

**Smith Named
for 2nd Year**

FLORENCE – For the second straight year, University of North Alabama senior defensive back **K.J. Smith** of Perry, GA., has been named to the first team of the 2021 Academic All-America® Football Team, selected by the College Sports Information Directors of America.



Smith

The honor recognizes the nation's top student-athletes for their combined performances on the field and in the classroom. The CoSIDA Academic All-America® program separately recognizes football honorees in four divisions — NCAA Division I, NCAA Division II, NCAA Division III and NAIA.

Smith was previously named to the Division I, District 4 team

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Rotary International President Shekhar Mehta's theme for the 2021-2022 Rotary year: "Serve to Change Lives."
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FLORENCE ROTARY'S LEWIS
Installed to District Post

FLORENCE – Harold W. Lewis, a member of the Rotary Club of Florence, began his tenure as Governor of Rotary District 6860 on July 1.

At his June 28 installation ceremony in Florence, District Governor Lewis introduced Rotary International President Shekhar Mehta's theme for the 2021-2022 Rotary year: "Serve to Change Lives."



Lewis
Courtesy photo

**Heritage Welcomes Jackson,
Home Free for Annual Event**



Jackson

FLORENCE—Sports legend Bo Jackson will be taking the stage live at the Marriott Shoals Hotel and Conference Center on Saturday, August 7 for the 49th Annual Heritage Event. Ballroom doors open at 7pm and the show will begin at approximately 7:15pm. Musical guest Home Free will be performing after Jackson as part of the show.

Heritage Christian University President Kirk Brothers believes Shoals residents

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Courtesy photo

**Sheffield's 19U
to World Series**

ENTERPRISE, AL– The Sheffield Parks and Recreation Department's Dixie Debs 19U won the state softball tournament in Enterprise recently to advance to the 19U World Series in Ruston, Louisiana beginning July 30.

Sheffield lost the first game 8-7. Carley Hunter went 2-2 and Kaly Fretwell went 2-3 in the loss.

Sheffield won its second game 13-3 behind a strong pitching performance by Riley Smith. The hitting leaders were

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FLORENCE: 215 CO. RD. 283
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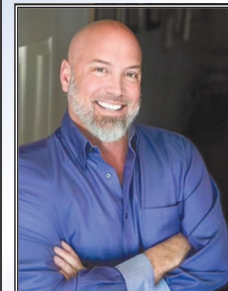
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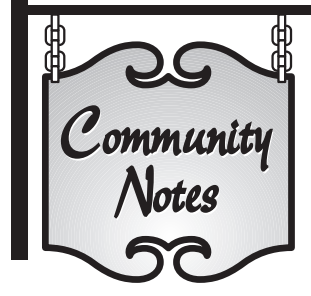
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 Thursday, July 22, Noon-6pm - Rick's Produce, 106 Hollywood Ave., Muscle Shoals
 Friday July 23, 11am-6pm - Lowes, Woodward Ave, Muscle Shoals
 Saturday, July 24, 11am-4pm - Natchez Trace Harley Davidson, 595 Hwy 72 W, Tusculumbia
 Sunday, July 25, 1-7pm - Walmart, Hwy 195, Haleyville
 Monday, July 26, Noon-5pm - Bowling Family Medical Clinic, 1369A George Wallace Hwy, Littleville
 Tuesday, July 27, Noon-6pm - O'Reilly Auto Parts, Hwy 43, Russellville
 Wednesday, July 28, 11am-5pm - Haleyville Healthcare Center,, 2201 11th Ave., Haleyville

Thursday, July 29, 7am-5pm - North Alabama Medical Center, 1701 Veterans Drive, Florence
 Friday, July 30, Noon-6pm - Cricket Wireless, 2010 Woodward Ave, Muscle Shoals
 Saturday, July 31, 11am-8pm - Vina JulyFest, 7111 AL-19, Vina
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Academic All-District team for a second straight year as well.

Smith is one of 12 members of the 2020-21 Academic All-America® Division I Football Team with a 4.00 GPA. The 25 members on the first team have an average GPA of 3.90.

Smith has a perfect 4.0 GPA as he pursues a Master of Science in Health and Human Performance degree. He previously graduated with a 4.0 GPA while earning a degree in Interdisciplinary Studies, with an emphasis on Health.

Smith is also one of nine repeat selections from previous Division I Academic All-America® teams.

host both the 2019 and 2020 tournaments. Covid-19 postponed the 2020 tournament. It rescheduled for May 2021. The host fee for the 2022, 2023, and 2024 tournaments will be \$36,000 per year. The Florence-Lauderdale CVB and the city of Florence will split that hosting fee.

"The memories that these student athletes make in Florence is something they will be able to carry with them for years to come," said CVB Sales Manager of Sport + Travel Trade, **Tyler Dolan**. That's what it's all about."

Tina Kitchens, Director of Parks and Recreation, said gate receipts totaled just over \$39,000, yet were up \$12,000 in 2021. "After a great 2021 tournament and a significant increase in spectators from 2019, we look forward to working with AHSAA to continue to make this a huge success. We greatly appreciate the partnership with the Florence-Lauderdale CVB."

The 2019 tournament produced an estimated \$600,000 in economic impact to the Florence-Lauderdale economy and generated 1145 room nights. Officials anticipate that number being higher for the 2021 economic impact report.

Florence Gets Three-Year Extension for AHSAA Softball

FLORENCE – The Florence-Lauderdale Convention + Visitors Bureau (CVB) in partnership with the City of Florence Parks and Recreation Department, have secured a three-year contract with the Alabama High School Athletic Association to host the North Regional Softball Tournament from 2022-2024.

Currently, there are 414 senior high members and 287 junior high and middle school members with more than 80,000 students participating in the AHSAA.

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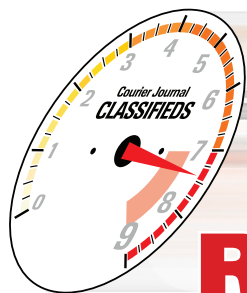
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Khelie Buttram with 2 hits and Emily Ann West with 2 hits, Zoe Trousdale hit a Home Run.

In the deciding game, Sheffield beat East Montgomery 15-8. Carley Hunter, Jaiden Armstrong, and Riley Smith combined for the win. Carley Hunter and Kalyn Fretwell each had 2 hits and Morgan Lansdell hit a home run.

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years," he said. "Even the pandemic did not slow down some clubs."

However, he said Rotary has failed to fully promote its successes and value to the greater public. Rotary membership has stayed around 1.2 million

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"Rotary provides the world with hope," Lewis added. "District 6860 must find new ways to recruit members and ensure clubs continue changing lives in their communities."

To accomplish this, Lewis has one overarching goal for his year as District Governor: "Market Rotary - Make it SHINE!"

"Make sure your successes get noted," he said. "Promote your successes whenever possible, in every media form."

Lewis said there are people who want to serve their communities, but may not know about Rotary. Clubs can show future members their destinies as Rotarians by publicizing club projects, promoting members' accomplishments, and sharing Rotary's values.

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Commentary

Kamala Schools Us on Rural America

Vice President Kamala Harris usually remains quiet. It gets easier to see why as the months pass. This is great comedy in some aspects. In other aspects, between her and Biden, we should be terrified.

I actually thought Harris was reasonably bright a year ago, and that most of the Willie Brown comments during the campaign were just opportunistic digs.

I mean she was a US senator. She is Vice-President, so surely she was worthy of being in the Presidential discussion before primaries began in 2020. I apologize; I was mistaken.

Through any perspective, Kamala Harris has been stumbling for six months now. She is clearly unelectable. Yet, she is a heartbeat away from the US Presidency, the first woman in that position. What a disappointment for generations of women - and America all around - if Biden cannot complete his term.

Running with the Jim Crow lies that all democrats are regurgitating these days when it comes to voter ID laws, Harris essentially said during a recent BET interview with Soledad O'Brien, that many rural residents are stupid and that many have no facilities available to make copies of their photo ID's. She even combined those insults into one sound bite.

"In some people's mind, that means you're going to have to Xerox or photocopy your ID

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In A Few Words



TOM MAGAZZU
Editor

Courier Journal

in the *Shoals*

THIS WEEK

July 21, 2021

Happening
THIS WEEK

Summer Musical Returns to Ritz

SHEFFIELD—The Ritz Theatre's 2021 SummerStock production of *The Last Five Years* opens this week with six shows July 22-24 and 29-31 at 7:30pm. These shows feature three different two-person casts, made up of some of the Tennessee Valley's most promising young musical theatre talent. Tickets are available now at tennesseevalleyarts.org.

SummerStock is The Ritz's annual summer musical that features young-adult performers and crew. Director Suzanne Reese-Mills chose *The Last Five Years* partly out of practicality, since the two-person cast would allow for more distancing and safety. Because SummerStock is a showcase and training opportunity for young talent, she decided to audition for multiple casts.

"The six performers we cast make me thankful for that decision at every rehearsal," said Reese-Mills. "Not only is each of

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Fuqua, Chaves



Kirkman, Scott



Grigsby, Mooring

59TH ANNUAL EXHIBIT

TVMA is Hosting Members

TUSCUMBIA – The Tennessee Valley Museum of Art is hosting its 59th annual member exhibition, ArtWorks, from July 16 - August 13. The art show includes over 100 pieces of art by more than 50 local and regional artists who are members of the Tennessee Valley Art Association (TVAA), which runs the museum and the Ritz Theatre. The exhibition includes a wide variety of art including sculptures, paintings, digital animation, drawings, textiles, and woodworking. Jennifer Butler Keeton, the art association's

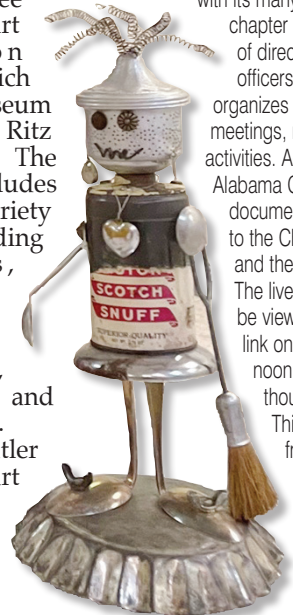
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MEMBERS OF THE ALABAMA CHAPTER OF THE TRAIL OF TEARS ASSOCIATION

will have a presentation July 23 as part of the Shoals Archaeological Stewardship Virtual Speaker Series. The Alabama Chapter of the Trail of Tears Association is one of nine state chapters which have been chartered to assist the Trail of Tears Association with its many tasks. Each chapter has its own board of directors, including officers. This body organizes the chapter for meetings, research, and activities. Activities of the Alabama Chapter include documenting sites relating to the Cherokee people and the Trail of Tears.

The live discussion can be viewed at the following link on this Friday at noon: www.tva.com/thousandeyes. This program is free and is part of the Thousand Eyes Program initiative to stop the looting of archaeological sites in the Shoals. It is sponsored by the City of Florence Department of Arts and Museums and the Tennessee Valley Authority. Call 256-760-6427 for more information.



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The Fourth Stanza

Editor:

All during the year in America, the *Star-Spangled Banner* is sung at ballgames and in many other settings, particularly on July 4. Normally, the first stanza is sung.

I encourage all the singers at various events to sometimes sing the fourth stanza, particularly those who believe in freedom and think that our freedom is worth fighting for.

The fourth stanza brings us closer to the God who made this nation and our freedom a reality. He did it through the hearts and minds of individuals.

It mentions our land as being a "Heav'n - rescued land," which was

More concern for the well-being of its citizens instead of scoring political points might help Alabama advance from 47th in health and last in COVID vaccinations.



has "In God is our trust."

The third stanza has nothing to do with African-American slaves the British hired mercenaries and impressed sailor slaves to fight for them.

Tom Jones
Florence

To Break the Chains

Editor:

The Republican-dominated Alabama legislature brags about protecting states' rights, especially when Democrats occupy the White

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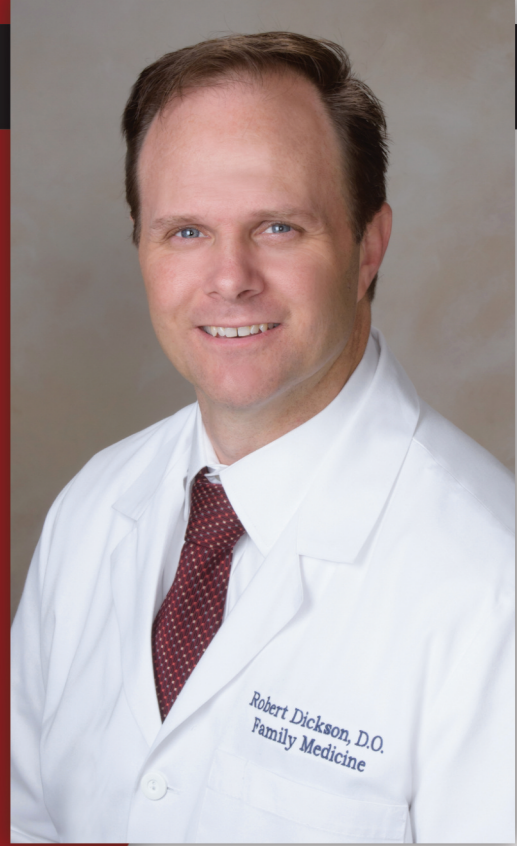
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DAVE Says

by DAVE RAMSEY



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Kunal

Dear Kunal,
Actually, it's a whole life policy, not a term policy. And it's an absolute scam. Basically, with whole life you pay about 20 times more for the same amount of insurance that you would with a term policy. The extra money goes into a savings account, and you earn next to nothing on it, even after you finally start to build it up. One of the ways they're pitching it now is the self-banking concept, where you can use your own money. It's nothing magical or anything, because with a regular checking account you use your own money. My advice is to stay away from the company that's offering it and anything else they have. It's a really bad product, and it's a scummy way to sell whole life insurance—which is an awful product to begin with. No one, except for folks in that business, believes in it or talks positively about it anymore. Being able to borrow your own money? Really? Why on earth would anyone want to borrow their own money? It's ridiculous!
—Dave

Should I tithe on my business?
Dear Dave,
My wife and I are Christians, and we own a successful small business in our town. Should businesses tithe?
Barker

SHOULD I TITHE ON MY BUSINESS?

Dear Barker,
This is a good question. Giving is never a bad idea unless you do it irresponsibly and to the point of putting your family in financial danger. To the best of my knowledge, the Bible only addresses the topic of

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So, I can't really tell you I've found Biblical instruction to give a tenth of your business. Hope this helps!

—Dave

* Dave Ramsey is a seven-time #1 national best-selling author, personal finance expert, and host of *The Dave Ramsey Show*, heard by more than 16 million listeners each week. He has appeared on *Good Morning America*, *CBS This Morning*, *Today Show*, *Fox News*, *CNN*, *Fox Business*, and many more. Since 1992, Dave has helped people regain control of their money, build wealth and enhance their lives. He also serves as CEO for Ramsey Solutions.

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- **Open and contribute to a 529 plan.** A 529 college savings plan can be very helpful. Contributions are tied to the stock market, offering the potential for growth over time. Future distributions will not be taxed, as long as the beneficiary uses the funds for qualified expenses.
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- **Create a trust.** A trust is a useful legal entity when you have significant wealth you'd like to share with your grandchildren. By establishing a trust, you decide at what age your beneficiaries can draw from the trust (while you're still living or after you pass) and the rate at which funds are distributed.
- **Give cash.** There's always the option to give the gift of cash.

Know the tax rules. Generally, the IRS requires disclosure of gifts of cash or assets over \$15,000 per recipient using IRS Form 709. Giving rules are per person, so both you and your spouse can each give up to \$15,000 per recipient without reporting it. While the giver is responsible for paying gift tax, the lifetime exclusion means you can currently give upwards of \$11 million in gifts without gift tax obligation.

Ask before you give. Financial assistance can be a sensitive topic. Consider if your grandchildren's parents may want to know about financial gifts intended for their children. This is especially true if the children have access to money without any requirements for its use or if there's a history of money mismanagement.

Consult your financial advisor. To safeguard your own financial position, review your finances before making financial gifts. When giving is a priority, your financial advisor can help you draw down your assets while managing the tax implications.

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July Holy Days of religions in the Shoals
Islam July 20 Eid al Adha

The North Alabama Civil War Round Table will hold its July meeting on July 20 at 6pm at the Helen Keller Public Library in Tuscumbia.

Our speaker will be Greg Williams who will speak on "Researching and Documenting the Confederate Casualties at the Battle of Shiloh". Greg has spent many years on this project and will have copies of his book for sale at the meeting.

This promises to be an excellent presentation and anyone who is interested in this pivotal period in our history is cordially invited to attend.

The Florence Camerata Concert will be at 7pm Tuesday, July 20 at the First Presbyterian Church in Florence.

Conductor is Rebecca Rockhill. Collaborative Pianist is Karen Cantrell. Tickets will not be sold, but donations will be accepted.

Fantastic Bubble Party on July 20, 2-3pm at Lewis Field, 1050 Pruitt Street, Florence. Event is free. Bring a towel. Free Isee pops and pizza.

Sponsored by Big Brothers, Big Sisters of the Shoals and Councilwoman, Kaytrina Simmons.

Florence Parks & Recreation is now accepting registrations for all Fall Sports including Soccer, Flag Football, Tackle Football, and Golf League. Anyone interested in coaching in the fall will need to register online as well.

Girls Flag Football for Fall 2021 - Age divisions are 5 & 6 year old, 7 & 8 year old, 9 & 10 year old and 11 & 12 year old. Registration is open now until August 26.

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Evaluations begin in August. Practice and games in September. Email upward@crosspointcoc.org or

call 256-764-4073 for questions. See ad in this issue.

Florence Parks and Recreation Department, The Club/Florence Senior Center presents The Brown's, Boomer's

& Senior's Social Dance Night, each Tuesday evening. Doors Open 6pm. Dance 6:30-8:45pm. 450 Country Club Drive in Florence - \$5 per person. The Club is a drug, alcohol, tobacco, weapon free facility. For more information: [fdavis@](mailto:fdavis@florenceal.org)

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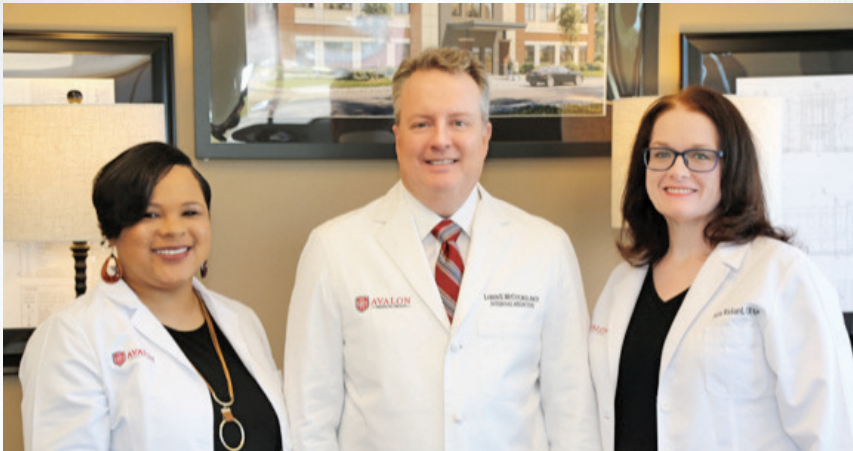


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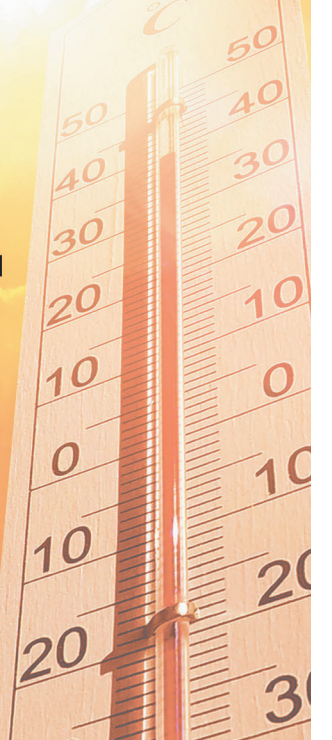
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Commentary

Rural America...

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to send it in to prove who you are. Well, there are a whole lot of people, especially people who live in rural communities, who don't - there's no Kinkos, there's no OfficeMax near them." From the coddled queen of a dilapidated, crime-ridden, concrete mecca known as Oakland, CA, we get a public 30-second summary on the disadvantages of living in rural America.

Harris doesn't know that rural folks usually show up to vote in person, so they rarely need a photocopy. And even rural folks know how to use that camera on one of those new-fangled cell phones.

When was Harris last on the ground in rural America to know what it looks like and what business, food, and communications offerings are around?

She had a chance to see some rural surroundings just weeks ago. After over three months as Biden's new Border Czar, Harris finally decided to go witness the "non-crisis issues" in Texas after Trump announced he was going there with Texas Governor, Greg Abbott.

She had the opportunity to go into some rural stretches which comprise 90% of the 32 county Texas border with Mexico (29 legal border-crossing routes) and see for herself. She could have visited smaller cities to the south like Roma or Hidalgo. Rather, on her way to Los Angeles June 25, Harris stopped in El Paso, spending most of the couple of hours there at the airport or in transit.

Apparently, there is still no urgency to address the chaos. How many more

little girls have to be raped all because of the border magnet, before there is an urgency? How many more will be stolen away to a brief life of sexual atrocities before their bodies are discarded in the desert? How many militants are entering under the Biden administration? You think they don't get it? They get it just fine. They just don't care. It collateral damage to a political end.

Climate change, immigration, white supremacy, undersexualized and misunderstood kids, and the next Covid variation - those are the really important issues.

Most of you watching the major collaborative networks, and YouTube, Facebook, and the like won't see the disturbances and gang activity that other, more enterprising and honest outlets will cover, disturbances that now make us understand how well the previous administration was addressing it. But they were racists, remember...

For months democrats have been screaming that voter ID requirements are more unfair to blacks and Latinas than whites. Many of us are trying to figure out what that statement means.

To Kamala Harris, it's apparently unfair for the confused country people of all backgrounds who may also have trouble hitching-up the wagon for the half-day ride into town and finding a pair of clean underwear on the line.

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W.C. Handy Festival
2021 SCHEDULE
Week 1



Wednesday, July 21
1pm - Alabama Music Hall of Fame Documentary: Muscle Shoals

Thursday, July 22
1pm - Alabama Music Hall of Fame W.C. Handy Movie: St. Louis Blues
6-9pm - Court Street Handy Block Party
Featuring: The Decoys, Eric Kirkman Combo, Christine Ohlman

Friday, July 23
10am - Sheffield Library Jazz It Up With Trash
Featuring: Microwave Dave
1pm - Alabama Music Hall of Fame Documentary: Muscle Shoals
2-4pm - Keestone of Florence Keestone of Florence Gets Jazzy!
Featuring: Eric Kirkman Combo

5-7pm - Swampers, Marriott Shoals Handy Happy Hour: Swampers
Featuring: Eric Smallwood
6:30 pm - Joe Wheeler State Park 19th Annual Rollin' on the River
Featuring: Dorothy Cole, McTazz Band, Charlie Brown, Lacey Snider
6:30-9:30pm - Flobama Handy Happy Hour: Flobama
Featuring: Big Mike Griffin

6:30-9:30pm - Jokers Handy Happy Hour: Joker's
Featuring: Gary & Trey Nichols
7pm - Wilson Park

First Metro Bank: Sax in the City
Featuring: The Midnighters
7pm - Birdy's Sports Grill Handy Musical Night: Birdy's Sports Grill
Featuring: Christian Turner
7-10pm - Rocketzoid S3 Handy Musical Nights: Rocketzoid S3
Featuring: Hannah Aldridge
7:30-11pm - Fizz at the Clarion Bar Handy Musical Night: Fizz at the Clarion
Featuring: Chad Bradford Band
7:30-11pm - Swampers, Marriott Shoals Handy Musical Night: Swampers
Featuring: Josh Allison Band
9:30pm-1:30am - Jokers Handy Musical Night: Jokers
Featuring: Station Street Band

10:30pm - Flobama Handy Musical Night: Flobama
Featuring: Dixie Mafia

Saturday, July 24
12-2pm - Wilson Park W.C. Handy Festival Shoals Car and Truck Show
Featuring: The Cadillacs

1pm - Alabama Music Hall of Fame W.C. Handy Movie: St. Louis Blues
5-7pm - 306 Barbeque (Florence) Music at MarMac - The Shoals
Featuring: Trey Nichols
6-9:30pm - Jokers Handy Happy Hour: Joker's
Featuring: Travis Wammack, Dorothy Cole, Snakeman Band
6-10pm - Rocketzoid S3 Handy Happy Hour: Rocketzoid S3
Featuring: Blue Water Whiskey, The Party Factory Brass Funk Band

6:30-9:30pm - Flobama Handy Happy Hour: Flobama
7pm - Birdy's Sports Grill Handy Musical Night: Birdy's Sports Grill
Featuring: Lindsay Hinkle
7-10pm - Wilson Park Music in the Park
Featuring: Rewind of the Shoals

7-10pm - The Boiler Room Handy Musical Night: The Boiler Room
Featuring: Sonic Heat
7-11pm - Poplar Street in front of Soul Wingery Handy Street Party
Featuring: Thad and Company, AG Sully, NGSR

8-11pm - Fizz at the Clarion Handy Musical Night: Fizz at the Clarion Bar
Featuring: The Shags
8-11pm - Swampers, Marriott Shoals Handy Musical Night: Swampers
Featuring: James LeBlanc & the Winchesters
9:30pm-1:30am - Jokers

Handy Musical Night: Jokers
Featuring: CONR
10:30pm - Flobama Handy Musical Night: Flobama
Featuring: Handshake Promise

Sunday, July 25
1pm - Alabama Music Hall of Fame Documentary: Muscle Shoals
3pm - First Presbyterian Church, Florence Afternoon Music Shoals Community Concert Band
Featuring: Shoals Community Concert Band
4-7pm - 306 Barbeque (Florence) Sunday Jazz at 306 BBQ!
Featuring: Scott Silbert, Denise Thimes, Chris Burroughs, Tyrone Jackson, Kevin Smith
6:30-8:30pm - W.C. Handy Home & Museum Opening Ceremonies
7pm - Birdy's Sports Grill Handy Musical Night: Birdy's Sports Grill
Featuring: Anthony Michael
7:30-10pm - Swampers, Marriott Shoals Handy Musical Night: Swampers
Featuring: Cannon Keenum Trio

Monday, July 26
10am - Florence Lauderdale Public Library Jazz it Up with your Trash
Featuring: Microwave Dave
11am-1pm - Helen Keller Library Book it with Jazz
Featuring: Jazz Allstars, Tyrone Jackson, Gary Lamb, Mark Lanter, Tom Wolfe
11am-2pm - 306 Barbeque (Florence) Handy Musical Lunch: 306 Barbeque (Florence)
Featuring: Jazz Allstars, Scott Silbert, Mel Deal, Kevin Smith
11am-2pm - 306 Barbeque (Muscle Shoals) Handy Musical Lunch: 306 Barbeque (Muscle Shoals)
Featuring: Denise Thimes, Renee Koopman

11:30am-2:30pm - Flobama Handy Musical Lunch: Flobama
Featuring: Max Russell
1pm - Alabama Music Hall of Fame W.C. Handy Movie: St. Louis Blues
1-3pm - Florence-Lauderdale Tourism and Visitors Center Shoals Songwriter Showcase
2-4pm - Florence Lauderdale Public Library Check Out the Blues
Featuring: Jazz Allstars, Neal Starkey, Chris Burroughs, Sue Matthews, Robert Redd

5pm - The Michael Community Center Line Dancing with a Purpose with Luther Jarmon, Jr.
5-7pm - Swampers, Marriott Shoals Handy Happy Hour: Swampers
Featuring: Angela Hacker, James LeBlanc
6pm - Pie Factory, Florence Handy Happy Hour: Pie Factory
Featuring: Drumb & Drummer
6pm - UNA Mane Room A Salute to the Big Band Sound
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6-8pm - Sheffield Library A Tribute to Harvey "Buddy" Thompson
Featuring: Marcus Thompson, The Thompson Trio
6-9pm - Fizz at the Clarion Bar Handy Happy Hour: Fizz at the Clarion
Featuring: Farris, York, & Sledge
6-9pm - 306 Barbeque (Florence) Handy Happy Hour: 306 Barbeque (Florence)
Featuring: Pine Hill Haints

6:30pm-9:30pm - Flobama Handy Happy Hour: FloBama
Featuring: Deja Vu
7pm - First United Methodist Church Runnin' On: Songs of Hope and Inspiration
7pm - Birdy's Sports Grill Handy Musical Night: Birdy's Sports Grill
7-9pm - Fizz at the Clarion Bar Ferus at the Fizz - Brewery Showcase
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7-10pm - The Boiler Room Handy Musical Night: The Boiler Room
Featuring: Microwave Dave, The Nukes
7:30-10pm - Swampers, Marriott Shoals Handy Musical Night: Swampers
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10:30pm - Flobama Handy Musical Night: Flobama
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10am - St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church (Outside Pavilion) Kidz Jamm
Featuring: James Counts, Bob Wray
10:30am - Rogersville Public Library Jazz It Up With Trash
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11am-1pm - Florence-Lauderdale Coliseum Swinging with the Seniors!
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11am-2pm - 306 Barbeque (Florence) Handy Musical Lunch: 306 Barbeque (Florence)
Featuring: Neal Starkey, The Jazz Allstars Trio, Mel Deal, Renee Koopman
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Featuring: Sue Matthews, Robert Redd
11:30am-2:30pm - Flobama Handy Musical Lunch: Flobama
Featuring: The Michaels
1pm - Alabama Music Hall of Fame Documentary: Mount Moriah Church ABCs of Blues, Jazz & "Before"
Featuring: Jazz Allstars
1-2:30pm - Muscle Shoals Living Center Cool Tunes and Cupcakes at the Muscle Shoals Senior Living Center
Featuring: Off the Chain

5-8pm - Superhero Chef Handy Happy Hour: Superhero Chef
Featuring: Ronnie Eades, Trey Mayne
6pm - Fairview Baptist Church Hymns on the Hilltop

6pm - Pie Factory, Florence Handy Happy Hour: Pie Factory
Featuring: Angelo Sandoval
6-7:30pm - Patterson, Prince & Associates Counting on the Music
Featuring: Iron Horse
6-9pm - Fizz at the Clarion Bar Handy Happy Hour: Fizz
Featuring: Howell Sledge Revue
6-9pm - 306 Barbeque (Florence) Handy Happy Hour: 306 Barbeque (Florence)
Featuring: Microwave Dave, The Nukes

6:30-9:30pm - Flobama Handy Happy Hour: Flobama
Featuring: Father & Sons
5-7pm - Swampers, Marriott Shoals Handy Happy Hour: Swampers
Featuring: Bay Simpson Duo
6-9pm - North Court Median UNA Night on North Court Street Median
Featuring: Hollis the Band, The Midnighters

7pm - Magnolia Church of Christ Swinging River Jazz
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7pm - Birdy's Sports Grill Handy Musical Nights: Birdy's Sports Grill
Featuring: CONR
7pm - Wilson Park Off the Chain at Sundown
Featuring: Off the Chain
7-9pm - St. Florian Amphitheater Music in the St. Florian Park
Featuring: Pine Hill Haints

7-9pm - Clarion Hotel An Evening of Deja Vu
Featuring: Deja Vu
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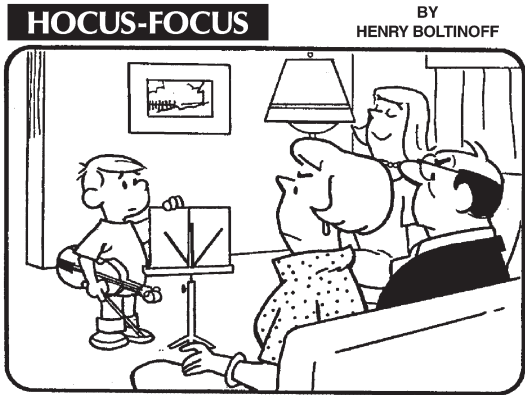
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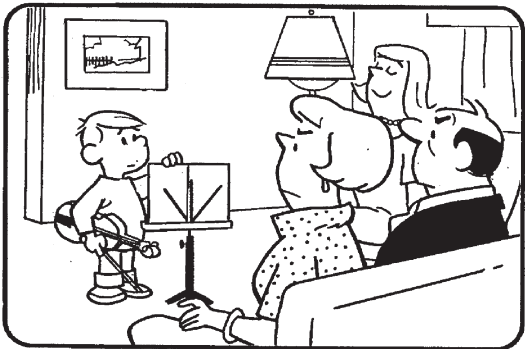
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AAMU Round-Up Picnic on July 24, 11:30am at McFarland Park, Shelter #1, Florence.

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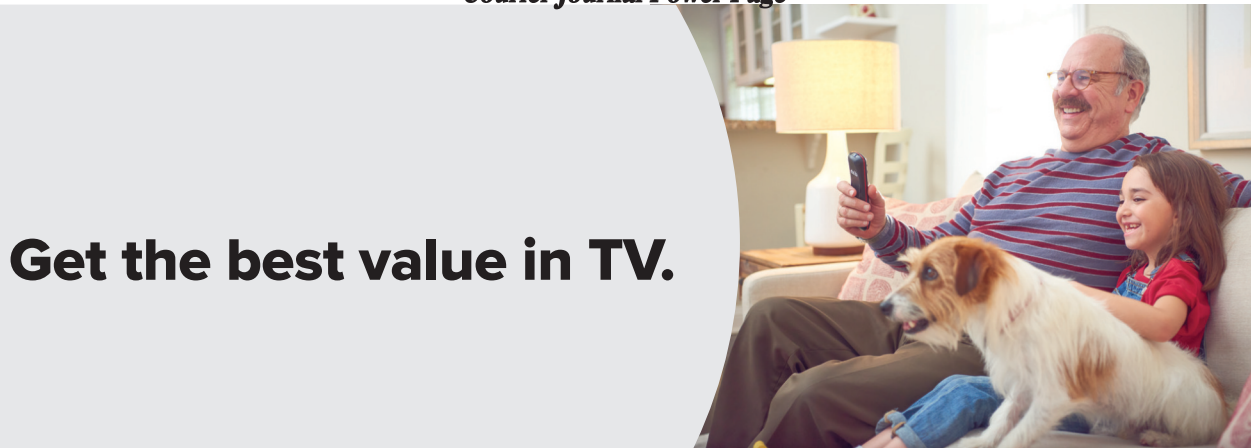
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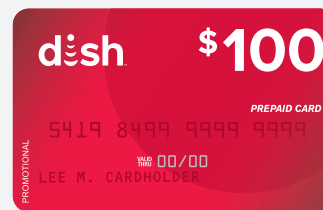
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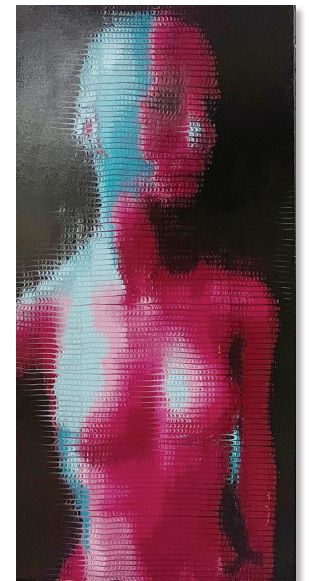
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marketing director, says that ArtWorks is a great opportunity for the community to see the huge amount of artistic talent right here in the Tennessee Valley.

"When people come to view ArtWorks, they will walk away with a strong sense of how deep and eclectic the visual arts talent is in the Shoals," said Keeton. "You're certain to see some pieces that you love, and with over 50 artists, you may even know someone in the show. Many of the pieces are available for sale, too, so it's a great chance to find a piece of art for your home while supporting a local artist."

TVAA members are also invited to the ArtWorks member reception on Saturday, July 24, from 1-3pm. Membership starts at just \$25 and includes free entry to the museum, discounts on workshops, and entry into next year's member show.

Hours for the Tennessee Valley Museum of Art are Tuesday-Friday 9am-5pm and Saturday 10am-5pm Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for students, and free for members. Admission is also free for education, healthcare, and first responder workers, as part of the Arts for the Frontline Program, sponsored by Bank Independent and E.S. Robbins. To learn more about the Tennessee Valley Art Association, which runs the Tennessee Valley Museum of Art and the Ritz Theatre, visit tennesseevalleyarts.org or call 256-383-0533.

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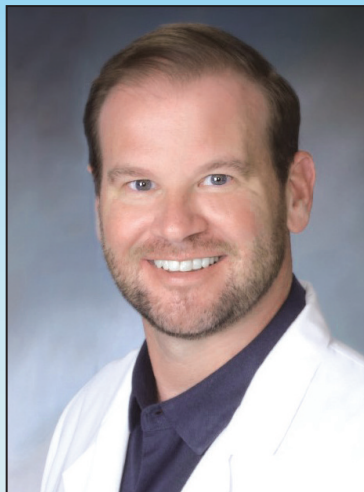
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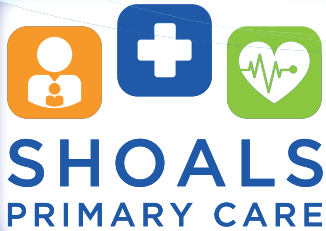
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DAYS OF OUR LIVES Philip suggested Lucas use an embittered Nicole to his advantage. Allie tried to get Ciara to recall her wedding to Ben. Abe urged Theo to postpone the wedding. While preparing for her wedding, Ciara got into an altercation with Claire. The pressure was on Ben to stop Ciara from marrying Theo. Paulina had some big news for Abe and Lani. Lucas made an admission to Sami. *Wait to See: To help his brother, Philip takes matters into his own hands. Ben, Allie and Claire team up to stop Ciara from making a big mistake. Nicole gets revenge. Programming Note: "Days of our Lives" will be preempted on Friday, July 23 through Friday, Aug. 6, 2021 due to coverage of the Summer Olympics.*

GENERAL HOSPITAL Trina felt deceived. Shawn finally caught a break. Nikolas felt the walls closing in on him. Chase took his frustrations out on Willow. Nikolas looked to Jordan for answers. Stella confronted Shawn. Portia confided in Terry. Jordan lost hope. Anna updated Dante on her recent findings. Brando told Sasha that he wanted to build a life with her. Trina conspired to get Ava and Nikolas back together. Sam paid Alexis a visit. *Wait to See: Nina returns to Nixon Falls. Jason has a heart-to-heart talk with Monica. Anna realizes who might've been on the roof with Peter.*

THE YOUNG AND THE RESTLESS Phyllis targeted Tara. Victor kept his promise to Amanda. Nikki cleared the air with Adam. Tempers flared between Abby and Tessa. Phyllis made a confession. Victor and Victoria shared a difference of opinion. Amanda set the record straight with Michael. Moses planned a surprise for Faith. Abby and Stitch reminisced about their past. *Wait to See: Billy questions Sharon's loyalty to Adam. Elena stands her ground with Imani. Victoria makes a shocking discovery about Ashland.*

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House. Examples are past hoopla over common core and current "critical race theory" in the schools, and expansion of Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act.

Perhaps if the legislature were more concerned about fact-based science (compared to Biblical beliefs), and documented history (instead of trying to whitewash it), Alabama might rank higher than 47th among the states in education. More concern for the well-being of its citizens instead of scoring political points might help Alabama advance from 47th in health and last in COVID vaccinations.

Moreover, the same Republican representatives so concerned about the rights of states, and sending messages to Washington, often undermine the rights of local governments in Alabama. The state is supposed to support local governments, not suppress them -

and by extension the voters. Examples are Alabama laws aimed at outlawing the removal of Confederate statues and limiting our first amendment protections to protest. (The Republican party even got involved in a UNA student government controversy.)

Uninspired state legislators jump on Republican bandwagons from other states that are built on political self-interest. They usually limit instead of generating more participation and equity in governing. That Alabama has the longest (and outdated) constitution of any state connotes more control and regulation over local governments - and us.

The next election will be an opportunity to begin to break the chains holding us from achieving a better future for all.

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Jim Fisher

THE FILTER BUBBLE ECHO CHAMBER

by "The Computer Skeptic"

Translation: Your internet experience is a reflection of your surfing habits. Your personal biases and opinions of everything from politics to vaccines to craft beer to racial issues are continually nourished and reinforced--to the point of radicalization in some cases. The end result is, well, the chaotic, polarized world in which we live.

At the root of this phenomenon is a bit of computer code called "cookies." Cookies are tiny little computer files that collect information about the pages you view and your activities

on the site, enable the site to recognize you, i.e remembering your user ID, keep track of your preferences if you visit the website again, and deliver ads targeted to you. Some of these cookies send out "beacons" to other websites so that if you perform a search for a weight loss product, you'll instantly start seeing ads for Big Macs.

Another component of the Filter Bubble is "curation." Everything you see on your social media accounts is the result of a mathematical algorithm which takes into account how you have interacted with similar posts in the past.

You only see posts from friends that you've interacted with in some way, but especially with the "like" button.

Filter Bubbles are similar to "echo chambers." The best example of an echo chamber is a Facebook page devoted to anti-vaccine lunacy. Spend enough time in one of those groups and you will soon be convinced that the infinitesimal ingredients in a vaccine cause your body to become so magnetic that you can stick a refrigerator to your forehead. I'm almost not exaggerating here; some people have isolated themselves from reality so much that they believe this.

In my next exciting installment, we will discuss how to extricate yourself from your bubble but I want to leave you with a paraphrase from a world leader that demonstrates my point. Some of you will like the wording and agree with the

premise right up until the last two words. That's your bubble filter talking.

"It's become safer to retreat into our own bubbles surrounded by people who look like us and share the same political outlook and never challenge our assumptions. Increasingly, we become so secure in our bubbles that we accept only information, whether true or not, that fits our opinions, instead of basing our opinions on the evidence that's out there."

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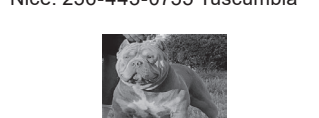
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2 Corinthians 5:17 "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." Are you a new creature in Christ? No? If you keep going like you are, you will enter eternity unprepared. This may be your last chance. Receive Christ and get in Him now. Today the best way you know how ask Christ to forgive you and save your soul and take you to heaven when you die. Our time is almost over. You cannot enter heaven unless you're saved. That big void in your soul can only be filled with Jesus Christ. Rid your life of sin and Satan today. **Romans 10:13** "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."

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The Last Five Years...

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them deserving of their role, but telling this beautiful story through each of their lenses has made for an equally beautiful process, and what I know will be stunning performances.”

The cast members are all under 25 and all have ties to the Shoals area. Three of the performers—Victoria Chaves, Gary Fuqua, and Jalen Kirkman—are in the musical theatre program at the University of Alabama at Birmingham. Carolina Mooring is studying entertainment industries and music at the University of North Alabama, and Nick T. Grigsby is pursuing a master’s degree in voice pedagogy with

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FRIDAY, JULY 23RD: HOME & PERSONAL PROPERTY: 3 BR - 2 Bath Brick Home - Kitchen & Dining Room - Living Room w/Fireplace - Laundry Room & Carport - Shingle Roof - 1 +/- Ac
 Note* The home was built prior to 1978. However, the seller can neither confirm nor deny the presence of lead-based paint. Anyone interested in the property can have it inspected anytime prior to the auction at their expense.

SATURDAY, JULY 24TH: TRACT 1: 4 BEDROOM - 2 BATH Siding Home - Hardwood Floors - Fireplace - Shingle Roof - .46 Ac
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Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness, the Florence-Lauderdale Public Library, in collaboration with the Coalition for Alzheimer's and Related Disorders (CARD), is presenting a series of free symposiums on Alzheimer's disease in the coming months.

Symposiums are scheduled in the library conference room from 5-6:30pm the fourth Thursday each month through October. Future topics will include:

- July 22 - Beyond Memory Loss
- Anxiety/aggression
- Depression
- Behavior changes
- Sleep disturbances
- Redirecting behavior to avoid medications

Every 65 seconds, someone develops Alzheimer's disease, with 5.8 million American's living with the disease, according to CARD data. CARD is a nonprofit organization established in 1993 to provide education and support for the residents of Colbert, Franklin, Lauderdale, Marion and Winston counties.

The scheduled facilitator for the symposiums is CARD board member Donna Tidwell.

Join the fun with the 3rd Annual Handy on the H2O event that takes place Saturday, July 24 with Boat Poker Run beginning at 11:30am... The concert begins at 5pm featuring Country music star Chris Lane headlining, along with Dustin Richardson, Dixie Mafia, and DJ Stan Daman at Allred Point on Wilson Lake in Muscle Shoals. The concert is

by boat access ONLY.

Handy on the H2O is a benefit for the Kruzn For a Kure Foundation.

Visit the 2021 Handy on the H2O Boat Poker Run FB event page for more info and updates!

The Shoal Writers Guild July Meeting will be Saturday, July 24, from 10am-12pm, at the Florence- Lauderdale Public Library. The speakers will be Dr. Brenna Wardell, UNA English Department, and artist Lillian Glanton.

Vacation Bible School at First Free Will Baptist Church July 26-30, 6:30-8:30pm. Ages 4 - completed 5th Grade. Registration Event at the church on July 26, 10am-2pm or register online at <https://www.fwbflorence.org>. First Free Will is located at 2701 Florence Blvd. Florence.

Hymns on the Hilltop Fairview Baptist Church July 27 at 6pm - Old-fashioned congregational hymn singing. Stanley Lasater will lead the singing with Rick Dean leading the band. All are welcome to come sing and worship!

Muscle Shoals Sound Studio will be open Monday-Saturday 10am-4pm through Labor Day. Tours are on the half-hour every hour and tour price is \$15. Discounts are available for military, senior and group tours. We are pet friendly! Tickets can be purchased online or at the studio www.muscleshoalssoundstudio.org 256-978-5151. Muscle Shoals Sound Studio is at 3614 N. Jackson Highway in Sheffield.

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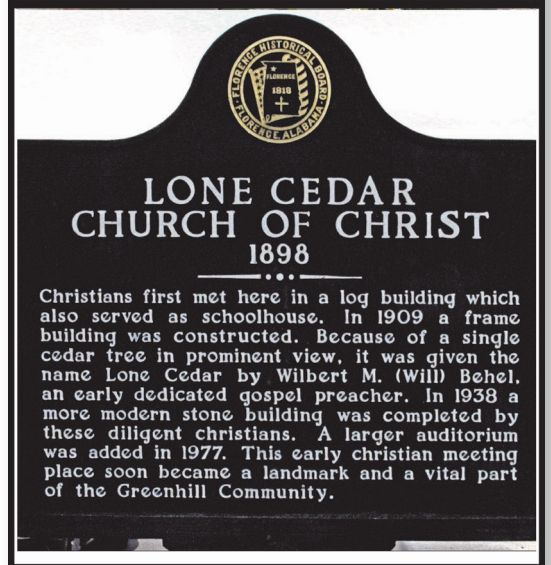
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If you are under the age of 65 and disabled, you will automatically be enrolled in Part A and Part B after you have received Social Security or Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) benefits for at least 24 months. If you are disabled, covered by your or your spouse's group health plan and wish to stay on that plan, my suggestion is to contact the plan and confirm that you can remain on the plan even though you have Medicare. This may allow you to delay your Part B until a later date.

You are eligible for Medicare if you have End Stage Renal Disease and you've worked the required amount of time under Social Security, RRB or as a government employee OR you're already getting or are eligible for Social Security or RRB benefits OR you're the spouse or dependent child of one of the previous requirements. You should contact Social Security or the RRB for the amount of time worked to be eligible for Medicare.

If you're under 65 and have ALS your Medicare benefits should begin the first month you start receiving your Social Security or RRB benefits. Again contact Social Security or RRB for a list of the benefits.

Whether it's SSI or RRB disability, ESRD or ALS, I would encourage you to NEVER voluntarily leave your current health plan until you have covered all your bases with your current plan and Medicare. In most cases once you leave you cannot go back!! If you are faced with any of these 3 situations and need additional assistance feel free to contact our office.

If you have questions regarding any aspect of Medicare or Medicare health plans feel free call us at Alabama Health Guidance (256-648-5710), stop by our office at 885 Florence Blvd (Four Lane Shopping Center) or email me at ikey@alabamahealthguidance.com. Alabama Health Guidance is an independent insurance agency and is not affiliated with Medicare or any other government agency.



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