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Rev. Earla S. Lockhart

"The price good men pay for indifference to public affairs is to be ruled by evil men." — Plato

Over 60 Road Projects Make up FY2026 Resurfacing Budget

The City of Huntsville approved two contracts for roadwork projects in the second phase of the 2026 fiscal year resurfacing budget.

Rogers Group was awarded the bid for residential street resurfacing for \$4,985,450. Lambert Contracting LLC will handle concrete improvements and ADA upgrades under a contract worth \$3,465,877.

More than 60 residential streets

are included in the second phase.

The City has increased its resurfacing budget for 2026 by \$500,000 to more than \$18.8 million.

Among the streets (alphabetically):

Alco Drive NW, Bailey Cove Road, Bassett St., Bateson St. NW, Briar Hollow Trail SE, Broad Meadow Ct. NW, Cahaba Drive SW, Carriage Ct. SE, Coach Road SE, College Park Ct./Circle,

Deborah Drive/#2, Dunsmore St. SE, East Olive Drive SE, East Rosewood Circle, Echols Avenue SE, Elmwood Drive SE, Fernwood Circle NW, Finney Drive SW, First Street SW, Forest Glen Drive NW, Four Mile Post, Hickory Hill Lane SE, Indo Avenue NW, Jack Coleman Drive NW, Lamar Avenue NW, Leicester Drive SW, Louis Circle SE, Lowell Drive SE, Lynn's Terrace SE, Maebeth Drive

NW, Tascosa Drive SE, Tuscaloosa Drive NW, Vining Avenue NW, Voyager Lane NE, Ward Avenue NE, Warfield Way, Waterman Drive, White Circle SE, Winchester Road NW, Windscape Drive NW and Woodcliff Road SE.

For more information on the City's repaving and street repair program visit Repaving & Street Repair.

HMCPL Announces Summer Reading

Join the Huntsville-Madison County Public Library for Adult Summer Reading 2026. This contest is open to all adults 18+ with a valid library card thru July 18, 2026.

Each HMCPL location will have a drawing for a grand prize on July 22.

Participants can earn tickets for the drawing by:

Filling out a bookmark with every book they read/listened to from May 23 - July 18, and return it to their home

branch to receive a ticket for each book read. Each title read/listened to is worth one (1) ticket with a maximum of ten (10) tickets. Tickets will be received when the bookmark is turned in.

Bookmarks will be available at the kickoff and at each branch.

Attending an Adult program or event at any branch is worth one (1) ticket

Accompanying their child or teen to any library program or event at any

branch is worth one (1) ticket.

Attending the Adult Summer Reading Kick-Off Party on May 23, 2026, is worth five (5) tickets.

All tickets must be returned to the patron's home branch by July 18 to be entered into the drawing.

Be sure to check out the Adult Summer Reading playlist on Blast Music!

The activity is sponsored by the Huntsville-Madison County Library Foundation.

Constitution Hall Hosts AHA-Sponsored "Newcomers" Panel

Alabama Constitution Hall Park in Huntsville presents a June 20 event and panel conversation on "Newcomers

Forming a New Nation." The program, sponsored by the Alabama Humanities Alliance, will highlight how

immigrant communities and foreign allies contributed to America's independence, and how migration patterns

continued to shape early American and Alabama society.

This is the final program in the Park's America at

250 series, leading to July 4. The program is free; doors open at 9 a.m. and the program starts at 10 a.m.

1818 Farms Welcomes Valley to "Open Farm Days"

Located on three acres in the northwest corner of the historic village of Mooresville, Ala., (pop. 58), 1818

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HCS Announces 2026 Summer Food Service Program

Huntsville City Schools, in conjunction with the Alabama State Department of Education (ALSDE), began its annual Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) on Monday, June 1. The program will operate Monday through Thursday through June 25 during summer learning activities.

Serving Times

Breakfast | 7:30 a.m.-8:30 a.m.

Lunch | 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

School Sites

(Breakfast 7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.; Lunch 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.)

AAA
ASFL

Chaffee
Lakewood
Martin Luther King Jr.
Ridgecrest
Whitesburg

Community Sites

Calvary Hills 10:30 am - 11:00 am

Richard Showers 11:30 am to 12:30pm

Brahan Springs 1:00pm to 1:45 pm

All SFSP meals must be consumed on site. Serving times may vary at external community sites.

Sun Meals

Through SUN Meals, kids of all ages can eat meals and snacks during

the summer at no cost at schools, parks, and other neighborhood locations. SUN Meals may have a different name where you live, but the benefit is the same: nutritious meals for kids and teens in the summer when school is out.

Every child aged 18 and under can enjoy SUN Meals and eligible school-aged children can also receive SUN Bucks. For more information, visit the USDA Summer Food Service Program.

How to get Sun Meals

SUN Meals are available to any child aged 18 and under, no application needed. Find meals at schools, parks, and other locations

in your community using the USDA Summer Meals for Kids Site Finder below.

As of Aug. 29, 2025, the site finder has data for the following states: AR, CA, CO, CT, DE, IL, KS, KY, LA, MA, MD, ME, MI, MN, MO, MT, NC, ND, NE, NH, NJ, NV, NY, OH, OR, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WA, WI, and WY.

If your state is not included in this list, please check back. The site finder is updated with new state

submissions regularly throughout the summer.

In addition to eat-on-site Summer Meals, you can use the site finder to find pick-up locations for places where SUN Meals To-Go is offered. However, the site finder does not list SUN Meals To-Go sites offering delivery. Please contact the site directly or your state agency to explore additional meal service options that may be available where you live.

Sun Bucks

Eligible school-age children will receive a one-time payment of \$120 per child in grocery benefits during the summer through the Alabama SUN Bucks program. SUN Bucks benefits are in the form of a pre-loaded card with a one-time \$120 benefit for the summer that families can use to purchase groceries. For more information, visit the Alabama SUN Bucks website.

Black Chamber Sets Annual Fall Expo

The Huntsville Metro Black Chamber of Commerce will hold its Annual Business Opportunity Conference & Expo on Thursday, November 12, 2026.

The event will be held at the Doubletree Suites Hotel located at 6000 Memorial Parkway SW in Huntsville, Ala., from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The annual conference

and awards luncheon provides educational seminars, networking connections, vendor opportunities, and highlights the success of our members.

The HMBCC is an affiliate of the Alabama State Black Chamber of Commerce (ASBCC) statewide Black Chamber Network. The ASBCC is committed to advancing economic mobility, entrepreneurship,

and workforce development for Black-owned businesses across Alabama.

With six regional affiliates and two College Chambers at Alabama A&M University and Oakwood University, ASBCC serves as the statewide voice for Black business — providing free counseling, training, research, and access-to-capital support.

BLS Shares Unemployment Stats

Unemployment rates were higher in March than a year earlier in 174 of the 387 metropolitan areas, lower in 172 areas, and unchanged in 41 areas, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported last week.

A total of 25 areas had jobless rates of less than 3.0 percent and 10 areas had rates of at least 8.0 percent.

Nonfarm payroll employment increased over the year in 8 metropolitan areas, decreased in 8 areas,

and was essentially unchanged in 371 areas.

The national unemployment rate in March was 4.3 percent, not seasonally adjusted, little changed from a year earlier.

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Madison County's Message to Alabama: The Future Is Ours to Shape

As this Madison County (AL) election chart making its way across social media and news outlets, it tells a remarkable story that for the first time in more than a decade, Democratic voters in Madison County outnumbered Republican voters in a primary election. According to the data, 35,125 Democrats cast ballots compared to 32,624 Republicans.

Some will view these numbers as a partisan victory. Others will see them as a political warning. But the real significance reaches far beyond party labels. The chart is evidence that Madison County is changing—and perhaps that Alabama is changing as well.

Our home, Huntsville-Madison County, has become one of the most educated, technologically advanced, and economically vibrant communities in America. It is the home of scientists, engineers, educators, entrepreneurs, military professionals, and families who have come here from every corner of our nation seeking opportunity and a better future. This growth has not happened by accident.

It has happened because Madison County has embraced knowledge, innovation, diversity of thought, and a vision for the future. The same qualities that helped put Americans on the moon continue to attract people who believe in progress, opportunity, and civic responsibility.

The election numbers suggest that many residents are looking beyond traditional political loyalties and focusing instead on leadership that reflects constitutional principles and democratic values. Whether voters identify as Democrats, Republicans, Independents, or something else entirely, the underlying message appears clear: people want leaders who solve problems, respect the rule of law, and govern for all citizens.

The United States Constitution remains the foundation of our democracy. It promises liberty, equal protection, and justice under the law. Those are not partisan ideals. They are American ideals. Unfortunately, there are still political voices that attempt to gain power by appealing to fear, resentment, division, and discrimination. We have seen those tactics before. They belong to some of the darkest chapters in our nation's history.

As someone born the youngest of thirteen children in Monroeville, I have witnessed firsthand the consequences of division and discrimination. I grew up hearing racial slurs, seeing segregated facilities, and watching hardworking people denied opportunities because of the color of their skin. Those experiences taught me that progress is never guaranteed. Every generation must choose whether to move forward or backward.

Madison County's recent voting trends suggest that many citizens are choosing to move forward. This is not about replacing one form of political dominance with another. It is about creating a political culture that values inclusion over exclusion, facts over fear, and constitutional principles over personal grievances.

Our country's success demonstrates what is possible when people from different backgrounds unite around common goals. Huntsville's growth has been fueled by welcoming talent, encouraging innovation, and recognizing that excellence knows no race, gender, religion, or political affiliation.

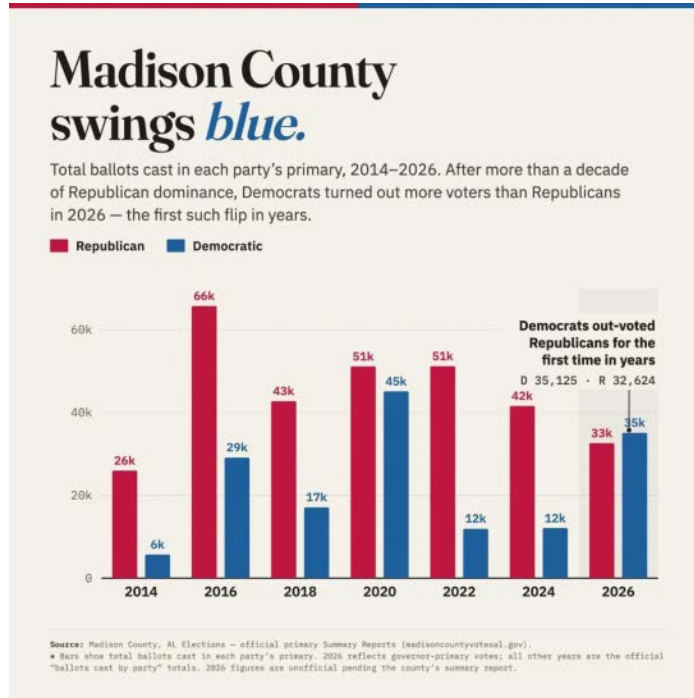
That is the model Alabama should embrace. Throughout history, Alabama has changed the nation. The courage of ordinary citizens helped dismantle legalized segregation and expanded voting rights for millions of Americans. Today, we have another opportunity to influence our country's direction—not through confrontation, but through participation; not through hatred, but through hope.

The chart showing Madison County's political shift is not simply a collection of numbers. It is a snapshot of a community evolving. It reflects citizens who are engaged, informed, and determined to shape their future. As a well-educated and moral community, Madison County can indeed help change the trajectory of our county, our state, and our nation. We can support leaders who uphold the Constitution, respect democratic institutions, protect the rights of all people, and reject the politics of division.

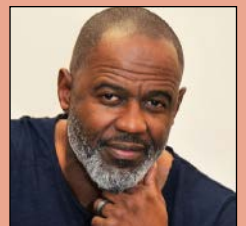
The future belongs not to those who cling to the prejudices of the past, but to those who have the courage to build a better tomorrow. Madison County has sent a message. The question now is whether Alabama will hear it—and whether together we will once again help lead America toward its highest ideals.

Keep HOPE alive until next week ...

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JUNE 5 - BRIAN MCKNIGHT - Born in Buffalo, N.Y., Brian McKnight is a R&B singer-songwriter, arranger, producer, and musician. He is a multi-instrumentalist who plays piano, guitar, bass guitar, percussion, trombone, tuba, flugelhorn and trumpet. McKnight is most recognized for his strong falsetto and belting range. McKnight's work has earned him 16 Grammy Awards nominations. His musical career began in childhood when he became a member of his church choir. He also attended Oakwood College, a Seventh-day Adventist university in Huntsville, Alabama, from 1987 to 1989. In January 2018, McKnight was nominated for two NAACP Image Awards. He was nominated for Outstanding Male Artist and Outstanding Album for Genesis (alongside Bruno Mars, Charlie Wilson, Kendrick Lamar, Jay-Z and Mary J Blige).



- BlackCelebrityBirthdays.org

Dorothy

Spiritual Game Plan

Valley Weekly
PRESTON BROWN'S



Today's Spiritual Game Plan: "Ordinary People"

In Judges 6:14-16, it says, The Lord turned to Gideon and said, *Go, in the strength that you have and save Israel out of Midian's hand. Am I not sending you? Pardon me, my Lord, Gideon replied, but how can I save Israel? My clan is the weakest in Manasseh, and I am the least in my family. The Lord answered, I will be with you, and you will strike down all the Midianites, leaving none alive.*

Here's the question, would you like for God to use you and if so, what kind of people do you think He is looking for? Well, let me just say He is looking for someone just like anyone of us. He's looking for someone with the faith the size of a mustard seed. Is that you? You see we need to realize that God uses ordinary people to help grow His kingdom and bring Him glory. All we need is faith and let God be God. We need God to put His super with our natural to produce the supernatural.

When we look at this scripture, we see that Gideon was an ordinary person. However, God did not see him that way. Matter of fact I believe that God always thinks

more of us than we think of ourselves. In other words, we may feel like we are less than enough. But God knows that we are more than enough. He said it in His word, Romans 8:37 that we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.

In Judges 6:12, God tells Gideon that he is a mighty warrior! But Gideon doesn't think so. But you know what? It doesn't really matter, because God can still use us in spite of us feeling like we're just ordinary. You see, God does not



see us as we are in our own strength. God sees us as who we can be in His strength. So, it's not about how smart we are, it's about our relationship with God. It's not about our abilities, it's about our availability. It's not about our fame, it's about our faith. God uses ordinary people just like you and me so He gets the glory. *Question:* How can God use the talents that you

have to uplift His Kingdom and bring Him glory?

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.

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Funeral and/or memorial services for **MR. RAY WHITE** (b. 1946) and **MS. BRANDY NICOLE KING** (b. 1981) are incomplete and will be announced by Nelms Memorial Funeral Home staff at a later date.

Funeral service for **MR. VERNON ALLISON** (b. 1959) was Saturday, May 30, at Nelms Memorial Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor David Terry and Pastor T.C. Johnson officiating.

Funeral service for **MR. GEORGE J. VANN** (b. 1958) was Saturday, May 23, at Nelms Memorial Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Walter Peavy officiating.

Funeral service for **MRS. VIOLA C. KELLY** (b. 1942) was Saturday, May 23, at St Mark Baptist Church with Elder Jeremiah Chester officiating.

Funeral service for **MR. JOSEPH JEROME JOHNSON** (b. 1931) was Friday, May 22, at Fellowship Presbyterian Church, Huntsville, Ala.

Celebration of Life service for **MRS. KIMBERLY MOORE DENNEY** (b. 1979) of Decatur, Ga., was Saturday, May 23, at Indian Creek P. B. Association Tabernacle, 6378 Pulaski Pike NW, Huntsville, Ala., with Elder Jukobie Jones officiating.

Funeral service for **MR. WILLIE WATTS, JR.** (b. 1930) was Monday, May 18, at Nelms Memorial Funeral Home Chapel with Reverend Earla Lockhart officiant and eulogist.

Funeral service for **MR. EUGENE "DICK" SCRUGGS, SR.**, (b. 1938) was Sunday, May 17, at St. Bartley Primitive Baptist Church with Elder Dr. Mario Ford eulogist.

Celebration of Life for **MS. TISHEMAR TISIANA TISKA JOSEPH** (b. 1976) was Saturday, May 16, at 7500B Byrd Spring Rd SW, Huntsville, Alabama.

Celebration of Life for **MS. LORETTA BANKS** (b. 1965) was Saturday, May 16, at Nelms Memorial Funeral Home.

That's the shift: self-confidence to God-confidence.

*But at Your word
I will do it.*

Luke 5:5

— Inspired by Charles H. Spurgeon

Delayed But Not Denied

This morning's Streams in the Desert devotional struck me like an arrow. Charles Spurgeon wrote: "Delayed answers to prayer are not only trials of faith; they also give us opportunities to honor God through our steadfast confidence in Him even when facing the apparent denial of our request."

That sentence revealed a truth I've wrestled with for years: the difference between self-confidence and God-confidence.

Self-confidence is the veteran fisherman Peter fishing all night and catching nothing.

But God-confidence is Peter saying to the carpenter Jesus, "Nevertheless, at Your word, we will let down the nets." And the nets broke with blessing.

In my own life—even in something as seemingly small as creating a new LinkedIn banner—I've discovered this: delays are not failures. They are opportunities for me to surrender my self-confidence, my experience, and my impatience, and lean harder into God-confidence.

Spurgeon reminds us that every delay is not punishment, but training. Just as resistance strengthens muscles, waiting seasons strengthen faith. And every answered prayer is not the end—it is a graduation to the next level of trust.

So today, if your prayer feels delayed, don't stop praying. Don't retreat into self-confidence. Lean deeper into God-confidence. Because with God, delay is never denial—it's just preparation.



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Millennial Moment

by Gloria B. Caldwell

"Think **BIG** Thoughts ..."

What consumes your thoughts? Is it anything of great value, or is it just nonsense? What do you spend the majority of your day mulling over? You are choosing to put your efforts there. You do know that. Even if it's nothing, within nothing lies all of your effort. How does that make you feel?

You have been created to do significant things. Yet, here you are. Idle time is taking over the use all of your gifts and talents. Come on. We can do better than that.

Even the Bible tells us about dreaming. God wants you to dream. He gives you the ability to, through much effort, bring those dreams into reality. He can help you



to do that, as well. But you dare to dream!

Where is that childlike mentality? The innovative one? The one that comes up with the bright ideas? Those seemingly unattainable (yet they are) far-fetched visions that keep you exhilarated and driven, where are they?

What will it take to get you back to that spot where possibilities have no bounds? You could paint, write, be curious, take risks with your imagination. Permit yourself to do so. You know you can retrain yourself to do that. Start jotting stuff down daily. Open your mind back up!

Unlock your creativity and dream big, immerse yourself in inspiring activities, embrace experimentation and failure, seek support from like-minded individuals, and give yourself the freedom to imagine beyond boundaries. Think Big Thoughts, then take action! You'll thank yourself later.

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Huntsville Museum of Art
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June 5

“Master Artist Workshop
with Elder Jones”
Huntsville Museum of Art
300 Church Street SW
Huntsville, Ala.
<https://hsvmuseum.org>
1-4 p.m.

June 9

The St. John The Worker
Career Networking Club
Meeting
(Every Tuesday Except
State/National Holidays)
St. John Catholic Church
Hughes Road
Madison, Ala.
12:30-2 p.m.

June 11

“Master Artist Workshop
with Qiang Huang”
Huntsville Museum of Art
300 Church Street SW
Huntsville, Ala.
<https://hsvmuseum.org>
9 a.m.-4 p.m.

June 11-13

“Rock the South”
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Decatur, Ala.

June 12-14

Marlon Wayans
Huntsville Levity Live
Comedy Club
2012 Memorial Parkway
SW
Huntsville, Ala.

June 14

Flag Day

June 15

“Throw Your Rope Across
the Fence”
Career Mentoring and Net-
working Ministry Meeting
First Missionary Baptist
Church
3509 Blue Spring Road
NW
Huntsville, Ala.
1-3 p.m.

June 16

The St. John The Worker
Career Networking Club
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12:30-2 p.m.

June 18-21

Alabama Taxidermist
Association 50th Annual
Convention & Competition
Lake Guntersville State
Park
Guntersville, Ala.

June 19

Juneteenth
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4th Annual Juneteenth
Community Conversation
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10 a.m.

June 20

Black Jacket Symphony
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Von Braun Center
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June 21

Father's Day

June 23

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12:30-2 p.m.

June 27

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Car & Bike Show
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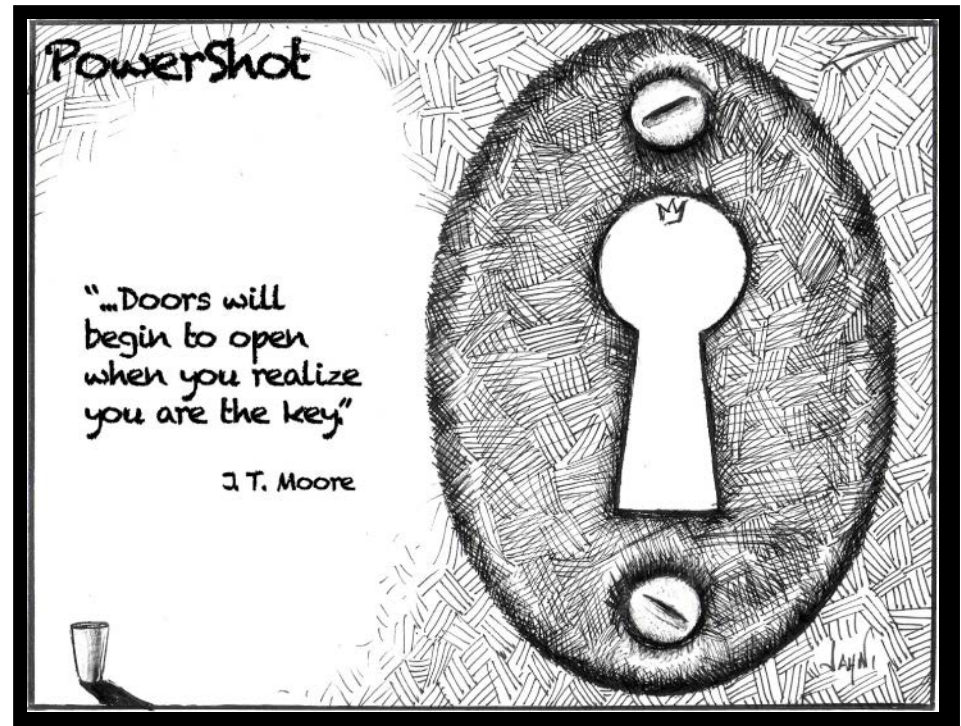
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June 30

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ON THIS DAY

1966 (The “Black Power” Movement): Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) leader Stokely Carmichael (later known as Kwame Ture) began to fiercely popularize the term “Black Power” during the “March Against Fear” in Mississippi, demanding greater political and economic control for African Americans. - New Pittsburgh Courier



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

Rev. Earla S. Lockhart

Rev. Earla S. Lockhart has been a staff minister at First Missionary Baptist Church (FMBC) since January 1993, when she left the U.S. Army Space & Missile Defense Command to join church staff. Prior to her SMDC employment, she was employed by the Tennessee Valley Authority.

A graduate of Athens State University, Huntsville Bible College and Kentucky School of Mortuary Science, she is currently pursuing the Master of Ministry degree at Huntsville Bible College.

She has been active in the community for years, having served on the boards of directors of the Christian Women's Job Corps of Madison County,



the Downtown Rescue Mission, the Alabama A&M University Foundation Board, Girl Scouts of North Alabama, CASA, and the Interfaith Mission Service. Presently, she serves on the Diversity Committee for the local Alzheimer's Association.

In addition to serving as a staff minister of congregational care at FMBC, Rev. Lockhart also continues her affiliation with Huntsville Bible College and Nelms Memorial Funeral Home.

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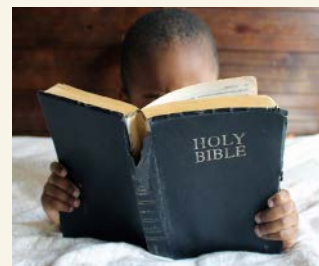
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This Sunday's Lectionary

Sunday, June 7, 2026
Second Sunday
after Pentecost



(Track 2, Year A)
First Lesson:
Hosea 5:15-6:6
Psalm 50:7-15
Second Lesson:
2 Corinthians 4:13-25
GOSPEL:
Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

Community Dance Festival and Showcase Returns to Rocket City

The Evalyn Washington Humphrey Foundation for Arts and Education (E Foundation) announces the return of the Community Dance Festival and Showcase (CDFS), a free event bringing together community members of all ages, backgrounds, and styles for a day of classes, performances, and community connection.

Taking place on June 27, 2026, CDFS invites the Huntsville community to experience dance as both an art form and a shared cultural experience.

The event features free classes open to the public and a culminating showcase highlighting local dance groups representing a wide range of



styles and traditions.

CDFS is designed to be welcoming to everyone, from first-time participants to experienced performers. The festival creates space for community members to learn, share, and celebrate movement together.

“CDFS is about bringing people together,” said Kaya-Ashley King, Executive Director at E Foundation. “It’s an opportunity to experience the richness of dance in our community and to create connec-

tions across generations through movement.”

In addition to classes, the Community Dance Showcase highlights performances by local artists and groups. “We’re proud to partner with CDFS as part of the Dance Across Alabama initiative, bringing people together through dance, culture, and community celebration,” said Kerri-Noelle Humphrey, Executive Director at the Alabama Dance Council. “Programs like CDFS help create spaces where artists, families, and audiences can con-

nect, share, and celebrate together.”

Event Details

Date: June 27, 2026
Location: Academy for Academics and Arts, 4800 Sparkman Drive,

Huntsville, AL
Cost: Free and open to the public
To reserve tickets or register for classes:
<https://cvent.me/2oagYZ>

Festival:
10:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Showcase:
6:00 pm

Community members are encouraged to attend, participate in classes, and support local artists throughout the day.

For more information, interview requests, or promotional materials, please contact:
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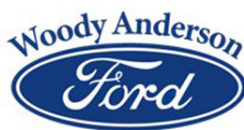
This program is partially funded by the Alabama State Council on the Arts, Arts License Tag Grant.

About E Foundation

E Foundation is a community-based organization dedicated to expanding access to the arts through educational programming, performances, and community engagement initiatives that serve individuals and families across Huntsville.



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Here are the top issues and events in Washington, D.C., for this week.

1. CONGRESS. The House and Senate are in session this week (although the House had no votes until Wed). This week, the House will vote on the FY2027 Agriculture Appropriations bill — and will also vote on 3 discharge petitions: (1) a war powers resolution to remove U.S. forces fighting the Iran War; (2) to remove U.S. forces fighting against Lebanon; and (3) to force a vote on Russian sanctions and Ukraine aid. The Senate will return to debate on the \$71 billion reconciliation bill providing multi-year funding for ICE and CBP — after dropping the \$1 billion line-item for the President's ballroom, which then goes to the House for passage. The Senate may also take up a 3-year reauthorization of the Foreign

Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA) Section 702, which is due to expire on June 12. On Monday morning, Senators Schiff (D-CA), Kelly (D-AZ), and Slotkin (D-MI) introduced a bill to ban settlement funds, such as the controversial new \$1.8 billion “anti-weaponization” fund, if they arise from a lawsuit by the president or vice president.

2. EXECUTIVE BRANCH. Last Friday, the President met in the White House Situation Room with top advisors to discuss a proposal to end the war in Iran, which would extend an early-April truce for another 60 days, giving negotiators time to forge a permanent end to the conflict. Last Friday, U.S. District Court Judge Christopher Cooper ordered the President's name removed from the Kennedy Center, saying that only Congress

can change the name, and also temporarily blocked the administration from closing the Kennedy Center for a planned 2-year renovation that was slated to begin in July. Also on Friday, U.S. District Court Judge Leonie Brinkema temporarily blocked the President's new \$1.8 billion fund to compensate victims of government weaponization, while the judge hears additional legal arguments in the case. On another topic, last Thursday U.S. District Judge Carl Nichols declined to stay an executive order that would require the federal government to establish a list of eligible voters based on available citizenship data and direct the U.S. Postal Service to only deliver mail-in ballots to individuals on each state's approved voter roll — while the lawsuit proceeds (this week, a judge is set to hear arguments against the mail-in ballot order in a separate case brought by Democratic states in Boston). In an executive order released on Friday, the President rescinded Nixon and Carter-era orders that restricted off-road vehicles on public lands, in a move that could lift prohibitions on the use of all-terrain vehicles, dirt bikes, and snowmobiles in

most national parks.

3. SUPREME COURT. The Supreme Court indicated that it might announce additional opinions from its current docket Thursday (June 4) at 10 a.m.

4. INFLATION REPORT. Last Thursday, the Commerce Department reported that the Personal Consumption Expenditures (PCE) price index — the Fed's preferred inflation measure — rose in April at an annual rate of 3.8%, up from 3.5% in March and 2.8% from February, and the highest since May 2023. Commerce also revised growth down in 1Q of 2026 from 2% to 1.6%.

5. TUESDAY PRIMARIES. Tuesday was prima-

ry day in CA, IA, NJ, SD, MT, and NM — including key races for CA governor, Mayor of Los Angeles, IA governor, and IA senator.

6. GRANTS GUIDANCE-DEI. The Trump administration released a proposed rule last Friday revising OMB's Uniform Guidance for federal grantees, with sweeping implications for colleges, municipalities, and nonprofit recipients of federal funding. The rule expands on prior executive orders targeting DEI, prohibiting grantees from promoting disparate impact theory, gender ideology, or any activity deemed to disadvantage certain groups. It also tightens reimbursement procedures, broadens grounds for grant termination, and increases penalties for compliance

violations. On the positive side, the rule mandates a minimum 30-day open competition window for all federal grant competitions, requires greater transparency when grants are canceled, and affirms current indirect cost rates, providing important budget stability for institutions managing large federal awards. The rule is open for public comment for 45 days; HCG will monitor developments closely and advise clients on potential impacts to active and pending grants.

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