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POSTAL PATRON

Scholars to Meet at UNA

FLORENCE – Scholars from England, Germany, France, Canada, and the U.S. will all be in attendance for the 8th Biennial Slayage Conference on the Whedonverses (SCW8) on the campus of the University of North Alabama, June 21-24.

The conference host is the Whedon Studies Association, a non-profit, international academic association dedicated to the scholarly study of media works by television (*Buffy the Vampire Slayer, Angel, Firefly, Dollhouse*), film (*Serenity, Cabin in the Woods, The Avengers, Batgirl*) and comic book (*Astonishing X-Men, Fray, Runaways*) author **Joss Whedon** and his associates.

"The location for the Whedon Studies Association's biennial Slayage Conference on the Whedonverses is determined by a vote of the organization's members," said Dr. **Cynthia Burkhead**, chair of UNA's Department of English.

"So, it is a great honor to have UNA selected. The local conference organizers already know what a special place UNA and the entire Shoals area is, and we look forward to sharing that with scholars of Joss Whedon's work," said Dr. Burkhead.

Prior conference hosts have included Kingston University London, California State University—Sacramento, University of British Columbia, Flagler College, Henderson State University, Gordon State College, and Middle Tennessee State University.

Educators for Readiness

SHOALS—The Shoals Chamber of Commerce, in partnership with Northwest-Shoals Community College, is offering the Workforce Readiness Institute for Educators program on June 12-15 and June 19-21. The Institute offers professional

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Handy Design

FLORENCE - The Music Preservation Society, Inc. (MPS) last week announced its 2018 Handy Festival design competition winner.

Artists were invited to enter their creation to be the featured design on 2018 W.C. Handy Music Festival marketing materials. Entries were judged on merit, suitability as a visual image, originality, and how well the design reflects the spirit of the Festival.

The winning design was submitted by Huntsville's Sherry Pratt, a graphic design and web communications

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By **Dennis Sherer**
Colbert County Tourism

CHEROKEE – Kayaking is one of the fastest growing recreational activities in America and a Colbert County town is poised to take full advantage of the trend.

The Cherokee Kayak Trail on Bear Creek opened Saturday,

Killen Presented State APS Award

FLORENCE- Lauderdale County Department of Human Resources (DHR) social worker, Hailey Killen, investigates and arranges services for adults at risk of abuse, neglect, and/or exploitation.

Killen has been a constant in the Adult Protective Services unit for two and a half years. She educated herself, co-workers, and her superiors on APS policy and how to effectively maneuver through the court system to provide the adults of Lauderdale County the best possible service.

The mission of the DHR Adult Protective Services Division is

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June 2 with a ribbon-cutting at town hall and followed by a trip down the creek in a flotilla of colorful kayaks.

State and local officials attending the grand opening said the trail will provide a huge economic boost for the town.

Troy Rutland, chairman of the Cherokee Park and Recreation board, said interest in the kayak

trail has been phenomenal. An announcement of the trail's opening on the town's Facebook page spawned 13,000 responses. "This is huge for Cherokee. For us to get 13,000 hits on something in a town of 1,000 shows just how big this is going to be for this area.

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Cherokee Kayak Trail Opens to Fanfare

and a Ceremonial Trip Down Bear Creek



John Easter of Houston, Texas, paddles down Bear Creek on the Cherokee Kayak Trail. Photo Dennis Sherer



The 2018 Alabama Spirit of Adult Protective Service (APS) Award was presented to Hailey Killen, at right, by DHR Commissioner, Nancy T. Buckner, left, at a recent ceremony. Recognizing Killen's work is Alabama Governor, Kay Ivey, seated. Courtesy DHR Photo

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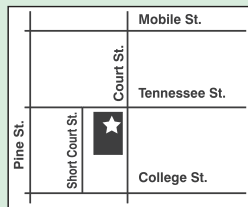
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APS Award

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to support and enable County Departments to protect elderly and disabled adults from abuse, neglect, and exploitation and to prevent unnecessary institutionalization.

Sam Smith, APS Director for the DHR, stated, "Ms. Killen's commitment and dedication to the mission of Adult Protective Services is unmatched. She has tirelessly demonstrated a caring and kind attitude toward the elderly and disabled adult population of Lauderdale County who were in need of protection from abuse, neglect, or exploitation. Her example of service to others in her community and our state is a credit to herself and an example for all to follow."

Lauderdale County DHR Director, Cynthia Bratcher, is also impressed.

"Hailey Killen is kind and compassionate. Yet,

she is able to move quickly toward a good resolution for those she is serving. She is able to negotiate difficult situations and differences among stakeholders and maintain great working relationships. She sets the bar high for all to follow."

As a result of her conscientious efforts, Killen was the recent recipient of the 2018 Alabama Spirit of APS Award.

The award was presented to Ms. Killen by Commissioner Nancy T. Buckner at a recent ceremony. Commissioner Buckner honored Killen by acknowledging her accomplishments and presenting her with a plaque.

The award is presented annually to a frontline worker who, through his or her own initiative and innovative ideas, makes substantial contributions to the growth and development of the APS program. As the Spirit of APS Award winner for Alabama, Killen will be nominated for the National Spirit of Adult Protective Services Association (NAPSA) Award, which will be presented at the 29th annual conference in Anaheim, California in August 2018.

Additionally, many people wrote letters of recommendation on Killen's behalf, including local attorneys, DHR attorneys, the District Attorney, sheriff department personnel, and co-workers.

Lauderdale County APS Supervisor, Debra Newman, stated, "Hailey Killen demonstrates a keen ability to think critically, communicate with community partners, and effect, as needed, streamlined court procedures. She works her cases as individual situations, applies urgency, engages and negotiates with her clients and community partners, and demonstrates respect for the elderly population."



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My Turn...

by Major Euell White, US Army Retired

**The Communist Influence
On Our College Campuses**

With all that is happening today in our schools and universities, it is more important than ever before for parents to monitor what their children are being taught.

According to Bradford Richardson in the November 4 *Washington Times*, a new poll shows that most millennials would prefer to live in a socialist, communist or fascist nation rather than a capitalistic one.

Someone said: "If you want to find out where Communism is thriving, then go to America's college campuses. Communism and Socialism are alive and well in America among those who depend on the hard work of capitalists."

Without economic freedom, Socialism wouldn't be possible. The former Prime Minister of Great Britain said, "Socialist governments traditionally do make a financial mess. They always run out of other people's money."

For most young people in our nation today, socialism is what they have been accustomed to. Their parents have paid for everything--their food shelter, clothing and other basic needs.

According to Marion Smith, executive director of the Victims of Communism Memorial Foundation, millennials are "increasingly turning away from capitalism and toward socialism and even communism as a viable alternative." Smith said: "This troubling turn highlights widespread historical illiteracy in American society regarding socialism and the systemic failure of our education system to teach students about the genocide, destruction, and misery caused by communism since the Bolshevik Revolution one hundred years ago."

According to an April 2018 survey by Rasmussen only 53 percent of American adults believe capitalism is better than socialism. Age made a large difference in how Americans viewed capitalism and socialism, according to the survey, with capitalism getting the worst grades among adults under 30. Only 37 percent of the under-30s favored capitalism, 33 percent preferred socialism, and 30 percent were undecided.

By party, Republicans by an 11-to-1 margin said that capitalism was superior to socialism, while Democrats were more pro-socialist and more evenly divided, with only 39 percent preferring capitalism, 30 percent favoring socialism, and 31 percent undecided.

According to a report by The Victims of Communism Memorial Foundation, about U.S. attitudes toward communism, the majority of America's largest generation (millennials) would prefer to live in a socialist or communist society than in a free enterprise system that respects the rule of law, private property, and limited government. The reality is, however, that, despite their enthusiasm for socialism and communism, the millennials don't know what those terms mean.

Obviously, the high school and university students are not being taught about the evils of Communism. Here are the estimated numbers of human beings slaughtered by some of the communist regimes. This does not include lives lost in wars.

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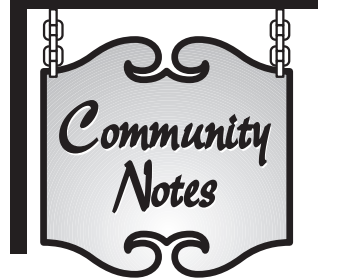
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Valley Grove Baptist Church in **Tuscumbia Vacation Bible School** June 11-15 from 6-9pm Pre-K to Youth. Located at 3040 Old Highway 20. 256-381-1662

Florence Parks and Recreation/The Club has added an additional **Family Fishing Day** to the summer schedule. This is set for June 14 from 6:30am to Noon at Deibert Park. Sign in at the table before you fish. Bring your own tackle, chairs, etc., Catch and Keep. Catch and Share. For more information, call the Club at 256.760.6642

Noah's Ark Adventure - Jacksonville Church of Christ will host Vacation Bible School at 6:30pm nightly June 25-28. Classes for all ages, with adult teacher Harrison Chastain and teen teacher Chase Lawhead. The church is at 414 County Road 28 in Florence.

The City of Tuscumbia and the Oka Kapassa Board proudly recognize Oka Kapassa Week. Mayor Underwood stated, "The week of the festival, the Saturday before through the Sunday afterward, has been recognized by the City of Tuscumbia and will be designated as Oka Kapassa Week." All related activities will be required to send a written agenda to the Board no later than three weeks before the festival for approval. This will allow the Oka Kapassa Board to remain focused on bringing a high quality and authentic event to the City of Tuscumbia and the surrounding area.

A grief support group entitled, "Getting Well Together" will meet at Shoney's in Muscle Shoals at 10am on the second Thursday of each month. This free support group is for anyone who would like to attend. This event is provided by Kindred Hospice of Florence. For more information, call 256-764-0873.

Shoals Hospital is seeking senior adults with an interest in giving back to their community through volunteerism. The hospital, which is on Avalon Avenue in Muscle Shoals, has a thriving group of senior volunteers, who assist the facility by serving as ambassadors, directing patients to care areas and performing other roles.

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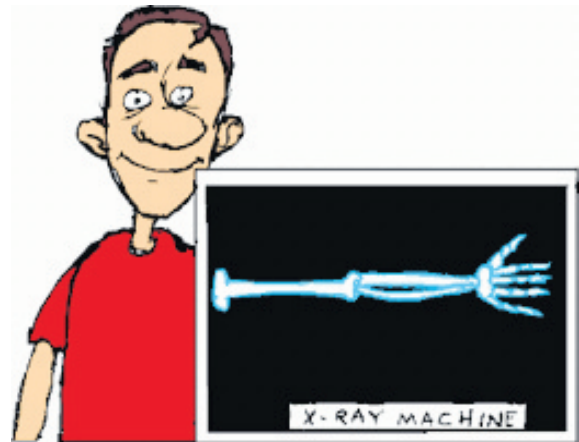


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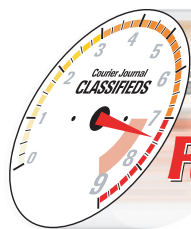
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Kayak

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The trail stretches about eight miles from Bishop Bridge, south of Allsboro, to the Buddy Durham Road bridge, just off Allsboro Road. The town has a fleet of single and tandem kayaks for rent. It will provide drop off and pickup service for kayakers renting from the town or using their own boat. The cost for rental is \$30 for a single-seat kayak and \$40 for a two-seater. The charge is \$10 for transportation for kayakers using their own boat. According to Cherokee Mayor Terry Cosby, it typically takes about four to six hours to paddle the length of the trail. "It all depends on how hard you want to paddle and how often you stop."

There are numerous spots along the creek to stop for a picnic or to rest. A variety of wildlife can be seen along the creek including bald eagles.

Susann Hamlin, CEO and President of Colbert County Tourism, said her

office receives numerous calls from people all over the country looking for kayak trails. In the past, the tourism office has referred the callers to kayak outfitters in other counties and nearby states. "Now we have a kayak trail in our own county here in Cherokee. We are very excited."

Tricia Montgomery, chairman of the Bear Creek Development Authority, said many businesses in western Colbert County and the surrounding area will reap benefits from the kayak trail. "The people who come here to kayak are going to need groceries. They are going to need gas for their vehicle and places to eat and places to stay. The economic impact of this trail is going to be tremendous."

Jordyn Stewart of Tusculumbia was the town's first customer to rent a kayak. "I'm very excited about this trail. I will be coming back and bringing my friends."

For more information on the kayak trail, call Cherokee Town Hall at 256-359-4959.



ABOVE: Local and state officials cut the ribbon for the Cherokee Kayak Trail.

Kayakers enjoy Bear Creek
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student at UAH where her instructor encouraged students to enter the contest.

Pratt has spent some time in Florence studying the architecture of Wilson Dam and how it relates to ancient artist design.

"After much time thinking about the design, Wilson Dam always came to mind as representing Florence and the Shoals," Pratt said. "I felt the symmetry of the dam and piano keys were the perfect way to portray the rich river and music heritage."

MPS publicity chair, Alison Stanfield stated, "The committee loved Sherry's use of our iconic Wilson Dam."

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Students Have Honors Day

SHOALS-The Hamilton Ministries Honors Day Program took place recently. Students Colbert County High, Deshler

High, Florence High, and Russellville High Schools were present.

Cedric Freeman, Jr. was one of the first students to receive the Rev. C. D. Hamilton Memorial Scholarship, and he was the speaker of the hour. He shared with his experience of going to college and staying focused while in school. The students were encouraged to set goals, manage their time, study, and succeed in what they wanted to be in life. Freeman will be attending the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa this fall. He continues to give back to his community and admonished the seniors to give back as well.

Lodge 2860 Presents Award

FLORENCE-Shoals Lodge 2860 awarded a



Burrow

John Love Memorial Scholarship to **Katelyn Burrow** of Muscle Shoals High School. Burrow is enrolling in the electrical engineering program at UAH.

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Guest Opinion-Editorial

Trump Ends Union Taxpayer Subsidies -Saves \$100 Million

Government employee unions have enjoyed an absolute boondoggle in recent years, receiving hundreds of millions in taxpayer funds. However, the boon could soon be over thanks to a new executive order from President Donald Trump.

The president signed an executive order in late May requiring federal government employees who work full-time for the public employee unions at taxpayer expense to spend at least 75% of their paid time on the government's business. The administration estimates this will save taxpayers \$100 million. This measure is one of three executive orders signed by the president. Those orders do not eliminate taxpayer subsidies for public employee unions altogether—that is Congress's job. However, they do end the taxpayer subsidy of travel for union business, mandate that unions be charged fair market value for rents of government office space, streamline the public employee appeals process so that bad apples can be fired more rapidly, and force taxpayer-funded union workers to spend at least three-quarters of their time doing the people's business.

Most people are shocked to learn that taxpayers have been footing the bill for public

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in the *Shoals*
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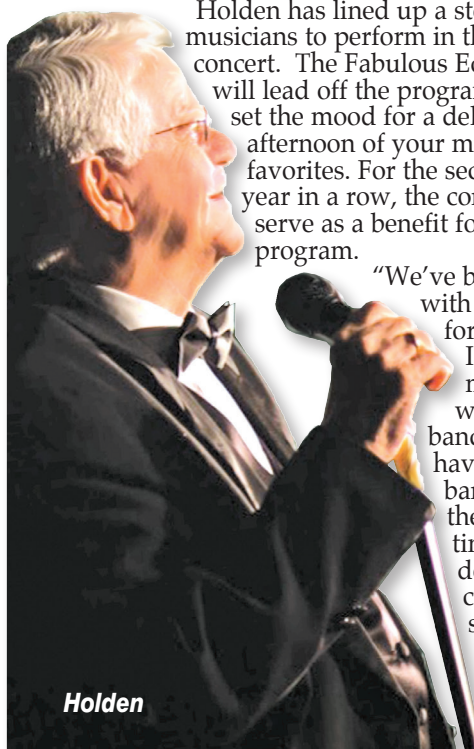
'On the Road' Exhibit Tells an American Story

FLORENCE The National Endowment for Humanities On the Road Exhibition, House and Home, will fill the galleries of the Kennedy-Douglass Center for the Arts from June 18 - August 9. House and Home is sponsored by the City of Florence Department of Arts and Museums and the City of Florence Bicentennial Committee. It comes to Florence from the National Building Museum in Washington D.C. in partnerships with the Mid-America Art Alliance to tell the story of American housing and neighborhoods. The NEH on the Road version of House & Home

See **HOUSE...** on Page 15

A Legend Continues The Way We Were

FLORENCE—Local music legend Edsel Holden will present *The Way We Were*, a benefit concert for the University of North Alabama Bands on Sunday, June 17 at 2pm in Norton Auditorium.



Holden

Holden has lined up a stellar group of musicians to perform in this weekend's concert. The Fabulous Edd Jones Orchestra will lead off the program as usual and will set the mood for a delightful afternoon of your musical favorites. For the second year in a row, the concert will also serve as a benefit for the UNA band program.

June 17

"We've been in and out with UNA Bands forever. The first time I performed with my grandson was with the UNA jazz band. We arguably have the best college band in the state. But they need help from time to time. So, we decided to do this concert for them," said Holden.

The Way We

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THE WOODMEN LIFE CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT benefiting local elementary schools takes place on Monday, June 18 at Turtle Point Yacht & Country Club with a 1pm Shotgun start. The 2 person scramble is \$250 per team and there is still time to register. Prizes for Long Drive and Closest to Pin. 3

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Participants will have a special Ace for CASA scorecard that includes a \$5 Off coupon to any local Foodland, the event's platinum sponsor.

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We Learn From What Hurts Us

Editor:

When it comes to financially supporting healthy adult children, we cannot teach what we do not know.

If living to survive was the coping mechanism of your parents, chances are it will be yours too, unless you are willing to transform the survival mode to thriving.

This is done by listening to the instructions of those who are thriving.

One of the most important things you can teach your child is to listen to and respect the Right Answer.

"There's a way that seems right to a person, but the results are a dead end," he said. "The fool takes no

pleasure in understanding, but only in expressing their opinion." (Read Proverbs 18:2)

Sadly, we learn more from what hurts us than from what does not.

Because He is Sovereign, our loving heavenly Father allows us to suffer the consequences of our choices.

It is only when we have had enough that we make a change, according to Dave Ramsey.

Dave Ramsey is a wealthy financial guru who filed bankruptcy a couple of times, and has become a millionaire by telling people "Do not spend more than you have,"and "Save for a rainy day."

Both these common sense proverbs were how my Great Depression era parents lived.

Nowadays it seems charge cards have created a sense

of urgency and instant gratification. This attitude has a lot of people off the responsible financial track of budgeting and saving.

Dave Ramsey says to cut the credit cards up.

In healthy situations, we usually have as much self control as we need, if we will use it.

Using self control creates mature self respect and independence, and is a respectable way to live.

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Joy Willow
Florence

Bill too High for Poor Service

Editor:

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House...

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draws on themes originated by the National Building Museum to encourage visitors to explore how our ideal of the perfect house and our experience of what it means to "be at home" have changed over time. The exhibition includes domestic furnishings and home construction materials, photographs, touchable interactive components, and films. The objects and images illustrate how transformations in technology, government policy, and consumer culture have impacted American domestic life.

The city of Florence has received a National Endowment for the Humanities grant for special programming that will accompany the exhibition. The first program Our Neighborhood will take place at the Florence Indian Mound Museum on Thursday, July 12 at 6pm. This program will be a panel question and answer session with experts on community planning. Alabama Historic Commission preservation planner, Mary Shell; Florence's own city planner, Melissa Bailey; planning consultant from KPS Group in Birmingham, Jason Fondren; will give insights into long-term neighborhood planning and relationships.

Our House is a free book-making session at the Florence-Lauderdale Public Library on July 14 at 1pm. Preregistration opens June 14 at the library for homeowners and families who would like to make a book and share stories about their homes. Each registrant will receive a worksheet to help lead them through the story of their house and make a beautiful memory book. Space is limited, so please sign up quickly!



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- City of Florence Planning and Community Development Department at 110 W. College Street, Suite 115
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Perhaps "scam" is too strong a word for this horrible program but I'm gonna stick with the term because scamming is how these people got their start and once a scammer; always a scammer. You need to know that they are not deserving of your dollars.

PC Matic appeared on my radar years ago as "PC Pitstop." It was one of many fake antivirus programs that people were tricked into installing on their computer.



Fisher

PC MATIC SCAM

by "The Computer Skeptic"

Once this software was on a computer, it would display all sorts of horrible problems that needed to be fixed or Bad Things would happen.

Of course there was a convenient link to purchase the software that would "fix" the problems you didn't have. Eventually PC Matic, much like some mafia bosses, made enough money scamming people to "go legit."

So how does PC Matic actually perform compared to other antivirus programs? Well, if you listen to their commercials, they get 100%

perfect scores. No one in my line of business would believe that claim and you shouldn't either. No antivirus program is perfect but there are some objective ways to determine which ones offer the best protection.

I visited PC Matic's website to look at their own review of their product. They referenced an independent comparison of various antivirus published in PC Magazine (a reputable source) who apparently gave them the "best" score. Skeptical of this claim, I went to the source (a skeptic always goes

to the source) and here is what they actually said, "PC Matic scored highest in the latest test, with 94.75%, but failed overall due to many false positives."

They FAILED! False positives are never a good thing. What that means is that PC Matic will shutdown many innocent programs which is exactly what I see in my shop. People with PC Matic complain of all sorts of warnings and stuff just not working right (such as not being able to access the internet).

We remove PC Matic and, miraculously, the PC starts running well.

My biggest problem with PC Matic is that they do keep inching up in the ranks of independent evaluations. But they are getting there because they started out as scammers, did more scammy things to boost sales such as offering

"registry cleaners" and "driver updates" for an extra charge (which are worthless, by the way).

They recently stopped charging extra for those because so many of us techie people gave them grief about it but they are still scammers at the core and should not be rewarded for the evil they've done!

Jim Fisher owns Excel Computer Services in Florence. Reach him at www.ExcelAL.com



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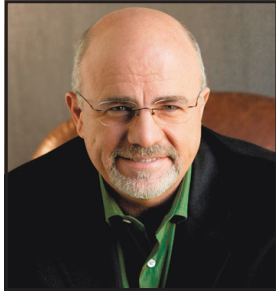
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TAKE CARE OF THE BASICS

Dear Dave, I just graduated from college, and I'll be starting my first real job soon. What can young adults, who are just getting started, do to avoid money problems now and in the future?
Ben

Dear Ben, Congratulations! I'm glad you realize the importance of being responsible with your money and planning for things down the road.

There are three or four important things a recent college graduate — or anyone, really — can do to make the most of their money and protect themselves financially. The first is to always live on budget. When you write down a budget on paper, and give every dollar a name before the month begins, it helps you know what your money is doing instead of leaving you in a situation where you're wondering where it went.

Two more important practices are saving money and staying out of debt. Your income is your biggest wealth-building tool. When you're saddled with debt, your money goes to creditors instead of into your pocket. Saving money prepares you for all

the things life will throw at you — both good and bad.

One more thing I'd include is investing. I know you're young, but you still need to think about life after retirement. If you start investing just a little bit each month now in good mutual funds, you could easily retire a millionaire.

These are all very simple, basic things, Ben. But they'll make a huge difference in your financial situation now and in the years to come!
—Dave

CREATIVITY IS THE KEY

Dear Dave, How do you have a wedding without debt?
Brooklyn

Dear Brooklyn, It's pretty simple. To have a wedding without debt you must be creative and think within your budget. In other words, you pay for a wedding with the money you have.

There's absolutely nothing wrong with a small, inexpensive wedding. Once you realize and understand that fact, and start thinking about things with a budget in mind, you'll realize you can scrimp and save and still have a great small wedding. Lots of people have beautiful ceremonies, and small receptions, for well under \$1,000.

Sure, you can go into debt by renting the fanciest venue, and buying a \$9,000 wedding dress to wear for just a few hours on one day. Or, you can realize it's not the place and the clothes that make a wedding special. What about an outdoor wedding at a friend or family member's house? When it comes to a dress you can opt for something simple and inexpensive, or even one that has been worn once, for just a few hundred dollars. If you think that's awful, let me tell you something that's worse — going tens of thousands of dollars into debt for an event that lasts just a few hours!

Most people don't have lavish, expensive weddings. Years down the road they're still happily married, very much in love, and they look back on their wedding as the best day of their lives.
—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.

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Guest Op-Ed

Taypayers

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employee union salaries. They become incensed when they learn that union employees were paid \$177 million by the federal government in 2016 not including office space and travel expenses.

A 2013 Freedom of Information Act request by Americans for Limited Government discovered that the Department of Veterans Affairs alone had over 250 employees working full-time for unions in 2011. The Transportation Department had thirty-five employees on full-time official time, many of whom had salaries in excess of \$170,000 per year. When the IRS was busy playing politics in 2012 by delaying and denying Tea Party group applications for non-profit status, the *Washington Times* reported that more than 200 full-time IRS employees were engaged in nothing but union activity. The same report added that taxpayers picked up the bill for another \$687,400 in union travel at the IRS alone.

It's bad enough that the federal government spent between \$150 and 200 million a year on union salaries and travel. What's worse is that this indirectly subsidized unions' political activity. Because money is fungible, the money that public employee unions didn't have to spend on personnel could then be turned around and spent on politics.

Public employee unions are among the biggest donors in politics, with the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees ranked the fifteenth largest contributor so far in 2018, according to Open Secrets. This group has overwhelmingly favored Democrats over Republicans.

Of the \$4,843,291 that this group has poured into politics this year, \$6,000 of it went to groups, causes, or politicians considered to be Republican or conservative. They spent almost \$16 million on 2016 on politics with under \$8,000 going to Republican or conservative groups. In that same election cycle, their political action committee could not find a single Republican to support and gave 100% of their money to Democrats.

This is just one case out of many. For years, taxpayers have subsidized public unions that pursue political activities and overwhelmingly donate

to Democrats. Their donations are designed to grow government, and consequently their own membership.

Public employee unions don't pretend to be anything but big government advocates. The president's executive order forcing taxpayer-funded union employees to spend 75% of their time doing their federal job is a good first step in reigning in this far-left government funding stream.

Trump deserves kudos for recognizing the absurdity of taxpayer funding of the left. He also deserves credit for hiring people like Russ Vought and James Sherk for the Office of Management and Budget and White House staff, respectively, and Nathan Mehrens into the Labor Department. By hiring people who have studied and understand how the current federal civil service system perpetuates the administrative state, Trump set himself up for success when it comes to dealing with the wash, rinse, repeat swamp cycle that the public employee unions perpetuate.

Recently, much of the discussion about public employee unions in politics has been focused upon the upcoming *Janus v. AFSCME* Supreme Court decision, which could allow public employees at all levels of government to opt-out of paying dues as a First Amendment right. These new executive orders will have a much greater impact on the federal bureaucracy, since federal employees already have the right to not join the union.

This executive order will shift about \$100 million in union employee costs back onto the unions. This will force them to prioritize which cases should be fought and which one's should be settled, injecting some rationality and perhaps greater speed into the federal government firing process.

Now, the president needs to force the public employee unions to compete for their members through an opt-in process where the employee would have to actively decide to be a member of the union rather than being assumed to be a member unless they fill out the proper paperwork.

If the president takes this next bold step, the public employee union stranglehold on the federal government will be broken, giving Congress a chance to pass full-blown civil service.

You can almost hear the swamp draining.



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Calendar of Events

Monday, June 18

TOURS OF IVY GREEN,

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Monday – Saturday, 8:30am – 4pm
Sunday, 11am – 4pm
See the home where Helen Keller lived and the cottage where Anne Sullivan took young Helen to teach her to communicate and the famous well pump where the “miracle” occurred.
Admission: \$6 (adults), \$5 (seniors & AAA cardholders), \$3 (children)

HISTORIC GLENCOE CEMETERY TOUR,

Keller & McDonald Family Cemetery
Monday – Friday, 9:00 – 4:00 pm
The resting place of Keller family members located at Vulcan Rock Quarry, Highway 72 West.

THE HELEN KELLER ART SHOW,

Tennessee Valley Museum of Art
Monday – Friday, 9am – 5pm
Sunday, 1 – 3pm
Helen Keller proved that a disability can't be define or limit the expression of mankind. Following in her footsteps are the children who participate in the annual Helen Keller Festival Art Show. The show features 28 pieces of artwork by visually impaired, blind or deaf/blind Alabama students of all ages. This exhibit will include the Purchase Award Winner.

ART INSTALLATION,

Helen Keller Library,
511 N. Main Street, Tuscumbia
Monday, 6 – 8pm
Reception for “I Wake From a Dream” art installation by Wayne Sides. Sides collaborates with Jeanie Thompson, author of “The Myth of Water: Poems from the Life of Helen Keller”, to create an art exhibit that brings to life the emotions Helen may have experienced during pivotal events throughout her life.

Tuesday, June 19

TUSCUMBIA RAILROAD DEPOT MUSEUM,

204 West Fifth Street, Tuscumbia
Tuesday – Friday, 9am – 3pm

“ART OF THE DISH” Antique & Vintage China Exhibit at Belle Mont Mansion,

1569 Cook Lane, Tuscumbia
Thursday – Saturday, 10am – 4pm
Antique & vintage china displayed in tablescapes with crystal, glassware and accessories. Alabama 200 Bicentennial Event.



Wednesday, June 20

THE MYTH OF WATER: POEMS FROM THE LIFE OF HELEN KELLER

Helen Keller Library,
511 N. Main Street, Tuscumbia
2 – 4pm
Jeanie Thompson presents “The Myth of Water: Poems From the Life of Helen Keller”. Presentation, Question & Answer session, and Book Signing.

Thursday, June 21

HELEN KELLER FESTIVAL PARADE

Downtown Tuscumbia
6pm

THE MARKETPLACE

Spring Park, Tuscumbia
5:30 – 8pm
The Marketplace is FREE to the public. The Helen Keller Festival is proud to host a wide variety of artists and select vendors in the Marketplace.

THURSDAY PARTY IN THE PARK

Spring Park, Tuscumbia

Ben Bradford

Time: 7pm, Party in the Park

Ben Parker Project

Time: 8pm, Party in the Park

Friday, June 22

Golf Tournament

Spring Creek Golf Course
8am – 1pm
3 man scramble
Entry fee is \$67 per person.

Helen Keller Library Annual Book Sale,

Helen Keller Library,
511 N. Main Street, Tuscumbia
10am – 4pm
Be sure to visit the library for great deals on books. Funds support library events.

Shoals Model Railroad Display,

Tuscumbia Depot Museum
10am – 4pm

“The Myth of Water: Poems from the Life of Helen Keller”,

Coldwater Books, Tuscumbia
11am – 1pm
Jeanie Thompson book signing.

The Marketplace,

Spring Park, Tuscumbia
12 – 8pm
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Box Lunch on the Belle Mont Mansion Courtyard,

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12Noon
Admission: Requires \$20 ticket

23 Mile & 5 Mile Family Bike Ride,

Spring Creek Golf Course
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Registration from 5 – 6pm
Ride starts at 6pm

The Miracle Worker,

Home of Helen Keller, Ivy Green
Gates Open: 6:30pm
Show Time: 8:pm
Reserved Seating: \$15
General Admission: \$10

Music in the Park,

Spring Park, Tuscumbia
\$5 Admission

The Haley Crowell Band

Time: 5pm

Showdown

Time: 6pm

The Springs

Time: 7pm

Red Marlow

Time: 8pm
Red Marlow is best known for his appearance on Season 13 of NBC's *The Voice*, member of Team Blake. His first music release since his Top 4 finish on *The Voice* is the album *Country As Cornbread*, released in April 2018. The album features 10 tracks showcasing Marlow's story telling abilities, faith, and the traditional country sound that he was known for on *The Voice*. Fans of Red Marlow, both new and old, will not be disappointed in his album *Country As Cornbread*.



Saturday, June 23

Car & Truck Show,

Main Street, Tuscumbia
Hosted by Shoals Car & Truck Club
Registration: 8am – 12pm

Golf Tournament,

Spring Creek Golf Course
8am – 3pm
3 man scramble

5 Mile & 1 Mile Fun Run,

Colbert County Courthouse, Tuscumbia
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5 Mile Run begins at 7am
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The Marketplace,

Spring Park, Tuscumbia
9am – 8pm

The Marketplace is FREE to the public.

Walking Tour of Tuscumbia

10 – 11am
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The Log Cabin,

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10am – 4pm
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Book Signing,

Tuscumbia Depot Museum
10am – 5:pm
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Imagination Station,

Spring Park
11am – 2pm
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\$5 Admission

Deja Vu

Time: 5pm

Russell Mefford & Friends

Time: 6pm

Travis Wammack & Junior Lowe with special guest, Jerry Phillips

Time: 7pm

The Muscle Shoals Allstars

Time: 8:30pm
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Sunday, June 24

The Marketplace,

Spring Park, Tuscumbia
5 – 8pm
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The Log Cabin,

Coldwater Stage Coach Stop
1 – 4pm
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Music in the Park,

Spring Park, Tuscumbia
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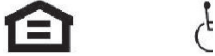
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The Lives She Saves

Nelson's Work at the Florence-Lauderdale Animal Shelter

by Haley Walden
for the Courier Journal

Debby Nelson has been volunteering with animals in the Shoals area and beyond for nearly a decade. She works with puppies and dogs at the Florence-Lauderdale Animal Shelter and the Brown Dog Coalition in Hopkinton, Massachusetts.

Nelson launched Chloe's Fund, a program that raises money from local donors to provide much-needed veterinary care to incoming pets at the shelter. Chloe's Fund was founded in memory of her late West Highland Terrier, Chloe, who passed away at age 17 after a lifetime of health issues.

"After Chloe passed away, I was thinking if she had not been with me and had been a little dog turned into the shelter, she would have died long ago," Nelson said.

Chloe had diabetes and Cushing's disease, among other health concerns, according to Nelson. She required special care and two shots per day.

"After she passed away, something just kept nagging me," Nelson said. "I felt like she was telling me that I needed to do

something in her memory for the animals that weren't as fortunate as she was."

Nelson scoured the internet for ideas and eventually landed on a picture of a fundraising board that piqued her interest. She got to work creating what is now the Chloe's Fund board at the animal shelter. Donors receive a small wooden paw in memory of their chosen pet, and the paws are then attached to the board.

Because the shelter receives no funding for vet care, sick and injured pets weren't receiving the lifesaving treatments they needed in order to be adopted out into new forever homes. Before Chloe's Fund, shelter volunteers took to Facebook with each case, asking the community for funds to treat each animal.

"The way Chloe's fund is



Debby Nelson appears to be spending too much time playing with this one puppy. At least that is what this other pup in the litter is thinking! Courtesy photos

set up, [the shelter] can take a pet to the vet to be checked without having to wait on the funds to come in," said shelter volunteer, Diane Letson.

The new system ensures shorter wait times for animals with critical health conditions or injuries.

"I thought maybe we could help a few dogs," Nelson said. "But we were really blessed. We've been able to help 110 dogs and cats go to the vet in the last year.

"Sometimes it's very serious, but we were able to save most of them, and get them into rescue homes. I couldn't

have done that without the kind people who donated."

When the fund ran low on money earlier this year, Nelson directed proceeds from a late family member's estate sale into Chloe's Fund. Nelson and other shelter volunteers also raise money for the fund through bake sales, yard sales, and adoption events.

In addition to running Chloe's Fund, Nelson fosters adult dogs in her home and helps arrange spaying and neutering for shelter pets with a veterinarian's office in Iuka, Mississippi. She helps coordinate transport between Iuka and Florence, and she transports some of the animals herself.

Nelson also works regularly at the shelter, where she covers any job that needs to be done. That includes deep cleaning, painting, washing dishes, bottle-feeding puppies, and walking dogs.

Her work with the Brown Dog Coalition extends into New England where there are strict spay and neuter laws governing shelter pets in the area. Nelson handles



This dog looks ready to go home with Debby.

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THE BOLD AND THE BEAUTIFUL Xander met Hope for the first time and introduced himself as an American Midwesterner. Brooke had a heart-to-heart talk with Steffy. Thorne reassured Katie that everything would ultimately work out in her favor. Hope gave Steffy a baby gift, and Liam apologized to Hope for everything. Ridge picked up on Emma and Xander's mutual attraction and told Xander that he would be working on the Hope for the Future line. Later, Ridge encouraged Brooke to try to be happy for Steffy and Liam despite Hope's heartbreak. Steffy was moved by Liam's commitment to her and Kelly. Wyatt was shocked when he ran into a drunken Sally at the Bikini Bar. *Wait to See: An unspeakable blackmail puts a damper on a happy day.*

DAYS OF OUR LIVES Theresa dropped a bombshell on Eve and Brady. Despite the risks, Will had Marlana inject him with Rolf's serum. Xander stumbled onto an explosive secret. Per Stefan's orders, Kayla spied on Kate and witnessed a curious exchange. Ben took an injured Ciara to a place that held bad memories for him. Claire and Tripp felt guilty for hurting Ciara. Hope realized that her daughter was missing. Valerie and Lani began to bond. Ciara freaked out when she found herself trapped in a cabin with Ben. Theresa had a steamy proposition for Brady. Eve was determined to find a way to thwart her sister. *Wait to See: JJ rushes Lani to the hospital.*

GENERAL HOSPITAL Michael stayed close to Nelle.

Anna let her guard down. Peter found an out. Chase was compassionate. Nelle was in shock. Kim prepared for a big night. Jason and Sam met for coffee. Nina cut her visit short. Julian had a lot to prove. Jason looked for a way in. Nina was rattled. Kiki faced her demons. Alexis questioned Valentin. Franco was full of surprises. Valentin refused his fate. Carly didn't trust her instincts. Kiki was startled. Alexis met with Kevin. Elizabeth was dumbfounded. Mike opened up to Sonny. Nina actually had compassion for someone. Oscar was touched by Drew's confession. Finn was very comforting. *Wait to See: Obrecht covers her tracks.*

THE YOUNG AND THE RESTLESS Abby and Arturo dealt with the fallout of Nikki's reveal. Summer continued to create chaos for those around her, including her new roommates, Billy and Phyllis. Phyllis was concerned about Summer's lack of ambition and disregard for rules. Billy tried to play mediator, but found himself in an awkward situation. Victor's custody lawsuit threw the entire Newman family into chaos as everyone found themselves forced to take sides. Abby decided that she couldn't trust Arturo anymore and told him they needed to keep their relationship platonic. Shauna felt unwelcome after realizing that Hilary and Devon wanted her out of the apartment so they could be alone. Summer's return awakened old emotions in Kyle, who insisted that he had no interest in her despite his obvious attraction. *Wait to See: Brittany interrogates Victoria about J.T.*

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One of the classic statements on parenthood was made many years ago by James Dobson when he penned, "Parenting Isn't For Cowards." That is true for both moms and dads, but since we are bearing down on Father's Day, we will think about it from a father's perspective.

It is not that a crisis arrives every minute, but the older our kids get, the more often challenging decisions seem to come around. One dad kind of brushed off the importance of these tough calls by saying, "At least you have a 50-50 chance of getting it right." But I do not believe that most dads are happy to simply play the odds.

Looking back on the growing-up years of our kids, let me tell you a challenging father moment that involved my second son. When he was only nine-years-old he had to be admitted to the hospital due to continuous vomiting which led to throwing up blood. He was weak and dehydrated and had that "helpless look" that all parents understand.

In order to stop the nausea the doctor decided that a tube needed to be inserted through his nose into his stomach. The thought of that sent my son into panic mode! Immediately he begged me to not let them do it. It was a difficult moment for me, because I had to quickly decide if the procedure was worth the distress to my son. I decided to allow it.

When the nurses came in to do the procedure, his fear accelerated - and I had to leave the room! All the way to the elevator I could hear my son crying, "Dad make them stop! Dad, please make them stop!"

It seemed that everything within me urged me to go back and make them stop! But I didn't. Why? Because I believed the eventual outcome would be worth the present pain. And thanks be to God it was the right decision, because he is a healthy man today!

Every time I think of that incident I think about the Heavenly Father looking down at His Son who cried, "Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me" (Matthew 26:39). But He allowed Him to be crucified. Why? Because He knew the outcome would be worth the present pain! And thankfully we can stand spiritually whole today because of a loving Father who endured a challenging Father moment (cf. Matthew 27:46).

Maybe this will bring greater appreciation to the words we know so well, "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life" (John 3:16).

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Wednesday, June 13, 2-8pm, Southwire, 4251 Helton Drive, Florence
Thursday, June 14, 11am - 6pm, Martin's Family Clothing, 550 Cox Creek Parkway, Florence

Friday, June 15, 9am - 1pm, TVA - Equipment Support Services, 219 River Road, Muscle Shoals

Saturday, June 16, 10:30am - 8pm, Phil Campbell Hoedown Festival, Downtown Phil Campbell, Phil Campbell

Sunday, June 17, 11am - 5pm, North Alabama Flea Market, 65 Sportsplex Drive, Muscle Shoals

Monday, June 18, 9am - 5pm, Lauderdale County Health Department, 4112 Chisholm Road, Florence

Tuesday, June 19, 9am - 4:30pm, Colbert County Court House, 201 N Main Street, Tuscumbia

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Make a difference in your county and lead your F-S-A.

Florence Kiwanis Club Meets Fridays noon at Marriott Shoals Conference Center, 10 Hightower Place, Florence

June Speakers:
June 15 - Tony Pujol, New Head Men's Basketball, University of North Alabama - Discussion of his vision as the UNA Men's Basketball Program moves into Division 1.

Happening at the Florence Lauderdale Public Library

The Screening Room: "3:10 to Yuma" Sunday, June 17 at 2pm

Join the library and Pillar of Fire for a screening of the 2007 film "3:10 to Yuma" (Rated R). After a holdup and killing, Ben Wade (Glenn Ford) and his gang are captured. Wade's men break out of jail, and now wait for the chance to rescue him. The authorities suspect that a daring escape plan is in the making, so they look for a guard to escort Wade to Yuma by train to stand trial. The Marshall offers a bounty and Dan Evans (Van Heflin), a poor rancher hard hit by a crippling drought, takes in the job. His wife pleads with him to save his own life by letting Wade go free, but for Evans it's a matter of principle as well as money. He takes Wade and begins the dangerous trek to the station.

Introduction to Sewing (registration required)

Monday, June 18, 10am-1pm

In this session, we'll take you through the basics of using a sewing machine. Topics covered include sewing machine components, threading a sewing machine, and basic sewing machine stitches. No materials are required and no knowledge of sewing is assumed. The Collaboratory is located on the second floor of the FlorenceLauderdale Public Library.

There is a \$5 deposit per person to register. The deposit will be returned to the registrant on the day of the event. Please email the Collaboratory manager at james@fpl.org or call 256-764-6564, ext. 137 to register. Space is limited, so sign up today!

Gospel Meeting hosted by Cherokee Church of Christ, 3400 Old Lee Hwy. in Cherokee, June 17-20 with Bro. James Gentry as guest speaker. June 17 at 11am and 2pm. June 18-20 at 7pm.

Florence Parks & Recreation - The Club (Florence Senior Center) would like wish everyone a happy new year!

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paperwork, tests the dogs' temperaments, makes sure they're fully vetted and coordinates their foster care and transport.

"When there's a sweet animal that needs a home, she'll call [the Brown Dog Coalition] and they'll let her know whether they want

the dog," said Chapel King, a fellow shelter volunteer. "Debby will find a foster home for it, somebody will keep it for a week or two to keep it out of the shelter, then she'll send it to Massachusetts."

According to Nelson, Brown Dog accepts dogs with medical conditions like heartworm and parvo, and they pay the dogs' medical bills.

"They have us choose the dogs we think would be a good match for our rescue-we always get approval," she says. "And we have a professional transport. A young woman out of Mississippi drives to meet us in Muscle Shoals."

The transport then travels to Massachusetts and on to Maine to deliver other dogs. Then she returns to Mississippi to begin the cycle again.

Due to the strict shelter pet laws in Massachusetts, the animals must be fully vetted before they're sent out of state. Once they reach Massachusetts, they must be quarantined for 48 hours to ensure they're in good health. Massachusetts law states that pets must be fixed and up-to-date on vaccinations to be adopted.

The most rewarding part of the process is receiving updates from Brown Dog on the pets she's helped to transport, according to Nelson.

"You see this little dog that didn't have a chance, and suddenly it's the greatest dog in the world to

its new family," she says.

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Cat & Kids

by Cathy Turner

What I Know

Writer's Note: I was reviewing some of my columns the other day and I ran across this one from June, 2009. I thought I would share it again because of its important message, which is also, share what you know.

I do love the mountains, but now I want to give a little time for musings from the beach. I am sitting here on the gazebo deck above the steps leading down to a private beach in the Whalehead Community of Corolla in the Outer Banks of North Carolina, and I am wondering how I got here. Oh sure, I know how I saved my part and my two sisters and I made reservations in January to stay in this 5 bedroom, 4 1/2 bath, oceanfront, 1.5 million dollar home for a week at the most beautiful beach this side of the Mississippi. What I am pondering is how there were so many things that I did not know about in my youth that were commonplace and routine to others, vacations being one of them.

For instance, right now on the beach below and next door there is a family of about twenty people taking their khaki and white family beach pictures. You know (or maybe you don't), the pictures where everyone wears a white top and khaki shorts or pants or skirts and poses are taken of all the generations together, then the separate families, and then all of the kids. The family that I am observing is also taking a picture from behind of each family standing still and facing the ocean. They are beautiful, but how did they know this tradition? I didn't.

Just like I did not know about Corolla, about Outer Banks, until a classmate's family invited my son to vacation with them and when retrieving him, I had to make that sharp right turn at Kill Devil Hills to take that winding Highway 12 up Carolina's coast to

find the pristine beaches where wild ponies roam and families with white teeth play. I didn't know about these beaches with white-trimmed houses with front steps that fan out as if for royalty or about the hunt club that dates back to the 1020's. I didn't know.

I didn't know how it feels to sit under a canopy at the beach, or about ordering crab au gratin from a pier-side seat or about playing put-put by the Currituck Sound, but now I do and I like it. I liked it when I saw it and I aimed to do it. When I first went on vacation in eighth grade when a classmate invited me, I liked it and I decided that my family was going to go on vacation too.

There have been quite a few things that I didn't know about that I figured out or I was shown that got me here - how to get into college and pay for it on my own, how to excel academically, how to buy a car, how to eat quiche, how to manage a budget, how to talk to anyone, how to ask, how to find the right man and create a Christian home. Yet there are lots of things that I still don't know, such as how to live off dividends or what a commodity is, how to find money for grad school (we are working on it), or what Alaska looks like, or how to meet the people in Jack and Jill or how to own a 1.5 million dollar house. Yet, I don't know if I want to know all of these things.

Truly, I still don't know what I don't know. What I do know is that the khaki and white picture of my family in my kitchen window with its seeming socio-economic implications is simply a picture of me and my family doing something that we love to do, musing on the beach.

If you want something, go after it.

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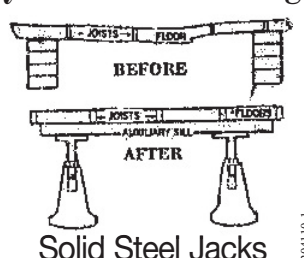
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