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"Love makes your soul crawl out from its hiding place." - Zora Neale Hurston

## AAMU Loses Longtime Philanthropist, Alum

The Alabama A&M University community is saddened by the recent death of Dr. Ernest L. Knight, a 1953 alum who was a standout contributor to the University for some 60 years.

A native of Evergreen, Ala., Knight's first job was as a

biology teacher in his native rural Conecuh County. Throughout the years that followed, Dr. Knight became a professor and department head for decades in the City University of New York (CUNY) system.

The longtime

New York City resident attended the Magic City Classic religiously, and his incessant contributions to his alma mater ultimately led to the naming of the mammoth five-story Ernest L. Knight Student Living-Learning Center in his honor.



## Lakeside UMC Hosting Festive "Juneteenth Celebration"

The Greater Huntsville Juneteenth Celebration will be Saturday, June 15, at Lakeside United Methodist Church, 3738 Meridian Street NW, Huntsville, Ala., from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. This patriotic, educational, and cultural event draws American stakeholders statewide. It celebrates freedom, civil rights, and equity, while acknowledging the sacrifices people of color made to have such liberties.

The 2024 event will "Educate While We Celebrate" by hosting endeavors such as STEM outreach, reading and literacy, health and wellness, economics, banking, voter registration, home ownership, music, arts, and dance.

This is a family event and admission is FREE!

## Second Annual 'Love of Music' Gala Scheduled

Second Chance Deliverance & Restoration Ministries, Inc., will hold the Second Annual Love of Music Gala on Saturday, June 22, at 5 p.m. in the Ernest L. Knight Reception Center on the Alabama A&M University campus.

2024 Honorees will include **Jenise Showers Bradshaw**, choral director, Delta Choir, Huntsville Alumnae Chapter; **Vanessa Downing Henderson**, professional gospel singer; **Janette Kotey**, former staff minister of music at First Missionary Baptist

Church; **Alexander "Al" Lewis**, musician, God's Temple Church of God In Christ; **Charlie F. Lockhart IV**, choral director, Gospel Impact & Unity Choir, Union Chapel Missionary Baptist Church; **Tommie L. Lockhart**, professional singer, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.; **Courtney Moore**, worship leader/minister of music at St. Bartley Primitive Baptist Church/advisor, Alabama A&M University Gospel Choir; **Gregory Vajda**, music director/



conductor, Huntsville Symphony Orchestra; and **Shelly Williams**, profes-

sional saxophonist. For ticket information, please call (256) 714-1029.

## 15th Annual White Linen Brunch June 29

The Ivy Center of Huntsville/Madison County Foundation, Inc., will sponsor its 15th Annual White Linen Brunch (\$65) on Saturday, June 29, at 10 a.m. at the Knight Center on the campus of Alabama A&M.

The event supports an array of community causes, including the Sickle Cell Foundation of North Alabama, Boys and Girls Clubs of North Alabama and Operation Making a Difference. Since

its inception, the Ivy Center Foundation also has honored a number of out-

standing citizens for their servant leadership.

For more infor-

mation on tickets or ads, please visit [ivycenterfoundationhsv.org/](http://ivycenterfoundationhsv.org/)

Commissioner Violet Edwards **Presents:**  
2nd Annual Juneteenth Community Conversation  
Wednesday, June 19 - 10 a.m. - 12 noon  
Robert "Bob" Harrison Wellness & Advocacy Center

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**Washington  
One Minute**

by Ron Hamm

Here are the top issues and events in Washington for the week of May 27.

1. CONGRESS. The House and Senate are in recess this week and will reconvene next week. Last week, the Senate confirmed President Biden's 200th and 201st judicial nominees (note: former President Trump appointed 237 judges, including 3 to the Supreme Court). House Speaker Mike Johnson (R-LA) announced last week that Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu will address a Joint Meeting of Congress at a TBD date in the near future.

2. THE WHITE HOUSE. On Monday, the President participated in a wreath-laying ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery and, on Wednesday, he traveled to Philadelphia for a campaign event. On Friday, he will host the Kansas City Chiefs at the White House to celebrate their Super Bowl victory.

3. SUPREME COURT. Last Thursday in a 6-3 decision, the Supreme Court upheld a redistricting map drawn by the GOP-dominated South Carolina legislature, throwing out a ruling by a federal district court that a congressional district on the South Carolina coast was an unconstitutional racial gerrymander. Writing for the court's six conservatives, Justice Samuel Alito said that the South Carolina map was a partisan gerrymander, which is legal, not a racial gerrymander, which would

be illegal under the Constitution. Therefore, the disputed district will remain a safe seat for Republicans, who hold a 6-1 advantage in the state's congressional delegation. More opinions from this term are expected from the court this week.

4. EDUCATION. On May 24, the U.S. Department of Education announced it had processed more than 10 million 2024-25 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®) forms. Since rolling out the Better FAFSA form, the Department has made progress to address known issues with the form. Students who complete a Better FAFSA online at this point can expect their records to be sent to colleges within one to three days. According to the latest data, nearly 90% of nonprofit and four-year institutions are packaging and sending out aid offers to students. A surge in FAFSA submissions in recent weeks has closed the gap from nearly 40 percent just two months ago to 12 percent today. This gap continues to fall. To encourage Better FAFSA submissions, the Department developed the FAFSA Support Strategy, now with two distinct arms, supporting institutions of higher education and students and families across K-12 and higher education.

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# Spiritual Game Plan

PRESTON BROWN'S



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abundant life that Jesus died for us to have. You see, it's not enough to have "good intentions." You also have to take the initiative and take that step



**"Good Intentions"**

enemy of so many people, and it will keep you in of faith and watch God do the rest.



First Samuel 17:48 says, "As Goliath moved closer to attack, David ran quickly toward the battle to meet him and slain him."

Have you ever had a really good thought to pursue something, but never followed through with it? For whatever reason you talked yourself out of it. Or, you let someone else talk you out of it. So many people today have "good intentions" but never take the initiative to do what they are capable of doing. It can be easy to get into the habit of saying, "I'm going to do this or that," but never really following through with it.

In the text (1 Sam 17), we find that David took the initiative to step out, in faith, to slay the mighty Goliath, and when he did, it affected a whole nation of people, because no one else would do anything about this giant of a man named Goliath. Also can you imagine how our lives would have been if Jesus had decided not to go to the cross. Remember, he had the chance when he was praying to God to "let this cup pass from me, but not my will your will be done". (Matthew 26:39).

Procrastination is the

*Prayer:* Dear God, help us to have more than just good intentions when we are faced with trials of many kinds.

*Question:* Have you ever had a really good thought to pursue something, but never followed through with it? 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.

**NEXT WEEK:**


**"Is Life Fair?"**

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*Funeral service for MS. TRACIE EVANS (b. 1968) was held Sunday, May 26, at Serenity Funeral Home Chapel.*

*Funeral service for MS. LAKISHA GOODE (b. 1981) was held Saturday, May 18, at Blackburn Chapel Cumberland Presbyterian Church, 507 Plummer Road, Huntsville, Ala.*

*Funeral service for MR. LARRY TONEY (b. 1956) was held at Briar Fork Cumberland Presbyterian Church, 2105 Winchester Road, Huntsville, Ala.*

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[www.nelmsmemorial.net](http://www.nelmsmemorial.net)

*Funeral service for MRS. LUCY RUSSELL (b. 1935) was held Saturday, May 18, at Deliverance Outreach Worship Center with Pastor Aaron Jones officiating.*

*Funeral service for MRS. HASSIE KING (b. 1941) was Saturday, May 18, at New Jerusalem Missionary Baptist Church with Pastor Ricky L. Sykes officiating.*

*Funeral service for MR. TRISTAN MOORE (b. 1998) was Saturday, May 18, at Saint Rebecca Primitive Baptist Church with Minister Tory Green, eulogist, and Elder Dr. Perry Clark, officiant.*

*Graveside service for MR. JAMES THOMAS WALKER, SR. (b. 1928) was Thursday, May 16, at Meadowlawn Garden of Peace with Elder Dr. Mario Ford, officiant and eulogist.*

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*The funeral service for MRS. MARY LEE BYRD (b. 1950) will be 1 p.m., Friday, May 31, at the Eagle's Nest Ministries Inc., 6831 Hollow Road, Huntsville, Ala., with Bishop Daniel J. Richardson officiating.*

*The funeral service for MR. BOBBY LAWLER (b. 1951) was Saturday, May 25, at the The Fountain of Life Ministries, 4015 Triana Blvd. SW, Huntsville, Ala., with Pastor James Strong officiating.*

*The funeral service for MRS. SHIRLEY REBECCA WEST-BROOKS RICKE B.K.A. "PEACH" (b. 1940) was Friday, May 24, at the Union Chapel Missionary Baptist Church, 315 Winchester Road, Huntsville, Ala., with Reverend Dr. Don Darius Butler officiating and the Reverend Earla S. Lockhart as eulogist.*

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**EVENTS**  
 HAPPENINGS, ACTIVITIES & MORE!

**Thru May 31**

2nd Annual Huntsville  
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Contact: Yuri Mittkewich  
 at (305) 923-8225  
[veganchefchallenge.org/huntsville](http://veganchefchallenge.org/huntsville)

**May 31-June 2**

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[huntsville.standuplive.com](http://huntsville.standuplive.com)

**June 1**

Rocket City Mom Learning  
 Expo  
 Stovehouse-11 a.m.

**June 2**

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

**June 8**

Black Business Expo  
 The Sage Lounge  
 3311 Bob Wallace Avenue  
 Suite 101A  
 Huntsville, Ala.

10 a.m.-3 p.m.

“Second Saturday” City  
 Hall Art Tours Showcase  
 (Meet Guadalupe Lanning  
 Robinson and Jahni Moore)  
 New City Hall  
 10:30 a.m.

Downtown Art Walks  
 (Downtown Huntsville,  
 Inc.)  
 Courthouse Square  
 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

**June 9**

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

## “Second Saturday” City Hall Art Tours Showcase Public Art

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 am on June 8, July 13, and August 10, 2024, offering a first-hand look at the dynamic artworks that grace the halls of Huntsville’s new municipal headquarters.

**June 8:** Meet Guadalupe Lanning Robinson and Jahni Moore. Explore the cultural tapestry of Robinson’s “Cityscape Block by Block” and delve into Huntsville’s past with Moore’s “Miracle Territory.” **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**

### ON THIS DAY



The Tulsa Race Massacre began on May 31, 1921, in Tulsa, Oklahoma’s Greenwood, a thriving Black neighborhood.

- wikipedia.org

## ACHE Approves BFA in Theatre at Athens State

Athens State recently announced that the Alabama Commission on Higher Education (ACHE) has approved a new Bachelor of Fine Arts in Theatre program. The upcoming BFA in Theatre will build on the previously established BA in

Drama and Theatre Arts degree program.

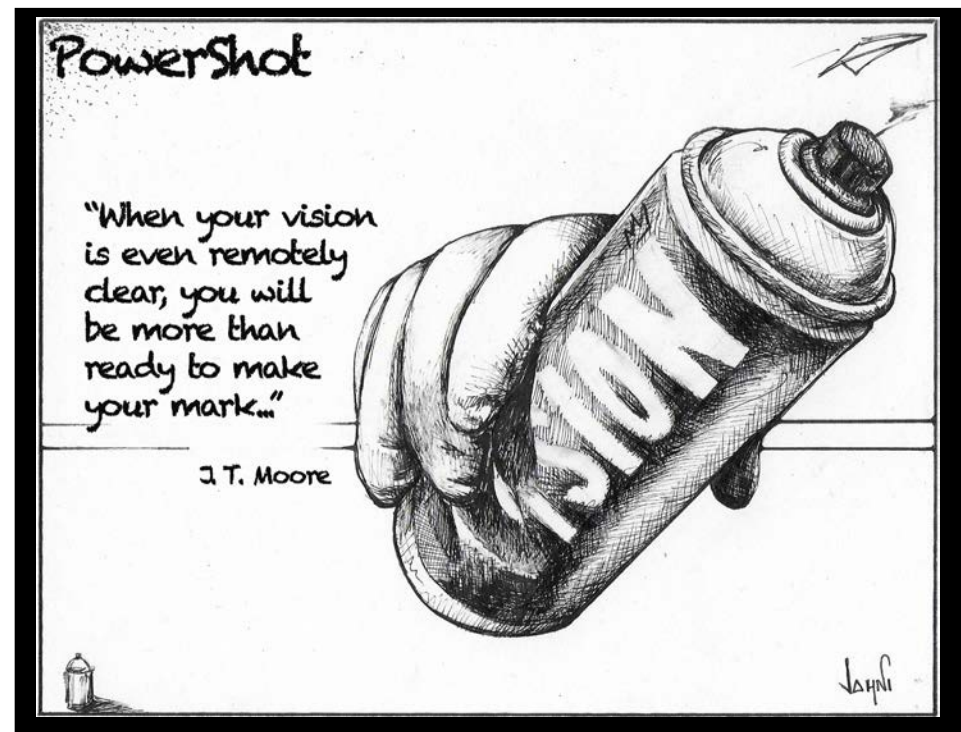
The theatre department is housed in The Alabama Center for the Arts in Decatur, Alabama, a state-of-the-art facility that offers approximately 45,000 square feet dedicated to the

performing arts, replete with rehearsal spaces for music, dance, and theatre as well as a studio theatre and recital hall.

A downtown Decatur residence hall will open in Fall 2024, offering affordable and accessible housing op-

tions to all students of the ACA. These facilities are shared with Calhoun Community College and enjoyed by students from across Alabama’s Community College System.

Application information for the BFA in Theatre is coming soon.



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- Rev. Dr. Leon Howard Sullivan

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**CITY OF HUNTSVILLE  
AMENDMENT TO THE 2018 ACTION PLAN**

The City of Huntsville, Alabama proposes to amend its 2018 Action Plan to re-program HOME funds from Downpayment Assistance Program to Multi-Family Housing Program.

CITY OF HUNTSVILLE 2018 PROPOSED ACTION PLAN PROJECTS ORIGINAL					CITY OF HUNTSVILLE 2018 PROPOSED ACTION PLAN PROJECTS AMENDMENT				
PROJECT/PROGRAM	SUBRECIPIENT/PARTNER	AMOUNT	FUNDING	Location/PIN	PROJECT/PROGRAM	SUBRECIPIENT/PARTNER	AMOUNT	FUNDING	Location/PIN
2018 Downpayment Assistance Program (DAP)	Family Services Center, Inc.	\$121,270.00	HOME	City Wide	2018 Multi-Family Housing Program	TBD	\$121,270.00	HOME	TBD

A 30-day comment period ending on July 1, 2024 is required before amendments can be made to the Action Plans. Submit public comments to Community Development at <https://www.huntsvilleal.gov/government/departments/community-development/> or mail to the City of Huntsville, Department of Community Development, P.O. Box 308, Huntsville, AL 35804. For more information, please contact Scott Erwin at (256) 427-5400.



**CIUDAD DE HUNTSVILLE  
ENMIENDA AL PLAN DE ACCIÓN 2018**

La ciudad de Huntsville, Alabama, propone modificar su Plan de Acción de 2018 para reprogramar los fondos HOME del Programa de Asistencia para el Pago Inicial al Programa de Vivienda Multifamiliar.

PROYECTOS DEL PLAN DE ACCIÓN PROPUESTO PARA 2018 DE LA CIUDAD DE HUNTSVILLE ORIGINAL					PROYECTOS DEL PLAN DE ACCIÓN PROPUESTO PARA 2018 DE LA CIUDAD DE HUNTSVILLE PROPUESTO				
PROYECTO/PROGRAMA	SUBDESTINATARIO/PAREJA	CANTIDAD	FONDOS	UBICACIÓN/PIN	PROYECTO/PROGRAMA	SUBDESTINATARIO/PAREJA	CANTIDAD	FONDOS	UBICACIÓN/PIN
Programa de asistencia para el pago inicial 2018 (DAP)	Family Services Center, Inc.	\$121,270.00	HOME	Toda La Ciudad	Programa de Vivienda Multifamiliar 2018	TBD	\$121,270.00	HOME	TBD

Se requiere un período de comentarios de 30 días que finaliza el 1 de julio de 2024 antes de que se puedan realizar modificaciones a los Planes de Acción. Envíe comentarios públicos a Desarrollo Comunitario en <https://www.huntsvilleal.gov/government/departments/community-development/> o envíelos por correo a la Ciudad de Huntsville, Departamento de Desarrollo Comunitario, P.O. Box 308, Huntsville, AL 35804. Para obtener más información, comuníquese con Scott Erwin al (256) 427-5400.



**CITY OF HUNTSVILLE  
AMENDMENT TO THE 2019 ACTION PLAN**

The City of Huntsville, Alabama proposes to amend its 2019 Action Plan to re-program HOME funds from Downpayment Assistance Program to Multi-Family Housing Program.

CITY OF HUNTSVILLE 2019 PROPOSED ACTION PLAN PROJECTS ORIGINAL					CITY OF HUNTSVILLE 2019 PROPOSED ACTION PLAN PROJECTS AMENDMENT				
PROJECT/PROGRAM	SUBRECIPIENT/PARTNER	AMOUNT	FUNDING	Location/PIN	PROJECT/PROGRAM	SUBRECIPIENT/PARTNER	AMOUNT	FUNDING	Location/PIN
2019 Downpayment Assistance Program (DAP)	Family Services Center, Inc.	\$24,515.00	HOME	City Wide	2019 Multi-Family Housing Program	TBD	\$24,515.00	HOME	TBD

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**CIUDAD DE HUNTSVILLE  
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Programa de asistencia para el pago inicial 2019 (DAP)	Family Services Center, Inc.	\$24,515.00	HOME	Toda La Ciudad	Programa de Vivienda Multifamiliar 2019	TBD	\$24,515.00	HOME	TBD

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**CITY OF HUNTSVILLE  
AMENDMENT TO THE 2020 ACTION PLAN**

The City of Huntsville, Alabama proposes to amend its 2020 Action Plan to re-program HOME funds from Downpayment Assistance Program to Multi-Family Housing Program.

CITY OF HUNTSVILLE 2020 PROPOSED ACTION PLAN PROJECTS ORIGINAL					CITY OF HUNTSVILLE 2020 PROPOSED ACTION PLAN PROJECTS AMENDMENT				
PROJECT/PROGRAM	SUBRECIPIENT/PARTNER	AMOUNT	FUNDING	Location/PIN	PROJECT/PROGRAM	SUBRECIPIENT/PARTNER	AMOUNT	FUNDING	Location/PIN
2020 Downpayment Assistance Program (DAP)	NA	\$10,000.00	HOME	City Wide	2020 Multi-Family Housing Program	TBD	\$10,000.00	HOME	TBD

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**CIUDAD DE HUNTSVILLE  
ENMIENDA AL PLAN DE ACCIÓN 2020**

La ciudad de Huntsville, Alabama, propone modificar su Plan de Acción de 2020 para reprogramar los fondos HOME del Programa de Asistencia para el Pago Inicial al Programa de Vivienda Multifamiliar.

PROYECTOS DEL PLAN DE ACCIÓN PROPUESTO PARA 2020 DE LA CIUDAD DE HUNTSVILLE ORIGINAL					PROYECTOS DEL PLAN DE ACCIÓN PROPUESTO PARA 2020 DE LA CIUDAD DE HUNTSVILLE PROPUESTO				
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Programa de asistencia para el pago inicial 2020 (DAP)	NA	\$10,000.00	HOME	Toda La Ciudad	Programa de Vivienda Multifamiliar 2020	TBD	\$10,000.00	HOME	TBD

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**CITY OF HUNTSVILLE  
AMENDMENT TO THE 2022 ACTION PLAN**

The City of Huntsville, Alabama proposes to amend its 2022 Action Plan to re-program HOME funds from New Construction Program to Multi-Family Program.

CITY OF HUNTSVILLE 2022 PROPOSED ACTION PLAN PROJECTS ORIGINAL					CITY OF HUNTSVILLE 2022 PROPOSED ACTION PLAN PROJECTS AMENDMENT				
PROJECT/PROGRAM	SUBRECIPIENT/PARTNER	AMOUNT	FUNDING	Location/PIN	PROJECT/PROGRAM	SUBRECIPIENT/PARTNER	AMOUNT	FUNDING	Location/PIN
2022 New Construction Program	Habitat for Humanity, Inc. and Family Services Center, Inc.	\$770,261.00	HOME	Priority Investment Neighborhoods	2022 Multi-Family Program	TBD	\$770,261.00	HOME	TBD

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**CIUDAD DE HUNTSVILLE  
ENMIENDA AL PLAN DE ACCIÓN 2022**

La ciudad de Huntsville, Alabama, propone modificar su Plan de Acción 2022 para reprogramar los fondos HOME del Programa de Nueva Construcción al Programa Multifamiliar.

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Programa de Nueva Construcción 2022	Habitat for Humanity, Inc. y Family Services Center, Inc.	\$770,261.00	HOME	Barrios Prioritarios de Inversión	Programa de Vivienda Multifamiliar 2022	TBD	\$770,261.00	HOME	TBD

Se requiere un período de comentarios de 30 días que finaliza el 1 de julio de 2024 antes de que se puedan realizar modificaciones a los Planes de Acción. Envíe comentarios públicos a Desarrollo Comunitario en <https://www.huntsvilleal.gov/government/departments/community-development/> o envíelos por correo a la Ciudad de Huntsville, Departamento de Desarrollo Comunitario, P.O. Box 308, Huntsville, AL 35804. Para obtener más información, comuníquese con Scott Erwin al (256) 427-5400.



# AAMU Accepting Grad School Applications for New Food Science Business Degree



The Alabama A&M University Department of Food and Animal Sciences is accepting applications for its new one-year online M.S. in Food Science Business.

The new master's degree will launch in the fall 2024 semester and is open to students with a bachelor's degree and experience in the food industry or individuals with an interest in

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**CITY OF HUNTSVILLE  
AMENDMENT TO THE 2023 ACTION PLAN**

The City of Huntsville, Alabama proposes to amend its 2023 Action Plan to re-program HOME funds from New Construction Program to Multi-Family Program.

CITY OF HUNTSVILLE 2023 PROPOSED ACTION PLAN PROJECTS ORIGINAL					CITY OF HUNTSVILLE 2023 PROPOSED ACTION PLAN PROJECTS AMENDMENT				
PROJECT/PROGRAM	SUBRECIPIENT/PARTNER	AMOUNT	FUNDING	Location/PIN	PROJECT/PROGRAM	SUBRECIPIENT/PARTNER	AMOUNT	FUNDING	Location/PIN
2023 New Construction Program	Habitat for Humanity, Inc. and Family Services Center, Inc.	\$445,000.00	HOME	Priority Investment Neighborhoods	2023 Multi-Family Program	TBD	\$445,000.00	HOME	TBD

A 30-day comment period ending on July 1, 2024, is required before amendments can be made to the Action Plans. Submit public comments to Community Development at <https://www.huntsvilleal.gov/government/departments/community-development/> or mail to the City of Huntsville, Department of Community Development, P.O. Box 308, Huntsville, AL 35804. For more information, please contact Scott Erwin at (256) 427-5400.




**CIUDAD DE HUNTSVILLE  
ENMIENDA AL PLAN DE ACCIÓN 2023**

La ciudad de Huntsville, Alabama, propone modificar su Plan de Acción 2023 para reprogramar los fondos HOME del Programa de Nueva Construcción al Programa Multifamiliar.

PROYECTOS DEL PLAN DE ACCIÓN PROPUESTO PARA 2023 DE LA CIUDAD DE HUNTSVILLE ORIGINAL					PROYECTOS DEL PLAN DE ACCIÓN PROPUESTO PARA 2023 DE LA CIUDAD DE HUNTSVILLE PROPUESTO				
PROYECTO/PROGRAMA	SUBDESTINATARIO/PAREJA	CANTIDAD	FONDOS	UBICACIÓN/PIN	PROYECTO/PROGRAMA	SUBDESTINATARIO/PAREJA	CANTIDAD	FONDOS	UBICACIÓN/PIN
Programa de Nueva Construcción 2023	Habitat for Humanity, Inc. y Family Services Center, Inc.	\$445,000.00	HOME	Barrios Prioritarios de Inversión	Programa de Vivienda Multifamiliar 2023	TBD	\$445,000.00	HOME	TBD

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## Officials Cut Ribbon to New City Hall

Huntsville City leaders lauded the new City Hall as a 100-year building designed to be more accommodating during a May 21 ribbon-cutting celebration near the main entrance.

Located at 305 Fountain Circle, Huntsville's new center of municipal government will bring departments that frequently interact with the public under one roof to provide efficient services for residents and businesspeople who previously had to visit multiple locations to conduct business with the City.

Mayor Tommy Battle told Huntsvillians gathered that the new facility "will last us for the next 100 years," according to Huntsvilleal.gov.

Through a collaboration with ArtsHuntsville, nine pieces of public art are displayed throughout



the seven-floor building to enhance the community's cultural experience.

Each piece, through the artist's interpretation, tells Huntsville's story and spotlights characteristics that make the city unique, officials report.

Following the ribbon-cutting ceremony, the City hosted an open house for attendees to explore the building and enjoy the art pieces.

The occasion marks the culmination of a two-year construction project that formally began with a

groundbreaking ceremony on April 11, 2022.

Mayor Battle announced that day that the former City Hall at 308 Fountain Circle would be razed, and the site added to Big Spring Park.

Through the design by architects Goodwyn Mills Cawood, the new City Hall enhances efficiency by consolidating City departments that had been working in seven different locations throughout the city.

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**MAY 31 - Waka Flocka Flame** - Juaquin James Malphurs better known as Waka Flocka Flame, is an American rapper. Malphurs was born in South Jamaica, Queens. Waka Flocka is of African American, Native American, European (including Italian) and Dominican descent. His family eventually settled in Riverdale, Georgia. His mother, Debra Antney, is rapper Gucci Mane's former manager and the CEO of So Icy/Mizay Entertainment. The name "Waka" was given to him by his cousin, after the Muppets character Fozzie Bear's catchphrase, "Waka Waka". The name "Flocka Flame" was given to him by Gucci Mane, whom he has known since he was 19.



- BlackCelebrityBirthdays.org

### LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF COMPLETION

In accordance with Chapter 1, Title 39, Code of Alabama, 1975, as amended, notice is hereby given that Lee Builders, Inc., Contractor, has completed the Contract for Rehabilitation of First Stop's Facility, CDBG-CV Project No. CV-EC-20-010 at 206 Stokes Street NW, Huntsville, AL 35805 for the State of Alabama and the Madison County City of Huntsville (Owner), and have made request for final settlement of said Contract. All persons having any claim for labor, materials, or otherwise in connection with this project should immediately notify Chapman Sisson Architects, Inc., 305 Church Street SW, Suite 805, Huntsville, AL 35801. Lee Builders, Inc., 2049 Fisher Street SW, Huntsville AL 35803.

### AVISO LEGAL AVISO DE FINALIZACIÓN

De acuerdo con el Capítulo 1, Título 39, Código de Alabama, 1975, según enmendado, por la presente se notifica que Lee Builders, Inc., Contratista, ha completado el Contrato para la Rehabilitación de las Instalaciones de First Stop, Proyecto CDBGCV No. CV-EC-20-010 en 206 Stokes Street NW, Huntsville, AL 35805 para el Estado de Alabama y la Ciudad de Huntsville del Condado de Madison (Propietario), y han solicitado la liquidación final de dicho Contrato. Todas las personas que tengan algún reclamo por mano de obra, materiales o de otro modo en relación con este proyecto deben notificar inmediatamente a Chapman Sisson Architects, Inc., 305 Church Street SW, Suite 805, Huntsville, AL 35801. Lee Builders, Inc., 2049 Fisher Street SW, Huntsville AL 35803.



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

## Mrs. Ruby Dickson

Mrs. Ruby Jones Dickson was born in Texarkana, Texas, on March 31, 1943, to the Reverend Elmer and Mrs. Nellie Jones. She attended New Town Elementary School and graduated from Paul Laurence Dunbar High School of Texarkana, Texas. She became a Christian at an early age and united with Red Springs Baptist Church.

After relocating to the New Town community, she became a member of the New Town Baptist Church. She married the late Edward Ford in 1963, and to this union four children were born: Bridgette Ford May, Edward (Jerry) Ford Jr., Stephanie Ford Shanks, and Byron Ford.

From 1968-1972, she traveled as a military wife. During her travels, she sang with the K-Town (Kaiser-slautern) Gospel Singers, which led her twice to (NATO) Belgium, a vast part of Germany, and one appearance on German television.

In 1972, she relocated from Oakland, Calif., (via Texarkana, Texas) to Colorado Springs, Colo. There she became a member of the New Jerusalem Baptist Church and worked with the Mission, Sunday School, choir and sang with a gospel group (The Jubilets). She was employed and retired at Hewlett-Packard.

Dickson was inspired to write a meaningful and memorable poem for her mother's retirement. This would be the beginning of her pursuit to become a

God-given gift as a Christian poet. In 1988, it was in the divine plan of God that she would return to her home in Texarkana, Texas. She became an active member of Macedonia Baptist Church. She worked with the B.M. & E. State Convention of Texas Women's Auxiliary.

It was in Texarkana that she wrote and self-published her first three books: "The Holy Spirit Speaks," "O Taste And See," and "Think On These Things." She attended a Christian workshop at the Mount Orange Baptist Church in Texarkana, Texas. The facilitator was from the Sunday School Publishing Board in Nashville Tenn. She asked him to look at the three books. He was very impressed and asked her to send them to Nashville as soon as possible. In December 1998 at the Winter Board in Nashville, Tenn., her first book signing was held.

In 1994, she married the late Reverend Russell Dickson, pastor of the Unity Baptist Church, where she taught Sunday School and the Mission. It would be two years later that she would publish her last book "The Suffering Servant." In 2000, she relocated to Huntsville, Ala., and united with the St. Luke Christian Church, under the leadership of Reverend T.C. Johnson. At St. Luke, she taught the new members class on church membership, facilitated women's ministries and programs, and served as ward leader for 20 families in the



congregation.

She worked in Exodus, Inc., as an administrative assistant and teacher assistant in the computer lab. She attended Calhoun Community College, earning an AA in general education. She was inducted into the National Honor Society, was on the Dean's list, was noted in "Who's Who in Junior Colleges of America," was nominated among the top 10 students of Calhoun and graduated Magna Cum Laude. She attended Athens State University to pursue a bachelor's degree in religious studies and a minor in Christian education.

She is an author published by Townsend Press with four completed works of poetry: "The Holy Spirit Speaks," "O Taste and See," "Think on These Things" and "The Suffering Servant." She now works as a volunteer with the Broken Arrow Ministries, feeding the homeless in Huntsville, Ala.



"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.rossettajamesfoundation.org](http://www.rossettajamesfoundation.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).

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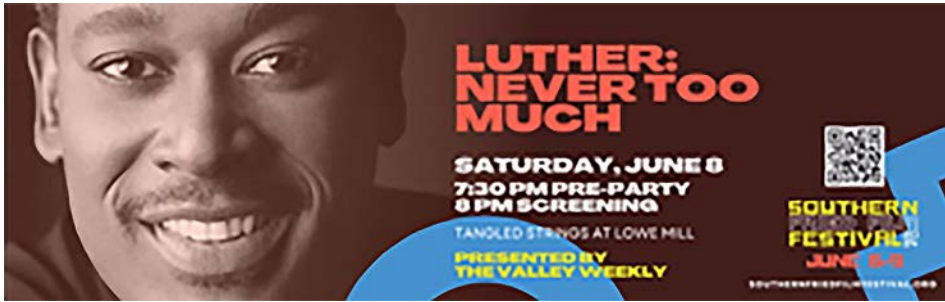
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# Southern Fried Film Festival Marks 6th Annual Event



The Southern Fried Film Festival returns for a multi-day celebration of film and local music on June 6-9. The event will take place in various locations throughout Huntsville, highlighting and celebrating many of the locations important to the community.

Keeping with traditional Southern Fried Film Festival format, 2024 brings a variety of films across genres, live music from local musicians, and

panel discussions with storytellers across multiple platforms.

The festival will begin with a horror night on Thursday, June 6, in the North Star Classroom at Lowe Mill, presented by Hello Huntsville Horror and Hauntsville, Ala.

The activities will continue on Friday, June 7, starting with a street festival on Northside Square from 6-8 p.m. The open-

ing night film, *Thelma*, directed by Josh Margolin, will be screened at 106 Jefferson at 8 p.m. The film follows 93-year old grandmother Thelma, who gets conned by a phone scammer pretending to be her grandson. She sets out on a treacherous quest across Los Angeles, accompanied by an aging friend and his motorized scooter to reclaim what was taken from her. The street festival and opening night will also

feature food trucks, live music, and local vendors.

On June 8, the fun will continue at Tangled Strings at Lowe Mill with panels, music and film. The Saturday night premiere film is the documentary, *Luther: Never Too Much*, directed by Dawn Porter. *Luther: Never Too Much* chronicles the story of a vocal virtuoso Luther Vandross. Using a wealth of rarely seen archives, Vandross tells his own story with assistance from his closest friends and musical collaborators, including Mariah Carey, Dionne Warwick, Valerie Simpson and Roberta Flack. The film relives the many stunning moments of Vandross' Grammy®

award-winning musical career, while exploring his personal life, health struggles, and a lifelong battle to earn the respect his music deserved.

The festival will conclude on June 9 at Tangled Strings Studios with the closing night film, *Don't Die* by Huntsville director, Benjamin Stark.

The 6th annual Southern Fried Film Festival will be held at Lowe Mill, North Side Square, 106 Jefferson, and Tangled Strings Studios starting June 6, 2024.

For more information about this year's festival, please visit <https://www.southernfriedfilmfestival.org/>

## 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 information, call (256) 427-5011.

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