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TVHS Turns 100

By Lee Freeman, Director of History/Genealogy; Florence-Lauderdale Public Library

LEIGHTON--The Tennessee Valley Historical Society was founded in 1923 by Frank R. King, a Leighton, merchant with an interest in local history. King called a meeting at the Sheffield Chamber of Commerce on November 15 to help form an organization to perpetuate the history

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Sheffield Grants Total \$16,000

SHEFFIELD--The Sheffield City School district is the recent beneficiary of \$16,000 in grants through the Colbert County Community Development Commission. The funds are compensatory payments through the Tennessee Valley Authority, which yearly aids its service area in lieu of taxes. As a federal entity, TVA is exempt from state and local taxes.

Alabama State House Rep. Kerry Underwood, R-Tuscumbia, and Commission member Waylon Huguely recently presented

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Attending the check presentation were, L-R: Cheer sponsor Nick Reid, Lead Nurse Carol Austin, Commission member Waylon Huguely, Superintendent Carlos Nelson, AL. Rep. Kerry Underwood, SCS Public Relations Coordinator Lisa Rickman, Assistant Superintendent Darryl Washington.



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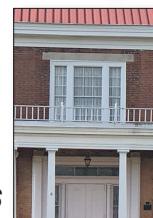
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McClanahan spent the past 25 years in several management positions CFO and COO at ANConnect, formerly Anderson Merchandisers, an \$800 million wholesale distribution company. He also played a pivotal role in overseeing 13 merger and acquisition projects, with a combined estimated value of \$350 million, contributing significantly to the company's growth and success.



McClanahan

McClanahan is a UNA graduate and earned his MBA from Tulane University. In addition, he is a Certified Public Accountant and a member of the American Institute of Certified

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Betts Named All ASUN

ATLANTA –UNA senior **Sage Betts** was one of seven cross country runners from the Atlantic Sun Conference to earn all-Conference academic honors this year.

The Academic All-ASUN Team recognizes student-athletes who excel both on the field and in the classroom. All members of the team boast a 3.50 cumulative GPA or better and participated in at least half of their team's meets.

Betts is a four-year member of the cross-country program. She ran in five meets this season to put her at 18 career meets heading into this past weekend's NCAA South Regional. This season she recorded a personal record time of 19:30.68 and she had three top 10 meet finishes in her career.

Betts maintains a perfect 4.0 GPA while majoring in nursing. She is one of six ASUN runners to make the Academic All-ASUN team with a perfect 4.0.

Toys for Tots Box Set Up in Our Lobby



FLORENCE –The *Courier Journal* and *TimesDaily* office, at 219 W. Tennessee St. in Florence, is a drop off location for Toys for Tots. New and unwrapped toys may be placed in the donation box located in our front lobby by Thursday, November 30. Office hours are 8am–5pm, Monday–Friday. *Thank you!*

Ivey Signs No Burn Order

MONTGOMERY – Last week Governor **Kay Ivey** signed a statewide Drought Emergency Declaration – often referred to as a 'No Burn Order' – prohibiting all outdoor burning in Alabama. This order was effective November 9.

"Alabama is currently experiencing extremely dry conditions, which greatly increases the potential for dangerous wildfire activity," Ivey stated. "This declaration is meant to prevent unnecessary burning, reducing the chance of avoidable fires. I urge Alabamians to heed this warning."

Since the statewide Fire Alert was issued on October 24, Alabama Forestry Commission (AFC) firefighters have responded to 352 wildfires that have burned 3,199 acres across the state.

The Drought Emergency Declaration order will remain in effect until rescinded by the State Forester. At that time conditions will have changed sufficiently to reduce the occurrence and frequency of wildfires. Some scattered brief rain events occurred November 9-10,

Two More Trolley Tours

SHEFFIELD – Colbert County Tourism is excited to announce the return of Sheffield Trolley Tours, a historical journey led by local historian, **Jimmy Austin**. Due to overwhelming popularity in October, this experience returns at 2pm on December 10 and 17 departing from Sheffield City Hall.

Susann Hamlin, President and CEO of Colbert County Tourism, expresses her enthusiasm for the community's interest in history, stating, "These events not only attract visitors, but they also showcase Sheffield as a fantastic place to live. The pride our community members feel in our history

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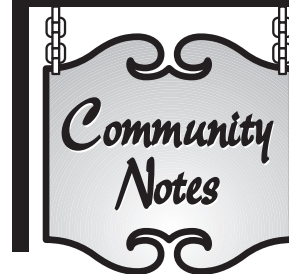
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Email to editor@courierjournal.net

Midway Church of Christ in Florence invites you to a Fall Series of Gospel Sermons November 12-15 with guest speaker Alan Yeater from Athens, Alabama, that will benefit all ages and places in life.

The schedule continues Tuesday and Wednesday.

Tuesday - How the Lord Opens Hearts
Wednesday - Motive Matters

Everyone is invited to come and learn with us from God's Word! Facebook: com/midwaychurchofchrist.org

Midway is located at 6000 U.S. 43, just north of Highway 64 in the Greenhill community.

Hope for the Holidays at The Healing Place - Tuesday, November 14 from 6-7pm at 2409 Wildwood Street in Muscle Shoals. The Healing Place is a center for grieving children and families.

This adults-only event will include speakers who will talk about managing grief during the holidays. Light Refreshments will be served. No RSVP's necessary. This event is free and open to the public. For additional information, please call 256-383-7133.

LifeSouth Bloodmobile Dates:
Sunday, November 19 Walmart - Avalon Ave. - Muscle Shoals, 10am - 4pm
Saturday, November 25 Walmart - Cloverdale Road - Florence, 10am - 4pm

Dan Penn Concert and 82nd Birthday Bash is on Thursday, November 16 at the Old Grace Church Venue, 700 N. Montgomery Ave. in Sheffield. After another trip around the sun, the legendary singer-songwriter returns for a show where he cut his first songs in Muscle Shoals. Dan Penn is the writer of multiple hits singles, including "I'm Your Puppet," "Dark End Of The Street," "Do Right Woman," "Out Of Left Field," "It Tears Me Up," and more.

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Gerald Clemmons needs a kidney! Gerald is a lifelong resident of Lauderdale County. He has kidney disease and is on dialysis. He has been told that he needs a kidney transplant, and a living donor is his best chance to survive. Please consider becoming a living kidney donor for him at Vanderbilt Hospital.

You can help! To be a donor, you will need to: know your blood type, be at least 18 years of age, be in good physical health, and have a good mental disposition. This week can provide more information: <https://bit.ly/VandyLivingDonor>

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checks in the amount of \$10,000 for the purchase of five additional automated external defibrillators, \$4,000 for the district's fundraising efforts to purchase digital signage and \$2,000 for Sheffield cheerleading safety equipment.

According to Superintendent Carlos Nelson, the funds were much needed in each area, particularly with the life-saving defibrillators.

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inspires both locals and out-of-towners to join in. We anticipate another fantastic turnout for the December Sheffield Trolley Tours."

The enchanting two-hour journey through Sheffield's history explores the city's vibrant past with Austin as your guide. Tickets are available for just \$10 at the Sheffield Public Library.

"Due to overwhelming response to the October tours, two additional tours have been scheduled for two Sundays in December," noted Austin.

The trolley tour will travel the historic area of North Montgomery Avenue and will showcase many homes decorated for the holiday season. I'm most grateful to Susann Hamlin and the wonderful staff at the Colbert Tourism Office for their help in providing the trolley, the promotional poster, and having the tickets printed. The October trolley tours sold out on two of the three dates, so I suggest securing tickets



Courtesy photo

from the Sheffield Public Library right away. There will only be 26 tickets sold for each of the two tours.

I hope to see you on the trolley in December!"

Please contact the Sheffield Public Library at 256-386-5633 to purchase tickets and for more information.

NWSCC Sets Winter Show

PHIL CAMPBELL--Northwest Shoals Community College's Music Department will host a Falling into Winter Christmas concert Friday, November 17, at 7pm in the Lou B. Beville Center on the NWSCC Phil Campbell Campus.

The Concert will feature the NWSCC Show Choir, Vocal Point, directed by Jonathon Romero and the NWSCC Jazz band directed by George Crummie.

There is no admission charge for the concert.

Storytelling at Indian Mound

FLORENCE--The Florence Indian Mound Museum is continuing its monthly children's series on Native American history on Saturday, November 18 at 10am with a program and activity about Native American Storytelling.

Native American Storytelling is an important practice historically and in the present. Stories are shared over generations teaching the how's and why's of the world, keeping Native American culture alive. Join us for a short informational presentation on storytelling and how it shaped and sustained different Native American cultures. After

the presentation, students will have the opportunity to create their own stories with an interactive animal activity which they can take home or share as part of our youth education exhibit.

This popular Florence Indian Mound Museum series allows students to explore the early history of the Shoals through short lessons and hands-on learning exercises.

The program Saturday is free and is sponsored by the City of Florence Department of Arts and Museums and the Muscle Shoals National Heritage Area. The Florence Indian Mound Museum is located at 1028 S. Court St. Florence. Please call 256-760-6427 for more information.

Needing One Million Cans!

SHEFFIELD-- L.E. Willson Elementary in Sheffield recently kicked off its Aluminum for Aluminum campaign sponsored by Scrap University Kids. L. E. Willson students in 3rd-6th grades will strive to collect 1 million aluminum beverage cans by May 16, 2024.

The Million Cans Recycling Contest is a nationwide event and L.E. Willson Elementary is the only Alabama school among the nine schools chosen to participate!

Local partners, Constellium and SA Recycling, had representatives in attendance at the school's kickoff. With a

large collection trailer on campus, students will compete through their classrooms to collect the most cans.

Willson Principal, Jill Johnson, invites the community to participate in the can collection as



Johnson

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Community Notes...

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WC Handy's 150th Birthday celebration will take place with an open house from 1-3pm on Friday, November 17 at the WC Handy Museum, 620 West College St. in Florence. Refreshments and live entertainment - Admission is free.

The Elks National Foundation's 2024 Elks Most Valuable Student scholarship contest is underway. The MVS scholarship is available to high school seniors who are United States citizens. Applicants do not need to be related to a member of the Elks. The judging criteria is based on academics, leadership, service, and financial need.

The application must be completed online and submitted by the November 13, 2023. The 500 national winners will be announced in April 2024. The top 20 national finalists will participate in the Leadership Weekend in Chicago and receive \$30,000 scholarships and 480 runners-up will receive \$4,000 scholarships.

Applications and detail are available on the Elks National Foundation's website, enf.elks.org/MVS or call Dr. Jean Love locally at 256-762-5043.

St. Joseph Catholic Church Arts - Crafts/Bake Sale. Saturday, November 18, 7am-7pm and Sunday, November 19, 7am-1:30pm.

Centennial Celebration of the Tennessee Valley Historical Society at 1:45pm Sunday, November 19 at the Leighton Public Library. The public is invited to attend.

The celebration will feature an historical marker unveiling in honor of Mr. Frank R. King, who founded of the Tennessee Valley Historical Society in November of 1923.

Jimmie King, the grandson of Frank King, will be the very special guest for the unveiling.

The library is located at 8740 Main Street, beside Bank Independent.

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There is no admission charge for the concert.

Florence Arts and Museums is hosting a book signing and gathering with author Michael Diaz-Griffith on Sunday, November 19 from 2-4pm at the Frank Lloyd Wright- Rosenbaum House, 601 Riverview Drive in Florence. Diaz-Griffith will be discussing and signing his latest book, *The New Antiquarians: At Home with Young Collectors* (Monacelli Press, 2023). The book is available for purchase locally or online. Refreshments and drinks will be available.

A native of Florence, Diaz-Griffith is a writer, designer, art-world leader, and Executive Director of the Design Leadership Network. Prior to joining DLN, Diaz-Griffith served as Executive Director of the Sir John Soane's Museum Foundation and as Associate Executive Director of The Winter Show, America's most prestigious and longest-running art and antiques fair.

The program is free and is sponsored by the City of Florence Department of Arts and Museums and Books-A-Million.

Muscle Shoals Sound Studio will be closed Wednesday Nov 22 - Monday November 27 for Thanksgiving. It will reopen Tuesday, November 28 with normal hours and tour times.

Muscle Shoals Sound Studio will be closed for Christmas December 23-January 2. It will reopen Wednesday January 3, 2024.

Tour prices will remain the same for 2024 as well as hours and tour times: 10-4 Tuesday - Friday with tours at 10:30, 11:30, 12:30, 1:30, 2:30 and 3:30. All tours are guided tours and are \$20/person. There are discounts for military, seniors, and for pre-arranged group tours of 20 or more.

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Joints in Motion, chair exercise class, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday at The Club (Florence Senior Center), 9:30am. No charge. BINGO Wednesdays 10:15am until our 11:30am lunch (w/ \$1 lunch donation)! If you are 60+ you can

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This Member Exhibition offers photographers an opportunity to display their works and fosters a sense of accomplishment. Additionally, the exhibit gives the public a chance to view club activities, enjoy and purchase fine art, and possibly consider joining the group as they pursue their most enjoyable pastime. For more information, join their group on Facebook, Quad Cities Photography Club (The Shoals).

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"It's a Dickens Christmas, Y'all," is returning to downtown Tusculumbia on Saturday, December 9, from 10am - 4pm. The free downtown festival will have Dickens characters, carolers, and brass bands along Main Street throughout the day. Look for the Carriage rides, trolley tours, Victorian dancers, an Arts & Crafts market tent, a petting zoo, food vendors, themed specials at downtown shops and eateries, and maybe even a little "snow."

Special events (some with modest admission charges) include: "Scones and Moans", Breakfast with Santa, Poetry and Music at St. John's Church, Milk and Cookies with Tiny Tim, Fezziwig Strut Your Mutt Dog Parade, S'mores Firepit, Cookie Decorating, Ornament Making, and a Holiday High Tea in the historic clubhouse at the Tennessee Valley Country Club. Santa will make his annual visit to Tusculumbia during the event. An evening trolley tour will showcase a "Parade" of Holiday Porches.

The Charles Dickens themed Christmas festival is sponsored, with community participation, by Tusculumbia Retail Development, Inc.
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TVHS Turns 100...

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of Colbert County. That goal soon came to include Lauderdale and surrounding counties. Attendance at the meeting was reported to be significant and Peter A. Brannon, curator of the Alabama Department of Archives and History gave an address on the history of Alabama with an emphasis on Colbert County. Membership in the society cost \$1 per year.

Mr. King was elected present of the Society at this first organizational meeting, a post he would hold for the rest of his life. Mrs. Susan Kirkman Vaughn and Dr. WH Blake of the State Normal School were elected vice-presidents. Mrs. Minnie L. Nathan was elected secretary-treasurer. The first board of directors were residents of Colbert and Lauderdale Counties: Mr. JG Sanderson; Dr. Dudley Sanders; Mr. John R. Price; Mrs. John Milner; Mrs. EP Rand; Mr. John D. Rather; and Mr. John M. Clark.

Within five years a very valuable collection of local historical artifacts had been collected by the society and was on display at the Tusculumbia Chamber of Commerce. These artifacts included a six-pound cannonball from a Civil War skirmish between Confederate General Nathan Bedford Forrest and Union General Grenville Dodge. It had been found in a cotton-field on the Harry Fennel place near Town Creek and was donated to the Society by Mrs. Lula Bell King. Many of these artifacts still exist at the Leighton Public Library. By 1928 the Historical Society had also erected a number of lasting metal markers upon historic sites in the valley. Members were encouraged to contribute books, manuscripts, documents, relics, and any and all suitable material for preservation. Unwritten stories of historic incidents relating to the valley throughout its history are solicited.

The first volume of The Journal of Muscle Shoals History was published in 1973 to help record that history. The Journal is still being published by the Society to this day. Back copies of some issues can still

be purchased from the TVHS, or online, and our local libraries have complete sets.

The Tennessee Valley Historical Society still meets four times a year for public programs on some aspect or topic of local history at the Helen Keller Public Library annex and membership is only \$6 per year. Fundraisers have included historical trolley tours of historic sites in downtown Florence. The Society is also proud to sponsor scholarships to UNA's history department each year.

KING MARKER UNVEILING Sunday, November 19 at 1:45pm

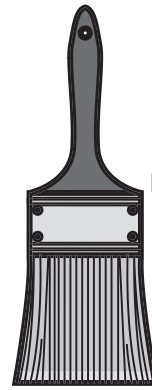


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To commemorate its 100th anniversary, a historical marker honoring Mr. King and the TVHS is going to be erected in Leighton on Sunday, November 19 at 1:45pm. Mr. King's grandson, Mr. Jimmie King, is the featured speaker for this event. The event is free and everyone with an interest in local history is invited. A 50th anniversary issue of the Journal reprinting articles from 1973 to its last issue in 2014 is in the works. Members were asked to submit titles of articles for republication

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such as a ring but again that's really not difficult. We all know and agree that a Will saves your family a lot of money and a lot of time. A Will makes things easy.

What people don't generally realize is that many different types of assets are not controlled by the terms of a Will.

If you want all of your monetary assets to be divided equally between your children and you put that in your Will that's fine. What happens in real life is that a parent will put one child on the account and the account will say that the survivor gets the account. The people at the bank don't explain that to you but it's always in the fine print, because they will not be dragged into an argument about whose money it is. The fact is you've really given the money in that account to the one child on the account. Most of the time children know the intent of their parents and do the right thing, but when they don't, it causes hard feelings.

Life Insurance policies will have a beneficiary. If your main asset is a policy of insurance, whoever your name as the beneficiary receives the insurance proceeds. Those proceeds will not be divided according to the terms of your Will. You can make a policy of insurance payable to your estate and then it is divided according to the terms of the Will, but only if you name your estate as the beneficiary.

The point is that when you think about dividing your property, proper planning for those assets held by banks and insurance companies require separate, proper planning.

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Trax...

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his constant smile and his mission of looking for the next person to help.

"Max helped so many people and local organizations in north Alabama," said Michael Bevis, business associate and Max's best friend for decades. "He was involved financially, but more importantly he volunteered his time."

"He always had a love for the Y and felt as if he could give back," said Barnett's widow, Whitney Barnett.

The start time for the Trax4MAX 5k is 8am from the campus of First Baptist Church at 209 Walnut Street. Race day registration and packet pickup is at 6:30am.

Early packet pick-up is available Wednesday, November 22 from 10am-6pm at Solid Rock Running Company at 2801 Mall Rd. Suite 12A in Florence.

Registration and more race details are at: <http://trax4maxturkeytrot5k.itsyourrace.com/>

The cost is \$30 for the 5K or the 1mile fun run. Registration for either includes a commemorative shirt. Participation in a Virtual 5K/1 mile option is \$10. Those entry details are also on the website.

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"Max exemplified the motto, "Never give up," Bevis added. "He was an avid runner and was still running in the weeks before he passed away."

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Commentary

The Trends Are Not Encouraging

Some off-year elections took place last week in several states that can't seem to keep their election calendars on even years with the rest of us. Optimism was high that some results would reinvigorate a trend toward common sense that can help turn this country around.

It doesn't appear that the trend was positive. Of course, some would disagree.

Some voters and newly elected officials believe there are cultural benefits in allowing grown men with creatively expressed gender features, to gyrate in taxpayer-supported spaces before an audience of 3-5 year-olds. They claim that it is enlightening for some diverse and under-represented communities.

Some see unrestricted abortion up to and into the 9th month as appropriate. They take the position that the rights of the woman who is the primary patient should take precedence over that of an as yet to be

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In A Few Words



TOM MAGAZZU
Editor

Courier Journal

in the Shoals

THIS WEEK

November 15, 2023

Happening THIS WEEK

Kelly Giving Iron Bowl Background

FLORENCE—What caused the Iron Bowl games to go into hiatus for 40 years?

What's the history behind the 'Punt Bama Punt' chant?

Why is it even called the "Iron Bowl"?

November's now traditional football rivalry between Auburn University and the University of Alabama has a long and interesting history dating back to its inaugural game in 1893.

Mark Kelly, who received two Emmys during his tenure at ESPN and who is now a motivational speaker,

Kelly

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Courtesy photo

Early Christmas at LaGrange

LEIGHTON—Celebrate the 35th anniversary of Christmas in the Country at the LaGrange College Site Park November 17-18 as the historic park turns back the clock to Christmases past.

Visitors will enjoy special music by the Stampede band, new vendors, food trucks, Blacksmith Craftsmen demonstrations, and the sale of their iron-crafted art at the old Country Store. Chainsaw artist, Angie Chaney

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DAN PENN CONCERT AND 82ND BIRTHDAY BASH is on Thursday, November 16 at the Old Grace Church Venue, 700 N. Montgomery Ave. in Sheffield. After another trip around the sun, the legendary singer-songwriter returns for a show where he cut his first songs in Muscle Shoals. Dan Penn is the writer of multiple hits singles, including "I'm Your Puppet," "Dark End Of The Street," "Do Right Woman," "Out Of Left Field," "It Tears Me Up," and more. Doors open at 6pm, show at 7pm. General admission tickets are \$25 each by calling 256-810-8834.

WC HANDY'S 150TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION will take place with an open house from 1-3pm on Friday, November 17 at the WC Handy Museum, 620 West College St. in Florence. Refreshments and live entertainment - Admission is free.

NORTHWEST SHOALS COMMUNITY COLLEGE'S Music Department will host a Falling into Winter Christmas concert Friday, November 17, at 7pm in the Lou B. Beville Center on the NWSCC Phil Campbell Campus. The Concert will feature the NWSCC Show Choir, Vocal Point, directed by Jonathon Romero and the NWSCC Jazz band directed by George Crumme. There is no admission charge for the concert.

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Isolating Our Kids

Editor:

According to the 2023 Kids Count Data book, Alabama ranked 45th among states in child well-being. The rating improved despite the state falling in 8 of the 16 indicators. That is because other states also declined in math, reading and other metrics.

Another article in the *Times Daily*

reported decline among US adults in confidence in science and medicine linked in part to the political divide that emerged during COVID.

Trust in the scientific community today varies greatly depending on political party, with Republican confidence only half of what it was five years ago. This has real implications for Alabama's public health and addressing climate change.

Despite such concerning trends, the governor and legislature of

Alabama continue to undermine the education of our citizens. The leaders are so afraid of being called "woke" that they prefer to keep folks "asleep" to factual history, science, and social progress.

An example is the Governor's debate with the director of Alabama Public Library Services over membership in the American Library Association (ALA) and the handling of books for children and teens.

Our public libraries are vital to intellectual growth and informed citizenship. The controversies over whether ALA is "Marxist" - and the shielding of children are excuses to isolate Alabamians.

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Alabama Hospice of the Shoals is currently seeking volunteers to serve in Colbert, Lauderdale, Lawrence, Franklin, Marion, and Winston counties. For more information, contact Christy Perry at 256-314-1204.

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Alabama Music Hall of Fame See NOTES... page 33

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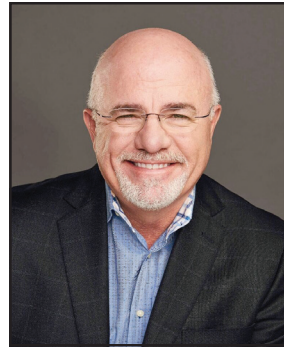
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DAVE Says

by DAVE RAMSEY



RISK IS REAL

Dear Dave,
 My husband and I want to do a live-in and flip real estate purchase. The idea is to buy a fixer-upper and rent out the basement to help with the mortgage payments. How do you feel about ideas like this?
 Erin

Dear Erin,
 In a situation like this you need to do a basic business analysis. You've got to have a plan in place, and you've got to figure out the worst-case scenario. Part of this is determining whether you can survive if things fall

apart. In this case, the worst case is that you can't get a renter, and the house doesn't sell. It puts your family in jeopardy, so to me it's not an option.

Want my honest opinion? I think you've both got a case of house fever right now. The possibility I just mentioned isn't a rare occurrence. Lots of people have had the same idea, with the best of intentions, and still wound up in a big mess. I love real estate. I mean I really love real estate. And I've flipped more than a few houses in my day. But the particulars of this deal make me a little nervous. If you and your husband are willing to accept the possibility of things

not working out like you planned—and the fact you might have to take additional jobs for an unknown length of time just to make ends meet—then it might be a play. But for me? Nope. I don't like putting myself into these kinds of situations.

When I was much younger, I was willing to do all kinds of dangerous stuff and ignore the risk. But going broke decades ago knocked that kind of thinking out of me in a hurry. Any deal that runs the risk of leaving you bankrupt, or the victim of a foreclosure, just isn't worth it, Erin.

—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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Fund Balances - October 1, 2022

General Fund	7,467,203
Special Revenue Fund	2,282,075
Debt Service Fund	1,161,621
Capital Projects Fund	1,253,068
Fiduciary Fund	581,807
Total Fund Balances	12,745,774

Revenues

State Sources	22,838,469
Federal Sources	4,076,801
Local & Other Sources	16,320,372
Total Revenues	43,235,641

Expenditures

Instructional Services	21,463,679
Instructional Support Services	6,458,246
Operation & Maintenance	3,810,782
Auxiliary Services	3,196,076
General Administrative Services	1,783,352
Capital Outlay	4,927,182
Debt Services	1,148,722
Other Expenditures	1,765,198
Total Expenditures	44,553,238

Other Financing Sources 5,310,145

Excess Revenues & Other Sources of Expenditures 3,992,548

Fund Balances - September 30, 2023

General Fund	9,227,017
Special Revenue Fund	2,349,895
Debt Service Fund	1,289,651
Capital Projects Fund	3,294,987
Fiduciary Fund	576,773
Total Fund Balances	16,738,322

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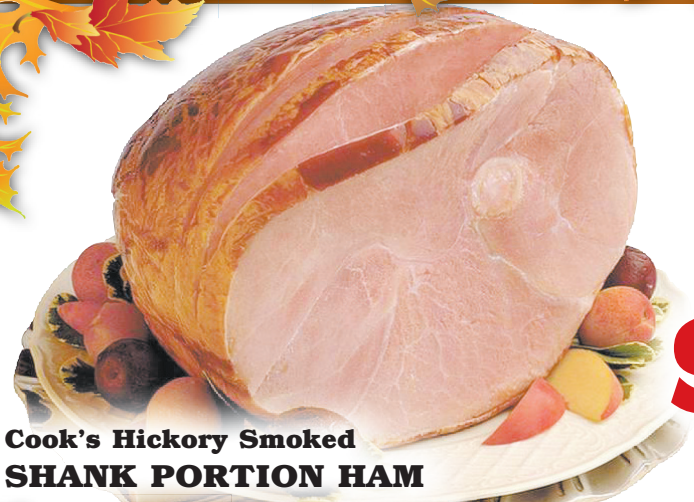
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2007 Ford	Focus	1FAP34NX7W163135	Gold
2008 Ford	Mustang	1ZVHT84N385204833	Black
2005 Ford	Expedition	1FMFU20515LA71582	Gold
1997 Chevrolet	S-10	1GCCS19X9VK169989	Brown/Tan
2003 Ford	Taurus	1FAPSSU3G156474	Brown
2001 Chevrolet	S-10	1GCCS14W21KI08220	Black
2008 VW	Beetle	3VVRW31CO8M507468	Red
2010 Nissan	Cube	JN8AZ2KR3AT163649	Gray
2011 Jeep	Compass	1J4NT1FASBD138691	White
2003 Hyundai	Sonata	KMHWF35H43A909524	Gold
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2004 Honda	Civic	2HGES26714H566560	White
1998 Kia	Sportage	KNDJB7233WSS54708	Blue
2009 Dodge	Nitro	1D8GU28K09W522319	Black
2000 Volkswagen	New Beetle	3VWCC21C4YM407012	Green
2009 Chevrolet	HHR	3GNCA23BX95501770	Red
2003 Buick	Lesabre	1G4HP52KX3U113128	White
2011 Nissan	Altima	1N4AL2AP4BN448160	Gray
1999 Jeep	Cherokee	1J4GW5851XC519044	White
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2013 Can-Am	Spyder RT-5	2BXNBBC18DV001979	Yellow

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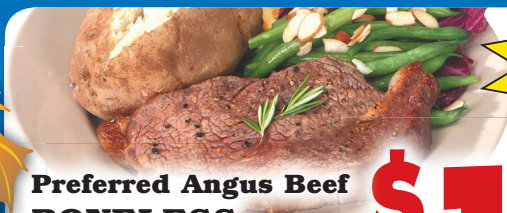
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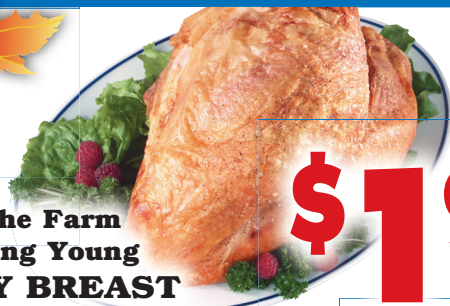
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Cat & Kids

by Cathy Turner

Whole Heart

Our son, Garrett, 34, had open heart surgery on October 24th for a congenital hole in his heart. The hole in his swollen heart was found coincidentally (but God) when some injured chest muscles were scanned. The hole was 5 centimeters in diameter - 2 inches! Garrett was healthy with a sick heart when he went into the hospital. He was healthy with a healthier double patched, re-routed veins heart when he walked out of that hospital. Here are some of the more potent words said by different people along his recovery journey.

"That cantor singing arias and chants in the lobby - her voice is so pure. She is singing my prayers and feelings to the skyscraper rafters. The way she flows in and out and rises up and down is so fluent - that's the way I hope the hands in that operating room are flowing.

"I keep dealing with it within trying to push through." "But you don't have to do it alone. If you fall out, we won't know what you were dealing with most recently, and how to help. Talk to us. Let us know."

"You don't know what burden you are carrying until it's lifted."

"Rest is when healing happens."

"I would give my whole heart for my family. I have always been the one to do certain things." "You have always given your whole heart, and you are giving it now by being still enough to heal."

"When you are in another room, in five minutes we will check on you."

"Call your doctor's nurse or PA and just ask them."

"We will go with your body temperature needs."

"Ok, take my hand and grab me by the elbow, now 1-2-3 Pull." (Great way to make bed adjustments.)

"Thank you for being here." Said a 1000x. "Thank you for doing this crazy life with me." - Said to his wife in the middle of the night.

"Take your pillow with you."

"So much oxygen going to my brain!"

"I can breathe!!! I can dance! I can sing!" Said after the second tube sticking out of his chest was yanked out prior to finishing the falsified 1-2-3 count.

And sing, he did. In the 50 feet tall atrium of the historically Jewish Mt. Sinai Hospital in NYC, Garrett found a corner and belted out "Give Me Jesus", and "Give Me Light". Here are some of

the words that were on his heart: "In the morning when I rise, In the morning when I rise, In the morning when I rise, Give me Jesus. (Chorus) Give me Jesus, Give me Jesus. You can have all this world, Give me Jesus." Next he sang, "Lord give me light that I might find my way. Lord give me light, guide my footsteps from day to day. If I should falter or lose my way, Lord be my comfort from day today, And in my time of tribulation, Give me light, give me light, give me light...."(You Tube Vocal Union).

We had prepared ourselves for a great deal of sternum pain, but the pain meds held him and then there was just less pain than expected. This whole healing has been easier than and quicker than expected. Walking the next day, released in 5 days, walked a mile and a half on day six, back to church a week after release. Amazing doctors, crazy technology, focused determination - all blazingly successful. BUT GOD... Who heals? Who weaves the skin back together? Who holds the pericardium around your heart? "Will you trust Him because His strength is great? Or will you leave your labor to Him? Will you trust Him to bring home your grain?" Psalms 39:11-12 He knows what we are made of. He knows our needs. He is wholeheartedly for His children. Why should I be surprised?

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In accordance with the Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act of 1998, the Sheffield Housing Authority will hold a **Public Hearing on Tuesday, Jan. 4, 2024 at 10:00 AM** at the main office located at 505 N. Columbia Avenue, Downtown Sheffield, AL.

The purpose of this hearing is to solicit public comment on the Annual PHA Plan, the Moving to Work Supplement and the Capital Fund Five Year Action Plan. This hearing is open to all citizens of Sheffield. Any citizen with a physical disability or other special need may contact the Housing Authority at (256) 383-4773 so that we can make arrangements to get you there. In addition, effective with the publication of this notice, the Public Housing Agency Plan will be available for public review prior to the Public Hearing at the Housing Authority main office.

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Isolating Our Kids...

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on such distraction bandwagons than to address the real problems facing the state, such as the need to improve healthcare access, public education, and prisons.

Dan Waterman
Killen

Consider on Giving Day

Greetings!

When I first set paws on the University of North Alabama campus, I was just a tiny cub. Now, a little more than two decades later, I am a full-grown lion getting ready to celebrate my 21st birthday November 18.

Upon my arrival in 2003, my caregiver, Mrs.

Anne, told me that my presence on campus would provide me with the opportunity to serve as an ambassador of good will and as a UNA recruiter! I absolutely love serving UNA in this capacity. Being a recruiter is an awesome responsibility, and I take my job very seriously. Mrs. Anne estimates that as many as 1,000 people visit my habitat each week. That's tens of thousands of visitors every year! I literally roared with pride when

Dr. Kitts reported that Fall 2023 marked our 18th consecutive semester of enrollment growth at UNA. I truly believe that after visiting me at the George H. Carroll Habitat, many people make the all-important decision to join our pride and become a UNA Lion!

Of course, I don't take all the credit for our record-breaking growth. You play a part in my success as well. Since absolutely ALL the funding for my care, including my food and the operation and maintenance of my habitat, is 100% gift or volunteer-based, YOUR generosity and the generosity of others in our UNA family - our PRIDE - mean the world to me! I honestly wouldn't be able to be such a successful ambassador of good will and a recruiter without YOUR generosity. Thank you for doing what you do.

As I approach my 21st birthday, toys don't excite me as much as they did when I was a tiny cub. These days, as I am growing older and wiser, I am more excited about the impact I can make on the University. If you are considering buying a present for me on my birthday, the very best gift you can give is a gift to the Friends of the Lions Fund. Your gift of any amount to this fund makes a difference in my life. And that gift is the gift that keeps on giving - enabling me to recruit more UNA students into our pride! Thank you for all you do.

Shine On, Gold!

Leo III

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UNA.edu/givingday/

Not Student Friendly

Editor:

Prior to the start of the 2023 fall semester at UNA, it was reported by the *TimesDaily* that the University of North Alabama would consider a resolution to keep tuition for the coming year at the same rate and create a system that streamlines fee costs. It was also reported that UNA has a variety of "676

fees, including special course, general semester, and distance learning fees.

The *TimesDaily* printed an article in 2019 entitled, "4.1% tuition hike includes fees." This article contained the following comment:

"President Ken Kitts called the increase a transparent, true cost of attendance model that includes fee inclusion in the overall tuition cost." The 'and fees' did not include General Studies Fee (GSF) of \$30 per semester credit hour for construction of the baseball/football complex, and the \$150 Dining Dollar Fee (DDF). For a student taking 15 credit hours, the GSF would be \$450; the DDF would be \$150 for a total of \$600. Kitts did not mention these amounts.

The following comments are from The *FLOR-ALA* student newspaper at UNA: "Over the summer, UNA increased the required fees for students 100% or more. For the 2022-23 school years fees were a flat rate of \$30 per credit (GSF). Now depending on one's college major, charges can range from \$60-\$100 per credit hour. Additionally, the DDF has been raised by \$25, from \$150 to \$175."

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As students make

purchases on campus, debits are shown on the card. UNA is getting their money first.

Per the noted article, under the new schedule for example, a student in UNA's College of Education and Human Sciences will pay \$60 per credit hour in fees. If taking 15 semester hours a student will pay \$900 in fees. Prior to the new schedule a student taking 15 hours was paying \$450 in fees. This is a \$450 increase.

If enrolled in the UNA's Sanders College of Business and Technology, the student will pay a new fee of \$1,350, an increase of \$900!

If enrolled in UNA's Anderson College of Nursing and Health Professions, the student will pay a new fee of \$1,500, an increase of \$1,050.

Please note that these increases do not include the fees already included in tuition and will raise millions of dollars.

The press release sent to the *TimesDaily* is a joke. It appears the Trustees do not care. All they want is money for the new complex!

This isn't creating a system that streamlines fee costs, and it certainly isn't student friendly.

Bill Smoak
Florence

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Kelly's presentation is an appropriate and motivating preview ahead of this year's Iron Bowl, scheduled for noon Saturday, November 25 at Jordan-Hare Stadium in Auburn.

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Country...

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from Spring Valley will also be on site for two days, demonstrating her wood-carved sculptures. Angie has received orders for her work from all over the nation. She has been working tirelessly to create numerous sculptures for this year's event. The event captures the sights and sounds of an old-fashioned Christmas, attracting locals and visitors of all ages for two days of traditional decorations, entertainment, and free family fun.

LaGrange is located off Hwy 157 near White Oak on 'Little Mountain' that overlooks the Tennessee Valley. The stunning view is enhanced by vibrant autumn foliage.

"Christmas in the Country reminds us of Christmases from our childhood or stories from our parents and grandparents about Christmases gone by," said Colbert County Tourism President Susann Hamlin.

It is a beautiful event situated in a mountain setting each year on the weekend before Thanksgiving. with live greenery, mistletoe, hot chocolate, and a wagon transporting children throughout the park.

"Christmas in the Country always comes just when we are getting into the Christmas spirit," Hamlin added. "It's our Christmas 'kick off'. You will not want to miss those fried pies or homemade cakes available for purchase at the bake sale."

The fundraising event for the park began several years ago as a Christmas open house where natural, hand-made decorations reflecting the olden days were on display. Today, the event has become much more than an open house and offers a bake sale, arts and crafts, entertainment, visits with Santa and Mrs. Claus, hayrides, and tours of the pioneer village decked out in Christmas past decorations.

The LaGrange Living Historical Association hosts Christmas in the Country from 10am-4pm on both days. LaGrange College Site Park is located at 1491 LaGrange College Road in Leighton. Admission is free and all donations go toward the upkeep and maintenance of the facilities at the park..



Courtesy photo

Santa and Mrs. Claus are also scheduled to return this year, according to Louise Lenz from the LaGrange Living Historical Association. "One of the most important features is the huge, newly lit Christmas Star overlooking the valley, visible when driving southeast on Alabama Hwy 157," Lenz said. "The old lights have been replaced, creating a magical atmosphere for this year's Christmas event. Those participating in the hayrides will experience a unique view while heading to the old cemetery. This event promises surprises that you must see to believe."

LaGrange College Site is listed on the Alabama Register of Landmarks and Heritage. LaGrange College was Alabama's first chartered college and the forerunner of the University of North Alabama. It was burned

by Union forces during the Civil War. Today, the pioneer village includes a picnic pavilion, a memorial monument, several historical markers, a log barn, smokehouse, wedding chapel, barber shop, outhouse, log kitchen, cemetery, post office, country store, blacksmith shop, and a caretaker's house. For more information on the LaGrange College Site Park, visit www.lagrangehistoricsite.com.

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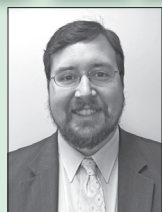
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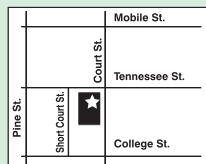
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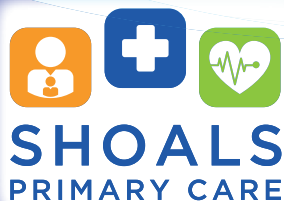


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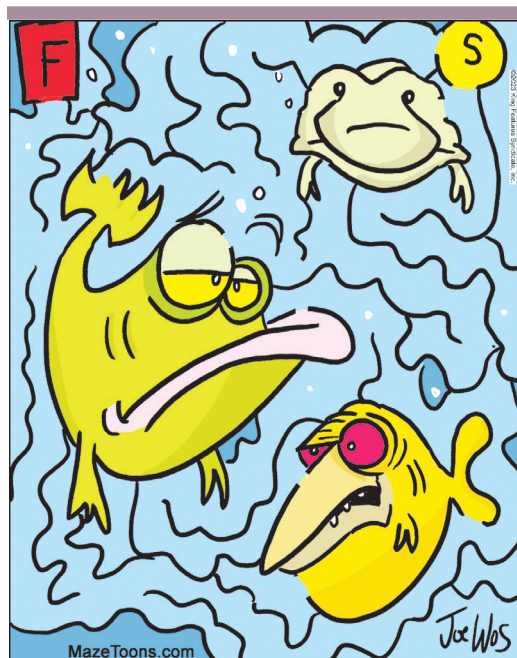
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| 3. Hairy | ___ U ___ | Commuter boat | ___ E ___ |
| 4. Loveliness | ___ U ___ | Actor Warren or Ned | ___ T ___ |
| 5. Painter's stand | ___ A ___ | Ford's flop | ___ D ___ |
| 6. Ketchup container | P ___ | Book cover | J ___ |
| 7. Mrs. Simpson | ___ A ___ | Come together | ___ E ___ |
| 8. Holiday tune | ___ L ___ | Chocolate substitute | ___ B ___ |
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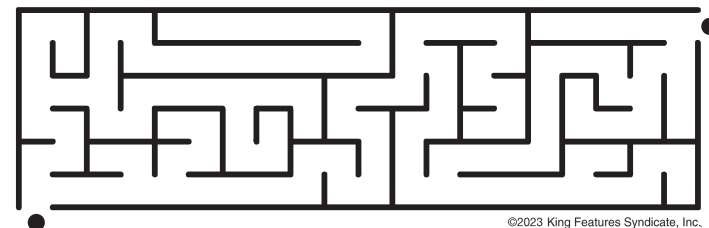
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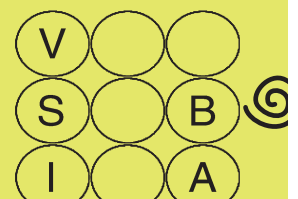
Can you go from SEATS to SNOWY in 6 words?
Change one letter for each rung in the ladder.

SEATS

SNOWY

Answers on Page 34

WORD SPIRAL



Fill in the missing letters to reveal the nine-letter word that starts at one of the four corners and moves clockwise around the perimeter before ending in the center.
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Your Worst Oppressor



Happiness should begin at home, especially in the morning. Things really have a good chance of success after a few moments in prayer to Almighty God! Once we go to bathroom and look in the mirror, the war begins. The process of immense reconstruction begins and usually lasts from 30 minutes to one hour. Would God we would spend as much time in devotion to Him as we do putting on a new person every day. Would God we would adore Him and love Him like we do ourselves. For sure, the worst oppressor is the one we see in the mirror.

The dressing for God is far more important than dressing for the world. We should always remember that God sees us as we really are. **1 Samuel 16:7c** "for the LORD seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart." Examining ourselves daily by bible study will reveal what God sees and what we need, and you will see our spiritual body is much more important than the physical one.

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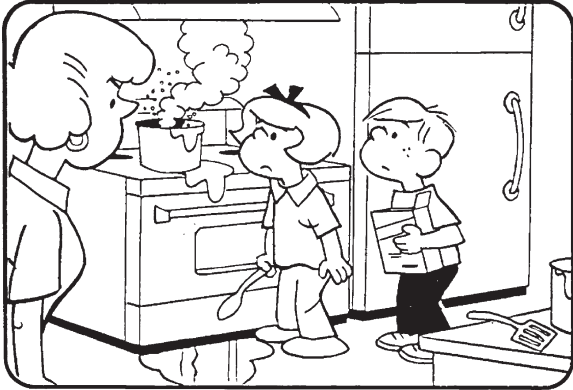
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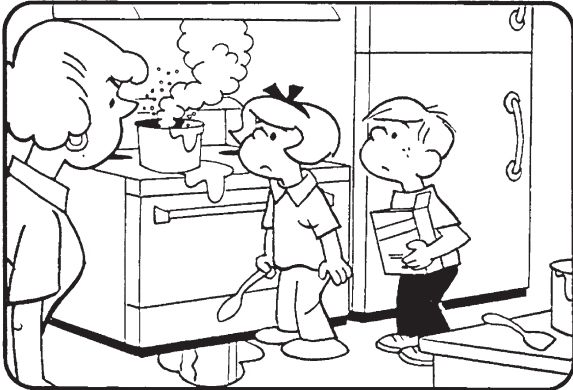
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Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Hair is different; 2. Oven window is missing; 3. Puddle is smaller; 4. Arm is moved; 5. Handle is smaller; 6. Spatula is different.

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Soap Opera Preview

DAYS OF OUR LIVES Nicole went into labor. Meanwhile, EJ frantically searched for her. Rafe brought an injured Jada to the hospital. Melinda tried to stop Sloan from telling Eric the truth. Sloan learned about the incident. Rafe grilled Leo about Dimitri's whereabouts. Tate comforted Holly. Eric and Nicole were worried about the baby. Dimitri pressed Leo to skip town. Holly and Johnny made a trip to the hospital. Melinda got involved with a shady individual. EJ and Nicole were in a panic. Everett came face-to-face with Stephanie's ex, Alex. Steve put Konstantin on notice. Steve and John considered going to Greece. Konstantin gave Theresa an order, but she was reluctant to help him.

Wait to See: Sarah accuses Xander of foul play. Chad makes Gwen an offer. Brady wonders if Alex is interested in Theresa.

GENERAL HOSPITAL Brook Lynn and Lois strategized. Nina unleashed her fury. Anna briefed Jordan and Dante. Gregory opened up to Chase. Michael was caught off guard. Ava counseled Trina. Dante interrogated Austin. Carly sought out Sonny. Spencer made a plea to Esme. Finn received some bad news. TJ was left reeling. Marshall and Curtis connected. Cyrus issued a warning. Diane vented to Alexis. Maxie made a surprise announcement. Dex cautioned Josslyn. Ava lashed out. Cody came clean. Molly was blindsided. Anna caught

up with Sonny. Laura made an offer. Robert asked for Felicia's help. *Wait to See:* Josslyn shares some hard truths with Spencer. Sonny wants answers from Nina. Willow encourages Carly. **THE YOUNG AND THE RESTLESS** Nate gave Victoria the cold shoulder. Nick considered returning to Newman Enterprises. Nikki accepted an intriguing invitation. Victor lost patience with his family's infighting.

Jack and Ashley shared a difference of opinion about their revenge plan. Mamie shared some words of wisdom with Nate. Victor gave an ultimatum to Nick and Victoria. Kyle's loyalty began to shift sides. Jill confronted Tucker about working with Mamie. *Wait to See:* Victoria lashes out at Victor. Nikki is backed into a corner. Nina encourages Chance to start a new chapter.

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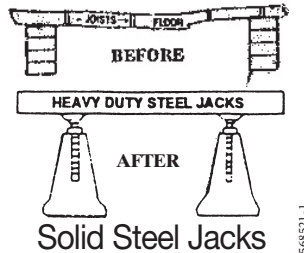
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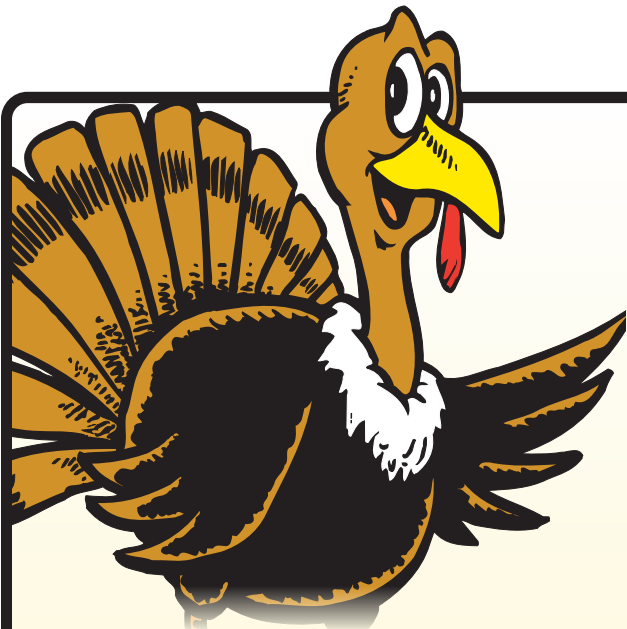
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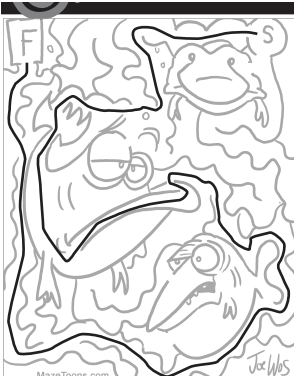
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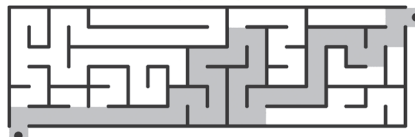


Even Exchange answers

1. Adapt, Adopt
2. Ginger, Linger
3. Furry, Ferry
4. Beauty, Beatty
5. Easel, Edsel
6. Packet, Jacket
7. Marge, Merge
8. Carol, Carob
9. Flour, Floor
10. Deluge, Delude

Puzzle Whirl Answers

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WORD LADDER

Answer
SEATS, SLATS, SLOTS,
SLOWS, SNOWS, SNOWY

Word Spiral
Answer
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Answer

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3	6	5	4	2	1
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6	1	4	2	3	5
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Medicare Minute

"Prescription Drug Plans"

October 15th through December 7th is a period of time that Medicare has set aside to make changes to your Prescription Drug Plan (PDP) or Medicare Advantage Plan (MA) if you want. Whether you have a Medicare supplement and a stand-alone drug plan or a Medicare Advantage Plan with prescription drug coverage now is the time to review your drug plan for 2023. Like MA plans, drug plans have certain things you want to look at when considering which PDP is best for you. Those things are premium, deductibles, copays, coinsurance and the plan's provider network.

Although the things listed above are most important so are the tiers that drugs are placed into. So before we discuss the cost of the plans let's look at drug plan tiers. Normally there are five tiers to a drug plan. Tier 1 and Tier 2 drugs are usually your most common generic drugs. Tier 3 drugs are preferred brand, Tier 4 drugs are non-preferred brand and Tier 5 drugs are specialty drugs. One of the most misunderstood parts of a drug plan is the tier a person's drug is in.

Many people we meet with think that if their drug is listed in a certain tier under their current PDP it's the same on all plans. This is not always true. Sometimes, for example, a drug may be listed a Tier 2 under one plan but may be a Tier 3 under another plan. Why is this important? Because in most drug plans the copays are higher for Tier 3 than Tier 2.

You can check the tiers of your drugs by looking at the plan's formulary. The formulary is a list of the drugs that are covered by the plan. You can get the formulary of the plan you are considering by going to the plan's website, going online to Medicare.gov or you can visit our office and we can help.

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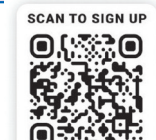
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- **And speaking of flying,** fruit flies can turn in midair simply by shrugging their shoulders.
- **Want to feel safer while driving?** White cars are considered the safest color because they typically stand out against black roads. Statistics have also shown that they're 12% less likely to be involved in an accident than black cars.
- **If the human eye was a digital camera,** it would have 576 megapixels.
- **During the 12th century,** tennis was first played in France, but without rackets. Instead, players used the palms of their hands to lob the ball back to their opponents.
- **Forefingers possess the highest dexterity** among their eight neighbors.
- **Humans' ability to detect and discern scents fluctuates** throughout the day, peaking during the late hours when environmental stimuli decrease, likely due to changes in body temperature and brain activity.

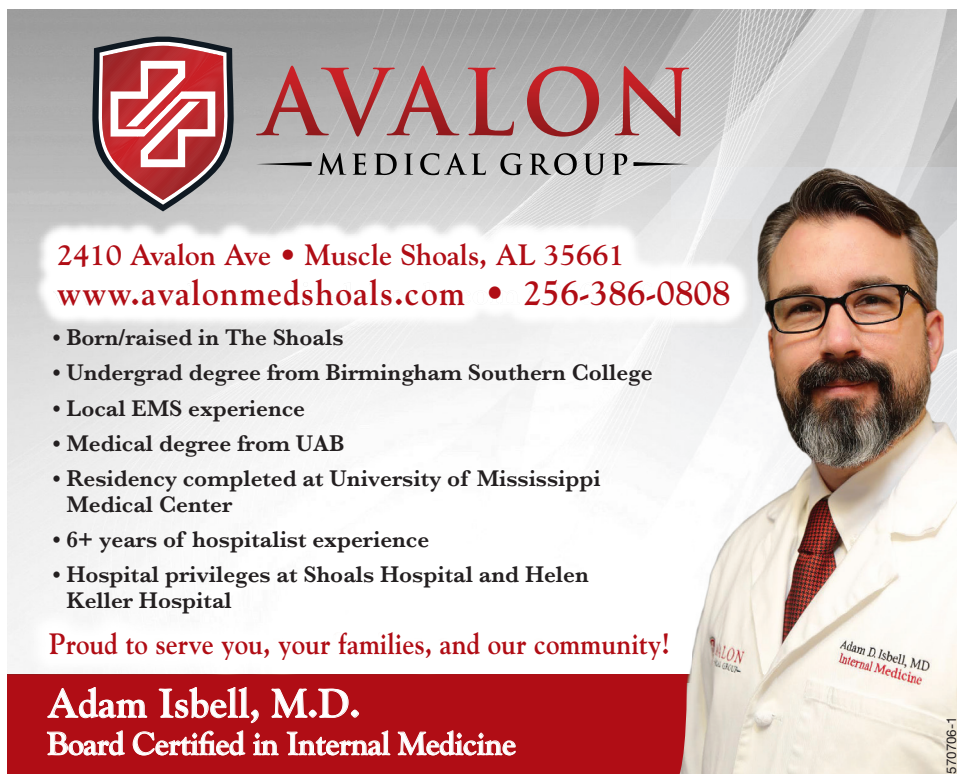
- **Gold will never erode** because it is chemically inert, meaning it doesn't react to oxygen in the atmosphere.
- **Earlier this year, Taylor Swift's "Eras" tour performances** registered as a 2.3 earthquake on seismometers in Seattle due to the collective dancing of her enthusiastic fans. The activity was compared to 2011's "Beast Quake," in which Seattle Seahawks fans shook the ground as they celebrated a touchdown, but Ms. Swift's lasted longer.
- **English phrases** such as "long time no

see," "no go" and "no can do" come from literal translations of Chinese phrases.

- **Actor Al Pacino** was the first "face" on Facebook.
- **That straight-line rise of bubbles in your holiday champagne glass** is due to the soap-like compounds called surfactants that not only give the beverage its signature bubble chain, but also contribute to its unique flavor.
- **Death penalty trials are 20 times more expensive** than those seeking a sentence of life imprisonment without parole.

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STEW is a super handsome and sweet chocolate-y boy that always looks a little worried. He likes car rides and playing in water, knows laps are the best place for belly rubs, and will do some tricks for treats. Stew went on an adventure yesterday and was so charming and well behaved. This amazing boy is 6ish and about 60 lbs. **ADOPTIONS ARE CURRENTLY \$85** and include everything your new pet needs to be on track for a happy, healthy life: vaccines, a microchip, spay/neuter, and heartworm test. Please call or come by **Florence Lauderdale animal services** 256-760-6676 to meet this handsome fella.



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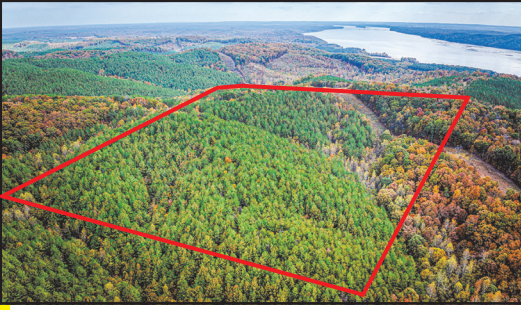
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November 21-30
Home-5± Acres-Personal Property
10675 Hwy. 101, Lexington, AL



Real Estate: The brick home, built circa 1926, sits on 5± wooded acres fronting Hwy. 101 in Lexington. The home features 2 BR's, DR, LR, kitchen with pantry, 1 BA, bonus room, 2 BR's on the upper level and a concrete cellar. The property also includes a barn, equipment shed with workshop, and a car shed with workshop, all served by electricity.

Personal Property: Dining room and bedroom suites, marble top table, piano, misc. furniture, glassware, china, vinyl records, vintage items, memorabilia, pottery, stoneware jugs, misc. tools and more.

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You Are Not Alone! Grief can be an

overwhelming season to go through. Often the time it takes to process all of those feelings is multiplied simply because those who grieve have no one to talk to. You are not alone as you go through this difficult time! Let us help!

There is a monthly grief support group that meets the first Tuesday of each month at 10am at Cliff Haven Church in Sheffield. Located at 1601 Andrews Avenue in Sheffield directly behind McDonald's near the O'Neal Bridge.

There is a second monthly grief support group that meets the third Friday of each month at 10am at First Baptist Church of Rogersville. Located at 222 College Street in Rogersville.

Come and share and let us pray with you for strength and comfort! These

groups are FREE and open to the public. We will provide wonderful, supportive materials to take home to help with your healing process! For more information call 256.764.0873. These groups are sponsored by Kindred Hospice.

LaGrange College Site Park is open daily and weekends from 9am-5pm. Tours and park reservations are available by calling 256-446-9324. The Visitors Center/Museum is open 1-4pm Sundays. The Historic College Site, a forerunner of UNA, is located in East Colbert County, off Alabama Highway 157 on LaGrange College Road, Leighton, Alabama, near the White Oak Community. Contact L.C. Lenz, the LaGrange Living Historical Association at 256-702-6953.

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Commentary

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born child. Some go as far as using the term 'birthing parent,' not embracing the unequivocal scientific fact that only women are able to give birth.

Some find validity in the Palestinian position of eliminating Israel and exterminating all Jews.

Some support men participating on women's athletic teams at all ages and think nothing of men dressing and showering with members of the opposite sex, since they may perceive themselves as women.

Those are some areas where the lines between candidates and parties are clearly defined.

There may not be a nickel's worth of difference between candidates on dozens of other issues.

Voting may just be a national exercise in futility anyway from which minimal change will result. Maybe we should better appreciate the entertainment factor of the campaigns themselves.

Most of the candidates like to appear center-left or center-right, anyway.

These days it is all about marketing through agencies that take huge cuts of the tens of billions in campaign cash that will be spent on House, Senate, and Presidential races alone in the 2024 cycle.



They are the same advertising giants that market caffeine-laden energy drinks to the sleep-deprived, fast food to the seemingly ravenous, pharmaceuticals to an insanely drug-dependent society, and convey the importance of environmental sustainability for agricultural conglomerates with few concerns about the cancer-laden elements they are filling our bodies with.

How much faith can we have in corporate behemoths who buy their way into politics or megamedia companies that channel thought anyway?

One news story last week explains it all.

Reuters is the world's largest multimedia news provider, reaching billions of people worldwide daily. They use the tag, "Information you can trust."

However, a November 8 online headline reads,

This year 'virtually certain' to be warmest

in 125,000 years, EU scientists say

Because it was quoting scientists affiliated with the European Union, they can disclaim any ownership of the preposterous reference to 125,000 years. They claim evidence from ice cores, tree rings and coral deposits substantiates the claim.

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The fact that we only have legitimate global temperature records for 150 years (and that those are sometimes massaged as needed) doesn't seem to matter.

Human-induced climate change advocates that they are, they made their point with the headline and attempted to assign blame and guilt in the piece.

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