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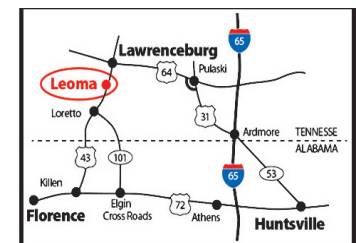
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**Khytavion Ford sands his corn hole board after giving it a first coat of paint while building them with classmates for a fundraiser in 2022 at Muscle Shoals Career Academy.** [DAN BUSEY/TIMESDAILY]

# Where we are: Colbert County



Colbert County is named for George and Levi Colbert, noted Chickasaw chiefs who lived in the area. Tuscumbia is the county seat. Other cities in Colbert County are Muscle Shoals and Sheffield and the incorporated towns of Cherokee, Leighton and Littleville. The iconic recording studios that produced the music that put the Shoals on the map are located within Colbert County, as is the Alabama Music Hall of Fame. Colbert County's U.S. Census population estimate was 57,227.

Unincorporated but recognized communities are Barton, Colbert Heights, Ford City, Locust Shores and New Bethel. Sheffield Utilities provides electricity for unincorporated communities and most other services may be located through Colbert County.

### Useful numbers:

- County offices are at Colbert County Courthouse, 201 N. Main St., Tuscumbia; 256-386-8501; colbertcounty.org.
- Colbert County Health Department: 1000 S. Jackson Highway, Sheffield; 256-383-1231
- Licenses: (auto, boat, business)

courthouse; 256-386-8542; colbertprobatejudge.org

- Colbert County Board of Education: 425 U.S. 72 W., Tuscumbia, 256-386-8565; colbertk12.org.
- Schools: Cherokee, Colbert Height, Hatton, Leighton and New Bethel elementary; Cherokee, Colbert County and Colbert Heights high schools
- Board of registrars (voter registration): 256-386-8535; first floor of the courthouse on Main Street in Tuscumbia
- Animal Control: 5010 Missouri St., Tuscumbia; 256-381-4073.
- Northwest Alabama Regional Airport, 1729 T Ed Campbell Drive, Muscle Shoals; 256-381-2869 or 256-383-2270; flytheshoals.com

### Muscle Shoals

Often referred to as the "Hit Recording Capital of the World," Muscle Shoals is home to Rick Hall's legendary FAME Recording Studios, which was featured in the popular documentary "Muscle Shoals." Artists such as Wilson Pickett, Etta James, Marty Stewart, Wet Willie, the Osmonds, The Civil Wars, Aretha Franklin, Band of Horses and dozens

of others recorded in Muscle Shoals. Northwest Alabama Regional Airport (flytheshoals.com) is located here. The U.S. Census population estimate for Muscle Shoals was 16,275.

- Website: cityofmuscleshoals.com
- City Hall: 2010 Avalon Ave.; 256-383-5675
- Water: 2001 Wildwood St.; 256-386-9260; muscleshoalswater.org
- Electricity: 1015 Avalon Ave.; 256-386-9290; mseb.net
- Gas: North Alabama Gas District (natural gas): 602 Dearborn Ave., Muscle Shoals; 256-383-3306; nagd.com
- Sanitation: 256-386-9250
- Before renovating, contact Building, License & Zoning, 2010 E. Avalon Ave.; 256-386-9205
- Schools: Board of Education, 3200 S. Wilson Dam Highway; 256-389-2600; mscs.k12.al.us
- Howell Graves Preschool; McBride, Highland Park and Webster elementary; Muscle Shoals Middle School; Muscle Shoals High School; Muscle Shoals Career Academy
- Muscle Shoals Public Library: 1918

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- Muscle Shoals Public Library: 1918 E. Avalon Ave.; [youseemore.com/muscleshoals/](http://youseemore.com/muscleshoals/)

## Sheffield

Called “The Center of the Shoals,” Sheffield is the home to the legendary Muscle Shoals Sound Studio, Cypress Moon Studios, historic homes, a monument to President Franklin Delano Roosevelt and a unique elevated walkway over the Tennessee River. The U.S. Census population estimate for Sheffield was 9,403.

- Website: [sheffieldalabama.net](http://sheffieldalabama.net)
- City Hall, 600 N. Montgomery Ave.; 256-383-0250
- Water, gas and electricity: Sheffield Utilities, 300 N. Nashville Ave. 256-389-2000; [sheffieldutilities.org](http://sheffieldutilities.org)
- Street and Sanitation: (includes garbage and trash collection): 1916 W. 16th St.; 256-386-5610
- Before renovating, contact the Building and License Department, main floor, City Hall, 600 N. Montgomery Ave., 256-386-5606
- School: Board of Education, 300 W. Sixth St., 256-383-0400; [scs.k12.al.us](http://scs.k12.al.us)
- W.A. Threadgill Primary School; L.E. Wilson Elementary School; Sheffield Junior High School; Sheffield High School
- Public library: 316 N. Montgomery Ave., 256-386-5633; <http://www1.youseemore.com/sheffieldpl/>
- Helen Keller Hospital, 1300 S. Montgomery Ave., 256-386-4196; [helenkeller.com](http://helenkeller.com)

## Tuscumbia

Tuscumbia, the county seat and oldest city in Colbert County, is the home to Ivy Green, which is the birthplace of Helen Keller, called “The First Lady of Courage.” Her childhood home is one of the area’s most popular attractions. Tuscumbia’s historic downtown district includes Spring Park, which offers a nightly water/light show and features a carousel, roller coaster and a small train that carries riders on a trip through the park. The city has a renovated railroad roundhouse that features railroad memorabilia and several railroad cars. The U.S. Census population estimate was 9,054.

- Website: [cityoftuscumbia.org](http://cityoftuscumbia.org)
- City Hall, 116 E. 6th St., 256-383-5463



Mayor Steve Stanley stands outside of Sheffield City Hall following renovations. [PHOTOS BY DAN BUSEY/TIMESDAILY]





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The riverwalk located in Sheffield at Riverfront Park. [TIMESDAILY FILE]

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- Water, gas and electricity: Tusculumbia Utilities Department, 202 E. Sixth St.; 256-383-0321
- Sanitation: 301-A E. 7th St., 256-386-5674
- School: Board of Education, 303 N. Commons St. East, 256-389-2900; tusculumbia.k12.al.us
- G.W. Trenholm Primary School; R.E. Thompson Intermediate School; Deshler Middle School; Deshler High School
- Helen Keller Public Library, 511 N. Main St., 256-383-7065; cityof-tusculumbia.org/departments/helen-keller-public-library/

## Incorporated towns

### Cherokee

- Town Hall, 3780 Old Lee Hwy; 256-359-4959
- Water: 3780 Old Lee Highway, 256-359-4959
- Gas: 3780 Old Lee Highway, 256-359-4959
- Electricity: Cherokee is serviced by Sheffield Utilities, 300 N. Nashville Ave., 256-389-2000.
- Sanitation: Household garbage is serviced by Colbert County, 256-383-9918
- Schools: Colbert County Board of Education, 425 U.S. 72 West, Tusculumbia, 256-386-8565; <http://www.colbert.k12.al.us/>
- Cherokee Public Library, 118 Church St., 256-359-4384



The softball field of Gattman Park in Muscle Shoals. [DAN BUSEY/TIMESDAILY]

### Leighton

Leighton is in eastern Colbert County mostly surrounded by farm and pasture land. It's best known as the birthplace of the late rhythm and blues/soul artist Percy Sledge, who is known for the hit

song "When A Man Loves A Woman." Pro Football Hall of Fame member and Baltimore Ravens General Manager and Executive Vice President Ozzie Newsome played at Colbert County High School in Leighton. The U.S. Census

population estimate was 665.

- Town Hall, 8900 Main St., 256-446-8477
- Water: 8900 Main St., 256-446-9330

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- Gas: provided by North Alabama Gas District, 602 Dearborn Ave., Muscle Shoals, 256-383-3306; or 2711 Alabama 20, Town Creek, 256-685-2708.
- Electricity: provided by Sheffield Utilities, 300 N. Nashville Ave., Sheffield; 256-389-2000
- Sanitation: Household garbage is serviced by Colbert County, 256-383-9918
- Schools: Colbert County Board of Education, 425 U.S. 72 West, Tuscumbia, 256-386-8565; colbert.k12.al.us/
- Leighton Public Library: 8740 Main St., 256-446-5380; includes a small museum featuring Native American and Civil War artifacts, and LaGrange College history

**Littleville**  
 Littleville is the youngest incorporated town in Colbert County, but it wasn't always a Colbert County town. It was in Franklin County until Chickasaw Indian Chief George Colbert's vast land ownership influenced the change from Franklin County to Colbert County. The town exists despite the fact it doesn't have its own ZIP code. Part of Littleville has Russellville addresses and ZIP code, while

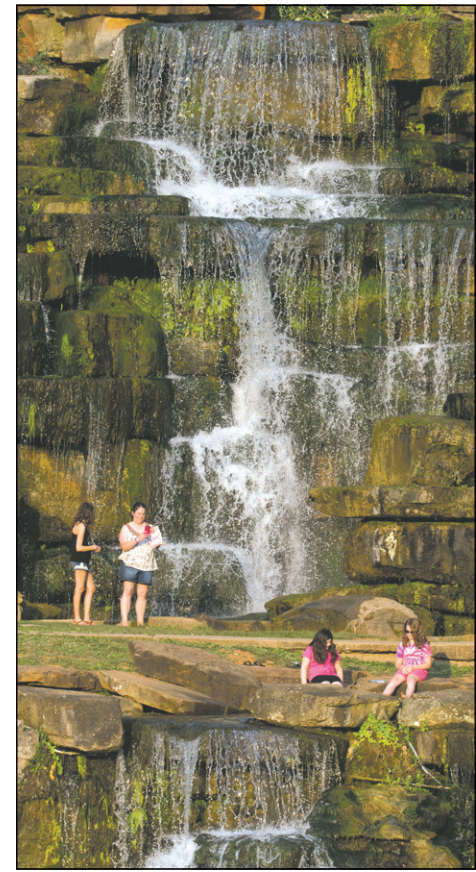


**Gattman Park in Muscle Shoals.** [JIM HANNON/TIMESDAILY]

the rest have Tuscumbia addresses and ZIP code. The U.S. Census 2016 population estimate was 1,041.

- Town Hall, 1810 George Wallace Hwy, Russellville; 256-332-3567
- Water: 1810 U.S. 43 (George Wallace Highway), 256-332-5211
- Gas: Russellville Utilities, 721 Jackson Ave., Russellville; 256-332-3850.

- Electricity: provided by Sheffield Utilities, 300 N. Nashville Ave., Sheffield, 256-389-2000
- Sanitation: Household garbage is serviced by Colbert County, 256-383-9918
- Schools: Colbert County Board of Education, 425 U.S. 72 West, Tuscumbia, 256-386-8565; colbert.k12.al.us/



**The waterfall in Spring Park in Tuscumbia.** [MATT MCKEAN/TIMESDAILY FILE]



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Franklin County takes its name from Founding Father Benjamin Franklin and was incorporated in 1818. The population estimate was 32,113, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. The county seat is Russellville. Incorporated towns are Hodges, Phil Campbell, Red Bay and Vina.

See Russellville for utilities services. Here is useful information:

Franklin County Courthouse, 410 N. Jackson Ave., Russellville; 256-332-8861; franklincounty.al.org

Board of Education, 500 Coffee Ave., NE, Russellville; 256-332-1360; franklin.k12.al.us

- elementary schools, Phil Campbell and Tharptown
- middle school, East Franklin Junior High School
- high schools, Phil Campbell, Tharptown, and Franklin County Career Technical School
- K-12 schools, Belgreen, Red Bay, and Vina

Franklin County Sheriff's Office, 256-332-8811; franklinsheriff.org

Probate office, 256-332-8801 (auto, boat, business licenses)

Revenue Commissioner's Office,



property, 256-332-8831; tags, 256-332-8832  
 Board of Registrars, 256-332-8848  
 Animal Control, 256-332-1217

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Phil Campbell's Kyle Pace, shown earlier this season, and the Bobcats won another Franklin County championship in 2023. [DAN BUSEY/TIMESDAILY FILE]

### Russellville

Nestled in a wooded valley, residents here can live near one of several lakes in the historic downtown district or in one of several subdivisions.

Russellville boasts several attributes, including one of the top school systems in the state and crime rates lower than

the national average.

A 200-acre industrial park takes advantage of the expansion of Alabama 24, which has been four-laned to the Alabama-Mississippi state line from Decatur. Population estimate is 10,855,

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according to the U.S. Census Bureau.

City Hall, 304 N. Jackson Ave.; 256-332-6060; russellvilleal.org

Before renovating, contact Building, License and Zoning department, 304 N. Jackson Ave.; 256-332-6060; russellvilleal.org/building-licensing-zoning

Utilities (gas, water, electricity and sewer), 721 S. Jackson Ave., Russellville; 256-332-3850; nights, weekends and holiday emergencies only, 256-332-2230; russellvilleutilities.com

Sanitation, 405 N. Jackson Ave.; 256-332-8812

Board of Education, 1945 Waterloo Road; 256-331-2000; rcs.k12.al.us. The city school system has 2 elementary schools, a middle school and a high school.

Public library, 110 Lawrence St., E.; 256-332-1535; russellvilleal.org/library; Monday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Russellville Hospital, 15155, U.S. 43; 256-332-1611; russellvillehospital.com

## Hodges

Town Hall, 1942 Alabama 172; 205-935-3445; hodgesal.com

Water: call Town Hall

Electricity: provided by Alabama Power Co., 1-800-245-2244; alabamapower.com/residential

Sanitation: 405 N. Jackson Ave., Russellville; 256-332-8812

Schools: Franklin County Board of Education, 256-332-1360; franklin.k12.al.us

## Phil Campbell

City Hall, 580 Railroad St.; 205-993-5313

Water: 215 McClung St.; 205-993-5464

Gas: Northwest Alabama Gas District, 205-993-5313

Electricity: Alabama Power Co.; 1-800-245-2244; alabamapower.com/residential

Sanitation: 405 N. Jackson Ave., Russellville; 256-332-8812

Schools: Franklin County Board of Education, 500 Coffee Ave., NE, Russellville; 256-332-1360; franklin.k12.al.us

Northwest-Shoals Community College, Phil Campbell campus, 2080 College Road; 256-331-6200; nwsc.edu

James A Glasgow Library, 2080 College Road; 256-331-6271

## Red Bay

City Hall, 203 4th Ave., SE; 256-356-4473; cityofredbay.org

Water/gas: 302 4th Ave., SE; 256-356-8622



Red Bay Museum, in Red Bay, is open 1:30-4 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday. Tours can be scheduled for other times by calling 256-356-8758. [TIMESDAILY FILE]



Rock formations and waterfalls along the walking trail at the Dismals Canyon in Phil Campbell. [JIM HANNON/TIMESDAILY FILE]

Electricity: Franklin Electric Cooperative, 904 4th St., NW, Red Bay; 256-356-4413

Sanitation: 405 N. Jackson Ave., Russellville; 256-332-8812

Schools: Franklin County Board of Education, 500 Coffee Ave., NE, Russellville; 256-332-1360; franklin.k12.al.us

Weatherford Public Library, 307 4th Ave. S; 256-356-9255

## Vina

Town Hall, 7111 Alabama 19; 256-356-4996; vinaalabama.org

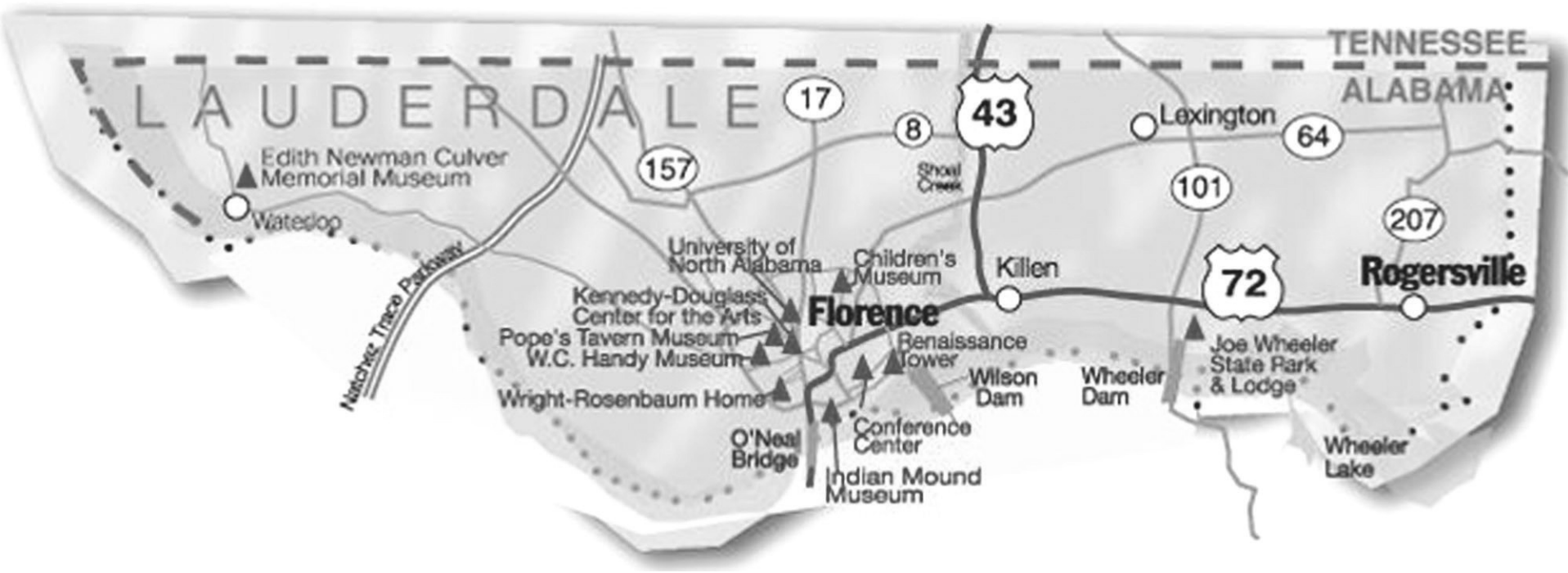
Water/natural gas: provided by town, 256-356-4996

Electricity: Alabama Power Co.; 1-800-245-2244; alabamapower.com/residential

Sanitation: 405 N. Jackson Ave., Russellville; 256-332-8812

Schools: Franklin County Board of Education, 500 Coffee Ave., Russellville; 256-332-1360; franklin.k12.al.us

# Where we are: Lauderdale County

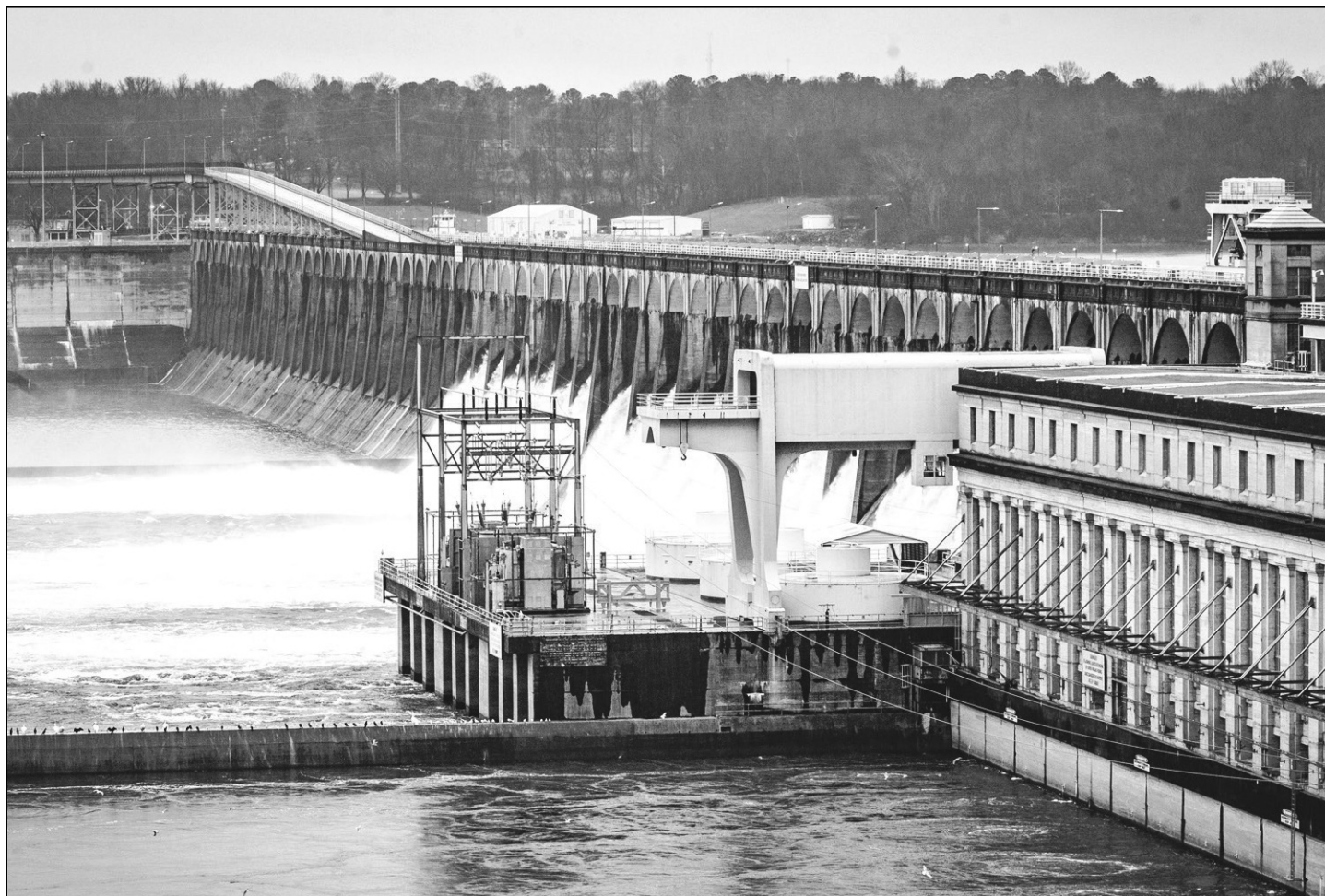


The county is named in honor of Col. James Lauderdale, who died while serving with Gen. John Coffee's volunteer cavalry in the War of 1812. Florence is the county's largest municipality and the county seat. It, too, was established in 1818. Historians said the Tennessee River, which separates Lauderdale and Colbert counties, was a major attraction in the early days and it remains a major attraction today. The county population estimate is 93,564, according to the U.S. Census Bureau.

Incorporated towns in Lauderdale County are Anderson, Killen, Lexington, St. Florian, Rogersville, and Waterloo. Recognized communities include Center Star, Central Heights, Cloverdale, Elgin, Greenhill, Oakland, Underwood-Petersville and Zip City.

## Useful information:

- Electricity, municipal water and natural gas provided through Florence Utilities.
- Lauderdale County Courthouse, 200 S. Court St., Florence; lauderdale-countyal.gov
- Garbage: Solid Waste Office, 5100 Alabama 157 (Cloverdale Road) N., Florence; 256-760-5878; lauderdale-countyal.gov/index.php/solid-waste/
- Voter registration: Board of





**Florence library.** [PHOTOS BY DAN BUSEY/TIMESDAILY]



**15-year-old Tanner Hayes shows off the 10.89 pound bass he caught during free fishing days at Deibert Park.**

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Registrars (courthouse); 256-760-5840

- Schools: Lauderdale County Board of Education, 355 Lauderdale 61, Florence; 256-760-1300; lcschools.org

- K-12 schools in district: Brooks Elementary and Brooks High (separate campuses); Central; Lauderdale County High School; Lexington, Rogers, Waterloo; Wilson. Underwood Elementary School. Allen Thornton Career Technical Center.

- Health Department, 4112 Chisholm Road, Florence; 256-764-7453; www.alabamapublichealth.gov/lauderdale/

- Auto and boat licenses/car tags - Florence-Lauderdale Government Building, 102 S. Court St., Florence; 256-760-5833; lauderdalecountyal.gov/index.php/license-commissioner/
- Animal control, 256-760-5713

### Florence

The city was named by the Italian surveyor who laid out the town and celebrates its connection to Florence, Italy, every year. Florence is perhaps best known as the birthplace of W.C. Handy, “Father of the Blues” and hosts a week-long festival in his honor every summer, when the city is awash with

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People browse the merchant shops in downtown Rogersville during a Downtown Open House.



The Killen Public Library, 325 J.C. Mauldin Highway, Killen, offers public internet access and Wi-Fi. [TIMESDAILY FILE]

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live music. The city population estimate is 41,690, according to the U.S. Census Bureau.

- Website: [florenceal.org](http://florenceal.org)
- City Hall: 110 W. College St.; 256-760-6300
- Water: 110 W. College St., Room 229; 256-760-6490; [florenceal.org/utilities/florence\\_gas\\_water\\_department/index.php](http://florenceal.org/utilities/florence_gas_water_department/index.php)
- Gas: 650 Rickwood Road, 256-760-6490; [florenceal.org/utilities/florence\\_gas\\_water\\_department/index.php](http://florenceal.org/utilities/florence_gas_water_department/index.php)
- Electricity: 110 W. college St., first floor; 256-760-6512; [florenceal.org/utilities/florence\\_electricity\\_department/index.php](http://florenceal.org/utilities/florence_electricity_department/index.php)
- Before renovating, contact the Building Department, 110 W. College St., Room 216; 256-760-6325
- Sanitation: 256-760-6495
- Curbside recycling: 256-760-6495; dropoff station, 1200 Terrace St.
- Animal Control: 3240 Roberson Road; 256-760-6676
- Schools: Florence Board of Education, 541 Riverview Dr., 256-768-3000; [florencek12.org](http://florencek12.org)
- Schools in district: Forest Hills, Harlan and Weeden elementary schools; Florence and Hibbett middle schools; Florence High School and Florence Virtual School



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Sprays of water give people relief from the heat at River Heritage Park in Florence.

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- Florence-Lauderdale Public Library, 350 N. Wood Ave.; 256-764-6564; 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 1-5 p.m. Sunday

- Hospital: North Alabama Medical Center, 1701 Veterans Drive; 256-629-1000

## Anderson

Anderson, a rural town with a 2016 U.S. Census Bureau population estimate of 256, is in the northeast corner of Lauderdale County on Alabama 207.

- Town Hall, 7262 Alabama 207, Anderson; 256-247-3617.

- Water: East Lauderdale Water Authority; 256-247-1606

- Gas: Spire Inc., 2895 AL-101, Rogersville; 800-292-4008

- Electricity: provided by Florence; 256-760-6045; [florenceal.org/utilities/](http://florenceal.org/utilities/)

- Schools: Lauderdale County Board of Education, 355 Lauderdale 61, Florence; 256-760-1300; [lcschools.org](http://lcschools.org)



A challenge issued by a Beautification Board member spurred residents in Waterloo to decorate the town in various fall themes. [MATT MCKEAN/TIMESDAILY]

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## Killen

Killen is northeast of Florence on the banks of Shoal Creek and is home to Brooks Elementary and Brooks High schools, as well as Legacy Christian Academy. The U.S. Census Bureau population estimate was 1,040.

- Website: [killenal.org](http://killenal.org)
- Town Hall: 319 JC Mauldin Hwy; 256-757-1246; [killenal.org/town-hall](http://killenal.org/town-hall)
- Water/electricity: provided by Florence; 256-740-6490/256-760-6045
- Gas: Alagasco, 59 Patton St., Rogersville; 1-800-292-4008
- Schools: Lauderdale County Board of Education, 355 Lauderdale 61, Florence; 256-760-1300; [lcschools.org](http://lcschools.org)
- Public library: 325 J.C. Mauldin Hwy; 256-5471; [killenal.org/library](http://killenal.org/library)

## Lexington

This east Lauderdale County town is the home of the late U.S. Army Spc. Don Leslie Michael, who received the Congressional Medal of Honor for his actions in the Vietnam War. The Medal of Honor is the highest award given to an American soldier. The town also is home to Lexington High School. The U.S. Census Bureau population estimate was 737.

- Website: [lexingtonal.org](http://lexingtonal.org)
- Town Hall, 11060 Alabama 101 (Don Michael Memorial Highway); 256-229-5221
- Water: 11090 Alabama 101; 256-229-5583
- Gas: Spire Inc., 2895 AL-101, Rogersville; 800-292-4008
- Electricity: provided by Florence; 256-760-6045
- Schools: Lauderdale County Board of Education, 355 Lauderdale 61; 256-760-1300; [lcschools.org](http://lcschools.org)
- Public library: 11075 Alabama 101.; 256-229-5579

## Rogersville

Rogersville is in the easternmost portion of Lauderdale County wedged between the Elk and Tennessee rivers. Joe Wheeler State Park, which has a 134-foot marina, 18-hole golf course, resort, lodge and camping facilities is there. The town is home to Lauderdale County High School. The U.S. Census Bureau population estimate was 1,336.

- Town Hall: 36 Wheeler St.; 256-247-5446
- Water: Lauderdale 77, Rogersville;



**St. Michael Church in St. Florian was built in 1872. The stained-glass windows were imported from Germany, the homeland of many of those who immigrated to the town.**



**A variety of fruits, vegetables and flowers can be found at the Florence-Lauderdale Farmers Market. [COURTESY PHOTOS]**



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256-247-5435

- Gas: Spire Inc., 2895 AL-101, Rogersville; 800-292-4008

- Electricity: provided by Florence, 110 W. College St., first floor, municipal building; 256-760-6045

- Schools: Lauderdale County Board of Education, 355 Lauderdale 61; 256-760-1300; lcschools.org

- Public library: 74 Bank St.; 256-247-0151; rogersvillelibrary.org

## St. Florian

German-Catholic farmers settled the town in 1860. It was incorporated in 1970. Its landmark of more than 130 years is St. Michael's Catholic Church. The town is named for the patron saint of firefighters and is on the northeast border of Florence. The U.S. Census Bureau population estimate was 658.

- Town Hall: 81 St Florian Rd.; 256-767-3690

- Water: provided by Florence, 256-760-6490

- Gas: provided by Florence, 650 Rickwood Road; 256-760-6490

- Electricity: provided by Florence, 110

W. College St., first floor of the Municipal Building; 256-760-6495

- Sanitation: Lauderdale County Solid Waste Department: (household garbage); 256-760-5878.

- Schools: Lauderdale County Board of Education, 355 Lauderdale 61, 256-760-1300, lcschools.org

## Waterloo

Waterloo, 30 miles west of downtown Florence, is among the oldest incorporated towns in the state and is known for its tranquil surroundings and incredible natural beauty. It is home to Waterloo High School. The town hosts the Trail of Tears event every third Saturday in September. The U.S. Census Bureau population estimate was 184.

- Town Hall, 314 Main St.; 256-764-3237

- Water: West Lauderdale Water Department, 3353 Lauderdale 200; 256-766-8787

- Electricity: provided by Florence, 110 W. College St., first floor of Municipal Building; 256-760-6045

- Sanitation: Lauderdale County Solid Waste Department, 256-760-5878

- Schools: Lauderdale County Board of Education, 355 Lauderdale 61, 256-760-1300; lcschools.org



A dog leaps as Megan Robertson feeds it a treat on at Florence-Lauderdale Animal Services. [DAN BUSEY/TIMESDAILY]

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# Public schools

## Colbert County

Visit each school's website for school registration forms. The Board of Education is located at 425 U.S. 72 W., Tuscumbia; 256-386-8565; colbertk12.org

### Elementary schools

Cherokee Elementary School, kindergarten through sixth grade, 1305 N. Pike, Cherokee; 256-359-6422; colbertk12.org/ces

Colbert Heights Elementary School, 1551 Sunset Drive, Tuscumbia; 256-381-6132; colbertk12.org/ches

Hatton Elementary School, 2130 Hatton School Road, Leighton; 256-446-5679; colbertk12.org/hes

Leighton Elementary School, 8100 Old Highway 20, Leighton; 256-446-8351; colbertk12.org/les

New Bethel Elementary School, 900 New Bethel Road, Tuscumbia; 256-383-6471; colbertk12.org/nbes

### High schools, seventh through 12th grade

Cherokee High School, 850 High School Drive, Cherokee; 256-359-4434; colbertk12.org/chs

Colbert Heights High School, 6825 Woodmont Drive, Tuscumbia; 256-383-7875; colbertk12.org/chhs

Colbert County High School, 2200 High School St., Leighton; 256-446-8214; colbertk12.org/cchs

## Franklin County

Visit each school's website for school registration forms. The Board of Education is located at 500 Coffee Ave. NE, Russellville, 256-332-1360; franklin.k12.al.us

### Elementary schools, kindergarten through sixth

Phil Campbell Elementary School, 148 Camp St.; 256-331-2170; franklin.k12.al.us/pces

Tharptown Elementary School, 145 Franklin 80, Russellville; 256-332-3404; franklin.k12.al.us/tes

### High schools, seventh through 12th

Phil Campbell High School, 65 School Ave.; 256-331-2150; franklin.k12.al.us/pchs

Tharptown High School, 255 County



Second-grade students pose for a group picture after receiving their free books at Brooks Elementary to kick off the school's summer reading program. [PHOTOS BY DAN BUSEY/TIMESDAILY]

Rd. 80, Russellville; 256-332-6485; franklin.k12.al.us/thrs

### Jr. high schools, kindergarten through ninth

East Franklin Junior High School, 1815 Highway 89, Phil Campbell; 256-331-2140; franklin.k12.al.us/efjh

### High schools, kindergarten through 12th

Belgreen High School, 14220 Highway 187, Russellville; 256-332-1376; franklin.k12.al.us/bhs

Red Bay High School, 800 Eighth St.; 256-331-2270; franklin.k12.al.us/rbhs

Vina High School, 8250 Franklin 23; 256-331-2260; franklin.k12.al.us/vhs

### Technical center

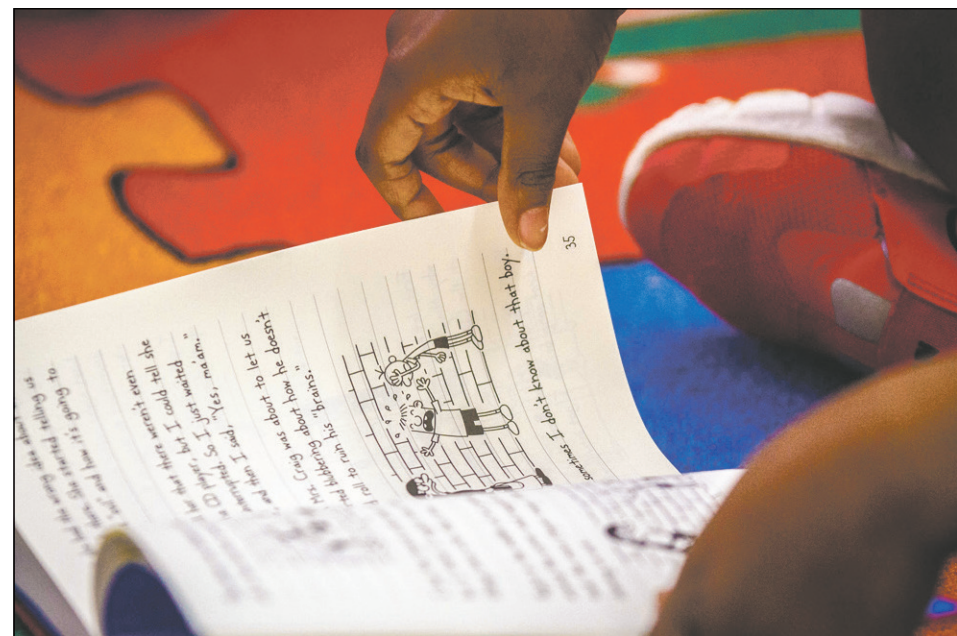
Franklin County Career/Technical Center, 85 Jail Springs Road, Russellville; 256-332-2127; franklin.k12.al.us/fcctc

## Lauderdale County

Contact individual schools or the central office for registration information. Board of Education offices are at 335 Lauderdale 61, Florence; 256-760-1300; lcschools.org

### Elementary schools

Brooks Elementary School, prekindergarten through sixth grade, 100 School Lane, Killen; 256-757-2171; lcschools.org/bes



Student Aiden Suggs reads from the Diary of a Wimpy Kid series during a literacy camp at G.W. Trenholm Primary School in Tuscumbia.

Underwood Elementary, kindergarten through sixth grade, 4725 Highway 157, Cloverdale Road; 256-764-8939; lcschools.org/ues

High school, seventh through 12th  
Brooks High School, 4300 U.S. 72, Killen; 256-757-2115; lcschools.org/bhs



Jairus Wilson, left, is assisted with his cap by fellow classmate Ariana Gourley before Florence High's graduation at Braly Stadium. [PHOTOS BY DAN BUSEY/TIMESDAILY]



Colbert County's Mikal Ann Johnson (16) steps out to bat against Clements during their game at Mars Hill Bible School.

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### Kindergarten through 12th

Central School, 3000 Lauderdale Road 200, Florence; 256-764-2903; [lcschools.org/ces](http://lcschools.org/ces) and [lcschools.org/chs](http://lcschools.org/chs)

Lauderdale County High School, 201 Cedar St., Rogersville; 256-760-4051 for elementary; 256-247-3414 for high school; [lcschools.org/lces](http://lcschools.org/lces) and [lcschools.org/lchs](http://lcschools.org/lchs)

Lauderdale County Virtual Academy, 3356 Hough Rd., Florence; 256-760-1300; [lcschools.org/lcv](http://lcschools.org/lcv)

Lexington School, 101 School St.;

256-229-6622; [lcschools.org/les](http://lcschools.org/les) and [lcschools.org/lhs](http://lcschools.org/lhs)

Rogers School, 300 Rogers Lane, U.S. 43 North, Greenhill; 256-757-3106; [lcschools.org/res](http://lcschools.org/res) and [lcschools.org/rhs](http://lcschools.org/rhs)

Waterloo School, 311 School House Lane; 256-766-3100; [lcschools.org/wahs](http://lcschools.org/wahs)

Wilson School, 7601 Alabama 17, Chisholm Road, Florence; 256-764-8470; [lcschools.org/wes](http://lcschools.org/wes) and [lcschools.org/whs](http://lcschools.org/whs)

### Technical center

Allen Thornton Career Technical Center, 7275 U.S. 72, Killen;

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256-757-2102; lcschools.org/atctc

## Florence

See central office or individual schools websites for registration forms. For information on Florence Academy of Fine Arts, go to [florencek12.org/fafa](http://florencek12.org/fafa). Board of Education offices, 541 Riverview Dr., Florence; 256-768-3000; [florencek12.org](http://florencek12.org)

### Pre-school

W.C. Handy School, 1100 Pruitt St., Florence; 256-768-3400; [florencek12.org/wchandy](http://florencek12.org/wchandy)

### Elementary schools, kindergarten through fourth

Forest Hills Elementary School, 101 Stovall Drive; 256-768-2500; [florencek12.org/foresthills](http://florencek12.org/foresthills)

Harlan Elementary School, 2233 McBurney Drive; 256-768-2700; [florencek12.org/foresthills](http://florencek12.org/foresthills)

Weeden Elementary School, also serving pre-kindergarten, 400 Baldwin St.; 256-768-2900; [florencek12.org/weeden](http://florencek12.org/weeden)

### Middle schools

Florence Middle School, seventh and eighth grades, 648 N Cherry St.; 256-768-3100; [florencek12.org/fms](http://florencek12.org/fms)

Hibbett Middle School, fifth and sixth grades, 1601 Appleby Dr.; 256-768-2800; [florencek12.org/hibbett](http://florencek12.org/hibbett)

### Freshman center, ninth grade

Florence Freshman Center, 1203 Bradshaw Dr.; 256-768-2400; [florencek12.org/ffc](http://florencek12.org/ffc)

### High school, 10th-12th

Florence High School, 1201 Bradshaw Drive; 256-768-2200; [florencek12.org/fhs](http://florencek12.org/fhs)

## Muscle Shoals

See individual school websites for student registration forms. Board of



Teacher Jennifer Kelley, left, leads her finite math honors class at Brooks High. Lauderdale County jumped from 15th in the state to 10th this year when it comes to ensuring the well-being of a child in that county. [DAN BUSEY/TIMESDAILY]

Education, 3200 Wilson Dam Highway; 256-389-2600; [mscs.k12.al.us](http://mscs.k12.al.us)

### Pre-school and elementary

Highland Park Elementary School, first and second grades, 714 Elmhurst Ave.; 256-389-2620; [mscs.k12.al.us/hpes](http://mscs.k12.al.us/hpes)

Howell Graves Preschool, 3201 Alabama Ave.; 256-389-2630; [mscs.k12.al.us/hgps](http://mscs.k12.al.us/hgps)

McBride Elementary, third through fifth grade, 1400 Avalon Ave.; 256-389-2610; [mscs.k12.al.us/mes](http://mscs.k12.al.us/mes)

Webster Elementary School, first and second grade, 200 Webster St.; 256-389-2650; [mscs.k12.al.us/wes](http://mscs.k12.al.us/wes)

### Middle school, sixth through eighth

Muscle Shoals Middle School, 100 Trojan Drive; 256-389-2640; [mscs.k12.al.us/msms](http://mscs.k12.al.us/msms)

### High school, ninth through 12th

Muscle Shoals High School, 1900 E Avalon Ave.; 256-389-2682; [mscs.k12.al.us/mshs](http://mscs.k12.al.us/mshs)

### Career academy

Muscle Shoals Career Academy, 321

Broad Street; 256-389-2660; [mscs.k12.al.us/msca](http://mscs.k12.al.us/msca)

## Russellville

The system is comprised of four schools located in an educational park of 115 acres and includes a fine arts facility. See the board of education website for enrollment information and links to individual schools. Board of Education offices, 1945 Waterloo Road, Russellville; 256-331-2000; [rcs.k12.al.us](http://rcs.k12.al.us)

### Elementary schools

Russellville Elementary School, grades third through fifth, 133 Chucky Mullins Memorial Drive; 256-331-2123; [rcs.k12.al.us/res](http://rcs.k12.al.us/res)

West Elementary School, grades kindergarten through second, 1340 Clay Ave.; 256-331-2122; [rcs.k12.al.us/wes](http://rcs.k12.al.us/wes)

### Middle school, sixth through eighth

Russellville Middle School, 765 Summit St.; 256-331-2120; [rcs.k12.al.us/rms](http://rcs.k12.al.us/rms)

### High School, ninth through 12th

Russellville High School, 1865 Waterloo

Road; 256-331-2110; [rcs.k12.al.us/rhs](http://rcs.k12.al.us/rhs)

## Sheffield

See individual school websites for registration forms. Board of Education, 300 W. 6th St.; 256-383-0400; [scs.k12.al.us](http://scs.k12.al.us)

W.A. Threadgill Primary School, grades pre-kindergarten through second, 900 Annapolis Ave.; 256-386-5720; [scs.k12.al.us/tps](http://scs.k12.al.us/tps)

L.E. Willson Elementary School, grades third through sixth, 2200 31st St.; 256-386-5730; [scs.k12.al.us/lew](http://scs.k12.al.us/lew)

Sheffield Junior High School, grades seventh and eighth, 1803 30th St.; 256-386-5735; [scs.k12.al.us/sjhs](http://scs.k12.al.us/sjhs)

Sheffield High School, grades ninth through 12th, 2800 E. 19th Ave.; 256-383-6052; [scs.k12.al.us/shs](http://scs.k12.al.us/shs)

## Tuscumbia

See individual school websites for registration forms. Board of Education, 303 N. Commons St. E, Tuscumbia; 256-389-2900; [tuscumbia.k12.al.us](http://tuscumbia.k12.al.us)

G.W. Trenholm Primary School, grades kindergarten through second, 601 Joe Wheeler Drive; 256-389-2940; [tuscumbia.k12.al.us/gwt](http://tuscumbia.k12.al.us/gwt)

R.E. Thompson Intermediate School, grades third through fifth, 829 Frankfort Road; 256-389-2930; [tuscumbia.k12.al.us/ret](http://tuscumbia.k12.al.us/ret)

Deshler Middle School, grades sixth through eighth, 598 N. High St.; 256-389-2920; [tuscumbia.k12.al.us/dms](http://tuscumbia.k12.al.us/dms)

Deshler High School, grades ninth through 12th, 200 North Commons E.; 256-389-2910; [tuscumbia.k12.al.us/dhs](http://tuscumbia.k12.al.us/dhs)

### Kilby Laboratory School

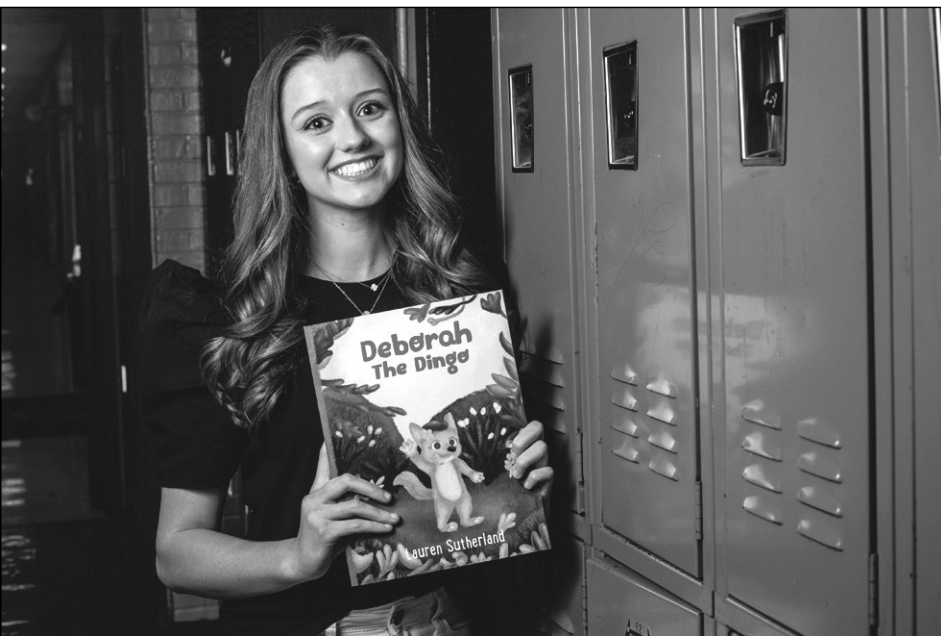
Housed on the campus of the University of North Alabama, Kilby serves as a clinical setting for teachers in training while serving students in kindergarten through sixth grade. 611 N. Pine St.; 256-768-3000; [florencek12.org/kilby](http://florencek12.org/kilby)

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Young author and Mars Hill Bible School student Lauren Sutherland holds a copy of her book, "Deborah the Dingo." [PHOTOS BY DAN BUSEY/TIMESDAILY FILE]



Arabela Lopez, left, shows her artwork to her mother, Aurora, at St. Joseph Catholic School during its Art Talk exhibition.

# Private schools

## Mars Hill Bible School:

• 698 Cox Creek Parkway, 256-767-1203; tuition varies depending on number of children attending school; mhbs.org

## Riverhill School (non-parochial):

• 2710 Darby Drive, Florence, 256-764-8200; riverhillschool.org

## Shoals Christian School:

• 301 Heathrow Drive, Florence, 256-767-7070; shoalschristian.org

## St. Joseph Regional Catholic School:

• 115 Plum St., Florence, 256-766-1923; catholicichill.com

## Victory Christian Academy:

• 2302 Hough Road, Florence, 256-767-1749; victoryyes.com

## Legacy Christian Academy:

• First Baptist Church, 510 J.C. Mauldin Highway, 256-757-5345

## Covenant Christian School:

• 1900 Covenant Drive, 256-383-4436; ccseagles.com



Covenant Christian's dugout erupted in celebration when Trey Kellogg recorded his first varsity hit against Winterboro.



Three-year-old Princeton Rogers, first customer of the day, enjoys his beverage Thursday as Riverhill School students host a lemonade stand outside of the Florence-Lauderdale Public Library.



Students Nadia Fields, left, and Collin Summers try out the green-screen as they as they inquire with Samuel Camp of Tennessee Valley Weather at Shoals Christian School.



Students and guest surround the fountain at UNA's Harrison Plaza after it was lit. [PHOTOS BY DAN BUSEY/TIMESDAILY]

# Higher Education

## University of North Alabama

The University of North Alabama is a four-year public university located on more than 130 acres in Florence.

One interesting fact about UNA is it was designed by Frederick Law Olmsted, which is the same architectural firm that designed Central Park in New York City.

It also is home to an African lion, Leo III, who is the mascot for the university and a source of pride to students, staff, and community residents. His habitat, which overlooks the beautiful Harrison Plaza, is where he can be seen during the day.

UNA offers a variety of undergraduate and graduate programs, an offering of majors so diverse that it attracts out-of-area residents as well as local residents who are pleased to attend college without having to move away from the Shoals.

Here are some important numbers to get you started. Also, visit UNA's website at una.edu.

Address: 1 Harrison Plaza, Florence, AL 35632

General information: 256-765-4100 or 1-800-TALK-UNA

Admissions: 256-765-4608

Continuing studies and outreach: 256-765-4862

Distance learning: 256-765-4221

Registrar: 256-765-4849

Housing and residence life: 256-765-5558

256-765-5558

Student financial services:  
256-765-4278

## Northwest-Shoals Community College

Northwest-Shoals Community College is a comprehensive two-year public college providing vocational, technical and academic classes. Its service area includes Colbert, Franklin, Lauderdale, Lawrence and the western portion of Winston counties and has campuses in Muscle Shoals and Phil Campbell. Visit the website at nwscc.edu.

The Muscle Shoals campus, also called the Shoals campus, is on 110 acres in Colbert County and offers academic and applied technology programs in addition to allied health programs, science labs, special programs such as adult basic education and the Alabama Technology Network's Environmental Technology Center.

Here are some numbers to get you started.

Address: 800 George Wallace Blvd., Muscle Shoals, AL 35662

General information: 256-331-5200

Career services: 256-331-8062

Dean of instruction: 256-331-5217

Distance education: 256-331-5263

Financial aid: 256-331-5364 or

256-331-5367



Ron Patterson, Vice President for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, right, sings "Lift Every Voice and Sing" as he marches with students during the UNA Martin Luther King Jr. Remembrance March at the University of North Alabama.



Derickus Williams gets some air as he makes a shot attempt while playing a slam dunk game against others during Spring Fling at Northwest-Shoals Community College.

GED testing: 256-331-5440 and 256-331-8181

The Phil Campbell campus is approximately 30 miles south of the Shoals campus, accessible from either U.S. 43 or Alabama 5/Alabama 13. The campus is on approximately 100 acres one mile south of Phil Campbell. It offers academic and applied technology programs.

Here are some numbers to get you started.

Address: 2080 College Road, Phil

Campbell, AL 35581

General information: 256-331-6200

Admissions: 256-331-6219

Career services: 256-331-6285

Dean of instruction: 256-331-5217

Distance education: 256-331-5395

Financial aid: 256-331-6232 or 256-331-65364

GED testing: 256-331-5440 and 256-331-8181

Student services: 256-331-5291 or

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One of the cabins at Joe Wheeler State Park.



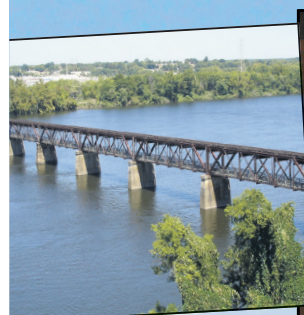
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# Camping

Here is a list of local campgrounds. Take a long weekend to enjoy them at your leisure.

**Colbert Alloys Park and Campground**

- 180 Alloys Park Lane, Muscle Shoals. Located on Wilson Lake, in Colbert County, this park has a RV park and campground and RV, tent and primitive camping; electricity; water; sewage

and dump station; bathhouse; and boat ramp; walking trails, pier, archery range, kayak launch and rental. Park Manager: Michael Williams (256) 577-9619 or (256) 710-9468. Email: [colbertalloyspark@gmail.com](mailto:colbertalloyspark@gmail.com)

**Colbert Rose Trail**

- 9395 Riverton Rose Trail, Cherokee.

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Located on Pickwick Lake, the grounds include RV, tent and primitive camping, electricity, water, dump station, piers, pavilion, bathrooms, showers and seasonal boat ramps. Contact: Park phone 246-360-2764; Email: rtpark@chero-keetel.net

## Heritage Acres RV Park,

• 1770 Neil Morris Road, off U.S. 72, Tuscumbia. The park offers RV campsites with full hookups, coin laundry, bath house, free cable television, free wireless Internet service. Daily, weekly and monthly rates are available, and big rigs and pets are welcome. 256-383-7368; heritageacresrvpark.com.

## Rose Trail RV Park

• 9270 Riverton Rose Trail, Cherokee. Located across from the Colbert Boat Ramp on Bear Creek on the Tennessee River, it can accommodate 14 large RVs with full hookups with WiFi hot spot, hunting and fishing available. The Wildlife Management Area has a check-in station. 256-360-2393.



A view of the restaurant inside Joe Wheeler State Park in Rogersville. [KENDYL HOLLINGSWORTH/TIMESDAILY]

## Tuscumbia RV Park

• 116 Florida Ln., Tuscumbia. A park with 39 RV spots located about 7 miles west of Tuscumbia. Full hookups with electricity, water, sewage, WiFi, free laundry and shower building. 866-930-7275 or 256-633-2970, or tuscumbiarvpark.com.

## Brush Creek Park

• Lauderdale 14, near Waterloo. Open from mid-March through late October with 50 acres of primitive camping. There are no electrical or water hookups, but bathroom facilities with cold showers and a dumping station are available. No fee to camp. Thirty-day maximum stay.

256-760-5878 or 256-760-5750

## McFarland Park

• 200 James M Spain Dr., Florence. The park has 60 campsites open year round with electrical and water connections. It also has rest rooms, bathhouse and laundry facilities. The park is also conducive to tent camping. 256-740-8817.

## Joe Wheeler State Park

• 4401 McLean Dr., Rogersville. This state park offers resort facilities with a lodge, restaurant, fishing, golf, swimming, tennis, convention and banquet facilities and boat slips and marina. The upgraded campsites offer all amenities and primitive sites as well. 1-800-544-5639; joewheeler.park@dcnr.alabama.gov.

## Wheeler Reservation Campground

• Alabama 101, east end of Wheeler Dam. Campground has 30 camping sites open from mid-March through late October. With water and electrical connections, the park has a free dumping station, bathhouse and a fishing pier for campers. Camping fee charged. First-come, first-serve basis with a maximum 30-day stay. No reservations. 256-760-5878.



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Fans await at the slips to watch anglers arrive before weigh-in Thursday during the National Professional Fishing League tournament at McFarland Park. [PHOTOS BY DAN BUSEY/TIMESDAILY]

# Fishing

Popular area lakes and creeks for fishing:

Pickwick Lake, Wilson Lake and Wheeler Lake on the Tennessee River.

- Bear Creek Lakes in Franklin, Wilson and Colbert counties: Cedar Creek, Little Bear, Upper Bear and Bear Creek.

Persons between the ages of 16 and 65 must have a user's permit to take advantage of the lakes and related facilities. A daily permit is available for a fee. For more information call 256-332-4392 or bearcreeklakes.com

- Shoal, Bluewater and Cypress creeks in Lauderdale County; Cane, Bear and Cedar creeks in Colbert County.

Area boat ramps and pier fishing opportunities:

There are boat ramps located on all area lakes.

Piers are on each of the Bear Creek Lakes, on Wheeler Lake at Joe Wheeler State Park in Rogersville, at Lock Six Park in Killen, Wilson Dam overlook on Wilson Lake, and Riverfront Park in Sheffield and McFarland Park in Florence.

Piers at Joe Wheeler State Park, Lock Six Park and at the Wilson Dam overlook on the upstream side of Wilson Dam, are accessible to anglers in wheelchairs.

For assistance in locating a fishing guide call the Colbert County Tourism and Convention Bureau at 256-383-0783 or the Florence-Lauderdale Tourism office at 256-740-4141.



Organizers work to ready holding tanks for the Pickwick Slam, a fishing tournament hosted by the Bass Pro Collegiate Bass Fishing Series at McFarland Park.



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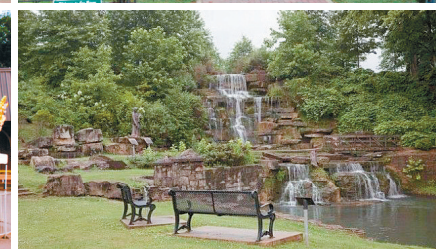


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# Golf

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## Colbert County

### Cypress Lakes

• 1311 E. 6th St., Muscle Shoals. Municipal course; pro shop: 256-381-1232

### Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail at the Shoals

• 990 SunBelt Parkway, Muscle Shoals. Public course; pro shop: 256-446-5111

### Spring Creek Golf Club

• 800 Woodmont Drive, Tuscumbia. Public course. Pro shop: 256-386-5670

## Lauderdale County

### Blackberry Trail

• 112 Clubhouse Drive, Florence. Municipal course; pro shop: 256-740-8825

### Joe Wheeler State Park

• 2670 Joe Wheeler State Park Road, Rogersville. Public course; . Pro shop: 256-247-9308



The club house at Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail of the Shoals. [MATT MCKEAN/TIMESDAILY]



The first Singing River Classic golf tournament was at Cypress Lakes golf course. [MATT MCKEAN/TIMESDAILY]



Cypress lakes Golf Course in Muscle Shoals. [MATT MCKEAN/TIMESDAILY]



Golfers putt on the greens at Blackberry Trail golf course. [FILE/TIMESDAILY]

# Parks

## Child friendly parks

### Deibert Park

A 2.85-mile concrete walking trail winds through open areas, woods and three ponds in this urban park located in Florence.

The park offers a place for nature walks, jogging, biking and wildlife watching.

A variety of animals can be seen in the various habitats contained in the well-manicured park.

Dr. Kirk and Lillian Deibert donated the land for the park, which was dedicated May 25, 2000.

The park has a playground and picnic shelter. The Children's Museum of the Shoals is at the entrance to the park.

Pets are allowed but must be on leash.

Where: Darby Drive and Cox Creek Parkway, Florence

Cost: Free

Hours: Daylight

Contact: 256-760-6416

### McFarland Park

Not far from downtown Florence on the Tennessee River lies McFarland Park, a favorite destination of boaters, anglers, campers, joggers, picnickers, bicyclists, disc golfers, bird watchers and other outdoors enthusiasts.

The park features playgrounds for children, lighted walking trails, a floating restaurant, lighthouse and beach area. There are also campsites that have electrical, water and sewer services, boat ramps, boat slips, baseball fields, an 18-hole disc golf course and fishing piers.

The park home to the Florence-Lauderdale Tourism Bureau office and visitors center.

Where: 200 James M Spain Dr., Florence

Hours: Daylight

Cost: Most services are free

Contact: 256-760-6416

### Veterans Memorial Park

A veterans memorial is the showpiece of Florence's Veterans Memorial Park, which overlooks the Tennessee River near Wilson Dam.

A veterans museum, a helicopter, large guns, a fighter jet, a missile and other military memorabilia are displayed.

In late 2012 the veterans memorial received an F-4D Phantom fighter plane that is displayed near the helicopter.



Waterfall at Spring Park. [DAN BUSEY/TIMESDAILY]

The park also features youth baseball fields.

Where: Just off Cox Creek Parkway near Veterans Drive, Florence

Hours: Varies

Cost: Mostly free, fees required for use of some facilities.

Contact: 256-760-6416

### Cox Creek Park

This Florence park features a skateboard bowl along with various grind rails, quarter pipes and banked wedges. The park also has lighted tennis courts.

The park is home to the Florence-Lauderdale Farmers Market.

Where: Fairgrounds Road off Chisholm Road

Hours: varies

Cost: mostly free

Contact: 256-760-6300

### Riverfront Park

Sheffield's Riverfront Park overlooks Pickwick Lake and offers fishing piers, boat launches, docking facilities, a walking trail, gazebo, picnic facilities and rest rooms. A handicapped-accessible playground is in the park, providing total access for all children.

The park is home to a 900-foot walkway along the bluffs over the Tennessee River.

Where: 1416 Alabama Ave., Sheffield

Cost: Free



Lee McIntyre, right, helps Blue Jay's Jason Buckelew bat against the Braves during the opening game at Miracle Field at Gattman Park in Muscle Shoals. [DAN BUSEY/TIMESDAILY FILE]

Hours: Sunrise-10 p.m.

Contact: 256-386-5615

### Spring Park

Located in the city's central business district, Spring Park is the main park in

Tuscumbia.

The park gets its name from a large spring that forms a lake that supplies the



**Jim Fisher teaches his grandson, Ramsey Swafford, about each memorial marker during the Florence-Lauderdale County Memorial Day Ceremony at Veterans Memorial Park.** [PHOTOS BY DAN BUSEY/TIMESDAILY FILE]



**From left, Nova Williams, 3, Shana Hart and Jace Wilks, 5, get into a friendly splash fight as they cool off at the Marriott Splash Pad in Florence.**

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city's drinking water.

Spring Park features a two-story open air shelter, several single story pavilions with lights and electrical outlets, public rest rooms, a large playground area, open spaces and off-street parking. The park features a carousel, a child-sized roller coaster and a narrow-gauge train that offers rides through the park.

Inside the park is a man-made natural stone waterfall. Approximately 4.32 million gallons of water pass over the falls each day. The creek also boasts two lovely swans.

Not far from the falls is a fountain composed of 51 water jets that shoot water into the air choreographed to lights and music. The center jet shoots water 100 feet into the air while the smaller jets shoot water 40-50 feet. The fountain is dedicated to the memory of Princess Im-Mi-Ah-Key, wife of Chief Tuscumbia, for whom the city is named.

**Where:** Spring Park Rd., Tuscumbia  
**Cost:** mostly free; fees required for some features and attractions

**Hours:** varies  
**Contact:** 256-383-0783

### Gattman Park

Gattman Park in Muscle Shoals features many amenities that appeal to families.

There is a splash pad for the kids,



**SEE PARKS, G25 Marie Fafeleser, left, and Paula Klemperer take part in a leisurely stroll around McFarland Park on the first day of autumn.** [DAN BUSEY/TIMESDAILY FILE]

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picnic tables and pavilions, a playground, and gymnasiums with kitchens, meeting rooms and a walking track.

Pavilions and the splash pad can be rented for parties and other events.

The park has baseball fields, a tee ball field, a girls softball field and batting cages.

Where: 901 Gattman Park Drive  
 Cost: mostly free; fees required for use of some facilities

Hours: varies  
 Contact: 256-386-9270

## Wildwood Park

Less than a mile from the University of North Alabama campus, this scenic, wooded Florence park offers opportunities for nature walks, mountain biking, fishing in Cypress Creek and picnicking. A nature trail runs along Cypress Creek to the Nelson Starkey Memorial Bridge then loops back to the parking lot. Another trail takes you along a bluff overlooking the creek.

Where: Waterloo Road, west of Florence

Hours: Daylight  
 Cost: Free



A man walks past multiple American flags at Deibert Park. [DAN BUSEY/TIMESDAILY FILE]

Contact: 256-760-6416  
**River Heritage Park**

This family-friendly park is within sight of the magnificent Marriott Shoals Hotel. It features a large splash pad and playground equipment, as well as a large pavilion that can be rented for special events or just offer a cool place to sit when not rented. The splash pad operates from May to mid-September in good

weather.

Where: 10 Hightower Place

Hours: Sunrise to 11 p.m.; fountain, 11:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Cost: Free, except for pavilion rental for special events

Contact: 256-760-6416

## TVA

**Rockpile Recreational Area**

This park was named “coolest” playground in America by Play Across America website and iPhone app for the month of April in 2016.

The Rockpile Playground was applauded for its river theme, taking its inspiration from the Tennessee River it is situated next to Wilson Dam just a short walk away.

Children can slide down blue slides that mimic water flowing out of the Wilson Dam spillways; climb on a turtle and fish that pop out of the ground; climb and slide through a tree house; or swing on swings attached to poles fashioned to look like tree trunks.

An interactive soundboard that plays animal sounds is popular with children. The board is decorated with animal tracks and pictures.

There is a paved pedestrian path that follows the river to the rockpile waterfall for a closer view of Wilson Dam. The recreation area also has campsites, hiking trails and a boat launch. The 17 miles of paved and primitive hiking trails are Americans with Disabilities Act compliant.

Where: TVA Reservation, Muscle Shoals

Hours: Daylight  
 Cost: Free



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Lily d'Albaing, 10, left, uses her hands to feel Helen Keller's bed during Camp Courage at Ivy Green in Tuscumbia. [DAN BUSEY/TIMESDAILY]



The Cadillacs, a local group, perform during First Fridays in downtown Florence. [DAN BUSEY/TIMESDAILY FILE]

# Outings

There are events galore to keep everyone entertained with plenty of opportunities for new residents to mingle with long-time residents and out-of-area visitors. Here's a sample of local events.

## Monthly

Florence First Fridays — Court Street, downtown Florence. April-December. 5-8 p.m. Free. Details: 877-290-8880

## July

- W.C. Handy Festival  
Various places in the Shoals.  
Details: wchandymusicfestival.org
- Annual Saddle Up for St. Jude  
Location: Gardiner Farm, Tuscumbia  
Details: www.SaddleUp4Kids.org

## August

- Killen Founders Day  
Location: Killen Park, Killen.  
Time: TBA.  
Admission: Free.  
Details: facebook.com/killenfoundersday

## September

- Key Underwood Memorial Coon Dog Cemetery Labor Day Celebration  
Location: 4945 Coondog Cemetery Road, Cherokee. Free. Details: 256-412-5970
- Shoals Area Labor Day Festivities  
Location: Spring Park, 1 Spring Park Road, Tuscumbia. Free. Details: 256-383-2758
- Oka Kapassa — Return to Cold Water — Native American Indian Festival  
Location: Spring Park, 1 Spring Park

Road, Tuscumbia. Free. Details: 256-383-0783 or facebook.com/okakapassa

- Trail of Tears Commemorative Motorcycle Ride  
Location: Waterloo.  
Time: check website for schedule.  
Details: al-tn-trailoftears.net
- North Alabama State Fair  
Location: 65 Sportsplex Drive, Muscle Shoals.  
Admission: charged.  
Details: 256-383-3247 or northalabamastatefair.org

## October

- Oktoberfest  
Location: St. Florian City Park, St. Florian. Time: TBA. Free.  
Details: facebook.com/people/St-Florian-Oktoberfest/100068948613068/
- Alabama Renaissance Faire  
Location: Wilson Park, downtown Florence. Free.  
Details: 256-718-5020 or alarenfaire.org

## December

- Winter Art Market  
Location: Tennessee Valley Museum of Art, 511 N. Water St., Tuscumbia.  
Admission: charged.  
Details: 256-383-0533 or www.tennesseevalleyarts.org
- Christmas at Ivy Green, 300 North Commons W, Tuscumbia.  
Details: 256-383-4066
- "Dickens Christmas, Y'all"  
Location: Downtown Tuscumbia.  
Various times.  
Admission: charged for some events.  
Details: 256-383-9797 or 256-383-0783



Eddie and Betty Tarlton look at the headstones during the Labor Day celebration at the Coon Dog Cemetery in rural Colbert County. [PAT HOOD/TIMESDAILY FILE]



Students are lead in traditional dance during School Day of the Oka Kapassa Return to Coldwater Festival at Spring Park. [DAN BUSEY/TIMESDAILY FILE]



The Rosenbaum House. [TIMESDAILY FILE]

# The arts

Our community offers local theaters that flourish with exceptional talent both on stage and behind the scenes, and museums that offer varied exhibits. There are several opportunities to become involved with local choral groups, choirs and music groups, too.

## Theater

**Gingerbread Players:** Children's division of the Shoals Community Theatre Group. Season tickets or general admission. 256-764-1700. theshoalstheatre.org

"The Miracle Worker," outdoor drama depicting the early life of Helen Keller and her initial association with her teacher, Anne Sullivan and based on the play by William Gibson. Performed annually since 1962 on the grounds of Ivy Green, birthplace of Helen Keller in Tusculumbia. Six weekends, June-July. 256-383-4066; themiracleworker.info/

Ritz School for the Performing Arts, The Ritz Theatre School for the Performing Arts is a high quality educational program for students in grades ninth through 12th that develops the whole person through a curriculum that enriches and provides practical application for the Alabama state standards for the performing arts. Its mission is to provide opportunities for high school students who have a strong interest in, and aptitude for, the performing arts to receive training in acting, vocal performance and choreography.

256-383-0533.

**Summerstock:** SummerStock at the Ritz is an educational theater arts training program that provides accomplished professional instruction to young people ages 16-29 who aspire to a higher level of performance in acting, singing, dance and technical theater. One production is presented each summer. 256-383-0533

**Time Out For Theatre:** A theater enrichment program for young audiences and young casts. Ritz Theater, Sheffield. 256-383-0533; tennesseevalleyarts.org

**Zodiac Players:** Adult division of the Shoals Community Theatre Group. Season tickets or general admission. 256-768-5586. theshoalstheatre.org

## Music

**Shoals Chamber Singers:** An adult ensemble for those who enjoy choral music and classically oriented literature. Christmas and spring concerts; participation through audition. shoalschambersingers.org

**Shoals Dulcimer and Folk Music Association:** Folk music with emphasis on mountain dulcimer and other acoustic folk instruments. 256-764-2884.

**Shoals Symphony at UNA:** Four concerts from October through May, plus Young Artists competitions. Memberships welcome. Musicians by audition. 256-710-1623; shoalssymphony.org

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## Museums and attractions

### Florence

**W.C. Handy Home and Museum:** 620 W. College St. This log cabin served as home to the “Father of the Blues.” See the famous piano on which Handy wrote “St. Louis Blues” and “Memphis Blues.” The museum houses memorabilia, musical instruments and original manuscripts from some of Handy’s most famous works. 256-275-3128.

**Pope’s Tavern Museum:** 203 Hermitage Drive. Constructed more than 150 years ago, this facility has functioned as a tavern, stage stop and Confederate hospital. The building houses a city museum with antiques and Civil War memorabilia. 256-760-6439.

**Indian Mound and Museum:** 1028 S. Court St. This great mound, called “Wawmanona” by the American Indians, is the largest of a number found in the Tennessee Valley. 256-760-6427.

**Frank Lloyd Wright’s Rosenbaum House:** 601 Riverview Drive. 256-740-8899. An Alabama jewel, the Usonian style was created by Frank Lloyd Wright during the Great Depression as an affordable option for middle-class families. Here are interesting facts about the structure

- The Rosenbaum House was the second Usonian House built by Wright. The first was the Usonian prototype Jacobs House in Madison Wisconsin was the first, built in 1936. 256-718-5050.
- It is also the only structure designed by Frank Lloyd Wright in Alabama.
- The house was 1,540 square feet when it was built in 1939.
- After the Rosenbaum family had four sons, Wright designed an addition in 1948.
- 1,084 square feet was added to the home. Improvements included a larger kitchen, a guest bedroom, storage space and a room with four beds for the Rosenbaum children.
- Usonian’s base word is Usona, which is an anagram of United States of North America.
- Other Usonian homes are located in Madison, Wisconsin; Palo Alto, California; Mount Vernon, Virginia; Middleton, Wisconsin; Carmel, California; Ann Arbor, Michigan; Chattanooga, Tennessee; Seattle, Washington and Lake Dalton, Wisconsin.
- The Rosenbaum house was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1978.
- Mildred Rosenbaum lived in the



The Florence Indian Mound Museum. [TIMESDAILY FILE]



The Children’s Museum of the Shoals in Florence. [TIMESDAILY FILE]

Rosenbaum House longer than any other original Usonian home owner.

- The house was owned by the Rosenbaum family until 1999 when Mildred Rosenbaum moved into a nursing home.
- The Rosenbaum family donated the house to the City of Florence and sold the furniture and contents of the house to the city for \$75,000.
- The city spent \$600,000 on repairs using original plans provided by the Wright Foundation.
- The home opened to the public as a museum in 2002.
- National and international visitors to the house are common and an estimated

5,000 people visit the home every year.

- **Kennedy-Douglass Center for the Arts:** 217 E. Tuscaloosa St. The arts center is a home base and meeting space for cultural groups, a showcase and classroom for all arts disciplines, and the administrative offices for the city of Florence museum system. It features rotating exhibits by artists from across the Southeast, annual exhibits such as Arts Alive and workshops for all ages. 256-760-6379
- **Children’s Museum of the Shoals:** 2810 Darby Drive. The Children’s Museum offers hands-on exhibits and programs geared specifically to the developmental stages and needs of children. Exhibits

and activities will encourage children to imagine, make choices and create. These exhibits enable children to discover different cultures, values and occupations, as well as to demystify science, technology and the arts. Groups of 10 or more should call for reservations and discount rates. 256-284-7107; cms Shoals.org/

### Muscle Shoals

**Wilson Lock and Dam:** Alabama 133. The highest single-lift lock east of the Rocky Mountains, this dam produces hydroelectric power for the Shoals as well as many other areas of the South. The lock is operated by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The dam is maintained by the Tennessee Valley Authority. 256-764-5223

### Tuscumbia

**Helen Keller’s Birthplace:** Ivy Green: 300 N. Commons West. This historic 1820s home is open for tours. See the famous water pump where Helen Keller formed her first word “w-a-t-e-r,” with the help of her teacher Anne Sullivan. The home contains original furnishings and memorabilia. Tour includes the main house, birthplace home, separate kitchen and cook’s room. Stroll the grounds and see the international gifts placed there. Tour time is one hour. 256-383-4066.

**Tennessee Valley Museum of Art:** 511 N. Water St. The museum is the visual arts extension of the Tennessee Valley Arts Association, featuring various exhibitions throughout the year in each of its five galleries: the Mary B. Brown Gallery, Mildred & Edward Mauldin Gallery, Mary Settle Cooney Education Gallery, Colonnade Gallery, and the Martin Petroglyph Gallery (permanent exhibition). The museum exhibits presented annually include touring exhibitions, fine art, craft art and other displays that provide informative and educational experiences for audiences. Other activities include guided tours, workshops, classes, camps and lectures. Daily admission and group rates vary according to exhibits. 256-383-0533.

Alabama Music Hall of Fame: One visit to the Alabama Music Hall of Fame and you’ll walk away with a better understanding of the renowned achievements of Alabamians who have been a part of the national and international music scene. The legends are there as well as those who are making their mark in today’s music scene. There is a vast display of memorabilia from more than 1,000 musicians who represent all genres. The world-famous music recorded here in the Shoals is there – you’ll learn just how far-reaching the Muscle Shoals sound was, and is, in the music industry.





Customers enjoy their meal at Big Bad Breakfast in downtown Florence. [MATT MCKEAN/TIMESDAILY]

# Dining

Here's a sample list of local restaurants. For a longer listing of restaurants, check out tourism sites at colbertcountytourism.org and visitflorenceal.com

## Classic/family

Big Bad Breakfast, 315 N. Court St., Florence; 256-415-8545; bigbadbreakfast.com/location/florence-alabama

Champy's Famous Fried Chicken, 120 2nd St, Muscle Shoals, 256-389-9985. champyschicken.com/locations/muscle-shoals-al

Claunch Café, 400 S. Main St. Tus-cumbia; 256-386-0222

Garden Gate, 701 Avalon Ave. Muscle Shoals; 256-383-6905

Momma Jean's, 2325 Hwy 20, Tus-cumbia, 256-381-7001 and 3609 Cloverdale Road, Florence, 256-766-6222

Stephano's Southland, 1309 S. Jack-son Highway, Sheffield; 256-314-0390  
Swampers, 800 Cox Creek Pkwy.

inside Marriott Shoals Hotel and Spa; 256-246-3663

The Grille at Robert Trent Jones, 990 Sunbelt Pkwy.; Muscle Shoals; 256-446-5111

The Pour House, 120 S Main St, Tus-cumbia, 256-826-2991

## Specialty

Rattlesnake Saloon, 1292 Mt. Mills Road, Tus-cumbia; 256-370-7220; rattlesnakesaloon.net

Red Clay Table, 307 N. Montgomery Ave., Sheffield; 256-320-5500

Sweet Basil Café, 1627 Darby Drive, Florence; 256-764-5991; sweetbasi-lalabama.com

Soul Wingery & Records, 1055 Poplar St., Florence; 256-275-7434; soul-wingeryandrecords.com

Superhero Chefs, 104 N. Main St., Tus-cumbia; 256-320-7349

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## Steaks/Seafood

George's Steak Pit, 1206 Jackson Hwy., Sheffield; 256-381-1531; georgessteakpit.com

Newbern's, 3406 Florence Blvd., Florence, 256-766-1626

Salt, 2101 Woodward Ave., Muscle Shoals, 256-248-4572; stanfieldseater.com

Stanfield's, 4838 Hatch Blvd., Sheffield, 256-446-5588.

The Juicy Seafood, 1716 Woodward Ave., Muscle Shoals, 256-320-7677; thejuicyseafood.wixsite.com/35661

## Fine dining

360 Grille, 800 Cox Creek Pkwy S., Florence; 256-224-3660; opentable.com/marriott-shoals-360-grille-florence

Odette, 120 N. Court Street, Florence; 256-349-5219; odettealabama.com

## Ice cream, hot dogs and sandwiches

The Chicago Cafe, 106 E. Mobile St., Florence; 256-710-3607; thechicago-cafe.com

The Palace Ice Cream and Sandwich Shop, 100 S. Main St., Tuscumbia; 256-386-8210

Trowbridges, 316 N. Court St., Florence; 256-764-1503

## Mexican

Casa Mexicana, (three locations) Parkway Shopping Center, Florence; 256-767-2750; 1100 S. Jackson Hwy., Sheffield; 256-381-5397; 550 W. Brighton Ave., Muscle Shoals; 256-383-4434

Cozumel Cantina, 8255 E 2nd St, Leighton, 256-633-7467

El Pollito Loco, 1403 E. Chisholm Road, Florence, 256-275-3851

Fiesta Mexicana, 1503 N. Wood Ave., Florence, 256-766-9506 and 3364 Cloverdale Road, Florence, 256-718-6843

La Hacienda Mexican Restaurant, 153 Cox Creek Pkwy., Florence; 256-764-3532; lahaflorence.com

Rosie's Mexican Cantina, 302 N. Court St., Florence; 256-767-5599; rosiesmexicancantina.com

Rio Grande Grille Cantina, 213 N Montgomery Ave, Sheffield, 256-314-2196

Smokin' Jalapeno, 400 Avalon Ave., Muscle Shoals, 256-978-5837 and 4160



Katie Moore, left, and owner Ken Steak have opened Salt Restaurant in Muscle Shoals. [DAN BUSEY/TIMESDAILY PHOTOS]



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Rosie's Mexican Cantina in Florence.



Turbo Coffee. [DAN BUSEY/TIMESDAILY]

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Florence Blvd., Florence, 256-272-7162

### Asian

Ichiban, 1207 Jackson Hwy., Sheffield; 256-389-9888; ichibansheffield.com

Rice Box, 1529 N. Wood Ave.,

Florence; 256-767-6752; riceboxasiancuisine.com/

Umi Japanese Steak House, 201 Cox Creek Pkwy., Florence; 256-718-6868; umijapanesesteakhouse.com

### Cajun and Creole

Cajuns, 4301 Jackson Hwy., Sheffield; 256-381-1573

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360 Grille offers a variety of dishes including Chicken and Dressing, right, and swordfish, left, for dinner.

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People and horses gather for food and drinks at Rattlesnake Saloon during the Chuckwagon Races at Seven Springs Lodge in Colbert County. [JIM HANNON/TIMESDAILY]

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## Italian/pizza

Hometown Pizza, 104 W 6th St, Tuscumbia, 256-978-5507; hometown-pizzaoftuscumbia.com  
 Lil Capone's Italian Bar & Grill, 3370 Cloverdale Road, Florence,

256-275-7603 and 139 Cox Creek Parkway, Florence, 256-980-6923  
 Lost Pizza Co., 201 N. Seminary St., Florence, 256-415-8693; lostpizza.com  
 Pizza Chef, 857 Florence Blvd., Florence, 256-740-0202  
 Ricatoni's Italian Grill, 107 N. Court St., Florence; 256-718-1002; ricatonis.com  
 The Pie Factory, 106 N. Court St.,

Florence; 256-275-3248 and 3312 Woodward Ave, Muscle Shoals, 256-314-2622; pizzapiefactory.com  
 Stephano's Southland, 1309 S Jackson Hwy, Sheffield, 256-314-3901  
**Coffee houses**  
 Alabama Bliss and Bistro, 2108 S. Wilson Dam Road, Muscle Shoals, 256-248-4530

Charlie's Coffee Co, 506 Main St, Tuscumbia, 256-320-5230  
 Red Cow Coffee, 1406 Huntsville Road, Florence, 256-349-2272; red-cowcoffee.com  
 Rivertown Coffee Co. Inc., 117 N. Seminary St., Florence; 256-765-7128; rivertowncoffee.com  
 Turbo Coffee, 310 E. Tennessee St., Florence; 256-483-1501; turbocoffee.co

# Getting involved

## Alcoholics Anonymous

- AA 24-hour hotlines: 256-386-0663 or 1-800-789-4367. Website: www.shoalsaa.org. Closed meetings are only for those who have a desire to stop drinking. Non-alcoholics may attend open meetings as observers.

- An AA Group: closed discussion online meeting, 9 a.m. Saturdays, Zoom ID # 947 196 0946 password 622897.

- Florence H.O.W.: smoke-free, closed discussions 7 p.m., Mondays, Edgemont Methodist Church, 1330 Eauclaire Ave., Florence.

- Florence Open Door: 8 p.m., Sunday-Saturday; noon and 6 p.m. 8 p.m. every day except Friday; Friday 7:00pm; 4 p.m. on Sun, Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri., 526 W. College St. at Dr. Hicks Boulevard, Florence. All meetings are open discussion, except 8 p.m. Wednesdays (speaker) and 8:00pm Mondays, Big book study. Smoke-free indoors.

- Fourth Dimension: 7 a.m. Monday-Sunday, closed discussion; 9:30 a.m. Thursdays, women's meeting, closed; 11 a.m. Monday-Sunday, closed discussion; 6 p.m. Mondays, open, Big Book study; 6 p.m. Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays, closed discussion; 11 a.m. first and third Mondays, open discussion, 505 N. Seminary St., Florence, entrance in rear of building. All meetings smoke free.

- Freedom Group: Mondays, newcomer open discussion, Zoom Only - ID Code 607325871, Password 676775, 5:30pm Fellowship - 6 p.m. discussion; Tuesdays, Big Book study, Zoom Only: ID Code 509289139, Password 790671, 5:30pm Fellowship - 6 p.m. study; 8 p.m. Wednesdays, open discussion, both in person and Zoom option (ID Code 716590455, Password 617390); 8 p.m. Sundays, open speaker, in person and Zoom option (ID: 101061663, PW: 247476). CB&S Bank building, 464 4th St. W., Red Bay.

- Grupo Nuevo Amanecer, Spanish speaking, 7 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays, open discussion; 9 a.m. Sundays, open discussion, 110 Tuscaloosa St E., Russellville.



Andre Edwards, left, grabs a plate of pancakes during the 71st annual Pancake Day at the Florence-Lauderdale Coliseum. [DAN BUSEY/TIMESDAILY]



Patrick Nagle uses an analog receiver as the local Amateur Radio Club set up equipment for their weekend event at Gattman Park in Muscle Shoals. [DAN BUSEY/TIMESDAILY]

- Happy Hour, smoke-free. 6 p.m. Mondays, meditation open discussion; 6 p.m. Tuesdays, Big Book open meeting; 6 p.m. Fridays, 12&12 open meeting, Killen Methodist Church, 201 J.C. Mauldin Hwy, Killen, building

behind the church.

- Island Group, smoke-free. 8 p.m., Fridays, open-speaker meeting, open discussion, Highland Park Church of Christ, 600 Geneva Avenue/corner Woodward, Muscle Shoals.

- Keep It Simple, smoke-free. 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays, speaker meeting, Cross Point Church of Christ, 1350 Cox Creek Parkway, Florence.

- La Alegria de Vivir, Spanish speaking, 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays, open discussion and non-smoking, St. Joseph Catholic Church Parish Building, 1111 E. College St., Florence.

- Lexington 449, smoke free. Noon, Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, open discussion; 8 p.m., Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Sundays, open discussion; Big Book study on Sundays; 8 p.m. Saturdays, open speaker, 6083 Alabama Hwy 101, 3.5 miles north of U.S. 72.

- New Vision Group, smoke-free. 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays and 6:00 p.m. Sundays, open discussion, Vandiver Hollow Missionary Baptist Church, Colbert 78, Tuscumbia.

- Quad-Cities, 11 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.,



Jaidyn Quillen as Annie Sullivan, left, and Lillie Meyer as Helen Keller rehearse a scene of "The Miracle Worker" at Ivy Green in Tusculum. [DAN BUSEY/TIMESDAILY]



W.C. Handy Home and Museum in Florence.

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every day, open discussion, 750 E. Michigan Ave., Muscle Shoals.

- Sheffield Group, smoke-free. 9;30 a.m. Sundays closed discussion meeting 11 a.m., Monday-Saturday, open discussion, with closed discussion on Fridays; 6 p.m. Sundays closed discussion, 6 p.m. Wednesdays open speaker meeting; 6 p.m. Fridays newcomer open discussion; 5-7 p.m. Tuesdays, womens closed discussion; 7 p.m. Mondays open 12&12 meeting, 7 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays closed Big Book meeting; 8 p.m. Saturdays open speaker meeting. 210 E. Second St., Sheffield.

- Survivors, smoke-free, 5:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, with Big Book study on Tuesdays, 780 Ford Road, Muscle Shoals. All open discussion.

### Al-Anon

- Al-Anon meeting schedule: Hope Al-Anon Family Group, 6 p.m. Mondays, Highland Park Church of Christ, 600 Geneva Ave., Muscle Shoals, childcare provided; Florence Daytime Al-Anon Family Group, 11 a.m. Tuesdays, Magnolia Church of Christ, 2650 Vulcan Ave., Florence; Paths to Recovery, 7 p.m. Thursdays and 10 a.m. Saturdays, CrossPoint Church of Christ, 1350 Cox Creek Parkway,



SEE INVOLVED, G35 Antique and vintage china and tableware were on display at Belle Mont Mansion in the summer of 2021. [COURTESY]



Some of the artifacts at the Florence Indian Mound Museum. [COURTESY, FLORENCE INDIAN MOUND MUSEUM]

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Florence, 256-764-4073. Shoals Al-Anon contact phone: 256-648-5777.

- Al-Anon, 6 p.m. Thursdays, First Baptist Church, Jackson Avenue, Russellville.

- Hope Al-Anon and Shoals Al-Teen (ages 11-17), 6 p.m., Monday, Highland Park Church of Christ, 600 Geneva Ave., Muscle Shoals.

### Narcotics Anonymous

- Narcotics Anonymous Survival meets daily, noon and 7 p.m., 1614 State St., Florence. Nonsmoking. 256-500-8889

- Real Hope, 6-7 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays, New Beginning Church, 855 Florence Blvd., Florence. Nonsmoking. 800-239-5509

- Point of Freedom, 7 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, CrossPoint Church of Christ,

1350 Cox Creek Parkway, Florence. Nonsmoking.

### Crisis lines

- Battered or abused women in need of counseling and/or emergency shelter may call Safeplace crisis line, 256-767-6210, 24 hours.

- Rape Crisis Line available 24 hours. 256-767-1100

### Support Groups

- Alzheimer's Support Group, 2-3 p.m. third Mondays, New Beginning Relationship Center at New Beginning Church, 855 Florence Blvd. Adheres to CDC guidelines.

### Hobbies

- Readers of the Lost Ark Book Club, 10 a.m., third Wednesday, Helen Keller Public Library, 511 Main St., Tusculumbia. nancy537481@yahoo.com

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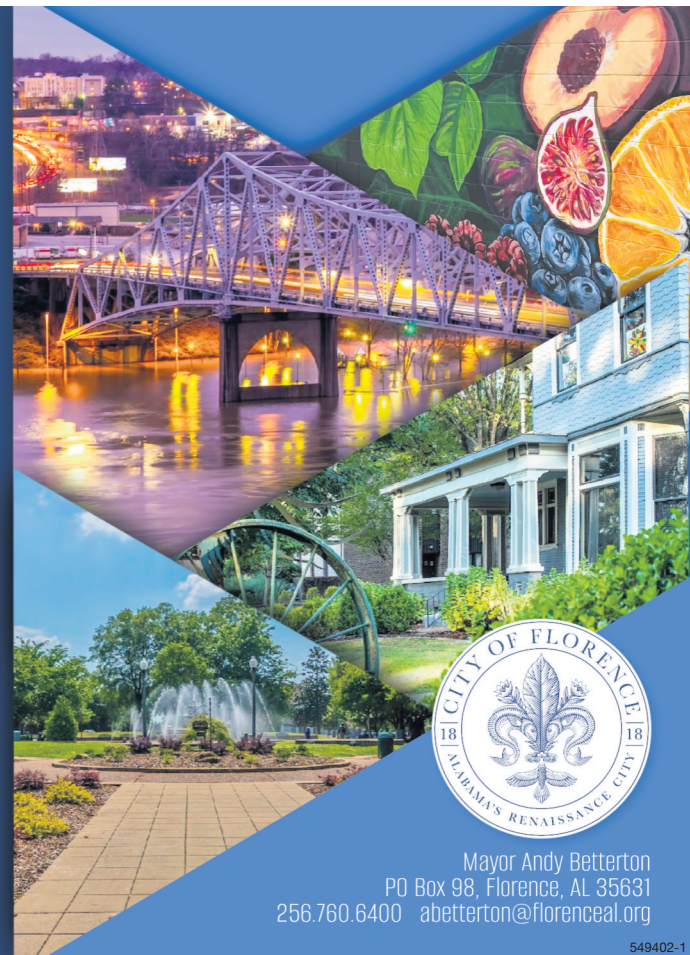
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Louise Lenz looks over portraits of World War I and World War II soldiers inside the chapel of the LaGrange College site in Leighton. [PHOTOS BY DAN BUSEY/TIMESDAILY]



Louise Lenz points to portraits of soldiers on display inside the chapel of the LaGrange College Site in Leighton.

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7 p.m., second Monday, Saint Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, Darby Drive, Florence.

- Muscle Shoals Amateur Radio, 9 a.m., license testing and meeting, first Saturday, Underwood-Petersville Community Center basement, 840 County Road 7, Florence.

- Muscle Shoals Amateur Radio Club, 7 p.m. third Thursday, Colbert County EMA, annex basement, 120 W. Fifth St., Tuscumbia, info@msarc.org.

- The Florence Duplicate Bridge Club meets at the Royal Avenue Recreation Center, 420 N. Royal Avenue, Florence, every Monday and Wednesday (except holidays). Players new to duplicate should arrive early for guidance. Players must be fully vaccinated. 256-810-1107

### Civic groups

- Florence Kiwanis Club, noon Fridays, Shoals Marriott Conference Center, 10 Hightower Place, Florence; florencekiwanis.com

- Tuscumbia Kiwanis Club, noon Tuesdays, Helen Keller Public Library annex, 511 N. Main St., Tuscumbia. Lunch and speaker. Joel Parris, 256-577-6968



SEE INVOLVED, G37 The Frank Lloyd Wright - Rosenbaum House Museum is shown in Florence. [DAN BUSEY/TIMESDAILY]



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- Florence Rotary Club, noon, Mondays, Marriott Shoals Conference Center, 10 Hightower Place, Florence. Lunch: 11:30 a.m.

- Tuscumbia Civitan Club, noon Thursdays, Helen Keller Public Library Annex, 511 N. Main St., Tuscumbia. Lunch and speaker. Richard Sheridan, 256-653-7248.

## Military

- American Legion Post No. 31, 6:30 p.m., third Monday, Legion Hall, 110 1/2 N. Main St., Tuscumbia. Meal and program. 256-483-0610.

## Government

- Florence-Lauderdale Tourism board meeting, 9 a.m., first Thursday of each month, Visitor Center boardroom, 200 Jim Spain Drive, Florence. 256-740-4141

## Senior adults

- The CLUB, Florence Senior Center, Monday-Friday, activities 9 a.m.-4 p.m., 450 Country Club Drive, Florence, 256-760-6420.



The Red Bay Museum features memorabilia from Tammy Wynette.

## Historical

- Ivy Green, the Home of Helen Keller, 300 N. Commons W., Tuscumbia, is open for tours 8:30 a.m.-4

p.m. Monday-Saturday. Admission: \$8 adults, \$7 seniors, AAA members, military (active and retired) \$4 children. 256-383-4066

- Belle Mont Mansion, 1569 Cook Lane, Tuscumbia, open to public for tours 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesdays through Saturdays. Admission: \$6, adults; \$5, seniors, active military and college students; \$3, children ages 6-18. 256-381-5052

- W.C. Handy Museum, 620 E. College St., Florence, is open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday. Admission: \$12 adults; \$6 students, children. 256-275-3128

- Red Bay Museum, in Red Bay, is open 1:30-4 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday. Admission: \$5; Other times are available for groups. 256-356-8758

- Indian Mound Museum is open 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday and 1-4 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$2 for students and children. The museum is at 1028 S. Court St., Florence. 256-760-6427

- Rosenbaum House, 601 Riverview Drive, Florence, is open for tours from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday and 1-4 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are typically \$10 for adults and \$5 for students and seniors. 256-718-5050

- LaGrange Welcome Center, 8 miles southeast of Muscle Shoals, off Alabama 157, open 1-4 p.m. Sundays, or by calling 256-446-9324.

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# Industry

Here's a list of some of the Shoals manufacturing companies, according to data from the Shoals Economic Development Authority and the most recent data from the Franklin County Development Authority.

- North American Lighting – automotive lighting fixtures
  - Constellium – aluminum can sheet and other alloy products
  - Essity (SCA Tissue) – commercial paper products
  - American Wholesale Book Co. - book distributor
  - Southwire Company – commercial wiring
  - Tarkett Alabama – vinyl flooring
  - Gemstone Foods - poultry processing
  - Monarch Tile - porcelain tile
- Other major employers include:
- Helen Keller Hospital, Sheffield
  - Lauderdale County Schools
  - University of North Alabama, Florence
  - Tennessee Valley Authority, Muscle Shoals
  - City of Florence
  - Northwest-Shoals Community College, Muscle Shoals
  - Florence school system
  - Colbert County school system
  - Shoals Hospital, Muscle Shoals
  - Muscle Shoals school system
  - Lauderdale County government



**Essity** [MATT MCKEAN/TIMESDAILY]

- Colbert County government
- Florence Electricity Department
- City of Muscle Shoals
- City of Tuscumbia
- Sheffield school system
- Norfolk Southern Rail
- United State Postal Service
- City of Tuscumbia
- City of Sheffield
- Franklin County Board of Education
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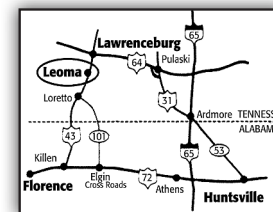


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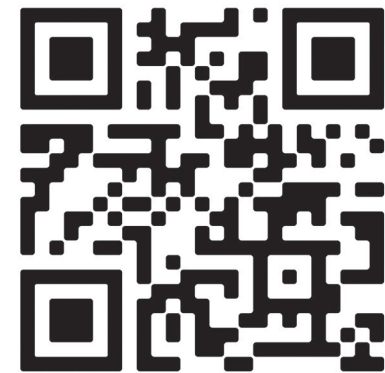




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