

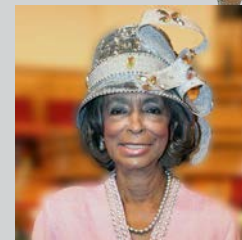
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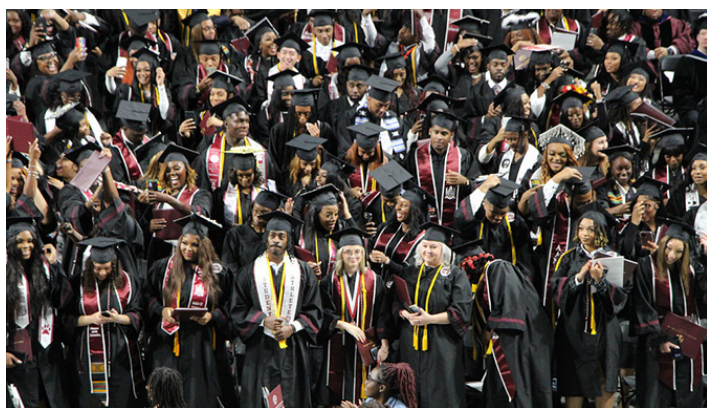


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"In three words I can sum up everything I've learned about life: it goes on." - Robert Frost



A&M Readies for Spring Commencement

The Spring 2024 Commencement Ceremony at Alabama A&M University is scheduled for Friday, May 3, 2024 at 9 a.m. for the GRADUATE candidates and 5 p.m. for

the UNDERGRADUATE candidates at the AAMU's Event Center.

Family members, friends, and members of the AAMU community

who are unable to attend Commencement may view the event online via the AAMU Livestream page: <https://www.aamu.edu/campus-life/livestream.html>

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Christian Women's Conference Set

The She Will Conference will return to Huntsville, Ala., on May 4 for "an unforgettable" one-day Christian women's conference.

The event will be held beginning at 12:40 p.m. at The Event Center at Roto-Rooter, 1435

Paramount Drive, Huntsville, Ala. Nearly 200 women have already received their tickets.

Participants will study God's Word, worship, laugh, pray, eat, encourage, love, and enjoy a girls' day together.

According to ac-

tivity promos, "No matter what church you go to or even if you don't go at all, you are invited and welcome!"

Register at SheWillConference.com. Early Bird Price: \$25; lunch is included.

Mid City Hosts Crawfish Festival

The Mid City District is presenting the 4th Annual Crawfish Festival on Saturday, April 20, from 1-11 p.m. Live music will be provided by Yonder Mountain String Band, Hot 8 Brass Band, Admiral Phunk, Pat Jamar and more.

Since there is a limited supply of "All You Can Eat" wrist bands, get one as soon as possible. Not interested in all-you-can-eat? Single boxes are available.

This year, organizers are partnering with Kids to Love, a 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to meeting the immediate needs of foster children in the area. A portion of the proceeds from the Crawfish Festival will be donated to Kids to Love!

Don't miss out on this deliciously fun community event!

TARCOG Prepares for 'Senior Fun Fest'

May is Older Americans Month and the TARCOG Region is getting back together for the first time since the pandemic to CELEBRATE LIKE IT'S MARDI GRAS with the 37th Annual Senior Fun Fest on Tuesday, May 14, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., at Sharon Johnston Park, 783 Coleman Road in New Market, Ala.

Up to 2,000 seniors and their caretakers from DeKalb, Jackson,



Limestone, Madison and Marshall counties are expected to attend.

Fun Fest is sponsored annually by TARCOG and the Madison County Commission, with ticket sales and other local businesses also providing financial support to offset costs. Par-

ticipants will enjoy entertainment, games and activities, snacks, lunch, and opportunities to win door prizes. Tickets may also be purchased at the gate on the day of the event for \$7. T-shirts will be \$13. For more information, call TARCOG at (256) 830-0818.

2nd Love of Music Gala Scheduled

Second Chance Deliverance and Restoration Ministries, Inc., will hold the Second Annual Love of Music Gala on Saturday, June 22, at 5 p.m. in the Ernest L. Knight Reception Center on the Alabama A&M University campus. Honorees include

Jenise Showers Bradshaw, Vanessa Downing Henderson, Janette Kotey, Alexander Lewis, Charlie F. Lockhart IV, Tommie L. Lockhart, Courtney Moore, Katrina Smith, Gregory Vajda and Shelly Williams.

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Washington One Minute

by Ron Hamm

Here is what's happening in Washington, D.C., the nation's capital, this week:

1. CONGRESS. The House and Senate are in session this week. In view of Iran's drone/missile attack on Israel over the weekend, House Majority Leader Steve Scalise (R-LA) has announced that this week the House will add a series of bills to its calendar to show support for Israel. Last week at the request of GOP Senators, the House postponed sending its Articles of Impeachment against Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas to the Senate (where votes from 2/3rds of the Senate would be needed to convict him) and is expected to trans-

mit them this week. News outlets are reporting that the House may also take up a supplemental aid

package to provide assistance to Israel (which may also include aid to Ukraine).

2. THE WHITE HOUSE. On Saturday, President Biden returned early to the White House from Delaware to monitor the Iranian attack on Israel. On Monday, he met separately with Iraqi Prime Minister Mohammed Shyaa Al-Sudani and Czech Prime Minister Petr Fiala at the White House. On Tuesday, the President started 3 days of economy-focused events in Scranton, Pittsburgh, and Philadelphia, PA (note: former President Trump was in New York starting Monday for his criminal trial on charges of falsifying business

records; the trial is expected to last 6-8 weeks).

3. SUPREME COURT. On Tuesday, the Supreme Court heard oral argument in the case of former North Cornwall Township, PA, police officer Joseph Fischer who entered the U.S. Capitol building (recording himself yelling "charge!") during the Jan. 6, 2021, attacks and was charged with (among other charges) of obstructing a congressional proceeding. The case, which may impact at least a quarter of the Jan. 6 defendants, turns on whether the use of a 2002 federal obstruction law enacted after the Enron scandal is overly broad (the defendant contends it applies only to the destruction of documents). According to NBC News, more than 1,350 people have been charged in connection with the Jan. 6 attack, and prosecutors have secured more than 950 convictions.

4. INFLATION REPORT.

Last Wednesday, the Labor Department announced that the Consumer Price Index rose to 3.5% from February's 3.2%, showing that inflation remains stubbornly above the Federal Reserve's 2% target in the First Quarter. Inflation leaders were higher prices for gas, clothes, and car repairs. The core inflation rate, which excludes energy and food costs, held steady from February's 3.8%.

5. HIGHER EDUCATION - FAFSA. The U.S. Education Department (ED) this week issued an electronic announcement (EA) updating the timeline for the processing of Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) data and sending Institutional Student Information Records (ISIRs) - the financial aid information colleges need to package financial aid offers - to colleges. The new EA clarifies that students can expect to be able to make corrections to their forms, add missing signatures and add additional recipients this

week. Colleges should receive new ISIRs from these students in one to three days after the correction is submitted. Over the past few weeks, colleges and universities have reported a higher than usual error rate - receiving ISIRs where a Student Aid Index (SAI), the new needs analysis measure, could not be generated. The EA confirms this, noting that at least 16% of FAFSA applications - or more than one million students - will have to submit a correction to generate an SAI. The new EA also presents a timeline for when inaccurate ISIRs affected by system glitches will be reprocessed and delivered to schools.

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Free Memory Testing Offered

A memory screening is a simple and safe "healthy brain check-up" that tests memory and other thinking skills that TARCOG staff is certified to provide at no cost.

Lydia Weeks, coordinator of the Alabama Cares Program provided through TARCOG, and Darrell Hill, program case manager, will perform screenings by appointment either virtually, in person at the TARCOG office, or at community sites throughout DeKalb, Jackson, Limestone, Madison and Marshall counties.

TARCOG was recently designated as a trained memory screening site by the Alzheimer's Foundation of America (AFA), after Weeks received her certification and Hill also began the certification process.

Some memory problems,

such as those cause by vitamin deficiencies or thyroid problems, can be readily treated, Weeks said. Other memory problems might result from causes that are not currently reversible, such as Alzheimer's disease. In general, the earlier the diagnosis the easier it is to treat one of these conditions.

The memory screenings are a new tool for the TARCOG staff which also provides virtual dementia tours and Dementia Friendly Alabama trainings for school aged children, businesses and first responders.

For more information about services or to schedule an appointment for a memory screening, contact Lydia at lydia.weeks@tarcog.us or call (256) 830-0818.

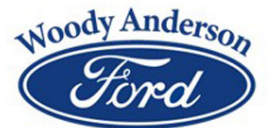


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are certain conditions that must be met. First, we have to have minds “stayed” on Him. The word stayed means to lean on or rest upon. It



also means to support. Therefore, a mind that is at peace is a mind that is supported by God. Philippians 2:5 says “Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus.”

To be at peace, we also need to have hearts that trust God. When we place our full trust in Him, He will always direct our paths and keep us in perfect peace
May God grant you

spiritual success in finding perfect peace for your life.

Question: How do you keep yourself in perfect peace?

NEXT WEEK:

“The Certainty of Hope”

“Perfect Peace”

Isaiah 26:3 says: “*You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast, because they trust in you.*”

The Bible has much to say about peace. The term peace occurs over four hundred times in the Bible. It’s easy to say that the Bible can be seen as God’s testament of peace.

I believe we can take three things from what the prophet Isaiah is saying about peace.


First, he talks about the protection of peace by using the word keep. The word keep means to hold on to and not let go. It also means to capture what’s on your mind. When we keep our minds stayed on Him, God will capture our thoughts and make them agreeable with His.

Second, He gives us the description of this peace. Our scripture defines it as “perfect.” Perfect peace means undisturbed peace. God’s peace is unique in so many ways. The writer Paul tells us that it surpasses all understanding. It also surpasses human capability. In John 14:27, Jesus tells us, “Peace I

leave with you; my peace I give you, I do not give as the world gives. So let not your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.”

Another way He describes peace is that it surpasses human expectations. In other words, God always has a way of showing up and showing out. Third, the prophet Isaiah gives us the conditions for peace.

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Funeral service will be announced soon for **MS. PATRICIA PARKER** (b. 1954). Visit the Serenity Funeral Home website above for the latest updates.

Funeral service for **MS. BRENDA BROWN** (b. 1955) was held Sunday, April 14, at Mt. Zion Primitive Baptist Church, 2350 Wall Triana Hwy SW, Huntsville, Ala.

Funeral service for **MR. KENNETH JONES** (b. 1987) was held Sunday, April 14, at New Jerusalem Baptist Church, 2562 Bob Wade Lane, Harvest, Ala.

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Funeral service for **MS. MONICA L. ROBINSON** (b. 1974) was Sunday, April 14, at Big Shiloh Primitive Baptist Church, 133 Maple Stret, Madison, Ala., with Pastor Jeffery Jefferson officiating.

Funeral service for **DR. HARRIETT S. LITTLEPAGE** (b. 1952) was held Saturday, April 13, at Union Hill Primitive Baptist Church, 2115 Winchester Road NW, Huntsville, Ala. with Rev. Dr. Don Darius Butler officiating. Rev. Dr. Oscar L. Montgomery, pastor.

Graveside service for **MR. FRANK C. WINTERS** (b. 1957) was Friday, April 12, at Oakwood Memorial Gardens, 1 HL Cleveland Way, Huntsville, Ala., with Minister Theromiles Flowers officiating.

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The funeral service for **MR. CORNELL PRUITT** (b. 1952) was Sunday, April 14, at the Saint Rebecca Primitive Baptist Church, 330 Grimwood Road, Hazel Green, Ala., with Minister George Baker as eulogist and Dr. Perry Clark, pastor, as officiant.

The funeral service for **MRS. MARGARET LEE LOVE** (b. 1948) was Saturday, April 13, at the True Light Church of God in Christ (6480 Pulaski Pike, Huntsville, Ala.) with Pastor Derrick Lankford officiating.

The funeral service for **MR. JOSEPH DERELL HOBSON** (b. 1948) was Thursday, April 11, at the First Missionary Baptist Church, 3509 Blue Spring Road, Huntsville, Ala. 35810) with Dr. Don Darius Butler and Pastor Reginald Robinson officiating.

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HAPPENINGS, ACTIVITIES & MORE!

April 18-30

Downtown Open
 Free Mini-Golf Experience
 Courthouse Square

Downtown Art Walks
 (Downtown Huntsville,
 Inc.)
 Courthouse Square
 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

April 20

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

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

Putt Putt Party

(Downtown Huntsville,
 Inc.)
 Courthouse Square
 11 a.m.-3p.m.

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

April 23

Bulldog Baseball vs. Tuske-
 gee
 Bulldog Baseball Field
 Alabama A&M University
 2 p.m.

May 15
 Huntsville Utilities Busi-
 ness Matchmaker Event
 Von Braun Center
 10 a.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 16-18
 Bulldog Baseball vs. Jack-
 son State
 Bulldog Baseball Field
 Alabama A&M University
 2 p.m. (1 p.m.- 5/18)

May 3-5

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

May 16
 Campus 805 After 5
 Butler Green

May 4

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

May 17
 Food Truck Rally
 Big Spring Park
 Downtown Hsv. Inc.

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/Cot-
 tonRowRun/Page-18](https://runsignup.com/Race/CottonRowRun/Page-18)
 Big Spring Park
 202 Church Street SW
 Huntsville, Ala.
 7 a.m.

June 8

Downtown Art Walks
 (Downtown Huntsville,
 Inc.)
 Courthouse Square
 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

June 15

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

June 20

Campus 805 After 5
 Butler Green

June 21

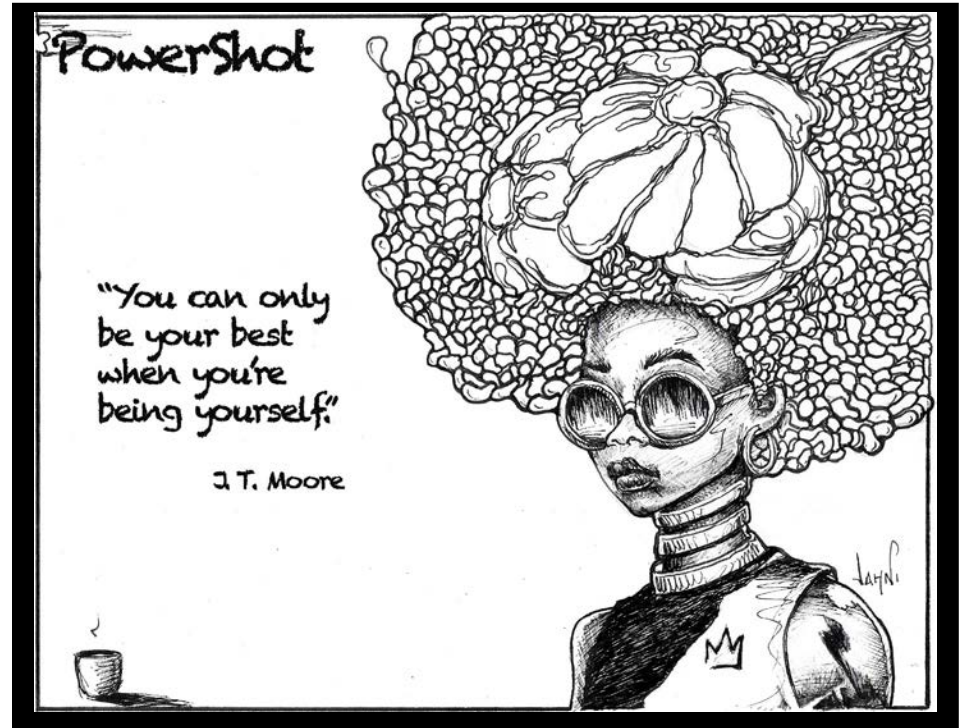
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 Big Spring Park
 Downtown Hsv. Inc.

June 22

NASA in the Park
 Big Spring Park
 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

June 29

15th Annual White Linen
 Brunch (\$65; \$750 table)
 Sponsor: The Ivy Center
 of Huntsville/Madison
 County Foundation



HU Lineworker Rodeo Team Places Tops

The Huntsville Utilities Lineworker Rodeo Team brought home three trophies at the American Public Power Association's Lineworker Rodeo in Lafayette, Louisiana, last weekend.

In the Overall Journeyman Team Competition, the team of Cole Border, Colby Lipham, and Adam Thomas placed 4th.

In the Journeyman 200 Amp Swollen Elbow Repair Competition, our teams placed first and second (Andrew Brown, Matthew Hubbard, and Ronny Mullins - 1st; Cold Border, Colby Lipham, and Adam Thomas - 2nd).

Fifty-seven public utility companies competed in the event, which was hosted by Lafayette Utilities System.

The event honors lineworkers' expertise, and the events are judged on safety, work practices, neatness, ability, equipment handling, and timely event completion.



For additional information and photos, contact Todd Long, electronic content administrator/External Affairs, at (256) 532-8255.

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2024's Upcoming Elections: Voter Suppression, and the Alluring "Cookie Jar"

"There are way too many of the Israelites for us to handle. We've got to do something: Let's devise a plan to contain them, . . ." - Exodus 1:7,8.

Ancient Egypt's pharaoh devised enslavement intended to suppress the growing Israelite population.

The plan failed and ultimately led to the Israelites' explosive growth and subsequent liberation.

Just as Egyptian overlords failed to suppress Israelite growth, current state legislatures will fail to suppress but will grow voter turnout,

...

... According to American sociologist Robert K. Merton . . . and your childhood's cookie jar.



The Law of Unintended Consequences

Merton popularized the "law of unintended consequences": outcomes of purposeful actions that are not intended or foreseen do often happen. For example:

The Egyptian Empire's attempt to suppress the Children of Israel's population with 400 years of enslavement increased the latter's numbers; the hardship forced the enslaved closer together;

Angered by increased young people's and people of color's voting in the 2020 presidential elections, many state legislatures are still seeking unsuccessfully to "enslave" this growth by suppressing their voting rights; and

The Supreme Court's June decision overturning Roe v. Wade and women's control over their reproductive rights is resulting in women's unprecedented voter registrations aimed at November's nationwide elections.

Perhaps these legislators forgot about their childhood experiences with the family's cookie jar.

Remember the Alluring "Cookie Jar"

Many remember our parents' orders: "Help yourself to anything in the kitchen, but don't go in the cookie jar." Subsequently, our focus became the cookie jar.

Why? Because just being told that there was something we could not have only increased our interest and desire for it.

Remembering 2012, . . .

In 2012, three north Huntsville (AL) voting precincts were compressed (translation: suppressed) into one. Many of us viewed this as a red-state attempt to discourage our presidential re-election votes. It didn't work.

Although polls closed officially at 7 p.m., the now-longer voting line resulted in the last registrant voting at 9 p.m.

We were not going to be suppressed or denied our cookie jar!

Why these GOP-filled legislatures don't remember their childhood cookie jar experiences baffles me.

Philippians 4:8 advises, "If there be any virtue if there be any praise, think on these things."

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The Alarm Sounded!

Millennial Moment by Gloria B. Caldwell

What do you do when you have a time limit? Do you get what you need to get done right when the timer starts? Do you hesitate a bit, and start somewhere in the middle? Or, do you wait until the very last minute and rush it?

This is the question at hand, because however you handle your life, and things in your life, will determine your outcome. Getting a jump start will put you in the lead. It will give you the opportunity to review what you've done, enjoy the left-over time you have gained from the preparation, and satisfaction that you have

completed it ahead of time.

Staring in the middle isn't bad, however, you have allowed the dedicated ones to get a jump start on research and the ability to correct and adjust.

If you're a procrastinator, you may be good at it, but maybe you are slighting yourself. Imagine how phenomenal you would be if you had given yourself a little more time. I have done this, and found myself saying, "this is good but if I had another hour, or another day, this would be awesome!" Have you



ever done that?

Whether it is life, purpose, passion, a gifting, or an idea...the Alarm is going to sound. Time will be up! What will the assessment of your "add" be at that moment? Will you leave a

legacy? Will you be memorable? Or, are you good with giving it a portion of what you had the ability to give. It's all on you! Ring ... there's the alarm Time's Up! What's your answer?

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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First Lesson:

Acts 4:5-12

Psalm 23

Second Lesson:

1 John 3:16-24

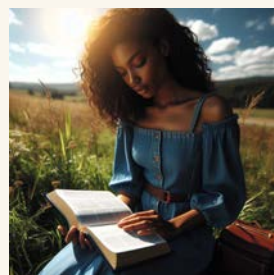
GOSPEL:

John 10:11-18

Sunday, April 21, 2024

Fourth Sunday of

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

Mrs. Josephine Scruggs

Mrs. Josephine Scruggs is the daughter of the late Reverend Troy D. and Bettie Stewart. She is the wife of the Reverend Dr. Julius R. Scruggs (former pastor of the First Missionary Baptist Church, Huntsville, Ala., and former president of the National Baptist Convention USA, Inc.).

Sister Scruggs served as the administrator for the First Missionary Baptist Church Child Development Center and Academy. Prior to that position, she served as the Assistant Administrator for the CDCA. She taught in the Metropolitan Public Schools of Nashville, Tenn., for 25 years. She also served as a teacher for the Tennessee Baptist Youth Encampment Program and as Youth Director for 10 years.

Mrs. Scruggs is a graduate of Morristown High School in Morristown, Tenn. She then earned her AA in Mathematics from Morristown Junior College. She continued her education, earning her B.S. and M.A. in health, physical education and recreation from Tennessee State University. She is affiliated with the following professional organizations, community boards and committees: MNEA; NEA; TEA; Retired Teacher Association; YMCA CITY PROGRAM; Phi Delta Kappa; NAACP; Alpha Kappa Alpha

Sorority, Inc.; Partnership for a Drug-Free Community; Board Member of Girl Scouts of America; Madison County Day Care Board; and Rotarian Club.

She co-chaired the drafting and the implementation of the Family Life and AIDS Education Curriculum for the State of Tennessee; was one of three persons in the video on AIDS Education in the Workplace; was named Teacher of the Year, 1980; HOSPICE Volunteer (patient care); and served as a facilitator for children ages 3-18 at the Caring House and First Missionary Baptist Church (which helps children that are dealing with the death of a loved one).

She has served as a presenter for the following seminars/workshops: Christian Charm (girls 12-18), Image/Health Tips, Image of a Christian Young Lady, North East Wing-Deacons & Trustee's Wives; The Black Church Meeting the College Students' Needs; Women's Day Speaker in Alabama, Tennessee, and Michigan; Clues/Tips on Being a Pastor's/Minister's Wife Today; Inspirational Speaker for the 4-H Club (Alabama A&M University); Speaker for the Induction Ceremony into the Jr. Honor Society (Davis Hills Middle School and Stone Middle



School); Black History Speaker at local city and county elementary schools; AIDS Education and Drug Education presenter; Parenting Classes at the Seminole Service Center; Image Consultant (Making a First Impression); Wedding Consultant/Director (the Ultimate Event); coached basketball, track and golf for 20 years and started the first Band Boosters Club at Whites Creek High School and Tennessee State University.

Sister Scruggs is the recipient of several awards, but the one that she is most proud of is the Teacher of the Year award. She believes she is at her best when helping others.

Together, she and Rev. Scruggs are the proud parents of a son, the Reverend Morris (Marty) Tipton, Jr., (Melody) and a daughter, Jennifer Scruggs. They also rejoice in their grandchildren, Morris (Tre) Tipton III, Morgan Tipton, and Elizabeth Scruggs.

Utilities Captures APPA Safety Award



Huntsville Utilities has earned the American Public Power Association's Safety Award of Excellence (Diamond Level) for safe operating practices in 2023.

More than 160 utilities entered the annual Safety Awards for 2023. Entrants were placed in categories according to their number of worker-hours and ranked based on the most incident-free records and overall state of their safety programs and culture during 2023. The incidence rate is based on

the number of work-related reportable injuries or illnesses and the number of worker-hours during 2023, as defined by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA).

"In our industry, safety has to be top of mind all day every day," said Scott McKenzie, Chair of APPA's Engineering and Operations Conference safety track and Senior Director of Member Training & Safety at AMP Inc. "These honored utilities have demonstrated a com-

mitment to safety that runs through every aspect of their organizations."

The Diamond category is the highest level possible in the APPA's Safety Award Program.

ON THIS DAY



On April 19, 1837, Cheyney University, which bills itself as the oldest African-American institution of higher learning in the country, was founded, made possible by Richard Humphreys, a Quaker philanthropist.

- bet.com and wikipedia.org

APRIL 19 - SUGE KNIGHT - Marion Hugh "Suge" Knight Jr. is a former American record producer, music executive, former American football player and incarcerated felon. He is best known as the co-founder and former CEO of Death Row Records, which rose to dominate the rap charts after Dr. Dre's breakthrough album *The Chronic* in 1992, and enjoyed several years of chart successes for artists including Tupac Shakur, Dr. Dre, Snoop Dogg, Outlawz and Tha Dogg Pound. Suge Knight is also known for his numerous legal issues. In September 2018, Knight pleaded no contest to voluntary manslaughter in a fatal 2015 hit-and-run, and was sentenced to 28 years in prison.

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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC CITY OF HUNTSVILLE CLOSEOUT PUBLIC HEARING

The City of Huntsville's Community Development Department will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, June 3, 2024, at 5:30 P.M. to receive input and discuss the close-out of the City of Huntsville's ADECA CDBG-CV Project No. CV-EC-20-010.

The meeting will be held via Microsoft Teams Meeting at: https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetupjoin/19%3ameeting_Nzg3ZDgyNmItOGZjZS00YzZmLThkNzctYjcxOTMzMjA1Y2M3%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%22e58b4edd-2e7a-406e-bd5c48b2923bcef6%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%22225a7965-e431-42dc-8bb9-4f55718acfaa%22%7d.

Meeting ID: 236 458 331 286, Passcode: wxUcw4.

The City of Huntsville is interested in obtaining all citizens' input on the performance of local officials, City of Huntsville staff, consultants and administrators, engineers, contractors, and the use of ADECA CDBG-CV funds throughout the implementation of Project No. CV-EC-20-010.

The City of Huntsville does not discriminate based on disability for the admission or access to its programs or activities. If you have any questions, or will need special accommodations, please call Scott Erwin- Community Development Department prior to the Public Hearing at 256-427-5400.

AVISO AL PÚBLICO CIUDAD DE HUNTSVILLE AUDIENCIA PÚBLICA DE CIERRE

El Departamento de Desarrollo Comunitario de la Ciudad de Huntsville llevará a cabo una Audiencia Pública el lunes 3 de junio de 2024 a las 5:30 p.m. para recibir comentarios y discutir el cierre del Proyecto ADECA CDBG-CV No. CV-EC-20-010.

La reunión se llevará a cabo a través de Microsoft Teams Meeting en: https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetupjoin/19%3ameeting_Nzg3ZDgyNmItOGZjZS00YzZmLThkNzctYjcxOTMzMjA1Y2M3%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%22e58b4edd-2e7a-406e-bd5c48b2923bcef6%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%22225a7965-e431-42dc-8bb9-4f55718acfaa%22%7d.

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La Ciudad de Huntsville está interesada en obtener la opinión de todos los ciudadanos sobre el desempeño de los funcionarios locales, el personal de la Ciudad de Huntsville, los consultores y administradores, los ingenieros, los contratistas y el uso de los fondos ADECA CDBG-CV a lo largo de la implementación del Proyecto No. CV-EC-20-010.

La Ciudad de Huntsville no discrimina por motivos de discapacidad para la admisión o el acceso a sus programas o actividades. Si tiene alguna pregunta o necesita adaptaciones especiales, llame al Departamento de Desarrollo Comunitario de Scott Erwin antes de la Audiencia Pública al 256-427-5400.

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Gotta Plan Now - Five Affordable Ways to Make the Most of Summer 2024

(BPT) - Summer is just around the corner! With the kids out of school, it's the perfect time to plan a trip or two and spend quality time together as a family. However, family vacations can get pretty pricey. With booking hotel rooms, flights and more, a summer trip can put a strain on your wallet.

This summer, you can make the most of the sunny season while sticking to your budget using these five tips.



1. Book early

Don't wait! One of the best ways to make the most of your summer and save is to plan ahead and book early. This is especially true when planning air travel.

According to the CheapAir.com Annual Airfare Study, a fare will change 49 times on average from the day the trip first goes on sale. If you want affordable, flexible flights, aim to book your trip 2.5 to 7.5 months in advance.

In addition to flights, accommodations, concerts and activities like summer camp can sell out months in advance. To make sure your family doesn't miss out on the fun, book ahead. Booking early not only secures your spot, but you can also get some discounts.

2. Look for deals

Watch for promotions and special offers on activities, attractions and events. Check an organization or company's websites and social media accounts to make your summer outings more budget-friendly.

Another way to save is to see if any of your

existing accounts or services have member perks. For example, T-Mobile customers on qualifying plans now have Magenta Status, which unlocks VIP treatment with premium one-of-a-kind deals and experiences across nationally loved brands. One amazing perk of Magenta Status is getting a special rate at Hilton's 22 leading hotel brands worldwide and automatic upgrade to Hilton Honors Silver status when you sign up for a Hilton Honors membership. Silver benefits include free Wi-Fi, a fifth night free on rewards stays, an all-inclusive spa discount and more. To learn more, visit T-Mobile.com/Status.

3. Explore the great outdoors

Nature offers endless entertainment for free or on the cheap. It's no wonder that 26% of Americans plan to take an outdoor trip this year, according to Forbes.

For day trips, head to a nearby regional or state park for a hike and picnic or catch some waves at the

beach. If you're seeking longer excursions, plan a family camping trip. If you don't have the right gear, don't feel pressured to spend a ton of money. Ask family and friends to borrow tents, sleeping bags, coolers, lanterns and camp cookware.

As long as you pack your snacks, sunscreen and sense of adventure, you can make lasting memories in nature without draining your bank account.

4. Hit the road

Pack the car and get ready for a good old-fashioned road trip! A family road trip can be an exciting and budget-friendly vacation where the journey there can be just as fun as the destination.

Plan a weeklong trip to a historic site, a natural wonder or a city you've never visited. No matter where you choose to go, preparation is key. Load up the car with snacks, games, movies and all your device charging cords. Don't forget to stop along the way. You may be surprised at the hidden gems you

discover on the way to your destination.

If you'd like to keep the miles off your car, don't stress! Renting a car with extra amenities is an affordable way to make a

5. Plan a staycation

Sometimes, the best summer memories are made right at home. Staycations surged in popularity during the pandemic, and an international study found that the travel trend is unlikely to flag anytime soon. A trip where you stick close to home with loved ones can't be beat for affordability and convenience.

Need some staycation

ideas? Turn your living room into a day spa, host a game night, camp in your backyard or plan a scavenger hunt. The only limit is your imagination. If you want to look a little farther afield, use your staycation to explore your town! During the summer, your town or city may host celebrations and festivals your family can enjoy. Find out if local museums, theme parks and community centers offer discounts to children, students and families.

Make a list of upcoming summer blockbusters and hit the theaters. If you have T-Mobile Magenta Status, you can get a \$5 movie ticket to a new major motion picture every single month, guaranteed.

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Arts Huntsville Seeks Volunteers for Panoply 2024

Panoply Arts Festival will be held April 26, 27 and 28 in Big Spring Park

Arts Huntsville is seeking volunteers for the 2024 Panoply Arts Festival, to be held in downtown Huntsville April 26, 27 and 28, 2024. Panoply Arts Festival requires over 1,000 volunteers to bring arts, music and more to the community in Big Spring Park.

Volunteer shifts vary in length and are available in every area of the park, from art and STEAM interactives to gateway greeters, face painting and more. The minimum age to volunteer is 14 years old with an adult present. Volunteers 16 and 17 years of age may volunteer with permission from a parent or guardian.

Volunteers will gain free admission to enjoy the festival before or after their shift. Volunteer check-in is presented by Torch Technologies. Individuals can sign up to volunteer at artshuntsville.org. Groups interested in volunteering together can email Community Engagement & Grants Manager Ashley Hudson at ahudson@artshuntsville.org to coordinate the group volunteering.

For more information about this year's Panoply headliners and highlights, please visit <https://www.artshuntsville.org/event/panoply/>. Follow @ArtsHuntsville on Facebook, Instagram and X (formerly Twitter) for the latest updates leading up to Panoply Arts Festival. Tickets are on sale now at artshuntsville.org with day passes available for \$15 and

weekend passes for \$20 until 5 p.m. on April 26th when the festival begins.

Arts Huntsville is a non-profit organization founded in 1962 to stimulate and support community creativity and engagement by advancing the arts, entertainment, and culture to enrich quality of life, education, and economic development in the greater Huntsville metropolitan region. As the largest arts advocacy, arts engagement and arts service organization in North Alabama, Arts Huntsville serves Huntsville's arts and cultural organizations, individual artists, and arts-related businesses through five core program areas: Arts Promotion & Support, Arts Education, Public Art, Community Events, and the Sandra Moon Arts Center.

Drake State Hosts 2nd Annual 'Healthcare Heroes Week'

Drake State Community and Technical College's Health Sciences Division was scheduled to host its second Healthcare Heroes Week from April 15-18.

This event celebrates the dedication and contributions of healthcare professionals while inspiring the next generation of healthcare heroes.

The week features various activities to promote health awareness and career exploration, culminating with Who Wants to be a Healthcare Hero? Day on Thursday, April 18. During the event, Drake State hosts fifth-grade students from Martin Luther King, Jr. Elementary School to participate in interac-

tive activities focused on health and safety, fire safety, diabetes awareness, and nutrition education. Each participant receives a superhero cape and mask to commemorate their experience.

Other annual events include a blood drive with the American Red Cross on Tuesday, April 16, and Healthcare Heroes Selfie Day on Monday, April 15. "We are delighted to host Healthcare Heroes Week at Drake State Community and Technical College for a second year," said Drake State Health Sciences Division Chair Doctor Alice Raymond. "This event honors the hard work of healthcare professionals



and inspires young minds to consider careers in the health sciences. We look forward to welcoming students, faculty, and community members to join us in celebrating our healthcare heroes."

For more information about this upcoming Healthcare Heroes Week activities at Drake State, please visit drakestate.edu or contact Doctor Alice Raymond at alice.raymond@drakestate.edu.

by Daniel Owen

LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF COMPLETION

In accordance with Chapter 1, Title 39, Code of Alabama, 1975, as amended, notice is hereby given that Lee Builders, Inc., Contractor, has completed the Contract for Rehabilitation of First Stop's Facility, CDBG-CV Project No. CV-EC-20-010 at 206 Stokes Street NW, Huntsville, AL 35805 for the State of Alabama and the Madison County City of Huntsville (Owner), and have made request for final settlement of said Contract. All persons having any claim for labor, materials, or otherwise in connection with this project should immediately notify Chapman Sisson Architects, Inc., 305 Church Street SW, Suite 805, Huntsville, AL 35801. Lee Builders, Inc., 2049 Fisher Street SW, Huntsville AL 35803.

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De acuerdo con el Capítulo 1, Título 39, Código de Alabama, 1975, según enmendado, por la presente se notifica que Lee Builders, Inc., Contratista, ha completado el Contrato para la Rehabilitación de las Instalaciones de First Stop, Proyecto CDBGCV No. CV-EC-20-010 en 206 Stokes Street NW, Huntsville, AL 35805 para el Estado de Alabama y la Ciudad de Huntsville del Condado de Madison (Propietario), y han solicitado la liquidación final de dicho Contrato. Todas las personas que tengan algún reclamo por mano de obra, materiales o de otro modo en relación con este proyecto deben notificar inmediatamente a Chapman Sisson Architects, Inc., 305 Church Street SW, Suite 805, Huntsville, AL 35801. Lee Builders, Inc., 2049 Fisher Street SW, Huntsville AL 35803.