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Susan DiStefano and Alice Turnage share a birthday, February 8



Terry chooses just the right bowling ball as Linda and Orlando wait their turns.

## Upcoming activities

Monday, Feb. 8. HUMC Solo Ladies come to Hope house for dinner and fun activities!

Tuesday, Feb. 9, It's Shrove Tuesday, which means pancake suppers at each house.

Friday, Feb. 12, It's time for the Shine Prom at Stuart Heights Baptist Church. Put on your finest or come as you are. Enjoy a night of dancing, activities, and good food!

Saturday, Feb. 13, Walmart shopping for those who need it. Valentine's dinner at each house.



Bobby tries out the new recliner at Bobby Hope House., while Terry lays claim to the new chair at Faith House.



(This is Connor's response to last week's editorial comments.)

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To let you know, my thoughts have percolated, and my intentions are now an active response. YES, we ARE on the same thought level. Good intentions are NOT enough; there must be actions with heart to make a meaningful point. People can criticize Jedi Master Yoda all they want, but his belief "Do or do not, there is no try" goes directly to the truth. I personally feel that far too many people, when they are trying to succeed, look for creative ways of getting *away with it*, while the successful-minded people look for ways of getting *on with it*. I can actually rely on Nike's slogan—JUST DO IT—when dealing with intentions.

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In the Christian calendar, Lent is the 40-day period from Ash Wednesday to Easter. This year, Ash Wednesday is Feb 10. If you would like to attend a service, please let your house manager know. When it was first observed, its focus was on self-examination and self-denial in preparation for Easter, and Christians used *fasting* from eating as a visible demonstration of this process. Today, many "fast" by giving up things like television or Facebook, in addition to the traditional chocolate, caffeine, or sugar. Others give up free time and add in activities designed to encourage self-examination or connection with others such as devotional readings, volunteering in the community, or increased outdoor activity. What you do isn't as important as

## What is LENT?

the fact that you are doing something (see Connor's piece), with the hope that your actions will result in a transformation.