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“Those that don’t got it, can’t show it.” - Zora Neale Hurston

Drake Plans Jazz in the Garden Event



Tickets go on sale soon for J.F. Drake Community and Technical College’s 2nd annual fundraising event benefitting its students.

The annual Jazz in the Garden has been scheduled for June 23.

Enjoy live jazz and R&B music, food, and fun. This is Drake’s one key fundraising event for the year to significantly impact students.

The public is invited to hear Kayoband featuring Kelley O’Neal to headline Jazz in the Garden a second time.

Don’t miss another family-friendly evening with talented artists surrounding the beautiful tree-lined track on campus. Get your tickets today!

Legacy Schedules 4th Annual Charity Kickball Tournament

The Legacy Center will host the 4th Annual Legacy Kickball Tournament on Saturday, June 3, at Calvary Hill. This community impact event helps The Legacy Center to raise money for scholarships that allow senior clients who attend its dementia adult day program and elementary-aged children to attend the ONLY intergenerational summer camp in Southeast region of the United States!!!

This program is: **Arts-based** (Scholarship includes ballet, drumming, piano, voice, and art therapy courses); **Faith-centered** (Daily character-building devotions rooted in Christian principles); **Service-Driven** (In addition to weekly field trips, students participate in weekly service projects); and supports **Elder Education** (Students learn early the importance of respecting our elders and receive dementia education).

Which team will take on the victory? Last year, the Huntsville Fire Department won the event. For more information about registration, fundraising recommendations, and activities, e-mail morgan@liveyourlegacyhere.com or call (256) 777-4224.

AAMU Health Educator Receives National Award

A national organization of health educators has named an Alabama A&M University educator its recipient of a prestigious award.



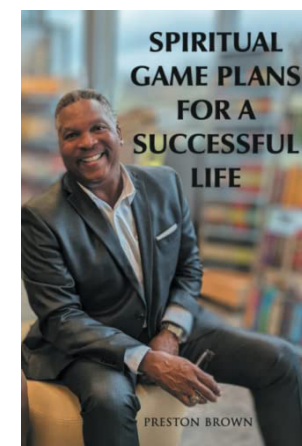
The Society of Public Health Educators (SOPHE) has awarded Dr. Sarah E. Toth, an associate professor of health science, the 2023 Dorothy Nyswander Health Equity Award for her significant achievements in public health.

TVW Columnist Shares New Book

Popular *Valley Weekly* columnist Preston Brown has announced the publication of his latest work-- “Spiritual Game Plans for a Successful Life,” available via Amazon.com (\$11.95). The hardcover edition is only \$28.95.

According to Brown, the new book was written to help people approach life and success from “a spiritual point of view.”

The spiritual side of us wants to do things the right way, says Brown. By definition, it is more in touch with things that affect humanity in a positive way. However, the materialistic and physical side of us often pulls us



in a different direction. That direction, he says, “always keeps us climbing that ladder to success.”

When people are led by the physical and the materialistic, they often climb the wrong ladder.

Readers of “Spiritual Game Plans” will find daily game plans that help them develop “a greater awareness” of what it takes to become successful from a spiritual perspective.

“In this book, I believe that you will have success in growing in the knowledge of God as well as the love that Jesus has for us,” commented Brown. “It is this love that Jesus has for us that wants us to be more spiritually minded when it comes to our love for humanity.”



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Washington in One Minute



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

1. CONGRESS. The House and Senate return to session this week after a 2-week recess. As House Speaker Kevin McCarthy (R-CA) heads to New York today for a 10 a.m. speech at the New York Stock Exchange to raise the stakes on the debt limit debate, the House GOP leadership is rounding up votes on its plan to raise the debt limit for 1 year covering \$2 trillion in spending in exchange for the ultimate GOP wish list: (1) a cap on federal discretionary spending after reducing it to FY2022 levels; (2) rescinding \$90 billion in unspent Covid funds; (3) halting the Biden student loan forgiveness plan; (4) repealing green tax credits; (5) instituting work requirements for social programs; (6) enacting the House's fossil fuel energy plan; and (7) giving Congress the power to approve or deny major new regulations costing \$100 million or more. On the House floor this week, Members will attempt to override President Biden's veto of a resolution striking the Administration's new Waters of the United States (WOTUS) regulation and will debate a bill to ban males on sports team designated for women or girls.

2. THE WHITE HOUSE. President Biden returned to the U.S. last Saturday morning after his 5-day trip to Ireland and the U.K. On Thursday, the President will host a meeting with Colombian President Gustavo Petro at the White House. This weekend, the President and First Lady

will welcome South Korean President Yoon Suk Yeol and First Lady Kim Keon Hee to the White House for a State Visit, including a State Dinner at the White House on Sunday night (April 26).

3. SUPREME COURT. The court this week hears arguments on some hot-button issues, including a case in which a U.S. Postal Service employee was disciplined after he refused to work on Sundays delivering Amazon packages citing a failure to accommodate his Christian beliefs (Groff v. DeJoy) and a Colorado case in which the question is whether threats made on Facebook are protected speech under the First Amendment (Counterman v. Colorado). The court also announced opinions from its current docket on Tuesday and Wednesday. On Friday afternoon, Supreme Court Justice Samuel Alito issued an interim order temporarily halting all restrictions on the use of the abortion drug mifepristone until the justices can rule on emergency appeals from the Biden Administration and drug-maker Danco Laboratories on an April 7th ruling by Texas Federal District Judge Matthew Kacsmaryk that suspended the Food and Drug Administration's approval of mifepristone. U.S. Solicitor General Elizabeth Prelogar asked the court to allow the drug to remain in use for now while a challenge to the FDA's approval continues. Justice Alito (who fields emergency requests from the 5th Circuit), put Judge Kacsmaryk's order on hold until 11:59 p.m. EDT

on Wednesday (April 19).

4. CRIME HEARING. On Monday, House Judiciary Committee Chair Jim Jordan (R-OH) held a field hearing in New York City at the Jacob Javits Federal Building on "Victims of Violent Crime in Manhattan" to "examine how Manhattan District Attorney Alvin Bragg's pro-crime, anti-victim policies have led to an increase in violent crime and a dangerous community for New York City residents."

5. CAR EMISSION STANDARDS. Last Wednesday, the U.S. Environmental Protection

Agency proposed ambitious new federal vehicle emissions standards for light-, medium-, and heavy-duty vehicles for model years 2027-2032 that would require up to 2/3rds of new vehicles sold in the U.S. to be electric by 2032 – significantly exceeding the Biden Administration's 50% electric vehicle sales target for 2030 announced less than 2 years ago. Through 2055, EPA projects that the proposed standards would avoid nearly 10 billion tons of CO2 emissions — equivalent to more than twice the annual U.S.

CO2 emissions in 2022.

6. WASHINGTON TRIVIA QUESTION. On Tuesday, the House Appropriations Committee held a hearing on the U.S. Department of Education's proposed budget for FY 2024. Education Secretary Miguel Cardona presented the funding request to House appropriators.

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HUNTSVILLE UTILITIES' BUSINESS MATCHMAKER EVENT

May 17, 2023
Von Braun Center



Small, Minority, Women & Veteran-Owned Business Expo

Huntsville Utilities is proud to host its second Business Matchmaker event, May 17 at the Von Braun Center.

This unique expo matches large companies with local minority, women, veteran-owned, and small businesses in north Alabama looking to expand their opportunities.

Companies who want to be part of this opportunity to create jobs, relationships, savings, and community growth, should click the Business Matchmaker link at www.hsvutil.org to receive additional information and fill out the registration form.

You can register as a:

Corporate Partner (large organization looking to diversify its supplier base, routinely purchases goods or services from other, smaller businesses), or,

Vendor (small, minority, veteran, or female-owned business looking to provide goods/services to Corporate Partners).

The event is free to Corporate Partners and Vendors. Participating Corporate Partners will receive 10x10 booth space with a table and two chairs at no cost.



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Memorial service for MR. MICHAEL T. FORDE CLARK (b. 2004) was held Sunday, April 16, at Saint Rebecca Primitive Baptist Church.

Funeral service for MS. BRIDGETT DIANE DAVIS-GARNER was held Saturday, April 8, at Mt. Pilgrim Baptist Church (408 N. 9th Street - Gadsden, Ala.).

Funeral service for MRS. DEBRA ANN BAILEY HOBSON-HOWARD (b. 1963) was held Saturday, April 8, at Saint Bartley Primitive Baptist Church with The Reverend Janice Mitchell Eason officiating.

Memorial service for MRS. HADASSAH ALYNE LEE (b. 1981) was held Thursday, April 6, at Nelms Memorial Funeral Home with Minister Robert Clark officiating.

ROYAL FUNERAL HOME

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Funeral service for MR. HENRY BRYANT, JR. (b. 1944) was held Tuesday, April 18, at First Missionary Baptist Church (3409 Blue Spring Road, Huntsville, Ala.).

Funeral service for MRS. CAROLYN KENNEMORE (b. 1944) was held Friday, April 14, at the Royal Chapel of Memories.

Funeral service for MRS. CAROLYN "SIS SHARP" WADE HAMMONDS (b. 1931) was held Saturday, April 15, at the Union Chapel Missionary Baptist Church (315 Winchester Rd NE, Huntsville, Ala.) with Dr. O. Wendell Davis officiating.

Funeral service for MRS. JANICE MITCHELL ISBELL (b. 1956) was held Saturday, April 15, at the Fellowship of Faith Church (3703 Memorial Pkwy NW, Huntsville, Ala.) with Reverend Dr. Laurie McCaulley officiating.

SERENITY FUNERAL HOME

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Funeral service for MS. HAZEL MARIE ERVIN (b. 1952) was held Friday, April 14, at Progressive Union Missionary Baptist Church, 1919 Brandontown Road, Huntsville, Ala.

Funeral service for MR. KAUHRYN "DOUGHBABY" MCCAULLEY (b. 2007) was held Saturday, April 8, at Big Shiloh Primitive Baptist Church, 133 Maple Street, Madison, Ala.

THE VALLEY WEEKLY
CHAMPION GAME PLAN

PRESTON BROWN

"DOING THE RIGHT THING"

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."

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. And 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 v5: "Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed which is idolatry."

We can change the way we live by changing the way we think. But we have to realize that our strength is in our relationship with God. In other words, the more we know

the word of God, the more weapons we will have to 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 says 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. Make sure you purchase a copy of my book "A CHAMPION GAME PLAN FOR LIFE" or my newly released book: SPIRITUAL GAME PLANS FOR A SUCCESSFUL LIFE at amazon.com.



APRIL 21 - TERRENCE J - Terrence Jenkins aka Terrence J was a co-host of BET's 106 & Park which could be seen in over 85 million homes in the U.S., Canada, Japan, United Kingdom, Africa and the Caribbean. For the debut in Japan, he and co-host Rocsi taped footage there, and appeared on MTV Video Music Awards Japan. Due to the success of the show, 106 & Park premiered in Germany and South Africa. 106 & Park is BET's highest-rated music series of all time and quickly became one of the leading music video countdown shows on television. He starred in the sequel to the 2007 film Stomp the Yard, Stomp the Yard: Homecoming, and appeared in the Christina Aguilera and Cher film Burlesque as Dave the D.J. He has also starred in the fourth season of the show The Game and The Heart Specialist with Marla Gibbs. - BlackCelebrityBirthdays.com



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April 21-23

2023 Huntsville Comic &
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edy Jam
Low Mill Arts & Enter-
tainment

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Crawfish Festival
The Camp
5909 University Drive
Huntsville, Ala.
12 noon

"Shaky Graves"
Mars Music Hall
Von Braun Center
7 p.m.



Drake Observes Community College Month

Did you know that more than 155,200 students are served by community colleges across our state? Community colleges are educational hubs that residents rely on for learning. The month of April is dedicated to improving awareness of the many benefits community colleges have for students both academically and economically and the communities they serve.

Drake State Community & Technical College plays a vital role in our community by training students to fulfill the diverse needs of the workforce. Our industry partners rely on us to provide academic and workforce training



programs that meet their needs.

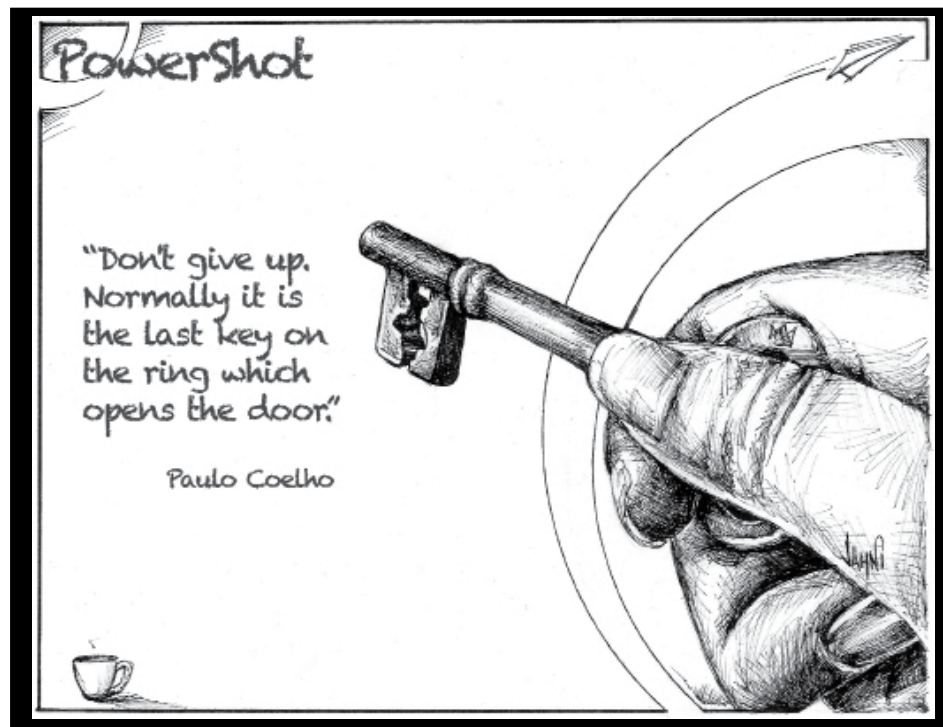
We don't stop there. Students can work toward their associate degrees and transfer to four-year universities to pursue their bachelor's degrees.

Community colleges like Drake partner with

area businesses to create academic and workforce training programs designed specifically to meet the needs of employers and to qualify students for jobs that pay living wages.

Support YOUR community college today!

The primary goal of Community College Month is to increase awareness and understanding of the value of community colleges both locally and nationally through grassroots, localized outreach. Accomplishing this will advance appreciation for and reduce stigmas related to community colleges, and ultimately welcome more students through community college doors.



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*"Unbeing dead
isn't being alive."*

- E. E. Cummings

HIBERNATE ...

Get away.
Free yourself. Spend some one on one time understanding what your needs are now. Lock yourself in. Look in the mirror. Rest. Write. Dance. Pray. Meditate. Hibernate.

So let's look at this. Hibernation is how animals conserve energy to survive adverse weather conditions or lack of food. It involves physiological changes such as a drop in body temperature and slowed metabolism. This is what the research says. Now, of course, I am using this metaphorically. I don't want you to go into a state of depression. I'm saying getaway, stay out of the streets, break your usual pattern, relax, relate, release, and revamp yourself. Conserve the good energy you have. Purge the folly. Get yourself prepared for the storms that WILL come in your life. Be honest about who you are, where you're headed, and why. Observe and evaluate yourself. Rework your goals, and cross off the ones you have obtained. Please take a look at the failures, and look at what you have learned from them. Evaluate your behav-

Millennial Moment

by Gloria B. Caldwell

ior during that time. Take note of your mindset. Get serious about this.

When you stop and take alone time with yourself, and God, it opens up many possibilities. Ward off all of the distractions and bad energy, and just be. Open your ears, soften your heart, deepen your relationship with Him, and listen. He heals, delivers, and bestows blessings upon you when you spend time with Him. When I am in those seasons of alone time with myself, and God, I rediscover who Gloria is.



Her purpose. Her value. Her path. It's an empowering feeling. Hibernate.

Go forth today, and make it unforgettable.

Take each obstacle that comes your way and hand them over to God for understanding and peace.

Plan your hibernation.

Empowering Youth: STEAMposium Set for April 29

The 100 Black Men of Greater Huntsville Inc., in partnership with the Greater Huntsville Chapter of The Links Inc., the National Society of Black Engineers Professionals North Alabama Chapter, and National Coalition of 100 Black Women (Huntsville) are hosting the 2023

STEAMposium, April 29.

The theme is "ESTEAM, Empowering Youth through Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math." It is a platform to educate and expose participants to the various opportunities within the STEAM career fields. Exciting programs are

planned for the teens and important information to share with their parents. Sponsorship to assist in funding STEAM-related activities and programming needs is urged. For more information, call James Matthewson Jr, at (256) 714-8921 or email vp.programs@100bmgoh.



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Calvary's Jesus vs. Tennessee Capitol City's Two Justins: Tried, Crucified, yet Resurrected!

"But as for you, you meant evil against me; but God meant it for good, in order to bring it about as it is this day, to save many people alive."

- Genesis 50:20

HBCU/Fisk alum Justin Jones paraphrased the above Bible text recently upon his reinstatement to the Tennessee House of Representatives.

Here, he exposed the failed efforts of the GOP-controlled legislature to muzzle the "Tennessee 3" - legislators Gloria Johnson, Justin Pearson, and himself.

They were and are still demanding "common-sense gun laws" following the March 27th mass shootings at Nashville's Covenant School.



Backfired!

The effort to silence the Tennessee 3 not only failed but made them national causes célèbres, according to American sociologist Robert K. Merton.

His Law of Unintended Consequences states that unintended outcomes of purposeful actions often happen. For example:

The expelled Jones and Pearson were reinstated unanimously by their Nashville Metro Council and Shelby County Board of Commissioners, respectively;

On April 12th, Republican Governor Bill Lee issued an executive order strengthening gun background checks; and an investigation is now underway to determine whether State Speaker of the House Cameron Sexton who championed the expulsions is actually a resident in the House district where he serves!

Serving, speaking out, and sacrificing like Jesus?

This spring we witnessed a thumbs-down vote, subsequent expulsion, and the reinstatement of two 27-year-old men of color named Justin.

And on a spring weekend 1,990 years ago in 33 AD, history witnessed an unjust trial, subsequent crucifixion, and the resurrection of a 33-year-old man of color named Jesus.

Jesus' unapologetic standard against injustice and prejudice created Christianity, the world's largest religion with 2.56 billion followers.

Justin, Justin, and Gloria's unapologetic stance against runaway gun violence and supporting common-sense gun laws is creating a groundswell to be followed and supported.

We should all now follow these previous unflinching standard-bearers in decrying wrongs and helping to right them - and sacrifice the personal comforts of the sidelines.



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**"Religion
is best
practiced
out of doors."**

- Randall Robinson

The McIntoshes: Giving with a Purpose

In the world of apples, the McIntosh variety is among the best all-around treats that you can find.

Even in the realm of alumni giving, it is pretty darn hard to beat a McIntosh.

Ronald and Patricia McIntosh worked long, smart and hard throughout their productive careers. But through it all, it has been encoded in their DNA to give back to the institutions that have given so much to them. For the two of them, Alabama A&M University has been a common denominator.

Although Pat practically grew up on the campus, her husband Ronald became immersed in the spirit of The Hill and has not been able to shake it off, despite a slate of decades.

The two are part of the prestigious Normal Legacy Society, a body that recognizes those who have given back to AAMU at unprecedented levels. Still, the McIntoshes have contributed at a level, they surmise, that approaches a half million dollars. Their many giving instances also serve as a constant reminder to their fellow alumni to



give back in some way.

At the last home basketball game of the Bulldogs against Florida A&M in February, the McIntoshes presented the Athletics Department with a check for \$25,000. The funds were divvied up with \$10,000 for football; \$7,000 for the Marching Maroon and

White Band; \$3,000 each for the basketball teams; and \$2,000 for the volleyball program.

“My wife and I feel that historically black colleges and universities (HBCUs) are endangered,” said Ron, “especially with the operating costs and all the cuts here and there. Considering where we all are today as alumni, we would not have made it, except for the Lord, A&M and our families.”

The McIntoshes believe that, no matter what alums perceive as their current station in life, they must do their part “to help sustain HBCUs” through the next generation.

“We have to stand in the gap,” Ron added. “Every little bit helps” to offset the shortfall experienced by precious institutions

that are responsible for the majority of the professionals within the black community.

“Teachers cared about the students and leveled with us on what could be facing us in the years to come,” Ron stressed. “We hitched our wagons to the HBCU stars of A&M, Fisk and others. So, Pat and I count HBCUs as a part of our budget.”

Ron said that if each member of the massive group of alumni in North Alabama alone would commit to \$1,000, the result could significantly boost the University’s endowment.

“We look for a reason to give,” Ron said, “instead of a reason not to give.”

by J. Saintjones

Changes Underway at the Senior Center

To better serve persons who qualify to be members, the Senior Center will be changing in a number of exciting ways during the upcoming months.

The Senior Center has a new name--Studio 60 Senior Center--that staff believe is more descriptive of what happens inside its doors. There is a well-known fitness center that has been called Studio 60 for more than a decade, but fitness is not the only studio offered by the Senior Center. There are also art studios, dance studios, music studios and language studios, as well as a wide variety of services.

With the new name comes a new sign on the corner of Drake Avenue and Ivy Avenue that includes a 6-foot by 3-foot digital display that will keep seniors better informed about upcoming activities.

Along with the repairs of flood damage, staff will renovate many areas inside the facility, thanks to a grant from the Top of Alabama Regional Council of Governments Area Agency on Aging.

While many changes are in the works, the usual activities will continue uninterrupted and continue to be a great community.

Professor Explains Quilt in Literary Context

The chairperson of the Department of English and Foreign Languages recently gave a lecture presentation on “Quilts and Literature” at Huntsville Madison County Library.

Sponsored by the Library and the Huntsville Historic Foundation, Dr. Charlotte C. Teague’s lecture dealt with “Women (W)Righting Alabama: Celebrating the Quilt in Literary Contexts.”

The Huntsville Historic Foundation purchased a quilt from local quilter, Tiavalya Befecadu (lower right), with the idea



that the quilt should be featured for art and education throughout the city and state, since it featured six

famous Alabama women writers: Margaret Walker, Sonia Sanchez, Harper Lee, Yaa Gyasi, Zora Neale Hurston and Fannie Flagg.

Teague was invited to lecture on the Alabama women authors, and the talk featured their most famous works and Alabama ties.

Closing out the session, Teague displayed a quilt from her grandmother—discussing the quilting legacy in her family, which began on General Joe Wheeler’s Plantation in Lawrence County.

The lecture coordinators plan to bring Befecadu’s “Alabama Authors”

quilt to Alabama A&M next year for presentation and programming.

Tiavalya is the daughter of retired English Professor Vertricia Jefferson, and she is the wife of alumnus Ephraim Joe Befecadu.





Rosetta James Foundation "Spotlight on Our Elders" ... Featuring

Mrs. Bettye Dixie



Mrs. Bettye Williams Dixie is a sociology graduate of Tuskegee Institute (University), and she earned the M.Ed. degree in counseling from Pennsylvania State University.

For nearly 30 years, Dixie served as a career counselor of individuals entering or re-entering postsecondary education. Her noble duties included personal adjustment counseling, interpreting tests and interest inventories.

As a dementia expert, Dixie has engaged dementia residents in nursing homes in art and music activities, important functions that have assisted these persons with needed coping skills. Moreover, she has trained nursing home staff and the general public in the unique causes of dementia, as well as how to best work with dementia patients.

The multitalented Dixie has worked in the fundraising sector for nearly decade for at least three worthwhile nonprofit organizations. She has served on the Board of Trustees for the Presbyterian Home for Children in Talladega, Ala., for two years. Since its founding in 1868, the Presbyterian Home for Children has led the state in providing services to Alabama's at-risk children. The organization has provided clients with services aimed

at preserving and reunifying families in their own home.

This has been a proven and effective method to end cycles of abuse and neglect. PHC's Secure Dwellings Program provides safe and affordable housing on the PHC campus to homeless children and their female caregiver, while dedicated staff work to minister to their needs by empowering the caregiver to achieve goals and reach self-sufficiency, as well as providing a safe haven for homeless children to rest, grow and play. Finally, the Supportive Housing communities throughout the state serve homeless children with their female caregiver.

Dixie has provided useful expertise for six years to Mission Haven, which offers affordable short-term housing and friendly hospitality to missionary families, as well as for students at local seminaries. Her affilia-

tion with RiahRose Home for Children has centered around providing a home for homeless pregnant women and homeless families with young children.

Among her many affiliations are Fellowship Presbyterian Church U.S.A.; The Golden Charmers, an aggregate of older adults focusing on offering support and information on health issues, leisure pursuits, volunteerism, successful aging, financial well-being and faith in God; Presbyterian Women (moderator and vice moderator), nurturing faith through prayer and Bible study, and advocating for justice and peace; the Chancel Choir; Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.; and the Huntsville Spiritual Chorale, which performs and preserves the coveted Negro Spiritual.

Dixie is also actively involved in the Alpha Omega Chapter (founding member) of Eta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., and its ongoing work to launch services for intellectually and developmentally disabled citizens. She has served as the organization's president, vice president, chaplain and membership intake coordinator.

She is married to Dr. Theodore Dixie, Sr., a retired Alabama A&M University professor, and they have one son, Ted, Jr.

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HUNTSVILLE WOMEN MARRIED TO BUFFALO SOLDIERS

The Buffalo Soldiers were encamped in Huntsville, Alabama from 1898 – 1899 and became a part of the African American community.

The participation of the 10th Cavalry in the city's social activities provided an opportunity for the soldiers to meet the local citizens. As a result, they married several ladies from this area.

The following local women were married to Buffalo Soldiers:

MARY JONES
Mary Jones married Sergeant Paschal Conley of the 10th Cavalry in Huntsville, AL on April 20, 1894, Rev. John M. Goodloe offici-

ated.

LULA LOWE
Lula Lowe married William G. Bell, Troop B, 10th Cavalry, at Fort Ringold, Texas April 16, 1899.

ANNIE GRAY
Annie Gray was married to Mack Harris of the 10th Cavalry on January 5, 1899 by Rev. N. H. Speight, Pastor of Lakeside M. E. Church. Mack Harris is buried at Glenwood Cemetery.

DRUCILLA TURNER
Drucilla Turner married Corporal J. C. Williams March 10, 1899, officiated by Rev. N. H. Speight, Pastor of Lakeside M. E. Church.

MARY O'NEAL
Mary O'Neal married Thomas Hammond of the 10th Cavalry Band on May 2, 1899, officiated by Rev. J. F. Humphrey, Pastor of the Colored Cumberland Presbyterian Church which became Church Street Presbyterian Church in America.

MINNIE BATTLE
Minnie Battle married William Strayhorn of the 10th Cavalry on May 16, 1899, officiated by Rev. N. H. Speight, Pastor Lakeside M. E. Church.

MADGE E. TERRELL
Madge E. Terrell married Sergeant Isaac Bailey Troop B of the 10th Cavalry. The wedding was held at the bride's home located at 516 Oak Avenue. The large parlor was beautifully decorated with flags and bunting. They, too, were married.

*by Rev. J. F. Humphrey,
pastor of the Colored
Cumberland Presbyterian
Church, on March 14, 1899.*

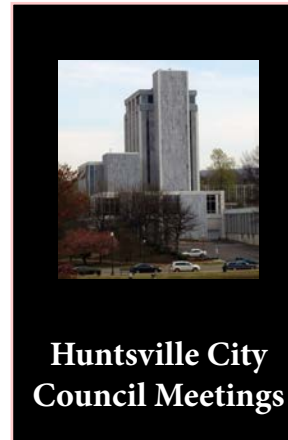
Were any of *your* descendants married to a Buffalo Soldier encamped at Cavalry Hill?

If so, would you please send information to William Hampton, william@huntsvillerevisited.com.



ON THIS DAY

On April 21, American musician Prince died at age 57 from an accidental overdose of fentanyl, a strong opioid.



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.

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- Sammy Davis Jr.

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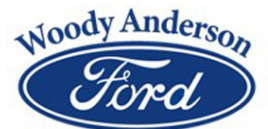
The North Alabama African American Chamber of Commerce (Huntsville) meets monthly on the 3rd Tuesday at 12 noon.

The meeting location varies. Call (256) 564-7574.



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