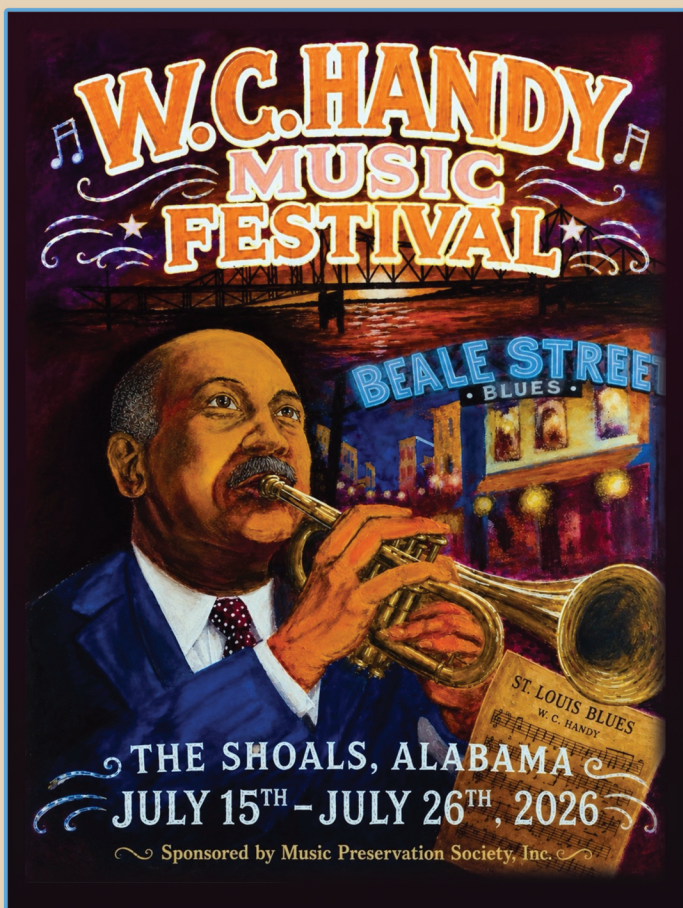


THE MUSIC PRESERVATION SOCIETY, INC
FLORENCE • ALABAMA

presents

THE 45TH ANNUAL

A vibrant, stylized illustration for the W.C. Handy Music Festival. The central figure is a portrait of W.C. Handy, an African American man with a mustache, wearing a blue suit and a red tie, playing a trumpet. The background is a dark, atmospheric scene of a waterfront at night, with a bridge and buildings illuminated. A sign for 'BEALE STREET BLUES' is visible. The text 'W.C. HANDY MUSIC FESTIVAL' is written in large, glowing, orange and yellow letters at the top. Below the portrait, the text 'THE SHOALS, ALABAMA' and 'JULY 15TH - JULY 26TH, 2026' is displayed in white. At the bottom, it says 'Sponsored by Music Preservation Society, Inc.' and includes a small image of a sheet of music titled 'ST. LOUIS BLUES W. C. HANDY'.

OFFICIAL
HANDY SCHEDULE

2026

Handy Festival Information

For the latest information about the 2026 festival, including event flyers, schedule updates and changes, rain locations and to access a PDF version of the schedule, scan this QR code:



(also available on festival posters!)

Visit us online at
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In person at Handy Headquarters
(Kennedy-Douglass Art Center, Southall-Moore
Home, 217 Tuscaloosa St., Florence, AL)
for merch and assistance.

We'll see you at next year's festival!

**Wednesday, July 21 -
Sunday, August 1, 2027**

A Message from the Festival

Welcome to the 45 annual W.C. Handy Music Festival, presented by Music Preservation Society, Inc. (MPS)! MPS was established in August 1982 to “preserve, promote, and present” the music of the Shoals. It has upheld this mission by sponsoring many projects, including:

- Jazz Music Camps at UNA
- The Shoals Blues Challenge (in partnership with Alabama Folklife and UNA) with nationally recognized talent competing
- The Songwriter in the Round Series (in partnership with the Muscle Shoals Music Association)
- Compiling a study for the US Parks Service to establish the Muscle Shoals National Heritage Area
- Partnering with tourism agencies, local businesses, municipal, county and state governments, and other non-profit organizations to enrich the cultural and musical value of the area.

As you can see, while the W.C. Handy Music Festival is the largest and most well-known project, it is not the only way MPS supports the community! Just check out the impact of MPS projects on tourism, increasing visits to our local area and boosting the local economy.

There were celebrations of William Christopher Handy and his music in the area dating back to the early 1970s, but the annual festival was not established until 1982. Since then, the Handy Festival has grown from a weekend festival to a 12-day event with over 200 events and activities for ages 2-200!

Thanks so much to everyone who contributes to creating the magic of the Handy Festival, including the MPS Board of Directors, the Festival team, the event coordinators and hosts, the sponsors, and the musicians and performers. We would also like to recognize the efforts of local city and county departments who work so hard to make the festival enjoyable for all – law enforcement, sanitation, parks and recreation, and many others. The festival wouldn't happen without any of these people, or without the volunteers who offer up their time and attention to make all the events successful.

We truly appreciate everyone who supports and attends official festival events. Because of you, the last weeks of July in Northwest Alabama bring people together through the power of music at the largest and longest-lasting tourism event in the region. Your continued support allows MPS to continue to present the best festival ever! **(Hopefully for at least another 45 years!)**

The Music Preservation Society presents the
**45TH ANNUAL
 W.C. HANDY FESTIVAL**
 Honoring
W.C. HANDY • (1873-1958)
 Composer, Publisher, Musician &
“FATHER OF THE BLUES”



William Christopher Handy

William Christopher (“W.C.”) Handy was born in 1873 in Florence, Alabama. He described his birthplace in his autobiography as, “where the Tennessee River, like a silver snake, winds her way through the red clay hills of Alabama, sits high on these hills my hometown, Florence. Here I came into the world...” Handy held his hometown in high regard, even conveying ownership of his home, a log cabin, and personal items to be displayed in the home, to the City of Florence.



W.C. Handy's Piano

According to the Encyclopedia of Alabama, the W. C. Handy Birthplace Museum and Library in Florence “was established to celebrate the life of the musician and composer. Handy himself donated the seed money to create the museum, which... housed a

large collection of memorabilia, personal items, and objects relating to Handy's career.” This came about when, “in 1954, a new housing development sponsored by the city of Florence threatened the log cabin in which Handy was born. To save it, Handy gave the city the \$29,000 that he was paid for the land on which the cabin stood to be used for future restoration of his childhood home as a museum. The cabin was carefully dismantled and the logs numbered and stored for later reassembly. Handy also bequeathed a large number of his personal possessions to the city to be used in the cabin after a suitable new location was found.

During the late 1960s, a committee was formed to begin work on the museum honoring the "Father of the Blues." The committee was led by Karl Tyree, head of the Florence Housing Authority, and included a group of men from the Florence Junior Chamber of Commerce. A site was selected at 620 West College Street, in the southwest corner of town. Work began early in 1970 on reassembling the log cabin and on constructing a museum next to the cabin to properly house and display the artifacts and tell the story of Handy's life and career. The completed structure was filled with the artifacts that the Handy family sent to Florence from their home in New York, including the upright piano on which Handy composed the "St. Louis Blues," his brass trumpet, furniture, and numerous boxes of his letters, pictures, musical compositions, personal mementos, and datebooks.

"A group of local Florence women formed the Cabin Committee that same year to take on the work of furnishing the restored log cabin. Local citizens donated furnishings and other items that represented the time period during which Handy lived there as a child. The W. C. Handy Museum opened to the public on June 7, 1970. A separate building was added in 1980 to house the Black Heritage Library, which was filled with books donated to or purchased for the museum under the direction of the Cabin Committee. In 2002, an addition was constructed that included a new area for the Black Heritage Library, office space, a kitchen, and restroom as well as a community meeting room.

"Originally the museum and two other historic sites were owned and financed by the City of Florence, and appointed members of the Florence Historical Board had responsibility for the day-to-day operation of the three facilities. On April 6, 1988, operational control of the museum and several other historic properties in the city were transferred under the administration of the newly created position of Director of Arts and Museums. In July 2018, the city transferred ownership of the home and museum to the W.C. Handy Foundation, a non-profit operated by the Handy family." (Information taken from the Encyclopedia of Alabama)

W.C. Handy's musicianship earned him the well-deserved title as the "Father of the Blues" as he traveled around the world to perform for audiences of all types. His compositions have been, and continue to be, performed by countless musicians, featured in film, and played on the radio. He provided opportunities for players to perform, and he advocated for songwriters and publishers until his death in 1958. Since 1982 the Music Preservation Society, Inc. (MPS) and northwest Alabama have celebrated his legacy with the annual festival named in his honor. The MPS Board of Directors continues to extend its appreciation to the family of William Christopher Handy for their years of support of the W.C. Handy Music Festival.

Music Preservation Society, Inc.

2026 Festival Events

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 Pedalyte • 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 & 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 5pm. 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, PART, 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., Muscle Shoals** – 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
17th 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 Streets - 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 WITHNATURE 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., Muscle Shoals** – 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



DADOORUNRUN (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 • Something Elegant Florists

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W.C. HANDY FESTIVAL SHOALS CAR & 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

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 17th 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

Avenue,

Russell Barbeque, 301 North Raleigh 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, Florence, AL 35630**

Featuring: Disney’s “Wall-E”
Cost: 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.

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
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., Muscle Shoals** – 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., Muscle Shoals** – 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, 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.

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. • Sheffield
Redevelopment Authority • City of Sheffield

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 Carpendar, 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 (son of Percy),
Geoffrey "G-Mane" Robinson and more!
Cost: \$5.00 (Tickets available at Handy HQ)
or by contacting Anthony Brooks
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.,
Muscle Shoals** – 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 •
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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 • 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 WITHNATURE 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! Enjoy a chilled atmosphere on the warm afternoon
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, 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** – 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:

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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
Bentonina 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, Muscle Shoals
(gather near Bank Independent)**

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!

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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:

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HANDY MUSICAL NIGHTS

- 7 pm **Champy's World Famous Fried Chicken, 120 Second St., Muscle Shoals** – 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 LUNCHES

- 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, 10 Hightower Place, 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 Blvd., 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 WITHNATURE LITTER - FREE EVENT

- 6:30 pm until **Riverfront Park, 1005 Alabama Avenue, Sheffield**
(in case of rain, event postponed)
- Performers Drs. Lawyers & Such • Kimble Funche • Alvin Garrett • Jazz Allstars • Lorenda "Pinkie" Warren • Sons of the Shoals f/Wayne Chaney

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** – 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
10:30pm until **FloBama, 311 North Court St, Florence** – Handshake Promise

SATURDAY, JULY 25



STREET STRUT & PARADE

IN HARMONY WITH NATURE LITTER - FREE EVENT

10 am until **Strut begins at Wilson Park, corner of Tuscaloosa & 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

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 **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 •
NAACP membership and voter registration •
Free Haircuts!
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 LUNCHESES

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 5th 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 for ticket
information.
Info: Food and beverages available for purchase
Presented by: Colbert-Lauderdale Baptist Association

THE MUSIC PRESERVATION SOCIETY PRESENTS SHEMOKIA COPELAND!

7 pm **Renaissance Shoals Conference Center,
10 Hightower Place, Florence**
Info: Doors open at 6:30 pm
Featuring: Alvin Garrett, Grammy Nominated Singer,
Songwriter, Producer
Also featuring: Mike Farris, Grammy Award winning Singer,
Songwriter, Guitarist
Starring: Shemekia Copeland, American Electric Blues
Singer
Tickets: Free tickets are available at Handy Headquarters,
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HANDY MUSICAL NIGHTS

7:30-10 pm

Swampers Bar & Grill, 800 Cox Creek Parkway, Florence – Tosha Hill Band

2026 HANDY FESTIVAL CONTINUES!

MONDAY, JULY 27



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

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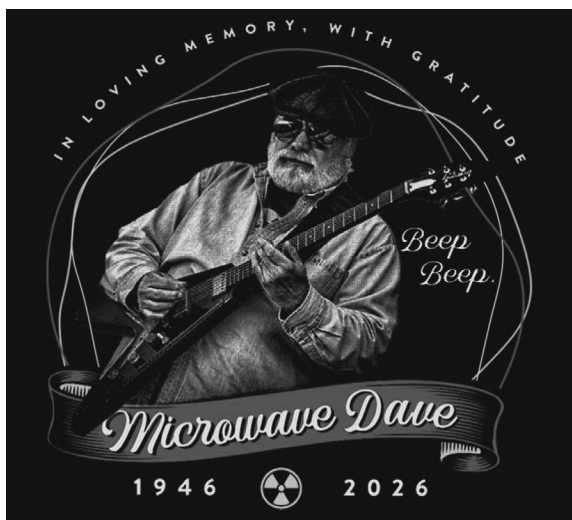
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The Music Preservation Society Inc. has partnered with the Microwave Dave Foundation. We will miss our friend, and know that his spirit will continue to live on in the music and in those he has inspired. Jazz It Up With Trash will not be the same, but will continue. He would have wanted it that way. The following is a statement from the Foundation established in his honor.

For more than 40 years, Microwave Dave Gallaher shared his love of music with communities across North Alabama. He believed everyone should have the opportunity to experience the joy and connection that music can bring. In 2015, a group of Dave's friends formed the Microwave Dave Music Education Foundation to build on his life's work by expanding access to music education through live classroom performances, student scholarships, and other opportunities for young people throughout our community. Microwave Dave passed away in February 2026, but his legacy lives on in every student inspired to pick up an instrument, share a song, or discover a lifelong love of music. If you'd like to help carry Dave's legacy forward, scan the QR code below to support the Microwave Dave Music Education Foundation.



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