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POSTAL PATRON

Top Teams at South's BEST

AUBURN – South's BEST Regional Robotics Championship took place at Auburn University earlier this month with the top six teams from the local NW Alabama BEST competition invited to compete. The teams were coordinated and hosted by the Shoals Chamber of Commerce and Northwest-Shoals Community College.

They included Brooks High School, Moulton Middle School / Lawrence County High School, Covenant Christian School, Lexington High School, Rogers High School and Trinitas Classical School. Covenant Christian won First Place in the Trade Show Booth and Interview, and their sponsor, **Ishella Fogle**, won Teacher of the Year. Lexington High School won First Place for Most Elegant Robot, a technical award regarding the ease of operations and movement of the robot on the playing field.

Clinic Earns NCQA Stamp

WASHINGTON, DC—The National Committee for Quality Assurance recently announced that INFANTS' AND CHILDREN'S CLINIC, P.C. of Florence has received NCQA Patient-Centered Medical Home (PCMH) Recognition for using evidence-based, patient-centered processes focusing on highly coordinated care and long-term, participative relationships.

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Brothers at HCU

Veteran Minister and Administrator will be University's 4th President

FLORENCE—Dr. W. Kirk Brothers of Henderson, Tennessee has been selected as Heritage Christian University's fourth president, according to a board of director's announcement last week. Brothers will begin transitioning into the role during the summer of 2018.

"A mutual love for scripture, scholarship, and stewardship was vital to our decision," said Don Posey, chairman of Heritage Christian University's board of directors.



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**CELEBRATED UNA ALUMNI
Burford, Gunn Adorn Buildings**

FLORENCE – Members of the University of North Alabama Board of Trustees have decided to honor two alumni by naming two buildings on campus after them.

The UNA Science and Technology building will become the Mitchell Burford Science and Technology Building in honor of Dr. A. Mitchell Burford Jr. '51.

In addition, the University Commons will now be known as the Wendell W. Gunn University Commons in honor of Wendell Wilkie Gunn '65.

Burford passed away in March. He had a deep affection for UNA during his long and prestigious career in the medical field. He also holds the distinction of being the University's largest individual private donor to date with total gifts exceeding \$4 million.

Burford's resolution stated, "We continue

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A few realizations from MSEF grants

Foundation Awards Numerous Grants

MUSCLE SHOALS—The Muscle Shoals Education Foundation had an outstanding 2017 year. The Foundation awarded \$47,500 in grants in January 2017. It awarded another \$4,450 in August 2017 and over \$17,000 in December for classroom grants.

An additional \$21,000 was given to

MSHS Seniors for college scholarships in May 2017. This is very exciting for the Foundation and school system. Without the support from our school system, community, and local businesses, these opportunities would not be possible.

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2006 Hyundai Sonata	KMHCU46C56A103738	CKA4617	Gray	Glenndale Ave.
2006 Chevrolet Cobalt	1G1AK15F967850641	69722F	Black	University Chevy
2000 Chevrolet Silverado Pickup	2GCEC19T0Y1359106	20C27JF	Red	University Chevy
2003 Mitsubishi Montero	JA4LS31R53J001420	33BN849	Blue	Firestone & Edward St.
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2002 Toyota Camry	4T1BE32K02U019441	52BB577	Black	River Rd.
1995 Nissan Sentra	1N4AB41D2SC772496	41DZ193		Hatch Blvd.
2001 Ford Taurus	1FAPP55U21A276941	33BK973	Tan	1st & 2nd St.
2005 Ford Focus	3FAFP31N05R102803	20BD113	Black	29th & Hatch Blvd.
1994 Chevrolet Camaro	2G1FP22S6R2221641	42AT271	Red	Austin & 4th
2003 Nissan Altima	1N4AL11D23C287627	41FF527	Red	Chuckie Cheese
1995 Mercury Grand Marquis	2MELM75W3SX629441			Twin Elm Ln.
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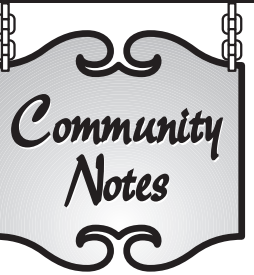
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The 2018 Corinth-Alcorn Animal Shelter Fundraiser Calendar is now available!

The calendar featuring pets who received top votes in our Pet Calendar Photo Contest. All proceeds from the entries, votes and sales of the full color, full-sized wall calendar will benefit the no-kill, nonprofit Corinth, Mississippi animal shelter. Each year, all photo entries are used to create a full color, full-sized wall calendar. Every dollar counts! The purchase of a 2018 calendar directly supports the thousands of abused, neglected, abandoned and injured animals that CAAS shelters each year. Calendars are available for purchase at the shelter at 3825 Proper Street in Corinth, MS. 38834. Call 662-284-5800, visit: http://corinthalcornanimalshelter.com/2018-fundraiser-calendar-2/ or email alcornpets@gmail.com
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The Fourth Saturday Breakfasts at the Zip City Community Center will not be held in December. We look forward to seeing you again in January.

The City of Florence is accepting nominations for the 2018 Walk of Honor Inductees. The Walk of Honor, located in the beautiful River Heritage Park, recognizes individuals of Florence and Lauderdale County who have achieved national or international acclaim. This is a means to give honor and perpetuate the name and achievement of deserving individuals, either current or former citizens, through a form of civic recognition. The are 42 inductees who have already been recognized.

Areas of national or international accomplishment include, but not limited to: agriculture, art, athletics, business, education, government, humanities, literature, medical, military, music, public service, religion, or science and technology. Nominations will be received until 5pm, on Friday, December 29 in the Mayor's Office. Procedures for making a nomination and form to submit your entry may be obtained by:

- 1) Visiting the City's web site, www.florenceal.org, and selecting the "Walk of Honor" listing under the "Happening Now" section; or go to the "City Administration" Section.
- 2) Picking up a copy from the Mayor's Office, 102 South Court Street - Suite 200, Florence, AL 35630; or
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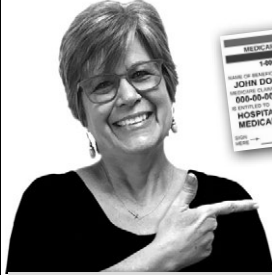
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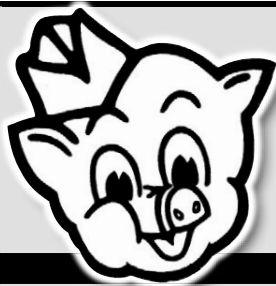
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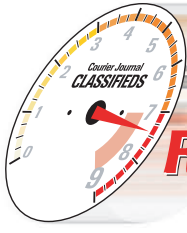
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Brothers replaces Dennis Jones who announced his retirement in April 2017. Jones served as president at HCU for the past 27 years and has been on campus as either a student or employee for the last 40 years. A search committee was formed in the spring to find Jones' replacement. Presidential responsibilities are being shared in the interim by vice-presidents, Dr. Bill Bagents, Pat Moon, and Philip Goad.

Brothers spent 23 years in local ministry work before joining Freed-Hardeman University as Associate Professor of Bible in 2010. Each year he teaches a course at the Bible School of the Americas in Panama and implements Future Minister Training camps for young men throughout Latin America. Thus far, camps have been started in Panama, Costa Rica, Honduras, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Guatemala, and the Dominican Republic in Central America; and Peru, Colombia, and Brazil in South America. He has also participated in mission efforts in India, Israel, England, and the Ukraine.

Brothers has participated in ministry and leadership training camps at various locations in the United States since 1988. He has served as director or co-director at Horizons Leadership Camp at FHU for six years.

"I want to leave behind as many leaders for the Lord as I can when I depart this life," said Brothers.

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"I am grateful to be part of this great ministry. Heritage plays a unique role in training servant-leaders for the Lord. Her staff and faculty are as credentialed, experienced, and dedicated as any in the brotherhood," Brothers added.

Brothers received graduate degrees at Freed-Hardeman University (M.A., 1999), Lipscomb University (M.Div., 2004), and Southern Seminary (Ph.D., 2010). He met his wife, Cindy (Markham), while completing his undergraduate degree. Kirk and Cindy have two daughters named Katie and Hannah. Katie audits classes at Freed-Hardeman University and loves British history and Shakespeare. Hannah is double majoring in Art and English at FHU and is planning to graduate in 2019.

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A You have to remember that for the past decade you have had a Republican Supreme Court. That typically means that its decisions will be friendly to big businesses (such as Exxon, twice). I don't care how you vote just be aware that Democratic Supreme

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In what is widely believed to be a poorly thought out opinion the Alabama Supreme Court decided to link unemployment hearings decided by a referee to retaliatory discharge cases that are tried by lawyers before judges and decided by juries. It is difficult to describe the difference between an unemployed, unrepresented claimant seeking unemployment benefits who is probably unaware that he even has the right to sue his employer for firing him because of his on the job injury and a fully represented litigant with an experienced attorney, full disclosure and the right to a jury trial. Sometimes Supreme Court Judges really haven't been attorneys that represent people and it shows.

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We have spent the past two months discussing the Medicare Annual Enrollment Period. We have talked about Medicare health plans. We have covered the different types of health plans and how to choose the one that may be best for you. We also discussed Medicare prescription drug plans and how they can change and need to be reviewed each year. But, just because the Annual Enrollment Period is over doesn't mean you can go to sleep at the wheel. There are some things you need to stay on top of.

To begin with you should make sure you have received your enrollment card from each insurance company you signed up with. If you enrolled into a Medicare Supplement and prescription drug plan you should have received two cards. One card from the company handling your supplement and another card from the company handling your drug plan. If you enrolled in a Medicare Advantage plan you should have received one card and that's from the company your Advantage plan is with.

The second thing to verify is your premium is coming from the appropriate place such as your bank account or Social Security check. You may not know this until January. If the premium is taken out of your bank account, for example, and you don't see it deducted in January you will want to contact the company. You don't want to go two or three months without paying the premium and then have to pay those months at one time. It's better to address it up front.

On behalf of Lee, Hope, Beverly and myself, I would like to wish all of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!! We would also like to thank each of you who read our column each week. We have had many calls and visits from our readers and it's always appreciated!!

If you have questions regarding any aspect of Medicare or Medicare health plans feel free call us at Alabama Health Guidance (256-648-5710), stop by our office at 885 Florence Blvd (Four Lane Shopping Center) or email me at ikey@alabamahealthguidance.com. Alabama Health Guidance is an independent insurance agency and is not affiliated with Medicare or any other government agency.



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Buildings

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Gunn holds the distinction as being the first African-American student to enroll at the University of North Alabama under its previous name of Florence State College. Gunn had a prestigious career after graduation with many personal and professional achievements in science, finance, politics, and as an independent business owner.

The resolution read, "Gunn epitomizes the traits of perseverance and integrity that cross social, racial, and cultural backgrounds which the University desires for all students as a means to academic and future success."

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STAN DEAN

Ruminating On Resolutions

It is that time again when a lot of us are beginning to think about New Year's resolutions. Statistics reveal the following three conclusions about this annual undertaking. First, we are told that about half of us are going to make them. Second, of all the resolutions that could be made, the same ones tend to top the list every year. You can probably guess them, but they are: lose weight, exercise more and eat a healthier diet.

The final statistic is that within three months, about 80% of all resolutions will be abandoned! Why? Ask anyone in that eighty percent and I am confident there will be some "reason."

Have you ever made a spiritual resolution? I imagine most have at one time or another. You might have made a resolution to get back in church. Or it could be that you decide to attend church services regularly. Maybe you resolved to read through the entire Bible in the coming year. You might have determined to develop your prayer life or increase your involvement in service to the Lord. Perhaps there were other resolutions you made in the past to increase your spirituality.

The next question is: *How did you do?* Did your resolve lead to permanent change in your spiritual walk? Or was it much like the secular resolutions of the eighty percent where you started out with a bang only to find in a short time you quit and went back to your old ways? If so, what was the "reason"? Did you get too gung ho and burn yourself out? Did you get too over-committed with other things which took away the time to fulfil your spiritual commitments? Did you get discouraged or distracted by life?

When all is said and done, I think we would agree (in most cases) that keeping resolutions is a matter of priority of the heart. This is equally true whether we are dealing with secular and spiritual ones.

There is an analogy that can be made in principle from Jesus' Parable of the Soils (Matthew 13). When the sower went forth to sow, some seed fell by the wayside, some on stony ground, some among thorns and some on good ground. The types of soil (hearts) determined the outcome of the seed. All the seeds were good, but not all the hearts!

Most resolutions are good for us, especially those that will lead us to God. However, unless our hearts are prepared for them, the likelihood of long-term change will probably be short-lived.

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If you've got a home on the market right now, you might feel like the Grinch stole your Christmas. Everyone knows winter is the season of giving, and spring is the season of selling. Plus, working home showings into a busy holiday schedule is like trying to shove a 20-foot tree into your living room.

But selling your home during the holidays doesn't have to spell disaster. You may be surprised that there are advantages to selling your home in the winter. Here are some of our favorites.

The internet has no seasons

Traditional home buying and selling seasons have evolved as a result of instant internet access to property listings. While spring is still the hottest home-buying season, serious home buyers are always on the lookout, checking out the latest listings on their tablet before bed or while waiting for their kid's football game to end.

Today's buyers do the bulk of their home searches online, and that's especially true when the weather outside is not so cheerful. This means your online listing and photos are especially important. Make sure you use high-quality photos that show off your home's selling points. Photos of the exterior in all seasons can help, as can including a video tour and night shots of the exterior with all the lights on.

Make sure you work with an experienced real estate agent to get your listing up-to-snuff for online house hunters. An expert agent can help you know how to show off your home's best features.

Competition dries up

Come spring, sellers will flood the market and your home will be just another fish in a great big pond. But

right now, you've practically got the market to yourself.

Since 2014, existing home inventory has fallen an average of 15 percent from November to December. That's 15 percent less competition on the market if you list your home during the winter. Buyers have fewer homes to choose from, which means you could sell your house faster.

Buyers mean business

Most folks want to curl up under a blanket next to a warm fire on a cold winter day. If a buyer is trudging around in freezing weather to look at your home, they must be serious. That's because many winter buyers are working against a deadline, whether it's an expiring lease, relocation, or a contract on their current home.

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YOU CAN'T WANDER anywhere on the internet without coming across an opinion on Net Neutrality. People who can hardly turn on a computer have suddenly become experts on telecommunications. The fact is, almost everyone on both sides of this issue is wrong. I'm going to pick on the left side in this article because they are the most wrong but you Righties are being silly, too. This political chasm has curmudgeoned this most wonderful time of the year for me: Of course I'm talking about unlimited sausage balls from now until New Years.



Fisher

The big news is that the Net Neutrality rules implemented in 2015 have been rescinded. This removes the requirement

THE GRINCH WHO STOLE NET NEUTRALITY

by "The Computer Skeptic"

that service providers such as Comcast treat all traffic equally. Critics claim that Comcast will now immediately start pounding companies like Netflix and Facebook with excess charges which will result in higher prices for you and me. But there are three major obstacles to this armageddon.

First, even with net neutrality in place, the Comcasts of the world were already legally "throttling" these services through what is known as "Quality of Service" bottlenecks. This is where an internet company prioritizes different types of

data such as voice versus video services. This issue gets really technical really quickly so suffice it to say that internet providers have been able to "throttle" other companies legally for as long as the internet has been alive. To alleviate these bottlenecks, providers allowed other companies like Skype, Netflix, and Google to install gadgets deep in Comcast's own data centers that helped with the bottlenecks. The point being: There was no such thing as "Net Neutrality" even when we had net neutrality!

Second, yes, the FCC is getting

out of the regulatory business with regards to the internet. But at the same time, the Federal Trade Commission now has the authority to regulate anti-competitive practices. So, despite everyone's fears, Comcast does NOT have the ability to cut off access to all their competitors. If they do that, the FTC will step in and slap their hands.

Lastly, despite the constant rumors to the contrary, no major internet provider has ever actively sought to block content of competitors on any sort of large scale. Yes, there were some pretty despicable things the providers tried to do but were quickly resolved in the courts, private business arrangements, and through the outrage of consumers like us. If they try that crap again, they risk Congressional action in the form of new laws instead of pesky regulations. None of the internet

providers want that. The bottom line is that internet providers have simply been given a slightly longer leash. It is up to us consumers to yank that leash if they try anything sneaky (and they will -- it's the nature of the beast). But this is not the digital armageddon that everyone seems to fear. There are more important things to worry about such as the fact that those sausage balls aren't going to cook themselves. Get to work!

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Commentary

Character Surfaces in Quick Actions

While considering commentary options for this week, this story came across my desk. It included excerpts and quotes from a *Daily Caller* article and a relevant Facebook post on December 18, the day of last week's

Amtrak derailment in Washington. Four days after the disaster the quick actions of a newly-commissioned U.S. Army lieutenant who was stationed at the nearby Joint Base Lewis-McChord had still not been covered. If not for him, the situation could have been much worse.

According to the *Daily Caller*, Second Lt. Robert McCoy was driving his pickup down Interstate 5 when he saw the first train cars come through the concrete barrier lining the highway overpass and tumble to the highway below.

He managed to brake short of the falling train which fell onto several cars immediately in front of him.

"I remembered I had a tourniquet and a CPR mask in my truck. I grabbed those and I took off toward the accident," McCoy told local TV station Q13 FOX. "There were individuals who had been ejected from the train onto the pavement. My first initial thought was, 'I don't know how stable this is. If this train continues to fall, it is going to fall on these individuals.'" McCoy said he carried several ejected

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TOM MAGAZZU Editor

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The competition is open to resident Alabama artists only. Only original horizontal artworks depicting a species of North American migratory duck or goose will

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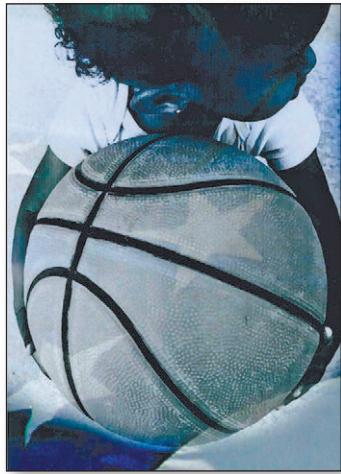
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SING AND PRAY IN THE NEW YEAR on Sunday from 9pm-midnight at Cox Blvd Church of Christ in Sheffield. Sing to the Glory of God with prayers for our country churches, families, children, service personnel and more. Everyone welcome.

RONALD RAND, INTERNATIONALLY AWARD-WINNING DIRECTOR. Goodwill Cultural Ambassador and world-renowned performing artist, will return to The Z to teach a unique four-week "ART OF TRANSFORMATION" Master Workshop during January of 2018. Registration is currently open. January 6-30. (Saturdays and Tuesday). There is a \$300 regular registration fee. Visit www.theZTickets.com. Store or the Historic Zodiac Playhouse on Facebook for more information or to register.

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Saturday, December 30, Lowes, 130 Cox Creek Pkwy, Florence
Sunday, December 31, Foodland, 16143 Hwy 72, Rogersville



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FLORENCE, New Rock Life Center at 818 West Irvine Lighthouse Ministries is Avenue in Florence. sponsoring the 11th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr 2018 Youth Basketball Tournament, Keeping the Dream Alive, on Friday and Saturday, January 12-13 at the Mt. Moriah Family

Jan. 12-13

The event helps support the West Florence neighborhood Plan to strengthen youth development and self-esteem

See DREAM... on Page 32



YOUR Letters

Your Courier Journal welcomes tastefully presented letters to be published as space allows. Letters may refer to timely matters of local, state, or national interest or any topic of concern or interest. **Letters must include name, address and phone number for verification.** (Only name and town will be published.) Letters subject to editing. Please limit letters to 400 words. All letters become the property of the Courier Journal and may not necessarily reflect opinions of the Courier Journal staff, its advertisers or a majority of readers. Please submit typed or neatly written letters to: Editor-Courier Journal

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Truth in The News

Editor:

Thanks, *Courier Journal*, for shooting straight with the truth in the news. This is the only paper I know that does that. I'll be looking forward to 2018 for the good news. Happy Holidays.

Louis Hipps
Tuscumbia

Room for Team Spirits

Dear America:

My sinful soul's desperate need for Jesus has no room for discussions of football at church unless the reason is to tear football out by the roots from the Lord's Day morning assembly. Our principal team spirits over this region are the Red Rolling Tide and

the Two-Toned Warring Eagle. I have heard their denunciation once from the pulpit, but only in honor of the spirit of the Blue Wild Cat. I have in the past seen a pulpit endorsement of the spirit of the Rocky Top Volunteer by means of a gaudy orange sport coat.

The danger on homecoming Sunday is that these team spirits will take over the church and rename their new-found sanctuary Legion Field, with the explanation, "for we are many."

Christianity American-style allows plenty of room for these team spirits. As they flit about our churches, they rest on souls who stitch and stain their clothes according to their team spirit's control. It's dreadful to consider how many Christians have etched their team spirit allegiance in their skin.

In view of being filled with these

competing spirits, sin is now defined as wearing the other team spirit's colors or emblems. The lamb's sacrifice these days is to wear the other team's jersey if a food-campaign benevolence goal has been achieved.

When we clear our minds for about ten minutes of communion, my fear is that Jesus stands at the door and knocks. Meanwhile, the Holy Spirit weeps out in the church cemetery looking for names and dates when He was the only Spirit in church. How jealous God must be when He hears Christians on game day.

"We've got the spirit, yes we do!
We've got the spirit, how about you?"

Floyd Jones, Jr.
Killen

See LETTERS... on Page 25

I believe and a lot other people say they would vote for the devil as long as he was a democrat.



JANUARY 2018

Calendar of Events

Helen Keller Hospital

MONDAY, JAN. 1



From Helen Keller and Red Bay Hospitals!

FRIDAY, JAN. 5

BLOOD PRESSURE & BLOOD SUGAR SCREENINGS

Hospital - Main Lobby
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MONDAY, JAN. 8

SMOKING CESSATION CLASSES BEGIN

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WEDNESDAY, JAN. 10

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THURSDAY, JAN. 11

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THURSDAY, JAN. 11

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FRIDAY, JAN. 12

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THURSDAY, JAN. 18

LIFESOUTH BLOOD DRIVE

The LifeSouth Blood Mobile will be on the HKH campus from 7 a.m. - 5 p.m.

FRIDAY, JAN. 19

BLOOD PRESSURE & BLOOD SUGAR SCREENINGS

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MONDAY, JAN. 22

SCALE BACK ALABAMA BEGINS!

Weigh-ins for Scale-Back Alabama begin at HKH and RBH.
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WEDNESDAY, JAN. 24

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The Lion's Share

As we prepare to launch out into a new year, many of you are setting goals and raising the bar of expectation for 2018. You may be looking to get The Lion's Share of what the new year has to offer. Merriam-Webster defines the Lion's Share as "the largest part or portion of something". Getting the most from life requires more than just wishing. Let's examine how a lion gets a Lion's Share.

First, a lion is courageous. Courage is not the absence of fear – it is the ability to work in the midst of fear. A lion boldly charges. He makes up his mind to do something and he does it. He does not suffer from "paralysis by analysis". To capture the Lion's Share in this coming year we must act with courage. Thoreau said, "Most men live a life of quiet desperation and carry that song in their hearts to the grave". Be courageous!

Second, a lion is focused. This magnificent animal will sometimes stalk its prey for hours at a time. The lion must avoid the distractions surrounding it to focus on the goal, the prize, the prey. Imagine how foolish it would be for a lion to stalk an antelope for two hours and just before he is positioned for the attack he begins to chase a mouse that crossed his path. We must also stay focused on the important matters of our lives. We can't let life's mice keep us from our prize. Stay focused!

Third, a lion is strong. A lion can easily crush bone with its mighty jaws. I have seen video of a lion bringing down prey much larger

than itself. The courage and focus of the lion combine to help it make the best use of its strength. There is a reason they are considered the "King of the Jungle". Lions also combine their strength to work and hunt together. Their strength combined is incredibly effective. They understand the benefit of working together. Now you can see why they call a group of lions a "Pride". Be strong!

Fourth, a lion is balanced. Remember I said a lion's jaws could crush bone? Well, a lion can also use that same mouth to pick up its young and move them from one

place to another. We must be balanced in every area of our lives. There is a time for crushing bone but there is also a time for tenderness. I have seen video of these fierce animals attacking their next meal and then a few minutes later they were playing like kittens. We can be so absorbed in one area of our life that we neglect the others. Be balanced!

If we apply these four truths in our lives, I have no doubt that we will get The Lion's Share of what 2018 has to offer. Thanks for being a blessing to me this past year. Go get your Lion's Share!



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You have five minutes to find the 26 items contained in our garage. They can be found by reading up or down, or side to side. You'll even find them diagonally going up or down. Letters can be used more than once. Listed below are the items that you will be looking for:

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Riddle Card

- Why is asparagus like most sermons?
- What chins are never shaved?
- Why is a hive like a spectator at a show?
- What three letters turn a boy into a man?
- What word will be made shorter by adding a syllable?

A TWICE-TOLD TALE! Here's a trick question: Can you figure out how twice ten is equal to two times 11?

2 x 10 = 2 x 11

LINK-UPS! Here's a list of 12 short words, divided into two columns. Turn them into six longer words by linking them together. To do this, draw a line from one word in the left column to one word in the right.

1 BEDS	ANT
2 CAR	ONE
3 DIM	IDES
4 ERR	ALLY
5 FIN	AWAY
6 GEMS	PLY

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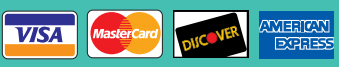
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Commentary

Character

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passengers out of the roadway and then started helping people trapped inside a semi-truck and the overturned Amtrak cars. Along with another good Samaritan, he climbed on top of the crushed semi, and then into a rail car teetering on the overpass,

where he found about 20-30 passengers trapped inside.

"There were people yelling, there was people looking for each other, looking for loved ones," McCoy said.

Despite the frightening prospect of the mangled train cars collapsing, McCoy continued to help extract victims, including a family whose grandmother was partially dangling from the end of a car.

instinct overcomes their flight instinct; regardless of the situation, they act to ensure that people live.

I've had very little interaction with this young LT, but I know he's told me over and over how excited he is for me to be his first Platoon Sergeant. What he doesn't know, though, is how proud I am for him to be my Platoon Leader. Great job, sir.

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Hunter Williams
December 18 at 6:16pm

By now, many of you are aware that an Amtrak train derailed in DuPont (the city I live in), just outside the gate of Joint Base Lewis McChord. What you don't know, yet anyway, is that my incoming Platoon Leader was the first bystander on scene. As he was driving into work this morning, he witnessed the train come off the tracks and plummet into the highway, landing on cars. Without thinking twice, he immediately began pulling injured civilians out of the vehicles and the train itself. He hasn't said it, but others are saying he pulled out 20-30 people and moved them to a safer area.

I'm telling you this, because it has touched my heart. This young 2LT isn't an experienced leader in the Army. He didn't graduate from West Point and hasn't been to combat. He is literally as green as they come and is fresh out of the Basic Officer Leader Course. Hell, he hasn't even finished in-processing JBLM and our battalion yet. However, when adversity hit, he acted. THIS is the type of leader we need in the Army. These are the men and women you want leading your sons and daughters into combat. The ones whose fight

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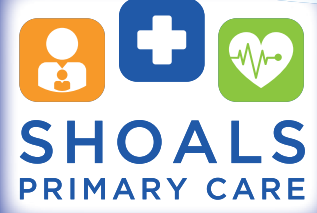
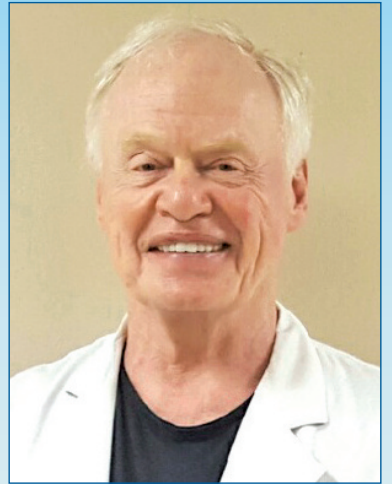
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DAVE Says

by DAVE RAMSEY

GIFT CARDS FOR GRANDKIDS?

Dear Dave,

What's an appropriate amount for gift cards to send each of our five grandchildren for Christmas?

Liz

Dear Liz,

How much do you spend on your grandchildren? Enough to make their parents nervous!

Seriously, I think it depends on two things. First, are you two debt-free, or at least able to provide gifts without going into debt or hurting yourselves financially? There's nothing wrong with spoiling the grandbabies once in a while. But don't use Christmas as an excuse to lose your minds, blow your budget, or go into debt every December. The amount you spend on gifts? I would suggest making it reasonable, not over the top, and relative to your income and that of the household in which the kiddos live.

The second thing I wonder about is the ages of all the grandchildren. I can't imagine a four-year-old getting excited over a gift card. So, if that's the general age range we're talking about, have some fun with it! Head down to the store, and really put some thought into these decisions. On the other hand, it might be just the thing for a teenager — especially if you know where they like to shop and hang out. Older kids want to make their own decisions, so depending on the personality of the grandchild, a gift card might be the way to go.

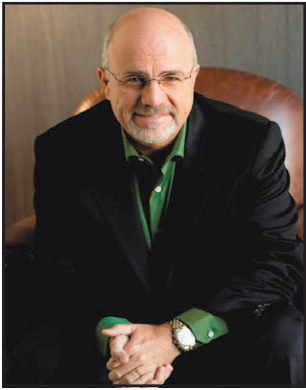
But if your grandkids are still little, please don't give them gift cards. No, grandma. No!

—Dave

INTERVIEW FOLLOW-UP

Dear Dave,

What is the proper etiquette after the job interview process? I recently had an interview for a sales management position.



I've sent a couple of follow-up emails in the last few weeks, and I know I'm still under consideration, but I'm not sure what to do now.

Krista

Dear Krista

Next time, since you obviously have a sales background, how about treating it like a sales call? If you're on a sales call, and the customer needs to perform some due diligence before deciding, a smart salesperson will ask to schedule a follow-up. Ask if checking back on a certain day in the next week or two will work. You don't want to be obnoxious, but you want an appointment of sorts — a time frame — so you'll know when to follow up without being pushy.

In this situation, I would recommend sending another email. You want to walk right up to that fine line that separates bold from obnoxious, because that's one of things a good sales manager should be able to do. Respectfully tell them you understand the decision-making process takes time, but you need to know when you can expect an answer.

Use the idea that you're a great sales person, and you're treating this as a professional sales call. And don't be afraid to have a little fun with it. If you're still under consideration, that means they like you. You could even hint at the fact they don't want to hire a sales manager who doesn't know how to follow up!

—Dave

* Dave Ramsey is CEO of Ramsey Solutions. He has authored seven best-selling books, including *The Total Money Makeover*. The *Dave Ramsey Show* is heard by more than 13 million listeners each week on 585 radio stations and multiple digital platforms. Follow Dave on the web at daveramsey.com and on Twitter at [@DaveRamsey](https://twitter.com/DaveRamsey).

Selling...

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Three tips to set the buying mood

- Nothing says welcome home quite like walking out of the cold into a nice, warm house that's dressed up for the holidays. Admit it: Your home looks great this time of year!

- It's easier to make a house feel like home in the wintertime. Here are a few tips to help you set the buying mood.

- Keep it simple. Decorations should accent — not overpower — a room.

Less is more. Crank up the cozy. Light a fire in the fireplace. Shine a light outside. Winter days get dark early. Brighten your home's exterior with outdoor spotlights.

Remember, the nicer your home presents itself the more likely it is to sell — and for more money. With all these advantages on your side, hopefully selling your home in the winter won't feel so daunting!

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Waterfowl Stamp...

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waterfowl stamp. Entries must be postmarked no later than February 9, 2018.

The winning artwork will be featured as the design of the 2019-20 Alabama Waterfowl Stamp. The Alabama stamp is required for all licensed hunters when hunting migratory waterfowl in the state. Revenue from the sale of the stamp is used to purchase, establish, or improve migratory waterfowl habitat.

The 2018 contest will take place in conjunction with the annual "Fins, Feathers and Flowers" event at Lakepoint Resort State Park in Eufaula from February 16-18. Similar to Eagle Awareness weekends at Lake Guntersville, Fins, Feathers and Flowers offers a variety of activities for wildlife watchers. The weekend is a cooperative effort of the Alabama State Parks Division and the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service.

All eligible entries will be on display at Lakepoint State Park beginning Friday, February 16. Three judges from the fields of art, ornithology, and wildlife conservation will select the winning waterfowl art the following day at 1pm. The media and public are invited to attend.

The judging criteria will emphasize uncluttered design suitable for printing as a stamp, anatomical accuracy of the illustrated species, and artistic

rendering. Close attention must be given to tone and detail since those aspects are prerequisites for printing artwork as a stamp. Wing and feather construction must be particularly well-defined. Entries may be drawn or painted in any medium. Entries cannot exceed 9 x 12 inches (15 x 18 inches matted).

Contest entry forms are available online at www.outdooralabama.com/waterfowl-stamp-art-contest-rules. Artists may also receive an entry form by contacting Seth Maddox with the Alabama Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries at seth.maddox@dcnr.alabama.gov or by calling 256-437-2788.

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Letters...

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Accusations to be a Weapon

Editor:

While in a doctor's waiting room recently, I picked up a November *Time Magazine* and found the article, "First they shared their #Me-too stories, now they're running for office."

The article tells of hundreds of women sitting cross-legged on the floor in packed conference rooms. This was a women's conference in Detroit on October 27-29 which drew more than 5,000 people, according to the author Charlotte Alter. She says there was an outpouring of personal stories which stoked anger that had been simmering for months.

The conference kicked off with a tearful speech by Rose McGowan. It ended that first night with orations from Senators Kirsten Gillibrand, who is now demanding Trump's resignation, and Amy Klobuchar.

The agenda was to transform the fury of thousands of women into votes, according to Alter. She described the convention as a crash course in electoral politics.

Gillibrand said, "Just imagine if Congress was 51% women. Do you think it would be so hard to change workplace rules that are stuck in the mad men era?"

I fear that accusations of sexual misconduct are going to be a much-used weapon to gain political positions. It is foolish to believe that no woman will lie to gain power. Men do it all the time and women are born with the same nature to sin.

Euell White
Florence

Predators Just Cannot Stop

Dear Editor:

Sexual predators, you know who you are. You refuse to stop your behavior even if it means job loss, becoming a laughing stock. Grow up.

You enlist people in your obscene game. Friends, relatives, co-workers all cover and lie for you. When the heat of discovery gets too overwhelming you meet and pickup your victim "off site" - on weekends, downtown, on some unbusy street or landmark.

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Cat & Kids

by Cathy Turner

About a Bed

I have a confession to make: My husband and I sleep on a waterbed. Now, this is not a 1960's slushy waterbed. This is a king-sized oak post one-second waterbed. I know it's a curious thing, because our children always enjoyed showing it to their new visiting friends. This is the same bed that we have had since shortly after we were married. My waterbed - I love it!

In 1982, when waterbeds were more popular, my husband and I were walking past the waterbed store that was in Regency Square Mall. A fella from within called out to us like a carnival barker, "Hey guys, come try this out. Lie down." Being young and free, we unclasped our hands and laid down. Truly, this bed felt wonderful. It was heated. It responded to our bodies' movement. It wasn't too hard or too soft. It could be as firm as you filled it. And as the salesman demonstrated, because of the baffles inside the heavy duty mattress, the water motion would stop within one second of movement. It felt so good, that we bought it on the spot (or maybe it was on lay-away for a minute). And I have loved it ever since.

A lot has happened on that bed. I will spare you most of the details, but yes, we have had some babies in that bed. And I fed them there enough to be asked if they ever came up for air. They have thrown up in that bed. And when they were three they were all allowed to jump on the bed and they surfed its slow wave. Our oldest son recalls, "I enjoyed the undulation beneath me when I jumped on it." Our children told me their childhood secrets on that bed. They told me their teenage hurts and their life wishes. We've discussed dating, loving, Christmas, dinner, dogs, music, school, life and politics during afternoons and slow Saturday mornings on that bed. Like every mama's bed, cuddling, correction

and craziness has happened there. Our youngest son remembers when he was ten and again when he was thirteen, he had massive nosebleeds in the waterbed. He woke up in a little face puddle while wiping blood from his nose. It's definitely his most vivid memory of our waterbed.

And now the grands roll and play on it. Just so you know, babies don't sleep on our waterbed - they are taken to beds of their own. But that afternoon romp is happening again and it's beautiful! The next generation loves it!

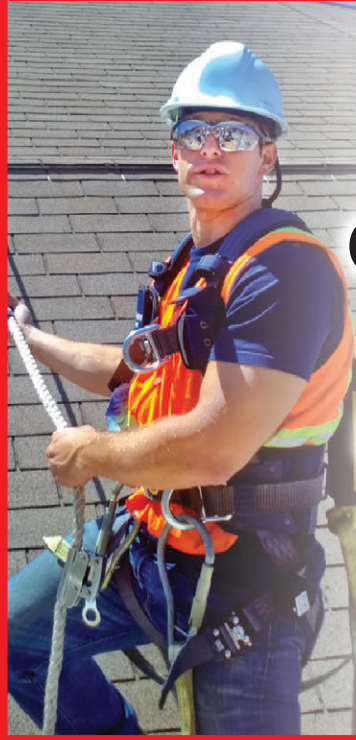
My daughter confides, that as a child, she thought her parents had the most fancy, uppity bed - like something that a rich person would have! And our oldest son has always felt like it was a relic or heirloom. Well, someone will get it, if they want. It has lasted for ever. But I have always felt like people thought that we were a little quirky because of the looks on their faces when they found out that we slept on a waterbed. None to matter, because, today it's a sick bed. My husband's fever just broke and the sheets will be changed soon. Today this bed is a place of comfort, as it has been many times in the past. There's nothing like being in your own bed with your own flattened pillow when you are sick. How blessed we are to have a bed, made of water, warm and giving. I love my Tri-guard Seamless 50 mattress - washable, vacuumable, and better adjusting than memory foam - firmer. We have chosen to put a small pillow top on top of it. But, truly, what I like the best about my waterbed is the comfort that it gives me because of my history with it. Home has been where our waterbed is. I love traveling around, but it's always great to get back to our quiet, cozy waterbed. Your bed is your bed, but my bed is an awesome waterbed. Now you know.

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Letters...

Predators Just Cannot Stop

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treat women, you would be outraged, ready to murder the guy. Thou hypocrite! Yet here you predators go—using and tossing aside woman after woman. You foolishly size women up using the “Thumb Scale”, then pursue you prey. You predators pick favorites with such obvious intent that an experienced person can predict your next victim. I can and have! Your trademark is lies and deceit. You hide your victim, ashamed of her, use her for sex a couple times a week until you are done with her, then move on. Predators, you pick women knowing which poor, gullible lady will accept your advances.

Clueless again. Predators you WILL screw up. You will misjudge a woman and she will finger you. The powers that be will finally figure you out and take action. Co-workers, friends, and relatives who covered and lied for you will wise up and get sick of your games. Shamefully you predators cannot stop even if faced with losing your job. If you know you will lose your job, why are you doing it? What's the purpose? Is it feeding your demented ego? Is it the thrill of the forbidden that drives you to do something stupid? Grow up! In any case, get your resume polished because you will get caught no matter who covers and lies for you. When you think you have all bases covered, what you least think of will hang you. Remember, hell hath no fury... You predators never learn. You are too clueless, stupid, and arrogant. Pride always goes before a fall. You. Will. Get. Caught.

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Hard to Talk to Some People

To Editor:
I wish you people would pay attention to what's

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Would you people think you could have put up with all the hateful things he has had to endure? It means more to us than any job, but he has done his job through all that. Think about it folks. Would you have done better?
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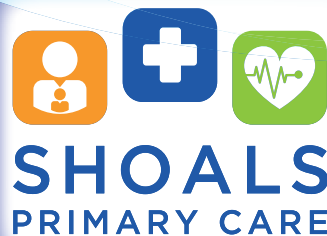
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THE BOLD AND THE BEAUTIFUL Steffy confronted Bill about his motives and asked him if he slept with her because he wanted revenge on Liam. Thorne was intrigued by Katie and her newfound sense of adventure, but she quickly realized that he had a thing for Brooke. Liam confided in Wyatt that Steffy was pregnant, and the two discussed how their lives were about to change with a baby on board. Brooke told Ridge that she hoped he would make peace with Thorne. Justin pushed Bill for more information about his feelings for Steffy. As Justin continued to put the pieces together, Bill admitted that Steffy was pregnant. Steffy had a daydream and imagined what life would be like having a family with Liam. Katie offered Thorne a place to live. *Wait to See: A young couple's marriage teeters on the brink of no return.*

DAYS OF OUR LIVES Abigail realized that Andre was in love with Kate. Lani tried to get answers about the night Theo was shot. Andre

made a deal with Chad regarding Kate. JJ visited Theo. Ciara put Claire on notice. Kate made a huge confession. Ciara suggested to Tripp that they join forces. Jennifer asked Eric out for New Year's Eve. While planning a big New Year's Eve party, Abigail discovered an odd discrepancy. Ciara finally confessed her true feelings. Hope received some good news for once. Belle and Shawn headed out of town. Abigail and Chad threw a huge New Year's Eve bash at Doug's Place. *Wait to See: Ciara gets drunk and causes a scene.*

GENERAL HOSPITAL Sonny shared his regrets. Sam sought Kim's help. Anna urged Finn to learn self-defense. Lulu remained determined. Nathan searched for some answers. Ava worried that she overstepped her bounds. Maxie cornered Amy. Obrecht made a confession. Dante was proud. Laura had a run-in with Stella. Anna enjoyed a minor victory. Carly was up to her old tricks. Lulu was excited about her future. Michael turned to family for support. Nelle felt hopeful. Sam and Jason crossed paths, and Jason voiced his regrets. Drew's car broke down. Dante disagreed with Lulu's actions. *Wait to See: Carly is forced to face the music.*

THE YOUNG AND THE RESTLESS Paul and Christine invited Nikki for Christmas Eve dinner in an attempt to get information about Victor. Sharon and Mariah spent Christmas Day trying to find the perfect gift for each other. Billy and Phyllis enjoyed their first Christmas as a couple. Victor suggested to Nikki that they renew their vows on New Year's Eve to convince everyone that their reconciliation was legit. Paul saw through Nikki's plan and said he would not attend. Cane and Billy updated Jill on the Abbott family drama, causing Jill to second-guess selling her company to Jack. She later decided to keep the business and appointed Billy to be Cane's co-CEO. Chelsea told Nick that she wasn't ready to move into a new home. *Wait to See: Nikki prepares for her concert.*

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The Kennedy-Douglass Meeting will be held from 11:30am-1pm on Friday, January 12 at the Kennedy-Douglass Center for the Arts, 217 East Tuscaloosa St, Florence. Light refreshments will be furnished and a door prize will be given. At 12pm, our speaker will be Bill and Betty Maloney, speaking on The Art of the Tango. The Gift Shop is open daily from 9am-4pm.

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Florence Parks & Recreation Dept's Senior Center (The Club) offers a variety of programs for our boomers and seniors to enjoy. We are currently serving lunch for 25-35 people Monday-Friday. The suggested donation is \$1 and anyone and everyone is invited. Sign in before 9:30am on the day you'd like to eat lunch. For more information about The Club/senior center or any of our special events please call 256-760-6420 Monday-Friday 8am-5pm. Email: fdavis@florenceal.org.

Florence Parks and Recreation Department offers Aerobics and Yoga at Broadway Recreation Center. Aerobics class is 8:30-9:30am Mon-

Wed-Fri-Sat. Yoga is Tues and Thurs 8:30-9:30am. Evening aerobics are at Royal Avenue Recreation Center Mon Tues and Thurs 5:30-6:30pm. Instructor, Linda Clanton. For additional information call 256-760-6418 or 256-760-6425.

Join the Florence Parks and Recreation Department for a fun time of Line dancing on the Second Friday night of every month at Broadway Rec Center. \$5 /person. 7-10pm. Call 256-760-6418 for additional information.

St. Florian Community Center Activities - Every Wednesday, 9am-2pm - Card games, dominoes. Come meet new friends. Card groups welcome. Potluck lunch served at 11:30am. Bring a dish to share or a donation.

Every Friday, 10:30am-noon - Bingo, \$2 charge. Just bring yourself. New bingo prizes are provided. Coverall prize is a gift card. Lunch at 12noon for a minimal cost. Everyone welcome.

Colbert County Animal Control Needs Volunteers at the Colbert shelter to help walk, play with, and love our shelter dogs keeping them acclimated to human love and contact for their eventual adoptions! Please join our team! We are completely full and desperately need more volunteers! We are open Monday - Friday, 10am - noon and 1:30-5pm. Parent required

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Junior Whirl Answers

by Charles Barry Townsend Illustrated by David Coulson

Riddle Card

- Why is asparagus like most sermons?
- What chins are never shaved?
- Why is a hive like a spectator at a show?
- What three letters turn a boy into a man?
- What word will be made shorter by adding a syllable?

Answers: 1. Because it is the end of it that people enjoy most. 2. Ur-chins. 3. Because it is a bee-holder. 4. A-G-E. 5. Short.

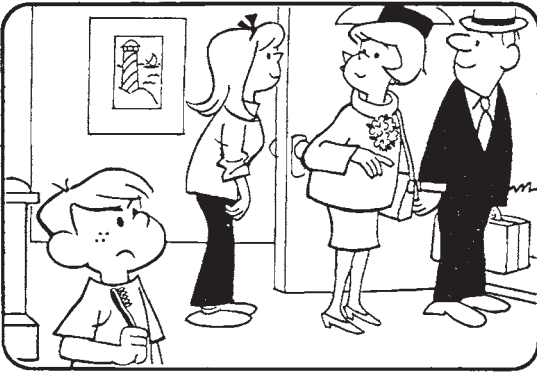
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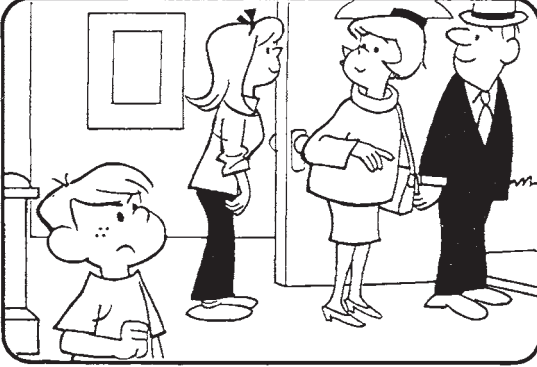
Answers: Bedsides, caraway, dimply, errant, finally, gemstone.

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