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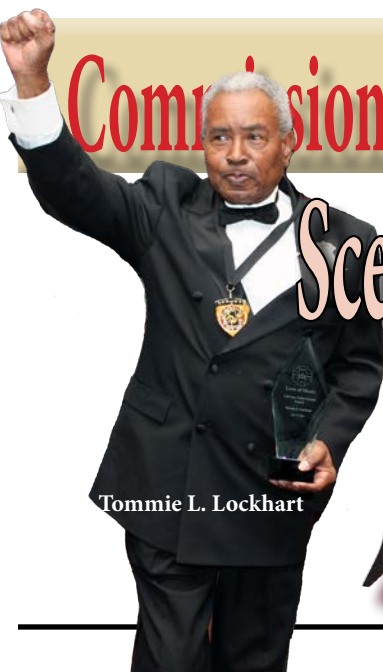
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Mrs. Mary Ann Flowers



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"No hour is ever eternity, but it has its right to weep." - Zora Neale Hurston



ANOTHER JAZZ QUARTET: Enjoying the many festivities during the recent 2nd Annual Jazz in the Garden event at Drake State on June 21 were (l-r) Dr. Kemba Chambers, president of Trenholm State; Dr. Patricia Sims, president of Drake State; State Representative Laura Hall and State Senator Bobby Singleton. More on Page 9. Photos by J. Saintjones



VOTER REGISTRATION: A team of energetic volunteers representing Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., provided voter registration assistance to attendees of the "Oh, Freedom 2024" Juneteenth Community Conversation on "The Notion of a Colorblind Society" on June 19 at the Harrison Center, hosted by District Six Commissioner Violet Edwards. More photos, Page 11.

Boys and Girls Clubs Board Announces 2024 Event Speaker

Leaders & Legends is one of the area's largest fundraisers attracting some of the world's most accomplished athletes, leaders and speakers.

The proceeds of this event make up a significant portion of the annual operating budget for Boys & Girls Clubs of North Alabama,



which funds critical programs and services that impact the lives of thousands of children in

North Alabama.

The 2024 Leaders & Legends Dinner on Thursday, July 25 (presented

by Hiler Mazda of Huntsville), will feature NFL legend Jerry Rice. Born in Starkville, Miss., Rice is an American former professional football player who was a wide receiver for 20 seasons in the National Football League (NFL). He won three Super Bowl titles with

the San Francisco 49ers before two shorter stints at the end of his career with the Oakland Raiders and Seattle Seahawks.

Rice is widely regarded as the greatest wide receiver of all time and one of the greatest players in NFL history.

For tickets, visit www.bgcna.com.

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Washington One Minute

by Ron Hamm

Here are the top issues and events in Washington for the week.

1. CONGRESS. The House convened on Tuesday, while the Senate is in recess for the next 2 weeks. The House will focus on 7 FY2025 appropriations bills this week, bringing 3 bills (DoD, Homeland Security, and State/ Foreign Ops) to the floor and marking up 4 bills (Labor/ HHS/Ed, Transportation/ HUD, Interior, and Energy & Water) in committee.

2. THE WHITE HOUSE. President Biden has been at Camp David since last week preparing for Thursday's first CNN presidential debate at 9 p.m. EDT in Atlanta. After the debate, he will travel to Raleigh, N.C., where he will hold a rally on Friday. Last week, the President announced a new policy that would allow approximately 500,000 noncitizens who have been in the U.S. for at least 10 years and are married to a U.S. citizen to apply for permanent residence without leaving the U.S.

3. DOBBS DECISION ANNIVERSARY. On Monday, the Biden-Harris Campaign marked the 2nd anniversary of the Supreme Court's decision in Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization that overturned the federal legal right to an abortion. Vice President Harris will deliver remarks at the University of Maryland and the campaign will hold 50 events in battleground states around the nation.

4. SUPREME COURT. Last Friday, the Supreme Court upheld a 1994 federal law that bars anyone subject

to a domestic violence restraining order from possessing a gun in an 8-1 decision with Justice Thomas as the lone dissenter (the case is U.S. v. Rahimi) ...

5. ECONOMIC NUMBERS. Last Friday, the National Association of Realtors announced that sales of previously occupied U.S. homes fell 0.7% in May for the 3rd straight decline as the national median home sales price hit a record \$419,300 (an increase of 51% from 2019). The Commerce Department reported Thursday that construction of new homes fell 5.5% in May, the lowest level since June 2020, with permits for future construction of single-family homes falling 2.9% in May. After hitting 7% in April and May, the average rate on a 30-year fixed mortgage has eased to 6.95% last week, according to data from mortgage finance agency Freddie Mac, as easing labor market conditions put 2 rate cuts from the Federal Reserve this year back on the table.

6. CAMPAIGN DOLLARS. Last week, the Trump Campaign announced that it had raised \$141 million in May, including \$53 million collected in the 24 hours after former President Trump's criminal conviction and a \$50 million donation from billionaire banking heir Timothy Mellon, with \$116 million cash on hand. The Biden-Harris team raised \$85 million with \$212 million cash on hand.

7. EDUCATION. On June 18, the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) released its latest cost projections

for the Pell Grant program. The report was surprisingly better than anticipated. Many observers predicted that the Pell program would exhaust its current surplus and cross over into a shortfall that Congress would have to fill in as early as fiscal year (FY) 2025. However, the recently released projections predict that will not happen until FY 2029, assuming Congress appropriates the same amount

for the program every year and no other costs are added to the program (such as an increase to the Pell Grant maximum award). A significant difference between CBO's May 2023 projection and the one released on June 18 is the number of projected Pell recipients in the next few years. Last May, CBO predicted 6.43 million Pell recipients in FY 2024, while the new report estimates that

number to be 5.94 million, or almost 500,000 fewer Pell recipients than previously projected.

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Funeral services will be announced at a later date for **MR. CHARLES BRYANT** (b. 1961), **MR. BRUCE FLUKER** (b. 1952) and **MR. FRANCISO PEREZ** (b. 1939).

Funeral service for **MR. WALTER NICKERSON** (b. 1934) was Tuesday, June 25, at Serenity Funeral Home Chapel.

Funeral service for **MS. MARGIE MILLS** (b. 1933) was Wednesday, June 19, at Oakwood Memorial Gardens, 1 HL Cleveland Way, Huntsville, Ala.

Funeral service for **MS. PRINCESS MURIEL MURILLO** (b. 2024) was Saturday, June 15, at Serenity Funeral Home.

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Funeral service for **MRS. LUCILLE CUFF THOMPSON** (b. 1949) was Saturday, June 22, at Nelms Memorial Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Dave Draper, Jr., officiant.

Funeral service for **MR. EARL STANLEY GARDNER** (b. 1953) was Saturday, June 22, at Mount Zion P. B. Church, 2350 Wall Triana Highway, Madison, Ala., with Elder Mylon Burwell officiating.

Funeral service for **MR. ANTHONY GURLEY** (b. 1985) was Saturday, June 22, at Nelms Memorial Funeral Home Chapel with the Reverend Theodore Bone officiating.

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Memorial service for **MR. BRYAN OLIVER SCRECHING** (b. 1976) will be 12:30 p.m., Saturday, July 6, at the Royal Chapel of Memories with Chaplain Larry Jones and Mr. Ronnie Jones officiating.



Funeral service for **MR. JEREL SCOT PETTY** (b. 1970) was Wednesday, June 26, at the Royal Chapel of Memories with Reverend Michael Mastin officiating.

Funeral service for **MR. ADD JORDAN, JR.**, (b. 1943) was Saturday, June 22, at the Madkins Chapel Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America, 2403 Oakwood Road, Huntsville, Ala., with Reverend Debra McGlathery-Holden officiating.

Spiritual Game Plan

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"Forgiving Yourself"

Psalm 103:12 says, "As far as the east is from the west, so far has He re-

moved our transgressions from us."

God knows that we are not perfect. He just wants us to keep working toward perfection. He wants us to keep making progress and moving forward. Momentum is everything as it pertains to your spiritual growth. Keep moving forward and don't look back. Don't look back at past disappointments. Don't look back at past mistakes and bad choices that you've made, because you can't do anything about them now. Let's stop looking back at past sins and know in our hearts that God has forgiven us.

Isaiah 43:19 says, God is doing a new thing in your life. Can't you perceive it? God is a God of forgiveness and progress. And He wants all of us to be better. Now, I realize that sometimes we may feel unforgiven for our past sins. But that's

not the kind of God that we serve. Remember that Isaiah 43:25 says, "I even I am He who blots out your transgressions



for my own sake and remembers your sins no



more." When Jesus died on the cross, He paid a debt that none of us could pay, and because of it, our sins were forgiven. All we have to do is receive this great gift of grace by faith.

Prayer: Most merciful God, help us to realize that our sins are forgiven

not because of anything that we can do but because of everything that Jesus did when He died upon a cross. All we can do is confess that we have sinned.

Question: Is there any past sin that you are holding on to? Remember, only you and God need to know so you can forgive yourself.

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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HAPPENINGS, ACTIVITIES & MORE!

June 29

15th Annual White Linen Brunch (\$65; \$750 table)
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Knight Center - 10 a.m.

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

June 30

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

July 5

"Soil to Mud Pies: July Seeds to Sprouts"
Huntsville Botanical Garden
4747 Bob Wallace Avenue
SW, Huntsville, Ala.
10 a.m.-11 p.m.

July 4

"TopHouse"
2024 City Lights & Stars

Burritt on the Mountain
3101 Burritt Drive SE
Huntsville, Ala. - 7:30 p.m.

July 7

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

Band

New Atomic
Back Forty Beer Company
Huntsville, Ala.
5 p.m.

July 13

"Second Saturday" City Hall Art Tours Showcase
(Join award-winning painters Ann Moeller and Yuri Ozaki)
New City Hall
10:30 a.m.

July 14

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

Black Real Estate Brokers Defending Representation on State Board

A federal court in Alabama will hold a hearing on Thursday, July 11, 2024 at 2:30 pm CT in a case considering the state's longstanding law that aims to ensure racial, gender, geographic, urban/rural, and economic representation on the state's appraisers board.

In the case, *American Alliance for Equal Rights (AAER) v. Ivey*, the same activists who have challenged affirmative action and other equal opportunity measures across our nation are seeking to render Alabama's board representation law unconstitutional. The Alabama Association of Real Estate Brokers (AAREB) has been allowed to defend the law. AAREB is represented in the case by Democracy Forward and Martin Weinberg. The Alabama law at issue

seeks to ensure both that racial minorities are on the appraisers board and that the board reflects the communities who are governed by its decisions. The law has played an important role in addressing the ongoing and historical racial discrimination in housing and lending that has negatively impacted Black Alabamians and other historically marginalized groups.

At the hearing, the court will consider AAER's motion for judgment on the pleadings and whether the case can proceed to discovery. Based on its complaint, AAER claims that there is no history of racial discrimination on appointments to the appraisers board to justify the law at issue.

AAREB will oppose AAER's motion and press for evidence

to be developed in the case through discovery.

The AAREB is the Alabama chapter of the National Association for Real Estate Brokers, which was founded in 1947 and is the oldest trade association for Black real estate professionals who were for decades wholly excluded from joining other professional associations because of their race. Although principally focused on Black real estate professionals, AAREB's membership is open to all people committed to achieving "democracy in housing." AAER v. Ivey is one of a series of challenges to board composition provisions being litigated across the country, including in Louisiana, Tennessee, North Carolina, and Montana. **MORE**

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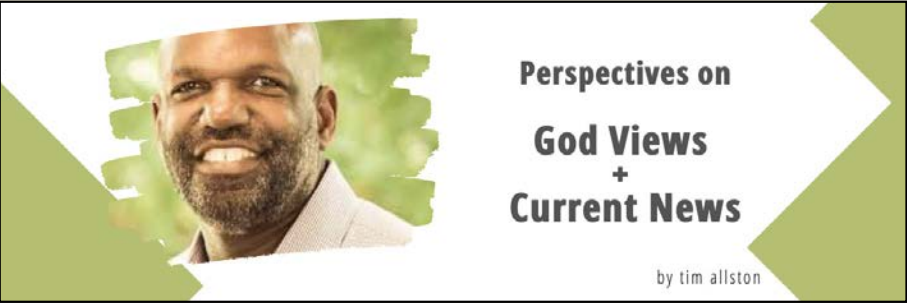
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The 2024 Boston Celtics: A New Era of Dynasty-Making! (Part 1 of 2)

“But these things I plan won’t happen right away. Slowly, steadily, surely, the time approaches when the vision will be fulfilled. If it seems slow, do not despair, for these things will surely come to pass. Just be patient! They will not be overdue a single day!” - Habakkuk 2:3

On June 17, the Boston Celtics clinched their NBA-record 18th championship title. This recent success positions them as potential dynasty-makers - here’s why:

1. According to my latest book, *Where Jump Shots Meet Jesus*, a dynasty is a team that secures three championships in three consecutive years or three in four years. We’ll use this standard to evaluate the Celtics’ potential.

Therefore, the Golden State Warriors (2022 champs), Denver Nuggets (2023), and now the Celtics are poised as dynasty makers. However, Boston’s potential to continue this winning streak is higher, with the possibility of winning again in ‘25 and/or ‘26 or ‘27.

2. “MVP & His Pips.” Jaylen Brown captured the honors of Eastern Conference Finals and Championship Finals Most Valuable Player (MVP).



At the same time, the league’s Most Valuable President was Boston’s President of Basketball Operations Brad Stevens, this year’s NBA Basketball Executive of the Year. [How Brad Stevens turned Celtics into champions: 5 trades that led to Boston’s 2024 NBA Finals roster | Sporting News](#) sequenced how he horse-traded Boston for three years into assembling a team of assist-/rebound-/defend-first players more than score-first stars. [NBA Finals: 5 takeaways as Celtics top Mavericks for 2024 championship](#) summarized, “When they needed a basket, they turned to Brown. A defensive stop? Holiday. A big shot? White. Someone to create for others? Tatum refused to be swallowed up by his shooting slump. And other players fell in line.”

Finally, the Celtics’ championship-winning legacy features an irrepressible itch and lure. As a 17-year veteran of 185 playoff games with no championship ring, Al Horford recalled his conversation years ago with Stevens’ predecessor, Danny Ainge: “You can win championships in many places, but there’s nothing like winning in Boston. Nothing like winning as a Celtic.”

It’s not too late to begin or continue building your dynasty of establishing winning principles and values at your home, work, or place of worship.



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Millennial Moment

by Gloria B. Caldwell

Breaking Point ...

We all have one! When the world and everything inside of it feels like it has defeated you, it’s when you

point isn’t your stopping point; it could be a turning point. You woke up. Don’t you understand that gives



feel emotionally and physically spent. Sometimes, it is financially and spiritually exhausting as well. But... you keep waking up!

What does that mean? It means that your breaking

you another chance, another move, an opportunity to pivot and go in a new direction? You still have a purpose! It’s important to remember that even when things feel overwhelming, there is always potential for

growth, healing, and positive change. So please dig deep and see what each of them offers.

You’re not alone in feeling this way, and I hate to be the bearer of bad news, but this probably isn’t your last time. So, manage your thoughts as you go through challenging periods. Tough times make you stronger, more experienced, and give you a testimony. Reach


back and grab the memories of a time that you came through. Let this be a reminder that soon, it will all be OK.

By approaching a breaking point with resilience, self-compassion, and a willingness

to learn and grow, you can turn a challenging experience into an opportunity for positive change and personal development, and with this, you win! Piece yourself back together. You’ve got this!!!

This Sunday's Lctionary

Sunday, June 30, 2024
Sixth Sunday
After
Pentecost



(Track 2, Year B)
First Lesson:
Wisdom of Solomon
1:13-15; 2:23-24
Lamentations 3:21-33
Second Lesson:
2 Corinthians 8:7-15
GOSPEL: Mark 5:21-43



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

Mrs. Mary Ann Flowers

Mary Ann May Flowers, a native of Washington County, (Millry) Alabama, is the youngest of seven children born to Alonza James May and Izora Holcombe May. She attended Koenton High School, Koenton, Alabama and North Central High School, Chatom, Alabama. After completing high school in 1967, she had a desire to follow in the footsteps of her uncle, aunt and two brothers. Therefore, she matriculated to Alabama A&M University, Normal, Ala. While at AAMU, she was a member of the track and field team, Phi Beta Lambda Business Club and in the spring of 1969 joined Gamma Mu Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., where she served as epistulous. In 1971 she earned a B.S. degree in Business Education with a minor in Economics. In 1979, she earned a M.S. degree in Vocational Business Education.

Mrs. Flowers began an adventurous career, one which she will never forget, the fall 1971. She was employed with the Perry County School System, Marion, Ala., for 31 years, teaching at only two schools, East Perry High School, Suttle, Ala., for one year, and Robert C. Hatch High School, Uniontown, Ala., for 30 years. During her tenure,

she taught an array of related Business Courses as well as Economics. One of the greatest, beloved parts of her career was her FBFA (Future Business Leaders of America) student organization, which was an integral part of the program which she implemented in 1989. Her students traveled all over the U.S. serving as a state officer and competing in several events.

After retiring in 2002, she still wanted to make a difference in the lives of students, as well as improved the community in which she lived. She wrote a grant to Alabama Power Company and was granted enough money to buy 10 computers, which she used to open up a computer lab in the local library. In the afternoon, she taught basic computer skills to adults on those computers.


While residing in Uniontown, Ala., for 44 years, she participated in many community and civic activities. She was a very active member of First Missionary Baptist Church. She also served on Uniontown Library Board, Recreation Board, Uniontown Cares and a member of the Alabama Democratic Conference. She has been a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., for 53 years. While a member of Zeta Eta Omega Chapter, Selma, Ala., she served as



anti-basileus, grammateus, Ivy Leaf Reporter, and secretary for the Women and Youth Services Board of Directors. Currently, she is a member of Epsilon Gamma Omega Chapter, Huntsville, Alabama. She holds membership with St. Mary Chapter No. 367 OES Orrville, Alabama and has membership with PCERA, NEA, and AEA.

After relocating to Huntsville, Ala., in 2015, she joined First Missionary Baptist Church, where she serves on the Intermediate Usher Ministry, Missionary Society (Circle No. 2), Congregational Care Lay Ministry and volunteers for the Downtown Rescue Mission and other activities.

Her beloved late husband, Johnny L. Flowers, was a Perry County Commissioner. They were blessed with two sons, Mallory Hughes Flowers of Clinton, MS; Maynard Radale Flowers of Round, Rock, TX; and a grandson she raised, Johnny Lee Flowers, II, of Huntsville.



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Unanimous: AAMU Board Extends Wims' Contract to 2030

In a unanimous vote of trustees present at the June board meeting, the Alabama A&M University (AAMU) Board of Trustees voted to extend the contract of President Daniel K. Wims to December 31, 2030. Two trustees were not present at the time of voting.

The action was taken affirming AAMU's continued stability and growth as the largest Historically Black College and University (HBCU) in Alabama.

"I am grateful to the Board of Trustees for entrusting me to continue to serve this institution, its faculty, staff, students and alumni. The collective commitment and dedication of our administrative team, faculty and staff is to be commended. As we continue to move forward, I am confident that our focused efforts for growth



and success will be met with great enthusiasm and acceptance," said Wims. Wims assumed the AAMU presidency in January 2022 after serving as Provost and Vice President

of Research and Sponsored Programs for 12 years. Under his leadership, AAMU has been able to strategically maneuver through the challenges of today's higher education landscape.

A few accomplishments of the Wims' administration are:

Enrollment

- Fall 2023 record-break-

ing enrollment of 6,633 students, the largest in the University's history

- Fall 2023, largest freshman class of 2,000+ in the University's history

Academics

- Launched new degree programs: Ph.D. in Curriculum and Instruction, Ph.D. in Social Work and a M.S. in Food Science Business

Campus Infrastructure

- Secured Board approval for a new Student Amenities Center and a new Science Building
- Conducted major renovations in the Historic

District on campus

- Increased the University's property landscape to over 2,500 acres of land
- Acquired the largest non-monetary gift in AAMU history by repurposing Paint Rock Valley High School as a "Communiversity" facility for educational and community activities

Research/Funding

- University garnered increases in federal funding for FY'23 and FY'24
- Increased state appropriations in FY'23 and in FY'24
- Recipient of AAMU's second largest gift of a \$1.2 million endowment from an AAMU alumnus to

provide tuition assistance for academically gifted students


Additionally, AAMU's Marching Maroon and White Band made history as the first HBCU band to lead the Macy's Thanksgiving Parade and AAMU experienced a record-breaking Homecoming attendance of 26,391 fans in the stadium and 55,000+ on campus with a fundraising total of \$1.4 million, the largest in its history. Overall, these growth factors are the precursor for the university to celebrate its 150 years of existence in 2025.

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](#)

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Ensuring All Is Well Before that Summer Road Trip

(BPT) - As peak summer travel season approaches, the cost and stress associated with road trips are top concerns for many travelers. With 43% of households planning road trips as their top travel plan this year, proper preparation of both your vehicle and home is essential. Mercury Insurance offers critical tips to ensure your vehicle is road-ready and your home is secure, allowing you to focus on the adventure ahead. These preparations can not only enhance your trip experience but also provide peace of mind while you're away.

"Preparing your vehicle and securing your home are critical steps before embarking on a summer road trip," said Kevin Quinn, vice president of Auto Claims at Mercury Insurance. "Taking these steps can significantly reduce

the chances of unexpected incidents and help ensure a smooth and enjoyable journey."

Mercury's guide to a worry-free road trip

Vehicle readiness:

* Maintenance checks: Regular maintenance, such as oil changes and fluid checks, is indispensable, particularly before a long trip. Ensuring your air conditioning is up to the task is also crucial for beating the summer heat.

* Tire safety: Proper tire maintenance, including checking tire pressure, alignment and tread wear, is vital for safe driving and fuel efficiency.

* Lighting system check: Ensure all lights and signals are functional to

communicate effectively with other drivers during day and night.

* Emergency kit essentials: A well-stocked emergency kit should include items like road flares, jumper cables and basic tools to handle unexpected roadside issues.

Home security:

* Precautions before leaving: Secure all entry points and activate your security system. Inform a trusted neighbor or friend about your travel plans so they can keep an eye on your property.

* Social media awareness: Delay posting about your trip to avoid tipping off potential burglars. Share your memories once you are safely home.

* Insurance coverage: Review your home insurance policy to ensure you are covered against any possible incidents that could occur while you are away.

Planning and preparation:

* Route and weather planning: Check your travel route for any potential disruptions like road work or severe weather conditions. Plan fuel stops or charging stations for electric vehicles (EVs) accordingly.

* Local emergency information: Keep contact information for emergency services and local contacts accessible throughout your journey.

"Mercury Insurance is committed to supporting

your summer travel plans with comprehensive advice and insurance solutions tailored to your needs," Quinn said. As you prepare for your road trip, consider speaking with a Mercury Insurance agent to ensure that both your vehicle and home are adequately protected.

Explore these blog posts for essential tips on staying safe during your summer road trips at mercuryinsurance.com:

- * Summer Road Trip Guide: Tips to Consider
- * How to Jump-Start a Car
- * How to Check Oil in Your Car
- * Is My Car Ready for a Road Trip?

For more information on how to prepare for a summer road trip or to discuss your insurance needs, visit mercuryinsurance.com or contact your local Mercury agent today.

Council Meetings

Huntsville City Council's regular meetings are held in the 1st floor City Council Chambers of the Municipal Building on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month at 5:30 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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Scenes from Drake State's Annual 'Jazz in the Garden' Event!

Friday, June 21, 2024 | J.F. Drake State Community and Technical College | Huntsville, Alabama

Dr. Patricia Sims, President

(Photos by J. Saintjones)



Dr. Patricia Sims
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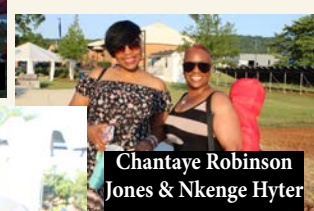
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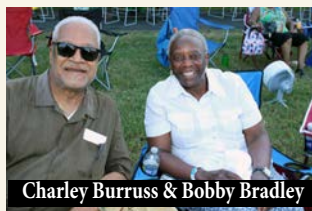
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Huntsville Drumline



Dr. Kemba Chambers, Dr. Patricia Sims,
Rep. Laura Hall and Sen. Bobby Singleton



Charley Burruss & Bobby Bradley





FIRST ROW (l-r): Mr. Alexander "Al" Lewis, Jr.; Mrs. Vanessa Downing Henderson; Rev. Dr. Janette Chandler Kotey; Mrs. Jenise Showers Bradshaw; Mr. Tommie L. Lockhart; **BACK ROW** (l-r): Minister Leo Robinson (2nd Chance Deliverance & Restoration Ministries); Mr. Courtney Moore; Mr. Charlie F. Lockhart, IV; Mr. Shelley Williams; and Mrs. Donna Robinson (2nd Chance Deliverance & Restoration Ministries).



Scholarship Recipient Tatiana Cherry



Scholarship Recipient Kyler Rose



Minister Leo & Mrs. Donna Robinson



Rev. Dr. Terrance D. Vickerstaff



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Mrs. Nell Lane Bradford

2nd Annual 'Love of Music' Gala

Saturday, June 22, 2024 | Ernest L. Knight Center - Alabama A&M University | Huntsville, Ala. | Minister Leo & Donna Robinson, 2nd Chance Deliverance & Restoration Ministries, Inc.

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Commissioner Holds Juneteenth Panel Discussion

Wednesday, June 19, 2024 | Robert "Bob" Harrison Wellness & Advocacy Center | Huntsville, Ala. | Violet Edwards, D-6 Commissioner

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Commissioner Violet Edwards



Joe & Juanita Lee



Gloria Evans



LaKesha Leverette



Vernessa & Eric Edwards



Attendee Erica Orange & Visitor



Panelists: Sha Vonne Cammack, Deloitte; Pastor Will Starkweather, St. Mark's Lutheran Church; Dr. Karockas "Doc Rock" Watkins (Moderator); Dr. Darrell Ezell, Heritage Solutions; and Dr. Claudette Owens, Fountain of Life Ministries



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