

**Calvary Tabs
Davy Kincaid**

TUSCUMBIA—Davy Kincaid is the new pastor at Calvary Baptist Church in Tuscumbia.

His first service will be on Sunday, July 23.

Kincaid has served several local churches including Harris Chapel Baptist Church in



Kincaid

Cherokee, York Terrace Baptist Church in Sheffield, and for the last six years, Good Hope Baptist Church in Eclectic, AL.

Kincaid holds a bachelor's degree in Physical Education from the University of North Alabama and a master's degree in Christian Ministry from Liberty University in Lynchburg, VA. He will graduate from Liberty University in December with a doctorate in Ministry (Cognate in Discipleship).

Kincaid and his wife, Mallory, (the new principal at RE Thompson) have two children.

**Awards Total
\$34,000**

FLORENCE—Florence Kiwanis hosted its "Annual Night of Giving Dinner" July 13 at the Marriott Shoals Conference Center.

They celebrated the efforts of numerous organizations within the Shoals Community by presenting each with a generous

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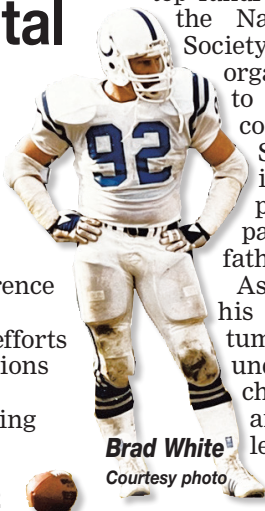
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**Braden's Pass
Rush for Dad**

FLORENCE—Braden White of Florence has quickly become a top fundraiser and advocate for the National Brain Tumor Society, the largest non-profit organization dedicated to the brain tumor community in the United States. His inspiration is a former pro football player, glioblastoma patient, and Braden's father, Brad.

As Brad received his glioblastoma tumor diagnosis, and underwent brain surgery, chemotherapy, radiation, and months of re-learning to walk and



Brad White
Courtesy photo

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**Dealership
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TUSCUMBIA — The Long-Lewis Automotive Group last week announced the acquisition of Greenway Chevrolet in Tuscumbia. The change was effective immediately, and official name of the dealership will be Long-Lewis Chevrolet of the Shoals. This is the third automotive property in the Shoals for Long-

Lewis with four brands. Long-Lewis also has a Ford dealership in Muscle Shoals and Mitsubishi and Volkswagon dealerships on Florence Blvd.

"We are very excited about this opportunity," stated Ken Pless, the General Manager of

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Long-Lewis hopes to quickly double the number of Chevrolets sold each month in Tuscumbia. Courtesy photo



Eric Essix (L), Melvia Rodgers, and Bobby Rush headline WC Handy.

**Handy
Ahead**

FLORENCE—Make plans now for the 42nd annual W.C. Handy Festival Thursday, July 20-Sunday, July 30. There will also be pre-festival and post-festival events! Some details have been posted on the official website at WCHandyMusicFestival.com with many more to come!

The W.C. Handy Music Festival is northwest Alabama's largest tourism attraction. The festival honors both the musical legacy of the Shoals area and its namesake, Florence native composer, and world-renowned Father of the Blues, William Christopher (W.C.) Handy.

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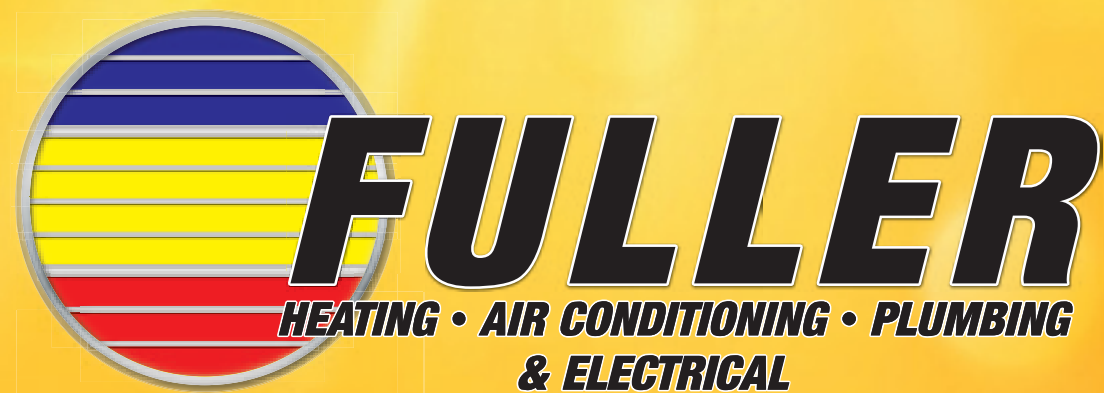
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Shorts...

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donation, representing the proceeds from the Pancake Days event in March. This year over \$34,000 was awarded between 31 organizations/events.

Kiwanis has also implemented a new application process that requires submitting a donation request form. If your organization serves the children of the Shoals and you would like to apply for a 2024 donation, please complete the Donation Request Form found on the Kiwanis Club of Florence website (<http://florencekiwanis.com/donation-request-form/>). All applications for next year MUST be received by August 31, 2023.

Feedback for Trace Work

TUPELO, Miss.— The National Park Service (NPS) is seeking public feedback on a proposed framework for addressing future road and bridge paving and rehabilitation projects on the Natchez Trace Parkway. Rehabilitation includes the Parkway motor road, access roads, interpretive pull-outs, parking areas, bridges, culverts, and associated audible pavement marking and striping. The proposed project would establish a management framework for more efficiently reviewing and implementing these types of site-specific projects in the future. A 30-day civic engagement period will be open from July 10 – August 9, 2023. The public is encouraged to share observations, concerns, and ideas about the project.

"Your feedback is critical in understanding the issues and topics that the NPS should examine for this project," said Chief of Resource Management Christina Smith, "Civic engagement helps the project team identify design and resource considerations." Comment Online (preferred

method) at: <https://parkplanning.nps.gov/ParkwayRoadProjects>

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Sawyer Looks to Retirement

FLORENCE—Mt. Moriah Primitive Baptist Church of Florence will celebrate the retirement of Pastor, Elder **Leroy Sawyer** on Sunday, July 23 at the 10am service. Sawyer served the congregation, the Shoals, and the community of West Florence for



Sawyer

41 years since being installed as the sixth Pastor of the church in May 1982. Sawyer is the longest serving pastor in the history of the church.

Under Sawyer's leadership, Mt. Moriah has continually invested in the West Florence area providing tens of thousands of dollars through its various outreach and membership engagement initiatives and completion of the multi-million-dollar Mt. Moriah Community Christian Life Center in the late 1990's. The center helped make possible free computer classes, a free kids summer camp, the Mae Roy Senior Gala, and a host of other high impact initiatives.

Rev. **James Edwards**, a Shoals native and Pastor of Transforming Faith Christian Center in Houston, TX, will deliver the morning message.

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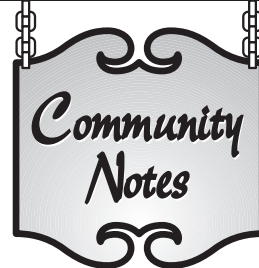
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Colbert County Republican Women will host a luncheon meeting on Wednesday, July 19 at the Helen Keller Library in Tuscumbia at 12 noon. Special guest speakers will be Britney Garner, President of the Alabama Federation of Republic Women and Bonnie Sachs, Chairwoman of Congressional District 4. For further information, please contact CCRW President, Mary Haslacker, at 251-487-7750.

LifeSouth Mobile Blood Drive Dates

Thursday, July 20 Austin Shoes - Florence, 12pm - 6pm

Sunday, July 30 Stony Point Church of Christ, Florence, 11am - 6pm

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"Mining for Gems from God's Word" Thursday - Without Faith, It is Impossible to Please God - Colby Junkin-7pm

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Shoals Artists Guild Meeting Friday, July 21, 10am-Noon in the main gallery of the Kennedy-Douglass Art Center, Downtown Florence. (temporary location due to the W.C. Handy Festival this month.) For more info, contact Carolyn Wear, 256-710-6854.

Hymns on the Hilltop Tuesday, July 25, 6PM - Fairview Baptist Church, 150 Fairview Dr, Florence. Congregational style hymn singing.

The Shoals Symphony presents **Summer Soirée**, a WC Handy kickoff event on Friday, July 21, 7pm at the Roundhouse in Tuscumbia. An extraordinary lineup of internationally acclaimed jazz artists includes Warren Ertle and Jamie Ertle from Tuscaloosa, Dan Gabel from Boston, MA, and Kimberly Hawkey from New York. Live entertainment and the world premiere of "Handy Suite" for String Quartet. Tickets are available at ShoalsSymphony.org. Food and drink are included.

Florence. Part of the proceeds will be donated to the 15-minute Project of Alabama, which aims to spread hope and awareness through the legacy of Sheffield Police Sgt. Nick Risner and to those who struggle with suicidal thoughts.

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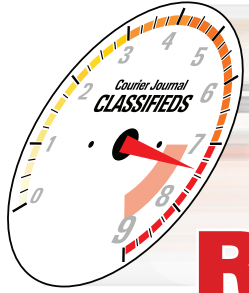
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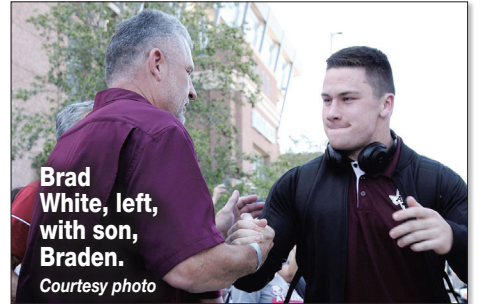
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Tumor...

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Wednesday, July 19 marks the 5th Annual Glioblastoma Awareness Day, a catalyst for Braden to rally his efforts.

talk, his son Braden was there with him every step of the way. Braden has now become an outspoken advocate for the National Brain



Brad White, left, with son, Braden. Courtesy photo

Tumor Society, and he is raising money in a number of creative ways to help search for a cure. He recently founded the Play Hurt Project, which sells uniquely designed t-shirts to benefit NBTS and ongoing cancer research. And to top that, Braden plans on running four marathons over the next year in honor of his father.

"Ever since I was a little kid, I wanted to be just like my dad," said Braden. He motivated me, pushed me, inspired me, and celebrated me. I always wanted to make him proud, and I set out on the same path he did playing college football in the SEC. My route was a little different from his. I walked on and playing at Texas A&M University from 2016-2021, where I was able to letter for four years and represent the university as the team's 12th Man.

Brad White attended and played football at the University of Tennessee from 1976-1980. He was a trim 260 lb nose tackle during a time when the game of football had few practice restrictions or health-minded safeguards. Brad later went on to play in the NFL from 1980-1986.

"Through every challenge we realized that there were many people out there who were facing some of the same things that our dad and our family were going through," said Braden. "Our story could help those going through similar tough situations with brain cancer. Our journey is nowhere near over. However, just like with everything else dad has faced in his life, the fight in him is far greater than the cancer he has been diagnosed with."

For more information on Brad and Braden White and the NBTS, visit www.playhurtproject.com



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Long-Lewis...

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control," added Pless. Long-Lewis has a rich history of customer satisfaction, employee satisfaction, and community commitment. The Long-Lewis auto group has been awarded more Presidents' Awards for customer satisfaction than any other dealer in the nation. It has been recognized as one of the "Top 100 Best Dealerships" to work for in the nation by *Automotive News* multiple times. The auto group currently retails over

1,000 vehicles per month, plus another 600+ units each month to the fleet and wholesale markets. This makes them by far the largest automotive retailer in Alabama. They have several locations throughout the state, but the corporate headquarters is located here in the Shoals. Long-Lewis recently celebrated its 136th anniversary and has announced additional plans to strategically expand throughout Alabama.

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Commentary

No Longer a Fun Comedy Routine

Some of the absurdities we've been subjected to as a nation in recent years are hard to fathom. What's even more astounding is that the media condemns more of the traditional or rational thinking and just rolls along oblivious to the non-stop derangement as if it makes sense as a reality. They insist/ imply something is wrong with the sensible people if they don't agree with it or understand it.

We'll be able to cover a lot in the coming months if I have the patience. However, let's start with our President.

Because he is someone they like and someone who dutifully carried the liberal water pail for a half century, the media and their comrades on the left are completely ignoring the obvious that the rest of us observe daily. Joe Biden is a shell of his former presence and is embarrassing himself, his wife, his party, and his country almost daily on the public stage. This is not a personal attack; it's just a fact. His thoughtless actions and comments abroad

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In A
Few
Words



TOM MAGAZZU
Editor

Courier Journal

THIS WEEK

in the Shoals

July 19, 2023

Happening
THIS WEEK

de Vinci Robotic on Display

FLORENCE— North Alabama Medical Center will be hosting a hands-on demonstration of the latest da Vinci robotic technology for the community on Thursday, July 20 from 12-5pm in the main lobby of the hospital.

Several NAMC surgeons who frequently use the robotic technology will be on hand to demonstrate the machine and answer questions. The public is also invited to experience the new technology by working the robot from a test console in surgery simulations and other fun exercises.

"I use the da Vinci robot mainly for hysterectomies," said Jack Zackey, DO, who

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Madison Hotchkiss, left, and Gary O. Fuqua Jr.
Courtesy photo

Ritz's SummerStock Musical Into the Woods

SHEFFIELD—Audiences can expect innovative storytelling, beautiful sets, and phenomenal performances during the Ritz Theatre's 2023 SummerStock musical, *Into the Woods*. Performance dates are July 21-23 and 28-29. Showtimes are at 7pm for all but the July 23 performance which is a 2pm matinee. Tickets are available at tennesseevalleyarts.org.

Into the Woods offers a funny, exciting, and thoughtful twist on traditional fairy tales, with songs composed by

the legendary Stephen Sondheim. The show features a cast and crew of young adults who have spent an intensive six weeks in training and rehearsals to prepare for this high-quality production.

"This year's SummerStock cast is a group of exceptionally talented and hardworking artists," said the show's director, Suzanne Reese-Mills. "The Shoals area has so much to offer artistically, and it is always inspiring

See WOODS... on Page 29

WHAT A WONDERFUL WORLD - EDESEL HOLDEN LEGACY SERIES will be performed at 2pm Sunday, July 23, at UNA's Norton Auditorium. The afternoon will include Dr. Lyman Mitchell's Shoals Area Big Band - Featuring: Spooner Oldham, Mark Narmore and more special guests. Tickets are \$20. Ticket Outlets include: One Place of the Shoals, Kennedy-Douglass Art Center, and TVA Community Credit Union. Online: www.oneplaceoftheshoals.com or call 256-284-7600. All Active Duty Military and Veterans are admitted FREE. The event is presented by: One Place of the Shoals, UNA School for the Arts, UNA Center for Women's Studies and Aaron Howard with Cloud Investments, LLC. Proceeds to benefit the One Place of the Shoals.

THE HELEN KELLER LIBRARY IS HOSTING the "All Together Now" Community Action Fair on Friday, July 21 from 5-7pm. Learn all about several Shoals area nonprofit agencies. The event will also include an Adoption Fair, Food Trucks, and a Bubble Party! Other area agencies are encouraged to participate. Please contact the library for more information.

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Picture of a Human Form

Dear Editor,

Regarding Shanan Cox's letter in the July 12 issue, *Pic Was Disrespectful*, God saw us unclothed—au natural. After we sinned, we saw ourselves as naked.

God told us "to be fruitful and multiply." After we sinned we used sex for carnal pleasure. If you and your like-minded cannot look at a picture of a human form without thinking about sex, are you looking at humans through God's

eyes or sin's lens?

One last thing, if any of those like-minded around you are male, perhaps you should consider wearing a full burka. One of them may see your bare arm and have inappropriate thoughts.

Vic Billingham
Killen

Downright Misleading

Editor,

A recent Associated Press article that appeared in the *TimesDaily* entitled,

"Diverse Republican presidential primary field sees an opening in 2024 with voters of color," stated, "Those groups [African Americans and Latinos] have been among the most loyal segments of the Democratic coalition since Republican leaders fought against the Civil Rights Act of 1964."

That sentence referencing "Republicans leaders" is downright misleading and biased. It has appeared to me that the AP over time has a hatred for Republicans, so much so that they will do everything to make the

See LETTERS... on Page 28

Apparently, many blacks did not know that President Eisenhower signed two civil rights acts (1957 and 1960) into law...



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



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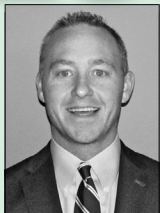


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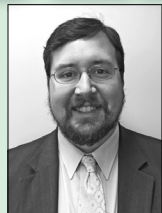
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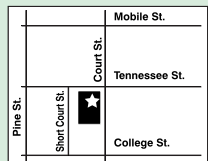
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This year's headline concert will be Friday, July 28 in UNA's Norton Auditorium and will feature festival favorite, Eric Essix and his band. R&B singer Melvia "Chick" Rodgers, a vocal powerhouse who is new to the Handy Festival, will follow Eric. The concert ends with the international traveling blues singer, Bobby Rush, bringing his unique brand of story-telling to the stage. The traditional Riverside Jamz will take place Saturday, July 29. The week will close out with several events on Sunday, July 30 including church music, a business expo, and a performance by a new country singer. Sample the best in Caribbean food, steak, burgers, seafood, and visit friends!

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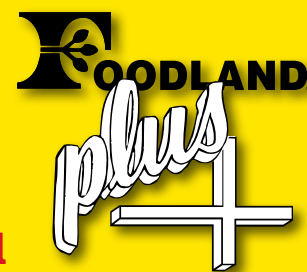
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Tammy and I recently traveled to Vancouver, Canada, for vacation so I



Jim Fisher

THE LAST WORD ON GOOGLE FI

by "The Computer Skeptic"

had a chance to test Google Fi in various situations. I had a strong, fast 5G signal throughout our trip through crowded airports and all over Vancouver. I performed a few speed tests here and there and saw no discernible difference between what I had with T-Mobile and what I have now with Google Fi. Tammy is still a Verizon client and had slow internet and low signal strength all over our travels in Canada. So, Google Fi passed my first international travel test with golden colors. Google says their plan works in

over 200 other countries. I hope to test that out with a trip to Europe soon.

I signed up for the Google Fi "pay as you go" plan. I usually use 1 or 2 gigabytes of data per month. Google Fi charges \$20/ month plus \$10 for each gigabyte up to 6 GB. If you go over 6 GB, you'll pay \$60 (\$5 less than T-Mobile) but, after that, you're on an "unlimited" plan so you won't pay more than \$60. I blew through 4 GB during my Vancouver trip. Much of that data was due to Tammy's Verizon phone not working well so I

had the burden of searching for restaurants and craft beer and such. So, I'll pay \$40 this month. That's still \$25 cheaper than what I was paying but I expect to pay only \$20/mo most of the time.

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Robotic...

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In Love

Ephesians 4:15

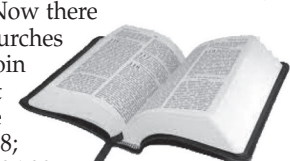
"COME AND SEE" (Part One)

The above statement, "Come and see" (John 1:39) was made by our Lord in response to a question directed to Him by two of John's disciples. The two accepted the Lord's invitation to "Come and see" and as a result they left John to follow Jesus.

The church of Christ in this community urges you to "Come and see" whether or not this congregation is identical to the "churches of Christ" (Romans 16:16) of Paul's day in name, membership, worship, unity, organization, practice and mission. Following the New Testament completely is that which makes the true church of Christ.

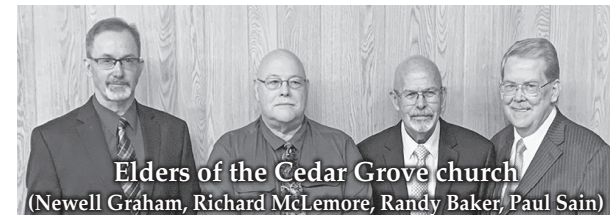
The Lord added the same to the church that Christ built (Acts 2:38-41, 47). There was no other church in existence. The same process of obedience that saved them caused the Lord to add them to His church (Acts 2:47).

Not until hundreds of years later was there a single denomination for one to join! Now there are hundreds of man-made churches but there is no reason to join any of them! Why not be just a Christian? A member of the Lord's church? (Matthew 16:18; Acts 2:47; Romans 16:16; Acts 26:28; 1 Peter 4:16).



The Church Of Christ Was Founded By Christ. Christ promised to build but one church, when He said, "And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church: and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it" (Matthew 16:18). Paul tells us that Christ died for but one church (Ephesians 5:25). The words "the church" mean but one. The pronoun "it" can refer to but one. So Christ loved ONE church; He died for ONE church; He built ONE church. Therefore He is the owner of but ONE church. The plural form "churches" is never used in the New Testament except in reference to a number of local congregations in a certain section of the country, as "The churches of Christ salute you" (Romans 16:16). "The churches of Judea" (Galatians 1:22).

The Church Of Christ Was Founded In Jerusalem. It was founded in Jerusalem, on Pentecost, the first one after the resurrection of Christ. This is shown by a number of things. A short time before our Lord died He put the origin of the church in the future when He said: "Upon this rock I will build my church" (Matthew 16:18). Students of language know that "will build" is future tense of the verb and shows that the church had not been built when Jesus made this statement. However, beginning with this Pentecost the church was always referred to as present. (Continued in the next segment of Truth In Love).



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Karaoke Idol for Salvation Army
6PM-10:30 PM - FloBama,
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Flow City Entertainment
6PM - The Mane Room, 310 N.Pine St., Florence
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6:11-11:00 PM - Hometown Pizza, 119 West 5th St., Tusculumbia
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Friday, July 21

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

First Metro Bank: Sax in the City
7PM - Wilson Park, 350 North Wood Ave., Florence
 Rain Location: Florence-Lauderdale Coliseum

Featuring: The Midnighters

Shoals Symphony Orchestra's Summer Soiree
7PM - Tusculumbia Depot Museum Roundhouse, 204 W. 5th St., Tusculumbia
 Featuring: Shoals Symphony Orchestra's Summer Soiree

Saturday, July 22

WC Handy Festival Shoals Car and Truck Show
8AM-2PM - Wilson Park, 350 North Wood Ave., Florence

Handy Lunch
11:30-2:30 PM - 306 Barbeque, 322 North Court St., Florence
 Featuring: Kevin Sledge, Josh Coutts, Roger Rudolf

Shoals AxFest
6-9PM - Sweetwater Depot, 502 S Royal Ave, Florence
 Featuring: Larry Mitchell, Doug Doppler, Jamie Lamb

Handy Street Party
6-11:30 PM - Soul Wingery, 105 Poplar St, Florence,
 In case of rain, the event will move to Singin' River Live
 Featuring: Bold Bloom, Thad and Company, Coffee Black, Billy Allen and The Pollies

Dinner and Allstar Jazz at Old Grace Church
6:30PM - Old Grace Church, 700 N Montgomery Ave, Sheffield
 Doors open at 6:30pm.
 Dinner & entertainment begin at 7pm. Rhoda P's choice of steak or chicken indicated with ticket purchase. Bring your own wine, \$5.00 corking fee. For more info or to purchase tickets in advance, call 256-740-1383
 Featuring: Denise Thimes, Robert Redd, Jazz Allstars

CB&S Bank: Music in the Park with Rewind
7-10PM - Wilson Park, 350 North Wood Ave. If inclement weather, event is canceled.
 Featuring: Rewind

Sunday, July 23

Blue Navigators
11AM - Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 1332 North Pine St., Florence
 Featuring: Blue Navigators

Edsel Holden Legacy Series Concert - What A Wonderful World
2PM - Norton Auditorium, Norton Auditorium, Florence
 Dr. Lyman Mitchell's Shoals Area Big Band Featuring: Dr. Lloyd Jones * Dr. Jimmy Simpson * Spooner Oldham * Mark Narmore * Michael Curtis * Ashley Brown * Alyssa Ashley-Guin * Brad Guin * Marie Lewey * Dylan Mashburn * Garrett Miles * Mark Pyle * Michael Pyle *

Listing of Free & Non-Profit W.C. Handy Festival Events

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Cindy Richardson Walker
Proceeds from this concert will go to support One Place of the Shoals.

Bluegrass Gospel Music Concert
3-4PM - First United Methodist Church, Tusculumbia, 104 E 3rd St, Tusculumbia
 Indoor event rain or shine!
 Featuring: Lisa Lambert Band

Sunday Jazz at Stephano's Southland!
5-8PM - Stephano's Southland, 1309 S Jackson Hwy, Sheffield,
 Enjoy your favorite Jazz Allstars and delicious food at Stephano's Southland Restaurant!
 Featuring: Denise Thimes, Robert Redd, Jazz Allstars

Sunday Funday with Austin Bohannon at On The Rocks
5-8PM - On the Rocks, 110 North Court St., Florence
 Featuring: Austin Bohannon

Official Handy Sunday Ceremony at the Handy Home*
6-8:30PM - W.C. Handy Home & Museum, 620 W. College St., Florence
 Bring your lawn chairs, blankets, and the entire family! Featuring the largest and widest variety of Handy Fest food vendors ever! Come early and take a tour of the Handy Home and Museum between 8am and 4pm, then find your favorite spot.
 Rain Location: Florence-Lauderdale Coliseum
 Featuring: Lorinda "Pinky" Warren Pryor, Kimble Funchess, Pastor Jerry Reeves & Friends, Quad Cities Mass Choir directed by Aaron Freeman

Unending Praise
7-8:30PM - 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.

Woodmont Baptist Church Presents WC Handy Songwriter Showcase
7PM - Woodmont Baptist Church East Campus, 2002 Darby Drive, Florence

Come Truck With Us: Ole Skool Skate Party
8PM-12:00 AM - Florence Skating Rink, 241 Azalea Dr, Florence
 Ages 18 and up only!
 Let's go back to the ole skool with your favorite Shoals Area DJs on the 1's and 2's just like we used to do. Bring your best skate game and come truck with us!

Monday, July 24
Jazz It Up With Your Trash - Florence*

10AM - Florence-Lauderdale Public Library, 350 N. Wood Ave., Florence
 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, but everyone will enjoy this!
 Featuring: Microwave Dave

Handy Musical Lunch at FloBama
11:30-2:30 PM - FloBama, 311 North Court St., Florence
 Featuring: TBA

Scope Live on Helton Drive
11:30AM-1PM - Scope 310, 4129 Helton Dr., Florence
 Featuring: The Midnighters

Book It With Jazz
12-1PM - Helen Keller Library, 511 North Main St., Tusculumbia
 Featuring: Jazz Allstar Trio

Shoals Singer/Songwriter Showcase
1-3PM - Florence-Lauderdale Tourism & Visitors Center, McFarland Park 200 Jim Spain Dr., Florence
 Featuring: James LeBlanc, Angela Hacker, Phillip White

WC Handy Movie: "St. Louis Blues"
3PM - Alabama Music Hall of Fame, 617 US Hwy 72 West, Tusculumbia
 A screening of the film "St. Louis Blues", starring Nat "King" Cole as W.C. Handy. While you're there, tour the Alabama Music Hall of Fame and visit the gift shop!
 Featuring: WC Handy Movie: "St. Louis Blues"

Check Out the Blues
4-6PM - Florence-Lauderdale Public Library, 350 N. Wood Ave., Florence
 Free to enjoy the music. Come early to find books by your favorite authors.
 Featuring: Jazz Allstar Quartet

Monday Blues
5-7PM - Sheffield Public Library, 316 N. Montgomery Ave., Sheffield
 Free to enjoy the music
 Featuring: Will & Janet McFarlane

A Salute to the Big Band Sound
6:30PM - The Mane Room, 310 N.Pine St., Florence
 Featuring: Dr. Lyman Mitchell's Shoals Area Big Band directed by Dr. Lloyd Jones!

Beale Street Monday Blues*
6:30-8:30PM - Lewis Field, 1105 Beale St., Florence
 Fun for the kids, music for the grown folks! Bring your lawn chairs and blankets and come on up close to the stage to hear our very own Lorinda "Pinky" Warren and her

band show you how it's done! This is one you will NOT want to miss!
 Featuring: Lorinda "Pinky" Warren Band

At Sundown On Monday*
7PM - Wilson Park, 350 North Wood Ave., Florence

Enjoy the smooth sounds of jazz saxophonist Vann Burchfield!
 Featuring: Vann Burchfield

Rock N' Soul on Mobile Plaza*
7-9PM - Mobile Plaza, Florence,
 In case of rain, event will be moved to Gattman Park, Muscle Shoals.
 Featuring: CC Jags

Joyful Sounds
7PM - First United Methodist Church, 415 N. Seminary St., Florence
 Featuring: Joyful Sounds

Tuesday, July 25

Kidz Jamm
10AM - Parkview Baptist Church, 1402 Highway 72 East, Tusculumbia,
 Featuring: Shoals Area piano students with bassist Bob Wray and drummer David Waters.

Jazz It Up With Your Trash - Rogersville*

10:30 AM - 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 Lunch at FloBama
11:30-2:30 PM - FloBama, 311 North Court St., Florence, AL
 Featuring: TBA

Cool Tunes and Cupcakes at the Muscle Shoals Senior Living Center
1-2:30 PM - Muscle Shoals Living Center, 994 Gattman Park Dr., Muscle Shoals
 Next door to Gym #3. Air conditioned! Masks optional.
 Everyone is welcome!
 Featuring: Back on Track

Shoals Singer/Songwriter Showcase
1-3PM - Florence-Lauderdale Tourism & Visitors Center, McFarland Park 200 Jim Spain Dr., Florence
 Featuring: Michael Curtis, Marie Lewey, Cindy Richardson Walker

ABCs of Blues & Jazz: Beyond & Before
1:30PM - Mt. Moriah P.B. Church, 818 West Irvine St., Florence
 For children of all ages - the young, and the young at heart! Come and learn how instruments work together to make beautiful music with the Kimble Funchess Combo
 Featuring: The CORE Drummers, Kimble Funchess Quintet

WC Handy Movie: "St. Louis Blues"
3PM - Alabama Music Hall of Fame, 617 US Hwy 72 West, Tusculumbia
 A screening of the film "St. Louis Blues", starring Nat "King" Cole as W.C. Handy. While you're there, take time to tour the Alabama Music Hall of Fame!

Dr. Eric Kirkman Combo
6-8PM - Sheffield Public Library, 316 N. Montgomery Ave., Sheffield
 Featuring: Dr. Eric Kirkman Combo

Hymns on the Hilltop
 Fairview Baptist Church
 Tuesday, July 25 at 6pm
 Old-Fashioned Congregational Hymn Singing
 for WC Handy Festival
 Stanley Lasater will lead the Singing with Rick Dean leading the Band
 All are welcome to come sing and worship!

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Counting On The Music*

6-8PM - Patterson, Prince & Associates, 475 South Seminary St., Florence
Bring your lawn chairs! Everyone is welcome!
Featuring: Bailey White & Bay Simpson, Gary & Trey Nichols, Taylor Grace

Hymns on the Hilltop

6PM - Fairview Baptist Church, 150 Fairview Dr, Florence
Congregational style hymn singing.
Featuring: Hymns on the Hilltop

UNA Night on North Court Median*

6-9PM - North Court Median, 500 North Court St., Florence
Live music for the entire family to enjoy! A wide variety food trucks with delicious choices!
Featuring: Austin Bohannon, Bold Bloom

Handy at St. Florian Park*

6PM - St. Florian Amphitheater, 83 St. Florian Rd, Florence
Featuring: Pine Hill Haints, The Pollies

Handy at Magnolia Church

6PM - 2650 Vulcan Ave, Florence
Featuring: Shoals Community Concert Band, Swinging River Jazz Band

Determined: Celebrating the Life of WC Handy!

7PM - Shoals Theater, 123 N. Seminary St., Florence
This is a stage play written by Dolores Swoopes Nash) The W.C. Handy Music Festival honors the memory of Mrs. Deloris Swoopes Nash, a local educator who was the original author of Determined, and who eloquently told the story of Florence native William Christopher Handy.
Featuring: Local Talented Performers

Midnighters at the Neighborhood Lemonade Party

7-9PM - Westminster Presbyterian Church, 1520 Rickwood Road, Florence
Featuring: The Midnighters

At Sundown On Tuesday*

7PM - Wilson Park, 350 North Wood Ave., Florence
Brand new to the W.C. Handy Festival, this duo comes highly recommended! Come and see for yourself! Bring your lawn chairs or blankets, or sit on one of the convenient park benches!
Featuring: Ariella

Wednesday, July 26

Round Table With Muscle Shoals Music Legends

10:30AM - Counts Brothers Music, 713 Waverly Ave., Muscle Shoals
Come and listen in to this round table conversation with Muscle Shoals Music Legends Bob Wray

and Clayton Ivey. Hear the inside stories from two who were there!
Featuring: Bob Wray, Clayton Ivey

Jazz It Up With Trash – Tusculumbia*

11-1PM - Helen Keller Library, 511 North Main St., Tusculumbia
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

The Jazz Allstars at FloBama!

11:30-2:30PM - Flobama, 311 North Court St., Florence
Featuring: Jazz Allstars, Denise Thimes

Shoals Singer/Songwriter Showcase

1-3PM - Florence-Lauderdale Tourism & Visitors Center, McFarland Park 200 Jim Spain Dr., Florence
Featuring: Peanut Montgomery, Bobby Tomberlin, Mark Narmore

Documentary: "Muscle Shoals"

3PM - Shoals Theater, 123 N. Seminary St., Florence
Featuring: Rick Hall, Aretha Franklin, Mick Jagger, Keith Richards, Wilson Pickett, Gregg Allman, Bono, Alicia Keys, and more!

Handy's Church

6PM - Greater St. Paul AME Church, 141 S. Cherokee St., Florence
Come to Greater St. Paul African Missionary Episcopal Church, where the father and grandfather

of William Christopher preached the word. Enjoy musical praise from two of the best choirs in the area.
Featuring: Quad Cities Mass Choir directed by Aaron Freeman

Amity Day At Sundown*

7PM - Wilson Park, 350 North Wood Ave., Florence
Featuring: Kimble Funchess Quintet

See next week's issue for remainder of schedule.



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are detrimental to US interests, security, and reputation.

We all know that Joe Biden has not been steering his part of the ship since before the election. Many of us have our own ideas who is really at the helm of this administration. Regardless, from insults to improprieties, this all-too-real charade of the Biden puppet HAS TO be shelved. His condition can be a danger for our country, regardless, but he should be restricted to stateside appearances.

Let him insult reporters, students, voters, judges, his staff, and others HERE. Let him wander aimlessly looking for a hand to shake, women's hair to smell, and babies to scare on home turf. We understand him... and the mindset of those who voted for him. We can take it if need be. However, he doesn't need to risk insulting another foreign ruler or put his hand on King Charles' shoulder ever again.

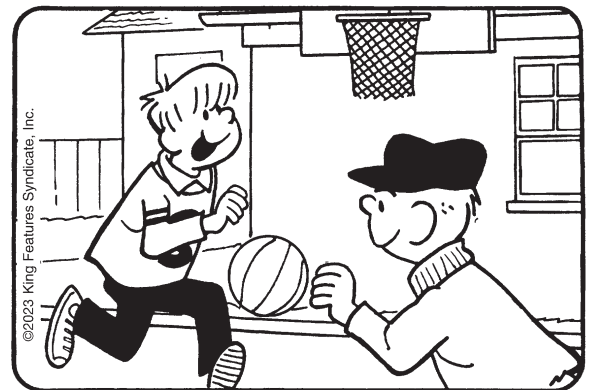
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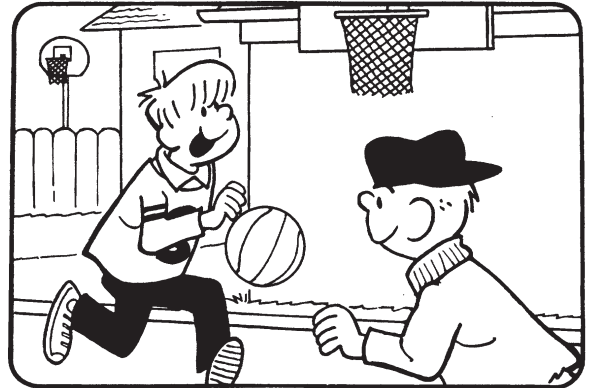
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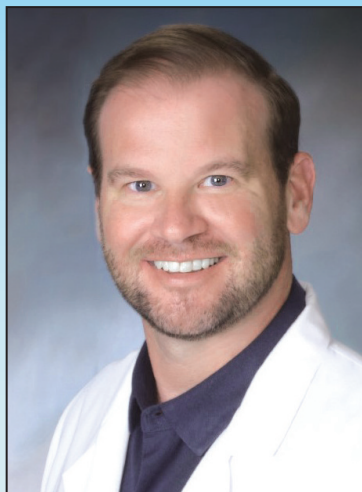


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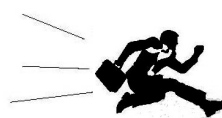
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I'm not sure why we have been getting more calls than usual about brand new cars with problems that the dealers can't seem to fix, but I'm sure there is a reason. I think the important thing to remember about what we all think of a warranty claim, or a Lemon Law claim, is the requirement that notice be given in writing before you take legal action.

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BE SMART ABOUT PAYING OFF DEBT

Dear Dave,
 Should I cash in my 401(k) to pay off my car? I have just enough in the account to pay off the car and free up money in my budget.

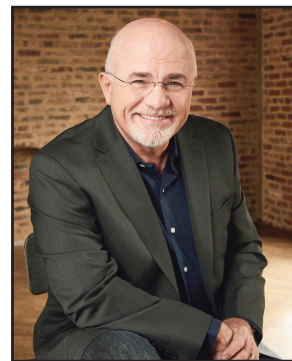
Marina

Dear Marina,
 If I were in your shoes, and I could pay off the car in 18 months or less, I'd live on rice and beans—plus a very strict monthly budget—and just push through until that car payment was out of my life. If that wasn't realistic, then I'd take out ads online and in the local paper, and sell the car as fast as possible.

Cashing out your retirement plan to make this happen isn't a good idea. I love that you want to get rid of your car payment, but if you use your 401(k) they'll charge you a 10% penalty, plus your tax rate. That means you'll lose anywhere from 30 to 50 percent of it to the government.

I don't know about you, Marina, but I think those guys get way too much of our money already!

—Dave



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Dear Dave,
 My husband was recently told layoffs are about to happen at his company, and that it might be a good idea for him to start looking for another job. He has found a couple of good possibilities, but the jobs are located 100 miles away. In preparation for a possible move, we spoke with a real estate agent who told us we'd have to remodel our kitchen to sell the house. We've got about \$4,000 in savings, but the agent said remodeling would take between \$2,500 and \$3,000. Should we get a second mortgage to pay for the work?

Natalie

Dear Natalie,
 For starters, I'd suggest cutting expenses any way you can, living on a strict budget and saving as much cash as possible. But taking out a second mortgage? No! You don't want that hanging over your heads.

You might want to get another opinion on the

kitchen remodel, too. Sure, a new kitchen would be nice, but would it be a make-or-break kind of thing if you decide to sell your home? Probably not, unless it's in really terrible shape right now. Regardless, there's no way I'd go into debt to make this happen. I mean, your house isn't even on the market yet. There's no reason to fix up a house that's not for sale, especially when you've got just \$4,000 to your names.

My advice is to wait and see how the whole job situation plays out before making any big decisions. Then if you end up selling the house and moving, you might take \$500 or so from savings to freshen up the kitchen a little bit.

Dave Ramsey is an eight-time national bestselling author, personal finance expert and host of "The Ramsey Show." He has appeared on "Good Morning America," "CBS This Morning," the "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 of Ramsey Solutions.

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Letters...

Downright Misleading

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Republicans look bad. The sentence above is just a reflection of that.

The AP could have been optimistic and say that blacks supported the Democratic Party because President Kennedy and later President Johnson, who wanted to sign the law by July 4, really came out for the Act. Kennedy recruited the help of an ardent Republican supporter, William McCulloch, from Ohio. The Republican Senate minority leader, Everett Dirksen, from Illinois was

also enlisted.

A Democratic Chairman of the House Rules Committee allowed the CRA to fester aimlessly until President Johnson got involved. The Senate debated 57 days (over 73 days) – longest in history – and Senator Robert Byrd, a Democrat and a member of the Klan, led a 14-hour filibuster against the Act.

Only 1 out of 6 Senate leadership Pubs voted against the CRA of 1964. Only 1 out of 5 House leadership Pubs voted against the Bill.

Apparently, many blacks did not know that President Eisenhower signed two civil rights acts (1957 and 1960) into law.

Looking back at the CRAs of 1957, 1960, and 1964, the Pubs were the good guys based on the percent of those who voted yea. In 1957, in the Senate (R-100%; D-62%) and House (R-90%; D-53%). It was the first federal civil rights legislation passed since the Civil Rights Act of 1875. Major provisions were weakened by the Dems, particularly Senator Strom Thurmond. It established a Commission on Civil Rights and a Civil Rights Division in the Justice Department

In 1960, in the Senate (R-100%; D-70%) and House (R-91%; D-67%). In 1964, in the Senate (R-82%; D-69) and House (R-80%; D-63%). It is clear that the Dems did not vote "Yea" above 70% and the Pubs were 90% or above on the first two bills and 80% or above in 1964.

Tom Jones
Florence

Soap Opera Preview

DAYS OF OUR LIVES Rafe and Paulina became concerned when Lani was a no-show. Steve and John broke into Jerry's apartment. Brady ripped up the custody agreement. Belle and Jada connected over the search for Rachel. Kristen told Belle that Brady threatened her. Brady got put on the spot when Jada questioned him. Li was surprised when Gabi showed up. A guilty Leo returned home to Gwen. Stefan told Gabi that he agreed to a truce with E.J. Maggie walked in on Justin and Bonnie talking about keeping Sarah's secret. Alex had news for Chad and Stephanie. Melinda and Li discovered common ground. Wendy was surprised when Tripp showed up. Johnny filled Rafe in on Wendy dumping him. Eric and Sloan took a big step. Kate came to check on Paulina. *Wait to See: Rafe and Jada redouble their efforts to find Lani. Steve and John receive some shocking news. Marlena shares with Kayla that Whitley was a patient of hers.*

GENERAL HOSPITAL Ava made a confession. Leo acted out. Lucy turned on the charm. Austin relayed a message. Chase tracked down Ned. Brook Lynn felt relieved. Alexis ran interference. Gregory surprised Tracy. Mac offered his assistance. Sam came clean. Sasha did

damage control. Taggart checked in on Trina. Portia questioned Spencer. Kristina worked through her feelings. Molly opened up to Sam. Sam played the mediator. Austin was overly confident. Gladys felt alarmed. Maxie defended a friend. Esme sought some answers. Dex got a new assignment. Josslyn received some shocking news. *Wait to See: Drew is suspicious. Nina rushes to the hospital. Ava reassures Austin.*

THE YOUNG AND THE RESTLESS Victor delivered some shocking news to the Newmans. Tucker gave Audra some unsolicited advice. Christine targeted Phyllis. Daniel went on a guilt trip. Summer busted Kyle. Victor protected his legacy. Phyllis stood her ground with Tucker. Nick came to an agreement with Adam. Billy covered for Jack. Ashley and Tucker plotted their next move. Christine sparred with Phyllis. *Wait to See: Victor gives Nick and Adam an ultimatum. Summer confronts Audra. Chelsea takes on a new challenge.*

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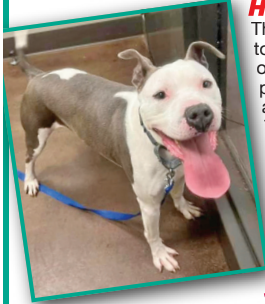
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HUGO is 4 years old and 55 pounds. This handsome boy is looking for a home to play and be loved. Hugo does well with other dogs and has a wonderful outgoing personality. This amazing dog would add a lot of love and laughter to your home. The **ADOPTION FEE IS \$25** and includes heartworm test, current vaccines, spay/neuter and microchip. Please call or come by **Florence Lauderdale animal services** 256-760-6676 to meet this amazing dog.

KATE is the most precious little blue babe and she needs a home! Kate is freshly back from a foster home where she did well with young children and meeting other dogs and cats. Kate is basically just a big, sweet, loving baby. She is around 9 months old and 40 lbs and could be your new BFF. The **ADOPTION FEE IS \$25** and includes heartworm test, current vaccines, spay/neuter and microchip. Please call or come by **Florence Lauderdale animal services** 256-760-6676 to meet this amazing girl.



This senior boy is **LO**, he is about 7-8 years old and seems to be crate trained. LO is dog friendly and loves kids too. He is also neutered and ready to go home with you. LO's **ADOPTION FEE IS \$25** and includes current vaccines (except rabies), NexGard, wormer and a \$15 voucher for rabies vaccine! You don't want to miss out on this guy! He is going to make someone an amazing new family member. For more information please contact **Colbert County animal shelter** at 256-381-4073.

Meet **COALIE**, this gorgeous, 2 year old shepherd mix!! Coalie doesn't meet a stranger! He loves absolutely everyone he meets. Coalie has been with us for over 6 months waiting on you to take him home. Coalie's **ADOPTION FEE IS \$25!** His fee includes a voucher for \$70 off of his mandatory neuter, a \$15 voucher for rabies vaccine, current NexGard and wormer and a 5 way shot! For more information please contact **Colbert County animal shelter** at 256-381-4073.



Woods...

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to see how many young people are actively carrying on that tradition in our community."

One of these talented cast members is Gary O. Fuqua, Jr., a transfer student at UNA who is studying Vocal Performance and Musical Theatre. Gary is performing the role of the Baker, one of the leads of *Into the Woods*.

"*Into The Woods* has always been a dream show for me," said Fuqua, who specifically hoped to play The Baker, due to the character's "vulnerability and emotional complexity" as he conquers fear, grief, and uncertainty.

Into the Woods is the kick-off production for the Ritz Theatre's 2023/2024 season, which will conclude with another Sondheim musical, *Company*. The show is also part of the theatre's SummerStock legacy, which has been an annual Shoals tradition for over 30 years.

Tickets for *Into the Woods* are \$15-\$25, and season tickets are also available for \$75. To purchase tickets or to learn more about the Tennessee Valley Art Association, which runs the Ritz Theatre, visit tennesseevalleyarts.org or call 256-383-0533.

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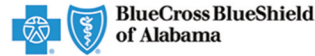
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- Caduceus is a winged staff with 2 snakes wrapped around it. It was ancient astrological symbol that represents what now? A) Death B) Birth C) Commerce D) Medicine
- The Cadillac car symbol was inspired from a coat of arms from? A) France B) Spain C) England D) Italy
- The internationally recognized peace symbol and sign was originated in what year? A) 1948 B) 1958 C) 1968 D) 1978
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Romans 7:4-5 "Wherefore, my brethren, ye also are become dead to the law by the body of Christ; that ye should be married to another, even to him who is raised from the dead, that we should bring forth fruit unto God. For when we were in the flesh, the motions of sins, which were by the law, did work in our members to bring forth fruit unto death." Every accountable soul on this planet daily either sows bad seeds unto death, or good seeds that lead unto life and you do it with your eyes open. Most of what we sow comes from what we let in through our eye, ear, and mouth gates. Dear saved one: Romans 6:21 "What fruit had ye then in those things whereof ye are now ashamed? for the end of those things is death." This is why most wickedness is done after dark because the culprit assumes no one sees their work of death, and like Adam, try to hide their sin. They ignore scripture: Galatians 6:7-8 "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting."

Today, every planting farmer believes those verses or they would never plant a seed. Sinning saints of God sowing bad seeds may pray for a crop failure but the law above still stands. Every person, marriage, home, town, county, state, church or nation has to comply with the law of Galatians 6:7&8. Sin has to be judged by God! Note: Romans 2:3 "And thinkest thou this, O man, that judgest them which do such things, and doest the same, that thou shalt escape the judgment of God?" No farmer in his right mind would continually sow bad seeds, yet America is full of leaders that have never sown good seeds. There has to be a reaping, more sooner than later. Pardner, what kind of fruits are growing on your tree? Fruit can't be hidden. No saint is neutral. Every one plants daily. What is coming out of your garden? God knows! Fruit of saved folks are more saved folks.

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W.C. Handy Songwriter Showcase
— The event will be July 23 at Woodmont Baptist Church, 2002 Darby Drive, Florence. Featuring Jim "Moose" Brown, Anthony Smith, Lisa Silver and Tommy Connors. There will be a silent auction at 6 p.m. Show begins at 7 p.m. Free admission.

Dinner and Allstar Jazz at Old Grace Church Saturday, July 22, 6:30PM - Old Grace Church, 700 N Montgomery Ave, Sheffield. Doors open at 6:30pm. Dinner & entertainment begin at 7pm. Rhoda P's choice of steak or chicken indicated with ticket purchase. Bring your own wine, \$5.00 corking fee. For more info or to purchase tickets in advance, call 256-740-1383 Featuring: Denise Thimes, Robert Redd, Jazz Allstars

Open registration for Community Bible Study, an annual women's interdenominational Bible study, will be on Wednesday, August 2 from 9-11am in the Chapel of Woodmont Baptist Church, 2001 Darby Drive, in Florence. Please join us for an exciting, in-depth study of the books of Ruth, I and II Samuel, and Ephesians. The registration fee is \$35 for adults (scholarships available) and \$10 for children (infants - 12 grade). There is limited capacity in the children's classes. Classes meet on Wednesday from 9:45am-noon beginning on September 6. Participants may also register on-line at <https://florenceal.cbssclass.org>

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Southern Gospel's favorite, The Mark Trammell Quartet, will be at

Cypress Creek Methodist Church on Sunday, July 23 at 10:30am. These guys sing all over the country. Join us for a wonderful time of music and ministry - 801 Lewis Bruce Lane in Florence, off of Cox Creek Pkwy. N

A Community Emergency Preparedness event takes place on Monday, July 24, 6pm at Shoals Elks Lodge, 408 N. Nashville Ave. in Sheffield. This is the first of several monthly community awareness events that the lodge will host. A question and answer session will follow and finger foods will be served. Everyone is invited!

Mike Smallwood - CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) Instructor for Colbert County CERT program - will speak about the CERT program and the free course on emergency preparedness that is offered in Colbert County.

Michael Smith - Colbert County EMA director will speak about weather preparedness: what is needed to be prepared, how to stay aware of impending weather issues.

Carla Allen - Colbert County Homeland Security and RSVP Director - will speak about our RSVP program (Retired Senior Volunteer Program).

The Florence Farmers Market (corner of Chisholm and Fairground Roads) will open on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays in July, August and September and Saturdays in October. Hours of operation are 6am-1pm each day.

There will be 35 sellers of fresh fruit and vegetables, meats, baked goods, eggs, local honey, flowers and plants, and firewood. The market has a safe, atmosphere where children are welcome. There is plenty of parking and accessible rest rooms.

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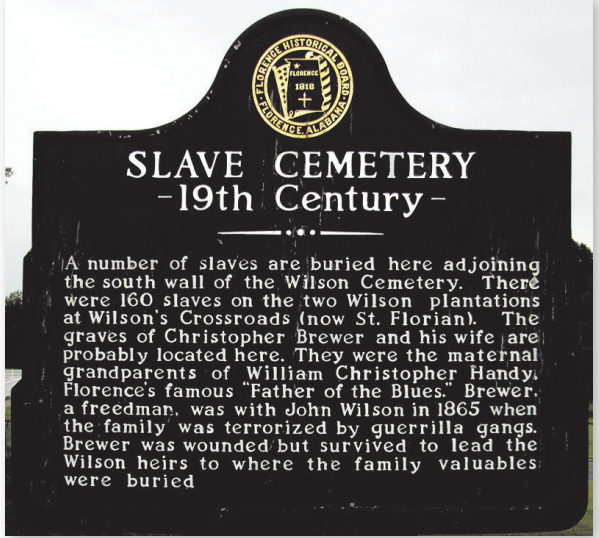
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A number of slaves are buried here adjoining the south wall of the Wilson Cemetery. There were 160 slaves on the two Wilson plantations at Wilson's Crossroads (now St. Florian). The graves of Christopher Brewer and his wife are probably located here. They were the maternal grandparents of William Christopher Handy, Florence's famous "Father of the Blues." Brewer, a freedman, was with John Wilson in 1865 when the family was terrorized by guerrilla gangs. Brewer was wounded but survived to lead the Wilson heirs to where the family valuables were buried

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Last month we presented the Wilson Family Cemetery marker. Outside that family cemetery is the Slave Cemetery which, today's marker tells us, contains the graves of W.C. Handy's maternal grandparents.

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In this article, I want to cover a few tips to help individuals reduce their debt burdens and the stress that inevitably comes along with it.

It is no mystery to anyone reading this that debt is undesirable. While it is sometimes necessary, the truth is that paying interest to an individual or bank that lent you money is essentially throwing money down the drain.

When cash is short and the need is immediate, credit cards are often the go to mechanism. However, credit card debt can pile up quickly – way beyond what was originally spent. When the credit card debt isn't paid at the end of the month, interest is added. If a payment is missed – even by a day – fees are then added to the total. Credit card debt can easily reach amounts where if only the minimum payment is made, it can take decades to pay off.

For that reason, it is important to always remember the need to eat away at your debt. Paying just the minimum payment on a credit card, for example, will have an individual paying easily 5 to 10 times the original balance over the course of repayment. Even paying an additional \$10 per month will add up to a big difference in the long run.

If you calculate it out, it may seem pointless to make such a small payment increase per month, but depending on a credit card's interest rate, balance, and minimum payment, \$10 may be all the principal being paid each month. So, in all reality, paying an extra \$10 is effectively doubling your payment, and halving your repayment time.

It is important to remember that you did not build up the credit card debt overnight and will not be able to repay it overnight either.

As long as you continue to chip away at the debt, your burden will be drastically reduced before you know it, and you will be moving closer and closer to a debt-free life.

If you find yourself over your head with debt and you are having trouble making ends meet, Bankruptcy is an option. But, it is important to note that bankruptcy is not a decision to be taken lightly, and it's important to carefully consider all of your options before making a decision. If you are considering bankruptcy, it's a good idea to speak with a bankruptcy attorney to understand the potential implications for your specific situation.

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