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Mrs. Effie Gaines

"Every man is guilty of all the good he did not do." - Voltaire

Orion Amphitheater to Feature Soulster

The Orion Amphitheater will feature Keith Sweat on Saturday, June 25, at 8 p.m.

He sang in nightclubs throughout New York City until he was discovered and signed with Elektra Records in 1987, releasing his debut solo studio album "Make It Last Forever" and selling three million copies with the smash single "I Want Her."

Sweat's second album, 1990's "I'll Give All My Love to You" hit No. 6 on the Billboard 200 chart, and spawned the singles "I'll Give All My Love to You" and "Make You Sweat."



HOT FUN IN THE SUMMER TIME: The Legacy Center rounded up children throughout this southwest Huntsville neighborhood for a day of fun, games, music and food. Volunteers manned grills, facilitated yard games, provided festive soul and hip-hop sounds, as well as supervised children's play on several inflatables. The Legacy Center provides health and wellness support programs for older, disabled and cognitively impaired adults and under-served populations.

Huntsville Seeking Local Artists for Public Art Plan

Calling all artists! If you or someone you know would like to be part of Huntsville's history and future, keep reading.

Arts Huntsville, in cooperation with the City of Huntsville, is seeking local artists for Phase II of the public art plan for the new City Hall. Specifically, the City and Arts Huntsville will select artists to be featured across four locations in the new municipal building, including:

- Security entry area on the first floor
- Prefunction area and corridor on the floor hosting Huntsville City Council offices
- Conference floor

on the seventh floor hosting Mayor Battle's office

Artwork budgets for the four featured locations range from \$30,000 to \$60,000. The City Hall public art projects should inspire a sense of reflection, community and/or civic engagement.

"We are excited to see what our community of local artists will contribute to this civic space," said Arts Huntsville Executive Director Allison Dillon-Jauken.

To read the full Request for Qualifications (RFQ) and apply, visit artshuntsville.slideroom.com. Submission deadline is July 24!

HMCPL Offers Oceans of Possibilities

The Huntsville-Madison County Public Library (HMCPL) will continue its "Oceans of Possibilities" summer reading program through July 15 at all nine of its locations.

Visit hmcpl.org for a quick reference guide for weekly storytime programs, as well as an events

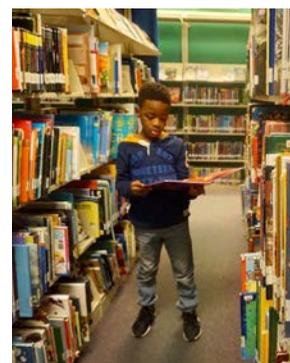
calendar with the latest updates of library activities for the entire family. Some locations offer special Saturday programs.

Among HMCPL's numerous summer resources are e-books and audiobooks on Hoopla and Overdrive!

First, obtain a library

card. Residents of Madison County can register for a free library card. If you already have a library card, you also need to know your four-digit PIN to use the online resources.

Don't know your PIN? Ask for it on the next visit to one of HMCPL's locations.



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Washington in One Minute



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

1. **JUNETEENTH HOLIDAY.** Monday was the Juneteenth Federal Holiday, celebrating the end of slavery in the United States. Federal offices were closed, including the U.S. Postal Service, and the House and Senate convene on Tuesday.

2. **ON THE FLOOR.** The House and Senate are in session this week. A bipartisan group of Senators failed last week to finalize the legislative text of a compromise bill to curb gun violence, but one of the leaders of the group, Sen. Chris Murphy (D-CT), said that the Senate could take up the bill on the floor before the start of the July 4th Recess, which begins Friday. Among other items, the House will take up a bill to create an Advanced Research Projects Agency for Health (ARPA-H) at the HHS Department focused on accelerating biomedical innovation – which is a priority for President Biden – and the final version of a bill to add 23 burn pit and toxic exposure-related conditions to the federal government's presumption list so that veterans can access health care to cover treatment of these conditions – which will affect 3.5 million veterans.

3. **THE WHITE HOUSE.** Last Friday, President and First Lady Jill Biden celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary while on vacation in Rehoboth Beach, DE, and they returned to DC from Delaware Monday evening. On Saturday, the President traveled to Krün, Germany, to attend the Group

of Seven (G7) Summit that runs from Sunday to Tuesday (and from there to Madrid, Spain, for the annual meeting of NATO members). Last Wednesday, the President held a LGBTQI+ Pride Month celebration at the White House, where he signed an executive order banning the use of federal funds for conversion therapy and directing federal agencies to develop policies to counter the 300 anti-LGBTQI+ bills that have been introduced across the country.

4. **SUPREME COURT.** On Tuesday and Thursday, the Supreme Court issued additional opinions from its current docket, with many key opinions – such as the Mississippi abortion case – still to be announced. Now encircled by an 8-foot metal fence and police barricades, the Supreme Court received additional protection from Congress last week, which sent a bill to the President's desk (that he signed on Thursday) expanding security to the family members of Supreme Court justices and officers of the court.

5. **COVID VACCINES FOR YOUNG CHILDREN.** On Saturday, U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC) Director Rochelle Walensky endorsed the CDC's advisory panel's unanimous recommendation to vaccinate all children as young as 6 months old with the Moderna or Pfizer Covid vaccines. The CDC stated that children who have had the virus should still be vaccinated to protect against reinfection. To date, 220 million Americans have been fully vaccinated and more than 100 million Americans have

received booster doses.

6. **FY2023 APPROPRIATIONS.** This week, the House Appropriations Committee will continue work on the twelve Fiscal Year 2023 appropriations bills. On Tuesday, subcommittees voted on the Interior and Energy & Water appropriations bills; on Wednesday, the State/Foreign Operations and Commerce/Justice/Science bills; and, on Thursday, the Transportation/ HUD and Labor/HHS/Education bills. The full committee will meet through the week to approve the 6 bills completed last week at the subcommittee level: Defense, Military Construction, Legislative Branch, Agriculture, Financial Services, and Homeland Security. The subcommittees have been releasing the lists of congressionally designated projects after marking up each bill. The committee intends to report all 12 bills out of committee, readying them for floor debate, by June 30.

7. **JANUARY 6 COMMITTEE HEARINGS.** This Tuesday and Thursday, the House January 6 Select Committee continued its series of hearings on the January 2021 attack on the Capitol – with the focus this week being the pressure applied on state officials to change the 2020 election results. The committee has completed 3 hearings with 3 more hearings to go, including a hearing from last week featuring former Justice Department officials that was postponed. The New York Times reported last week that the committee now intends to allow access to the transcripts in July ahead of its planned release in September. Also last Wednesday, the committee sent a letter to Rep. Barry Loudermilk (R-GA) again requesting a meeting with him to discuss his personal tour of the Capitol complex for 10 people on January 5, 2021, at which “[i]ndividuals on the tour photographed and recorded areas of the complex not typically of interest to tourists, including hallways, staircases, and security checkpoints.” See the letter

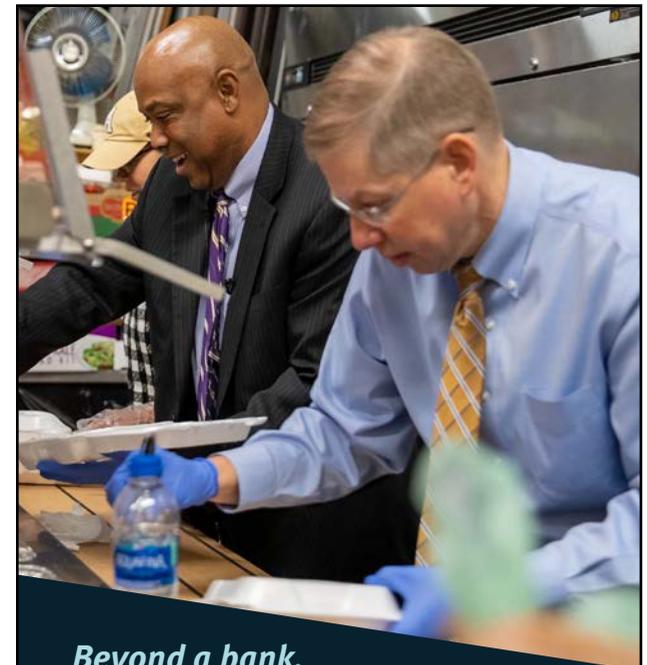
and pictures of the tour here: [Loudermilk letter.](#)

8. **IMMIGRATION.** On June 15, Democratic leaders urged the Senate to pass legislation to enshrine permanent protections for young undocumented immigrants brought to the U.S. as children, a decade after the Obama administration announced a program to give them temporary relief. In events marking the anniversary of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program, or DACA, House and Senate Democrats urged the Senate to take action on a House-passed bill to put these immigrants, often known as Dreamers, on a path to citizenship. DACA,

which provides work permits and deportation protections to certain immigrants who arrived in the U.S. by June 2007 when they were children, was announced by then-President Barack Obama on June 15, 2012.

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**ALL FOR
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 Show a Little Kindness

Kindness is one of the nine Fruit of the Spirit. It is a word that creates confidence, profoundness and love.

“Be kind and generous to one another, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ forgave you.”

~Ephesians 4:32~

Kindness is a passport that opens doors and fashions friendships, softens hearts, and molds relationships that can last a lifetime.

It's a language which the



Dr. Margaret J. Kelly

deaf can hear and the blind can see. You can never do

kindness too soon, for you never know how soon will be too late.

The opportunities to be kind are unlimited. *Have you been kind to anyone today?* Consider making it your mode of operando to do something kind for someone daily. The following are some simple acts of kindness.

1. Make it a habit to smile at everyone you see;
2. Let someone go in front of you in line;
3. Help a family member or neighbor with an errand;
4. Call or text “I love you to a family member or friend to brighten his/her day;
5. Give a delivery person a tip;
6. Drive an ill or elderly person to a medical appointment. Pick up his/her medication;
7. Pay the medical co-payment

for a chronically ill family member or friend;

8. Give a compliment to someone;
9. Send a card or note to someone ill or who is having a difficult time with a small token inside;
- and 10. Tell your pastor, doctor, supervisor or boss that you appreciate his/her service.

“I shall pass this world but once. Any good, therefore, that I can do or any kindness I can show to any human being, let me do it now. Let me not defer it, nor neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again.”

~Stephen Grellet~

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**CHAMPION
 GAME PLAN**

PRESTON BROWN

“WHAT’S IN IT FOR ME?”

In Matthew 19:27, Peter answered Jesus saying, “We have left everything to follow you! What then will there be for us?”

Remember Colin Kaepernick the ex, NFL Quarterback that took a knee at the beginning of the game while the National Anthem was being played. And when this happened many people viewed his gesture as being disrespectful to our nation's flag as well as those who served in the military.

Now many of us know that he was protesting “social injustices” that had been going on in our country. He was not being dis-



respectful to the flag or to people who served in the military. But that's not what's important here. You see, it doesn't

matter whose side you are on, Mr. Kaepernick was willing to pay the cost for something that he believed in, even though it cost him his job as well as his career. In life there will be costs and rewards for everything that we do.

Now, as we look at this scripture, we read that the disciples were willing to lose everything for something that they believed in. All of them had left their homes, their jobs and their families to follow Jesus. But they still wanted to know “what was in it for them.” However, Jesus was trying to get them to see that there is something greater than this world has to offer. Also, He was trying to get them to see that there was something greater than “what's in it for me,” because sometimes we can't see past

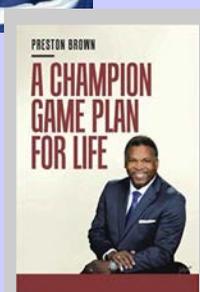
this world that we live in--a world full of politics, egos, wealth, possessions and compromise.

So, I applaud Colin Kaepernick for his courage and for him “kneeling” for something that he believed in enough to lose it all.

The same can be said about our ancestors, who were willing to risk it all so that we could have the right to vote, the right to an education and the basic right to equality.

As we celebrate Juneteenth this year let us be mindful of the many sacrifices that our ancestors made. Let us also be thankful and grateful that they knew “what was in it for them”, which was the beginnings of a better life

Stay encouraged, my brothers and sisters. Make sure you purchase your copy of my book, “A CHAMPION GAME PLAN FOR LIFE,” at amazon.com



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 DEATHS**



NELMS MEMORIAL FUNERAL HOME

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Graveside service for MR. LATHAM C. JAMES (b. 1940) was held Tuesday, June 21, at Valhalla Memory Gardens with The Reverend Cornell Martin officiating.

Funeral service for MR. CHARLES RANDLE (b. 1955) was held Saturday, June 18, at the Nelms Memorial Funeral Home Chapel with Evangelist Dwight Bone officiating.

Funeral service for MR. JUSTIN TYLER (b. 1979) was held Saturday, June 18, at the House of Hope and Restoration (2525 Aspen Avenue - Huntsville, Ala.) with Pastor Jarman Leatherwood officiating.

ROYAL FUNERAL HOME

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Funeral service will be announced for COACH RAY GREENE (b. 1938) at a later date.

Funeral service for EVANGELIST CHARLES EDWARD LOVEJOY (b. 1949) will be held at 11 a.m., Saturday, June 25, 2022 at Northwest Church of Christ (5008 Pulaski Pike NW, Huntsville, Ala.) with Brother John Branch officiating.

Memorial service for MS. WANDA GAIL KING (b. 1959) was held Wednesday, June 22.

Funeral service for MRS. DELORES HORTON SELBY SLAUGHTER (b. 1930) was held Monday, June 20, at Progressive Union Missionary Baptist Church (1919 Brandon-town Road, Huntsville, Ala.) with Reverend Dion Watkins officiating and Reverend Vera Bell as eulogist.

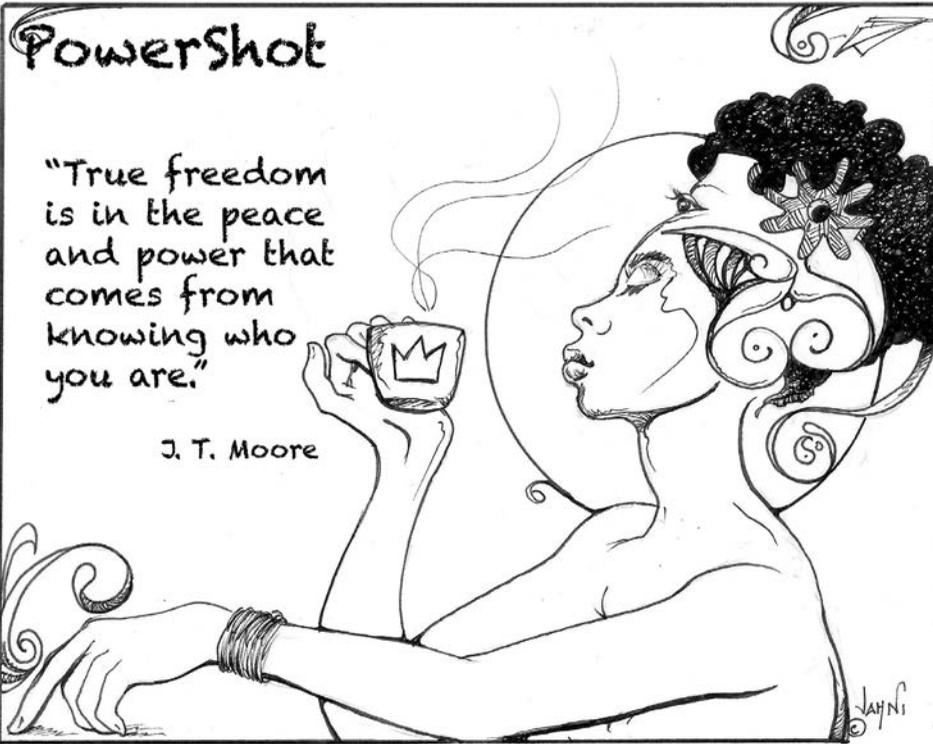
Funeral service for MOTHER ANNIE MAE WATTS (b. 1943) was held Sunday, June 19, at the Draper Memorial Church of God in Christ (313 Beirne Avenue NE, Huntsville, Ala.) with Pastor Dave Draper, Jr. officiating.

Funeral service for MS. AUBRIA SIMONE VAUGHN (b. 1993) will be 1 p.m., Saturday, June 18, at the St. James #2 Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America (2950 Jeff Road, Harvest, Ala.) with Pastor Byron McGlathery officiating.

SERENITY FUNERAL HOME

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Funeral service for MR. ROY LEE BROWN (b. 1956) was held Saturday, June 4, at Serenity Funeral Home.



PowerShot

"True freedom is in the peace and power that comes from knowing who you are."

J. T. Moore

"Be as you are and hope that it's right."

—Dizzy Gillespie

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Perspectives on
God Views
+
Current News

by tim allston

Thanks, Dad, for My Life's Alley-oop!

"Teach a child to choose the right path, and when he is older, he will remain upon it." - Proverbs 22:6.

According to Solomon, when you role-model for children first by example, as they mature they'll follow that example.

My Dad and namesake, Thomas Gray Allston (1917-2004), served as my role model against the odds.

No More "Papa Was a Rollin' Stone" Here

Dad never knew his father, as characterized by The Temptations' 1972 hit song. He instead supplemented that lack with an ironclad faith in his heavenly Father, an unquenchable passion for lifelong learning, and being a below-the-radar servant leader. Those early values and practices paid off.

The Potential 1972 Seismic Shift

After 21 years of marriage and raising us children in the greater Boston area, in 1972 my parents accepted administrative staff positions at Mom's alma mater Oakwood College. Because of her degree, she received a job there that outranked Dad's. She then became the family's primary breadwinner.

Dr. Emerson Miller in his book, *Why Black Men Don't Attend Church*, recounted that in the 1970s the doors of employment opportunity opened but mostly for college-educated Black women. The income gap widened, creating rivalry and tension often in marriages. But not so with Dad.



Not only did Dad never complain, but he served as Mom's biggest cheerleader. Consequently, Mom taught across eight consecutive decades. In retirement, she became an educational consultant in Russia, Hatcherubbee, Alabama and Pensacola, Florida, the Cayman Islands, and finally in northern China. All this happened with Dad's support for Mom and his role modeling for us kids.

"What They See is What They'll Be"

Before he headed to work nightly as a Massachusetts General Hospital nurse's aide, I watched Dad routinely reading his Bible and its study quarterly, and *Prevention* and *Time* magazines; that birthed my passion-turned-profession of pairing news events with Bible study.

Dad influenced my younger sister Tonya's Crestwood Hospital nursing career. Additionally, my older sister Dawn's playing piano and clarinet - and my playing piano and saxophone - also came directly from Dad's example.

While Mom as an educator read vocationally, Dad's reading avocationally became my lifelong standard.

Thanks, "namesake Dad," for giving me your name, your standards, and your mantle of silver-mettle leadership.

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Obstacles, But Not Options

When Jesus was led to the wilderness by the Spirit for a time of testing and preparation for the inauguration of His ministry, this was specified as an intentional confrontation with the devil.



We know from the story that this diabolical destiny killer tried three times to get Jesus to choose another option than the one that had been providentially chosen for Him before the

foundation of the world.

Jesus' use of the word of God teaches us that on this journey as believers, we will always have obstacles, but when it comes to doing God's will, there are no options.

Every word, Jesus noted, from the word of God gives life to the soul just as food does to the physical body.

While we do have options when it comes to foods, there are no varieties when it comes to the word of God. We see that fact in the story of Jesus in the wilderness because He met each test with the word.

Even though there was a different scripture used each time, there were not



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three different options for the three different tests.

Too often believers choose options, when faced with obstacles; however,

the word of God is clear that it is a lamp unto our feet and light unto our pathway.

So, when we face ob-

stacles, our Elder Brother has taught us that we are not to look for options, but rather we are to obey the word and will of God.



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Mrs. Effie Gaines

One of Huntsville's local heroines is known to many as Mrs. Effie Gaines. Effie is also affectionally known throughout the church community as "Mother Gaines," and she is known to her family and close friends simply as "Aunt Effie."

Effie is the youngest child of the late Al and Laura Douglas. She was married 39 years to the late Mr. Ruben Gaines, and she is the mother of their five children. Mrs. Gaines has extraordinarily juggled being a wife, mother, musician and chef with a warm smile and a soft "Yes, I will."

Many know that all it takes is a request for a cake, pie, or homemade rolls for holidays or "just because," and Effie is the one to go to for a heavenly dessert. While Effie was just a small child, other church members began to take notice of the little girl singing her heart out with a voice and fervor beyond her years. She showed great musical promise and taught herself to play the piano at the age of 8 years old. As a result, she is recognized as a gifted soloist and pianist with a voice that exudes feelings from its spiritual



roots. Over the years, hundreds of grief-stricken families have called Effie to perform during home-going celebrations. A true servant, this very gifted and humble lady answers whenever she is called upon to deliver her heart-felt and soothing music. Her music transforms the heaviness of mourning to a place of hope and peace.

The sheer number of performance requests for weddings, funerals, and other church engagements are enormous and performed without an expectation of compensation. Effie's commitment to serving her Father in Heaven is the reward that keeps her going. Mrs. Gaines does not consider herself a great pianist or soloist. She will only say, "I owe it all to God for the gift I have, and I do my best to give it back

to Him through songs and praises. Whatever way I can be a servant as I travel this road, I reach out and I extend that helping hand, for I am walking in His will."

Her musical career began in 1953, when she became the pianist at "The Big Brick"--St. Bartley P.B. Church. The historic St. Bartley Church is recognized as the oldest black church congregation in the State of Alabama, and this year celebrates its 197th anniversary.

Mrs. Gaines was the primary pianist at St. Bartley for over 40 years and is now the music director for Bethel CME Church. Many churches and individuals throughout the Tennessee Valley have presented Mrs. Gaines with Awards of Excellence for her superior performance and dedication to serving others through her ministry of music.

Gifted, humble, spirited, eloquent, and virtuous are words used when one describes Mrs. Gaines. Whatever and whenever she is called, she answers and continues to serve the community with love and grace.

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AHA Releases Exciting Upcoming Events Lineup

The Alabama Humanities Alliance has released a comprehensive listing of summer and fall activities. Take a peek at the upcoming events lineup, including grantee programs the Alliance is sponsoring. (“*” indicates an AHA grantee event)

***Through August 27, 2022:** *Swimming Together*, an exhibit exploring local swimming history in Tuscaloosa, including the desegregation of public swimming pools. Warner Transportation Museum, University of Alabama. (Tuscaloosa)

June 27-July 1, 2022: *Alabama History Day Summer Camp*. A free summer day camp in historic

Tuskegee for kids who love history and being creative! Learn to research history topics and develop ideas for Alabama History Day 2023. Lunch, technology, and field research trip to Tuskegee University included. Space is limited. (Tuskegee)

June 30, 2022: *“Footprint on the Sky: Voices from Chandler Mountain,”* a Road Scholars presentation by Dolores Hydock. Hosted by Mt Laurel Library. 7 p.m. (Birmingham)

July 10-30, 2022: *“Stony the Road We Trod...”* Exploring Alabama’s Civil Rights Legacy. An immer-

sive experience for K-12 educators nationwide. Presented by AHA as a summer institute of the



National Endowment for the Humanities. (Birmingham + Montgomery + Selma + Tuskegee)

July 19-20, 2022: *“Frontiers in History: People, Places,*

Ideas.” Space is now limited for this SUPER Teacher workshop exploring the 2023 National History

Day theme. Hosted at the Kelly Fitzgerald Memorial Gallery. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. (Wetumpka)

July 28, 2022: *“All Y’all Really from Alabama: Exam-*

ining the Poetry of Ashley M. Jones, Poet Laureate of Alabama.” Apply now for this SUPER Teacher workshop. Hosted at the Alabama Department of Archives & History. 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. (Montgomery)

August 16, 2022: *“Literary Treason: The Writing of Bess Street-er Aldrich,”* a Road Scholars presentation by Dolores Hydock. Hosted by the Public Library of Anniston-Calhoun County. 2 p.m. (Anniston)

September 9, 2022: *“Teaching the History of Genocide: Historical and Contemporary Relevance.”* Applications now open for

this SUPER Teacher workshop. Hosted at Auburn University at Montgomery. 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. (Montgomery)

October 18, 2022: *“Every Picture Tells a Story: The Storytelling of Norman Rockwell,”* a Road Scholars presentation by Dolores Hydock. Hosted by the Public Library of Anniston-Calhoun County. 2 p.m. (Anniston)

November 3, 2022: *“Soldiers in Greasepaint: USO Camp Show Entertainers of World War II,”* a Road Scholars presentation by Dolores Hydock. Hosted by Homewood Public Library. 6:30 p.m. (Homewood)

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