

100 Years at Sherrod Ave.

FLORENCE – Sherrod Avenue Church of Christ in Florence will celebrate its 100th Anniversary the weekend of October 4–5. This milestone event honors a century of God's faithfulness with worship, fellowship, and reflection.

A Worship gathering will get the day started Saturday morning from 9–11am in the church's Christian Life Center featuring a message from **Cory Collins**, former minister (2000–2006).

A community Block Party takes place in the Edgewood parking lot Saturday afternoon from 4–6pm with food trucks, children's inflatables, and plenty of fellowship.

An evening Worship service will follow at 6pm in the Christian Life Center, with a message from **Kerry Williams**, former minister (2006–2012).

Sunday Morning Worship begins at 9am in the auditorium with a message from current Sherrod Avenue minister, **Justin Pannell**. That will be followed by a Centennial Service, including a panel discussion and video-recorded memories from members.

A fellowship lunch in the Christian Life Center will help bring the celebration to a close.

Childcare will be provided during portions of the weekend.

Everyone is invited to attend some or all of the 100th Anniversary celebration.

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The Ranch at 200



The Walkers all work the farm and ranch on CR 2. Left to right, Reed, Sara, Rosie, James, and Lucas Walker.

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Weekend Events Focus on Farm and Ranch Life

FLORENCE – For sixth generation farmer and cattle rancher, James Walker, it was about leaving a legacy for the community to enjoy and learn. As an ardent supporter of agriculture and

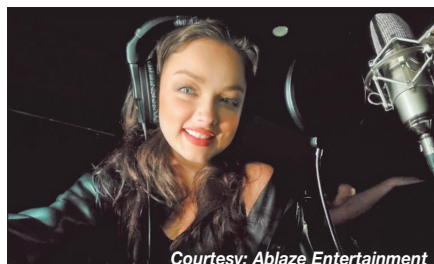
education with decades of experience growing cotton, corn, and soybeans, creating a space for folks to learn about agriculture while being immersed in it is a vision he and his wife, Rosie, have had for many years.

"The Walker family has been growing on this land at the west end

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Kirbi on The Voice

Nashville-based Ablaze artist-Kirbi (Savanna Kirby) is a vocalist and songwriter born and raised in Florence and is a Florence High graduate.



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Exhibits will open at 9am with coffee and light refreshments served. The conference program begins at 10am, highlighted by keynote speaker, Dr. Dwight Matthew, FSAN, Nephrologist, and a leading voice in kidney health.

The conference will take place in Harrison Hall,

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Known for her soulful vocals with country-pop influence, she has been performing from a young age in schools, community arts programs, and university ensembles. Since moving to Nashville in 2023, she has been pursuing her dream of a professional music career while staying rooted in the support of her Florence community.

Keep an eye out for Kirbi, who will take the national stage as a contestant on Season 28 of NBC's *The Voice*, sometime in the coming week or two. *The Voice* airs on Monday and Tuesday nights at 7pm Central.

Savanna is an anomaly, and I am honored to have worked with her and know that she will be a superstar one day soon.

”

Jerry Foster
Director of Fine Arts
Florence Academy



Walker Ranch...

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of Lauderdale County for over 200 years,” James Walker said. “I graduated from Coffee High School and went to Oklahoma State University on a rodeo scholarship studying business. I was able to start farming full time with my dad, Buddy Walker, in 2001. Many folks used to have a grandparent or family member who farmed, and we don't have those connections anymore.

The Walker Ranch Fall Festival in October can help young and old get a feel for that farm life in the changing fall environment.

“I want people to come visit the ranch, pet the animals, and work their way through the corn maze, which is planted in the design of our Walker Ranch cattle brand,” Walker continued.

“We have hayrides and a pumpkin patch, inflatables for the kids, and a cotton field where you can take pictures. Or come by and visit the open-air building and take pictures of the sunsets, prettiest in the county. And ask questions; farming of today is heavily technology driven and we use this equipment to be efficient and increase our productivity. We are the boots on the ground for your food and fabric sources.”

The Fall Festival starts October 2 (Thursday-Saturday every week) thru November 1. Hours are Thursday-Friday from 3-7pm, and Saturday 10am-7pm. Tickets are \$15/person, with those ages 2 and under admitted free. The \$25 arm band includes all the above along with a horse ride, a



Courtesy photo

cup of feed for the animals and your picture with Scooby the Brahma bull. There will also be food trucks, pumpkins, mums, t-shirts and other items for individual sale. Walker Ranch is located at 16402 Co Rd 2, (Gunwaleford Rd.) one mile past the Florence Sportsplex on the left. Follow the signs.

Plans are also underway for next year's Walker Rodeo 2-Day event in March. Be on the lookout for other events during 2026 with a beautiful holiday event at the end of the year. Follow Walker Ranch on Facebook, Instagram, and TikTok.



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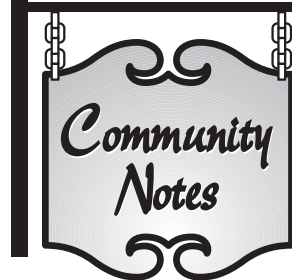
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Saturday, October 4 St. Florian Oktoberfest, 9am - 4pm
Monday, October 6 Tarkett East, 1701 Mars Hill Road, Florence, 11am - 6pm
Wednesday, October 8 Central High School, 3000 Co Rd 200, in the Library Florence, 8am - 3:30 pm
Thursday, October 8 Farris Wholesale Outlet Inc., 220 Farris Drive, Leighton, 10am - 3pm
Saturday, October 18 Fashion Exchange - 405 N Military St., Loretto, TN, 10am - 4pm

The Day by Day Annual Memorial Release will be with a beautiful array of Butterflies this year instead of Balloons. The special location for the 2pm Sunday, October 12 event will be at Spring Park in Tusculumbia - Pavilion #1. Please RSVP no later than September 30 to reserve your butterflies. Responses after this date WILL NOT be guaranteed to receive butterflies. The goal is to provide at least 3 Butterflies for each child represented but this isn't guaranteed. Come join us at this special event as we honor the lives of our children. Contact: Anita Watkins @ 256-810-1010 or Anita.Watkins@comcast.net **RSVP IS REQUIRED BY SEPT. 30** to reserve your Butterflies!

The Walker Ranch Fall Festival is back for the entire month of October! at 16402 County Road 2, just 1 mile west of the Florence Sportsplex. Hours: Thursdays & Fridays, 3-7pm. Saturdays, 10am-7pm. Bring the family out to enjoy fall fun

with animals, pumpkins, sunflowers, and more at Walker Ranch.

Clothes Giveaway - infants - adults clothes and shoes, Thursday, October 2 from 8-10am at the Care Center, First Baptist Church, Killen

Homecoming will be celebrated at First Free Will Baptist Church 2701 Florence Blvd in Florence on Sunday, October 5 at 10:30am. Bro. Kenneth Flannaginn, an FCA Alumni, will bring the message. A fellowship meal will follow.

Monarch Retrospective - Kennedy-Douglass Center for the Arts, 217 E. Tuscaloosa St., Florence

will look back on a decade of Monarch Tile National Ceramics Competition now through Oct. 23. The center is open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Friday and 1-4 p.m. Sunday.

The Tennessee Valley Museum of Art is hosting "SANCTUM," a mental health and wellness-focused exhibit, from Now - October 10.

The exhibit will also feature a series of workshops: September 27, and "Memory As Portal" on October 5. For more information, please call 256-383-0533.

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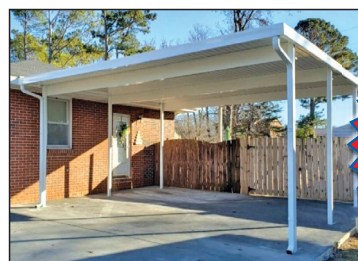
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Room 144 and will feature a multidisciplinary group of experts, with speakers, exhibitors, and panelists representing UAB Transplant, home dialysis, nutrition, social work, nursing, insurance, and transplant nephrology. Adding a vital patient-centered perspective, Matt Beresford – a transplant recipient and former dialysis patient – will serve as a powerful voice on the panel, sharing firsthand insights into the challenges and triumphs of navigating kidney disease.

"Kidney disease is the 8th most common cause of death in Alabama," said Dr. Matthew. "In 2021, the state ranked 52nd in kidney disease-related deaths. About 35.5 million U.S. adults are estimated to have kidney disease – that's more than 1 in 7 (14%). About 9 in 10 adults with kidney disease (about 90%) do not know they have it."

The event is free of charge and open to:

- Dialysis patients and their caregivers
- Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD) patients
- Anyone at risk due to diabetes, hypertension, or family history
- Nurses and healthcare professionals

Nursing continuing education units (CEUs) will be available at no cost, and lunch will be provided for all attendees.

Additionally, Emma Shultz and Molly Gates, both students at the Anderson College of Nursing & Health Professions, will share their perspectives on kidney health after participating in both the Kidney Walk and the conference planning process.

The Shoals Kidney Health Conference is one of four regional kidney health conferences in Alabama this year, alongside Huntsville, Birmingham, and Mobile, as part of AKF's ongoing commitment to education, awareness, and support for kidney patients statewide.

Registration is free, but seating is limited – participants are encouraged to register early.

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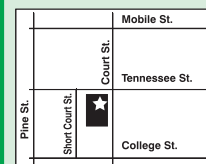
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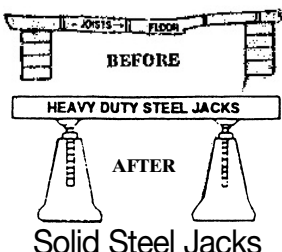
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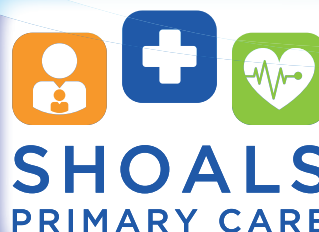
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Rogersville Fall Festival

ROGERSVILLE – The Rogersville community is once again coming together for a day of fun, fellowship, and giving back at the 5th Annual Rogersville Gives Back Fall Festival, taking place on Saturday, October 18 from 10am-2pm at Rogersville Park.

This family-friendly event includes free admission and promises something for everyone, including a car show, live music, food trucks with delicious assortments, local vendors, inflatables, and other children's activities. Guests are encouraged to bring a lawn chair, enjoy live entertainment, and shop locally while supporting a meaningful cause.

Proceeds from the festival will benefit foster children and teens in Lauderdale and Colbert Counties, with a special emphasis on ensuring that teens in foster care — often overlooked during the holiday season — experience a meaningful Christmas. Funds will also support Shoals CASA and Kids Helping Kids as they provide year-round advocacy services for abused and neglected children in the community.

Over the past five years, the Rogersville Gives Back Fall Festival has helped provide Christmas gifts and support for more than 700 children in foster care. That number continues to grow yearly thanks to generous community sponsors, vendors, and participants.

See Echos of The Forks...

FLORENCE – Florence Arts and Museums is hosting a special screening of "Echoes of the Forks of Cypress,"

at the Southall Building, 209 E. Tuscaloosa Street, Florence at 6:30pm on Thursday, October 9.

The 45-minute film by **Frederick Murphy** was originally funded by the Alabama Humanities Alliance as part of their "Healing History" initiative. The documentary delves into the intertwined lives of the enslaved people and their enslavers at the Forks of Cypress plantation in Florence. The film narrates the historical significance of the plantation, focusing on the daily lives, struggles, and resilience of the enslaved individuals who lived and worked there.

In the present day, descendants of both the enslaved and the enslavers have united to assess their shared past.

Upcoming screenings of the film will also take place in Statesville, NC, Waxhaw, NC, Montevallo, AL, Raleigh, NC, and Georgetown, SC between now and January 2026.

Florence Arts and Museums is launching a fundraiser to cover the cost associated with making the film and screening it in communities across the country. Tickets for the Florence screening are \$15 and can be purchased on the Florence Arts and Museums website: FlorenceAlMuseums.com/Forks.

This program is sponsored by the City of Florence Department of Arts and Museums. Call 256-760-6379 or email connect@florencealmuseums.com for more information.

Wallace Talks Yarn Spinning

FLORENCE – Archaeology at Pope's Tavern is hosting a presentation at 12pm on Sunday, October 5 at Pope's Tavern Museum with **Emily Wallace** who

will offer a closer look at the craft of yarn spinning. This is one of a series of workshops at Pope's Tavern that

will explore history and archaeology.

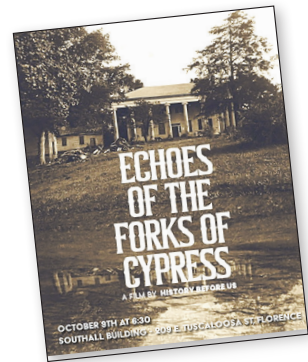
Wallace will be exploring the skills, materials, and preparation required to turn raw fiber into thread. Participants will gain insight into how this hands-on practice shaped daily life and connected people to their materials.

Emily Wallace is a textile artisan and fiber arts instructor from North Alabama where she explores both historic and modern approaches to producing fiber goods by hand. She currently teaches textile workshops at the Burritt Folk School in Huntsville, AL and tends a small flock of conservation breed sheep at her home.

The program is free and is sponsored by the City of Florence Department of Arts and Museums, with support from the Muscle Shoals National Heritage Area.

After the workshop, Archaeology at Pope's Tavern will continue its excavation of Test Unit 7.

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"Young Frankenstein, the Musical"
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Tuesday night Social Dance at The Club/ Florence Senior Center, 450 Country Club Drive, in Florence. \$6. Doors open at 6pm. Dance from 6:30-8:45pm. Texas two step, waltz, line dance, fox trot and more! The Browns provide the music from across the decades!

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The Sherrod Avenue Church of Christ in Florence will celebrate its 100th Anniversary the weekend of October 4-5, honoring a century of God's faithfulness with worship, fellowship, and reflection.
The weekend schedule includes:
Saturday Morning (9-11am) - A worship gathering in the Christian Life Center featuring a message from Cory Collins, former minister (2000-2006).
Saturday Evening (4-8pm) - A community "Block Party" in the Edgewood parking lot with food trucks, children's inflatables, and fellowship. At 6pm, an evening worship service will follow in the Christian Life Center, with a message from Kerry Williams, former minister (2006-2012).
Sunday Morning (9am) - Worship in the auditorium with a message from current minister, Justin Pannell. This will be followed by a Centennial Service, including a panel discussion and video-recorded memories from members. A fellowship lunch will close the celebration in the Christian Life Center.
Childcare will be provided during portions of the weekend.
The heart of this anniversary is to glorify God and proclaim His faithfulness over the past 100 years.

The Annual Pink 5k Run and 1 Mile Fun Run, presented by Pink Alabama and Alpha Phi Alabama Fraternity Inc. (Kappa Nu Lambda Chapter) is set for October 4 from Florence High School. 8-10am. Survivor Walk will start at 9am. Register at <https://pink-alabama.com>
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"Echoes of the Forks of Cypress:" Film Screening - October 9 at 6:30pm. at the Southall Building, 209 E. Tuscaloosa Street, Florence.

Florence Arts and Museums is hosting a screening of "Echoes of the Forks of Cypress," a film by Frederick Murphy. Tickets are \$15 and will fund the cost of making the film as well as screening it across the country.

Originally funded by the Alabama Humanities Alliance as part of their "Healing History" initiative, the documentary "Echoes of The Forks of Cypress" delves into the intertwined lives of the enslaved people and their enslavers at the Forks of Cypress plantation in Florence, Alabama. The film narrates the historical significance of the plantation, focusing on the daily lives, struggles, and resilience of the enslaved individuals who lived and worked there.

To purchase tickets or make donations, go to the Florence Arts and Museums website: <https://www.florencealmuseums.com/forks>

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Shoals Kidney Health Conference - Fri. Oct. 10, 10am-2:30pm at the University of North Alabama, Harrison Hall - Room 144, 174 Shelby Way, Florence. Exhibits open at 9:00, Refreshments & Coffee. Speaker: Nephrologist Dr. Dwight Matthew.

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I believe this is why we find the Halloween season so exciting. It is a time to lean into the enchanting gift of sharing life together in the warmth of neighborly love.

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I'm saving a seat for you!

Peace, **Pastor Trey Suey**



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Commentary

Saying Goodbye to Some Stalwarts

Two highly influential people in public speaking circles were eulogized last week a day apart, one with local/regional impact, the other, nationally and beyond.

One was closer to me than the other, but the respect both earned in their work earned them the highest of accolades.

David Sain was an impressive Gospel preacher with a riveting voice, intriguing presentations, and an amazing degree of patience and understanding. His first sermon was at age 13, and he preached right up to the week he passed way. Sain had over 70 years' worth of impact, more than three decades of which were spent here in the Shoals area. Many hundreds of gospel meetings around the southeast, a local weekly television show, and decades of brief Heart-to-Heart radio messages further widened his impact.

He was a spirited college sports fan, had a great sense of humor, an amazing and inspiring relationship with his wife, Phyllis,

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In A Few Words



TOM MAGAZZU
Editor

Courier Journal

THIS WEEK

Faire Game

Here are a few fun events leading up to Renaissance Faire weekend

FLORENCE – Join the Alabama Renaissance Faire for its annual October lecture series in 2025, sponsored by the Alabama Renaissance Faire, the University of North Alabama History Dept. and the Florence-Lauderdale Public Library.

This free series of lectures takes place at 2pm on the first three Sundays in October in the Library Colonnade - leading up to the Alabama Renaissance Faire weekend (Sat-Sun Oct. 25-26) at Fontaine-on-

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Mansa Musa- Catalan Atlas c 1300 AD

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Happening THIS WEEK

FLORENCE CAMERATA, THE POPULAR LOCAL COMMUNITY CHORUS, will resume rehearsals at 6:30pm on Thursday, October 2 in preparation for their annual Holiday concert. Rehearsals are in the UNA chorus room off north Court Street in Florence. The concert will be on December 4. We welcome inquiries about joining the group. For more information, please call 256-810-9512.

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Every Friday at 1pm, exhibit curator, Glenn

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DON'T MISS PAINT THE STREET - an interactive outdoor arts festival celebrating creativity, community, and color, Saturday October 4 in downtown Sheffield. Artists will "Paint the Street" with temporary murals using chalk or other removable media, while local makers, crafters, and food vendors line the sidewalks with handmade treasures and delicious treats. Live music and community performances will take place throughout the day! There is no charge to attend. Vendors can still get in for \$100. Call 256-383-0533. A morning car show will kick off the festivities. Food trucks and alcoholic beverages will be available for purchase at The Ritz Theatre, and a special screening of Pretty in Pink will take place at 6pm at The Ritz. Tickets for the movie are \$10 at TennesseeValleyArts.org

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Coffee, Dairy, Tariffs

Editor,

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are shared costs - not just farmers, but you too and granny and poppa. No IRS refund for tariffs.

Coffee prices have gone up to \$20 a bag, or for you pod users, \$100. Brazil is shipping coffee, but a mere drop. Look for your favorite coffee shop to close along with all those others next to it. No one will be paying \$30 a cup. I'm surprised fast food places are still open. Milk, butter, margarine, sour cream, and cheese are dairy - ie cows. Hamburger is the price of a rib eye in January.

I will be handing out napkins on the

corner so you can wipe your tears. I will also have a cup for donations. No beef please. I will be the old desperate ugly chick. I need to feed my dogs, Linda needs groceries Johnson.

Linda Johnson
Florence

Shutdown Theater- Briar Patch Edition

Editor,

"The White House budget office," CNN reports, "is telling federal agencies to prepare plans for mass firings in the event of a government shutdown ..."

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... For once, let's see how small the federal government can get before anything "essential" stops happening. . .



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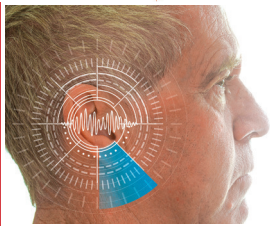
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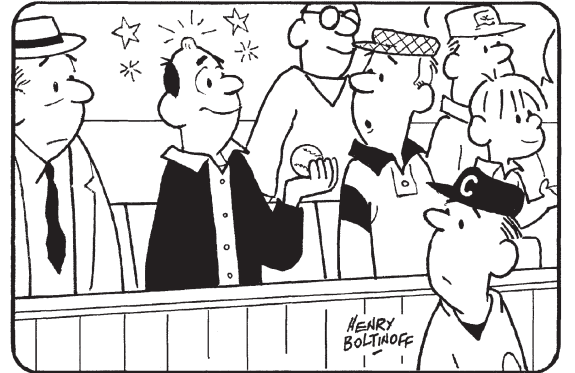
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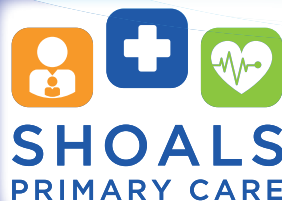


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Savvy SENIOR

What Seniors Need to Know About This Fall's Vaccines

Dear Savvy Senior,
With a longtime vaccine critic leading the nation's health departments, can you give me updated information on which vaccines are recommended for Medicare seniors this fall?

Medicare Mary

Dear Mary,
Even though the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is undergoing major cultural changes and upheaval, to date, the overall fall vaccine recommendations for "older adults" resembles last year. But there are a few new tweaks you need to be aware of. Here's what you should know.

Flu Shots for Seniors

Just as they normally do, the CDC recommends a seasonal flu shot to everyone 6 months of age and older, but it's especially important for older adults who have weaker immune defenses and have a greater risk of developing dangerous flu complications compared with younger, healthy adults.

For people age 65 and older, there are three different FDA approved flu vaccines (you only need one) that are recommended over traditional flu shots. These include: the Fluzone High-Dose Quadrivalent, Flublok Quadrivalent (recombinant, egg free vaccine), and Fluvad Quadrivalent.

These vaccines are formulated to create a more robust immune response, helping the body produce more antibodies, which makes them more effective in preventing the flu.

All flu vaccines are covered 100 percent by Medicare Part B as long as your doctor, health clinic or pharmacy agrees not to charge you more than

Medicare pays.

RSV Shots

In addition to the flu shot, the CDC also recommends a single-dose of RSV (respiratory syncytial virus) vaccine for all adults age 75 and older, as well as to high-risk adults between ages 50 and 74. These are people who have chronic heart or lung disease, weakened immune systems, diabetes with complications, severe obesity, or who live in long-term care facilities.

RSV is responsible for 6,000 to 10,000 deaths and up to 150,000 hospitalizations each year.

The three RSV vaccines approved and available in the U.S. – Arexvy, Abrysvo and mResvia – are all covered under Medicare (Part D) prescription drug plans. But note that if you got an RSV shot last year, or when it first became available in 2023, you do not need to get a second dose this year. For now, only one dose of RSV vaccine is recommended.

Covid Booster

If you haven't had a Covid booster shot lately, the Food and Drug Administration recently approved the 2025–2026 Covid-19 vaccine, which has been updated to target the dominant strain. This vaccine is recommended for all adults 65 and older and younger people that have a health condition that makes them vulnerable to severe Covid. That includes people with asthma, cancer, heart or lung problems, obesity, depression, a history

of smoking or physical inactivity.

Covid still causes at least 40,000 hospitalizations and approximately 47,000 deaths in the U.S. each year. Covid shots are covered by Medicare Part B.

Pneumonia Vaccines

If you haven't been vaccinated for pneumonia, you should also consider getting the pneumococcal vaccine this fall. These vaccines are now recommended by the CDC to adults age 50 and older, instead of age 65, which was the previous recommendation.

Pneumonia causes a whopping 1.2 million people to visit medical emergency departments in the U.S. each year and causes roughly 50,000 deaths.

If you've never been vaccinated for pneumonia, the PCV20 (Prevnar 20) or PCV21 (Capvaxine) are the top choices because they cover the most common serotypes.

Medicare Part B covers pneumococcal shots, and you only need to get it once.

Side-Effects and Safety

You should be aware that all these vaccines can cause mild side effects like pain or tenderness where you got the shot, muscle aches, headache, fever or fatigue.

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Send your senior questions to: Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, OK 73070, or visit SavvySenior.org.

Jim Miller is a contributor to the NBC Today show and author of "The Savvy Senior" book.



Quilt...

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Rikard, personally conducts the Quilt Show programs, where attendees are taken through the historic mansion to learn about the quilts that are on display. Attendees are also invited to bring their own quilts from home for the "Quilt Show & Tell" portion of the program, where they can talk about a quilt's history and gain valuable insight from Rikard.

Regular museum admission applies. The cost to attend the Quilt Show program is \$6 per person.

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Letters...

Shutdown Theater...

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Programs that these
fake "shutdowns" don't
normally affect would
"be targeted for sweeping
reductions in force that
could permanently
eliminate jobs that are
deemed 'not consistent'
with President Donald
Trump's priorities."

The headline
characterizes Trump's
latest move as a "threat"
intended to encourage
Democrats to capitulate,
and dissident Republicans
to get back on side,
in the latest fight over
government spending.

Threat?

Maybe to Democrats
who can't bear the thought
of any reduction, in any
government function,
ever.

Maybe to Republicans
who have pet programs
they know would be
affected by "reductions in
force."

The rest of us should
reply as Br'er Rabbit did to
Br'er Fox's threat to cook
him and eat him: "Oh, Br'er
Fox, I don't care what you
do with me, so long as you
just don't throw me in that
briar patch over there."

The two wings of
America's single-party
state, and their pet media,
treat the threat of a
"government shutdown"
as existential, and spend
a lot more time trying to
pre-emptively apportion
blame to each other than
trying to do a deal.

In reality, these
"shutdowns" are pure
Hollywood magic, all
special effects. "No
animals or bureaucrats
were harmed in this
production."

Supposedly "non-
essential" government
operations shut down,
raising the question of why,
if they're not "essential,"
taxpayers subsidize them
in the first place, and
making it clear that "non-
essential" means "provides
the best material to elicit
public notice. "You can't
visit your favorite museum
... THIS week."

When a deal gets made,
all those "non-essential"
operations re-open,
complete with turning the
government employees'
time off into a retroactive
paid vacation.

And the "spending
exceeds revenues, guess
we have to borrow!" can
gets kicked down the road
some more.

Trump's "threat" is that
instead of temporarily
shutting down some "non-
essential" fat, he'll carve
some real meat off the
federal government bone.

Good! Do it!

For once, let's see
how small the federal
government can get before
anything "essential" stops
happening.

My guess is that if a
black hole opened beneath
the District of Columbia
and sucked the entire
federal government into
non-existence, we'd suffer
a very short period of re-
adjustment before most
people realized we're
better off that way.

Please, Br'er President,
anything but the briar
patch!

Thomas L. Knapp
Director, William
Lloyd Garrison Center
for Libertarian
Advocacy Journalism
Gainesville, FL

Lessening The Glare

Editor,

I want to inform readers
of an expert trick that will
in most cases lessen the
stress that comes from
driving into oncoming
glare from several cars at
one time.

It is from the book, *The
Careful vs. The Careless
Driver*.

Essentially, when
confronted with a line
of cars heading in the
opposite direction with
glaring lights on any two-
lane blacktop, we can
lessen the glare by turning
on the overhead courtesy
lights temporarily until
the line of cars passes.

It is not necessary to
explain how or why this
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Motorcycling offers an exhilarating sense of freedom and adventure that few other forms of transportation can match. However, this thrill comes with significant risks. I have many friends who say that riding is like therapy. I have had plenty of clients that ended up in physical therapy.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), motorcyclists are approximately 28 times more likely than passenger car occupants to die in a motor vehicle crash per vehicle mile traveled.

The reasons for this disparity are manifold, including the lack of protective barriers and the inherent instability of motorcycles compared to four-wheeled vehicles.

Motorcycles are smaller and less visible to other drivers, particularly in the blind spots of larger vehicles. Uneven road surfaces, potholes, debris, gravel, and wet conditions pose greater dangers to motorcyclists than to drivers of cars. New riders may not have the skills necessary to handle unexpected situations.

Riders who wear protective gear are already cautious. The importance of wearing a helmet cannot be overstated. Helmets reduce the risk of head injury by 69% and the risk of death by 42%. In addition to helmets, wearing protective clothing such as gloves, jackets, pants, and boots can help reduce injuries. Motorcyclists should consider wearing bright, reflective clothing and they use headlights, even during the day, to increase their visibility to other drivers. Regular checks of brakes, tires, lights, and the engine are essential.

While the thrill of riding a motorcycle is undeniable, it is imperative to know the risks. By understanding the common causes of motorcycle accidents and adhering to recommended safety practices, riders can enjoy their journeys while reducing the likelihood of accidents. Safety gear, visibility, defensive riding, proper training, and motorcycle maintenance are all critical components of a safe riding experience. As motorcycling continues to grow in popularity, spreading awareness about these safety measures becomes increasingly important in fostering a culture of safety and responsibility among riders.

The rules of the road apply to all drivers, and we handle motorcycle accidents frequently. Distracted driving is always a danger.

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God isn't going away and He doesn't need our permission to do something. On Tuesday around 7:00 am, 9/23/2025, Christ came and took my wife home to be with Him for eternity. We are missing one at the table but we haven't lost anyone. She simply joined her family on the other side and is waiting for us to come. What a blessing it has to be, to finally see the one she's accepted as her Saviour, prayed to, sung about, heard preached about for so many years! We were married 62 years and have 3 children, Shawn, Darian, Aaron, 10 grandchildren, Hannah, Lauren, Katarina, Sydney, Kristian, Seth, Anna Leigh, Joel, Elizabeth, Ethan, and 13 great-grand children, Isaac, Liam, Andrew, Xander, Michael, Mason, Malachi, Van, Vera, Ivy, Nova, Calahan & Charlie. They are listed in my prayer order. My wife is a great spiritual lady and I found Christ through her 62 years ago. She is a woman with absolutes and a disciplinarian and one who sacrificed for her husband, children, and grandkids and great grand kids and her Lord. She loved the Lord and was a praying dear saint of God!

I met her in 1963 through her cousin, Charles (Randy) Poole, on a blind date, in Dearborn, Michigan, while stationed in the Marines at Quantico, Va. It was through that meeting that I received Christ as my Saviour and have thanked God for it ever since. Three months later, we married and have the legacy listed above. My wife is the most beautiful woman in the world. My daughter Darian, is the second most beautiful woman in the world. If you're saved, you better be glad God is not going away, BUT, if you're not saved, you had better get your act together, before your last act plays out, because YOU WILL stand before God. You all will give account of what you have done with and for the Lord Jesus Christ! **Romans 14:12** "So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God." **Matthew 12:36** "But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment." No exceptions! Are you ready?

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Dr. Carl Franks from UNA will have the second lecture at 2pm on Sunday, October 12. He program will be entitled: "Medieval Imagery and the Book of Revelation."

For the third lecture at 2pm on Sunday, October 19 will feature Dr. Stephanie L. Coker from UNA who will present a program entitled: "Joan of Arc, Medieval Maiden; Her Life, Legacy, and What's at Stake."

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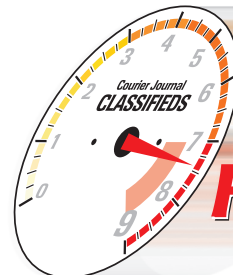
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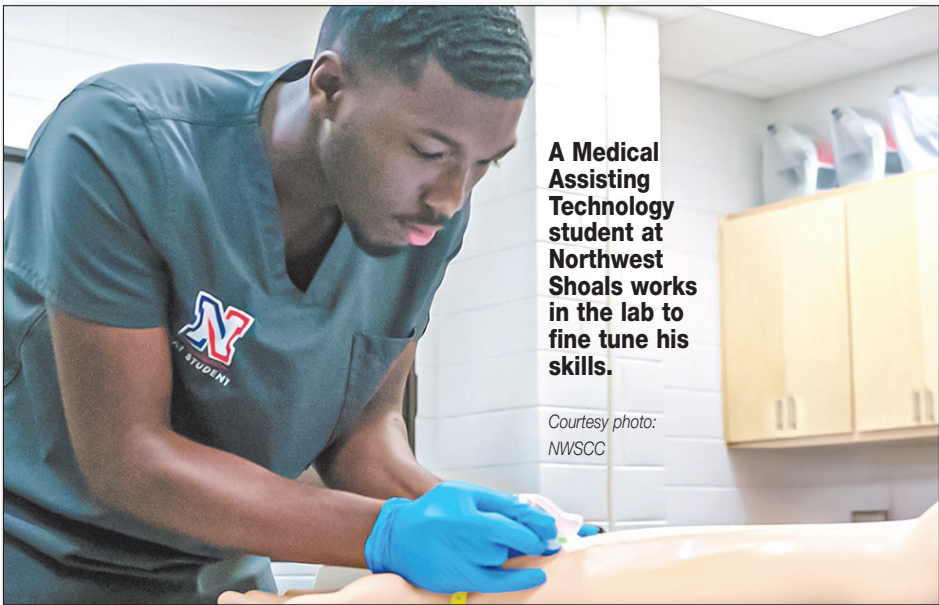
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Medical Assisting Technology Earns Continuing Accreditation

MUSCLE SHOALS – The Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) notified Northwest Shoals Community College last week that the Medical Assisting Technology (MAT) Program has been awarded continuing accreditation.

The MAT program offers an associate in applied science degree that is designed to prepare students to assist the physician in providing patient care in physician's offices, minor emergency centers, long-term care facilities, and other types of freestanding medical clinics. Medical assistants are also prepared to assume administrative roles in physician's offices, including dealing with billing protocols, coding mechanisms and office management.

According to MAT Program Director Katherine McBay, CAAHEP Accreditation ensures NWSCC students are being educated and trained by qualified instructors on competencies that best prepare them for the rigors of the workforce. "Not every MAT student can say they were trained through a CAAHEP accredited program," said McBay. "This says a lot to employers of our students and the level of training they can expect from our graduates."

NWSCC also offers short-term certificate options in Phlebotomy and Medical Billing and Coding. The Phlebotomy option prepares students for work in acute care settings such as major hospital laboratories, minor emergency centers, etc. The Medical Billing and Coding option prepares students for careers in the health care field by offering courses in administrative functions of a physician's office.

"Our MAT program team did a great job preparing and earning their continued accreditation," said Brittney Humphres, Assistant Dean of Health Sciences. "The CAAHEP accreditation process is very meticulous. This is truly a testament to the amazing work Katie (MAT Director), Morgan (MAT Instructor) and Sharon Jo (MAT Assistant) do every day in preparing our students to be very successful medical assistants in the healthcare industry."

The next evaluation of the program is scheduled to occur in fall of 2034.



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

Commentary

Saying Goodbye...

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a keen knowledge of the Bible, and a remarkably resonating way of presenting it. His Bible was always with him in the pulpit, yet he rarely needed it during a class or a sermon. He knew where all the verses were, what they said, and what that meant for us.

I only agreed initially to come to church with my wife if we could sit on the back row. I was all but unreachable.

Intermingled during many of David's sermons was a purposeful pause, a silent and piercing 4-5 second glance around the audience followed by the question, "Are you listening?" That had a way of bringing back any wandering minds.

His standing assignments for everyone, young and old, were, "Get in the Book, and stay in the Book," and "Don't take my word for it; Look it up in your own Bible."

David's words began to reach me in the late 1980's, even though I still dismissed some points and avoided eye contact during invitation songs. However, his presentations were thought-provoking, so I wanted to hear more. He never gave up on me or treated me differently at any church functions. In fact, the four of us were friends. He had me measured, and he knew I'd been listening.

David baptized me in '89. I deeply needed that emersion. There was a lot of sin to wash away, and I needed that rebirth.

David understood as well as anyone that people come from all walks, at their own pace, and at various points in life, but people who come are all chasing the same thing.

David Sain was one of the finest people I've ever known. We checked on him occasionally in recent years when he had Gospel meetings in the area that we knew about. He was a long-time mentor, a fine example to follow, and one to whom I (at least partially) owe my life.

We all know about **Charlie Kirk**. Even if they disagreed with his positions and usually conservative platform, most people respected him and his unrivaled work ethic and passion

for engaging America's youth in discussion and discovery.

There was really no limit to his potential before his life was tragically and senselessly taken from his wife, parents, young son and daughter, and tens of millions who felt like they knew him personally.

The Sunday afternoon tribute was stirring with numerous speakers and many poignant moments, including some touching words and inspiration from Kirk's widow.

President Trump followed Erika to close the event. It was, without a doubt, the most opportune time in his Trump's life to focus the attention on a great young American like, a person who embodied the freedoms and success Trump claims to support. It was THE time to give out unrestricted accolades without having to take a back seat and to close the event with spiritual and political momentum that has never and could never again be replicated; a momentum that conservatives and Kirk's TPUSA organization rightly deserved.

It was also an irreplaceable opportunity for Trump to create an extended piece of favorable footage that would long outlive him, one where he could be viewed as a real, caring human being for once.

And for a few surprising minutes, that is exactly what we had: a respectful presentation by our President who was following the script.

But he couldn't stand it. He had to start taking digs, casting aspersions, and making the occasion about himself and his opinions. The narcissist resurfaced.

Trump treated the long-winded opportunity like more of a personal mid-term convention.

Erika deserved better. Charlie certainly did.

And we all could have used a break for once as well.

Many of his policies are still on target, but it would be nice if Trump could keep his foot out of his mouth on occasion. He needs to 'free up' the room for someone from his own party to plant a foot in his bombastic backside.

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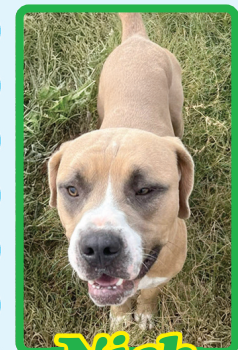
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Pre-AEP is an important time for Medicare beneficiaries. Insurance companies who offer MAs or PDPs cannot release their plan information for 2026 until October 1st. You can use this time to review your current plan to see if there has been any significant changes in your premium or copays. It's also a good time to review the prescription drug coverage of your plan, especially if you have had changes in the drugs you are taking. If any new plans are coming into your county, this is the time they are announced so be on the lookout for those.

Pre-AEP can also be a confusing time. Although it's designed for you to gather information on any changes that are coming for 2026, you may get phone calls or letters from insurance companies or your local agent. Local agents, in particular, like to use Pre-AEP to reach out to their clients and do policy reviews for the next year. This is totally acceptable under Medicare rules. It is also acceptable for you to attend a meeting or seminar during Pre-AEP to hear the details of 2026 plans. The one thing you cannot do is officially sign up for a new plan until after October 15th.


The good news is if you're happy with the plan you are in you won't have to do a thing. You will automatically roll into the 2026 plan as long as it's still offered in your area. If you have any questions about Pre-AEP you can contact our office for more information.

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The IRS will publish detailed guidance for 2025 tax returns before the 2026 filing season begins. Until further notice, taxpayers should continue using existing forms and procedures, including those filing their 2024 returns on extension of a due date prior to Dec. 31, 2025.

The change is designed to Protect taxpayers:

Paper checks are over 16 times more likely to

be lost, stolen, altered, or delayed than electronic payments. Direct deposit also avoids the possibility that a refund check could be returned to the IRS as undeliverable.

Speed up refunds: Electronic refunds give taxpayers faster access to refunds, with payments issued in less than 21 days if filing electronically, choosing direct deposit and there are no issues with the return, whereas nonelectronic payments may take 6 weeks or longer for refunds sent by mail.

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What this means for Individual taxpayers:

Filing stays the same: Taxpayers should continue to file their returns as they normally would, using one of the existing filing options.

Refunds go digital: Most refunds will be delivered by direct deposit or other secure electronic methods.

Help for those without access to bank accounts: Options such as prepaid debit cards, digital wallets or limited exceptions will be available.

Act now: Taxpayers should make sure they know their banking information or consider opening a free or low-cost account. Visit FDIC: GetBanked and MyCreditUnion.gov for account options.

Most individual taxpayers already receive their refunds by direct deposit into their bank accounts. During the 2025 tax filing season,

the IRS issued more than 93.5 million tax refunds to individual income tax filers, and 93% of those, almost 87 million refunds, were issued through direct deposit. Only 7% of individual refund recipients received their refunds by check through the mail.

Next Steps

Executive Order 14247 also applies to payments made to the IRS. Taxpayers should continue to use existing payment options until further notice. Additional guidance and information for filing 2025 taxes will be issued prior to the 2026 filing season.

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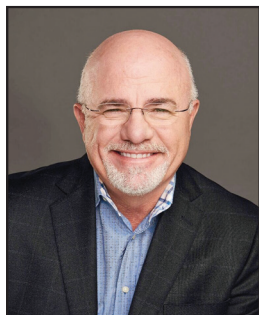
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THERE'S NO FUN IN DYSFUNCTIONAL

Dear Dave,
My husband and I are both 25. We've been married just over a year. I'm a stay-at-home mom, and we have one baby. Because I'm home with our son and my husband works outside the home, he believes he gets to make all the financial decisions. He eats out and buys whatever he feels like but tells me I can't do the same. He says getting to be at home all day and having things like television, electricity and air conditioning are my luxuries. I try to be understanding because he works hard, but this is causing real tension between us. Do you have any advice?

Christina

Dear Christina,
There's just no other way to say this: You married a child in a man's body. He's treating you like a second-class citizen, and I'm truly sorry you're finding out the hard way that your husband's a twit. This is just about the most dysfunctional thing I've ever heard.

I want you to really pay attention because I'm about to stack how things should be up against how they stand. When you're married, regardless of who earns the money, you both have an income. You each have a say in where every single one of those dollars goes. My wife hasn't worked outside the home in about 40 years. But she has an incredible income because we have an incredible income — together. And we, together, decide what to do with our income.

Are you understanding these words clearly? None of this is happening in your marriage. Just because I earn an income at my job and my wife doesn't have an earned income personally,

that doesn't invalidate her power or right to a vote within our household. She has exactly the same rights I do — morally, spiritually and legally.

This is not okay, Christina. None of it. You are living in a majorly dysfunctional marriage, and it's something I can't fix within the confines of a column. Some marriage counseling is way overdue here. And if he won't go with you as a couple, you go alone. All I can do is confirm that you're not the crazy one here. The feelings you have about things being really messed up are 100% spot-on.

At the very least, I think your whole family desperately needs to get involved with a good, strong, local church. I'm talking about a healthy church. One that doesn't support your husband's ridiculous, backwards ideas. One that has some real men who can teach this little boy how to be a man. Because true masculinity is service-oriented. A real man serves his wife, and he serves his children. And that isn't happening here.

— 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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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.

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|----------------------|---------------|-----------------------|---------------|
| 1. Babysitter | ___ _ _ N _ | Mrs. Reagan | ___ _ _ C _ |
| 2. Travolta movie | G _ _ _ _ _ | Pleat | C _ _ _ _ _ |
| 3. The very edge | ___ _ _ N _ | Refreshing | ___ _ _ S _ |
| 4. Hardy's buddy | ___ _ _ _ _ L | Supermodel Hutton | ___ _ _ _ _ N |
| 5. Echo | ___ _ P _ _ _ | Cook in the microwave | ___ _ H _ _ _ |
| 6. Norris or Connors | _ H _ _ _ _ | Chicken coop sound | _ L _ _ _ _ |
| 7. Perforate | ___ _ _ _ C _ | South Dakota capital | ___ _ _ _ R _ |
| 8. Let down | L _ _ _ _ _ | Lawn cutter | M _ _ _ _ _ |
| 9. French city | ___ _ _ I _ | Hair divisions | ___ _ _ T _ |
| 10. Sweepstakes | _ A _ _ _ _ | Tousle one's feathers | _ U _ _ _ _ |

MINI SUDOKU

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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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SCRAMBLERS

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!

- Mystery
GEMANI
Grim
CARTIG
Pick
NOJAB
Strong
OUGHT

TODAY'S WORD

Micro Crossword

By Elizabeth C. Gorski

Across

- 1 Part of "TGIF!"
4 Birth-related
7 "A House Is Not ___"
(Luther Vandross hit single)
8 Almost out of
9 Vichyssoise vegetables

1	2	3		
4			5	6
7				
8				
9				

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Down

- 1 Completely
2 Lake near Stateline, Nevada
3 "Revenge" star Madeleine
5 Out of control
6 Periscope part

Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

- TELEVISION: What was the name of the dog on "The Brady Bunch"?
- U.S. CITIES: Which major U.S. city was called Yerba Buena until 1847?
- GEOGRAPHY: Where is Bryce Canyon National Park located?
- HISTORY: Where did the Renaissance begin?
- MOVIES: What is the nickname of the serial killer in "The Silence of the Lambs"?
- U.S. PRESIDENTS: Who was the 20th president of the United States?
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: How many amendments are in the United States' Bill of Rights?
- ASTRONOMY: What type of galaxy is the Milky Way?
- MUSIC: Which rock band sings the theme song to "The Big Bang Theory"?
- LITERATURE: What is the last name of the family in "Little Women"?



- Which artist wrote and released "Together Again"?
- Who released "We Are the Champions"?
- Alan O'Day is best known for which song?
- Which Beatle wrote and released "All Those Years Ago"?
- Name the song that contains this lyric: "I want you to tell me why you walked out on me, I'm so lonesome every day."



What do you think of that new diner on the moon?
Food was good, but there really wasn't much atmosphere.

Why did the dinosaur cross the road? Because the chicken wasn't born yet.

Why can't Elsa from Frozen have a balloon? Because she will "let it go, let it go."

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FLORENCE
Then & Now

The Story Of A Window

First, look carefully at the accompanying photograph of a stained glass window. It is exceptionally beautiful and exquisitely crafted in a handsome overall design and carefully-chosen colors. This large piece of visual art is one of several such windows in the sanctuary of First Presbyterian Church in downtown Florence. Along with its beauty, the story behind it is absolutely fascinating. It was presented to the church by the late Judge J.J. Mitchell, for whom the stretch of road from South Court Street to the O'Neal Bridge is named. The Judge gave the window in memory of his father, Rev. W.H. Mitchell, who was First Presbyterian's minister for twenty years (1851-1871), which included, of course, the years of the Civil War. On a Sunday morning in July, 1862, some Union troops were in the assembly while Rev. Mitchell was in his pulpit. During the course of that assembly, Rev. Mitchell prayed for the welfare of the Confederate troops. After a tense time-lapse, Colonel John M. Harlan of the 10th Kentucky (Union) Regiment moved to the pulpit and arrested Rev. Mitchell. He was marched all the way down Court Street to the river and escorted onto a boat. After disembarking from the boat on the Colbert County side of the river, he was forced to march to the rail line in Tusculumbia, board a train and travel to Alton, Illinois, where he was incarcerated in a Federal prison, remaining there for several months before his release. While he was away, his wife and children were left behind in the family home known as "Wakefield," at 450 North Court Street. Descendants of Rev. Mitchell still live locally today.

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



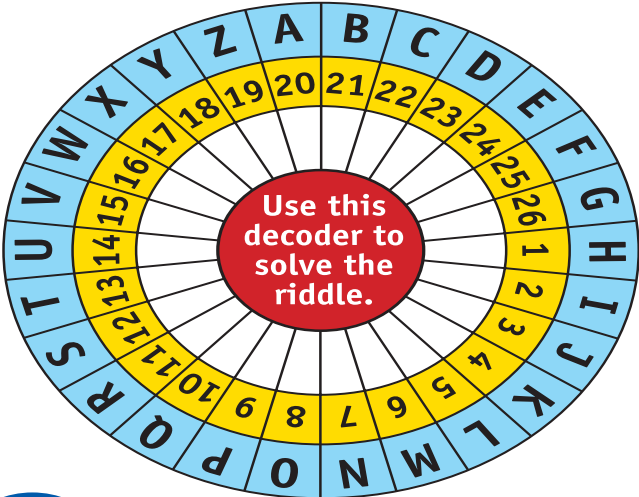
Answers
on Page 30



SECRET CODE

What part of a fish weighs the most?

13	1	24		12	22	20	5	24	12
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BIBLE TRIVIA
by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Ecclesiastes (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. Which book could be summarized, "God will hold us accountable for all our actions"? *Daniel, Hosea, Zephaniah, Haggai*
3. From Genesis 28, who had the vision of angels going up and down a ladder reaching into heaven? *Joseph, Ahab, Ehud, Jacob*
4. What does Paul say is the supreme gift of the Spirit to believers? *Faith, Love, Holiness, Eternity*
5. From Genesis 19, where did Lot encounter an angel? *Wilderness spring, City gate, New temple, Tent door*
6. Where did Jesus turn water into wine? *Bethany, Nazareth, Cana, Gethsemane*



1. Pitcher Larry Sherry, 1959 World Series MVP, and his brother, catcher Norm Sherry, played together on what Major League Baseball team from 1959-62?
2. Woody Strode, who played for the NFL's Los Angeles Rams (1946) and the CFL's Calgary Stampeders (1948-49), received a Golden Globe Award nomination for his acting role in what 1960 gladiator movie?
3. What two-sport pro athlete played with the NBA's Los Angeles Lakers and San Francisco Warriors (1964-65), and Major League Baseball's Chicago White Sox (1967) and Minnesota Twins (1969-70)?
4. Julie Krone became the first female to win a Triple Crown race when she jockeyed what horse to victory at the 1993 Belmont Stakes?
5. Name the Ukrainian boxer who became the first undisputed world heavyweight champion in 24 years when he beat Tyson Fury in May 2024.
6. What is the nickname of the University of Delaware's athletic teams?
7. What multinational sports entertainment franchise was founded in 2000 by twin brothers Steve and Dave Jolliffe?

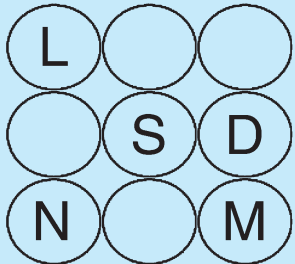
GO FIGURE!

The idea of Go Figure is to arrive at the figures given at the bottom and right-hand columns of the diagram by following the arithmetic signs in the order they are given (that is, from left to right and top to bottom). Use only the numbers below the diagram to complete its blank squares and use each of the nine numbers only once.

	+		×		=42			
+		-		+				
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	+		+		=15			
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WORD SPIRAL



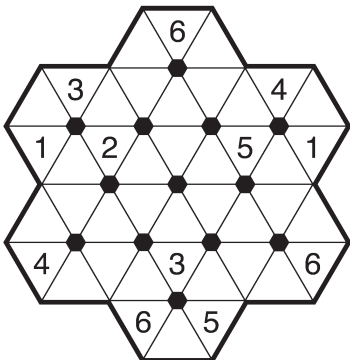
Fill in the missing letters to reveal the nine-letter word that starts at one of the four corners and moves clockwise around the perimeter before ending in the center.

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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.



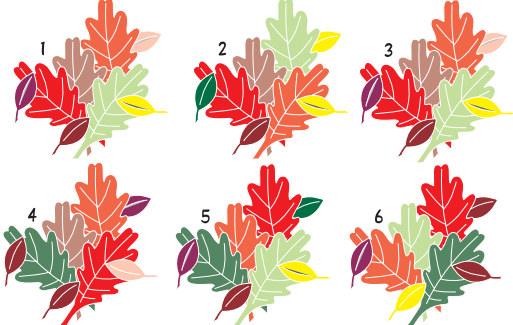
DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆◆

◆ Easy ◆◆ Medium ◆◆◆ Difficult

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FIND THE TWINS

WHICH TWO ARE EXACTLY ALIKE?



CryptoQuip

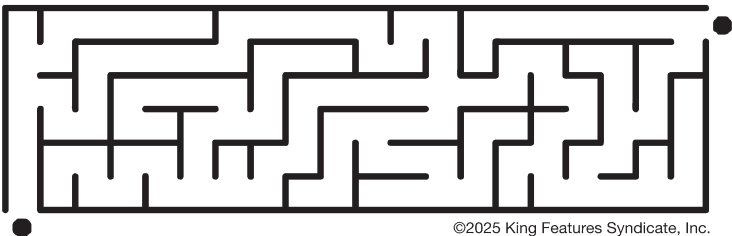
This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: K equals F

IVMB NVYZCL AYZ OMCC MQ
MDFA YKKXOHD IVY CXEHN
OYDQ FYDH BVMQ MQA YBVHD
KYYL? CXHZBHQMQB EHDQHC.

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Kids' Maze



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FarmFest — at the Colbert Farmers Co-Op, 8140 Main St., Leighton, will have FarmFest from 9 a.m. to 1pm October 4, with music, food and family fun.

Free Clothes - The Samaritan House, 600 Geneva Ave., Muscle Shoals, gives away free clothing each Tuesday from 9-11am - except for every 5th Tuesday. Donations are accepted.

October 4, 8AM - 5PM - Let's Go Fishing at Deibert Park, The Florence Parks and Recreation Foundation invites the community to enjoy a series of Let's Go Fishing events at Deibert Park in 2025. Participants are encouraged to bring their own tackle and can choose to Catch and Keep, Catch and Release, or Catch and Share.

Come cast a line and enjoy the great outdoors!

Saturday, October 4 - Researching Your Roots - The Natchez Trace Genealogical Society presents Researching Your Roots, a full-day event offering the opportunity to learn about unexpected and overlooked local resources that can help trace family history.

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Brain Zone! ANSWERS

FLASHBACK

POP ROCK & SOULS
TRIVIA BARBERS

1. Singer-songwriter Buck Owens, in 1964. The song was later covered by several others, including Ray Charles, Emmylou Harris and Vince Gill.
2. Queen, in 1977, as the A-side to "We Will Rock You." The song, written by Freddie Mercury, is often played at sports arenas to celebrate home team wins.
3. "Undercover Angel," in 1977. But O'Day is mostly known for writing hits for other artists. Among many others, he penned "Angie Baby" for Helen Reddy.
4. George Harrison, in 1981. The lyrics were complete, but Harrison rewrote it as a tribute to John Lennon after Lennon was murdered in 1980.
5. "Walk Right Back," by The Everly Brothers, in 1961. The song was recorded before it was finished being written. Anxious to get it released, they sang the first verse twice.

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Even Exchange answers

1. Nanny, Nancy
2. Grease, Crease
3. Brink, Brisk
4. Laurel, Lauren
5. Repeat, Reheat
6. Chuck, Cluck
7. Pierce, Pierre
8. Lower, Mower
9. Paris, Parts
10. Raffle, Ruffle

Micro Crossword Answer

I	T	S	
N	A	T	A
A	H	O	M
L	O	W	O
L	E	E	K

BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

ANSWERS: 1) Old, 2) Zephaniah, 3) Jacob, 4) Love, 5) City gate, 6) Cana

More than 1,200 brand-new trivia questions in Wilson Casey's latest book "Quest for Bible Knowledge" available in bookstores and online.

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Kids' Maze Solution

Word Spiral Answer

LANDMINES

Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. Tiger.
2. San Francisco.
3. Utah.
4. Florence, Italy.
5. Buffalo Bill.
6. James A. Garfield.
7. The first 10 amendments (of 27 date).
8. Spiral.
9. Barenaked Ladies.
10. March.

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Answer

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

Sports QUIZ

by Ryan A. Berenz

1. The Los Angeles Dodgers.
2. ?Spartacus.?
3. Cotton Nash.
4. Colonial Affair.
5. Oleksandr Usyk.
6. The Fightin' Blue Hens.
7. Topgolf.

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CRYPTOQUIP

answer

What should you call an army officer who likes corn more than any other food? Lieutenant Kernel.

SCRAMBLERS solution

1. Enigma; 2. Tragic; 3. Banjo; 4. Tough

Today's Word
JOGGING

SECRET CODE

What part of a fish weighs the most?
The Scales

SCRAMBLERS solution

1. Enigma; 2. Tragic; 3. Banjo; 4. Tough

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FIND THE TWINS

TAP Grant Paves Way for Pine St Sidewalk Work

FLORENCE – The City of Florence and the University of North Alabama (UNA) have been awarded a \$762,000 Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) grant by Governor Kay Ivey's office. The grant is administered by the Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT) and executed locally in partnership with the Northwest Alabama Council of Local Governments (NACOLG).

The project will fund new lighting, sidewalks, ramps, and landings along Pine Street from Irvine Street to Cumberland Street, connecting key UNA athletic and academic facilities with city neighborhoods and downtown. These improvements will complement the new Bank Independent Stadium, the resurfacing of Pine Street, and the expansion of pedestrian infrastructure.

"This grant represents a strong partnership between the City of Florence and UNA," said Mayor Andy Betterton. "By investing in safe, accessible sidewalks and lighting, we are improving both the safety and quality of life for our residents, students, and visitors while supporting the continued growth of UNA's athletic and academic facilities."

The new infrastructure will enhance pedestrian

and bicycle access to the facilities in the Bill Jones Athletic Complex:

- **CB&S Bank Arena** (basketball & volleyball)
- **Mike D. Lane Field at Bank Independent Stadium** (baseball – opening Fall 2025)
- **Bobby Wallace Field at Bank Independent Stadium** (football & soccer – opening Fall 2026)

"This project is about more than sidewalks; it's about connectivity and community," said UNA President Dr. Ken Kitts. "The enhancements along Pine Street will benefit not only our students but also the alumni, fans, and visitors who come to Florence for UNA athletic events and campus programs. We are proud to work with the City of Florence on this shared vision."

The project's total estimated cost is \$952,510, with 80% covered by federal funds and 20% by local matching funds from the City of Florence and UNA. Funding support comes through ALDOT's Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program, which invests in pedestrian-friendly infrastructure that improves safety, accessibility, and community connectivity.

The City of Florence and UNA extend a thank-you to Governor Kay Ivey and the Alabama Department

of Transportation for their commitment to advancing this critical project for our community.

The whole project is expected to be completed by late summer 2026 in time for UNA's home football opener in the new stadium.

Project Snapshot

Total Project Estimate: **\$952,510.50**

TAP Grant Awarded: **\$762,008.40 (80%)**

Local Match (City of Florence & UNA): **\$190,502.10 (20%)**

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STRANGE but TRUE

- **In a remote area of Colombia** called Los Pinos, some students have to get to school on a zipline up to 800 meters long.
- **A teaspoon of a neutron star** would weigh over a trillion tons.
- **Chock Full o' Nuts coffee** does not contain nuts. It's named for a chain of nut stores that the founder converted into coffee shops.
- **During the Middle Iron Age**, spears were placed into the graves of some young men. The reason isn't clear, but some think it may have

- been a military send-off similar to the modern 21-gun salute.
- **While worms make up** the majority of their diet, robins won't mind if you leave out a dessert tray. In fact, they're partial to pastry dough, fruit cake and coconut cake.
- **In 1998, a Georgia student** was suspended for wearing a Pepsi shirt to "Coke in Education Day."
- **American cheese** was invented in Switzerland in 1911 by Waltz Gerber and Fritz Stettler to lengthen the shelf life before being shipped overseas.

- **According to Guinness World Records**, Veronica Seider's eyesight was so keen that she could recognize people from more than a mile away.
- **In 2010, a man became stranded for days near Wollaston Lake**, Saskatchewan. With no way to call for help, he cut down four wooden power poles with an ax, causing an outage to the nearby community, and SaskPower sent a helicopter crew to investigate. They found the man and escorted him back to safety.
- **When Joel Burger married Ashley King** in 2015, Burger King paid for the ceremony.
- **In India, escalators in Delhi metro stations** feature "sari guards" to

- prevent women's long garments from getting trapped.
- **Sloths** might be the only mammals that don't fart.
- **Austrian-American composer Arnold Schoenberg** feared the number 13 so intensely that he deliberately misspelled his opera "Moses und Aron" to have 12 letters instead of 13. He also died on July 13, 1951, which would seem to confirm his phobia.
- **The first round of women's golf** was played in 1811 -- four centuries after the sport was invented.
- **Almost all of the first major television networks** -- NBC, ABC and CBS -- still exist today, but the second network to get off the

- ground, the DuMont Television Network, is mostly forgotten, though it aired the first two seasons of "The Honeymooners" and "Mary Kay and Johnny," which is widely considered to be the first sitcom.
- **Believe it or not, May is Zombie Awareness Month**, which celebrates zombie media and recognizes ways to prepare for a zombie apocalypse. Participants are encouraged to wear gray ribbons to spread awareness of the potential dangers of the undead.
- **In 2023, North Dakota** was named the best state for surviving a zombie apocalypse.
- **We obtain 60% of our energy intake** from just

- three plant species -- rice, wheat and maize.
 - **Spiders recycle webs** by eating them.
 - **The sitcom "30 Rock"** was known for its fast-pace writing, with one reporter calculating in 2014 that there was an average of 7.44 jokes per minute.
 - **After "It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown"** first aired in 1966, Charles Schulz's California office was inundated with shipments of candy sent from kids who were upset that Charlie Brown only got rocks in his Halloween goodie bag.
- Thought for the Day: "Liberty means responsibility. That is why most people dread it." -- George Bernard Shaw*
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Days & Times

Thursdays & Fridays

3pm-7pm

Saturdays 10am-7pm



General Admission

\$15

Armband \$25

Corn Maze

Hay Rides

Petting Zoo

Horse Rides

Cotton Fields

Pumpkin Patch

Food Trucks

Scooby the Brahma Bull

See Ya There!



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