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*- Ida B. Wells*

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## A Fifth of Alabamians Living in Poverty

Recently, Alabama Possible released its 2016 Alabama Poverty Data Sheet, which highlights statewide poverty rates and data related to educational attainment, employment, and food security.

The 2016 Data Sheet reveals that 19.2 percent of Alabamians, or more than 900,000 people, live below the federal poverty line. Alabama's poverty rate is higher than the national average of 15.5 percent.

Poverty and hunger are commonplace experiences in Alabama. Nearly all of us have experienced poverty or know someone who has. You can use the 2016 Data Sheet to guide your advocacy efforts and encourage deeper support for programs that effectively remove barriers to prosperity in Alabama.

Here's what the latest data

shows:

- Alabama is the fourth poorest state in the U.S., and 19.2 percent of Alabamians live below the federal poverty line, a noticeably larger percentage than the national average of 15.5 percent. The federal poverty line is \$24,300 for a family of four.

- 19 of Alabama's 67 counties have a poverty rate higher than 25 percent.
- Alabama has the fourth highest rate of child poverty in the country, and more than 300,000 Alabama children live in poverty. Poverty disproportionately impacts African American children, who are twice as likely to live in poverty as white children, and Latino children, who are three times more likely to live in poverty as white children.

- 18.8 percent of Alabamians are at risk of hunger, or food insecure.
- Every county in Alabama except Shelby County has a higher child food insecurity rate than the national average of 20.9 percent.

- Alabama has the fifth lowest Op-

portunity Index score in the country with 47.4 out of a possible 100. The Opportunity Index, a measurement developed by Measure of America and Opportunity Nation, provides a snapshot of economic mobility at both state and county levels.



Systemic poverty is a complex system with many interrelated components. Alabama Possible and our statewide partners like you advocate, collaborate, and educate so that all Alabamians can lead prosperous lives.

Download the data sheet (<http://alabamapossible.org/programs/povertydatasheet/>) and join the conversation by sharing your stories and reactions in social media posts by tagging us at @alabamapossible or using the hashtag #beyondpoverty.

by Kristina Scott  
Executive Director  
Alabama Possible

## Ivy Center Schedules Annual Brunch

The Ivy Center of Huntsville/Madison County Foundation, Incorporated will hold its annual fundraising event--The 10th Annual White Linen Brunch--on Saturday, June 25, at 10 a.m. at the Ernest L. Knight Reception Center on the historic campus of Alabama A&M University.

The Ivy Center is a volunteer organization of concerned, committed and talented women who, joined in friendship, enhance the quality of life in the larger community. The organization is primarily formed to promote "healthy family" life skills by en-

riching, sustaining and ensuring the literacy, health and economic survival of disadvantaged youth and their families. The Ivy Center Foundation focuses on family life skills through education, cultural enrichment, health and wellness, and civic involvement. This focus is implemented through strategies such as public information workshops and educational symposiums, economic development and business skills training.

It was incorporated on July 28, 2005 as a 501(c)3 volunteer organization.

## Space & Rocket Center Plans '80s Summer Concert

The U.S. Space & Rocket Center Foundation is proud to announce its second annual Concert in Shuttle Park, coming on Saturday, July 16, and we're celebrating the 80s this year!

2016 marks the 30th anniversary of the major motion picture, "Space Camp," so this year's installment of the concert series revels in the decade that catapulted a small youth camp in North Alabama into a cultural icon.

What celebration would be complete without the soundtrack of the decade? This is the outdoor

concert event of the summer! The 80s were big! Come relive the excess of it all... big hair, big lights, and big sounds.

Among the performers for the concert in Shuttle Park (\$39) are Eddie Money, Mickey Thomas, Yacht Rock Revue, Jeff Carlisi, Robbie Dupree and Bill Champlin. Gates open at 7 p.m.

Proceeds from the 'Totally 80's Concert in Shuttle Park' benefit the U.S. Space & Rocket Center Education Foundation's Space Camp General Scholarship Fund.

## Cavaliers Become NBA Champs

Millions around the country watched the NBA finals on Sunday, June 19, as the Cleveland Cavaliers overcame a 3-1 game deficit to snatch victory from the Golden State Warriors, 93-89.

MVP LeBron James emotionally expressed his feelings about bringing the coveted championship trophy to his

native city, just two years after returning to the Cavaliers only two years ago.

James helped revive the Cavs in the series, finished himself with 27 points, 11 assists and as many rebounds, developing what sports historians have called Cleveland's first major sports win since the Browns won the NFL title well over 50 years ago.

"Cleveland--This is for you!" James yelled at an after-game interview.

After successful seasons in Miami, James returned to the Cavs, promising to win a long-awaited title. Cleveland also underwent a coaching change, with the switch to Tyronn Lue, who took over back in January for the fired David Blatt.



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## Your Washington Recap

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

1. The House and Senate are in session this week. As a result of last Wednesday's 15-hour, Senate Democrats' filibuster on gun control by led by Sen. Chris Murphy (D-CT), the Senate GOP Leadership has agreed to allow votes on 4 amendments to the pending FY2017 Commerce/Justice/Science Appropriations bill:

- Sen. Feinstein (D-CA) – bars gun sales for terrorist watch listees and allows Atty Gen to bar others, including a 5-year look-back on investigated persons;
- Sen. Cornyn (R-TX) – bars gun sales for terrorist watch listees for 72 hours while requiring gov't to show probable cause to magistrate;
- Sens. Murphy (D-CT)/Booker (D-NJ) - requires background checks on gun purchasers at gun shows and over the internet; and
- Sens. Cruz (R-TX)/Grassley (R-IA) – amends the definition of “adjudicated mentally incompetent” to ensure the rights of gun purchasers who have been

released from psychiatric institutions.

None of the above amendments reached the required 60 votes to pass on Monday, but other Senators, led by Sen. Susan Collins (R-ME) and Sen. Heidi Heitkamp (D-ND), are reportedly working on language that would bar people on the Transportation Security Administration's “no-fly” and “selectee” (passengers subject to additional screening) lists from buying guns, which is a narrower list that might be acceptable to the GOP.

The House has a busy schedule this week, too, which includes the FY2017 Financial Services Appropriations bill (funding Treasury, the White House, the District of Columbia and the IRS) and a vote to override the President's June 8 veto of Congress' recent attempt to cancel the Labor Department's new “fiduciary rule,” which will require any adviser working with people's retirement accounts to avoid conflicts and act in the best interest of clients in the products they recommend. It may also take up

the final conference agreement to provide additional funding to fight the Zika virus (currently part of the FY2017 Military Construction Appropriations bill).

2. President Obama delivered the keynote address at the SelectUSA Summit (an arm of the Commerce Department that promotes foreign direct investment in the US) at the Washington Hilton. Last Saturday, the President renewed his call to ban assault weapons, in the aftermath of the Orlando nightclub shooting. Congress passed a ban on semi-automatic weapons in 1994, but the ban was allowed to expire in 2004.

3. On June 23, all eyes (and especially the pro-EU Obama Administration) were on Great Britain as voters went to the polls to decide whether to stay in the European Union. Here in the U.S., a vote to leave the EU

might lead to the Federal Reserve putting on indefinite hold any interest rate hike it may have been contemplating.

4. 2016 Presidential Watch. Last week, the *Wall Street Journal* published its list of Hillary Clinton's potential Veep picks. There are only 28 days to go before the start of the conventions:

- Republican National Convention, Cleveland, July 18-21
- Democratic National Convention, Philadelphia, July 25-28.

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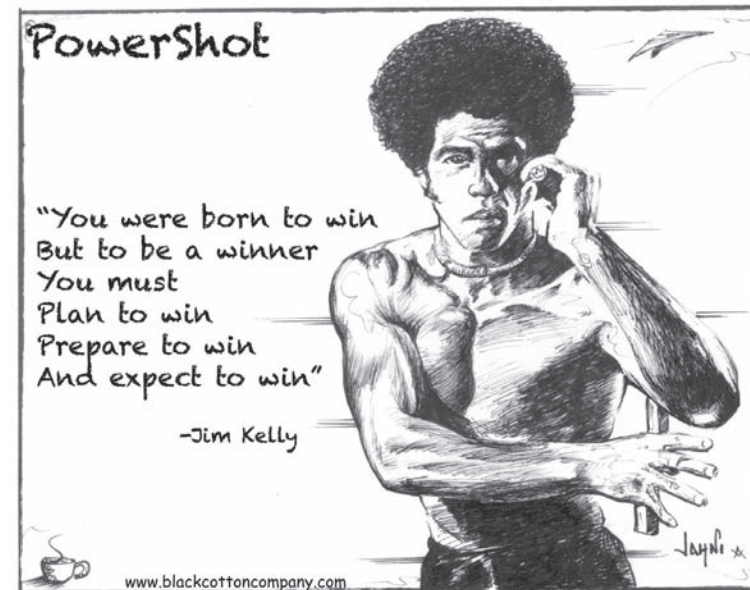
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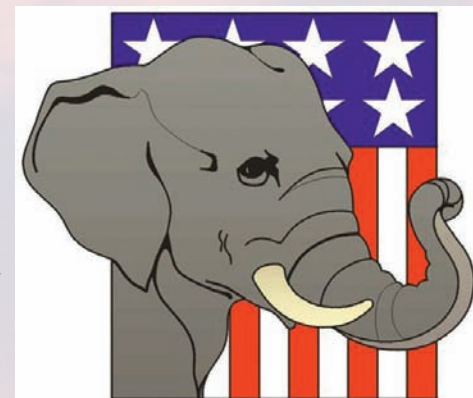
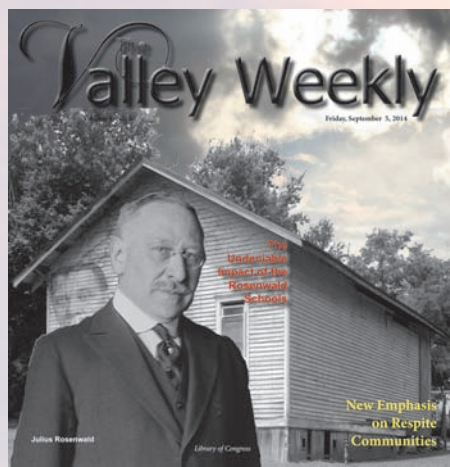
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We sell ads to political candidates, regardless of position, party or affiliations. Thus, we offer interested political candidates the same ad pricing. TVW is non-partisan and transparent, as we committed on September 5, 2014, when we published our first edition at [www.valleyweeklyllc.com](http://www.valleyweeklyllc.com).

Let's not get caught up in the political fray. However, we urge each of our readers to vote, register a new voter and support the candidates of his or her choice. Be encouraged and make a courageous difference!

*On a sad note ...* I was working out of town last week when I read about the car accident and subsequent passing of Ron "Hershey" Childress, Jr. (left). In the mid-90s, we were neighbors in the Mt. Charron community. Over the years, Ron grew and developed into a wonderful, loving and God-fearing young professional and servant. Several years ago, we spoke jointly to some NACEE students at UAH on the invitation of Mr. Bob Petty. I was struck by his loving spirit and zeal for entrepreneurialship. We followed up that meeting with a short visit in my office. He had it "together" inside and out! Our community has lost a gem. Many of us will remember and cherish Ron's life and legacy. Few 34-year-olds have time to establish a true legacy. Yet, he left an indelible mark on those whose lives he touched. Blessings to his beautiful and loving wife, Soror Tiffany, and the entire Childress and Hawthorne Families.

Until next week ...



Dorothy



## Calhoun Runs Cadaver Lab

For a two-day period in mid-june, Calhoun Community College's Division of Health Sciences hosted a cadaver lab to train area emergency medical services personnel, as well as provide a unique training experience for students enrolled in the college's health science programs.

According to Bret McGill, Calhoun's Dean for Health Sciences, the training labs for EMS professionals from Alabama EMS Region One (AERO)/HEMSI (Huntsville Emergency Services, Inc.) were held during the two-day period. The training sessions were directed by Dr. Juliette Saussy and Warren Foy, CRNA (Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist).

McGill said that funding for the cadaver training experience was made possible through a grant from the Alabama Department of Public Health Office of Emergency Medical Services. He added that healthcare professionals representing over 34 agencies from 11 north Alabama counties were invited to take part in the training.

"This event will in the end benefit the patients that EMS will care for in our region through the training and guidance that they will receive from experienced experts," commented Dion Schultz, AERO Coordinator, Alabama EMS Region One.

## OU Holds South Central Conference Camp

The 70-year history of the South Central Conference's legacy of service, evangelism and education, was celebrated recently on Oakwood University's campus during the Conference's Camp Meeting, which ended June 18.

Dr. Leslie Pollard delivered the evening message on June 17, while Dr. Ron Smith, president of the Southern Union Conference, spoke for the ordination service on June 18,

where Michael C. Mickens, '09 (pictured), was ordained into the ministry. Mickens currently pastors the First Tuskegee and First Union Springs Seventh-day Adventist churches in Alabama.

He received the "E.C. Ward Young Prophets Award" for pastoral excellence among intern pastors by the South Central Conference in 2015.

This year's camp meeting theme was "At The Cross."



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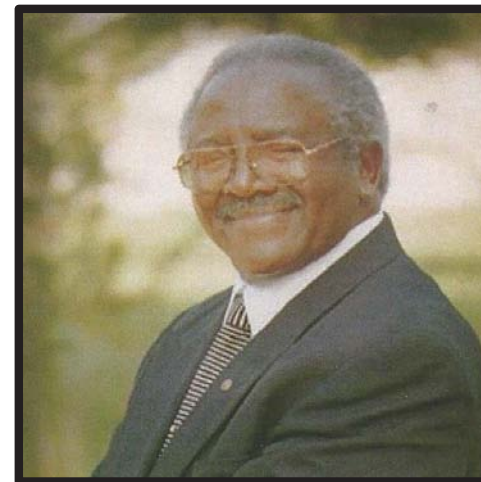


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## Activity Garner Support for Pastoral Care

Huntsvillians are being asked to support the Huntsville Association for Pastoral Care through a fundraiser on Tuesday, July 12.

Interested persons can help HAPC raise funds by eating at Nothing But Noodles, located at 4800 Whitesburg Drive, The Village on Whitesburg Shopping Center, between 10:30 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Attendees should let the cashier know when they are ordering their meals (eat-in or take out all day long) that they are a friend of Huntsville Association for Pastoral Care (HAPC), and HAPC will benefit from each purchase.

For more information, contact Rev. Carl Malm, Executive Director, HAPC. HAPC has been sup-

porting chaplaincy and spiritual care in North Alabama since 1977. Address correspondence to: P.O. Box 16032, Huntsville, AL 35802 or call (256) 883-6539; malmcarl@hotmail.com.

HAPC is part of the Church Health Center, which seeks to reclaim the Church's biblical commitment "to care for our bodies and our spirits."

## Valley Deaths

Funeral service for **Mr. Anthony Lamar McClain** will be announced later.

Funeral service for **Mr. Robert ("Bob") Thomas Chastine** was held Thursday, June 23, 2016, at 1 p.m. at the Redstone Arsenal Bicentennial Chapel (376 Goss Road SW) - Redstone Arsenal, Ala.

Funeral service for **Mr. Lonnie B. Conerly** was Saturday, June 18, at Nelms Memorial Funeral Home Chapel with Reverend Cornell Martin officiating.

Funeral service for **Ms. Debra Edwards** was Saturday, June 18, at Eagles Nest Ministries (6831 Hollow Road - Huntsville, AL) with Bishop Daniel Richardson officiating.

Memorial service for **Ms. Angela A. Morris** was Saturday, June 18, at Nelms Memorial Funeral Home Chapel.

Funeral service for **Mrs. Velma ("Sister") Crutcher** was Saturday, June 18, 2016 at Owens Chapel Missionary Baptist Church (2520 Elton Road NW - Huntsville, AL) with Reverend Lawrence Sanford, Eulogist, and Dr. H. Wendell Thompson officiating.

Funeral service for **Mr. Jerry Love** was Friday, June 17, at West Mastin Lake Baptist Church (4705 Mastin Lake Road - Huntsville, AL) with Reverend L. Willie Hinton, Sr. officiating.

Funeral service for **Deacon James A. Kelley** was held Tuesday, June 14, at Union Chapel Missionary Baptist Church (315 Winchester Road - Huntsville, AL) with Dr. O. Wendell Davis officiating.

- Nelms Memorial Funeral Home

## HMA to Feature Pulitzer Prize Winner in Fall

Sebastian Smee, Pulitzer Prize-winning art critic and author of "The Art of Rivalry: Four Friendships, Betrayals, and Breakthroughs in Modern Art," will speak at the Huntsville Museum of Art's Loretta Spencer Hall on Thursday, November 10, at 7 p.m.

According to HMA, "Rivalry" is at the heart of some of the most famous and fruitful relationships in history. The book follows eight celebrated artists, each linked to a counterpart by friendship, admiration, envy, and ambition.

All eight are household names today. But to achieve what they did, each needed the influence of a contemporary—one who



was equally ambitious but possessed sharply contrasting strengths and weaknesses.

Writing with the same exuberant wit and psychological insight that earned him a Pulitzer Prize for art criticism,

Smee explores the way that coming into one's own as an artist—finding one's voice—almost always involves willfully breaking away from some intimate's expectations of who you are or ought to be.

Tickets: \$25/\$40



Rev. Dr. Theodis Acklin (right) joins Ruthie Hambrick, who retired after 40 years of service with Huntsville City Schools.



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## Burritt Honoring Armed Forces



Burritt on the Mountain is holding its Armed Forces Week beginning Monday, June 27, from 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Burritt on the Mountain is holding the activity to thank the members of the Armed Forces for their service. All Active Duty Military and their immediate families will be admitted to Burritt on the Mountain free

of charge during Armed Forces Week.

For more information, visit [www.burrittonthemountain.com](http://www.burrittonthemountain.com).

## Keeping Ebony Friends in Perspective

by Jerome Saintjones

Where would we be without our good, true friends?

They aren't blood, but many times they are more loyal, more dependable and more empathetic than kin. Sometimes they build shelves in their own lives and place bits of us on them. And, only when absolutely necessary, they pull those items off those shelves simply to remind us ... *This is what you are, what you used to be, what you hoped to be ...*

Through friends we capture moments in time and, as to a giant jigsaw puzzle, we all bring the pieces we have to re-create the picture of a beautiful tomorrow suspended flatly on what we knew then. In our own Berlin Conference kind of way, we divide up a future we don't own, claim destinies someone else's sons have already taken, and

somberly learn that the pearls of certain friendships lie in keeping silent, lest we become forced to acknowledge that our black deities have lost control.

Where would we be without our friends, for whom there are no special days? Just after-the-fact phone calls about commitments that shouldn't have happened, misread career turns, or one's extraterrestrial gray ...

Where'd we be without those friends we have to sometimes put in check? The ones who need constant reminding that a friend who helps you pick berries isn't necessarily a friend who'll help you pick cotton?

How would we make it without having the kind of friends who care enough and are strong enough to pull the truth out of every darkened cranny and enlightened Creed? The ones who

have the inner strength to keep the unspoken in its place?

As the years rush by and our friends insist on gathering, the pieces they bring back to the giant puzzle are way too often frayed and occasionally missing. The big picture now has jagged gaps in it. But it's not about the picture on the box anymore.

The truth that only friends can help each other come to terms with is that whole lives have been wasted piecing together someone else's image of a future never meant for us. Thus, friendships are about combining energies to weed out global deception in every realm of existence, providing tourniquets to those injured by a loss of perspective, and jointly finding meaningful purpose for one's past and one's progeny.

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## New BCC to Hold Anniversary June 26

The New Beginnings Christian Church Anniversary will be held on Sunday, June 26, at the church, located at 604 Jordan Lane, Huntsville, Ala., at 10:30 a.m.

As part of the celebration, there will be special worship services each Thursday in June and the Anniversary Worship Service will be held Sunday, June 26. Bishop Kevin Adams, pastor of Olivet Baptist Church in Chattanooga, Tenn., will be the guest preacher.

The public is invited to all events, including June 9, with Pastor Antoyne Green of Athens, Ala; June 16, with Bishop Daniel Richardson of Huntsville, Ala.; and June 23, with Pastor Anderson Graves II of Prattville, Ala.

For additional information, call (256) 489-4943 or visit NewBCC.org.

## Unsung Dads Deserve Week-long Honor

Last Sunday was a special day, for it was the day that we celebrated our fathers.

We spent the day in gratitude for the men who protect us, provide for us, and prepare us for the world. We honored the male figures in our lives who sacrificed their lives for the ones that they love. When it comes to children and raising a family, mothers typically take on most of the responsibility; therefore, it's a beautiful thing when fathers are present and upholding their roles in their children's lives.

In an age when single mothers take on the responsibility of raising their children, it is very refreshing to see a patriarch that takes care of his family. I

am blessed with the best father in the whole wide world, one who teaches me so much and supports my dreams like no other. Dads are the boss of the house with the job of keeping the family foundation strong.

A major responsibility for dads is to provide for their families, whether that's making sure there is shelter, food and resources, or creating a legacy for future generations to survive.

Men are the main source

for stability. A father's job or business is one of his most important tasks, for it is the way in which he is



given the ability to provide. Therefore, it is extremely important that the head of the household constantly display his talents to the world, so that he can receive an outcome that is

helpful for the growth of his family.

Finally, dads have the responsibility to prepare us for the world. If you've ever played a sport, dads are generally the ones who train and practice with you so that you get better or learn the game. For me, I followed my father's footsteps and started my business at 19, a lot like my dad who started his first business at 22.

Due to the fact that my dad had many more years experience in business and all the knowledge/know-

how, he has been my biggest mentor and supporter. He even has the title in A. Savvy Entertainment as the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) because there is no one else I would trust as much as my dad to handle my business's finances.

Our parents "have been there and done that," which is why they are the best people to go to and listen to for advice and, unlike most, they will have your best interest at heart.

There is no better person than your dad to prepare you for the game of life.

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## Champion Game Plan for Life

by Preston Brown

You know things are constantly changing in our lives. Whether it be changes in our relationships, changes in our families, or changes on our jobs. Everything seems to change.

Today, so many of us need to hit the reset button

because some of us need to reset our priorities in life. We don't need to "cave in" to worldly pressures, thinking that you need a lot of material things to bring you joy. We all need to take the time to see what things actually are bearing fruit in our lives. We all need to

be constantly straightening out our priorities in order for them to stay straight. Then, we can choose with confidence the very best part of life that God has to offer ...

Stay encouraged, my brothers and sisters.



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**A RAY OF HOPE EVENT 2016**

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**\$120 PER PERSON**

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PROCEEDS FROM THIS EVENT WILL BENEFIT THE FUNDING FOR THE SHELTER, CLIENTS, OUTREACH AND PREMISES

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL 256 405 HELP/4357

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## Calendar of Events

**June 27**

City Concerts in the Park  
US Army Materiel Com-  
mand Band  
Big Spring International  
Park, 6:30-8 p.m.

**July 4**

City Concerts in the Park  
Huntsville Concert Band  
Huntsville's in the Mood  
Big Swing Band  
Big Spring International  
Park, 6:30-8 p.m.

**July 11**

City Concerts in the Park  
Blue City and Emily Joseph  
Band  
Big Spring International  
Park, 6:30-8 p.m.

**July 15**

Food Truck Street Festival  
Sponsor: Jerry Damson  
Honda Acura  
Downtown Huntsville

The Lumberyard Parking  
Lot, 108 Cleveland Avenue  
5-9 p.m.

DCI North Alabama  
Drum Corps International  
Sponsor: US Army Bands  
Featuring:  
*Bluecoats - Canton, OH*  
*Boston Crusaders - Boston, MA*  
*The Cadets - Allentown, PA*  
*Crossmen - San Antonio, TX*  
*Jersey Surf - Mount Holly, NJ*  
*Legends - Portage, MI*  
*Louisiana Stars - Lafayette, LA*  
*Music City - Nashville, TN*  
*Southwind - Mobile, AL*  
*Spirit of Atlanta - Atlanta, GA*  
DCI Box Office at (317)  
275-1212

Tickets: \$20-\$30  
Louis Crews Stadium  
Alabama A&M University  
7 p.m.

**July 23**

AshaKiran's Annual Ray of  
Hope Event and 10th An-  
niversary Celebration

**July 25**

2nd Annual Caribbean  
Heritage Gala  
The Cooper House, 405  
Randolph Ave., Huntsville  
Caribbean Association of  
North Alabama  
\$40 individual (\$300 Table  
of 8)  
(256) 653-4751  
www.canaonline.com  
7-11 p.m.

**July 28**

Boys and Girls Club Lead-  
ers & Legends Dinner  
Guest: Evander Holyfield  
VIP Reception: 5 p.m.  
Von Braun Center-North  
Hall, 6 p.m.

**August 12-13**

AshaKiran's 2-Day Lan-  
guage Advocacy Workshop

**August 19**

Food Truck Street Festival  
Sponsor: Jerry Damson

**July 11-15, 2016**  
**PERCUSSION CAMP**

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9AM to 12N  
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**MOVIES in the Park**  
presented by  
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**July 8** **August 12**  
**Raiders of the Lost Ark** **Aladdin**  
Downtown Huntsville Inc. Huntsville International Airport




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