

# The Valley Weekly

People are trapped in history and history is trapped in them.  
- James Baldwin

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## Greene Street Market Opens

The Greene Street Market at Nativity is now open. The Market is downtown Huntsville's producer-only, open-air market for fresh, locally-grown vegetables, fruits, herbs and flowers.

It's where some go to meet farmers with local produce, grass-fed beef and pork, free range chickens and eggs; to pick up freshly-prepared meals, gourmet popsicles, traditional-made relishes, cheeses,

preserves and breads. And, it's where local artisans offer their works.

The outdoor market (located at the corner of Greene Street and Eustis Avenue in downtown Huntsville) is open on Thursdays from the first Thursday in May through the last Thursday in October. The hours are 4-8 p.m. from May - August, 4-7 p.m. in September, and 3-6 p.m. in October.



## CAFY Gearing up for Big Summer Event

CAFY's 8th annual event will be held Saturday, July 28, on the Calhoun Community College Huntsville campus at 102 Wynn Drive NW, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Additionally, Community Awareness for Youth (CAFY) and the Huntsville Police Department announced recently that they are partnering with STAR 99.1 to recognize young citizens in grades 7-12 who have gone above and beyond serving their community, church, and school.

Adults can nominate a STAR 99.1/CAFY Young Citizen of the Month candidate who is a member of a civic organization, clergy, or any Huntsville/Madison school system.

The STAR 99.1 / CAFY Young Citizen of the Month will receive:

- City Mayoral certificate at the first Huntsville City Council Meeting of the month
- HRC Certificate Presented at Council Meeting
- DynAviation gift card
- CAFY Coin of Excellence



## HBC Vision Banquet to Feature Theologian

Huntsville Bible College will hold its annual Vision Banquet Friday, June 1, at the Von Braun Center East Hall. Ticket (\$45) deadline is May 24. The guest speaker is Dr. Robert Smith, Jr., Beeson Divinity School of Samford University. (256) 469-7536.



**CAFY EVENT SET:** Pictured (l-r) are Huntsville Mayor Tommy Battle, Erica Hobbs (founding CAFY event coordinator), Chief Lewis Morris (Huntsville Police Department) and Dr. Harry Hobbs (CAFY Founder).

- STAR 99.1 Prize Pack
  - Radio/TV Interviews
- To nominate a student, visit [www.mystar99.com](http://www.mystar99.com)

or call Dr. Harry Hobbs, director of CAFY at (256) 425-5307.

## Free Family Fun Expo at VBC

Family Fun Festival & Expo is set to take place on Saturday, June 9, at the Von Braun Center South Hall from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

It is a free community event that offers face-to-face interactions with exhibitors that support families, fun and learning!

A highlight of the event will be all the FREE activities for kids, including a trackless train, face painting, inflatables, rock wall and more.

In addition to the



kids activities, there will be a FREE EXPO with vendors from all over North Alabama geared towards families.

Selected vendors will offer the best products, services and entertainment for families.

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# Washington in One Minute



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

1. The House and Senate are in session this week. Last Wednesday, Senate Democrats filed a petition to force a vote this week to restore the FCC's net neutrality rule (requiring internet service providers to treat all data equally), a repeal of which imposed by the Trump Administration is set to take effect on June 11. According to Huffington Post, Sen. Susan Collins (R-ME) is expected to vote with the Democrats,

which would give them a 50-49 win (Sen. McCain is absent). The House will take up a reauthorization of the Farm Bill, which includes controversial provisions to impose stricter work requirements on food stamp recipients and shift billions of dollars to state training programs. The House may also take up a resolution to approve President Trump's proposed impound of \$15.4 billion in federal spending, including \$7 billion from the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP).

2. The House Appropriations Committee will continue this week to move the FY2019 appropriations bills with the hope of restoring regular order for the FY2019 cycle. This week, subcommittees marked up the FY19 Interior Appropriations bill and the FY19 Transportation/HUD Appropriations bill. The full committee also marked up the FY19 Agriculture and Energy & Water Appropriations bills.

3. President Trump cancelled a planned trip to Texas for a GOP fundraiser. White House staffers Ivanka Trump and Jared Kushner are in Israel today to attend the opening of the new U.S. Embassy in Jerusalem.

4. Starting this week, the Supreme Court began issuing the final decisions of its 2017-2018 term, including *Gill v. Whitford* (partisan gerrymandering in Wisconsin); *Masterpiece Cakeshop v. The Colorado Civil*

Rights Commission (the gay wedding cake case); and *National Institute of Family and Life Advocates v. Becerra* (on the notice required at California pregnancy centers re: the availability of free or low-cost abortions).

5. May 17 was the deadline for the Trump Administration to submit a final NAFTA renegotiation deal to Congress if it wanted Congress to approve the deal this year under the fast-track procedures, which allow for an up-or-down vote without amendment. Fast-track requires a 90-day notice to Congress before the President can sign the renegotiated NAFTA agreement. Negotiators from the U.S., Canada, and Mexico have been meeting for the last 9 months but are reportedly deadlocked over the U.S. plan to increase to 75% from 62.5% the portion of

duty-free autos using North American parts and to require 40% of the work by workers making at least \$16 per hour.

6. This week, Transportation Secretary Elaine Chao and EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt travelled to California to meet with state officials to discuss maintaining a single standard for fuel economy rules for cars and light trucks, in view of the Trump Administration's plan to freeze the standards at 2020 levels for the next 5 years – at about 30 mpg – instead if going up to 36 mpg by 2025 as required by a 2012 Obama-era rulemaking. According to the Associated Press, if California were to impose its own stricter requirement, it would likely be joined by other 12 states that make up 40% of U.S. new-vehicle sales.

7. The Trump administration announced a new policy that tightens enforcement of visa overstays for foreign students and exchange visitors. The policy, which applies to F, J and M visas, will change the way U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services calculates “unlawful presence” — time spent in the U.S. after legal status ends. Beginning Aug. 9, the agency will count unlawful presence from the date the student's visa expires. A person who accrues unlawful presence can be barred from the U.S. for years, or even permanently.

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## Champion Game Plan for Life

by Preston Brown

Matthew 20:20-21 says: *Then the mother of Zebedee's sons came to Jesus with her sons and kneeling down, asked a favor of him. She said, "Grant that one of these two sons of mine may sit at your right and the other at your left in your kingdom."*

When we read this scripture, we can't help but agree that this is a bold request from a mother. But, before we get upset with her request, we have to understand and realize that this is what mothers do. They want the

very best for their children. They also have high expectations for their children, as well.

As we just honored Mother's Day, I can't help but acknowledge some things that mothers do. The first thing they do is give affirmation. In other words, a mother supplies emotional support and encouragement. Not taking anything away

from fathers, but mothers tend to “be there” emotionally for their children. That's what mother's do. You know it doesn't matter if you are young or older and you did

something wrong, it was always comforting to hear from your mother-- “It's going to be alright”-- because mothers provide affirmation. That's what they do. Mothers also help provide spiritual development.

When I watched my mother pray, it developed a “Faith Heritage,” which means that it was something that was passed down and because of this I can keep passing it down to my children. You see, there is an amazing “ripple effect” that happens when a mother gets involved with her children--because that's what mothers do ... Stay encouraged, my brothers and sisters.



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**From the Editor**

**Center Grove Holds Mother-Daughter Tea**

Center Grove United Methodist Church hosted a Mother Daughter Tea on Saturday, May 12, in their beautiful new edifice. Mrs. Vivian William welcomed the guests and Mrs. Sandra Rooks shared the occasion.

Photos: Alexsandra Robinson



*Dorothy*

First Lady Tawana Smith prayed prior to lunch, which was enjoyed by all who attended. Pastor Ruth Smith prayed the closing prayer. Enjoy the scenes from this wonderful event. Until next week ...



## Valley Deaths

### - Nelms Memorial Funeral Home -

Funeral service for MR. WALTER LEWIS RODGERS was held Friday, May 11, at First Missionary Baptist Church (3509 Blue Spring Road - Huntsville, AL) with Pastor Julius R. Scruggs officiating.

Funeral service for MRS. DONNA R. SEARD-BROWN (b. 1965) was held May 14 at First Seventh-day Adventist Church with Pastor Jones officiating.

Funeral service for MRS. BETTY J. HARRIS (b. 1938) was held Saturday, May 12, at First Missionary Baptist Church (3509 Blue Spring Road - Huntsville, AL 35810) with Pastor Julius R. Scruggs officiating.

Graveside service for MRS. GRACE BELGRAVE (b. 1938) was held Thursday, May 10, at Oakwood Memorial Gardens with Chaplain Doug Simons officiating.

### - Royal Funeral Home -

Funeral service for MRS. IGUSTA "GUSSIE" SEAY SANDIFER (b. 1936) will be 1:30 p.m. Saturday, May 19, at the Royal Chapel of Memories (4315 Oakwood Avenue, Huntsville, Ala.).

Funeral service for MRS. GUSSIE MASTIN JACKSON (b. 1924) will be 12 noon Friday, May 18, at the First Missionary Baptist Church (3509 Blue Spring Road, Huntsville, Ala.) with Pastor Julius R. Scruggs officiating.

Funeral service for MR. PAUL STEWART, JR., (b. 1953) was held Thursday, May 17, at the Royal Chapel of Memories.

Memorial service for DR. ROY MALCOLM (b. 1935) will be at 12 p.m. Monday, May 14, at the Oakwood Seventh-day Adventist Church (5500 Adventist Boulevard, Huntsville, Ala.) with Elder T. Marshall Kelly officiating.

Funeral service for MR. HARRY FITZGERALD SWANN (b. 1965) was held Monday, May 14, at the Royal Chapel of Memories (4315 Oakwood Avenue, Huntsville, Ala.) with Pastor James Mooney officiating.

Funeral service for ELDER JULIA BURKS was held Sunday, May 13, at the Moses Chapel Primitive Baptist Church (372 Moses Chapel Road, Madison, Ala.) with Pastor Joe Hereford officiating.

Funeral service for MRS. BABY LUCILLE KING (b. 1943) was held Saturday, May 12, at the Hurricane Chapel Missionary Baptist Church (155 Teague Road, Brownsboro, Ala.).

### - Serenity Funeral Home -

Funeral service for Little Miss KATHERINE REED was held Saturday, May 12, at Pine Grove Missionary Baptist Church in Harvest, Ala.

## United Way Pushes 2-1-1 Service

Every day someone in Madison County needs essential services from finding an after school program, to securing adequate care for a child or an aging parent.

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## 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.

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**The Missing Thread**

by Carey Link

1.  
At the funeral viewing  
I, waiting for a flinch,  
examine the outlines of her blue veins.  
The pastor says, *One day you too will go to Heaven.*  
*Where's my boarding pass?* I ask.

I walk in circles laughing.  
A woman with dark eyes and hissing tongue  
points her bony finger and says: *Look at her!*  
She sentences this Freak to an indefinite stay in Solitary.  
I hand over the lock and key on a long chain.  
*I close my eyes to an Oblivious God.*  
No sound.  
No taste.  
No touch.  
No memory.  
At night I am an orphaned child.  
I listen to feet drop like nails through me.  
In daylight I walk the curves of a dream-  
trying to trick the bear.



2.  
The tightly wrapped cookies, cakes, casseroles  
and red peppered deviled eggs that stare like blood-shot eyes  
are tiny air bags,  
but we drown anyway-  
no one eats the leftovers.  
We read an unfinished letter addressed to my mother.  
We open the door to choke on tentacles of invisible haze.  
We read the grocery list.  
We trace red circles in the appointment book.  
We lift the oblong bottle to smell the last drops of perfume.

We touch the pressed linen.  
We taste the last full pitcher of water.

The living room table stays on its side for weeks.  
No one wants to move her heavy breath.

3.  
There are no White Elephants.

A diary of paper is kept in every corner-  
Someone does remember this address.  
Ladybugs scale cracks that lay in the walls like twisted tree limbs,  
to hide behind crevices on yellowed wallpaper.  
Clocks are set for mealtime.  
Little cards on the refrigerator say: "Just keep praying."  
*Where are the answers?*

*I am haunted by a city of stories beneath the floor-  
Mimicking my empty steps.  
Mimicking my empty steps.*

4.  
He asks me to stay another week.  
I leave my winged handprints on the window.  
I have learned to speak, crawl, and walk again  
by the touch of a hand  
or unexpected glance...

But this house is a dusty Delta summer-  
the next rain will crush everything inside it.

*This poem is a reflection on the grief that I experienced after the death of my Grandmother. "The Missing Thread" has been previously published in The Limestone Dust Poetry Anthology, Awakening to Holes in the Arc of Sun (Mule on a Farris Wheel), and The Allegheny Review (Volume 26)*

**Called 2 Preach**

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

**The Divine "BOLO"**

This acronym stands for Be On the Look Out. A BOLO is what law enforce-

ment officials send out when they are looking for a particular vehicle or a person who has either broken the law or are believed to have or is in danger of being harmed.

A description is given of the vehicle and/or the person themselves, with identifiable features that

can be readily spotted. In a regular BOLO, everyone is involved in the search.

It is different with the Divine BOLO, however. 2 Chronicles 16:9a states: *For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong on behalf of those whose heart is*

*loyal to Him.*

The Divine BOLO involves only one set of Eyes



... the eyes of the LORD. God is not concerned about jurisdictions. The language gives insight into the schedule and scope of the search and the skill level of the Searcher.

Regarding the schedule, it is a continual search. It is never called off due to some factor that would make the search no longer viable. The scope is throughout the whole earth. The skill of the Searcher is noted in the fact that He shows Himself strong.

The strength needed for those He finds in His search is located within Himself. He doesn't have to call in for additional forces or for back-up.

The question we must ask ourselves is: Will we show up on God's list of loyal-hearted suspects?

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# Annual Festival Returns to the Valley

by Reggie D. Allen

Set your calendars for May 26! The Old School and Blues Festival is back for a day of nostalgia, good tunes and outdoor fun.

Presented by JD Entertainment, the musical mainstay has brought countless entertainers to Alabama for over two decades.

Kicking off at noon, the all-day event boasts an eclectic mix of old school and contemporary acts, including the smooth sounds of Jefferey Osbourne, Midnight Star, Club Nouveau, Sir Charles Jones, Nellie Travis, Pastor Troy, and master storyteller Slick Rick.

In addition to the star-studded roster, several local artists such as Microwave Dave and Chris Wyatt are slated to take the stage. Additional acts include Dee Bradley, Deidra, and Poka

Jones, with many more to be announced.

The Old School and Blues Festival will be held at the Huntsville Dragway, located on 502 Quarter Mountain Road. Doors will open at 11 a.m. For those looking to tailgate on the concert grounds, RV parking will be available. Personal grills are prohibited, but drink coolers are allowed.

This event is rain or shine, so patrons should be mindful of the weather. Tickets for the festival are general admission. However, patrons interested in spending a few extra bucks can opt for the V.I.P package, which guarantees seating near the stage.

For tickets and additional information, visit [www.oldschoolandbluesfestival.com](http://www.oldschoolandbluesfestival.com).



## Spotlight on Our Elders ... Featuring

### Mrs. Jessie Singleterry

A long-time resident of Huntsville, Alabama, Jessie Singleterry was married to the late Leonard Singleterry. As the wife of a military officer, she traveled extensively with her husband throughout the United States and to foreign countries.

During her residency in the various states, Singleterry utilized her time by serving as a volunteer at the hospital in Hawaii.

As a hospital volunteer, she read books to children and prepared gift baskets. She volunteered for the American Red Cross, where she worked to prepare and serve refreshments to blood donors; registered blood

donors at blood drives and greeted donors.

As a member of the Retired Regulars Association, Singleterry served as the chairperson of the Amenity/Courtesy Committee, where she spearheaded and provided needed items to the less fortunate families.

Under her leadership, the committee assisted over 100 families with various needs.

At Union Chapel Missionary Baptist Church, she served as the chairperson of the Decorations Ministry. Each Sunday, she ensured that there were fresh flower arrangements around the pulpit and other appropriate



areas.

Also, she was a member of the Women's Choir and a mother in the church.

In her neighborhood, Singleterry volunteered her time and talent assisting neighbors with decorating needs, as well as providing meals for neighbors who were ill.



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# Deltas Bring Stylish Derby Extravaganza to Rocket City



"Blue Ivory" with Huntsville Alumnae Vice President Ovetta Hobson and President Jackie Perry

The Huntsville Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., hosted its inaugural watch party, known as "The Delta Derby Extravaganza" (Where Fine Dining, Fashion and Fun Unite!) at the Jackson Center, filled with beautiful women adorned in extravagant hats, elegant dresses and debonair men in stunning, seersucker suits.

Radio personality, Ed Gaines from 98.1-The Beat hosted as Master of Ceremony. The Kentucky Derby was viewed live on big screens. Guests indulged an array

of delectable hors d'oeuvres and buffet-style dinner while enjoying the incomparable sounds of saxophonist Tommie Friend and dancing to a live DJ.

Guests also participated in a "hat and seersucker suit" contest and relished photos with a live white horse "Blue Ivory," beautifully draped in red roses and hat.

During the event, Huntsville Alumnae's Chapter President Jackie Perry was presented with a proclamation officially declaring May 5, 2018, as Delta Derby Day

in Huntsville.

The success of this festive event, chaired by Pamela McDonald, Demetra Gilmore and Agnes Holley-Smith, is sure to become one of the chapter's annual signature fundraisers. All proceeds from Delta Derby Day will benefit the community service, youth and scholarship programs.

For more information, contact jackieperry07@gmail.com. To learn more about Huntsville Alumnae Chapter, visit [www.dsthuntsville.org](http://www.dsthuntsville.org).



Above, Brothers of the Delta Theta Lambda Chapter, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated attending the inaugural Derby Extravaganza hosted by the Huntsville Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority. Left, Mrs. Lucrecia Walker-Points and her husband, Attorney David Points, Jr. (Photo credits: Anthony Gibson and Yvonne Webster; Submitted by Gary T. Whitley, Jr.)



Derby Day Chairpersons: Agnes Holley-Smith, Demetra Gilmore and Pamela McDonald



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# AAMU Basketball Coach Resigns

Alabama A&M University announced last week that it had accepted the resignation of head men's basketball coach Donnie Marsh and that a search for a new coach is underway.

When Marsh was announced as head men's basketball coach on April 12 last year, AAMU Athletics Director Bryan Hicks proclaimed "a new era of Bulldogs basketball."

Marsh had served as the associate head coach at

Texas Southern University in Houston for two seasons prior to joining AAMU. He had served as an assistant coach for 13 years with stints at Indiana (2004-06), University of Alabama-Birmingham (2006-12), South Florida (2013-15) and Texas Southern (2015-17).

Marsh's career as an assistant coach also includes stops at Virginia Tech (1997-2000) and Florida State (1995-97). He was head coach at Florida Inter-

national from 2000-04.

A 1979 graduate of Franklin & Marshall College in Pennsylvania with a bachelor's degree in history and education, Marsh earned All-American honors and helped the Diplomats to a 27-5 record.



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- Admission is free to the public
- Registration is open to Cars and Trucks (Classic, Customs or Current Vehicles) from 9 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. day of the show
- \$30 Late Registration fee after 11:00 a.m.
- Top 20 judging by Car Entry Owners And
  - Pastor's Choice
  - First Lady's Choice
  - Best Work In Progress
  - People's Choice
  - Best Car Club Participation
- Trophies presented at 1:30 p.m.
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Date	Opponent	Site	Venue	Time
Sept. 1	Miles College	HOME	Louis Crews Stadium (Crews Classic)	TBA
Sept. 8	University of North Alabama	HOME	Louis Crews Stadium	TBA
Sept. 15	U. of Cincinnati	AWAY	Cincinnati, Ohio	TBA
Sept. 22	Southern University	Neutral	Mobile, Ala. (Gulf Coast Challenge)	TBA
Sept. 29	Jackson State University	AWAY	Jackson, Miss.	TBA
Oct. 6	Texas Southern University	AWAY	Houston, Tex.	TBA
Oct. 13	Alcorn State University	HOME	Louis Crews Stadium (HOMECOMING)	TBA
Oct. 20		<b>OPEN</b>		
Oct. 27	Alabama State University	Neutral	Birmingham, Ala. (Magic City Classic)	TBA
Nov. 3	U. of Ark. Pine Bluff	AWAY	Pine Bluff, Ark.	TBA
Nov. 10	Grambling State University	HOME	Louis Crews Stadium	TBA
Nov. 17	Mississippi Valley St. U.	AWAY	Itta Bena, Miss.	TBA