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## And America Sings! July 18

FLORENCE—Florence Camerata's summer concert, *America Sings!*, will be presented at 7pm Tuesday, July 18 at First Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Florence at the corner of Darby Drive and Cloyd Blvd.

This concert will feature many genres of music including ballads, spirituals, pop, hymns, patriotic, show tunes by American composers. It will be a great preview for the next week's music festival.

Camerata is a volunteer community chorus which has been entertaining audiences in the Shoals area for over 15 years. Admission is free, but donations are gratefully accepted. Florence Camerata is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

## Mom Prom: 18 & Above

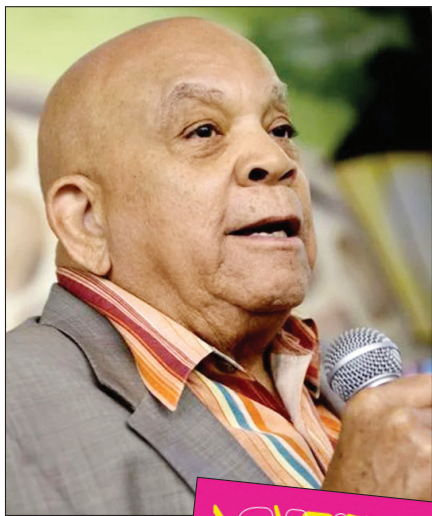
FLORENCE—Shoals Mom Prom takes place on Friday, July 21 at Singin' River Live 526 E. College Street in Florence. This registered Mom Prom event gets under way at 7pm and is hosted by Safer Birth in Bama and presented by Medical Associates of the Shoals.

Mom Prom is for all ladies ages 18 and up. It is a great excuse to dress up formal, fancy, tacky, classy, or themed. This year's Mom Prom has a 70's DISCO theme. Dressing up is not required, but who can resist?!

Food, drinks, dancing, and a silent auction will take place, and this year's Prom Queen

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## A Design Original



### Co-Founder Ruff Part of Handy '23 Theme

FLORENCE – The Music Preservation Society, Inc. Board of Directors recently announced that a design by Sheffield resident, Garrett Rittenberry, is the winner of this year's W.C. Handy Music Festival design competition.

Educator and musician, Dr. Willie Ruff, a man widely considered as the co-founder of the W.C. Handy Music Festival, is a focus in the artwork this year.

The artwork will be featured on festival T-shirts, posters, programs, and other memorabilia.

The design incorporates a slightly psychedelic early 70's feel in bright colors and features a silhouette of Ruff.

A press release for the announcement said Ruff, a Sheffield native, and Dr. David Mussleman of Florence, came up with the notion that there should be a music festival honoring the memory and the legacy of William Christopher Handy, while conversing at the airport in Muscle Shoals.

A likeness of Willie Ruff, above, is incorporated into this year's W. C. Handy Music Festival design

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## Elks Active in the Shoals Community

SHOALS—The mission of the Elks National Foundation is to help youths develop lifelong skills, send students to college, meet the needs of today's veterans, support the charitable work of the state Elks associations, and fund projects that improve the quality of life in local



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Lodge 2860 Exalted Ruler, Jackie Streit, left, receives a Certificate of Appreciation from Elks State ENF Chair, Patrick James.

Courtesy photo

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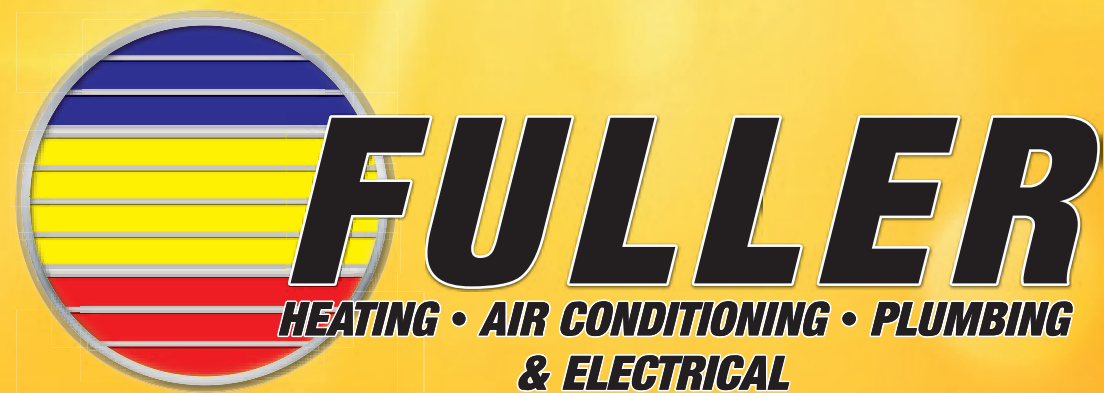
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# Shorts...

## Mom Prom: 18 & Above

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will win a one-night stay at the Marriott Shoals, \$100 gift card to Spa at the Shoals on location at the Marriott, and breakfast at Swampers Bar & Grille.

All proceeds from this event will benefit Safer Birth in Bama's Education and Advocacy Initiatives. Safer Birth in Bama is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit dedicated to increasing access to care and improving childbirth outcomes.

For more information and to purchase tickets visit: [www.shoalsmomprom.com](http://www.shoalsmomprom.com) and [www.saferbirthinbama.org](http://www.saferbirthinbama.org).

## Preparedness Workshop

SHOALS-Shoals Elks Lodge in Sheffield will host a Community

## NEED HELP?

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*Your link to community resources*

Emergency Preparedness event on Monday, July 24 at 6pm. This is the first of several monthly community awareness events that the lodge will host. A question and answer session will follow and finger foods will be served. The lodge is located at 408 N. Nashville Ave. Everyone is invited!

**Mike Smallwood-CERT** (Community Emergency Response Team) Instructor for Colbert County CERT program will speak about the CERT program and the free course on emergency preparedness that is offered in Colbert County. The CERT basic course covers topics such as: basic disaster preparedness, spontaneous volunteer management, basic medical, fire safety, light search and rescue, as well as other topics. CERT members are not first responders, but they can assist with disaster situations to free up first responders needed for handling more immediate issues.

**Michael Smith**-Colbert County EMA director will speak about weather preparedness: what is needed to be prepared, how to stay aware of impending weather issues.

**Carla Allen**-Colbert County Homeland Security and RSVP Director- will speak about our RSVP program (Retired Senior Volunteer Program), the ways that they serve in our community and how to become a partner or member. RSVP members fill many roles in the community such as delivering meals, driving people to doctor visits, delivering groceries, helping with domestic violence programs, backpack programs, disaster preparedness education, and more.

Professor, Coordinator of Ceramics and Sculpture, **Aaron Benson**. This three-day class takes place August 4-6 and is designed as an introduction



to the pottery wheel. Benson will walk participants through the entire process of making wheel thrown vessels, learning the unique steps in the throwing process and create one of a kind thrown pieces. Learn to design, create, and decorate your own ceramic wheel thrown forms.

### Workshop Schedule:

- Friday, August 4 9am-3 pm (with 1 hour lunch break)
- Saturday, August 5 9 am-3 pm (with 1 hour lunch break)
- Sunday, August 6 Noon-3 pm

Workshop cost: \$195 (cash or check only; fee includes materials)

To Register: Sign up in person at the Kennedy-Douglass Center for the Arts, 217 E. Tuscaloosa St., Florence, AL. 35630. For more information, call 256-760-6379. Registration is limited, so sign up soon!

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paid ad by calling 256-764-4268. That way it will be in at least one area of the paper. When your community note is published, your event will have coverage in two different locations.

**LifeSouth Mobile Blood Drive Dates**

**Sunday, July 16** Dick's Sporting Goods/Field & Stream, Florence, 10am - 4pm

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**Jacksonburg Church of Christ,** 414 Lauderdale 28, Florence, will have Vacation Bible School Monday-Thursday, July 10-13 from 6:30-8:30pm each night. There will be classes for all ages, with Mike Tays teaching teens and adults. Theme: "Roadtrip!" Jesus Is Our Way to Heaven. Everyone is welcome.

**W.C. Handy Songwriter Showcase**

The event will be July 23 at Woodmont Baptist Church, 2002 Darby Drive, Florence. Featuring Jim "Moose" Brown, Anthony Smith, Lisa Silver and Tommy Conners. There will be a silent auction at 6 p.m. Show begins at 7 p.m. Free admission.

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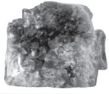
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**The 26th Annual "Saddle Up for St. Jude"** Trail Ride takes place July 14 - 16 at Gardiner Farm in Tuscumbia. Horseback trail riding, auctions, wagon rides, roping demonstrations, headliner concerts, and much more mark this two-day charitable event. This horse-related event benefits St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital and is the largest in the Southeast. This is a Southeast Tourism Society Top 20 event and takes place annually on the 3rd Weekend in July. Visit [www.saddleup4kids.org](http://www.saddleup4kids.org)

**The Florence Kiwanis Club will host its "Annual Night of Giving"** Dinner at 6pm Thursday, July 13 at the Shoals Marriott Conference Center.

The evening is an opportunity for the area to join Florence Kiwanis in celebrating the efforts of numerous organizations in the Shoals community by presenting each with a generous donation. The event is open to the public. Tickets are only \$35/ person and allow the holder to attend the evening - enjoying music, a fabulous meal, and celebrating these worthy organizations with the Kiwanis Club.

Tickets can be purchased through Friday, July 7 from any Florence Kiwanis member, by calling 256-712-2887, or contacting Jan Scofield at [scofieldja@gmail.com](mailto:scofieldja@gmail.com).

**Florence Camerata's summer concert, America Sings!**, will be presented at 7pm Tuesday, July 18 at First Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Florence at the corner of Darby Drive and Cloyd Blvd.

This concert will help to kick off Handy Week featuring many genres of music....ballads, spirituals, pop, hymns, patriotic, show tunes....all by American composers!

Camerata is a volunteer community chorus which has been entertaining audiences in the Shoals area for over 15 years. Admission is free, but donations are gratefully accepted. Florence Camerata is a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit organization.

**VBS at Brookhill church of Christ in Killen July 20-22**

"Mining for Gems from God's Word" Thursday - Without Faith, It is Impossible to Please God - Colby Junkin-7pm

Friday - As for Me and for My House We will Serve the Lord - Kenny Moorers-7pm

Saturday - I did not Come to be Served but to Serve-Wiley Deason - 10am

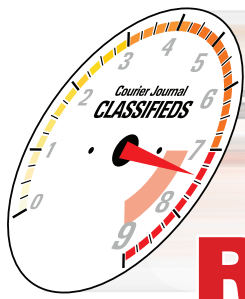
Classes: Nursery, K- 3rd grades, 4th-7th grades, Auditorium class for adult/college/ teens. Highway 72 across from Brooks High School

**Alcoholics Anonymous - Shoals Area AA** (Lauderdale, Colbert, Franklin and Lawrence counties) has an up-to-date meeting schedule as well as local AA events on their website: [www.shoalsaa.org](http://www.shoalsaa.org) and a 24-hour hotline: 256-415-7719. To find AA meetings worldwide, get the AA Meeting Guide app: <https://www.aa.org/meeting-guide-app>

**Summer swim lessons - The Sheffield Parks and Recreation Department** is taking registration for summer swim lessons. The lessons will be given in June and July. Register now, classes are limited. Visit the recreation center or call 256-386-5615.

**Singing River Square dance beginners class** dance each Monday 5:30-7pm followed by the Singing River Square Dance Club hosting dance and Plus workshop from 7-8:30pm at The Club/Florence Parks and Recreation, 450 Country Club Drive in Florence. The National Square Dance Convention will be in Mobile, AL this June. That's great for square dancers in the state. Over 15,000 dancers are registered! 256-760-6642.

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communities. To assist in funding its many projects, local lodge members are asked to make annual donations, and conduct other fundraising activities. The annual Elks National Foundation per capita requested goal is \$4.80. The Shoals Lodge was recognized recently at the Alabama Elks Association Annual Convention for exceeding that goal with \$12.93 per capita, further indicating that Elks Care and Elks Share.

Shoals Elks were recently involved in other community areas as well.

The Caring Place was recently awarded a donation of \$2,000 by Shoals Elks Lodge 2860. The Caring Place is well-known for its efforts to address pressing community needs. Shoals Elks Lodge 2860 is happy to assist in these efforts.

Shoals Elks Lodge 2860 celebrated Flag Day (June 14) on Sunday, June 11. The purpose of the service was to honor our country's flag, celebrate its history, and to recall the achievements attained beneath its folds. The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks (BPOE) is the only fraternal organization to require a formal observation of Flag Day. It is quite appropriate that such a service should be held by the Order of Elks, an organization that

is distinctively patriotic and without counterpart.

Several Shoals Elks Lodge members attended the recent Alabama Elks Convention in Decatur. During the convention, elks from the state's 22 elks lodges met to install officers for the coming year, conduct business meetings of the organization, hear reports from the various committees, and recognize individual lodges and members for outstanding performance during the past year. Highlights of the event include the Elks National Student Scholarship awards and a solemn Memorial Service to remember those elk members lost during the past year. Alabama's State Sponsor, Mike Smith, his spouse, and dignitaries from neighboring states also attended the convention.

Lodge 2860 members attending this year's convention included Jim Murphy, Jackie Streit, Mary Morgan, Dr. Jean Love, and Dan Barger.

In addition, Barger, the Shoals Elks Lodge Secretary, was elected as Director at Large to the Alabama Elks Association (AEA) Trust Board at the recent Alabama Elks Association Annual Convention held recently in Decatur. The AEA Trust is a perpetual trust for charitable purposes.



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**I'VE BEEN KEEPING A SECRET FROM BOTH MY READERS:** I retired last March. Yep, I sold my business to one of our technicians, Martin Dean, and now work full-time carrying my wife's luggage when she travels. Writing is good for the soul, you know, so I'd like to continue writing this article for a while if you guys will have me. Anyway, I simply don't need all the "unlimited everything" I was paying for premium cell service. You probably don't, either. So, I wrote an article a few weeks ago detailing my plunge into cheaper waters by switching to Consumer



Jim Fisher

# SECRETS AND GOOGLE FI

by "The Computer Skeptic"

Cellular. I'd like to share with you why I changed to them, then why I switched again to Google Fi.

A quick summary from the last article is that cellular service is dominated by "the Big Three" carriers: Verizon, AT&T, and T-Mobile. These companies lease some of their excess bandwidth to smaller companies who then resell "cheap" cell service. Companies like Mint Mobile, Consumer Cellular, Xfinity, and Walmart's "Family Talk" are called mobile virtual network operators, or MVNOs.

I had been paying \$65 per month for cell service from T-Mobile. I was satisfied with them for years but can no longer justify the monthly cost for the number of phone calls I make and the amount of data I use. A friend recommended I take a look at Consumer Cellular. I decided on their \$25 per month plan and pondered how I was going to spend the \$480 per year savings. Well, that relationship didn't last long. Shortly after switching to Consumer Cellular (which uses AT&T towers), I traveled to Birmingham for a couple

of days where I experienced far too many "no signal" and slow download speeds. I may be retired but I still don't have all day to wait on a phone to do what I say! So I decided to try Google Fi.

I think this relationship is going to work out nicely. Google Fi works much like the other MVNOs in they use T-Mobile towers exclusively and T-Mobile's coverage map is superior to AT&T and Verizon. One important difference is that Google Fi is not subject to "deprioritization" (slowing down in crowded areas) like the other cheap providers. I signed up for the "Flexible" plan where I only pay for what I need. According to my usage history with T-Mobile, I almost always use 1 or 2GB per month. The \$20/mo Flexible plan includes 1 GB

of data, unlimited calls, and texts, and if I use more than 1 GB, I simply pay an extra \$10 per GB. If I use over 6GB somehow, any additional data over that is free. So, I'll probably generally pay \$40 per month for excellent wireless service but no more than \$60 if I use lots of data.

I've been with the service for a couple of weeks and so far so good.. I'll be traveling much more so I'll keep this saga updated as necessary.

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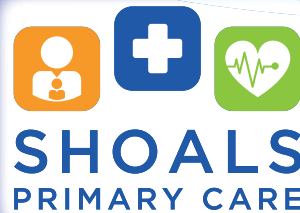
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Commentary

# Under the Cover of the Cocaine

**A**fter the white powdery substance in the small, zipped plastic bag reportedly found in the West Wing of the White House on July 2 was deemed to be a misplaced stash of “cocaine hydrochloride” and “non-hazardous,” the hazmat team began clearing out and the barricades were removed from roadways around the White House.

Then the comedy ensued. Initial dispatch calls to D.C. Fire and EMS Services indicated that the find was in the library. However, a member of the Secret Service said the dispatch call was incorrect, and that it was found “in an area of the West Wing.”

The television media that covered it was quick to remind viewers that the West Wing is a place routinely frequented by staff and guests. CBS News described the location as a common area storage facility cubby. This was to imply that the coke easily could have been left by a visitor/tourist since tours are conducted

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**In A Few Words**



**TOM MAGAZZU**  
Editor

# Courier Journal

# THIS WEEK

in the *Shoals*

July 12, 2023

**Happening THIS WEEK**



**DRAGGING CANOE**

## Learning About a War Chief

**FLORENCE**—The Florence Indian Mound Museum Young Learners series continues Saturday, July 15 at 10am with a program and activity about Cherokee chief Dragging Canoe. Dragging Canoe was a Cherokee war chief who

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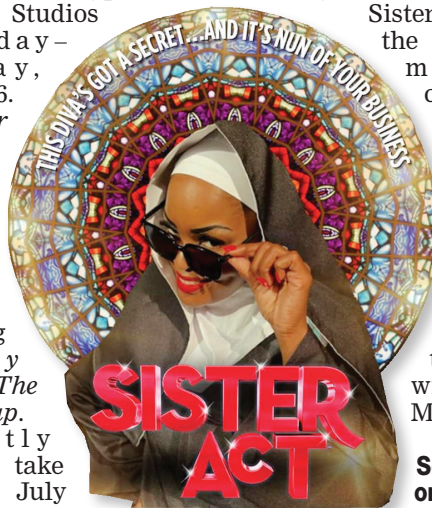
**THE 26TH ANNUAL “SADDLE UP FOR ST. JUDE” TRAIL RIDE** takes place July 14–16 at Gardiner Farm in Tusculumbia. The weekend includes horseback trail riding, auctions, wagon rides, roping demonstrations, headliner concerts, and much more. It all benefits St. Jude’s Children’s Research Hospital and is the largest event of its kind in the Southeast. This is a Southeast Tourism Society Top 20 event and takes place annually on the third weekend in July. Visit [www.saddleup4kids.org](http://www.saddleup4kids.org) for more information: 256-383-0377 or 256-383-0783.

**JACKSONBURG CHURCH OF CHRIST**, 414 Lauderdale 28 in Florence, will have Vacation Bible School Monday-Thursday, July 10-13 from 6:30-8:30pm each night. There will be classes for all ages, with Mike Tays teaching teens and adults. Theme: “Roadtrip!” Jesus Is Our Way to Heaven. Everyone is welcome.

## Full Moon Players Celebrate with Sister Act

**SHEFFIELD**— Full Moon 13-15 at 7:30. Matinee performances take place musical at Cypress Moon Studios July 15 and 16 at 2pm. **Thursday – Sister Act is the feel-good Sunday, musical comedy July 13-16. Sister Act is a smash hit film, based on the 1992 hit film, featuring original music by Tony and eight-time Oscar winner, Alan Menken**

**Sister Act** is Cypress Moon’s third play of the year, following *Misery* and *The Mousetrap*. Nightly shows take place July



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### Pic is Disrespectful

Dear Editor,

The July 5th edition of the *Courier Journal* includes a Helping Hands advertisement on page 4 with a sexually suggestive photo of a woman’s buttocks and legs. In this culture saturated with pornography. This photo objectifies women.

I personally find it disrespectful and unprofessional. I have contacted the business and am doing the same with you.

There can be tasteful boundaries and better judgement for advertisements. However, if this advertiser continues to use these objectifying photographs in your paper, I will promptly trash future

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editions and spread the word that accepting this behavior is also promoting it.

**Shanan Cox Killen**

### A Goal to See Jesus

Editor:

I read the July 5 Courier Journal commentary entitled, “Looking Down from Heaven?” Is this true?

May those in Heaven watch our behavior here on earth?

In reaching my decision on this subject, I went to my Bible, the color-coded Rainbow Study Bible, and to the Moody Bible Commentary.

A review was made of the Bible verses contained in the commentary and additional comments are not required.

I also reviewed Hebrews 12:1. This verse states, “Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off

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## Design...

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Ruff is a Sheffield native who became a professor of music at Yale University before retiring back in the Shoals.

"I learned about Dr. Willie Ruff from my 92-year-old friend, Betty Dyar," Rittenberry said. "She grew up with him in Sheffield when they were young. That's where my idea came from."

This is the second Handy Competition win for Rittenberry (2021), a professional artist who designed graphics for nationally known singers at a major music industry record label. Previously based in Nashville, and now residing in the Shoals, Rittenberry and his wife decided to move to the area after watching the "Muscle Shoals" documentary which will be shown on Wednesday of the festival at the Shoals Theater.

This year's 42nd W.C. Handy Festival design will be featured on the 2023 t-shirts in purple for public sale, white for Handy hosts, black for sponsors, and yellow for participants in the DaDooRunRun 5K taking place in Leighton. The design will also be placed on posters, brochures, and other marketing materials. A limited number of the posters will be autographed by the artist. They will be available during the festival along with unsigned posters at Handy Headquarters located in the Southall-

Moore House, 215 East Tuscaloosa Street, across from Wilson Park in Florence. Posters and other concession items will soon be available for purchase.

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**Sweetwater Avenue in Florence from Patton Street to Florence Blvd** will be closed beginning Monday, June 26 for road repairs and will remain closed for up to two weeks. Thank you for your patience. For questions, call 256-760-6460.

**A Community Emergency Preparedness event** on Monday, July 24, 6pm at Shoals Elks Lodge, 408 N. Nashville Ave. in Sheffield is hosting. This is the first of several monthly community awareness events that the lodge will host. A question and answer session will follow and finger foods will be served. Everyone is invited!

Mike Smallwood - CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) Instructor for Colbert County CERT program- will speak about the CERT program and the free course on emergency preparedness that is offered in Colbert County. The CERT basic course covers topics such as: basic disaster preparedness, spontaneous volunteer management, basic medical, fire safety, light search and rescue, as well as other topics. CERT members are not first responders, but they can assist with disaster situations to free up first responders needed for handling more immediate issues.

Michael Smith - Colbert County EMA director will speak about weather preparedness: what is needed to be prepared, how to stay aware of impending weather issues.

Carla Allen - Colbert County Homeland Security and RSVP Director- will speak about our RSVP program (Retired Senior Volunteer Program), the ways that they serve in our community and how to become a partner or member. RSVP members fill many roles in the community such as delivering meals, driving people to doctor visits, delivering groceries, helping with domestic violence programs, backpack programs, disaster preparedness education, and more.

**The Killen Farmer's Market** at Killen Park on Lock 6 Road is open every Saturday for the spring and summer season where you can purchase fresh produce, meats, flowers and more. Hours are 8am-noon. The Killen Farmers Market is an affiliate of Sweet Grown Alabama.

**Social Dance on Tuesday Nights, 6:30-8:45, at The Club (Florence Senior Center)**, 450 Country Club Drive in Florence. Music from across the decades provided by The Browns. The Club is an alcohol, drug, smoke, and weapon-free facility. 256-760-6420.

**Joints in Motion, chair exercise class, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday at The Club (Florence Senior Center)**, 9:30am. No charge.

**BINGO Wednesdays 10:15am until our 11:30am lunch (w/ \$1 lunch donation)!** If you are 60+ you can join us for lunch and games. 256-760-6420.

**The Florence Farmers Market** (corner of Chisholm and Fairground

Roads) will open on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays in June, July, August and September and Saturdays in October. Hours of operation are 6am-1pm each day.

There will be 35 sellers (by June) of fresh fruit and vegetables, meats, baked goods, eggs, local honey, flowers and plants, and firewood.

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# Canoe...

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led a group of Cherokee to separate from the greater body by removing to Chickamauga Creek in 1776. Known as the Chickamauga Cherokee, this group resisted American encroachment on their lands. Later in his life, Dragging Canoe worked as a diplomat, securing alliances and preserving Cherokee culture.

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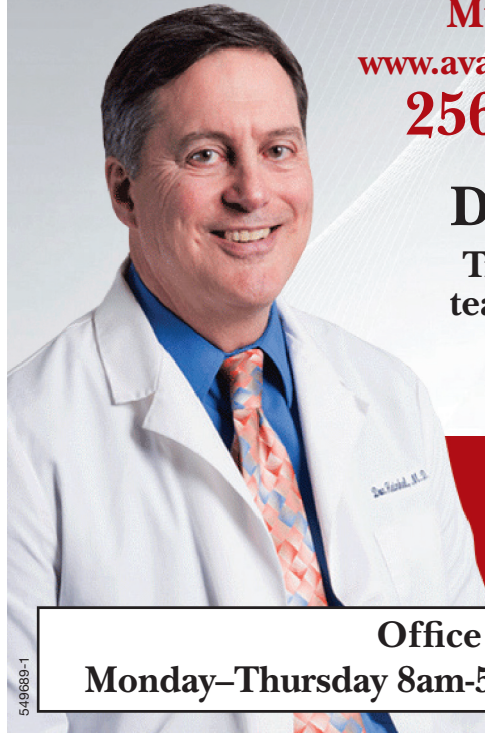
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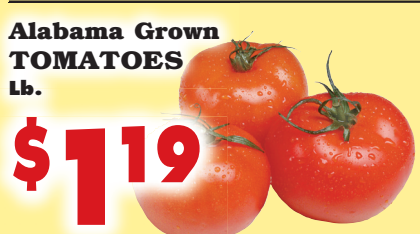
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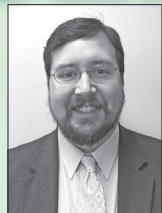
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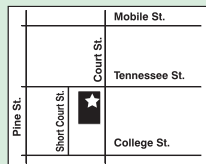
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**What to do if you witness a crash in a parking lot**

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## Commentary

# Under the Cover...

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often through the White House.

The only people who could have gotten contraband of any kind that far into the building would be direct family and "most trusted" friends, and we use that term guardedly. Everyone one else goes through a thorough and even invasive search before being allowed to enter.

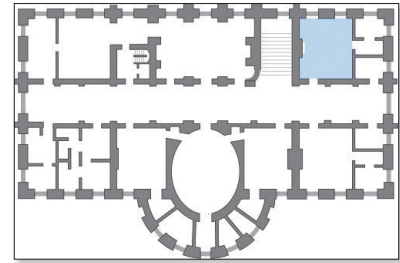
The building is 'swept' almost continuously for hazards, so the bag wasn't sitting there for any extended period.

As one would imagine, most areas in the White House are secured under 24/7 video surveillance, including the library OR any visitor areas in the West Wing.

That's why the media comments days later leaning toward the fact we may never know by whom and how it got there deserve as much skepticism as anything to ever come out of this administration.

We can be certain that within minutes of confirming the white powdery substance was cocaine and there was no danger to anyone evacuated or on premises, the Secret Service saw exactly who left the coke in the room and when. How can they massage that into a palatable result that doesn't embarrass administration?

The days long charade shrouded in mystery is



White House ground floor plan with the initially cited library location highlighted.

administration must be convinced that everyone out here is a gullible schmuck, and not just a small percentage who will overlook ANYTHING from this group.

What would be happening in media circles had cocaine been discovered in the Trump White House?

another example of the deception that is forced to the public by the Biden spin-doctors and their media cohorts. This

It's added validation that we have so much more wrong with this country and this administration than we can even imagine.



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# Soap Opera Preview

Editor's Note: The  
summary for "The Young  
and the Restless" was not  
available at press time.

**DAYS OF OUR  
LIVES** Chloe and  
Xander's lovemaking  
was interrupted. Brady  
learned that his daughter  
had gone missing. Alex  
moved out of the Kiriakis  
mansion. Chad and  
Stephanie found a new  
home. Marlena put Harris  
under hypnosis. Wendy  
laced into Li. Melinda  
realized Shawn had been  
drinking on the job. Stefan  
was furious with Gabi.  
Shawn continued to spiral.  
Wendy decided whether

she wanted to be with  
Tripp or Johnny. Both Jada  
and Tripp stopped by to  
visit Steve. Harris begged  
Marlena to commit him to  
Bayview. Paulina's family  
comforted her before Abe's  
funeral. Jerry was upset to  
see that Whitley drugged  
Abe. John informed  
Steve that he had another  
nightmare about Abe.  
Kristen admitted to Lani  
that she knew where  
Rachel was located. Steve  
asked Whitley about her  
resignation from the  
hospital. *Wait to See: Lani  
asks Jerry about what  
he wants to tell Theo. A  
drugged Abe begins to  
hallucinate. Kristen tells  
Marlena that she wants  
Brady to revise Rachel's  
custody agreement.*

**GENERAL HOSPITAL**  
A shot rang out at the Metro  
Court. Dex received some  
bad news. Alexis urged  
caution. Molly pondered  
an offer. Josslyn didn't like  
what she was seeing. A  
life was left hanging in the  
balance. Marshall opened  
up to Stella. Nina was  
horrified. Finn and Liz  
had a frank talk. Josslyn  
was suspicious. Lucy and  
Felicia embarked on a  
caper. Sasha surprised

Maxie. Chase was  
gobsmacked. Martin  
sought some advice.  
Cody tried to outsmart  
Selina. TJ assisted in a  
surgery. Chase made an  
arrest. Michael made a  
romantic gesture. Alexis  
was worried about  
Kristina. Cody made an  
offer. Kristina got the cold  
shoulder from someone.  
Dante developed a theory.  
*Wait to See: Gladys tries  
to run interference. Trina  
is overcome with emotion.  
Mac makes an admission  
to Sam.*

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# Sister Act...

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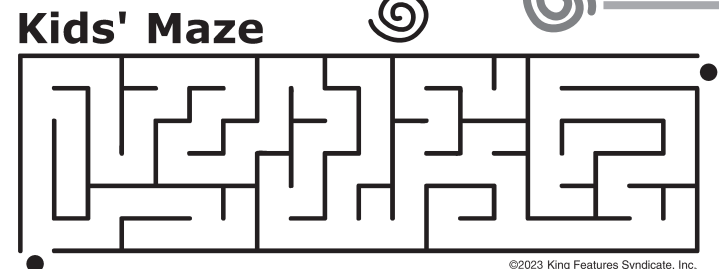
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|----------------------|---------------|--------------------|---------------|
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| 2. Greasy dirt       | _ _ _ M _     | Complain           | _ _ _ P _     |
| 3. Small river       | _ _ _ _ K     | Belief system      | _ _ _ _ D     |
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| 7. Wayward           | _ _ _ _ _ T   | Gofer's assignment | _ _ _ _ _ D   |
| 8. Cereal segment    | _ _ _ _ K _   | Flicker            | _ _ _ R _ _   |
| 9. Whale's blow-hole | _ P _ _ _ _   | Cheerleader's tone | _ H _ _ _ _   |
| 10. Previous         | _ _ _ M _ _ _ | Counterfeiter      | _ _ _ G _ _ _ |

### WORD LADDERS

Can you go from RATED to PALEO in 6 words?  
Change one letter for each rung in the ladder.

RATED

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PALEO

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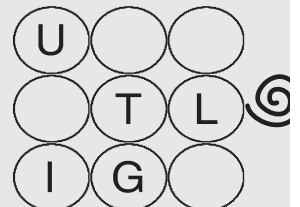
## Puzzle Whirl

### MINI SUDOKU

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1				3	
5			4	6	
	1		3		
	2		5		

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 6-box square contains all of the numbers from one to six.

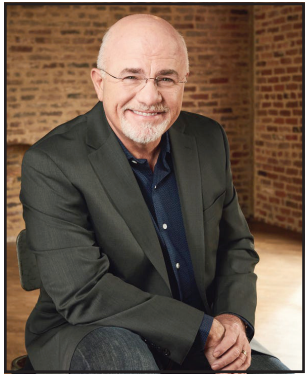
### WORD SPIRAL



Fill in the missing letters to reveal the nine-letter word that starts at one of the four corners and moves clockwise around the perimeter before ending in the center.

# DAVE Says

by DAVE RAMSEY



## BE SMART ABOUT PAYING OFF DEBT

Dear Dave,  
Should I cash in my 401(k) to pay off my car? I have just enough in the account to pay off the car and free up money in my budget.

Marina

Dear Marina,  
If I were in your shoes, and I could pay off the car in 18 months or less, I'd live on rice and beans—plus a very strict monthly budget—and just push through until that car payment was out of my life. If that wasn't realistic, then I'd take out ads online and in the local paper, and sell the car as fast as possible.

Cashing out your retirement plan to make this happen isn't a good idea. I love that you want to get rid of your car payment, but if you use your 401(k) they'll charge you a 10% penalty, plus your tax rate. That means you'll lose anywhere from 30 to 50 percent of it to the government.

I don't know about you, Marina, but I think those guys get way too much of our money already!

— Dave

## NO SECOND MORTGAGE!

Dear Dave,  
My husband was recently told layoffs are about to happen at his company, and that it might be a good idea for him to start looking for another job. He has found a couple of good possibilities, but the jobs are located 100 miles away. In preparation for a possible move, we spoke with a real estate agent who told us we'd have to remodel our kitchen to sell the house. We've got about \$4,000 in savings, but the agent said remodeling would take between \$2,500 and \$3,000. Should we get a second mortgage to pay for the work?

Natalie

Dear Natalie,  
For starters, I'd suggest cutting expenses

any way you can, living on a strict budget and saving as much cash as possible. But taking out a second mortgage? No! You don't want that hanging over your heads.

You might want to get another opinion on the kitchen remodel, too. Sure, a new kitchen would be nice, but would it be a make-or-break kind of thing if you decide to sell your home? Probably not, unless it's in really terrible shape right now. Regardless, there's no way I'd go into debt to make this happen. I mean, your house isn't even on the market yet. There's no reason to fix up a house that's not for sale, especially when you've got just \$4,000 to your names.

My advice is to wait and see how the whole job situation plays out before making any big decisions. Then if you end up selling the house and moving, you might take \$500 or so from savings to freshen up the kitchen a little bit.

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," the "Today" show, 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 of Ramsey Solutions.

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## Letters...

### A Goal to See Jesus

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everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us." This verse is used by some to teach that our deceased loved ones, who accepted Jesus as Lord and Savior, can see us from Heaven. Moody states: "This (a great cloud) refers not to angelic observers of earthly behavior but rather to the Old Testament believers whose lives of faith continue to witness."

We should be happy that those in Heaven cannot see us, but they can see Jesus.

My goal is to see Jesus when my days here are done! There is nothing greater than seeing Jesus.

Bill Smoak  
Florence

### Seeking the World First?

Editor:

The world has many things to offer anyone who seeks the world first. I can say that my walk with Christ has been filled for many years.

A story in Luke reminds us of the many times Jesus told us that we have an eternal soul. We have a calling to tell others about Christ, to not be ashamed of our testimony. We have a free will to choose and one day we will stand before our Saviour. My question is, "Will He know you or will He say those sad words, 'Depart from me, I never knew you?'" If you know Jesus as your Saviour, how can you remain SILENT?

I just lost a friend to sickness, and I will always wonder if I did enough to tell him of my Saviour. The world has much to offer. Scripture tells us that way is wide and leads to destruction. The road to eternal life is narrow and the gate is narrow, and few there be to enter therein.

My prayer is to hold fast to your faith in JESUS, not the world.

Rick Herston  
Tuscumbia

### Americans Will Lose It

Editor;

Donald Trump is a con man and he has conned a lot of conservatives into believing he is for freedom and for America. He said he was in charge of "Operation Warp Speed," and I heard him say he is the Father of the so-called Covid vaccine.

I shared a video on Facebook recently from when this whole debacle began where he calls for closing the Internet in some ways.

He said, "Somebody will say, 'Oh, freedom of speech, freedom of speech!'"

He said these are foolish people! He said we have a lot of foolish people!

What he was talking about was people like me posting about the so-called Covid vaccines and the reputable doctors who were speaking out against them.

Freedom of speech is as American as apple pie and we "foolish"

Americans will not lose it without a fight.

Janice Gross Williams  
Killen

### US Congress Should Act


To the Editor:

Americans are losing faith in our Supreme Court, and it's easy to see why.

In the year since the Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization decision, abortion has been effectively banned with extremely limited exceptions in fourteen states. Nearly 1 in 3 Americans have lost access to abortion care.

This year the Court overturned access to clean water, affirmative action in college admissions, and student debt relief for millions of middle-and low-income borrowers. They've set the precedent of overturning policies simply because they were enacted by a Democratic president.

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One thing you can never deny, "someone tried to get the truth to you before it was too late." This little article is a witness and a record. Jesus Christ is the only fire escape from hell. Christ is in you or He isn't. There is no such thing as trying to be saved. Compared to eternity, a few short breaths and life is over. Watch out for liars, the world is full of them. Watch out for bloody and deceitful men. The only trustworthy person is the Lord Jesus Christ, the Almighty Creator! **Hebrews 7:25** "Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them." You need a Saviour, not a church. Cry out to Christ to forgive and save you today! He'll do it!

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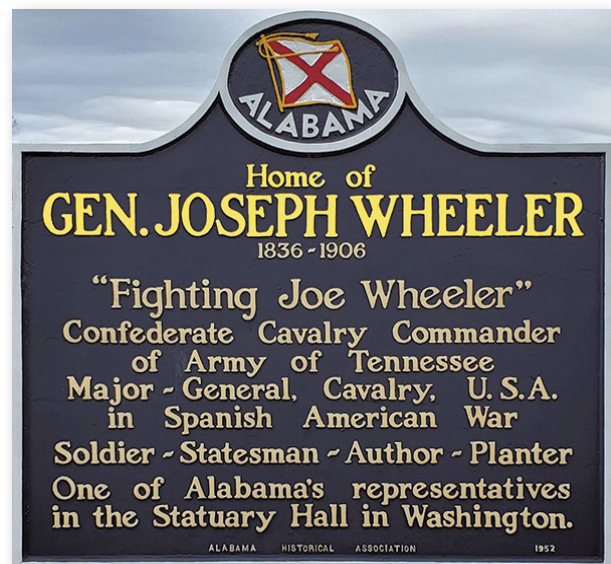


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*A) Spanish B) Polish C) French D) German*
4. Russia was ruled by Catherine the Great in which century?  
*A) 15th B) 16th C) 17th D) 18th*
5. Princess Sophie Charlotte became the first black Queen of England. *True or False*

Answers: 1) True 2) True 3) D 4) D 5) True

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**Letters...**

**US Congress Should Act**

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On top of that, the ethical crises keep piling up. We've seen Republican mega donors footing the bill for Clarence Thomas's vacations, mortgage payments, and family tuition; Samuel Alito taking dinners with conservative anti-abortion activists, accepting a lavish vacation from someone with business before the Court, and allegedly leaking reproductive

health decisions; and Neil Gorsuch selling property to an executive that has business before the Court just days after his lifetime appointment was finalized.

We can't let this continue. Congress has a duty to act as a check on the Supreme Court and restore faith in our judicial system. I'm urging our legislators to stand up as a governmental body and rein in this illegitimate Court.

Henry Weekly  
 Florence

**Christians Are Believers**

Editor;

In response to Linda Johnson's July 5 letter to the editor, entitled, "No True Believer," Christians do not hate LGBTQIA people. These people have already been judged by God unless they turn away. In Romans chapter 1:26-27, we read, "Because of this, God gave them over to shameful lusts. Even their women exchanged natural sexual relations for unnatural ones. In the same way the men also abandoned natural relations with women and were inflamed with lust for one another. Men committed shameful acts with other men and received in themselves the due penalty for their error."

In First Corinthians 6:9-10, we read, "Or do you not know that wrongdoers will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor men who have sex with men, nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God.

And that is what some of you were. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

In First Corinthians 6:18 we read, "Flee from sexual immorality. All other sins a person commits are outside the body, but whoever sins sexually, sins against their own body."

Jesus weeps when he sees how mankind has rejected his laws. My wife and I also weep.

So, you see Linda, Christians ARE true believers.

Rogers Kimbrell  
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• **William Hung, famous for his rendition of "She Bangs" on "American Idol," is a 73rd-generation descendant of Confucius.**

• **The Vatican had music that was forbidden to be copied and was only played twice per year. It remained secret for nearly 150 years until a 14-year-old Mozart heard it and transcribed it from memory.**

• **Though most think it's Italian, pepperoni is an American invention.**

**Thought for the Day:** "Almost everything will work again if you unplug it for a few minutes, including you." -- Anne Lamott

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**Junior Art Camp** for 3rd-6th grade July 10-13, 9am-3pm; July 14, 9am-12pm. Students will explore

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**Advanced Art Camp** for 7th-12th grade: July 10-14, 9am-12pm. Advanced Artists will work with the highly skilled portrait artist Martha Carpenter to explore advanced drawing methods, learn new skills, and refine existing techniques. This class is limited capacity to allow for one-on-one instruction and feedback. \$150 for general public; \$125 for TVAA Family/Friend members and above

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**What a Wonderful World** - Edsel Holden Legacy Series Sunday July 23, 2pm at UNA Norton Auditorium, presented by: One Place of the Shoals, UNA School for the Arts, UNA Center for Women's Studies and Aaron Howard with Cloud Investments, LLC. Dr. Lyman Mitchell's Shoals Area Big Band - Featuring: Spooner Oldham, Mark Namore and more special guests.

Entry \$20. **Ticket Outlets:** One Place of the Shoals, Kennedy-Douglass Art Center and TVA Community Credit Union. **Online:** [www.oneplaceoftheshoals.com](http://www.oneplaceoftheshoals.com)

All Active Duty Military and Veterans Admitted FREE. Call 256-284-7600 for Tickets! Proceeds to benefit the One Place of the Shoals.

**Southern Gospel's favorite,** The Mark Trammell Quartet, will be at Cypress Creek Methodist Church on Sunday, July 23 at 10:30am. These guys sing all over the country. Join us for a wonderful time of music and ministry - 801 Lewis Bruce Lane in Florence, off of Cox Creek Pkwy. N

**Shoals Elks Lodge will be hosting a series of informational seminars** for the community in the coming months on the topics of Emergency Preparedness, Scams/Identity Theft, Gun Use/Safety, NACLOG Programs, and Colbert County Extension Services. Each 45-minute session will be conducted by knowledgeable personnel from our community and will include time for questions/answers.

The first in the series, Emergency Preparedness, is scheduled for Monday, July 24 at 6pm. Colbert County EMA and Homeland Security will be conducting the event. The public is invited and

encouraged to attend. Finger foods will be served. Dates and times for the other events will be forthcoming. Shoals Elks Lodge is located at 408 N. Nashville Avenue in Sheffield.

Call for more info or to book, Fran 256-760-6442. \$75 due upon signing. Final payment due Sept. 20. Departure on November 27 from The Club, 450 Country Club Drive in Florence.

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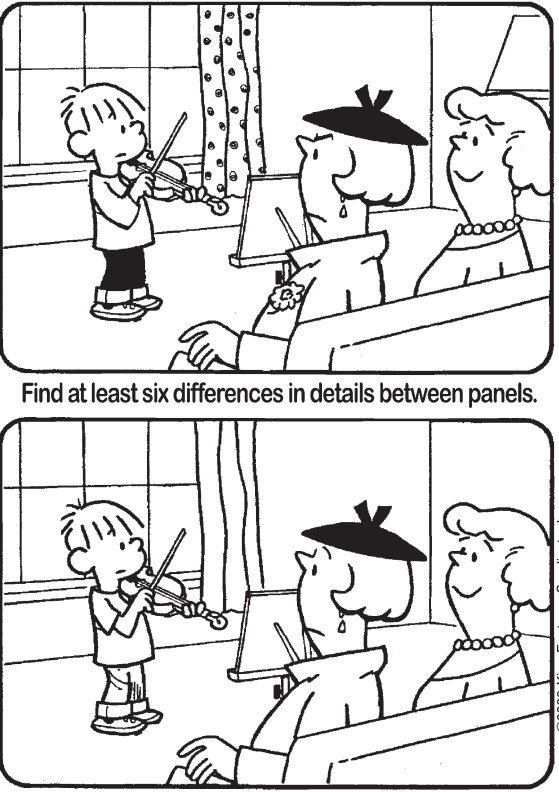
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In accordance with the Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act of 1998 the **Sheffield Housing Authority** will hold a **Public Hearing on Tuesday, August 1, 2023 at 10AM** at the main office located at **505 N. Columbia Ave., Sheffield, AL 35660**

The purpose of this hearing is to solicit public comment on the Revised Annual PHA Plan, the Moving to Work Supplement and the Capital Fund Five Year Action Plan. This hearing is open to all citizens of Sheffield. Any citizen with a physical disability or other special need may contact the Housing Authority at (256) 383-4773 so that we can make arrangements to get you there. In addition, effective with the publication of this notice, the Public Housing Agency Plan will be available for public review prior to the Public Hearing at the Housing Authority main office.



## Puzzle Whirl Answers

**Even Exchange answers**

1. Absent, Assent
2. Grime, Gripe
3. Creek, Creed
4. Retain, Remain
5. Marvel, Marcel
6. Basis, Oasis
7. Errant, Errand
8. Flake, Flare
9. Spout, Shout
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6	4	1	2	5	3
5	3	2	4	6	1
4	1	5	3	2	6
3	2	6	5	1	4





# Cat & Kids

by Cathy Turner

## A Newborn's Cry

*Writer's note: This column is dedicated to our son, his wife, our new grandson, Canaan, and to all the other new moms and dads who are living the life.*

A newborn's cry is unique, enchanting, and effective. It's a miracle.

A newborn's cry means, "Hey y'all, I'm here!" That first, "Waaaa" wail is an answered prayer, a sign of relief, a release and a beginning. It's the baby saying, "I'm healthy." It's a signal to the mom and dad that they've done it - the nine months of being sick, eating, waddling, tiredness is over (well, at least that period of tiredness). That first cry is the baby being born, coming out of the water to start a new life.

A newborn's cry means, "I need my mom and dad." That cry says that that baby needs care - 24/7 care. He or she needs to be cleaned, fed, burped, cleaned, changed, fed, burped, rocked, cajoled, consoled, bounced, walked, sung

to, smiled at, played with, marveled, cuddled, snuggled, assured, figured out, loved, cleaned, fed, burped, changed, fed, burped. That cry means that you will do those things again in two hours.

A newborn's cry means, "Burp me, please!" A good thorough, hearty burp can change a newborn's day, night, life. During that second round of feeding, don't skip the burping because the newbie falls asleep. That newborn cry will sound off in 20 minutes. "Burp sick, eating, waddling, tiredness is over (well, at least that period of tiredness). That first cry is the baby being born, coming out of the water to start a new life.

A newborn's cry means, "Change me, please!" Whether it's a little poop or a blow out - that little one just wants it off! I mean, I don't want to sit in poo-poo either! You've just watched her cringe, draw up, grunt, moan, relax, cringe, draw up, turn red, grunt, moan five times followed by a sigh and sleep. Once again

don't get sucked in by the sleeping. It's a ruse. Change that baby! Then grab that pacifier and start your routine!

Yep, a newborn's cry also means, "I need more sleep." It means, "It's time to make the donuts." Get up, wake up, turn on your brain, somebody's crying! "Oh yeah, what time is it?"

Time to get the baby. On auto-pilot - zombie mode - time to get the baby. What does he need? Refer to the third paragraph. That newborn's night cry means it's time to get some exercise. Feet pushing five miles in a rocker glider, core/back/legs getting a workout bouncing on the big Pilates ball, legs and body getting 10,000 steps by walking that loop through the kitchen, into the dining room, and back to the living room - a thousand times - living room, dining room, kitchen, living room, dining room, kitchen. Go ahead, tighten those abductors, adductors and glutes while rocking, swaying, jiggling and such like. That night cry literally means, "Let's suck Mom back into shape!"

That newborn's cry means, "I don't know what I am doing. I need somebody to hold me." That sweet little baby is new to this earth. She even smells different. She's learning, experiencing, and trying to communicate. What a privilege to hold a new creation. Chest-to-chest - he loves his mama. Cheek-to-cheek - she loves her daddy. Eye-to-eye - he's learning who Gran is. Let'em cry! What a blessing! Heart-to-heart - this is the best new relationship on the planet. A newborn's cry can mean nothing at all. Babies cry.

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