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"He who knows, does not speak. He who speaks, does not know."

- Lao Tzu



## Mayor Battle: Top Retail Store Coming to Huntsville

Huntsville Mayor Tommy Battle delivered his annual State of the City address virtually this year. One of the highlights of the presentation was Battle's announcement that the Rocket City is getting a Trader Joe's retail store in MidCity District on University Drive in 2021.

Based in Monrovia, Calif., and part of the German-owned ALDI chain, Trader Joe's is a chain of grocery stores and has more than 500 stores in more than 40 states and the District of Columbia. It was founded in Pasadena over 60 years ago.

Glassdoor ranked the store #14 in the nation in 2020 in the category of best places to work.

## AAMU Receives \$3M DoD STEM Award

Alabama A&M University (AAMU) has been awarded a new grant totaling \$2.96 million over three years from the DoD NDEP (National Defense Education Program) under its Science Technology Engineering Mathematics (STEM) education, outreach and workforce initiative programs.

According to the DoD announcement, "the goal of this

DoD effort is to establish programs to better position the current and next-generation STEM workforce, which is critical to the Department and our Nation's security." The DoD NDEP program awarded a total of \$31 million over a three-year period to fund STEM education, outreach, and workforce initiatives for students and educators from early childhood through post-



secondary.

The AAMU response was one of only 12 selected for funding from a competitive national pool of 182 submissions. Dr. Paul Ruffin, chief scientist of AAMU-RISE and an adjunct professor in AAMU's physics program, is the principal investigator.

## Drake State, NASA Enter Cooperative Agreement for Space Construction

Drake State Community & Technical College has been selected by NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville, Ala., as a partner to develop 3D printing technologies that will help prepare for sustainable Artemis operations on

the Moon by the end of the decade and for future human missions to Mars.

Drake State submitted a proposal to Marshall's seventh competitive Cooperative Agreement Notice (CAN) for Dual-Use

Technology Development solicitation, and the award will fund collaborative research in support of NASA's Moon to Mars Planetary Autonomous Construction Technologies (MMPACT) project. This project aims to develop, deliver, and demonstrate ondemand capabilities to protect astronauts and create infrastructure on the lunar surface via construction of landing pads, habitats, shelters, roadways, berms and blast shields using lunar regolith-based materials.

Drake State is the first community college and only historically Black commu-

nity college to receive a cooperative agreement award from Marshall's CAN opportunity since its inception in 2013.

The research team consists of students, instructors and administrators from the college's Engineering Design program. It will test 3D printed concrete structures to help develop construction techniques suitable for building landing pads, roads, and other large structures on the Moon.

"Being Huntsville's community college, we're especially proud to have received this CAN award," said Dr.

Patricia Sims, President of Drake State Community & Technical College. "We've been a part of the Rocket City since 1961. The opportunity to support NASA with our research project is truly exciting."

The one-year research project is funded through NASA's Minority University Research and Education Project (MUREP).

The research team will collaborate with ICON, an innovative 3D printing construction company in Austin, Texas, that is working with NASA on early research and development of a space-based construction system that could support future exploration of the Moon and Mars.



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## Church Street CPCA to Observe 20 Years of Servant Leadership

The members of the Church Street CPCA are excited about the month-long celebration of the 20<sup>th</sup> Pastoral Anniversary of the Reverend Doctor Mitchell M. Walker. The Anniversary theme is "Celebrating 20 Years at Church Street CPCA: Preaching, Teaching, Leading with a Servant's Heart." The public is invited to the Drive through Parade on Saturday, October 24 from 2-3 PM and to the Virtual Worship & Anniversary Celebration on Sunday, October 25 at 9:30AM, to be shared on Facebook, Youtube, Periscope, and later that same day on WEUP-AM Radio Station. In honor of the first family, the Church Street Session

members have declared October as THE MITCHELL M. and MARY ELAINE WALKER MONTH.

For over 23 years, Dr. Walker served as pastor of the St. James CPCA in Cleveland, Tenn. He prepared extensively for the ministry, including earning a Master of Divinity degree from Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, a Doctor of Ministry degree from Columbia Theological Seminary and a Certificate in Addiction Counseling from Memphis Theological Seminary.

*Excerpts from Karen Stanley*

A devoted family man, Dr. Walker is married to Mary Elaine (Friend) Walker, a retired educator.



They delight in three adult children, and the apples of their eyes are six grandchildren. Yet, they still have room to love the entire church family and their community.

**OCTOBER 23 - PELE** - The world greatest soccer player Pelé, born Edison Arantes do Nascimento in Três Corações, Brazil. He was named the FIFA Player of the Century. He is the all-time top scorer in the history of the Brazil national team.  
- *BlackinTime.info*



## Called 2 Preach

by Pastor/Founder Michael D. Rice  
Grace Gethsemane Mission Church

### "Doppelganger Deity and Discipleship"

I must confess from the onset that this word "doppelganger" is new for me, and I also must confess that I discovered it as I recently became a fan of the Marvel character *Flash*. I guess he appeals to the lad in me and my boyhood love of comic books. The term literally means "double walker." While the lad in me was intrigued by that meaning of the term, the preacher in me

found a way to "preacherize" it (I know that is not a word 😊). It is also defined as "a biologically unrelated look-alike.

That is what Israel was guilty of in the day of Elijah the Prophet. They were guilty of "double walking," walking with God and Baal (Doppelganger discipleship). In their mind they also created a doppelganger deity, for they had sought to make



Baal into a God look-alike. Commandment number one broken to pieces! "Thou shall have no other gods before me." This was a very consistent and cyclic issue with Israel. Elijah came upon the scene with a question; "How long will you halt between

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- Pele

two opinions?" "How long with you be a "double-walker?"

The showdown at Mt. Carmel gave the people what they needed, a visible veri-

fication of the veracity of God's power. The combustion and consumed-by-fire sacrifice left no option for the people of God.

"The LORD, He is God!"

They said it twice; their double walking had ended. No more doppelganger discipleship and deity.

# Washington in One Minute



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

1) The Senate is in session this week and the House is out, although Members have been told that they will be given 24 hours' notice if a deal is reached with the White House on a coronavirus relief bill and votes on the House floor are necessary (NOTE: On Sunday, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi set a deadline for the White House of Tuesday, Oct. 20, to submit final language to the House for review). The Senate will vote on a \$500 billion GOP coronavirus relief bill on Wednesday, which reportedly may include additional federal unemployment benefits, a new round of loans under the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP), and \$100 billion for schools, as well

as money for testing, contact tracing, and vaccine development and distribution. On Thursday, the Senate Judiciary Committee is expected to send the nomination of Judge Amy Coney Barrett to the Senate floor, with floor debate expected to last through the weekend with a vote by the full Senate on the following Tuesday (Oct. 27).

2) President Trump this week has campaign rallies in Arizona, Pennsylvania and North Carolina. On Thursday (Oct. 22) from 9-10:30 p.m. EDT, the President and former VP Joe Biden met at Belmont University in Nashville, Tenn., for the final presidential debate, which was moderated by NBC News White House correspondent Kristen Welker. The six debate topics were: Fighting COVID-19,

American Families, Race in America, Climate Change, National Security, and Leadership.

3) According to ProPublica, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) will hold a preliminary meeting Thursday (Oct. 22) on potential COVID-19 vaccines to discuss the standards the FDA will seek before authorizing a vaccine. The FDA has committed to holding advisory committee meetings to review data from individual vaccine candidates.

4) Last Friday, the U.S. Supreme Court announced that it would expedite an appeal by the Trump Administration in a dispute over a July 2020 memorandum, in which President Trump ordered the Commerce Department to include information in the 2020 Census' state-by-state breakdown that would enable the President to exclude people who are in the country illegally for use in the allocation of seats in the House of Representatives. The justices (who will likely be joined by newly-sworn Justice Amy Coney Barrett) will hear oral argument in Trump v.

New York on Nov. 30. A three-judge district court issued an order on Sept. 10 that blocked the Trump Administration from implementing the memorandum in a lawsuit filed by the State of New York, plus 21 other states, the District of Columbia, 15 cities and counties, and the U.S. Conference of Mayors.

5) Upcoming: on October 28, three giants of the tech world, Twitter's Jack Dorsey, Facebook's Mark Zuckerberg, and Alphabet/Google's Sundar Pichai, will testify remotely before the Senate Commerce Committee on the topic

of whether social media platforms do enough to stop the spread of misinformation and whether the sweeping immunity granted by Section 230 of the Communications Decency Act enables "

6) Education and Workforce: Community colleges throughout the country are creating contact tracing courses to meet the urgent demand for trained people able to track COVID-19 infections and thus slow the spread of the disease. According to the American Medical Association, states and localities in the U.S. need at least 100,000 contact tracers "to meaningful-

ly control transmission of the virus as states continue to lift social distancing restrictions." Before the pandemic, the nation has just 2,200 contact tracers. Students who complete the program can secure jobs at state or local health departments or private organizations contracted by public agencies.

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## Champion Game Plan for Life

by Preston Brown

### "IT'S TIME TO MAKE A CHANGE"

In Luke 15:17-20, it reads: "When he came to his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants. So he got up and went to his father.'"

Have you ever come to a place in your life where you say to yourself, "This is not working anymore and it's time for me to make a change"--just like we find here with the Prodigal Son? But the good news for all of us is that you can come back home again and restore the life you once knew. Because we serve a God that will never leave us or

forsake us. We serve a God that will wait for us to come to our senses.

Today, so many people get tempted by the ways of this world and are led astray and forget where they come from. They forget the peace and security of home--not just our physical home but our spiritual home, as well. You see, God is our home, in the spiritual sense, when we make Him lord and savior of our lives. And, whenever we get off track, hopefully, we will sober up, come to our senses and go back home. You see, I believe that sometimes God will allow us to get to a place where we say, "This isn't working anymore." So, if you are dealing with any kind of turmoil or sin in your life, Jesus is waiting



for you to come back home. He is saying, 'Come back to the abundant life that' that He desires for us to have, which is a life of love, joy and peace.

Whenever we decide to go back home, God will be filled with compassion and forgiveness, just like the father of the Prodigal Son. God is always waiting to restore our relationship with Him. So when you find yourself not satisfied with what this world has to offer, it's time to go back home to a God that loves and cares for you ... Stay encouraged, my brothers and sisters, and make sure you purchase a copy of my book, "A Champion Game Plan for Life," at amazon.com.



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Presenter: **Pam Frazier**

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Presenter: **Pam Clasgens**



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# DAP2.0 Documents Successes

After 33 years of running Drug Alternative Program (DAP) – a 12 to 18 month substance abuse recovery program for adult men – Cliff and Freddie Harris were ready to slow down. They had watched God guide DAP to miraculous successes since starting the program in 1987.

They'd helped to free hundreds of men from substance addictions, and DAP had garnered a 65 percent success rate, much higher than the 15 to 20 percent of other national recovery programs. With that kind of reputation, Cliff and Freddie felt their purpose for DAP was complete and they decided to retire.

The Harris' moved from California to their "vacation" home in Huntsville, Alabama – now their permanent home. As Cliff and Freddie settled into their new routines, their experience as substance abuse recovery leaders resulted in requests for their help. They agreed to lead an overcomer's support group for Oakwood University (OU) students and a substance abuse support group for Oakwood Univer-

sity Church (OUC) because once a servant leader, always a servant leader.

During that time, Cliff felt a sneaking suspicion he tried his best to ignore. Was the Lord calling him to begin a new DAP site in Huntsville? Like Jonah, his and Freddie's first impulse was to resist and run the other way. But like Jonah, Cliff and Freddie eventually accepted the Lord's call and started scouting for a location. True to form, God led Cliff right to the house He'd picked out for their first recovery home.

The home owner noticed Cliff walking around the property and saw the sign, "Drug Alternative Program" on his truck. She looked DAP up on the web and decided she wanted Cliff to have her home so DAP could make a difference in the community.

The house, set on 3½ acres of land, is an eight-bed facility. With five current clients, they have room to add three more. And instead of being an additional DAP site, the Huntsville facility is DAP's new home.

DAP's signature work therapy program – their lawn/landscaping service – has already gained clients and is looking to gain more. Through this part of the program, DAP's recovery clients work to pay off one half of their program expenses. Their professional work can already be seen around OUC, Oakwood Memorial Gardens Cemetery, and several residential yards in DAP's neighborhood.

"I want to help multitudes of people come to Christ," Cliff says. Already, four of their five current clients have accepted Christ through baptism.

Neither Cliff nor Freddie knows how long God wants DAP to continue. But they're committed to working tirelessly to add to God's kingdom, one recovered addict at a time.

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## Huntsville Council Meetings

Huntsville City Council Regular Meetings are held in the City Council Chambers of the Municipal Building on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month at 5:30 p.m.,



Downtown Huntsville. Watch the meetings live via HuntsvilleAL.gov/HSVTV or on the City of Huntsville Facebook page (@huntsvillecity).

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9/27	OakWood U. Blake Center
NOON-1PM	7000 Advertiser Blvd NW
9/30	St. Luke Christian
10AM-NOON	3100 Sparkman Dr. NW
10/3	VGW Biker Rally
11:30-5PM	7200 Springdale Rd NW
10/4	Beaver Dam PBC
NOON-4PM	710 Beaver Dam Rd. N.E., Toney, AL
10/4	Zion Progress MBC
11:30-1PM	7100 Owen Pattenway Rd
10/10	Maitland Conservatory
9AM-1PM	5045 Maitland Pkwy NW

Richard Showers Center:  
4000 Blue Spring Rd NW

Saturday 10AM-12PM

10/17, 10/24, 10/31

Sunday 2AM-4PM

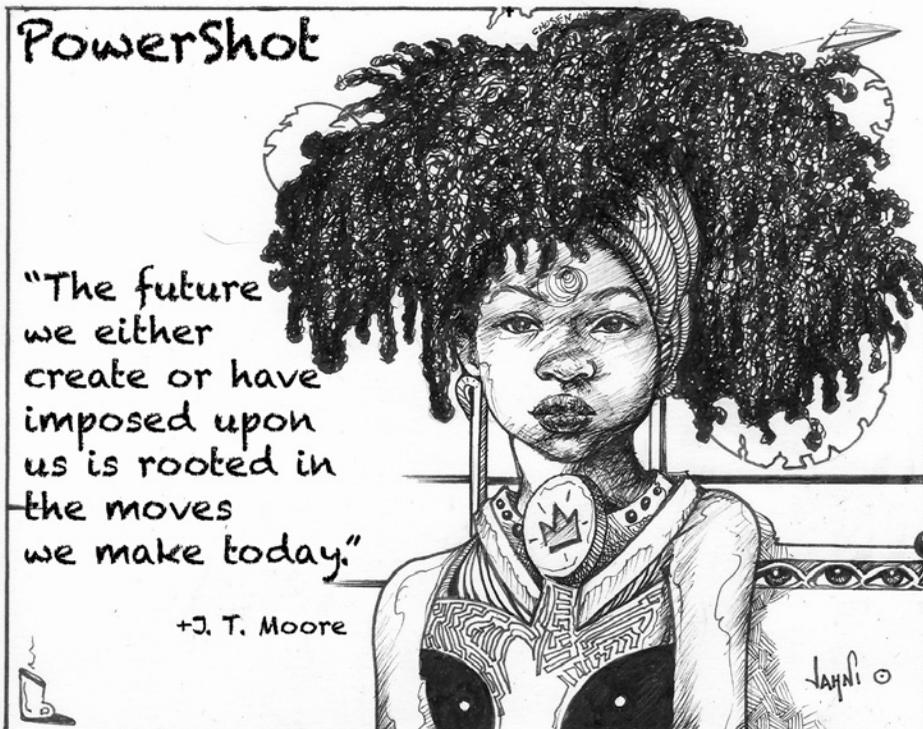
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# Tennessee Valley Calendar of Events

**October 21**  
League of Women Voters  
Voter Services on The Square  
100 North Side Square  
Huntsville, Ala.  
9 a.m.-3 p.m.

**October 22**  
Master Artist Workshop  
Lian Quan Zhen  
"East Meets West: Chinese &  
Watercolor Painting"  
Huntsville Museum of Art  
\$525 Non-members  
Huntsville, Ala.  
9 a.m.-4 p.m.

**October 23**  
Alabama A&M University  
Board of Trustees Meeting  
Clyde Foster Auditorium  
College of Business and Public  
Affairs (Virtual)  
10 a.m.

**October 24**  
11th Annual Plant Sale  
Huntsville Botanical Garden

**October 26-30**  
City-Wide Revival  
First Missionary Baptist  
Church  
3509 Blue Spring Road, NW  
Huntsville, Ala.

**October 27**  
LearningQuest Webinar  
"Keeping Kids Safe"  
Pam Clagens  
Free and OPEN to the Public  
Register at LQUEST.org  
7:30 p.m.

**October 29**  
\$5 After 5PM  
Huntsville Museum of Art  
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**October 31**

Festive 5K Challenge  
Benefitting Early Works  
\$35/Race  
runsignup.com  
10 a.m.-12 p.m.

**November 13**  
Alabama A&M University  
Black Tie Scholarship Gala  
Entertainment: Dru Hill  
Virtual - 7 p.m.

**November 15**  
Sunday Jazz Lunch Brunch  
at Stovehouse featuring Josh  
Couts & Friends  
Stovehouse  
Huntsville, Ala. - 12 p.m.

**November 22**  
Pre-Thanksgiving Service  
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## Valley Deaths

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Private memorial service for MS. LINDA F. STEWART (b. 1953) will be Saturday, October 24, at 12 p.m. at Lowes Chapel United Methodist Church.

Graveside service for MRS. IRENE W. JORDAN (b. 1949) was held Sunday, October 18, at the Hambrick Cemetery.

Graveside service for MS. ANGELA C. "POKEY" PETTY (b. 1967) was held Sunday, October 18, at Pine Grove Cemetery in Deposit, Ala.

Graveside service for MRS. NADEAN WOODS COLLIER (b. 1950) was held Sunday, October 18, at Valhalla Memory Gardens.

Graveside service for MR. JOHN L. GORDON (b. 1947) was held Sunday, October 18, at Meadowlawn Garden of Peace with Pastor Dwight Clarke officiating.

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Graveside service for MOTHER IDELLA JEFFERSON (b. 1942) was held Wednesday, October 21, at Huntsville Memory Gardens (6810 University Drive, NW Huntsville, Ala.) with Elder Adrian Jefferson officiating.

Graveside service for DEACON WILLIAM LARRY GARTH, SR., was held Saturday, October 17, at Pine Grove Memorial Gardens (759 Pine Grove Road, Unit A, Harvest, Ala.) with Pastor Kenneth B. Lankford, Jr. officiating.

Funeral service for MRS. JEANETTE SALES WATKINS (b. 1933) was held Wednesday, October 14, at the Northside Cemetery.

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Graveside services for MR. JERRY (TEDDY BEAR) GRUBBS (b. 1969) was held Wednesday, October 21, at Huntsville Memory Gardens with Pastor Troy Garner officiating.

Graveside services for MS. KESHIA MICHELLE PHILLIPS (b. 1980) was held Saturday October 17, at Valley View Memorial Gardens with Minister Alexis Crutcher officiating.

Funeral services for MR. HUGH BELLMON (b. 1950) was held Saturday October 17, at Mt. Carmel Primitive Baptist Church with Elder Jesse L. Draper officiating.

Perspectives on  
God Views  
+  
Current News

by tim allston

## Needed: More Ants in your Mailbox!

*"Take a lesson from the ants, you lazybones. Learn from their ways and become wise! Though they have no prince or governor or ruler to make them work, they labor hard all summer, gathering food for the winter" - Proverbs 6:6-8, NLT.*

Here, King Solomon advised that just like ants, one can be productive without a top leader.

And today's United States Postal Service (USPS) workers are following that Solomonic advice.



### (Not) Playing Post Office

According to The Washington Post, "With the Postal Service expected to play a historic role in this year's election, some of the agency's 630,000 workers say they felt a responsibility to counteract cost-cutting changes from their new boss, Postmaster General Louis DeJoy, that they blame for the mail slowdowns.

"They question whether DeJoy — a top Republican fundraiser and booster of President Trump — is politicizing the institution in service to a president who has actively tried to sow distrust of mail-in voting, insisting without evidence that it will lead to massive fraud, <https://wapo.st/34ioco>.

More than in previous times, this year's presidential election will be influenced more by below-the-radar and "leaderless" USPS workers; here, they are exercising their civic (and moral) responsibility over bureaucratic politicizing.

These workers are showing their true mettle as "silver-mettle leaders," or leaders from the middle.

### Are You A Silver-Mettle Leader?

You are a silver-mettle leader if you:

1. Report to someone in your organization - whether it's in your family, workplace or church (silver);
2. Perform your often-unheralded tasks with character, fortitude and courage (mettle); and
3. Succeed primarily NOT through your title or position, but through your influence and your relationships (leader).

Organizations can and often do function for a short period of time without a top leader; however, no organization can thrive or even SURVIVE without its silver-mettle leaders, its leaders from the middle.

### And now, You, . . .

Like the postal workers working to safeguard our mail generally and voting privileges specifically, are you a silver-mettle leader working to safeguard and grow your family, workplace, social group or worship place?

If not yet, then start right now.

tim allston is the author of the printed/digital/audiobook, *The U.S. Coronavirus Crisis and the Rise of the "Silver-Mettle" Leaders*, available now at <https://amzn.to/3cx1koV>.



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## Spotlight on Our Elders ... Dr. Joseph Henderson

Coach Joe Henderson was born in Hale County, Ala. He received his high school education from U.S. Jones High School in Demopolis, Ala. He later earned



both the Bachelor of Science degree in history and physical education and the master's degree in counseling and guidance from Alabama State University in Montgomery.

Continuing his educational pursuits, Coach Henderson earned his educational specialist degree from Georgia State University in Atlanta, Ga., in psychological counseling. He received the Doctor of Education degree from George Peabody College at Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn.

He served his country in the U.S. Army as a military policeman for two years, becoming the first African-American to receive "MP of the Month" at Camp Casey, Korea.

In 1975, Coach Henderson entered the ranks of college coaching at Alabama A&M University. His first assigned duties were as an instructor in physical education, athletic counsel, assistant basketball coach and head track coach. Coach Henderson produced seven (7) Olympians, over 100 All Americans, three NCAA Division II Women's Outdoor Championships and one Indoor NCAA Division II Women's Championship. His women's team won 16 consecutive SIAC outdoor track and field championships and 12 consecutive SIAC cross country championships. Some of his most successful athletes were: Grace Jackson Small (Olympic Silver Medalist, Jearl Miles Clark (Olympic Gold Medalist); Dannette Young Stone (Olympic Gold Medalist); and several others.

# Girls Inc. Plans Power of the Purse Auction Thru Oct. 26

*Girls Inc. of Huntsville will host its Power of the Purse virtual auction thru October 26 featuring fabulous purses and exciting gift bundles.*

programs. The organization has recently stepped in to help young students whose parents cannot be home to help with remote learning.

“It is imperative to help these students stay current with their schoolwork and not fall behind, Malone said.

Auction items may be previewed at 2020POP.givesmart.com.

Power of the Purse had originally been set for March 2020 but was cancelled due to the pandemic.

The event is new to Huntsville and brings together local designers, community leaders and teens from Girls Inc. to create one-of-a-kind handbags that will be auctioned off during the virtual event,” said Stephanie Malone, executive director of Girls Inc.

Money raised during this event will support Girls Inc. STEM programs and provide scholarships for girls to attend after-school and summer camp

The list of celebrity ‘purse-o-nalities” includes the following: Pammie Jimmar, Huntsville/Madison County Chamber of



Commerce; Julie Lockwood, Van Valkenburgh and Wilkinson, Realtors; Randy Roper, Randy Roper Interiors; Dr. Hayley

Alliance; Jeannie Vereen, Mill Village Wool; and Willette Battle, Fit 2 B Tied Couture.

DeGraaff, Advance Life Clinic; Dr. Patricia Sims, J.F. Drake State Community and Technical College; and Abbiegail Hugine, AlabamaA&M University.

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