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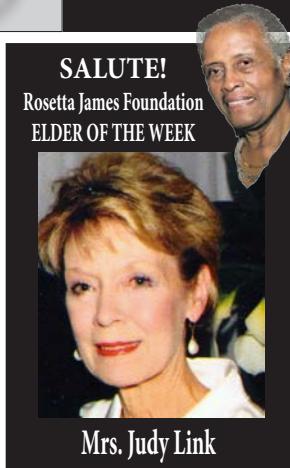
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*"My humanity is bound up in yours, for we can only be human together."* - Desmond Tutu

## Local Dealership Owner First Woman Inducted into Hall of Fame

Out of more than 3,500 dealers in the nation, Ford Motor Company honored Woody Anderson Ford owner Cathy A. Stender with induction into the company's Top Dealer Hall of Fame. Stender became the first female member of the prestigious group of only 31 dealers in early March at a private reception with company executives, fellow dealers, and the Ford family.

"To qualify the honoree must be regarded as a true heroine by Ford Motor Company, loved by their customers, revered by their employees, fixtures in their communities, and respected by their fellow dealers," according to Ford Motor Company Vice President Andrew Frick. "They must also be longtime dealers that are consistently top performers year in and year out."

Stender began her leadership tenure at the family business in 2003, and since then, the dealership has grown to become one of

the largest in the country. The businesswoman leans on her psychology background to better understand her community's needs and is always looking for ways to push the bounds and innovate.

"Cathy's impact on our community continues to be noteworthy and inspirational," said Tommy Battle, City of Huntsville Mayor. "For years, her passion and desire to improve our City have exceeded the walls of her dealership with every endeavor she undertakes."

Ford Motor Company took notice of Stender's passion as well, tapping her to serve on the influential Ford Product Committee, CEM Advisory Board, and FADF Board. Stender continues to serve in those roles as she helps the company develop innovative products like the Mach-E and reimagine classics such as the beloved Bronco.

Her compassion and dedication over 17 years have fueled the dealership's growth. During that time



period, Stender oversaw the company's expansion into Madison with the Hughes Road facility, acquisition of the Ford dealership in Fayetteville, and the major renovation and addition of the 150,000+ square foot dealership on Jordan Lane.

"There is never a perfect time to expand. In my view, if you focus on taking care of the customer and don't make it about the economy, you become successful in the endeavor," said Stender during a 2008 interview with the Huntsville Times.

## Rep. Hall Recipient of Persistence Service Award

*"Effective candidates and leaders are the result of hard work, training, mentoring, and experience. We help candidates get started and continue to grow and learn" ...*

These words are descriptive of both the goals of political action committee, i.e. Persistence PAC, and the work of the recipient of their first "Persistence Service Award" award to State Representative Laura Hall.

Representative Hall brought to her political life and work the experience of a long career in education, sharpening the young minds of our youth.

She is a person of deep religious faith, committed to equal justice, fairness and equality of opportunity, and governmental service to all the citizens of the state of Alabama.

Rep. Hall has served on many committees with the greatest degree of strength and integrity addressing such issues as health in general, AIDS specifically, funding for individuals starting businesses and the rights of



incarcerated and previously incarcerated individuals, just a few of the causes she has championed.

Representative Hall epitomizes and reflects the lofty principles and goals of Persistence PAC which are aimed at giving to our state the best in political leadership.

Hall is a shining example of that goal and is indeed a model for those entering that field to emulate. The current minority whip of the Alabama State House of Representatives, Anthony Daniels, frequently lauds her as his mentor.

Representative Hall is indeed a shining and guiding light in our community, local, statewide and beyond.

The award was presented to her by congresswoman Terri Sewell, who stood in for former Senator Doug Jones. Senator Jones was unable to come due to commitments in Washington D.C. centered around the confirmation of Ketanji Brown Jackson as the first Black female judge for the United States Supreme Court.

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## Washington in One Minute



and Daniel Scavino (Deputy Chief of Staff) in contempt of Congress for refusal to comply with subpoenas issued by the Select Committee to Investigate the

January 6th Attack on the United States Capitol. The Senate is expected to vote on a motion to formally begin negotiations with the House on USICA, a high-profile technology and manufacturing initiative that has strong support from Majority Leader Chuck Schumer and Corporate America.

2. THE WHITE HOUSE. Last Thursday, President Biden announced that he would release 1 million barrels of oil per day for the next six months (over 180 million barrels) from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve. He also called on Congress to impose fees on oil and gas companies on unused wells on federal land and the 12 million acres of public land they're leasing without production. Last Wednesday, the Biden Administration launched its COVID.gov website to help people get access to

COVID-19 information, including vaccines, tests, treatments, and masks, as well as get the latest updates on COVID-19 in their area. The website will also provide a new "Test-to-Treat" locator that will help people access pharmacies and community health centers across the nation where people can get tested for COVID-19 and receive appropriate treatments if they need them. On Wednesday, the President addressed attendees at the 2022 North America's Building Trades Unions (NABTU) Legislative Conference at the Washington Hilton.

3. FEDERAL MASK MANDATE. Last Tuesday, 21 states (AL, AK, AZ, AR, FL, GA, ID, IN, KS, KY, LA, MS, MO, MT, NE, OH, OK, SC, UT, VA, and WV) sued the Biden Administration to end the federal mask mandate for planes, trains, buses, and transit hubs that was recently extended by the Transportation Security Administration through April 18, 2022. Persistent rumors abound in Washington that the Biden Administration will not renew the mask mandate when it expires on

April 18, especially in view of the decision by the Administration to end the "Title 42" COVID public health emergency declaration at the U.S. border on May 23, which has since March 2020 allowed U.S. border officials to expel 1.7 million migrants without allowing them to apply for asylum due to the COVID pandemic (which was the topic of a House Homeland Security subcommittee hearing on Wednesday, April 6).

4. SUPREME COURT. On Monday, the Supreme Court was slated to issue opinions from its current docket. Last week, the Navy

announced that it would name a ship in honor of the late Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg. The U.S.N.S. Ruth Bader Ginsburg (T-AO 212), which has not yet been constructed, will be a John Lewis-class replenishment oiler ship designed to carry fuel to the Navy's operating carrier strike groups.

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Funeral service for MRS. MARY WILSON (b. 1932) was held Sunday, April 3, at Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Church (7565 Greenbrier Rd - Madison, Ala.) with Pastor Damian Turner officiating.

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Funeral service for MS. CAROL JOHNSON (b. 1962) will be held Friday, April 8, at 12 noon at Royal Chapel of Memories.

Funeral service for MR. LAFAYETTE CLAY (b. 1930) was held Sunday, April 3, at the Royal Chapel of Memories (4315 Oakwood Avenue, Huntsville, Ala.) with Minister Winfried B. Cross officiating.

Funeral service for MS. ROSALYN ELIZABETH THOMPSON MASSIE (b. 1945) was held Saturday, April 2, at the First Missionary Baptist Church (3509 Blue Spring Road NW Huntsville, Ala.) with Dr. Don Darius Butler officiating.

Graveside service for MR. FRANKLIN JEROME JONES, SR. (b. 1949) was held Saturday, April 2, at the Thatch-Mann Cemetery (1801 W Hobbs Street, Athens, Ala.) with Pastor Clint M. Scales, Sr. officiating.

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Huntsville, Ala.  
8 p.m.

“Peppa Pig Live”  
Mark C. Smith Concert Hall  
6 p.m.

**April 6-9**

First Robotics Competition  
South Hall  
Von Braun Center

**May 6**

Spring Commencement  
Huntsville, Ala.  
7 p.m.

**May 22**  
The Temptations & The Four Tops  
Mark C. Smith Concert Hall - Von Braun Center  
Huntsville, Ala.

**April 11**

Huntsville-Madison County Athletic Hall of Fame  
Von Braun Center North Hall  
6-8 p.m.

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**April 27**

UAH Nurse's Pinning  
Von Braun Center  
North Hall  
4p.m.

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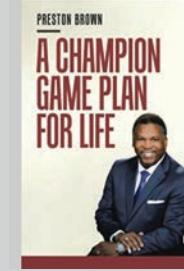
“GETTING THE WEEDS OUT”

Matthew 13:27-28 says, “Sir, didn’t you sow good seed in your field? Where did the weeds come from? An enemy did this, he replied.”

You know, the other day I was pulling up weeds that had grown in my yard and my plant bed. The reason that they had grown up was because I neglected them and allowed them to grow. You see, I didn’t do what

I needed to do on a daily basis or weekly basis to keep them out. When you are dealing with weeds you have to stay on top of things or they will get out of control.

The same can be said about our spiritual lives as well. In other words when we allow the enemy



to plant weeds in our lives it will choke out our spiritual growth. For example, when we allow worry, bitterness, complaining and unwholesome talk to be planted in our lives, it ends up being like a weed that needs



to be pulled up and eliminated from our lives. If we don’t, we won’t have the abundant life, filled with the beauty and peace that God wants us to have.

Since I’ve pulled the weeds out of my plant bed, everything is beautiful. You see, by getting the weeds out of our lives, we can eliminate the things that don’t bring us joy or give us peace and remember peace is power .... Stay encouraged, my brothers and sisters, and make sure you purchase a copy of my book, “A CHAMPION GAME PLAN FOR LIFE” at amazon.com

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For more information, call (256) 427-5011.

# A&M President Supports Resolution Condemning Threats to HBCUs

The U.S. House of Representatives recently passed a resolution (H. Con. Res. 70) condemning the recent HBCU bomb threats, and a letter of support by Alabama A&M University (AAMU) President Daniel K. Wims has been included in the congressional record.

Congresswoman Alma Adams (D-NC-12), Congressman French Hill (R-AR-02), Chairman Robert C. "Bobby" Scott (D-VA-03), and the Congressional Bipartisan HBCU Caucus celebrated the passage of H. Con. Res. 70, a resolution condemning threats of violence against historically Black colleges and universities ("HBCUs") and reaffirming support for HBCUs and their students.

"I'm proud of the House for passing H. Con. Res. 70, a resolution that condemns the despicable, cowardly bomb threats to Historically Black Colleges and Universities on multiple days this year," said Congresswoman Alma Adams, founder and co-chair of the Congressional Bipartisan HBCU Caucus.

"These threats were hate crimes. They were acts of terror. As a proud HBCU alumnae and professor, I know HBCUs can overcome any challenge, but those challenges shouldn't include violence. Terrorism and racism have no place on college campuses – or anywhere else."

Dr. Adams received AAMU's honorary Doctor of Public Service diploma during the Spring 2021 commencement program



in Huntsville, where she also delivered the address to graduates.

"Historically Black Colleges and Universities are an integral part of our nation's education system and our history. Despicable threats of violence, including the string of bomb threats targeting HBCUs earlier this year, are completely unacceptable," said Rep. Terri Sewell (D-AL-07), vice chair of the HBCU Caucus. "As Vice Chair of the Congressional HBCU Caucus whose district is home to some of the most prominent HBCUs in the nation, I condemn these threats in the strongest terms. I applaud my colleague, Congresswoman Adams, for introducing this resolution which makes clear that the United States Congress is committed to fostering safe environments at HBCUs so that our students can thrive without fear of violence and terror."

"Our HBCUs have proven their merit by making the American Dream accessible to thousands. We must do everything in our power to ensure their continued existence."

"Passing this resolution was essential as far as UNCF (United Negro College Fund) is concerned," said Dr. Michael L. Lomax, president/CEO of UNCF. "The disruption, anguish, and acts of terror that more than one-third of all HBCUs have experienced in January and February of this year are unacceptable. While we are glad Rep. Adams and others were able to pass this resolution in an overwhelmingly bipartisan manner, we are still waiting for the perpetrators of these hate crimes to be brought to justice."

"We thank Congresswoman Adams for leading the way and shepherding H. Con. Res. 70, a resolution that condemns the recent terroristic threats to HBCUs across the country," said Harry L. Williams, president and CEO of the AAMU-affiliated Thurgood Marshall College Fund (TMCF). "This resolution symbolizes Congress saying with one voice that hatred and threats of violence will not be tolerated. We continue to anticipate and expect that the Justice Department will prosecute the individuals responsible for these heinous acts to the fullest extent of their authority and we look forward to the swift conclusion of this matter."

## PowerShot

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– Albert Murray

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God Views  
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Current News

by tim allston

## The Other Side of Will Smith's Slap

Will Smith's infamous slap of Chris Rock at the 2022 Academy Awards was for many another case of black-on-black crime - this one with 16.6 million witnesses.

Rock joked about Jada Pinkett Smith's shaved head from her alopecia disease; husband Will then stormed the stage and slapped Rock.



Such commentators as Kareem Abdul-Jabbar and Richard Williams slapped back at Will Smith's action and justifiably so.

But now I ask: Can any object lessons emerge from that scenario? Yes. Smith finally took it to the TOP as he:

- Targeted his problem,
- Owned his problem, and then
- Proceeded to take action.

Summarily, this 2022 Best Actor award winner became a good-to-bad-to-good role model.

How? Smith targeted, owned his misdeed, and then proceeded via Instagram, "Violence in all of its forms is poisonous and destructive. My behavior at last night's Academy Awards was unacceptable and inexcusable.

"I would like to publicly apologize to you, Chris. I was out of line and I was wrong. . . . There is no place for violence in a world of love and kindness."

Here, Smith modeled three valuable lessons:

1) Our biggest defeats can typically follow our biggest victories. "I deeply regret that my behavior has stained what has been an otherwise gorgeous journey for all of us," Smith concluded.

2) Therefore, you and I must watch carefully those highest moments of celebrity and achievement - that's usually when we relax and let our guard down. And fall.

3) Follow this TOP model: Once we become aware of our own misdoings we should own them, admit them, and apologize to the offended parties; then proceed to take action against repeating them.

Only then can we rise from possible or momentary "celebrity" or limelight up to a level of role model that others can follow.

The next day following the slap, we see here that Smith apologized to Rock, the Academy, and the Williams family, whose patriarch he portrayed in "King Richard."

1 John 1:9 advises, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

- tim allston

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*"Stop letting people who do so little for you control so much of your mind, feelings, and emotions."*

- Will Smith

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## The Jilted Lover

Hosea 11:8-9; Romans 2:4



Novels, plays, movies, and television shows; each of these venues have carried stories of jilted lovers. Some have turned out tragically and others tearfully. Regardless of how the story ends, it is not an experience that anyone in their right mind would want to experience.

The pain of betrayal hits the heart in places that are

deep and leaves invisible scar tissue that although unseen, it certainly is not unfelt. All of these examples are "human" examples. Centuries ago God portrayed Himself as a jilted lover through the prophet Hosea. His response was rather unusual compared to what we as humans are used to reading and/or watching. There were no messy scenes of violence but there were the mournful sounds of a broken heart. Despite Israel's continued chasing after Baal, God's word to them was "How can I give you up?"

God did not try to hide His hurting heart. He said that His heart was "torn within." But instead of

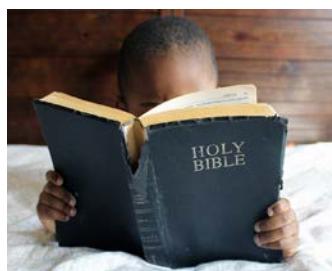


spewing out anger and wrath, He spoke about flowing compassion and a refusal to unleash His anger and destroy Israel. Mercy mounted up and

damned up the anger that could have and should have flowed. How was God able to do that? I'll let Him answer; For I am God, and not man. That's good news!

That is why Paul urged his readers to not show contempt for this kind of forbearance and patience because it is meant to lead to repentance.

## This Sunday's Lectionary



(Track 2 - Year C)

Sunday, April 10, 2022

Sunday of the Passion:  
Palm Sunday

Isaiah 5:4-9a  
Psalm 31:9-16  
Philippians 2:5-11  
Luke 22:14-23:56 or  
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## Mrs. Judy Link



Mrs. Judy Link is a native of Maryland. Since her now retired husband (LTG James Link) was a military officer, she traveled a great deal, moving her household 26 times in 30 years as an Army wife. After three tours at Redstone Arsenal, there was no doubt that *Sweet Home Alabama* would be her permanent home when Jim retired from the Army in 2000.

Mrs. Link has been very active in the Huntsville community and has given her time and talent to many charitable and civic activities. She has served on many boards and joined numerous organizations. Among these are the Burritt Museum, Early Works Foundation, School Foundation, Alabama Science Center (now SCIQUEST), United Cerebral Palsy, where she served as president, as well as the American Red Cross, the Arts Council and the Arthritis Foundation Advisory Council.

Mrs. Link has been a member of the Huntsville Literary Association, the Huntsville Symphony Orchestra Guild, the Huntsville Hospital Millennium Society and Rotary Ann Club, where she served as president.

She is a graduate of Leadership Huntsville Focus Group #8. She was the Quality of Life day chair for Leadership Huntsville Masters Program, and she has had an extensive involvement with the Greater

Huntsville Human Society. She is a past co-chair of the Annual Dog Ball and is currently the Dog Ball Arrangements Chair. She is an associate member of the Botanical Garden Guild.

She has served as a Panoply volunteer and sponsored the VIP hospitality tent. As a member of the Symphony Guild, she has worked as a docent in Huntsville City Schools. She also served on various Arts Council committees, which prepare students for the Young People's Concert.

Mrs. Link received much recognition while serving at

Redstone Arsenal and in Germany. In addition, she was recognized as the Volunteer of the Year for Huntsville and Madison County in 1989; the Path of Honor at the Senior Center in 2008; the Arthritis Foundation Humanitarian Award in 2005; and numerous American Red Cross recognitions over the years.

Her late daughter Carey Anne, a graduate of the University of Alabama in Huntsville (UAH), was a federal employee at Redstone Arsenal and was published poet who also pursued a master's degree from Faulkner University.

*"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](http://www.rosettajamesfoundation.org). Know an outstanding elder (70+) that you would like to see featured? Send us a photo and 250-word write-up to [info@valleyweeklyllc.com](mailto:info@valleyweeklyllc.com).

## Attorney Announces Run for District Court Judge

Kimberly Rucker is a local attorney currently seeking the position of District Court Judge because she believes "everyone in Madison County should be ensured equality and justice under the law, whether they are White or Black, rich or poor, first generation or fifth generation."

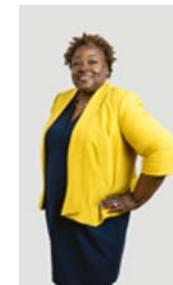
With a family history deeply shaped by life in the segregated South, Rucker knows intimately the struggle for equal protection and justice under the law.

Rucker shares in Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s optimistic vision that while

"the arc of the moral universe is long" it does "bend toward justice," and she aims to bring an objective, impartial voice to the District Court bench.

Rucker has deep roots in Alabama, having attended Alabama State University and the University of Alabama School of Law before settling in Huntsville to begin practicing law in 2008.

She spent 10 years practicing civil, business, labor,



and employment litigation at Wilmer & Lee, P.A., becoming the first African American shareholder in 2015.

For the last four years, Rucker has served as the Chief Compliance Officer for Thrive Alabama, an organization that provides high quality, affordable healthcare to people in North Alabama.

To learn more about her campaign, visit: [www.krucker4judge.com](http://www.krucker4judge.com)

### Alabama A&M University Bus Transfer Station Additional Canopy

Project No. 21207 - SECTION 00 91 10 - ADDENDUM NUMBER 1

#### PARTICULARS

- 1.01 DATE: MARCH 15, 2022
- 1.02 PROJECT: BUS TRANSFER STATION ADDITIONAL CANOPY
- 1.03 PROJECT NUMBER: DCM NO. 2021793
- 1.04 OWNER: ALABAMA A&M UNIVERSITY
- 1.05 ARCHITECT: NOLA | VAN PEURSEM ARCHITECTS, PC



#### TO PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS

- 2.01 THIS ADDENDUM FORMS A PART OF THE CONTRACT DOCUMENTS AND MODIFIES THE BIDDING DOCUMENTS DATED NOVEMBER 12, 2021, WITH AMENDMENTS AND ADDITIONS NOTED BELOW.
- 2.02 ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF THIS ADDENDUM IN THE SPACE PROVIDED IN THE PROPOSAL FORM. FAILURE TO DO SO MAY DISQUALIFY THE BIDDER.
- 2.03 THIS ADDENDUM CONSISTS OF 3 PAGES.

#### CHANGES TO THE PROJECT MANUAL

- 3.01 SECTION 00 10 00-BID DOCUMENTS AND FORMS:
  - A. Advertisement for Bid: Replace this form in its entirety.
- 3.02 SECTION 00 22 00-OWNER'S SUPPLEMENTARY INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS:
  - A. Paragraph 1.03.A: Change paragraph to read as follows, "All sealed bids will be received by 2:00 p.m. CDT on April 7, 2022 at which time each bidder must submit a sealed envelope properly titled containing the Proposal form, the Bid Bond, and Accounting of Sales Tax - DCM Form C-3A form. Upon receipt of these documents the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. Supplement A - List of Subcontractors (section 00 43 21) and Bidder's List of Quotes - HR-DBE form are to be hand delivered or emailed to the Architect within 24 hours after receipt of bids. No changes to the base bid will be allowed after 2:00 p.m."

- B. Add Paragraph 1.03.E to read as follows:

E. Alabama A&M University has requested 16% DBE participation for this project.

#### CHANGES TO THE DRAWINGS

- 4.01 DRAWING E-1.1 – FLOOR PLAN ELECTRICAL:
  - A. Furnish two (2) each LF4 fixtures with an integral emergency battery pack. Pull an unswitched hot to each emergency battery pack. The emergency fixtures shall be the fixtures at either end next to the doors.

END OF ADDENDUM NUMBER 1

"Honoring Our Elders"

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## The Latest Trends for a Successful Spring Garden

(BPT) - Interest in gardening continues to blossom as more people decide to exercise their green thumb and make the most of their outdoor spaces. Whether it's a quaint balcony, large backyard garden or front yard landscaping, gardening opportunities are bountiful.

With a little creativity and some expert insight, anyone can be a successful gardener. The team at Ball Horticultural Company shares simple tips and the top trends for 2022 to inspire every type of gardener.

**Low maintenance, high impact.** Do you want a magazine-worthy landscape but don't want to spend every day tending to plants? The trick is to strategically select eye-catching flowers that are easy to care for.

There are many plants that offer beautiful blooms with surprisingly little work. Beacon Impatiens are the ideal plant for flowerbeds with partial sun, rewarding you with ample, long-lasting color for the shade.

Add Megawatt Begonias in pots and transition spaces - this bigger-than-life hybrid provides rich color and glossy foliage with little care. For sunny spots, you can't go wrong with low-maintenance E3 Easy Wave Petunias. This spreading petunia comes in a variety of hues, adding sweeping color that will be the envy of the neighborhood.

**Fun and flavorful foods.** As the sustainability movement continues, more people are interested in growing their own food. Whether it's a small herb garden or a large vegetable plot, having homegrown food at your fingertips can help you eat healthier and fresher.

Many vegetables and



herbs do as well in containers as they do in the ground, so if you're short on space, you can still succeed with growing vegetables as long as you can give your plants a sunny spot and adequate water. An insider tip is to skip seeds and buy garden-ready plants that are already established, such as Burpee vegetables and herbs. This helps support successful growing and faster harvests.

Tomatoes are a must for any vegetable grower. But what if you don't have an outdoor growing space? No garden, no problem with the Kitchen Minis collection of indoor potted vegetables. Look for Siam Tomato, which gives you several weeks of cherry-sized fruit for your fresh eating and recipes. Enjoy it on a sunny windowsill indoors or next to your other easy-access countertop herbs.

**Pollinator gardens.** Pollination is essential for plants to flourish, and according to the U.S. Forest Service, pollinators are responsible for assisting over 80% of the world's flowering plants to reproduce. This includes hard-working insects like butterflies, bees and birds. Because of their essential work, everyone can enjoy plants that delight the eyes and tasty foods that tantalize the taste buds.

Some pollinator populations are diminishing, so people are taking action by planting pollinator-friendly gardens. For example, if you want butterfly bliss in your

garden, choose Chrysanthemum Buddleia. Known as Butterfly Bush, this plant has an abundance of flowers but grows in a manageable size - perfect for a small hanging basket. Add in a few Shamrock Lantana, whose blooms are an attractive, soft landing pad, and you'll be creating a pollinator paradise.

**First impressions.** After spending the last few years close to home, people are taking exceptional pride in their property by prioritizing curb appeal. Friendly yellows and vivid purples are on trend and broadly appealing, making your home stand out on the block.

For a sunny show all season long, plant Bee's Knees Petunias. The intense yellow color of each big bloom adds brightness to your landscaping. Juxtapose the yellow with Jolt Purple Dianthus, adding a vivid magenta shade that instantly adds personality.

Curb appeal can come from more than just flowering plants, of course. For visual interest in a fruiting plant, check out Pepper Candy Cane Chocolate Cherry. With variegated foliage and uniquely striped fruit that changes from green to chocolate and cherry red, this is a treat for the eyes and the stomach.

No matter the size of your garden space or the time you can put into your plants, there's something for everyone in the top gardening trends of the year.

## Lakeside UMC Presents Community Awards



The Lakeside United Methodist Church, located at 3738 Meridian Street NE, Huntsville, held its "Executives and Entrepreneurs Awards Recognition Ceremony" on Sunday, March 27, during the 11 a.m. worship hour.

The Outreach Ministry of Lakeside UMC awarded recognition to ten businesspersons of the Huntsville/Madison County community. A certificate of appreciation was given in

recognition of excellent service and to acknowledge outstanding community interrelatedness.

The honorees were Mr. Ken Davis, CEO Ken Davis State Farm Agency; Mr. Jerry Mitchell, president/CEO, AL State Black Chamber of Commerce; Ms. Cynthia McDonald, owner, CeeCee & Company Boutique;

Ms. Margo Gray, anchor, WAFF TV; Miss Mackenzie Steele Burke, an emerging entrepreneur; Mr. Michael

Vance, online financial literacy resource; Mrs. Charmaine Cunningham, owner, Apron Strings; Mrs. Peggy Brazelton, owner, Campus Embroidery; Mr. Frank Jones, owner, F. Jones Realty, LLC; and Mrs. Priscilla Yankson, owner, Priscilla's African Apparel.

Reverend Randy B. Kelley is pastor of Lakeside UMC, and Dr. Sonja Gill serves as chairperson of the Outreach Ministry.

## New Transfer Station in the Works

In addition to offering Huntsville Transit patrons an easier way to get around the citizens by paying for Token Transit via a smartphone app, there's more on the scene, notes Mayor Tommy Battle and Quisha Bryant, public transit director.

Some time in 2024, Huntsvillians can expect



the completion of a new Huntsville Transit transfer station.

The improvements will

help the city boost the transit system, since bulk fare packages will be available for schools, universities and large employers in need of reliable transportation for students and employees.

Visit [huntsvilleal.gov/huntsvilletransit](http://huntsvilleal.gov/huntsvilletransit) for more.

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