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"It is easier to build strong children than to repair broken men." - Frederick Douglass

OUC Hosts "United We Pray" Next Week

Prayer Ministries of Oakwood University Church will hold a free "United We Pray" Prayer Breakfast on Sunday, June 23, at 9 a.m. in the Charles E. Dudley Sr. Center for Regional Ministries. Prospective attendees must register by Monday, June 17.

The keynote speaker will be Elder Yvonne Collins, CFO/Treasurer for

the Office of Regional Retirement.

The event provides an opportunity for the Tennessee Valley Community "to unite to pray together for national and world issues," according to organizers. More specifically, the prayer breakfast will bring people to pray as a community for the country, leaders, the world, as well as issues facing families

and children.

The Dudley Center is located at 5100 Adventist Boulevard in Huntsville, Ala.

Participants may register on the prayer ministry page of the Oakwood University Church website at www.oucsda.org. For additional information, contact Patti Conwell at oucsda.org or call (256) 714-3822.



Juneteenth Festival Set for Saturday at Lakeside

The Greater Huntsville Juneteenth Celebration will be Saturday, June 15, at Lakeside United Methodist Church, 3738 Meridian Street NW, Huntsville, Ala., from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

This patriotic, educational, and

cultural event draws American stakeholders statewide. It celebrates freedom, civil rights, and equity, while acknowledging the sacrifices people of color made to have such liberties.

The 2024 event will "Educate While We Celebrate" by host-

ing endeavors such as STEM outreach, reading and literacy, health and wellness, economics, banking, voter registration, home ownership, music, arts, and dance. This is a family event and admission is FREE!

IMS Holds Mission Day


Interfaith Mission Service (IMS) will hold its Leadership Council Mission Day on Saturday, June 22, 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at Trinity United Methodist Church on Airport Road.

Learn the Status of the Program for Refugee Resettlement by Global Ties of Alabama; bring donations for the Refugee Welcome Baskets.

IMS congrega-

tional representatives and their designees will meet for fellowship over lunch at 607 Airport Road, Huntsville, Ala. in Room 120 in the Mission Wing, Eastside Entrance.

Contact Bill Chew, IMS Global Ties Liaison, to give a head count for lunch and to confirm any refugee donations your congregation will bring at bill.amychew1@comcast.net



Ryon Schultz
with Nina Marie Live
and Huntsville Drumline
Friday, June 21

COUNTDOWN: Drake's 'Jazz in the Garden'

The Drake State Foundation is hosting the 3rd Annual Jazz in the Garden on Friday, June 21.

Enjoy live jazz and R&B music, food trucks, and fun. This is one of the school's key fundraising events

for the year to significantly impact students' lives.

Ryon Schultz will headline Jazz in the Garden this year. Opening acts include Nina Marie Live and Huntsville Drumline.

Don't miss

another family-friendly evening with talented artists surrounding the beautiful tree-lined track on campus.

Get your tickets today at <https://drakestate.edu/jazz-in-the-garden/>



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Juneteenth at The Camp

The 4th Annual Juneteenth Celebration at The Camp will be held June 21 (5 p.m.) through June 22 at 10 p.m.

Last year's event was a resounding success, with attendance exceeding

2,000 people. This year's events will be a two day event, starting Friday afternoon with a panel discussion and talent showcase, and the all day festival on Saturday.

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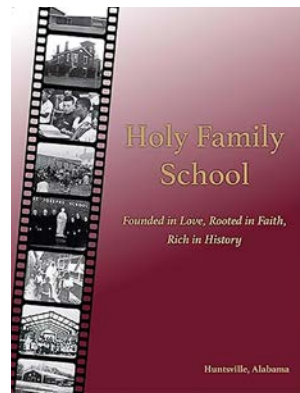
New Book Captures Rich History of Local Holy Family School

The first building phase of the new Holy Family School will be complete in November 2024. Phase II will begin following. To assist with the ongoing project, Father Joseph Lubrano and members of the Holy Family School Capital Campaign Committee are announcing a fundraiser.

Volume #1 is now available via Amazon.com of Holy Family School: Founded in Love, Rooted in Faith, Rich in History. The book consists of stories and remembrances of St. Joseph Catholic Church and Holy Family School, formerly known as St. Joseph Mission School in Huntsville, Alabama.

This book provides a unique history of Holy Family School through a collection of personal stories, memories and photographs from former and current students, parents, and parishioners to more intimately portray the symbol of hope that Holy Family was and continues to be for the community.

Holy Family School made a mark in history as the first elementary school to integrate



peacefully in the state of Alabama. The book also includes a section on the school's recent renovation and expansion project, which has brought new life and energy to the institution.

Whether a current student, parent, or member of the Holy Family community, this book is a must-read for anyone who wants to learn more about the school's rich history and its impact on the community.

All proceeds from the book will go toward Holy Family School Capital Campaign. Get your copy today.

For more information about the book, click [HERE!](#)

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Spiritual Game Plan

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"When I Think about My Father"

Colossians 3: 16 says, "Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts."

This scripture reminds me of my father, Pastor John M. Brown, who passed away many years ago. My father was a great man of God. He also had a beautiful voice. I can remember him every morning waking us up to the sounds of hymns and songs. The gift of song is one of the things that he passed down to me, as well as to my brothers and my sister.

Whenever I honor fathers, I like to reflect on some of the things that fathers should pass down to their children. Keep in mind, nobody is perfect; however, we should all be striving towards perfection.

The first thing my father passed down to me was his faith in God. He assured me that no matter what I was going through, to not let my faith waiver. All I needed to do was believe that with God all things are possible.

Fathers should also pass down God's stan-

dards of excellence to live by. In other words, what you will do and what you won't do, what you will say and what you won't say around people, or what you will watch on television and social media or what you won't watch, because God has a standard that He wants us to live by. So, fathers should let their children know what is acceptable but most importantly what is not acceptable.

Finally, fathers need to pass down character. We



Pastor John M. Brown
(My Father)

must be men of character who will stand up for God in their homes. In 1 Timothy 6:11 it says, *but you man of God, pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness.*

When I think about my father, I think about these wonderful things that he passed down to

me. Now I have an excellent example to follow and a heritage of things to pass down as well.

May God grant you spiritual success with understanding His standards for excellence in your life.

Question: What are some things your father passed down to you that you still do to this day?

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 or Westbow books.

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Funeral service for **MR. ROBERT HAYGOOD** (b. 1948) will be Sunday, June 16, at Mt. Zion Primitive Baptist Church, 2350 Wall Triana Hwy. SW, Huntsville, Ala., at 12 p.m.

Funeral service will be announced at a later date for **MR. MARCUS DAVIDSON** (b. 1987); **MR. LEONARD WILLIAMS** (b. 1954); and **MR. ANDREW LEFLORE** (b. 1952).

Funeral service for **EVANGELIST MARY STALLWORTH** (b. 1935) will be held TBA at Pine Grove M.B. Church, 759 Pine Grove Road, Harvest, Ala. Visitation 5-8 p.m. Monday, June 10.

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Funeral service for **DR. THEODORE CHESTER DIXIE, SR.** (b. 1941) will be Saturday, June 15, at 12 noon at Fellowship Presbyterian Church, 3406 Meridian Street, Huntsville, Ala, with The Reverend Gregory Bentley officiating and The Reverend Dr. Amanda Goodson as eulogist.

Funeral service for **MR. DAVID FITZGERALD JORDAN, III** (b. 1964) was Saturday, June 8, at Hopewell Missionary Baptist Church with Reverend Cornelius Adams officiating.

Funeral service for **MR. HOWARD GRIFFIN** (b. 1935) was Friday, June 7, at Saint Paul United Methodist Church with The Reverend Dr. Tiwirai Kufarimai officiating.

Funeral service for **MR. MARLON C. PLEASURE** was Saturday, June 1, at Union Chapel MB Church with Pastor O. Wendell Davis, officiant and Rev. Eurial Turner as eulogist.

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The funeral service for **MS. JOHNNIE MAE DAVISON** (b. 1948) was Saturday, June 8, at the Saint James Cumberland Presbyterian Church, 2950 Jeff Road, Harvest, Ala., with Pastor Byron McGlathery officiating.

The funeral service for **MS. CASSANDRA DERRICK PEEBLES** (b. 1961) was Saturday, June 8, at the Flint River Primitive Baptist Church, 357 Everett Road, Huntsville, Ala., with Pastor Gregory Miller officiating.

The funeral service for **MR. BYRON DOUGLAS WASHINGTON** (b. 1953) was Friday, June 7, 2024 at the Royal Chapel of Memories, with Rev. Oliver Allen officiating.

LivOn Journey Camp to Hold 'All-Men' Event

LivOn Journey Camp will host an all-men cancer survivor camp on Friday and Saturday, June 21-22 at Harris Manor, one of several activities aimed at celebrating two years of helping survivors to "liv" and thrive. Located in the River Region, LivOn Journey Camp is a local non-profit organization whose mission is to create a space for every cancer survivor to be strengthened mentally, emotionally, and spiritually to realize they are made better from their cancer journey.

LivOn Journey Camp is based on the LivPathway®, five paths for survivors to find guidance, purpose, and clarity about their journey. The camp is hosted and facilitated by LivOn Journey Camp Founder JoLanda Kirkpatrick Harris, a breast cancer survivor and the first certified cancer coach in Alabama. The guest presenter will be Tom Gilry, a certified cancer coach and a qualified yoga instructor from Switzerland.

"There is no plan when you become a survivor. LivOn Journey Camp fills that gap so no survivor ever feels lost or left behind," says Harris. LivOn Journey Camp is designed for survivors wherever they are on their journey. Although this camp is for men, LivOn Journey Camp is an opportunity for all survivors to connect, discover, engage, release, and aspire.

For more on LivOn Journey Camp or how to support cancer survivors, contact JoLanda Kirkpatrick Harris at (256) 326-1339 or visit www.livonjourneycamp.org.



Valley Weekly VALLEY EVENTS HAPPENINGS, ACTIVITIES & MORE

June 14

"Utopia"

2024 City Lights & Stars
Burritt on the Mountain
3101 Burritt Drive SE
Huntsville, Ala.
7:30 p.m.

June 15

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

Jazz, Blues & BBQ Father's
Day Festival
Info: [HERE](#)
John Hunt Park
2195 JayceeWay
Huntsville, Ala.

June 16

Father's Day

The Market at MidCity
MidCity District
Huntsville, Ala.
12-4 p.m.

June 19

Commissioner Violet Ed-
wards Hosts
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Community Conversation"
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Center
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10 a.m.-12 noon

June 20

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Guest Lana
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June 21

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Big Spring Park
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3rd Annual Jazz in the
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nity and Technical College
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6 p.m.

June 22

Master Workshop
"Frank Lloyd Wright
Stained Glass Panel"
Burritt on the Mountain
3101 Burritt Drive SE
Huntsville, Ala.
9 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

"What I love most about fatherhood is the opportunity to be a part of the development process of a new life."

- Seal


Local Amazon Best-selling Author to Host Free June 18 Webinar on 'Writing Your First Book'

Amazon four-time best-selling author Huntsville's Tim Allston will host a free Facebook Live webinar, "How to Tell Your Story into Your First Book in 40 Days," on Tuesday, June 18, at 6:30 p.m.

In a recent New York Times survey, 81% of adult Americans said they want to write a book, yet only one percent have done so, Allston added, "and I'm here to help create 'those one percenters' to write their first book."

To register for this free webinar, go to <https://facebook.com/timallston>.





Perspectives on
God Views
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Current News

by tim allston

Fangs Up, FAMU Rattlers! “Uncle Tim” Salutes and Welcomes Your New Men’s Coach, Patrick Crarey II

“Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it.” - Ephesians 6:1

New FAMU men’s coach Patrick Crarey II (center) joins athletic director Ms. Tiffany-Dawn Sykes and president Dr. Larry Robinson in flashing FAMU’s “Fangs Up” sign for its Rattlers during his April 17th introductory press conference (YouTube).

Suppose the foundation of successful leadership is influence and relationships.

In that case, Patrick Crarey II, the new men’s basketball coach at Florida A&M University (FAMU), is poised to build a thriving basketball program. His impressive track record, marked by winning influence and strong relationships, speaks volumes about his qualifications.

“Uncle Tim,” as he still calls me, first met the seven-year-old in April 1991 at an Oakwood College Aeolians Choir concert at the Ephesus Seventh-day Adventist Church in Richmond, Virginia. He and his older sister April, younger brother Brandon, and their parents, ER doctor Patrick and clinical therapist Denise, were present.

That first encounter led to a close family relationship, and therefore, I indirectly watched “little Patrick” grow in his basketball coaching prowess later.

Over the next 33 years, I witnessed Patrick’s transformation into a leader of student-athletes and a highly respected winning coach on a national level. His journey is a testament to his dedication and passion for the game.

Patrick’s coaching prowess featured a 10-year run that led the Washington Adventist University (MD) Shock to a USCAA national championship in 2014. This feat solidified his reputation as a successful head coach and athletic director.

Then, in 2021, his subsequent tenure at St. Thomas University (FL), where he achieved a 61-27 overall record in three seasons, further underscored his ability to lead teams to victory, winning the 2024 Sun Conference regular-season title and being named coach of the year.

During the 2023 NBA Summer League, Crarey served as its San Antonio Spurs guest coach, working closely with Victor Wembanyama, the league’s No. 1 draftee and subsequent Rookie of the Year. “Working with the Spurs last summer enlightened me on many different things in basketball. We will be a systematically- and analytically-based team.”

“I don’t have a lot of slogans, but I have one: relationships and championships. . . . My relationship with my God, my family, and my players are the most important things in my life,” Crarey stated in his April 17 introductory press conference.

More than money, Crarey concluded, his biggest resource to have is people. “I will make you proud. Quickly. Fangs up!”



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Millennial Moment

by Gloria B. Caldwell

Fathers ...



A father’s love; there’s nothing like it. A father is your first superhero, protector, provider, teacher, and exemplifies strength.

I recall my father being all of this. When I was a little girl he was always there, always supportive. He was in the stands at my events, at every awards day ceremony, every graduation, and everything that I chose to do as a hobby. He even helped me to understand how to overcome trials, understand boys/men, and wipe tears when I was heartbroken.

A father’s love makes you feel important, valued, and comforted. A father can teach you through his actions, provide structure, and instill Christian values. Fathers can give so much to their children by teaching them how to accomplish things, fix things, and provide for themselves. A father’s celebration of a child gives a child so much confidence.

See, a woman gives birth to a child, and by way of birth and nature, they are nurturing and loving to the child they have carried. People assume they take the nurturing role because of the bonding and growing pains they go through to get them here. What’s so beautiful about a father is he chooses to be a part of his child’s life. He has to wait for the child to be born; he has to wait to develop or cultivate his connection. When a father chooses to do so, it’s the most meaningful thing ever!!

Today, I salute the fantastic fathers who made that choice and do it with pride and intentionality.


Happy Father’s Day to each of you!



Denver Betts

This Sunday's Lctionary

Sunday, June 16, 2024
Fourth Sunday
After
Pentecost



(Track 2, Year B)
First Lesson:
Ezekiel 17:22-24
Psalm 92:1-4, 11-14
Second Lesson:
2 Corinthians 5:6-17
GOSPEL:
Mark 4:26-34



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

Mr. Richard Knight



Born March 1948 in Mobile, Ala., Mr. Richard Knight was the second child of a single parent. His mother was a firm disciplinarian to Richard and his sister, expertly and lovingly raising them without their father. His mother worked as a "domestic" worker until she was called home to be with the Lord just two weeks after Knight turned 14 years old. Her loss became the pivoting moment in his life. To this day, Knight will tell you that his mother's firm hand made him the man that he became. His aunt took custody of Richard and his sister after their mother's death.

At a young age, Knight worked long hours doing community service and odd jobs "to earn money." That also included doing farm work. He learned barbering, another skill he could use to earn money. Before age 15, Knight struck out on his own to become a self-made man. The values and work ethic his mother instilled in him from an early age is what got him through very hard and difficult times. He became acquainted with "poverty" conditions early in life and decided he would work hard to change his circumstances in an effort to avoid poverty for the rest of his life. Though very young, he was very wise for his age and began to make solid and responsible choices. To this day, he lives with those values his mother poured into him.

In 1966, Knight graduated

from Union High School in Monroe County, Ala. He loved building things with his hands. He continued his education at J.F. Drake State Technical College in Huntsville. He took up bricklaying and masonry trades and was an honor student throughout his attendance and graduated in 1968. He had only worked for a short time after his graduation when he was drafted into the U.S. Army; but he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps. Knight trained hard as a young recruit and was sent to Vietnam in May 1968. He served one tour of duty as an Infantry (0331) Machine Gunner M60.

When he completed his time in the Marine Corps and returned home to the United States, along with his fellow comrades, they were not well received. To their amazement, after putting their lives on the line and experiencing some of the most horrific emotional encounters that nearly cost them their sanity and their lives, much to their dismay, they were met with angry protestors and not a "Welcome Home Parade". But he received an honorable discharge and stepped into the real world "as a man," who took on a wife and started a family of his own. As of August 2019, he has been married for 45 years. They have four (4) children, two (2) grandsons and one (1) granddaughter. Knight worked for a manufacturing firm as a refractory supervi-



sor and Installer. After 34 years of service, he retired in 2003. In 34 years of service, Knight only used 30 days of leave in 34 years. That is unheard of. This is indicative of his strong work ethic.

After retiring, he began to do special work that he says, "The Lord has called me to do": to work with the Vietnam Veterans. This is his ministry. He has worked just as hard, if not harder, since retiring and with no pay. But he absolutely loves it! He is devoted to his calling and loves what he does; and he does it extremely well. He has made such a huge difference in the lives of veterans. He has gotten much done for all of the men and women who have come to him for his help and assistance. This is truly his "high calling". Knight promised God that, if he survived Vietnam, he would never use another gun again in his life. He kept his promise and has never been in trouble with the law. He taught his children to "love their fellow man, their country and to love God".

"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.rosettajamesfoundation.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.



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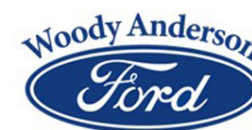


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A&M Alum to Lead National Symphony Orchestra for Third Time at The Kennedy Center

Alabama A&M University alumnus Henry Panion III will lead the National Symphony Orchestra at The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C., in an all-star tribute to gospel legend Richard Smallwood on June 18-19.

A composer, conductor and producer, Panion is University Professor of Music and director of Music Technology in the College of Arts and Sciences' Department of Music at the University of Alabama at Birmingham

(UAB).

A three-time Grammy Award winner, Panion earned two Emmys in 2021 for the PBS documentary "Dreams of Hope," which won an unprecedented 13 Telly Awards. Smallwood's songs are among the most-performed gospel music by choirs across the



globe. This year marks Smallwood's 75th birthday, and Panion, having worked with Smallwood as conductor and arranger, was tapped by The Kennedy Center for his unique experience at merging gospel and classical music, particularly with the symphony orchestra.

For this special performance, Panion, a 2023 Alabama Music Hall of Fame inductee, will produce, arrange and conduct the National Symphony Orchestra.

Also featured will be gospel stars Marvin Winans of the Winans family; Dorinda Clark-Cole of the Clark Sisters; Maurette Brown Clark, whose career started as a member of the Richard Smallwood Singers; Vision, the choir heard on many of Smallwood's most famous recordings; and the Bowie State University Choir and Howard University Gospel Choir, of which Smallwood is an alumnus.

"A Gospel Symphony Celebration: Tribute to Richard Smallwood at 75" will be Panion's third time

conducting the National Symphony Orchestra; the first was for a July Fourth concert with Stevie Wonder on the grounds of the United States Capitol for a crowd of 500,000 and tens of millions on television, and the second for two sold-out shows with R&B singer India Arie.

"I am honored to be invited back to lead this world-renowned orchestra, and to know that I am forever listed among some of the most important conductors in history to have this privilege, such as Ms-tislav Rostropovich, Pierre Boulez, Herbert von Karajan, Zubin Mehta, Leonard Slatkin, Seiji Ozawa, Sir Simon Rattle and Leonard Bernstein," Panion said. "To see their photos displayed on the walls in the conductor's dressing room is a pinch-me moment."

Since its founding in 1931, the NSO has been committed to performances that enrich the lives of its audience and community members. In 1986,

the National Symphony became an artistic affiliate of The Kennedy Center,



where it has performed since the Center opened in

1971. The 96-member NSO participates in events of national and international importance, including the annual nationally televised concerts on the lawn of the United States Capitol, The Kennedy Center Honors and the orchestra's representation of the United States on their international tours, Panion says.

For the 2023-2024 season, Panion appears with The Greensboro Symphony, Syracuse Orchestra, Buffalo Philharmonic, Charlotte Symphony, Alabama Symphony, Richmond Symphony, Virginia Sym-

phony, Canton Symphony, Baltimore Symphony and the National Symphony.

During the upcoming 2024-2025 season, Panion will lead the Alabama Symphony in a reprisal of the highly successful "A Gospel Symphony Celebration" featuring Dorinda Clark-Cole, set for Sunday, Nov. 17, at UAB's Alys Stephens Performing Arts Center. Panion will present a special valentine concert on Saturday, Feb. 8, 2025, featuring "American Idol" winner Ruben Studdard in "Ruben Sings Luther."

- Shannon Thomason, UAB

Happy Father's Day

by Kimberly Ferguson

*It's a celebration
Happy Father's Day to the dads
Expectant dads, Step dads,
Granddads and it's hard
To find the words to say
Because a Father
Is a blessing
They carry a lot of weight
And they have a lot on their
plate
But they are great
We can depend on you
When we don't know what
to do
You give us a hand
And you understand
That it's something we
Can't do alone
And we call you on the phone
And they hear your voice
And they don't have a choice
Because Father knows best and
They always invest
They are due recognition
Today and every day
Because they go out
Of their way
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Two “Second Saturday” City Hall Art Tours to Showcase Public Art Remain

Arts Huntsville invites the community to explore the artistic heart of Huntsville's new City Hall with “Second Saturday” art tours showcasing the building's public art installations. These docent-led tours will take place at 10:30 a.m. on July 13 and August 10, offering a first-hand look at the dynamic artworks that grace the halls of Huntsville's new municipal headquarters.

July 13: Join award-winning painters Ann Moeller and Yuri Ozaki. Soar above the city with Ozaki's “Downtown Huntsville” and discover the stories Moeller brings to life in “The Spark.” **August 10:** Be greeted by Cynthia Wagner and David Nuttall. Stroll by the 11 panels of Wagner's “Transformative Soil: Terra Firma” while discovering the iconic symbols woven into her work and learn about Nuttall's upcoming installation of a hand-drawn nighttime map of Huntsville.

REGISTER

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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'Courageous 8' Traveling Exhibit Coming to Huntsville

The Alabama Association for the Arts (ALAA) is proud to partner with Arts Huntsville, the National Education & Empowerment Coalition (NEEC), and the Friends of Selma to Montgomery National Historic Trails to bring the "Arts in Movement: Courageous 8 Traveling Exhibit" to Huntsville, Alabama.

A Celebration of History, Art, and Social Justice

This powerful, free to community, exhibition sheds light on the often-overlooked stories of Selma's "Courageous Eight," a group of unsung heroes who played a pivotal role in the fight for voting rights during the Civil Rights Movement. Through various art forms, the exhibit honors their sacrifices and contributions to the ongoing struggle for social justice.

Schedule of Events:

Sunday, June 16

(4 pm – 6 pm): Intimate Mixer with Special Guests (Location: AVIQ) – Producer Codie Gopher of Seven Two Project, Gloria Hollins of AL Association for the Arts, and guests will discuss the importance of preserving history through art and culture.

Monday, June 17 (10 am – 4 pm): Public Viewing (Location: Huntsville Revisited Museum) – Open to the public to view the exhibit.

Monday, June 17 (6 pm – 8 pm): Intimate Mixer with Artist Phyllis Parks and

Special Guests (Location: Huntsville Revisited Museum) – Hear directly from the artist and representatives of the Courageous 8 families about the inspiration behind the exhibit.

Tuesday, June 18 (6 pm – 8 pm): Public Exhibit Viewing & Youth Community Conversation (Location: Omega Center) – This event, held in conjunction with the National Civil Rights Conference, features a youth roundtable

discussion moderated by Jasmine Byrd of WZDX Fox 54. HBCU students will participate in a conversation about bridging the generational gap in understanding history through art.

Wednesday, June 19 (1 pm – 7 pm): Juneteenth Celebration & Final Viewing (Location: Oakwood University Church Family Life Center) – This self-guided viewing opportunity coincides with Juneteenth,

a federal holiday commemorating the emancipation of enslaved African Americans in the United States.

The Importance of Remembering

The "Arts in Movement: Courageous 8 Traveling Exhibit" serves as a powerful reminder of the ongoing fight for equality. By honoring the sacrifices of these heroes, we inspire future generations to continue the pursuit of social justice.

Join the Conversation

We encourage the Huntsville community to join us for this important exhibition and participate

in the scheduled events. Let's celebrate the power of art in preserving history and fostering dialogue about social justice.

Huntsville Host Committee:

- Alabama Association for the Arts
- Friends of Selma to Montgomery National Historic Trail
- National Education & Empowerment Coalition
- Huntsville Revisited Museum
- Oakwood University Church
- Arts Huntsville
- AVIQ
- Lift Our Vote

For more info, visit AlaForArts.org or contact Jessica Fortune Barker at barkerforbetter@gmail.com, (256) 640-2483.



AAMU Agribition Center Makes Transformation for NASA's 'Break the Ice' Lunar Challenge

Excitement mounted behind AAMU's Agribition Center as crews transformed the terrain, creating a lunar-like landscape for the adrenaline-pumping Final Phase of NASA's Break the Ice Lunar Challenge.

This groundbreaking competition, initiated by NASA in 2020, seeks innovative solutions for excavating icy lunar regolith and delivering crucial resources in the Moon's extreme environments. The ultimate goal? To develop cutting-edge technologies that will pave the way for a sustained human presence on the Moon.

Competitors from across the globe have battled through Phase 1 and Phase 2, designing and testing their mettle in both indoor and outdoor environments. The challenge culminates in designing, building, and rigorously testing robots capable of withstanding the brutal conditions of the Moon's permanently shadowed regions at the Lunar South Pole. Out of numerous contenders, only six formidable teams advanced to the finals:

- *Starpath Robotics* (San Francisco, CA)
- *Terra Engineering* (Gardena, CA)
- *The Ice Diggers* (Golden, CO)
- *Cislune Excavators* (Los

Angeles, CA)

- *Space Trajectory* (Brookings, SD)
- *MTU Planetary Surface Technology Development Lab* (Houghton, MI)

These teams converged at AAMU's Agribition Center from June 11 to 12, vying for victory in the intense Level 3 testing phase, where a staggering \$1.5 million in prizes was up for grabs.

NASA's Break the Ice Challenge went out with a bang, and organizers were excited to coordinate with Alabama A&M University and its Agribition Center for the final event," according to Kim Krome, acting

program manager for NASA Centennial Challenges at the agency's Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville, Ala.

The unique facilities of the Agribition Center provided the perfect backdrop to close out the \$3.5 million competition.

The competition tested two critical components: excavation and transportation. In the arena, six identically sized concrete slabs, each about 300 cubic feet, replicated the challenging conditions of the Moon's South Pole craters. A gravity-offloading crane system applied the counterweights on the excava-

tors, to mimic the Moon's one-sixth gravity.

Outside the Agribition Center, challenge teams took turns on a custom-built track outfitted with slopes, boulders, pebbles, rocks, and gravel to simulate the lunar surface. This volatile surface stretched approximately 300 meters and included several twists and turns for more intermediate handling.

Each team had one hour to dig as much material as possible or reach their robot's payload capacity. Up to three top-performing teams earned the chance to test their solutions inside one of Marshall's

thermal vacuum chambers, replicating the harsh temperature and vacuum conditions of the lunar South Pole.

The stakes were sky-high: the first-place team took home a colossal \$1 million, while the second-place team earned \$500,000.

The NASA Break the Ice Challenge unfolded on Tuesday, June 11, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Wednesday, June 12, from 8:00 a.m. to 4 p.m. with an awards ceremony commencing at 5 p.m. This exhilarating event was free and open to the public.