

Two Perfect on Game Day

SHOALS- For the first time in the history of the Courier Journal Game Day Scorecard Contest, we had to declare 2 winners on the same card. Week 4 (games of September 23) saw several contestants pick all 10 games on the Scorecard correctly, and the majority of those picked Florida State to beat Clemson in the tie-breaker game.

When contestants remain tied any time after considering a tiebreaker score, we always have a staff member make a blind pick from among the final entries. However, on Week 4, two entrants had a perfect card with BOTH guessing the exact tie-breaker score of Florida St. 31 - Clemson 24.

This extraordinary circumstance deserved more than a blind pick for one

winner. Therefore, **Todd Higgs** of Tuscumbia and **Randy Wood** of

Muscle Shoals will both receive a \$50 Gift Card to 306 Barbecue as weekly winners. They also receive a second \$50 306 Barbecue gift card and a \$50 check for having perfect cards!

Congratulations, gentlemen!

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Bus Full of Angels

Trio's quick reaction saves elderly man's life

by Kevin Taylor
Times Daily
City Editor

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WHITE OAK — Chrys Landers had driven her former bus route in eastern Colbert County for more than a decade, but had never encountered what she and a bus full of children witnessed on the afternoon of Sept. 20.

Landers, who was serving as a substitute driver for the Colbert County school system that day, had just dropped off some children at their bus stop early that Wednesday afternoon.

As the bus began to top a rise along Cottontown Lane, she saw black smoke coming from a home on the 2400 block.

Seconds later, Landers saw flames engulfing the carport area and the eastern side of the house.

Under the carport was 83-year-old Russell Marler in his motorized



From left, Joshua Ledlow, 12th grade; Chrys Landers, bus driver; and Rylie Reed, 9th grade; stand by their bus outside of Colbert County High after their quick thinking saved a man.
Courtesy TimesDaily/Dan Busey

wheelchair with flames around him. "I immediately stopped the bus, tried to call 911 and then saw him in the scooter and saw he couldn't get any farther because of debris," Landers said. "When I couldn't get a signal on my phone, I turned and asked one of the high school kids to call 911. I opened the door to the bus and ran toward the house."

Landers ran toward Marler as he

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leaned forward and fell to the ground.

"The heat felt like an oven as soon as I got off the bus," she said. "I ran up to him and pulled on his hand, but he is a bigger guy than I am and I couldn't pull him very far."

When Landers looked over her shoulder to ask for help, there stood Colbert County High students Rylie Reed and Joshua Ledlow ready to pull Marler to safety.

"We were sitting in the back of the bus. I sit in the back on the right side of the bus and Rylie sits in the back on the left side. We saw the smoke and then the fire and we got off the bus to help," said Ledlow, who is a senior at the high school. "It was just a reaction. I pulled on his left arm and Rylie pulled on his right arm to get him out into the yard."

Reed, who is a freshman at the high school, said he and Ledlow first attempted to pull Marler's arms, but his burned skin just peeled away.

So, Reed and Ledlow grabbed each of Marler's wrists and began pulling the man to the middle of the yard to safety.

"The Lord was working through me. I was His helper [that day]," Reed said. "You can be calm as you want when you know the Lord is there to protect you."

After Marler was pulled to safety, Landers, Reed and Ledlow returned to the bus and were welcomed with a round of applause from the children on the bus.

"I didn't do anything. I was there just to help," Reed said. "I wish I knew we weren't so on limited

time, so we could pull him farther away from the house."

Because of the quick action of the trio, Marler's life was spared.

White Oak Volunteer Fire Chief Matt Moore said Marler remains at UAB Medical Center. He has gone through his first of at least three surgeries and may remain in the hospital for up to a month.

"What you did by just reacting to help Mr. Marler is just awesome," Moore told Landers, Ledlow and Reed Wednesday morning. "From what [Landers] told me about what you two boys did, reminds me that there are still good people in America."

While Landers may have broken all the rules of protocol regarding an emergency situation, she said she wouldn't do anything differently.

"Maybe I would have tried to run faster," she said with a laugh. "I think I would have done it for anyone, and I'm sure they would have done the same for me in that situation."

"I was just so impressed how calm the boys were during that time. I was yelling and they acted like they knew just what to do. I remember looking back at one of the boys and I could swear I saw a halo over his head. Everyone on that bus was just so calm. They were a bus full of angels."

Colbert County Schools Superintendent Chris Hand said his school system, or any school system for that matter, would never ask a student to put their own lives at risk, but he believes the actions of Landers, Ledlow and Reed speak more to their character as people.

"We, as school officials, always put the safety and well-being of our students first. The idea of those three putting the needs of another above their own, is a testament to their makeup as a person. I'm extremely proud of their actions," he said.

"This man could have lost his life had they not put his needs in front of their own."

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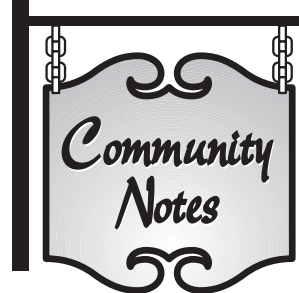
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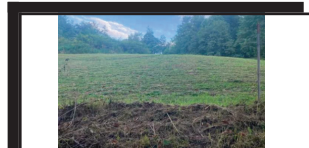
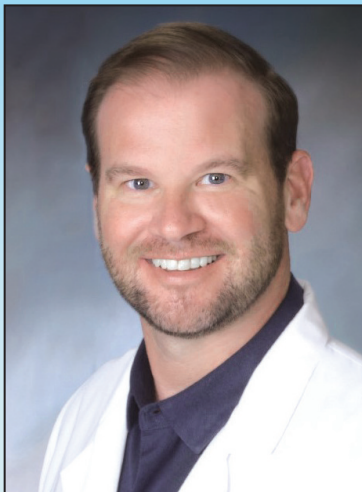
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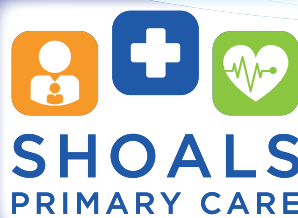


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No Tethering in Tuscumbia

TUSCUMBIA — A new pet ordinance goes into effect in late October for Tuscumbia residents who will receive a grace period before enforcement of the city's new animal control ordinance begins.

The Tuscumbia City Council recently revamped its entire animal control ordinance, according to Tuscumbia Mayor William Foster. "We worked on it for two or three months," said Foster.

The law now prohibits tethering of animals. According to Colbert Animal Services Director, Corey Speegle, city pet owners will have 30 days to make changes. However, the law was passed about two weeks before this publication date. That leaves about a two-week grace period from this publication date.

Tuscumbia's animal control ordinance was less strict than ordinances in Muscle Shoals and Sheffield, and the city council was attempting to bring Tuscumbia's animal control ordinance more in line with the others.

Speegle will be concentrating on dog owners who tether animals with logging chains.

Section 3-25 is relatively simple. It states, "It shall be unlawful for the owner of any dog to tie, chain or tether such dog."

It also clarifies that nothing in the section prohibits pet owners from walking a dog with a handheld leash.

The goal is to prevent people from mistreating animals. The new ordinance will also make it easier to respond to reports of vicious animals.



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1. Adjust your speed to match the flow of traffic before entering the roadway.
2. Yield to drivers on the freeway, but avoid stopping unless absolutely necessary.
3. Find a three to four-second gap in traffic to merge.
4. Check for cars around your vehicle before entering a lane. And remember to check your blind spot.
5. Use your turn signals early, a recommended 100 to 300 feet before merging or changing lanes.
6. Wait for the solid line to end before merging. A solid line indicates that lane changes are prohibited.
7. Cross one lane of traffic at a time.
8. Be prepared for your exit, and maneuver into the far-right lane as you approach it.
9. In general, keep up with the speed of traffic until you exit.
10. If you must pass a vehicle, pass on the left and return to your lane once the vehicle is visible in your rearview mirror. Increase this distance when passing larger vehicles.

Changing lanes properly can greatly reduce the risk of crashes, fatalities and injuries on the road. Driving safety also means becoming familiar with the laws in your state, such as lane change restrictions at intersections, on bridges and in no passing zones.

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Mrs Thibodeau, my fourth grade teacher, told me to aim for the Red Group in the SRA reading program. She saw to it that I excelled.

Somebody had me tested to be in the Gifted Ed program starting in sixth grade. I was the only black kid in there. But I made lifelong friends who have shared life's experiences. We are retired and we Zoomed the other day.

Louvena Martin was the sixth grade Gifted Ed teacher. She was old and had glasses thicker than Coke bottles, but she showed me the world through gifts and letters from a pen pal sailor, who was on a merchant ship that sailed around the world. I learned about every port.

In 7th grade, Rosie Pardue made us memorize every muscle and bone in the body.

My gifted class was self-contained, especially for math, until we graduated. When we were in eighth

grade they sent "Zeke", Bill Hawkins, the high school math teacher to the Junior High to teach us Algebra 1. He was a game changer in my life. He listened. He made me say I could do it. I remember a day or two in high school when he let me close the door and scream or cry. Then we would all talk it out, whether it was some home stuff or some homework or just trying to run the school.

Hannah Edwards, a black teacher, taught me how to type in ninth grade. Also in ninth grade, T. E. Orr cast me as the lead in the one act play, "The Ugly Duckling". In that role, when I came into my "beauty", I kissed the prince. My co-lead was a white kid. It was a stage kiss. I didn't think anything about it. Our play won at state that year, and I won an individual Thespian Award.

The summer before tenth grade, I attended the Governor's School of North Carolina. I told our counselor, Jack Johnson, that I felt like I fooled them to get in, because I could tell what the answers should be on the test. Mr. Johnson just laughed.

I didn't know - they taught me. My junior year Mr. Orr and Mrs. Christina Croft made me learn 1,000 SAT level vocabulary words, and they taught me how to write and analyze. That year, Keith Dalbeck, my Civics teacher, sent me to the National Leadership

Conference in Arkansas. They worked for me.

I was so well supported, that on the same day that I found out that I was going to be varsity cheerleading captain, I was also elected to be the first black student body president. I won with a student body of 605 students with a 1:7 ratio - black to white. My senior year, we had so much fun! I loved leading the High School!

Truly, I didn't know how to get to college, but Mr Johnson did and I ended up with choices. When I got there, I didn't start at the freshman level. And the rest is history!

This week Hendersonville High School put me in their Hall of Fame. I am honored that they see me as worthy. I surely see them and their education as worthy and amazing! My present day friends, who wrote recommendations for me, don't even know all of the history above. They just know how God has blessed me now. Truly what they don't know is that He always has. Thank you Hendersonville.

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Part Humor, Part Irrationality

T We started addressing some craziness last week and there is a lot more to cover. We can't keep pace.

The Freedom From Religion Foundation (FFRF) had strong public objections to an event that took place the night of September 12 on the Auburn campus.

In a letter to Auburn president, Christopher B. Roberts, FFRF noted several religious events at Auburn over the past several years and asked for change.

The "Unite Auburn" event drew about 1,000 people to Neville Arena on campus with several speakers and a worship band performance.

Topics included Biblical perspectives of sexual abstinence, purity outside the confines of marriage, pornography, dangers of sexual promiscuity, and what God is doing in the lives of so many young people today that will save souls and influence coming generations.

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In A Few Words



TOM MAGAZZU
Editor

Courier Journal

in the *Shoals*

THIS WEEK

October 4, 2023

Happening THIS WEEK

Monday, October 9

Community Health Fair

FLORENCE—The Shoals Community Clinic in partnership with UNA Anderson College of Nursing & Health Professions will be hosting its Annual Community Health Fair at the clinic Monday, October 9 from 9am-2pm. Shoals Community Clinic is located at 309-B WC Handy Place in Florence.

Free flu shots will be available along with screenings for blood pressure, cholesterol (with 6 hour fasting prior to testing), diabetes and pre-diabetes, respiratory function, hearing, hepatitis C and HIV. New this year, the Lion's Club will also be

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SEVEN SPRINGS LODGE AND RATTLESNAKE SALOON will host Mule Day October 5-8. Calling all mule enthusiasts—whether you're a rider or love these magnificent animals, you won't want to miss this event. Enjoy guided rides and browse through various vendors. Remember, it's a BYOM (bring your own mule) event, so saddle up and be part of the Mule Day excitement! Seven Springs is located at 1292 Mount Mills Rd, in Tuscumbia. For more information, call 256-370-7218.

VALDOSTA CHURCH OF CHRIST will host its Fall Gospel Meeting October 8-12 with Guest Speaker, Sidney White. The schedule of services is Sunday at 9:30am, 10:30am, and 5pm. Monday-Thursday at 7pm. Valdosta is located at 1119 Old Lee Hwy in Tuscumbia. Everyone is welcome to one or all services.

Herbalist

Learn Medicinal Uses for Some of Our Native Plants

FLORENCE—Florence Arts and Museums is partnering with Summer McCreless, an herbalist who specializes in regional plant and material knowledge, to conduct a series of workshops, presentations, and demonstrations where participants can explore aspects of our region's tangible history.

Join McCreless and others at Pope's Tavern Museum on Sunday, October 8 at 2pm for an herbal remedies workshop.

This workshop will provide an opportunity for people to engage with the history of some native plants of the southeastern states, while learning about their medicinal uses. Attendees will have the opportunity to receive recipes and purchase homemade remedies.

Summer McCreless has been practicing herbalism for over 11

2pm
October 8

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YOUR Letters

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Foolishly Diverting

Editor:

A *Times Daily* article reported Retirement System CEO David Bronner's concern about lawmakers plans to divert hundreds of millions of dollars earmarked for public education directly to parents.

The purpose of the education savings accounts (ESA) is to enable parents to choose schools for their children – private, public, or homeschooling. The stated objective is to improve educational outcomes of Alabama students. However, there is little evidence that shifting thousands of public-school students to private and home schools will improve their performance.

This program is different from

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voucher programs aimed at helping low-income students at failing schools to obtain a better education. The ESA seems like a political appeal to the extreme parental rights groups and to those who want to use state funds for religious education.

Public education will lose vital resources while students already in private and home schools will be given a check to cover tuition and other expenses not related to academics.

With each student allocated \$6900 per year, some parents might be tempted to use this "cash cow" to cover housing expenses rather than tutors and textbooks. School closings during COVID demonstrated

the value of qualified teachers and the difficulty for parents to manage effective education at home.

While ESA students will be required to take yearly standardized tests, there is a chasm in accountability, standards, and regulations regarding private and home schooling compared to public education.

Unless we stop ESA or significantly tighten it, Alabama will drop further in the educational ranks of states.

Dan Waterman
Killen

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CaringPlace.....

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of engaging seminars at 6pm October, 3, 10, 17, and 24. These enlightening 445-minute seminars are open to the public at the CaringPlace facility at 216 South Marengo St - Suite 1 in Florence.

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Editor:

Three UNA employees have served on the Florence City Council in the last 12 years.

The first was Dr. Barry Morris, followed by Michelle Eubanks who is serving currently. Both represented District 4. The third member is Kaytrina Simmons who is currently representing District 1. It should be noted that the Alabama Ethics Council (AEC) issued separate rulings concerning these employees. In my opinion the rulings were not consistent.

During Dr. Morris' time as a council member, UNA expressed an interest in buying the Florence Golf Course property. Prior to action by the council, the AEC on April 6, 2011 issued the following ruling on Dr. Morris voting on the potential sale, "A member of the Florence City Council who is also an employee of the University of North Alabama may not vote, attempt to influence, or otherwise participate in the sale of property from the city to the university as a general conflict of interest exists and cannot best serve the city's interests and the employer's interest at the same time."

Morris was also a part-time employee!

In addition, when current Mayor Andy Betterton served on the council and an item came up for a vote that involved his employer, not UNA, he would recuse himself from any involvement with the resolution. It would appear that the rules were set!

Member Michelle Eubanks was a council member when she was hired by UNA as the Intern Associate Director of Communication and Marketing. University Media & Public Relations on April 29, 2019. At the July 2, 2019 council meeting, Eubanks gave the initial motion on a resolution that was to provide an amount not to exceed \$400,000 over two years to UNA for remodeling the Collins Medical Building and she voted for the resolution. Based on the AEC ruling

concerning council members Morris and Betterton's, member Eubanks should neither have given the motion nor voted on the resolution.

On July 3, 2020, the AEC replied to member Eubanks' request for a ruling on her voting on items involving UNA. The ruling stated, "A member of the City Council of the City of Florence may vote on, attempt to influence or otherwise participate in legislation affecting her public employer, the University of North Alabama, provided the legislation itself does not present a conflict of interest, as defined in the Ethics Act, for public officials." In my opinion the date of the ruling is another reason Member Eubanks should have had no involvement with the \$400,000 resolution.

Member Simmons was hired by UNA as a Senior Administrative Assistant, Department of Entertainment Industry on September 2, 2021. During the November 2, 2021 Council meeting a resolution was presented to give UNA \$500,000 toward the construction of a new computer science and mathematics building. This resolution was sponsored by Mayor Betterton and the City Council. Member Eubanks gave the second motion to call for a vote and when the vote was taken, she voted in "abstention." I believe Member Simmons also voted in abstention in this case. (Note: the last time the council's minutes were posted was August 20 2019).

A leader in parliamentary procedure stated, "An 'abstention' is simply a voter's decision not to vote. It's when a motion comes up for a vote and (1) you don't want

anyone to know what you think about the issue; (2) you disagree with the guy next to you but don't want him to know; (3) you aren't sure what you think; (4) you lost track of the business a while back and don't know what the vote is about; or (5) you totally miss that a vote is happening because you're thinking about golf. So, you just don't vote."

Based on actions of members Eubanks and Simmons, they must have believed the ruling (issued to Eubanks) did not give them the right to vote on resolutions that involved UNA. Was it then wrong for Eubanks to second the motion if she is not voting?

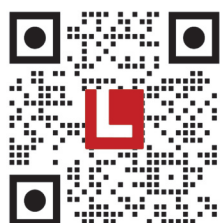
The Consent Agenda for the February 7, 2023 Council meeting included 36 items. On a Consent Agenda the council does not vote on individual items; It votes on all the items with one vote. Item (aa) was a resolution to give UNA another \$500,000 toward construction of the Computer Science and Mathematics Building. This item was sponsored by Mayor Betterton and the City Council. Based on the noted rules for Consent Agenda, Members Eubanks and Simmons did not take an 'abstention.' They not only voted for the Item(s) but were included as a sponsor. That is not within ethical bounds! Each of the mentioned items received four votes in favor and passed.

It is up to the voters of Districts 1 and 4 in the 2024 election cycle to decide how they want their representatives to vote on items involving UNA.

How do the other members of the Council feel about this?

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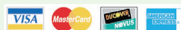
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Commentary

Humor...

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After the event concluded, much of the crowd left for Auburn's Red Barn where some 200 were baptized under the stars in an outdoor lake.

FFRF claimed the university-sponsored religious activity is a violation of the Constitution.

The FFRF claimed Chad Prewett, Auburn's assistant men's basketball coach, and his wife Tonya, also helped to organize the event, and that Freeze and other faculty baptized students FFRF also claimed

that Jeremy Napier, chaplain for the Auburn men's basketball team, helped plan the event and admitted that he personally baptized more than 20 students.

Auburn head football coach, Hugh Freeze, head basketball coach, Bruce Pearl (who is Jewish), and head baseball coach, Butch Thompson, all promoted the event beforehand.

Well done, people! God bless all of you moving forward.

I'm not so sure that what university students, coaches, and the team chaplain do on their personal time is anybody else's business, especially the FFRF's. However, it may

have done them some good to be there instead of just complaining about a process they should strongly reconsider.

The FFRF also sent a letter to Snead State Community College after one or more staff members allegedly complained they felt compelled to participate in prayer during staff events and before meals.

The FFRF claims that non-believers are forced to bow their head and participate because not doing so would require them to expose their personal beliefs and potentially lead to retribution.

(Psst... One must willfully pray. It just doesn't happen with a slightly bowed head and with eyes and mind peering outward. Therefore, if a self-righteous individual alleges that you are not praying, don't worry. Chances are that they are not truly praying either.)

Racially insensitive remarks seem to roll off President Biden's tongue as often as a drip of ice cream hits his bib.

Biden was steadily losing support among the black electorate already.

Many have lost confidence in his leadership and the party's lack of effectiveness in uplifting blacks like they claim they do.

His most recent gaffe as of this last week when he let a "no, no" slip while referring to rapper LL Cool J during a speech in front of the Congressional Black Caucus.

"Two of the great artists of our time represented the groundbreaking legacy of hip hop in America. LL J Cool J, uhhh..." Biden said during his speech. "By the way, that boy's got - that man's got - biceps bigger than my thighs..."

Sure, this one was an honest slip, and most any male in the modern music business is a "boy" compared to Biden. However, Biden's overall body of work regarding black people is not good. How many so-called honest slips—even in senility—demonstrate a mindset? As a white man, the historic elements of that term make it off limits.

I wonder how different the reaction would have

been had Biden said, "that ol' boy's got..." That simple contraction really changes the whole meaning.

A recent ABC News/Washington Post poll finds Joe Biden losing to Donald Trump by a whopping 10% in a head-to-head contest at 52%-42%. Some observers call this "stunning" since previous polling had placed the two in a statistical tie.

I agree. It is stunning... stunning that after all that has been discovered about Biden's recent actions and associations, all who have come forward to expose greater levels of treason and corruption, and all the national and international missteps, and all the daily gaffes that we see, how 4 in 10 voters can either dismiss that history or STILL be in the dark about it?

If 42% of eligible voters are honestly and innocently watching and listening to sources that keep them ignorant, or if they are just personally envisioning a different democrat for the Presidency, that's one thing.

However, if they know everything and would

still vote for Joe Biden to take us on another 4 year ride in his peddle car, it is time to question their mental capacity for voting at all, or conducting any official personal business.

During a Sunday, September 24 interview on MSNBC's, Inside with Jen Psaki, Hillary Clinton addressed a softball question from the host by confirming that Vladimir Putin might be trying to steal the 2024 election from Joe Biden the same way that he did her in the 2016 election.

Seriously? After all that has come out about her orchestration of that whole lie dropped in 2017 constructed through the now discredited Steele dossier. And she talks about "election deniers?"

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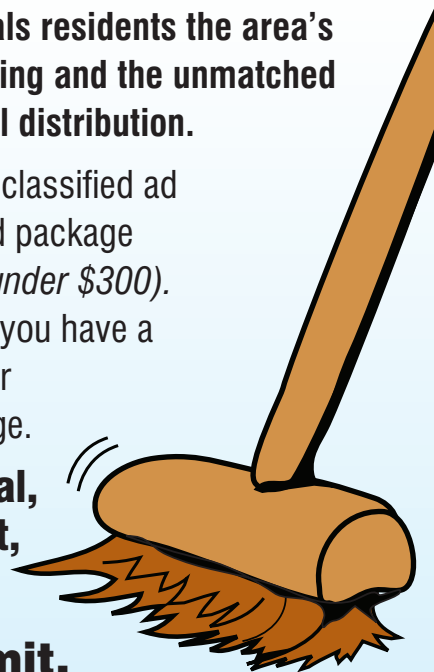
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Chloe's conversation with Xander had an unexpected outcome. Kate tried to talk some sense into Rex. Chloe and Philip made a life-changing decision. EJ spotted someone familiar. Rex got attacked. Sarah faced criticism for her actions. Alex staked a claim. *Wait to See: Gabi offers Vivian a warning. Dimitri is threatened by Gwen. Brady returns to*

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GENERAL HOSPITAL Valentin conferred with Martin. Kevin shared his theory. Laura was very insistent. Anna voiced her suspicions. Gladys found herself in the hot seat. Spencer and Trina affirmed their feelings. Sonny issued a threat. Tracy had a slip of the tongue. Valentin surprised Anna. Sasha was in danger. Michael and Willow pondered a decision. Carly was shaken. *Wait to See: Anna makes a request. Nina shares some important news with Valentin. Kristina is filled with anticipation.*

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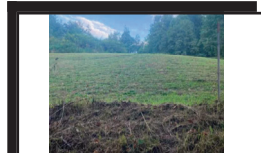
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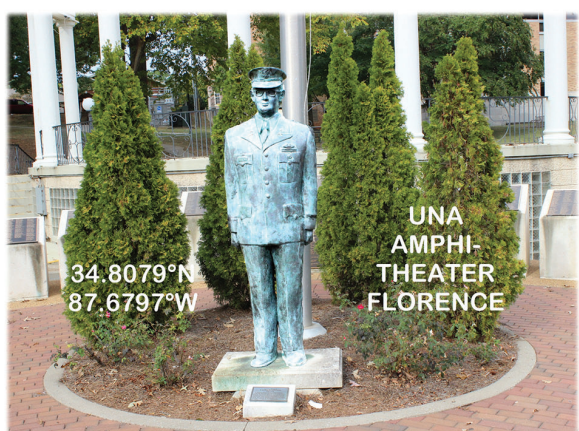


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LifeSouth Bloodmobile Dates:
Wednesday, October 4 Lauderdale County High School, 8am - 3:30pm
Saturday, October 7 St. Florian Oktoberfest, 9am - 5pm
Sunday, October 8 Walmart - Avalon Avenue - Muscle Shoals, 10am - 4pm
Monday, October 9 Florence High School, 7:30am - 3:30pm
Wednesday, October 11 North American Lighting, Inc., 6am - 1pm
Thursday, October 12 North American Lighting, Inc., 12pm - 7pm

and other conference details, please visit: www.florenceal.org. Call 256-760-6400 for more information.

The conference is sponsored by the City of Florence, the Mayor, the city council, the Florence Beautification Board, the Florence Tree Commission, and the City of Florence Urban Forestry and Horticulture Department.

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Every year the Colbert County Domestic Violence Response Coalition hosts events to raise

awareness and promote resources for families dealing with domestic violence.

The Kickstands Up for Domestic Violence Awareness Poker Scramble is Saturday, October 14. The ride starts and ends at Pavilion 4 in Spring Park, Tuscumbia. The cost is \$20 per bike and \$10 per poker hand. If it rolls, it rides. We ride, rain or shine. Kick stands up at 11am. Kick stands down at 3pm. A meal will be available at noon and a silent auction will take place until 4pm.

Jacksonburg Church of Christ, Ladies Day Saturday, October 14, 10am, 414 County Road 28 in Florence. The speaker will be Felicia Plunket. The theme is "A Faith For All Seasons." Lunch is provided.

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Cane Creek Canyon Bio Blitz is hosted by the Land Trust of North Alabama in partnership with Discover Life in America (DLIA) and the Tennessee Valley Authority. This citizen science event occurs on Friday, October 13, from 6-10pm and Saturday, October 14, from 8am-noon at Cane Creek Canyon Nature Preserve. Whether beginners or experts in natural sciences, participants will use the iNaturalist app to document local flora and fauna. Register at landtrustna.org/event/cccbioblitz for one or both days. Dress for the weather, as it's a rain-or-shine event (except in thunderstorms). Limited cell service is available at the preserve. Cane Creek is located at 251 Loop Rd in Tuscumbia. Information: 256-534-5263.

The public is invited to the 27th Annual Urban Forestry and Horticulture Conference taking place on Friday, October 13 from 8am-3:45pm at Cross Point Church of Christ, 1350 Cox Creek Parkway in Florence.

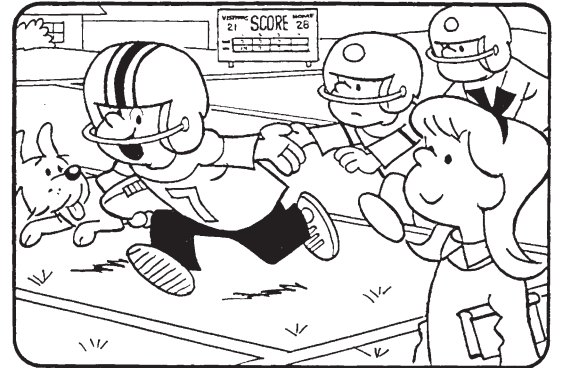
The theme of this year's conference is "Designing & Sustaining Landscapes." The Keynote speaker is Dr. John F. Kvach, Executive Director of the Singing River Trail.

Early registration cost is \$50 and includes lunch. Late registration cost is \$55 and is also offered on-site at 7:30am.

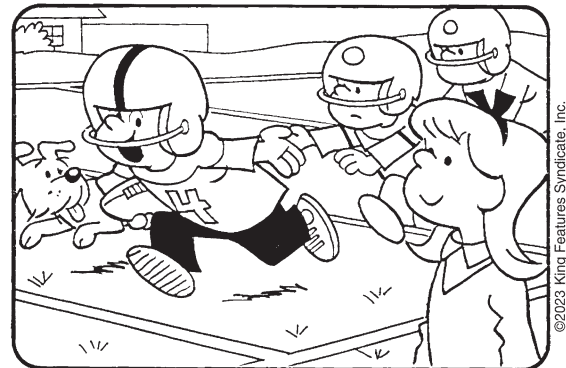
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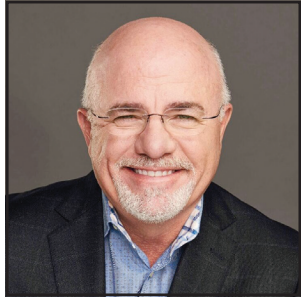
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DAVE Says

by DAVE RAMSEY



financially, and we were thinking about selling the other house, anyway. I'd like to simply write it off, and gift the home and title to this young man, but my husband feels he owes us something for putting a roof over his head all this time. What are your thoughts?
Penny

WHAT'S FAIR TO EVERYONE CONCERNED?

Dear Dave,
About a year ago, my husband and I offered an empty house we own to a

young man at our church, who had lost his home and everything he owned in a fire. He has taken good care of the place, but has made no effort to pay rent. We don't need the money, because we're in good shape

Dear Penny,
I think you and your husband have good hearts. I also think you handled this situation poorly.

From the sound of things, you put him there originally on a charity basis, and now your husband wants to change the deal. You didn't set up any kind of rental agreement, but your husband feels you two are owed something? I'm sorry, but no. That's on you.

At this point, you have some big decisions to make. Were you providing free housing to someone who was struggling, or were you providing a free house to someone who was struggling? I understand this young man experienced a terrible tragedy. But at the same time, I'm not hearing lots of evidence that he's putting his life back together. If after this long the guy's not back on his feet and out on his own, you may be enabling bad behavior on his part.

Now, if you want to gift him the house, that's your decision. If you want to approach him with a rental agreement or sale proposal to which all parties are amicable, that's okay, too. If neither of these ideas are in the cards, I'd make sure to sit down with this young man and have a gentle—but firm—talk. I'd let him know I had been happy to help him over the last several months, but that he needs to start moving forward with his life. I'd set a very reasonable and patient timeline for a move-out date, and let him know once that time is up, I'll be selling the house.

That's fair to everyone concerned.
— Dave

Dave Ramsey is an eight-time national bestselling author, personal finance expert and host of "The Ramsey Show." He has appeared on "Good Morning America," "CBS This Morning," the "Today" show, Fox News, CNN, Fox Business and many more. Since 1992, Dave has helped people take control of their money, build wealth, and enhance their lives. He also serves as CEO of Ramsey Solutions.

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Comforting Thoughts

Isaiah 52:12 "For ye shall not go out with haste, nor go by flight: for the LORD will go before you; and the God of Israel will be your reward." **Romans 8:31** "What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?" **1 Peter 3:13** "And who is he that will harm you, if ye be followers of that which is good?" **Romans 8:34** "Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us." **1 John 5:5** "Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?" Just as God guaranteed safety and blessings toward an obedient Israel, so it is with the children of God today. Many of old walked with God and now there are many out there walking with God that know exactly what I am talking about! It's a great comfort to know that God has our back and front as well as our sides. God gave permission for the devil to attack Job and we should thank Him for His protection and blessing every day. **1 Peter 5:8** "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour."

Prayer is the power today that moves the heart of God and prevents the Wicked one from his evil intentions on God's people. God hears and answers fervent prayer. Cover as many as you can with constant prayer daily to our Almighty God! **James 5:16 b&c** "and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." **1 Thessalonians 5:17** "Pray without ceasing." **1 Corinthians 15:57** "But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." You saved folk out there, remember you are a child of the King, start claiming some of the benefits. **Hebrews 13:5** "Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee." Pray, trust Christ, he'll help you. God bless!

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