings, Jr., Bracy Cummings, Sr., Derrick Cummings and Tim Borden. They will be invited to the state finals in Millbrook in August 6 to compete for the AWF 2016 Wild Game Cook-Off State title.

Other winners included:
Fish Division: First Place - Red Hen including Dan Nelson, Matt Nelson, Tony Bishop, Earl and Karen Walker cooking Bass with Lemon, Butter and Dill; Second Place - Hobo Jungle including Terry Pace and Gerald Aker cooking Dish Had No Name; Third Place - Rib Ticklers including Murrell Frazier, Debbie Frazier, Patty Boldin and Jack Stewart cooking Linguine Smoked Salmon.

Fowl Division: First Place - Rib Ticklers including Murrell Frazier, Debbie Frazier, Patty Boldin and Jack Stewart cooking Turkey Baking Roll; Second Place - The Lumbee Smokers including Bracy Cummings, Jr., Bracy Cummings, Sr., Derrick Cummings and Tim Borden cooking Gobbler Soup; Third Place - The Brethern including Anthony McGill, Derrell Walton, Ricky Holden and Steven Horton cooking Duck Dressing.

Game Division: First Place - The Lumbee Smokers including Bracy Cummings, Jr., Bracy Cummings, Sr., Derrick Cummings and Tim Borden cooking White Tail Chili with Antler Wraps; Second Place - Bama Girl including Amber Wynn cooking Poppin' Dill Peppers; Third Place - Hobo Jungle including Terry Pace and Gerald Aker cooking Smoked Jalapeno Backstrap.

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Potluck: First Place - Kimoki including Dawn Merchant, Tet Merchant, Ash McClean and Leanne Merchant cooking Brunswick Stew; Second Place - Sweet B including Bethany Beasley cooking Venny Venison Stew; Third Place - We-Are-Wild including Michael Luker, Diane Luker, Violet Luker and Colton Hensley cooking Buckwild Cabbage Stew.

The Lumbee Smokers took home the Alabama Army National Guard People's Choice Award and Best Presentation Award. Second Place Presentation Runner-Up Award went to the Rack Shack Taxidermy Shop.

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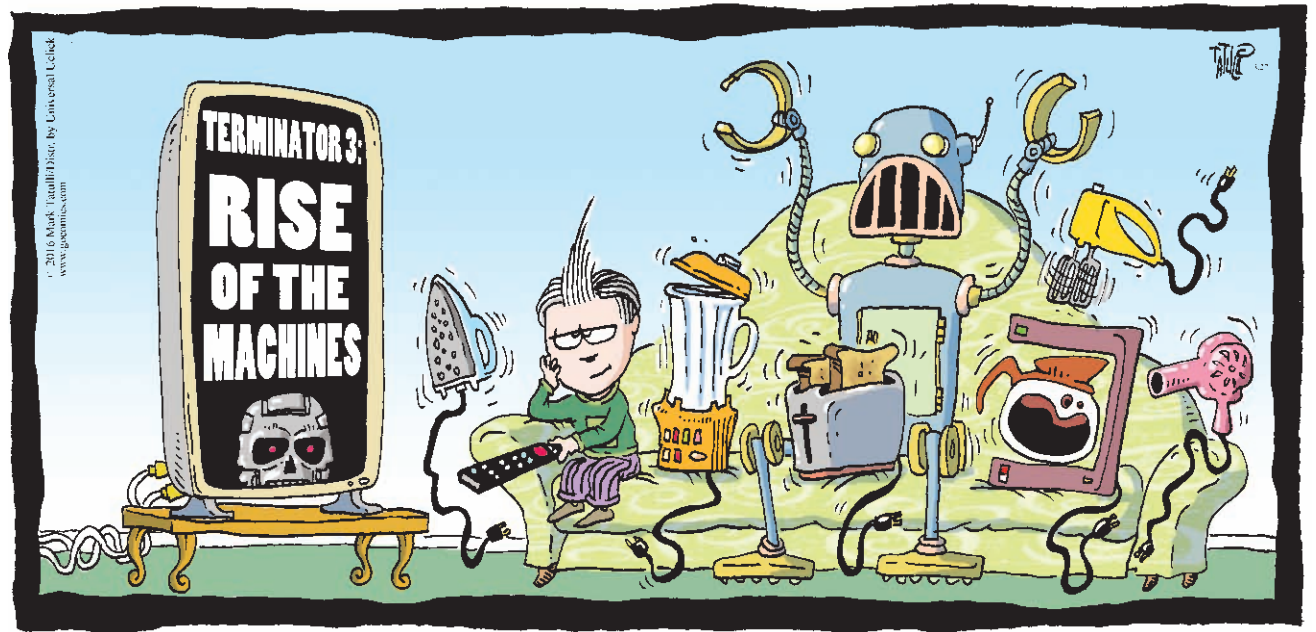


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Cat & Kids

by Cathy Turner

Unusual Treasures

There is an 8x10 picture on our family shelf that every now and then captures my eye. The family shelf is reserved for pictures of the past. All other places in our house shelve current pictures made in portrait studios, or of recent events blown up, or printed from cellphones or off Facebook. But the family shelf is reserved for pictures made long before cellphones, of folks that we want to remember. On the shelf, there is a small, oval framed message that I kept of my mother's that I gave to her when we lived far apart. It says, "If I had a single flower for every time I think of you, I would walk forever in my garden."

The picture on that shelf that captures my heart sometimes is a picture from the Turner side of the family. It is a print copy of my husband's great-granddad's family. It is in black and white. It looks like one of those borrowed ancestor pictures in Cracker Barrel, but these are really our people. This photograph

was probably taken sometime around 1915. The fact that the picture was taken at all makes it highly unusual. In this up-close shot, Tom Turner and his wife are seated with their youngest two in their laps and their older seven standing around them in front of a wall of their board and stone, thatched-in-places, house. They are all very well-dressed. The three younger girls, Hudy, "Fat" and Pearl, have on white dresses with lace collars. The two teenaged girls, Eliza and Winnie, have dark dresses with high-necked lace collars. Mrs. Turner is wearing a dark dress with simple, embroidered flowers. The females have full heads of hair, well-coiffed and natural. The males' hair seem freshly cut - sharp. All of the young males, Bishop, Johnny, and Eddie, have on wool suit coats with wide lapels and dress shirts with starched collars. Elijah Turner, my husband's grandfather, a teenager here, stands tall and broad-shouldered in the middle behind his

parents (looking like our oldest son) in a doubled-breasted suit coat with a skinny black tie. They are all well-groomed, hearty people. For the time, this too strikes me as unusual, but then again we are talking about Turners.

No one is smiling, which is probably usual for the time. But the most serious look is from Tom Turner, our great-grandfather. He has the face that all of the Turners inherited - classic - chiseled cheekbones, triangular long face, shiny-skin with thick, almost touching eyebrows. They all have those eyebrows. I am always so glad when we get deeper into friendships so that people know that my husband is not as serious as those eyebrows make him look.

If you know my husband, or his brothers, or our sons, or their granddad, Girtho, then you would know Tom Turner if you saw him walking down the street. (How does that happen?) It is obvious and logical that my so capable husband came from this strong-faced black man pictured in a buttoned-down shirt and striped suit with a pin on the lapel in the early 1900s. Neither are usual.

Surely, this treasured picture of the past helps to explain our present and gives hope for our future.

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The Florence Parks & Recreation Department Senior Center, affectionately known as "The Club", located at 450 Country Club Drive off Savannah Highway, offers chair exercise classes in the morning and afternoon games of Rook, Rummy, Rummycubes, Dominoes, Chickenfoot Dominoes, Mexican Train, Horseshoes, Shuffleboard, and lunch at 11am. Square Dance lessons on Monday nights and Social Dancing for 21+ crowd on Tuesday nights at 6:30pm, featuring The Browns. The Club is an alcohol/drug free facility. For more program information, please call 256-760-6420.

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When you think about growing up, what things do you remember most? My wife and I were having this discussion a while back, and we had so much fun recalling great times with our families—vacations, day trips, impromptu road trips, days spent at museums, parks or just exploring a different part of our hometowns. This conversation was sparked by a different discussion: whether to do some home improvements or take a trip. If you're like us, sitting down and watching a few episodes of a home improvement show is all it takes to ignite a desperate longing to redo SOMETHING. We as a society are a little obsessed right now with homes that look like a magazine spread. We tend to compare the homes that we live in to the ones in the magazines and on the shows, when the important thing is the life that is being lived there.

Before I go any further, please understand that I am not saying that you should neglect your home. Please don't put off necessary maintenance! If you are getting ready to list your home and are considering replacing something really dated, maybe that is the best choice. I'm just saying to think on what really makes you, and whomever your household consists of, happy long-term.

This is probably a little counter-productive to my business, but that's ok. Some things are more important than business, and family is way up there. If you have a little extra in the budget and are weighing granite countertops vs. taking your family somewhere you've never been, my vote is for the trip. If life is a race, don't we sometimes get too caught up in the finishes? The colors, the appliances, the right stone and the right fixtures. Those things are great for adding aesthetic value to your life. It feels good to come home to a nice place, and investing in the way your home looks is satisfying. We feather our nests, so to speak, like many other creatures. But humans have a special sense of family, and that is what our fondest memories are made up of. In thirty years, the chances of you or your children looking back and thinking that you sure had an amazing master bath are slim. Do you look back fondly on the countertops your house had when you were 11? Or do you remember a camping trip with your family or catching your first fish? - mrr

Please feel free to send your questions.

Rest assured I will only use your first name when I answer your questions. Email to: questions@mikerandallhomes.com or mail to:

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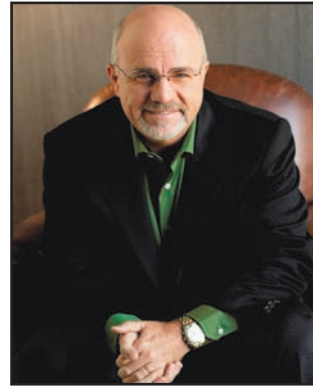
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sure if you're doing a 529 that you choose the kind you control from top to bottom!
—Dave

WHAT CAUSES OVERSPENDING?

Dear Dave,
In your opinion, what causes overspending?
Kristin

Dear Kristin,
Overspending is, 100 percent of the time, a choice. It's a decision. Most of the time it's linked to immaturity, although there can be other issues at play.

People who habitually overspend are saying that they're unwilling to act like a mature adult, and delay pleasure in order to win with money. This kind of thing is made even worse, because we live in a culture fueled by extreme debt marketing. And when things like credit card offers are constantly in the face of immature people, those two things can combine to make a real mess.

Good question, Kristin!
—Dave

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PLANNING FOR COLLEGE

Dear Dave,
We have two daughters, and we've started thinking about financial planning for college. What are the differences between an Education Savings Account and a 529 plan?
John

Dear John,
I'm glad you're thinking ahead and planning for the future. Here's a quick overview of the two.

The Education Savings Account (ESA) is limited to \$2,000 per year, per child. It has complete flexibility, meaning you can invest it in whatever you like and you can move it—roll it over—to another one if you don't like that mutual fund, as an example. I use that example because I recommend using good growth stock mutual funds and that you do this for the first \$2,000 invested per year.

There are several types of 529 plans, and there's only one that I would recommend. It's the kind that has complete flexibility, where you control the investments. Some states have 529 plans that are prepaid tuition, and I never recommend those. You don't want the state

managing anything for you, because you won't get anywhere near the returns you'd get if you managed it yourself. Other types of 529s lock you into a certain kind of investment the whole time, or they move the investment based on the age of your kid. I don't want anybody doing that crap. I want you controlling your money.

Most of the 529s vary somewhat from state to state, but the majority have flexibility that allows you to control the investment while contributing up to \$10,000 a year. Both those and the ESAs grow completely tax-free on the growth as long as they're used for higher education. They can also be transferred to a sibling if the kid doesn't go to school, so a little brother or sister can use the money. If they get scholarships, make sure you keep up with the value of these. You'll be allowed to withdraw that amount and refund yourself for the scholarship amount without penalty or taxes on the amount withdrawn.

In short, both the ESA and 529 are fine ways to save for college. Just make

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Week #4 Winner

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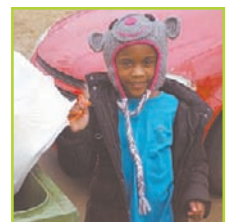
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biographies of famous Americans.

The Butlers own Virtual Village, a website that helps teachers in school districts nationwide teach writing skills to elementary students. The biography series is a perfect match for elementary students working on writing and reading comprehension skills.

"The ideal target is fourth-graders and each book is about 120 pages long," said Darren Butler. "Our goal is to elevate the biographies from our present Alabama Roots to an American Roots Series of biographies. Each state having its own Roots series."

Butler was touched by the discovery of two hand-written letters from the reclusive Lee. They were written in response to Seacoast's previous owner's request that Lee fact-check or otherwise approve of the biography.

"Thank you for your most kind letter," Lee wrote in November 2005, "but I must tell you that I disapprove of biographies of the living, don't read them, and certainly am not interested in contributing to one of me."

"You will not have to wait too long for my dust to settle as I will be 80 in 2006, and I wish you well with your post-mortem project, if you have one!"

Butler was so impacted by the discovery of the exchanges in 2014 that he wrote Lee, vowing to publish no reprints while she was living. He would sell the final copies of the original printing, then put a moratorium on the project.

"I said right now we are contractually obligated to sell the book, but I would honor her wishes and not print any new copies until after she had passed," Butler said.

Lee had grown ill and blind, but her attorney replied to Butler. "Thank you for honoring Miss Lee's wishes and for understanding her need for privacy. If only everyone would be so kind," wrote Tonja Carter of Monroeville.

Butler said it was an easy decision. "She was always one of my favorite authors, and she impacted me as a writer."

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Clothes Give Away - Thursday, April 7, 8-10am at the Care Center, First Baptist Church, Killen.

Zip City Neighborhood Watch Meeting April 13, 2pm at the Zip City Fire Department.

Boy Scout Westmoreland District Steak Social - You are invited to attend a steak social at the Florence Lauderdale Coliseum on Thursday, April 7. The keynote speaker will be Eagle Scout State Treasurer Young Boozier. This social will help benefit the Friends of Scouting Campaign here in the Westmoreland District of the Boy Scouts of America. To reserve your seat please call Daniel at 256-810-8170.

Benefit Yard Sale for Central High School Band, Saturday, April 16, 7am-12noon at Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church Family Life Center, County Road 222. All proceeds go to the band's spring trip to Disney World where they will be marching in one of the parades.

Events for April at the Florence-Lauderdale Public Library - For more information, call 256-764-6564, ext. 28.

• **Inside Cuba:** Robert Rausch - Monday, April 11, 5:30pm. Local photographer Robert Rausch visited Cuba mid-December on assignment for The New York Times. Some of the photographs from his visit were featured in the NYT in January; however, those images only illustrated part of the rich culture and experience that Robert captured while in Cuba.

Join us for a photography slideshow and talk from Robert Rausch. See images beyond the few that made it to publication.

Rausch is a Clio award-winning photographer who is the owner and founder of the GAS Design Center in Tusculumbia. In addition to the NYT, his photography can also be seen in Southern Living, Travel & Leisure, Garden and Gun, and Food and Wine. He is also an Adjunct Instructor of Art at the University of North Alabama.

This event is presented by Florence-Lauderdale Public Library in association with Kennedy-Douglass Center for the Arts.

• **How to Meditate: Mastering Your Inner Thoughts** with Danielle Snoddy of Shoals Yoga - Tuesday, April 12pm. Getting to know the 'here and now' could be the key to a calmer, healthier, and happier you. Danielle Snoddy, owner and teacher at Shoals Yoga, will guide you through a free introduction to mindfulness meditation. When you first begin to practice mindfulness, you will find your mind racing from this memory to that moment. But mindfulness meditation teaches you to observe, and to learn to change the way you relate to your inner thoughts. Therein lies the route to better and more peaceful mental health. In a world of no stillness, even a little calm goes a long way. Everyone welcome.

• **Telescope Night** Friday, April 15, 8pm. Have a telescope but need help using it? Bring it to the library for some one-on-one instruction. We will be looking at Jupiter and the first-quarter moon. Sponsored by the Shoals Astronomy Club and the UNA Planetarium and Observatory.

• **Book Signing: Simply the Best Spiritual Truths** by Renea Simpson Saturday, April 16, 1-3pm. Local author Renea Simpson will be at FLPL to sell and sign copies of her book "Simply the Best Spiritual Truths."

Most people don't realize spiritual truth as "love in action." "Simply the Best Spiritual Truths" are Renea's written works of love in action from her perspective.

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WE CARE After School Ministry of Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church in Central Heights is still enrolling students. Contact Melissa at 245-483-2559 for more information.

Revival Tabernacle Church, 1509 Robertson Blvd. in Sheffield, will be having its monthly singing on April 14 at 7pm. Featured singers will be Marvin & Vernell Morrow from Collinwood, TN. For more info call 931-332-1231

Faith Church Security Team is hosting a **Golf Tournament**. All proceeds will go to the Florence Police Department.

The tournament is Saturday, April 9. Shotgun start at 8am. The tournament is a two person scramble. Tournament held at the Blackberry Trail Golf Course. The cost is \$60/person which includes a Mulligan package and lunch. There will be cash payouts per flight for 1st and 2nd place.


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NAMI Shoals is sponsoring a "Whole Hog Fundraiser" on Friday, April 8 from 4:30-7pm at the NAMI Shoals office 749 Thompson Street in Florence (behind Burger King). Whole Hog plates include Half BBQ Chicken, Potato Salad, Bake Beans, Dinner Roll, White Sauce, Desert, and Drink! Tickets are \$10 each and are available from any NAMI board members or by calling the NAMI Shoals office at 256-765-2081.

Tickets must be sold by Tuesday, April 5 at noon to give Whole Hog a head count. NAMI Shoals is the local affiliate of the National Alliance on Mental Illness. NAMI Shoals is a 501(c) 3. Proceeds will help with regularly scheduled meetings and transportation costs for clients to their monthly meetings and the annual Recovery Conference later in April at Shocco Springs, AL. We rent 3 vans, pay for gas, and pay for volunteer family driver's conference registration fees!

Florence Parks & Recreation, Fairground Rd Rental Facility is available for birthdays, reunions, showers, etc. For rental information, please call The Club, 256-760-6420.

The Barnett Brothers Band will be at West Side Village Community Center, Hwy 99 in the Owens Community, Friday, April 1, 7pm. Admission is \$5. All ages are welcome. No smoking allowed, no drugs or alcohol permitted. Bring finger foods to share at break. For more information call 256-771-0586.

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