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Salvation Army's fundraiser tops \$1M
This year, the Empty Bowl Luncheon raised approximately \$65,000 — \$31,227.50 of that was raised by the fashion models alone. B1

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Leaning on family has always been important to Anna Nimz. C1

LIFE



Creative reflowering
Remembering when the Beach Boys had their own clubhouse. D1

WEIRD NEWS

Viagra-spiked chocolate recalled

Chocolate products from a Californian company have been recalled after they were found to have been spiked with the potentially dangerous ingredients used in Viagra and Cialis.

The San Francisco Bay Area's Gear Isle recalled the products after they were found to contain undeclared prescription drug ingredients used to treat erectile dysfunction, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration announced last week.

The products, sold online across the U.S., were found to have sildenafil and tadalafil. The ingredients could cause a "life-threatening" drop in blood pressure when mixed with nitrates found in prescription drugs, according to the FDA.

Men who use nitrates to treat cardiac conditions are most at risk when using the products, according to the announcement, which urged customers who purchased the products to stop using them immediately.

- Tribune News Service

YOUR OPINION

Wednesday's Question: Who would you vote for in the Alabama GOP primary for attorney general?
Pamela Casey: 21.2%
Jay Mitchell: 44.2%
Katherine Robertson: 34.8%
Today's Question: Do you think NASA will send astronauts to land on the moon by 2030?
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FLORENCE

191 dogs seized



A member of the Florence-Lauderdale Animal Services staff tend to doodle mixes Wednesday at the shelter in Florence. Director Cheryl Jones said she hopes the case raises awareness about puppy mill conditions and spurs conversation about the need for regulation. (PHOTOS BY DAN BUSEY/TIMESDAILY)

Jones: It will cost \$4,775 per day to care for dogs

By Bernie Delinski Staff Writer

FLORENCE — Veterinarians will examine 191 dogs seized from a Lauderdale County residence this week as authorities explore criminal charges against the owners.

Sheriff's deputies and Florence-Lauderdale Animal Services officials seized the dogs from the 3000 block of County Road 112 after following up on ongoing issues of reported animal neglect, Sheriff Joe Hamilton said.

The dogs are various types of doodles, including puppies and adults.

Investigators obtained a search warrant and removed the animals Monday and Tuesday due to living conditions, Hamilton said.

The dogs are at Florence-Lauderdale Animal Services and Colbert County Animal Services.

"They all will be checked by a veterinarian," Hamilton

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A doodle mix peers through a chain-link fence Wednesday at Florence-Lauderdale Animal Services in Florence. Animal services Director Cheryl Jones said it will cost \$4,775 per day to care for the 191 dogs seized from a Lauderdale County residence, not including veterinarian costs.



A doodle mix rests in a dog bed with her puppies Wednesday at Florence-Lauderdale Animal Services in Florence. Veterinarians will examine all 191 dogs seized from a Lauderdale County residence.

FLORENCE

Hopkins is school system's new leader

By Alyssa Sutherland Staff Writer

FLORENCE — City Schools Board of Education members on Wednesday unanimously approved interim Superintendent Bill Hopkins as the next superintendent of the school system.



Hopkins

Board attorney Chris Pape of Bishop Brooks, LLC in Huntsville made the recommendation to the board during the special called meeting for Hopkins' hiring.

"I'm humbled beyond belief," Hopkins said. "When I came in January, I had no idea what a great school system and community I would find. Everyone has been very kind to me and my family. I'm honored."

Pape explained to those attending the meeting that all board members traveled independently to Huntsville where they were sequestered to review all 15 applications the district received for the position.

Each member ranked the applicants based on pre-established criteria.

The previously established timeline for the search indicated the top three candidates would be announced and public interviews would be conducted in mid-April.

However, Pape said based on the application review process, his recommendation changed.

"One candidate received significantly more points based on the rankings than any other candidate," Pape said. "Typically, when this happens, we do not recommend that they have

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PHIL CAMPBELL

Local plays role in Artemis launch

By Bernie Delinski Staff Writer

PHIL CAMPBELL — Noah Williams has spent a great deal of time at Cape Canaveral, Florida, over the past two years.

The Phil Campbell High School graduate was there again Wednesday, but this time was more of a celebration than work.

Joined by his parents Chris and Angela Williams and a crowd of observers, Williams watched the manned spacecraft Artemis II lift off into orbit for a moon fly by, achieving a major step toward the return of man to the moon.

The entire scene was spectacular, but Williams focused on a moment nearly 2 1/2 minutes in when the booster rockets separated from Artemis. Williams, an engineer, is part of the Booster Integration Team based in Ogden, Utah, that built the boosters.

The boosters successfully separated at 5:38 p.m. central time.

His work has meant a great deal of trips between Ogden and Cape Canaveral, but his latest arrival was the big one. Williams said ahead of the launch he was ready to watch it happen.

"I'm excited to see the

thing fly," he said. "I'm going to be really nervous for the first 2 1/2 minutes until the boosters come off."

"I think it'll be really nerve-wracking until they come off. But after it's over I think I'll be really excited. But at that point the mission isn't over. We want to see those astronauts come back in 10 days."

Williams is a 2016 Phil Campbell graduate, Angela said. He was valedictorian and went on to obtain a mechanical engineering degree from the University of

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Noah Williams stands in front of the Vehicle Assembly Building at Kennedy Space Center in Cape Canaveral, Florida. Williams, a Phil Campbell High School graduate and mechanical engineer with Northrop Grumman, is part of the Booster Integration Team that built the solid rocket boosters for NASA's Artemis II mission. (COURTESY/NOAH WILLIAMS)

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