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Mr. Robert Wilson

"In a time of deceit, telling the truth is a revolutionary act." – George Orwell

Black-Owned Birth Center Coming to Huntsville



bama Birth Center, Huntsville will soon be the site of North Alabama's first freestanding birth center.

This center will be a resource for the community, providing lactation support, childbirth education, family centered prenatal care, and training opportunities for the next generation of providers.

Dr. Robinson is a board certified OBGYN who has provided reproductive healthcare in Alabama for over 14 years. For additional information, visit alabamabirthcenter.com.

In 2020, Dr. Yashica Robinson brought midwifery back into the hospital setting at Crestwood Medical Center after over a decade without Certified Nurse Midwives (CNMs) attending births there.

Now, through the Ala-



Reba's Coming to VBC!

Country music icon Reba McEntire will play the Propst Arena at the Von Braun Center on Friday, January 14, at 8 p.m. Caylee Hambrick will open for McEntire in the Rocket City.

Tickets for McEntire's show range from \$45.50 to \$221, plus other service charges.

City: Facebook Expansion Will 'Benefit North Huntsville'

Ironically, as outer North Huntsville citizens (lower Carters Gin Road and beyond) have struggled with a quality of life gap called 'poor Internet service' for decades, city officials say a planned expansion by Facebook "will bring about infrastructure improvements for North Huntsville and generate revenue for Huntsville City Schools" (huntsvilleal.gov).

According to the city's media center, a new agreement will allow Facebook (Meta) to boost its presence in North Huntsville

Industrial Park with a 250-acre, second campus expansion.

To aid the project, the City has agreed to improve Monroe and Liberty Hill roads and install a traffic signal on Pulaski Pike. The Liberty Hill improvements are complete, and design work on Monroe Road is nearly complete, according to Huntsvilleal.gov

So far, the firm has invested \$3 billion in its local operations and has hired 75 employees, with more hiring underway. In October, Meta's first tax assessment is scheduled to

impact the school system. When the second campus is complete, it will generate an extra \$8-10 million for local schools, according to Shane Davis, director of urban and economic development for the City of Huntsville.

Meta is also a founding donor of the Community Foundation of Greater Huntsville Racial Equity Fund, which assists the the community in addressing racism and inequity through gaps affecting quality of life.

- J. Saintjones

Wims Begins Term as AAMU's 12th President

On January 1, 2022, Dr. Daniel K. Wims officially became the 12th President of historic Alabama A&M University.

Wims formerly served as Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs and Research at AAMU and in a similar role at his alma mater, Fort Valley State University (Ga.).

He also filled administrative posts at South

Carolina State University, Florida A&M University, Alcorn State University and Southern University.

After earning the B.S. degree in agronomy, Wims earned the M.S. degree in agricultural extension education from The Ohio State University.

The administrator later received the Ph.D. degree from the University of Maryland - College Park.

He is a graduate of Harvard University's Management and Leadership in Education Program, as well as other leadership programs.

His administration will focus on enhancements to academics, infrastructure, research (achieving Research II status), and technology, as well as boosting enrollment.



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Washington in One Minute



Here are the happenings in Washington, D.C., this week:

1. **SNOW DAY.** The federal government was closed Monday due to the region's first winter storm of the season, which was expected to drop up to 10 inches of snow in the nation's capital.

2. **ON THE FLOOR.** The Senate came back into session to start the 2nd Session of the 117th Congress, while the House does not reconvene until next week. Members of the House returned to DC this week to join Senators for official events on Thursday (Jan. 6) to commemorate the 1-year anniversary of the attack on the U.S. Capitol. Events began at 12 noon and included a moment of silence, a moderated conversation with Librarian of Congress Dr. Carla Hayden and historians Doris Kearns Goodwin and Jon Meacham, testimonials from Members of Congress, and a prayer vigil on the steps of the U.S. Capitol.

A memorial service for former Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-NV), who succumbed on Dec. 28 at age 82 from pancreatic cancer, will be

held this Saturday (Jan. 8) in Las Vegas, NV and will feature a eulogy by former President Obama. Senator Reid's body will lie in state in the U.S. Capitol Rotunda on Jan. 12.

3. **THE WHITE HOUSE.** President Biden returned to the White House Monday from his home in Wilmington, DE, and met with a group of farmers and ranchers to discuss boosting competition and reducing prices in the meat-processing industry. On Tuesday, he attended a COVID briefing by senior officials and on Thursday he participated in events at the Capitol for the Jan. 6 anniversary. On Friday, he addressed the December jobs report.

Last Friday, President Biden approved a major disaster declaration for Boulder County, CO, after high winds and wildfires swept through the area on Dec. 30. President Biden spoke by telephone with Russian President Putin last Thursday and with Ukrainian President Zelensky on Sunday in advance of U.S.-Russia talks that will be held in Geneva, Switzerland, on Jan. 10 on the Russian troop mobilization on

the Ukraine border. Reportedly, U.S. Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin last week ordered the carrier USS Harry Truman and its strike group to stay in the Mediterranean and delay its scheduled sailing to the Middle East.

4. **COVID VACCINE MANDATES.** Senate Republicans have introduced a formal resolution of disapproval to nullify President Biden's vaccine mandate for health care workers. The resolution, led by GOP Sens. Marsha Blackburn (R-TN) and Roger Marshall (R-KS), comes after Senate Republicans last month successfully forced a vote to strike the Administration's vaccine-or-test mandate for employers with 100 or more workers, which passed by a 52-48 vote with Democratic Sens. Jon Tester (D-MT) and Joe Manchin (D-WV) voting with Republicans (although the future of these resolutions is doubtful in the House and would certainly earn a veto by the President).

On Friday (Jan. 7), the Supreme Court will hold oral arguments to consider challenges to both vaccine mandates. The workplace mandate is currently in effect nationwide after the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 6th Circuit reinstated the mandate 3 weeks ago, while the healthcare worker mandate is blocked in half of the states.

5. **JANUARY 6 PROSECUTION TALLY.** Last week, The Washington Post reported that federal prosecutors have to date charged 725 persons with crimes in connection with the January 6, 2021, insurrection at

the U.S. Capitol. Of those arrested, 165 have pleaded guilty to federal crimes from misdemeanors to felony obstruction. NBC News reported today that the FBI is seeking to charge an additional 350 persons.

6. **BUILD BACK BETTER OUTLOOK.** The next few months are make or break for Build Back Better, President Biden's sweeping social policy agenda. Democrats will likely have to settle for a smaller version than they originally hoped if they want to gain the support of Senator Joe Manchin (D-WV). If their efforts fall short, Wall Street forecasters believe economic growth

will be somewhat slower than previously expected this year as the expiration of the expanded child tax credit reduces consumer spending. The much bigger impact of the legislation will be realized over the next decade as a result of the government's boosted spending on child care education green energy investments and ramped up tax collection.

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(Track 2)

Sunday, January 9, 2022

Isaiah 43:1-7

Acts 8:14-17

Luke 3:13-17, 21-22

Psalm 29




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VALLEY DEATHS



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Funeral service for MR. JAMES O. BEARDEN (b. 1931); MR. WILLIE J. EVANS, JR. (b. 1993); and MS. ANNIE M. HILL (b. 1933) will be announced at a later date.

Funeral service for MRS. SARAH JONES JAMAR (b. 1941) was held Monday, January 3, at Morris Chapel Primitive Baptist Church with Pastor Derrick Langford officiating.

Funeral service for MS. BARBARA A. STEVENSON (b. 1954) was held Sunday, January 2, 2022, at Nelms Memorial Funeral Home Chapel.

Funeral service for MR. WILLIE ROBINSON (b. 1951) was held Monday, January 3, at the Nelms Memorial Funeral Home Chapel with Elder Dr. Maurice Childress as officiant.

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4315 Oakwood Avenue - Huntsville, AL 35810 - (256) 534-8481

Funeral service for MS. ROBERTE DELPHONSE (b. 1963); MR. GEORGE NANCE (b. 1949); MS. YVONNE JEFFERSON SHOULDERS (b. 1951); MR. CLARENCE WEST (b. 1954); MR. AARON B. BELL (b. 1971); and MR. ERIC D. WALLACE (b. 1971) will be announced at a later date.

Funeral service for MRS. MABEL V. HOYTE (b. 1928) was held Thursday, December 30, at the Oakwood Seventh-Day Adventist Church (5500 Adventist Boulevard Huntsville, AL 35806) with Pastor Paul Goodridge officiating.

Graveside service for MRS. MILISSA COTHRON (b. 1970) was held Monday, December 27, at the Meadowlawn Garden of Peace (450 Mount Lebanon Road Toney, AL 35773) with Reverend Timothy Smith officiating.

SERENITY FUNERAL HOME

2505 University Drive NW - Huntsville, AL 35816 - (256) 539-9693

Funeral service for MS. NICOLE MARIA WINSTON (b. 1982) was held Friday, December 17, at Serenity Funeral Home, 2505 University Drive NW, Huntsville, Ala.

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VALLEY EVENTS

HAPPENINGS, ACTIVITIES & MORE!

January 6

Comedian Josh Pray
TikTok, YouTube
Stand Up Live
Huntsville, Ala.
7 p.m.

January 14

Huntsville's 5th MLK "Chicago Steppin" Weekend
Omega Center
181 Import Circle
Huntsville, Ala.

Concert

Reba McEntire
Propst Arena
Von Braun Center
Huntsville, Ala. - 8 p.m.

January 15

Martin Luther King, Jr.
Birthday

Wale

Mars Music Hall
Von Braun Center
9 p.m.

January 18

Boat Show Huntsville 2022
Von Braun Center
700 Monroe Street
Huntsville, Ala.

January 21

Rocket Awards
U.S. Space and Rocket
Center
1 Tranquility Base
Huntsville, Ala. - 5-8 p.m.

January 30

Harlem Globetrotters
Von Braun Center
Huntsville, Ala.
3 p.m.

February 27

"Celtic Woman - Postcards
from Ireland"
Mark C. Smith Concert
Hall

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CHAMPION GAME PLAN

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LIFE IS A JOURNEY

Matthew 7:13 says, "Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life and only a few find it."

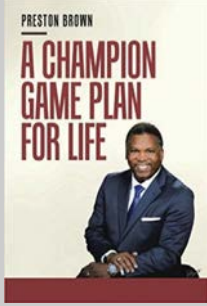
You know, we are all on a journey as we walk on this road called life. But the question is this, are we headed in the right direction? Now when we look at our scripture, Jesus gives us instruction on how we can make sure that we are indeed headed in the right direction. But like so many

things in life, it all begins with a choice.

Our Christian journey in life begins when we accept Jesus as our lord and savior, because our journey has a destination called heaven. Now keep in mind our journey is not going to be perfect. There will be hills to climb, hardships to endure and trials to overcome. But as long as we keep our eyes on the prize, which is a city called heaven, that gives


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A CHAMPION GAME PLAN FOR LIFE



us a "divine purpose."

That's why I believe that God knows all about our journey and He



knows that we fall down sometimes. But that is why He sent His one and only son Jesus to give us direction on our journey.

In John 8:12, Jesus says, "I am the light of the world, whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

You see, life is a journey and the more we walk in His ways, the more we become like Him.

Stay encouraged, my brothers and sisters, and make sure you purchase a copy of my book, A CHAMPION GAME PLAN FOR LIFE, at amazon.com or prestonbrownministries.com.



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THE FAMILY**

Many families have rules to help guide the behavior of its members. Rules enable a household to function in an orderly manner and help keep everyone safe.

Household rules should be rules that everyone in the home is expected to follow.

Following are some rules to enforce or establish for the new year:

- 1) Treat every one and all property with respect.
- 2) Choose honesty and trustworthiness. Always tell the truth.
- 3) Be responsible, dependable and accountable for your actions.
- 4) Show gratitude. Say "please" and "thank you."
- 5) Eat at least one meal together daily.

6) Participate in at least one family activity weekly.

7) Knock on closed doors before entering.

8) No electronics during meals.

9) Pick up after yourself.

10) Refrain from starting arguments and being disrespectful.

11) No yelling in the house.

12) Avoid complaining, find ways to encourage others.

13) Clean and put dishes and utensils away after eating.

14) Make amends when you hurt someone.



Dr. Margaret J. Kelly

15) Seek ways to be helpful and kind.

~Think About It~

All family members should be involved in establishing household rules. Since change is inevitable, rules may have to be modified as a family matures and goes through different stages.

Sources:

Dr. Robin's Blog
familyeducation.com

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- Aristotle



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*"He who fears he
will suffer, already suffers
because he fears."*

— Michel De Montaigne

*"Let yourself be
silently drawn by the
strange pull of
what you really love.
It will not
lead you astray."*

— Rumi



Making New Day's Resolutions, Not "New Year's (Part 2 of 2)

Last week's Part 1 installment showed us that greater success will come from focussing on our daily improvements instead of 365-day resolutions, which often fail.

Let me share with you my 10-step process for focussing on daily improvements, again from the Lord's Prayer, Matthew 6:9-13.

When Jesus' disciples asked him, "Lord, teach us to pray," they were asking for keys to a successful life. He offered, "Give us THIS DAY our DAILY bread" (my emphases added), counseling them to focus more on immediate daily gains (bread) as opposed to wishing for more distant successes.

Let me suggest my "tim commandments" approach:

1. *Target the Problem* - Often our December 31 resolutions overcommit us when we should not bite off more than we can chew
2. *Own the Problem* - leadership consultant-trainer Franklin Covey: "40 percent of us blame our busy schedules for our lack of follow-through." Become more aware of what you can reasonably accomplish in a given amount of time;
3. *Proceed to* - now take action, which might require a change of lanes . . .
4. Since our 365-day dreams didn't work, let's now try one day at a time. Change your Lanes effectively by *Glancing Back Quickly before Driving Forward*.
5. *Uncover more Buried Treasures* the Deeper you Plunge below your Surface. British author-journalist Oliver Burkeman recommends that 18-245 days are needed to change habits, vs. the oft-recommended 21 days - but understand you still need to get there one day at a time!
6. *Listen aggressively* before Speaking. Develop a "New Day's Resolution support system" for motivation, accountability, and listening for shared goals, challenges;
7. *Let's Grow Up*, to become Children Again! Pray for childlike humility, curiosity, and transparency;
8. *Let your Failures jump-start your Successes*. Allow 2021's lemons to become 2022's lemonade!
9. Your Greatest Healings come out of your *Revealings*. Share your previous New Year's Resolution failings with family, friends and together, lift up each other; and
10. Now that you Know... *Go, Elevate and Grow!* Write and share your trials-turned-triumphs with others - a win-win growth!

Join me today and together, let's take this first 2022 "New Day's Resolution" step.

- tim allston

Michigan Plans to Reopen HBCU in Detroit

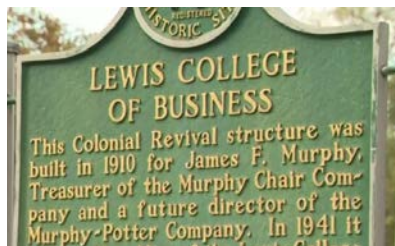
The dream of a former staffer and instructor at Selma University will have her dream come alive again, thanks to the State of Michigan.

Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer signed House Bill 5447 and 5448 to facilitate the reopening of the Lewis College of Business as the Pensole Lewis College of Business and Design in Detroit as Michigan's first and only Historically Black College or University (HBCU).

"I am proud to play a part in helping reopen the Pensole Lewis College of Business and Design in Detroit," said Governor Whitmer. "I am committed to expanding educational opportunities for Michiganders across our state to put Michigan first."

"Thank you to Governor Whitmer and all of our partners for helping the grandchildren of Violet T. Lewis, Pensole and College for Creative Studies establish an HBCU in the state of Michigan," said Dr. D'Wayne Edwards, founder of the Pensole Design Academy in Oregon and future president of the Pensole Lewis College of Business and Design. "Our goal is to celebrate Violet T. Lewis' life's work she established in

the city of Detroit in 1939. Today moves us forward to another major step in continuing her legacy with the support of our supporting partners College for Creative Studies, Target, and The Gilbert Family Foundation."



"Michigan's first historically Black college shut its doors eight years ago. Next year, those doors will reopen," said Rep. Joe Tate, D - Detroit. "I was proud to work with colleagues on both sides of the aisle and the governor to have an HBCU back in the city of Detroit. I look forward to seeing the Pensole Lewis College of Business and Design create valuable opportunities for its students and businesses across Michigan and Detroit."

"Thanks to Gov. Whitmer and bi-partisan legislative support, Detroit now has the first HBCU anywhere to reopen," said Mayor Mike Duggan. "As a predominantly Black city, this helps send a clear message that

we are building one city, for everyone with opportunity for everyone."

"Partnering with D'Wayne Edwards to create a tuition-free academy by reactivating a Historically Black College or University is a tremendous opportunity for Detroit and the Black community on so many levels," said Sen. Marshall Bullock (D-Detroit), chair of the Michigan Legislative Black Caucus.

"Today Governor Whitmer made history when she signed this legislation into law to rebuild the Lewis College of Business," said Katrenia L. Camp, President of the Detroit Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

The Lewis College of Business operated in Detroit from 1939 until 2013. The college originally received its HBCU designation in 1987, and the reopening school is requesting HBCU recognition from the state. Pensole Lewis College of Business and Design is expected to open in 2022, on the campus of the College for Creative Studies in Detroit. The Pensole Lewis College of Business and Design will be supported with philanthropic contributions from Target and the Gilbert Family Foundation.

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This Is a Home Game

Revelation 19:1-8

Sports events are very popular in our culture. One phrase that we hear quite often, especially during playoff time, is the matter of which team has “home field (court) advantage.” *Home games* provide something for the home team that they do not have when they play “on the road.” One of the most obvious tell-tale signs of which team is at home is



the decibel level of the crowd when their team scores, wins, or has successful time scoring. The *home game* crowd is more times than not much louder than the visiting crowd. Three characteristics of a home crowd is that they are loud, loving, and listening to the charge and chants of the cheerleaders. Even if one were to close their eyes while watching a game, they would be able to tell when the home team did well just by listening to the response of the crowd.

The scene in Revelation 19 opens with “a loud voice of a great multitude in heaven.” The celebratory atmosphere noted by John is one that lets us know that this is a



home game because all the saints of God will be “home” when this prophecy is fulfilled and will be celebrating the *ruin* of the

enemy, the *reign* of God, and the *rejoicing* Bride (the church). Many songs have been written about this time; one being *When*

we all get to heaven, what a day of rejoicing that will be... Why? It's a home game.

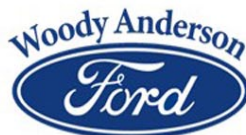


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JANUARY 7 - ZORA NEALE HURSTON - Born in Notasulga, Ala., near Tuskegee, Zora Neale Hurston was an American author (*Their Eyes Were Watching God*), anthropologist, and filmmaker. She portrayed racial struggles in the early-1900s American South and published research on hoodoo.

- BlackCelebrityBirthdays.com





Rosetta James Foundation "Spotlight on Our Elders" ... Featuring

Mr. Robert Wilson

Robert Wilson was born January 23, 1939, in Gastonia, N.C. He received his education at Pleasant Ridge Elementary School and Highland High School. In 1954, he earned the Boy Scouts of America Eagle Rank, and in 1956 he was mayor of student government. Wilson went on to receive a Bachelor of Science degree (1960) in mechanical engineering from North Carolina A&T State University in Greensboro, N.C. He continued his studies in professional management at Florida Institute of Technology (1975-77).

His work assignments in engineering and management were in the states of New Jersey, Illinois, Iowa, Kentucky and Alabama. His winning management style led to numerous honorary and other awards. In 1968, Wilson became a movie star for his role in movie titled "Maintainability of Nuclear Warhead Sections," which won an award in an industrial competition. Wilson retired in 1994.

Wilson was raised a Christian at Pleasant Ridge AME Zion Church. As a teenager, he was appointed Assistant Superintendent, Sunday School, and President, Men's Organization.

He became a Presbyterian in 1963, was ordained an elder in 1964 and was ordained a deacon in 1972. As an inactive elder at Fellowship Presbyterian Church in

Huntsville, Ala., he chaired the Christian Education Committee; served as past president of the Presbyterian Men; assisted the staff of the Fellowship After-School Study and Tutorial (FASST) Program; and worked as a member of the Rev. Dr. John Herndon's Moderator Candidacy Team.

Additionally, Wilson volunteered his time and talent as Secretary/Treasurer, Vice President and President of North Alabama Presbytery, Presbytery Men, where he earned the "Church Man of the Year Award." Wilson was the Logistics Committee Chair for the National Council of Presbyterian Men (NCPM) Assembly in Louisville, Ky., in 1991, where 2,000 men from the United States and South Korea participated. He also volunteered his time and talent as President of NCPM in 2001-2003. At Fellowship, Wilson claimed the infrequently bestowed distinction of "Honorary Presbyterian Woman."

Wilson was confirmed as Vice Moderator of the 217th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA) in June 2006 and served for two years with the Rev. Joan Gray of the Greater Atlanta

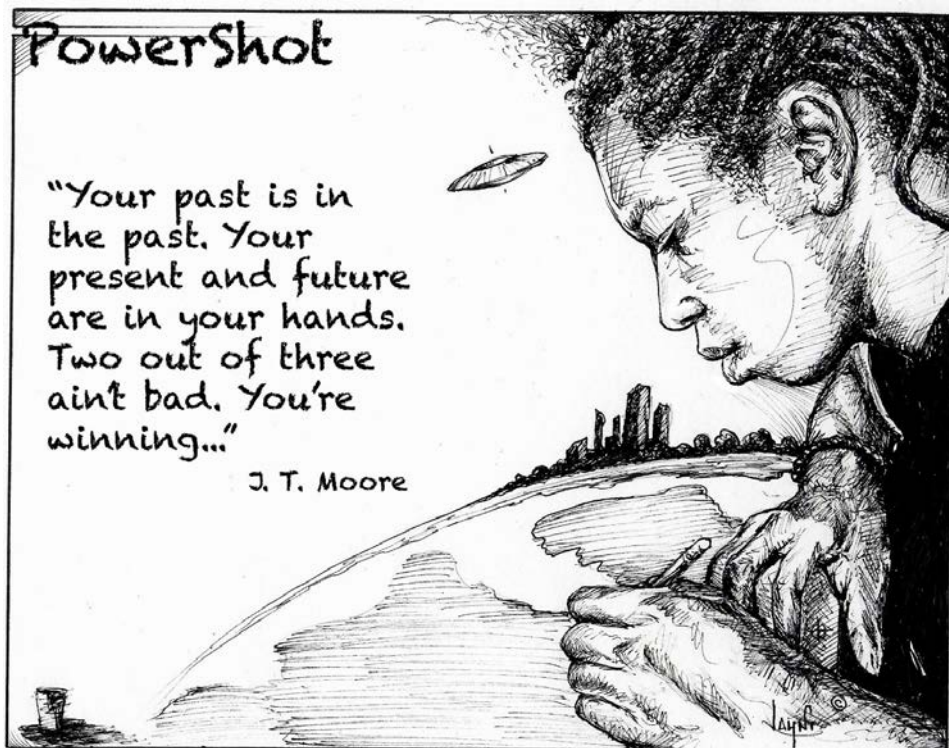


Presbytery.

The Huntsville community continues to benefit from Wilson's generosity of time and talents. Wilson was active in the community with the Boy Scouts of America; the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at UAHuntsville; and AARP's Driver Safety Program.

He was inducted into the Alabama Senior Citizens Hall of Fame as an Honorary Member in 2004. Wilson counted among his diverse interests traveling, reading, tennis, golf and spoiling his grandchildren.

He married Dr. Patricia Isles Wilson, retired professor of Alabama A&M University. They have one son and four grandchildren. The Wilsons resided in Madison, Ala.



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Is an Electric Vehicle a Part of Your 2022?



(BPT) - Do you want to be more budget-conscious? Perhaps you're looking for new ways to eliminate emissions from your car's tailpipe? Goals related to finances and the environment are popular resolutions for Americans year after year. While there are many ways to accomplish these two goals separately, switching to an electric vehicle (EV) might be a simple way to help you accomplish both.

An electric vehicle can help save you money through lower maintenance and fueling costs while reducing your amount of tailpipe emissions. Here's more about how driving electric can get you closer to keeping these two important resolutions:

EVs save money

EVs typically mean lower maintenance and fuel costs. According to Energy.gov, light-duty battery electric vehicles are generally cheaper to maintain than traditional gas-powered vehicles. Plus, the National Renewable Energy Laboratory estimates EV drivers can save up to \$10,500 in fuel costs over a 15-year time span compared to a gas vehicle.

Electric cars also help you save through a more efficient drivetrain. EV batteries can last for 12-15 years in moderate climates, and an electric car's drive system doesn't lose as much energy as a traditional gas car's engine. This means an EV can save you more money, long term.

When you factor in the improved energy efficiency and reduced maintenance costs (such as a lack of oil changes), driving electric can save you thousands during the life of the vehicle (average vehicle lifespan is 12 years). According to Consumer Reports, those savings may range between \$6,000-\$10,000.

If you're looking to purchase an EV, you might be able to save even more through federal tax credits of up to \$7,500. Some state and local governments may offer additional incentives too.

EVs support a sustainable lifestyle

If you're looking for simple ways to live a less carbon-intensive lifestyle, driving an EV is a great choice as they typically emit lower levels of greenhouse gases than the average new gasoline car.

Just how much fewer emissions do EVs generate? According to the U.S. Department of Energy,

EVs produce an average of 3,700 pounds of CO2 equivalent emissions per year, compared to more than 11,400 pounds of average CO2 equivalent emissions from gasoline-powered vehicles. That's a lot of CO2 that won't end up in the air if you're driving electric.

EVs come with benefit of flexible charging

Once you make the decision to switch to an EV, you'll have the benefit of flexible charging options to keep your car up and running.

According to the National Renewable Energy Laboratory, more than 80% of EV charging is done at home, and residential charging equipment can most likely be installed in your garage. Beyond the home, public EV charging station options are also growing rapidly, with strong support from policymakers, businesses and consumers.

Electrify America, the nation's largest public

network of ultra-fast EV charging stations, offers charging options along highway routes and in metro areas, and in many places you visit regularly: alongside restaurants, by grocery stores, at major retailers and shopping malls, close to convenience stores

and gas stations - even near financial services like banks.

To help drivers feel confident taking their electric vehicles on longer trips, Electrify America offers multiple cross-country routes and several north-

to-south routes, and many other interstate options along the coasts and Middle America. And the station growth continues: by 2026, the company plans to have more than 1,800 fast-charging stations and 10,000 individual chargers installed in the U.S. and Canada.

Whether you're looking to save money or eliminate your tailpipe emissions - or both - in the next year, an EV is a great option for sticking to those resolutions. As more EVs come to market - and support for electric cars and the stations that charge them continues to grow - you can feel good knowing you're ahead of the curve by making the switch to electric now.

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