

“PUTTING YOUTH FIRST IN BIRMINGHAM”

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UPCOMING EVENTS

March 2, 2020
DR. SEUSS BIRTHDAY
9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.
McWane Science Center

For more info:
(205)-714-8300

March 10, 2020
GRUBDOWN
(BPL) Springville Road
Library

For more info:
(205) 226-4081

March 14, 2020
**PROM DRESS
GIVEAWAY**
DYS office

For more info:
(205) 320-0879

March 19, 2020
ZOO CAREER DAY 2020
10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Birmingham Zoo

For more info:
(205) 879-0409

March 24-29, 2020
UniverSoul Circus
Times Vary
Legion Field

For more info:
www.universoulcircus.com

DYS & Fox 6 Launch 2020 Kids and Jobs Program

The City of Birmingham Mayor’s Office Division of Youth Services (DYS) and FOX6 launch the 2020 Kids & Jobs Program.

This summer, DYS and FOX6 will put hundreds of Birmingham youth to work through this program. Kids & Jobs is designed to help cultivate the professional development necessary for youth and young adults to become an integral part of the workforce.

- **EXPOSURE (14 & 15-Year-Old) PROGRAM** Participating students will receive first-time exposure to the workplace. The EXPOSURE COMPONENT of the Kids & Jobs Program gives deserving Birmingham youth, who might

otherwise not be given the chance, an opportunity to experience the workplace for the first time.

- **SUMMER EXPLORER PROGRAM** The SUMMER EXPLORER PROGRAM Provides high school students 16 years of age and older with an introduction to the workforce and a chance to explore one of the various professions offered.
- **SUMMER EXECUTIVE INTERNSHIP** The EXECUTIVE PROGRAM provides college students up to the age of 24 with a unique opportunity to establish a foundation for their career path.

Literacy Leaders Program

College Students who apply for the S.E.I. can participate in the Literacy Leaders program

- Literacy Leaders are S.E.I.

2020 KIDS & JOBS

Students majoring in Education or a related field

- Serve as reading tutors for rising 2nd and 3rd graders at area libraries
- Tutors will be trained to be highly-effective reading coaches
- Students will gain valuable work skills and satisfaction changing the lives of children

Applications are now available at <https://www.bhamyouthfirst.org/> and www.wbrc.com.

Applicants must live in the city of Birmingham to participate in the Kids & Jobs Program. For more information about the Kids & Jobs Program, contact DYS at (205) 320-0879.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Bike Rodeo-West

West End Academy
March 13, 2020
8:30 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

The United Way in collaboration with Partners for Clean Air offer a fun and educational activity to encourage students to make healthier lifestyle choices in an interactive environment. Bike Rodeos are hosted at local schools for students in 3rd, 4th and 5th grade to increase physical activity, improve air quality, increase safety, and increased community engagement. Through five interactive stations the students will learn bike skills and street safety.

To sign up, please visit:
https://uwca.givepulse.com/event/146259-Bike-Rodeo-West-End-Academy?referring_group_id=217766

StrongHer

Every year March is designated Women's History Month by Presidential proclamation. The month is set aside to honor women's contributions in American history.

Women's History Month began as a local celebration in Santa Rosa, California. The Education Task Force of the Sonoma County Commission on the Status of Women, planned and executed a "Women's History Week" celebration in 1978. The organizers selected the week of March 8th to correspond with International Women's Day. The movement spread across the country as other communities initiated their own Women's History Week celebrations the following year.

In February 1980, President Jimmy Carter issued the first Presidential Proclamation declaring the Week of March 8th, 1980 as National Women's History Week.

The City of Birmingham is recognizing outstanding women. Mayor Randall Woodfin launched the Birmingham StrongHer campaign which recognizes some of the Magic City's unsung "sheroes."

Each day, a woman will be featured on the city's social media outlets. Mayor Woodfin applauds these women and thousand of others for making a difference in our community.

DYS celebrates its Sheroes who strive everyday to put "Youth First" in the City of Birmingham!



DYS ladies from L-R: Valerie Wilson, Cailen Raines, Ashley Davenport, Crystal Ash, Ana Gilleylen, Auriel Thompson, Jocelyn Garcia-Soto, Porsha Jones

FREE Prom Dress Giveaway

March 14, 2020
10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

The City of Birmingham Mayor's Office Division of Youth Services (DYS) in partnership with Hope with Grace is giving young ladies a chance to shine this prom season. The Prom Dress Giveaway will be held on March 14th at the DYS office, located at 1608 7th Avenue North in downtown Birmingham.

All dresses for this event are donated and provided through Hope with Grace and the YWCA.

This event will give dozens of young ladies a chance to find a beautiful evening gown for free.

To donate new and gently used dresses, contact Ty Jackson at (205) 322-9922.

Hope with Grace is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to empower families through providing resources.

PROM
Dress & Giveaway
10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
MARCH 14, 2020
Birmingham Mayor's Office
Division of Youth Services
1608 7th Avenue North
Birmingham, AL 35203

Free Dresses!
Come Join Us!

ywcabham.org
facebook.com/hopewithgrace

YWCA Central Alabama | Hope with Grace | City of Birmingham Division of Youth Services
City of Birmingham | Black & White Photography | Giltz & Gowns | Easley Beauty Supply
Mr. Burch Formal Wear | Hall Printing | Lumiere Beauty

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my sister's closet

eliminating racism
empowering women
ywca
Central Alabama

Love for Children and Helping Others Drives Huffman Senior

Huffman High School Senior Zahria Brewer is ready to take on the world. The recent Birmingham Promise Apprenticeship program participant hopes to become a pediatric psychiatrist. Zahria recently helped the City of Birmingham spread the word about applying for the Birmingham Promise Scholarship program. Zahria is currently working with Alabama Power as part of their Innovation Team where she assists in helping small tech companies get their start and relocate to Alabama.

Ms. Brewer plans to attend the University of Alabama in Huntsville once she graduates. She says she's excited about the opportunity the Birmingham Promise is providing for herself and her peers.

"When you see friends, people you generally know doing well then you know you can do it," said Zahria. "The Birmingham Promise is one thing that I would recommend to anybody, it's very beneficial it's networking to really put your



Zahria Brewer,
Huffman High School Senior
Birmingham Promise Participant

spotlight

on youth

name out there (and) it will help with tuition assistance," Ms. Brewer added.

In addition to working in the apprenticeship program, Zahria has been busy at school; she's part of the National Honor Society, Future Business Leaders of America, Huffman's Peer Leaders and has previously been a member of the school's Math Club.

"I believe I've always had a thing for helping others like I just kind of knew that was my goal even when I was a kid, even though my career path have changed since I was a kid they've always been based around helping people and I for one just love children."

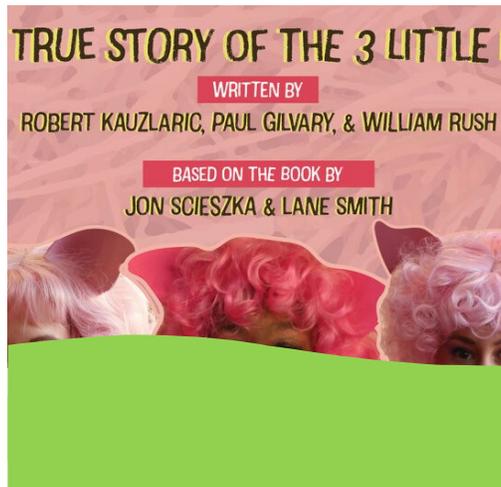
We certainly wish this outstanding young lady lots of luck on her future endeavors.



Spring Fever McWane Science Center

School is out, and science is IN at McWane Science Center! Check out special days, deals, IMAX films and more!

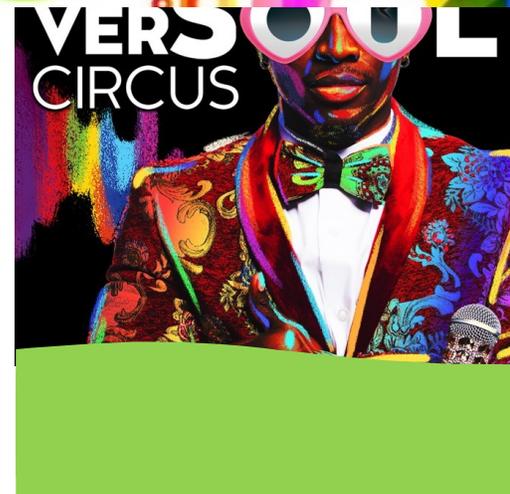
For More Info:
[CLICK HERE](#)



The True Story of the 3 Little Pigs Birmingham Children's Theatre March 14th, 25th, 27th & 28th

There are two sides to every story, and when the Big Bad Wolf takes the stand in Piggsylvania's Trial of the Century, he finally gets his say. Will the pigs' splashy puppet show make a puppet out of justice, or is the wolf's catchy song and dance about a sneeze gone wrong all razzle-dazzle?

For More Info: [CLICK HERE](#)



Universoul Circus...YOUTH FIRST NIGHT Legion Field March 27th @4:00 p.m.

Find out why UniverSoul Circus is the #BestCircusEver! Join DYS and get discounted tickets on "YouthFirst" night! Use the code: SPRINGBREAK

For More Info:
[CLICK HERE](#)

Latest news and Events

01

RMTC Conservatory Showcase 2020 March 7th & 8th @ RMTC Cabaret Theatre

Prepare to be dazzled by RMTC's Conservatory students! These talented young artists (ages 6-18), perform musical numbers choreographed by Broadway veterans and show biz professionals.

[CLICK HERE](#) to learn more.

02

Rumpshaker 5k March 28th @ Regions Field

Join hundreds of people at Regions Field on March 28th for the 12th Annual Rumpshaker 5K and 1 Mile Fun Run. Since 2009, the Rumpshaker 5K has raised almost a million dollars to promote awareness about colorectal cancer, grant funds to fight and treat it, and provide hope for colorectal cancer survivors and those fighting the disease. This event is a fun, family-friendly experience for all ages.

[CLICK HERE](#) to learn more.

03

Get Healthy on the Railroad!

Ongoing @ Railroad Park Dance like nobody is watching! Get Healthy on the Railroad returns to Railroad Park Monday, March 9th. All classes are **FREE** thanks to Blue Cross Blue Shield of Alabama.

For a list of classes, times and dates:

[CLICK HERE](#)

Huffman Boys Win 6A Basketball Title

Huffman High School is still celebrating a victory after the Boys Basketball team took home the 6A AHSAA State Basketball Championship!

The showdown took place at the BJCC Legacy Arena. The Vikings (32-3) defeated the Bessemer City High Tigers (29-10) and captured the school's first state championship with a 56-48 win!

"I was so excited, we have five seniors and I really wanted my Seniors to go out with a bang and I wanted them to go off to college and say that they won a championship," said Huffman point guard, Jamon Reed. "Everyone around my school was saying we need to bring one, we need to bring one and we finally did it for the city, not only the city but for the East side of the city!" exclaimed Reed.

The Vikings Basketball Team was recognized at the Birmingham City Council meeting on

March 3rd. All team members got a chance to introduce themselves to the council and Mayor Randall Woodfin. We would like to congratulate the Vikings and all of the other Birmingham City Schools that participated in the tournament this year!



Huffman High School's Varsity Boys Basketball Team pose with Mayor Woodfin and Principal John C. Lyons after their Championship Win!

Free Self Defense Classes Through Now—July 9th

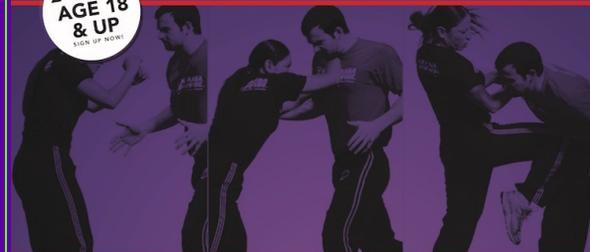
The Birmingham Police Department has partnered with Birmingham Park and Rec to offer free self-defense classes for anyone 18 and older. The classes started in February and will be offered through July 9 at various Birmingham rec centers. Classes start at 6 p.m.

Birmingham officers will give tips on how to be more aware of one's surroundings and how to avoid becoming a victim. They will show videos and offer one-one-demos with attendees on what to do if confronted by an attacker. Participants should wear comfortable clothing such as athletic wear and tennis shoes.

"We are working on different ways to bring the police and community together so that people can see police from a different perspective," said Capt. Janice Blackwell. "Several different organizations have asked us to host these classes, so we thought we'd do a string of classes at rec centers as a way to show people how to protect themselves when they are out with their families."

CITYWIDE SELF-DEFENSE CLASSES

FREE CLASSES
AGE 18 & UP
SIGN UP NOW!



Birmingham Park and Rec and the Birmingham Police Department will host **FREE** self-defense classes at your neighborhood rec center. Class will start at 6 p.m.

Classes Start
February 20, 2020

Sign up at your neighborhood recreation center NOW!
Attire: Athletic wear and shoes or comfortable clothing

Date	Location	Time
2/20	East Pinson Valley	6pm - 7:30 pm
2/27	Memorial	6pm - 7:30 pm
3/5	Fountain Heights	6pm - 7:30 pm
3/12	Ensley	6pm - 7:30 pm
3/26	Hawkins	6pm - 7pm
4/9	Central Park	6pm - 7pm
4/23	North Birmingham	6pm - 7pm
5/7	Roosevelt	6pm - 7pm
5/21	Martin Luther King	6pm - 7pm
6/4	Wiggins	6pm - 7pm
6/18	Hooper City	6pm - 7pm
7/9	Inglebrook	6pm - 7pm



For more information, contact Capt. Janice Blackwell at 205-933-4175.



For more information about the self-defense classes or the Community Police Academy, contact Capt. Blackwell at 205-933-4175.

EdFarm Launches in Birmingham

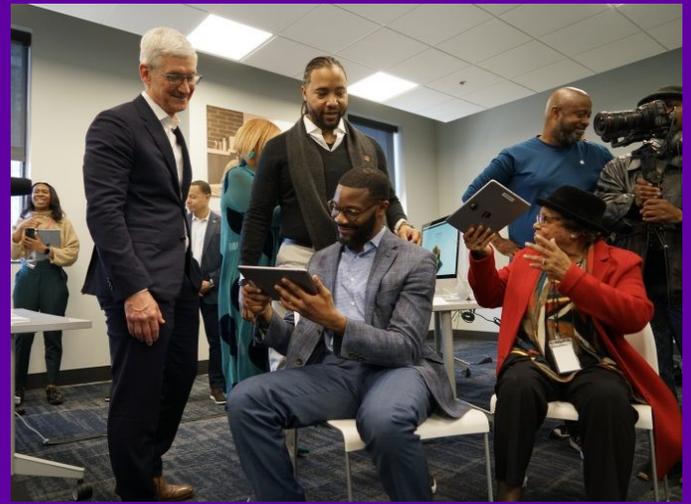
Education Farm (Ed Farm) – a ground-breaking education initiative focused on innovative learning strategies – was launched in Birmingham on February 27th .

Showcasing three signature programs at its new downtown headquarters, Ed Farm will partner with educators in Alabama to increase educational equity, improve learning outcomes through technology and prepare the future workforce.

“As our society continues to evolve and advance, more and more job opportunities of the future will require digital skills, and helping our communities prepare for that is our priority,” said Chris McCauley, Ed Farm program director. “Our partnerships with Birmingham City Schools and the Birmingham community on the Teacher Fellows, Pathways and Student Fellows programs have already produced successful results, and we are thrilled at this initiative’s potential as it continues to move forward.”

Ed Farm will equip educators in schools and communities with innovative tools and strategies that support active learning for all students, including providing opportunities for students of all ages to learn to code using Swift, Apple’s easy-to-learn coding language. As part of its Community Education Initiative, Apple is providing Ed Farm with hardware, software, funding and professional learning support. Apple has granted Birmingham City Schools with more than 400 new devices being used in classrooms today.

Ed Farm is working alongside educators from 13 Birmingham City Schools for its Teacher Fellows program. Since July 2019,



the Teacher Fellows have participated in numerous rigorous professional development experiences in Birmingham, Austin, Texas and Phoenix, Arizona. The program also provides teachers with access to curriculum, new technology and ongoing instructional support. The Fellows are now offering ground-breaking computer science and creativity courses in their respective classrooms.

To learn more visit: <https://www.birminghamal.gov/2020/02/27/ed-farm-launches-in-birmingham-infusing-innovation-and-creativity-into-teaching-and-learning/>

BIRMINGHAM CITY SCHOOLS SPRING BREAK MARCH 23RD –MARCH 27TH

Spring Break is just around the corner for Birmingham parents . If you are looking for something for your child to do, we've got you covered. Several youth service providers offer Spring Break camps and experiences for area youth.

Check out the DYS Spring Break Calendar for some exciting opportunities available to your child!

SPRING BREAK 2020

DYS Launches New “Spotlight on Youth” Webshow

The City of Birmingham Mayor’s Office Division of Youth Services (DYS) launched a new web-based show that highlights some of the amazing accomplishments of Birmingham’s youth.

“Spotlight on Youth” will also educate and inform Birmingham residents about programs and services the City of Birmingham is offering for young people. In addition, the program highlights events and opportunities for families to take advantage of in the Magic City.

To check out the first two episodes of “Spotlight on

Youth!” follow the link below and don’t forget to subscribe to our YouTube channel to stay informed.

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCXaT_XzfDk-SfIMdOkpdfPg

For more information about the “Spotlight on Youth” show contact DYS at (205) 320-0879.

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Positive Stories Impacting Birmingham’s Youth

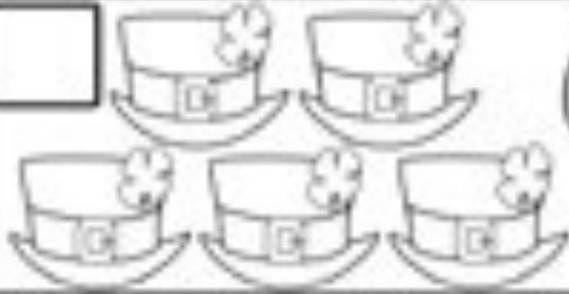
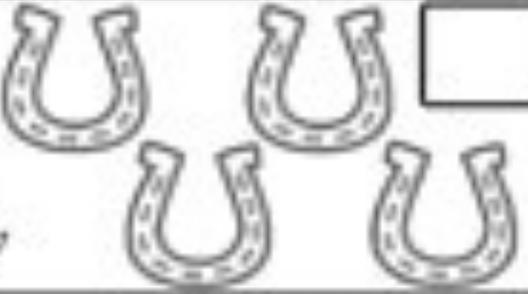
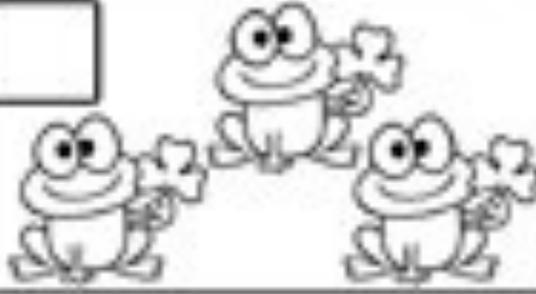
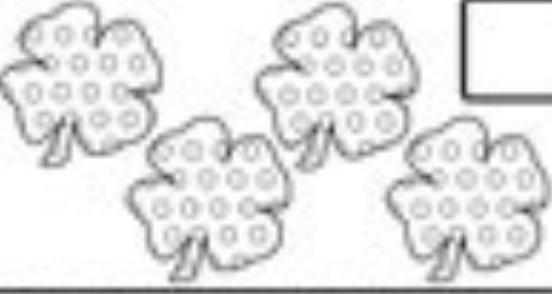
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FOR KIDS

 **Count & Compare Lucky Charms** Name _____

Directions: Count each item. Write the number in the box. Color the set of pictures on each line that have more.

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