# 8th Annual iFest on Sept. 16

The 8th Annual International Festival of North Alabama will be held Saturday, September 16, at the UAH Fitness Center from 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. The Center is located at 500 Wright Drive NW, Huntsville, Ala.

iFest will feature

international cuisine, food trucks, exhibitions highlighting various countries, an open air market, activities for children and live music.

For more information, contact Belinda Ong at ongb@uah.edu or call (256) 824-6432.

### Fall Taste: Greene Street Market

Capture a taste of fall's arrival at the Greene Street Market at the Episcopal Church of the Nativity on Thursday, September 14, 4-7 p.m.

The Farmer's Market (Church of the Nativity) is located in Downtown Huntsville at Greene Street at Eustis Avenue. The Market will be open each Thursday afternoon through the end of October. Beginning Thursday, October 5, the Market will open at 3 p.m. and close at 6 p.m.

The Market is downtown Huntsville's producer-only, open-air market for fresh, locally-grown vegetables, fruits, herbs and flowers. It's a go-to



for meeting farmers with produce, grass fed beef and pork, free range chickens and eggs, as well as freshlyprepared meals, gourmet popsicles, traditionallymade relishes, cheeses, preserves and breads.

For additional information on the Greene Street Market at Nativity, visit www.greenestreetmarket. com or e-mail greenestreetmarket@gmail.com.

### **HBG Starts 'Scarecrow Trail'**

The Huntsville Botanical Garden has opened the Scarecrow Trail through October 31. The Scarecrow Trail is free with Garden admission or membership.

The Scarecrow Festival at the Garden is a favorite fall event. The popular Scarecrow Trail is visited by over 60,000 guests each year. The general public joined in the fun via schools, churches or companies.



Any family-

friendly Scarecrow was welcome to become part of the Trail. HBG supplied Scarecrow frames to help with the creation. The Garden had limited large round hay bales to decorate, and early entries were encouraged.

Don't miss out on the opportunity to witness the Scarecrow Trail and take part in the excitement!

### **HCS Partners with T-Mobile**

Huntsville City Schools (HCS) has entered into a partnership with T-Mobile that could provide its eligible students free Internet access for two years.

"This is a great program and opportunity for our low-income families," said Rena Anderson, HCS director of community engagement, who is working to spread the word the word to students and their families.

"We don't want our students to miss out on this great opportunity," Anderson said.

For additional information on the HCS partnership, contact Rena Anderson at (256) 428-6943 or visit http://volunteer.hsv-k12.org/



### City Spends \$2.5M for New Fire Trucks

Huntsville Fire & Rescue is anticipating the delivery of seven new fire trucks to replace aging vehicles.

The trucks are being further customized by the Wisconsin-based Pearce Manufacturing and are expected to arrive between mid-September and November.

The new trucks are currently being outfitted

with the recent technology and public safety features, ensuring the City stays well-equipped to protect firefighters and the public, according to the Office of the Mayor.

The entire \$2.5 million cost of the trucks is an expense budgeted through the City of Huntsville's capital plan.



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rom the Editor

My knee-sister, Vanessa, was born on September 6, 1956. I was born two years later. We were the youngest of our parents 13 children, so we grew up together. Although I was two years younger, I graduated high school and college one year behind her. That's a long story.

Vanessa married her high school sweetheart after college. He was in the Army, stationed at Ft. Lee, Virginia. She was determined to finish college and marry him. After graduation, she took the next bus to Virginia, where they married there in the

Chapel. They had three children, two of whom graduated from Alabama A&M University --our alma mater! We are so proud of them because her oldest child, Cindy (named for my mother, Lucinda), was only 15 when her 38-year-old mother passed away with breast cancer.

Cindy lives and works in Houston, Tex. By now you know how this story ends. Our family was in constant contact with her last Friday and through the weekend. By Monday, the Coast Guard had

to take her from her home. The results of Hurricane Harvey were real, had hit home and she had to go. We know that people are praying, the Red Cross is visible, she has signed up with FEMA and her insurance adjuster has been out and rendered her car totaled, and on-and-on. With that said, she is homeless. When that water began to rise in her home she feared for her life. That's pretty scary.

I cannot say I understand, but I do remember the April 27, 2011, tornado that hit Harvest. That's as close to a natural disaster that I have been. When the trees and houses started flying through the air, it was likened to the Wizard of Oz. It was like a fairy tale. Unlike me, who was home with my husband, she was home alone and frightened. Her faith is strong and she stayed in touch with us throughout the process. Thank God for mobile phones! The Coast Guard took her and others from her neighborhood to 'Higher Ground." When they arrived, the parents of one of her neighbors were there to get their family and invited

Cindy to go home with them. Yes, they were neighbors but didn't really know each other. They simply recognized that she was a neighbor and invited her with them.

Now, if anyone wants a good debate, try convincing Cindy that there is no God! These people did not know her, only saw her and knew that she was a neighbor, invited her to go with them to their parents' home, which meant that she didn't have to go to one of the local shelters where they were taking loads of evacuees.

When I hear testimonies like Cindy's, it continues to give me hope and reassures me that there is a generation coming forward that believes in God, believes in hard work, rebuilding and exiting from a crisis, a storm, with its faith intact. She was afraid, but never gave up. She is down, but not out. She is challenged, but not giving up. She has loss so much during her young life, but she still has faith. Some of us mature, learned folks can take some lessons from these young, brave champions: "Weeping may endure for a night, but joy comes in the morning" (Ps. 30:5). Somebody, hold my mule!

Keep looking forward. Until next week ...



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Mastin Lake Road/University Drive)

Union Chapel Missionary Baptist Church

### Washington in a Minute



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

1. The House and Senate return to session this week after a month-long recess. The House will take up a bill combining the remaining eight FY2018 appropriations bills (for which 900 amendments have been submitted that the House Rules Committee will have to sort out) and a \$7.85 billion Hurricane Harvey relief bill, requested by the White House last Friday night, to include \$7.4 billion for the Federal **Emergency Management** Agency's disaster relief ac-

support the Small Business Administration's disaster loan program for small businesses and homeowners. The House will also this week take on the selfdriving car issue for the first time when it considers the "SELF DRIVE Act," which would allow automakers and tech giants to test more self-driving cars on U.S. roads, by granting exceptions to federal safety rules so that they can test, initially, as many as 25,000 experimental vehicles annually (eventually increasing to 100,000 vehicles). The Senate will come back

into session and start off with a vote on a federal judge nomination.

2. President Trump is expected to make a muchanticipated

> announcement as to the future of the Obamainstituted Deferred

Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program, which since 2012 has allowed about 780,000 immigrants who entered the U.S. illegally as minors to avoid deportation for 2 years and be allowed to apply for work permits. He and Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin will also meet with key GOP congressional leaders on tax reform, including Senate Finance Chair Orrin Hatch (R-UT) and House Ways and Means Chair Kevin Brady (R-TX). Tuesday, the President hosted a meeting

of the "Big 4" congressional leadership at the White House with House Speaker Paul Ryan, House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell and Senate Democratic Leader Chuck Schumer and then travel to North Dakota for an official event focusing on tax reform. On Thursday, he met with Kuwait's head of state at the White House, Sheikh Sabah al-Ahmed al-Jaber al-Sabah.

3. The Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee held a 2-day hearing (September 6-7) on how to shore up Obamacare entitled "Stabilizing Premiums and Helping Individuals in the Individual Insurance Market for 2018." On August, 30, a bipartisan group of 8 governors, led by Ohio's John Kasich and Colorado's John Hickenlooper, sent a letter to Congress calling for immediate steps to make Obamacare coverage more stable and affordable. See the letter: https://www. colorado.gov/governor/ sites/default/files/press\_releases/bipartisan\_governors\_blueprint.pdf

4. Higher education will be a big focus of the House Education and Workforce Committee this fall. Rep. Virginia Foxx (R-NC), the chair of the panel, plans to release a rewrite of the Higher Education Act which will set the table for the debate over reauthorizing the law during this Congress.

5. The Senate Judiciary Committee announced last week that it had reached an agreement with Donald Trump, Jr. to testify in closed session this month (specific date and time TBA) about his meeting

with a Kremlin-linked lawyer during his father's presidential campaign in which he was promised compromising information on Hillary Clinton.

6. Defense Secretary Jim Mattis announced last Tuesday that he is freezing the implementation of President Trump's ban on transgender people serving in the military, saying that he will first establish a panel of experts to provide advice and recommendations on how to carry out Trump's directive. The plan will address both the potential for transgender people looking to serve in the military for the first time and transgender troops who already are serving. A presidential memorandum of August 25 gave Secretary Mattis until Feb. 1, 2018, to present a plan on how to implement the transgender ban.

7. Last week, a San Antonio-based federal judge temporarily blocked the State of Texas from enforcing its ban on "sanctuary cities" pertaining to undocumented immigrants, which was to have gone into effect on September 1. Because of the fear created in the immigrant community by the law, Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner had to reassure residents seeking assistance during Hurricane Harvey that no one would be checked for immigration status or papers at city shelters. For more information,

contact Ron Hamm at 202-596-8384 or rhamm@ hammconsulting.com.

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### **Champion Game Plan for Life** by Preston Brown

Proverbs 3:6 says, In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your path straight. Question: Are you allowing God to pull you into the direction that He wants you to go, or are you allowing the distractions and worries of this world to pull you into a direction that you don't want to go in? Hopefully, God is pulling you in His direction. You see,

we have to learn to stop

any "patterns" in our life

that are causing us to gradually be pulled in the wrong direction. You know when your car is out of alignment. It will pull you a certain way, so you have to get it corrected.

The same can be said of our spiritual lives. When we allow difficult times to pull us away from the direction that God wants us to go, then we need a

life alignment, so that God can pull us back into the direction that He wants us to go in. So pay attention to whatever new "life patterns"

or habits that are causing you to stray away from the path that God wants you on. Stay encouraged, my brothers and sisters!

## Workshop Designed to Help Churches Aid Caregivers

A workshop is scheduled Tuesday, September 12, to assist Stephen ministers, ministers of communion, congregational nurses, elders, deacons, pastors and others who provide spiritual care

"The Spiritual Care of Family Care Givers of People with Physical or Cognitive Decline or Mental Illness" will be presented by the School of Applied Ministry of the Huntsville Association for Pastoral Care on Tuesday,

September 12, 6-8:30 p.m. The session will be preceded by supper and

7 on the North).

Someone in a congregation somewhere in the



registration at 5:30 p.m. The workshop will be held at First Baptist Church, 600 Governor's Drive (Entrance

Valley area is responsible for the care of a person with chronic or terminal illness or disability or mental illness. And they are struggling.

How can you help? How can you give spiritual care? What can you say or do?

Among the scheduled presenters are Dr. Willie Brunetti, retired Air Force Officer, B.A. in business, M.A. in public administration and Christian education, Doctor of Educational Ministry; personal experience as a caregiver; and Liz Hall, Ph.D. in special education, retired college professor, writer, consultant to families and life coach, personal experience as caregiver for both physical and cognitive decline and mental illness.

CEU's will be avail-

able for nurses and social workers through HAPC (ABN1490), Eugenia Graves, RN, BS, FCN, HAPC Education Direc-

Participants will be able to identify at least three needs and challenges of care giving and at least three ways a spiritual care provider could address those needs.

The cost is \$35 (includes supper) except for those from sponsoring churches. (Inquire about sponsorship.)

To register or for more information, contact malmcarl@hotmail.com or (256) 883-6539. Please let call if attending. Also call in advance (24-hour notice) for cancellation.

### WEEKEND FOOTBALL

### Saturday, September 9

Alabama A&M @ Vanderbilt Alabama vs. Fresno State Alabama State @ Troy Arkansas vs. TCU Auburn @ Clemson LSU vs. Chattanooga Mississippi State @ Louisiana Tech

Ole Miss vs. Tennessee-Martin Texas A&M vs. Nicholls State Florida vs. U. of Northern Colorado Georgia @ Notre Dame

Kentucky vs. Eastern Kentucky Missouri vs. South Carolina Tennessee vs. Indiana State Tuskegee vs. Albany State

Vanderbilt vs. Alabama A&M

Kimberly Fails Jones Memorial Foundation, Inc.

### The Seventh Annual Breast Cancer Survivors Celebration



Friday, October 13, 2017 VBCC North Hall Huntsville, Alabama

Tickets are \$40.00 Doors open at 6:00 Event is from 7:00 - 9:00 pm

Tickets are available from any board member or you can call Edna Fails - 256-337-0574 Dwight Pope - 256-468-1756 Sandra Cross - 256-412-5143

> or by visiting the website wwwkfjfoundation.org

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# Valley Scopes by Melissa Wilson/Seloma

### ARIES

What you ultimately want could be creating some extra concern when it comes to what's going on presently in your relationship department. But as long as you can continue to openly express your individualism, conflict will, fortunately, be kept to a minimum while Uranus squares Ceres.

### **AQUARIUS**

Bye-bye, monotony. Mars' trine with Uranus places repetitive tasks on hold, since there's little allure in any of that now. Therefore, you're likely to disregard anything related to bland procedure and be well on your way to taking an action-packed chance on something.

### CANCER

Jupiter is at a sextile with Saturn, and you're lucky enough to be on the verge of branching out in some way, shape or form due to a choice that you've made and the talents that you possess.

### CAPRICORN

Mercury is in conjunction with Mars, and your level

of confidence is something that you're able to embrace, as you delve into someone elses' thought processes and obtain answers about motives of someone who you've recently had dealings.

### **GEMINI**

With Mercury going direct, and Mars entering Virgo, you'll likely be putting your efforts toward some new goal, with an awakened sense of strength, as you set out to execute a few plans. It may be hard not to complain, if others aren't keeping up.

#### **LEO**

Mercurys' trine with Uranus means that prospects are exceptionally high for a destiny-rigged meeting- an invigorating one, at best.

#### **LIBRA**

Jupiter is opposite Uranus, and you are open to learning, without mental restriction or biases, as long as you can do it on your time, your way.

#### **PISCES**

The sun enters Libra by the 22nd and likely will

### SEPTEMBER

find you attempting to seek some type of positively impartial, middle ground in a specific area of your life.

#### **SAGITTARIUS**

With the Saturn trine of Uranus, you are likely savoring what could be considered improved lifepath matters, be it mentally or physically.

#### **SCORPIO**

Mars' trine with Saturn is accenting predictability, along with your survival skills--both elements that are likely to make a positive difference for you at present.

#### **TAURUS**

Around September 10, the moon, in your sign, is apt to illuminate or draw attention to your emotions and may find you ready to reveal your innermost needs, during a special event.

### **VIRGO**

With the sun opposite idyllic Neptune, the issues that you face internally are likely fueling your impulsive mood.

### The Valley Weekly Calendar of Events

### September 10

Native Tree Identification (6-week series) Huntsville Botanical Garden Guest Center - \$5 12:30-2:30 p.m.

Grandparents' Day
Celebration
EarlyWorks Children's Museum
Tickets:
\$35 adults; \$15 Children,
Museum Will Be Open
RiahRose Home for Children
(256) 489-4358 - 1:30 p.m.

The Valley Conservatory
Early Music Festival Concert
St. Mary of the Visitation
Catholic Church
Jefferson Street North
Huntsville, Ala. - 4 p.m.

### September 12-15

Career Preparedness Week Alabama A&M University 233 Arthur J. Bond Hall 12:30 p.m.

#### September 14

"2017 Speakers Series for the Village of Promise" Speaker: Ruby Payne, Ph.D. Von Braun Center-North Hall Downtown Huntsville 11:30 a.m.

#### September 16

Rocket City High School Step Show Columbia High School Huntsville, Ala. www.rocketcityhighschoolstepshow2017.eventbrite.com

### **September 23**The Madison Academy

Finish Line Club
First Annual
Car & Truck Show
Madison Academy
325 Slaughter Road
10 a.m.-2 p.m.
Pre-Registration: \$15
Day of Show: \$20
Contact: Wendy Durham
WDurham77@Gmail.com
(256) 682-7365

Louis Crews Classic Alabama A&M vs. Texas Southern Louis Crews Classic

#### September 30

Alabama A&M University
Homecoming Game
AAMU vs. University of
Arkansas Pine Bluff
Louis Crews Stadium - 2 p.m.

Exhibit
Above and Beyond
U.S. Space and Rocket Center

"Gucci Mane" Alabama A&M University Homecoming Concert Von Braun Center - 7 p.m.

### October 10-15

Motown - The Musical Von Braun Center Concert Hall Downtown Huntsville

October 13 Kimberly Fails Jones

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Memorial Foundation Seventh Annual Breast Cancer Survivors Celebration Von Braun Center North Hall Huntsville, Ala. 7-9 p.m. www.kfjfoundation.org

#### October 14

Alabama A&M Football vs. Mississippi Valley State Louis Crews Stadium - 1 p.m.

### October 22 Men Who Cook Competition

(Sponsored by the North
Alabama African American
Chamber of Commerce)
Huntsville Depot
Roundhouse
398 Monroe Street
4 p.m.
\$25, NAAACC members;
\$35, Advance | \$40, At Door
For tickets or more information, call (256) 564-7574 or
e-mail alfredg.adams@naaacc.

#### October 30

UNCF Golf Classic Oakwood University Robert Trent Jones Golf Course Owens Cross Roads, Ala. Registration: 10 a.m. Shotgun Start: 12 noon

#### November 4

Alabama A&M vs. Alcorn State Louis Crews Stadium 2 p.m.





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### The Enrichment Center Offers SAFE Zones

The Enrichment Center, a non-profit organization known for its youth-focused behavioral health counseling and life coaching services, is pleased to announce its newest endeavor to support positive youth development in the greater Madison and Huntsville areas: SAFE Zones.

For nearly two decades, The Enrichment Center has championed the use of a dedicated, full-time counselor in every school in the community to ensure that children have free behavioral health services on-demand.

Staff at The Enrichment Center know that trusted relationships can make a real difference in children's lives, especially when today's youth face complex struggles both at home and in their communities. With the SAFE Zones initiative, The Enrichment Center





is bringing these trusted services to youth both in and out of the classroom, creating an environment where youth can not only heal, but also thrive.

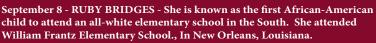
Staff at Madison City and Huntsville City Schools are already raving about the SAFE Zones initiative. Said one counselor: "We each have 550 to 600 students each, and our main objective is academic counseling. Having the E&I counselors is such a blessing! We're not licensed counselors, we need E&I." One out of every 10 kids will have a depressive episode each year. Thanks to collaborative efforts between The Enrichment

Center and local schools, local youth will have the support they need.

Equipped with immediate emotional and behavioral support, students are better able to focus in the classroom and can enjoy both personal and academic development. Thanks to the Center's expanding services, hundreds of additional students will have access to in-school mental health and life coaching services that are free, confidential and potentially, life changing.

For more information, e-mail Sharon Willis at Sharon@theenrichment-center.org or call (256) 262-7226.

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### **Abrahamic Prayers Schedule Announced**

### Elephant in the Room! God in the Natural Sciences Abrahamic Prayers 2017-18

Discussions Led by NASA and UAH Engineers and Scientists

In our public life these days, people have an easy time listening to people they agree with but not necessarily to people whose perspective they believe has no value.

Abrahamic Prayers (an interfaith group where atheism is respected as a faith) offers a safe place to listen to each other, sharing your thoughts with people who beg to differ but want to see what you mean. This year our difficult subject is God. In ancient Greece, apparently, people would point to Socrates and whisper, "That's the atheist who believes in only one God."

Come join us (first Thursday evening each month) at 7 p.m. at Saint Thomas on Bailey Cove. Handouts only if via RSVP at meisterp@uah.edu.

### September and October

John Hanson. Alfred North Whitehead ("Religion and Science" 1925)

#### November

John Hanson. Teilhard de Chardin (The Phenomenon of Man)

#### December

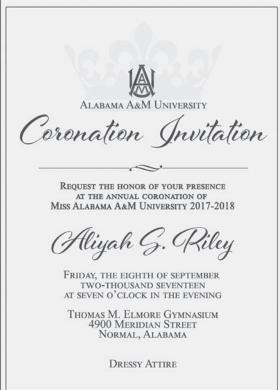
Laj Utreja. Science and the Divine in Hinduism

### January 2018

John Hanson. Teilhard de Chardin (The Phenomenon of Man)

### **February**

Noor Gillani. Science and the Divine in Islam



### City Council Meetings



Huntsville City
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Council 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.

City Council work sessions are also held in the City Council 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.

# Valley Deaths

Funeral service for Mrs. Georgia Turner was Wednesday, September 6, at Union Chapel Missionary Baptist Church (315 Winchester Road NE - Huntsville, AL 35811).

Funeral service for **Mrs. Doris C. Washington**was September 5 at
Triana Cumberland
Presbyterian Church
in America with Elder
James E. Childress, Jr.
(Pastor) officiating.

Funeral service for Mrs. Lorene McCombs was Tuesday, September 5, at the Indian Creek Primitive Baptist Tabernacle (6378 Pulaski Pike NW - Huntsville, AL) with Elder Johnny Jones officiating.

Funeral service for Mrs. Mary B. Cowser was Saturday, September 2, at Union Chapel Missionary Baptist Church (315 Winchester Road - Huntsville, Ala.) with Pastor O. Wendell Davis officiating.

Memorial service for **Mr. Lonnie Lee Logan** was held Saturday, September 2, at the Nelms Memorial Funeral Home Chapel with the Reverend Benjamin Horne officiating.

Funeral service for **Mr. Granville L. Rodgers**was Saturday, September
2, at Mt. Zion Missionary
Baptist Church, 2207 N.
2nd St., Milwaukee, Wis.

- Nelms Memorial Funeral Home

# Local Couple to be Crowned at Adult Prom

Melody and Martell Holt, the husband and wife team behind Holt & Holt Entrepreneurship, LLC., will be crowned King and Queen at the 2017 Adult P.R.O.M on Sept. 9 at the Von Braun Center.

The two met during their tenure at Alabama A&M, where they were studying to become educators. Little did Melody know that on her graduation day she

would be leaving with more than a diploma. Martell popped the question and the Holts were born.

In 2011, the two took a leap of faith when they left their full-time teaching positions to solely focus on developing their small business.

Launched in 2009, Holt & Holt Entrepreneurship, LLC began as a lawn care service but gradually expanded into a multi-milliondollar empire. Their services include property demolitions, acquiring foreclosed residences and rebuilding and remodeling homes. Martell serves as founder and COO with Melody as the company's CEO.

In addition to their contracting business, the dynamic duo has made a name for themselves as public speakers. This Fall, the Holts will hold the LEAP Summit, an expo geared at inspiring others to follow their true calling.

Recently the two were named iPush Magazine's Power Couple in their summer issue.



The Holts are the proud parents of three children and will celebrate their tenth wedding anniversary in 2018. Melody and Martell are proud members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. and Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc, respectively.

Adult P.R.O.M., now in its fifth year, was established to combat the steadily increasing divorce rate in the state of Alabama. Co-host Wiley Day said the annual event isn't the ultimate defense against divorce but viewed it as a way to show couples a good time.

"We can't stop divorce," Day told the Valley Weekly in 2016. "We can't stop people from not wanting to be together anymore, but we want to share the importance of a good-filled evening with a significant other or a person that you are trying to pursue or anything like that."

Dress code for the prom is formal and tickets will be sold at the door. Doors open at 7 p.m. and the festivities will begin at 8 p.m.

by Reginald D. Allen

### AAMU Comes to Aid of Sister Texas HBCU

The Alabama A&M University Department of Public Safety has organizing a drive to help with the Houston relief efforts fol-



lowing Hurricane Harvey.

The entire campus community got involved by donating case/s of water and other supplies. This appeal received the support of numerous students, as well.

The drive was "a great chance for AAMU students to show the Bulldog spirit and character," said Chief Nadis Carlisle of the Department of Public Safety.

AAMU scheduled the delivery of all supplies to Texas Southern University to assist its sister HBCU campus community.

Officers were set to leave for Houston on the morning of Wednesday, September 6.

Organizers set up a main drop-off location at the Department of Public Safety (across the street from the Mamie Labon Foster Residential Complex. Additional drop-off locations more convenient to the general public were also identified.

For additional information on AAMU's special response unit, contact DPS at (256) 372-7150 or e-mail public.safety@aamu.edu.



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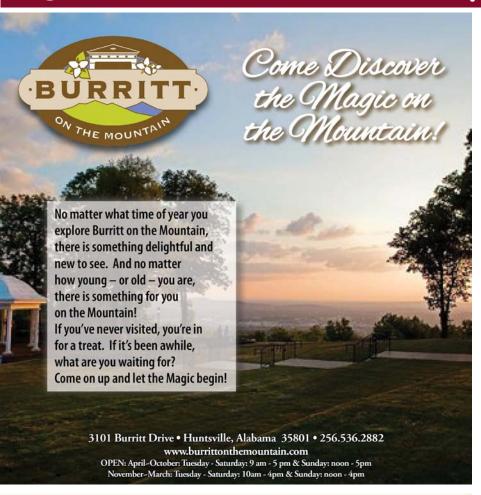
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### CITY OF HUNTSVILLE AMENDMENT TO THE CONSOLIDATED/ ACTION PLAN

The City of Huntsville, Alabama proposes to amend its FY2016 Action Plan. The following HOME projects are added:

\$49,632.11 Provide funds to Family Services Center, Inc. for the construction of decent affordable single family homes in the Terry Heights/Hillendale community for low to moderate-income families

\$10,283.62 Provide funds for Habitat for Humanity, Inc. for the new construction of decent affordable single family homes for extremely low to low-income families

A 30-day comment period ending on October 8, 2017 is required before amendments can be made to the Consolidated/Action Plan. For information please call (256) 427-5400. Any comments or suggestions concerning changes to the Plan should be made in writing and mailed to: City of Huntsville, Department of Community Development, P.O. Box 308, Huntsville, AL 35804.





### CIUDAD DE HUNTSVILLE ENMIENDA AL PLAN DE ACCIÓN CONSOLIDADO

La ciudad de Huntsville, Alabama propone enmendar su Plan de acción del AÑO FISCAL 2016. Los siguientes proyectos HOME se agregan:

\$49,632.11 Fournir des fonds à Family Services Center, Inc. pour la construction de décents maisons unifamiliales abordables dans la communauté de Terry Heights/Hillendale pour les familles de faibles à modéré

\$10,283.62 Fournir des fonds pour Habitat pour l'humanité, Inc. pour la nouvelle construction de décents maisons unifamiliales abordables pour les familles extrêmement faibles à faible revenue

Antes de poder hacer las enmiendas al Plan de Acción Consolidado se requiere un periodo de comentarios de 30 días el cual termina el 8er octobre 2017. Para información por favor llame al (256) 427-5400. Cualquier comentario o sugerencias sobre cambios al Plan deben ser hechas por escrito y enviadas por correo a: Ciudad de Huntsville, Departamento de Desarrollo Comunitario, P.O. Box 308, Huntsville, AL 35804.



