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"Reserve your right to think, for even to think wrongly is better than not to think at all." - Hypatia

Local Marketing Student Selected NBA X HBCU Fellow

Senior marketing major, Collin Malone of Alabama A&M University has been selected to participate in the 2023 NBA X HBCU internship program. One of 74 fellows selected out of over 5,000 applicants, Malone will serve as a marketing intern at the Houston Rockets.

"This opportunity means a lot to me because I grew up in the Houston area," said Malone.

"I attended many games and Rockets-inspired events as a kid," he said. "Just a few months ago, I had no idea what my future would look like. Now, I have the opportunity to showcase my skills in the front office of the city and team that has inspired me since a young age."

As a Houston Rockets Fellow, Malone will support the marketing department through strategic research, planning, implementation, and execution of key initiatives.

Malone also served as a student worker in AAMU's PR office and volunteered for The Legacy Center.



Ribbon-cutting ceremony was recently scheduled for North Huntsville's Legacy Park (Photos by J. Saintjones)

New N. Huntsville Park Celebrates Past, Future

Legacy Park officially opened to the public Wednesday, June 28, with a community party and ribbon-cutting ceremony at 6001 Cecil Fain Drive.

The \$4.6 million park completes the reimagining of the former J.O. Johnson High School campus. Located adjacent to Johnson Legacy Center, it offers the community a large green space, modern playground, plaza, and two pavilions, including an entertainment pavilion with terraced seating.

Legacy Park is also home to the City's

second National Fitness Campaign (NFC) Fitness Court® public art installation. The first opened at John Hunt Park last year. The Legacy Park Fitness Court was developed in partnership with the City of Huntsville, Arts Huntsville, NFC, and Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Alabama.

Immediately following the ribbon cutting, a demonstration of the Fitness Court was held. The celebration included free ice cream, hot dogs, music, games, and a performance by the Jemison High School Pep Band.

HFR Issues Firework Safety Tips

Huntsville Fire Marshal Dan Wilkerson recommends the following July 4 tips for usage of fireworks:

- 1) Have water source handy;
 - 2) Never point fireworks at person or pet;
 - 3) Wear nonflammable safety equipment;
 - 4) Never relight a firework;
 - 5) Keep fireworks away from children and do not permit children to light them;
 - 6) Always remain sober when using fireworks.
- There will be celebrations at MidCity (July 1) and Providence (July 4).

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Washington One Minute

by Ron Hamm

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

1. CONGRESS. The House and Senate have started their two-week July 4th Recess and will be out of session until the week of July 10.

Last week, the House voted to censure former House Intelligence Committee Chair (and current Senate candidate) Adam Schiff (D-CA) on a strictly party-line vote of 213-209 for investigating allegations that the 2016 Trump

campaign had colluded with Russia.

In another party-line vote, the House voted 219-208 to refer a resolution impeaching President Biden for not securing the southern border to the House Homeland Security and Judiciary Committees (this action was directed by the House GOP leadership to avoid a direct vote on the impeachment resolution sponsored by Rep. Lauren Boebert, R-CO).

House Appropriations Committee Vice Chair Rep. Tom Cole (R-OK)

said Congress will likely delay spending negotiations into the holiday season. The Oklahoma Republican said lawmakers are likely to pass a short-term funding patch before a September 30 deadline to keep the government open into November or December, with January 1 as a new potential date to avoid a government shutdown.

2. THE WHITE HOUSE. President Biden spent the weekend at Camp David, where he monitored the short-lived rebellion of mercenary troops in Russia and spoke with the leaders of France, Germany, and the U.K.

On Monday, he made an announcement at the White House on investments in high-speed internet. On Wednesday,

he traveled to Chicago to deliver a speech on the economy and attended a fundraiser (he also attended fundraisers in Maryland and New York this week).

Last Saturday, Vice President Harris traveled to Charlotte, North Carolina, to deliver a speech on the one-year anniversary of the Dobbs decision that struck down the federal right to an abortion.

Also last Saturday, First Lady Jill Biden traveled to Minneapolis-St. Paul, Minnesota, and Nashville, Tennessee, where she attended LGBTQ+ Pride events.

3. SUPREME COURT. The Court will announce decisions tomorrow (Tuesday) in what could be the final week of its 2022-23

term. The key cases that are still pending include a case on whether the Colorado graphic design firm 303 Creative can withhold services on religious grounds from gay couples wanting to post wedding websites, a case on the affirmative action admissions policies at Harvard and the University of North Carolina, and the case on whether President Biden has the authority to issue a student loan forgiveness plan.

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ON THIS DAY

Popular Philadelphia-born singer Phyllis Hyman died June 30, 1995. Singer and actress Lena Horne was born on this day in New York in 1917.

- BlackFacts.com

NAAACC Meetings

The North Alabama African American Chamber of Commerce (Huntsville) meets monthly on the 3rd Tuesday at 12 noon.

The meeting location varies. Call (256) 564-7574.

"I'm still learning, you know. At 80, I feel there is a lot I don't know."

- Lena Horne

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Funeral service for MS. BLOSSIE ANGELA EDMOND (b. 1952) was held Saturday, June 24, at Syler Tabernacle with Pastor Trevor Briggs, Officiant.

Funeral service for MR. STEVEN CRAIG SEAY (b. 1988) was held Saturday, June 24, in the Nelms Memorial Funeral Home Chapel with Minister Evris Lockhart Kelley officiating.

Funeral service for MRS. LUBIRDA JACKSON (b. 1936) was held Saturday, June 24, at Saint Luke Christian Church with Pastor T. C. Johnson officiating.

Funeral service for MRS. EDDIE "ROSE" PARRISH was held Thursday, June 22, at Owens Chapel Missionary Baptist Church with Pastor H. Wendell Thompson officiating.

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Funeral service will be announced at a later date for SGT. ERIC SEBASTIAN NEWBY (b. 1956).



Funeral service for DEACON JOE ALLEN DAVIS (b. 1948) was held Wednesday, June 28, at the Elkmont Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America (18900 W. Church Street, Elkmont, Ala.) with Reverend Clint Scales officiating.

Funeral service for MR. HENRY LEE THOMPSON, SR. (b. 1933) was held Monday, June 26, at the St. Mark Baptist Church (6475 Moores Mill Road, Huntsville, Ala.) with Pastor Jeremiah Chester officiating.

Funeral service for MISS TALEIYA ANTOINETTE LOVEJOY (b. 2005) was held Saturday, June 24, at the Lakewood Church of Christ (2813 Mastin Lake Road NE, Huntsville, Ala.) with Brother Timmy T. Smith officiating.

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Funeral service for MR. ANDREW RICE (b. 1970) will be announced at a later date.

Funeral service for MR. JUSTIN ESSEX (b. 2005) was held Sunday, June 25, at Mt. Zion Primitive Baptist Church, 2350 Wall Triana Hwy. SW, Huntsville, Ala.

Funeral service for MS. SHELIA FARRIS (b. 1969) was Saturday, June 17, at Meridianville Primitive Baptist Church (1173 Mt. Lebanon Road, Toney, Ala.).

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

Professor Receives IEEE Honor

In recognition of his exceptional expertise in the field of

artificial intelligence-based diagnosis-prognosis of electrical machines, Dr. Raziq Yaqub of Alabama A&M University recently received the prestigious Keynote Speaker Award at the 2023 IEEE International Conference on Advanced Systems and Emergent Technologies.



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Spiritual Game Plan



The Spirit That Rules Your Life

Psalms 37:7 says, "Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him; do not fret when evil people succeed in their ways, when they carry out their wicked schemes."

There is a song written by Thomas A. Dorsey that goes, "If we ever needed the Lord before, we sure do need him now." In Psalms 37, David makes the case as to why we need God in our lives today. We see in this scripture the contrast between the wicked and the righteous—in other words, those who seek to know God and those who don't.

Today, I believe that we live in a society where most people are not spiritually minded. We all have spiritual sides as well as physical sides. Our physical sides are always lagging behind our spiritual sides because we continue to

allow our emotions to govern the way we live. However, our emotions don't always reveal the truth about life; they just make us feel good about the decisions we make, regardless of the truth.

How do we allow our physical sides to catch up to our spiritual sides? The only way we can do this is to renew our minds. Romans 12:2 tells us: *do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of our minds.* That's why we need God to change the very nature of our lives, because how can anybody not realize that we are all sinners? Just look at how many people we have in law enforcement. Look at all the prisons and jails that we have in this country. Look at all the materialism and greed and self-seeking people all around. Human nature is sinful. Romans 3:10 says, "There no one righteous, not even

one." That's why our hearts and natures need to be changed.

We all need Jesus to change the ruling spirit of our lives. The spirit of Christ and the spirit of the world are exactly opposite. The spirit of the world is to hate but the spirit of Christ is to love. Until Jesus saves us from our sins and we grow in His grace, the spirit of the world will continue to control us. It is so important that we become aware of the Holy Spirit that lives in each and every one of us. We must allow the spirit of Christ to guide us so that we can truly see the difference between right and wrong, as well as what is true and what is false.

May God grant you spiritual success in discerning between what is true and what is false. Question: *How can discovering the truth enhance our lives?*

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 Life* at amazon.com, Westbow Books, or email me at prestonbrown81@gmail.com, and I will send you an autographed copy.

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 Strengthening Family Leadership

When we read and hear about the escalation of juvenile violence, we wonder what is being taught or practiced in the families of these young people.

One of the major functions of the family is to socialize or train children to become respectful and responsible citizens. The leader(s) in the family is responsible for training a child up the way he/she should go. In most families, a parent or both parents perform the leadership role.

Family leadership is the capacity to interact within civil society with purpose and positive outcomes for children. Successful parent leaders inspire and empower

everyone to be his/her best. They also lead by example, which means that children not only learn from what parents teach them, but also

from what parents do and permit to happen within the family. There is a saying that "an apple doesn't fall too far from the tree."

Hence, family life may directly contribute to the development of criminal and delinquent tendencies.

Children need to be taught how to control unacceptable behavior, delay gratification and respect the rights of others. Affective nurturance, ongoing communication, effective monitoring and support, as well as consistent punishment, are vital in raising a responsible child. When these areas are lacking, many children will turn to deviant behavior.



Dr. Margaret J. Kelly

Promoting the wholesome development of children should be a major priority of families. Grandparents, churches, other community organizations and neighbors, can assist parents in successfully carrying out their role as family leaders.

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June 29
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July 1
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 tion
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Independence Day Ice
 Cream Social
 St. Charles King & Mar-
 tyr Anglican Church
 212 Washington Street
 NE - 11 a.m.

July 1-2
 U-Pick Blueberries
 The Boyd Family Farm
 Ardmore, Ala.
 7 a.m.-1 p.m.

July 3
 Fourth of July Celebra-
 tion

Hampton House

July 4
 Fourth of July Celebration
 Providence

July 7-8
 Comedian
 Ms. Pat
 Stand Up Live
 Huntsville, Ala.

July 8
 Skate Night (21+)
 "Throwbacks 'N Daisy
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"Slavery has never been abolished from America's way of thinking."
 - Nina Simone

COMPASSION ...

What does it take to extend a little grace to someone else--a little compassion and understanding?

Sometimes things get a little tricky. You know how that feels, right?

Every now and then, a person hits a bump...you do too. Think about those moments when you are in a funk. Or, moments where it feels like things are caving in on you. What about the moments when it rains and it's pouring?

It would help if you had a moment to regroup without being called weak, lackluster, or incapable. Well, think about those times and be mindful that it happens to all of us. Extend a little grace. Offer up some compassion.

Compassion can pull someone up. Isn't that what we are put here for? Each one reaches one. We pull each other through to accomplish our goals and to realize our purpose.

Helping someone get out of a trying time also teaches you about yourself. It allows you to tap into

Millennial Moment

by
Gloria B. Caldwell

your self-awareness. Reflect. It is a reminder that you overcame something.

It is a beautiful thing.

Psalm 103:13 says:

The Lord is gracious and righteous; our God is full of compassion.

Aren't we striving to be more like Him? Well, if you aren't a believer, are you conscious enough to understand that this is necessary? Compassion helps with improved happiness, good mental health, and a more robust immune system.

It is said that it also reduces anxiety, stress, and

depression. So you win from being compassionate.

Extend a bit more compassion. It will do you good.

God loves you, and so do I.

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"What we achieve inwardly will change outer reality."

- Plutarch



A Mid-2023 Report: Be Grateful, and Give Thanks Still!

"This is the day the Lord has made; We will rejoice and be glad in it." - Psalm 118:24

No, it's not yet Thanksgiving Day, November 23rd. Yet, it's still a good time to pause/reflect, celebrate life, and give thanks.

Yes, each day we can see war atrocities worldwide, soaring prices for household necessities, and senseless murders and shootings.

Yet, against these misfortunes, I am nonetheless comforted by the words of Mrs. Charles E. Cowman in her classic devotional book *Streams in the Desert*: "God never sends thorns without sending accompanying roses."

Buoyed up by such words and related images, may I share my "thankfulness report card" for mid-2023?

I am grateful and giving thanks for:

- The three-year pandemic phase of COVID-19 is declared over, thanks in part to vaccinations, previous mask-wearing, and conscientious citizens;
- Yes, the pandemic has claimed 1,132,872 fellow Americans - some of whom you might've known - but it didn't claim you or me!
- Another federal government bankruptcy has been avoided;
- On June 8, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in favor of Alabama Black voters in a congressional redistricting case;
- Ukrainians and their allies continue to defend their democracy against Russian war criminals successfully; and
- THERE ARE STILL MORE BLACK MEN IN COLLEGES THAN IN PRISONS!

When you and I list our positives versus our negatives, we might surprise ourselves that the roses far outweigh the thorns.

And as my Dad used to say so regularly that Mom later memorialized it by inscribing it on a poster with her calligraphic penmanship, from 2 Thessalonians 5:18: "In every thing, give thanks."

Try it yourself today: create today's Good Things vs. Bad Things tally sheet - again, you might surprise yourself.

Then rejoice and be glad in it! It's God's gift to you for today - which is why it's called "the present."



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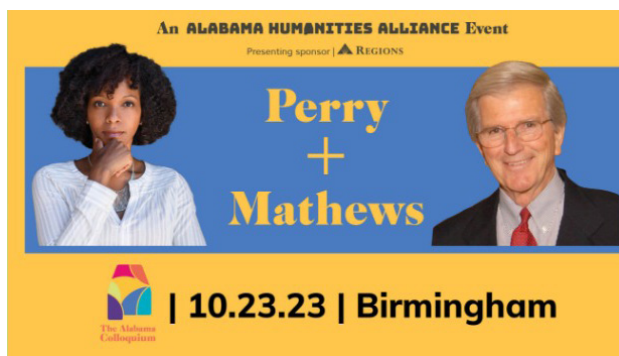


AHA's Alabama Colloquium Will Return to Birmingham This Fall

On October 23, Alabama Humanities Alliance's annual Alabama Colloquium, presented by Regions, returns to Birmingham.

This year, we'll highlight how examining the past can offer healing and strength for our communities today. AHA will also honor its newest Alabama Humanities Fellows: acclaimed scholars and community builders, Imani Perry and David Mathews.

Perry, a Birmingham native, is an author, professor, and winner of the 2022 National Book Award for Nonfiction: South to America, A Journey Below the Mason-Dixon to



Understand the Soul of a Nation.

Mathews, a Grove Hill native, served as president of the University of Alabama, as a secretary in President Gerald Ford's administration, and as CEO of the Kettering Foundation, where he focused on engaging citizens in

democracy.

Learn more about this year's event. And circle two dates on your calendar:

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(Track 2, Year A)

First Lesson:

Jeremiah 28:5-9

Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18

Second Lesson:

Romans 6:12-23

GOSPEL:

Matthew 10:40-42

JUNE 30 - MIKE TYSON is an American former professional boxer who competed from 1985 to 2005. He reigned as the undisputed world heavyweight champion and holds the record as the youngest boxer to win a heavyweight title at 20 years, four months and 22 days old. Tyson won his first 19 professional fights by knockout or stoppage, 12 of them in the first round. He won the WBC title in 1986 after stopping Trevor Berbick in the second round, and added the WBA and IBF titles after defeating James Smith and Tony Tucker in 1987. This made Tyson the first heavyweight boxer to simultaneously hold the WBA, WBC and IBF titles, and the only heavyweight to successively unify them.



- BlackCelebrityBirthdays.com



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

Mrs. Ollye B. Conley

When she was president of Delta Omega Zeta Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., Ollye B. Conley led in the sponsorship of the first Black Heritage Stamp presentation at the Huntsville Museum of Art, honoring Soror Zora Neale Hurston.



She also spearheaded the unveiling of each Black Heritage Stamp thereafter. Conley was much honored for her educational efforts and numerous successes in the field of education and education administration.

The 100 Black Men of Greater Huntsville organization was among the impressive list of organizations bestowing honors to Conley.

The educational administrator further distinguished herself as a sought-after speaker and motivator for several churches and civic organizations in Huntsville and surrounding areas.

She served as the past director of the Bo Mathews Center of Excellence, offering help to students in the field of education throughout northwest Huntsville.

Her numerous organizational affiliations and positions included: principal, Huntsville City Schools (the first African American female since the end of segregation era policies); member, Huntsville Principal Association; member, Alabama Historic Project,

Maple Hill Cemetery, Incorporated; 5th District Co-Chair, Huntsville Bicentennial; past president and regional director, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.; member, Conley Chapel CME Church, Huntsville, Ala.; and many others.

Although she has retired, Conley participates in numerous church, civic and educational activities, including the "Circle of Remembrance" project.

"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@valley-weeklyllc.com.



A Smoother Path to Better Health

A Jolly Old Time: Northside Nutrition Tackles Thirst with Refreshing Taste, Nutrients, Clarity and Focus

If you ever venture near the plaza located at 2205 University Drive, fairly close to the University and Pulaski Pike intersection, take time to find Suite C. That's where you'll find "tea bombs," smoothies, iced coffee and meal replacement shakes produced by the owners of Northside Nutrition.

There are nearly 30 varieties of the 24- and 32-ounce tea bombs, three main smoothie flavors (strawberry banana, green goddess, and blackberry/raspberry), three iced coffee flavors (white chocolate mocha and caramel), and more than 20 varieties of the 16-ounce meal replacement shakes, ranging from lemon pound cake all the way to PB & J.

Owners Terrell King and Tommy Jolly boast about products "packed with vitamins" that "promote focus and clarity," as well as boost metabolism.

For under 250 calories, they say meal replacement shakes provide fiber, protein and 21 vitamins and minerals. Tempted? Call Tommy at (256) 694-9320.



Smooth Operators: Co-owners Terrell King and Tommy Jolly.



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Powhatan McGill A Circle of Remembrance

... An Early Businessman

Powhatan McGill was born into slavery in Tennessee during the year of 1842. Powhatan and his wife Fannie married in 1874 and lived in the fourth ward on Oak Avenue in Huntsville, Alabama. Their children were William, Pearl, Gertie and Fannie. Fannie died at an

early age.

Powhatan was an entrepreneur. His barbershop, established in the 1880's, was located on Washington Street. He later moved to 124 Jefferson Street and to the Chapman Building. Powhatan advertised a first class shave for 10 cents, trim and shampoo for 25 cents. This advertisement was featured in The Hunts-

Ollye B. Conley
Researcher

The Circle of Remembrance



ville Gazette in 1883:

The Barber

*When you wish an easy
shave,
As good as barber ever gave,
Just call on me at my
saloon,
At morn, eve or at noon.*

*I cut and dress the hair with
grace,
To suit the contour of the*

*face.
My room is neat and towels
clean,
Scissors sharp and razor
keen;
And everything I think
you'll find
To suit the face and please
the mind.
And all my art and skill
can do,
If you'll just call, I'll do you
too.*

*Powhatan McGill, the
live and popular barber,
may be found at his stand,
on Washington Street. Don't
fail to give him a call. A
first class shave for 10 cents.*

*Trim and shampoo for 25
cents each.*

After retiring from barbering, Powhatan went into the grocery business at his home on Oak Avenue. He died on October 6, 1911. His funeral was held at St. John A. M. E. Church, with burial at sunset in Greenwood Cemetery.

Fannie McGill, the wife of Powhatan, was born in 1850. Fannie was a successful business woman. For nearly forty years she was a hairdresser and laundress.

In 1911, the Huntsville Weekly Democrat published this article stating:

To the ladies of Huntsville that she was ready at any time suited to their convenience to call at their residence and shampoo their heads. Call or drop a card to her at 408 Oak Avenue.

Everyone has a story. The Circle of Remembrance encourages you to tell your family stories and share them with William Hampton at william@huntsville revisited.com.

Ways to Spot and Protect Self and Loved Ones from Scams

(BPT) Criminals are smart. And increasingly sophisticated. With technology and artificial intelligence (AI) at their fingertips, they are constantly finding clever ways to take advantage of honest, hard-working Americans.

There are a variety of scams criminals use to steal money, and many are turning to more cunning methods that involve bank accounts, debit and credit cards, and gift cards.

People love gift cards; they've been the top requested gift in America for nearly two decades according to the National Retail Federation. But while everyday folks love giving, receiving and using gift cards, unfortunately so do criminals. Just like other payment methods, crimi-



nals use intelligent means of stealing money from gift cards - but we have some tips for how to spot them, outsmart the scammers and protect yourself.

Here are our top gift card safety tips:
* **Gift cards can only be used at the company on the card.** If you get asked

to send money or pay for another service with a gift card, STOP and contact law enforcement, even if the fraudster tells you not to talk to anyone or a loved one is in trouble. No real government agency or business will ever reach out and ask you to pay them with gift cards - and

you can't pay taxes or bail money with gift cards.

* **Check gift card packaging at the store and make sure the gift card hasn't been tampered with.** Look for things like ripped or torn packaging or missing scratch-off material over the top of the PIN number. If something doesn't look

right, pick another card and show the questionable card to a store associate.

* **When you buy a gift card, keep your activation receipt as proof of your purchase.**

* **Only buy gift cards from trusted sources.** If you're offered a deal that's too good to be true, like a big

discount on a gift card, it's likely a scam or you're getting a fraudulent card.

* **Store your gift cards securely** and don't share gift card numbers or PINs with people you don't know.

If you think you have been scammed or see fraud happening, contact your local law enforcement or the FTC at ftc.gov/complaint or via this toll-free number: 1-877-FTC-HELP.

You can also report IRS impersonation scams to the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration, visit their website or call 800-366-4484.

The Retail Gift Card Association (RGCA) is the only nonprofit trade organization that represents the gift card industry. We have more than 100 of the world's top brands on our roster, and together our mission is to promote positive gift card experiences among shoppers.

More information about how to have amazing gift card experiences is available at GiftCardSafety.org.