

State of the City Aug. 27

FLORENCE—Florence Mayor, Andrew Betterton, will host the State of the City event on Tuesday, August 27 at the Florence-Lauderdale Coliseum.

This year's program will emphasize "Our Community." It will coincide with a "Taste of Home" contest between the city of Florence departments that the public will judge. There is no charge to attend.

Representatives from many local non-profit organizations and each city department will be available to answer questions and provide additional information before and after the presentation. The doors open at 5:15pm for the public to sample the "taste of home" treats and cast their vote; the program will begin at 6pm.

Register at florencial.org for a chance to win a Marriott Package Giveaway including a one-night stay at the hotel, four rounds of golf at RTJ, a \$200 spa voucher, and a \$100 voucher for dinner at the 360 Grille. The winner will be announced at the event and must be present to win. Giveaway registration link is at <https://forms.gle/hsz3ixawpvYtjqPr5>

Templeton is New Chair

MUSCLE SHOALS—Muscle Shoals City Schools recently announced the appointment of Dr. Richard Templeton

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SHOALS—It's still warm outside, but football time is upon us!

Those in the know have decided that the first week of games with a very abbreviated schedule will be termed "week 0" of the college football season. That's okay, because the *Courier Journal's* popular Game Day Scorecard contest will feature UNA's early season opener in the FCS Kickoff Classic as the tie-breaker game, and contestants have

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Superhero Siblings

Youngsters taking on Sickle Cell Disease

By Alyssa Sutherland
Times Daily Staff Writer

SHEFFIELD — Austen Dickerson is not an average second grader.

He can tell you a lot of information about what red and white blood cells do and how his 4-year-old sister, Addisyn's, red blood cells are different from his own.

Though the W.A. Threadgill Primary School student is just 7 years old, he is preparing to provide Addisyn with lifesaving, perfectly matched bone marrow to cure her of sickle cell disease.

In Addisyn's eyes, Dickerson is "a superhero," but Dickerson just wants to help his little sister, who he said is "crazy, exciting and loves [him] a lot."

"It's a good thing that I can help," he said, noting that the procedure is a "big thing" that he knows could be hard.

He said it makes him "happy and proud" to know that he can help cure his sister.

Autumn Dickerson, Austen and Addisyn's mom, explained that sickle cell disease causes Addisyn's red blood



Austen, left, and Addisyn Dickerson
Courtesy photo

cells to be misshapen.

Rather than forming a complete circle, they are open and eventually begin to "sickle" or curve inward in a crescent

shape. When they do, they can get bundled up and caught

in the veins causing extreme pain and a variety of physical issues, she said.

Now, with Dickerson as his sister's perfect match, Autumn said that Addisyn will hopefully be disease-free.

"It makes me emotional — I'm so proud

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Shorts...

Templeton is New Chair

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as the Chair of the Product Review Committee on the Council of Administrators of Special Education Services (CASE) Executive Committee.

Templeton has served as the Supervisor of



Templeton

Student Services at Muscle Shoals City Schools since 2019 and brings over 23 years of dedicated experience

in public education to this role. His career spans various educational roles, including teacher, coach, and administrator in Cullman and Morgan counties of Alabama.

"Dr. Templeton's deep commitment to student welfare and extensive knowledge in special education will undoubtedly contribute significantly to CASE's initiatives," said Muscle Shoals City Schools Superintendent, Chad Holden.

CASE is a leading organization dedicated to supporting administrators and leaders in special education across the country.

Board's webpage at tva.com/board. Individuals without computer access can register to speak or arrange to submit written comments by calling 865-776-7015.

Among the agenda items that directors will consider are...

- TVA's Strategic Elements
- Report of the Operations and Nuclear Oversight Committee
- New Nuclear Program Funding Limit Increase
- Rate Adjustment - 5.25% Rate Increase Beginning October 2024
- FY25 Financial Plan and Budget
- TVA Employee Compensation Board Practice Amendments
- Report of the External Stakeholders and Regulation Committee
- Report of the Audit, Risk, and Cybersecurity Committee
- Report from President and CEO

Those who plan to attend the meeting and have special needs should call TVA Public Relations at 865-632-6000.

For more information about TVA, visit www.tva.com/about-tva

Bond Named Taymar SOY

FLORENCE— Taymar Sales U. recently recognized University of North Alabama General Manager of Ticket Sales & Operations, **Ben Bond**, as their 2024 "Salesperson of

the Year." Bond has served this position for UNA since 2022. He graduated from UNA in 2020 with a degree in sports management.

Taymar Sales U has been working with North Alabama Athletics to oversee all ticket sales and ticket operations since 2022. Ben was nominated for this award by Taymar Sales U. senior leadership, standing out as a leader among his 26 peer leaders and nearly 80 colleagues.

"Ben is so deserving of this national honor," said UNA Director of Athletics Dr. Josh

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TVA Board to Meet Here

FLORENCE — The Tennessee Valley Authority Board of Directors invites the public to join them in person or online as they conduct their quarterly business meeting at 9am CDT on Thursday, August 22 at the Marriott Shoals Conference Center, at 10 Hightower Place in Florence. The meeting from the Shoals Ballroom will also be streamed live on TVA.com.

A listening session will take place from 2-4pm CT on Wednesday, August 21 in the Ballroom. Individuals wishing to address the Board have the choice of registering to speak in person or submitting written comments through the



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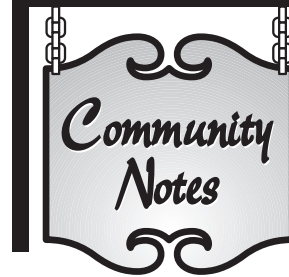
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• Email to editor@courierjournal.net

Toddler Time Storytime (Ages 18-36 months) - Tuesday, August 20, 10:30am - 11:30am. **Every Tuesday** at the Muscle Shoals Public Library. Join Ms. Amy for songs, stories, and age-appropriate activities. Caregivers must remain with children for all programs.

Babytime Storytime (Birth to 18 months) - Friday, August 23, 10:30am - 11:30am. **Every Friday** at the Muscle Shoals Public Library. Caregivers must remain with children for all programs.

Now Thru August 23 - The Memphis and Charleston Railroad Bridge: Connecting the Shoals 10am-7pm Monday thru Thursday; 10am-5pm Friday & Saturday; and Sunday 1-5pm. At the Florence Public Library, 350 Wood Ave., Florence. This exhibit explores the history and impact of the Memphis and Charleston Railroad Bridge. Details: 256-764-6554

The Kennedy-Douglass Center for the Arts will host Huntsville artist, Monica Yother, for "Restoration

Through Creativity" - an Art Journaling Workshop on Saturday, August 24 from 1-3pm. Registration is \$55 and includes instruction and materials.

Restoration is the act of restoring, renewal, revival, or reestablishment. This workshop will introduce participants to the practice of art journaling. They will be supplied with a new journal made especially for this purpose, materials to use in their journal, a primer, writing prompts, and instruction on some simple techniques to get it started. They will also be able to take some materials home to continue.

No artistic experience is needed, it doesn't matter if one has never picked up a paint brush or is a regular crafter. Art Journaling is a truly unique form of expression that each person makes their own.

This workshop is being presented at Kennedy-Douglass Center for the Arts as part of our "Healing Through Art" programming. Sign up online: <https://www.florencealmuseums.com/arts-programing>

The art center is located at 217 E. Tuscaloosa St. in Florence and can be reached by calling 256-760-6379.

Free Clothes - The Samaritan House, 600 Geneva Ave., Muscle Shoals, gives away free clothing each Tuesday from 9-11:30am. Donations are accepted. Tuesdays: August 20, August 27.

Old Brick Concert - Sunday, August 25, 12:30pm. 260 Mt. Pleasant Rd., Muscle Shoals. **Featuring:** Gary Nichols & Billy Droze; The Matt Prater Band and Our Very Own Old Brick Band: Ashley Brown, Donny Carpenter, Mitch Curtis, Gary Nichols, Donna Kay Seales, Paul Goins & Sons.

Cattlemen's Association will start serving steak sandwich plates at 12pm, \$12 per plate. The concert is free of charge! Donations will be accepted to go towards the building fund.

Shoals Scholar Dollars Presents - The Coasters, The Drifters and The Platters. Saturday August 31, 7pm Norton Auditorium, Florence. For tickets go to ShoalsScholarDollars.com

LifeSouth Bloodmobile Dates:
Saturday, August 24 Boutique 72, 1408 Avenue E., Tusculumbia, 10am - 4pm
Tuesday, August 27 Lauderdale County Health Department, 10am - 4pm
Saturday, August 31 Walmart - Hwy 43 - Russellville, 10am - 4pm

Thursday, August 22 - TN Valley Masters of Jazz Shoals Edition, 7:30 - 11pm at The Lava Room, 116 W. Mobile Street, Florence. This will be filled with soulful melodies and captivating performances. This is a unique opportunity to experience the magic of jazz in the Shoals. Details: 256-956-5282

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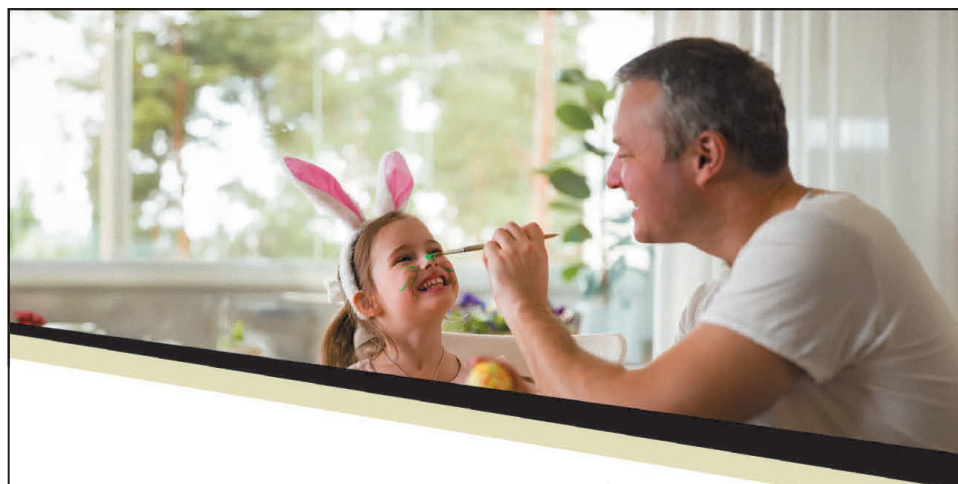
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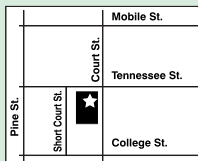
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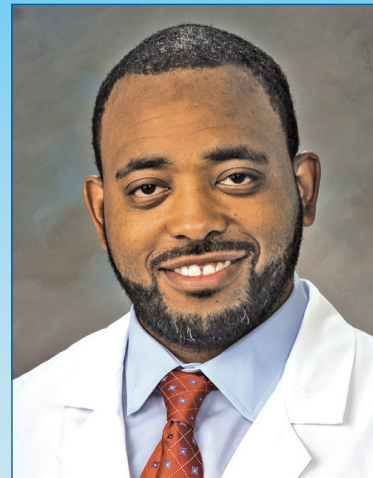
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Austen, left, and Addisyn Dickerson seem to understand the gravity of Addisyn's bone marrow transplant. Photo: Dan Busey/TimesDaily

Siblings...

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of him," Autumn said. "He has always taken pride in being her big brother even before he understood that he was her superhero."

The Dickersons discovered that Austen and Addisyn were a perfect donor match when Addisyn was just shy of a year old, but Autumn said the timing for the procedure was not right until now.

According to Autumn, both Dickerson and Addisyn have had to take a series of classes and "talk to a lot of people" to make sure that Dickerson understands the process and does not feel like he is being forced to donate his bone marrow.

Now, they are preparing to head to Children's of Alabama in just over a week.

Autumn explained that Addisyn will have a port placed through which she will receive chemotherapy to prepare for the bone marrow transplant.

The transplant itself will take place in September, which is Sickle Cell Awareness Month.

On Sept. 17, Dickerson will join his sister in Birmingham before donating his bone marrow on Sept. 18.

The procedure will require physicians to place two thin needles into Dickerson's lower back and hip area and

physically draw out the necessary amount of bone marrow.

According to Autumn, Dickerson will partake in homebound education for the two weeks prior to the procedure to make sure his immune system is clear of any infection. Doctors have indicated he'll be ready to return to school within days of donating his bone marrow.

For Addisyn, donation day will begin a 100-day countdown before physicians consider her body as having accepted her brother's bone marrow. Then, she will be able to return home.

Autumn said the goal is to "have her home for Christmas," which is 99 days after the transplant.

Whether Addisyn's body accepts the bone marrow or not, Autumn said the transplant would significantly improve her prognosis.

"I'm just so proud of both of them for their bravery and determination to see that Addisyn is healthy," she said. "They're inseparable, and she always wants to do everything he does, and for him to be seven and willing to do this — you can't ask for better children."

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is an important member of our team who excels beyond his everyday role in the athletic department."

Prior to working at UNA full time, he spent three years working in minor league baseball as an intern for the Rocket City Trash Pandas and as an account executive for the Memphis Redbirds and Tennessee Smokies.

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Bussey One to Watch

KANSAS CITY, KS –Fifth-year graduate student for the UNA soccer team, Alice Bussey, was selected to the 2024 United Soccer Coaches NCAA Division I Women's Players to Watch list last week.

The list highlights forwards across the country that make notable contributions to their teams. Bussey is one



Bussey
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of 19 finalists for the list and one of three grad students.

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"This is a compliment on how well she did last season," said Lions head

coach **Chris Walker**. "She is an excellent student athlete, great grades and (has) an extremely high work ethic on the field."

Last season, the Hythe, England native earned first team all-conference honors and was an Academic All-ASUN selection, while also earning national awards as a United Soccer Coaches Second Team All-American and First Team All-South Region selection.

This strong season

saw Bussey being named Lions' team captain throughout her senior campaign. Bussey started all 22 matches for UNA with 1,684 minutes logged, scoring seven goals and three assists. She registered 60 shots and 28 shots on goal, keeping the pressure on opposing goalkeepers all

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Guest Commentary

The Faith of Harris and Walz

The power of the state appears to be their true religion

First among our nation's First Amendment protections is freedom of religion. It is aptly so, because this country was founded by those with a direct tie to the Pilgrims who were fleeing religious persecution when they landed on Plymouth 156 years before we declared our independence from England. First and foremost, our forebears sought to practice their Christian faith according to their convictions.

While it may seem a superfluous concern in an increasingly secular day and age, every American president has expressed some form of commitment to Christianity. For example, Joe Biden is just the second president to

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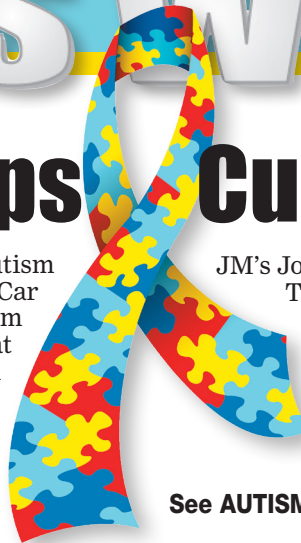
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JM's Journey.

The park will be full of vendors, arts and crafts. Food Trucks, and Live Music all day.

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Addressing Our Invasive Carp

FLORENCE—The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is hosting public meetings in Florence, Nashville, and online this month to discuss a pilot project designed to prevent the spread of invasive carp within the Tennessee and Cumberland basins and the Tennessee-Tombigbee waterway.

During the meetings, state and local officials and Corps of Engineers representatives will be available to take questions about the proposed invasive carp deterrent projects. Alabama anglers, boaters and local residents are highly encouraged to attend the meeting in Florence.

The Corps of Engineers is currently accepting

See **CARP..** on Page 18



CincyNature.org

THE MITCHELL BURFORD BOOKSTORE, located in the lobby of the Florence-Lauderdale Public Library (enter from the parking lot), is having a half-price sale now through Sunday, Aug. 25 on items storewide, including hardbacks, paperbacks, children's books, CDs, DVDs, vinyl records, greeting cards, magazines, and more. The bookstore is open 10am-4pm Mon.-Sat. and 1-4pm Sun. and is staffed by volunteers. All proceeds benefit the library and its programs.

THE OLD BRICK CONCERT is Sunday, August 25 at 12:30pm. 260 Mt. Pleasant Rd. in Muscle Shoals.

Featuring: Gary Nichols & Billy Droze; The Matt Prater Band and Our Very Own Old Brick Band: Ashley Brown, Donny Carpenter, Mitch Curtis, Gary Nichols, Donna Kay Seales, Paul Goins & Sons. The Cattlemen's Association will start serving steak sandwich plates at noon, \$12 per plate. The concert is free of charge! Donations will be accepted to go towards the building fund.

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Why the Influx?

To the Editor:

Many years ago, I received a document from a man in Decatur, Alabama who had read one of my letters in his local paper. He said he had gotten it from a friend in the U.S. Congress. The document was put out by our State Department in 1961.

It is entitled, "FREEDOM FROM WAR: The United States Program for General and Complete Disarmament in a Peaceful World."

It calls for "the disbanding of all national armed forces and the prohibition of their reestablishment in any form whatsoever, other than those required to preserve internal order and for contributions to a United Nations Peace Force."

It states that "the manufacture of armaments would be prohibited except for those of agreed types and quantities to be used by the UN PEACE FORCE and those required to maintain internal order."

Look it up online: State Department Publication 7277

As we know the plan was never

implemented, but I have to question why hundreds of thousands, if not millions, of military age men from different countries are being brought into our country through our Southern border.

Janice Gross Williams
Killen

Assessor's Flawed Appeal Process

Dear Editor,

During the summer of 2023, I purchased a home in Florence. The home purchase was listed for sale

See **LETTERS...** on Page 27

Again, another burden from a government office that is supposed to work for their people.



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RULES: You can only enter for yourself, not other people. Only one entry per person per week. Only one winner per week. Winners must present a photo I.D. when picking up their gift certificate(s). Check the box beside the appropriate picks for the first 11 games, then write in the exact score of the tie-breaker game and alternate game. Person with the most correct picks receives a \$50 Gift Card from Voodoo Wing Co. No change will be returned for any unused portion of the certificate. Gratuity is not included. In event of a tie, the tie-breaker score will be utilized. Otherwise, it will not be considered. Closest tie-breaker score wins. Total points will be next tie breaking procedure, and a random drawing of finalists will be used to determine the winner if they are still tied after the tie-breaking procedure. ALTERNATE GAMES will only be used in cases of late postponements or forfeits, games which will then be excluded from consideration. Person with the winning card for the week, who also picks every game correctly including tie-breaker, will also win \$50 from the Courier Journal and another \$50 306 Barbecue Gift Card. Judges decision is final. Mailed entries must be post-marked by deadline day. Hand-delivered, faxed or on-line entries must be submitted by exact time of deadline stated above. NO EXCEPTIONS. Winner is posted on website each Tuesday afternoon and in the paper delayed by one week. Employees and family of Courier Journal and Game Day Scorecard sponsors are ineligible to win. NOTE: If you're faxing, first make a CLEAN COPY, then FAX THAT COPY. NEWSPRINT DOES NOT REPRODUCE CLEARLY ON A FAX. WE ARE NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ILLEGIBLE COPIES.

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Back To School Safety Tips For Kids

Whether they're walking or biking to school, riding the bus or driving on their own, here are safety tips to teach your children as they head back to school.

Safety tips for kids walking to school

- Map out a safe route on sidewalks and across crosswalks.
- Practice walking the route with your child before the first day of school.
- Talk about traffic and crosswalks, looking both ways and making sure a car comes to a full stop.
- Find schoolmates who live along the way and want to walk, too. Always have a buddy and never walk alone.
- Stress that phones should be put away, and eyes forward and alert.
- Never talk to strangers and never get into vehicles with them.

Safety tips for kids biking to school

- Find the safest route possible on well-lit streets with minimal traffic.
- Invest in safety gear, including bike lights and a properly fitting helmet.
- Wear reflective vests especially in the winter months when it's darker later during the morning and earlier in the evening.
- Discuss traffic rules and bike signaling.
- Don't bike alone and always have a buddy to ride with.

School bus safety tips

- Introduce yourself and your child to the bus driver.
- Go over what stop to get off at, along with what to do if your child accidentally gets off at the wrong stop.
- Explain the importance of always being in clear sight of the bus driver.

Tips for teens driving to school

- Establish safe routes to and from school, and have your child practice driving the route with a licensed adult.
- Prohibit smartphone use while driving, which is now illegal in many states.
- Limit driver distraction by banning eating and drinking while driving.

School zone safety tips

- Slow down and follow and obey the posted speed limits.
- Never pass other cars or school buses.
- Watch out for crossing guards and watch for their signals.
- Avoid texting or using cell phones while driving in a school zone or at any other time.
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- Follow all school drop off procedures.
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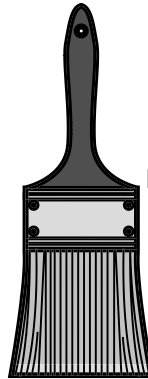
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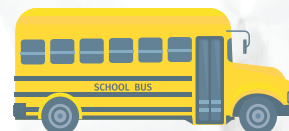


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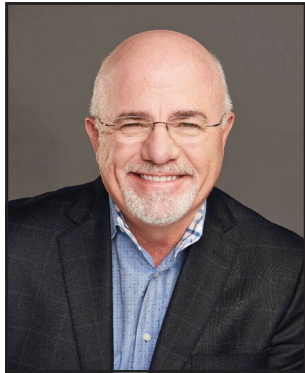
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— Dave

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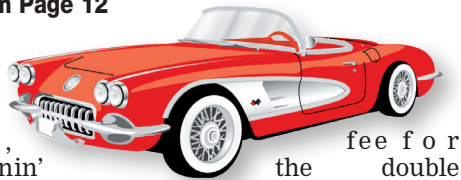
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by Cathy Turner

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When Randall started first grade, I would put sweet little Post-It Notes in his backpack. One morning I came home to find a note that he had left for me, which I now still have in a small wooden frame on my counter. The note read, "Remember me mom." Oh my gracious, how could I ever forget him? He was the one whose Daddy had to catch a red-eye flight home from California to get to his birth. He was the toddler who drank the small bottle of concentrated Albuterol, and when I figured it out, I had to snatch him up to get to the pharmacy for syrup of Ipecac. He was the one who said at age four, "It's hard to draw the eyes, because you have too many eyes in your head to choose from." How could I not remember how his fat little baby hands would always pat my back when I picked him up to carry him?

But little, new-to-school people have some genuine worries when being left by their safe base. Will we remember them? Will we come back to get them? It's all so unknown and scary. I've been reminded of these separation concerns as school has started once again. This made me remember a song I sang to our children, "My Mommy Comes Back" by Hap Palmer. Anyone remember him? Hap Palmer was a 1970s children's musician educator. We learned from his records in elementary

school. His stuff is so retro now, but his messages dealt with age-old needs and teaching. The song's chorus that I sang said, "My mommy comes back. She always comes back. She always comes back to get me. My mommy comes back. She always comes back. She never will forget me!" When we separated, I also told our children to remember what they were doing when they thought of me during the day so that they could tell me, and I would give them the same report. This was generally asked about right after, "What was your favorite part of the day?" This was always the first question at pick-up.

Our kids always had ready answers for these questions. They learned to pay attention, and they knew that we thought about each other during the day. I am sure when Randall was little that he learned that I was always "remembering" him and thinking of him. He knows it even now. Good gracious, how could I ever forget the 31-year-old who has provided endless hours of entertainment through music creation, art, discussions, etc? Who has shared his insatiable knowledge on subjects that I would never have learned about. Who has encouraged me to paint, not to get stuck on my puzzles, and has always wanted me to take deep breaths. I remember every moment of him.

If you feel that that first day of something is the last day of something else, let me tell you that there is more to come. So much more. "Remember me Mom," was the start of a two-way relationship that has been the pleasure of my life - three times over.

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Guest Commentary - Thomas Gallatin

The Faith of State...

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hold to the Roman Catholic faith. Not that his faith has informed much, if any, of his political views.

Donald Trump stated back in 2020 that he was "confirmed at a Presbyterian church as a child" and that he now

considers himself to be "a non-denominational Christian." While Trump may have long identified as a Presbyterian, the actual degree to which he personally believes in Christianity and the Gospel is debatable. But Trump is not unusual in this regard, as many of America's presidents in the modern era fall into this camp.

Bill Clinton, for example, claims to be a Southern Baptist, and Barack Obama is a nondenominational protestant. But in every instance, American presidents have expressed a personal commitment to Christianity in one form or another.

Indeed, Kamala Harris identifies as a "Black Baptist" and is a member of Third Baptist Church of San Francisco. She is married to Douglas Emhoff, who is Jewish.

Harris's running mate, Minnesota Governor Tim Walz, also claims Christianity as his faith. He is a member of Pilgrim Lutheran Church in St. Paul. That church is part of the Evangelical Lutheran Church

in America (ELCA) denomination, which is widely considered one of the most progressive denominations in the country.

The point is, proclaiming one's Christianity while running for the highest office in the land is as American as apple pie. It used to matter, as it gave the American people an insight not just into the candidates' faith but also affirmed that they recognized God's supremacy and believed that everyone, including the government, is ultimately answerable to Him. Furthermore, it established a common core set of values and expectations for the moral behavior of our political leaders.

Sadly, such expectations have seemingly long been abandoned. Oh, lip service is still given, but it appears that it is only done out of deference to decorum rather than out of any true commitment to personal faith.

And while so much ink has been spilled over the moral failings of

Trump, his opponents across the political divide aren't somehow morally superior. Indeed, Harris's means of entering and rising up the political ranks should be cause for everyone to blush.

In Walz's case, his church perfectly aligns with the mindset of today's Democrat Party. The ELCA has, for all intents and purposes, conflated the Gospel with the furtherance of woke ideology. Supporting everything from the Rainbow Mafia agenda to abortion rights to DEI to racial reparations, the ELCA effectively mirrors the Democrat Party platform.

Indeed, this radial leftist theology may explain Walz's radical leftist political views. The ELCA is, after all, one of the largest denominations in the reliably blue state of Minnesota.

The truth for most of the Democrat Party is that its true faith isn't in Christ. Rather, it's in government. The power of government is the religion of many politicians, and this

is especially so of the Democrat Party. This helps explain why Trump and his fellow Republicans are considered such an existential threat. It would be as if a Muslim were to become Pope.

So, while the expressed religion of both Harris and Walz may be some form of Christianity, their true faith rests in secular government.

Thomas Gallatin is the son of American missionaries. Growing up overseas, he became aware from an early age of the unique privilege he enjoyed as an American citizen. Having lived in two different foreign countries that were both drastically impacted by communism, he learned early the devastating consequences that leftist ideology had upon freedom and human flourishing. As a result, he has spent much of his adult life seeking to shine the light of truth against this evil ideology while espousing the virtues of Liberty as both a history teacher and now a staff analyst at The Patriot Post.

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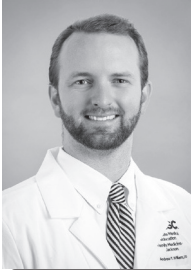
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Although incorporated in 1819, a year after the founding of Florence, Russellville was settled in 1815. Both Florence and Russellville were strategically founded along Jackson's Military Road, a major route from Nashville to New Orleans.

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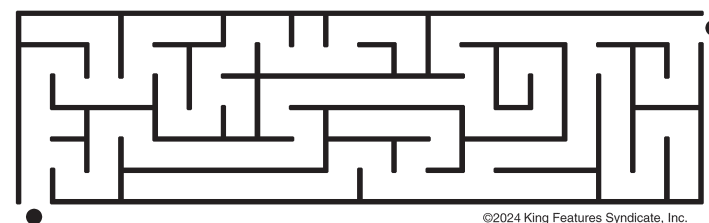


Even Exchange by Donna Pettman

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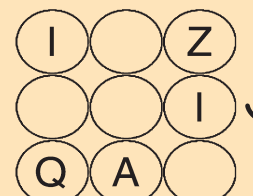
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WORD SPIRAL



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.

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by a professional real estate office. I had no relation to the seller and the seller was under no duress, time or financial, to dispose of the property. In short terms, it is what is called an arm's length transaction with no other factors involved in the sales price.

When I went to pay my property tax in October 2023, I learned the property was assessed on a market value for \$50,000 more than I had paid for it. I was told by the clerk that it was too late to appeal the 2023 assessment.

In June of this year, I received my 2024 assessment and now the valuation was \$103,000 more than the 2023 purchase price. The assessment notice stated "provide supporting evidence such as closing statement (which should establish market value) or appraisal" for an appeal hearing.

Let me stop right there and tell you that the Assessor's office uses the word "Protest" rather than "Appeal." The word "Protest" is an adversarial term which should have been a clue. The word "Appeal" denotes individuals trying to resolve an issue.

I followed the instructions and was granted a hearing. Prior to the meeting I prepared packets of documentation for the Board of Equalization to review. Other than the closing statement, I also provided sales comparisons, which included one property very similar to mine, based on age, condition, location, and size that had sold in April of this year.

To my surprise, when I got to the hearing, an individual from the Assessor's office was conducting the hearing and was the only one who had the correspondence I had remitted. The members of the Board of Equalization never asked a question. As a side note during my discussion with personnel at the Assessor's office, everyone kept wanting to know if I had an appraisal. I did not have to have an appraisal for the purchase of my home, but it appeared the Assessor

wanted all taxpayers to spend money to establish value.

That is wrong. As I stated before, the original notice from the assessor's office mentioned providing a closing statement or appraisal. Apparently closing statements have no value to the Assessor's office.

Recently, I received my revised assessed value, and the amount far exceeded the purchase price from a year ago. The correspondence stated that any further appeal would be conducted at the Lauderdale County Circuit Court. I contacted that office to explore the procedure. It costs \$260.50 to carry forth the appeal. Again, another burden from a government office that is supposed to work for their people.

Before I am written off as a disgruntled individual just complaining, I would like to share some information.

Firstly, I owned a real estate company, I taught classes at Southwest Tennessee Community College, and I feel like I have some experience in real estate valuations and appraisals.

Secondly, I served on the Board of Equalization in Shelby County Tennessee (Memphis and surrounding cities) and we reviewed residential as well as commercial properties. We had a nine-member board AND the tax assessor or representative was NEVER present during an appeal hearing. We received their information on each case prior to the hearing. We were strictly a conduit for fairness to both parties with no partiality to either side.

If the tax assessor did not agree with our decision, they also had the right of appeal. However, that rarely happened.

If the individuals (or their representative) did not agree with our finding, they could appeal to the State Board of Appeal. The only cost for any appellant was their time.

Our local government departments should try to assist their citizens rather than be a burden. However, I feel the Lauderdale County Assessor's office and the Board of Equalization (which appears to be an extension of the Assessor's office) does not

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comply with those wishes. The entire procedure in my opinion was a farce.

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The Lottery - The Answer

Editor,
As of today, the Tennessee Lottery

claims on its website to have raised more than 7.5 billion dollars for education. What could that mean for Alabama? Not a thing. Alabama has been ranked 45th. I've overheard educators say they were proud of Alabamians ranking in education. But we could have better.

Teachers could be given a living wage as many other careers could use a boost. Until we can put more dollars into education, our kids' futures look bleak... unless you believe taxing is the way to go. Property tax is popular, as are taxes on food and gas.

Or better yet, a lottery, where the citizens win in more ways than one. Which would you prefer?

Next, let's talk about weed. Taxing would be astronomical. So, are we so uneducated that we can't see the trees for the forest fire? Outright stupidity.

Linda Johnson
Florence

Who is Better Suited?

Mr. Editor,

Well, it seems like the Democrats have their candidates for President and Vice President set. It also seems like Donnie Johnnie Trump has been thrown into complete collapse. As I compare the two presidential candidates, Kamala Harris and Don Trump, I see and hear Vice-President Kamala and Governor Tim Walz tell America about their agenda for this country and the people. Governor Walz served in the military for 24 years rising to the rank of Sergeant Major, the highest rank an enlisted soldier can achieve. Under Walz, school children in Wisconsin now get free school breakfast and lunch and Walz has shown that the number one priority for him as a governor is to work to improve the lives of those under his governance.

Vice-President Harris has served as a US Senator, and Attorney General of California where she prosecuted and won cases surrounding the real estate collapse in 2008, when millions of people lost their homes because shady

lenders made loans to homebuyers. Both Harris and Walz work to try to make lives of American people better. They both have a proven record of public service and their efforts to make things a little better for Americans and their families.

I watched the rally Harris and Walz held in Philadelphia recently. They addressed the 14,000 people in attendance with what their agenda would be, their plan to make things better for families, retirees, and women, and their right to make decisions about the own bodies. I saw hope in that rally. I felt that now we could be on the right track to save our democracy and continue to live free with rights that protect how we worship, how we can speak in public without fear of arrest by a Gestapo that Don Trump proposes.

As for Trump, I watch his rallies and see no hope, I see a very sick man that cares for no one but himself. I hear his hate-filled speeches where he tells his supporters how horrible America is. I hear him air his grievances about how unfairly he has been treated in his post presidency. No, Don, you

were not treated unfairly -- you were treated like any other criminal defendant in this country. You had a trial, with a jury, and you enjoyed the same rights as any other defendant in this country.

I read Don Trump's posts on the internet, and I am convinced that a 14-year-old writes them for him. Silly nicknames and jabbering that only a 14-year-old would do. Don Trump is going back to his old show and is falling into a deep hole of depression, anger, and lies. He wants to be the King of the United States and is willing to do anything to get power back and stay out of prison.

So, America, I ask you who is better suited to lead our country. Two people that have dedicated their lives to helping American families or a deranged man fixed on power and greed to force his dictator tendencies on our country.

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Autism Awareness Fundraiser Toss for Autism Cornhole Tournament
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The Batting Brigade Quilt Guild, meets (September 9) the second Monday of the month at: Edgemont United Methodist Church, 1330 Eauclaire Ave., Florence. Hospitality time starts at 9am and the meeting begins at 9:30am. Any questions, please call Liz at 601-590-4367 leave message if no answer.

Coming Home to St. James - Join the members at St. James Methodist Church in Florence for its 200 Year Celebration on Sunday, September 8. 9:30am-meet and greet; 10:30am-Celebration of the church's history in the Sanctuary. A fellowship meal will follow the service. St. James is located at 610 Cox Creek Pkwy. Everyone warmly welcome. St.JamesFlorence.com

Applications for the Elk National Foundation's Most Valuable Student Scholarship program will be available online now. Any high school senior who is a citizen of the United States is eligible to apply. Applications must be submitted online on or before November 12, 2024. The scholarships range from \$1,000 to \$7,500/ year to the highest-rated applicants in this year's competition. Male and female students will compete separately. Applicants will be judged on scholarship, leadership, service, and

financial need. For additional information and to apply, go to enf.elks.org/MVS or contact Dr. Jean Love, Scholarship Coordinator at Shoals Elks Lodge 2860 at 256-762-5043.

7th Annual Turner Parker Horse Show, Saturday Sept. 7. 10 Park Drive, St. Joseph, TN. Proceeds benefitting St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Join the most exciting Horse Show in the South! Registration begins at 10:30 AM. "Battle for the Buckle" Show Time: 12PM. "Rail Classes" Show Time: Approximately 6PM

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The Oka Kapassa - Return to Cold Water Native American Festival will take place in Tusculumbia on September 13-14 in Spring Park, Tusculumbia (South end of Main St.). Friday is an educational day for elementary students. Saturday, September 14 is the free public festival day, when authentic Native American culture will be demonstrated through dance in full regalia, music, crafts, life skills, and Native American food 10am - 5pm. Trolley shuttle available from downtown. For more info: 256-383-0783 or 256-665-2540 or on Facebook, The

Oka Kapassa - Return to Coldwater Festival.

Oka Kapassa Festival Notice for Elementary Teachers - Education Day registration is open for 4th and 5th grade students to attend the Oka Kapassa Native American Festival on Friday, September 13 in Tusculumbia's Spring Park. Students will be treated to demonstrations of Native American culture, including dance, story-telling, crafts, and life-skills, while learning about Alabama's First People. Space is limited. Free. A QR code for teachers to register is available on the Facebook page, Oka Kapassa - Return to Coldwater Festival. For more information: 256-383-0783 or 256-665-2540.

A special Native American cultural program will be presented as part of the Oka Kapassa Festival at 5:30pm on Friday, September 13, at the UNA Tusculumbia Facility located at 114 W. 6th St. Arvel Bird (Paiute) will discuss and present Native American music, flute, and violin. The speaker will be Rachel Thrower (Poarch Creek). A Trolley Tour to view Witness Sites will be included. The public is invited, and the event is free. For more info: 256-383-0783 or 256-665-2540 or on Facebook, The Oka Kapassa - Return to Coldwater Festival.

Friday, September 13 - Horror in the Park 4-10pm Wilson Park, downtown Florence. Dress as your favorite horror or mystic-themed attire for an evening to support your local businesses. There will be arts and crafts, eats and drinks. Details: 256-320-7416.

Kahoots! Tuesday, September 10, 3:30pm-4:15pm at Florence-Lauderdale Public Library Calling all knowledge seekers! Join us for some fun as we test your skills on animals, music, movies, and more using Kahoots! 256-764-6564
Additional Tuesdays: October 8, November 12, December 10.

The Choirs of Florence First Cumberland Presbyterian Church and Central Heights Baptist Church will join for a night of worship and praise in the Sanctuary of Florence First Cumberland Presbyterian Church, 2422 Darby Drive, at 6pm Sunday, September 15. The night will include songs from The Great American Church Songbook and other songs of praise. Light refreshments will be served immediately following the concert in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome.

Crafternoon - Tuesday, September 3, 3:30pm-4:15pm at the Florence-Lauderdale Public Library, 256-764-6564
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Additional Tuesday Dates: October 1, November 5 etc.

Zodiac Players season - The Zodiac Players have the following plays scheduled: "Legally Blonde the Musical" Oct. 3-6, directed by Justin Nicholson; "Steel Magnolias" Jan. 16- 19, 2025, directed by Dylan Bales; "South Pacific the Musical" April 17-20, 2025, directed by Jacob Adams. The plays will be at Shoals Theatre, 123 N. Seminary St., Florence. For ticket information, or to become a patron, call 256-764-1700 or go to theshoalstheatre.org.

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Medicare Minute

"Medicare Part B Coverage"

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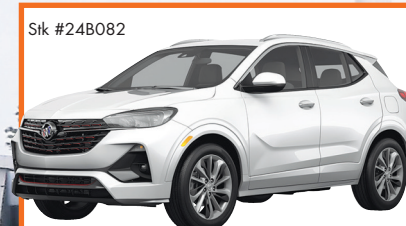


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