

# W.C. HANDY FESTIVAL SCHEDULE 2026

## as of 06-29-26

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 15

#### HANDY ON THE PLAZA: NATIONAL HOT DOG DAY

5:30-10:30 pm **Mobile Plaza (between Court and Seminary Streets – for GPS: 108 East Mobile St., Florence)**  
Featuring: DJ Pedialyte \* Weston Harris Hill \* Bold Bloom  
Cost: Free! Come have some fun!  
Info: Join us on Mobile Plaza for local bands, wiener dog races, hot dog eating contests, dunking booth, hot dogs, prize raffles, and so much more! Rain or Shine!  
Presented by: Wildwood Tavern \* Lava Room \* Chicago Café \* One Louder

#### HANDY HAPPY HOURS

6:30-9:30 pm **Lil Capone's, 3370 Cloverdale Rd, Florence – Big Al & The Heavyweights**

### THURSDAY, JULY 16

#### HANDY MUSICAL LUNCHES

12-2 pm **Russell Barbeque, 301 North Raleigh Avenue, Sheffield – Elliott Devaughn**

#### DR. WILLIE RUFF WEEKEND

5-7 pm **Sheffield Library, 316 North Montgomery Ave, Sheffield**  
Featuring: Dillon Hodges, Nate Pruitt, & Rick Vandiver  
Cost: Free to enjoy the music.  
Sponsored by: City of Sheffield \* Sheffield Public Library

#### HANDY ON THE PLAZA: THURSDAY PRESENTED BY CHAD'S PAYLESS AND ONE LOUDER

5:30-10:30 pm **Mobile Plaza (between Court and Seminary Streets - for GPS: 108 East Mobile St., Florence)**  
Featuring: JRNL \* Seratones \* Lamont Landers  
Cost: Free! Come join the fun!  
Info: Rain or Shine!  
Presented by: Chad's Payless Pharmacy \* One Louder

#### KARAOKE IDOL 2026 FOR SALVATION ARMY

6-10 pm **FloBama, 311 North Court St, Florence**  
Info: Sign-ups begin at 5 pm. Singing begins at 6 pm.  
38 of the best Shoals Area Singers! Dance offs! Silent Auction!  
Cost: No Charge to attend. Entry fee \$20 for singing contest (limited to 38 contestants)  
Presented by: Salvation Army of the Shoals-Echelon, Music Preservation Society, Inc.

#### HANDY HAPPY HOURS

6-9 pm **The Woods At River Road, 3895 River Rd, Muscle Shoals – Ghost River Revival**  
6:30-9:30 pm **Lil Capone's, 3370 Cloverdale Rd, Florence – Brandon Elder**

#### MARY-VICTORIA VOUTSAS PLAYS GLASS, MUHLY, PÄRT, AND SMITH

7 pm **Rocker Gallery, 319 Raleigh Avenue, Sheffield**  
Cost: Free to enjoy!  
Featuring: Mary-Victoria Voutsas  
Presented by: Shoals Symphony

#### ROCKIN' AT THE ROXY WITH THE GREAT PRETENDERS

7 pm **The Historic Roxy Theatre 200 North Jackson St., Russellville**  
Info: Doors and box office open at 6 pm  
Featuring: Local Talented Performers  
Tix: Available at the Roxy box office on day of show  
Cost: \$10.00  
Sponsors: Franklin County Arts & Humanities Council, Inc.

#### HANDY MUSICAL NIGHTS

7 pm **Champy's World Famous Fried Chicken, 120 Second St., Sheffield – Big Al & The Heavyweights**  
7-10 pm **Rising Crust Pizza, 4136 Florence Boulevard, Florence – Tu Blu Cats**

## FRIDAY, JULY 17

### LUTHER JARMON'S LINE DANCING CLASS – GET EVERYBODY DANCING (Friday)

11 am until **The Michael Community Center, 1001 East 17<sup>th</sup> St, Sheffield**  
Featuring: Classes for all ages taught by Master Instructor Luther Jarmon, Jr.  
Info: Snacks & water provided by Joyous Line Dancers  
Cost: A little sweat and a whole lot of energy, but otherwise free!  
Sponsored by: Instructor Luther Jarmon, Jr. \* Retired NFL Defensive End Mario Addison \* Councilwoman Constance Finch \* City of Sheffield \* Sheffield Utilities \* Sheffield Redevelopment Authority \* Music Preservation Society, Inc.

### HANDY MUSICAL LUNCHES

12-2 pm **Russell Barbeque, 301 North Raleigh Avenue, Sheffield – Kristen Shores**

### HANDY HAPPY HOURS

5-7 pm **Russell Barbeque, 301 North Raleigh Avenue, Sheffield – Jami Grooms**  
5-7 pm **Swampers Bar & Grill, 800 Cox Creek Parkway, Florence – Gracie Harris**  
6-9 pm **The Woods At River Road, 3895 River Rd, Muscle Shoals – Max Russell and Terry Richardson**  
6:30-9:30 pm **FloBama, 311 North Court St, Florence – Kerry Gilbert Band**  
6:30-9:30 pm **Lil Capone's, 3370 Cloverdale Rd, Florence – Jesse Lee**

### HANDY ON THE PLAZA: FRIDAY PRESENTED BY FIRSTBANK AND ONE LOUDER

**Mobile Plaza (between Court and Seminary Sts - for GPS: 108 East Mobile St., Florence)**  
5:30-11 pm Taylor Hollingsworth \* Sunny War \* Cedric Burnside  
Cost: Free! Come join the fun!  
Info: Rain or Shine!  
Presented by: FirstBank \* One Louder

### FIRST METRO BANK: SAX IN THE CITY

#### IN HARMONY WITH NATURE LITTER - FREE EVENT

7 pm **Wilson Park, 215 Tuscaloosa St, Florence**  
Featuring: The Midnighters  
Cost: Free to enjoy! Food Trucks On Site!  
Sponsored by: First Metro Bank \* Florence Parks & Recreation

### HANDY MUSICAL NIGHTS

7 pm **Champy's World Famous Fried Chicken, 120 Second St., Sheffield – The Shags**  
8-11 pm **Rising Crust Pizza, 4136 Florence Boulevard, Florence – Justin Holder**  
8-11 pm **Swampers Bar & Grill, 800 Cox Creek Parkway, Florence – Ryan Lindley & Christian White**  
10 pm until **FloBama, 311 North Court St, Florence – Monkee and the Spank Daddys**

### DR. WILLIE RUFF WEEKEND

6-8 pm **Sheffield Library, 316 North Montgomery Ave, Sheffield**  
Featuring: Tennessee Valley Masters of Jazz  
Cost: Free to enjoy the music.  
Presented by: City of Sheffield \* Sheffield Public Library

## SATURDAY, JULY 18

### DADOO4RUN (5K RUN, 1 MILE WALK & YOUTH RACE)

#### IN HARMONY WITH NATURE LITTER - FREE EVENT

**In front of Harvest Mitchell (formerly Burrell Slater) School Gym, 610 College Street, Florence**

6 am Race Day Registration and packet pickup  
7 am 5K Run  
8 am 1 Mile Run & Walk  
Featuring: Local Talent  
Info: Awards and Door Prizes! Special Handy shirts for participants  
Cost: 5K \$30 \* 1 Mile \$20 \* Or both \$40 until July 16th  
Sponsored by: Florence High School Cross Country Team \* Cross Country Parent Boosters \* TNT \* Holt Mussleman Feltman & Stinnett Attorneys at Law \* Florence Trophy Company \* Race Ready Timing \* Music Preservation Society, Inc.\*  
Something Elegant Florists

### W.C. HANDY FESTIVAL SHOALS CAR AND TRUCK SHOW

#### IN HARMONY WITH NATURE LITTER - FREE EVENT

**McFarland Park, Florence Harbor, 200 James M. Spain Drive, Florence**

8 am-12 pm Registration \$20 per vehicle  
8 am-2 pm Show time

Description: Prizes to be given away, including \$2,000 in cash starting at 10 am. Dash Plaques given to the first 200 registrants!  
Cost: (Pre-registration \$18. Mail to: P.O. Box 3672, Muscle Shoals, AL 35662)  
More Info: Ronnie James 256-381-3536 or Terry Mashburn 256-366-0564 or visit [www.shoalscarandtruckclub.com](http://www.shoalscarandtruckclub.com)  
Sponsored by: Shoals Car & Truck Club

#### **LUTHER JARMON'S LINE DANCING CLASS – GET EVERYBODY DANCING (Saturday)**

11 am until **The Michael Community Center, 1001 East 17<sup>th</sup> St, Sheffield**  
Featuring: Classes for all ages taught by Master Instructor Luther Jarmon, Jr.  
Info: Snacks & water provided by Joyous Line Dancers  
Cost: A little sweat and a whole lot of energy, but otherwise free!  
Sponsored by: Instructor Luther Jarmon, Jr. \* Retired NFL Defensive End Mario Addison \* Councilwoman Constance Finch \* City of Sheffield \* Sheffield Utilities \* Sheffield Redevelopment Authority \* Music Preservation Society, Inc.

#### **DR. WILLIE RUFF WEEKEND AT SOUTHERN GROCERY**

11:30 am **Sheffield Grocery, 1419 East Second St, Sheffield**  
Featuring: Dr. Willie Ruff's brother Nate Pruitt with Ric Vandiver, Libby Counts, Terry Richardson, and Ronnie Eades!  
Cost: Delicious Meals and Drinks available for purchase  
Sponsored by: Southern Grocery

#### **HANDY MUSICAL LUNCHES**

12-2 pm **Russell Barbeque, 301 North Raleigh Avenue, Sheffield – The Pistol and the Queen**

#### **SHALOM, Y'ALL: COUNTRY HEART MEETS CANTORIAL SOUL**

2 pm **Temple B'Nai Israel, 201 East Hawthorne Street, Florence**  
Featuring: Nancy Tunick \* Lisa Silver \* Scott Todd  
Cost: Free to enjoy!  
Presented by: Temple B'Nai Israel

#### **HANDY HAPPY HOURS**

5-7 pm **Russell Barbeque, 301 North Raleigh Avenue, Sheffield – Bay Simpson**  
6-9 pm **The Woods At River Road, 3895 River Rd, Muscle Shoals – Fathers and Sons - Will McFarlane, Kelvin Holly, Mike Dylan, David Mackay, with other special guests**  
6:30-9:30 pm **FloBama, 311 North Court St, Florence – Howell Sledge and the Revue**  
6:30-9:30 pm **Lil Capone's, 3370 Cloverdale Rd, Florence – Josh Allison**

#### **SATURDAY JAZZ AT STEVE GASKIN'S PLACE!**

5-9 pm **Steve's Place, 1211 South Jackson Highway, Sheffield**  
Featuring: Handy Jam with Plaxco and other special Guests  
Sponsored by: Steve Gaskins \* Plaxco Chiropractic \* Music Preservation Society, Inc.

#### **HANDY ON THE PLAZA: SATURDAY PRESENTED BY CARRIAGE WINE MARKET, LOST PIZZA, ALABAMA HEALTH GUIDANCE, & ONE LOUDER**

5:30-11 pm **Mobile Plaza (between Court and Seminary Streets - for GPS: 108 East Mobile St., Florence)**  
Featuring: Sam & The Big Boys \* Parlor Greens \* Funk Brotherhood  
Cost: Free! Come join the fun!  
Info: Rain or Shine!  
Presented by: Carriage Wine Market, Lost Pizza, Alabama Health Guidance \* One Louder

#### **THE SWINGING RIVER JAZZ BAND AND ICE CREAM AT POCKET PARK**

6:30 pm **Pocket Park at Seven Points, 1128 North Wood Avenue, Florence**  
Featuring: The Swinging River Jazz Band  
Cost: Free for everyone so come enjoy some fun live music!  
Sponsored by: Crazy Cone (Muscle Shoals), Jason Lenz, and 7 Points Merchants

#### **MUSIC IN THE PARK WITH REWIND**

**IN HARMONY WITH NATURE LITTER-FREE EVENT**  
7-10 pm **Wilson Park, 215 Tuscaloosa St, Florence, Florence**  
Featuring: Rewind of the Shoals  
Cost: Free to enjoy! Food Trucks On Site!  
Presented by: Rewind of the Shoals

#### **HANDY MUSICAL NIGHTS**

7 pm **Champy's World Famous Fried Chicken, 120 Second St., Muscle Shoals– Billy Lawson & Wishbone**  
8-11 pm **Rising Crust Pizza, 4136 Florence Boulevard, Florence – Tim Cannon**  
8-11 pm **Swampers Bar & Grill, 800 Cox Creek Parkway, Florence – Dave Anderson**  
9 pm-12 mid **On The Rocks, 110 North Court St, Florence – Whiskey Ridge**  
10 pm until **FloBama, 311 North Court St, Florence – Austin Bohannon Band**

## SUNDAY, JULY 19

### HANDY MUSICAL LUNCHES

12-2 pm **Russell Barbeque, 301 North Raleigh Avenue, Sheffield – Haley Wilkinson**

### THE OCEAN BIG BAND

2 pm **First Christian Church, 700 North Wood Ave, Florence**  
Cost: Free! Enjoy the music in the cool indoors!  
Presented by: First Christian Church

### OLD-TYME & BLUEGRASS GOSPEL MUSIC HOUR

3-4 pm **Tuscumbia First Methodist Church, 104 E. Third St, Tuscumbia, AL 35674**  
Featuring: The Lisa Lambert Band  
Cost: Free, rain or shine!  
Presented by: Tuscumbia First Methodist Church

### FREE FAMILY MOVIE “WALL-E” – PRESENTED BY SALVATION ARMY WOMEN’S AUXILIARY

3 pm **Mt. Moriah P.B. Church Family Life Center, 818 Irvine Avenue, Sheffield, AL 35660**  
Featuring: Disney’s “Wall-E”  
Into: Free, rain or shine!  
Presented by: Salvation Army Women’s Auxiliary

### SHOALS CONCERT BAND AT MAGNOLIA CHURCH OF CHRIST

In memory of Brian Parisliti, Trumpet, November, 1959 to March 2026, Shoals Concert Band **MY FAULT COMPLETELY**  
3 pm **Magnolia Church of Christ, 2650 Vulcan Ave, Florence**  
Featuring: Shoals Concert Band  
Cost: Free of charge  
Presented by: Magnolia Church of Christ  
Sponsored by: Little River Pediatrics

### SUNDAY JAZZ AT STEVE GASKIN’S PLACE!

3-9-pm **Steve’s Place, 1211 South Jackson Highway, Sheffield**  
3-5-pm **Rod and Russ**  
5-8 pm: **Nate Pruitt and Rick with the Jazz Allstars Chuck Redd, Robert Redd, Sue Matthews, and more!**  
8-9 pm **Jam with Plaxco!**  
Sponsored by: Steve Gaskins \* Plaxco Chiropractic \* Music Preservation Society, Inc.

### HANDY HAPPY HOURS

6-9 pm **The Woods At River Road, 3895 River Rd, Muscle Shoals – Elle Claytor**  
6:30-9:30 pm **Lil Capone’s, 3370 Cloverdale Rd, Florence – Late Bloomers**

### OFFICIAL HANDY SUNDAY CEREMONY

6:30 pm **Greater St. Paul AME Church, 129 North Cherokee St, Florence**  
Cost: **Free! Please come share praise at the church where WC Handy’s worshipped!**  
Featuring: Pastor LaSagne Smith \* Garner Brothers \* Quad Cities Mass Choir directed by Aaron Freeman \* Pastor Jerry Reeves & the Galilee Mass Choir  
Sponsored by: Music Preservation Society, Inc. \* Keep the Shoals Beautiful

### HANDY MUSICAL NIGHTS

7 pm **Champy’s Fried Chicken, 120 Second St., Sheffield – The Family featuring James LeBlanc & Angela Hacker**  
7-9 pm **Rising Crust Pizza, 4136 Florence Boulevard, Florence – Trey Nichols**  
7:30-10 pm **Swampers Bar & Grill, 800 Cox Creek Parkway, Florence – Henry Jones**

## MONDAY, JULY 20

### JAZZ IT UP WITH YOUR TRASH

**IN HARMONY WITH NATURE LITTER-FREE EVENT**  
10 am **Florence-Lauderdale Public Library, 350 North Wood Ave, Florence**  
Cost: Free – especially for kids!!!  
Special Guest: Grammy Nominated Singer, Songwriter Producer Alvin Garrett  
Description: Bring your own recyclable plastic bottle or can, shoebox, or coffee can to make musical instruments and play with an impromptu band / for ages 3 and older  
Sponsored by: Friends of the Florence-Lauderdale Public Library \* Florence Recycling Center \* Keep the Shoals Beautiful \* Florence-Lauderdale Public Library

### SCOPE LIVE ON HELTON DRIVE

11:30 am-1 pm **Scope 310, 4129 Helton Dr., Florence**

Featuring: The Midnighters  
Cost: Free to attend!  
Sponsored by: Scope 310 Authority

#### **BOOK IT WITH JAZZ**

Noon **Helen Keller Library, 511 N. Main St, Tuscumbia**  
Cost: Free. Call the Library at 256-383-7065 to purchase \$10 boxed lunches.  
Info: Join them in the cool indoors for cool jazz! Free music for all ages.  
Featuring: Jazz Allstars  
Sponsored by: Friends of Helen Keller Library

#### **HANDY MUSICAL LUNCHES**

11 am-1 pm **Rosie's Cantina, 302 North Court St., Florence** – Old School Henry Jones  
11:30 am-2 pm **FloBama, 311 North Court St, Florence** – Max Russell

#### **CHECK OUT THE BLUES**

4-6 pm **Florence-Lauderdale Public Library, 350 North Wood Ave, Florence**  
Featuring: Jazz Allstars  
Cost: Free to enjoy the music. Come early to find books by your favorite author.  
Sponsored by: Friends of the Florence-Lauderdale Public Library

#### **HANDY HAPPY HOURS**

5-7 pm **Swampers Bar & Grill, 800 Cox Creek Parkway, Florence** – Liam Lawson & Carson Glass  
5:30-8 pm **Pie Factory, 3312 Woodward Ave, Muscle Shoals** – Matt Prater and Donnie Carpenter  
6-9 pm **Rosie's Cantina, 302 North Court St., Florence** – Billy Lawson & The Wishbone Band  
6-9 pm **The Woods At River Road, 3895 River Rd, Muscle Shoals** – Kristen Shores  
6:30-9:30 pm **FloBama, 311 North Court St, Florence** – Déjà Vu  
6:30-9:30 pm **Lil Capone's, 3370 Cloverdale Rd, Florence** – Cadillacs

#### **THE SHOALS BIG BAND CONCERT**

6:30 pm **Ritz Theatre, 111 West Third St, Sheffield**  
Featuring: Shoals Big Band  
Cost: Free!  
Sponsored by: Brad Lynch, CPA

#### **JOYFUL SOUNDS**

7 pm **First United Methodist Church Sanctuary, 415 North Seminary St, Florence**  
Featuring: Choirs of FUMC and Guests  
Cost: Free!  
Presented by: First United Methodist Church, Florence

#### **ROCK N' SOUL ON MOBILE PLAZA**

**IN HARMONY WITH NATURE LITTER-FREE EVENT**  
7 pm **Mobile Plaza, Florence (in case of rain, event moved to Gattman Park, Muscle Shoals)**  
Featuring: CC Jags  
Cost: Free!  
Sponsored by: CC Jags \* K&S Tree Service \* Lewis Electric \* Patriot Realty \* Cornerstone Flooring \* Rebecca Hovater, State Farm Insurance Agency \* Cooks Pest Control

#### **HANDY MUSICAL NIGHTS**

7 pm **Champy's Fried Chicken, 120 Second St., Sheffield** – Cosmic Cowboys featuring Mickey Buckins  
7-10 pm **Rising Crust Pizza, 4136 Florence Boulevard, Florence** – Jax Greenhill  
7:30-10 pm **Swampers Bar & Grill, 800 Cox Creek Parkway, Florence** – Max McDonald

## **TUESDAY, JULY 21**

#### **KIDZ JAMM**

10 am **Grace Episcopal Church, 103 Darby Drive, Sheffield, AL**  
Featuring: Shoals Area piano students with bassist Bob Wray and drummer Anthony Ingram and piano students of the Shoals Area Music Teachers Forum  
Sponsored by: Shoals Area Music Teachers Forum \* Music Preservation Society, Inc.

#### **JAZZ IT UP WITH TRASH**

**IN HARMONY WITH NATURE LITTER-FREE EVENT**  
10:30 am **Rogersville Public Library, 74 Bank St, Rogersville**

Cost: Free – especially for kids!!!  
Special Guest: Grammy Nominated Singer-Songwriter-Producer Alvin Garrett  
Description: Bring your own recyclable plastic bottle or can, shoebox, or coffee can to make musical instruments and play with an impromptu band / for ages 3 and older  
Sponsored by: Friends of the Rogersville Public Library \* Keep the Shoals Beautiful

### **HANDY MUSICAL LUNCHES**

11 am-1 pm **Rosie's Cantina, 302 North Court St., Florence** – Swinging River Jazz Quintet  
11:30 am-2:30 pm **FloBama, 311 North Court St, Florence** – Cole Nichols

### **W.C. HANDY MOVIE: ST. LOUIS BLUES**

1 pm **Alabama Music Hall of Fame Lobby, 617 U.S. Hwy 72 West, Tuscumbia**  
Featuring: *St. Louis Blues*, movie starring Nat "King" Cole as W.C. Handy  
Sponsored by: Alabama Music Hall of Fame \* Music Preservation Society, Inc.

### **ABCs OF BLUES AND JAZZ**

1:30 pm **Mount Moriah P.B. Church Family Life Center, 818 Irvine Ave, Florence**  
Featuring: Kimble Funchess \* The Jazz Allstars  
Sponsored by: Dr. Felice J. Green \* Brenda Mayes \* Dinah Phillips \* Teresa McDonald \* Dorothy Buchanan \* Jacqueline Poole \* Dallas Hoskins \* Ryerson & Associates, DMD

### **JAZZ ALLSTARS LISTENING ROOM AT CYPRESS MOON!**

4 pm **Cypress Moon Studios, 1000 Alabama Avenue, Sheffield**  
Featuring: Jazz Allstars  
Info: Tours of the former Muscle Shoals Sound Studio available prior to the show (\$15.00)  
Sponsored by: Music Preservation Society, Inc.

### **ROCKING BLUES**

5-7 pm **Sheffield Library, 316 North Montgomery Ave, Sheffield**  
Featuring: Russell Mefford, Mitch Mann, Scott Todd  
Cost: Free!  
Sponsored by: Friends of the Sheffield Public Library \* City of Sheffield

### **HANDY HAPPY HOURS**

5-7 pm **Swampers Bar & Grill, 800 Cox Creek Parkway, Florence** – The Cadillacs  
**6-8 pm Pie Factory, 3312 Woodward Ave, Muscle Shoals** – **The Dirty Rain Revelers**  
6-8 pm **Pie Factory, 106 North Court St, Florence** – Gracie Harris  
6-9 pm **Rosie's Cantina, 302 North Court St., Florence** – Deja Vu  
6-9 pm **The Woods At River Road, 3895 River Rd, Muscle Shoals** – Caleb Mills  
6:30-9:30 pm **Lil Capone's, 3370 Cloverdale Rd, Florence** – CONR & Taylor Grace

### **EASTER SEALS: A CENTURY OF EMPOWERING PEOPLE**

6 pm **Easterseals Rehab Center of NW Alabama, 1615 Trojan Drive, Muscle Shoals**  
Performing: Mike Curtis Group featuring Ashley Brown, Donny Carpender, and Garrett Miles  
Info: Held in the parking lot with food trucks offering delicious choices!  
Sponsored by: Easterseals Rehab Center of NW Alabama

### **DETERMINED: CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF W.C. HANDY (a stage play written by Dolores Swoopes Nash)**

7 pm **Shoals Theatre, 123 North Seminary St, Florence**  
Featuring: Dr. Rod Shepard, Kimble Funchess, Dr. Eric Kirkman, Howell Sledge, and other local celebrities  
Cost: \$5.00 (Tickets available at Handy HQ)  
Sponsored by: Shoals Theatre \* Rhoda P's Catering \* Music Preservation Society, Inc.

### **MIDNIGHTERS @ THE NEIGHBORHOOD LEMONADE PARTY**

7 pm **Westminster Presbyterian Church, 1520 Rickwood Rd, Florence**  
Featuring: The Midnighters  
Cost: Free of charge  
Sponsored by: Westminster Presbyterian Church

### **HANDY AT ST. FLORIAN PARK**

**IN HARMONY WITH NATURE LITTER-FREE EVENT**  
7-9 pm **St. Florian Amphitheatre, 83 St. Florian Rd, St. Florian**  
Featuring: Pine Hill Haints  
Info: No cost to attend. Everyone is welcome rain or shine!  
Sponsored by: The Town of St. Florian \* Connolly Animal Clinic \* First Southern Bank

### **HANDY MUSICAL NIGHTS**

7 pm **Champy's Fried Chicken, 120 Second St., Sheffield** – Patrick Tetreault & The Pride of North Bank  
7-10 pm **Rising Crust Pizza, 4136 Florence Blvd, Florence** – Max McDonald  
7-10 pm **FloBama, 311 North Court St, Florence** – The Slaw Dogs with Gary Nichols  
7:30-10 pm **Swampers Bar & Grill, 800 Cox Creek Parkway, Florence** – Tim Cannon & Brett Carlisle

## WEDNESDAY, JULY 22

### JAZZ IT UP WITH TRASH AT HELEN KELLER LIBRARY

#### IN HARMONY WITH NATURE LITTER-FREE EVENT

10 am **Helen Keller Public Library, 511 N. Main St, Tuscumbia**  
Cost: Free – especially for kids!!!  
Special Guest: Grammy Nominated Singer-Songwriter-Producer Alvin Garrett  
Description: Bring your own recyclable plastic bottle or can, shoebox, or coffee can to make musical instruments and play with an impromptu band / for ages 3 and older  
Sponsored by: Friends of the Helen Keller Public Library \* Keep the Shoals Beautiful \* Shoals Solid Waste Authority Recycling

### COUNTS BROTHERS PRESENTS DR. CARLOS HANDY, GRANDSON OF W.C. HANDY

10:30 am- **Counts Brothers Music, 713 Waverly Ave, Muscle Shoals**  
Featuring: Dr. Carlos Handy, Moderated by Fletch Brown  
Cost: Free and open to the public!  
Sponsored by: Counts Brothers Music

### HANDY MUSICAL LUNCHES

11 am-1 pm **Rosie's Cantina, 302 North Court St., Florence** – “The Jazz Project” Stevy Reno & The Mackeys  
12-2 pm **Russell Barbeque, 301 North Raleigh Avenue, Sheffield** – Christian Turner

### ALLSTAR JAZZ AT FLOBAMA

11:30 am-2:30 pm **FloBama, 311 North Court St, Florence**  
Featuring: Jazz Allstars featuring Chuck Redd, Robert Redd, Sue Matthews  
Sponsored by: FloBama

### BOOTS, BOWLS, & BOLOGNESE

12pm-1:30pm **Bethel Community Life Center, 910 Bethel Church Road, Leighton**  
Info: Free Spaghetti Luncheon and Line Dancing Class!  
Featuring: Ribbon Cutting by Shoals Chamber Of Commerce/Line Dancing Taught by Samantha Morris  
Sponsored by: Bethel Community Life Center, Town Of Leighton, Samantha Morris, WZZA Radio

### W.C. HANDY MOVIE: *ST. LOUIS BLUES*

1 pm **Alabama Music Hall of Fame Lobby, 617 U.S. Hwy 72 West, Tuscumbia**  
Featuring: *St. Louis Blues*, movie starring Nat “King” Cole as W.C. Handy  
Sponsored by: Alabama Music Hall of Fame \* Music Preservation Society, Inc.

### HANDY HAPPY HOURS

5-7 pm **Swampers Bar & Grill, 800 Cox Creek Parkway, Florence** – Will McFarlane & Janet McFarlane  
6-8 pm **Pie Factory, 106 North Court St, Florence** – Christian Turner  
**6-8 pm** **Pie Factory, 3312 Woodward Ave, Muscle Shoals** – Jaz Greenhill  
6-9 pm **Rosie's Cantina, 302 North Court St., Florence** – Midnighters  
6:30-9:30 pm **FloBama, 311 North Court St, Florence** – The Shoal Nuff Band  
6:30-9:30 pm **Lil Capone's, 3370 Cloverdale Rd, Florence** – Smoothly and the Big Train (John Ezzell and Randy Hartford)

### EVENING AT HANDY'S CHURCH (GREATER ST. PAUL AME CHURCH)

6 pm **Greater St. Paul AME Church, 129 North Cherokee St, Florence**  
Featuring: Miracles of Joy  
Food: Fish sandwiches and chipsshoals available for purchase  
Sponsored by: Greater St. Paul AME Church \* Music Preservation Society, Inc.

### GRACE 2.0 – A NIGHT OF PRAISE

6 pm **Grace Episcopal Church, 103 Darby Drive, Sheffield, AL**  
Featuring: Members of the Shags, Brad Ayers & Eddy Hughes \* Hugh Smith \* Dennis Cole \* Tommy Quinn \* Lane Ennis \* Hunter Ennis \* Kyle Trapp \* Barry Rickard \* Christa Byrd  
Presented by: Grace Episcopal Church

### AMITY DAY AT SUNDOWN ON WEDNESDAY

7 pm **Wilson Park, 215 Tuscaloosa St, Florence**  
Featuring: Jazz Allstars \* Kimble Funchess \* Alvin Garrett  
Sponsored by: Amity Day Friends \* American Association Of University Women \* Baha'is of the Shoals \* First Presbyterian Church, Sheffield \* Unitarian Congregation of the Shoals \* First United Methodist Church, Florence \* WZZA Radio

### HANDY MUSICAL NIGHTS

7 pm **Champy's World Famous Fried Chicken, 120 Second St., Muscle Shoals** – The Matt Prater Band  
7-10 pm **Rising Crust Pizza, 4136 Florence Boulevard, Florence** – The Band Victoria  
7:30-10 pm **Swampers Bar & Grill, 800 Cox Creek Parkway, Florence** – Christian Turner

## THURSDAY, JULY 23

### JAZZ IT UP WITH YOUR TRASH

#### IN HARMONY WITH NATURE LITTER-FREE EVENT

10:30 am **Muscle Shoals Public Library, 1918 Avalon Ave, Muscle Shoals**  
Cost: Free – especially for kids!!!  
Special Guest: Grammy Nominated Singer-Songwriter-Producer Alvin Garrett  
Description: Bring your own recyclable plastic bottle or can, shoebox, or coffee can to make musical instruments and play with an impromptu band / for ages 3 and older  
Sponsored by: Muscle Shoals Library \* Shoals Solid Waste Authority Recycling \* Keep the Shoals Beautiful

### HANDY AT 595

Noon-2 pm **The Burdine Home, Florence**  
Cost: Free!  
Featuring: TBA  
Sponsored by: Robbie Burdine and the Burdine Family

### HANDY MUSICAL LUNCHES

11 am-1 pm **Rosie's Cantina, 302 North Court St., Florence** – “The Jazz Project” Stevy Reno & The Mackeys  
11:30 am-2:30 pm **FloBama, 311 North Court St, Florence** – Angela Hacker and Bay Simpson  
12-2 pm **Russell Barbeque, 301 North Raleigh Avenue, Sheffield** – Christian Turner

### KEESTONE OF FLORENCE

2 pm **Keestone of Florence, 201 N. Cedar St., Florence**  
Cost: Free (Complimentary snacks available)  
Featuring: The Kirkman Combo featuring Dr. Eric Kirkman  
Sponsored by: Keestone of Florence

### W.C. HANDY MOVIE: *ST. LOUIS BLUES*

1 pm **Alabama Music Hall of Fame Lobby, 617 U.S. Hwy 72 West, Tusculmbia**  
Featuring: *St. Louis Blues*, movie starring Nat “King” Cole as W.C. Handy  
Sponsored by: Alabama Music Hall of Fame \* Music Preservation Society, Inc.

### HANDY HAPPY HOURS

5-7 pm **Swampers Bar & Grill, 800 Cox Creek Parkway, Florence** – Bryson Bishop & Chandler Brewer  
6-8 pm **Pie Factory, 3312 Woodward Ave, Muscle Shoals** – Christian Turner  
6-8 pm **Pie Factory, 106 North Court St, Florence** – The Dirty Rain Revelers  
6-9 pm **The Woods At River Road, 3895 River Rd, Muscle Shoals** – The Wildwood Trio  
6-9 pm **Rosie's Cantina, 302 North Court St., Florence** – Fathers & Sons  
6:30-9:30 pm **FloBama, 311 North Court St, Florence** – Three Wheel Drive  
6:30-9:30 pm **Lil Capone's, 3370 Cloverdale Rd, Florence** – Tom Foolery

### CHURCHIN' DOWN THE ST GOSPEL CONCERT DIRECTED BY AARON FREEMAN

6pm **St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church, 220 E. Alabama St, Florence**  
Featuring: Quad Cities Mass Choir, Guest Emcee Pastor Harold Tisdale  
Sponsored by: St. Mark M.B. Church \* A & N Property Maintenance \* Thompson & Son Funeral Home \* Gholston Barbeque \* Emmanuel Christian Center \* Higher Ground Productions \* Revival Center COGIC \* Faith Walk Ministries \* HG Photography

### SALT & PEPPER BLUES SERIES FEATURING JIMMY “DUCK” HOLMES!

6 pm **The University of North Alabama Mane Room, 310 North Pine St, Florence**  
Cost: \$20 at the door. \$10.00 in advance (available at Counts Brother Music in Muscle Shoals or EventBrite)  
Starring: Jimmy “Duck” Holmes, Keeper Of The Bentonia Style Blues  
Guest: Maxwell Russell, Muscle Shoals Blues Artist  
Presented by: Russell Gulley and Salt & Pepper Roots Music

### MUSCLE SHOALS BLOCK PARTY

7-9 pm **1109 Avalon Avenue (gather near Bank Independent), Muscle Shoals**  
Location: Event takes place on Avalon Avenue (between Harding and Gusmus Avenues), Muscle Shoals  
Cost: Free  
Featuring: The Midnighters  
Info: Food Trucks On Site. The M.S. Fire Department will have inflatables for children!  
Sponsored by: Village Drugs \* Options Wellness \* Ryerson Dentistry DDS \* Bank Independent \* ReMax Tri-State Realty \* First Southern Bank \* First Metro Bank \* TVA Community Credit Union \* City of Muscle Shoals Street and Fire Departments

### JETSETTERS WESTSIDE STREET PARTY

7 pm until **Outside 713 West Mobile Street, Florence**  
Info: Bring your lawn chairs and coolers, food vendors on site.  
Cost: Free!

Featuring: Grammy Nominated Singer-Songwriter-Producer Alvin Garrett  
Sponsored by: Jetsetters SpaLon \* Mitchell's Bail Bonding \* WZZA Radio 107.9 FM/1410 AM

### HANDY MUSICAL NIGHTS

7 pm **Champy's World Famous Fried Chicken, 120 Second St., Sheffield** – Coffee Black  
7-10 pm **On The Rocks, 110 North Court St, Florence** – Austin Bohannon  
7-10 pm **Rising Crust Pizza, 4136 Florence Boulevard, Florence** – Roadside Mattress  
7:30-10 pm **Swampers Bar & Grill, 800 Cox Creek Parkway, Florence** – Shaun Ferguson

## FRIDAY, JULY 24

### JAZZ IT UP WITH YOUR TRASH

**IN HARMONY WITH NATURE LITTER-FREE EVENT**  
10 am **Sheffield Public Library, 316 North Montgomery Ave, Sheffield**  
Cost: Free – especially for kids!!!  
Special Guest: Grammy Nominated Singer-Songwriter-Producer Alvin Garrett  
Description: Bring your own recyclable plastic bottle or can, shoebox, or coffee can to make musical instruments and play with an impromptu band / for ages 3 and older  
Sponsored by: Keep the Shoals Beautiful \* City of Sheffield \* Sheffield Utilities \* Sheffield Redevelopment Authority

### HANDY MUSICAL LUNCHESES

11:30-2:30 pm **FloBama, 311 North Court St, Florence** – TBD  
12-2 pm **Russell Barbeque, 301 North Raleigh Avenue, Sheffield** – Tim Cannon

### W.C. HANDY MOVIE: *ST. LOUIS BLUES*

1 pm **Alabama Music Hall of Fame Lobby, 617 U.S. Hwy 72 West, Tuscumbia**  
Featuring: *St. Louis Blues*, movie starring Nat "King" Cole as W.C. Handy  
Sponsored by: Alabama Music Hall of Fame \* Music Preservation Society, Inc.

### IN TUNE WITH THE OUTDOORS

5-7 pm **Alabama Outdoors, 119 North Court St, Florence**  
Featuring: Hope and Dylan Stamps  
Cost: Free to the public!  
Sponsored by: Alabama Outdoors

### HANDY HAPPY HOURS

5-7 pm **Swampers Bar & Grill, 800 Cox Creek Parkway, Florence** – Walker Reeves  
5-7 pm **Russell Barbeque, 301 North Raleigh Avenue, Sheffield** – Taylor Grace  
6-8 pm **Pie Factory, 106 North Court St, Florence** – Jax Greenhill  
6-8 pm **Pie Factory, 3312 Woodward Ave, Muscle Shoals** – Carson White  
6-9 pm **The Woods At River Road, 3895 River Rd, Muscle Shoals** – L.A. Shepherd  
6:30-9:30 pm **FloBama, 311 North Court St, Florence** – TBD  
6:30-9:30 pm **Lil Capone's, 3370 Cloverdale Rd, Florence** – Bay Simpson

### REWIND OF THE SHOALS AT RENAISSANCE SHOALS

**Renaissance Shoals Conference Center, Florence**  
6 pm Doors Open  
7-10 pm Rewind of the Shoals  
Cost: No Charge, Cash Bars Available  
Presented by Bentley Chevrolet \* Big River Broadcasting \* Renaissance Shoals Conference Center

### THE LONG LEWIS AFTER HOURS

6:30 pm **Long Lewis Volkswagen Mitsubishi of Florence, 1602 Florence Boulevard, Florence**  
Featuring: Déjà vu, Anna Colson, Bluewire, Roadside Mattress  
Cost: Free! Bring your lawn chairs. Food Trucks on site  
Sponsored by: Long Lewis Volkswagon & Mitsubishi, Florence

### RIVERSIDE JAMZ AT RIVERFRONT PARK!

**IN HARMONY WITH NATURE LITTER - FREE EVENT**  
6:30 pm until **Riverfront Park, Sheffield** (in case of rain, event postponed)  
Performers Drs. Lawyers & Such \* Kimble Funchess \* Jazz Allstars \* Alvin Garrett \* Sons of the Shoals f/Wayne Chaney \* Pinkie  
Sponsored by: Sheffield Redevelopment Authority

### CABARET!

6:30-11:30 pm **Florence Lauderdale Coliseum, 702 Veterans Drive, Florence**  
Performers: Higher Ground Band of Nashville, TN  
Info: It's a "Grown Folks Party" y'all.  
Cost: \$30 advance / \$35 day of event (Ages 25 and older only) BYOB Setups available.  
Info: For Tickets call: 256-412-0316 or 256-648-6412 or 256-412-6961

Sponsored by: Gwen Woods, Renita Jimmar-Hall, Sue Reeder

#### MR. HANDY'S BLUES

7pm **Shoals Theatre, 123 North Seminary St, Florence**  
Cost: Free  
Info: Food and beverages available for purchase  
Sponsored by: Shoals Theatre, Music Preservation Society, Inc.

#### HANDY MUSICAL NIGHTS

7 pm **Champy's World Famous Fried Chicken, 120 Second St., Muscle Shoals** – Performers: Bee & The Hive:  
Tribute to the Decoys  
8-11 pm **Swampers Bar & Grill, 800 Cox Creek Parkway, Florence** – Dillon Hodges  
8-11 pm **Rising Crust Pizza, 4136 Florence Boulevard, Florence** – Austin Bohannon  
10 pm until **FloBama, 311 North Court St, Florence** – Handshake Promise

## SATURDAY, JULY 25

#### STREET STRUT & PARADE

10 am until **IN HARMONY WITH NATURE LITTER - FREE EVENT**  
**Strut begins at Wilson Park, corner of Tuscaloosa and Seminary Streets, Florence**  
Route: From Corner of Tuscaloosa and Seminary Streets, to Court St., left to College St., left to Seminary St.  
ending at Wilson Park for music and prizes  
Music by: High School Bands and Local DJs  
Cost: Free to participate in the parade, registration requested. Call Grant Gunn at 256-483-9417  
Sponsored by: Music Preservation Society, Inc.

#### HANDY MUSICAL LUNCHES

12-2 pm **Woods At River Road, 3895 River Rd, Muscle Shoals** – Libby Counts, Terry Richardson, and Ronnie Eades  
12-2 pm **Russell Barbeque, 301 North Raleigh Avenue, Sheffield** – Bailey Sloane White

#### MUSIC AT THE MANSION

2 pm **Belle Mont Mansion, 1569 Cook Lane, Tuscumbia**  
Cost: Music is free \* Donations accepted  
Featuring: Kimble Funchess Jazz Band  
Sponsored by: Colbert County Historical Landmarks Foundation \* The Alabama Historical Commission \* Friends of Belle Mont

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#### HANDY HAPPY HOURS

5-7 pm **Russell Barbeque, 301 North Raleigh Avenue, Sheffield** – Elliott Devaughn  
6:30-9:30 pm **Lil Capone's, 3370 Cloverdale Rd, Florence** – Ronda Ray  
6:30-9:30 pm **FloBama, 311 North Court St, Florence** – Rewind of the Shoals

#### SWINGING RIVER JAZZ BAND AT WILSON PARK

6:30 pm **Wilson Park, 215 Tuscaloosa St, Florence**  
Featuring: The Swinging River Jazz Band  
Cost: Free for everyone so come enjoy some fun live music in Wilson Park!  
Sponsored by: The Trapp Group at Morgan Stanley

#### PARTY AT THE PARK (WILLIE GREEN CENTER)

6-9 pm **Willie Green Recreation Center, 609 S. East Street Tuscumbia**  
Featuring: Kimble Funchess Band \* Pinkie  
Info: Bring your lawn chairs \* Food trucks on site  
Presented by: City of Tuscumbia \* Councilman Sidney Nalls \* Ms. Demetra Meade

#### HANDY MUSICAL NIGHTS

7 pm **Champy's World Famous Fried Chicken, 120 Second St., Muscle Shoals** – Big Joe & The Catfish Junkies  
8-11 pm **Rising Crust Pizza, 4136 Florence Boulevard, Florence** – Jacob Feltman  
8-11 pm **Swampers Bar & Grill, 800 Cox Creek Parkway, Florence** – Howell Sledge & Friends  
8-11 pm **On The Rocks, 110 North Court St, Florence** – TBA  
10 pm until **FloBama, 311 North Court St, Florence** – Second Creek

## SUNDAY, JULY 26

## **HANDY MUSICAL LUNCHES**

12-2 pm      **Russell Barbeque, 301 North Raleigh Avenue, Sheffield – Jacee Harlow**

## **SHOALS CONCERT BAND AT YORK BLUFF, SHEFFIELD**

3 pm      **York Bluff Church, 301 Atlanta Avenue, Sheffield**  
Featuring: Shoals Concert Band  
Cost: Free of charge  
Sponsored by: Shoals Plastic Surgery \* Inline Electric Supply

## **HANDY HAPPY HOURS**

5-7 pm      **The Woods At River Road, 3895 River Rd, Muscle Shoals – 26th - Angelo Sandoval**

## **UNENDING PRAISE 5<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY CONCERT**

6 pm      **Grace Episcopal Church, 103 Darby Drive, Sheffield, AL**  
5:30      Doors Open for general seating.  
Cost: Free, so please bring the family and enjoy the praise!  
Featuring: Choirs of Ekklesia Ministries \* Sheffield Methodist \* York Bluff Baptist \* Town Creek United Methodist \* First Presbyterian, Sheffield \* Grace Episcopal  
Presented by: Grace Episcopal Church

## **WOW: THE HITS LIVE**

6 pm      **Shoals Theatre, 123 North Seminary St, Florence**  
Featuring: Musicians of the Colbert-Lauderdale Baptist Association  
Cost: \$5.00 (visit [www.CLBaptist.com](http://www.CLBaptist.com) for ticket information)  
Info: Food and beverages available for purchase  
Presented by: Colbert-Lauderdale Baptist Association

## **HANDY MUSICAL NIGHTS**

7:30-10 pm      **Swampers Bar & Grill, 800 Cox Creek Parkway, Florence – Tosha Hill Band**

## **THE HANDY FESTIVAL CONTINUES!**

### **MONDAY, JULY 20**

#### **HANDY HAPPY HOURS**

5-7 pm      **Swampers Bar & Grill, 800 Cox Creek Parkway, Florence – Andy English**

#### **HANDY MUSICAL NIGHTS**

7:30-10 pm      **Swampers Bar & Grill, 800 Cox Creek Parkway, Florence – Ty Moore & John Brake**

### **SATURDAY, AUGUST 1**

#### **BACK TO SCHOOL BASH**

9 am- 4 pm      **Ryan's Barbershop, 201 South Atlanta Avenue, Sheffield**  
Featuring: Free Haircut Vouchers, Free Books, Free backpacks filled with supplies for Sheffield City School Students!  
Kids: Enjoy A Waterslide and Games for the Whole Family! Kids 6 and under must be accompanied by an adult.  
Parents: Step with Joyous Line Dancers and Enjoy Chair Massages by LaShea's Place  
Cost: Completely free of charge!  
Info: Call 256-349-3628  
Sponsored by: Councilwoman Constance Finch \* City of Sheffield \* Joyous Line Dancers \* Double D. Entertainment

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