

**On The Spot  
Interviews**

FLORENCE—McDonald's of Lauderdale Co. will host a hiring event Monday July 25 from 1-4pm

The company will have on the spot interviews at four Lauderdale locations with next day orientation for many of those hired.

The four locations include 1505 Florence Blvd and 1155 North Wood Ave in Florence, 1001 Highway 72 in Killen, and 101 Highway 72 in Rogersville.

New employees will find a weekly pay schedule, yearly vacations, flexible schedules, a raise after 90 days, and premium pay for openers/closers.

**On The Go!  
at Southwire**

FLORENCE—Southwire's annual Back to School Giveaway is back in person this year and ON THE GO!

The drive-thru school supply giveaway takes place from 10am-noon on Saturday, July 23

at Southwire, 4251 Helton Drive in Florence. All guests remain in their vehicle, and Southwire's volunteers will load the bags for you!

Bags of school supplies are given out on a first come, first serve basis. There is no paperwork required to receive

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**Best Chef in the South**

Title goes to Muscle Shoals native, Adam Evans, now in Birmingham

By Lisa Singleton-Rickman  
Times Daily Staff Writer  
(original pub date, July 10)

Muscle Shoals native Adam Evans is the 2022 James Beard Best Chef in the South award winner, and it's a title he doesn't take lightly. The honor came June 13 in Chicago, Illinois, at this year's James Beard Awards, which are often referred to as the "Oscars of the Food World."

Evans, 42, is the owner/executive chef of Automatic Seafood and Oysters in Birmingham, which he and his wife, Suzanne, opened in 2019.

"She and I met in Atlanta, but we were both from Alabama. We discovered



Birmingham chef, Adam Evans, with his wife, Suzanne  
Courtesy Caleb Chancy / Mike Delaney

pretty quickly we had the same idea in mind, to get back there," he said.

On the fast track to success, the restaurant in 2020 was a finalist for the James Beard Best New Restaurant in America.

A Muscle Shoals High

School and Auburn University graduate, Evans honed his culinary skills in New Orleans, where he worked at some of the top restaurants, as well as in New York and Atlanta.

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**On the Pathway to a Solid Career**

MUSCLE SHOALS -- Northwest-Shoals Community College hosted a Federation for Advanced Manufacturing Education (FAME) Signing Day last Thursday on the Shoals Campus where 26 students were sponsored by ten local companies.

The FAME Advanced Manufacturing Technician (AMT) program at NW-SCC is a pathway to a challenging and well-paying career as a multi-skilled technician. Students will attend classes two full days per week (16-20 hours per week) while working three full days a week (24+contact hours) with a sponsoring company. Over two years, students can earn as much as \$33,500 which

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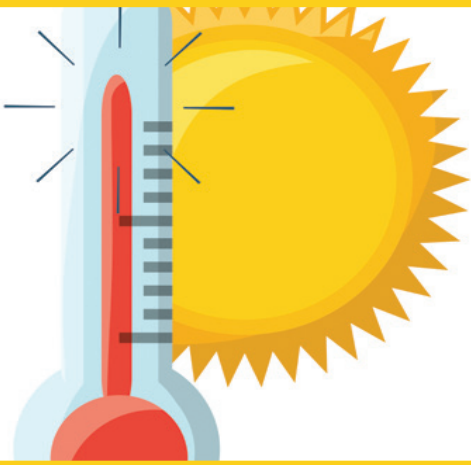
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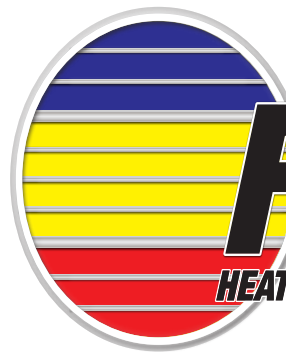
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### UNA Grads Pass Primary

FLORENCE— Several alumni from the University of North Alabama have secured their party's nominations at the primary level in state and federal elections with final races set to take place in November.

"We are very proud of these individuals and their commitment to serve and their willingness to allow their names to go forward," said Dr. Ken Kitts, UNA President. "UNA's alumni base is strong, and we are

proud of all of those who are making a difference in their cities and communities across the state, region, and the country."

Those who secured their nominations at the primary level are:

• **Mr. Robert Aderholt**, U.S House of Representatives, for the Fourth District

• **Mr. Mike Kirkland**, Alabama State House District 23

• **Dr. Tim Melson**, Alabama State Senate, District 1

• **Mr. Phillip Pettus**, Alabama State House District 1

• **Mr. Andrew Sorrell**, State Auditor

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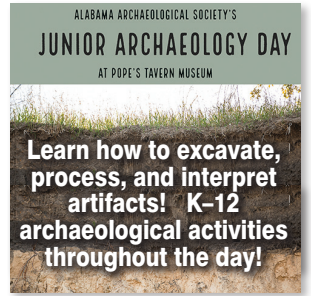
• **Mr. Kerry Underwood**, Alabama State House District 3

"Having UNA alumni in elected positions in Montgomery is vital for the university," said **Jay Cochran**, Executive Director of Governmental Relations and Economic Development at UNA. "As we all know, important funding and policy decisions affecting UNA are made on a daily basis in our state's capitol. Having individuals in Montgomery, familiar with UNA and the region we serve, can only benefit our mission and goals."

### Junior Day w/ Archaeology

FLORENCE—The Alabama Archaeological Society and Pope's Tavern Museum are hosting a Junior Archaeology Day on Saturday, July 30 from 9:30am-3:30pm at Pope's Tavern Museum, 203 Hermitage Drive in Florence. Students K-12 are invited to register now to participate in activities, and people of all ages are welcome to attend.

Students will be guided by archaeologists and have an opportunity to excavate, process, and interpret artifacts. Stations will be set up for people to come and go throughout the day. Water, popsicles, and a cooling station are provided. Students under 18 must have guardian supervision. Visit [www.florencealmuseums.com/](http://www.florencealmuseums.com/)



landing-page / popes-tavern to learn more and register for this free event.

Pope's Tavern Museum is dedicated to the early (1800-1870) history of Florence and Lauderdale County. The Museum has recently contracted with the University of Alabama to continue archaeological testing at the Museum, after a 2021 archaeological dig unearthed over 300 artifacts.

Call 256-760-6439 for more information.

### White Takes UNA Post

FLORENCE – After a nationwide search, officials at the University of North Alabama have named Dr. **Kathleen** (K.C.) **White** Vice President for Student Affairs. Her tenure began July 1.

"I believe Dr. White will be a wonderful addition to our campus community," said UNA President **Dr. Ken Kitts**. "Having served other campuses in a variety of student-focused roles, she brings a wealth of knowledge and expertise that will be beneficial to our students as well as to her staff in Student Affairs."

White served most recently as the Associate Dean of Students and Student Conduct and Community Standards Director at Florida State University in Tallahassee. Prior to that, she was the Vice President for Student Affairs at Kennesaw State University in Georgia.

"The Division of Student Affairs is aligned to engage and involve students in meaningful learning experiences and to strengthen the valuable partnerships that have helped UNA to be on an exciting trajectory as a leader in public higher education," said White.

The Division of Student Affairs encompasses all student-facing departments from Student Counseling Services to Housing and Residence Life to University Health Services.

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**FLORENCE 3-FAMILY YARD SALE**, 725 Sanonner Ave., Fri. & Sat., 7am-until? Home decor, Furniture, Handmade Cedar Benches, 1992 Buick Century Station Wagon (Junk), and more! Map ID# 718

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July 20 - What is the meaning of Matthew 24? - Brian Giselbach  
July 27 - Can I choose my gender? - Allen Webster

**The Florence-Lauderdale Farmers Market is Now Open** 6am-1pm on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturday's. You will find fruit, vegetables, beef, chicken, farm-fresh eggs, flowers, plants, and knife / scissor sharpening. The market is a covered pavilion located at 451 Fairground Road in Florence with plenty of parking. Call if you have questions 256-443-4998.

Want to see your Event here? Email your information to Editor@ CourierJournal.net.

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Saturday, July 23, 10am-6pm - Alabama Music Hall of Fame, Tuscumbia  
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Monday, July 25, 11am-6pm - Tuscumbia Police and Fire  
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Wednesday, July 27, 9am-2pm - Florence Electricity, Reeder St., Florence


**Vacation Bible School at First Free Will Baptist Church,** 2701 Florence Blvd, Florence, "The Chronicles of Whoville" on Monday, July 18-Friday, July 22 from 6:30-8:30pm. Everyone is invited. If you have any questions, you can call the Church Office at 256-764-3591.

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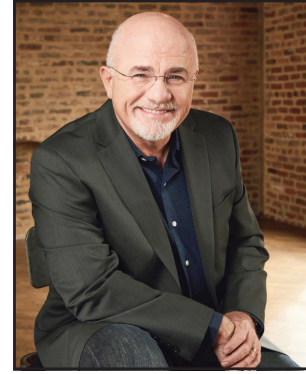
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by DAVE RAMSEY



progress. But if you don't plug into it, you'll fall back into the same old things. It's okay to save up for a trip or buy some fun stuff in the general philosophy of life. But getting out of debt, and having control of your finances should come first. Remember when you were a kid, and you had to finish your dinner or clean up your room before going out to play? That's what I teach. Work first, play later. Trust me. It'll pay off in the long run!  
 — Dave

## THERE'S A PROCESS HERE...AND IT WORKS!

Dear Dave,  
 My husband and I have a beginner emergency fund set aside, and we're working on paying off \$30,000 in credit card debt and two cars in Baby Step 2. He would also like us to start putting money aside for a couple of trips and a few other things we have always wanted. This makes me nervous, because we have made so much progress over the last year in getting control of our finances, paying off debt and living on a budget. I understand wanting something to look forward to, but I would hate to see us slow down when we are doing so well. How do you feel about this?  
 Marie

Dear Marie,  
 Okay, so you have two car payments hanging over your heads, plus a bunch of credit card debt, and your husband wants to throw saving for toys and vacations into the mix? I'm sure he's a good guy, and he has obviously been on-board with your financial overhaul so far, but I wouldn't recommend doing this.

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*Dave Ramsey is an eight-time #1 national best-selling author, personal finance expert, and host of The Ramsey Show, heard by more than 18 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 take control of their money, build wealth and enhance their lives. He also serves as CEO for Ramsey Solutions.*

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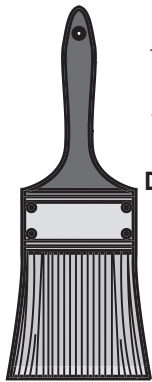


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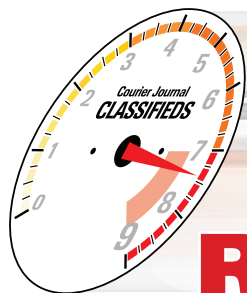
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A graduate and his family celebrate with a photo after the Adult Education Graduation Ceremony. NW-SCC photo

## Shorts...

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### 88 Complete Requirements

MUSCLE SHOALS-Northwest-Shoals Community College's Adult Education Program hosted its 2022 Adult Education Graduation ceremony last week in the Patriot Center on the Shoals Campus.

According to the NW-SCC Adult Education Program, 71 students

completed requirements for their GED from July 2021 - June 2022. An additional 17 students completed requirements for the nontraditional high school diploma.

The nontraditional high school diploma helps students who either dropped out of high school without earning the necessary credits to graduate or did not pass one or all parts of the Alabama High School graduation exam, which is no longer given. This option was established in 2016.

### Two Elks 2860 Donations

**BELOW:** Shoals Elks Lodge 2860's Grant Coordinator, Dr. Jean Love, left, and Lodge Leading Knight, Jackie Streit, recently presented a check to Michelle Hyde of Big Brothers, Big Sisters.

In addition, Shoals Elks Lodge 2860 members Barbara Danley and Gary Helmick recently presented a check to Karen Martin, Director of the Caring Center of Colbert County.

The Caring Center assists families in need and exists entirely on donations. The Elks National Foundation Spotlight Grant was used to fund the project.



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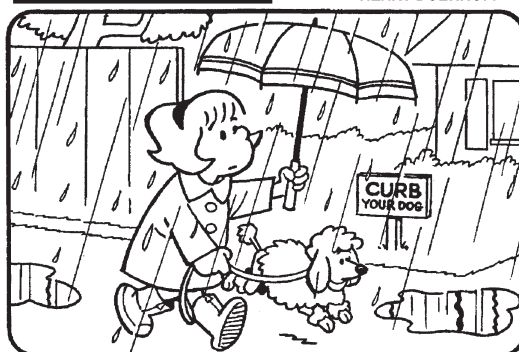
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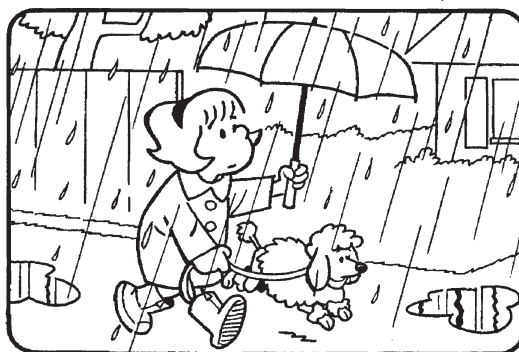
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BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



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WE'VE BEEN PERFORMING AN AWFUL LOT OF COMPUTER UPGRADES SINCE THE PANDEMIC BEGAN. Despite the news that everyone is blowing money on everything, it does appear that computer owners are being frugal with their money and realizing that they can upgrade their old computer rather than buy a new one. One of the more worthy upgrades to come along in a while are solid-state drives.



Jim Fisher

Computers have been using mechanical hard drives for decades. Mechanical hard drives operate similarly to a record player. Inside the little

# SOLID-STATE OF AFFAIRS

by "The Computer Skeptic"

hard drive case is a platter coated with a magnetic surface that spins at about 5,400 rotations per minute. A read-write "head," similar to a stylus on a record player, travels back and forth on the platter reading and writing microscopic positive and negative magnetic charges. Your computer's processor interpreters those charges as binary 0s or 1s which are then translated into Tweets, cat pictures, and operating systems. These hard drives are a miracle of innovation and are amazingly quick, efficient, and reliable for storing and retrieving data.

However, mechanical hard drives are susceptible to many types of failures. For example, if you drop a laptop while it's on, that floating read/write head can make physical contact with the spinning platter and result in a spot on the hard drive that can no longer hold a positive or negative charge. This head/platter contact is known as a hard drive "crash." If data resided on that spot, that data is gone. The computer can tolerate a few of these bad spots but if you have too many, your computer may not boot and you could lose all your data. Hard drive crashes

like this are the main reason we recommend you keep a backup of your data. The electric motors in these drives can also slow down over time resulting in computers that are agonizingly slow to boot and operate.

Solid-state drives (SSD) are rapidly supplanting mechanical drives in new computers. SSDs have no moving parts thus are more resistant to physical shock, run silently, and have quicker access time and lower latency. What that boils down to is a computer that accesses data very quickly. For instance, a mechanical hard drive will typically go from power off to fully booted in 3 to 5 minutes. SSDs will power on in less than 30 seconds for an older computer, and less than 5 seconds for new computers. When you click on an icon to load a program, it will launch

almost instantly on an SSD drive.

Someone with reasonable computer skills could clone their old hard drive to a new SSD for less than \$50, but expect to pay up to \$200 (parts and labor) for a skilled technician to do the job. That may sound like a lot of money (mainly because it is) but if you have an old, slow laptop and are considering purchasing a new one, this \$200 investment could easily delay that purchase for a few more years.

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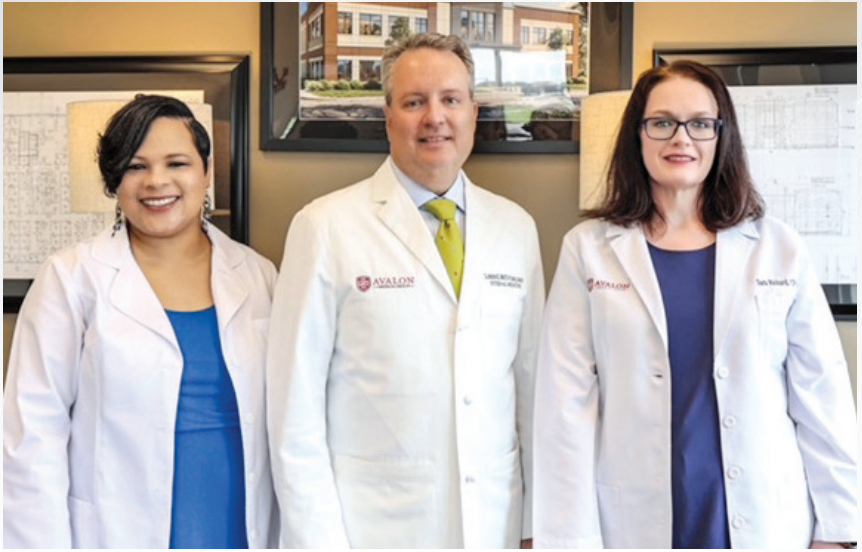


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**Austen Stafford of Hatton was one of 26 NW-SCC students to sign with sponsoring company, Constellium, during last Thursday's FAME Signing Day.**  
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"It is so exciting to see the growth in support from our industry partners of Northwest-Shoals and our students," stated NW-SCC President Dr. Jeff Goodwin. "The partnership we have formed with all 22 companies through the FAME program will benefit our students, their companies, and our community." The FAME program at NW-SCC currently has a total of 37 students in the program.

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It was in his later college years at Auburn University that Evans' culinary interest took root. Working part-time at the Grand Hotel in Point Clear, the chef there, Seth Hargett, took Evans under his wing. Hargett even gave Evans his first knife. Evans later gifted that knife to his mother.

"She still has it in her knife drawer and probably still uses it some," he said. Hargett also gave Evans the book "Larousse Gastronomique" that enlightened him on French cuisine. It was so inspiring that Evans came to regard it as a sort of culinary bible.

"I spent my summer reading through that book and was so inspired that there was no way I wasn't going to pursue this career," Evans said.

The only chef in his family, Evans said that's just how he likes it, adding jokingly that it makes his line of work more interesting to his loved ones.

Evans learned about the James Beard Award 20 years ago, soon after arriving in New Orleans.

He committed himself to working hard so that "Maybe I'd get my name on that list at some point," he said upon accepting the



award.

"It is unreal for me to be standing here," he added.

For this year's awards, Evans was among five finalists in his category, including a chef in Homewood and three chefs in New Orleans.

Evans noted years ago he read about a chef from Cullman winning the James Beard award and recalls identifying with that chef on many levels.

"He also opened a restaurant in Birmingham and I wanted to take that same path," Evans said.

"Alabama is home for me and it's always been about learning what I could, and getting experiences outside of what I grew up with. Through travel and exposure to so many different experiences, it made me really excited to come back to Alabama one day. Birmingham is my home now, and I couldn't be happier."

## A creation by chef Adam Evans at his restaurant in Birmingham, Automatic Seafood and Oysters.

Courtesy Caleb Chancy / Mike Delaney

He credits Suzanne, an interior designer by profession, for creating a top-notch space for Automatic Seafood and Oysters that captures attention, yet is inviting and comfortable for guests.

Housed in the 1940s Automatic Sprinkler Company building on 5th Avenue South, the restaurant's name reflects its rich history.

"We were sitting there one day and Suzanne came up with Automatic," Evans said. "We were like, 'well yes,' it's been right there in front of us this whole time."

Now, just four years after his dream kicked into reality, the name Automatic Seafood and Oysters is on the radar of not only its loyal customers, but the culinary world at large.

Being nominated for Best New Restaurant in America was an unexpected honor. Winning in his category this year was yet another dream come true, but one that makes him even hungrier to continue honing his skills.

He's also quick to credit his 30 to 40 person team at Automatic, "who get it done day in and day out."

"It certainly isn't just about me, but this whole group of people that made this award happen," he said.

"(Since winning the award) we've seen a lot of new faces. There's a heightened expectation now, and we want to exceed that. We don't relax around here because it never slows down and I'm grateful."

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Commentary

# Flores is Evidence of Hispanic Move

**U**S Congresswoman, Mayra Flores, the Texas Republican who last month flipped a house seat in a 100-year democrat stronghold along the southern border, continues her self-defense tour responding to hit pieces by the unbiased national media that cannot stand when its apple cart is turned over.

The *New York Times'* dig, "The Trump age has given rise to a new brand of Texas Republicans, one of whom is already walking the halls of Congress: the far-right Latina" is a good example.

Representative Flores became the first Republican to represent the Rio Grande Valley in more than a century. She also became the first Latina Republican in Texas ever elected to Congress after she won a special election last month and flipped the congressional seat from blue to red.

Granted, it is an abbreviated term that lasts only through the end of 2022. However, she is still a long shot to win re-election to a full two-year term even if she does well now. She won't get appropriate and fair news coverage

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## In A Few Words



TOM MAGAZZU  
Editor

# Courier Journal

# THIS WEEK

in the Shoals

July 20, 2022

## Happening THIS WEEK

# Gospel and Jazz at Ritz

SHEFFIELD- The Ritz Theatre will host three concerts for the W.C. Handy Music Festival, celebrating the musical traditions of gospel and jazz.

The Ritz Gospel Showcase leads it off with two performances on Saturday, July 23 at 2pm and 7pm.

On Saturday, July 30, at 7pm the jazz group, The Justus

See RITZ... on Page 30



# Record Number of Handy Events

SHOALS-The 41st WC Handy Music Festival features more activities than ever before! Until 2019, the Handy Festival averaged three hundred different offerings. After 2020's virtual "Handemic Festival", followed by a cautious return to approximately two hundred events, this year's Handy Festival has reached almost three hundred twenty different activities with more being added daily.

This year's Handy Festival will begin on Thursday, July 21 with Downtown Florence Alliance's Handy Block Party, followed by Karaoke Idol at FloBama! In addition to Karaoke Idol, a fundraiser to benefit Salvation Army of the Shoals, FloBama will host music every day of the Handy Festival for a total of twenty-one different events!

See HANDY... Page 39

THE SHOALS WRITERS GUILD will host, "The Journey to Joy; Losing a Child to Suicide," at 4pm Thursday, July 21 at the Florence-Lauderdale Public Library. The guest speaker for this free event is Connie Cooley who lost her son to suicide in 2019.

Cooley's focus will not be on suicide but finding Joy in mourning. Anyone who has lost a child, especially a child to suicide, is encouraged to attend. For more information, email: shoalswritersguild@gmail.com

THE HANDY CLASSIC LEGENDS Basketball Games take place Saturday, July 23 at 5pm in the Florence Middle School gym. Adults \$10 - Students \$5. Ages 5 and younger are free. The first game at 5pm the Hazelwood/Courtland Legends vs. the Bradshaw/Coffee Legends!! The second game at 7pm will be a rematch for the ages! Colbert County Legends vs. the Sheffield Legends!

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## No Gas Tax Benefit?

Editor:

I found out from one of our Alabama state representatives that Lauderdale county doesn't get any of the gas tax that we voted on recently because our county voted against it.

It passed and we still have to pay it, but we don't get any of the proceeds in return.

What kind of crooks do we have in Montgomery?

Barry Lee  
Rogersville

## Declared Free Range

Editor:

I propose that all special protection provided all elected officials and all unelected officials be immediately suspended. As by their failure to protect us, the taxpayers who provide such protection, they have forfeited such.

By not enacting real gun regulation, they have declared free range on the taxpaying citizens. They should certainly be subject to the same. They can surely afford it, considering the vast amount of money they've made off us.

Mary Wilson  
Louisville, KY

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Secondly, its current leaders are incompetent and probably serving some hidden money interest...







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# Community Notes...

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**Northwest-Shoals Community College's Child Development Center will offer the 2022 Kids in College STEAM summer camp, Out of this World!**, July 18-22. The space themed camp is open to children entering grades 1-8 in the fall.

Each day participants will experience STEAM related activities in science, technology, engineering, art and math. Registration cost is \$90 per child. Spaces are limited and early registration is encouraged.

Healthy snacks will be provided daily. Each camper will receive a camp t-shirt. Children are to arrive promptly at 8am in the Patriot Center (gym) on the Shoals Campus. Each day's events will conclude each day at noon.

For more information on the 2022 Kids in College summer camp or to register, contact the NW-SCC Child Development Center at 256-331-5245

**Florence Camerata Presents: America Sings!** As we help to kick off W.C. Handy Week in our 16th season.

This free concert will be at First Presbyterian Church on Mobile Street in downtown Florence at 7pm on Tuesday, July 19.

Conductor - Rebecca Rockhill  
Collaborative Pianist - Karen Cantrell

Please join us as we perform a wonderful variety of music by American composers. You will hear beautiful ballads, heart-felt spirituals, touching love songs, stirring patriotic songs, and even a pop song or two! A few of our talented soloists will be featured. You will be thrilled to be a part of this celebratory event!

Admission is Free; donations are appreciated.

**The Colbert County Conservation of Soil and Water will hold its monthly board meeting** Thursday July 21 at 7am,

at Two Fat Sister's Restaurant, 1606 US 72 Tuscumbia.

All are welcome to attend. Dutch Treat if you choose to eat breakfast. Any Questions or comments please call: Brooke Pate 256-383-4323 Ext# 3.

**The Shoals Writers Guild will host "The Journey to Joy; Losing a Child to Suicide,"** with speaker Connie Cooley who lost her son to suicide in 2019.

Cooley's focus will not be on suicide but finding Joy in mourning.

The free event will be held at the Florence-Lauderdale Public Library, 350 N. Wood Avenue, Florence, on Thursday, July 21 at 4pm.

Anyone who has lost a child, and especially a child to suicide is invited to attend.

For more information, email: shoalswritersguild@gmail.com

**Northwest AL Beekeepers Association Beginner Bee Class** on Thursday, July 21, 6-9pm and Saturday, July 23, 8-11am at Helen Keller Library Annex, 511 N. Main St., Tuscumbia. \$45 for both classes.

Snacks and drinks will be provided. Experienced Bee Mentors on site to answer all your bee questions.

Contact Carmela King, 512-415-5244, call/text for payment or information.

**Cherokee Parks & Rec's Basketball Camp** July 21, and 28, 10:30am-3:30pm at Cherokee Middle School Gym. For students 3rd-12th grade, \$50 per student. Lunch and snack provided.

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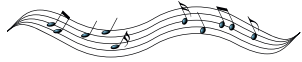
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**Thursday, July 21**  
**HANDY BLOCK PARTY**  
5:30pm-until - 100 Block of Court Street, Florence  
Featuring: Mississippi Shakedown, The Prescriptions

**Karaoke Idol at Flobama**  
6-10:30pm - Flobama, 311 North Court St., Florence  
Featuring: The best in local talent!

**Friday, July 22**  
**Jazz it up with Your Trash\***  
10am Sheffield Public Library, 316 N. Montgomery Ave.  
Bring your own recyclable plastic bottle or can, shoebox, or coffee can to make musical instruments and play with Microwave Dave's impromptu band. For ages 3 and older.  
Featuring: Microwave Dave

**Documentary: Muscle Shoals**  
1pm - Alabama Music Hall of Fame, 617 US Hwy 72 West, Tuscumbia  
Featuring Rick Hall, Aretha Franklin, Mick Jagger, Keith Richards, Wilson Pickett, Gregg Allman, Bono, Alicia Keys, and more!

**Line Dancing with a Purpose**  
2pm - Michael Community Center, 1001 SE 17th St., Sheffield  
Classes for all ages taught by Master Instructor Luther Jarmon, Jr.  
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**Handy Happy Hours**  
5-7pm - Fizz Bar & Grill, Clarion Hotel, 4900 Hatch Blvd., Sheffield  
Featuring: Taylor Grace  
5-7pm - Swampers Bar and Grille, Marriott Shoals, 10 Hightower Place, Florence  
Featuring: Christian Turner Duo  
6-9pm - The Pourhouse at Coldwater, 120 S Main Street, Tuscumbia  
Featuring: Kinfolk  
6:30-9:30pm - Flobama, 311 North Court St., Florence  
Featuring: Rewind of the Shoals

**Joe Wheeler State Park Rollin' on the River**  
6:30-11pm - 4401 McLean Dr., Rogersville  
Featuring: Charlie Brown, Dorothy Cole as 'Tina Turner', McTazz Band

**Muscle Shoals Music Camp Performance**  
7pm - The Mane Room, 310 N. Pine St., Florence  
Featuring: Students in the Muscle Shoals Music Camp

**First Metro Bank: Sax in the City**  
7-10pm - Wilson Park, 350 North Wood Ave., Florence  
Featuring: The Midnighters

**Saturday, July 23**  
**WC Handy Festival Shoals Car and Truck Show**  
8am-2pm - Wilson Park, 350 North Wood Ave., Florence  
Featuring: The Cadillac

**WC Handy 1st Annual Kickoff Extravaganza**  
11am - Alabama Music Hall of Fame, 617 US Hwy 72 West, Tuscumbia  
Show begins at 12:30pm  
Featuring: Eric Essix, DJ Charlie Hustle, Donna Wills, King Tut, Vann Burchfield, Wilson Meadows, Tony Terry, Shirley Murdock, Glenn Jones, The Midnighters, Travis Wammack

**WC Handy Movie: St. Louis Blues**  
1pm - Alabama Music Hall of Fame, 617 US Hwy 72 West, Tuscumbia  
A screening of the film St. Louis Blues, starring Nat "King" Cole as WC Handy.

**Ritz Gospel Showcase**  
2pm - The Ritz Theater, 111 West Third St, Sheffield  
Featuring: Shane D. Rainer, The Orr Sisters, The Reverend Jerry Reeves

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**Games Legends Basketball**  
Florence High School Gym, 1201 Bradshaw Dr, Florence  
5pm - Hazelwood/Courtland Legends vs Coffee/Bradshaw Legends  
7pm - Colbert County Legends vs Sheffield Legends

**Handy Happy Hours**  
4-7pm - Stephano's Southland, 1309 S Jackson Hwy, Sheffield  
Featuring: Rod and Russ  
5-7pm - Fizz Bar & Grill, Clarion Hotel 4900 Hatch Blvd., Sheffield  
Featuring: Matt Prater  
6-9pm - The Pourhouse at Coldwater, 120 S Main Street, Tuscumbia  
Featuring: Craig Putman & The Flatbed Trailers  
6:30-9:30pm - Flobama, 311 North Court St., Florence  
Featuring: Howell Sledge & The Revue

**Jamie Lamb: The Instrumental Rock Hour\***  
5pm-6pm - Wilson Park, 350 North Wood Ave., Florence  
Featuring: Jamie Lamb

**Saturday Night Vibes with the Charles Brooks Trio**  
7pm - The Mane Room, 310 N. Pine St., Florence  
Featuring: Patrick O'Rourke, Scott Hall, Charles Brooks

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**Music in the Park\***  
7-10pm - Wilson Park, 350 North Wood Ave., Florence  
Featuring: Rewind of the Shoals

**Handy Street Party**  
7-11pm - Soul Wingery, 105 Poplar St, Florence  
Featuring: Billy Allen and The Pollies, JRNL, Thad and Company

**Lamont Landers Band in Concert**  
7:30pm - Shoals Theater, 123 N. Seminary St., Florence  
Featuring: Lamont Landers Band

**Sunday, July 24**  
**Blue Navigators**  
11am - Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 1332 North Pine St., Florence  
Featuring: Blue Navigators

**Documentary: Muscle Shoals**  
1pm - Alabama Music Hall of Fame, 617 US Hwy 72 West, Tuscumbia  
Featuring Rick Hall, Aretha Franklin, Mick Jagger, Gregg Allman, Bono, Alicia Keys, and more!

**Listing of Free & Non-Profit W.C. Handy Festival Events**  
See the complete schedule at [www.wchandymusicfestival.org](http://www.wchandymusicfestival.org)

The W.C. Handy Music Festival is pleased to be designated an *N Harmony With Nature Event*. Two of our greatest assets are our rich musical heritage and the natural beauty that surrounds us. *N Harmony With Nature* promotes environmental stewardship by reducing litter and waste at events. To learn more about *N Harmony With Nature* visit [Nharmonywithnature.Org](http://Nharmonywithnature.Org).

\*Events that are designated as *N Harmony With Nature Litter-Free Events*

Several events have rain locations, see website for details



**Fonda Skipworth Productions Presents 1st Annual Handy Day Party**  
2-6pm - Sweetwater Depot, 502 S Royal Ave, Florence  
Featuring: DJ 7-11, Ladies of Passion Band

**Bluegrass Gospel Music Concert**  
3-4pm - First United Methodist Church, Tuscumbia, 104 E 3rd St, Tuscumbia  
Featuring: Lisa Lambert Band

**Sunday Jazz at 306 BBQ!**  
4-7pm - 306 Barbeque, 322 North Court St., Florence  
Featuring: Denise Thimes, Jazz Allstars

**Sunday Funday at On The Rocks**  
5-8pm - On the Rocks, 110 North Court St., Florence  
Featuring: Austin Bohannon, Gary Nichols

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**HANDY FEST EVENTS CONT.**

**Handy Happy Hours**  
**5-8pm** - *Lost Pizza, 201 N Seminary St, Florence*  
 Featuring: Record Store Troubadours  
**6-9pm** - *Kingpin's Speakeasy Lounge, 203 E. 6th Street, Suite B, Tusculmbia*  
 Featuring: Robert Cline, Jr.  
**5-9pm** - *Stephano's Southland, 1309 S Jackson Hwy, Sheffield*  
 Featuring: Travis Wammack & The Snakeman Band

**Official Handy Sunday Ceremony\***  
**6-8:30pm** - *W.C. Handy Home & Museum, 620 W. College St., Florence*  
 Featuring: Pastor Shane Rainer, Lorinda "Pinky" Warren Pryor, Brother Howell Sledge & Renewed, Kelly Balentine, Rachael Mansell, The Rev. Ernest Polk, Pastor of St. James Baptist Church of Jackson, TN, Kimble Funchess, Pastor Jerry Reeves & Friends

**Woodmont Baptist Church Presents WC Handy Songwriter Showcase**  
**7pm** - *Woodmont Baptist Church East Campus, 2002 Darby Drive, Florence*  
 Featuring: Phillip White, Brice Long, Neil Thrasher, Roger Cook

**Monday, July 25**

**Jazz it up with Your Trash\***  
**10am** - *Florence-Lauderdale Public Library, 350 N. Wood Ave.*  
 Bring your own recyclable plastic bottle or can, shoebox, or coffee tin to make musical instruments and play with Microwave Dave's impromptu band! For ages 3 and over.  
 Featuring: Microwave Dave

**Handy Musical Lunches**  
**11:30am-2:30pm** - *Flobama, 311 North Court St., Florence*  
 Featuring: Max Russell

**Book it with Jazz**  
**12pm** - *Helen Keller Library, 511 North Main St., Tusculmbia*  
 Alabama Bliss food truck will be on site for those wishing to purchase lunch.  
 Featuring: Jazz Allstar Trio

**WC Handy Movie: St. Louis Blues**  
**1pm** - *Alabama Music Hall of Fame, 617 US Hwy 72 West, Tusculmbia*  
 A screening of the film St. Louis Blues, starring Nat "King" Cole as WC Handy.

**Check Out the Blues**  
**2-4pm** - *Florence-Lauderdale Public Library, 350 N. Wood Ave.*  
 Featuring: Jazz Allstar Quartet

**Monday Blues with Mark Muleman**  
**5-7pm** - *Sheffield Public Library, 316 N. Montgomery Ave.*  
 Featuring: Mark Muleman

**Handy Happy Hours**  
**4:30-7pm** - *Kingpin's Speakeasy Lounge, 203 E. 6th Street, Suite B, Tusculmbia*  
 Featuring: 2 Far Gone  
**5-8pm** - *Lost Pizza, 201 N Seminary St, Florence*  
 Featuring: Aaron Stapler  
**6:30-9:30pm** - *Flobama, 311 North Court St., Florence*  
 Featuring: Deja Vu  
**6-9pm** - *Kingpin's Speakeasy Lounge, 203 E. 6th Street, Suite B, Tusculmbia*  
 Featuring: Sandy Lane

**A Salute to the Big Band Sound**  
**6pm** - *The Mane Room, 310 N. Pine St., Florence*  
 Featuring: Dr. Lyman Mitchell's Shoals Area Big Band

**40th Annual Handy Concert at FUMC!**  
**7pm** - *First United Methodist Church, 415 N. Seminary St., Florence*  
 Featuring: Joyful Sounds

**At Sundown**  
**7pm** - *Wilson Park, 350 North Wood Ave.*  
 Featuring: Kimble Funchess Quintet

**Midnighters @ The Neighborhood Lemonade Party**  
**7-9pm** - *Westminster Presbyterian Church, 1520 Rickwood Road, Florence*  
 Featuring: The Midnighters

**Rock N' Soul on Mobile Plaza\***  
**7-9pm** - *Mobile Plaza, Florence*  
 Featuring: CC Jags

**FLOW CITY ENTERTAINMENT PRESENTS**  
**7-12am** - *Clarion Inn, 4900 Hatch Boulevard, Sheffield*  
 Featuring: DJ Ronnie Ron featuring The Kruzz Kuntrol Band, DieDra "The Alabama Blues Queen", Midnighters



**Tuesday, July 26**

**Handy Musical Lunches**  
**11:30am-2:30pm** - *Flobama, 311 North Court St., Florence*  
 Featuring: The Michaels

**Kidz Jamm**  
**10am** - *St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, 1900 Darby Dr., Florence*  
 Featuring Shoals Area piano students with drummer James Counts and bassist Bob Wray.

**Jazz it up with Your Trash\***  
**11am-1pm** - *Helen Keller Library, 511 North Main St., Tusculmbia*  
 Bring your own recyclable plastic bottle or can, shoebox, or coffee tin to make musical instruments and play with Microwave Dave's impromptu band. For ages 3 and older.  
 Featuring: Microwave Dave

**Swinging with the Seniors!**  
**11am-1pm** - *Florence-Lauderdale Coliseum, 702 E. Veterans Dr.*  
 Featuring: Drumb & Drumber

**Cool Tunes and Cupcakes**  
**1-2:30pm** - *Muscle Shoals Living Center, 994 Gattman Park Dr., Next door to Gym*  
 Featuring: Back on Track

**ABCs of Blues and Jazz - Beyond and Before**  
**1:30pm** - *The Dwelling Place, 909 College St, Florence*  
 Featuring: The CORE

**Drummers, Jazz Allstars Drumb and Drummer**  
**4-6pm** - *Sheffield Public Library, 316 N. Montgomery Ave.*  
 Featuring: Drumb & Drumber

**WC Handy Kids Pool Party**  
**5:30-7:30pm** - *W.C. Handy Recreation Center Pool, 1105 Beale St, Florence*

**Handy Happy Hours**  
**5-8pm** - *Lost Pizza, 201 N Seminary St, Florence*  
 Featuring: Mitch Mann  
**6:30-9:30pm** - *Flobama, 311 North Court St., Florence*  
 Featuring: Fathers & Sons

**Handy at St. Florian Park\***  
**6pm** - *St. Florianamphitheater, 83 St. Florian Rd, Florence*  
 Featuring: Pine Hill Haints, The Pollies

**Counting on the Music\***  
**6-8pm** - *Patterson, Prince & Associates, 475 S. Seminary St., Florence*  
**6-6:45pm**: Taylor Grace.  
**6:45-8pm**: Trey & Gary Nichols

**Hymns on the Hilltop**  
**6pm** - *Fairview Baptist Church, 150 Fairview Dr, Florence*  
 Congregational style hymn singing.

**UNA Night on North Court Median\***  
**6-9pm** - *North Court Median, 500 North Court St., Florence*  
**6-6:45pm**: Bo & The Boys  
**7-9pm**: Off The Chain

**At Sundown on Tuesday\***  
**7pm** - *Wilson Park, 350 North Wood Ave., Florence*  
 Featuring: Vann Burchfield

**FLOW CITY ENTERTAINMENT PRESENTS**  
**7pm-12am** - *Clarion Inn, 4900 Hatch Boulevard, Sheffield*  
 Featuring: DJ Ronnie Ron featuring The Kruzz Kuntrol Band, DieDra "The Alabama Blues Queen", Midnighters



**Wednesday, July 27**

**Jazz it up with Your Trash\***  
**10:30am** - *Rogersville Public Library, 74 Bank St., Rogersville*  
 Bring your own recyclable plastic bottle or can, shoebox, or coffee tin and make musical instruments to play with Microwave Dave's impromptu band! For ages 3 and older.  
 Featuring: Microwave Dave

**Handy Musical Lunches**  
**11:30-2:30pm** - *Flobama, 311 North Court St., Florence*  
 Featuring: Jazz Allstars

**WC Handy Movie: St. Louis Blues**  
**1pm** - *Alabama Music Hall of Fame, 617 US Hwy 72 West, Tusculmbia*  
 A screening of the film St. Louis Blues, starring Nat "King" Cole at WC Handy.

**Mid-Week Jazz at the Suite Spot Plato's!**  
**4-6pm** - *Plato's Apartments, 4205 Hatch Blvd, Sheffield*  
 Featuring: Jazz Allstars with Denise Thimes

**Handy Happy Hours**  
**5-8pm** - *Lost Pizza, 201 N Seminary St, Florence*  
 Featuring: Cole Nichols  
**6:30-9:30pm** - *Flobama, 311 North Court St., Florence*  
 Featuring: Outlaw Apostles  
**Amity Day at Sundown**  
**7pm** - *Wilson Park, 350 North Wood Ave., Florence*  
 Featuring: Mary Mason Band, Ronnie Eades

**Thursday, July 28**

**Jazz it up with Your Trash\***  
**10:30am** - *Muscle Shoals Public Library, 1918 Avalon Ave.*  
 Bring your own recyclable plastic bottle or can, shoebox, or coffee tin to make musical instruments and play with Microwave Dave's impromptu band! For ages 3 and older.  
 Featuring: Microwave Dave

**Scope Live on Helton Drive**  
**11:30am-1pm** - *Scope 310, 4129 Helton Dr., Florence*  
 Featuring: The Midnighters

**Handy Musical Lunches**  
**11:30-2:30pm** - *Flobama, 311 North Court St., Florence*  
 Featuring: Drumb & Drumber

**Documentary: Muscle Shoals**  
**1pm** - *Alabama Music Hall of Fame, 617 US Hwy 72 West, Tusculmbia*  
 Featuring Rick Hall, Aretha Franklin, Mick Jagger, Keith Richards, Wilson Pickett, Gregg Allman, Bono, Alicia Keys, and more!

**Keystone of Florence**  
**2pm** - *Keystone of Florence, 201 North Cedar St., Florence*  
 Featuring: Dr. Eric Kirkman Combo

**Tribute to Louis "Satchmo" Armstrong**  
**4-6pm** - *Sheffield Public Library, 316 N. Montgomery Ave., Sheffield*  
 Featuring: Kimble Funchess Band

**Party with the Patriots**  
**4:30-8pm** - *Northwest Shoals Community College Building, Muscle Shoals*  
 Featuring: The Midnighters at 6:30pm

**Handy Happy Hours**  
**5-7pm** - *Swampers/Marriott, Florence*  
 Featuring: Drumb & Drummer  
**5-8pm** - *Lost Pizza, 201 N Seminary St, Florence*  
 Featuring: CONNR  
**5-8pm** - *Superhero Chef, Tusculmbia*  
 Featuring: Denise Thimes, Ken Watters, Tom Wolfe, Devere Pride, Chris Burroughs  
**5-8pm** - *Stephano's Southland, 1309 Jackson Hwy, Sheffield*  
 Featuring: Jazz Allstars i/Robert Redd, Gary Lamb, Mel Deal  
**6-9pm** - *Kingpin's Speakeasy Lounge, 203 E. 6th Street, Suite B, Tusculmbia*  
 Featuring: Jay Rath

**6:30-9:30pm** - *Fizz at the Clarion Hotel, Sheffield*  
 Featuring: Johnny Collier & The Misbehaviors  
**6:30-9:30pm** - *FloBama, Florence*  
 Featuring: Big Al & The Heavyweights

**Handy at the Cottage**  
**6-8pm** - *Columbia Cottage Assisted Living, 2373 Roberts Lane, Florence*  
 Featuring: Rusty & The Relics

**Beale Street Blues!\***  
**6:30-8:30pm** - *Lewis Field, 1105 Beale St., Florence*  
 Featuring: The Official Clutch Band of Birmingham

**All Star Jazz Jam at Sundown\***  
**7pm** - *Wilson Park, Florence*  
 Featuring: Denise Thimes, Tom Wolfe, Ken Watters, Mel Deal, Gary Lamb, Robert Redd, Andy Eulau, Chris Burroughs, Mark Lanter

**City of Muscle Shoals Presents CC Jags**  
**7-9pm** - *Muscle Shoalsamphitheater, 2010 E Avalon Ave.*  
 Featuring: CC Jags

**Eric Essix in Concert**  
**7pm** - *Shoals Theater, 123 N. Seminary St., Florence*  
 Featuring: Eric Essix Band

**Jetsetters Westside Street Party**  
**8:30pm** - *Jetsetters SpaLon, 713 W Mobile St, Florence*  
 Bring your lawn chairs and coolers, food vendors on-site.

**Friday, July 29**

**Music On The Hilltop!**  
**10am-1pm** - *Hilltop Assisted Living Facility, 213 Ana Drive, Florence*  
 Featuring: The Cadillacs Fun, Food, and Music!

**Handy Musical Lunches**  
**11:30am-2:30pm** - *Flobama, 311 North Court St., Florence*  
 Featuring: Microwave Dave

**WC Handy Movie: St. Louis Blues**  
**1pm** - *Alabama Music Hall of Fame, 617 US Hwy 72 West, Tusculmbia*  
 A screening of the film St. Louis Blues, starring Nat "King" Cole as WC Handy.

**Day Party at Plato's**  
**5-7pm** - *Plato's Apartments, 4205 Hatch Blvd, Sheffield*

**In Tune with the Outdoors**  
**5-7pm** - *Alabama Outdoors, 119 N. Court St., Florence*  
 Featuring: Hope & Dylan Stamps

**Riverside Jamz\***  
**5pm** - *McFarland Park, Florence*  
 Featuring: Wayward Son, Lorinda "Pinky" Warren Band, Bold Bloom, CONNR, Kimble Funchess Quintet, Vann Burchfield, Jazz Allstars

**14th Annual Massively Cool Indoor Street Festival**  
**5pm** - *Marriott Shoals Conference Center, 10 Hightower Place, Florence*  
 Entertainment begins at 6pm.  
 Featuring: Rewind, Kerry Gilbert Band

**Three on a String!**  
**6-9pm** - *St. Michael's Catholic Church Gym, 2751 County Rd 30, Florence*  
 Featuring: Three on a String

**Handy Happy Hours**  
**6-9pm** - *The Pourhouse at Coldwater, 120 S Main Street, Tusculmbia*  
 Featuring: Katlyn Barnes  
**5-8pm** - *Lost Pizza, 201 N Seminary St, Florence*  
 Featuring: Max Russell  
**6-9pm** - *Kingpin's Speakeasy Lounge, 203 E. 6th Street, Suite B, Tusculmbia*  
 Featuring: Joel Aldridge

**Coldwater Jam at Spring Park\***  
**7-9pm** - *Spring Park, Spring Park Rd, Tusculmbia*  
 Featuring: Anna Kate Warner, Cadence Baker, Chapel Hart, Emily White

**Blues on the Bluff\***  
**7-9pm** - *Standpipe Park, N. Montgomery Ave., Sheffield*  
 Featuring: Doctors, Lawyers & Such

**Park 'N Soul\***  
**7-9pm** - *Wilson Park, 350 North Wood Ave.*  
 Featuring: CC Jags



**Saturday, July 30**

**Street Strut & Parade in Memory of James and Peggy Clay**  
**10am** - *Wilson Park, 350 North Wood Ave.*  
 Bands: Florence City, Lee, Mae Jemison, and Columbia High School Bands, and more  
 Featuring: Kimble Funchess Quintet

**Acoustic Bluegrass Gospel Jam**  
**2-4pm** - *Shoals Seventh Day Adventist Church, 2011 County Rd 41, Florence*  
 Free refreshments. Come to play, sing, or just listen. All playing levels welcome. Acoustic instruments only.  
 Featuring: Lidabell and the Slackers Bluegrass Band

**Percy "Sledgefest" in Downtown Leighton**  
**2:30pm** - *Downtown Leighton, 8740 Main Street*  
**2:30pm** - Taylor Grace, Shoals Singer-Songwriter  
**3:45pm** - BlueWater Whiskey  
**4:45pm** - Pat Jamar, smooth southern R&B!  
**6pm** - Travis Wammack & the Snakeman Band!  
**7pm** - Deak Harp, rolling into town!  
**8:30pm** - Howell Sledge & the Revue featuring Muscle Shoals Horns  
 Featuring: Blue Water Whiskey, Deak Harp, DJ J-Rock, Howell Sledge & The Revue, Pat Jamar, Taylor Grace, Travis Wammack & The Snakeman Band, WeRoc Entertainment

**Music at the Mansion**  
**3-5pm** - *Belle Mont Mansion, 1569 Cook Lane, Tusculmbia*  
 Featuring: Jazz Allstars



**Handy Happy Hours**  
**5-7pm** - Fizz Bar & Grill,  
 Clarion Hotel, 4900 Hatch Blvd.,  
 Sheffield  
 Featuring: Elle Claytor  
**5-8pm** - Lost Pizza,  
 201 N Seminary St, Florence  
 Featuring: Trey Nichols  
**6-9pm** - Kingpin's Speakeasy  
 Lounge, 203 E. 6th Street,  
 Suite B, Tuscumbia  
 Featuring: Max Russell  
**6:30-9:30pm** - FloBama,  
 311 North Court St., Florence  
 Featuring: Asleep By Ten

**1st Annual Westside Reunion  
 Block Party/DJ Spin-Off**  
**7:30pm** - Outside 713 West  
 Mobile Street, Florence  
 Featuring: Yohann, Doc,  
 Chilly Willie, DJ Chubb Fresh

**Handy Headliner: Dee Lucas in  
 Concert!**  
**7:30pm** - Norton Auditorium,  
 Florence  
 Featuring: Dee Lucas, JD Blair

### Sunday, July 31

**Unending Praise**  
**3-5pm** - Grace Episcopal  
 Church, 103 Darby Avenue,  
 Sheffield  
 Featuring choirs from the Shoals  
 area churches. Choirs will share  
 their favorite anthems in an  
 evening of Unending Praise.

**Handy Happy Hours**  
**4-8pm** - Kingpin's Speakeasy  
 Lounge, 203 E. 6th Street,  
 Suite B, Tuscumbia  
 Featuring: Johnny Collier  
**5-8pm** - Lost Pizza,  
 201 N Seminary St, Florence  
 Featuring: Christian White

**Sunday Fun Day with Gary  
 Nichols and Austin Bohannon**  
**5-8pm** - On the Rocks,  
 110 North Court St., Florence  
 Featuring: Austin Bohannon,  
 Gary Nichols

**Handy Week Finale – Musical  
 Mix & Mingle!**  
**11pm-2am** - Clarion Hotel,  
 4900 Hatch Blvd., Sheffield  
 Handy Week Performers present  
 a gumbo of musical styles.  
 Bar will be open - See all your  
 friends in one place for the last  
 night of partying!



### Friday, July 22

**7-10pm** - 306 Barbeque,  
 322 North Court St., Florence  
 Featuring: Ronnie Eades,  
 Tremayne  
**8-11pm** - The Boiler Room,  
 313 N Court St, Florence  
 Featuring: Austin Bohannon  
**8-11pm** - Birdy's Sports Grill,  
 400 W Avalon Ave Suite C,  
 Muscle Shoals  
 Featuring: Drumb & Drumber  
**8-11pm** - Fizz Bar & Grill,  
 Clarion Hotel, 4900 Hatch Blvd.,  
 Sheffield  
 Featuring: Chad Bradford Band  
**8-11pm** - Swampers Bar and  
 Grille, Marriott Shoals,  
 10 Hightower Pl, Florence  
 Featuring: Skeleton Krew  
**9pm-12am** - Kingpin's  
 Speakeasy Lounge, 203 E. 6th  
 Street, Suite B, Tuscumbia  
 Featuring: Gary Nichols  
**10:30pm** - FloBama,  
 311 North Court St., Florence

### Saturday, July 23

**7-10pm** - Kingpin's Speakeasy  
 Lounge, 203 E. 6th Street,  
 Suite B, Tuscumbia  
 Featuring: Jordan Denton  
**7-10pm** - 306 Barbeque,  
 322 North Court St., Florence  
 Featuring: Mary Mason Band  
**8-11pm** - Birdy's Sports Grill,  
 400 W Avalon Ave Suite C,  
 Muscle Shoals  
 Featuring: Cypress Creek Band  
**8-11pm** - Fizz Bar & Grill,  
 Clarion Hotel 4900 Hatch Blvd.,  
 Sheffield  
 Featuring: Whiskey River Kings  
**8-11pm** - Swampers Bar and  
 Grille, Marriott Shoals,  
 10 Hightower Pl, Florence  
 Featuring: Matt Prater Band  
**7-11pm** - On the Rocks,  
 110 North Court St., Florence  
 Featuring: Coffee Black  
**10pm-2am** - Kingpin's  
 Speakeasy Lounge, 203 E. 6th  
 Street, Suite B, Tuscumbia  
 Featuring: 5 Legged Trio  
**10:30pm** - FloBama,  
 311 North Court St., Florence  
 Featuring: Carson Carlisle Band  
**7-9pm** - Stephano's Southland,  
 1309 S Jackson Hwy, Sheffield  
 Featuring: Wishbone  
**8-11pm** - The Boiler Room,  
 313 N Court St, Florence  
 Featuring: Bishop Black



### Sunday, July 24

**8-11pm** - Birdy's Sports Grill,  
 400 W Avalon Ave Suite C,  
 Muscle Shoals  
 Featuring: Josia Fiore,  
 David Gist

### Monday, July 25

**10:30pm** - FloBama, 311 North  
 Court St., Florence  
 Featuring: Trick Zipper Duo  
**8-11pm** - The Boiler Room,  
 313 N Court St, Florence  
 Featuring: Robert Cline, Jr.  
**8-11pm** - 306 Barbeque,  
 322 North Court St., Florence  
 Featuring: Coffee Black  
**8-11pm** - Birdy's Sports Grill,  
 400 W Avalon Ave Suite C,  
 Muscle Shoals  
 Featuring: The Deltaz



### Tuesday, July 26

**8-11pm** - The Boiler Room,  
 313 N Court St, Florence  
 Featuring: The Deltaz  
**8-11pm** - 306 Barbeque,  
 322 North Court St., Florence  
 Featuring: Fishman Aquadome  
**8-11pm** - Birdy's Sports Grill,  
 400 W Avalon Ave Suite C,  
 Muscle Shoals  
 Featuring: Robert Cline, Jr.  
**8-11pm** - Kingpin's Speakeasy  
 Lounge, 203 E. 6th Street, Suite  
 B, Tuscumbia  
 Featuring: Chad Bradford

### Wednesday, July 27

**8-11pm** - The Boiler Room,  
 313 N Court St, Florence  
 Featuring: Douglas Riley  
**8-11pm** - 306 Barbeque,  
 322 North Court St., Florence  
 Featuring: Pine Hill Haints  
**8-11pm** - Kingpin's Speakeasy  
 Lounge, 203 E. 6th Street,  
 Suite B, Tuscumbia  
 Featuring: Taylor Grace

### Thursday, July 28

**10:30pm** - FloBama, 311 North  
 Court St., Florence  
 Featuring: Gary Nichols Band  
**8-11pm** - The Boiler Room,  
 313 N Court St, Florence  
 Featuring: Tim Tucker  
**8-11pm** - 306 Barbeque,  
 322 North Court St., Florence  
 Featuring: Tosha Hill Band  
**8-11pm** - Birdy's Sports Grill,  
 400 W Avalon Ave Suite C,  
 Muscle Shoals  
 Featuring: Douglas Riley  
**9pm-12am** - Kingpin's  
 Speakeasy Lounge, 203 E. 6th  
 Street, Suite B, Tuscumbia  
 Featuring: Billy Earhart,  
 Anthony Zappa

### Friday, July 29

**10:30pm** - FloBama, 311 North  
 Court St., Florence  
 Featuring: Matt Bennett Band  
**8-11pm** - The Boiler Room,  
 313 N Court St, Florence  
 Featuring: Emily Daniel, Jack  
 Settle  
**8-11pm** - 306 Barbeque,  
 322 North Court St., Florence  
 Featuring: Rhyal Knight Band  
**8-11pm** - Birdy's Sports Grill,  
 400 W Avalon Ave Suite C,  
 Muscle Shoals  
 Featuring: Austin Bohannon  
**10pm-1am** - Kingpin's  
 Speakeasy Lounge, 203 E. 6th  
 Street, Suite B, Tuscumbia  
 Featuring: Moon Tree

### Saturday, July 30

**7-10pm** - 306 Barbeque,  
 322 North Court St., Florence  
 Featuring: Christian Turner Band

**8-11pm** - Birdy's Sports Grill,  
 400 W Avalon Ave Suite C,  
 Muscle Shoals  
 Featuring: Emily Daniel,  
 Jack Settle  
**8-11pm** - The Boiler Room,  
 313 N Court St, Florence  
 Featuring: Dirty Rain Revelers  
**8pm** - On the Rocks,  
 110 North Court St., Florence  
 Featuring: Bad Ethel  
**8-11pm** - Fizz Bar & Grill,  
 Clarion Hotel 4900 Hatch Blvd.,  
 Sheffield  
 Featuring: The Midnighters  
**8-11pm** - Swampers Bar and  
 Grille, Marriott Shoals,  
 10 Hightower Pl, Florence  
 Featuring: Michael Curtis  
 and Friends  
**10:30pm** - FloBama,  
 311 North Court St., Florence  
 Featuring: Second Creek

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## Witnesses Before Us

Many have been in a large room, maybe at the court house in the city where you live, and watched the judge, prosecuting attorney, and the attorney for the defense conduct the proceedings of a trial. "Witnesses" were brought before the judge and jury to testify regarding the matter at hand. Most often, many "witnesses" appear to provide information that will hopefully bring justice in the proceedings.

The eleventh chapter of Hebrews is often known as the "hall of faith." The inspired writer parades before us dozens who were "faithful" in obeying commands from their Heavenly Father. Noah built an ark • Abraham offered his son as a sacrifice • Moses declined the riches in the palace and chose to suffer with God's people for the greater reward • God's people marched around the walls of Jericho and the walls fell down • Israelites crossed the Red Sea on dry land with God's help • and many additional obedient servants of Almighty God in heaven.



Now, for a brief few moments, recall with me (Luke 14) the excuses offered by ones in New Testament times who were invited to a special feast that had been prepared; supposedly explaining why they did not come: they had bought oxen that needed to be proven, bought land to see, and one merely stated that he had married a wife. Their feeble excuses were unacceptable.

Compare "witnesses" before us today who offer excuse and feeble reasoning as to why they are not faithfully following God. They would have us believe that God requires too much, the journey is too difficult, Satan's temptations are irresistible, they just could not help yielding to sinful practices, they were born that way, etc.

The "witnesses" found in Hebrews 11 declare to us (even today) that God is able, no challenge is too great for obedient followers of God, that one must trust in God to sustain us and enable us to be victorious.

God speaks and it is our obligation to TRUST and OBEY. God has spoken today through His Son Jesus Christ (Hebrews 1:1-2). We must HEAR His commands (Romans 10:17) and BELIEVE His words as absolute, attainable, amazing, authoritative TRUTH (John 8:24; Hebrews 11:6) that we can understand (Ephesians 3:4).

No excuses! Just loving submission to the Father's will (Matthew 7:21).



Elders of the Cedar Grove church

(Newell Graham, Richard McLemore, Randy Baker, Paul Sain)

Questions, comments, or criticisms are welcomed. Responses may be sent to:

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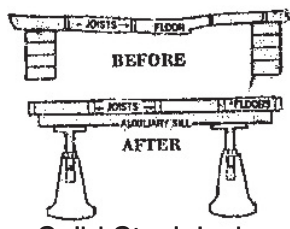
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### The Perfect Storm Here?

Dear Editor:

The public's lack of interest in dying for the Ukraine must be deeply disturbing for the Basement administration. In fact, the neo-cons may even find it "troubling."

Most Americans are no longer responding to the siren call of war. Evidently, they've been pondering Randall Jarrell's famous WWII poem, "The Death of the Ball Turret Gunner," or something like that. Jarrell's last line is poignant and thought-provoking. It reads: "When I died they washed me out of the turret with a hose." (Incidentally, Jarrell was born in Nashville and attended Vanderbilt.)

Furthermore, Putin's border-security in Eastern Europe has revealed a couple of irritating facts about NATO. Once a noble alliance against Communism, NATO has developed into a conspiratorial and subversive syndicate. Secondly, its current leaders are incompetent and probably serving some hidden money interest. At the very least, there isn't a genuine statesman among them.

The Scottish historian, Thomas Carlyle, noted in his "French Revolution" how events in France created a perfect storm for revolution. That storm led to the annihilation of the French ruling class. Something else to think about, wouldn't you say? Even if history only rhymes, the consequences can be catastrophic!

Thomas Ponder  
Killen

### Should Scare Everyone

Editor:

When Biden was elected President he destroyed

our status of being energy independent.

When confronted about this he could have truthfully said, "America, you haven't seen anything yet." It would have been a rare true statement from him.

The abandonment of our embassy in Afghanistan and leaving Americans and allies to be hunted down by the Taliban with our own left-behind weaponry left the world looking on with mouth agape, not realizing that this wasn't the last embassy he would abandon.

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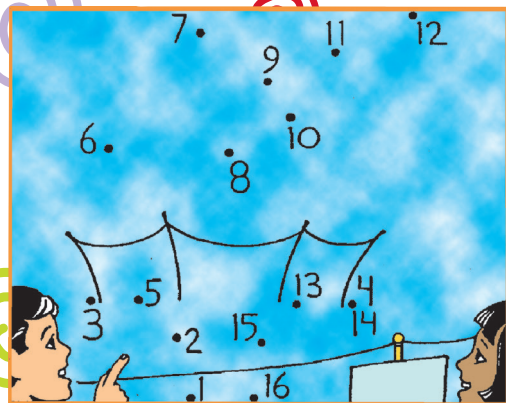
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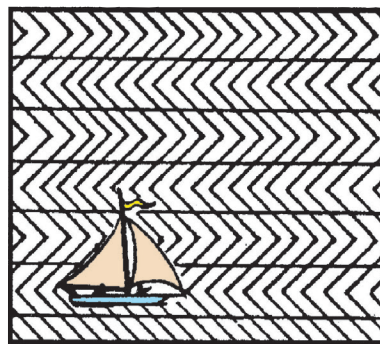
**LIGHT SHOW!** Here it is again, lighting up the sky. What is that? Draw lines dot to dot to complete the picture.

**ROLL CALL!** Answer quickly, if you can: In calling the roll alphabetically, which U.S. states are first and last? Limit: 30 sec.

# Junior Whirl

by Hal Kaufman

**GAME TIME!** The Olympic Games trace back to ancient Greece. Yet, the 1996 event commemorates an historic 100th year. Of what significance was the year 1896?



### Bounding Main Eye-Befuddler

IT'S been shown time and time again that we can't always believe what we see. In the sailing scene at left, for instance, it would seem that each of the parallel horizontal lines veers either up or down.

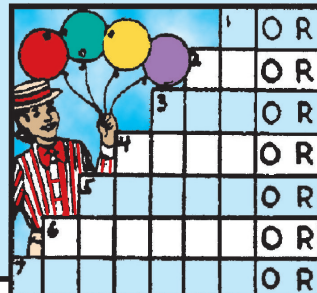
But, if you sight these lines at eye level from the side, you will find that all are straight and parallel.

This is an adaptation of one of the oldest and cleverest of optical illusions.

THIS, that, OR the other thing could be one of the seven terms to be placed the diagram shown. Let's see how quickly you can identify these words from the following definitions:

1. Opposite of against.
2. Norse god of war and thunder.
3. Important city official.
4. Stepped-up enthusiasm.
5. Bullfight principal.
6. School passageway, for example.
7. Crocodile's big-mouthed cousin.

Time limit: Two minutes.



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# Medicare Minute

## "Signing up for Medicare Part 2"

Most Americans qualify for Medicare by turning 65 but there are other ways to qualify such as being disabled, having End Stage Renal disease (ESRD) or ALS. Today we are going to look at how you would sign up if you are disabled.

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](mailto: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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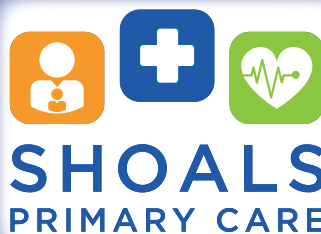
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Commentary

**Flores...**

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and democrats are going to sink whatever money it takes to not have to deal with her in 2023 and beyond.

Flores' campaign slogan is simple, "God, Family, Country" a phrase that appeals to the "traditional values" far beyond her own majority-Hispanic district in the border city of Brownsville ten miles from the Texas tip. Flores is already getting slighted, but her dignity and her family's character are already shining through.

Her young daughter graciously absorbed an insulting elbow nudge from House Speaker, Nancy Pelosi during a post-election family photo-op, and it was ALL caught on film.

Unfazed by Pelosi's rudeness and snobbery, Flores' daughter politely stood her ground and eased back into her spot without surprise or hesitation.

It was a classic laid-to-bare moment that needed no audio or explanation. It's how powerful democrats really feel about minority families who refuse to buy the democrat victimhood narratives used to keep them in line for generations.

Flores understands better than most in her closely-knit community. She is unafraid to acknowledge that the democrat self-described liberal world-order agenda is "the greatest threat America faces."

Flores insists that the Times labeled her and other Hispanic conservatives

as "far right" because the outlet is "anti-God, anti-family values, and anti-job opportunities."

"They don't know us. They have no idea who we are. They just do not represent our community," Flores stated.

"I feel that nobody really cares about the New York Times, especially in my district where we're worried about health care, we're worried about the cost of gas, the cost of food. That's what we're worried about..."

"None of this nonsense that's happening in Washington, not 'Latinx,' none of that. We're focused on the issues that really matter to the American people," she added.

Flores made it clear she does not consider the New York Times a legitimate news organization.

"They claim that they're for immigrants. I'm an immigrant. I'm from Mexico. And yet, all they do is hate me," she added.

Two other Latina Republicans, Monica De La Cruz in McAllen and Cassy Garcia in Laredo, are also on the ballot in congressional races along the Mexican border, where Hispanics make up 93% of the population.

All three are bilingual; Flores was born in Tamaulipas, Mexico, and the other two in South Texas. Only De La Cruz has been endorsed by Donald Trump. Yet, they are all advocates for his firm stances on immigration and building the border wall.

All three grew up in the Rio Grande Valley, a working-class four-county region at the southernmost tip of Texas. The area has

long been a politically liberal, yet culturally conservative, place.

It was over 50 years ago when my family lived in McAllen and very little has changed, except that fewer people from outside the area think they have to play by American law when it comes to immigration rules, both coming out of Mexico and Washington DC.

One of the things Donald Trump did well was re-instill some pep in the step of America's Hispanic citizenry, reminding them that they are every bit as important as every other American. Their jobs, families, and futures matter, and no one should be able to take their votes for granted.

They all share conservative ideals on family, work ethic, immigration, abortion, and more - as do a majority of their southern Texas neighbors.

They have just been brainwashed over the years by democrats and the media like CNN, which had an opinion tear-down piece online July 12, entitled, "These GOP Latina candidates are not the 'real deal,' which included a focus and a photo of Rep. Flores.

Flores responded to the article and photo on her Twitter page - with all due respect accorded to Jill Biden:

"Maybe I'm not the right type of taco."

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# Local Journalism on Life Support

America's free press is in crisis. Today, local journalism, which is necessary to maintaining an informed and active citizenry, is on life support.

Since the advent of the internet, Big Tech companies – namely Facebook, Twitter, and Google – have used their power to manipulate the online news industry for their own financial gain. They set the rules for how, where and when we see news content online and how much revenue is made, and the government has failed to step in.

By not negotiating with local and small news publishers on usage

terms, and refusing to pay them fairly for their work, Big Tech has driven many local outlets out of business. And as newsrooms have downsized or shuttered, Big Tech has filled the void with untrustworthy sources.

These platforms are built to elevate content that drive clicks – often favoring extreme and outrageous misinformation on many topics. Their revenue models are built to distribute divisive content, while also filtering/restricting what they choose. Those parameters cannot be more alarming in our highly fractured and

partisan environment. They undervalue perspective and quality news content and, as a result, the information ecosystem has grown increasingly confusing and unhealthy.

For our democracy to function properly, the government has a duty to make sure that every industry is operating fairly, and that major economic players are conducting business responsibly. As the spread of dangerous misinformation online has permeated our culture, we have all seen just how critical quality journalism is to sustaining a civic society. Elected officials now have a responsibility to reign in Big Tech – to restore fairness to the media industry and safeguard a pillar of our democracy.

We are asking our members of Congress to support the Journalism Competition and Preservation Act (JCPA), a bipartisan bill specifically aimed at addressing Google and Facebook's threat to the free press. The JCPA would provide a temporary, limited antitrust safe harbor for small, local news publishers to collectively negotiate with Facebook and Google for fair compensation for the use of their content. It's narrowly tailored to ensure that coordination by news publishers is only in the interest of protecting trustworthy, quality journalism, and is designed to incentivize and reward publishers who are investing in journalists and newsroom personnel. In fact, publishers that demonstrate an investment in their journalists will receive a higher portion of the funds that result from the negotiations each year.

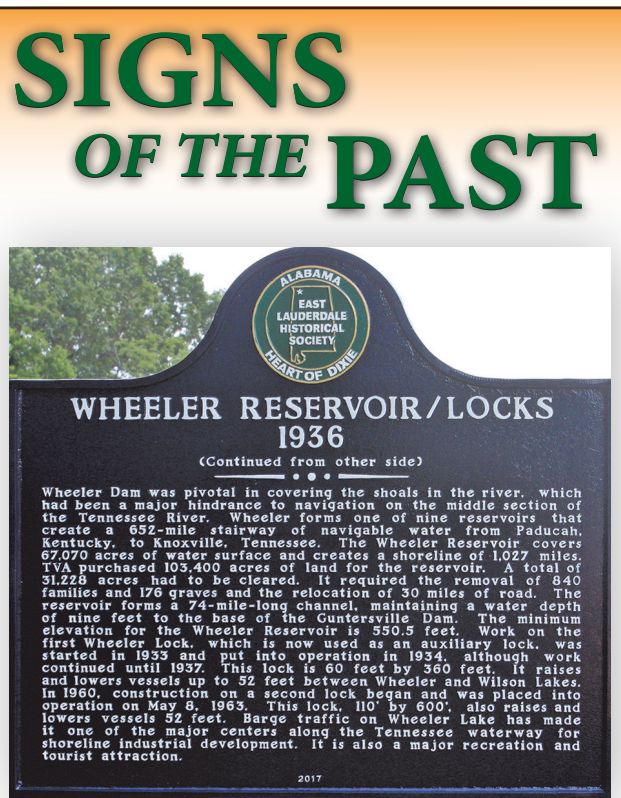
In today's partisan political climate, it is rare for Democrats and Republicans to agree on anything – but the JCPA is one important exception. The JCPA has bipartisan support, and elected officials from both

parties agree that passing the JCPA will bring about much-needed change by making the news and publishing industries fairer for smaller media entities and local operators.

We applaud those members of Congress across the country and on both sides of the aisle who have already shown their commitment to local journalism by co-sponsoring the JCPA. But we need support from every member of Congress to ensure small and local newspapers are finally able to ask the tech platforms for the compensation they need and deserve.

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## Athletic by Eli Cranor SUPPORT Extreme heat



*Dear Athletic Support: It's too hot outside to breathe. Seriously. I bet I've already taken four showers today, and it's not even suppertime yet. Luckily, my son is between sports right now. His travel baseball league just ended a week or so ago. We're waiting for football to gear up. If it's this hot when it gets started, what are we going to do? I don't want him to have to miss football. He's a tough kid. So is there anything I can do to prepare him for this heat?*

— Sweatin'

Dear Sweatin': When it comes to heat exhaustion, "tough" doesn't have anything to do with it. In fact, it's that sort of thinking that can get a kid in trouble, fast.

There's no toughing out the heat.

But there is a lot that can be done when it comes to preparing for the heat. That's the ticket, and it's good news for you and your son because you can start getting ready for those extremely hot early practices right now.

The first, and most important step, is hydration.

Your son needs to drink enough water (yes, sports drinks are fine too, but I'd try to balance this out) so that when he pees his urine is clear. The same color as the water in the toilet bowl.

I know this may sound gross, but it's the absolute best indicator for hydration. Like

many other things when it comes to human anatomy, every body is different.

That's why I can't tell your son he has to drink nine Gatorades a day to be properly hydrated. But I can tell him — and you — to check the toilet bowl.

You want multiple days of clear urine in the days leading up to extreme heat exposure. We used to tell our players you don't drink when you're thirsty, you just drink.

In college we had these big water bottles we had to carry around with us everywhere and charts taped above the toilets in the locker room. The charts were reminders to check our pee for proper hydration levels. As strange as all this may sound, those two procedures instilled in me a lifelong habit of drinking plenty of water.

The only other thing you can do leading up to the hot practices is make sure your son gets acclimated. This just means he needs to be off the couch and out in the heat on a regular basis before football season starts.

To sum it up, if your son drinks until his urine is clear and gets used to being out in the heat, then the dog days of summer should be a breeze.

Final note: If your son experiences any signs of heat illness, you should seek medical attention immediately.



*Eli Cranor is a former professional quarterback and coach turned award-winning author. His debut novel, "Don't Know Tough," is available for pre-order wherever books are sold. Send questions for "Athletic Support" to eli.cranor@gmail.com*



# Soap Opera Preview

**THE BOLD AND THE BEAUTIFUL** Finn begged Mike to throw Sheila under the bus and help him escape. Ridge and Brooke put the pieces of the puzzle together for Baker about Mike Guthrie. Hope provided comfort to Deacon about his trauma before gently questioning him about Sheila. Ridge grilled Mike in the police interrogation room about his relationship with Sheila. Bill confided in Wyatt about his current relationship status with Katie. Finn was stunned as he listened to Sheila describe what she did to Li. Taylor and Ridge learned some concerning news about Steffy's current state of mind. *Wait to See: Finn verbally lets loose on a distraught Sheila before pulling himself out of his hospital bed. Wyatt and Liam share a brotherly bond. In a fight for Finn's life, Sheila injects him with a hidden syringe.*

**DAYS OF OUR LIVES** JJ had an intense confrontation with Lucas. Will received an unexpected offer. Chad made a confession to EJ. Rafe got an assist from Jada, a potential new hire. Marlena hypnotized Lucas to unlock his memories. Gwen was unhappy to discover her

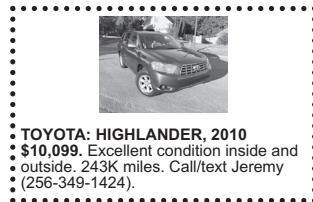
new cellmate was Kristen. Xander convinced Sarah to get married right away. Sonny comforted a grief-stricken Chad. Lucas recovered more memories from the night of Abigail's murder. Johnny proposed to Chanel. Paulina revealed her big plans for Abe's political future. Kristen had a fortuitous cross with Evan. Chloe tried to persuade Shawn to give Belle another chance. Allie was upset to discover Johnny and Chanel kissing. A ragtag team of villains descended upon Salem. *Wait to See: Jake questions Ava about Kristen. Shawn receives some shocking news. Jada interrogates a new suspect about the night of Abigail's murder.*

**GENERAL HOSPITAL** Trina worried about her case, as Josslyn and several others were called to the stand to testify. TJ told Willow that there were more questions that needed to be answered. Mac hosted an open-mic night at the Haunted Star. Maxie accused Spinelli of stalking her, as Austin received a disconcerting text. Marshall encouraged Epiphany to let loose. Spinelli made a confession to Maxie. Austin met with a mysterious man. Sonny worked over Felty

until someone unexpected appeared. Anna brushed off Valentin's romantic gesture. As time was running out, Spencer pressured Esme to take him up on his deal. *Wait to See: Trina receives support as she braces for a new day of her trial. Carly tries to dissuade Josslyn. Sonny and Nina hash out some tough truths.*

**THE YOUNG AND THE RESTLESS** Ashland was backed into a corner. Noah came to a tough decision. Tessa made a confession. Nikki formed an alliance. Phyllis planned her revenge. Adam caught Sally off guard. Ashley clashed with Phyllis. Victoria put Sally to the test. Jack shared some words of wisdom with Allie. Victor questioned Adam's motives. *Wait to See: Jack and Phyllis navigate the status of their relationship. Nick worries about Ashland's state of mind. Victoria receives an unexpected visitor.*

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eviscerating America's sovereignty at the Southern Border, making life treacherous for Americans, immigrants, migrants and even illegals. Now with fuel prices doubled from when he first took office, he's headed to the Middle East to beg for more oil.

The deal he'll make for that should scare everyone. Never before has our country been so damaged by a President. He can't address each of his mistakes without attaching either Putin's name or the Pandemic to them. His teleprompter gaffes are embarrassing. But his handlers think it's still better than just letting him speak and answer questions.

The lack of integrity by mainstream media is appalling as these reporters stay silent at press conferences, (except for one reporter from Fox News). Now even his closest advisors are wanting him to not run for reelection. He has driven a seemingly irreparable wedge between the political parties, to the point that even a Supreme Court had a major leak from someone there all for the purpose of riling up democrats for the midterm elections.

Trump's egotistical and bombastic personality didn't sit well with elitist politicians and many liberals. Yet, his policies had us with a great economy and a strong, proud military.

The true assault and insurrection comes from the left. If we don't get our country back on track, we may truly face a real socialist threat from within. Even most democrats don't want that. Their vote for Biden was from their frustration over Trump's personality, pure and simple.

But now look where we are as a nation. I encourage every eligible voter to think long and hard before casting another vote for this kind of America.

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drinking water at Camp Lejeune from 1953 to 1987 to seek compensation for the injuries and damages caused by their Camp Lejeune exposure. Marines, civil employees and their families are entitled to seek compensation under this Act.

The victims are people commissioned to work at the base who gave themselves to serve their country, their families who believed they were safe within the military installation, and countless other unsuspecting personnel who worked in and around the base that were exposed. Though there are thousands of reported cases, the total effects of the contamination and the range to which it spread are still an ongoing investigation.

Though the pollution started at Camp Lejeune, most of those stationed at the marine corps base left over the 30-year contamination. These people are now fighting for their lives across the country. Despite the thousands of stories told by victims of this tragedy, there are still thousands more unaccounted for in the United States.

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**Dinner & ALL STAR Jazz** featuring Denise Thimes at Old Grace, 700 N. Montgomery Ave., Sheffield on July 23. Doors open at 6:30pm. Tickets on sale through July 18 on Eventbrite. Catering provided by Rhoda P's.

**The RITZ Gospel Showcase** takes place July 23 at the Ritz Theatre, 111 W 3rd St, Sheffield. Kick off Handy Week at the Ritz! Enjoy an inspirational concert

of gospel music as the TVAA spotlights three Shoals area choirs. There will be an afternoon matinee at 2pm and an evening show at 7pm. Tickets are \$25 and a portion of the proceeds will go to each participating choir. Information & tickets: [www.tennessevalleyarts.org](http://www.tennessevalleyarts.org) or 256-383-0533.

**The 59th Annual member exhibition, Artworks,** takes place July 23 - August

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**Elgin Senior Center monthly Ham and Bean Day** is July 25 from 11am-1pm. Live music will be playing during this time. Please come eat with us and stay and enjoy the music! The center is located 1 block south of the red light in Elgin on Hwy 101.

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**Shoals Singer/Songwriter Showcase** - For a second year, the Florence Lauderdale Convention & Visitors Bureau will host the Shoals Singer/Songwriter Showcase during the week of July 25. Some of the top, hit songwriters in the Shoals, including Lenny Leblanc, Billy Lawson, James Leblanc, Gary Baker and many more, will share their stories and songs.

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Festival attendees will have an array of musical genres from live bands across the Shoals. There will be activities for all ages. A full schedule of free public events is inside this issue. More information can be found at the website at [www.wchandymusicfestival.com](http://www.wchandymusicfestival.com), its Facebook page, or by picking up a printed Handy Festival brochure at locations all over the Shoals. There is even a QR code on the posters and brochures to connect those with smart phones to the most up to date information. Everyone

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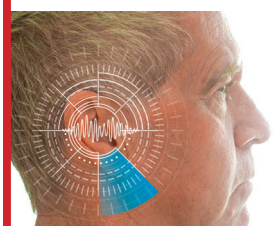
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