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WOW Sponsors Job Preparedness Workshop

The Women of Wisdom organization will sponsor a Job Preparedness Workshop on Friday, June 9, at Gooch Place, 500 Gooch Lane, Madison, Ala., from 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

The workshop is designed for men and women ages 18 and up, as well



as adult professional career seekers, along with high school and college students seeking jobs.

The sessions will include resume skills workshops, career planning workshops, mock interviews, and a “dress for success” fashion show.

All interested persons should register at <https://wowthecompletewoman.com>.

Eventbrite.com.

NACEE Offers One-Stop Shop for the College Bound



The North Alabama Center for Educational Excellence (NACEE) helps students find money for college.

“If you have not yet completed your FAFSA or would like one of our trained professionals to review it to make sure it’s completed correctly, please come by our office Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-5

p.m.,” says Patricia Webster, NACEE administrative assistant. “We want to help students find money for college.”

NACEE’s services are completely free. Please come into any of its four locations (Huntsville, Cullman, Decatur and Scottsboro) and let staff provide assistance with the completion of the Free Application

for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

FAFSA is the very first step in applying for federal and state grants and student loans.

For more information, check out NACEE’s website at www.nacee.net and receive more details on financial aid.

Interested persons can also call (256) 372-4600.

Huntsville Still Aiming for PWR Conference

Many people and organizations are asking the question, “What can Huntsville do to foster peace here in our own community and in the world?” There is an exciting new initiative to bring the Parliament of World’s Religions to Huntsville. It is taking place right now and you are needed.

More info: susan.huntsvilleparliament@gmail.com

The Parliament is the oldest, largest, and most inclusive interfaith gathering in the world.

It attracts 10,000 attendees from 80 countries and 50 faith traditions for several days of plenaries, workshops, dialogues,

sacred music, films and more.

Since the first Parliament in 1893, this historic event has taken place in Chicago, Cape Town, Barcelona, Melbourne, and Salt Lake City.

Next Steps. Next steps include the support of additional local organizations, faith groups and individuals. This support is needed in the form of:

- Letter or email to IMS stating you, your organization or congregation supports the idea of bringing the Parliament gathering to the city of Huntsville.
- Donations to the second level application fee (\$2500) are welcome and needed but not required.

- Checks made to IMS with notation “Parliament of World’s Religions” or “PWR”.

- Interested volunteers for planning and development. Please email interest to: susan.huntsvilleparliament@gmail.com.



ST. JOHN ENDOWS SCHOLARSHIP: The St. John AME Church family donated \$25,000 to Alabama A&M University to create an endowed scholarship on behalf of its former pastor, Rev. Dr. Homer Littlefield McCall, during the 2017 Founder’s Day Convocation. Dr. McCall also served several years as a member of the English faculty and as University Chaplain at AAMU.

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Washington in a Minute

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

1. The Senate is in session this week (the House is in recess until May 16). The Senate voted Monday evening to confirm ex-Rep. Heather Wilson (R-NM) as Secretary of the Air Force and then will take a vote to end debate on the nomination of Dr. Scott Gottlieb to be the Commissioner of the Food and Drug Administration. The big event in the Senate Monday involved the Senate Crime and Terrorism Subcommittee hearing on "Russian Interference in the 2016 U.S. Election," where former Acting-Attorney General Sally Yates answered questions about her meeting in January with White House staffers regarding former National Security Advisor Michael Flynn's Russian contacts. Ex-National Intelligence Director James Clapper also testified.

2. Last Friday afternoon, President Trump signed the \$1.1 trillion FY2017 Omnibus Appropriations bill, which funds the federal government through September 30.

This Saturday, he will deliver the commencement address at Liberty University in Lynchburg, Va. Last week, the White House announced that the President will make his first foreign trip on May 19-26, with stops in Riyadh (Saudi Arabia), Jerusalem, Rome (for a meeting with Pope Francis), Brussels (for a NATO meeting) and then to Taormina in Sicily (for a G7 meeting).

3. Congress has to date approved 14 resolutions that eliminate Obama-era regulations via the 1996 Congressional Review Act, which allows simple majority votes in both bodies to knock down regulations within 60 legislative days of the regulations' effective dates. The window allowing Congress to use the law closed this Thursday and, according to Politico, Congress hopes to pass 1 final resolution to kill a rule on methane pollution before the window closes.

4. Last week, Rep. Tom Rooney (R-FL) introduced the "Responsible Environmental Preservation and American Infrastructure Restoration" (REPAIR)

Act, which would allow the return of congressional project earmarking for Army Corps of Engineers and Bureau of Reclamation projects for the first time since Congress enacted an earmark moratorium in 2010. The bill is H. Res. 313.

5. Also on last Friday, President Trump appeared to question the constitutionality of a program which helps historically black colleges and universities secure low-cost construction loans. What followed was outrage from some black leaders in Congress like Rep. John Conyers Jr. (D-MI) and Rep. Cedric L. Richmond (D-LA). Sunday,

President Trump addressed his previous comment, stating, "It does not affect my unwavering support for HBCUs and their critical educational missions." Education Secretary Betsy DeVos is scheduled to deliver the commencement address on Wednesday at Bethune-Cookman University, an historically black institution in Florida. DeVos issued her own statement on Sunday night, saying she is "a strong supporter of historically black colleges and universities and the critical role they play in communities and in our higher education system."

6. Last week, the American Association for Public Opinion Research issued its report on polling predictions from the November election and found that pollsters had a "historically bad year" in forecasting the results in the electoral college, where President Trump beat Secretary Clinton 306 to 232.

The report found that polls were off because many voters waited until the end to decide how to vote or changed their vote and that pollsters failed to include enough non-

college-educated voters in their samplings.

7. Politico reports that Hillary Clinton will announce a new political advocacy group this week called "Onward Together," which will fund organizations working on the resistance to President Trump's agenda.

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Champion Game Plan for Life

by Preston Brown

A lot of people live like there is no tomorrow, but tomorrow always comes. You see, death is something that none of us can avoid. But, we want to make sure that when we die, that we end up in the right place.

Hebrews 9:27 says: "It is appointed that we will all die and face certain judgement. But death is something that you don't

have to be afraid of, if you are a believer of God's word. The bottom line is this is not our home, and we are not expected to be here for eternity. So, we need to spend our time here on this earth getting ready for our time that we will spend in heaven. Also, we have to remember that salvation is for those who



believe that Jesus came, died and rose again for the sins of the whole world.

And, this salvation is not of ourselves, but it is a gift of God. We can't earn it, and we can't deserve it. Only through Christ can this be obtained ... Stay encouraged, my brothers and sisters!

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From the Editor

Happy Mother's Day!

On Sunday, we will celebrate Mother's Day. My mother, bless her heart, gave birth to 13 children; twelve of whom lived to be adults. Life was hard, so she married at 15, started a family immediately and worked the farm and did domestic work most of her adult life.



I was telling my goddaughter, Gina, some time ago that I did not need sun screen. Being the smart, inquisitive lady she is, she responded, "I don't know about that, Mommy." My position on the topic is based on the premise that my ancestors, of all tones and shades, never wore sun screen; yet, they worked in the fields from sun up to sun down, from their youth to their death. Even the ones that died early didn't die of skin cancer.

If the rays from the sun cause skin cancer, the entire 'seed' of my family would have been wiped out by now. That makes good common sense to me because I grew up in a community where work and play were driven by the sun. On Saturday and Sunday afternoons when we had play time, we had to be home by "sundown." After dark, it was hard to navigate the dusty, rocky roads, the creeks and streams, the things that crawled and flew at night--and there were no street lights. You couldn't have convinced us that the cries, moans, laughs and strange noises we heard after dark were not the actual ghosts of our neighbors and elders who had passed away. We actually believed in ghosts--we *heard* them, thought we recognized some of their voices, and sometimes swore we saw them.

Whew! The stuff that we are sold today. If we were to believe everything we are told and taught, we would not eat much of anything--even an apple. We are marketed 'stuff' to cure just about everything; yet many of us deal with nuisances that no amount of sauce, salve, balm, roots or tea can comfort. Likewise, we teach some interesting things in school. I remember being taught the Birth Order IQ theory in a Human Growth and Development class. I have 12 older sisters and brothers, same mother and same father. I thank God for a caring mother, with an elementary school education, who taught me some good ole common sense.

Happy Mother's Day to all of my special mothers. You know who you are!

Enough said until next week ...

When you can't find a printed copy of The Valley Weekly around town, follow us online at www.valley-weeklyllc.com.

Dorothy

City's Operation Green Team and Councilman Devyn Keith

Partner for District 1 Clean-Up

Saturday, May 6, 2017 - 8 a.m.-12 Noon

Participants: 250-300



Extension Targets Family Literacy



The Alabama Cooperative Extension System's Urban Affairs and New Nontraditional Programs unit will hold the second Parent-Child Reading Enhancement Program's (PCREP) Family Day of Education and Fun on Saturday, June 10, 2017, from 12:00 to 4:00 p.m. at Alabama A&M University's Agribition Center, 4925 Moores Mill Road in Huntsville.

Come and bring the entire family and neighborhood youth out for a day of fun, educational, and interactive activities, including exhibits, outdoor games, a water slide, petting zoo, food, music and much more.

"This year we will continue with the theme 'Celebrating Family Literacy' that focuses on activities and events showcasing the importance of family literacy programs and providing learning resources for families and communities," said Ronnie Humphrey, event co-chair.

In celebration of family literacy, kids will have a chance to earn PCREP dollars (play money) from each activity they participate in on June 10 to purchase books at an on-site bookstore. Also, while in the bookstore, participants can get their faces painted by local volunteers.

The Family Day of Education & Fun is a PCREP activity that is designed to enhance reading among children ages 4 to 9 in grades K-4. This event is free and open to the public; however, vendors must pay a \$30 set-up fee. Also, please be sure to bring proper attire for the water slide.

For general information, please contact Ronnie Humphrey at (256) 372-4969, Dr. Dorothy Brandon at (256) 372-5458, or visit www.aces.edu/urban. Potential vendors may contact Nancy McCrary at (256) 372-4937.

by Wendi Williams

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Thru October 5
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Huntsville Botanical Garden
4747 Bob Wallace Avenue
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May 11
The Four Tops & The Temptations
Presenter: Huntsville Hospital Foundation
VBC Propst Arena
\$20-\$25, 8 p.m.

May 12-13
Rocket City Brewfest
Huntsville Depot Roundhouse
Downtown

May 20
Untouchables Corvette Club
Annual Scholarship & Charity Spring Fling
Cahaba Shrine Center/1226
Blake Bottom Rd. - \$15
Contact: 256-603-2441/256-

684-2182
8 p.m.-12 a.m.
Please call Carolyn Lundy or James Lundy at (256) 852-2240 for more details

May 27
Old School and Blues Music Festival
Huntsville Dragway Grounds, 502 Quarter Mountain Road
<http://www.oldschoolandbluesfestival.com/>

June 2 & 7
Jim Parker's Songwriters Series
Playhouse - Von Braun Center
Huntsville, Ala., 6:30 p.m.

June 10
Family Day of Education and Fun
Sponsor: Alabama Cooperative Extension Service
Agriculture Center
Moore's Mill Road, 12-4 p.m.

June 17
Fun Festival & Expo (Free)
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Major General Named DLA Director

The U.S. Senate confirmed May 1 Army Maj. Gen. Darrell K. Williams for appointment to the rank of lieutenant general and his new assignment is as director of the Defense Logistics Agency, Fort Belvoir, Va. He replaces Air Force Lt. Gen. Andy Busch, who retired May 4.

Williams serves as the commanding general of U.S. Army Combined Arms Support Command/Sustainment Center of Excellence at Fort Lee, Va. CASCOS is a subordinate command of the Training and Doctrine Command and is a major training center for the Army's logisticians.

This is the second time Williams has been assigned

to DLA. From September 2010 to July 2012, he served as the commander of DLA Land and Maritime in Columbus, Ohio.

His prior assignments include deputy chief of staff for the U.S. Army Materiel Command at Redstone Arsenal, Ala.; director of logistics for Engineering and Security Assistance, at Headquarters, U.S. Pacific Command in Hawaii; executive officer to the Army Deputy Chief of Staff, Washington, D.C.; brigade commander, 3d Sustainment Brigade at Fort Stewart, Ga.; and deputy commander, Coalition Forces Land Component Command at Camp Arifjan, Kuwait, during Operations Enduring Freedom and



Iraqi Freedom.

A native of West Palm Beach, Fla., Williams was commissioned into the Army Quartermaster Corps in 1983. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology from Hampton Institute (Va.), where he was a distinguished military graduate of the ROTC program.

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Erykah Badu Starts World Tour in Alabama



Story and
Photo
by Reggie
Allen



The Grammy-nominated R&B songstress kicked-started her world tour at the historic Legion Field in Birmingham on May 6.

The tour, titled “Badu Vs Everything,” was announced less than a week before her descent into Alabama.

While most of her stops are composed of festival appearances, this marks Badu’s first tour in almost a decade. Her last official tour was in 2010, which was in support of the release of “New Amerykah Part Two (Return of The

Ankh).”

Last weekend, Badu was the headlining artist at the Birmingham stop of Funkfest, a traveling music festival that boasts appearances from top-tier R&B and Rap acts.

The weekend featured performances from Juvenile, Goodie Mob, Joe and Baby Face.

The 46-year-old played a bevy of her classics, including “Bag Lady,” “Next Lifetime” and “Tyrone.” This year marks the twentieth anniversary of “Baduizm,” which was released in 1997.

Coincidentally, Badu’s next stop will be in Atlanta for its Funkfest.

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.

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Valley Deaths

Funeral services for Mrs. Ruby Simpson and Mrs. Mary F. Garth will be announced at a later date.

Funeral service for Mr. Keyondo Lanier of Houston, Tex., (b. 1992) was held at Nelms Memorial Funeral Home on Sunday, May 7, with Rev. Gwen Holmes officiating.

Funeral service was held for Mrs. Dorothy Garner Johnson (b. 1948) on Saturday, May 6, at Conley Christian Methodist Church.

Funeral service was held for Mrs. Dorothy Langford (b. 1930) on Saturday, May 6, at Fletcher's Chapel Primitive Baptist Church with Elder Kenneth Lankford officiating.

Funeral service was held for Mr. Anthony Pierre Witt (b. 1967) on Thursday, May 4, at Macedonia Primitive Baptist Church.

Funeral service was held on Monday, May 1, for Elder James "Pit" Leslie (b. 1932) at Beaver Dam Primitive Baptist Church with Pastor Emeritus Theodore Bone officiating.

Funeral service for Mr. Willard M. Scissum (b. 1947) was held Sunday, April 30, at Union Chapel Missionary Baptist Church.

Funeral service for Ms. Larissa King (b. 1977) was held Sunday, April 30, at New Life Seventh-day Adventist Church with Pastor Michael Ross officiating.

-Nelms Memorial Funeral Home

Diversity Leadership Colloquium Cohort VII Graduation Program

Drake State Community & Technical College - Tuesday, May 3, 2017

Speaker: Dr. Del Smith, Dean

College of Business and Public Affairs, Alabama A&M University





Alabama A&M University Founder's Day 2017 Friday, May 5, 2016

Speaker: Pamela McDonald, Software Acquisitions Manager
U.S. Army Missile Defense Agency



Alabama A&M University Spring Commencement Friday, May 5, 2016

Speaker: Tchernavia Rocker, VP for Human Resources
Harley-Davidson Motor Company

