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"The deepest principle in human nature is the craving to be appreciated."

- William James

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King's Daughter to Speak at A&M

A few more registration days remain for persons interested in hearing the upcoming lecture by Dr. Bernice King, daughter of the slain civil rights leader Martin Luther King, Jr.

Dr. King will speak as part of Alabama A&M University's Beyond Normal Lecture Series for the Black History Month program set for Tuesday, February 12, at 12:30 p.m.

Students, faculty, staff, elected officials and com-



munity supporters must now RSVP by January 31 to <https://form.jotform.com/83167566954168>



Chuy's a Treat for 2019

Among the long list of new business and restaurants scheduled to open their doors in 2019 is Chuy's Mexican Food.

The Tex-Mex restaurant

chain has several operations, and its new facility will find its way to a spot on Memorial Parkway at Bob Wallace Avenue soon,

Engineers Week Banquet Set

The 2019 Engineers Week Banquet will be held Thursday, February 21, at the Jackson Center, at 6 p.m. The guest speaker will be Dr. Juanita Christensen, SES,

executive director, Aviation and Missile Research, Development and Engineering Center (AMRDEC).
E-mail: kimberly.n.bat-tle@gmail.com.



HBCU College Fair at UCMBC

Looking for some face-to-face interaction on your favorite HBCU? Go no further than the Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) College Fair.

The event will be held Saturday, February 16, at

Union Chapel Missionary Baptist Church from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m.

Tuskegee? A&M? State? Oakwood? See them all!

For additional information, call Phyllene Washington at (256) 603-2775.

Asha Kiran Hosting Kite Festival

Asha Kiran will hold its annual Community Kite Festival in John Hunt Park on Saturday, March 2, from 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

Join the organization for a day of fun, food & flying kites!

At past events, ChicagoKite has traveled down to Huntsville and provided huge, beautiful kite demonstrations, as well as sold fun and fabulous kites!

The whole family will also enjoy community booths, kids activities, live



entertainment and food trucks!

This event is free and open to all. Bring blankets or chairs and stay awhile! No pets are allowed.



FPC to Hold Black History Month Program

The members of Fellowship Presbyterian Church are preparing to perform "Listening to Voices of the Past," the annual Black History Month program.

The program will be held on Saturday, February 16, at Fellowship Presbyterian Church, located at 3406 Meridian Street in Huntsville, Ala., at 4 p.m.

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Washington in One Minute



Here are the top issues in Washington, D.C., for this week's edition.

The House and Senate are in session this week, although it's a short week in the House with votes only until Wednesday afternoon, because the House GOP Retreat had been scheduled (and then canceled) for the end of the week at the Greenbrier Resort in West Virginia.

1. As part of the deal that Congress passed on Friday to reopen the federal government, the House and Senate appointed conferees to the FY2019 Homeland Security Appropriations bill, which will serve as the main forum for a group of bipartisan lawmakers to attempt to come to a deal on the border security issue.

The conference committee conferees are as follows (House GOP Members have not yet been appointed): Senate Appropriations Chair Richard Shelby (R-AL); Sen. Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV); Sen. John Hoeven (R-ND); Sen. Roy Blunt (R-MO); Senate Appropriations Ranking Democrat Patrick Leahy (D-VT); Sen. Dick Durbin (D-IL); Sen. Jon Tester (D-MT); House Appro-

priations Chair Nita Lowey (D-NY); Rep. Lucille Roybal-Allard (D-CA); Rep. David Price (D-NC); Rep. Barbara Lee (D-CA); Rep. Henry Cuellar (R-TX); and Rep. Pete Aguilar (D-CA).

2. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) told reporters on Friday that, despite the reopening of the federal government, she will not invite President Trump to deliver his State of the Union Address that had been planned for Tuesday night (Jan. 29). The Speaker said that she would be negotiating a new date with the President.

3. Reps. Gerald Connolly (D-VA) and Steny Hoyer (D-MD) have introduced legislation to grant a 2.6% pay raise to civilian federal employees to match the pay raise that has gone into effect for 2019 for members of the armed forces.

The Connolly/Hoyer bill was scheduled to be debated on the House floor on Wednesday. President Trump issued an Executive Order a few weeks ago prohibiting the pay raise for civilian employees.

4. The Senate Judiciary Committee has scheduled

least a week.

5. Wednesday was the last day to comment on DeVos' proposed rules for how schools handle sexual assault allegations. The proposal had drawn nearly 72,000 comments as of Sunday.

Among those weighing in are 147 lawmakers from 40 states and D.C., who say the proposal would "undermine state laws protecting student rights."

6. A new NBC News/Wall Street Journal poll of 900 adults conducted on Jan. 20-23 finds that 63% of Americans believe the country is headed in the wrong direction and nearly 70% have negative opinions on the state of the nation today most often using the terms "turmoil," "disarray," and "shambles" to describe their feelings.

However, the poll showed that President Trump's approval rating remained at a steady 43% during the shutdown.

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a business meeting for Tuesday at which it could vote to approve William Barr's nomination for Attorney General although The Hill newspaper reports that the vote may be delayed at

DLC Accepting Applications for 11th Cohort

DLC



Applications are being accepted for Cohort XI of the Diversity Leadership Colloquium until February 26.

Classes will begin March 5 and end April 23, running 6-9 p.m. every Tuesday evening. Graduation will be held on

April 30.

Applications are available online at www.diversityleadershipcolloquium.com. Questions should be emailed to Mrs. Georgia Valrie at gvalrie1971@gmail.com or call (256) 656-4698.

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- Gloria Naylor

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From the Editor

Ahhh! We just never know ... In the December 28 online edition of The Valley Weekly, I wrote an editorial about local elders Bill and Earnestine Hall. Because it was the week of Christmas, we did not publish a printed copy of the paper. On last Thursday, January 24, Mr. Hall passed away. As a fitting tribute to a wonderful Christian man and loving friendship, we are running that editorial again this week. Many of you who grew up in Huntsville/Madison County knew Mr. Willie James Hall, Sr., who we called "Bill." He will be remembered as a loving and caring husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, friend and neighbor. So long "Poppa Hall." We will see you on the other side. And, Mrs. Hall will have your Stacy Adams shoes on!



Happy Friday! On Monday, I had the good fortune of visiting with two of my most favorite elders - Mr. and Mrs. Bill (Earnestine) Hall. God knows that I love everybody, but I don't 'fool' with everybody because some things just don't align.

All of us are uniquely and specially made, with similarities and differences that distinguish us. So, we get to show love in many different ways. Love is indeed an action word; it's what we do. Sometimes, we love from a distance, looking out for the good of others, blessing their children, grandchildren, taking loving actions and whispering a prayer without talking about it.

The Halls always appear happy to see me, and, without failing, I leave blessed by the love and compassion in their home. Although Mr. Hall was in bed, he looked over and said, "The Doctor," and I smiled. He appears happy to see Bill and me whenever we stop by for short visits. He has a loving spirit and persona that stirs my soul a bit when I see him.

Mrs. Hall is another story.

She is talkative and full of wisdom. When I don't get by for a while, she tries to catch me up really fast on what has been going on with her and "Papa Hall, Nick and his family." She is a woman of love and sacrifice. She loves the Lord, her family, friends and First Missionary Baptist Church, unconditionally. Although in her 80s, she is a devoted, skillful caregiver for Mr. Hall, never complaining about the responsibilities associated with daily caregiving. She reflected about "doing what has to be done," and she moves forward. According to her, when she wakes up, she begins each morning with prayer--giving thanks for each day and all of its provisions.

My parents passed away too soon, in my opinion. However, I didn't get to choose those appointments.

With that said, we have tried to stay near to Christian elders for the benefit of our children and ultimately ourselves. Like me, Mrs. Hall grew up in a big family. There are many lessons to be learned from our elders. Each time I visit with her, I grab another nugget of wisdom--when I can keep up with her.

I have to listen with intent so that I don't miss what she has packed in for me.

- George Washington Carver

*How far you go
in life depends on
your being tender
with the young,
compassionate
with the aged,
sympathetic with
the striving and
tolerant of the
weak and strong.
Because someday
in your life you
will have been all
of these.*

Dorothy

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From 1992's "The Year of the Woman" to 2019's Year of the WOMEN

*"Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies ...
Give her of the fruit of her hands, and let her own works praise her in the gates"*

-Proverbs 31:10, 31 KJV-

by tim allston

January's Scorecard

2019 began with:

•Forever-First Lady Michelle Obama's *Becoming* "among the fastest-selling nonfiction books in history and already among the best-selling political memoirs of all time" (Associated Press);

•First-ever re-elected House Speaker Nancy Pelosi so confounding President Trump repeatedly that ex-Trump Organization executive Barbara Res recently told the NY Times, "But there was never a woman with power that he ran up against, until Pelosi. And he doesn't know what to do with it. He's totally in a corner." (Shhhhhh, . . . and Pelosi remains the first/only politician for whom "45" has yet to assign a demeaning nickname.);

•Trump's flip-flop on government shutdown occurred when arch-conservatives led by Ann Coulter bullied him;

•A record 36 women are freshman congresswomen, comprising history's largest-ever seating (102);

•To date, four Democratic women have announced for the 2020 presidency; and

•On January 16th, the slogan "A Woman's Place is in the House & the Senate" took on new meaning when 29-year old freshman congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (the

youngest ever) led fellow freshmen in storming the U.S. Senate chambers, demanding Majority Leader Mitch McConnell hold a vote to end the government shutdown, . . .

. . . and it's not yet January 31st!

Women as Top Communicators

More than 2000 years ago, Jesus Christ showcased women as chief communicators:

1. Mary birthed him, to start his earthly mission (Matthew 1:21);
 2. Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Susanna, et al, bankrolled his ministry (Luke 8:1-3)
 3. The un-named woman at Jacob's well became his first evangelist to non-Jews, preceding the Apostle Paul (John 4:28,29); and
 4. Mary Magdalene blasted first his resurrection from the dead (Mark 16:9 and John 20:14).
- What Mom told me whimsically as a child was true: the three best ways to communicate are telegraph, telephone - and tell a woman!

The Takeaway?

What triggered 1992's Year of the Woman and today's "new and improved (and expanded)" Year of the

Women mirrors step #5 in recovering from ego-holism or self-addiction: "turn your lemons into lemonade."

Just as Attorney Anita Hill's 1991 sexual harassment testimony against then-Supreme Court nominee Clarence Thomas triggered the then-unprecedented surge of female political office seekers, candidate

Trump's misogynistic words and actions against women fueled both the #MeToo movement and subsequent deluge of women local, state and national candidates.

CAUTION: Don't wait 'til Mother's or even Valentine's Day to thank, affirm the "SHE-roes" in your life - where all you live, learn and love.

Q: what bitter lemons in your life can you, with the help of God and friends, convert into sweet lemonade - beginning now?

tim allston is the author of the free book, *7 Steps to Manage Ego Problems: The How-to Guide for "Someone Else,"* free and downloadable now at www.GetEgo-HelpNow.org.

The 13th Annual Rosetta James Foundation "Honoring Our Elders" Celebration

2019



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Saturday, March 9, 2019

The Jackson Center

6001 Moquin Drive (Cummings Research Park)

Huntsville, Alabama

12 Noon

Tickets: \$50/Each

For additional information, call Linda Burruss at (256) 536-9717

Alumni Chapter Offering Dr. Rather Brown Scholarships to Local Students

The Huntsville/Madison County Chapter of the Alabama A&M University National Alumni Association, Inc., announces the 2019 Dr. Rather G. Brown Scholarship.

The chapter will award two (2) scholarships for Fall Semester 2019 expenses. Graduating high school seniors enrolled in Madison County,

Madison City, Huntsville City Schools, or parochial and private institutions in Madison County are eligible. Madison County residents that are currently enrolled at AAMU are also eligible.

The scholarship deadline is March 15, 2019. To apply, please visit the website: <http://aamuhsvmadisonalumni.org/resources>.

The Valley Weekly Calendar of Events

February 12

Black History Month
The Beyond Normal Lecture Series - Presenting Dr. Bernice A. King
Alabama A&M University
RSVP:
<https://form.jotform.com/83167566954168>
Knight Center
12:30 p.m.

February 19

Education Choice Summit
Featuring Dr. Steve Perry
Author, Speaker and Educator
Calhoun Community College-Huntsville Campus
Student Center
5:30-8 p.m.

February 22-23

Midwest Invitational Rodeo
Alabama A&M University
Agribition Center

February 28

Second Annual "Day of Action" Nonprofit and Community Rainbow of Knowledge Fair
Huntsville Marriott at the U.S. Space and Rocket Center
Huntsville, Ala., 4:30 p.m.

March 9

13th Annual Rosetta James "Honoring Our Elders" Celebration Luncheon
The Jackson Center
601 Moquin Drive
(Cummings Research Park)



Millennial Thought

by Josh Alex Baker

"Playbill"

[Act I]: Consider yourself a plant. What type of garden are you growing in? Does it provide nutrient-rich soil...adequate access to sunlight...are you growing at all? The energies that you surround yourself with, both actively and passively, comprise this garden. I

dare you to conduct an assessment. Evaluate the relationships you are currently maintaining and deeply contemplate what they bring to the garden. If you do not feel challenged in your garden, diversify your garden. If you do not feel emotionally fulfilled in your garden, diversify your garden. If you don't feel valued in your garden,

diversify your garden. Never forget the power you retain over what exists in your garden. Ensure that it is fruitful and not festering. [Act II]: Consider those around your plants. What type of garden are they growing in? Do you provide nutrient-rich soil...adequate access to sunlight...are they growing at all? The energy that they surround themselves with, both actively and passively, comprises this garden. I dare you to conduct an assessment. Evaluate the relationships you are currently maintaining and

deeply contemplate what you bring to the garden. If they do not feel challenged in their garden, they need to diversify their garden. If they do not feel emotionally fulfilled in their garden, they need to diversify their garden. If they don't feel valued in their garden, they need to diversify their garden. Never forget the power one retains over what exists in his or her garden. One must ensure that it is fruitful and not festering. [Act III]: May we forever hold each other accountable.

FAITH Initiative Announces Third Round of Scholarships

In 2012, the Session of Fellowship Presbyterian Church (FPC), initiated formation of the FAITH Initiative as a mission extension of the church. After due process, the Internal Revenue Service accorded nonprofit status to the organization.

FAITH Initiative, Incorporated, announces two \$1,000 scholarships to be awarded May 2019. The Bobby Bodiford Memorial Scholarship and the Dr. Constance Dees Memorial Scholarship honor these two educators and late

members of FPC.

The scholarships are open to deserving students from the Tennessee Valley who have been accepted by an accredited university or technical school and who demonstrate the potential to become a productive member of the community.

Recipients are not re-

quired to be enrolled or accepted in an institution of higher learning in Alabama

to receive the scholarships.

Applications and requirements have been mailed to

area high school counselors and local churches. However, FPC is using *The Valley Weekly* as yet another resource for getting

this announcement to high school seniors.

The awards will be formally presented at the organization's fundraising event on May 4, 2019. Information on the annual fundraiser will be announced in March.

Scholarship applications may be obtained from the FAITH Initiative organization at faithinitiativenonprofit@gmail.com or by calling (256) 714-9399. Applications must be received not later than March 18, 2019.



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Valley Deaths

- Nelms Memorial Funeral Home -

Funeral service for MR. WILLIE J. HALL (b. 1934) will be Saturday, February 2, at 12 p.m. at First Missionary Baptist Church with Dr. Julius R. Scruggs officiating.

Funeral service for MR. JORDAN C. WILSON (b. 1994) will be announced at a later date.

Funeral service for MRS. HELEN DANGERFIELD was held Thursday, January 31, in the Nelms Memorial Funeral Home Chapel.

Funeral service for MR. LAWRENCE E. MCCRARY (b. 1955) was held Monday, January 28, at the Union Chapel Missionary Baptist Church with the Reverend Hernandez Ford officiating.

Funeral service for MS. RUTHIE LANGFORD (better known as "Sweet Cake"; b. 1947) was held Saturday, January 26, in the Nelms Memorial Funeral Home Chapel with Brother Floyd Rodgers officiating.

Funeral arrangements for MRS. JUANITA D. TOWNSEND will be Saturday, January 26, at 1 p.m. at Hope Community Church, 1111 Pulaski Pike, Huntsville, Ala., with the Reverend Dr. Theodis Acklin officiating.

- Royal Funeral Home -

Funeral service for MR. WALTER LOUIS PALMER (b. 1923) was held Thursday, January 31, at First Missionary Baptist Church (3509 Blue Springs Road, Huntsville, Ala.) with Dr. Julius R. Scruggs officiating.

Funeral service DR. ARLESTER "MACK" MCBRIDE was held Wednesday, January 30, at Union Chapel Missionary Baptist Church (315 Winchester Road, Huntsville, Ala.) with Dr. O. Wendell Davis officiating.

Funeral service for MR. RODERICK DEWAYNE BROWN was held Sunday, January 27, at West Side Missionary Baptist Church (909 4th Street NW, Decatur, Ala.) with Minister Eric Birdsong officiating.

Funeral service for MRS. GERALDINE ELIZABETH PRUITT (b. 1934) was held Sunday, January 27, at New Life Seventh-day Adventist Church (3912 Pulaski Pike NW, Huntsville, Ala.) with Dr. Maurice Childress officiating.

Funeral service MRS. WILMA YVONNE DANIEL (b. 1936) was held Saturday, January 26, at Saint Mark Baptist Church (6475 Moores Mill Road Huntsville, Ala.) with Pastor Jeremiah Chester officiating.

Funeral service for MRS. CALLIE STEWART-HORTON was held Saturday, January 26, at Saint Rebecca Primitive Baptist Church (330 Grimwood Road Hazel Green, Ala.) with Elder Billy Jones officiating.

- Serenity Funeral Home -

Funeral service for MR. OARY "MAIN" MOORE, JR., (b. 1947) will be held Saturday, February 2, at Serenity Funeral Home (2505 University Drive NW, Huntsville, Ala.) with Pastor C. Jermaine Turner officiating.

Funeral service for MR. WILLIAM RAY was held on Wednesday, January 23, at Valley View Memorial Gardens at 139 Meridianville Bottom Road Meridianville, Ala.

Called 2 Preach

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

A Yet Praise in the Middle of the 'Not Yet'

Habakkuk 3:17-19

This word "yet" serves as both an adverb and a conjunction. As an adverb, it means up until the present or a specified or implied time. Another of its adverbial use is to emphasize increase or repetition; such as, "Rain, rain, and yet more rain." As a conjunction it means but at the same time; but, nevertheless. It is this usage that is translated in the passage of Scripture above. In verse 18, it depicts the prophet Habakkuk assigning this hymn of faith to the Chief Musician (Minister of Music). This hymn of faith was a song

Huntsville City Council Meetings



Huntsville City Council's regular meetings are held in the City Council Chambers of the Municipal Building on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. Council work sessions are also held in the Chambers of the Municipal Building on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month at 6 p.m.

For more information, call (256) 427-5011.

by God, was that it was God that was using the enemy of His people in order to chastise them and bring them back to the heart of God.

However, God did not leave them in that predicament, it was temporary, and Habakkuk was able to see beyond his present



condition into the not yet and embrace the promises of God. He had a yet praise in the midst of the not yet. Though the fig tree may not blossom... (predicament); Yet I will rejoice in the LORD...(praise); The LORD God is my strength (proclamation); He will make my feet like deer's feet (promise). Do you have a "yet" praise?

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Rosetta James Foundation Scholarships Open

The Rosetta James Foundation (RJF) is accepting applications for its annual scholarship award program until Friday, February 15. Awards will be presented at the "Honoring Our Elders" event at 12 noon on Saturday, March 9, at The Jackson Center, 6001 Moquin Drive, in Cummings Research Park.

The scholarships are awarded to deserving students who are committed to community volunteerism as part of their college experience. Scholarships are not awarded to graduate students.

E-mail: info@rosettajamesfoundation.org; or Mail by Friday, February 15, to: Gary T. Whitley, Jr., Rosetta James Foundation Scholarship Chair, P.O. Box 17452, Huntsville, AL 35810.

For additional information and a detailed list of criteria, visit rosettajamesfoundation.org.

RJF 2019 Scholarships:

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Champion Game Plan for Life

by Preston Brown

"Waging War Against The Enemy"

Ephesians 6: 12 says: *"For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms."*

You know, as long as we are Christians, there will always be a battle for our minds. Now this battle that I am talking about is the struggle between good and evil. It is the struggle between doing what is right and doing what is wrong. Now, both God and the devil want to control our minds. And, the prize "at stake" is our salvation. You see, the devil knows that if he can capture your thoughts, then he can corrupt your mind.

He also knows that a corrupt mind will lead to destruction. Proverbs 23:7 says, *As a man thinks in his heart, so is he.*



Today, we live in a world that has gone wild when it comes to the things that we listen to and watch. It causes "images" to stay in our minds that can potentially be dangerous. That's why we as Christians need to set our minds on things above and not on earthly things (Col. 3:2). It goes on to say in vs 5: *"Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed which is idolatry."*

You see, we can change the way we live by changing the way we think. But we have to realize that our strength is in our relation-

ship with God.

In other words, the more we know the word of God, the more weapons we will have to do battle against

the enemy. Since this is a spiritual battle and we live in the flesh, Jesus is the only one that can help us win the war that's going on in our minds.

Because when Jesus died on the cross, we no longer had to fight our battles in our own strength. In Luke 10:19-20, Jesus said that we have the power to demolish any strongholds that are in our lives. And, one of the strongholds that we have to deal with is doing the right thing when no one is watching.

Stay encouraged, my brothers and sisters!

Spotlight on Our Elders ... Featuring

Mrs. Sibyl Wilkinson

Sibyl McDougald Wilkinson was reared in Savannah and Claxton, Ga. She met her future husband, James Chason Wilkinson, in college. After they married, the two called Atlanta, Claxton and Florida home for numerous years before retiring in Huntsville, Ala., where their daughters Nancy and Sarah resided.


During the more than four decades she has lived in Huntsville, Wilkinson has been active in several organizations, including the Wounded Warriors, volunteer; The Gothic Guild, past president, Cotillion Etiquette Committee; and Tennessee Valley Scottish Society, past president.

She has been honored with the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Girl Scouts of America; the Distinguished Service Award, 2nd Marine Division, U.S. Marine Corps; the Clan MacDougall Award; and the Somerled Award. In addition to working with the Marines and the Scottish communities, Wilkinson is committed to working for First United Methodist Church, where she has served as a past trustee and on the kitchen committee, administrative board, board of trustees, parsonage committee, the historical committee and the special ministries committee.

On the 40th anniversary



of the end of the Korean War, she was invited as a guest of the South Korean government in Seoul, where she received an individual audience with Senior Pastor Sundo Kim, who presented her with the Key to the Kwanglim Methodist Church.



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Rocket City Native to Play in Championship Game

by Reginald Allen

Alabama native Robert “Trey” Flowers is Atlanta-bound, where his team, the New England Patriots, will face off against the Los Angeles Rams Sunday, Feb. 3, at the Mercedes Benz Stadium.

Sunday’s showdown will be the Huntsville native’s third time participating in the championship game. Flowers nabbed his first ring in 2017 with the Patriots after a close game against the Atlanta Falcons.

An alumnus of Columbia High School, the defensive end excelled in basketball and football, which caught the attention of numerous schools, including Georgia Tech and the University of

Arkansas at Fayetteville. Initially committing to the Peach State, Flowers later reneged and chose Arkansas. Given the chance to participate in the NFL Draft junior year, Flowers opted to finish out his schooling, where he obtained his bachelor’s degree in economics.

A fourth-round pick in the 2015 Draft, Flowers’ rookie season came to a halt when a shoulder injury forced him to sit out the rest of the year. The 25-year-old only played one game. During his sophomore season, the Huntsville native triumphantly returned, leading in overall sacks that year.

Following his first championship victory, Flowers had his jersey number retired at Columbia High School and was honored by the Huntsville-Madison County Hall of Fame.

One of ten siblings, Flowers comes from a family of athletes that have played collegiate and professional level.

The Patriots will take off the Rams this Sunday at the Mercedes-Benz Stadium at 6:30 p.m. on CBS. “Empress of Soul” Gladys Knight will sing the national anthem and pop band Maroon 5 will perform the half-time show with special appearances by rappers Big Boi and Travis Scott.



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