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"It is a time for martyrs now ..."

- Malcolm X

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Legislator Becomes House Minority Leader

Alabama State Representative Anthony Daniels was recently elected Minority Leader by his colleagues in the Democratic House Caucus, making the 34-year-old the youngest and first African American to be named to the post in modern state history. Daniels also ranks among the youngest party leaders nationwide.

"I am humbled by the faith, trust and support provided by my colleagues in Montgomery, and I'm looking forward to getting to work," Daniels said. "Democrats are ready to roll up their sleeves to boost public education, to help businesses create good-paying jobs, and to restore public confidence in Montgomery among the hard-working families of Alabama."

Rep. Daniels grew up in Midway, Ala., was first

elected to the House in 2014, and has spent his career determined to boost jobs, public education, and college affordability. He has served as an educator, a fundraiser for Alabama A&M University and as a member of Huntsville's Economic Sustainability Council, among other positions. He currently operates a small business in North Alabama.

In 2016, Daniels introduced two bills which eventually became law. The first, known as the "Growler Bill", allows small brewers to sell their product for off-site consumption, boosting the economy and encouraging Alabama breweries to expand. Daniels also introduced the 21st Century Manufac-

ing Act, which would boost manufacturing and business recruitment by encouraging a greater partnership between industry and local governments.

"As we begin this year's legislative session, we are ready to reach across the aisle and deliver for Alabamians, but we have to focus on our collective needs - not on controversial bills that divide us and makes it more difficult to attract and retain good paying jobs our people need and deserve. That means moving forward on our efforts to build a stronger business climate, boost both K-12 and higher education, and to balance our budget without trying to do so on the backs of our poor, our senior citizens, and our veterans."

- Gary T. Whitley, Jr.



March Launches Kite Fest

AshaKiran and the City of Huntsville will hold the annual Community Kite Festival on Saturday, March 4, at Jaycee Festival Grounds at John Hunt Park.

The four-hour, free ac-

tivity will begin at 11 a.m. and end at 3 p.m. It aims to celebrate diversity in the Tennessee Valley, as well as to provide attendees a chance to enjoy kite flying, demonstrations, food vendors, live entertainment,

giveaways, activities for children, and Chicago Kite.

For additional information, contact www.ashakiranonline.org or www.facebook.com/ashakiranonline.

Exhibit Redefines Double Consciousness

As a part of its month-long Black History Month celebration, the Visual Arts program at Alabama A&M University is hosting recent works by artist Clifford L. Gordon through March 10.

Gordon's "We Wear the Mask: Redefining a Double Consciousness" exhibit is on display in the Morrison Art Gallery of the R.D. Morrison Fine Arts Building on the AAMU campus.

Gordon is a Chattanooga native who serves as an instructor of fine arts at Columbia State Community College in Tennessee, where he also teaches art history, drawing, painting, printmaking and two-dimensional design.



Omegas Plan Annual Memorial Service

The Men of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc (Xi Omicron Chapter (Huntsville), Psi Kappa Kappa Chapter (Redstone Arsenal and Madison), and Nu Epsilon Chapter (Alabama A&M University) cordially invite the public to the Omegas Annual Memorial Service on Sunday, March 12, 2017, at 2:30 p.m. at the Omega Center, 181 Import Drive, Huntsville, Ala.

This solemn ceremony is conducted each year to further memorialize distinguished brothers who entered eternal rest during

the past year.

Significant stalwarts who contributed immensely to mankind, the greater Huntsville community, and Omega and will be honored include the late Dr. Sonny Hereford, the late Dr. Jerry Shipman, the late Mr. Isaac Rooks, and others.

All persons of all faiths, ethnic backgrounds, gender, affiliations, etc., are invited to attend to enhance this celebration.

Additionally, all Men of Omega within the Tennessee Valley must attend,

regardless of Chapter affiliation, financial status and standing with International, District, State and local Chapters, as the organization seeks to harmoniously celebrate the legacies of deceased brothers and reclaim all brothers of Omega to further uplift mankind.

For additional information, contact Michael Taylor via e-mail mishat62@hotmail.com or Spencer Holden via email spncrhldn@gmail.com.

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Your Washington Recap

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

1. The House and Senate are in session this week. The House has 5 more Obama-era regulations on its calendar that it will vote to cancel this week, including an executive order that barred states from withdrawing federal funds from clinics, including Planned Parenthood, that provide abortions.

2. President Trump met with Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau Monday at the White House and met with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Wednesday. Over the weekend, White House staffers hinted that the President may issue a new order restricting immigration in view of the 9th Circuit Appeal Court's refusal last week to lift a stay imposed on his

current ban by a federal judge in Seattle.

3. According to Saturday's Washington Post, Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) raided homes and workplaces and took hundreds of undocumented immigrants into custody in Atlanta, Chicago, New York, Los Angeles, North Carolina, South Carolina, Florida, Kansas, Texas and Northern Virginia in actions that started on Monday and ended Friday at noon.

4. According to Politico, GOP House Members held an emergency closed-door meeting last week and listened to tips from former county sheriff Rep. Dave Reichert (R-WA) on how to protect themselves from angry crowds at their local town hall meetings.

5. Last Wednesday, Public

Citizen, the NRDC, and the Communication Workers of America filed a federal suit against President Trump's January 30 executive order that requires that federal agencies may only issue a new regulation if they rescind 2 existing regulations. The lawsuit alleges that the President exceed his authority in issuing the order.

6. Nine directors of centers of higher education at universities across the country have sent Jerry Falwell, Jr., who is reportedly leading a task force on higher education reform for President Trump, a list of seven "keystone challenges" facing the industry.

7. On Saturday, the New York Times reported that White House Press Secretary Sean Spicer's daily press briefings are a ratings hit, getting 4.3 million viewers on average, beating soap operas like *The Bold and the Beautiful* and *General Hospital*, which air in the same time slot.

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ADC Prepares for Membership Breakfast

The Madison County Unit of the Alabama Democratic Conference (ADC) will host the 2017 Annual Membership Breakfast on Saturday, February 25, beginning at 8 a.m. at the Ernest L. Knight Reception Center on the campus of Alabama A&M University. The program theme is "Where Do We Go from Here?"

Dr. Will Boyd, the former Democratic candidate for U.S. Representative 5th Congressional District, will be the keynote speaker. The oldest son of Dr. and Mrs. Bill Boyd of Florence, S.C., he and his wife are the parents of three children.

Dr. Boyd has a B.S. in engineering, an earned MBA and three (3) Ph.D.'s in religion, management and Christian clinical psychology. He has published three books, "Scratching the Surface," "Watch God!" and "Can You Hear Me



Now?"

He has served as college dean and assistant adjunct professor, vice president, chancellor, and board member of a seminary. He serves on the Lauderdale County Democratic Executive Committee.

Boyd is a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated. He currently serves as pastor of St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church, Florence, Ala.

For additional information or to purchase tickets contact Eddie Sherrod, County Chairman at (256) 508-1782.

Huntsville Spiritual Chorale to Perform Saturday



Come enjoy the Huntsville Spiritual Chorale in its annual concert, "Sing for Joy," on Saturday, February 18, at 5 p.m.

The Chorale will also welcome participating local choral groups: The Voices of Oakwood University, Oakwood Academy Choir

and the Alabama A & M Choir.

Come out and enjoy one of the neat cultural gifts available. This event is free to the public and will be held at Fellowship Presbyterian Church, 3406 Meridian Street NE, in Huntsville, Ala.

Champion Game Plan for Life by Preston Brown

If you are going to get married, you have to be prepared to go to work because it takes work to make a marriage successful. For example, some people may say "My marriage is not working," but perhaps it's because you're not working on your



marriage. Matter of fact, if you approached your job the same way you ap-

proached your marriage, some people would not even have a job. Sometimes marriage is not pretty like a picture; it needs work. Even when things are going well, it still requires work. So many people go

into a marriage thinking about what they can get out of it. But when you do this, you miss the point of "giving yourself away." So many people want the "gift" of a relationship, without the giving of a relationship. Marriage is the best thing, but it's not the easiest thing. So if we understand this, then we will be blessed in our marriages and live happily ever after ... stay encouraged, my brothers and sisters.

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From the Editor

Ahhh, My Friend Butch!

So some of our readers might have put 2 and 2 together by now. Late last year, The Delta Theta Lambda Education Foundation of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., invited the community to make nominations for the 2017 Unity Award. I called my friend, Butch Damson, and indicated that I wanted to nominate her. Of course, she said "no" and that conversation ended. I didn't accept her answer. I proceeded to call people I knew, to include calling and going over to St. Joseph Catholic Parish to pick up one of their anniversary books. I talked to our mutual friend, Dr. Charles Smoot, who directed me to resources that I *knew* existed; however, I didn't know where or how to find them.

Givers are typically people who do not want others to give to them. Bill and I have an agreement that he will not work with anyone to plan anything for me, where people have to give to me: from birthdays to anniversaries to special holidays and honors and awards. So, to the persons who nominated me, I can assure you that Bill was no help. Always, I want to be the person *giving*.

I was so busy getting Butch's nomination together, I never thought about who else might be honored. That was not important. Typically, we attend the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Unity Breakfast each year, so we, like so many other local citizens, would be there anyway--regardless. It's an important occasion in the life of America and in our City.

The breakfast is held annually on the Monday of the official Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., national holiday. Federal and state government organizations are closed; therefore, there is no compelling reason as to why we wouldn't go. And, Butch was pleased to learn many things that she did not know about Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity. For instance, Alpha was the first intercollegiate Greek-lettered fraternity for African-American men. Founded in 1906 at Cornell University, Dr. King was a member. In addition, she knew Wilbert Brown, Dr. Charles Smoot, Gary Whitley and Bill Huston. However, when I told her that they were all members, she thought it that was completely awesome! She knows Wilbert as the former Principal of AAAS, she and Dr. Smoot have been fellow parishioners at St. Joseph Catholic Parish for decades, Gary from our family foundation, and she knows Bill as my side kick.

So, I was not on the line when Wilbert Brown called her, but I can imagine her response, even if it remained unspoken. Her thought was, "I told Dorothy, 'no' but she is hard-headed." So, Butch, from one hard-head to another, *Congratulations!* I cannot think of anyone more deserving of this honor. You are a unifier, and your response about 'race not mattering' when you close your eyes and hold the person's hand next to you is a lesson that still has not been learned by many of us. Actually, it's a lesson not taught or talked about enough. The longer I live, the more I learn about the things that are truly important in life. With that said, the older I get, the more I observe that so many of us refuse to practice what we know to be the "right" thing to do. We go through the mechanics of life, work, church, clubs, and organizations, but we never reach the pinnacle of really living the things about which we talk and espouse. Some of my greatest disappointments in life have been shared with people I knew and trusted. To the contrary, some of my greatest joys have been experienced with strangers and random people who had no real expectations about how I might share or give. Dr. Richard Showers insisted on Butch and I meeting. I said "no" several times, but Butch persisted. I am so glad that she is hard-headed like me.

By the way, when Wilbert called me on the Thursday before the breakfast on Monday, my response was "You have got to be kidding!" I then understood why Gary Whitley was selling me so many ads. The event was sold out but there was plenty space in the souvenir booklet. Thanks, COL (Ret.) James Heyward, for allowing our daughter, Katie, to sit with your guests. I didn't have a seat for her because I didn't know she was coming.

Butch Damson is a "game changer," and I am still not sure how I got to share the stage with her! I was working on her behalf, not knowing that someone was working on mine. Life is full of wonderful surprises. I have had my share of God's mercy and grace! I am grateful for each day.

I will share my tribute for Black History Month next week.
Blessings until then ...



Dr. Dorothy W. Huston, Mayor Tommy Battle and Mrs. Butch Damson at the MLK Unity Breakfast 2017

Dorothy

Huntsville City Schools Sponsor iRegister 2017 Event

Huntsville City Schools will hold its iRegister 2017 activity on Saturday, March 4, at the Von Braun Center North Hall from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

The 2017 theme is: "iRegister 2017: Explore College, Career and Community." The event targets parents and students in rising grades 6-12.

iRegister 2017 will provide rising middle and high school students and parents with a variety of information and resources related to course selection, academic success strategies, college and career opportunities and community resources.

Students and parents are invited to the 3rd Annual iRegister Event to provide area rising middle and



high school students and parents with materials pertaining to course selection (AP/Honors, Career Academies, extracurricular programs, etc.), academic success strategies, postsecondary and career opportunities, as well as community resources.

Huntsville City Schools continues to encourage students to "explore" their op-

tions to becoming college and career ready, as well as learning about community resources that support students and families.

In addition, several programs and departments from HCS will be on hand to provide support and answer questions (InfoSnap, Durham transportation, Magnet programs, School Readiness/Pre-K, etc.).

C4 "Beyond Barriers" Conference Feb. 21

The CornerStone Initiative C4 Conference scheduled for 2017 will extend the conversations that started in 2013. The conference will be held Tuesday, February 21, at 8:30 a.m. at The Jackson Center.

However, organizers are hoping to delve a bit deeper to discover ways to provide tangible solutions. Thus, the conference aims to tackle the fact that individuals, groups, and churches encounter multiple barriers when it comes to engaging in the long process of walking with someone from "poverty to plenty."

How to move volunteers beyond the "necessary and immediate relief" toward diagnosing and solving the problem? What are the

barriers that prevent the forming of relationships in many of the vulnerable communities right here in Madison County?

Registrants can join the search to move beyond simply identifying the problem, to moving towards providing tangible solutions.

The speaker will be Tom Bassford, founder and executive director of Significant Matters, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that works with faith-based groups, other community stakeholders and philanthropic organizations to tackle complex societal issues in sustainable ways.

Another featured pre-

sender will be Gregory E. Ealey, Th.M., senior pastor, of Paseo Baptist Church. Ealey is a native of Austin, Tex. He attended Texas State University, where he received a Bachelor of Business Administration degree with a focus in accounting.

He received a Master of Theology degree with a focus on pastoral leadership from Dallas Theological Seminary. Ealey has worked with The Urban Alternative, a ministry of Dr. Tony Evans. He has also been trained in teaching the "Walk Thru the Old Testament" and the "Walk Thru the New Testament" seminars.

The conference is \$99. Call (256) 694-5393 for details.



A Good Read



by Jerome Saintjones

Flannery O'Connor's "Good Country People"

Ain't nothing more conniving than a country slick. A cold but smart one-legged

atheist whose destiny it is to wait for the end of a shortened life on a farm with her mother and farm hands is outsmarted by a bible-selling bumpkin who claims to be "good country people."

Perhaps most thought-provoking of all are the words of the farm helper's wife, who seems to suggest that the simple-acting salesman might have found easier success peddling his bibles among African Americans.

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Upcoming HMA Exhibit to Highlight Blues Musicians

The Huntsville Museum of Art will show the immortalization of noted blues musicians beginning April 23, when the Museum opens "Our Living Past: A Platinum Portrait of Music Makers." The exhibit will run through July 2.

For more than three decades, photographer Tim Duffy has immortalized Southern musical heroes and the world in which they live, not only through the photographs he takes, but also through his Music Maker Relief Foundation, which promotes and supports the enduring tradition of Southern roots music.

"Our Living Past" celebrates this distinctive regional sound through 25 iconic images of living blues musicians, supplemented by an array of related musical instruments and ephemera. Organized by the Music Maker Relief Foundation, Hillsborough, N.C.



Before embarking on a 30-city trek across the country, the British-American rock band are making a pit stop in the Rocket City.

Widely known for smash hits "Cold as Ice", "Waiting for A Girl Like You" and "I Want to Know What It Is", the seven-member ensemble will be belting out a cavalcade of their most popular numbers on Feb. 21 at the Von Braun Center. The mid-February concert is one of the many pre-shows before kicking off a special sum-

mer tour, commemorating their 40 years in the music industry.

Formed in the late 1970s, the band was originally composed of Mick Jones, Lou Gramm, Ian McDonald, Ed Gagliardi and Al Greenwood. Foreigner's name comes the band's mixture of English and American members, making them "foreigners wherever they go."

With 9 albums and 80 million records sales worldwide, the three-time Grammy-nominated ensemble is considered one of

the best-selling groups of all time.

Since their 1977 debut, the band's original lineup has gradually diluted with several on-going replacements, leaving founder Mick Jones as the sole original member. However, in a recent press release, Jones announced that Gramm, McDonald and Greenwood would be reuniting for select tour stops this summer.

The show is slated to begin at 7:30 P.M.

Tickets are available for \$36.50, \$56.50, \$76.5 and

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\$96.50 and can be purchased online or the VBC box office.

For additional information, please call (256)533-1953 or visit the band's website, Foreigneronline.com

by Reggie D. Allen

USSRC Features "Neighborhood Earth"

The U.S. Space and Rocket Center has added "Neighborhood Earth" among its line of interesting and worthwhile exhibits.

Neighborhood Earth transports visitors to the surface of earth's closest planetary neighbors with cutting-edge cinematic techniques and projection technologies.

Using hands-on advanced technology, guests

assemble rockets with 3D-printed parts, simulate the Orion Capsule's re-entry to Earth, discover the weight differences on other planets, and learn from interactive holograms.

Neighborhood Earth, produced in conjunction with the U.S. Space & Rocket Center and Flying Fish Exhibits, incorporates artifacts from the U.S. Space & Rocket Center vaults to tell the

stories behind mankind's exploration of the universe, asking guests to question what the future of space exploration may hold for humanity.

Among its many science standards, Neighborhood Earth provides scientific and engineering practices; cross-cutting concepts; common core mathematics; and Alabama College and Career Ready Science Standards. For more information, visit www.rocketcenter.com.



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Valley Deaths

Funeral service will be announced at a later date for **Baby Girl Joia Olivia Williams** (b. February 4, 2017).

Funeral service was held Saturday, February 11, at Nelms Memorial Funeral Home Chapel for **Mr. David Ulas Townsend** (b. 1951) with Rev. Haywood Eason officiating.

Funeral service was held Sunday, February 5, for **Mrs. Gracie M. Sales** (b. 1939) at the Consolidated Flint River & Running Water Primitive Baptist Memorial Tabernacle with the Rev. Lester Baker.

Funeral service was held for **Ms. Alberta A. McWilliams** (b. 1972) on Sunday, February 5, at Mount Zion Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America.

Funeral service was held for **Mrs. Florence Bell Davidson** (b. 1946) on Saturday, February 4, at Zion Progress Missionary Baptist Church.

Funeral service was held Sunday, January 29, for **Mrs. Laura Hereford** (b. 1940) at Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Church with Pastor Joe H. Cater officiating.

-Nelms Memorial
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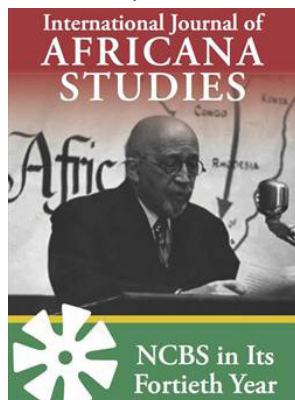
Program Will Honor Bradfords

An event that aims to pay tribute to the legendary local music couple--Dr. Henry Bradford, Jr. and Mrs. Nell Lane Bradford--has been scheduled for March 25.

The Friends of the Bradfords Inaugural Gala will be held at the Von Braun Center North Hall next month. Proceeds will benefit the Dr. Henry Bradford, Jr. and Mrs. Nell Lane Bradford Scholarship Foundation, Inc.

For advertising and sponsorship info, contact Veronica Winston at (256) 509-4894. Tickets: Pat Ward at (256) 350-9054.

ASU Home to New Journal



The *Journal of Blacks in Higher Education* has announced that Alabama State University will become the base for the *International Journal of Africana Studies*, a publication of the National Council for Black Studies.

Bertis English, a professor of history at Alabama State, is the editor of the journal. Sharron Herron-Williams, a professor of political science, is the assistant editor.



Prospective Debs Rock Showcase

Columbia High School was the "rocking" scene for the 2017 Debutantes Hobby Talent Showcase and Scrapbook Presentation. Epsilon Gamma Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., presented the event at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 4, 2017.

The Hobby Talent Showcase spotlighted poets, singers, dance teams, videography and more before an enthusiastic crowd of family and friends. This year's theme was "Debutantes Rock" and the showcase dance finale lived up to that theme.

The Debutantes choreographed an energetic finale dance routine to a medley of songs which included "Voss", "Pretty Girl Rock", and "Formation".

Ms. Courtney Battle, the chair for the Hobby Talent Showcase, was "very pleased" with the Debutantes performance. Ms. Battle indicated her appreciation for the hard work and dedication that the thirty-four talented young ladies exhibited over the last few months. They started practicing the dance routine in December with weekly two hour and sometimes three hour rehearsals starting each Saturday in January.

The Debutantes, the committee and the families are to be congratulated on a phenomenal showcase event. Winners of the 2017 Scrapbook competition were also honored on

Saturday after the Hobby Talent Showcase. This year's competition had scrapbook entries that expressed the Debutantes' creativity in documenting their experiences through beautiful photos and informative narratives.

A panel of judges evaluated each scrapbook, and awards were announced and presented at the event. Each Debutante received a Certificate of Participation, and awards were given for 1st place, 2nd place and 3rd place scrapbooks. The 2017 Scrapbook winners are: 1st place, Nadia Stewart; 2nd place, Shelby Vaughn; and 3rd place, Dailyn Hereford. The chairperson for this event, Ms. Yoneka Pride, would like to congratulate the scrapbook winners and thank the judges, the Debutantes and the Scrapbook Committee for another successful event.

The winning scrapbook entries will be on display at the 59th Debutante Presentation and Ball on Friday, February 17, 2017.



A SONGBIRD TAKES FLIGHT A Tribute to Cathy Miller-Robinson

{Written by Miriam B. Frank Umbaugh}
(On Behalf of the Music Ministry of
First Missionary Baptist Church)

*Songbirds soar and songbirds sing.
Some in fall and winter; others in summer and spring.
Some perch on limbs among the colorful leaves.
Some fill the air with tweets atop the flowing trees.
But our songbird sang throughout all seasons;
God blessed her and praising Jesus was her reason.
This songbird turned away from fortune and fame,
And dedicated her gift to lifting Jesus' name.
Cathy was a very beautiful and special songbird.
She sang the soulful songs based upon God's Word.
She walked and worked among her sisters and brothers
While giving her best as wife and mother.
Death cannot silence her sweet and powerful voice,
For she left remnants of sacred songs of her own choice.
Perhaps her last song was "No Greater Love,"
For He who stopped the pain as He lifted her above.
We will miss her warmth and her sincere smile
As she greeted everyone in her charming style.
Dramatically her eyes and hands she'd raise
As she sincerely gave her all in worship and praise.
She never perched for she was always giving
Knowing Christ should be seen in her way of living.
This beautiful songbird has now taken flight;
Our hearts are heavy, but the skies are bright.
This beautiful songbird soars on wings of grace.
She is singing for joy while she beholds His face.*

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February 16

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Info: info@tour4diversity.org
Dawson Building Auditorium
9 a.m.

February 18

HBCU College Fair
Union Chapel MB Church
Family Life Center
10 a.m.-1 p.m.

"Showdown: Thurgood Marshall and the Supreme Court Nomination that Changed America"

Featuring: Wil Haygood, Author of Acclaimed Book and Movie "The Butler"
Sponsor: The Rosetta James Foundation
The Fellowship of Faith Church Fellowship Hall
3703 N. Memorial Parkway
12 noon (FREE)

February 21

The CornerStone Initiative C4 Conference
The Jackson Center
6001 Moquin Drive
Huntsville, Ala.
8:30 a.m.

February 23

Art Exhibit
"Around the Bend: An Exhibition of Drawings and Paintings by Robert Cox"
Alabama Center for the Arts
Decatur, Ala.
8 a.m.-5 p.m., M-TH
8 a.m.-12 noon, Friday

63rd Annual Meeting of Council Federal Credit

Union

All Members Welcome!
AAMU Agribition Center
12 noon

Southern Families African American Genealogy Meeting

Convener: Charles B. Smith
(Dues: \$35/Year)
AAMU Wellness Center
6-7:30 p.m.

February 24

Alabama A&M University Board of Trustees Meeting
Clyde Foster Auditorium
College of Business and Public Affairs
10 a.m.

February 25

Basketball
Alabama A&M University vs. Prairie View
Elmore Building
4 p.m. and 6 p.m.

March 4

Community Kite Festival
John Hunt Park
Jaycee Building and Fields
11 a.m.-3 p.m.

March 11

The Rosetta James Foundation "Honoring Our Elders" Celebration
The Jackson Center
Moquin Drive
Huntsville, Ala., 5 p.m.

March 12

Spelman College Glee Club
Sponsor: Huntsville Area Chapter - Spelman College Academy for Academics and Arts - \$25
4800 Sparkman Drive
Huntsville, Ala.
5 p.m.

March 25

Dr. Henry Bradford, Jr. and Mrs. Nell Lane Bradford Scholarship Foundation Inc Friends of the Bradfords Inaugural Gala
Von Braun Center North Hall; Ads & Sponsorship: Mrs. Veronica Winston - (256) 509-4894
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Calhoun to Host Gospel Fest

Calhoun Community College will hold its 27th Annual Gospel Fest concert Friday, February 24, in the Student Center at the college's Huntsville campus at 102B Wynn Drive at 6 p.m. The free concert is open to the public.

The concert will feature the Calhoun Chorale, Calhoun Alumnae Evelyn Sisk, The Committed A Cappella Chorus, Lauryn Sisk, Athens High School, Thirty One Ten, Dynamic Praise and saxophonist Reginald Jackson.

The Gospel Fest is the culmination of the Calhoun's Black History Month celebration.

City Council Meetings



Huntsville City Council Meetings 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 6 p.m. City Council work sessions also held in the City Council 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.

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On This Day - Friday, February 17 - **MICHAEL JORDAN** - A
 basketball superstar who was inducted into the NBA Hall of Fame
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