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Dickerson named a 'Be Healthy Educator'

By NICOLE SMITH
Daily Mountain Eagle

A Walker County native and educator has been recognized for making a difference in the lives of her students.

Jorden Dickerson, a teacher at Fultondale High School, was recently named a Be Healthy Educator of the Month by The Caring Foundation of Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Alabama.

Dickerson is a graduate of Oakman High School and now works as an exceptional education teacher at Fultondale High.

The Caring Foundation shared, "Ms. Dickerson is a dedicated educator who wants the best for her students. Their health and happiness are her top priority. Ms. Dickerson continues to look for innovative ways to educate her students and prepare them for the world outside Fultondale High School. The Caring Foundation salutes Jorden Dickerson for her

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Parrish getting tractor arm, mower quickly

By ED HOWELL
Daily Mountain Eagle

PARRISH - Mayor Bubba Cagle told the Parrish Town Council on May 9 that local officials were surprised to learn that the arm and mower for the new tractor was quickly shipped after another order was altered.

"We're going to be able to get it in the next few weeks, so we're excited," he said. Officials had expect-

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Dora will look at fire station, truck for Heritage Landing area

By ED HOWELL
Daily Mountain Eagle

DORA - Dora Mayor Randy Stephens says the city will likely look by the end of 2024 at building a fire substation and getting an additional fire truck to help service the upcoming commercial development near U.S. Interstate 22.

The council voted on Thursday, May 11, to get an estimate from Brindlee Mountain Fire Apparatus

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Cordova man dies week after auto accident

A two-vehicle accident last week has claimed the life of a Cordova man.

Billy R. Henson, 81, was critically injured Thursday, May 4, when the 1964 Ford Falcon he was driving collided head-on with a 2011 Toyota Sienna driven by Daniel L. Wilcutt, 50, of Danville.

Henson and Wilcutt were both taken to Walker Baptist Medical Center in Jasper for treatment. Henson was later transferred to Huntsville Hospital, where he died Thursday from injuries he sustained in the accident.

The crash happened on American Junction Road, approximately two miles east of Parrish.

Hundreds attend Art in the Park



The annual Art in the Park event attracted a large crowd on Saturday at Gamble Park in Jasper. Dozens of artists were selling their creations, and children enjoyed craft activities. (Daily Mountain Eagle photos by Nicole Smith)

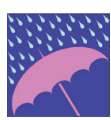


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Abner reviews progress with Marzano

By ED HOWELL
 Daily Mountain Eagle

DORA - Paige Abner, the principal at Dora High School, thanked the council for new signage and pointed out advancements in the school in an appearance at the May 11 Dora City Council meeting.

"I want to let you know the school is in very good standing at this point in time," she said. "I wanted to come thank you personally for paying for our state championship sign that is on Sharon Boulevard. Matt Woods did spearhead that and Mayor (Randy) Stephens helped us out with that."

She said the sign was placed on wood stakes in case anyone wants to move it.

Abner also announced last year the school

received Marzano High Reliability Schools certification at Level 1, where schools create a safe, supportive and collaborative culture. The high reliability schools program, a product of Marzano Resources, is designed bring all students to learning the content and skills needed for success in college and careers, according to Marzano.

Cordova High, Curry Elementary, Curry Middle, Curry High, Oakman High, Oakman Middle, Lupton Jr. High, Parrish Elementary, Sumiton Elementary, Sumiton Middle and Valley Jr. High are the latest schools to be level one certified. Dora High, Bankhead Middle and Cordova Elementary schools were the first Walker County schools to reach level one status.

Abner said school officials traveled to San Antonio in January to receive the honor from Marzano.

"We were the first high school in Alabama to receive this certification," she said. "My team worked very hard on this. We are very, very proud of this, and we are now working on Level 2, which is more the instructional piece. I've been in classrooms a lot this year, and that will continue into next year. It usually takes two years to get that level."

Abner said some people complain about the amount of money spent on the program locally, but the staff "was well trained from the get go. My team just gravitated to it immediately." She said using the program has allowed staff to prove Dora High is a safe school and that every-

one is working together as a team.

"What we were looking for was a way for our teachers to meet. We don't have a lot of time in high school for collaboration amongst teachers," she said, noting elementary teachers usually have the same planning time. "On the high school level, it's just not the same."

A Connect program run by Phillip Walker has been set up at the school as part of the school's framework for helping teachers to meet when guest speakers are with the students. The teachers can meet in groupings for grade levels and subjects, for example, providing more teacher collaboration.

She also brought up a suggestion she said she had mentioned in the past, where Mayor Awards and City Council

Awards could be presented at the school. The school would produce the certificates for the city. She noted an Awards Day was coming up the next week, and that most of the mayor and city council graduated from the school. Stephens asked Abner to get with City Clerk Stacy Turner for details on the awards.

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UAB asks for public to consider regular blood donation

By SAVANNAH KOPLON
 UAB

The need for blood supplies is constant across the United States, and the University of Alabama at Birmingham Hospital is engaging the public and asking people to consider scheduling a time to donate blood if able.

"There is no substitute for human blood to save countless lives of individuals with a variety of conditions such as leukemia, trauma, heart and sickle cell disease, etc.; just as important, hundreds of pints of blood must be available in hospitals at all times, since many lifesaving transfusions are emergent," said Marisa Marques, M.D., director of Transfusion Services at the University of Alabama at Birmingham Hospital. "It may be too late to donate when the need arises, because it takes close to a week to do all the tests in the donor to ensure the blood is safe for everyone.

I urge people to donate at this time and regularly thereafter."

To find a drive or facility near you, go to the American Red Cross website.

Hospitals need suitable reserves for those patients who need a blood transfusion, such as those who have cancer or sickle cell disease or are undergoing emergency surgery, trauma victims, or post-partum women, among others,

and proactively fulfilling supply before a critical need strikes is paramount.

Donors of all blood types are needed. A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are needed to donate. The process usually takes less than 40 minutes. Individuals who are at least 17 years of age, weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood.

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Oakman Lions Club hosts pancake breakfast



The Oakman Lions Club held a pancake breakfast fundraiser on Saturday, May 13, at the Oakman Senior Center. People attended to enjoy a meal and fellowship.

(Photos from Rep. Tim Wadsworth and Oakman Lions Club)



Alabama House passes two education bills

BY STEVE WILSON

(The Center Square) — The Alabama House passed a bill that would create an education savings account program and another that would change the way the state manages charter schools on Thursday.

House Bill 334, authored by Rep. Danny Garrett, R-Trussville, would create an education savings account program for students who are either homeless, have an individual education program, have a parent on active duty in the military or had a parent die on active duty in the military. Individual education programs are drawn up for special education students who deal with a disability or impairment, homebound students who deal with an illness or autism.

The bill passed 99-5 and is headed to the Senate.

HB334 is known as the Students with

Unique Needs Education Scholarship Account program and would give these families \$5,600 per year and would be capped at 500 scholarships in the first year, which would be 2024 and increase by 500 new scholarships annually.

The measure was amended by Rep. Terri Collins, R-Decatur, to require standardized tests administered by their resident school districts for program participants.

The bill met with opposition by Democrats, who argued against providing public funds to private schools in the education savings account that aren't judged by the same accountability standards as public schools.

"These are dollars that are designed for the public good," said Rep. Artis McCampbell, D-Demopolis. "But if we are taking these dollars and actually putting them into the private sector and using a different measure, how is that a fair measure?"

House Bill 363 is

sponsored by Collins and would alter the way the state governs charter schools.

The biggest change would be how funding would be disbursed to new charter schools. They would be funded during their first few years in operation based on anticipated enrollment and would also receive state funds in the same way as conventional public schools.

The measure would change the appointment process for the state's charter authorizer body, the Alabama Public Charter School Commission and allow the commission to hire staff along with requiring commissioners to receive annual training.

The bill would also change the processes of authorization and the review of applications. Alabama, which passed charter legislation in 2015, has only five charter schools.

HB363 passed 76-25 and is headed to the Senate.

Cordova OKs donating skate park

By ED HOWELL
DAILY MOUNTAIN EAGLE

CORDOVA - The Cordova City Council agreed on May 9 to donate the skate park to another municipality, which was not identified but was said to be voting on it that night.

Mayor Jeremy Pate said, "The concrete over there is in terrible shape. We are looking at doing something else over on the mill property grant-wise."

He said later the city will look at putting something on those pads after the basketball and pickle ball projects are completed.

If the municipality does not take the skate park, it will be advertised for another one to take it.

Councilman Larry Sides abstained in the vote, while Councilman Ed Earp was absent.

In a related matter, the council heard borders for the playground are on backorder, as the plastic borders cannot be reused. Caution tape was ripped down at the playground

during weekend games, but Pate said that tape needs to be put back up.

"There is nothing wrong with the playground, but it doesn't have any mulch or anything on it," he said. Lumber had been looked at briefly, but he said it would not look as good.



Jeremy Pate

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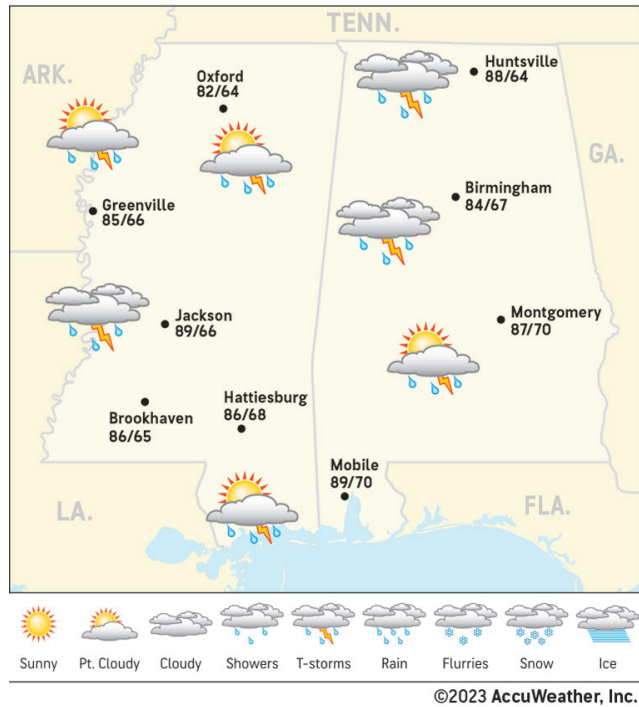
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Obituaries

Kanyon Barrentine

Kanyon Barrentine, 22, Oakman, passed away on Thursday, May 11, 2023. Arrangements will be announced later by Collins-Burke Funeral Home.

Collins-Burke Funeral Home, Jasper; 205-384-5571

Phillip Jefferson Lamar III

Phillip Jefferson Lamar, III, 57, of Cordova, passed away on Sunday, May 14, 2023, at his residence. Arrangements will be announced later by Collins-Burke Funeral Home.

Collins-Burke Funeral Home, Jasper; 205-384-5571

Mary Cornelia Wilson

October 28, 1925 - May 12, 2023

Mary Cornelia Wilson, 97, of Houston, Ala., passed away Friday, May 12, 2023, at Ridgewood Health Services.

The family will receive friends Wednesday, May 17, 2023, at 1 p.m. at Collins-Burke Funeral Home. Funeral services will follow at 2 p.m. in the Collins-Burke Chapel. Burial will be at Mt. Ebron Cemetery in Double Springs. Leonard Rigsby will officiate.

Mrs. Wilson was preceded in death by her husband, Pitt Wilson; son, Greg Wilson; grandson, Kyle Wilson; brothers, Ernest and Tommy Treece; and son-in-law, Lacy Hicks.

She is survived by her daughter, Lynda Hicks; five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Collins-Burke Funeral Home, Jasper; 205-384-5571

Jimmy Ray Carter

June 24, 1943 - May 11, 2023

Jimmy Ray Carter, 79, of Jasper, passed away Thursday, May 11, 2023, at Walker Baptist Medical Center.

The family will receive friends Wednesday, May 17, 2023, at 10 a.m. at Collins-Burke Funeral Home. Funeral services will follow at 11 a.m. in the Collins-Burke Chapel. Burial will be at Oak Hill Cemetery. Cam Stevens will officiate.

Mr. Carter was preceded in death by his mother, Gertrude Carter; father, William M. Carter; sisters, Mary Foster and Betty Jean Lee; and brothers, William Carter and Bob Carter.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Katherine Carter of Jasper; daughter, Tracy L. Carter of Alabaster; son, John David Carter (Dana) of Alabaster; sisters, Billie Ruth Cook and Shirley Morris (Charles) of Hoover; sister-in-law, Doris Carter; brother, James Robert "Bobby" Carter (Judy) of Jasper; and grandchildren, Addison and Luke Carter.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research.

Collins-Burke Funeral Home, Jasper; 205-384-5571

Clyde Marlin Burke

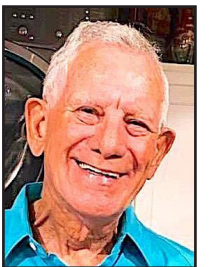
Clyde Marlin Burke, 81, of Jasper, passed away Saturday, May 13, 2023, at his residence. There will be no services.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Charles Blandon Burke Jr. and Emma Lee Burke; grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Clint Polk, and Mr. and Mrs. CB Burke Sr.; sister in law, Gladys Evelyn Burke, mother in law, Opal Waters Womack.

He is survived by his wife, Rita Womack Burke; children; David Marlin Burke and Jennifer Lynn Burke; grandchildren, Drew Marlin Burke, Dylan McKinley Burke, Brynlee Alexis Burke and Danica Mae Burke; siblings; Bobbie Burke Harrington and Bob Burke; daughter-in-law, Dana Burke; son-in-law, Matt Hays; brother-in-law, Bobby Harrington, and special friends, Connie and Allen Basenberg.

You may register online at www.kilgoregreenfuneralhome.com.

Kilgore-Green Funeral Home, Jasper; 205-384-9503



How pets help us with mental health

By BEST FRIENDS ANIMAL SOCIETY

With May being Mental Health Awareness Month, Best Friends Animal Society, a leading animal welfare organization dedicated to ending the killing of dogs and cats in America's shelters by 2025, is sharing some of the many mental health benefits of adopting or fostering a dog or cat.

Dogs and Cats Aren't Only Cute...They Help Our Moods: Pet parents already know their furry companions can make them happier. Studies show that eye contact with your dog can release oxytocin (the love hormone) and dopamine (a neurotransmitter), both of which have been proven to treat both anxiety and depression.

Pets Give You a Routine...And Make You Stick to It! Having a pet means having a set schedule every day. Routines can help people experiencing anxiety and depression because they provide a sense of stability.

Pets Help People Feel Self Worth: Taking care of a dog or cat is a lot of responsibility—especially in the beginning—but it also has proven benefits to your own mental health. It can boost feelings of self-confidence and self-worth, both of which can ease symptoms.

Calming Cats and Dogs: Petting a dog or cat is a quick way to de-stress. Being around pets can lower cortisol, which can help reduce feelings of stress and anxiety.

Now is a great time to welcome a pet into your home. Across the country, shelters are struggling with higher intakes, while adoptions and fosters are not keeping pace. This has led to a population imbalance, with more animals in shelters, causing increased strain on shelter staff and the current shelter crisis. With most U.S. shelters at or over capacity, pets are more at risk for being killed due to lack of space.

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What's Going On

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TUESDAY, MAY 16

- The Community Health Advisors of Walker County invites all women to the Self Health Improvement Event for women only at 11 a.m. at the Jasper Civic Center, as May is Women's Health Awareness and Brain Tumor Awareness Month.

THURSDAY, MAY 18

- The City of Dora, in partnership with the Jefferson County Health Department and the Recovery Resource Center, is sponsoring a fentanyl awareness event with free Naloxone training and free Naloxone and fentanyl test strips available after the presentation. The event will be at the Dora Civic Center from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, MAY 20

- VFW Marvin Ferguson Post 4850 (3401 Veterans Drive in Jasper) invites all Walker County firefighters and EMS personnel for a free meal in appreciation of their hard work. The meal will be at 12:30 p.m. A CPR training class will also be at 1:30 p.m. at a cost of \$40 per person to the public. For more information, call 205-388-2846.

- Pleasantfield Volunteer Fire Department (4860 Pleasantfield Rd., Parrish) will have its third annual fire and safety fun day from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be free food, games, blood pressure checks and more. For more information, call Jodie Ritch at 205-388-2188.

- The 50th Annual Arley Day Festival will be from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Hamner Park in Arley. It is a free event. There will be food, crafts, etc.

- The Walker County Farmers Market will open for the growing season. Market hours are 7 a.m. to noon on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. The market is located at 1601 Airport Road N. in Jasper.

TUESDAY, MAY 23

- The Arley Women's Club is hosting an evening with Phyllis Biffle Elmore, author of *Quilt of Souls: A Memoir*, at Meek Baptist Church Fellowship Hall located at 360 Helicon Road in Arley. The program

begins at 6:30 p.m. (doors will open at 6:00). A book signing will be held after and refreshments served.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24

- ROSS will sponsor a Narcan giveaway in Nauvoo at 1 p.m., at the lot across from Town Hall where the new Capstone Rural Health clinic will be built.

THURSDAY, MAY 25

- Rotary of Smith Lake is sponsoring a Land and Lake Safety Night from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at Bank-First in Curry.

SUNDAY, JUNE 11

- The Wright's Cemetery Family and Friends Reunion will be held at the cemetery located in the Hillard Community on Highway 124, between Jasper and Townley. Covered dish lunch at noon. Bring folding chairs. For more information, call 205-275-5441.

SATURDAY, JUNE 17

- The Nauvoo Car Show will be held in downtown Nauvoo from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The old Harbin Hotel will be open for tours.

SATURDAY, JULY 1

- Cordova is hosting an America 250 festival at Indian Head Mill Park starting at noon and ending with a 9 p.m. fireworks show. Call City Hall at 205-483-9266 for more details.

SPECIAL NOTICES

- The Nauvoo Neighborhood Watch meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. at the Nauvoo Community Center.

- The Walker County Arts Alliance in Jasper will host art and drama camps beginning May 22 and on various other dates through July 17. Class size will be limited. The cost is \$150 per child, per session. The registration deadline is May 15. To register, visit www.wcart.org/art-camp.

- The Walker County Community Action Summer Program (SKY) will be held June 6-Aug.3, 2023. Applications are now available at the Walker County Community Action Agency's office, located at 644 19th St. W. in Jasper. For more information, call 205-221-4010.

- The Townley Water Authority has changed the time of its monthly

board meetings. Meetings will be held at the Townley Water Authority's office every third Tuesday at noon each month.

- The Financial Literacy Council will meet every Tuesday from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Jasper Civic Center.

- UMW Local 9511 meets every third Monday of each month at 9 a.m. at Jimmy's Egg.

- Jasper Senior Activity Center will have painting classes on Mondays and Fridays at 9 a.m. and coffee time on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9 a.m. The center will also have bingo on Wednesdays at 12:30 p.m.

- Sons of Confederate Veterans meet every third Sunday at 2 p.m. in the building behind United Methodist Church in downtown Jasper.

- Genealogical Society meets every fourth Thursday at 1 p.m. in the conference room of the Jasper Public Library.

- American Legion Woods-Smith Post 9 and Sons of the American Legion Squadron 9, Post 9, and Squadron 9 meet every third Thursday of each month at the Wade Building of Beville State's Jasper campus. For more information, call 205-300-9929.

- The Easy Does It group of Narcotics Anonymous meets every Friday at 7 p.m. at the Red Cross building at 1101 Viking Drive in Jasper.

- Opiates Anonymous meetings are held at the Jasper Civic Center/Desperation Church on Monday through Friday from noon until 1 p.m. and Sunday and Wednesday evenings at 5:30 p.m.

- Nar-Anon family support group for family members of a loved one with an addiction to any substance meets Sunday and Wednesday evenings at 5:30 p.m. at Desperation Church.

- Diabetes education classes at Capstone Rural Health Center in Parrish are held weekly on Mondays from noon to 1 p.m.

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Business

Freddy's opens this Tuesday in Jasper

By NICOLE SMITH
Daily Mountain Eagle

Freddy's Frozen Custard & Steakburgers opens Tuesday, May 16, in Jasper.

According to a press release from the company, the 2,724 square foot restaurant will seat 60 guests and have patio seating.

The hours of operation for Freddy's, located along Highway 78 East, will be from 10:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and from 10:30 a.m. until 11 p.m. on Friday and Saturday.

Freddy's will offer what the restaurant chain is known for — burgers and frozen custard — but chicken sandwiches, hot dogs and side items will also be on the menu.

"We're thrilled to bring the Freddy's experience to Jasper and look forward to serving the community with our fresh, cooked-to-order menu items and genuine hospitality we call the 'Freddy's Way,'" Brian Pyle, franchise owner, said in a press release from the company. "Our commitment to premium ingredients and a welcoming atmosphere will make our new location a destination for families and friends looking for a quality meal in a fun and comfortable environment."

People will be able to dine-in or visit the drive-thru at Freddy's. The restaurant also offers carryout and delivery options on its website and through an app, as well as a re-



Daily Mountain Eagle - Nicole Smith

Freddy's, located along Highway 78 East in Jasper, opens on Tuesday.



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A variety of burger options will be on the Freddy's menu.



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Frozen custard is a specialty at Freddy's.



wards program to earn free food.

A ribbon cutting for the restaurant is

scheduled for Tuesday morning.

For more about the restaurant, visit www.freddys.com.

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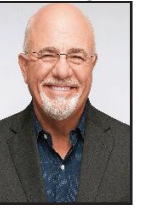
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Is the threat of de-dollarization real?

Dear Dave, I'm hearing more and more about "de-dollarization" and how several countries are moving away from the U.S. dollar as their basis of international trade. Will this affect the strength of the dollar, and should I be concerned about how I'm saving and investing because of this?

Dave Ramsey



Dave Says

Zack

Dear Zack, First and foremost, I care enough about you to say you may be spending way too much time on the internet, buddy. You're drifting into the realm of conspiracy theories here, so let's slow down and take a look at some facts.

China, Brazil and Russia are the three main players in all this. They already don't use the U.S. dollar as their basis of international trade—all three have their own currency, and there's a conversion rate between all those currencies and the U.S. dollar. Those three countries, along with some of the oil-producing countries from the Middle East they're trying to get on board with the idea, are talking about developing one currency they all use. In international trade, that currency would be converted back and

See RAMSEY, A6

'Welcome to Medicare' event set for Jasper on May 23

The Alabama State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) will be hosting a free "Welcome to Medicare" seminar in Jasper on Tuesday, May 23, for all Medicare beneficiaries who are new to Medicare or will be turning 65.

The event will be held at the Jasper Civic Center from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Seats are limited, so everyone interested must register.

According to a flyer, Senior Medicare Patrol and the Middle Alabama Area Agency on Aging (M4A) are also

involved in sponsoring the event.

The seminar will cover Medicare Parts A and B benefits, prescription drug benefits (Part D), Medicare Advantage Plans (Part C), Medicare Supplemental Insurance (Medigap) and identifying Medi-

care fraud, errors and abuse.

Anyone wanting more information may contact Lateshia Davidson to register at any of the locations. They may call her at 205-670-5770 or 1-800-243-5463, or email her at Ldavidson@m4a.org.

Repelled by high car prices, Americans are holding on to their vehicles longer than ever

By TOM KRISHER
AP Auto Writer

ANN ARBOR, Mich. (AP) — With new and used cars still painfully expensive, Ryan Holdsworth says he plans to keep his 9-year-old Chevy Cruze for at least four more years. Limiting his car payments and his overall debt is a bigger priority for him than having a new vehicle.

A 35-year-old grocery store worker from Grand Rapids, Michigan, Holdsworth would probably be in the market for a vehicle within a few years — if not for the high cost. For now, it's out of the question.

"You're not going to get one for a price you can afford," he said.

Holdsworth has plenty of company. Americans are keeping their cars longer than ever. The average age of a passenger vehicle on the road hit a record 12.5 years this year, according to data gathered by S&P Global Mobility. Sedans like Holdsworth's are even older, on average — 13.6 years.

Blame it mainly on the pandemic, which in 2020 triggered a global shortage of automotive computer chips, the vital component that runs everything from radios to gas pedals to transmissions. The shortage drastically slowed global assembly lines, making new vehicles scarce on dealer lots just when consumers were increasingly eager to buy.

Prices reached record highs. And though they've eased somewhat, the cost of a vehicle still feels punishingly expensive to many Americans, especially when coupled with now much-higher loan rates.

Since the pandemic struck three years ago, the average new vehicle has rocketed 24% to nearly \$48,000 as of April, according to Edmunds.com. Typical loan rates on new-car purchases have ballooned to 7%, a consequence of the Federal Reserve's aggressive streak of interest rate hikes to fight inflation.

It's all pushed the national average monthly auto loan payment to \$729 — prohibitively high for

many. Experts say a family earning the median U.S. household income can no longer afford the average new car payment and still cover such necessities as housing, food and utilities.

Used vehicle prices, on average, have surged even more since the pandemic hit — up 40%, to nearly

\$29,000. With an average loan rate having reached 11%, the typical monthly used-vehicle payment is now \$563.

Faced with deciding between making a jumbo payment and keeping their existing vehicles, more

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Church Happenings

Local church events are featured in the Daily Mountain Eagle by calendar date and time as space allows. There is no guarantee of when or the number of days an event will run. Email event information to community@mountaineagle.com or call 205-221-2840.

SATURDAY, MAY 20

- New Bethel COGIC (2302 7th Ave. in Jasper) Women's Department will have a prayer breakfast at 9 a.m. for a donation of \$10. Contact Mary Moore at 205-275-4484 for tickets.

MAY 21-24

- Macedonia Baptist Church, located at the intersection of Macedonia Loop and Country Club Road in Jasper, will hold revival services Sunday through Wednesday at 6 p.m. each night with guest evangelist Greg Tinker.

MAY 21-23

- Goodsprings Church of Christ Annual Decoration and Gospel Meeting will be from May 21 through May 23. The guest speaker will be Todd Clippard. Sunday: Bible Study at 10 a.m., Morning Worship at 11 a.m., followed by a Fellowship Luncheon. Sunday Afternoon Worship will be at 1:30 p.m. Monday and Tuesday evening services will be at 7 p.m.

SATURDAY, MAY 27

- Central Baptist Church (900 Airport Rd. S.) will host a VBS Block Party from noon to 3 p.m. There will be outdoor activities, inflatables and free hot-dogs. No admission fee.

MAY 29-JUNE 2

- Dora Second Baptist Church will have Vacation Bible School May 29-June 2 from 6 to 8:30 each night for ages 3-99.

SATURDAY, JUNE 3

- There will be a singing at 347 Beech Grove Church in Townley. Guest singers will be the Busby Family. Refreshments afterward.

SUNDAY, JUNE 11

- Dora Second Baptist Church will have a homecoming and all-day singing. Guest singers will be The Waylighters Quartet.

SPECIAL NOTICES

- LifeSprings Assembly of God on Highway 195 (in front of the old Farmstead School) will serve free lunches on the third Friday of each month. Doors will be open from 10:30 a.m. to noon. You must come inside for the free lunch.

- Maranatha Baptist Church, located in West Jasper, would like to share the facilities with another Christian church. A large sanctuary, fellowship hall and children's worship area are available to use. Sunday school rooms, an office and a library are also available. Joint services would be possible. Contact Jerry Boyd for more information at 205-908-6320.

- Maranatha Baptist Church in West Jasper is seeking another Christian Church that would like to do outreach mission work. Volunteer teachers are needed for children, youth and adults. For more information, call pastor Jerry Boyd at 205-908-6320.

- Do you enjoy quilting or would you like to learn to quilt? Please join us at Prospect Independent Methodist Church where we host a quilting group every Tuesday from 8 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. Lunch is served. For more information, call Cecilia at 697-5672. Also, if you have a quilt top that needs quilted, give us a call.

- Boldo United Methodist Church hosts a clothing closet on the second Saturday of each month from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sack lunch will be provided. Donations of blankets and winter coats are being accepted for the clothes closet. For more information, call 205-471-4942.

Ramsey ————— From A5

forth to dollars—much like what Europe did with the euro. Which, by the way, really hasn't worked out so well.

Are those countries going to be able to devalue the dollar by doing that? No. Why? Because while those countries take up a lot of land mass, they don't take up a lot of the gross domestic product (GDP) of the world. The United States still represents the vast majority of the world's GDP. Sure, China's big in that regard. But Russia doesn't bring much to the table, and Brazil is barely scraping by in a failed economy. Plus, they're tiny as far as economics are concerned. I mean, Texas probably has a larger GDP than Brazil.

In other words, they just don't have the muscle to take down the dollar mathematically speaking. Now, if they do manage to put this idea together, it still won't end in "de-dollarization." The dollar will not be done away with. Even if they create their own currency, they're still going to have to trade with the 800-pound gorilla, which is America. And they're going to have to trade with us in dollars.

Am I worried about this, Zack? Not one bit. And you shouldn't be either.

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

Vehicles ————— From A5

owners are choosing to stick with what they have, even if it means spending more on repairs and maintenance.

Auto mechanics have been struck by the rising ages and mileages of vehicles that now arrive at the shop in numbers they'd never seen before.

"You see cars all the time in here with 250,000, 300,000 miles," said Jay Nuber, owner of Japanese Auto Professional Service, a repair garage near down-

town Ann Arbor, Michigan. "They haven't been really having major work or anything. They've just been doing the (routine) service."

It doesn't mean that most owners of older vehicles are necessarily stuck with constant repair bills. One reason people can hold their vehicles for increasingly long periods is that auto manufacturing has improved over time. Engines run longer. Bodies don't rust as quickly.



Decoration Day Calendar

Editor's note: Decorations may be announced by emailing community@mountaineagle.com or by calling 205-221-2840. This schedule will run in each edition of the Daily Mountain Eagle. This calendar shall not be reproduced or shared on social media by other news sources without permission of the Eagle.

- **Goodsprings Church of Christ Annual Decoration and Gospel Meeting** will be from May 21 through May 23. The guest speaker will be Todd Clippard. Sunday: Bible Study at 10 a.m., Morning Worship at 11 a.m., followed by a Fellowship Luncheon. Sunday Afternoon Worship will be at 1:30 p.m. Monday and Tuesday evening services will be at 7 p.m.

- **Pleasant Grove Baptist Church Cemetery Decoration at Fish Hatchery Road in Carbon Hill** will be on the third Sunday in May. Send donations for mowing to P.O. Box 72, Carbon Hill, AL 35549.

- **Ashbank Cemetery Decoration (north of Nauvoo along Winston County Road 59)** will be on the third Sunday in May.

- **Old Union Cemetery Decoration (off Spring Hill Road)** will be on the third Sunday in May.

- **Gray Cemetery Decoration (Odom Memorial Baptist Church Cemetery in Parrish)** will be on the third Sunday in May.

- **Pleasant Hill Cemetery Decoration** will be Sunday, May 21. Donations for the cemetery upkeep may be mailed to Pleasant Hill Cemetery Fund, 650 Main St., Townley, AL 35587.

- **Coal City Cemetery Decoration (69 Highway/Coal City Road in Jasper)** will be Sunday, May 21. Donations for cemetery upkeep will be appreciated.

- **Liberty Grove Cemetery Decoration (off Highway 5)** will be on the third Sunday in May. Donations are encouraged for cemetery upkeep. For more information, contact Joyce Caradine Kimbrell at 205-275-3320.

- **Pocahontas Freewill Baptist Church Cemetery Decoration on Rubley Road (off Alabama Highway 118) between Jasper and Carbon Hill** will be on Sunday, May 28.

- **Files Cemetery (AL-Hwy 102 near the Walker/Fayette county line) Decoration** will be Sunday, May 28. Someone will be there to collect donations for the Cemetery Maintenance Fund. Please remove all old flowers.

- **Springhill Cemetery, north of Carbon Hill on Bonner Hollow Rd in Nauvoo, Decoration Day** will be Sunday, May 28. Someone will be there to collect donations for the Cemetery Maintenance Fund. Please remove all old flowers.

- **Beech Grove Cemetery (Beech Grove Road off Hwy 102 near Townley) Decoration Day** will be Sunday, May 28. Someone will be there to collect donations for the Cemetery Maintenance Fund. Please remove all old flowers.

- **Curry Cemetery Decoration** will be held the fourth weekend in May on Saturday and/or Sunday. Donations are encouraged for cemetery upkeep. A tent will be set up and envelopes will be available on a post at the cemetery for people to send in donations.

- **Flatwoods Cemetery Decoration in Tuscaloosa County** will be on the fourth Sunday in May.

- **Hunters Chapel Holy Church of Christ will have Decoration/Homecoming** on Sunday, May 28, 2023. The cemetery committee will be set up around the gazebo to accept donations for upkeep of the cemetery. There will be a service in the sanctuary at 11 a.m., with lunch following in the fellowship hall. After lunch, there will be hymn book singing in the sanctuary.

- **Mackey-Boshell Cemetery's annual Decoration Day** will be the fourth Sunday in May (May 28). On Saturday, May 27, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., trustees will be available to answer questions and receive donations. The annual business meeting will also be held on Saturday, May 27, at the cemetery pavilion at noon.

- **Davis Cemetery Decoration at Dora Second Baptist (White Church)** will be on the second Sunday in June. Donations will be accepted that weekend for cemetery upkeep.

- **Smith's Chapel Cemetery Decoration off Prospect Road in Carbon Hill** will be on the first Sunday in June. A cleanup day is scheduled for May 27 at 6 a.m. Help is appreciated.

- **Carbon Hill Memorial Gardens Decoration** will be on the first Sunday in June.

- **Old Pisgah Cemetery Decoration** will be on the first Sunday in June.

- **Old Union Cemetery Decoration (off County Road 70)** will be the first Sunday in June.

- **South Lowell Cemetery Decoration** will be on Sunday, June 11. Cemetery cleanup will be from May 20-June 3. For more information, call 205-387-1202.

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Teachers honored in Carbon Hill



Teachers in the Walker County school system were recognized during last week's Teacher Appreciation Week. Carbon Hill teachers and administrators were provided lunch one day from the school's Key Club and snacks from its Beta Club. (Photos from Carbon Hill High)

Educator ----- From A1

dedication and service in education." When the Daily Mountain Eagle reached out to Dickerson, she said the honor is meaningful. "I am extremely honored to have received this recognition. I feel like there are many educators who are just as deserving, if not more, to be recognized. I am thankful to have been nominated and

chosen," she said. According to The Caring Foundation's Website, the foundation was created in 1990 to function as a corporate charitable foundation in Alabama. "TCF is focused on improving the health and well-being of Alabamians by investing in charitable organizations across the state," the foundation's website states.



Photo Special to the Eagle
Jordan Dickerson is pictured with a certificate she received for being named the Be Healthy Educator for the month of May.



Daily Mountain Eagle - Ed Howell
Steven Gravlee is sworn in as Parrish's new municipal judge at the May 9 Parrish Town Council meeting. City Clerk Jerry Callahan administers the oath of office.



Photo Special to the Eagle
Educator Jordan Dickerson is pictured with some of her students at Fultondale High School. She was recently named a Be Healthy Educator through The Caring Foundation of Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Alabama.

Tractor ----- From A1

ed the equipment to take six months. In April, the council voted to give approval to Cagle to purchase a Massey Ferguson tractor from Coblenz Equipment and Parts in Montgomery on a state bid not to exceed \$60,000. The council also gave Cagle the approval to lease a tractor attachment arm and mower from Coblenz, again on state bid, for no more than \$40,000. The tractor, which should be obtained quickly, will come from American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds. Cagle said if both were purchased together, it would have cost \$92,000, with

\$56,000 of that being for the tractor and \$36,000 for the arm. In other action, the council:
 • approved for Central Alabama Construction LLC was awarded the bid to pave the Williams Subdivision Road for \$49,960. Mayor Bubba Cagle said, "I appreciate that. That road is in bad shape. Being able to pave another road is big in the Town of Parrish."
 • observed the swearing in of Steven Gravlee as the new municipal judge for Parrish.
 The next meeting will be on June 13 at 7 p.m., with the work session at 6 p.m.

Dora ----- From A1

in Union Grove for refurbishing an older city fire truck that can service the Heritage Landing development near I-22, which the council annexed in that night. Stephens said by the end of 2024 the city will likely have to look at building another fire station, possibly in the Yerkwood area, and purchasing another fire truck to serve that area. He said he is hoping the Drummond Co. developers of the development

might give a half of an acre to build a station. In other action, the council:
 • approved sending the police chief to a summer conference.
 • voted to approve the annual Back-to-School sales tax holiday.
 • agreed to purchase a certificate of deposit at Synovus Bank to separate funds set aside for a tornado shelter from other city funds and to gain interest. The shelter money was a \$50,000

private donation that has co-mingled with other city funds. Stephens recommended a 13-month CD. Municipal rates are different from private rates, but Stephens said the city can get 2 percent interest over 13 months. The city is waiting on approval to construct a shelter.
 • agreed to some purchases for the fire department, including two SBA cylinders for air bag systems as bottles are out of date. They should be in

service for 15 years and will cost \$1,798. Councilman Chris Edwards said the system fills air bags to lift vehicles off of a victim. The funds will come out of the fire department fund.
 • voted to get wastewater equipment. Stephens noted the city has contracted the operation of the wastewater treatment plant with a company called Living Water Services in Alabaster. After doing some improvements for a fee, the company has given the city a list of improvements the city needs to do. This includes a , costing \$10,796 pump that pumps water out of drying beds and out of the screen station back into the plant. Also, the city is required to sample water and the city has been renting samplers which were in bad shape and have been taken up by the company. While Living Water Services will rent to own samplers, Stephens prefers to purchase samplers, which will cost \$21,000 to \$22,000. He said funds could be taken out of a \$60,000 court settlement that the city received last year.
 • agreed to construct two pickleball courts from one of the current city tennis courts for \$13,600 on one of the tennis courts, which the city

has looked at for some time. A contractor gave a quote recently after a long delay, Stephens said, noting the funds will be used from American Rescue Plan Act monies. There is also an option for \$16 per square foot for a crack protection system, which Stephens said he would look into that for a possible vote later. The tennis court closest to the basketball court will be converted into the pickleball courts, and Stephens said a backstop may be added as well.
 • heard a fentanyl awareness event with free Naloxone training would be held by the city, in partnership with the Jefferson County Health

Department and the Recovery Resource Center. The event will be at the Dora Civic Center on Thursday, May 18, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Free Naloxone and fentanyl test strips will be available after the presentation. Stephens said he supported the effort.
 • heard Stephens say the playground would be closed until the middle of the following week for improvements.
 • heard the park will host an all-star district tournament with teams from three or four counties on June 5-6 and June 8-9. Stephens said volunteers will be needed for that tournament.



Dora officials may look at a new station and fire truck to help serve the Heritage Landing commercial development.

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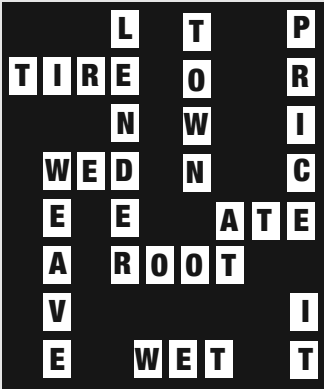


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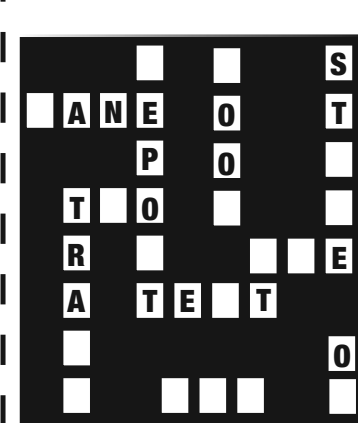
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14	\$5.60	\$11.20	\$16.80	\$22.40	\$28.00
16	\$6.40	\$12.80	\$19.20	\$25.60	\$32.00
18	\$7.20	\$14.40	\$21.60	\$28.80	\$36.00
20	\$8.00	\$16.00	\$24.00	\$32.00	\$40.00
22	\$8.80	\$17.60	\$26.40	\$35.20	\$44.00
24	\$9.60	\$19.20	\$28.80	\$38.40	\$48.00

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10100 Announcements

Free Pregnancy Test
PREGNANCY & RESOURCE CENTER
1707 2nd Avenue
Jasper, AL 35501
221-5860
FREE info on Abortion Alternatives

10150 Garage Sales

LAMON CHAPEL MC LADIES
Will have a yard sale on Saturday, June 3rd, starting at 8am and closing at 2pm. Breakfast and Lunch will be served. Lots of items to sell such as old movies, books, toys, shoes, purses, kitchen items, clothing for all ages and sizes, etc.. The church is located on Lamon Chapel Loop in the Thach Community. For more info contact: Linda Norris; (205)384-6589 or Becky McCullar; (205)300-5529
All proceeds go to Missions in Walker County, Alabama, the USA, and the World.

10180 Instruction

AFFORDABLE, RELIABLE LAWN CARE.
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10200 Employment

THE WALKER COUNTY CIVIL SERVICE BOARD is taking applications for the following:
TITLE: Deputy Sheriff

Any citizen of the United States may obtain an application from the Walker County Civil Service Board Office, 1801 3rd Avenue S., Jasper, Alabama.
JOB SUMMARY (a brief descriptive paragraph describing duties to be performed in this classification) Unless otherwise indicated as marginal (m). This job classification is not intended to be exhaustive and other duties may be assigned. All duties may not be included in any one classification nor does the list include all tasks found in a position of this class. This position is responsible for the enforcement of local, state and federal laws.
JOB DUTIES
1.) Responds to calls of criminal activity, patrols all state and county roads
2.) Investigates crimes, arrests law violators
3.) Responds to emergency scenes and assumes control of scene
4.) Transports or escorts prisoners
5.) Testifies in court
6.) Assists other law enforcement agencies
7.) Performs other related duties as assigned
QUALIFICATIONS
*Ability to read, write and perform mathematical calculations at a level commonly associated with the completion of high school or equivalent
*Sufficient experience to understand the basic principles relevant to the major duties of the position, usually associated with the completion of an apprenticeship/internship or having had a similar position for one to two years
*Possession of or ability to readily obtain a valid driver's license issued by the State of Alabama for the type of vehicle or equipment operated
*Ability to meet current requirements set forth by the Alabama Peace Officers Standards and Training Commission
Applications accepted May 16, 17, 18, 2023. (Will take applications up until time of exam; Exam will be given on 05/25/2023).
Eddie Miller, Chairman

10200 Employment

NORTHWEST MENTAL HEALTH is looking for kind, compassionate, and caring individuals who would like to make a difference in the lives of our child and adult clients. **Mental Health Techs** must have a HS Diploma/GED & driver's license/ID card. Multiple shift schedules available. Starting pay \$10-11+/hr. **\$500 Sign-On Bonus.** Positions located in Fayette, Lamar, Marion, Walker & Winston Co. Apply at www.nwamhc.com

P&M TRUCKING is hiring tri-axle dump truck drivers. Must have Class B-CDL license for at least two years and pass drug test. Full and part-time positions available. Call (205)385-2316 or (205)221-0991.

SURVEY COMPANY now hiring **Party Chief & Rodman.** Great pay w/benefits. Contact (205)221-1941 or (205)300-3060. Email resumes: fkey6700@gmail.com

10300 Pets

FOUND PUPPY. Free to good home. Will be small dog. Call (205)674-5790.

FREE KITTENS to loving homes. 6 weeks old. Call (205)717-4329.

10600 Real Estate For Rent

3BR. 1BA., HOUSE. Newly remodeled. Oakman area. \$900/mo., plus deposit. (205)388-8867, (205)622-3661.



PUBLISHER'S NOTICE: All real estate advertised in this newspaper is subject to the Federal Fair Housing Act of 1968 which makes it illegal to advertise "any preference, limitation or discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, or national origin or an intention to make any such preference, limitation or discrimination." This newspaper will not knowingly accept any advertising for real estate which is in violation of the law. Our readers are informed that all dwellings advertised in this newspaper are available on an equal opportunity basis. Equal Housing Opportunity, M/F

JASPER, 1209 Alabama Avenue. Studio apartment. BA., 1 room, kitchen. Washer/dryer hookup, backyard, garage. All utilities included. \$700/month. (205)534-0956.

JASPER, NICE 2BR/1BA DUPLEX; Apartment 1. Mature renter. Appliances. No animals or smoking. \$750/month. (205)275-5136.

10700 Real Estate For Sale

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I BUY LAND & TIMBER (205)282-1412

I BUY MOBILE HOMES (205)282-1409

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10800 Transportation

BOOGER'S TOWING We pay CASH for junk cars or trucks (205)384-0250

MOTORHOME FOR SALE: 1994 Airstream Land Yacht. 30ft., long. 35,200 actual miles. Always kept inside when not in use. Asking (\$21,500). (205)932-0631.

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NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE IN THE PROBATE COURT OF WALKER COUNTY, ALABAMA THE ESTATE OF SAMUEL COREY HOOD, DECEASED CASE NO. PC2023-022
Letters of Administration Of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on April 27, 2023, by the Honorable A. Lee Tucker, Judge of the Probate Court of Walker County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims

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against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred. SAMUEL JACOB HOOD Personal Representative Mann & Potter PC Birmingham, Alabama *May 16, 23, 30, 2023

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage executed by A and B LLC, an Alabama limited liability company, on the 27th day of December, 2022, said mortgage recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Walker County, Alabama, in DML Book 2731, Page 766; the undersigned Michael Harris, as Mortgagee, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, in front of the main entrance of the Walker County Courthouse at Jasper, Walker County, Alabama, on June 30, 2023 during the legal hours of sale, those being between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m., all of its right, title, and interest in and to the following described real estate, situated in Walker County, Alabama, to-wit:

Lot 10, Block 30, according to the Map of the Town of Sipsey, Walker County, Alabama, according to the Map of DeBardeleben's Map of Sipsey Village as recorded at Map Book 2 page 47, in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Walker County, Alabama. Minerals and mining rights and privileges excepted.

THIS PROPERTY WILL BE SOLD ON AN "AS-IS, WHERE IS" BASIS, SUBJECT TO ANY EASEMENTS, ENCUMBRANCES, AND EXCEPTIONS REFLECTED IN THE MORTGAGE AND THOSE CONTAINED IN THE RECORDS OF THE OFFICE OF THE JUDGE OF PROBATE OF THE COUNTY WHERE THE ABOVE-DESCRIBED PROPERTY IS SITUATED. THIS PROPERTY WILL BE SOLD WITHOUT WARRANTY OR RECOURSE, EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED AS TO TITLE, USE AND/OR ENJOYMENT AND WILL BE SOLD SUBJECT TO THE RIGHT OF REDEMPTION OF ALL PARTIES ENTITLED THERETO.

This sale is made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by said mortgage, as well as the expenses of foreclosure.

The Mortgagee reserves the right to bid for and purchase the real estate and to credit its purchase price against the expenses of sale and the indebtedness secured by the real estate.

This sale is subject to post-pone or cancellation; contact Judson B. Allen, Sr., Esq. at the phone number shown below prior to attendance at sale. Michael Harris Mortgagee

Judson B. Allen, Sr., Esq. Laird, Robertson & Allen, P.C. P.O. Box 498 Jasper, AL 35502-0498 Attorney for Mortgagee Phone: (205) 221-5601 Fax: (205) 387-2589 Email: jba@lralawyers.com *May 16, 23, 30, 2023

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF WALKER COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION PETITION OF JEFFREY OWEN KINDER TO ADOPT: KDA CASE NO. PC2023-A020

TO: Unknown father, whose whereabouts are unknown

You or your attorney must respond to the Probate Court of Walker County, Alabama, by hand-delivering a written, notarized response to 1900 3rd Avenue South, Jasper, AL 35501, or by mailing a written, notarized response to P.O. Box 502, Jasper, AL 35502, regarding the petition for adoption of KDA as filed by JEFFREY OWEN KINDER, within thirty days from June 6, 2023, or your rights will be forever barred regarding the adoption of KDA in Case Number PC2023-A020 in the Probate Court of Walker County, Alabama.

DONE this 2nd day of May, 2023. A. LEE TUCKER, JUDGE OF PROBATE *May 16, 23, 30, June 6, 2023

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

STATE OF ALABAMA COUNTY OF WALKER Default having been made of the terms of the loan documents secured by that certain mortgage executed by Amanda Myers Wife, Billy J Myers Jr Husband to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Branch Banking and Trust Company, its successors and assigns dated June 22, 2010; said mortgage being recorded on June 28, 2010, in Book

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2224, Page 564 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Walker County, Alabama. Said Mortgage was last sold, assigned and transferred to Branch Banking and Trust Company by assignment recorded in Deed Book 2538, Page 199 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Walker County, ALABAMA.

The undersigned, Truist Bank, formerly known as Branch Banking and Trust Company under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the main entrance of the Court House in Walker County, Alabama during the legal hours of sale (between 11am and 4pm), on the 6th day of June, 2023 the following property, situated in Walker County, Alabama, to-wit:

A parcel of land located in the Southwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 36, Township 13 South, Range 9 West, Walker County, Alabama, more particularly described as follows: Starting at the Northwest corner of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4; thence South 00 degrees 49 minutes 16 seconds east a distance of 1292.75 feet to the Northwest corner of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4; thence continue South 00 degrees 49 minutes 16 seconds East a distance of 127.03 feet; thence South 89 degrees 51 minutes 25 seconds East a distance of 25.00 feet to the East right of way of Old Ripley Road and the POINT OF BEGINNING. Thence South 89 degrees 51 minutes 25 seconds East a distance of 370.71 feet to a placed 1/2" capped rebar on the Southwest right of way of Corridor X (Future I-22); thence South 32 degrees 01 minutes 49 seconds East a distance of 110.10 feet along said right of way to a found ALDOT Concrete Monument; thence South 46 degrees 10 minutes 41 seconds East along said right of way a distance of 206.25 feet to a found ALDOT Concrete Monument; thence South 31 degrees 52 minutes 54 seconds East Along said right of way a distance of 165.55 feet to a placed 1/2" capped rebar; thence North 89 degrees 51 minutes 25 seconds West a distance of 659.96 feet to the East right of way of Old Ripley Road; thence North 00 degrees 49 minutes 16 seconds West along said East right of way a distance of 376.04 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING. Said property is commonly known as 46 Ripley Lane, Carbon Hill, AL 35549.

Should a conflict arise between the property address and the legal description the legal description will control.

Said property will be sold subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), the right of redemption of any taxing authority, all outstanding liens for public utilities which constitute liens upon the property, any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, any assessments, liens, encumbrances, easements, rights-of-way, zoning ordinances, restrictions, special assessments, covenants, the statutory right of redemption pursuant to Alabama law, and any matters of record including, but not limited to, those superior to said Mortgage first set out above. Said property will be sold on an "as-is" basis without any representation, warranty or recourse against the above-named or the undersigned. The successful bidder must present certified funds in the amount of the winning bid at the time and place of sale.

Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as a part of the foreclosure process.

The sale will be conducted subject (1) to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code and (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Mortgage. TRUIST BANK, FORMERLY KNOWN AS BRANCH BANKING AND TRUST COMPANY as holder of said mortgage McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC Two North Twentieth 220th Street North Suite 1000 Birmingham, AL 35203 (205) 216-4238 FT21@mccalla.com File No. 954918 www.foreclosurehotline.net *May 9, 16, 23, 2023

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NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE IN THE PROBATE COURT OF WALKER COUNTY, ALABAMA THE ESTATE OF THOMAS MELVIN AMERSON DECEASED CASE NO. PC2023-078

Letters of Administration Of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on April 26, 2023, by the Honorable A. Lee Tucker, Judge of the Probate Court of Walker County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred. Thomas Patrick Amerson Personal Representative Jackson, Fikes & Brakefield Jasper, Alabama *May 2, 9, 16, 2023

LEGAL NOTICE

The Jasper Civil Service Board will establish eligibility registers of qualified applicants and give a written exam for the position below on June 7, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. Location of the exam will be decided at a later date. To qualify, the applicant must be a citizen of the United States and present a copy of the following documents at the time of making application:

1. Current drivers license
2. Social security card
3. Birth certificate
4. High school diploma or GED
5. Three current letters of recommendation (from non city employees) signed and must include a phone number

All documents must be turned in with application. Please make your own copies. Heavy Equipment Operator **Must have a class A CDL, one year experience operating heavy equipment, "or" one year of experience in the Jasper Street Department.** Grade 14, starting salary 38,246.69

Deadline to turn in application is Tuesday, June 6, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. Applications may be downloaded at www.jaspercity.com (find employment opportunities) or picked up in our office in the basement of Jasper City Hall. Return application to this location anytime M-F 8-4:30. Place application through slot in door. Carol Downs, Chairman *May 6, 9, 11, 13, 16, 2023

LEGAL NOTICE

Sealed bids for the Jasper City Street Department Shed Roof Project. Plans and specifications are on file for examination and shall be received by the city purchasing agent at Jasper City Hall, 400 West 19th St, Jasper, AL 35501 until 11 am on Friday June 9, 2023. All bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at 11 am. The project will consist of furnishing all labor, equipment, and materials required in performing all operations necessary in connection with a complete re-roof of the Jasper City Street Department Shop located at 101 29th Street East, Jasper, AL 35501. All bidders must be licensed by the State of Alabama Licensing Board of General Contractors, as required by Chapter 8 of Title 34 of the Code of Alabama 1975, as amended. All bids must be submitted on provided bid forms, and must be in a sealed envelope. A bid bond is required. The bid package may be obtained by emailing your request for bid documents to JessicaCook@jaspercity.com *May 16, 2023

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY CO-EXECUTORS IN THE PROBATE COURT OF WALKER COUNTY, ALABAMA

THE ESTATE OF BERTHA NICHOLS BLACKWOOD A/K/A BERTHA MARY NICHOLS BLACKWOOD, DECEASED CASE NO. PC2023-086

Letters Testamentary Of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on May 2, 2023, by the Honorable A. Lee Tucker, Judge of the Probate Court of Walker County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred. John Rile Blackwood AND Vicki Ann Blackwood CO-EXECUTORS Jackson, Fikes & Brakefield Jasper, Alabama *May 16, 23, 30, 2023

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

STATE OF ALABAMA COUNTY OF WALKER

Default having been made of the terms of the loan documents secured by that certain mortgage executed by Jason Ray Hodges An Unmarried Man to Compass Bank dated July 30, 2015; said mortgage being recorded on August 3, 2015, in Book 2432, Page 261 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Walker County, Alabama.

The undersigned, PNC Bank, National Association, successor by merger to BBVA USA, formerly known as Compass Bank under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the main entrance of the Court House in Walker County, Alabama during the legal hours of sale (between 11am and 4pm), on the 7th day of June, 2023 the following property, situated in Walker County, Alabama, to-wit:

That part of the SE 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Section 1, Township 14 South, Range 7 West, Walker County, Alabama, described as follows: Commence at a 1/2" pipe, being the NW corner of said SE 1/4 of the NW 1/4; thence South 89 degrees 00' 00" East, along the North line thereof, 36.01 feet; thence South 89 degrees 03' 10" East, 163.98 feet to a rebar set by Terry W. Tucker, Alabama Registration No. 13190; thence South 89 degrees 03' 33" East, 109.96 feet to a rebar set by Terry W. Tucker for a point of beginning; thence South 88 degrees 56' 36" East, 110.19 feet to a rebar set by Edgill Engineering, Inc.; thence South 1 degree 37' 38" East, 199.80 feet to a 3/4 inch pipe; thence North 89 degrees 0' 41" West, 110.07 feet to a one inch pipe; thence North 1 degree 39' 34" West, 199.94 feet to the point of beginning.

Also, a Non-Exclusive Easement for ingress and egress extending from the point of intersection of Jim Banks Road and Solar Way, a private drive owned by Worley Brown and Muriel Brown by deed at Volume 1763 page 117, and running over, across and along Solar Way to the concrete drive of Christy L. Alexander, shortening and extending the size of said right of way to conform to the actual location of Solar Way as of the date hereof.

Said property is commonly known as 35 Solar Way, Jasper, AL 35504.

Should a conflict arise between the property address and the legal description the legal description will control.

Said property will be sold subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), the right of redemption of any taxing authority, all outstanding liens for public utilities which constitute liens upon the property, any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, any assessments, liens, encumbrances, easements, rights-of-way, zoning ordinances, restrictions, special assessments, covenants, the statutory right of redemption pursuant to Alabama law, and any matters of record including, but not limited to, those superior to said Mortgage first set out above. Said property will be sold on an "as-is" basis without any representation, warranty or recourse against the above-named or the undersigned. The successful bidder must present certified funds in the amount of the winning bid at the time and place of sale.

Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as a part of the foreclosure process.

The sale will be conducted subject (1) to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code and (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Mortgage. PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO BBVA USA, FORMERLY KNOWN AS COMPASS BANK as holder of said mortgage McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC Two North Twentieth 220th Street North Suite 1000 Birmingham, AL 35203 (205) 216-4238 FT21@mccalla.com File No. 23-04656AL www.foreclosurehotline.net *May 9, 16, 23, 2023

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
WALKER COUNTY, ALABAMA
Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage given by William Jason Pate and Brandi Pate, Husband and Wife to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for First Mortgage Group, Inc., dated April 29, 2008, and recorded in Book 2129 at Page 694 on May 9, 2008, in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Walker County, Alabama, as last transferred to Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC by assignment, recorded on November 18, 2014, in Book 2404, at Page 289 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Walker County, Alabama, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of Seventy-Three Thousand Eight Hundred Forty-One and 0/100 dollars (\$73,841.00), with interest thereon as set forth therein. Brock and Scott, PLLC, as counsel for Mortgagee or Transferee and under and by virtue of power of sale contained in the said mortgage will, on June 21, 2023, sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash at the main courthouse entrance of Walker County, Alabama, within the legal hours of sale, the following described property:

A PARCEL OF LAND LOCATED IN THE NE 1/4 OF THE NE 1/4 OF SECTION 29, TOWNSHIP 12 SOUTH, RANGE 8 WEST, WALKER COUNTY, ALABAMA, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: STARTING AT THE SW CORNER OF THE NE 1/4 OF THE NE 1/4; THENCE N 87° 17' 16" E ALONG THE SOUTH BOUNDARY OF SAID 1/4 A DISTANCE OF 669.24 FT. TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUE ALONG SAID COURSE A DISTANCE OF 254.97 FT; THENCE N 03° 11' 22" W A DISTANCE OF 58.48 FT; THENCE S 87° 29' 00" W A DISTANCE OF 163.46 FT; THENCE N 33° 49' 34" W A DISTANCE OF 81.15 FT; THENCE N 87° 17' 16" W A DISTANCE OF 83.16 FT; THENCE S 17° 23' 57" E A DISTANCE OF 132.85 FT TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. EASEMENT: AN EASEMENT FOR INGRESS, EGRESS AND UTILITIES LOCATED IN THE NE 1/4 OF THE NE 1/4 OF SECTION 29, TOWNSHIP 12 SOUTH, RANGE 8 WEST, WALKER COUNTY, ALABAMA, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: STARTING AT THE SW CORNER OF THE NE 1/4 OF THE NE 1/4; THENCE N 87° 17' 16" E ALONG THE SOUTH BOUNDARY OF SAID 1/4 A DISTANCE OF 669.24 FT; THENCE N 17° 23' 57" W A DISTANCE OF 132.85 FT TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE N 17° 59' 07" W A DISTANCE OF 362.47 FT. TO THE SOUTH RIGHT-OF-WAY OF ROSE HILL ROAD; THENCE N 61° 39' 08" E ALONG SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY A DISTANCE OF 20.33 FT; THENCE S 17° 59' 07" E A DISTANCE OF 371.59 FT; THENCE S 87° 17' 16" W A DISTANCE OF 20.73 FT. TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. Subject to:

1. Mineral and mining rights not owned by Mortgagor(s).

NOTE: THE ABOVE-DESCRIBED REAL PROPERTY INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING: ONE (1) 2008 LEXINGTON, MODEL 1502807 28' X 52' (48) MANUFACTURED HOME / SERIAL NO.: LH01084381A AND LH01084381B, WHICH IS PERMANENTLY AFFIXED TO SAID REAL PROPERTY.

The debt secured by said Mortgage has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of default, failure to pay the indebtedness as and when due and in the manner provided in the Note and Mortgage. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, as provided in Mortgage and by law, including attorney's fees.

This property will be sold on an "as is, where is" basis, subject to any easements, encumbrances, and exceptions reflected in the mortgage and those contained in the records of the Office of the Judge of Probate of the County where the above-described property is situated. This property will be sold without warranty or recourse, expressed or implied as to title, use and/or enjoyment and will be sold subject to the right of redemption of all parties entitled thereto.

Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as a part of the foreclosure process.

To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party in possession of the property is William Jason Pate and Brandi Pate or tenant(s); and said property is more commonly known as **2660 Rose Hill Rd, Nauvoo, AL 35578**.

The sale will be conducted subject to (1) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code (2) final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the mortgage and (3) any right of redemption or other lien not extinguished by foreclosure.

Brock & Scott, PLLC
120 Bishop Circle
Pelham, AL 35124-1397
(205) 988-4202
B&S File No.: 23-07100-FC01
*May 9, 16, 23, 2023

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NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE IN THE PROBATE COURT OF WALKER COUNTY, ALABAMA
THE ESTATE OF PAUL RAY BOLTON, DECEASED
CASE NO. PC2023-082

Letters of Administration Of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on May 2, 2023, by the Honorable A. Lee Tucker, Judge of the Probate Court of Walker County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

TAMMY BOLTON
Personal Representative
Nelson Allen
Attorney at Law
Jasper, Alabama
*May 9, 16, 23, 2023

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY EXECUTOR IN THE PROBATE COURT OF WALKER COUNTY, ALABAMA
THE ESTATE OF ERNEST DANIEL BRAY, DECEASED
CASE NO. PC2023-076

Letters Testamentary Of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on May 5, 2023, by the Honorable A. Lee Tucker, Judge of the Probate Court of Walker County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

WILLIAM BRETT OWENS
Stephens & Stephens, LLC
Attorneys at Law
Jasper, Alabama
*May 16, 23, 30, 2023

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY EXECUTRIX IN THE PROBATE COURT OF WALKER COUNTY, ALABAMA
THE ESTATE OF CHRISTINE LOUISE CARLILE a/k/a CHRISTINE L. CARLILE DECEASED
CASE NO. PC2023-075

Letters Testamentary Of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on April 19, 2023, by the Honorable A. Lee Tucker, Judge of the Probate Court of Walker County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

CATHRYN HAMMACK
EXECUTRIX
Steven A. Thomas
Attorney at Law
Jasper, Alabama
*May 2, 9, 16, 23, 2023

FORM OF ADVERTISEMENT FOR COMPLETION LEGAL NOTICE

In accordance with Chapter 1, Title 39, Code of Alabama, 1975, notice is hereby given that, Mark Johnson Construction, LLC., Contractor, has completed the Contract for (Improvement) of the Town Creek WWTP Clarifier #1 and #2 Improvements - 4000 Plant Road Jasper, AL for the State of Alabama and the (City) Jasper Water Works and Sewer Board Owner(s) and have made request for final settlement of said Contract. All persons having any claim for labor, materials, or otherwise in connection with this project should immediately notify Trent Turner, Municipal Consultants, Inc., 200 Century Park South, Suite 212, Birmingham, AL 35226, 205-822-0387. Mark Johnson Construction, LLC, PO Box 20040 Tuscaloosa, AL 35402 *May 2, 9, 16, 23, 2023

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY EXECUTOR IN THE PROBATE COURT OF WALKER COUNTY, ALABAMA
THE ESTATE OF KATHRYN T. FRANKLIN A/K/A KATHRYN FRANKLIN, DECEASED
CASE NO. PC2023-084

Letters Testamentary Of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on April 27, 2023, by the Honorable A. Lee Tucker, Judge of the Probate Court of Walker County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

CHARLES B. FRANKLIN A/K/A CHARLES BYRON FRANKLIN EXECUTOR
Steven D. Gravlee
Attorney at Law
Sumiton, Alabama
*May 16, 23, 30, 2023

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE IN THE PROBATE COURT OF WALKER COUNTY, ALABAMA
THE ESTATE OF IMOGENE TAYLOR WAID KIMBRELL, DECEASED
CASE NO. PC2023-060

Letters of Administration Of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on May 5, 2023, by the Honorable A. Lee Tucker, Judge of the Probate Court of Walker County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Sonya Waid Paulette Gold
Personal Representative
Herbie Brewer
Attorney at Law
Jasper, Alabama
*May 16, 23, 30, 2023

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE
STATE OF ALABAMA
COUNTY OF WALKER

Default having been made of the terms of the loan documents secured by that certain mortgage executed by Gary Thrasher A Married Man, Dana D Thrasher His Wife to Mort-

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gage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Quicken Loans, Inc., its successors and assigns dated October 14, 2016; said mortgage being recorded on October 18, 2016, in Book 2476, Page 34, as having been modified by an agreement recorded on and recorded in Book 2558, Page 599 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Walker County, Alabama. Said Mortgage was last sold, assigned and transferred to Quicken Loans Inc. by assignment recorded in Deed Book 2636, Page 714 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Walker County, ALABAMA.

The undersigned, Rocket Mortgage, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans Inc under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the main entrance of the Court House in Walker County, Alabama during the legal hours of sale (between 11am and 4pm), on the 31st day of May, 2023 the following property, situated in Walker County, Alabama, to-wit:

A tract of land located in the Northeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 32, Township 13, Range 7 West, described as follows: Beginning at the Northeast corner of said Northeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4, Section 32, Township 13, Range 7 West, described as follows: Beginning at the Northeast corner of said Northeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4, Section 32 and run South along the East line of said forty 670 feet to Point of Beginning; thence West a distance of 774 feet; thence South a distance of 233.5 feet; thence East a distance of 774 feet; thence North a distance of 233.5 feet to Point of Beginning. Less and except existing right-of-way to Alabama Highway No. 195.

Less and Except the following described property: A part of the Northeast 1/4 of Southeast 1/4, Section 32, Township 13 South, Range 7 West, in Walker County, Alabama, described as follows: Commence at the Northeast corner of said Northeast 1/4 of Southeast 1/4; thence South 00 degrees 44 minutes 01 seconds West, along the East boundary of said Northeast 1/4 of Southeast 1/4, 670.24 feet; thence North 88 degrees 42 minutes 55 seconds West 679.21 feet, to the Point of Beginning; thence continue North 88 degrees 42 minutes 55 seconds West 94.79 feet; thence South 00 degrees 44 minutes 01 seconds West 233.50 feet; thence South 88 degrees 43 minutes 02 seconds East 94.79 feet; thence North 00 degrees 44 minutes 01 seconds East, 233.50 feet, to the Point of Beginning.

Said property is commonly known as 1505 Highway 195, Jasper, AL 35503.

Should a conflict arise between the property address and the legal description the legal description will control.

Said property will be sold subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), the right of redemption of any taxing authority, all outstanding liens for public utilities which constitute liens upon the property, any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, any assessments, liens, encumbrances, easements, rights-of-way, zoning ordinances, restrictions, special assessments, covenants, the statutory right of redemption pursuant to Alabama law, and any matters of record including, but not limited to, those superior to said Mortgage first set out above. Said property will be sold on an "as-is" basis without any representation, warranty or recourse against the above-named or the undersigned. The successful bidder must present certified funds in the amount of the winning bid at the time and place of sale.

Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as a part of the foreclosure process. The sale will be conducted subject (1) to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code and (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Mortgage.

ROCKET MORTGAGE, LLC F/K/A QUICKEN LOANS, LLC F/K/A QUICKEN LOANS INC as holder of said mortgage
McCalla Raymer Leibert
Pierce, LLC
Two North Twentieth
220th Street North
Suite 1000
Birmingham, AL 35203
(205) 216-4238
FT21@mccalla.com
File No. 23-04597AL
www.foreclosurehotline.net
*May 2, 9, 16, 2023

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY EXECUTRIX IN THE PROBATE COURT OF WALKER COUNTY, ALABAMA
THE ESTATE OF JOHN DAVID HALEY, DECEASED
CASE NO. PC2023-068

Letters Testamentary Of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on April 10, 2023, by the Honorable A. Lee Tucker, Judge of the Probate Court of Walker County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

MARY HELEN MOTE EXECUTRIX
Stephens & Stephens, LLC
Attorneys at Law
Jasper, Alabama
*May 16, 23, 30, 2023

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF WALKER COUNTY, ALABAMA

Garry Beasley and Frankie Douglas, Plaintiffs, VS. Michael Davison Defendant, et al.
CV-2023-900086

NOTICE OF SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

Michael Davison, whose whereabouts are unknown, and any other persons claiming an interest in the property described below, must answer Garry Beasley and Frankie Douglas's Complaint to Quiet Title regarding the following property by May 31, 2023 or, thereafter, judgment by default may be rendered against said Michael Davison and all other persons in CV-23-600086, Circuit Court of Walker County, Alabama:

A tract of land lying in the SE 1/4 of the SW 1/4, of Section 10, Township 16 South, Range 6 West, in Walker County, Alabama, and being more particularly described as follows: Commence at the Northwest corner of the SE 1/4 of the SW 1/4, and run East for a distance of 426.5 feet; thence turn an angle to the right of 90 degrees, 00 minutes, 00 seconds, and run South for a distance of 455.00 feet; thence turn an angle to the left of 90 degrees, 00 minutes, 00 seconds, and run East for a distance of 210.00 feet; thence turn an angle to the right of 45 degrees, 00 minutes, 00 seconds, and run in a Southeasterly direction for a distance of 239.70 feet, to the point of beginning of the tract herein described; thence continue along the last described course for a distance of 70.70 feet; thence turn an angle to the right of 135 degrees, 00 minutes, 00 seconds, and run West for a distance of 210.00 feet, to a point on the easterly bank of Lick Creek; thence turn an angle to the right of 45 degrees, 09 minutes, 39 seconds, and run in a Northwesterly direction, along the easterly bank of Lick Creek for a distance of 70.76 feet; thence turn an angle to the right of 134 degrees, 53 minutes, 22 seconds, and run East for a distance of 209.90 feet. Surface only. Said tract containing 0.24 acres. The above described property is shown on Walker County Property Ownership and Assessment Map 64-26-02-10-0-000, Parcel 082.000.

This the 28th day of April, 2023.

SUSAN ODOM
CIRCUIT CLERK
of Walker County
Richard E. Fikes
JACKSON, FIKES & BRAKEFIELD
P.O. Box 748
Jasper, AL 35502
205-387-2171
rfikes@jacksonfikes.com
*May 2, 9, 16, 23, 2023

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY EXECUTRIX IN THE PROBATE COURT OF WALKER COUNTY, ALABAMA
THE ESTATE OF JERRY LLOYD ROSS, DECEASED
CASE NO. PC2023-089

Letters Testamentary Of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on May 9, 2023, by the Honorable A. Lee Tucker, Judge of the Probate Court of Walker County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

TERESA ANDERSON EXECUTRIX
Steven A. Thomas
Attorney at Law
Jasper, Alabama
*May 16, 23, 30, 2023

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY CO-EXECUTORS IN THE PROBATE COURT OF WALKER COUNTY, ALABAMA
THE ESTATE OF WILLIAM B. PUGH A/K/A WILLIAM BERNARD PUGH, DECEASED
CASE NO. PC2023-050

Letters Testamentary Of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on April 28, 2023, by the Honorable A. Lee Tucker, Judge of the Probate Court of Walker County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

JAMES E. MCDONALD AND BRUCE A. MCDONALD CO-EXECUTORS
Emily Donaldson,
Attorney at Law
Jasper, Alabama
*May 9, 16, 23, 2023

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY CO-ADMINISTRATORS IN THE PROBATE COURT OF WALKER COUNTY, ALABAMA
THE ESTATE OF ANTONY JACKSON FRANKLIN WHITWORTH, DECEASED
CASE NO. PC2022-255

Letters of Administration Of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on April 27, 2023, by the Honorable A. Lee Tucker, Judge of the Probate Court of Walker County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

ANDREA RENE ROBERTS AND HOPE ANN GRAVES CO-ADMINISTRATORS
Morris Bart & Associates, LLC
Birmingham, Alabama
*May 16, 23, 30, 2023

ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT
NOTICE OF UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK (UST) CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS
PUBLIC NOTICE - 201 Walker County

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Reliance, LLC, 110 Arrow Road, Jasper, Alabama is required by ADEM to implement a Corrective Action Plan for remediation of soil and/or groundwater which has resulted from a release from an underground storage tank located at **Star Petroleum Bulk Plant, 110 Arrow Road, Jasper, Alabama**. The site is identified as Facility I.D. Number **22196-127-009450** and Incident Number **UST15-10-03**. The proposed remediation methods include excavation of impacted soil. Copies of the Corrective Action Plan for Star Petroleum Bulk Plant are available for public inspection electronically via <http://adem.alabama.gov/news-events/publicNotices.cnt> and at the following location Monday – Friday (except legal holidays), 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. A nominal fee for copying and/or mailing may be charged. Arrangements for copying should be made in advance.

Russell A. Kelly, Chief Permits and Services Division ADEM
1400 Coliseum Blvd. [Mailing address: PO Box 301463; Zip 36130-1463] Montgomery, Alabama 36110-2400 (334) 271-7714 permitsmail@adem.alabama.gov

Persons wishing to comment may do so, in writing or by email, to the Department's named contact above within 15 days following the publication date of this notice. Any person wishing to provide additional information regarding the Corrective Action Plan may do so. A written request for a public meeting may also be filed within that 15-day period and must state the nature of the issues proposed to be raised in the meeting.

Notice is hereby given this **16th day of May, 2023**, by authority of the Alabama Department of Environmental Management.

Lance R. LeFleur
Director

Nondiscrimination Statement: The Department does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in the administration of its programs.
*May 16, 2023

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF WALKER COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF OLIVER JESSE HAGOOD, DECEASED
CASE NO. PC2017-155
NOTICE OF FILING FOR SUMMARY DISTRIBUTION
TAKE NOTICE that a Petition for Summary Distribution has been filed on the 11th day of September, 2017, for distribution of assets from the Estate of **OLIVER JESSE HAGOOD, DECEASED**.

A. LEE TUCKER, JUDGE OF PROBATE
*May 16, 2023

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage executed on the 13th day of December 2013, by Steven D. Gravlee a/k/a Steven David Gravlee a/k/a Steve Gravlee, a married man, to First Bank Jasper div Synovus Bank recorded in the office of the Judge of Probate of Walker County, Alabama, in DML 2368, page 560. Subsequently, said mortgage was transferred by Synovus Bank, a Georgia banking corporation, f/k/a First Bank Jasper div Synovus Bank, to Robert Barnett, as Trustee of the RH 401(k) Plan, by assignment recorded in DML 2733, page 632, in the aforesaid Probate Court. Robert Barnett, as Trustee of the RH 401(k) Plan, as Transferee, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash in front of the entrance of the Courthouse in the City of Jasper, Walker County, Alabama, on the 12th day of June, 2023, at 2:00 PM, the following real estate situated in Walker County, Alabama, to wit:

Parcel I:
The West 148 feet of the following described property lying North of Wright Road:

A part of the NW 1/4 of NE 1/4, Section 6, Township 13 South, Range 8 West, Walker County, Alabama, described as follows: Commence at a 1" pipe, being the SW corner of said NW 1/4 of NE 1/4; thence South 89°23'17" East along the South boundary of said NW 1/4 of NE 1/4, 427.14 feet; thence North 01°15'55" East, 18.69 feet, to a set rebar on the North right of way of Wright Road (40' right of way) and the point of beginning; thence continue North 01°15'55" East 280.88 feet to a 1" pipe; thence South 89°23'17" East 300 feet; thence South to a set 1/2" rebar on the North right of way of said Wright Road; thence South 74°33'31" West along said North right of way, 313.20 feet to the point of beginning.

Together with a 2002 Fleetwood Carriage Double Wide Mobile Home Serial #GAFL175A73420CD11 and GAFL175B73420CD11 and all accessions and additions now or hereafter made or added located at 656 Wright Road, Nauvoo, AL 35578.

Parcel II:
The East 152 feet of the following described property lying North of Wright Road:
A part of the NW 1/4 of the NE 1/4, Section 6, Township 13 South, Range 8 West, Walker County, Alabama, described as follows: Commence at a 1" pipe, being the SW corner of said NW 1/4 of NE 1/4; thence South 89°23'17" East along the South boundary of said NW 1/4 of NE 1/4, 427.14 feet; thence North 01°15'55" East, 18.69 feet, to a set rebar on the North right of way of Wright Road (40 foot right of way) and the point of beginning; thence continue North 01°15'55" East 280.88 feet to a 1" pipe; thence South 89°23'17" East 300 feet; thence

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South to a set 1/2" rebar on the North right of way of said Wright Road; thence South 74°33'31" West along said North right of way, 313.20 feet to the point of beginning. Together with a 1997 Chandel 2806 Double Wide Mobile Home Serial #CH2AL04115A and CH2AL04115B and all accessions and additions now or hereafter made or added located at 640 Wright Road, Nauvoo, AL 35578.

Parcel III:
A part of the NW 1/4 of the NE 1/4, Section 6, Township 13 South, Range 8 West, Walker County, Alabama, described as follows: Commence at a found 2" pipe being the SE corner of said 1/4 of NE 1/4, 102.73 feet to a set 1/2" rebar on the North right of way of Wright Road; thence Northwesterly along said North right of way along the arc of a curve to the right, 143.40 feet, Radius 582.17 feet, Chord North 61°24'55" West, 143.04 feet; thence continue Northwesterly along said North right of way along the arc of a curve to the left, 239.25 feet, Radius 230.07 feet, Chord North 84°08'59" West, 228.52 feet; thence Southwesterly along said North right of way along the arc of a curve to the right, 85.41 feet, Radius 1320.83 feet, Chord South 67°54'41" West, 85.39 feet, to a set 1/2" rebar and the point of beginning; thence leaving said North right of way, North 07°37'23" East, 194.60 feet, to a set 1/2" rebar; thence North 48°56'44" West, 166.23 feet, to a set 1/2" rebar; thence South 26°58'49" West, 100.57 feet to a set 1/2" rebar; thence South 01°15'55" West, 78.18 feet to a found 1/2" rebar; thence continue South 01°15'55" West, 272.44 feet, to a found 1/2" rebar on the North right of way of said Wright Road; thence North 74°33'31" East, along said North right of way 63.14 feet; thence continue Northeasterly along said North right of way along the arc of a curve to the left, 110.53 feet, Radius 1320.83 feet, Chord North 72°09'40" East, 110.50 feet, to the point of beginning. Minerals and usual mining rights excepted.

Together with a 1991 South R County VI Mobile Home Serial #4185 and all accessions and additions now or hereafter made or added located at 606 Wright Road, Nauvoo, AL 35578.

Parcel IV:
Lot No. 1 and Lot No. 2 in Block 4 as shown on Map of Mill Village of Textron Southern, Inc., Cordova, Alabama Division as recorded in Map Book 2, page 31, in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Walker County, Alabama.

Parcel V:
Lot 4 in Block 165 in the Jasper Land Company's Addition to the City of Jasper, Alabama, as surveyed and platted by John S. Foster, being a part of the SW 1/4 of SW 1/4, Section 9, Township 14 South, Range 7 West, Walker County, Alabama. Minerals and usual mining rights excepted.

Parcel VI:
A part of Block 238 in the City of Jasper, Walker County, Alabama, described as follows: Commence at a point 75 feet East of the SW corner of said block and run thence East 75 feet along East 22nd Street; thence North 140 feet to an alley; thence West 75 feet; thence South 140 feet to the point of beginning. Except coal and other minerals. According to the Jasper Land Company survey.

Parcel VII:
Lot 5 in Block 20, according to the survey of DeBardeleben Coal Corporation's Sipsev Village Subdivision, according to the map thereof recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Walker County, Alabama, in Map Book 2, page 47, together with all houses and structures thereon; there being reserved and/or excepted from the conveyance made hereby, all of the coal, iron ore, oil, gas and all other minerals of every kind of character, in, under and upon said lands, together with the usual and customary mineral, mining and drilling rights and privileges.

This property will be sold on an "as is, where is" basis, subject to any easements, encumbrances and exceptions reflected in the mortgage and those contained in the records of the Office of the Judge of Probate of the County where the above-described property is situated. This property will be sold without warranty or recourse, expressed or implied as to title, use and/or enjoyment and will be sold subject to the right of redemption of all parties entitled thereto.

The Transferee may first offer the property for sale by parcel and reserves the right to sell the property en masse as the Transferee deems appropriate.

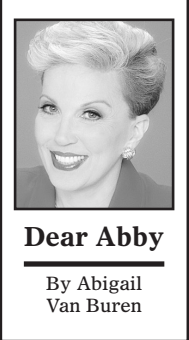
This sale is made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by the said mortgage, as well as the expenses of foreclosure.

Robert Barnett, as Trustee of the RH 401(k) Plan, as Transferee
Jay H. Clark, Esq.
WALLACE, JORDAN, RATLIFF & BRANDT, L.L.C.
Post Office Box 530910
Birmingham, AL 35253
(205) 870-0555
Attorneys for Transferee
*May 9, 16, 23, 2023

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TDD 1-800-548-2546
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Man expects girlfriend to be present constantly

DEAR ABBY: I'm 42 and my guy friend is 59. He's a wonderful person and a great provider. I've known him for about a year now, but he seems a bit controlling. He wants me around seven days a week and expects me to be this submissive woman that I'm not. I'm very independent. I always earned my way in life with little to no help at all. I'm not perfect. I admit I can be a little confusing at times. But his constant complaining about how I'm not there confuses me. When I come over and hang out and spend time with him, he pushes me away and says it is my fault. Mind you, I have a 7-year-old daughter. I like him a lot, but he tends to be too much. Should I let it go or try to find some common ground and work things out?
-- CONFUSED IN THE SOUTH



Dear Abby
By Abigail Van Buren

DEAR CONFUSED: I would vote for the former. Because you have a young daughter to care for, you cannot be at this "wonderful" high-maintenance man's beck and call 24/7. If you can convey that to him, it may save the relationship. However, if he can't accept reality, you are better off moving on without him. You need a partner who is prepared to accept you for who you actually are rather than who he wants you to be.

DEAR ABBY: My brother passed away six months ago. With difficulty, I am coping. We were very close. Our birthdays were four days apart, and we enjoyed many celebrations together over the years. My birthday is coming up and I'm dreading the day. Worse than being sad is pretending that I'm not. My immediate family understands I don't want any cards or "Happy Birthday" greetings. Would it be appropriate for me to contact people before the day and ask them not to send cards or gifts? I cringe at the thought of any celebration this year, or having to thank people for the attention. Can I throw any cards I receive in the trash? It's my party, and I'll cry if I want to.
-- SURVIVING SIS IN THE WEST

DEAR SIS: Considering your loss, there's nothing inappropriate about telling friends and family you do not want to celebrate this upcoming birthday. Tell your closest friends and family members what your wishes are, and post it on the internet as well. If you receive anything after that, you are free to do with it whatever you wish, including donating or trashing it.

DEAR ABBY: Every time I leave the house, my wife needs a play-by-play as to where I am going, how long I'll be away, etc. Years ago, I used to be a player, but age has caught up with me. Advice?
-- GETTING FRUSTRATED IN MA

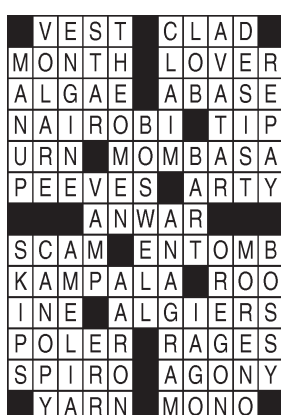
DEAR GETTING FRUSTRATED: I find it disappointing that you have only stopped cheating because time, and not your conscience, finally caught up with you. Tell your wife what she needs to know. It's the price you are paying to regain your credibility and her trust.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS**
- 45 Shoulder muscles, with "on" for short
 - 6 Curving paths
 - 10 Metal fastener
 - 11 Billies and nannies
 - 13 Like lambs
 - 14 Advice
 - 15 Tennis court divider
 - 16 Touch lightly
 - 18 Lupino of films
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 - 27 Young stallions
 - 28 Like the desert
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 - 2 Rafting spot
 - 3 Musical set in Argentina
 - 4 Longing
 - 5 Mom's new hubby
 - 6 Heart-burn
 - 7 Harry's friend
 - 8 Senate setting
 - 9 Class member
 - 12 Rude looks
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 - 20 Must have
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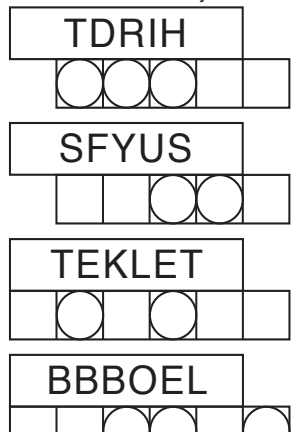
Saturday's answer



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JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.



Ans. here: [Grid with answers]

Saturday's Jumbles: ARROW OMEGA SIDING INCOME
Answer: The mole created another home for himself, and his girlfriend liked his — NEW DIGS

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



FOR THE NOVICE POKER PLAYER, NOT PLAYING WOULD HAVE BEEN ---

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

HOROSCOPES

By Eugenia Last

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY:

Alexandra Breckenridge, 41; Jamie-Lynn Sigler, 42; David Krumholtz, 45; Chazz Palminteri, 71.

Happy Birthday: Use your insight and imagination to take you to a place that fulfills your dreams, hopes and wishes. Put your energy into checking off all the boxes on your to-do list.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): A creative spin to whatever you do will help you stand out in a crowd. Refuse to let anger replace common sense; channel your energy into something worthwhile and concrete.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Change what you don't like and keep moving forward. Speak up and share your thoughts and feelings.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Check your options, be creative and take the road less traveled.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Take any opportunity to do something creative. You'll discover something interesting about yourself that will point you in a comfortable direction.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): A change someone makes will leave you in an awkward position. Look for alternatives to fill a void.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Experience is

your best learning tool. Be observant and watch those deemed as experts; you'll find the perfect vehicle to help you reach your goal.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Don't lose sight of your responsibilities. A to-do list will help you schedule your time around what's important to you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Learning is apparent if you can control your emotions and focus on incorporating what you discover into your everyday responsibilities.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Use your imagination, but don't embellish. A change of heart will leave you re-evaluating your position and relationship with others.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Listen, observe and act, but don't reveal too much in return.

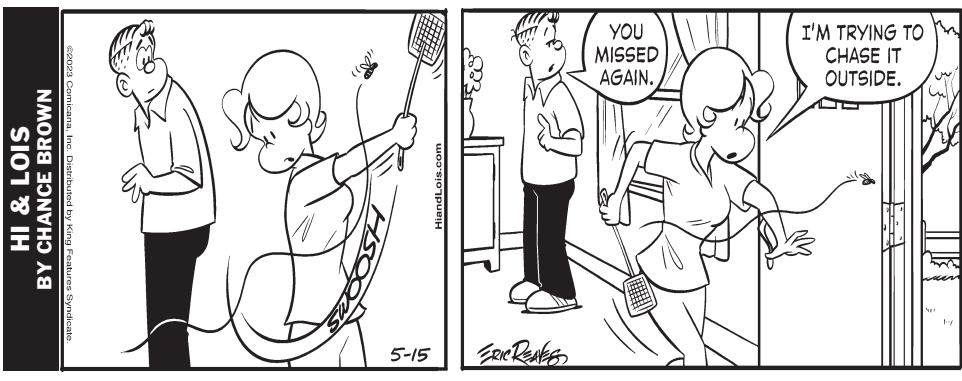
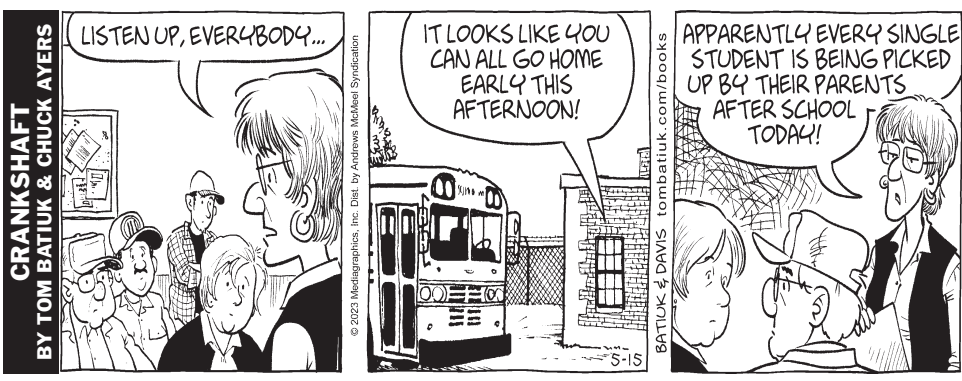
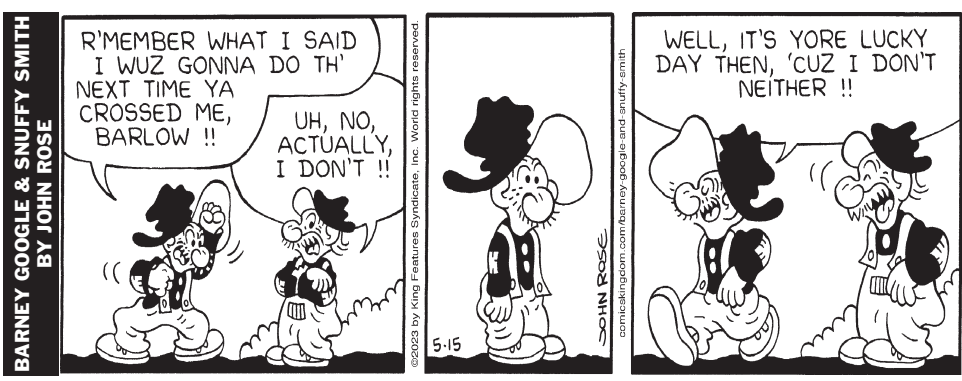
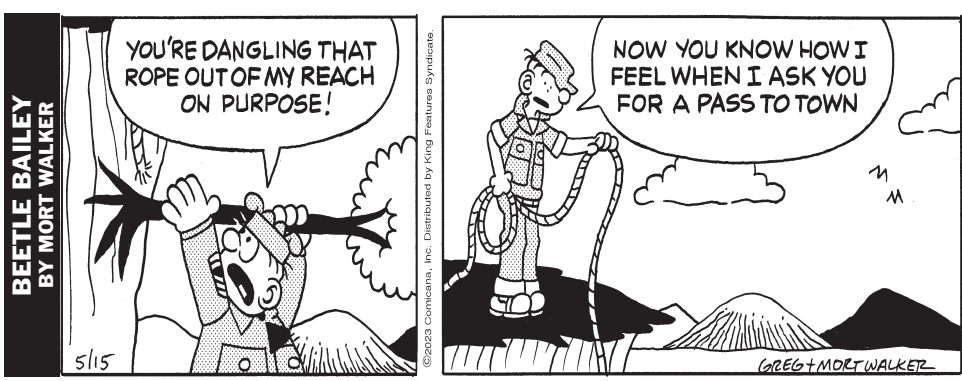
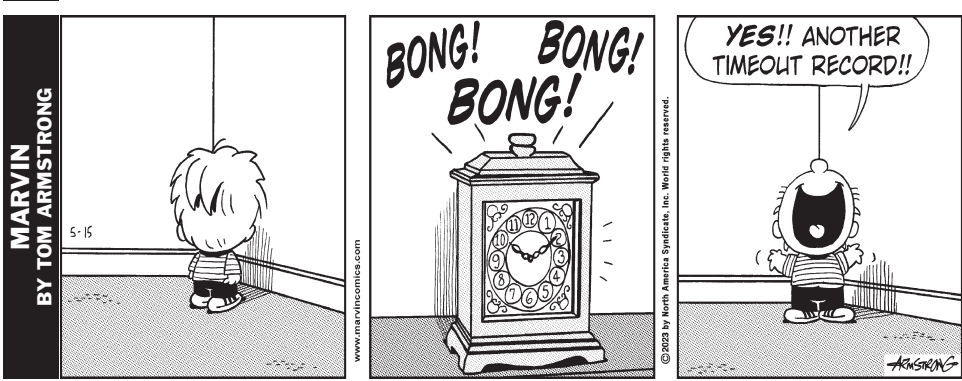
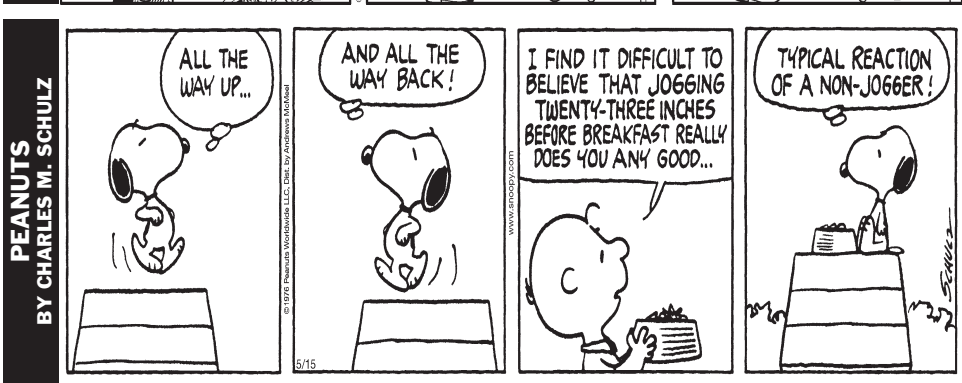
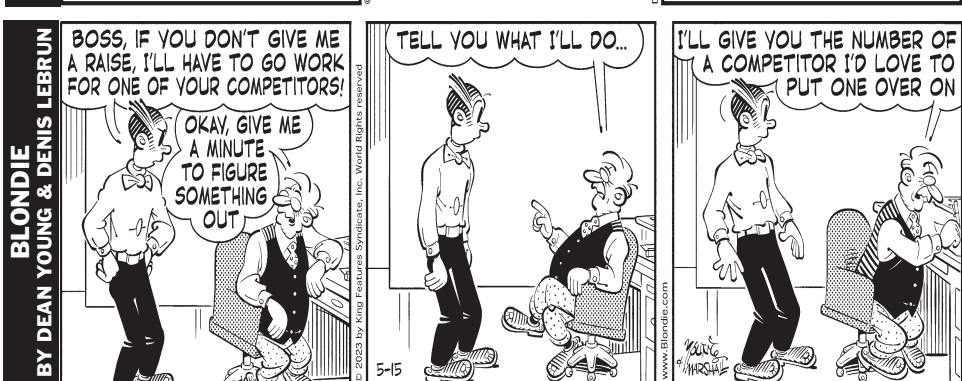
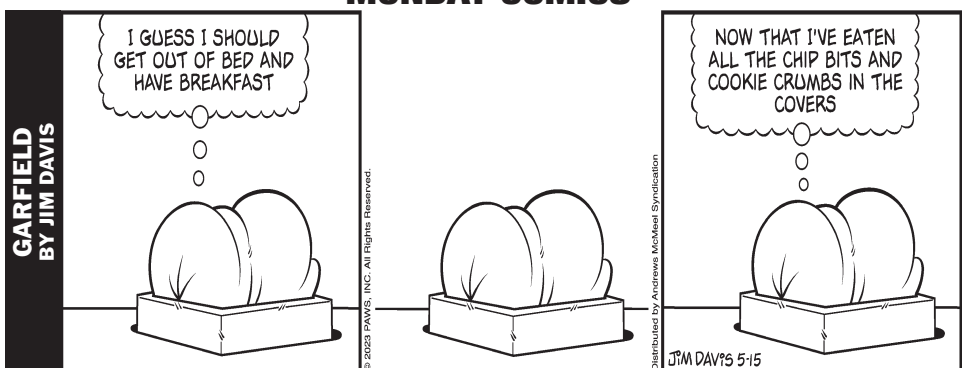
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Concentrate on how you earn your living and plan to advance.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Dig in and don't stop until you are satisfied with the results.

Birthday Baby: You are optimistic, thought-provoking and passionate. You are dedicated and persistent.

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MONDAY COMICS



THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil Keane

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5-15 CRYPTOQUOTE

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PVZ, QPV KMG'Z KMZKO CZ.

— BVFFCMG RBPNI BD

Saturday's Cryptoquote: YOU ARE THE STORYTELLER OF YOUR OWN LIFE, AND YOU CAN CREATE YOUR OWN LEGEND, OR NOT. — ISABEL ALLENDE

Wife in crumbling marriage takes stock of life, future

DEAR ABBY: I have been married for 16 years, but after the birth of my first child, our marriage went downhill. My husband withdrew and went out with friends often. When my brother was in the hospital, I traveled three hours with my newborn baby to visit him. My husband drove up separately, stayed a few hours, then left to go to a concert with a female friend. Our sex life dwindled down to nothing, and I felt like we were roommates. I became depressed and started having manic episodes. I'm on medication now and taking care of myself. I have always resented my husband for this. We have two kids now, and I'm afraid if I leave him it will hurt the children. I tried three different marriage counselors with him, but he wasn't interested. I now spend my time doing everything with the kids and focusing on my well-being. I met an old high school acquaintance on Facebook, and our friendship has turned romantic. I don't see him often, but when I do, I want to be with him always. We are both scared of what could happen. I love him so much. He is kind, sweet and caring. Do I wait until the kids are 18 to leave?



Dear Abby
By Abigail Van Buren

-- **READY FOR CHANGE IN THE EAST**

DEAR READY: Make an appointment to talk with an attorney. When you do, be sure to ask what kind of financial information you may need to ensure you get a fair settlement should you decide to end this charade of a marriage. Once you have the information, tell your husband that the status quo isn't good enough for you and offer him one more chance at marriage counseling. If he refuses -- and he probably will -- proceed with setting yourself free. Raising children in the atmosphere you have described may be more damaging than getting a divorce. A warning, however: Once you become available on a full-time basis, your lover may not be ready or willing to become your knight in shining armor. Be prepared to fend for yourself, just in case.

DEAR ABBY: I'm in love with two men at the same time, but one of them happens to be dead. Twelve years ago, I met a wonderful man, "Carl." We had each other at "Hello" and became engaged two weeks later. We were very happily married until I lost him to cancer six years later. Two years after I lost Carl, I decided to dip my toe back in the dating pool. A few months later, I met "Philip." We also were immediately attracted to each other and are very happy together. We've been a couple for four years and will be married this summer. He's very understanding about my feelings and memories of Carl. Am I wrong to marry this man I love dearly when I still have feelings for my late husband?

-- **WONDERING WIDOW IN MISSOURI**

DEAR WONDERING WIDOW: When a spouse dies, the love the couple had for each other doesn't also die. The love you feel for Carl can last as long as you do, and you shouldn't feel guilty about it. I have said many times that grief is an individual process. That you have fallen in love with Philip doesn't lessen your love for your late husband. Celebrate your good fortune. I wish you and Philip a lifetime of happiness together.

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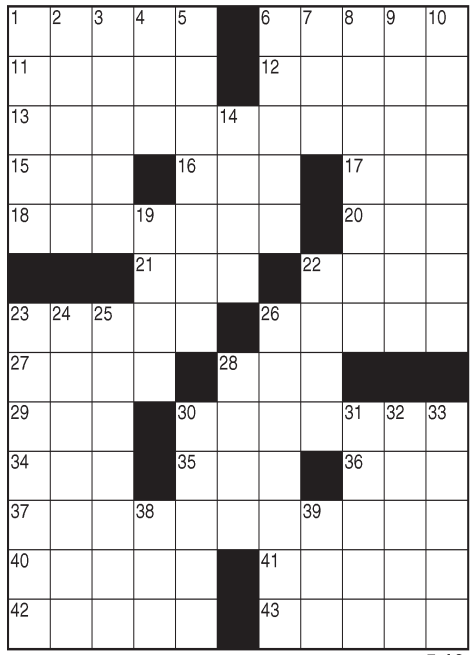
CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS**
- 42 Oboe parts
 - 43 Classes
 - 6 Venomous snake
 - 11 Throw with effort
 - 12 Irritate
 - 13 Military, navy, etc.
 - 15 Diner dessert
 - 16 Corn spike
 - 17 Mine yield
 - 18 Butler or maid
 - 20 Animal abode
 - 21 Golfer Ernie
 - 22 Witty remark
 - 23 Sells for
 - 26 Some statues
 - 27 Aware of
 - 28 Egg layer
 - 29 In the style of
 - 30 Diet unit
 - 34 Stimpy's pal
 - 35 Maximum amount
 - 36 Santa — winds
 - 37 Groups of company vendors
 - 40 Calendar entry
 - 41 Question of place
- DOWN**
- 1 Cowboy wear
 - 2 Eagle's home
 - 3 Circus performer
 - 4 Genesis name
 - 5 Gives out new hands
 - 6 Left, on a liner
 - 7 German article
 - 8 Breaks a cipher
 - 9 Himalayan peak
 - 10 Bristles at
 - 14 Stadium group
 - 19 White House
 - 22 Jupiter's wife
 - 23 More vulgar
 - 24 Taking a sabbatical
 - 25 Spider-Man creator
 - 26 Accordion part
 - 28 Sports period
 - 30 Play groups
 - 31 Indy entrant
 - 32 Like argon
 - 33 Moves cautiously
 - 38 Final part
 - 39 Pi follower



Yesterday's answer



JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

NUPIT

ZODYO

DALLYG

PUMASC

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Print your answer here:

Yesterday's Jumbles: THIRD FUSSY KETTLE BOBBLE
Answer: For the novice poker player, not playing would have been — HIS BEST BET

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



THE SHAPE OF THE NUMBER WORTH NOTHING, NIL, ZILCH, NAUGHT, ETC., MADE IT EASY FOR IT TO ---

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

HOROSCOPES

By Eugenia Last

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Megan Fox, 37; Tori Spelling, 50; Janet Jackson, 57; Pierce Brosnan, 70.

Happy Birthday: Keep your life simple. Concentrate on preparation, kindness and keeping the peace. Gravitate toward what's possible instead of heading in a direction filled with uncertainty.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Face emotional discord head-on. The adjustments you make should save you money and free up time to follow your heart.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Look at the possibilities, be practical and give yourself a chance to hone the required skills to proceed.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): An unexpected move you make will backfire. Have a backup plan in case someone reneges on a deal.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Helping others is admirable, but it's also easy to be taken advantage of if you aren't careful.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Simplify your life. Be direct, honest and practical. Common sense will lead to opportunities, not lofty ideas that lack physical evidence.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Put your energy behind your ideas, and positive change will occur. Be open to suggestions, and

learn new techniques to keep up with possibilities.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Slow down, gather facts and be observant. Refuse to let your emotions call the shots when common sense and practicality will serve you better.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Stop waffling and implement your thoughts and ideas. Look for opportunities that will make you feel more secure about your future.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Outline what you are willing to offer others and how much you are ready to spend.

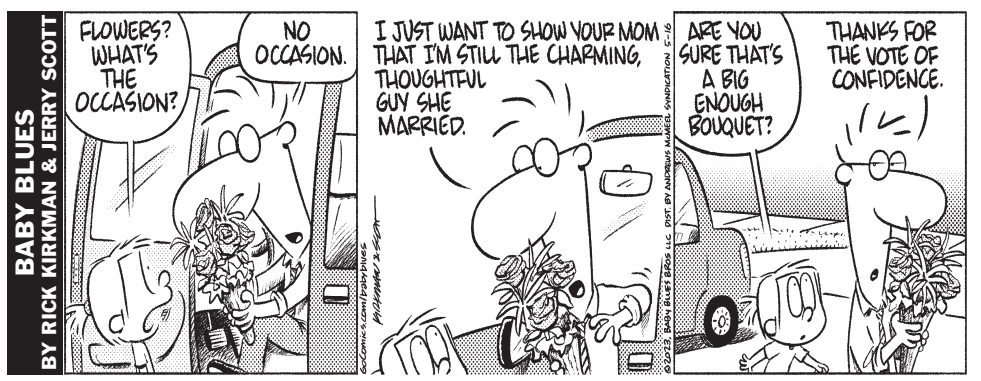
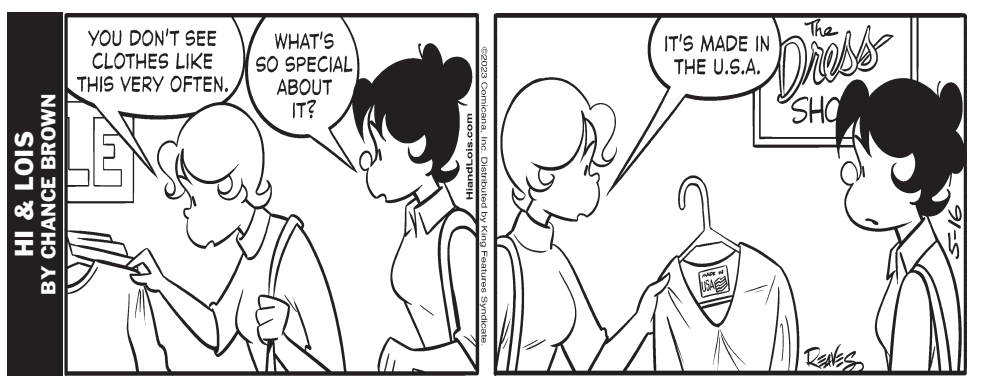
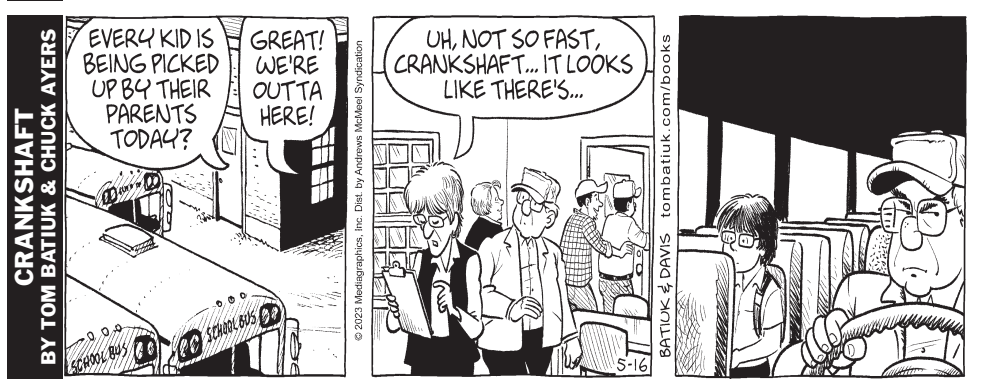
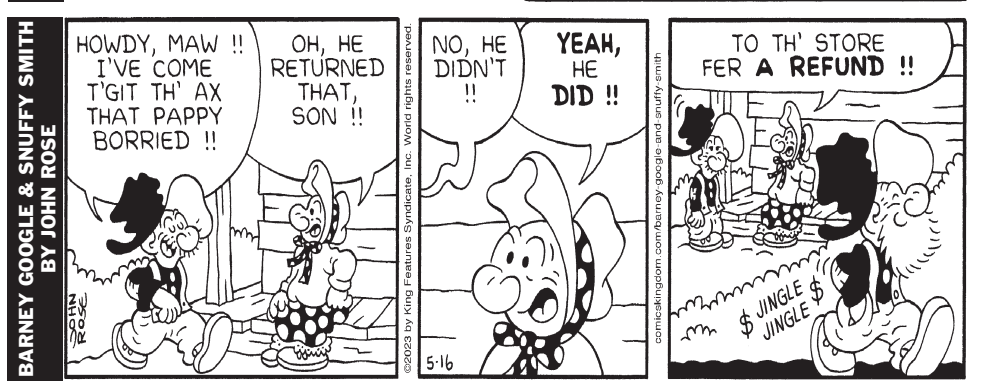
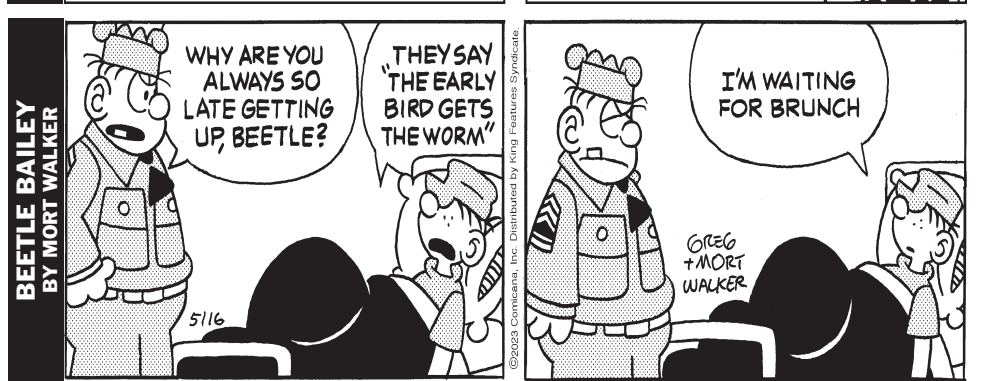
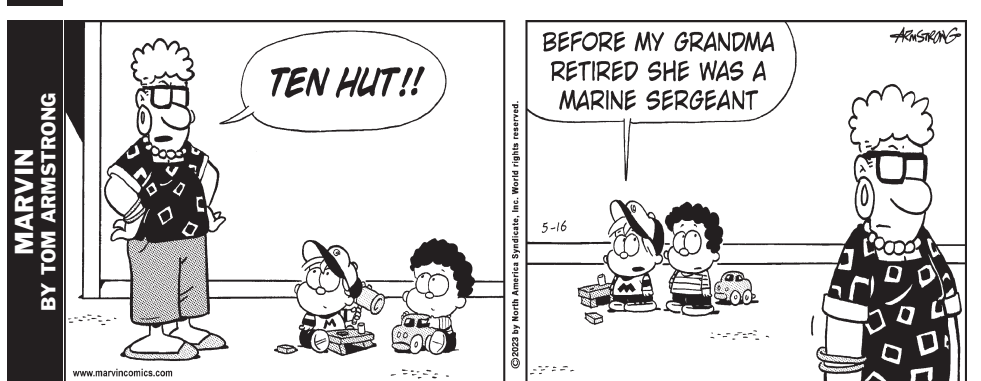
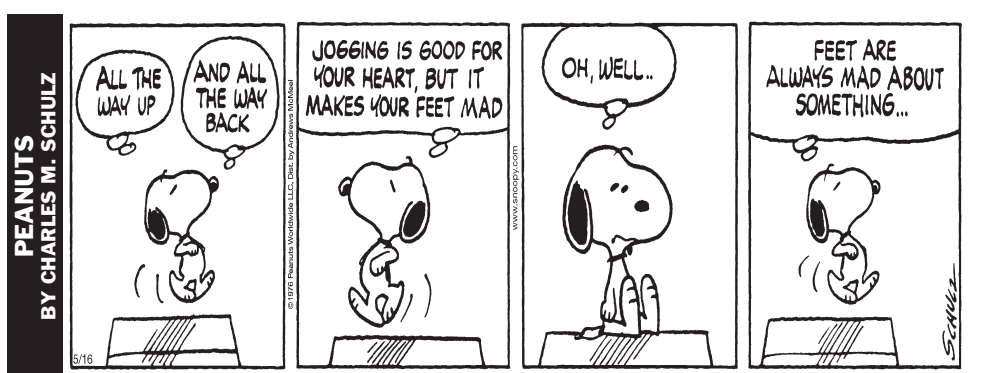
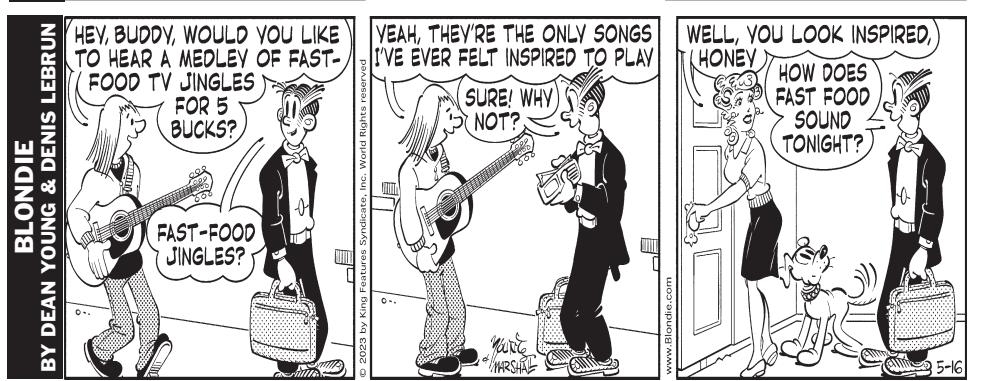
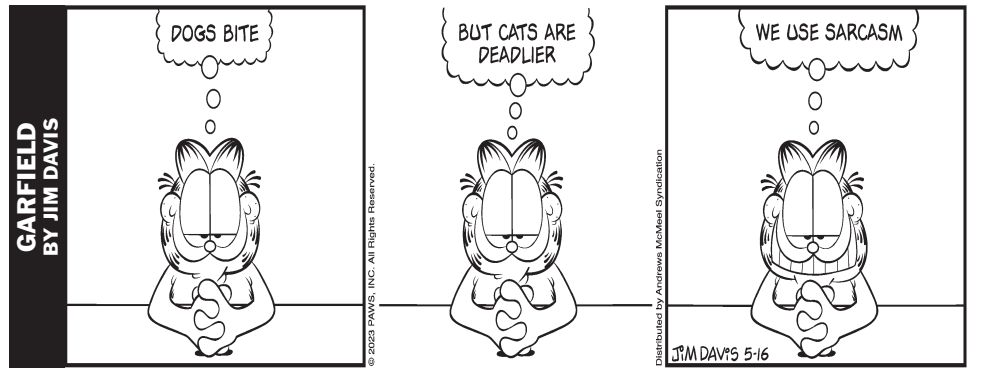
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Put your emotions on the shelf and take care of personal business. Focus on home and what you can do to lower your overhead or make your surroundings more enjoyable.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Establish what you enjoy doing most and how you can bring in cash to pursue a position that meets your criteria.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Strive to get things done, and live up to your promises.

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TUESDAY COMICS



THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil Keane

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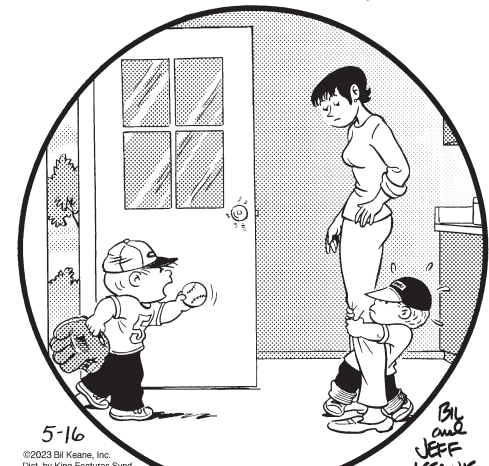
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Yesterday's Cryptoquote: A SPOKEN WORD IS NOT A SPARROW. ONCE IT FLIES OUT, YOU CAN'T CATCH IT. — RUSSIAN PROVERB





Sports

REGIONAL SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

Curry pitcher Alena Howse reacts after recording the final out in the Lady Yellow Jackets' regional win over West Limestone on Saturday. Curry finished as the regional's No. 2 qualifier. Brooks edged Curry in Saturday's opener to finish as the No. 1 qualifier.



Daily Mountain Eagle - Johnathan Bentley

No. 1 Lady Jackets earn return trip to Oxford

By JOHNATHAN BENTLEY
Eagle Sports Editor

ALBERTVILLE — Curry rebounded from a disappointing loss with a dominant victory, earning a state tournament berth in the process.

The defending Class 4A state champs lost a 2-0, nine-inning decision to Brooks in a high-level, high-intense pitcher's duel in the North Regional Tournament championship game on Saturday morning, forcing the Lady Jackets into a must-win situation.

Curry was up for the challenge, jumping on top of West Limestone early en route to a 9-3 victory and the regional's



No. 2 spot.

The Lady Yellow Jackets pounded out 15 hits, got a home run from Jenna Madison — her 20th on the season — and a lights-out performance from Alena Howse in the circle.

"It just shows the resiliency that we've had all year long," Curry coach Dave Lawson said. "I don't know if we've lost two in a row all year. We've always found a way to bounce back."

Against West Limestone, Curry scored two runs in the first inning and added runs in each of the next four innings. The Lady Yellow Jackets led 9-0 before West Limestone got on the scoreboard in the sixth.

Ambrey Taylor was 3 for 4 with two

See CURRY, A14

3 local teams headed to state

By JOHNATHAN BENTLEY
Eagle Sports Editor

Walker County will have plenty of representation at the State Softball Tournament this week in Oxford.

Three teams start play in the double-elimination tournament beginning today with Sumiton Christian going to battle in the Class 2A bracket. Jasper opens play in Class 5A on Wednesday at Choccolocco Park and Curry begins defense of its Class 4A title on Friday.



All three teams finished as No. 2 qualifiers at the North Regional Tournament.

No. 7 Sumiton Christian (32-22) plays Thorsby (16-6) at 10:45 a.m. Tuesday. Win or lose, the Lady Eagles play again at 2:15 p.m. Sumiton Christian is on the top half of the bracket along with No. 6 Pleasant Valley and No. 1 Wicksburg.

No. 5 Jasper (22-6-3) opens with a ranked battle against No. 6 Elmore County (33-18-3) at 9 a.m. Wednesday. The winner takes on the winner of the No. 2 Brewbaker Tech vs. No. 3 Scottsboro at 12:30 p.m. Jasper would also play at 12:30 p.m. if it loses the opener.

No. 1 Curry (46-11-1) faces a red-hot Prattville Christian team that has won 11 of its last 12 games at 10:45 a.m. on Friday. The Lady Yellow Jackets are on the top half of the bracket along with No. 2 Orange Beach and White Plains. Win or lose, Curry plays its second game at 2:15 p.m.

There are three defending state champions in the Class 4A bracket — Curry (4A), Houston Academy (3A) and Orange Beach (2A).

Jasper battles its way to state tournament



Daily Mountain Eagle - Johnathan Bentley

Jasper High School softball players celebrate after winning the Class 5A No. 2 qualifier at the North Regional Tournament in Albertville on Saturday. Jasper opens play in the state tournament vs. Elmore County at 9 a.m. Wednesday.

Odom dominates in circle for Lady Vikings



Daily Mountain Eagle - Ron Harris

Jasper's Missy Odom throws a pitch against Springville during their game at the North Regional Tournament in Albertville on Saturday.

By JOHNATHAN BENTLEY
Eagle Sports Editor

ALBERTVILLE — Jasper had no room for error on Saturday at the North Regional Tournament in Albertville.

The Lady Vikings had to win three straight games to punch their ticket to the State Softball Tournament.

Behind a dominant day from Missy Odom in the circle, Jasper did just that, defeating No. 1 Springville 3-1 in Saturday's finale, to earn the Class 5A North Regional's second qualifier spot.

"They knew what they had to do today," Jasper coach Brandi Hall said. "They had a lot to prove and they weren't going to go out without a fight."

Springville sent the Lady Vikings to the regional loser's



bracket on Thursday, rallying from a 3-0 deficit for a 4-3, nine-inning victory. Ardmore defeated Springville in the regional championship game earlier in the day, sending the Lady Tigers into a rematch with a berth in the State Softball Tournament on the line.

"We felt like we went toe-to-toe with them two days ago. We were pretty evenly matched," Hall said. "We got a second chance and we had a big inning, scoring three runs. When we got that three-run lead, I felt that was enough today."

The Lady Vikings scored all three runs in the fourth inning — on a Lilly Banks ground out, an RBI single from Brinlee Clark and an RBI double from Emma Lou Franks.

Franks also came through with the defensive play of the game in the fifth inning. With

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State Softball Tournament Choccolocco Park, Oxford

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Wednesday Class 5A

No. 5 Jasper (22-6-3) vs. No. 6 Elmore County (33-18-3), 9 a.m.

Friday Class 4A

No. 1 Curry (46-11-1) vs. Prattville Chr. (31-11), 10:45 a.m.

Jasper

From A13

Jasper holding a 3-1 lead, the Lady Tigers loaded the bases with one out. The next batter hit a ground ball to Franks who tagged the base runner coming to second base and threw to Banks at first base for the inning-ending double play.

"That was huge," Hall said. "We got six straight outs after that."

In the game, Odom led the offense, going 2 for 3 with a triple and a run, Clark and Franks were both 1 for 3 with a run, Isabella Brown was 1 for 3 with a double, Ashlyn Tucker was 1 for 3 with a triple and both DeCaleigh Calvin and Idaysia Mercer added hits.

It was Odom's dominance on the mound that made the difference Saturday.

Odom finished the day winning all three games. She pitched 20 innings (267 pitches), allowing one earned run on



Daily Mountain Eagle - Ron Harris

The Jasper girls softball team finished as the Class 5A No. 2 qualifier at the North Regional Tournament held in Albertville on Saturday. Jasper beat No. 1 Springville 3-1 in their final game of the day.

10 hits and two walks with 21 strikeouts.

"She pitched her guts out. I don't know how many pitches she threw today, but we were going to ride her out. We are

so thankful she's on our team," Hall said.

Now the Lady Vikings head to the state tournament on Wednesday. Jasper plays Central Regional Tournament win-

ner Elmore County at 9 a.m.

"With Springville being here and being the No. 1 team in the state, we feel like we have as good a chance as anybody to go there and compete. This

experience will really help give them some momentum heading into (state). If we can get through this, I feel like we can get through anything," Hall added.

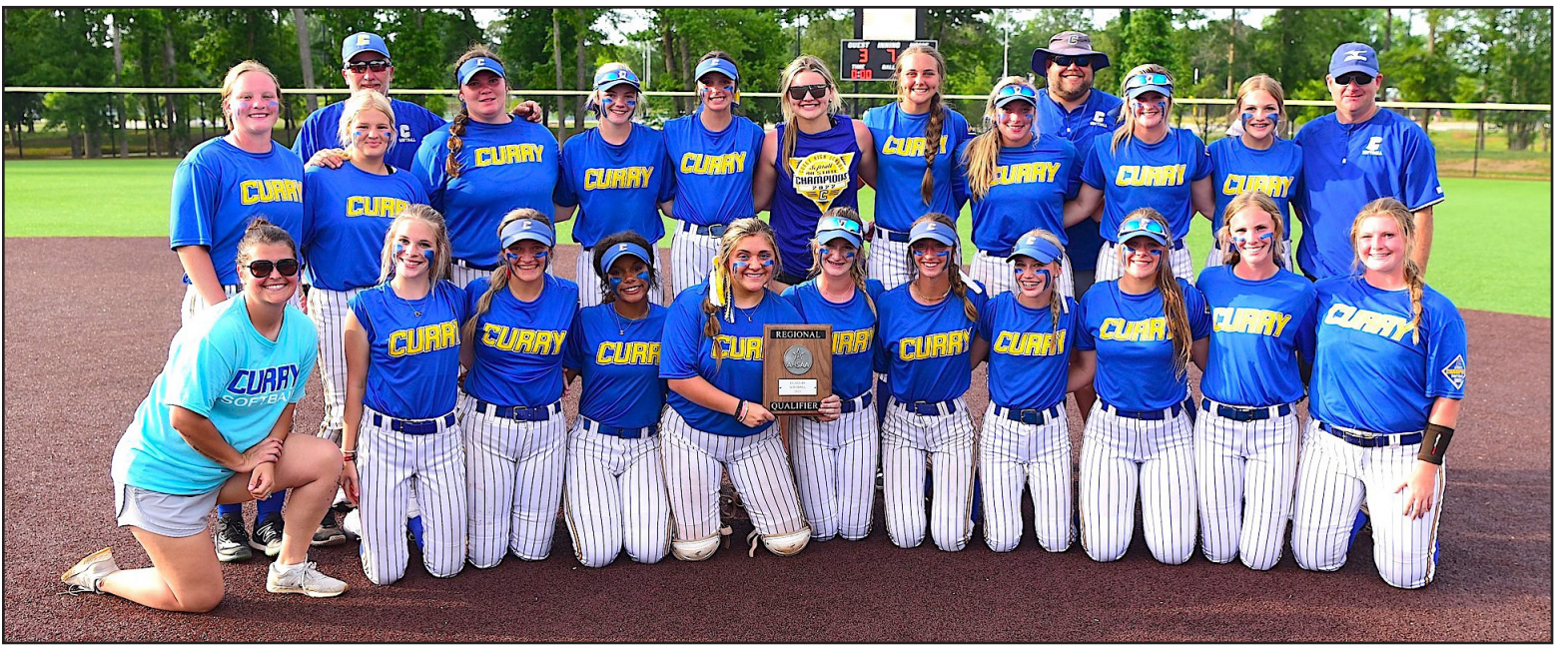
Curry

From A13

triples, three runs and an RBI for Curry, Madison was 2 for 4 with a two-run, inside-the-park home run, Shileigh Williams was 2 for 4 with a run and two RBIs, Ansley Brown was 2 for 4 with a run and an RBI, Kaydence Hutchinson was 2 for 3 with an RBI and Lanie West was 2 for 4. Aubrey Lackey was 1 for 3 with a run and an RBI and Ivey Grace Kelley was 1 for 3 with an RBI.

Howse went 6 1/3 innings, allowing two hits and no walks while striking out six.

In the opener, Skiely Perry was the hard-luck loser against Brooks, allowing two runs on five hits and three walks with seven strikeouts in nine innings. Brooks' Abby Herndon gave up four hits and three walks with six strikeouts in nine innings.



Daily Mountain Eagle - Ron Harris

The Curry girls softball team finished as the Class 4A No. 2 qualifier at the North Regional Tournament held in Albertville on Saturday. Curry defeated West Limestone 9-3 in the final game.

"That first game was an absolute state championship-caliber ball game," Lawson said. "It was a pitcher's duel. Neither team made an error. It was as

good as it gets. We came up a little short, but the true mark of a champion is bouncing back from adversity. We did that, and I'm proud of them."

Next up for Curry (46-11-1) is a game against Central Regional Tournament champion Prattville Christian (31-11) at 10:45 a.m. on Friday at Oxford.

"We are there, that's all that matters. There will be eight teams there and I promise you, any of those eight could win it all," Lawson said.

COLLEGE SOFTBALL

Alabama softball team earns No. 5 national seed

From rolltide.com

TUSCALOOSA — The 2023 NCAA Softball Tournament bracket was revealed Sunday evening, with the Alabama Crimson Tide earning its 24th-straight postseason bid and 18th-straight as a host seed, coming in as the No. 5 overall seed.

The Crimson Tide will be joined this weekend at Rhoads Stadium by Central Arkansas, Middle Tennessee and LIU.

NCAA Regional action at Rhoads Stadium begins Friday, May 19 at 3:30 p.m. CT with Middle Tennessee (39-18) facing Central Arkansas (44-10) before Alabama (40-18) and LIU (32-24) face off at 6 p.m. CT.

All-session tickets will available through the Alabama Ticket Office (205.348.2262) and via www.RollTide.com/tickets.

com/tickets.

The winner of the Tuscaloosa Regional will match up against the winner of the Evanston Regional, featuring No. 12 Northwestern (38-11), Kentucky (30-20-1), Miami (OH) (37-18) and Eastern Illinois (34-19).

ALABAMA AT THE NCAA TOURNAMENT

Alabama has played in every NCAA Tournament since 1999, Patrick Murphy's first year as head coach

This year marks the 19th time the Crimson Tide has hosted the NCAA Regional round, including a streak of 18-straight from 2005-23 (no tournament in 2020)

Alabama owns a 65-11 (.855) record in NCAA Regional play, advancing to the Super Regional round in 16 of its 17 years as a host since 2005

Byron wins at Darlington in OT after Chastain wreck

By DAVE SKRETTA
AP Sports Writer

DARLINGTON, S.C. — William Byron avoided a wreck between Ross Chastain and Kyle Larson on a restart six laps from the end and held on to win the Goodyear 400 in overtime at Darlington Raceway on Sunday.

Byron, who got pushed out of the way by winner Joey Logano two laps from the end here a year ago, drove away from Kevin Harvick during a green-white-checked finish for his third victory of the season and the seventh of his career.

"It's pretty amazing," Byron said. "Things have a way of working out."

Harvick was second and Chase Elliott third, his best finish since returning to NASCAR from a broken leg while snowboarding. Brad Keselowski was fourth, followed by Bubba Wallace, Harrison Burton, Kyle Busch, Justin Haley, Ryan Blaney and Chris Buescher.

It was the 100th win for Hendrick

Motorsports' No. 24 car and the organization's first victory at Darlington since Jimmie Johnson won the 2012 race.

It looked like 2021 champ Larson or points leader Chastain had the strongest cars and figured to be there at the end. Instead, Chastain was alongside Larson during a restart and admitted trying to squeeze his competitor against the wall in turn two. Both wound up wrecking. Larson finished 20th and Chastain, who punched Noah Gragson in a pit-road confrontation a week ago at Kansas, was 29th.

"I wanted to squeeze him, I wanted to push him up, we've been trading back and forth all day. I wanted to push him up for sure," Chastain said.

Larson moved into the lead when Denny Hamlin went to the pits with 30 laps remaining and was in prime position for victory until tangling with Chastain. Martin Truex Jr. started from the pole and led 146 of the first 151 laps before he was clipped by Chastain at the end of the stage.



Memorial Day & Military Appreciation

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A special section honoring those who serve and those who have made the ultimate sacrifice to protect our freedom, values and traditions.

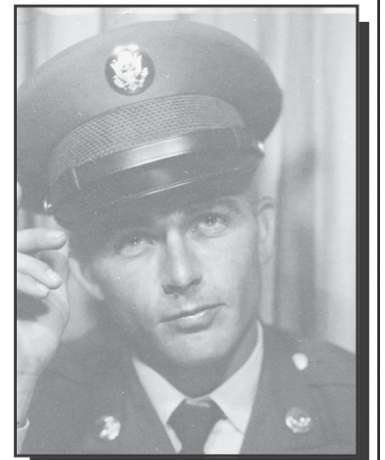
Honor your loved ones by placing their picture on our Memorial Day Salute Page to be published in the Weekend Edition, Saturday, May 27, 2023.

We will list the Name, Rank, Branch of Service, War that was served in (if applicable), and dates of service. All pictures must be received no later than Noon on Thursday, May 25, 2023.

\$25 Memorial Day Salute
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