

the spotlight

A weekly roundup for shopping and doing business locally!

The Riverside Difference



It is easy to see why Virginia Thornton was voted Miss Congeniality 2025. Her expression is relaxed, she seems pleasant and rested, and her smile is quick and contagious. Virginia has been a resident at Riverside Senior Living for

about a year. When you talk to her, it is obvious she feels cared for and happy. She says her peace of mind comes from “leaving things to a higher power; that you just have to let it go”. Her exercise class at Riverside must help to keep her healthy

because Virginia is 95 years old and seems to be doing great. In addition to exercise, being with your peers, even for 5-minute friend chats, is important for everyone’s well-being. And a friend is always just around the corner at Riverside. Virginia especially

enjoys the Bingo games at Riverside and the camaraderie there - what fun they must have at Bingo! But there is privacy there too when you want it. You have choices at Riverside. Virginia’s apartment at Riverside has a wonderful double-paned window with a river view that she finds calming. There is a photo gallery on the wall framing loved ones. She seems happy here. Vickie Dukes and John Thornton, Virginia’s children, appreciate the easy drive to Riverside and the pleasant atmosphere their mom enjoys. “Peace of mind” is what they think of when they think of Riverside, knowing their mom is safe and well-cared for. Someone checks on the residents every two hours, and when she needs help, it is available to her. June Hall and her son John Johnson, Jr. have owned

Riverside Senior Living for about 20 years. “Senior Living with Amenities” is what they offer. June has lived in Decatur her entire life. Riverside is family owned and operated. It is not a chain, but a family business. There is pride at Riverside, and it shows. Riverside is located just steps from Rhodes Ferry Park and the Tennessee River. June says that residents especially enjoy being at the Park. They can also watch the Tennessee River flow and sparkle in the sun. All the services and amenities except for phone are included in the rent; there are no surprise charges. Riverside Senior Living is a family, not an institution. They would love to talk to you and see if their community would be a good fit for you. Give them a call at 256-350-4545 or check out their website riversideseniorliving.com

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

7am-Carnival Frolic 13.1 & 5K (Founder's Park)
Sponsors: Adams Beverage, DCC Orthopaedics & Sports Medicine, D2 Sports & Redstone Federal Credit Union

11:30-2:30pm-Children's Creation Station
(Free children's Valentine's Day art activities at the ACA Performing Arts Center)

12pm-close-Mardi Grass (Bands at the Brick Deli all day)

12:00pm-Prince & Princess Children's Parade
Parade route: Bank St/2nd Ave/ turning at Grant St to end at 1st Ave
Prince & Princess Coronation after parade at Princess Theatre

2:00pm-Dog Parade & Costume Contest
(Reg.begins at 1pm | ACA Lawn/Parade at 2:00-ACA/2nd/Johnston)

3pm-SING (Free movie at the Princess Theatre)

6pm-Carnegie Carnival Parade
Parade route: Bank St/2nd Ave/ turning at Grant St to end at 1st Ave
Royal Coronation ceremony immediately following the 6pm parade at the Princess Theatre

carnegiecarnival.org

Carnegie Carnival is a fund-raising project benefitting the

CARNEGIE VISUAL ARTS CENTER

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FEBRUARY FEATURES

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Chocolate Covered Cherry Latte or Lattea

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