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Mr. Eugene "Dick" Scruggs

"The unexamined life is not worth living." - Socrates



**TUSKEGEE GETS \$6.7M FOR FLIGHT SCHOOL:** Tuskegee University will introduce its new flight school degree program in fall 2024 thanks to \$6.7 million in federal funding sponsored by Senator Britt. The flight school and degree program, which is pending approval from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges, will introduce aviation to a new generation, who have only heard about the legendary aviators through history of the Tuskegee Airmen. Students will earn flight hours on Moton Field, where the Tuskegee Airmen flew, and in campus classrooms. INSET: Alabama Senator Katie Britt receives memorabilia from Dr. Charlotte P. Morris, president of Tuskegee University.

## Exhale Huntsville Holds 'Great Release'

Queens are invited to Exhale Huntsville's annual Great Release Ceremony on Saturday, April 13, at Brahan Spring Park, at 2 p.m.

"It's Time To Let Go, Reflect, Refocus & Re-energize Our Body, Mind and Soul!" The core of a releasing ceremony is to set intention. You don't have to

know the cause but you do want to have the intention, so come ready to release what no longer serves you.

The Ceremony will be held in the

park next to the pavilion and the pond. The Power Divas will provide any release ceremony items (i.e. balloons, tissue, wish paper, etc.). Bring a friend.

## HU Schedules Business Matchmaker Event

Huntsville Utilities will host a unique event matching large companies with local minority, women, veteran-owned, and small businesses in north Alabama looking to expand their opportunities. The 3rd Huntsville Utilities Business Matchmaker Event will take place at the

Von Braun Center on May 15.

Large companies will meet small business owners, learn about their products and services, and diversify their supplier bases. Small business owners will learn how to supply their goods/services to larger companies, their procurement pro-

cesses, and receive vendor applications and other pertinent information.

Companies who want to be part of this opportunity to create jobs, relationships, savings, and community growth, should fill out the form on the website to receive additional information and reserve their

spot. The event is free to both small, minority, woman, and veteran-owned businesses and corporate partners, who will receive a 10x10 booth space with a table and two chairs at no cost.

For additional information, visit [hsvutil.org](http://hsvutil.org).

## Black Men Urged to Take Weight Seriously

Being overweight doesn't bother a lot of Black males. Compared to cancer or heart disease, it is hardly a life-threatening illness for them. However, that is incorrect. Researchers have identified 195 illnesses that are impacted by being overweight, according to Dr. Chika Anekwe of Massachusetts General Hospital's obesity medicine program. Over half of Black women are overweight, but over a third of Black males are as well, at 36.9 percent. Exercise really matters. Visit [blackdoctor.org](http://blackdoctor.org) for more information.

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## Library Sponsoring 'Music Over Downtown'

Join the staff of the Downtown Huntsville Public Library for a free concert in its third floor event space on Sunday, April 21, at 3 p.m. Since April

is Jazz Appreciation Month, the Rocket City Jazz Orchestra is joining HPL to celebrate! This eclectic repertoire ensures performances that appeal

to audiences of all ages. The band, originally known as The Band in Demand, or simply TBD, was formed in 2002 as part of a musical produc-

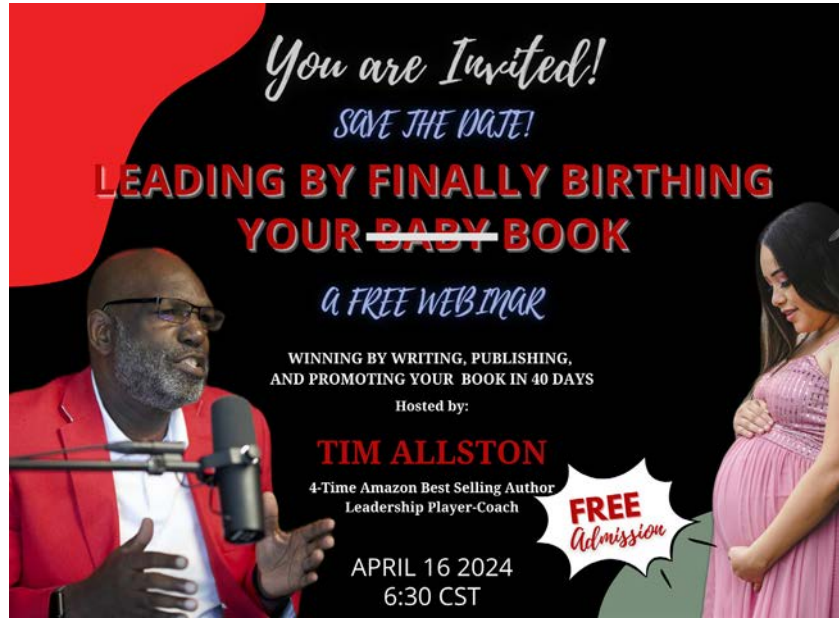
tion with a 1940s theme. At the end of the show's run the members decided to keep the band together as an opportunity to play the great classics.



## Local Best-Selling Author Hosting Online Webinar on Writing, Publishing April 16

“Leading by Finally Birthing Your Book” will be the free online webinar hosted by The Valley Weekly (TVW) columnist and four-time Amazon best-selling author Tim Allston on Tuesday, April 16, at 6:30 p.m.

This 90-minute presentation will feature Allston urging viewers to, “Finally birth that book that has been gestating inside of them - *for at least a 10-month pregnancy now!* - to be released.”

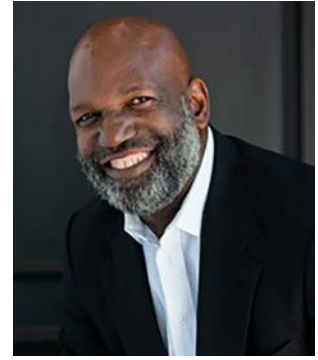


According to a recent New York Times survey, Allston cited, 81% of Amer-

icans say they plan to write a book in their lifetime— yet less than one percent do so!

“Writing, self-publishing, and profiting from your first or next book will not only help you realize that long-held dream, but it will also afford you the monies to support your favorite charity or ministry - as well as leave your written, audible, and even a video legacy for your families and friends.

“My team of editors, book-cover designers/formatters, and marketers are ready to help you realize that dream:



writing, self-publishing, and profiting from your first book.

To hear Allston’s full debut announcement, go to <https://bit.ly/4aoJLEz>, beginning at 1:37:55 mark.

For more information, reach him at [contact@birthyournextbookin40.com](mailto:contact@birthyournextbookin40.com) or call (256) 212-0949.

## Deadline for AAMU-Drake/TMCF Scholars Program April 15

High-achieving high school juniors can now apply for The Thurgood Marshall College Fund (TMCF) Seeking, Observing and Achieving Results (SOAR) HBCU Scholars Program.

The program is a joint partnership with TMCF, Alabama A&M University and J.F. Drake State Community & Technical College.

The free one-week residential summer program allows high school juniors (rising seniors) to live on campus and learn about Historically Black Colleges

and Universities (HBCUs), Historically Black Community Colleges (HBCCs), college admission, financial aid and scholarship resources.

“Alabama A&M University is uniquely positioned to present this new opportunity to rising senior high school students,” says Dr. Vernessa Edwards, AAMU assistant professor of physics and summer programs coordinator. “The Thurgood Marshall College Fund is dedicated to transforming the lives of students at Historically Black Colleges and Universities, and we are excited to partner with them for a memorable week-long experience submerged in culture on the hill. Start here, go anywhere.”

The program runs July 7 – 12, 2024 and is free for all participants. Students must apply by the Monday, April 15, 2024 deadline.

“We at Drake State are



honored by the opportunity that the TMCF HBCU SOAR Scholars program presents for rising seniors to immerse themselves in the operational dynamics of an HBCU and HBCC, while embracing the residential college experience,” says Dr. Nicole Bell, Dean of Students at Drake State. “It

is with great pride that we anticipate showcasing the diverse array of offerings at Drake State, particularly within our valued technical programs, which serve as catalysts for financial stability and promising career prospects. Together, as stewards of higher education, HBCUs and HBCCs

empower countless lives, leaving a lasting mark on our collective future.”

For more information, visit <https://www.aamu.edu/academics/colleges/engineering-technology-physical-sciences/departments/physics-chemistry-mathematics/physics/tmcf/index.html>

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# Spiritual Game Plan

PRESTON BROWN'S



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## “What’s Holding You Back”

Second Corinthians 10:5 says, we should “take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.”

You know, there is one thing to hold on to a thought in your mind, but it’s another thing when a thought holds you captive. Sometimes it can get so bad that you can’t do anything productive. But like this scripture is saying we have to take control of our thoughts. Because there are thoughts that we think about, that are holding us back from being successful. Thoughts like “I’m not good enough” or “I’m not smart enough” or “I’m not spiritual enough.” All these thoughts are not from God, they are from the adversary.

When these thoughts get in our minds it causes us to see ourselves as failures. This is a lie. I believe that we all need to look at our failures from a spiritual perspective. You see, sometimes we think that the opposite of success is failure, but it’s not in the spiritual sense. Because we all fail sometimes. But

to me the opposite of success is disobedience to God’s calling for your life. So if you are faithful and obedient to what God has called you to do, even your failures will work. So don’t let negative thoughts like fear of commitment keep you from getting the job that you desire to have. Because that same fear will keep you from having the relationships that you should have in

your life. It can also keep you from the promise and the destiny that God wants you to have. Remember the mind is a terrible thing to waste, so don’t let the enemy hold you back with thoughts that are not from God.

*Prayer:* Loving Father, help us to fill our minds with good thoughts.  
*Question:* What are some thoughts that come to your mind that are holding you back from being all that you can be?

Stay encouraged, my brothers and sisters, and make sure you purchase



a copy of my books, *Spiritual Game Plans For A Successful Life* and *A Champion Game Plan for Life*, at [amazon.com](http://amazon.com), or my website at [Westbow Books](http://WestbowBooks.com).

### NEXT WEEK:

“Perfect Peace”

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# VALLEY DEATHS



## SERENITY FUNERAL HOME

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Funeral service for MR. CHRISTOPHER MCCOMB (b. 1972) was held Saturday, April 6, at Lakewood Church of Christ, 2813 Mastin Lake Road, Huntsville, Ala.

## NELMS MEMORIAL FUNERAL HOME

2501 Carmichael Avenue NW  
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Funeral service for MR. CARL RAY BURRESS (b. 1948) was Sunday, April 7, at Little Flock Primitive Baptist Church.

Funeral service for MR. DEUNTAE JARROD JOHNSON (b. 1992) was Sunday, April 7, at Scottsboro High School, 25053 John T. Reid Parkway, Scottsboro, Ala., with The Reverend Andre R. Massengill officiating.

Funeral service for MR. JACK W. SLEDGE (b. 1936) was Saturday, April 6, at Bethany Primitive Baptist Church with Pastor James Battle officiating.

Funeral service for MS. VIVIAN HUMPHREY (b. 1938) was Tuesday, April 2, at Saint John African Methodist Episcopal Church with Pastor Maurice Wright officiating.

Funeral service for MR. REGINALD F. FOSTER (b. 1967) was Tuesday, April 2, at Nelms Memorial Funeral Home Chapel.

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The funeral service for MOTHER MILLIE M. GLOVER (b. 1938) was Sunday, April 7, at the Union Hill Primitive Baptist Church, 2115 Winchester Road, Huntsville, Ala., with Dr. Oscar L. Montgomery, Sr. officiating.

The funeral service for MR. ROBERT HENRY MCDONALD b.k.a “Rocky” (b. 1945) was Sunday, April 7, at the Oakwood University Seventh-day Adventist Church, 5500 Adventist Drive, Huntsville, Ala., with Pastor Debleaire Snell officiating.

The funeral service for MRS. EULA CLYDE JOHNSON (b. 1923) was Saturday, April 6, at the Macedonia Baptist Church- Heflin, 123 County Road 927, Heflin, Ala., S.M. Goodson Funeral Homes and Crematory, directing.


The memorial service for MR. STEVEN ROBERT ALLEN STOKES (b. 1967) was Friday, April 5, at the New Life Seventh-day Adventist Church, 3912 Pulaski Pike, Huntsville, Ala., with Pastor Nelson B. Stokes officiating.

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**EVENTS**  
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**April 12-14**  
 Monster Jam  
 Propst Arena  
 Von Braun Center  
 Huntsville, Ala.

**April 13**  
 Animal Masks Workshop  
 with Nan Jacobsohn  
 Tickets: SullivanPotteryHsv.com  
 2315 Triana Boulevard SW  
 Huntsville, Ala.  
 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

“Breathe for Wellness”  
 Waterfall Yoga Therapy  
 715 Arcadia Circle NW  
 Huntsville, Ala.  
 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Great Release Ceremony  
 Exhale Huntsville  
 Brahan Spring Park  
 3770 Ivy Avenue SW  
 Huntsville, Ala.  
 2-4 p.m.

The Official 2024 Expo  
 After Party Event - Cosplay  
 Comedy  
 Shenanigans Comedy  
 Theatre  
 2650 Leeman Ferry Road  
 Suite A  
 Huntsville, Ala.

**April 16**  
 Bulldog Baseball vs.  
 Faulkner  
 Bulldog Baseball Field  
 Alabama A&M University  
 2 p.m.

**April 20**  
 Sourdough Bread April

Class 101  
 University Pickers-Hsv  
 3405 Triana Boulevard SW  
 Huntsville, Ala.  
 10 a.m.-12 Noon

**April 23**  
 Bulldog Baseball vs. Tuskegee  
 Bulldog Baseball Field  
 Alabama A&M University  
 2 p.m.

**April 26-28**  
 Bulldog Baseball vs. Bet-hune-Cookman  
 Bulldog Baseball Field  
 Alabama A&M University  
 2 p.m. (1 p.m. - 4/28)

**May 3-5**  
 Bulldog Baseball vs. Alabama State  
 Bulldog Baseball Field  
 Alabama A&M University  
 2 p.m. (1 p.m. - 5/5)

**May 4**  
 Donate Life Alabama  
 Donor Dash for Life 5K  
 Veterans Park  
 Hoover, Ala. - 8 a.m.

**May 7**  
 Bulldog Baseball vs. UT-Martin  
 Bulldog Baseball Field  
 Alabama A&M University  
 2 p.m.

**May 10**  
 Exhale Huntsville - A  
 Mother's Love Girls Night  
 Out  
 Huemanity Studio  
 Huntsville, Ala. - 7 p.m.

**May 15**  
 Huntsville Utilities Business Matchmaker Event  
 Von Braun Center  
 10 a.m.

**May 16-18**  
 Bulldog Baseball vs. Jackson State  
 Bulldog Baseball Field  
 Alabama A&M University  
 2 p.m. (1 p.m.- 5/18)

**May 18-19**  
 Rocket City BBQ & Soul Fest  
 National Speleological Society  
 Huntsville, Ala.  
 10 a.m.-10 p.m.

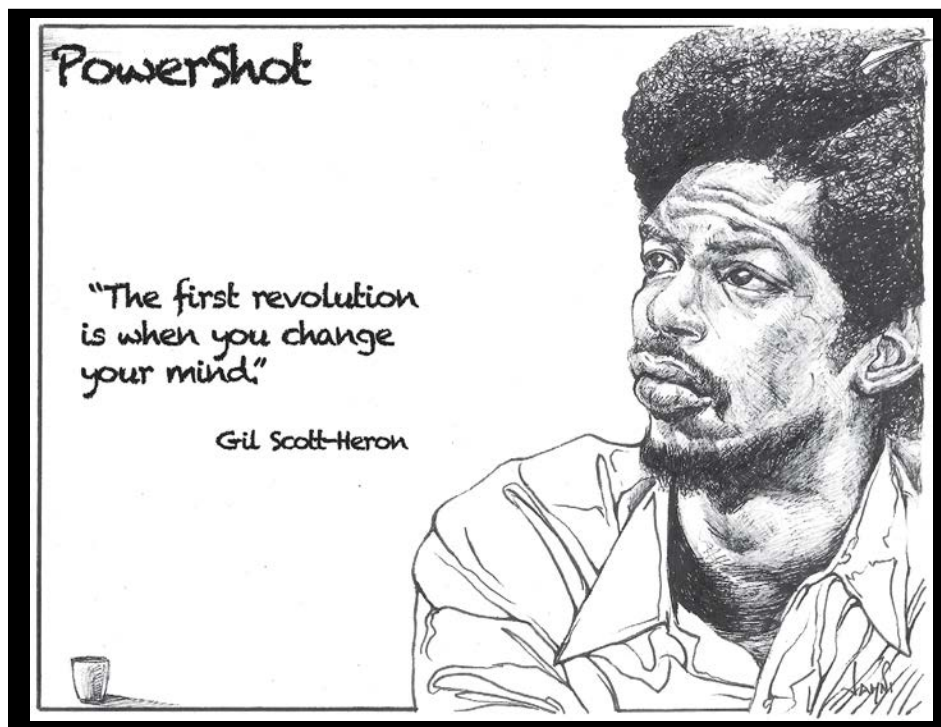
**May 25**  
 Memorial Day Ride & Event  
 Redstone Harley-Davidson  
 Sponsor: Morgan County Sheriff's Posse Special Needs Program  
 15100 Old Highway 20  
 Madison, Ala. (\$20/Rider)  
 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

**May 27**  
 44th Annual Cotton Row Run  
[runsignup.com/Race/CottonRowRun/Page-18](https://www.runsignup.com/Race/CottonRowRun/Page-18)  
 Big Spring Park  
 202 Church Street SW  
 Huntsville, Ala.  
 7 a.m.

**June 15**  
 Shop Black Fest (Juneteenth Edition)  
 2620 Clinton Avenue  
 Huntsville, Ala.  
 2-7 p.m.

**July 4**  
 Independence Day at Mid-City District 2024  
 5901 University Drive  
 Huntsville, Ala.  
 12 p.m.

**August 18**  
 Women's Business Conference  
 Location: TBA



*“It is the mark of an educated mind to be able to entertain a thought without accepting it.”*

- Aristotle

## AAMU Sends Out Invitation to Displaced Students from Birmingham-Southern to Try “The Hill”

Alabama A&M University recently announced that students affected by the planned closure of Birmingham-Southern College are invited to complete their academic pursuits at AAMU.

Qualified BSC students are eligible for scholarship opportunities for the upcoming Fall 2024 semester. Additionally, all application fees will be waived for students interested in

transferring to AAMU.

Students are encouraged to explore both AAMU off-site programs offered at Lawson State Community College and traditional on-campus enrollment in Huntsville.

Interested students can

apply and find more information on the transfer process at [www.aamu.edu](http://www.aamu.edu).

Additional assistance through the Office of Admissions can also be requested via the contact information on the AAMU transfer page.





# Stop Giving It Away!

## Millennial Moment by Gloria B. Caldwell

How often do you want to help the plans of someone else's? You have a heart to push others to another level, and genuinely want to touch the souls of others. So much so, you GIVE your talents to others who gain from them.

I know, I know ... you feel as if you are "helping", and you are, But, when do you stop to understand your worth? When do you realize that you have to be whole to help others? You cannot deplete yourself and your value trying to ensure you are liked, or to show you are supportive.

There are many ways to be supportive besides putting yourself out there to be taken advantage of.

It's important to strike a balance between being supportive of others and maintaining boundaries to avoid jeopardizing your own well-being and talents. Here are some tips to help you navigate this balance:

Make sure you set boundaries, practice self-care, value your talents, practice assertiveness with your time, and reflect on



the impact on your well-being and goals.

Stop giving it all away!!! Remember that being supportive of others is admirable, but it's equally important to take care of

yourself and honor your own needs and talents. Striking a healthy balance will allow you to continue being a source of support while maintaining your own well-being and fulfillment.

### Graduate from Your "Ellis Island" to Your "Statue of Liberty"

*And He said, "Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel; for you have struggled with God and with men, and have prevailed." - Genesis 32:28*

After Jacob wrestled all night with both God and against his past self-ishness, God renamed him "Israel"; his descendants and country still bear this name.

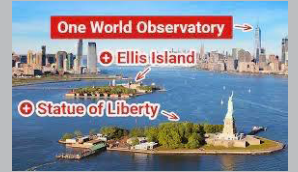
Jacob prevailed because he graduated from failing self-confidence to embracing his new "God-confidence."

Immigrants graduating from Ellis Island to the Statue of Liberty illustrated this transition.

National Ellis Island Family History Day commemorates April 17, 1907, when a record 11,747 immigrants were processed through that New York Harbor port of disembarkation, located near the Statue of Liberty.

From 1892 to 1924, Ellis Island became the first step for some 12 million immigrants to become U.S. citizens; yet, Lady Liberty represented their ultimate goal of American freedom.

Similarly, your and my quests for true freedom begin by pursuing self-confidence, but that first step must soon graduate to acquiring total dependence on God, "God-confidence."



### Again, back to New York Harbor, . . .

For these new U.S. arrivals, Ellis Island was just their first milepost en route to more permanent American destinations.

Ellis Island was not where for example they could plant gardens, hang curtains, or family mementos. Why? This was simply their first step in pursuing their ultimate goal of freedom, symbolized by Lady Liberty.

Likewise, when you and I pursue anything beginning with "self" - e.g., self-esteem, self-worth, or self-confidence - it represents a necessary first step. Unfortunately, too many of us get comfortable and are stuck indefinitely as its hostages.

Ellis Island alumni such as comedian Bob Hope, Albert Einstein, and Harlem Renaissance writer Claude McKay didn't get stuck there; instead, they used that first step as their springboard to American freedom and success.

Neither you nor I need to remain on dead-end streets beginning with the word "self."

Yes, let's begin now at our "Ellis Islands of self," but then let's graduate to our "Lady Liberties of God-confidence."



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### Huntsville Council Meetings



Huntsville City Council's regular meetings are held in the City Council Chambers of the Municipal Building on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month at 6 p.m.

Council work sessions are also held in the Chambers of the Municipal Building on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. For more information, call (256) 427-5011.

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## This Sunday's Lectionary

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First Lesson:

Acts 3:12-19

Psalm 4

Second Lesson:

1 John 3:1-7

GOSPEL:

Luke 24:36b-48

**Sunday, April 14, 2024**

**Third Sunday of**

**EASTER**







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

## Mr. Eugene "Dick" Scruggs, Sr.

Mr. Eugene "Dick" Scruggs, Sr., was reared in Meridianville, Ala. A former member of the Negro League's baseball dynasty, he served as a pitcher with a fastball of 90 miles per hour and a secondary pitch known around the Negro Leagues as "that funky curveball." Scruggs played for the Kansas City Monarchs and the Detroit Stars. He is a 2002 inductee into the Huntsville-Madison County Athletic Hall of Fame.

Dick Scruggs is also a local celebrity. Trained by the late R.E. Nelms, Scruggs has been a licensed embalmer and funeral director, since 1975, at Nelms Memorial Funeral Home in Huntsville, Ala. With an impressive six decades of experience as a mortician, Mr. Scruggs has prepared thousands for burial. As an elder statesman within the mortuary science profession, Dick Scruggs has trained countless apprentice embalmers and funeral directors, most notably, his



grandson, G. Terrell Scruggs. Lauded by colleagues throughout the nation for his work as a mortician, he is affiliated with the Alabama Board of Funeral Service, and the National Funeral Directors and Morticians Association.

A strong family man, Mr. Scruggs is not one to rest on his laurels. In

1970, he founded Associated Contractors, Incorporated, a janitorial service to further provide for his family and to leave a legacy for future generations. Mr. Scruggs is married to Mrs. Ethel Scruggs, his bride of 60 years. Together, they are the proud parents of six children and 18 grandchildren.

"Spotlight on Our Elders" is a weekly feature sponsored by the Rosetta James Foundation to promote volunteerism and activism in our community among those who are 70-plus. The Foundation also provides scholarships. Learn more about us at [www.rossettajamesfoundation.org](http://www.rossettajamesfoundation.org). Know an outstanding elder (70+) that you would like to see featured? Send us a photo and 250-word write-up to [info@valleyweeklyllc.com](mailto:info@valleyweeklyllc.com).

## Block Grant Program Observes 50th

Huntsville's Community Development department administers the Community Development Block Grant program, known as CDBG. This federally funded program supports activities to build stronger and more resilient communities.

Eligible activities for grant recipients include:

### INFRASTRUCTURE:

Construction of sewer, drainage, streets and sidewalks in qualifying neighborhoods

### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

Provide economic and workforce development for low to moderate-income individuals.

**PUBLIC FACILITIES:** Improve and develop public facilities, parks, and community resource centers to enhance neighborhood

stabilization and support public services.

**HOUSING REHABILITATION:** Rehabbing owner-occupied homes improves living conditions through exterior modifications. Homeowners must be low-to moderate-income and/or certified disabled.

### PUBLIC SERVICES:

CDBG may provide funding for social services activities including, but not limited to, childcare, health care, job training, recreation programs, education programs and many others. In addition, the program can cover the cost of operating and maintaining the portion of a facility where the public service is located.

**CLEARANCE/ACQUISITION.**

For more information about the program or to volunteer, contact Scott Erwin at [scott.erwin@huntsvilleal.gov](mailto:scott.erwin@huntsvilleal.gov) or call (256) 427-5400. You may also visit 120 Holmes Avenue NE.

## ON THIS DAY



On April 12, 1864, Confederate troops massacred over 500 surrendering Union soldiers at the Battle of Fort Pillow in Tennessee. The majority of Union troops killed were Black soldiers serving in the U.S. Colored Troops (USCT).

- [bet.com](http://bet.com) and [wikipedia.org](http://wikipedia.org)

**APRIL 12 - HERBIE HANCOCK** - American pianist, keyboardist, bandleader, composer and actor. Hancock started his career with Donald Byrd. He shortly thereafter joined the Miles Davis Quintet, where he helped to redefine the role of a jazz rhythm section and was one of the primary architects of the post-bop sound. In the 1970s, Hancock experimented with jazz fusion, funk, and electro styles. Hancock's best-known compositions include the jazz standards "Cantaloupe Island", "Watermelon Man", "Maiden Voyage", and "Chameleon", as well as the hit singles "I Thought It Was You" and "Rockit". His 2007 tribute album *River: The Joni Letters* won the 2008 Grammy Award for Album of the Year, only the second jazz album to win the award, after Getz/Gilberto in 1965. - [BlackCelebrityBirthdays.org](http://BlackCelebrityBirthdays.org)



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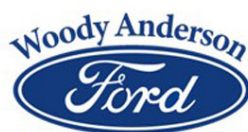
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# TVA, Huntsville Utilities Provide STEM Grants to HCS



Representatives from the Tennessee Valley Authority (Ellen Reid) and its retiree component, Bicentennial Volunteers Incorporated (BVI), along with Huntsville Utilities (Gary T. Whitley, Jr.), recently presented STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) grants to boost the offerings of local schools. The corporate partners

provided grants to following schools and teachers within the Huntsville City Schools System (Dr. Clarence Sutton, superintendent), alphabetically: Columbia High School (\$5,000-Yvonne Sanderson, Teacher); Grissom High School (\$5,000-Maureen Christie); Huntsville Junior High School (\$5,000-Sydney Glasgow); Mae Jemison

High School (\$5,000-Megan Dempsey); McDonnell Elementary School (\$1,500-Laura Sicks); Rolling Hills Elementary School (\$5,000-Timothy Wilkinson); and Whitesburg Middle School (\$5,000-Lori Shrode). HCS school board member Michelle Watkins also attended the presentation.

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## City of Huntsville Amendment to the 2023 Action Plan

The City of Huntsville, Alabama proposes to amend its 2023 Action Plan to include a location modification of CDBG Public Facilities funding.

CITY OF HUNTSVILLE 2023 PROPOSED ACTION PLAN PROJECTS ORIGINAL					CITY OF HUNTSVILLE 2023 PROPOSED ACTION PLAN PROJECTS AMENDMENT				
PROJECT/ PROGRAM	SUBRECIPIENT/ PARTNER	AMOUNT	FUNDING	Location/ PIN	PROJECT/ PROGRAM	SUBRECIPIENT/ PARTNER	AMOUNT	FUNDING	Location/ PIN
2023 Public Facilities Program	Boys & Girls Clubs of North Alabama	\$200,000.00	CDBG	2900 Fairbanks	2023 Public Facilities Program	Boys & Girls Clubs of North Alabama	\$200,000.00	CDBG	103 Abingdon Ave NW

A 30-day comment period ending on May 11, 2024, is required before amendments can be made to the Action Plans. Submit public comments to Community Development at <https://www.huntsvilleal.gov/government/departments/community-development/> or mail to the City of Huntsville, Department of Community Development, P.O. Box 308, Huntsville, AL 35804. For more information, please contact Scott Erwin at (256) 427-5400.

## CIUDAD DE HUNTSVILLE MODIFICACION DEL PLAN DE ACCION 2023

La Ciudad de Huntsville, Alabama propone enmendar su Plan de Acción 2023 para incluir una modificación de la ubicación de los fondos de Instalaciones Públicas de CDBG.

PROYECTOS DEL PLAN DE ACCIÓN PROPUESTO PARA LA CIUDAD DE HUNTSVILLE 2023 TEXTO ORIGINAL EN					PROYECTOS DEL PLAN DE ACCIÓN PROPUESTO PARA LA CIUDAD DE HUNTSVILLE 2023 ENMIENDA				
PROYECTO/ PROGRAMA	SUBRECIPIENT/ SOCIO	IMPORTE	FINANCIACIÓN	Ubicación/ PIN	PROYECTO/ PROGRAMA	SUBRECIPIENT/ SOCIO	IMPORTE	FINANCIACIÓN	Ubicación/ PIN
Programa de Instalaciones Públicas 2023	Boys & Girls Clubs del Norte de Alabama	\$200,000.00	CDBG	2900 Fairbanks	Programa de Instalaciones Públicas 2023	Boys & Girls Clubs del Norte de Alabama	\$200,000.00	CDBG	103 Abingdon Ave NW

Se requiere un período de comentarios de 30 días que finaliza el 11 de mayo de 2024 antes de que se puedan realizar modificaciones a los Planes de Acción. Envíe los comentarios públicos a Desarrollo Comunitario en <https://www.huntsvilleal.gov/government/departments/community-development/> o por correo a la Ciudad de Huntsville, Departamento de Desarrollo Comunitario, P.O. Box 308, Huntsville, AL 35804. Para obtener más información, comuníquese con Scott Erwin al (256) 427-5400.

## Scenes from 'Crewe of the Sphinx' Masquerade Ball

Friday, March 29, 2024 - The Jackson Center (Photos by Anthony "Gip" Gibson)



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