



City news,
features,
and
updates

This Week in Huntsville

March 28,
2016

Celebrating Debra Jones: Huntsville Police Department's Data Control Clerk!

A round of applause is in order for Debra Jones, Data Control Clerk for the Huntsville Police Department (HPD). Jones has worked for the City of Huntsville for over 24 years and will be retiring at the end of March. HPD is sad to see her go, but knows she is leaving the department in good hands with the new Data Control Clerk, Judy Phillips.

During her time at the HPD, Jones & co-worker Joyce Dunaway handle all incidents and offense reports and prepares them for the detectives. Jones is in charge of statistics that are sent to the state of Texas, as well as the FBI, and many other administrative duties to assure success for HPD. Jones has been a very busy lady over the years but has enjoyed her time at the Police Department and the family she has made there.

There are numerous memories Jones has made over the years, but the one that gives her chills and makes her the happiest is when she sees the HPD officers get recognized and honored for their dedication and hard work." Jones told us that the "department is full of hard working public servants and the Huntsville Police always have our citizens' backs so it is nice to see the outpouring of support that the community shows them."

A lot of change has happened in the past 13 years at HPD but it has all been positive according to Jones. "There has been an increase in the already high standards at HPD; Chief Lunsford has increased accountability within the department, and there is so much respect throughout our close knit family at."

The relationships established by Jones has been one of her favorite parts of her job; Jones said "The protective nature, friendships and the feeling of someone will always be there for me and knowing that they have my back is the best part."



Now don't think Ms. Jones will be slowing down post retirement, she plans on continuing her travels with hopes to make it back to Europe as well as finally seeing all 50 states, (she currently has seen over 30). Jones also plans on staying busy with fishing, Crime Stoppers and serving on the Walker County Federal Credit Union Board. She plans on staying in Huntsville since she has fallen in love with the "progressive but still small town feel, the supportive community and all the people here."

Some final words from Jones to her family at HPD "Don't forget about me." The City of Huntsville will miss Ms. Jones, but we wish her happiness and joy in her retirement and we know she won't ever be too far away!





Mayor Brauning visits Huntsville Meals on Wheels

This March the National Meals on Wheels campaign set out to invite local elected officials to deliver meals, speak out for seniors and raise awareness for the power of Meals on Wheels. So what better local figure than our very own Mayor Brauning to volunteer with Meals on Wheels! The Mayor spent the morning of March 7th, delivering meals and visiting with seniors at the Huntsville Senior Center. "The Senior Center of Walker County, Meals on Wheels thanks its mayors and elected officials for taking time from a busy schedule to support the March for Meals which highlights the senior nutrition program." Director Frank Ivory said.

To find ways to volunteer with the Huntsville program of Meals on Wheels call 936-295-6151.



Featuring
Mary Anne
Burkhalter

Free

"Remember When...
Texas Trail Ride!"
Songs
and stories
about Texas history!

Huntsville Public Library

Monday, April 18th

10:30-11:30 a.m.

936-291-5471

www.myhuntsvillelibrary.com

Huntsville Public Library is pleased to host Mary Anne Burkhalter, actress and singer, in her production of "Remember When...Texas Trail Ride" from 10:30 to 11:30 am on Monday, April 18th, in the Community Room. Celebrate the enriching stories of Sam Houston, Texas Rangers, Buddy Holly and more with songs and tales that bring history to life. Experience the story of Texas and its heritage with an interactive presentation you won't want to miss! Signup is not required. For additional information, contact Mary Kokot, Adult Services Coordinator, 936-291-5471.

Saturday
April 2, 2016

9th Annual
Electronic
Recycling
Day

City of Huntsville
Disposal - Recycling
Facility, 590 IH45 N

9:00AM
to 12:00noon

City of Huntsville
Solid Waste-Recycling Services

Acceptable Items:

- Laptops/Notebooks
- Printers / Scanners
- Copiers / Projectors
- Plasma Screens / LCD/ LED Screens
- Computer Accessories
- Telecommunication / Networking Equipment
- Stereos, radios
- Cell Phones / Pagers / Cameras
- PDA / Palm Pilots
- Rechargeable Batteries
- Vehicle Batteries

For Information, please call
Solid Waste & Recycling
Services at 936-294-5712

Little Stinger Book Drive

The Little Stinger Book Drive will focus on giving every child from PreK to fourth grade, a book to take home. Books serve a valuable purpose in a child's life & every child deserves the opportunity to be positively impacted by literature. Jana Bethel, Ed.D Principal at Huntsville Elementary School shared interesting facts about the impacts books can make on a child's life, studies have shown young children who engage in reading have been more prepared for learning when they begin school. Reading can increase vocabulary and oral language development, as well as comprehension. Books can also be a gateway to candid conversation about difficult issues. While many homes are full of books, it is important to recognize that some homes are not a literature rich environment. HISD & Promoting Our Positive Community group are working together to send every child from PreK to fourth grade, home with a book through the Little Stinger Book Drive. Details are below:



When: Tuesday, April 12, 2016

Where: Gibbs PreK School, Huntsville Elementary, Samuel W. Houston Elementary, Scott Johnson Elementary, Stewart Elementary, the Hawkins Administration Building (7 am-4 pm) the Huntsville Public Library (10 am-4 pm) & Huntsville-Walker County Chamber of Commerce. (9 am-4 pm)

Who: Contact the Chamber of Commerce at (936) 295-8113 or HISD at (936) 435-6397 for more information.

Why: All books will be sorted and distributed to HISD students in PreK through fourth grade (ages 3 through 10) for students to keep. Allowing book ownership creates a sense of pride and fosters an appreciation for reading. Statistics show that early exposure to literacy will ensure greater future educational success. Monetary donations are also accepted, make checks payable to the Huntsville-Walker County Chamber of Commerce.

Huntsville Music Festival

The City of Huntsville's Main Street Program is bringing back the annual Huntsville Music Festival this April! Join the community for a FREE concert series, the last two Thursdays in April, the 21st and 28th from 5:00 pm to 10:00 pm in Rather Park at the corner of University and 13th. The concert kicks off on Thursday, April 21st with acoustic performances by Kenna Danielle, John Slaughter, and Sam Riggs. JB and The Moonshine Band will close the first night with a full band jam!

The music continues the following Thursday on April 28th with a full night of acoustic country from Presley Lewis, Andy Terrell Band, and Bubba Westly. This final night has a double headliner and song swap with Adam Hood and Zane Williams. Local food trucks and Shenanigans will be set up at the concerts selling great food and drinks! Mark your calendars, dust off your lawn chairs, bring your appetites, thirst, friends, family and neighbors. Join us for two beautiful evenings of music and fun! For more details: [facebook.com/COHmainstreet](https://www.facebook.com/COHmainstreet).

The poster for the Huntsville Music Festival is divided into two sections for Thursday, April 21st and Thursday, April 28th. The top section for the 21st features a "Special Guest: Kenna Danielle" and a photo of "John Slaughter". The main act is "JB AND THE MOONSHINE BAND" with a photo of the four band members. Below them is a photo of "SAM RIGGS". The bottom section for the 28th features a "Special Guest: Presley Lewis" and a photo of the "Andy Terrell Band". The main acts are "Adam Hood" and "ZANE WILLIAMS", each with a photo. The poster also includes social media icons for Twitter and Facebook, and logos for sponsors like "Texas Music Plaza", "KSM", "Wiesner", "Shenanigans", and "TEAM". At the bottom, it lists "FOOD TRUCKS • ADULT BEVERAGES • GIVEAWAYS" and the location: "AT RATHER PARK FROM 5:00 - 10:00 PM 1221 UNIVERSITY (13TH & UNIVERSITY AVE)".

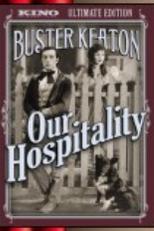
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www.thewynnehome.com

THE WYNNE HOME ART CENTER IS PROUD TO PRESENT

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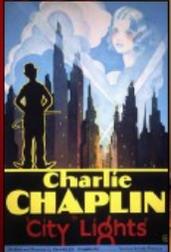
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That's Dancing

City Lights

Top Hat



**Charlie
CHAPLIN
City Lights**



TOP HAT
FEATURING
BETTY HUTTON
FRANK CROCE
TRACY BROWN
FRANK CROCE
FRANK CROCE

March 31, April 7, 14, 21, 28
7pm - 9pm
Free Admission
Popcorn Provided
The Wynne Home Arts Center



Texas Thyme Unit

THE HERB SOCIETY OF AMERICA

Herb Festival at the Wynne Home

Saturday, April 9 from 8:00am - 2:00pm
Wynne Home Arts Center | 1428 Eleventh Street | Huntsville, TX 77340

FREE EVENT! SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!
Herbs, vendors, lectures, children's crafts, artists, musicians and more!

Programs

| Time | Speaker/Performer | What |
|-----------|---------------------------------|------------------------|
| 10:00 | Dave Whiting | The Edible Landscape |
| 11:00 | Raven Dulcimer Society | Concert |
| 12:00 | HHS Swingin' Stingers Jazz Band | Concert |
| 12:00 | Gloria Hunter | Spice It Up With Salsa |
| 9:00-2:00 | Tamara Chasteen | Children's Crafts |

Participating Vendors

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|----------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| Brian's Vegetables | Eclectic Studio | Whiting Family Farm |
| Coushatta Camellia Society | Kathy Cox Art | Walker County Beekeepers |
| Farm Fresh Soaps | Sallie's Soaps | Zal & M Farms |
| Garden Charms | Texas Thyme Herbs, | |
| G5 Metal Art | Products & Baked Goods | |



The Texas Thyme Unit is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, whose mission it is to promote the knowledge, use and delight of herbs through educational programs, research, and sharing the experience with the community.

www.facebook.com/texas.thymeunit

HUNTSVILLE MOVING!

APRIL 16, 2016

THREE DANCE COMPANIES IN CONCERT

FEATURING:



**Ballet
Folklorico
de
Huntsville**





**Nicolay
Dance
Works**





**NobleMotion
Dance**



Middle and Bottom Photos: Lynn Lane

THE WYNNE HOME ARTS CENTER
Free Pre-Performance Reception with Salute to Jesús Moroles
SHSU Percussion Groups and Improvisational Dancers performing
@ 4:00 PM

GAERTNER PERFORMING ARTS CENTER DANCE THEATER
Free Dance Performance Event
@ 7:30 PM

FOR MORE INFO
936-291-5424 or www.TheWynneHome.com

This project is made possible by an award from the National Endowment for the Arts. Art Works.







The Wynne Home
ARTS CENTER



Texas Treasures popping up all over Huntsville

The official welcome of spring to Huntsville has finally arrived! Bluebonnets are being spotted all over town. Bluebonnets are always much anticipated by resident Texans, and they sure have not disappointed us this year. These pictures are just a few of the many patches we have found around town.

While Bluebonnets bloom every year along roadways and sidewalks, have you ever wondered if you could grow your own? Well, you are in luck! We have found some tips to ensure you have a wonderful bluebonnet patch right in your back yard next year.

Here are some helpful tips:

- 1) Bluebonnets grow best in soils that are alkaline, moderate in fertility, and most important of all, well drained. Full sun is also required for best growth. Seed may be planted September 1 through December 15; however, for best results, plant seeds no later than mid-November.
- 2) This allows seed time to germinate and grow throughout the winter months, during which time a heavy root system and sturdy plants are developed to produce an abundance of spring flowers.
- 3) In general, the first flowers open about March 15 in the southern part of the state, and in the more northern part of the state, first flowers may not show before May 1. The length of the flowering period is about a month. Allow two weeks after the full bloom period has passed for the seeds to mature.



Veterans Memorial Parkway

These tips can be found at <http://www.txdot.gov/insidetxdot/division/>

[maintenance/wildflower-program/planting-bluebonnets.html](http://www.txdot.gov/insidetxdot/division/maintenance/wildflower-program/planting-bluebonnets.html)



Rather Park

If you don't have a green thumb, you can still enjoy the Texas state flower all around town & get some great pictures to cherish for years to come. The natural beauty of the bluebonnets speaks for themselves but we have found some helpful tips to capture the beauty and try to do the flower justice. So grab your family and friends to spend a day around Huntsville at our own local bluebonnet patches taking pictures.

No Texas mantel is complete without bluebonnet photographs so here are some tips for getting the best photos:

- 1) Morning—between eight and ten—is best, but late bloomers can snap some good shots after four as well.

Don't be afraid to experiment with your light source: Stand with the sun behind you, at a 45-degree angle, or allow it to backlight your subject for an ethereal look. Use the camera's flash to help fill in shadows.

- 2) Wildflowers bloom in April, a month with unpredictable weather. Check the forecast and avoid windy or cloudy days.
- 3) When you discover a picturesque spot, check for No Trespassing signs before plopping down.
- 4) Have fun!

See more at <http://www.texasmonthly.com/the-culture/how-to-snap-the-perfect-bluebonnet-photo/#sthash.rdm4KYRn.dpuf>



Veterans Memorial Parkway

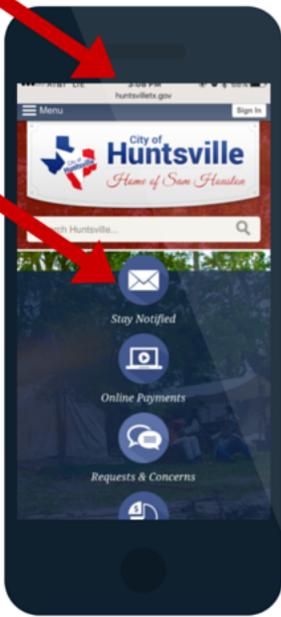
We hope you enjoy one of the finest seasons in Texas, Bluebonnet season. Get out and check out some of best patches right here in Huntsville!

Stay Notified with what's happening in Huntsville!

Sign up to receive notifications of the latest news, publications and alerts. Here is how to from your mobile device!

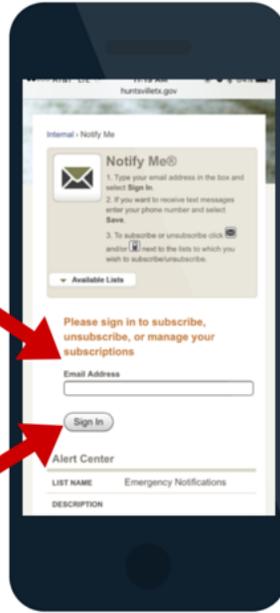
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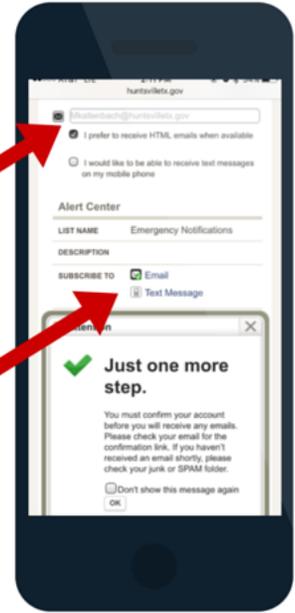
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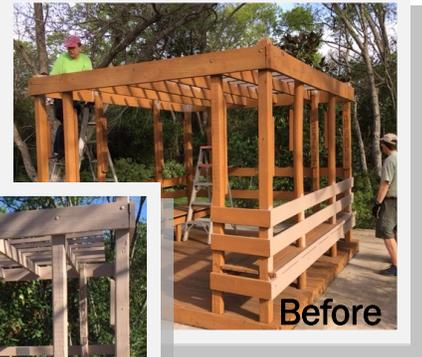


City Hall's Outdoor Reading Box gets a Makeover!

This outdoor reading box was designed and built by Todd & John Christian as Todd's Eagle Scout Project. It was originally placed at the Huntsville Public Library, but when HPL added the beautiful community room, the Outdoor Reading Box was relocated across the street to City Hall.

It has benches on two sides and all of the Scout values are hand carved into the pillars. They constructed the box in May of 2009 and during Spring Break of 2016 they came and spent the day refinishing it. It currently resides on the grounds of City Hall facing 13th street (near the employee parking lot).

The area offers beautiful views in a peaceful location, the perfect spot to spend a nice spring day reading. Come check out the newly made over reading box.



U. S. Citizenship Preparation Course

Presented by: Sam Houston State University LEAP Center & The Huntsville Public Library

Mondays, March 28th - April 25th

6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Community Room

Sign Up at the Library!

The Huntsville Public Library and Mike Yawn, Political Science Professor at SHSU, will present a FREE, five-week course designed to prepare immigrants for the Naturalization Exam.

For more information call:
Mary Kokot or Christina Perez
Huntsville Public Library
(936) 291-5471

Space is Limited

Curso de Preparación para Ciudadanía Estadounidense

Presentado por:
Sam Houston State University LEAP Center & The Huntsville Public Library

Fecha: Lunes 28 de marzo – 25 de abril
Hora: 6:00 – 8:30pm

Lugar: Cuarto Comunitario en la Biblioteca de Huntsville

Clases Gratuitas para inmigrantes en busca de ciudadanía, curso de 5 semanas de preparación para examen para naturalización.

El curso incluye:

- Proceso de Aplicación
- Entrevista Oral
- Práctica para el examen, preguntas y respuestas

Curso impartido por Mike Yawn, Profesor de Ciencias Políticas en SHSU

Para más información:
Mary Kokot
Adult Literacy Coordinator
(936) 291-5471
Huntsville public library:
1219 13th Street Huntsville, TX 77340

Children & Youth Library Classes & Events

Mother Goose Lapsit - This new program is designed for parents and infants aged birth to 24 months, and features songs, toys, and stories on Mondays at 10:30 a.m. - April 4, 11, 18, 25

Story Time - Every Wednesday and Friday at 10:45 a.m. Parents and their children are invited to enjoy songs, stories, and crafts with a new theme each session. - April 1, 6, 8, 13, 15, 20, 22, 27, 29

Lego Club - An elementary-aged building program on the 1st & 3rd Thursdays of the month from 5:00-6:00 p.m. Legos are supplied and participants are encouraged to build themed creations. - April 7, 21

Family Movie Night - Doors to the Community Room open at 5:00 p.m., April 8 with the movie beginning promptly at 5:30 p.m. Family Movie Night is sponsored by the Texas Children's Health Plan Program. Complimentary drinks and popcorn are served and all viewers are encouraged to bring a pillow or blanket. To get the title of the movie being shown each month, contact Children's Coordinator Rachel McPhail at 936-291-5910.

Read with the Dogs - The monthly Read with the Dogs program is held with help from Huntsville Pets Helping People. Children are invited to read to trained therapy dogs in 15-minute segments. Participants also receive a sticker with a picture of the dog they read to. Sign up for a session is available beforehand, but not required. 4:00-5:30 p.m. April 18

Beginning and Advanced Spanish classes - The Huntsville Public Library will continue its Beginning and Advanced Spanish classes for adults. Beginning classes are held at 1 p.m. with Advanced classes starting at 3 p.m. - April 5, 12, 18, 26.

-The Huntsville Public Library is starting a new program for elementary aged students which focuses on Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math (STEAM). STEAM Fridays will be held from 3:30-5:30 p.m. on Fridays in April and May in the Community Room with an exciting program each week. Signup is not required.

-The Huntsville Public Library will host "Nature Day" for elementary-aged students from 3 to 5 p.m. Friday, April 15th in the Community Room. As part of the library's STEAM program, children are invited to experience and appreciate the beauty of nature through building unique crafts and by planting seeds to replenish the environment. Signup is not required and the Huntsville Public Library supplies the materials.

- The Huntsville Kiwanis Club will host their "Trivia Night" at 5:30 p.m. Friday, April 1st at the Huntsville Public Library. Teams are encouraged to pre-purchase tables at \$100 for a team of ten, proceeds benefit library literacy programs. Show off your knowledge with a fun-filled evening! Please contact Bryan Matthys at 936-650-7311 for more information or to purchase your team's table.

-Essential Oil teacher Melissa Gonzalez will present the last of a four-part series from 5:45 to 6:45 p.m. Monday, April 11th in the Library's Community Room. The topic will be "Lovin' Summer Fun". No registration required. Class is open to anyone interested in learning about essential oils. Door prizes awarded!

Families are invited to come enjoy Health and Safety Day from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. April 29th at the Library! Meet officers from the Huntsville Police Department and fire fighters from the Huntsville Fire Department. Learn valuable safety tips and have fun at the library! Signup is not required.

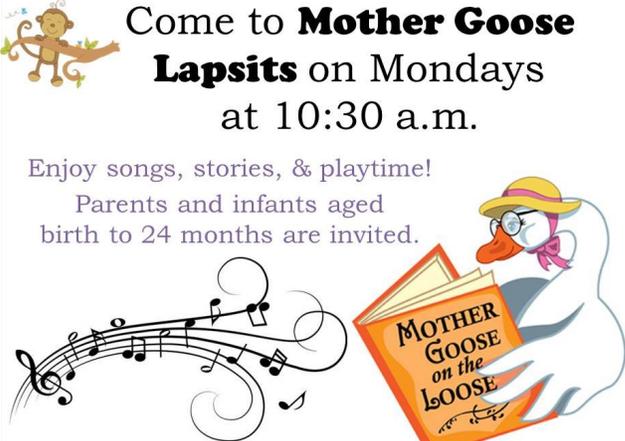
For more information about any Children's programs at the Huntsville Public Library, please contact Children's Coordinator Rachel McPhail at 936-291-5910; for adult programs, contact Adult Services Coordinator Mary Kokot at 936-291-5471; for teen programs, contact Teen Services Coordinator Ashley Newsome at 936-291-5912.

Get excited for...



Stick around after Story Time for fun with Duplos! Birth-6 years old welcome

Wednesdays at 11:45 a.m.



Come to Mother Goose Lapsits on Mondays at 10:30 a.m.

Enjoy songs, stories, & playtime!
Parents and infants aged birth to 24 months are invited.

Spring Classes at the Wynne Home Arts Center

**THE WYNNE HOME ARTS CENTER
2016 SPRING ART CLASS
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PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE, FREE FUN MOVIE NIGHTS,
COOKING CLASS, CLAY HAND BUILDING FOR KIDS,
HOLIDAY CRAFTS FOR ALL SEASONS, AND DANCE
CLASSES FOR THE HUNTSVILLE MOVING! NEA GRANT
DANCE RESIDENCIES AND PERFORMANCES

Classes begin March 28th and go through April 30th. For more information go to www.thewynnehome.com or call 936-291-5434

Huntsville Public Library, in partnership with the SHSU Student Money Management Center, hosts "BE WISE" in the Community Room during April – Financial Literacy Month.

**Wednesday
April 6th**
Budgeting and Goal Setting
5:45pm-6:45pm

**Thursday
April 21st**
Creative Ways to Cut Family Expenses
5:45pm-6:45pm

**Thursday
April 28th**
How to pay for college
5:45pm-6:45pm

Student Money Management Center
Student Services Annex
919 Bearkat Blvd.
936.294.2600 • smmc@shsu.edu • shsu.edu/smmc

Roadblocks and Dead Ends got you down?

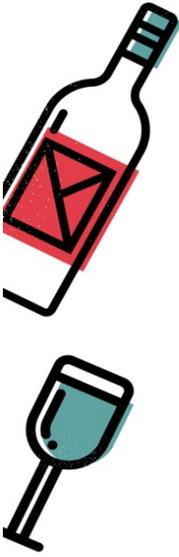
Meet with an experienced Genealogist for individual research assistance.

First and Second Saturdays in March, April, and May
From 12 P.M. to 2 P.M.

Sign Up Now or call Mary Kokot at 936-291-5471

SPACE IS LIMITED!!

genealogy



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Shop Small*

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IN MAY • 5-9 PM**
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1ST SATURDAY IN JUNE



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HUNTSVILLE MUSIC FESTIVAL
THURSDAY, APRIL 21ST

Special Guest: Kenna Danielle

John Slaughter

JB AND THE MOONSHINE BAND

THURSDAY, APRIL 28TH

Special Guest: Presley Lewis

Adam Hood

****FREE ADMISSION****

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FOOD TRUCKS • ADULT BEVERAGES • GIVEAWAYS

AT RATHER PARK FROM 5:00 - 10:00 PM
1221 UNIVERSITY (13TH & UNIVERSITY AVE)




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SATURDAYS
8AM - NOON
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