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Citizens and businesses now have free 24-hour access to the city's code both online and on their mobile devices on the city's website, [www.florenceal.org](http://www.florenceal.org), according to mayor **Mickey Haddock**. Municode's site is easy to navigate, clean in design, fast to load, and full of useful content. There are also advanced search features, historical versions of the code and the ability to print, save or email portions of the code.

**Program Helps to Save Lives**

FLORENCE—Breast cancer is the most common cancer among adult women, and the second leading cause of death from cancer among women. Screening can find cancer at an early stage when treatment is most effective and successful. With that in mind, the Shoals Community Clinic, in partnership with the UNA College of Nursing and Allied Health, Tri-State Center for Breast Health at ECM East will host the annual Catherine Barnes Women's Health Fair on April 6 and 8 from 9am-2pm at the clinic at 309-B Handy Homes in Florence.

The fair will offer free cervical and breast exams and free mammograms, with some restrictions, for women age 40-64 who do not have health insurance or a primary health care provider. This is a part of the clinic's Well Woman Project, and is supported by the Alabama Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program. This program has saved hundreds of women's lives in Alabama.

The Fair is named after one the clinic's founding officers and first directors, **Catherine Semmes Barnes**, an inspiration to women fighting this disease.

For more information or to set up an appointment, call the Shoals Community Clinic at 256-760-4713.

**Coleman Has New Partner**

LEXINGTON—Guerra Holdings recently partnered with Coleman Cleaners to expand their market in Florence and beyond. Coleman Cleaners has proudly served the Shoals area since 1946 having preserved the time-honored

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FLORENCE- The City of Florence has been designated as a Valley Sustainable Gold Community in TVA's economic development program. Florence recently completed the program sponsored by TVA and developed and administered by consultant Boyette Strategic Advisors (BSA).

The Valley Sustainable Communities Program just completed its second year. It was initiated by TVA Economic Development as part of its community preparedness offerings. It assists communities in evaluating existing sustainable

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**After 40 Years ...**

**Gary Bentley and his nurse Kathy Henricks are reunited at Vulcan Park in Birmingham. Gary was a patient at UAB over 40 years ago and Kathy was a nurse who showed him love and kindness. Bentley holds a picture of them during his hospital stay.**

Joe Songer - [jsonger@al.com](mailto:jsonger@al.com)



**Man reunited with UAB nurse who made an impact**

By **Madison Underwood**  
Courtesy of [AL.com](http://AL.com)  
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BIRMINGHAM—Killen resident Gary Bentley brought a handful of things with him to Vulcan Park Sunday afternoon, March 15.

Gary had his family with him, including his wife, Gwen, who helped him search for the nurse who took care of him after open-heart surgery 40 years ago. He had a bouquet of flowers, and a framed photo of himself and the nurse, the only real piece of information he had to identify her.

Gary also carried a tattered, worn family

**Gary Bentley was in foster care at the time of his surgery. He will discuss that and more during an evening benefit event at the Florence Coliseum for Shoals CASA on April 21.**



memories book. On one page there was a blank space where the original photo had once been glued. According to Gary, the memories book survived several foster homes and a house fire. He pointed out where water from firefighters' hoses had stained one of the pages.

"I am nervous," Gary said. "It's hard not to cry. The tears, I have to hold them back. I'm just excited."

When the nurse, Kathy Henricks, arrived at Vulcan Park around 3:30, they both welled up and embraced for a long time.

Gary gave Kathy the flowers and the framed photo of the two of them together, and tried to thank her for showing him kindness when he needed it the most.

"I've never forgotten," he told her as they embraced.

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**Lewis Named Year's Top Local Citizen**

FLORENCE—The late Greg Lewis, former owner of Lewis Electric in Muscle Shoals, was honored posthumously with the Shoals Citizen of the Year award last week. His impact during the previous half-century was recognized at the sold-out Marriott Shoals Conference Center for the Shoals Chamber of



G. Lewis

Commerce Annual meeting. Greg's demonstrated his dedication to the area since his young adult years as a championship level golfer at UNA. Lewis passed away in July 2014 of cancer at age 71.

His eldest son, Burton Lewis, accepted the award to a standing ovation for his father on behalf of his family, including his widow Patty,

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**Lewis...**

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daughter Lorraine, and his other son, Stephen.

The younger Lewis recalled his father's love of business, family, friends and golf. "I'm sure he's having a good time tonight," Burton said. "He would love this environment, and he would be proud to be up here at this podium."

Lewis was the last chairman of the Greater Shoals/Colbert County Chamber of Commerce before the area's chambers were merged into one in 1986. He was also the first chairman of the Shoals Chamber of Commerce in 1987. Lewis was named Shoals Small Business Person of Year in 1997. Lewis Electric was named Small Business of the Year that same year. He was past president of the Greater Shoals Area Rotary Club with 22 years of perfect attendance. Greg was an original supporter in founding the Shoals Economic Development Authority, and he was involved in numerous local philanthropic endeavors.

Greg was also a fun-loving golfer who was known for his bright colors in personality and in golf attire.

In addition to Lewis' award, outgoing chairman, James Bowles, presented the Chairman's Award to Southwire Company plant manager, Scott Williams. Williams is a member of the Chamber's board of directors and he also established the "12 for Life" program for Southwire that serves local, at-risk high school students.

*Thank You*

to the approximately 600 who celebrated with us at Dot Bevis Coker's funeral recently. And especially thank you to Dr. Patricia Auxier and all the staff and employees of Lauderdale Christian Nursing Home, Shiloh Church of Christ for the use of their building, and Loretto Memorial Chapel. Thank you to the Atlas congregation and others who sent food and all those who sent the beautiful flowers.



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by Jerry Knight

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As a matter of fact, Cantrell hit a couple of doubles and a homerun in his very first game in 1972. That team went on to finish third in the state in Class 4A. Cantrell played in the annual Lions' Club East-West All-Star game. When the Bruins won the state title in 1974, Cantrell led the team in batting with a .356 average while hitting nine homeruns.

He also led the team in RBIs and stolen bases. Through the last five games of the championship march, Cantrell showed his pitching prowess by starting or relieving in every game. In the last game of the playoff finals, he pitched a one-hitter to defeat Prattville.

Cantrell became the first-ever player to receive a full baseball scholarship to the University of North Alabama. While at UNA, he set the record for career strikeouts and led the NCAA Division II in average strikeouts per game with 12. He was named to the All-Eastern Conference team in 1978. Several weeks ago, Cantrell was inducted into the Lauderdale County Sports Hall of Fame. It

was a fitting tribute to one of Bradshaw and UNA's greatest baseball players.

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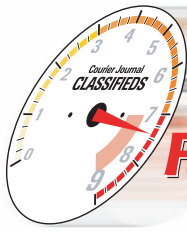
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The cleaners will hold the new name Guerra Coleman Cleaners and Laundry to recognize the unity of one company helping another.

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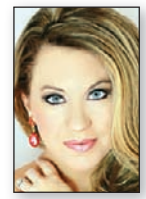
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### Dawson New Mrs. Alabama

KILLEN-Killen resident, April Dawson, 33, was recently crowned Mrs. Alabama International and will compete for the title of Mrs. International 2015 during the final competition in Jacksonville, Florida this summer. The busy mother to three young children is married to Chris Dawson. She is a professional singer and songwriter. She made her acting debut and her first Grand Ole Opry performance at the age of twelve. Dawson has also been a competitive barrel racer and involved with the rodeo and horse training since childhood.

Locally she donates time and talents to Saddle Up For St. Jude, Singing River Equine Rescue, and

Shoals Animal Advocates. Dawson will advocate for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital as she travels to various major U.S. cities for St. Jude red carpet events and galas during



Dawson

her reign as Mrs. Alabama International. "I have a great passion for St. Jude that stems from my involvement with Saddle Up For St.

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The rehabilitation is required maintenance. Crews will be making several modifications to the bridge to include installation of a new lighting system, painting, concrete repairs and installation of a drainage system.

Weather permitting, the contractor will be working Monday-Friday, 8am-5pm. Motorists should expect temporary lane closures in the eastbound and westbound lanes. The lane closures will only be during working hours.

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**1 Corinthians 10:13** "There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: *but God is faithful*, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it." **2 Peter 2:9** "The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished." **Jude 1:14** "And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, *Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints*," **Jude 1:15** "To execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that *are ungodly* among them of all their *ungodly deeds* which they have *ungodly committed*, and of all their hard speeches which *ungodly sinners* have spoken against him." **Revelation 1:7** "Behold, he cometh with clouds; *and every eye shall see him*, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen." **Matthew 12:36** "But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment." What a payday is coming!

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I AM FINALLY BREAKING ground on my new home next week. Those of you who have built a house before know that "next week" means "next month" in construction time but we have our fingers crossed for next week. I want to share with both my readers some of the new technology I'll be implementing.



Fisher

I will be utilizing new construction techniques will ensure a very efficient home that will be very inexpensive to heat and cool. I'll be installing a high efficiency air conditioning system and hot water heater that will come with a thermostat that can be controlled via my smartphone. If I forget to turn off my air

## "STOP THIS CRAZY THING!" by "The Computer Skeptic"

when I go to Gulf Shores, I can turn it off while I'm on the beach. When I'm on my way home, I can the AC and hot water on so my house will be ready for me when I arrive.

I'll have a front door and garage door that can be unlocked by smartphone. I don't know what purpose this will serve but isn't that just cool as all getout? I'll have wireless security cameras throughout the exterior of my home that I can monitor from my phone. The cameras will send me a text every time they "see" something move when I'm

not home. I shall be inundated with pictures of deer eating my flowers 24/7.

After years of fits and starts, home automation is now maturing. Stoves and ovens can be programmed by smartphones to cook a perfect meal. Refrigerators will text you when you're out of milk or eggs. Doors will tell you when they are unlocked. One very cool website, IFTTT.com, connects these things and make them work for you. IFTTT stands for "If This Then That." With IFTTT, I can program my smartphone to turn on my

thermostat when I leave the office so I'll be comfy when I walk in my door. I can also tell it to "turn on my coffee pot" when I hit the "snooze" button on an internet-connected alarm clock.

I'll be installing internet connected LED lighting throughout my house. There will be exterior lighting for my landscape that I can control with my smartphone or tablet. I can change the brightness and even the color from afar. Again, I don't know why I'd need to do that but ain't that cool?

UPS just delivered my Sonos™ wireless speakers! Sonos provides wireless speakers that allow you to play music throughout your home. With Sonos, I can use my tablet or smartphone to tell my kitchen to play me some upbeat cookin' music while my wife enjoys her relaxing New

Age stuff while soaking in the bathtub (Why yes she is spoiled, thank you). It plays music from all the popular online music sources as well as integrates with your existing home stereo so you can play your own private stash.

I'll be sharing more cool technology as we progress so stay tuned!

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**Commentary**

**A Victory in Spite of Administration**

**T**hankfully, Benjamin Netanyahu maintained his position as prime minister in Israel's elections last week. For many the win was unexpected. Netanyahu and his Likud Party were running behind Isaac Herzog, head of the leftist Zionist Union Party in pre-election polling.

How any liberty-loving person cannot see that Benjamin Netanyahu is the only stalwart choice to lead Israel through this unsettled time is hard to fathom. His primary opposition was focusing on the high cost of living and general economic conditions. Those are valid considerations, but security has to be of primary concern. Netanyahu is arguably the world's premier statesmen. He is firm, resilient, and respectful. Yet, he will not cower to those who would easily intimidate other candidates and world leaders. I would have voted for him in a second - to lead THIS country in 2008 and 12... and I would next year.

It is just as stunning that our president would not want Netanyahu re-elected, that the socialist element in this country would not only want someone of his integrity defeated, but would risk Israel's safety with yet another unknown ruling element in the Middle East. Our record in that area is worse than pathetic.

It's clear that Obama was not beyond using divisive techniques and asset-rich friends in an attempt to sway the vote last week. Thankfully,

See **VICTORY...** on Page 33

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**In A Few Words**



**TOM MAGAZZU**  
Editor

**Courier Journal**

**THIS WEEK**

**in the Shoals**  
March 25, 2015

**What's Happening THIS WEEK**

**Ministers for the Blues**

**FLORENCE-Blue Journey** is a group of musicians assembled from across the nation who visit key sites and cities where the Blues took form. They will outside the W.C. Handy Home, Museum and Library at 620 West College Street in Florence, from 2-4pm on Saturday, March 28. Bring your lawn chair and enjoy this free performance.

They will be in the area to record at FAME studios and wanted to honor the Father of the Blues by performing at the museum dedicated to his legacy. Each member of the group is also a minister. They started their journey in Charleston and will travel to New Orleans, Memphis, St. Louis, Chicago, and Detroit before finishing the tour at Austin in September. Members include James Nesbit, Isaac Nesbit, David Munoz, Keith Stone, Byron Bishop, Jamie Fitt, Jonathan Fitt and Steve Shoaf. Call 256-760-6379 for more information.



**Mike Mitchell of Albertville with an 86-pound blue catfish caught during the 2014 Cabela's King Kat tournament on Pickwick and Wilson lakes**

Dennis Sherer

**Giant Catfish...**

*They Are Luring Anglers to Sheffield*

**SHEFFIELD** - Catfish anglers from throughout the South and Midwest are coming to Sheffield this weekend for what is being billed as a monsterfest of catfishing.

The Cabela's King Kat Tournament Trail returns to Pickwick and Wilson lakes for a catfish tournament on Saturday, March 28. Many of the nation's top catfish anglers will compete in the tournament that is sponsored by the City of Sheffield. According to Susann

Hamlin, executive director of Colbert County Tourism and Convention Bureau, Pickwick and Wilson lakes are among the favorite places of catfish anglers nationwide who are looking for a place to catch huge fish.

At many lakes anglers consider a catfish that weigh 25 pounds a big fish. At Pickwick and Wilson lakes, 25 pound fish are common, and anglers are disappointed if they fail to catch at least one

See **CATFISH...** on Page 16

**THE GOSPEL SINGING GROUP, SISTERS**, will be in concert at Woodmont Baptist Church, 2001 Darby Drive, Florence, Sunday, March 29 at 10:15am. Admission is free, but a love offering will be received.

**POND SPRING, THE GENERAL JOE WHEELER HOME** will host the second Miss Annie's Heirloom Plant Sale on Saturday, March 28 from 9am-2pm. Special to the sale are boxwood propagated from the English Dwarf variety the General's daughter, Miss Annie, planted on site nearly 100 years ago. Other plants available for sale will include English ivy, vinca, daffodils, irises, daylilies, spider lilies and more. All will be harvested from the historic gardens. Proceeds from the plant sale will fund future restoration efforts on the fifty-acre site. Pond Spring is located in Lawrence County in Hillsboro, three miles east of Courtland, on Alabama Highway 20 (US Alt. 72). For more information, contact Kara Long at wheelerinfo@hiwaay.net, 256-637-8513.

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**More Consideration**

Editor:

Why do some people stand and talk for a long time at a funeral visitation when there is a long line of people behind them wanting to show their respects? This is very rude. If you want to have a conversation with the family and loved ones, go to their house or call them. Sometimes there are elderly people in line who can't stand for long periods of time.

So, next time you go for visitation, please remember you are not the only ones there.

Nancy Johnson  
Florence

**Deserving No Pedestal**

Editor:

Why are so many people, including

President Obama, putting Michael Brown from Ferguson, MO on a pedestal like he was some kind of an innocent victim and making him look a hero when Brown was the major problem? He was the cause of all of the anguish and pain for his family, friends, supporters, and all of America.

How many Michael Browns are out there in society doing the same type of criminal activity and getting away with it every day?

Paul Sabatino  
Florence

**The World is at War**

To the Editor:

President Obama refuses to refer to ISIL, Al Qaeda, Hamas, Hezbollah, the Quds Force, and others as Islamic terrorists. He tends to mischaracterize the attacks by the radical Islamic

terrorists on Christians, Jews, and other non-Muslims, and he seems hesitant to vigorously take the fight to the terrorists. Why is that?

Our President referred to the attack on a Paris Jewish deli saying that attackers randomly shot a bunch of folks in a deli in Paris. In fact, the victims were sought out, shot, and killed because they were Jews.

See **LETTERS...** on Page 26

**“The world is at war with the scourge of radical Islamic terrorism.”**

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**1**

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**Thursday**

**2**

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**Friday**

**3**

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**Saturday**

**4**

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**Monday**

**6**

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**Monday - Saturday**

**6**

**11**

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**Thursday**

**9**

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**Monday - Wednesday**

**13**

**15**

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**Friday**

**17**

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**Thursday**

**23**

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**Friday**

**24**

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**24**

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**Catfish...**

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blue catfish that weighs more than 50 pounds.

Darrell Van Vactor, CEO of the King Kat tournament series, said Pickwick and Wilson lakes are known around the world as being the home of huge catfish.

Registration is underway for the tournament. Anglers can fish either lake and launch their boat from any ramp. Tournament hours are from 6:30am-3pm. The weigh-in will be at Riverfront Park in Sheffield. The host hotel is Jameson Inn in Sheffield.

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During the month of March, the Lauderdale County District Attorney's office is running a program called "Make It Up In March." This program is for people who either didn't remember to show up in court or haven't paid their fines as they were ordered. During March the District Attorney's Office has an offer to work with these people and probably waive a failure to appear charge and set up a payment program to get these outstanding fines and court costs paid. You can

call the Lauderdale County District Attorney's Office at 256-764-6351 and speak with either Carolyn or Krystal. I have known both of these ladies for many years and I have always been impressed at how hard they work to help people solve their problems and stay out of the court system. They are outstanding.

Some years ago, I helped set up the municipal court in Lexington and served as the judge for four years. I really did not enjoy being a judge. I don't like finding people guilty or putting people in jail, although on occasion it was quite satisfying.

The problem that people have if they forget to show up for court is that the judge really has no choice other than to issue a warrant for their arrest on a charge of "failure to appear." The problem is now two-fold. First, this is a new charge with new court costs and a new fine so it costs more money and it's not cheap. Secondly, and more interestingly, it is a "non-bondable" offense. That means if you are pulled over in Florence and they run a check and there is a failure to appear charge in Decatur, they have to take you to jail where you will wait until Decatur sends someone to pick you. Then you will be put in jail in Decatur where you will not be allowed to make bond because you have already proven that you will not show up for court. They will not let you out until you have seen a judge and made some arrangement to pay the outstanding fine, plus, answer for the new charge of failure to appear.

The solution that I have always offered my clients in that situation is for me to take them to the next available court date where they missed court and often the court will dismiss the failure to appear and accept a suitable arrangement for payment of the fines. If they are pulled over before then or have some contact with a police officer who runs their license, they will be held until the failure to appear charge is resolved.

Anyway, the Lauderdale County District Attorney's Office during the month of March is sincerely trying to help people who may have missed payments or court dates. *Buckle up and drive safely.*

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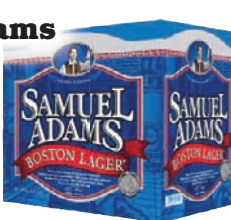
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## The Letter "R" in the R-E-A-L-T-O-R® Acrostic

Over the course of the next few articles, I would like to give you a peek into the world of a REALTOR®. I would like to do this using the word R-E-A-L-T-O-R® as an acrostic. The natural place to begin is with "R." You see, this "R" stands for RELATIONSHIPS.

Since being a REALTOR® is more about people than houses, we can never stress enough the need to fine tune our relationship skills. The measure of professionalism we show to others is best measured using the relationship yardstick.

Think with me about the various associations, connections, bonds, affiliations, contacts, dealings, interactions and links you create or take part in every day. All of these fit neatly in the word Relationship. The lifeblood of our business is in our interaction with others. Every real estate transaction is made up of a series of bridges built from one person to another. The way we build those bridges, or even the way we cross the bridges built by another, can determine whether one is acting as a professional or not. The key to longevity and joy (and I do believe the two can, and should, go together) in this business is found in deciding to be the best bridge builder possible. This does not happen by accident, but takes conscious, concerted effort.

Can I be so bold as to begin this discussion of relationships by first discussing the relationship of REALTOR® to REALTOR®? Friends, we above all others, should be striving to build associations with one another that promote lasting good. We should share the knowledge that we have gained. Each of us, young or old alike, have something worth contributing to the good of all. Older agents have a wealth of experience gleaned from successes and failures that should be shared. Young agents are amazing in their grasp of new technologies and concepts. Sounds to me like the perfect scenario for some trading of old for new and vice versa. An adversarial attitude between agents is of no benefit to us or to our clients. Each of us can think of an agent that we love to work with. Think about the qualities that make that experience a pleasurable one. The other side of that coin is... Each of us can think of an agent we would hope to never again have to deal

with. What makes these two so different? Look closely at the bridges these two agents build and you will find your answer.

The Relationship of REALTOR® to CLIENT is also a powerful bond. Considering today's economic climate, our clients need more from us than ever before. Gone are the days when merely pointing to a contract and telling someone to "sign here" is sufficient. Many sellers are facing dire circumstances at the closing table and need guidance, council, and a listening ear. Likewise, many buyers are facing troubles with the

lending process and the myriad of obstacles on the buyer horizon. Our most difficult task(s) is after we have a signed contract from seller and buyer, as we navigate the perilous path on our journey to the closing table.

My friend and fellow Leadership AAR 2011 classmate James Harwell put it this way in a recent REALTOR®, The Professional Facebook post, "Remember, our clients look to us for guidance, advice and solutions to their problems. We may be deceived in thinking these "problems" are only related to real estate. We often find ourselves in situations where we may be the only vent for someone, or we may be the only counsel for someone in need, or we may be the only friend someone has in a difficult time. Bet you didn't count on that when you took your Real Estate exam, did you?"

*(Let's continue this discussion soon)*



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programs, their assets, and future commitments to sustainability. The goal of the program is to document a community's assets and increase the likelihood that they will be viewed as progressive and competitive by companies looking to invest in new or expanded locations.

"The gold level designation recognizes that a community has community-wide sustainability initiatives in place," said Del Boyette, President CEO of Boyette Strategic Advisors. They have programs available to support the existing business community and promote economic development.

"This takes Florence's economic development marketing efforts to prospective and existing sustainably-focused companies to a whole new level," said Shoals Economic Development Authority (SEDA) President Forrest Wright.

Sustainability has become a key issue for economic development organizations and communities as more corporations have demonstrated an increasing commitment. More than 90% of corporate real estate executives who responded to a CoreNet Global survey on sustainability said that it is a consideration in their company location decisions.

Thirteen communities were recognized as Valley Sustainable Communities in 2013. An additional twelve communities are seeking recognition this year.

Florence has already made a significant commitment to sustainability," said Mayor Mickey Haddock. "This Valley Sustainable Gold Community designation provides us with the opportunity to document, further develop, and be recognized for our ongoing sustainable initiatives, and attract new investment and jobs."

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Gary with nurse Kathy and his granddaughters Claire and Libby Bradford. Joe Songer [jsonger@al.com](mailto:jsonger@al.com)

**40 Years...**

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Gary had the heart surgery at UAB Hospital in 1973 after the state took him and his six siblings from their alcoholic, abusive father, and put them in foster homes. Doctors discovered that a hole in Gary's heart that was supposed to have healed had not. He was ten years old at the time.

"She was so sweet to me at a time in my life when I really needed someone to show me that there were good people out there that cared and wanted to help," Gary told AL.com.

Kathy said she was in her early twenties at the time. She was six months from graduating, working part time as a nurse's aide to put herself through school.

She made a huge impact on Gary in his recovery, but she says she absolutely had no idea at the time.

"I wish I would have known," she said. "I wish that I would have known more. I wish I could have done more."

"She went way beyond the duty of a nurse with her smile," Gary said. "I looked forward to it every day. Like I said before, I cried when they took me off her floor. I tried to go back down to her floor to see her, but they wouldn't let me."

"The fact that anybody would go to the depths that he did to try to locate

me, to thank me, it was just incredible," Kathy said. "I just can't imagine."

Kathy is still a nurse and works in the cardiac unit at East Alabama Medical Center in Opelika. She feels Gary was giving her too much credit. Nursing, she said, is "a lot of compassion."

"It's a lot of medicine, but it's a lot of compassion," she said. "If you don't have that part of it, then I think something has to be missing."

Kathy found out Gary was looking to tell her thank you when a story about Gary's search for his nurse went up on AL.com on Thursday. He had only a possible first name, date, location, and the photo, but that was enough. Kathy's college roommate, Gwen Harlan, saw the photo and alerted Kathy. Kathy's daughters helped organize the March 15 reunion.

Had it not been for them, Kathy might have never known, especially since she gave up Facebook for Lent.

She was stunned to find out that the story of Gary's search had become very popular on Facebook and on AL.com. "I had no clue," she said.

"We're both very excited that it has touched so many people," said Gary, who now runs a turtle farm in Killen, and bills himself as the Alabama Turtle Farmer.

"That really is the amazing thing," Kathy said. "I read some of the comments - that this story has brought tears to people's eyes - and I that blew me away. I totally



Kathy meets Gary's wife Gwen and his granddaughter, Rose Bradford. Joe Songer [jsonger@al.com](mailto:jsonger@al.com)

feel that it's not warranted. I don't feel that I did anything special. We never really know the potential that we have to make some kind of special impact," she said.

Asked what they hoped readers would glean from the story of their reunion, Kathy said: "Kindness is probably one of the best things that we can freely

give away. It doesn't cost us anything."

"I want everybody to know that this sweet lady is the kind of person who built this great country," Gary said. "Somebody who goes beyond the call of duty to befriend, to smile, to help someone who has nothing to return."

"Thank you so much," he told Kathy.

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## Letters...

### The World is at War

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In response to the beheading of the twenty-one Coptic Christians, the White House said they were Egyptian citizens. They then stated ISIL attacks are unconstrained by faith, sect or ethnicity. This rhetoric seems to be designed to downplay the seriousness of Islamic terrorist attacks and avoid offending Muslims.

The Obama administration talks about creating economic opportunities and jobs in the Islamic world as a cure for Islamic extremism. How can this work when radical Islamic ideology states Islam is the only true religion and non-Muslims have to convert, or pay tribute, or be killed?

The world is at war with the scourge of radical Islamic terrorism.

**Donald A. Moskowitz**  
Londonderry, NH

### Islamics Should Control ISIS

Dear Editor,

Due to the advancing threat and notoriety of ISIS, it seems that the public attitude towards the Islamic religion is beginning to wane. The majority of Americans have typically been supportive of the rights of Muslims in this part of our world, but the terrible news that comes frequently from the Middle East can only be disconcerting.

Much of the world thinks that the United States should step forward and stop these barbaric actions of ISIS. That responsibility should rest on the shoulders of the peaceful Muslims. They are harmed



in many ways by ISIS and they alone have the political and social power to influence their counterparts.

If the Islamic religion is truly peaceful, as I believe it is, then they should work to control the actions of ISIS and those who will follow it when it is gone.

**Terry Akin**  
Shepherdsville, KY

### Making YOUR Views Heard

Dear Sir:

Democrats are in a warp over a letter authored by Sen. Tom Cotton (R) AR in which he outlined the legal powers of the President of the United States and the fragile nature of any agreement which is not validated by the Congress. The Democrats are screaming that Congressional involvement represents a violation of separation of powers, but they have been very quiet when Hussein has committed numerous offenses.

I do not know what Sen. Cotton's motives are, but there are two likely outcomes.

1. A likely bad deal will be shut down and Hussein will start to realize that implementing his ideas requires a consensus.

2. The assertion of Congressional power is a long overdue but very important part of defense of our Republic.

Both Alabama Senators signed the letter along with forty-five others. Thank you!! If you wish to make your views heard, there is a toll free # 1-866-220-0044 Capital switchboard. Simply give the operator the name of the required person.

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The American Academy of Pediatrics and their Healthy Children Organization warns that more than 7,000 children visit hospital emergency rooms every year for problems related to medication errors. Children are not the only ones in danger. Adults can make mistakes with their medications as well. For example, seniors who may be managing several different types of medications can inadvertently cause dangerous drug interactions by mixing the wrong pills.

Pharmacists work diligently to help prevent medication errors. However, the general public can also do their part. The American Society of Health-System Pharmacists and the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy offer these medication safety tips.



When a new medication is prescribed, ask the doctor to explain more about it, including its intended purpose and any common side effects to be expected.

Make sure your doctor knows about all the medications you are taking, including non-prescription products, herbal remedies, dietary supplements, and vitamins. Some medications do not mix with seemingly innocent ingredients. Keep a running list of any medicines you take so you can easily and accurately share this information with your physician.

Question anything that you do not understand. Check the prescription for dosing information. For refills, make sure the refill information conforms to the original prescription strength.

Fill all prescriptions at the same pharmacy and develop a rapport with the pharmacist so that potential drug interactions will be flagged. Pharmacists are well versed in medications and may be able to inform you as to the safety or risk involved in taking an over-the-counter product at the same time that you are on a prescription.

## Medication Safety Tips for Children and Adults

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- Many pills look the same. If you are confused and taking multiple medications, keep medications in the original packaging and double-check the labels before taking any medications.

- Use the right dosing tools. A spoon from the kitchen is not accurate for measuring out a teaspoon of medication.

- If you take multiple medications, use a pillbox to keep pills organized. The box makes it easier to manage medications and serves as a reminder if you have or have not taken a medication on a given day.

- Store medications as instructed on the label. The bathroom medicine cabinet may not be an ideal place to store medications, as bathrooms get damp, and that can compromise

the integrity of the pills. Also, bathroom cabinets are readily accessible by all, including kids. It's better to store drugs out of sight and reach of children. Keep dangerous medications locked away.

- Routinely discard expired or unneeded medications. Medicine take-back programs for disposal are a good way to remove medicines from the home and reduce the chance that others may accidentally take the medicine.
- Consult with a doctor before beginning or ending medication.

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COMMENTARY

Victory...

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voters in Israel are wiser than those here.

There is also evidence that the State Department gave significant funding to OneVoice, an organization that backed an anti-Netanyahu organization called Victory 15.

Most of us don't like when outside interests try to influence votes in this country. Therefore, we shouldn't be trying to influence votes in other countries that still have their heads screwed on straight, either.

The alphabet news channels ripped Netanyahu for at least two consecutive nights, claiming his "hard-line rhetoric" and "a hard right turn" returned him to office but "at a price." They used the terms "polarizing," and "racism." At least one network brought on a Palestinian Authority spokesperson to discuss the election, but no

Israeli official.

Of course, they didn't mention the state department's heavy involvement with Herzog's campaign or former Obama campaign director, Jeremy Bird, who went to Israel to help Herzog.

This election eve quote by Herzog may sound familiar. "This election is about hope and change... Whoever wants hope, change and really a better future for Israel, vote for the Zionist Union under my leadership."

The irony of two Obama-injected elements backfiring cannot be ignored. Obama's insistence on trying to influence the vote, to which Netanyahu referred in the days leading up to the election, did not sit well with voters. Obama's proposed nuclear deal with Iran also was not popular. Netanyahu sees it as highly dangerous and was the deal's biggest critic. He lives next door and has to live with the ramifications to a far greater extent than Obama and the U.S. Thankfully, Israeli voters also seem to understand that.

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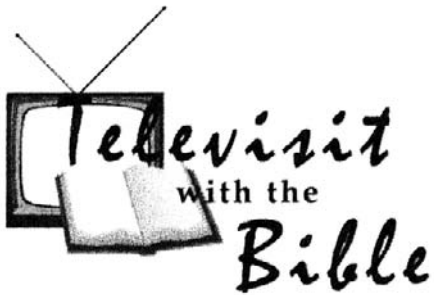
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**NAMI Shoals** will be meeting for its monthly Educational Meeting on Tuesday, March 24 at 7pm at the NAMI Shoals office, 749 Thompson St., Suite A, Florence.

The speaker will be Rusty Stephens, Pharmaceutical Representative. The topic will be Adasuve is an inhalation powder used in the ER to calm agitated psychiatric patients. The public is invited.

**Zip City Community Center Game Night** - March 26 at 6pm. Bring your games and snacks and join in the fellowship and fun.

**Osborn Hill Cemetery** will meet on Thursday, March 26 at the Littleville Town Hall at 6pm to elect officers for coming year. Donations are needed to help maintain the perpetual care now and in the future. Please make check payable to the Osborn Hill Cemetery Fund and mail to Eloise Cook 2805 Coburn Mt. Road Tuscumbia or to the Valley State Bank in Littleville. We encourage everyone to come.

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**Breakfast at the Lexington Senior Center** March 28, 6:30-9am. Eggs, bacon, sausage, grits, gravy, chocolate gravy, jellies and hot biscuits.

**Glow in the Dark Egg Hunt** at Edgemont UMC, 1330 Eauclaire Ave., Florence on March 28 at 5:30pm.

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Wednesday, March 25, 12-7pm, Wal-Mart, 1706 Military St. S, Hamilton

Thursday, March 26, 7am-5pm, Shoals Hospital, 201 W Avalon Ave, Muscle Shoals

Friday, March 27, 3-7pm, Lowe's, 130 Cox Creek Pkwy, Florence

Friday, March 27, 10am-2pm, Tennessee River Urgent Care, 218 E 5th St. Suite 2, Tuscumbia

Saturday, March 28, 10am-4pm, H&R Block, 233 Avalon Ave, Muscle Shoals

Sunday, March 29, 12-6pm, Lowe's, 3415 Woodward Ave, Muscle Shoals

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**The Sisters (formerly The Ruffles)** will be in concert at CrossRoads Baptist Church, Elgin, on Sunday, March 29 at 6pm. There is no admission charged but a love offering will be received. The doors will open at 5pm. Everyone is welcomed.

**The Keller Wellcare Center** will present a Wellness Run and Community Family Health Fair on Saturday, April 4. The whole family is invited to this event, which is sponsored by Helen Keller Hospital, Keller Wellcare Center, Keller Sportsmedicine, and Kohl's Cares. All activities will take place at the Keller Wellcare Center on the campus of Helen Keller Hospital in Sheffield.

The Wellness Run will feature a 4 mile run and a 1 mile fun run. The 4 mile begins at 8 a.m. and the 1 mile will follow at 9:15 a.m. The cost for the 4 mile is \$15 and the 1 mile is \$10. The cost for both runs is \$20. Proceeds benefit the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. Applications can be found at helenkeller.com or by calling the Wellcare Center at 256-386-4747.

**Clothes Give Away** - Thursday, April 2 from 8-10am at the Care Center, First Baptist Church, Killen.

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