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Parker Griffith, M.D.



“... Our nation’s turning away from love ... moving into a wilderness of spirit so intense we may never find our way home again.” - bell hooks



NOBLE’s Alabama Chapter Meets in Huntsville

The Alabama Chapter of the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE) recently met in Huntsville, Ala.

Based in metro-

politan Washington, D.C., the 60-chapter organization was founded in 1976 in response to an initiative aimed at reducing crime in low-income urban areas.

The Alabama Chapter, which operates from Birmingham, is committed to providing service through education, training and awareness about law enforce-

ment.

Michael Williams serves as president of the Alabama Chapter of NOBLE. For more information, visit www.alabamanooblechapter.org.

ODEI/CAFY Host ‘Stuff the Bus’ Event

Ahead of an upcoming school supply giveaway, Huntsville’s Office of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion (ODEI) and Community Awareness for Youth (CAFY) recently urged citizens to help ‘Stuff the Bus.’

The CAFY Back to School Supply Giveaway will follow Saturday, July 13, at Calhoun Community College’s Huntsville Campus at 102 Wynn Drive, from 9 a.m.-12 noon.

Organizers urged the community to donate new school supplies. These contributions can profoundly impact the lives of young students by ensuring they have the tools they need to succeed in their education, noted Kenny Anderson, Huntsville’s ODEI director.

Local residents donated school supplies at numer-

ous drop-off points all day last weekend at select Walmart, Dollar General, Target and Office Depot locations from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Giveaway event on Saturday is being hosted by CAFY and the City’s ODEI in partnership with Calhoun Community College, Huntsville City Schools, Refuge Church, One Generation Away and Huntsville Parks &

Recreation.

Persons needing information on how to make monetary donations can email Kenny.Anderson@HuntsvilleAL.gov or Harry.Hobbs@hsvutilil.org.

The goal is to support students ages 12-18 by ensuring they are well-equipped for the 2024-2025 school year with free backpacks and school supplies, according to Dr. Hobbs.

In addition, Refuge Church and One Generation Away will offer free drive-thru groceries to families, with one allocation per vehicle, while supplies last.

Exhibitors will be on site providing valuable resources for students and families. Attendees can also enjoy music, inflatables and more.

- huntsvilleal.gov

Eric Essix to Highlight Burritt Event

Birmingham-born musician Eric Essix will highlight the July 19 session of the 31st concert season of Burritt on the Mountain.

Over a period of three decades, the noted guitarist has released nearly 30 full-length albums, pushing the boundaries of contempo-

rary jazz. Essix has toured and performed with many top names in the genre, including Gerald Albright, Boney James, Peabo

Bryson and countless others.

For additional information, visit burrittonthemountain.com.



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Drake State, Leidos Join Forces to Support NASA Initiatives

Drake State Community and Technical College has announced its recent collaboration with Leidos, a prominent global leader in the integration and application of information technology, engineering, and science.

Drake State has responded to Requests for Proposals (RFPs) from Leidos to become a subcontractor, supporting critical IT solutions and NASA end-user services.

Under the Advanced Enterprise Global IT Solutions (AEGIS) initiative, Drake State will provide Computer Systems Analysts for the Enterprise Network Operating Center (ENOC) at Marshall Space Flight Center (MSFC).

This partnership emphasizes Drake State's commitment to delivering top-tier technical expertise and innovative solutions in the IT sector.

"Partnering with Leidos is a significant milestone for Drake State," said Dr. Patricia Sims, President



COLLABORATION: Leidos CEO Thomas Bell and Dr. Patricia Sims, president of Drake State, are collaborating to support critical IT solutions and NASA end-user services. Drake will provide computer systems analysts for the Enterprise Network Operating Center at NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center.

of Drake State. "This provides our students and collaboration not only graduates with invaluable

opportunities to work on high-impact projects but also reinforces our mission to support the advancement of technology and innovation in our community. We are excited about the potential impact this partnership will have on our students' careers and the local economy."

Leidos CEO Thomas Bell visited the Drake State campus on June 26 to learn more about the college and enhance the partnership by finding ways to

create talent pipelines.

Drake State continues to be a vital contributor to the local economy and a leader in technical education, preparing students to meet the demands of the ever-evolving job market.

This partnership with Leidos underscores the college's dedication to fostering industry collaborations that benefit both students and the broader community.

NAAACC Meetings

The North Alabama African American Chamber of Commerce (Huntsville) meets monthly on the 3rd Tuesday at 12 noon.

The meeting location varies. Call (256) 564-7574.

Council Meetings

Huntsville City Council's regular meetings are held in the 1st floor City Council Chambers of the Municipal Building on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month at 5:30 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.

"People mistake their limitations for high standards."

- Jean Toomer

"... How can there be healing when the wounds are still being inflicted?"

- N. K. Jemisin

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"Be Thankful"

Philippians 4:6-7 says, "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your request to God. And the peace of God that transcends all understanding will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

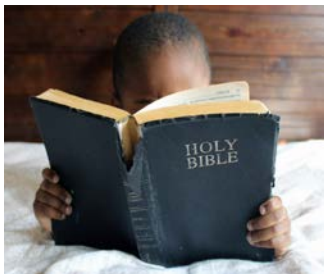
One of the ways we prepare for increase or promotion in our lives is to be thankful for what we already have. Let us not forget to be grateful for what God is already doing in our lives and for the talents that He has already given us.

When we are thankful, we create an atmosphere and a spirit of joy and peace that brings us inner strength.

When we are thankful, we guard our hearts and minds against the spirit of complaining about all the things that we feel like we don't have.

You see, we all have to be careful about complaining, because when we complain, we remain stressed out and in a place where no progress

can be made. Always remember—life is about momentum, so don't let the enemy keep you from your blessings or from the increase that God wants you to have by complaining about what you don't have.



All we have to do is stay focused on what God has gifted you to do and be thankful.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, help us to be thankful for the gifts and talents that we are already blessed with and give thanks always.

Question: Can we complain and be thankful at the same time?

Stay encouraged, my brothers and sisters, and make sure you purchase a copy of my books *Spiritual Game*



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Funeral services will be announced at a later date for **MR. JUSTIN BELL** (b. 1987), **MS. SHARON LEFRIDGE** (b. 1944), **MR. FRANCISCO PEREZ** (b. 1939), **MR. CHARLES BRYANT** (b. 1961) and **MR. BRUCE FLUKER** (b. 1952).

Funeral service for **MR. WALTER NICKERSON** (b. 1934) was held Tuesday, June 25, at Serenity Funeral Home Chapel.

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Funeral service for **MR. WILLIE D. MCCORMICK** (b. 1955) was Sunday, July 7, at the Nelms Memorial Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor Donald Barney officiating.

Funeral services for **MRS. HELEN DAVIS HUSBAND** (b. 1938) was Saturday, July 6, at the Nelms Memorial Funeral Home Chapel with Elder Kenneth Owens officiating.

Funeral service for **MR. TIMOTHY JACKSON** (b. 1961) was Saturday, June 29, in the Nelms Memorial Funeral Home Chapel.

Funeral service for **MRS. LUCILLE CUFF THOMPSON** (b. 1949) was Saturday, June 22, in the Nelms Memorial Funeral Home Chapel with the Reverend Dave Draper, Jr., officiant.

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Funeral service for **MRS. NE'KESHIA JENEL DAWSON JABBAR** (b. 1981) was Monday, July 8, at the Fellowship of Faith Church, 3703 North Memorial Parkway NW, Huntsville, Ala., with Bishop Michael Shinn officiating.

Funeral service for **MR. CLEVELAND WESLEY, JR.**, (b. 1952) was Saturday, July 6, at the Royal Chapel.

Funeral service for **MR. GEORGE FRANKLIN MURRAH** (b. 1945) was Saturday, June 29, at the New Beria Missionary Baptist Church, 21978 Highway 99, Elkmont, Ala., with Pastor Louis Horton officiating.

Funeral service for **MR. STEVEN LAJUAN MOSS** (b. 1961) was Saturday, June 29, at the Draper Memorial Church of God in Christ, 313 Beirne Avenue, Huntsville, AL 35801) with Elder Dave Draper officiating.

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VALLEY EVENTS

HAPPENINGS, ACTIVITIES & MORE!

July 13

"Second Saturday" City Hall Art Tours Showcase (Join award-winning painters Ann Moeller and Yuri Ozaki)
New City Hall
10:30 a.m.

July 14

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

July 18

Campus 805 After 5
Butler Green

July 19

Food Truck Rally
Big Spring Park
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Burritt on the Mountain
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Huntsville, Ala.
7:30 p.m.

July 19-20

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July 21

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

July 26

Downtown Art Walks
(Downtown Huntsville, Inc.)
Courthouse Square
Huntsville, Ala.
5-8 p.m.

July 28

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

August 4

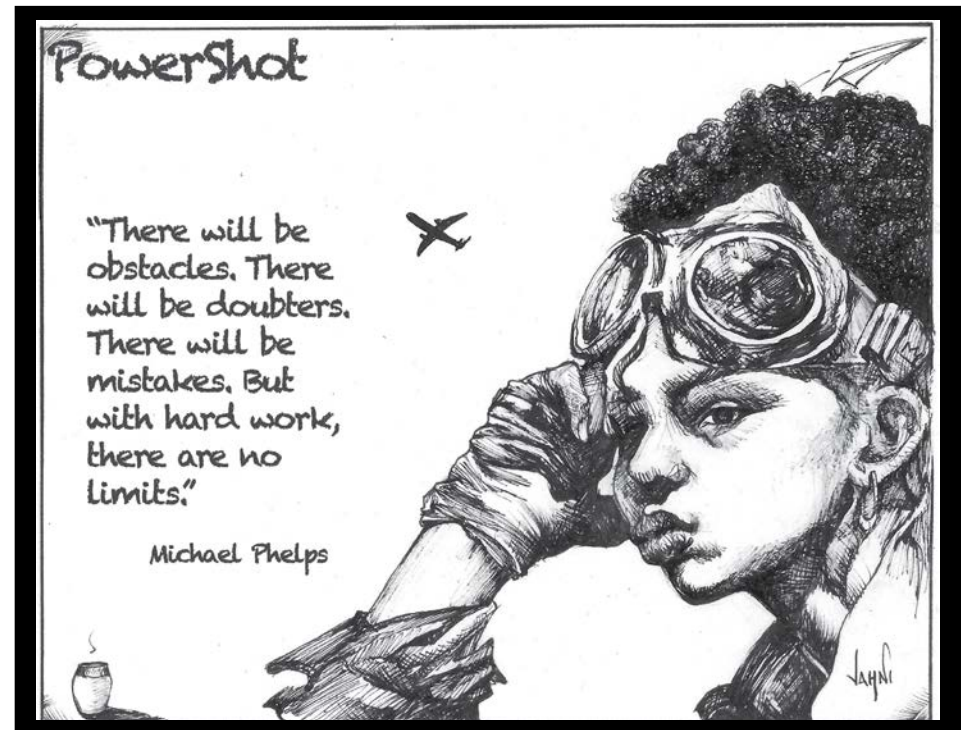
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12-4 p.m.

August 9

"Gwen & The Retro Cats"
2024 City Lights & Stars
Burritt on the Mountain
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7:30 p.m.

August 9-11

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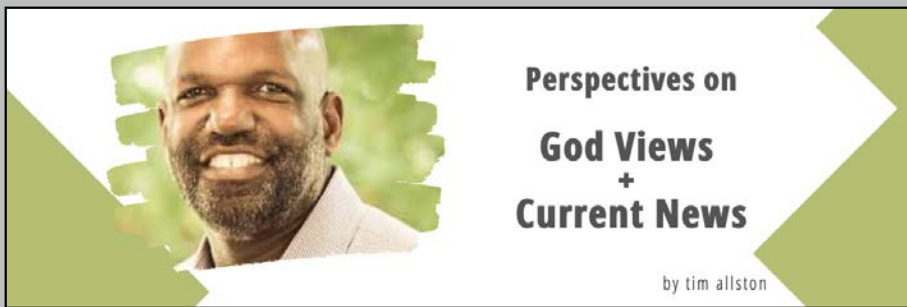
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"If I had my way, I'd remove January from the calendar altogether and have an extra July instead." - Roald Dahl



Boston Celtics Repeat in 2025? Dynasty Making or “The Disease of Me”? (Part 2 of 2)

“... the race is not to the swift, ... but time and chance happeneth to them all.” - Ecclesiastes 9:11

As he was exiting Boston’s TD Gardens arena wearing his 2024 NBA champions cap, champagne-drenched shirt, and clutching his Finals MVP trophy, Jaylen Brown remarked, “We finally brought a (championship) banner to Boston. It’s gonna be fun to do it again.”

Fun? Yes. But likely? Perhaps not. Rarely do champions repeat their titles due to “the disease of me,” assessed nine-time NBA championship player, coach and executive Pat Riley.

On paper, the Celtics appear to be shoo-ins to repeat and win their 19th championship banner. Their stellar 2023-24 regular and playoff seasons showcased 64-18 and 16-3 runs, respectively - what could possibly go wrong, to derail that ascendency?

Ribbings from Riley

“After a team starts to win and media attention begins, the simple bonds that joined the individuals together begin to fray,” Riley explained. Players calculate their own importance. Chests swell. Frustrations emerge. Egos appear.

“The innocent climb,” he continued, “is almost always followed by the ‘disease of me,’ . . . (which can) strike any winning team in any year and at any moment,’ and does so with alarming regularity.

“Once we’ve ‘made it,’ our tendency is to switch to a mindset of ‘getting what’s mine.’ Now, all of a sudden awards and recognition matter — even though they weren’t what got us here.”

I’ve observed that our biggest defeats in life often follow our biggest victories. After victories, in our extended celebrations we tend to let our guard down and lose our focus. One popular example from the Bible demonstrates this characteristic:

David and Goliath

In 1 Samuel 17, the 5’8” shepherd boy David defeated the 9’ 6” Goliath, who for the previous 40 days had intimidated Israel’s army into cowering submission.

Celebrating from his taunting “victory” Goliath, when challenged by David, pushed back his helmet from his forehead. Seconds later, David’s stone from his slingshot landed squarely into Goliath’s then-unprotected forehead, killing him. Here, Goliath overestimated his power and undervalued David’s potential skill.

Just like the 2024 champion Celtics, you need to celebrate your victories, yet recognize that during your celebration your opponents are preparing their attacks. As American statesman Adlai Stevenson cautioned, “There’s nothing wrong with a little praise blown in your direction - as long as you don’t inhale it!”



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Millennial Moment by Gloria B. Caldwell
Comparison ...

Why do we do this? There are many forms, the most dangerous being the one that derives from the social perspective. Are you looking to establish a sense of belonging? Or evaluate your place in social hierarchies? This is a deadly game, primarily when it is not managed constructively. With social media at our fingertips, we risk always having negative self-evaluations. We often wonder why we are hit with so much depression, teen suicide, as well as self-hatred and self-doubt.

When you consistently put yourself in a position where you are exploiting your weaknesses,

you are setting yourself up for failure. You’re scrolling and setting unrealistic



expectations for yourself. Running comparisons in

areas where you had no interest but seeing it on social media made you feel you should be involved in whatever you view, therefore, you’re placing yourself in a position of being behind the mark.

You set yourself up for envy and resentment, unbeknownst to you. All because you see someone has more, looks better, has love, has more opportunities, has given birth, opened a business, and the list goes on and on. This fosters judgment and unnecessary competition.

Don’t do this!! Limit your social media time, practice self-compassion, and cultivate gratitude!

It’s You vs. You!! Be kind, grateful, focused, and disciplined in becoming the best version of yourself.

Lace Up! Let’s Go!

This Sunday’s Lectionary

Sunday, July 14, 2024

Eighth Sunday

After

Pentecost



(Track 2, Year B)

First Lesson:

Amos 7:7-15

Psalm 85:8-13

Second Lesson:

Ephesians 1:3-14

GOSPEL:

Mark 6:14-29



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

Parker Griffith, M.D.

Born August 6, 1942, Dr. Rolf Parker Griffith, Jr., is an American retired physician, entrepreneur and politician in Huntsville, Ala., who served in the Alabama State Senate from 2006 to 2008 and then as the U.S. Representative for Alabama's 5th congressional district from 2009 to 2011.

Griffith was born in Shreveport, La. He taught 7th-grade arithmetic for less than a year at T.H. Harris Junior High School (later Middle School) in Metairie in Jefferson Parish in suburban New Orleans prior to being admitted to medical school. He received his medical degree from the Louisiana State University Medical School in 1970 and served in residency at the University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer Center.

After serving at the LSU Service Charity Hospital in New Orleans and a year of neurosurgery at the University of Texas Medical Branch (UTMB) in Galveston, Texas, Griffith began preparing to become a radiation oncologist, one who specializes in using radiation to cure cancer, training in radiation oncology through a combined program between UTMB and M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston. He served as a Medical Corps captain in the U.S. Army Reserve from 1970 to 1973, while continuing his medical training at the LSU



Service Charity Hospital in New Orleans.

Griffith was recruited on a "cold call" to Alabama and established the Huntsville Cancer Treatment Center. As a physician, he provided discounted care to patients who lacked insurance. Griffith also conducted several clinical trials in conjunction with the University of Alabama School of Medicine, and partnered with St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, Tenn. He retired from medicine in December 1992, though he still holds a license to practice in both Alabama and Texas.

Griffith won a seat in

the Alabama State Senate, representing the 7th district (2006). He carried 66% of the vote to his opponent's 34%. During his term in the State Senate, he sponsored bills to promote investment in alternative fuels, cut taxes, and establish a Statewide Trauma Care System to speed critical medical care.

Griffith and his wife Virginia have five children and 11 grandchildren. He co-founded the Griffith Family Foundation, which awards cash grants North Alabama schools and nonprofits and to elementary school libraries in the region.

"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. 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.

LAMH's Cast Member KeKe Jabbar Dies at 42

"KeKe" Jabbar, a cast member of the OWN reality show *Love & Marriage: Huntsville*, has passed away at age 42.

Jabbar's death was announced last Tuesday by blogger Marcella Speaks during a YouTube live stream. Speaks read a statement she said was from Jabbar's family that said Jabbar had died "peacefully at home surrounded in love."

"She was a mom, a sister, a great friend, full of life, love, and laughter. She will sorely be missed," Speaks read.

On Jabbar's own Instagram page, comments began pouring in under her most recent posts from fans, friends, and more.

Love & Marriage: Huntsville follows three



high-powered African-American couples who are longtime friends come together to revitalize the thriving city of Huntsville, Alabama, through their joint real estate venture, The Comeback Group.

On her 42nd birthday, Jabbar was all smile on social media and thankful for life.

"On this 42nd birthday I'm MOST grateful for all of

my loved ones," posts Jabbar. "ALL of the ones who have stuck by me through the good, bad, ugly!!! Today I LAUGH and SMILE bigger than I ever HAVE AND IT'S just because I'm genuinely and truly HAPPY and surrounded by all those who are the most amazing, most LOYAL, most loving people in my life!!! I am so blessed to be surrounded by so many amazing people who all truly LOVE and DON'T PLAY ABOUT THEIR KEKE, not even with me!!!"

Funeral service for Ne'keshia Jenel Dawson Jabbar was Monday, July 8, at the Fellowship of Faith Church, Huntsville, Ala., with Bishop Michael Shinn officiating.

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Despite Delays, Still Time to File FAFSA for College Financial Aid

(BPT) - With thousands of high school graduates currently navigating their future education and career path, there is no better time to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) - the application for federal financial aid including grants, loans, work-study opportunities and scholarships for college or career school. In many cases, the FAFSA is also used to determine eligibility for state and college financial aid along with private scholarships.

While the clock is ticking on securing financial aid, many colleges have extended deadlines to ensure students have the time and resources necessary to successfully submit their

information. This, along with key changes designed to simplify the FAFSA, means students can spend less time on paperwork and more time focusing on their future.

Key changes to the 2024-2025 FAFSA:

* **Simplified form:** The number of questions has been significantly reduced, making it easier and faster to complete.

* **Expanded Pell Grant access:** More students will be eligible for Pell Grants due to changes in the eligibility criteria.

* **Updated definition:** The term "contributor" now encompasses anyone pro-

viding information on the FAFSA, including parents, stepparents and spouses.

* **Streamlined data sharing:** The FAFSA will automatically use tax information from the IRS, reducing the need for manual input.

* **Extended deadlines:** Deadlines for filing the FAFSA have been extended, giving students more time to complete the application.

"First and foremost, we want to reassure students and parents that there is still time to file the FAFSA to potentially unlock education funding that can lessen the financial burden of college or career school," said Angela Greenlay, di-



rector of student success at ECMC. "The new, simplified form often takes less than an hour to complete - a small investment that has the potential to pay off big throughout a student's education journey."

Any student, regardless of income, who wants to be considered for federal, state and school financial aid programs including grants, scholarships, work-study funds and loans, should complete the FAFSA.

Things to know:

* **Don't assume you won't qualify for financial aid -**

Virtually every student is eligible for at least one type of federal student aid, but you won't know unless you submit the FAFSA form. According to a recent report from NCAN, the class of 2023 left more than \$4 billion in Pell Grants on the table due to not filing the FAFSA.

* **FAFSA deadlines have been extended, many through August -** Contact the financial aid office at your selected schools regarding timelines for submission and visit studentaid.gov for more information regarding deadlines.

* **List all the colleges or career schools where you are applying for admission -** Your FAFSA information will be shared only with those colleges you specify on your application.

* **Check your email often -** Colleges will be sending financial aid offer letters that will include the amount of aid you are eligible to receive.

* **Reach out if you need help -** Contact your school's financial aid office for assistance or call the FAFSA Helpline at 1-800-4-FED-AID (1-800-433-3243).

Don't delay, go to studentaid.gov now to file your FAFSA. Education beyond high school is a great investment.

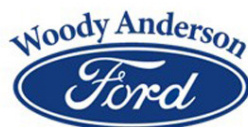
All options are worth considering, whether it's obtaining a credential to get into the workforce quickly or choosing a degree path that takes a bit more time, FAFSA is one of the key steps to start pursuing your dreams.



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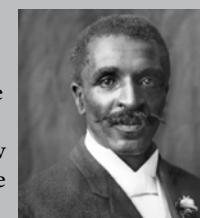
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JULY 12 - GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER - George Washington Carver, was an American agricultural scientist and inventor. He actively promoted alternative crops to cotton and methods to prevent soil depletion. While a professor at Tuskegee Institute, Carver developed techniques to improve soils depleted by repeated plantings of cotton. He wanted poor farmers to grow alternative crops, such as peanuts and sweet potatoes, as a source of their own food and to improve their quality of life. The most popular of his 44 practical bulletins for farmers contained 105 food recipes using peanuts. Carver was also a leader in promoting environmentalism.



- BlackCelebrityBirthdays.org

Keith: Shurney Center Expansion Focuses on Music Technology for Area

If music rocks your world or jazzes you up but you're trying to figure out how to continue developing your skills (or just get started), a project in the planning stages at the Dr. Robert Shurney Legacy Center may be what you're looking for.

The City is studying expansion of the studio/makerspace area at the North Huntsville Library within the Shurney Legacy Center through revitalization of the facility's vacant second floor. Plans focus on using that expanded space to introduce teens and young adults to the technology of music and for workforce development programs within the creative sector.

The project builds on popular music programs already offered at the library and aligns with the City's objective to grow as a music city.

"We already have a little bit of that space downstairs in the library and there's demand for more," City Administrator John Hamilton said. "There was a desire to expand it in partnership with the City's Music Office. What are the things we need to do to grow the local music industry? One of

them is introducing people to recording and music production and performance. So, it's a workforce development effort and that really starts fitting very closely with what the library already does as part

of their mission."

Council Member Devyn Keith, whose district includes the Shurney Legacy Center, said he is excited about the project's potential.

This project seeks to partner with private industry, aiming to provide teens and young adults with a foundation in music that could jumpstart careers in the industry.

"This is another promise kept to the community that we were looking at unique ways to integrate public spaces for public use," Keith said. "We made a commitment to that site to be unique, for it to magnetize and give people from all over the city a reason to come to north Huntsville."

"I think you'll see is a good marriage between public education and private industry," Hamilton said. "That's what we want it to be. It would fill a void in access to exposure and learning some basic skills."

Keith said the studio/makerspace will be another amenity that makes Huntsville special.

"This is a place where a mother or a father might introduce an instrument to their son or daughter," Keith said. "It's going to be something so unique that not many other cities have. I'm just excited to be a part of it."

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Parks & Recreation Opens After-school Registration

The City's Parks & Recreation Department opened registration for its after-school program for the 2024-2025 school year on Wednesday, July 10.

Offered at four recreation centers, the program provides high-quality after-school activities for Huntsville City Schools students in grades 1-6.

The cost is \$20 per child per week, with a \$10 fee for siblings. Fees are subject to change.

"Offering the community a robust after-school program is a priority for our highly trained staff," said Parks & Recreation Director James Gossett.

"We've designed a curricu-

lum that supports homework completion, physical activity and exploration of new interests."

Each recreation center will tailor activities to the children's preferences, including snacks, homework time, physical exercises, outdoor play, arts and games.

Parks & Recreation does not provide transportation from the schools to after-school care; however, some public schools do have buses that drop children off at select centers. Please contact your school to see if this is an option.

Locations:

Cavalry Hill Commu-

nity Center, 2900 Fairbanks Street NW, 256-427-5800

Dr. Richard Showers, Sr. Recreation Center, 4600 Blue Spring Road NW, 256-851-4001

Dr. Robert Shurney Legacy Center, 3011 Sparkman Drive NW, 256-851-4010

Mark Russell Recreation Center, 429 Taylor Road SE, 256-650-4747.

Parents or guardians must complete an online registration form for each child interested in joining the program. Visit the [after-school program](#) page for more information.

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Orion's 'Sip & Stroll' July 16

The Orion Amphitheater's free market series continues this summer with an activity on

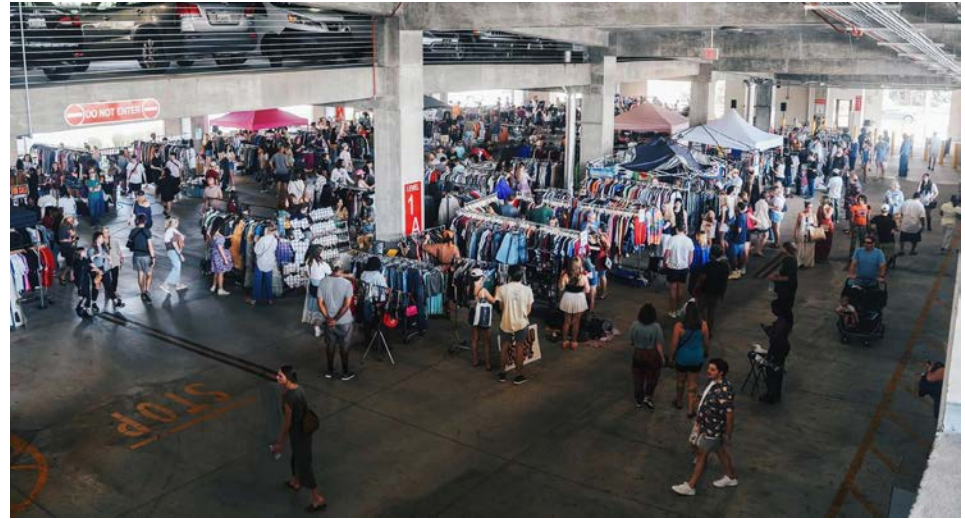
Tuesday, July 16. Help "Soak up Summer" from 5-9 p.m. The end of summer break

is near and we're here to soak in the final moments! This four-hour market will host a back-to-

school supply drive, wine specials and a slip & slide for all!

Next event: August 6.

Downtown Vintage Market August 3-4



Attention, all vintage lovers! One Man's Vintage is bringing back Huntsville's Downtown Vintage Market August 3-4, ground floor of the 132 Greene Street parking garage, 11

a.m.-5 p.m.

Enjoy a family-friendly market with vintage pieces, food, and music.

Over 40 vintage vendors will bring a huge variety of clothing, decor, and collectibles. Each

vendor is hand-selected and will bring a variety of different styles and pieces. These pieces vary all the way from the 50's to the '00s, so there will be a wide selection of items to look through!

And, the best thing is, it's completely free to attend and just in time for holiday shopping and gifts! So make sure to come shop, hang out, and enjoy the day downtown!

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