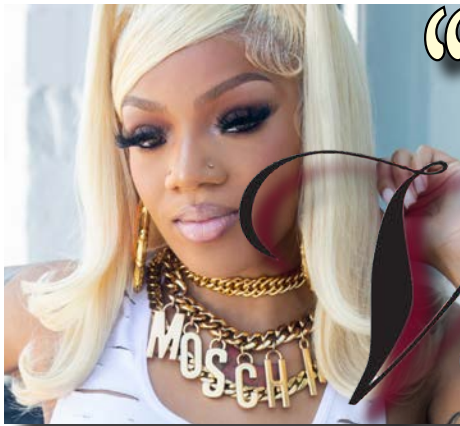


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Dr. Cynthia Smith



“A lie doesn’t become truth, wrong doesn’t become right, and evil doesn’t become good, just because it’s accepted by a majority.” - Booker T. Washington

A&M, County Garden Transforms into ‘The People’s Patch’

Alabama A&M University’s new community farm partnership with the Madison County Commission now has a name.

The People’s Patch, located on Meridian Street, provides a unique opportunity for AAMU faculty, students, and community members to address food insecurity while strengthening research and local food systems in Madison County.

Earlier this year, AAMU and the Madison County Commission signed

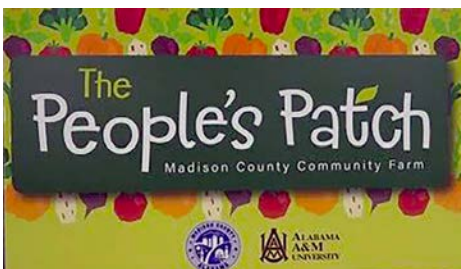
a five-year agreement to establish the farm near the AAMU campus to allow for expanded operations to meet increasing

District Six Commissioner Violet Edwards says the project has two-fold benefit to the area.

“Students are

coming together to look at irrigation and weed mitigation and learning how to work the land as we teach young people where food comes from,

says Edwards. “For the community, it means free produce. It means they can go out and get greens and cucumbers and melons whether they have the money or not.”
For additional inquiries regarding this initiative, please contact Jason Andra, District 6 harvest manager, at (256) 532-1505 or jandra@madisoncountyal.gov. or Dr. Majed Dweik, AAMU research vice president, at (256) 372-7010 or majed.dweik@aamu.edu.



needs.

Community involvement and engagement with the farm has been overwhelmingly positive.

Madison County

coming together to look at irrigation and weed mitigation and learning how to work the land as we teach young people where food comes from,

IMS Awards Dinner Set

The 2024 Interfaith Mission Service (IMS) Annual Celebration & Awards Dinner will be Tuesday, Aug. 13, at 6 p.m. at Trinity United Methodist Church, featuring Scott Douglas of Greater Birmingham Ministries. Visit interfaithmissionservice.org/2024-acad.



Ground Broken on New Stoner Park Skating Rink

Ground was broken recently on a new skating rink at Stoner Park in north Huntsville, a project that promises to transform recreational opportunities in the community.

Huntsville Mayor Tommy Battle described the project as another milestone in the City’s commitment to providing more places to play for all Huntsville residents.

“Over the past decade, we’ve worked hard to expand recreational

opportunities across our city and the Stoner Park Skating Rink is a testament to that dedication,” said Mayor Battle. “This new and exciting venue will be cherished by families and skating enthusiasts for years to come.”

Butler Construction was awarded the contract on the \$2.3 million project, which was designed by Nola | Van Peursem Architects.

The 85-foot-by-185-foot rink will be housed within a 19,000-square-foot

open air pavilion located on the site of the old tennis courts.

The facility will be equipped with modern amenities, including new restrooms and picnic areas.

Its strategic location within the 68-acre Stoner Park ensures easy access to existing attractions such as playgrounds, multi-purpose fields and various sports facilities, ensuring a holistic recreational experience for all visitors.

Huntsville City Council Member Devyn Keith expressed his enthusiasm for the project, emphasizing its community-driven origins.

“This project is the result of collaboration between passionate local residents and City officials,” Keith said. “It reflects our commitment to enhancing recreational infrastructure that meets the diverse desires of our residents.”

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Washington One Minute

by Ron Hamm

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

1. CONGRESS. The House and Senate are in session this week. The House will take up four FY2025 appropriations bills on the floor: (1) Energy & Water; (2) Interior; (3) Financial Services; and (4) Agriculture. On Monday, U.S. Secret Service Director Kimberly Cheatle testified before the House Oversight Committee at a hearing on the attempted assassination of former President Trump at a Pennsylvania campaign rally on July 13. On Wednesday, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu addressed a Joint Meeting of Congress. On Thursday, the Senate Appropriations Committee held a full committee markup of four FY2025

appropriations bills: (1) Transportation/HUD; (2) Commerce/Justice/Science; (3) State/Foreign Ops; and (4) Interior.

2. THE WHITE HOUSE. President Biden spent the weekend at Camp David, while First Lady Jill Biden was in Paris for the Summer Olympics Opening Ceremony. The President traveled to the LBJ Presidential Library in Austin, TX, Monday to give a speech on the 60th anniversary of the Civil Rights Act (that was postponed from July 15 due to the assassination attempt against former President Trump) and then went to Houston to pay his respects to the late Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee (D-TX). He was also expected to announce a proposal to impose term limits for Supreme Court justices and an enforceable

code of ethics.

3. PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN. On Saturday, Vice President Harris attended a fundraiser in Pittsfield, MA (located in the Berkshires) that reportedly raised \$1.4 million—more than three times its original goal of \$400,000. The Harris Campaign announced that it had raised more than \$200 million in the first week of her campaign (66% of which was from first-time donors) and had signed up 170,000 volunteers. Harris was in Atlanta on Tuesday and then attended Rep. Jackson Lee's funeral on Thursday in Houston. On Wednesday, former President Donald Trump returned to Pennsylvania for the first time since he survived an assassination attempt in Butler. He held an indoor rally in Harrisburg at the Pennsylvania Farm Show Complex.

4. INFLATION REPORT/FEDERAL RESERVE MEETING. On Friday, the Commerce

Department reported that the personal consumption expenditures price index increased 0.1% in June for an annual rate of 2.5%, down from 2.6% the previous month. Personal income rose 0.2%, and spending increased 0.3%, with economists satisfied that the numbers would ensure that the Federal Reserve would make its first interest rate cut at its September 17-18 meeting. Note: The Fed's Federal Open Market Committee met this Tuesday and Wednesday but was not expected to change the current federal funds rate of 5.25%-5.50%.

5. SUPREME COURT. The Supreme Court is adjourned and will reconvene on Monday, October 7.

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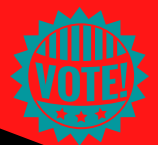
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“Who Is My Neighbor?”

to love our neighbors as we love ourselves.

This parable has an unexpected ending.



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After a man had been beaten and robbed, he

Luke 10:27 says, “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind [and] Love your neighbor as yourself.” Verse 29 reads, “And who is my neighbor?”

When Jesus tells this parable of the good Samaritan, it is in response to one of the most important questions of all. What should I do to inherit eternal life? This question is a test from a Jewish teacher who wanted to trap Jesus with his answer. Back then, and even now, there was a lot of profiling going on. To profile means to predict the capabilities of a certain subgroup of people or to group people into a certain category, like the Samaritans.

Today, we live in a time when people can also be judgmental based on a person’s skin color, financial status, or social influence. We should know that these characteristics are not useful when it comes to loving one another. Our ability to love one another should be based on a command Jesus gives us in this scripture:

was passed over by a priest and then a Levite. The person who did help the man was a Samaritan, a people the Jews despised.

The moral of this story is to be careful how we judge people, because we never know who our blessings will come from. They could be Black, White, Asian, or Samaritan. Stay encouraged, my brothers and sisters.

May God grant you spiritual success in learning how to love your neighbor as you love yourself.

Question: Why is it so hard to love our neighbors?


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.

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Funeral service for **MR. DARRELL “TINKER” LA GRAND, JR.** (b. 1978) was held Saturday, July 20, at Serenity.

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Funeral service for **MRS. BETTY HUGHES ROBERSON** (b. 1948) was Saturday, July 27, at Nelms Memorial Funeral Home Chapel.

Funeral service for **MRS. WINDER JEAN TAYLOR** (b. 1954) was Saturday, July 27, at the Indian Creek P.B. Association Tabernacle with Joe Kelly officiating.

Funeral service for **MRS. BETTY HUGHES ROBERSON** (b. 1948) was Saturday, July 27, in the Nelms Memorial Funeral Home Chapel with Reverend Walter Peavy officiating.

Funeral service for **MRS. CLARA EVON FLINT-HUMES** (b. 1960) was Friday, July 26, at Blackburn Chapel Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America (CPCA).

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Funeral service for **MASTER JERAMYH WILLIAMS** (b. 2011); **MRS. DORARETHA WILSON KIRBY** (b. 1953); will be announced at a later date.

Funeral service for **MS. MARY LOUISE ROBERTSON** (b. 1957) was Sunday, July 28, at the Royal Chapel of Memories.

Funeral service for **MRS. SARAH J. BROOKS** (b. 1941) was Saturday, July 27, at the Second Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church, US-29, Brewton, Ala., with Pastor Matthew Coleman as officiant and Pastor Zachary B. Williams as eulogist.

Funeral service for **MR. KENNETH MCKINLEY McDONALD** (b. 1956) was Saturday, July 27, at the Springhill Church, 1605 Zierdt Road, Madison, Ala., with Pastor Roderick Stallworth officiating.

**CITY OF HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
HOME Investment Partnerships Program**

The City of Huntsville, Alabama, through its Community Development Department, is accepting applications from non-profit and for-profit developers for multi-family affordable rental housing projects with funding from its HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME). Preference will be given to projects that leverage the City's HOME funding with other public and/or private funding sources.

Applications must be received by the Community Development Department at one of the addresses referenced below. The Community Development Department will be accepting and viewing applications until available funding is allocated.

Physical Address

City of Huntsville
Community Development Department
Huntsville City Hall – 3rd Floor
305 Fountain Circle
Huntsville, Alabama 35801

Mailing Address

City of Huntsville
Community Development Department
P. O. Box 308
Huntsville, Alabama 35804-0308

Copies of the HOME Program Multi-Family Rental Housing Funding Application, containing detailed application procedures and other information, may be obtained at the above physical address or on the City's website at <https://www.huntsvilleal.gov/residents/neighborhoods/community-development-public-notice-and-reports/>. For more information, contact Carol S. Gentz at 256-427-5400 or comdev@huntsvilleal.gov.

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Las solicitudes deben ser recibidas por el Departamento de Desarrollo Comunitario en una de las direcciones que se mencionan a continuación. El Departamento de Desarrollo Comunitario aceptará y revisará solicitudes hasta que se asignen los fondos disponibles.

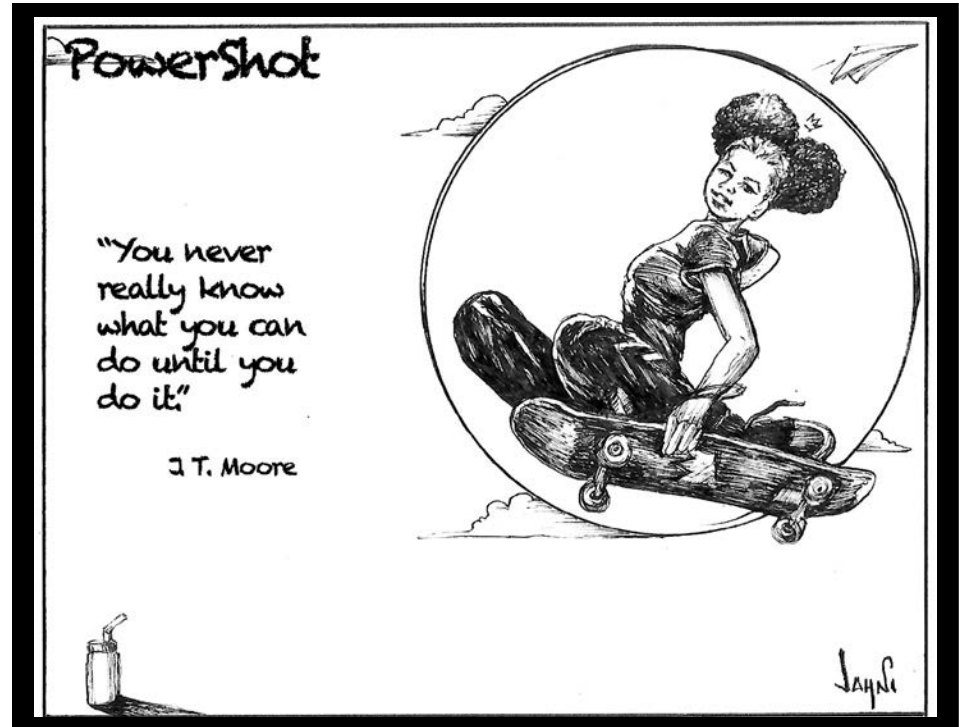
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Se pueden obtener copias de la Solicitud de financiación para viviendas de alquiler multifamiliares del programa HOME, que contiene procedimientos de solicitud detallados y otra información, en la dirección física mencionada anteriormente o en el sitio web de la ciudad en <https://www.huntsvilleal.gov/residents/neighborhoods/community-development-public-notice-and-reports/>. Para obtener más información, comuníquese con Carol S. Gentz al 256-427-5400 o comdev@huntsvilleal.gov.



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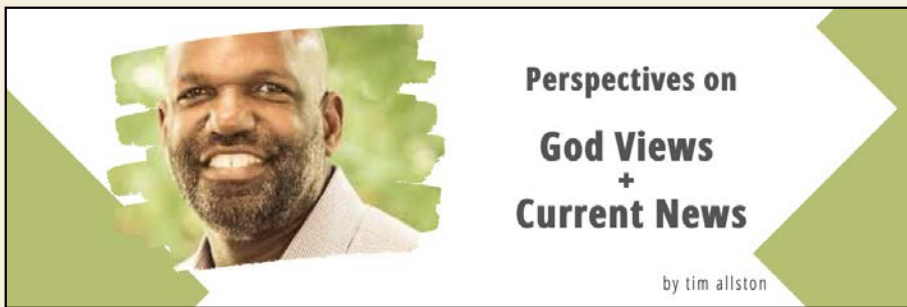
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Can You Say, “Sister President”? (Part 1)

“Behold, I make all things new.” - Revelations 21:5

Biden’s endorsement of VP Kamala Harris to replace him as the Democratic Party’s presidential nominee checks all of the political boxes for a party step-up in leadership.

Her candidacy already showcases newness in fund- and friend-raising, and Harris’ unique political one-two-three punch.

After weeks of party hand-wringing and nail-biting over aging Biden as presidential nominee, Harris’ choice endorses good timing, succession planning, and a second round of race, gender, and age trailblazing. The Democrat faithfuls, uncommitted independents, women, ageists, young adults, and people of color now have a “She-roe”!

Biden’s selection of Harris in 2020 and 2024 checked the boxes of current events and newsmakers at the intersection of best practices from the Bible - the purpose of this column.

Let’s explore the political step-ups and the biblical parallels for the Biden-to-Harris choice in these next few installments.

Harris’ Political Triple Crown

She enters this 2024 White House contest detonating old ageism, racism, and sexism landmines:

The 59-year old Harris replaces the 81-year old incumbent Biden, making the 78-year-old Trump history’s oldest presidential nominee; and

Barack Obama’s two-term presidency and Hillary Clinton’s winning the 2016 popular vote has not hindered citizens from donating to and poised to elect the first Asian-American female person of color, . . .

... And Already a 24-hour Fund- and Friend-raising Phenom

Kamala Harris smashes fundraising record with stunning \$81 million haul over 24 hours - ABC News. That one-day record-setting amount includes some 800,000 first-time donors along with 28,000 first-time campaign volunteers, <https://www.wxyz.com/politics/harris-campaign-reports-surge-in-sign-ups-for-volunteers-in-battleground-states>

Biden’s “His”-story now becomes “Her-story”

Why did Joe Biden pick Kamala as his 2020 running mate, I wondered? To me, Biden must have:

- Studied carefully the Bible’s story of Jesus meeting the Samaritan woman at Jacob’s Well (John chapter 4);
- With a few name changes, seen himself translucently in this story; and
- Placed a piece of tracing paper over it with updates to win the White House!

In these next few installments excerpted from my 2021 book, *U.S. Politics The Rise of Silver-Mettle Leaders*, I parallel Biden’s choice of Harris with Jesus’ choosing the Samaritan woman as his trailblazing Gentile evangelist.



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by Gloria B. Caldwell

Their Limitation ...

Their limitation is not your insecurity. Don’t adopt that mindset.

That belongs to them. You know what you’re supposed to do! You have a calling! You have been given the gifts, connections, attitude, and bandwidth to handle your calling. It is not for them.

credit to be. God has gifted everyone. So, why would you allow



Move out. Find someone who is operating in that capacity. Ask them about mentorship. Get around some people who will push you AND hold you accountable. Not those who project their self-proclaimed limitations on you.

You thought it!

You dreamed it! You desire it! There is a possibility for it. Even if you don’t see it come to fruition, remember, that some thoughts are the path that will segue into your calling. Be willing to move out, and open enough

to pivot.

Don’t attach their limitations to your goals, plans, or callings. Let them have that!

Lace Up! *Let’s Go!*

this person, who can’t move in their purpose to analyze what you’re gifted to do, and where you can go?! Don’t adapt this insecurity!

The plan is yours.

Their limitation could include hurt, disappointment, failure, or even envy. They are more powerful than what they are giving themselves

This Sunday’s Lectionary
Sunday, August 4, 2024
Eleventh Sunday
After
Pentecost

(Track 2, Year B)
First Lesson:
Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15
Psalm 78:23-29
Second Lesson:
Ephesians 4:1-16
GOSPEL:
John 6:24-35



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

Dr. Cynthia Smith

Dr. Cynthia M. Smith, a native of Brundidge (Pike County), Alabama, joined the Huntsville community in 1977. She retired from Alabama A&M University (AAMU) September 1, 2020, after 43 years of dedicated service. In her final positions as professor and chair of the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences (FCS), she was involved in teaching, research, advisement and the ongoing leadership responsibilities of the FCS unit. Prior to assuming this position in August of 2004, Dr. Smith served as coordinator of the Apparel, Merchandising and Design Area (AMD) within the Department.

Throughout her tenure, she was and continues to be, an active professional, and currently serves on the Executive Board of three professional organizations: the National Coalition for Black Development in Family and Consumer Sciences (NCBDFCS), Alpha Kappa Mu National Honor Society (AKM), and the Alabama Affiliate of FCS (ALAFCS). In the past, she has served on several committees of the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (AAFCS), including the prestigious Council for Accreditation, the Nominating Committee, and chair of the Council for Certification during its early years.

Dr. Smith has served on the Executive Board of the Alabama Affiliate of AAFCS

for most of her professional career, and she is a Past President (2007) of the group. She is a former chair of the 1890 CAFCS, and she holds the distinction of being the second president of the National Coalition for Black Development in Family and Consumer Sciences (NCBDFCS). Dr. Smith is the immediate past national president of Alpha Kappa Mu National Honor Society, and continues to serve the organization as the Regional Director for Region IV-Alabama.

For her leadership and service within the profession, Dr. Smith has received numerous awards and recognitions, including the 2014 Distinguished Service Award of the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences, the highest award given to a member by the organization; and named an AAFCS Legend in 2016. Other national awards of note have included the Legacy Award, Outstanding Service Award, and Distinguished Service Award from the NCBDFCS.

She received her bachelor's and master's degrees from Tuskegee University, and her doctorate from The Ohio State University. She is a 2012 graduate of the Food Systems Leadership Institute, Cohort #6; and the ESCOP/ACOP Leadership Training Program. As a professional in Family and Consumer Sciences, Dr. Smith's bio is featured in the



book, African American Contributions to the Human Sciences.

Dr. Smith is a member of several community groups. She is a 50-year (Golden) soror of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., as well as a life member. Within her chapter, Epsilon Gamma Omega, she has held several positions of leadership and currently serves as the Rituals Chairman. She serves on the board of the Ivy Center Foundation, a 501(c)3 charitable organization. Dr. Smith is also an alumna member of the Greater Huntsville Chapter of The Links Incorporated, and formerly served as the Rituals Chair, and chair of the Arts Facet.

She is a member of the Union Hill P.B. Church of Huntsville, where she currently serves as First Vice President of the Oscar L. Montgomery, Sr. Personal Growth Center, a 501(c)3 organization; and is the chair of the Wedding Committee.



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In accordance with Section 39-1-1, Code of Alabama, 1975, as amended, notice is hereby given that (JOHN PLOTT COMPANY, Inc.) has completed the Contract for (IFB 23-058: Research Park Blvd. Water Transmission Project) for the City of Huntsville, Alabama, a municipal corporation, d/b/a Huntsville Utilities and has made request for final settlement as provided by the Contract. All persons having any claims for labor, materials, or otherwise in connection with this project should immediately notify Huntsville Utilities Water Department, 112 Spragins St., Huntsville, Alabama 35801.



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AAMU Announces Early Festive Events for Homecoming 2024

Alabama A&M students, alumni and fans are getting a head start on their Homecoming plans as the University has announced early event details for the annual event.

The theme for this year's celebration has not yet been announced, but a full slate of activities October 5-12 has been released, with weekly updates and additional information ahead of an epic AAMU Homecoming.

The current lineup includes a **new** 1875 After Party and the return of the Homecoming Comedy Show.

Grammy Award-winning vocalist Leandria Johnson, 19-time Stellar Award &

Dove Award-winning artist Pastor Mike Jr., 2023 iHeartRadio Music Awards Best New Hip Hop artist Glorilla, Boosie, Cupid, King George and more have been announced to take the stage at Homecoming events.

Announced 2024 Homecoming events include:

Dusk Til Dawn Kickoff Party
Saturday, October 5 - 10:00 p.m. - The Quad

Gospel Explosion featuring Leandria Johnson, Pastor Mike, Jr. and more
Sunday, October 6
7:00 p.m.
Event Center

Recipes from the Vault with Chef Cam
Tuesday, October 8 - 11:00



a.m. – LRC Patio

Every Sunny Wednesday / Staff Yard Show
Wednesday, October 9 - 12:00 p.m.
The Quad

Fashion Show
Wednesday, October 9 -

7:00 p.m. – Event Center

Alumni Golf Tournament
Thursday, October 10
7:00 a.m.
Trent Jones Golf Trail

Comedy Show
Thursday, October 10
7:00 p.m.

Event Center

Class Reunion Brunch
Friday, October 11
9:30 a.m.
Knight Center

Alumni Block Party
Friday, October 11 - 11:00 a.m. – The Block

Alumni Day Party featuring “King George” and more
Friday, October 11 - 3:00 p.m.

NPHC Step Show
Friday, October 11 - 7:30 p.m. – Event Center

2024 Homecoming Parade
Saturday, October 12 - 8:00 a.m. – Meridian Street
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Football vs. Bethune Cook-

man

Saturday, October 12 - 2:00 p.m. – Louis Crews Stadium

Get **TICKETS**

Hip-Hop Concert featuring GloRilla, Boosie, and more
Saturday, October 12 - 7:00 p.m. – Von Braun Center

1875 After Party featuring Cupid and more
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Author, essayist, novelist and civil rights leader James Baldwin was born on August 2, 1924, and was subsequently educated in New York City. His first novel, *Go Tell It on the Mountain*, appeared in 1953 to excellent reviews and immediately was recognized as establishing a profound and permanent new voice in American letters.



AUGUST 2 - GOLDEN TATE - Golden Herman Tate III is an American football wide receiver for the New York Giants of the National Football League (NFL). He played college football at Notre Dame, where he was recognized as an All-American, and was drafted by the Seattle Seahawks in the second round of the 2010 NFL Draft. He has also played for the Philadelphia Eagles and Detroit Lions, with whom he made a Pro Bowl appearance. He is the son of Golden Tate Jr., a former wide receiver at Tennessee State.



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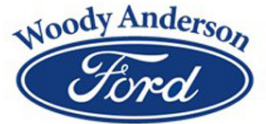
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Area Teachers Meet at A&M's Event Center

It's that time of year again! Huntsville City Schools (HCS) and other area school systems will welcome thousands of students, teachers and staff for the 2024-25 school term.

As part of HCS staff development, hundreds of educators and personnel met on the campus of Alabama A&M University at The Event Center (above).

HCS employs nearly

4,000 teachers and staff, who educate and provide other support services to over 23,000 students through an annual operating budget that exceeds \$400 million.

HCS is comprised of six high schools, 11 middle high schools and 26 elementary schools. The diverse school system is 46 percent white, 40 percent black, 15 percent Hispanic,

nine percent multi-racial, two percent Asian and 0.7 percent other categories.

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"Silence is one of the great arts of conversation."

- Cicero

DHI 'Legacy of the Invisible' Rescheduled

Due to ongoing rainy weather conditions, Downtown Huntsville, Inc. (DHI) is rescheduling the "Legacy of the Invisible" celebratory event. The event will now take place on August 16, still happening at 6 pm at the corner of Clinton Avenue and Washington Street.

The "Legacy of the Invisible" event celebrates Huntsville's newest art installation, "No Straight Lines," which pays tribute to Huntsville's rich scientific legacy in astrophysics. The artwork highlights the groundbreaking discoveries made possible by

Huntsville scientists and engineers, inspired by the 2017 detection of merging neutron stars in galaxy NGC 4993.

The piece depicts a neutron star merger, a pivotal event in the evolution of scientific understanding of the universe. Remarkably, the event depicted in the artwork was discovered on August 17, 2017. The rescheduled celebration will honor seven years of this groundbreaking discovery.

The "Legacy of the Invisible" program will feature remarks from NASA scientists and Arts Huntsville, offering insights into

the artwork's inspiration and significance. Attendees will also have the opportunity to meet the artist, Float, whose creativity brings science to life through his art.

In conjunction with the celebration, Downtown Huntsville, Inc. invites the public to join the Downtown Huntsville Art Walk at 5 p.m. The free Art Walk offers live music, yard games, kid-friendly activities, and a chance to explore offerings from over 50 local vendors in open entertainment districts.

For more information, call (256) 609-9163.