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Social Dancing, Tuesday evenings 6:30-8:45pm doors open at 6 pm. Admission \$6 per person. Singing River Squares dance on Monday evenings 5:30-7:30, summer lessons are going on right now! Weekend Kayaking is always fun. Fishing at Deibert Park, dates announced spring-fall.

Day trip: Lay Lake, July 18 for the Raptor Rehab program and native amphibians. Sponsored by Alabama Recreation and Parks Association in conjunction with their 5-0 programming. \$20 includes your grilled hamburger/hot dog lunch. State Masters Games in Trussville, AL the first week of October. The Club's Diamonds in the Rough Travel Group trips are open to the public: Vermont in October, Washington, DC, October, Myrtle Beach in November. Call 256-760-6420 or fdavis@florencial.org

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The Courier Journal will be **CLOSED FRIDAY, JULY 4** and will reopen Monday, July 7. Please note that ALL deadlines for the July 9 issue are 24 hours earlier than usual. Thank you and have a Safe and Happy Independence Day weekend.

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## Go Ask ALICE

SHOALS—One in three households in Alabama is walking a financial tightrope. Many households across the state – regardless of age, ethnicity, or location – are unable to maintain the basic cost of living and are only one emergency away from falling into poverty.

United Ways of Alabama will unveil its first statewide ALICE® Report on June 26, highlighting the growing financial hardships for Alabamians.



In addition to the 324,705 Alabama households in poverty, the reality is that another 604,048 households were ALICE® – Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed – an often-overlooked population that earns above the Federal Poverty Level but less than the cost of basics.

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## Awarding Mercy for 2 Locals

SHOALS – North Alabama Medical Center and North Alabama Shoals

Hospital recently recognized their respective 2025 Mercy Award winners. Kyle Roberts, a phlebotomist in the Pre-Admission Testing Department was named at NAMC, and Phillip Fretwell, director of facilities, was named at

North Alabama Shoals. The Mercy Award recognizes one employee from each of Lifepoint Health's facilities who profoundly touches the

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Editor's note: With this installment of Cat & Kids, Cathy Turner sets her keyboard aside after 23 years and readies for retirement with her husband, Kevin. Her uplifting and positive messages on family and faith have been a tremendous asset to these pages and they will be missed! Cat, we wish you the very best moving forward.



**Cat & Kids**  
by Cathy Turner

## Farewell

Writer's note: Tom Magazzu, I love you! I love that you gave me the opportunity to go into almost 70,000 homes for over 2 decades. I love you for not editing my voice. And I love you for supporting me so completely. Thank you!

Dear Readers,

As I leave the honor of writing for you, it makes me think of the apostle Paul's own departure after much teaching. It reminds me of his words in his second letter to Timothy. Please allow me to adapt some of his farewell to this occasion of my retirement.

To my beloved Readers: Grace, mercy, and peace to you from God, the Father and Jesus Christ our Lord. I thank God (whom I serve) as I remember you, without ceasing, in my prayers night and day. I greatly desire to be with you always, knowing your struggles, that I may be filled with joy. I know the sincere faith [loyalty and love]

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## Students Sign to Sponsors

MUSCLE SHOALS — Northwest Shoals Community College hosted a Federation for Advanced Manufacturing Education (FAME) Signing Day recently on the Shoals Campus as 23 students were sponsored by 11 local companies. The FAME Advanced Manufacturing Technician (AMT) program is a pathway to a challenging and well-paying career as a multi-skilled technician. Students will attend classes two full days per week while working three full days a week with a sponsoring company. The program includes cutting-edge curriculum in Electricity, Robotics, Fluid Power, Mechanics, Welding, Machining, and Industrial Troubleshooting.

"It is so exciting to see our students thrive in the FAME program with our industry partners," said NWSCC Dean of Workforce Development, Dr. Leslie Tomlinson. "The partnership we have formed with all 25 companies through the FAME program will benefit our students, their companies, and our community. We continue to have 100% job placement with our FAME graduates."

NWSCC's FAME program currently has 47 students enrolled.

Each student participated in selection interviews and was matched with a sponsoring company. Students were then notified and began the pre-employment process with each of the respective companies. The 2025-2026 FAME class are currently working with their sponsoring companies and will begin fall semester classes on August 20.

The 2025-2026 FAME Program signees were:  
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Muscle Shoals Constellium  
**Christian Early**  
Moulton Constellium  
**Cale Faust**

**Phil Campbell**  
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**Dionisio Juarez**  
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## CSC Names 6 from UNA

GREENWOOD, IN – College Sports Communicators (CSC) announced the 2025 Academic All-District Men's and Women's Golf Teams last week. UNA has six student athletes represented as women's golfers, **Hannah Dees** and **Kerigan Klauber** and men's golfers, **Chase Kaiser**, **Sebastian Bengtsson**, **Blake**

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Vacation Bible School will be at Wesley Chapel UMC, County Road 15, Florence, with stories, crafts music, games and Science experiments. The event will be 6-8 p.m. June 25, July 9 and July 16, with a meal at 5:30 p.m. Preregister by calling 256-767-0017.

Game On! at the Florence-Lauderdale Public Library - Wednesday, June 25, 1pm-2pm. Nothing like some great board games and video games to bring some friends together! If you like either of these, come join us at Game On where we'll bring out our Switch or Monopoly to kick back after a long week. Additional Dates: July 2 and July 9

Underwood-Petersville Neighborhood Watch meets at 2pm the 4th Sunday (June 25) of each month at Underwood-Petersville Community Center, 840 Lauderdale 7, Florence.

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Next week will be HOTTER than this week!

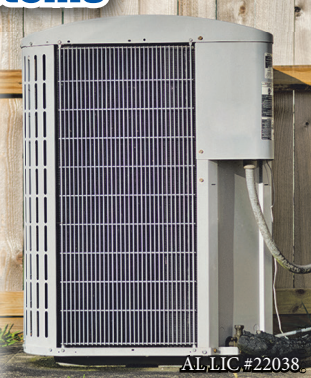
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"Do not be ashamed of the gospel" - in 23 years, I have shared a lot of words, but these are the most important. Don't be ashamed - believe in Christ, love Him, learn His words, say His name, admit wrongdoing and determine to change, be baptized for the washing away of sin, and hold fast to all the teaching that He has left for us to live by. His words have been the basis of everything that I have ever written for you. The good life. Our Father just wants us to love Him enough to do what He says. And when we do, we will have access to the power that can change our lives. I am a witness to this! And this is what I've tried to share. I hope that what you have read and heard and seen in my columns has shown that a child of God has a good life simply because God is in it. Live for Him! Blessed! I thank my God for everything! Including you! Your acceptance has been a gift to my soul.

As you and I seek Him, I pray that He will reward us with all good things forever. Amen. If you ever need me, I am only an email away. I love you so and I will miss you.

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Henriques, and Xing Lou were named.

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Dees, a senior from Fairhope, AL, played her fourth season for the Lions in 2024-25. She started in all 11 events and finished with an even 76.0 scoring average over 30 rounds.

Klauber, a redshirt sophomore from Athens, TN, is a three-year member of the program. She finished with an even 77.0 scoring average over 25 rounds this season while sporting a 279-245-18 record.

Bengtsson, a junior from Helsingborg, Sweden finished with four top 10 finishes this season and seven total top 25 finishes.

Luo won an individual crown at the GMAC Invitational. The junior was a four-time ASUN Golfer of the Week winner, which is now most for a Lion during their career. The junior had seven top 10 finishes for the year with five of the last six finishing seventh or higher and became the first Lion to appear in the Division I NCAA Regionals in school history.

Kaiser had two top 15 finishes this year with an eighth-place finish at the Golfweek/Stifel Spring Challenge on March 31. He finished with a six-under and finished with a 210-overall score for the tournament — his lowest as a Lion.

Henriques competed in 10 of the 11 tournaments this season with a top 15 placement at the Golfweek/Stifel Spring

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# Mercy...

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lives of others and best represents the spirit and values on which the company was founded. The award is named for Scott Mercy, Lifepoint's founding chairman and chief executive officer, and is considered the highest honor a Lifepoint employee can receive.

Since joining North Alabama Medical Center in October, Roberts, has made a measurable and lasting impact. His consistent professionalism and patient-focused care have received consistent positive feedback through multiple outlets. His commitment to providing care and compassion to patients and their families not only reflects his dedication but also strengthens the hospital's reputation, fostering long-term community trust and visibility.

"Kyle has very quickly become a great asset to the department," said Angel Lopp, manager of Same Day Services at NAMC. He is a very skilled phlebotomist, and his patients usually comment that they did

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"Kyle is always willing to jump in and help with any task asked of him and will be the first to volunteer to stay over if needed," added Lopp. "He also is willing to go out of the department and help if a Code Armstrong is called for lifting."

Fretwell has served at the former Eliza Coffee Memorial Hospital and Shoals Hospital for more than four decades. He was hired in 1983 and has developed a reputation for having professional excellence as well as personal integrity.

"Phillip's commitment to making a difference extends far beyond this hospital," said Braxton Holloway, Chief Operating Officer at North Alabama Shoals Hospital. "His leadership is grounded in service. In every setting, Phillip acts with kindness and purpose, uplifting others with a quiet strength and a generous spirit."

Fretwell has been a

member of Woodward Avenue Baptist Church for decades, serving as a Deacon for nearly 30 years and as Deacon Chairman twice. He has devoted his time to multiple mission trips, most recently assisting hurricane recovery efforts in North Carolina last year.

"Phillip has served as a mentor and anchor for new leaders across our organization," added Terry True, Chief Medical Officer at Shoals Hospital. "He leads not through position, but through presence—showing up consistently, listening generously, and modeling what it means to lead with heart. His steadfast dedication, moral leadership, and compassion for others have shaped not only the physical foundation of our hospital, but the very culture of our caregiving community."

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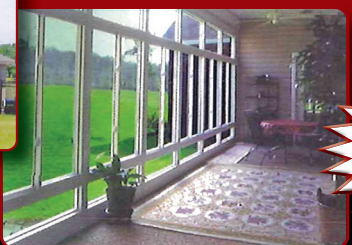
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- The average annual cost of household basics for a family of four (two adults, an infant, and a preschooler) was \$76,932.
- More than half of the most common jobs in Alabama are paid less than \$20/hour (\$40,000 annually).
- 60 of Alabama's 67 counties had 40% or more of households earning less than what is needed to afford the basics.
- Families that make the effort to improve



their situations are often cut off completely from assistance programs set up to assist those in poverty. Instead of tapering that assistance as the family's income increases, program benefits are often slashed to zero, a counterproductive process that makes a financial problem worse, and thus, stifles any motivation to do better. disappear.

We ignore this real and growing segment of the population at our society's peril and risk the well-being of all our communities. There have to be some common-sense

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## Guest Commentary

# Supreme Court Says the Constitution

Does Not Second-Guess the People  
on 'Gender-Affirming' Care

**I**n one of the most-anticipated decisions of its 2024-25 term, *United States v. Skrmetti*, the Supreme Court held that a Tennessee law prohibiting so-called gender-affirming medical interventions for minors does not violate the 14th Amendment's equal protection clause. That was the only question before the Supreme Court, and it got the answer right.

Tennessee is among more than 20 states that prohibit such medical interventions for minors. Its law, called SB1, allows doctors to prescribe drugs such as puberty blockers and cross-sex hormones or to perform certain surgeries only to treat specific medical conditions. These include congenital defects, disease, or physical injury. It prohibits their use in cases of "gender dysphoria, gender identity disorder, [and]

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THOMAS  
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## Courier Journal

# THIS WEEK

in the *Shoals*  
June 25, 2025

Happening  
THIS WEEK

## The Dish at Belle Mont

TUSCUMBIA – Belle Mont Mansion will host its annual Art of the Dish antique china display during Tuscumbia's Helen Keller Festival June 26-29. This year's Art of the Dish will feature hand-painted china, including pieces by local artists



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## Radio Club Field Day

MUSCLE SHOALS – Ham radio operators from the Muscle Shoals Amateur Radio Club (MSARC) will participate in ARRL Field Day, a national amateur radio exercise, from 1pm on Saturday until 1pm on Sunday. This event takes place June 28-29 at Gattman Park in Muscle Shoals.

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## Recognized Nationally but Rejected Locally

Editor,

In 2025, the Federal Employees' Compensation Act (FECA) took a historic step by expanding presumptive cancer coverage for women firefighters, officially

recognizing breast, ovarian, cervical, and uterine cancers as occupational diseases. But this landmark progress only applies to federal employees. Alabama has failed to protect women firefighters with presumptive cancer coverage

Across the U.S., nearly 90,000 women serve in fire departments, over 72,000 of them as volunteers. These women fall outside the scope of federal protection and are left to

fight alone through complicated, costly legal systems just to access basic compensation and care.

In Alabama, more than half of the state's 821 fire departments rely on volunteer firefighters—yet presumptive coverage for this essential workforce is nonexistent.

Moreover, Article 7 of the Presumptive Disability Law in Alabama covers fire department compensation for death and disability only for career firefighters who have been employed for at least three years in this service. Career firefighters must still demonstrate that, at the time of their employment in the firefighting force, they showed no signs of disease, including cancer. Notably, while cancer is mentioned

... Presumptive cancer coverage laws must be modernized to include gender-specific cancers, remove minimum service requirements, and extend protections to volunteer firefighters ...



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## A CONVERSATION WITH PASTOR KIKI The Child Within

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But that child never truly disappears. Sometimes, they're simply waiting to be seen again.

Embracing our inner child isn't about immaturity or avoiding responsibility. It's about remembering the truest version of who we are—the one that laughed easily, believed in goodness, and held on to wonder even when things didn't go as planned.

Somewhere along the way, many of us trade joy for obligation, imagination for caution, and hope for realism. But what if growing older doesn't mean outgrowing joy? What if we're meant to carry that childlike spark with us, especially when life doesn't unfold the way we expected?



Rev. Kiki  
Woods-Terry

The inner child is not naive. They are resilient. They are the part of us that dares to believe, that gets back up after disappointment, and that still reaches out with love. That child knows how to dream, how to trust, and how to begin again after the storms of life.

Faith, at its heart, is a little bit like that—trusting in what we cannot yet see, holding joy like it matters, and remembering that wonder isn't weakness. It's strength.

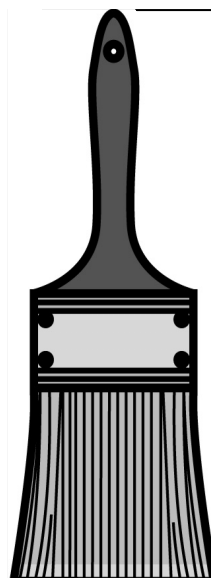
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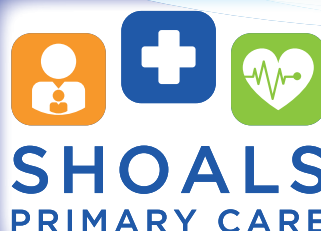
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## Guest Commentary - Thomas Jipping

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## Minors...

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gender incongruence."

Three minors who wanted to identify with the opposite sex and their parents challenged SB1, arguing that it violated the 14th Amendment's requirement that states provide the "equal protection of the laws." They argued that SB1 was just like more familiar laws that discriminate based on sex, which the Supreme Court already held must meet a higher legal standard. The Biden administration also joined the case to oppose the Tennessee law.

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the 6th Circuit, which includes Tennessee, didn't buy it and neither did the Supreme Court. Chief Justice John Roberts wrote the 6-3 opinion, refusing to find a "sex-based classification" in a statute that, to state the obvious, does not classify based on sex. SB1 applies to all minors, regardless of sex. The only distinctions it makes are age and the medical use of the particular surgeries and drugs. Neither of these has anything to do with sex.

Every Supreme Court decision has two parts: the judgment, which is typically a yes or no answer to a specific legal question, and the opinion, which explains the reasons for the judgment. The judgment decides the case before the court and the opinion can impact other cases. Here, Roberts' opinion addressed some important issues that will no doubt be raised in other cases.

He emphasized, for example, that our

understanding of gender is constantly changing and that the advisability and efficacy of medical interventions in cases of gender dysphoria or incongruence is being hotly debated. In fact, Roberts pointed out, several European countries that jumped on the "gender-affirming" care bandwagon have reversed course, "rais[ing] significant concerns regarding the potential harms associated with using puberty blockers and hormones to treat transgender minors."

In addition, the court refused to extend its controversial decision in *Bostock v. Clayton County* from the statutory to the constitutional context. In *Bostock*, the Supreme Court held that firing someone who is gay or "transgender" amounts to discrimination "because of" sex, violating Title VII of the 1964 Civil Rights Act. Liberal activists want the Supreme Court to reach the same conclusion with respect to the equal protection clause. Roberts refused, explaining the important differences between SB1 and "the logic of *Bostock*."

Unless a law discriminates on the basis of things such as race, religion, or sex, courts are not going to second-guess legislative judgments about policy issues. This decision means that gender-related laws like SB1 are in the broad category of matters, such as regulating the practice of medicine generally, that the people and their elected representatives must handle. SB1, Roberts wrote, "clearly meets this

standard."

Like European countries have already concluded, the Tennessee Legislature argued that any perceived discordance between sex and gender can be resolved by an approach far less invasive and permanent than surgery or drugs and will likely produce better outcomes.

Challenges to similar laws in other states raise the same equal protection clause issue and whether parents have a right, under the due process clause of the same 14th Amendment, to obtain medical interventions for their minor children. This decision should settle the first issue, but the second will likely find its way to the Supreme Court as litigation elsewhere continues.

In recent polls, many Americans say that the Supreme Court decides cases based more on politics than law. The court can fuel that perception when it makes up rights that are not in the Constitution's text or tries to reach a result that is politically, but not judicially, correct. This is not one of those cases. The court applied basic equal protection clause analysis and came to the obvious, and objectively correct, conclusion. As Roberts concluded, the equal protection clause does not resolve "fierce scientific and policy debates" like those today that relate to gender. That's our job as citizens.

*Thomas Jipping is a senior legal fellow in the Edwin Meese III Center for Legal and Judicial Studies at The Heritage Foundation.*

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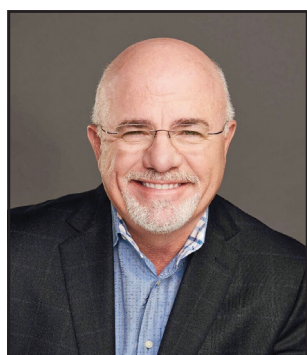
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by DAVE RAMSEY

## IT TAKES COURAGE TO CRY



Dear Dave,  
My wife and I are on Baby Step 7, and we have a household income of \$127,000 a year. We have an older dog who has had some very expensive vet bills recently. It has us both wondering how far, financially speaking, we should be willing to go to keep him alive. We both really love our dog, so we would appreciate your thoughts in the event we have to make a really hard decision somewhere down the road.

Jeff

Dear Jeff,  
Wow ... You're really trying to get me into trouble, aren't you? First of all, let me say this: I. Love. Dogs. I really do. I've had several during my life, and right now, I have one I like more than most people I know.

That being said, this little animal that I love like crazy is still ... a dog. It's not one of my grandchildren, and it's not one of my kids. If you were to ask me how much money I'd

spend to keep one of my kids or grandkids alive, the answer is simple — all the money I've got. Everything. I've started over from nothing before, and I could do it again. But there's your answer.

Now, here's something that's going to be hard for a few folks to hear. With some people who love their animals as much as I do, what I've observed is that the whole relationship can become more about the human than the animal. I've seen people spend tens of thousands of dollars to keep their pets alive, even though the animals were still suffering. At that point, it's not fair to the animal. And unfortunately, that's what often ends up happening with this kind of situation.

Listen, I understand this. I'm not bad-mouthing anyone, because I've experienced these kinds of feelings, too. I've had to have animals put to sleep, and I'll be 100% honest with you: I've sat there and cried — I mean flat-out sobbed — while it happened. And in my mind, that's a better path to take sometimes, rather than selfishly letting the animal spend its last weeks or months in pain just because you don't want to go through something difficult.

Now, if you can fix the animal — if you can give it a more-or-less normal, pain-free life by spending some money and actually correcting the problem — then, sure. Do it. There's no rule of thumb or percentage on something like this. If you actually *have* the money, let's get them fixed up. But if it takes going deep into debt, wrecking your finances or leaving your family scrambling to make ends meet as a result — then, no. I'm sorry. You should honor and love that wonderful little animal well enough that you don't make them suffer for you.

I hope you understand this, Jeff, and that it makes sense to you. God bless you all, and God bless that old pup. I hope you'll have many more happy days together.

— Dave

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*, *Today*, *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 for Ramsey Solutions.

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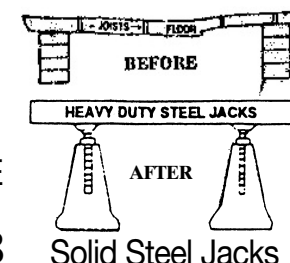
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## A Lawyer's Book Review

**Thomas McCutcheon**

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People frequently ask what book is the best book about lawyers. I think to the general public, what lawyers do can be a little mysterious. The obvious choice is To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee. The problem with "To Kill a Mockingbird" is that it is one of the most assigned novels in American schools. Most people who have read it did so because they had to, and that takes all of the fun out of it.

People miss the charm of small-town life and the characters described in the book. People tend to remember that it is a book about a lawyer, and perhaps they remember that it is a book about racial injustice in the South, but really, seeing the characters through the eyes of a young girl named Scout is a treat. The book portrays lawyers in a very good light, even though justice is not served. It's a great book that's worth reading twice, this time for fun.

The most chilling lawyer book I've read recently is "The Appeal" by John Grisham. It's a book about a huge jury verdict in a chemical poisoning case against a large corporation. The corporation knows that it will appeal the verdict, and it is in a state with a fairly evenly divided Supreme Court.

Now, remember that, in practical terms, no one knows who is on the Supreme Court of Alabama or other states. I know, and I've appeared before them, but I couldn't tell you with any degree of accuracy without researching how any one of them on the current court is likely to rule.

In this novel, the corporation has a pretty good idea that the swing vote is a female judge, and they secretly select and fund a candidate to run against her. They know that if they can win that seat on the Supreme Court, they will never be held accountable for the cancer and other chemical poisonings that they have caused in the pursuit of profit.

The reason I think this book is compelling is because there's enough truth mixed with fiction to cause concern for our system of justice.

Another notable book is "A Civil Action" by Jonathan Harr, a true story about a young lawyer who takes on a huge corporation and loses everything he has, including his Porsche. It is a great book. It's kind of hard to read, and I might actually prefer the movie.

Buckle up, drive safely, and as always, your referrals are appreciated! 256-764-0112

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amateur (ham) radio.

“While many  
hams volunteer to  
provide emergency  
communications when  
needed, amateur radio  
is also a great hobby,”  
according to Tim Holt  
(call sign KE4QID), Public  
Information Officer for  
MSARC. “It also fits  
well with educational  
programs, crossing  
geographical and cultural  
boundaries.”

Holt said that while  
studying for a license  
exam, you will learn some  
basic electronic theory,  
atmospheric and weather  
conditions, physics, and  
math. Other skills include  
FCC regulations and  
operating procedures.

“There is some techie-  
type stuff, but not too  
much—so don’t let that  
scare you away,” Holt  
added!

And while Morse Code  
is no longer required, Holy  
said some hams still enjoy  
using it. Others like the  
personal touch of talking  
to other hams (on the air).  
The newer ‘digital modes’  
allow different types of  
contacts to be made  
computer to computer.

“Hams have a long  
history of serving our  
communities when storms  
or other disasters damage  
critical communication  
infrastructure, including  
cell towers,” Holt added. “A  
stated purpose of amateur  
radio in the Federal  
Regulations is community  
service; one way we serve  
is assisting during severe  
weather events, such  
as storm spotting and  
providing damage reports  
to the local Emergency  
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A vintage “general  
purpose” receiver  
(right) covered  
multiple  
frequency  
bands. However, in  
the early days  
of ham radio,  
transmitters  
and receivers  
were two  
different units.



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(EMAs) and the National  
Weather Service (NWS).”

For example, Lauderdale  
County alone experienced  
eight tornadoes this past  
May. When the NWS in  
Huntsville issued a Severe  
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operators started a “net” to  
report weather conditions  
and storm damage to the  
tri-county EMA offices,  
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During five “net sessions”  
in May, there was an  
average of 33 operators  
throughout the Shoals  
area reporting conditions  
in their communities.

Hams across North  
America participate  
in Field Day to  
demonstrate their  
skill and service.  
It highlights ham  
radio’s ability to  
work reliably under  
any conditions  
from almost any  
location and create  
an independent,  
wireless  
communications  
network.

Many hams use  
portable radio  
communication  
capability. This  
includes alternative  
energy sources  
such as generators,  
solar panels, and batteries  
to power their equipment.  
“Since ham radio  
functions completely

independently of the  
internet and phone  
systems, a remote station  
can be set up almost  
anywhere in minutes,” Holt  
stated Hams can quickly  
raise a wire antenna in a  
tree or on a mast, connect  
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communicate effectively  
with others.”

Approximately 1500  
clubs and 18,000 hams  
across North America will  
participate in Field Day;  
some hams will also use  
the radio stations set up  
in their homes, backyards,  
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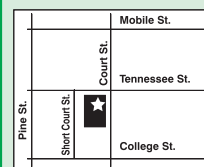
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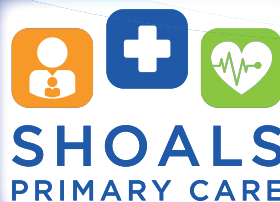


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## Letters...

### But Rejected Locally...

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here, the law does not specify which types of cancer are covered, creating significant ambiguity and allowing municipalities to contest these claims.

For several decades, exposure to PFAS and volatile organic compounds (VOCs) has been associated with an increased risk of malignancy in firefighters. Current research indicates that firefighter turnout gear is a significant source of contamination with PFAS, and this risk is substantially increased when firefighters utilize outdated equipment. This is frequently the case in voluntary fire departments, where limited funds often prevent the timely replacement of worn or outdated gear, leaving volunteers more vulnerable to prolonged and intensified toxic exposure during fire interventions. Women firefighters in particular present an increased risk of gender-specific cancers, which tend to emerge even a decade sooner, in contrast to their counterparts in the general population.

Alabama lawmakers must act now. Presumptive cancer coverage laws must be modernized to include gender-specific cancers, remove minimum service requirements, and extend protections to volunteer firefighters. These reforms are not just legislative housekeeping—they are a moral imperative. Without them, women who risk their lives in service, whether as career professionals or volunteers, are left to fight not only fires but also for the medical recognition and justice they should never be denied.

**Jordan Cade, attorney  
with Environmental  
Litigation Group, P.C.  
Birmingham**

*Jordan Cade advocates  
for individuals affected by  
toxic exposure, civil rights  
violations, and product  
liability issues.*

### NEED HELP?

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### Power is With The People

Editor,

I really find it interesting that Americans don't want a KING, when in 2020, they supposedly voted one in! If anyone was King, it was Joe Biden who ignored federal immigration laws and opened our borders to unvetted illegal immigrants to invade our country. He then gave them cell phones, gift cards, and loads of benefits they weren't entitled to!

President Biden and our democratic party that controlled Congress gave untold billions of dollars to non-governmental organizations to hand out to these millions of illegal immigrants. The end result was increased murders and crime against Americans and trillions of your taxpayer dollars to fund his illegal actions and to support his kingdom!

All this was done by a man whose cognitive abilities were clearly questionable. Who was actually running our government?

Congress saw this opportunity to hide trillions of dollars. Now today we have these illegals and their supporters in our streets rioting and looting and flying Mexican and Palestinian flags while in the country which they invaded with the help the true king Joe Biden and his democratic minions!

Now let's talk facts! The American people voted Donald Trump president because they were fed up with King Joe, Queen Kamala, and his Congress. Now a man who was successful in business and had all the money he would ever need was to be our president, not because he loved America and not because he wanted to be king, but because he believes in the Constitution and the rule of law and restore America to the respect and confidence it once had with the world community.

You not only have a man who loves America, but one who is fighting against democratic governors and judges who have decided they have the discretion and right to circumvent the Constitution!

Donald Trump wants to be your President and to put the power and control of this Republic back the way the founding fathers had intended for it to be - in the hands of the people.

**Philip Goodale  
Florence**

### Netanyahu is a Despot as Well

Editor,

Benjamin Netanyahu is a hypocrite. He recently complained loudly that Iran targeted a hospital in Israel. This is the complaint of a man who expects everyone to forget what they know about Gaza.

Netanyahu has targeted almost all of Gaza's 36 hospitals. But that is okay, because there are bad guys in those hospitals, and there are nothing but good guys in Israel's hospitals. This reflects a religious chauvinism that says that Judaism is far superior to Islam. This also indicates a political chauvinism that says that Israel is more politically legitimate than other Middle Eastern nations.

In fact, Islam has captured the hearts and minds of many more of the earth's people than Judaism has.

The leaders are the problem, not the people who ignorantly and wrongly tolerate their despotisms.

**Kimball Shinkoskey  
Woods Cross, UT**

*Editor's note: Other  
issues aside, equating the  
wartime use of schools and  
hospitals by Israel with  
any militaristic Islamic  
regime is irrational.*

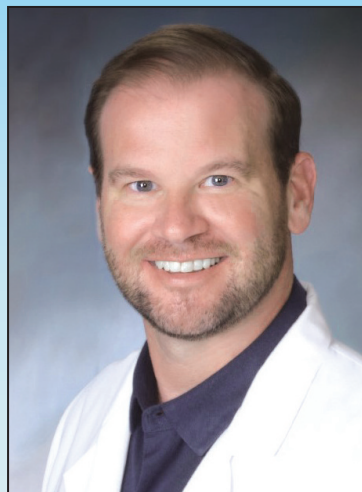
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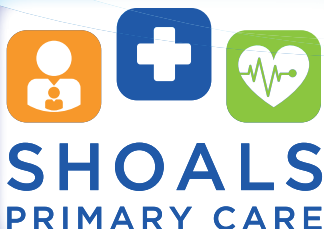
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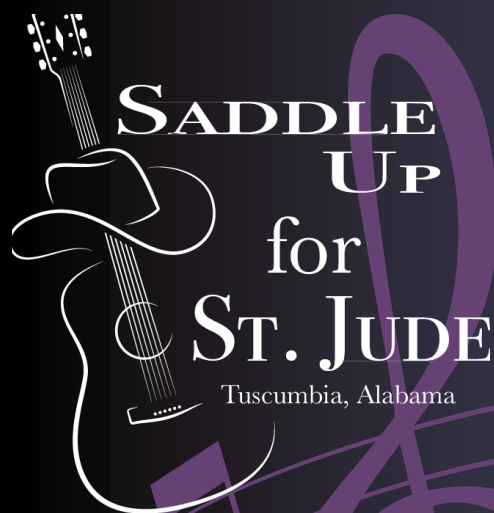
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Brain Zone!

Even Exchange by Donna Pettman

Each numbered row contains two clues and two 6-letter answers. The two answers differ from each other by only one letter, which has already been inserted. For example, if you exchange the A from MASTER for an I, you get MISTER. Do not change the order of the letters.

- |                     |                 |                  |                 |
|---------------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|
| 1. Field gun        | ___ _ _ N _ _ _ | Arizona's Grand  | ___ _ _ _ Y _ _ |
| 2. Oasis attraction | ___ _ _ T _ _ _ | Place a bet      | ___ _ _ G _ _ _ |
| 3. Thread           | ___ T _ _ _ _   | Planting season  | ___ P _ _ _ _   |
| 4. Pavlova act      | ___ A _ _ _ _   | Ammunition       | ___ U _ _ _ _   |
| 5. Within reach     | ___ _ _ N _ _ _ | Laurel's partner | ___ _ _ R _ _ _ |
| 6. Knee or elbow    | ___ _ _ _ N _   | Roof beam        | ___ _ _ _ S _   |
| 7. Customer         | ___ _ _ _ _ N   | Walk a beat      | ___ _ _ _ _ L   |
| 8. Runway walker    | M _ _ _ _ _     | Swiss song       | Y _ _ _ _ _     |
| 9. Of late          | ___ _ _ C _ _ _ | Confess          | ___ _ _ P _ _ _ |
| 10. Gold digger     | ___ _ _ N _ _ _ | Skinflint        | ___ _ _ S _ _ _ |

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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.

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Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

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**RADED** \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
- Flurry  
**TUGS** \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
- Drop  
**PLUMS** \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
- Restrict  
**SCORNE** \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

TODAY'S WORD

Micro Crossword

By Elizabeth C. Gorski

Across

- 1 Old ski lift type  
5 Crispy breakfast fare  
6 Port St. \_\_\_, Fla.  
7 Lunheads  
8 Wind dir.

	1	2	3	4
5				
6				
7				
	8			

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Down

- 1 Eponymous physicist  
2 Crispy breakfast fare  
3 Dramatic digression  
4 Numbered hwys.  
5 "CrazySexyCool"  
R&B group



What is a cat's favorite color? Purrr-ple.

What song does a cat like best? "Three Blind Mice."

Where did the school kittens go for their field trip? To the mew-seum.

Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

- AD SLOGANS: Which retail chain urges consumers to "Expect More. Pay Less"?
- MATH: What is an obelus?
- U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president was the last to own slaves?
- LITERATURE: Author Ian Fleming's Jamaican estate has the same name as which James Bond movie?
- TELEVISION: How many seasons of "Wheel of Fortune" did Pat Sajak host?
- SCIENCE: What are cordyceps?
- MOVIES: Which actor/comedian/filmmaker made his film debut in the movie "Donnie Darko"?
- ACRONYMS: What does the acronym BBC stand for?
- ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is the only bird that can fly backward?
- FOOD & DRINK: What is a mirepoix?



Got Tonight"?

- Which group performs in costumes such as cowboy, soldier, construction worker, police officer and Indian chief?
- Baron von Richthofen was immortalized in which Royal Guardsmen songs?
- Which group released "Cloud Nine"?
- Name the song that contains this lyric: "Guess mine is not the first heart broken, My eyes are not the first to cry."

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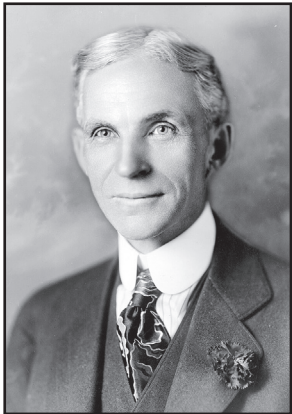
Florence Historian  
Billy Warren

FLORENCE  
Then & Now

### An Unusual Legacy Of Henry Ford

The story of Henry Ford's making two trips to the Shoals in the 1920's has been told and retold many times over the past 100 years, with the most recent retelling by the late Thomas Hager in his excellent book, *Electric City*. Evidently, Ford's visits to the Shoals remained in a positive way in his own memory, as evidenced by an article in the May 17, 1929, issue of the *Florence Herald*. Headlined "Normal Museum Gets Ford's Gift," the article reveals the interesting fact that Henry Ford (see accompanying photograph) had, during the same week that the article was published, donated to the museum at Florence Normal College (now the University of North Alabama) a complete set of McGuffey's Readers. These six Readers, the article continues, "constitute the complete set as copyrighted by McGuffey in 1857 and reprinted under the direction of Mr. Ford in 1928." A fascinating side story to this donation, as recorded in the same *Florence Herald* article, is that Ford made the donation to the museum at the request of internationally known poet/philosopher, Carl Sandburg, who, the article says, "recently lectured here." (Sandburg's presentation before a packed house at the Princess Theatre on Tennessee Street had, in fact, taken place on Wednesday, April 17, 1929.) Evidently, Mr. Sandburg (see accompanying photograph) was so pleased with the reception he received in Florence that he wanted to leave a "thank-you" gift to his gracious host city.

--Billy Warren, City Historian  
(brwarren@florencial.org)



Answers  
on Page 30

## BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Proverbs (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. Where did Jesus ride a colt as people strewed branches along His path? *Derbe, Jericho, Jerusalem, Joppa*
3. Who promised God if He gave her a baby boy no razor would ever touch his head? *Rachel, Hannah, Lois, Jezebel*
4. What was the river that the Israelites crossed when they entered Canaan? *Pison, River of Fire, Jordan, Tigris*
5. From 1 Kings 20, which city's walls fell on 27,000 men? *Jericho, Samaria, Sodom, Aphek*
6. Who sold his birthright to his brother? *Cain, Esau, Judas, Isaiah*

## Sports QUIZ

by Ryan A. Berenz

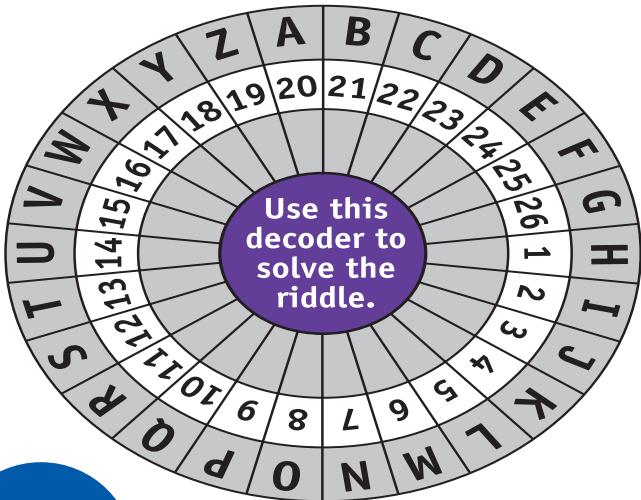
1. What relief pitcher, known for his blazing fastball, thick glasses and intimidating wildness, was a member of the New York Yankees' 1958 World Series championship team?
2. Ron Howard directed what 2013 biographical film that depicted the 1976 Formula 1 season rivalry between drivers Niki Lauda and James Hunt?
3. Businessman Y. Charles "Chet" Soda was a founding partner and the first general manager of what original American Football League franchise?
4. In the 1990s and 2000s, what baked goods did Oswego State Lakers hockey fans traditionally throw on the ice after the team scored against the rival the SUNY Plattsburgh Cardinals?
5. Marathon runner Rebecca Cheptegei, who died from injuries sustained in a violent attack in September 2024, weeks earlier competed for what country in the Paris Summer Olympics?
6. Between brothers Charles and Ed O'Bannon, who scored more points for the UCLA Bruins in their 89-78 win over Arkansas in the 1995 NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament championship game?
7. What member of the Super Bowl XX champion Chicago Bears was ejected from a 2001 Chicago Cubs game after he criticized the home plate umpire over the Wrigley Field public address system?

# Brain Zone!

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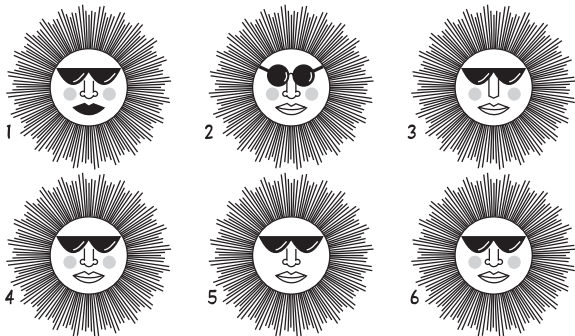
What is a doughnut?

12	8	6	24	8	7	24	16	1	8
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## FIND THE TWINS

WHICH TWO ARE EXACTLY ALIKE?



## CryptoQuip

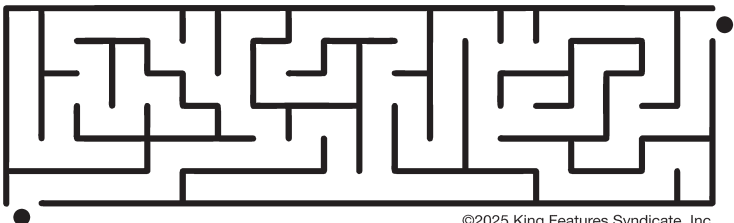
This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: A equals C

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W D B O W Y Y W W I J S A G L J  
A G N I I L P , A W B C O , C P X N L D I  
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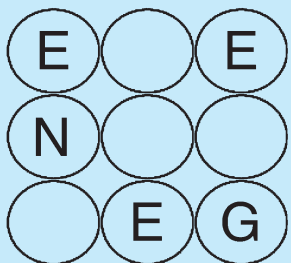
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## Kids' Maze



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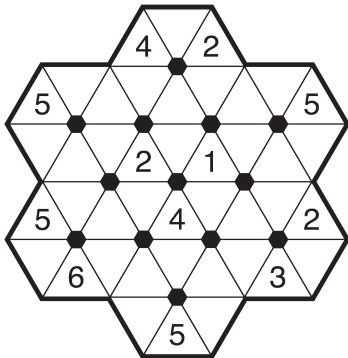


Fill in the missing letters to reveal the nine-letter word that starts at one of the four corners and moves clockwise around the perimeter before ending in the center.  
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## SNOWFLAKES

by Japheth Light

There are 13 black hexagons in the puzzle. Place the numbers 1 - 6 around each of them. No number can be repeated in any partial hexagon shape along the border of the puzzle.



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## Dish...

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admission rates apply.

Regina Wright, granddaughter of the late Delma Stanley, will share memories of her grandmother and her artistry at 11am and 2pm on Saturday, June 28. Marcia Gullett will join Ms. Wright at 2 pm to discuss her own hand-painted china.

Tickets for the Saturday presentations are \$15. The price of the ticket includes light refreshments and a tour of the home. They can be purchased at Belle Mont Mansion or online through at Bellemontmansion.com.

Wright said her family is delighted about the opportunity to share their grandmother's china.

"The family of Delma Stanley is very grateful to the Colbert County Historical Landmarks Foundation and the Belle Mont Mansion staff for this opportunity to share the beauty of her artwork that has graced our lives for so many years," Wright said. "Since her passing in 1997, this showing at the Art of the Dish is the first exhibit of her hand-painted china, and we believe that Grandmother Stanley's artwork and life story will uplift and inspire those who attend."

The display will include pieces from the personal collections of each of Mrs. Stanley's granddaughters,

including Ms. Wright, Dawn Quinn, and the late Heather Quinn.

"We encourage the community to attend, enjoy the beauty of the various pieces of china and learn more about this very unique form of art," Wright added. "Marcia Gullett, fellow painter and special friend of Grandmother Stanley, will also be displaying her artwork and speaking at the afternoon program."

"It is an honor to share the beautiful artwork of Grandmother Stanley, as shelved in both Tuscumbia and Spring Valley," said her granddaughter, Dawn Quinn. "Her work ethic throughout her life set a standard for the accomplishment of many goals, with an example to be displayed in her hand painted china, which includes a great variety of dishes and accompanying pieces. In addition to my collection, pieces from the collections of my late sister, Heather Quinn, and



Photos courtesy of Belle Mont Mansion

cousin, Regina Wright, will be displayed. We thank the Colbert County Historical Landmarks Foundation and the Belle Mont Mansion staff for recognizing both Delma Stanley and her dear friend, Marcia Gullett, at this time."

Tickets are on sale now. Tickets will also be available at the door if seats remain. Purchasing in advance is strongly encouraged.

For more information about this event, please call Belle Mont Mansion at 256-381-5052 or email bellemontmansion@gmail.com.

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## SIGNS OF THE PAST



### PESTILENCES ~ Prior to 20th Century ~

During its early history, this area was faced with periods of infectious epidemics. One of the most feared was the small pox plague. It became a serious threat at the end of the Civil War, believed to have resulted from the frequent movements of troops here during the war. Yellow Fever, a rare plague in the northern hemisphere, appeared here in the Fall of 1878, resulting in 42 deaths in Florence. Four nurses from the Howard Association, a New Orleans charity organization, were sent here to assist with the sick and the dying.

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Smallpox is a very contagious disease with a high mortality rate of 30%. Due to widespread vaccination efforts, the last natural occurrence was declared in 1980. This marker describes the extreme measures communities had to undertake before the discovery of a vaccine.

~ Courtesy David Curott ~ author of  
"Historical Markers and Other Signs of the Past"



# Notes...

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**Cypress Moon Studios and The Full Moon Players Present** the Broadway hit musical, *Falsettos* June 26-29. The story follows the life of a blended family and proves that love finds a way. The play is written and composed by William Finn and James Lapine. It is produced locally by Tonya Holly, directed by Josh Davis and Dylan Bales. Music is directed by Jessica Bailey. Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. Tickets can be purchased at [cypressmoonstudios.org](http://cypressmoonstudios.org) or by calling 256-335-6961.

**Community Connected – St. Mark MB Church**, 220 E. Alabama St., Florence, will have the second annual Community Connected from 6-8 p.m. June 27. Featuring guest choirs, testimonials, spoken Word and more. Food, clothing giveaway, bounce houses and prizes. Bishop Dr. Will Boyd, Pastor. Rev. Gloria Stokes, Coordinator

**Bad Art Fridays - Friday, June 27, 3pm-4pm** at the Florence-Lauderdale Public Library. Sometimes our biggest critic is ourselves, and that can hinder creativity. Here at Bad Art Fridays, we strive to create bad art so our inner perfectionist can leave us alone! You don't have to try too hard here, but you do have to have fun!  
Additional Dates: June 20, July 4 and July 1.

**Art of the Dish – Belle Mont Mansion**, 1569 Cook Lane, Tuscumbia, will have the exhibit from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. June 26-28. Admission includes tour of the mansion. 256-381-5052

**Playwright William Gibson's renowned drama "The Miracle Worker"** will be performed outdoors on the grounds of Ivy Green, Helen Keller's birthplace in Tuscumbia, at 300 N. Commons in Tuscumbia on weekends through mid-July (June 27, 28). Celebrating over 60 years of performances, the play follows Helen Keller's journey from illness and isolation to her breakthrough under the guidance of Anne Sullivan. Produced by the Helen Keller Foundation, Inc. and directed by Caroline Self, the show features authentic period costumes and professional acting. For tickets or to request special seating accommodations (with at least two weeks' notice), contact 256-383-4066 or email [helenkellerbirthplace@comcast.net](mailto:helenkellerbirthplace@comcast.net).

**Gourmet Gallery at the Florence-Lauderdale Public Library** - Wednesday, June 25, 3pm-4pm  
The great artists of old used wonderful techniques to create their masterpieces. You only have food! Every week, we'll learn about a new artist and try to replicate a masterpiece of theirs through the medium of candy. Now you get to eat artwork: a dream come true!  
Additional Dates: July 2 and July 9.

**Middle-Grade DND: at the Florence-Lauderdale Public Library** Thursday, June 26, 3pm-4pm  
It's time for our Summer Campaign! Filled with travel, art, and humor, our Summer DND program is not one to be missed. Do you have what it takes to find art for your museum? Ages 11-14.  
Additional Dates: July 3 and July 10

**Book Bingo - Friday, June 27, 2– 2:30pm** at the Florence-Lauderdale Public Library. Play Bingo for a chance to win some fun books!  
Additional Dates: June 27 and July 11

**Florence Camerata will sponsor a Cabaret-style fundraising event** featuring many talented local soloists and small groups on **Sunday afternoon, June 29** at 2pm. The performance, entitled "BY POPULAR DEMAND," will be on in the basement annex of the First Presbyterian Church in Florence. This will be a casual, intimate setting with table seating and refreshments. It is a fundraiser for Florence Camerata, so donations will be solicited. For more information, call 256-810-9512, or check our Facebook page (Florence Camerata) or visit [www.FlorenceCamerata.com](http://www.FlorenceCamerata.com).

**Courtland Heritage Museum - Saturday, June 28** and every Saturday. Located at the East side of Courtland's downtown Square, Courtland, AL  
Volunteer docents are available each week to explain exhibits and answer questions. The museum will also be open upon request to clubs, organizations and groups seeking to learn more about the area's rich history. There is no admission charge though donations to the museum's history collection efforts are welcome and appreciated. [www.courtlandalabama.com](http://www.courtlandalabama.com)

**Religious Abuse Support Group of the Shoals** will meet the first (July 6) and last Sunday (June 29) of every month. Time and location will vary. Check Facebook for details: <https://www.facebook.com/ragshoals>

**Whimsical Workshop - Tuesday, July 1, 1pm-2pm** at the Florence-Lauderdale Public Library. Here at Whimsical Workshop, we focus on all things crafts! Create fantastic art that you can bring home with you, and show off your creation during Show and Tell! Every week there will be a new craft for you to pour your heart into. Ages 15-18.  
Additional Dates: June 24, July 8.

**"Hi Neighbors of the Shoals" meets at the Florence Public Library** on the first Tuesday of each month (July 1) at 10:30am. We are a women's social group welcoming all ladies who are residents of the Shoals area. Come join us! Contact Christina Dickinson, 262-930-7762, for further details.

**July 2 – Sunrise Swimming at Royal Recreation Center.** Early risers can dive into the day with Sunrise Swimming, held Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 6–7:20 AM at the Royal Recreation Center. The session runs from July 2 to August 1 for a flat fee of \$60. For details, call 256-760-6425.

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We are pleased to present to you this year’s Annual Water Quality Report. This report is designed to inform you about the water quality and services we deliver to you every day. We want you to understand the efforts we make to continually improve the water treatment process and protect our water resources. We are committed to providing our customers with the safest and highest quality drinking water possible. This Water Quality Report is required by the Safe Drinking Water Act and tells you where your water comes from, what tests by independent laboratories show about it and other information you should know about your drinking water.

Our surface water treatment plant is located at 16531 US Hwy 72, where we source water from the Tennessee River. The treatment process utilizes coagulation, sedimentation, flocculation, disinfection and filtration.

The Colbert County Rural Water System is governed by the Colbert County Commission. Commission members are as follows:

County Commissioners

- Tommy Barnes – District 1
- W. Tyrus Mansell – District 2
- Jimmy Gardiner – District 3
- Tori Bailey – District 4
- Darol Bendall – District 5
- David C. Isom – District 6
- Jeremy Robison – County Engineer

If you have any questions about this report or concerning your water utility, please contact Jeremy Robison, County Engineer, 256-386-8504. We want our valued customers to be informed about their water utility. If you want to learn more, please attend any of our regularly scheduled meetings. They are held on the first and third Tuesday of each month at 5:00 p.m. at the Colbert County Courthouse.

On March 14, 2023, the EPA announced the proposed National Primary Drinking Water Regulation (NPDWR) to establish legally enforceable levels for six PFAS in drinking water. On April 10, 2024, the EPA finalized its proposed NPDWR, and announced its expectation that “over many years the final rule will prevent PFAS exposure in drinking water for approximately 100 million people, prevent thousands of deaths, and reduce tens of thousands of serious PFAS-attributable illnesses.”

The EPA’s new regulation provides a window of up to five years for public water systems to reach full compliance. Colbert County Rural Water has been monitoring PFAS, notifying the public of the levels of these PFAS, and undertaking efforts to evaluate how best to reduce the levels of these PFAS in drinking water. Due to the unique chemical properties of PFAS, conventional water treatment plants are incapable of fully removing PFAS from drinking water.

As a result, CCRW is evaluating state-of-the-art water filtration systems to reduce PFAS to non-detectable levels. CCRW is currently working with our engineers to select the best method of removing PFAS from our water supply.

CCRW does not believe that the past, present and future capital costs and increased operational expenses associated with removing PFAS from our water supply should be the responsibility of our ratepayers. For that reason, we engaged and retained outside legal counsel with extensive experience in PFAS litigation to evaluate and litigate claims against those responsible for the PFAS chemicals in our water supply. CCRW filed suit in the Circuit Court of Colbert County, Alabama in 2023 and while we cannot comment on pending litigation, our lawsuit against PFAS chemical manufacturers and others responsible for the PFAS contamination is moving forward in the Circuit Court of Colbert County, Alabama. It remains our goal to hold those that contaminated our water supply with PFAS responsible for all past, present, and future costs associated with removing their PFAS contamination from our drinking water.

More information about contaminants to drinking water and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA’s Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (1-800-426-4791).

**Source Water Assessment:** We have developed a source water protection plan that can be reviewed in our office. This plan provides additional information such as potential sources of contamination. No sites evaluated pose a significant risk to our customers. It includes a susceptibility analysis, which classified potential contaminants as high, moderate, or non-susceptible (low) to contaminating the water source. It has been determined by the assessment that the source water susceptibility ranking has a low-risk potential. The assessment has been performed, public notification has been completed, and the plan was approved by ADEM. Anyone wishing to review the SWAP can review it at our office (appointment required). Please help us make this effort worthwhile by protecting our source of water. Carefully follow instructions on pesticides and herbicides you use for your lawn and garden, and properly dispose of household chemicals, paints, and waste oil.

UCMR5

The Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) requires that once every five years the EPA issues a list of unregulated contaminants to be monitored by public water systems (PWSs).

The fifth Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule (UCMR 5) was published on December 27, 2021. UCMR 5 requires sample collection for 30 chemical contaminants between 2023 and 2025 using analytical methods developed by the EPA and consensus organizations. This action provides the agency and other interested parties with scientifically valid data on the national occurrence of these contaminants in drinking water. The next table is a list of the contaminants that are being tested for during the UCMR5 along with their results.

Colbert County Rural Water Unregulated Contaminant Rule 5 (UCMR5) Contaminants					
Contaminants	Unit Msmt	Level Detected	Contaminant		Unit Msmt      Level Detected
Lithium	ppt	ND	PFHxA		ppt      4.5
11ClPF3OUdS	ppt	ND	PFHxS		ppt      3.4
4.2 FTS	ppt	ND	PFMBA		ppt      ND
6.2 FTS	ppt	ND	PFMPA		ppt      ND
8.2 FTS	ppt	ND	PFNA		ppt      ND
9ClPF3ONS	ppt	ND	PFOA		ppt      13.0
ADONA	ppt	ND	PFOS		ppt      23.2
HFPO-DA	ppt	ND	PFPeA		ppt      3.0
NFDHA	ppt	ND	PFPeS		ppt      ND
PFBA	ppt	8.6	PFUnA		ppt      ND
PFBS	ppt	5.6	NEiFOSAA		ppt      ND
PFDA	ppt	ND	NMeFOSAA		ppt      ND
PFDoA	ppt	ND	PFTA		ppt      ND
PFEESA	ppt	ND	PFTrDA		ppt      ND
PFHpA	ppt	4.0			
PFHpS	ppt	ND			

Colbert County Rural Water Detected Drinking Water Contaminants						
Contaminants	Violation Y/N	Level Detected	Unit	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
Gross Alpha	NO	ND	pCi/l	0	15	Erosion of natural deposits
Gross Beta	NO	ND	pCi/l	0	4	Erosion of natural deposits
Chlorine	NO	0.6-2.5 1.55 avg	ppm	4	4	Water additive used to control microbes
Turbidity	NO	.10	NTU	n/a	TT	Soil runoff
Barium	NO	0.0244	ppm	2	2	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits
Copper	NO	0.017	ppm	1.3	AL=1.3	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching of preservatives
Lead	NO	ND	ppm	.15	AL=15	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits
Fluoride	NO	0.452	ppm	4	4	Erosion of natural deposits, water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from factories
Nitrate (as Nitrogen)	NO	0.878	ppm	10	10	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits
TTHM - Total trihalomethanes	NO	28.9 LRAA 15.8-57.0	ppb	0	80	By-product of drinking water chlorination
HAA5 - Total haloacetic acids	NO	33.2 LRAA 15.9-54.5	ppb	0	60	By-product of drinking water chlorination

Unregulated Contaminants						
Chloroform	NO	0.0098	ppb	n/a	n/a	Naturally occurring; industrial discharge; agricultural runoff
Bromodichloromethane	NO	0.0068	ppb	0	n/a	Naturally occurring; industrial discharge; agricultural runoff
Perfluorooctanoic Acid	NO	9.81	ppt	n/a	n/a	Product that resists heat, oil, stains, grease, and water
Secondary Contaminants						
Aluminum	NO	0.0607	ppm	n/a	0.2	Erosion; treatment with water additives
Chloride	NO	10.6	ppm	n/a	250	Naturally occurring; industrial discharge; agricultural runoff
Hardness	NO	82.8	ppm	n/a	n/a	Naturally occurring; treatment with water additives
Iron	NO	ND	ppm	n/a	0.30	Occurs naturally or from water treatment
Manganese	NO	ND	ppm	n/a	0.05	Occurs naturally
pH	NO	6.5	S.U.	n/a	n/a	Naturally occurring; treatment with water additives
Specific Conductance	NO	205.0	umhos	n/a	<500	Occurs naturally or from water treatment
Sodium	NO	5.11	ppm	n/a	n/a	Naturally occurring in the environment
Sulfate	NO	19.8	ppm	n/a	250	Naturally occurring; industrial discharge; agricultural runoff
Total Dissolved Solids	NO	114	ppm	n/a	500	Naturally occurring; industrial discharge; agricultural runoff

Muscle Shoals Utility Board Detected Drinking Water Contaminants						
Contaminants	Violation Y/N	Level Detected	Unit	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
Chlorine	NO	1.9 avg. 1.61 – 2.20	ppm	4	4	Water additive used to control microbes
Turbidity	NO	0.10	NTU	n/a	TT	Soil runoff
Barium	NO	0.0199	ppm	2	2	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits
Copper	NO	0.0015	ppm	1.3	AL=1 .3	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching of preservatives
Fluoride	NO	0.831	ppm	4	4	Erosion of natural deposits, water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from factories
Nitrate (as Nitrogen)	NO	1.08	ppm	10	10	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits
TTHM - Total trihalomethanes	NO	22.9 avg. 6.0 - 41.5	ppb	0	80	By-product of drinking water chlorination
HAA5 -Total haloacetic acids	NO	23.4 avg. 1.0 – 42.6	ppb	0	60	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Unregulated Contaminants						
Chloroform	NO	2.10	ppb	n/a	n/a	Naturally occurring; industrial discharge; agricultural runoff
Bromodichloromethane	NO	2.2	ppb	0	n/a	Naturally occurring; industrial discharge; agricultural runoff
Perfluorooctanoic Acid	NO	9.81	ppt	n/a	n/a	Product that resists heat, oil, stains, grease, and water
Secondary Contaminants						
Aluminum	NO	0.0831	ppm	n/a	0.2	Erosion; treatment with water additives
Chloride	NO	12.9	ppm	n/a	250	Naturally occurring; industrial discharge; agricultural runoff
Hardness	NO	68.0	ppm	n/a	n/a	Naturally occurring; treatment with water additives
Iron	NO	0.031	ppm	n/a	0.30	Occurs naturally or from water treatment
Manganese	NO	0.00485	ppm	n/a	0.05	Occurs naturally
pH	NO	7.2	S.U.	n/a	n/a	Naturally occurring; treatment with water additives
Sodium	NO	7.31	ppm	n/a	n/a	Naturally occurring in the environment
Sulfate	NO	8.59	ppm	n/a	250	Naturally occurring; industrial discharge; agricultural runoff
Total Dissolved Solids	NO	129	ppm	n/a	500	Naturally occurring; industrial discharge; agricultural runoff

Iuka Detected Drinking Water Contaminants						
Contaminants	Violation Y/N	Level Detected	Unit	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
Chlorine	NO	0.80-1.60 1.40	ppm	4.0	4.0	Water additive used to control microbes
Copper	NO	0.04	ppm	1.3	AL=1.3	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion; leaching from wood preservatives
Lead	NO	0.015	ppm	.15	AL= .15	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits
Barium	NO	0.0095	ppm	2	2	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits
Chromium	NO	0.005	ppm	0.1	0.1	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Nitrate	NO	0.205	ppm	10	10	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits
Sodium	NO	0.149	ppb	20	20	Naturally occurring in the environment

\* Figure shown is 90th percentile and # of sites above Action Level (AL)

UCMR Definitions:

**UCMR Minimum Reporting Level (MRL):** The minimum concentration that may be reported by a laboratory as a quantified value for a method analyte following analysis. The MRLs were established based on the capability of the analytical method, not based on a level established as “significant” or “harmful”. **UCMR Reference Concentration:** The reference concentrations are based on publicly available health information found in the following EPA resources: 2018 Edition of the Drinking Water Standards and Health Advisories Tables [i.e., Health advisories (HA)] and the CCL 4 Contaminant Information Sheets [i.e., **Health Reference Levels (HRLs)**]. The primary sources of the health information used to derive the guideline values in the resources referenced above are peer-reviewed assessments from EPA or other governmental agencies. The reference concentrations are subject to change as new health assessments are completed. Reference Concentrations are not legally enforceable federal standards.

**Health Reference Levels (HRL):** The CCL process derives HRLs for screening purposes using available data and can be used in the Regulatory Determination process as risk-derived concentrations against which to evaluate the occurrence data to determine if contaminants may occur at levels of public health concern. HRLs are not final determinations about the level of a contaminant in drinking water that is necessary to protect any particular population and, in some cases, are derived prior to development of a complete exposure assessment using the best available data. HRLs are not legally enforceable federal standards

**Health Advisories (HA):** Has provide information on contaminants that can cause human health effects and are known or anticipated to occur in drinking water. EPA’s health advisories are non-enforceable and non-regulatory and provide technical information to State agencies and other public health officials on health effects, analytical methodologies and treatment technologies to assist with risk management decisions.

**Level 1 Assessment:** “A Level 1 assessment is a study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system.”

**Level 2 Assessment:** “A Level 2 assessment is a very detailed study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why an E. coli MCL violation has occurred and/or why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system on multiple occasions.”

**General Information:** All drinking water, including bottled drinking water, may be reasonably expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. MCL’s, defined in a List of Definitions in this report, are set at very stringent levels

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and radioactive material and it can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity. Turbidity has no health effects. However, turbidity can interfere with disinfection and provide a medium for microbial growth. Turbidity may indicate the presence of disease-causing organisms. These organisms include bacteria, viruses, and parasites that can cause symptoms such as nausea, cramps, diarrhea and associated headaches.

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- *Microbial contaminants*, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.
- *Inorganic contaminants*, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally occurring or result from urban storm water run-off, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.
- *Pesticides and herbicides*, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, storm water run-off, and residential uses.
- *Organic chemical contaminants*, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff, and septic systems.
- *Radioactive contaminants*, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations which limit the number of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water.

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. People at risk should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbiological contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

Based on a study conducted by ADEM with the approval of the EPA a statewide waiver for the monitoring of asbestos and dioxin was issued. Thus, monitoring for these contaminants was not required.

**Lead in Drinking Water:** “If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. *NEVER make baby formula with warm or hot tap water.* Exposure to lead in drinking water can cause serious health effects in all age groups. Infants and children can have decreases in IQ and attention span. Lead exposure can lead to new learning and behavior problems or exacerbate existing learning and behavior problems. The children of women who are exposed to lead before or during pregnancy can have increased risk of these adverse health effects. Adults can have increased risks of heart disease, high blood pressure, kidney, or nervous system problems

Lead is rarely found in source water. If lead is present in tap water, it is primarily from corrosion of materials that were used in older plumbing, solder that connects pipes, or from pipes connecting a house to the main water pipe in the street. Lead is no longer used in manufacturing these products, but plumbing components containing lead may still remain in some older homes and buildings. When water sits for several hours in pipes containing these older materials, lead can leach into the water. Boiling will NOT reduce the amount of lead in your water. If you choose to have your tap water tested, be sure to use a properly certified laboratory. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize your family’s exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water hotline at 800-426-4791 and from <http://www.cdc.gov/nceh/lead/tips/water.htm>.



# 2024 Annual Water Quality Report

(Testing Performed January through December 2024)

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We use an independent laboratory to analyze samples from our distribution system for lead according to a monitoring schedule set by ADEM. Your water system is responsible for providing high quality drinking water but cannot control the variety of materials that were used in household plumbing. The EPA and the CDC make the following recommendations:

- Before using any tap water for drinking or cooking, flush your water system by running the kitchen tap (or any other tap you take drinking or cooking water from) on COLD for 1–2 minutes. Flushing can minimize the potential for lead exposure, especially if the water has been sitting undisturbed for several hours, as in overnight.
- In all situations, especially for making baby formula, drink or cook only with water that comes out of the cold tap. Warm or hot tap water is more likely to cause lead to leach from plumbing materials.
- Periodically remove the aerator on the tip of the faucet and wash out any debris such as metal particles.

**Lead Service Line Inventory:** Our Lead Service Line Inventory was completed and submitted by the deadline of October 16, 2024, and a copy of it is in our office as required by EPA. If any would like to review it or have any questions, please feel free to contact our office.

Upon completing the lead service line inventory, here at Colbert County we are pleased to report, that we had **0 – Lead Service Lines, 0 – Galvanize Required Replacement Service Lines, 0 – Unknown, and 5552 Non- Lead Service Lines.**

Our source water is also tested for pathogens, such as Cryptosporidium and Giardia. These pathogens can enter the water from animal or human waste. For people who may be immunocompromised, a guidance document developed jointly by the Environmental Protection Agency and the Center for Disease Control is available online at [www.epa.gov/safewater/crypto.html](http://www.epa.gov/safewater/crypto.html) or from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 800-426-4791. All test results were well within state and federal standards. *Cryptosporidium and Giardia have not been detected in our finished drinking water.*

**Cryptosporidium** is a microbial pathogen found in surface water throughout the U.S. Although filtration removes Cryptosporidium, the most commonly-used filtration methods cannot guarantee 100 percent removal. Ingestion of Cryptosporidium may cause cryptosporidiosis, an abdominal infection. Symptoms of infection include nausea, diarrhea and abdominal cramps. Most healthy individuals can overcome the disease within a few weeks. However, immune-compromised individuals, infants and small children, and the elderly are at greater risk of developing life-threatening illness. We encourage immune-compromised individuals to consult their doctor regarding appropriate precautions to take to avoid infection. Cryptosporidium must be ingested to cause disease, and it may be spread through means other than drinking water. We currently monitor for Cryptosporidium and have had none detected

**Radon** is a naturally occurring gas present in some groundwater. Inhaled radon has been linked to lung cancer and may pose a health risk when inhaled after the release from water into the air. This inhalation could occur during showering, bathing, washing dishes, or washing clothes. The radon gas release from drinking water is a relatively small part of the total radon found in air. One major source of radon gas is from the soil, where the gas can seep through the foundations of homes. It is not clear whether ingested (i.e. taken through the mouth) radon contributes to cancer or other adverse health conditions. If you are concerned about radon in your home, tests are available to determine the total exposure level. For additional information on home testing contact (insert name of local health department). Note 300 Pci/l proposed MCL.

### Monitoring Results

As you can see by the tables, our system had no violations. We have learned through our monitoring and testing that some constituents have been detected. We are pleased to report that our drinking water meets federal and state requirements. The tables below show only those contaminants that were detected.

Hawk Pride Mountain Detected Drinking Water Contaminants						
Contaminants	Violation Y/N	Level Detected	Unit	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
Chlorine	NO	1.95 avg. 1.70 – 2.20	ppm	4	4	Water additive used to control microbes
Turbidity	NO	0.039	NTU	n/a	TT	Soil runoff
Barium	NO	0.03	ppm	2	2	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits
Copper	NO	0.19	ppm	1.3	AL=1 .3	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching of preservatives
Nitrate (as Nitrogen)	NO	0.95	ppm	10	10	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits
TTHM - Total trihalomethanes	NO	6.90 avg. 4.0 – 10.0	ppb	0	80	By-product of drinking water chlorination
HAA5- Total haloacetic acids	NO	1.31 avg. ND – 4.8	ppb	0	60	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Unregulated Contaminants						
Chloroform	NO	4.27	ppb	n/a	n/a	Naturally occurring; industrial discharge; agricultural runoff
Bromodichloromethane	NO	2.4	ppb	0	n/a	Naturally occurring; industrial discharge; agricultural runoff
Perfluorooctanoic Acid	NO	2.0-11.0	ppt	n/a	n/a	Product that resists heat, oil, stains, grease, and water
Secondary Contaminants						
Alkalinity, Total	NO	209	ppm	n/a	n/a	Erosion of natural deposits
Calcium	NO	84.5	ppm			Erosion of natural deposits
Chloride	NO	6.37	ppm	n/a	250	Naturally occurring; industrial discharge; agricultural runoff
Hardness	NO	224.0	ppm	n/a	n/a	Naturally occurring; treatment with water additives
Magnesium	NO	3.14	ppm	n/a	n/a	Occurs naturally
pH	NO	7.1	S.U.	n/a	n/a	Naturally occurring; treatment with water additives
Sodium	NO	3.58	ppm	n/a	n/a	Naturally occurring in the environment
Sulfate	NO	5.58	ppm	n/a	250	Naturally occurring; industrial discharge; agricultural runoff
Total Dissolved Solids	NO	240	ppm	n/a	500	Naturally occurring; industrial discharge; agricultural runoff

### DEFINITIONS

**Action Level-** the concentration of a contaminant that, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow. **Coliform Absent** (ca)- Laboratory analysis indicates that the contaminant is not present. **Cryptosporidium**- a microscopic parasite that can cause disease, mainly diarrhea, if swallowed. **Disinfection byproducts** (DBPs)- are formed when disinfectants used in water treatment plants react with bromide and/or natural organic matter (i.e., decaying vegetation) present in the source water. **Distribution System Evaluation** (DSE)-a 4-quarter study to identify distribution system locations with high concentrations of DBPs. **Maximum Contaminant Level** (MCL) is the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. **Maximum Contaminant Level Goal** (MCLG)- the level of a contaminant in drinking water

Town of Cherokee Detected Drinking Water Contaminants						
Contaminants	Violation Y/N	Level Detected	Unit	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
Chlorine	NO	2.1	ppm	4	4	Water additive used to control microbes
Turbidity	NO	0.15	NTU	n/a	TT	Soil runoff
Barium	NO	0.21	ppm	2	2	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits
Copper	NO	0.069	ppm	1.3	AL=1 .3	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching of preservatives
Fluoride	NO	0.054	ppm	4	4	Erosion of natural deposits, water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from factories
Nitrate (as Nitrogen)	NO	1.0	ppm	10	10	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits
TTHM - Total trihalomethanes	NO	52.5 avg 18.0-87.0	ppb	0	80	By-product of drinking water chlorination
HAA5 - Total haloacetic acids	NO	59.0 avg 18.0-100.0	ppb	0	60	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Unregulated Contaminants						
Chloroform	NO	28.0	ppb	n/a	n/a	Naturally occurring; industrial discharge; agricultural runoff
Bromodichloromethane	NO	10.05	ppb	0	n/a	Naturally occurring; industrial discharge; agricultural runoff
Perfluorooctanoic Acid	NO	0.027-0.049	Ug/l	n/a	n/a	Product that resists heat, oil, stains, grease, and water
Secondary Contaminants						
Aluminum	NO	0.0831	ppm	n/a	0.2	Erosion; treatment with water additives
Chloride	NO	12.9	ppm	n/a	250	Naturally occurring; industrial discharge; agricultural runoff
Hardness	NO	68.0	ppm	n/a	n/a	Naturally occurring; treatment with water additives
Iron	NO	0.031	ppm	n/a	0.30	Occurs naturally or from water treatment
Manganese	NO	0.00485	ppm	n/a	0.05	Occurs naturally
pH	NO	7.2	S.U.	n/a	n/a	Naturally occurring; treatment with water additives
Sodium	NO	7.31	ppm	n/a	n/a	Naturally occurring in the environment
Sulfate	NO	8.6	ppm	n/a	250	Naturally occurring; industrial discharge; agricultural runoff
Total Dissolved Solids	NO	129	ppm	n/a	500	Naturally occurring; industrial discharge; agricultural runoff

Detected Tuscumbia Utilities Detected Drinking Water Contaminants						
Contaminants	Violation Y/N	Level Detected	Unit	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
Turbidity	NO	0.034	NTU	n/a	TT	Soil runoff
Arsenic	NO	0.718	ppb	0	50	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits
Barium	NO	0.0332	ppm	2	2	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits
Chromium	NO	1.49	ppb	0	100	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits
Copper	NO	0.133	ppm	1.3	AL=1 .3	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching of preservatives
Fluoride	NO	0.81	ppm	4	4	Erosion of natural deposits, water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from factories
Lead	NO	1.78	ppm	0	0.01 5	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits;
Nitrate (as Nitrogen)	NO	3.89	ppm	10	10	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits
Selenium	NO	2.44	ppb	0	50	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits
TTHM - Total trihalomethanes	NO	28.8	ppb	0	80	By-product of drinking water chlorination
HAA5- Total haloacetic acids	NO	22.4	ppb	0	60	By-product of drinking water chlorination

\* Figure shown is 90<sup>th</sup> percentile and # of sites above Action Level (AL) = 0

West Morgan East Lawrence Detected Drinking Water Contaminants						
Contaminants	Violation Y/N	Level Detected	Unit	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
Chlorine	NO	1.74 avg 1.0-3.23	ppm	4	4	Water additive used to control microbes
Turbidity	NO	.030-.021-100	NTU	n/a	TT	Soil runoff
Barium	NO	0.005	ppm	2	2	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits
Copper	NO	.041	ppm	1.3	AL=1 .3	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching of preservatives
Fluoride	NO	ND	ppm	4	4	Erosion of natural deposits, water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from factories
Nitrate (as Nitrogen)	NO	0.647	ppm	10	10	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits
TTHM - Total trihalomethanes	NO	3.0	ppb	0	80	By-product of drinking water chlorination
HAA5- Total haloacetic acids	NO	5.41	ppb	0	60	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Unregulated Contaminants						
Chloroform	NO	2.3	ppb	n/a	n/a	Naturally occurring; industrial discharge; agricultural runoff
Bromodichloromethane	NO	1.3	ppb	n/a	n/a	Naturally occurring; industrial discharge; agricultural runoff
Perfluorooctanoic Acid	NO	NA	ppt	n/a	n/a	Product that resists heat, oil, stains, grease, and water
Secondary Contaminants						
Aluminum	NO	0.14	ppm	n/a	0.2	Erosion; treatment with water additives
Chloride	NO	5.76	ppm	n/a	250	Naturally occurring; industrial discharge; agricultural runoff
Hardness	NO	24.7	ppm	n/a	n/a	Naturally occurring; treatment with water additives
Iron	NO	0.010	ppm	n/a	0.3	Occurs naturally or from water treatment
Manganese	NO	0.005	ppm	n/a	0.5	Occurs naturally
pH	NO	7.50	S.U.	n/a	n/a	Naturally occurring; treatment with water additives
Sodium	NO	6.03	ppm	n/a	n/a	Naturally occurring in the environment
Sulfate	NO	1.41	ppm	n/a	250	Naturally occurring; industrial discharge; agricultural runoff
Total Dissolved Solids	NO	140.0	ppm	n/a	500	Naturally occurring; industrial discharge; agricultural runoff

Below is a table of contaminants for which the Environmental Protection Agency and the Alabama Department of Environmental Management require testing where applicable. These contaminants were not detected in your drinking water unless they are also listed in the Detected Drinking Water Contaminants table elsewhere in this report.

STANDARD LIST OF PRIMARY DRINKING WATER CONTAMINANTS					
Contaminant	MCL	Unit of Msmt	Contaminant	MCL	Unit of Msmt
Bacteriological Contaminants			cis-1,2-Dichloroethlene	70	oob
Total ColiformBacteria	<5%	presen/Lab sent	trans-1,2-Dichloroethylene	100	ppb
Fecal Coliform and E.coli	0	presen/Lab sent	Dichloromethane	5	ppb
Turbidity	TT	NTU	1,2-Dichloropropane	5	ppb
Cryptosporidium	TT	Cate.organi sms/l	Di (2-ethylhexyl)adipate	400	ppb
Radioloical Contaminants			Di (2-ethylhexyl)phthalate	6	ppb
Beta/photon emitters	4	mrem/yr	Dinoseb	7	opb
Alpha emitters	15	oCi/l	Dioxin (2,3,7,8-TCDD)	30	nm
Combined radium	5	pCi/l	Diquat	20	ppb
Uranium	30	pCi/l	Endothall	100	ppb
Inorganic Chemicals			Endrin	2	ppb
Antimony	6	ppb	Eoichlorohvdrin	TT	TT
Arsenic	10	ppb	Ethylbenzene	700	ppb
Asbestos	7	MFL	Ethvlene dibromide	50	ppt
Barium	2	ppm	Glyphosate	700	ppb
Beryllium	4	ppb	Heptachlor	400	ppt
Cadmium	5	ppb	Heptachlor epoxide	200	ppt
Chromium	100	ppb	Hexachlorobenzene	1	ppb
Copper	AL=1.3	ppm	Hexachlorocyclooctadiene	50	ppb
Cyanide	200	ppb	Lindane	200	ppt
Fluoride	4	ppm	Methoxychlor	40	oob
Lead	AL=1.5	ppb	Oxamyl (Vydate)	200	ppb
Mercury	2	ppb	Polychlorinated biphenyls	0.5	ppb
Nitrate	10	ppm	Pentachlorophenol	1	ppb
Nitrite	1	ppm	Picloram	500	ppb
Selenium	.05	ppm	Simazine	4	ppb
Thallium	.002	ppm	Styrene	100	ppb
Oraanic Contaminants			Tetrachloroethylene	5	Pob
2,4-D	70	ppb	Toluene	1	ppm
Acrylamide	TT	TT	Toxaphene	3	ppb
Alachlor	2	ppb	2,4,5-TP(Silvex)	50	ppb
Alazine	3	oob	1,2,4-Trichlorobenzene	.07	ppm
Benzene	5	ppb	1,1,1-Trichloroethane	200	ppb
Benzolalovrene (PASA)	200	ppt	1,1,2-Trichloroethane	5	oob
Carbofuran	40	ppb	Trichloroethylene	5	ppb
Carbon tetrachloride	5	ppb	Vinyl Chloride	2	ppb
Chlordane	2	ppb	Xylenes	10	ppm
Chlorobenzene	100	ppb	Disinfectants & DisinfectionByproducts		
Dalapon	200	ppb	Chlorine	4	ppm
Dibromochloropropane	200	ppt	Chlorine Dioxide	800	ppb
1,2-Dichlorobenzene	1000	DPb	Chloramines	4	oom
1,4-Dichlorobenzene (para)	75	ppb	Bromate	10	ppb
o-Dichlorobenzene	600	ppb	Chlorite	1	ppm
1,2-Dichloroethane	5	ppb	HAA5 (Total haloacetic acids)	60	ppb
1,1-Dichloroethylene	7	ppb	TTHM (Total trihalomethanes)	80	ppb
LIST OF SECONDARY CONTAMINANTS					
Alkalinity, Total (as CA, Co.)	Copper	Manganese	Specific Conductance		
Aluminum	Corrosivity	Odor	Sulfate		
Calcium, as Ca	Foamina aagents (MBAS)	Nickel	Total Dissolved Solids		
Carbon Dioxide	Hardness	pH	Zinc		
Chloride	Iron	Silver			
Color	Magnesium	Sodium			
LIST OF UNREGULATED CONTAMINANTS					
Aldicarb	Chloroethane	Dieldrin	Proachlor		
Aldicarb/Sulfone	Chloroform	Hexachlorobutadiene	N-Propylbenzene		
Aldicarb/Sulfoxide	Chloromethane	3-Hydroxycarbofuran	Proachlor		
Aldrin	O-Chlorotoluene	Isopropylbenzene	1,1,1,2-Tetrachloroethane		
Bromoacetic Acid	P-Chlorotoluene	p-Isopropyltoluene	1,1,2,2-Tetrachloroethane		
Bromobenzene	Dibromochloromethane	M-Dichlorobenzene	Tetrachloroethene		
Bromochloromethane	1,2-Dibromoethane	Methomyl	Trichloroacetic Acid		
Bromodichloromethane	Dibromomethane	Methylene chloride	1,2,3-Trichlorobenzene		
Bromoform	1,1-Dichloroethane	Methyl tert-butyl ether	Trichloroethene		
Bromomethane	1,3-Dichlorooxoane	Metolachlor	Trichlorofluoromethane		
Butachlor	2,2-Dichloropropane	Metrlobuzin	1,2,3-Trichloropropane		
N-Butylbenzene	1,1-Dichloropropene	MTBE	1,2,4-Trimethylbenzene		
Sec-Butylbenzene	1,3-Dichlorooxoene	Naphthalene	1,3,5-Trimethylbenzene		
Tert- Butylbenzene	Dicamba	1-Naphthol			
Carbanil	Dichlorodifluoromethane	Paraquat			

Parts per million (ppm) or Milligrams per liter (mg/l)-one part per million corresponds to one minute in two years or a single penny in \$10,000. **Parts per quadrillion** (ppq) or **Picograms per liter** (picograms/l)-one part per quadrillion corresponds to one minute in 2,0D0,000,000 years, or a single penny in \$10,D00,000,000,000. **Parts per trillion** (ppt) or Nanograms per liter (nanograms/l)-one part per trillion corresponds to one minute in 2,000,000 years, or a single penny in \$10,000,000,DOO. **Picocuries per liter** (pCi/L)-picocuries per liter is a measure of the radioactivity in water. Running Annual Average (LRAA)-yearly average of all the DPB results at each specific sampling site in the distribution system. **Standard Units** (S.U.)-pH of water measures the water’s balances of acids and bases and is affected by temperature and carbon dioxide gas. **Treatment Technique** (TT)- a required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water. **Variances & Exemptions** (V&E)-State or EPA permission not to meet an MCL or a treatment technique under certain conditions.



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The Solid Waste office will be closed Friday, July 4, and the Lauderdale County landfill will close at noon July 4. The office and the landfill will reopen Monday July 7. This keeps residential pickup from being disrupted to Saturday or the following week. Anyone with any questions can call the solid waste office at 256-760-5878.

The Annual Board Meeting for the Spring Valley Water System takes place at 6pm Thursday, July 3 at the Spring Valley Water System Office, 912 Lagrange Road. 256-383-1666. This meeting will include board elections.

The 42nd Annual Spirit of Freedom Celebration is Friday, July 4. Celebrate Independence Day at McFarland Park with a day full of fun with food trucks and live music. Then enjoy fireworks over the river at night! Food trucks open at 11am. Bring your lawn chairs, blankets, and your favorite people for a laid-back, family-friendly day by the river. Free entry. Everyone is welcome.

4th of July at The Old Railroad Bridge will once again offer the best view of the July 4 fireworks in the Shoals. The ORBC board of directors will use the opportunity to help raise money for the bridge's upkeep.

The Lauderdale County will run its normal household garbage pickup schedule on Friday, July 4.

The Kennedy-Douglass Center for the Arts in Florence will present a fiber exhibition, "Holding on to Past & Present Memories" by Mississippi artist Lukise Swanigan from July 6 - August 21. A reception for the artist will take place Sunday, July 13, from 1-4 pm in conjunction with the opening of the "Mostly Blues Invitational" exhibit. A "Meet & Greet" opportunity with Swanigan will take place at 2:30pm where she will briefly discuss her creative process with fiber art. The Aberdeen, MS native is a self-taught artist inspired by nature and childhood memories.

Kennedy-Douglass Center for the Arts tours are free and open to the public. The KD Art Center is located at 217 E. Tuscaloosa St. in Florence and can be reached by calling 256-760-6379.

CaringPlace Caregiver Support Group, second Monday (July 7) of each month, 10-11 a.m., CaringPlace Center, 216 Marengo St., Suite I, Florence. Grief Group follows, 11-11:30am. Information, Eileen Nunnally, 256-762-1166.

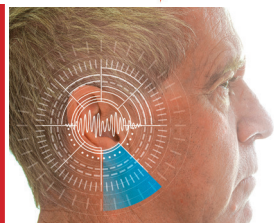
Summer Reading Event: James Spann Weather Program - Tuesday, July 8, 10am-11am at the Sheffield Public Library, on Montgomery Ave. (256) 386-5633

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## Brain Zone! ANSWERS



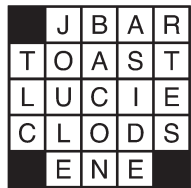
1. Bob Seger and the Silver Bullet Band in 1978. Because it was his mother's favorite song, Seger always includes it in live concerts in memory of her.
2. The Village People. The group's "Y.M.C.A." was designated a "culturally, historically or aesthetically significant" song and was added to the National Recording Registry in 2020. It was inducted into the Grammy Hall of Fame that same year.
3. "Snoopy vs. the Red Baron" in 1966 and "Snoopy's Christmas" in 1967. Von Richthofen, aka the Red Baron, was a German Air Force flying ace during World War I.
4. The Temptations, in 1968.
5. "Hopelessly Devoted to You," by Olivia Newton-John, in 1978, in the film "Grease." The song received an Oscar nomination for Best Original Song and topped charts in numerous countries around the globe.

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## Even Exchange answers

1. Cannon, Canyon
2. Water, Wager
3. String, Spring
4. Ballet, Bullet
5. Handy, Hardy
6. Joint, Joist
7. Patron, Patrol
8. Model, Yodel
9. Recent, Repent
10. Miner, Miser

## Micro Crossword Answer

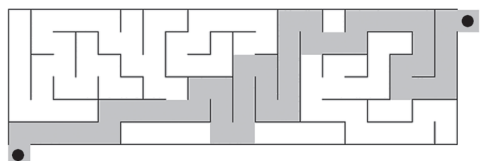


ANSWERS: 1) Old, 2) Jerusalem, 3) Hannah, 4) Jordan, 5) Aphek, 6) Esau

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## Kids' Maze Solution



## Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

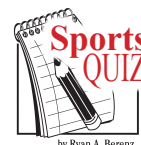
### Answers

1. Target.
2. The division sign.
3. Ulysses Grant.
4. "GoldenEye."
5. 41.
6. A type of fungus or mushroom.
7. Seth Rogen.
8. British Broadcasting Corp.
9. Hummingbird.
10. A recipe base of onion, celery and carrots.

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1	+	6	÷	7	=	1
+		+		+		
3	+	5	÷	8	=	1
÷		x		x		
2	+	4	+	9	=	15
=		=		=		
2		44		13		

Answer						
2	5	4	1	3	6	
6	1	3	2	4	5	
4	6	2	3	5	1	
5	3	1	4	6	2	
1	4	6	5	2	3	
3	2	5	6	1	4	



1. Ryne Duren.
2. "Rush."
3. The Oakland Raiders.
4. Bagels.
5. Uganda.
6. Ed, with 30 points (Charles scored 11).
7. Steve McMichael.

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## CryptoQuip answer

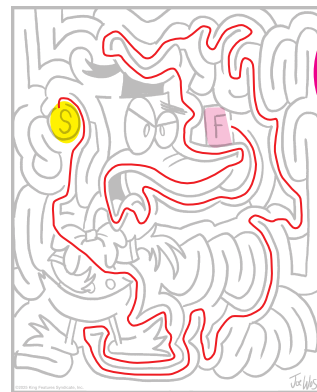
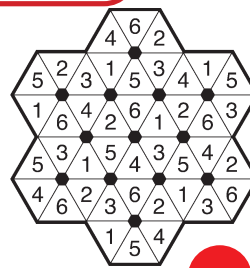
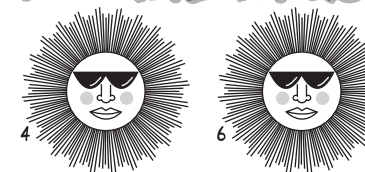
Folks seeking handouts only of food such as cheddar, colby, brie and feta: cheese-beggars.

## SCRAMBLERS solution

1. Dread
2. Gust;
3. Slump;
4. Censor

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Pilot

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