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Mrs. Bhavani Kakani

"There are years that ask questions and years that answer." - Zora Neale Hurston

UAH Holds Annual Patent Ceremony

The University of Alabama in Huntsville (UAH), a part of The University of Alabama System, honored the achievements in innovation by inventors from two colleges, six departments and four centers who have been awarded patents during the past year.

Administrators say the



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number of patents filed has increased by 45 percent,

demonstrating "UAH's investment in its people."

Among the administrators present to honor awardees were Dr. Robert Lindquist, vice president for research and economic development; tech director Kannan Grant; Laurel Long of UAH's human resources; and others.

Legacy Center Schedules Fourth Annual Kickball Tournament at Calvary Hill

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!!!

in weekly service projects); and supports **Elder Education** (Students learn early the importance of respecting our elders and receive dementia education).

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

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

HPAC Schedules 19th Annual Gala on June 3

The Huntsville Progressive Alumni Chapter (HPAC) of the Alabama A&M University Alumni Association, Inc., will hold its 19th Annual Leadership Awards Gala on Saturday, June 3, at 6 p.m. in the Ernest L. Knight Reception Center on the AAMU campus.

The chapter honors major contributions to the chapter and community in 11 distinct categories: **Community/Civic Award** - Ms.

Leslie Ecklund, CEO, Burritt Museum; **Corporate Award** - Dr. Elizabeth (Beth) Richardson, President, Progress Bank Madison Market; **Education Award** - Dr. Barbara Cady, Retired Professor, Alabama A&M University; **Government/Industry Award** - Mr. Ronald Simon, Federal Government Employee; **Governmental Relations Award** - Mr. Curtis Summerville, Retired, Alabama State Trooper; **Outstanding**

Service Award - Reverend Dr. Julius R. Scruggs, Pastor Emeritus, First Missionary Baptist Church; **Religion Award** - Reverend Tramaine Snodgrass, Pastor, Blackburn Chapel Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America; **Small Business Award** - Ms. Lillian Henderson, Financial Advisor, Merrill Lynch; **William Hooper Council Alumnus of the Year Award** - Mr. Michael Ford, Corporate Vice President, Global

Workplace Services, Microsoft Corporation; **Huntsville Progressive Alumni Chapter, Inc., Alumna of the Year Award** - Ms. Vanessa Williams, Retired, Accountant, Redstone Arsenal; **Huntsville Progressive Alumni Chapter, Inc., Alumnus of the Year Award** - Mr. Gregory Boyd, Feeder Driver, United Parcel Service (UPS).

For more information, call (256) 651-9329.

'Best Place to Live': Huntsville Chimes in at No. 2

U.S. News & World Report has looked at some 150 metro areas throughout the United States and has pulled together its 2023-24 list of the country's best places to live. Last year, the Rocket

City was spotlighted for its No. 1 ranking. This year, there's still a lot to be proud of, but Huntsville eased down to No. 2, as Green Bay, Wis., climbed ahead for its "perfect mix" of big city

amenities while maintaining a small-town atmosphere.

Huntsville was praised for its "outbreak of construction downtown" and its innovative uses of old, defunct structures.

The Rocket City also holds Top 20 rankings in Cheapest Place to Live (#4), Fastest-Growing Places (#14), Best Places to Live in Alabama (#1). It is ranked No. 51 in Best Places to Retire.

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Valley Weekly Washington One Minute

by Ron Hamm

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

1. CONGRESS. The House is in session this week, while the Senate is in recess until after Memorial Day (although Senate Majority Leader Schumer has warned Senators that he may call them back this week to vote

on the debt limit bill if an agreement is reached). The full House Appropriations Committee will consider 4 FY2024 appropriations bills this week: Military Construction, Legislative Branch, Homeland Security, and Agriculture. The Agriculture Appropriations bill includes a rider that would

reverse the FDA's decision to allow the abortion pill mifepristone to be distributed through the mail.
2. DEBT LIMIT LETTER. Last Thursday, 11 Senators, led by Sens. Bernie Sanders (I-VT) and Elizabeth Warren (D-MA) sent a letter to President Biden urging him to avert a U.S. default by using his authority to invoke the 14th Amendment of the Constitution, which in part states: "the validity of the public debt of the United States ... shall not be questioned." In the House, last Wednesday House Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries (D-

NY) began collecting signatures on a discharge petition (that needs 218 signatures including at least 5 GOP Members) to force a vote on a "clean" debt limit bill.
3. THE WHITE HOUSE. The President cut short his week-long trip abroad in response to the debt limit crisis and cancelled planned stops in Papua New Guinea and the Quad Leaders Summit in Sydney, Australia – returning to the White House late Sunday night. On Friday, the President and First Lady will welcome the 2023 NCAA basketball champs UConn and LSU to the White House.
4. SUPREME COURT. The Court will continue to issue decisions from its current docket this week. Last Thursday, Justice Clarence Thomas, writing for a unanimous court in *Twitter, Inc. v. Taamneh*, ruled that

Twitter was not liable for failing to keep ISIS content off its platform, without directly addressing the issue of the Section 230 liability shield for social media companies and sending the companion case *Gonzalez v. Google* back to the lower court for review.
5. WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT. The U.S. Department of Labor has announced that it is providing \$15 million in grant funding to help address workforce needs in critical sectors, including healthcare, climate resiliency, and hospitality. Community Colleges are eligible to apply. The submission deadline is July 17.
6. HIGHER EDUCATION. On May 17, the U.S. Education Department (ED) released its highly anticipated rules governing federal student aid eligibility for all Title IV-eligible certificate

programs, under the "gainful employment" (GE) language in the Higher Education Act (HEA). The GE Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) is comparable to what ED proposed during negotiated rulemaking last year and has a number of the same general concepts as the Obama administration's 2014 GE regulations. (The Trump administration later rescinded those rules.) However, the just-released package includes several provisions outside of the gainful employment eligibility metrics that could greatly impact community colleges.

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Deltas Celebrate Annual Derby Extravaganza

Saturday, May 6, was a very special day for the Huntsville Alumnae Chapter (HAC) of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated. After a 3-year hiatus, this day marked the return of the Delta Derby Day Extravaganza, the first since the pandemic.

The purpose of this one-of-a-kind event is not only to showcase the latest in fashion styles, fine dining and fun, but to raise much-needed funding for scholarships and community service projects.

Huntsville Alumnae Chapter has existed since 1954 and has a rich legacy of providing assistance throughout Madison County, along with scholarships and services to the community by delivering quality programs to educate youth, feed the hungry, steer economic development and remain at the forefront of social action and political awareness.

Over the past few years, the Chapter has provided over \$125,000 in scholar-



ships, over \$90,000 to Meals on Wheels and supported multiple programs for youth enrichment. This year alone, \$35,000 was given in scholarships to local universities.

Although the Extravaganza was scholarship focused, attendees enjoyed scrumptious hors d'oeuvres and an elegant dinner prepared by Chef Daniel of the Jackson Center, dancing to the sounds of DJ Terry and watching the 149th running of the Kentucky Derby where the lucky winners received various gifts.

The true highlight for attendees was the Mad Hatter Ladies Hat competition, the Derby Digs competition for men and of course the Styling and Profiling couples'

competition with associated winners and gifts.

"This event was another great opportunity for the chapter to raise funds for our community programs, celebrate with our friends and patrons and thank them all for their continued support of our many public service initiatives", said President Ovetta Hobson.

To learn more about Huntsville Alumnae Chapter, visit the chapter's website at <http://www.dsthuntsville.org>. Visit the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, national website at <http://www.deltasigmatheta.com>.

For additional information, contact Ovetta Hobson at president@dsthuntsville.org or icc@dsthuntsville.org.

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FEAR LESS AND LOVE MORE

2 Timothy 1:7 says, "For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and love and a sound mind."

You know, fear is a big problem for so many

people, and the bible has much to say about this subject.

It tells us 52 times, "do not fear", 48 times it says "don't be afraid", and "fear not" is one of the most used phrases in the bible.

So, there is no doubt that fear is real and

it seems to be more prevalent this time of the year. But you know, I believe that there is a secret to not having fear, and it can be found in 1 John 4:18, where it says, "There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear because fear involves punishment.

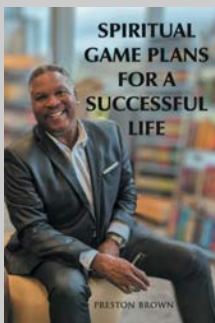
So, if this is the case, the answer to fear is not courage. The answer to fear is perfect love. Now the word, *perfect* means completely free from faults or defects. This is the kind of love that Jesus has for all of us. So let us all work on loving one another the way

that God commands us to do and appreciate the love that Jesus has for us. And, remember, when we fear less, we will love more.

May God grant you spiritual success with learning how not to fear.

Question: *When was the last time you were afraid of something?*

Stay encouraged, my brothers and sisters, and make sure you purchase a copy of my books, "A Champion Game Plan For Life" and "Spiritual Game Plans For a Successful Life" at amazon.com or Westbow bookstore.



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Funeral service for MRS. BETTY A. MCCOMB (b. 1943) was held Saturday, May 20, in the Nelms Memorial Funeral Home Chapel.

Funeral service for MS. SHIRLEY BRIGHT (b. 1943) was held Thursday, May 18, at Nelms Memorial Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor Sparks officiating.

Funeral service for MR. ANTONIO R. MOORE (b. 1980) was held Sunday, May 14, in the Nelms Memorial Funeral Home Chapel.

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Graveside service for MR. JOHN SHIRLEY (b. 1928) will be 12 noon, Friday, May 26, at Oakwood Memorial Gardens (1 HL Cleveland Way, Huntsville, Ala.) with Dr. Carlton Byrd as eulogist.

Funeral service for MRS. PEARLIE MAE JEFFERSON (b. 1941) was held Sunday, May 21, at the Indian Creek Primitive Baptist Association (6378 Pulaski Pike NW, Huntsville, Ala.) with Reverend Mylon Burwell officiating.

Funeral service for MOTHER BESSIE BANKS GAINES (b. 1946) was held Sunday, May 21, at the Saint Bartley Primitive Baptist Church (3020 Belafonte Ave NW, Huntsville, Ala.) with Pastor Jaymes Mooney officiating and Dr. Theodis Acklin as the eulogist.

Funeral service for MR. TIMOTHY WATKINS (b. 1959) was held Sunday, May 21, at the Union Chapel Missionary Baptist Church (315 Winchester Road Huntsville, Ala.) with Dr. O. Wendell Davis officiating.

Funeral service for MRS. ANNETTA P. MATTHEWS (b. 1949) was held Saturday, May 20, at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses (7757 Wall Triana Highway, Harvest, AL 35749) with Brother Herb Jarman officiating.

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Funeral service for MASTER ZIAH RUFFIN (b. 2023) will be held Sunday, May 28, at 2 p.m. at New Beginnings Christian Church, 604 Jordan Lane NW, Huntsville, Ala.

Funeral service for MASTER GRADY KASON (b. 2020) will be held Thursday, May 25, at 2 p.m. at Serenity Funeral Home.

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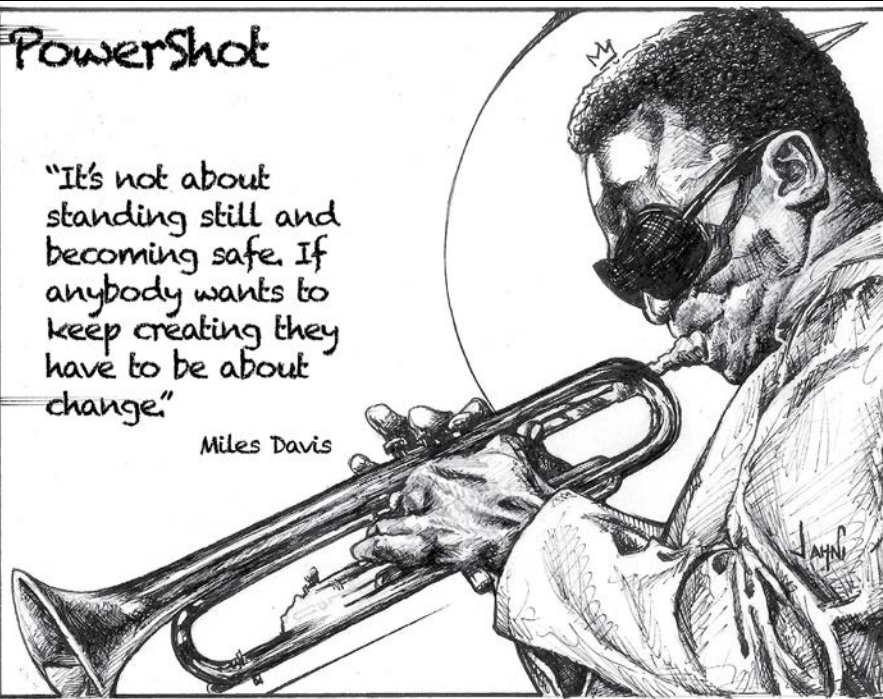
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- June 4**
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Justin Whitehead
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6 p.m.
- June 7**
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Christian Johnson
Stand Up Live
Huntsville, Ala.
- June 9**
8th Annual Black Restau-
rant Week
Huntsville 2023
- June 9-11**
Huntsvegas Tattoo Expo
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- June 11**
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Cowboys & Cowgirls
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Meadow Creek Farm
9306 Pulaski Pike
Toney, Ala.
4-10 p.m.
- May 28**
Bishop Schultz Episcopal
Visit
St. Charles King and
Martyr Anglican Church
Downtown Huntsville
9:30 a.m.
- June 1**
Page to Screen Book Club
Octavia Butler's "Kin-
dred"
Downtown Huntsville
Library
6 p.m.
- Comedian
Ralph Barbosa
Stand Up Live
Huntsville, Ala.
- Elvis to Sundial
Mark C. Smith Concert
Hall
Von Braun Center
7 p.m.
- June 3**
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keep creating they
have to be about
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Their Decision Doesn't Alter YOUR Destiny!

Their decision doesn't alter YOUR destiny ...

Whew.

I heard this in a sermon from T.D. Jakes. God maps out your destiny. Your willingness to pull greatness out of you to get there is your choice.

You can alter, derail, and delay getting there, but the ultimate decisions are up to you, and destiny is up to God. So one's point of view of you is just that. It doesn't alter anything.

Stop wasting time being upset, pressured, and hurt about someone's opinion of you.

What does that matter?

We chase our tails, trying to get someone to understand where we are coming from and dying inside, trying to overshoot our hearts and intentions. Some people do not care to hear or understand it. You have to shift and move on. You have plenty to keep you busy. Remember, you have a destiny.

Wherever and whatever that is, if they aren't willing to stop and understand or consider you, they likely aren't a

Millennial Moment

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by Gloria B. Caldwell

part of it.

God makes no mistakes about who He puts in your life ... and who He removes from your life.

Stop forcing what isn't allocated to that time and what has no merit to you getting to your destiny.

Their decisions will not alter YOUR destiny.

them, what they are saying, what they have, what they are doing.

Keep pressing. Make today amazing! You have the control over your life to do so.

God loves you, and so do I. He has given you a gift; open it.



Keep pushing. Don't worry about

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“The job of the conscious is to make the unconscious conscious.”

- Kwame Ture



The NBA's Game 7 = Jesus' Crucifixion?

For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, . . .” Mark 10:45

On Sunday, May 14, the NBA's Boston Celtics defeated the Philadelphia 76ers 112-88, in professional sports' ultimate series event, Game 7.

The Celtics and the 76ers were tied at three victories apiece and needed to win this deciding fourth game to advance to the Eastern Conference finals from this winner-takes-all game.

Similarly, on Easter Sunday, the Christian world celebrated its winner-takes-all resurrection of Jesus Christ, following his death and burial.

Is there any parallel between Game 7 and Easter Sunday? Yes.

Pre-game Prep

To prep his 12-man roster (disciples) for his Crucifixion (Game 7) against his opponent Satan, Coach Jesus assembled them in the locker room (the Upper Room) for their pregame meal (the Last Supper, communion).



Then, he announced the concept of servant leadership for winning Game 7, saying, “. . . the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, . . .”

Yet, by refusing to wash each other's feet, each exhibited their refusing his game plan of servant leadership.

To make his point, however, Jesus then knelt down as a servant and began to wash each of their 24 feet to demonstrate his point!

Game Time. Jump Ball!

Thus, he now became player-Coach Jesus.

But they still didn't get it. They all betrayed him and abandoned him on his way to Calvary's crucifixion - meaning, they all fouled out in the first half of Game 7.

But in the 2nd half, . . .

The resurrected Jesus then took these betraying disciples into a 40-day intensive locker room session. They confessed, he forgave them, and he showed them again how to be servant leaders, as then he ascended back into heaven. And it worked.



Post-game Recap

With Jesus' successor, the Holy Spirit, these born-again disciples went on and established Christianity as the world's largest religion with 2.56 billion followers of Jesus.

Just like the Celtics defeated their 76er foes in their Game 7 and advanced to their next round, so can you.

If you know that you've fouled out in the first half of your life's Game 7, take full advantage of your right-now 2nd chance (the second half) and be victorious and advance. How? Live your even more life fully by serving others even more.



Tim Allston
Leadership Coach & Three-time
Amazon Best-Selling Author
Leading from the Middle

AHA Offering Jenice Riley Scholarships for K-8 Teachers

The Alabama Humanities Alliance awards the Jenice Riley Memorial Scholarship annually. Since 2003, AHA has named 101 Riley Scholars and awarded more than \$100,000 in teacher scholarships.

This competitive \$1,000 scholarship is awarded to educators in support of history--and civics--related projects in their schools and classrooms. The award aids teachers in attending a conference, purchasing classroom materials,

or creating programs that enhance students' understanding of history and civics.

Created in 2003 in memory of Jenice Riley, the scholarship recognizes educators who share her extraordinary commitment to enhancing the quality of education in Alabama. Jenice was the daughter of former Alabama governor and first lady Bob and Patsy Riley; she had a passion for teaching, and fostered creativity and a desire to learn within her students.

The scholarship competition is open to current Alabama educators of grades K-8, in public and private Alabama schools. Teachers must be current educators

in the K-8 classroom who seek to enhance the classroom experience or expand their professional development in the areas of history and civics (this includes geography and Alabama history, world history, U.S. history, and civics).

Last year, Adriana Shirley of Blossomwood Elementary School in Huntsville, Ala., was among the four honorees of the 2022 Riley Scholarship.

To apply, K-8 educators Complete the [Riley Scholarship Application Form](#) and e-mail it to landerson@alabamahumanities.org. The deadline for all applications is September 5, 2023.

Huntsville 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.



This Sunday's Lectionary



Sunday, May 28, 2023

The Day of Pentecost

(Track 2, Year A)

First Lesson:

Acts 2:1-21

Psalm 104:25-35, 37

Second Lesson:

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

GOSPEL:

John 20:19-23

MAY 26 - GLADYS KNIGHT - Gladys Maria Knight also professionally known as Empress of Soul, is a singer songwriter, actress, businesswoman, and author. A seven-time Grammy Award-winner, Knight is known for the hits she recorded during the 1960s, 1970s, and 1980s with her group Gladys Knight & the Pips, which also included her brother Merald "Bubba" Knight and cousins Edward Patten and William Guest. In their early Motown career, Gladys Knight and the Pips toured as the opening act for Diana Ross and The Supremes. Gladys Knight stated in her memoirs that Ross kicked her off the tour because the audience's reception to Knight's soulful performance overshadowed her. Berry Gordy later told Knight that she was giving his act a hard time.

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"Do not fear mistakes."

- Miles Davis

ON THIS DAY

Jazz legend, bandleader and trumpeter Miles Davis was born in 1926 in Alton, Illinois, the son of a dental surgeon and violinist/music teacher.

NAAACC Meetings

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.



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

Mrs. Bhavani Kakani

For over 45 years, Mrs. Bhavani Kakani has brought a unique combination of healthy compassion, strong commitment, sharp business acumen and servant leadership skills to empower people and organizations in Huntsville, Ala.

Her vision for "building bridges" led her to found and lead AshaKiran. AshaKiran is a non-profit organization dedicated to educate, empathize, and empower foreign-origin/culturally diverse individuals who are experiencing "crisis" situations.

The treasurer of Alabama Coalition Against Domestic Violence, Kakani is also a founding director/secretary of the board for Progress Bank and Trust. She has served as a senior staff supervisor in international finance for Intergraph Corporation; a cytologist; and an office manager for a physician's office.

As a trailblazer in building healthier communities, she educated, raised funds and advocated for better health for all persons by providing leadership for Madison County Medical Alliance (president), Alliance to the Medical Society of the State of Alabama (president), Southern Medical Association Alliance, Alliance to the American Medical Association, Huntsville Hospital Foundation, Statewide Health Planning Council, and ambassador to the Hudson Alpha Institute and Hospice.

Mrs. Kakani continues her



volunteer activities by serving on numerous boards, committees and causes. Her belief in providing a second chance through education and mentoring to increase self worth and to excel the careers of the less fortunate is demonstrated through mentoring for Women's Economic Development Council Foundation. She was an active participant on boards of Randolph School, UAH Foundation, Women's Business Center of North Alabama, Alabama Space Education Commission and Women's Economic Development Council Foundation.

Her dedication for community inclusiveness and betterment is displayed through her leadership as a graduate of Leadership Alabama, Mayor's Advisory Council on Diversity and Inclusion Committee, Board Chair of Leadership of Huntsville/Madison County and service on the boards of Southern Cord, Botanical Garden, International Society of Huntsville (founding board member) Huntsville India Association, Huntsville Telugu Association (founder and ini-

tial president), Women's Guild of the Huntsville Museum of Art (president), Arts Council, Huntsville International Society (founding member), United Way Professional Division Campaign chair, member of Committee of 100, and as co-chair of Legacy for Huntsville Bicentennial Celebration Committee.

She is a recipient of the Girl's Inc. "She Knows Where She is Going" award, National Conference for Community and Justice's "Brotherhood and Sisterhood" award, Arthritis Foundation's "Humanitarian" award, Women Honoring Women's Health and Human Services award, The Soroptimist International's Ruby Award-Women Helping Women, Inter-Cultural Community Leadership Award, Birmingham International Center Motivating Women Award, Inter-Faith Mission's Charles Ray, Jr. Memorial-Social Justice Award, 100 Black Men of Greater Huntsville's "Co-Mentor of the Year for Health and Wellness" and Daughters of American Revolution's Community Award. Kakani earned a B.S. degree in finance, summa cum laude and a Master of Administrative Science in Business Administration and Finance from the University of Alabama in Huntsville. She has been married for 54 years to Dr. Rao Kakani, retired general and vascular surgeon, and the couple has three children and two grandchildren.

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Huntsville's 19th Century Black History Telling Our Stories

William Tivis
A Circle of Remembrance

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The Circle of Remembrance



William Tivis was born in Kentucky in 1841. His parents were Napoleon and Rachel Tivis. He married Amanda in 1880. She was born in Virginia in 1850.

William was appointed engineer for the city waterworks in 1881 and served for 18. An article in *The Democrat* stated in 1899:

William Tivis, one of our most respected Negro citi-

zens, has been the engineer for the city waterworks for 18 years, and bears an enviable record for faithful service, never having been absent from his post of duty.

Mr. Tivis was involved socially and politically in the city. A surprise party was given at his home in honor of his sister-in-law, Mrs. Jackson, in 1895.

Many of Huntsville's educators and politicians were

present. They included Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ware, Mrs. Sophia Scruggs and Prof. W. L. Riley. The occasion was said to be one long remembered.

They ended with the song, "God Be With You Till We Meet Again." Not a dry eye was in the house!

In 1895, a grand time was enjoyed by members of Club No. 7 at the mid-night picnic given at the

residence of Mr. and Mrs. William Tivis on Milton Street. Refreshments of all kinds were available. Mrs. Maria B. Powers was captain of the organization.

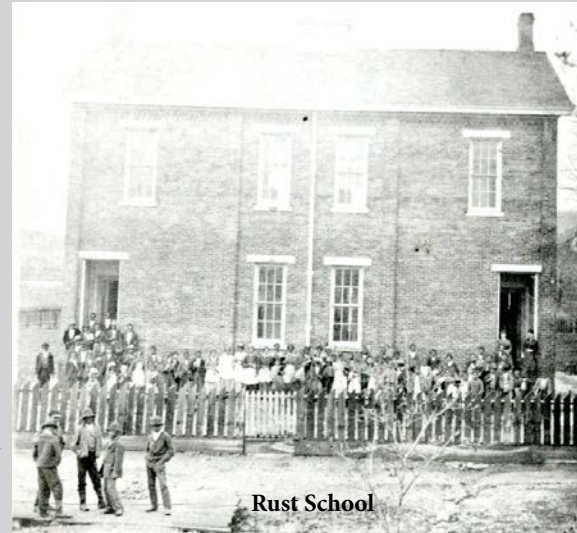
On May 9, 1901, the trustees from Central Alabama College elected Lula T. Tivis, daughter of William Tivis, as instructor for the next school year. Central Alabama College was formerly Rust Institute, established in

1865 for newly freed enslaved people by the Freedman Society. Mr.

In the 1920 census, William Tivis was living in Huntsville's Ward 4, on Miller Street. His occupation was listed as fireman.

After having lived a full life, he died on April 20, 1928.

Please help us give life to 19th century African Americans in Huntsville/Madison County by telling their stories. They



Rust School

Daniel S. Brandon served as principal.

Live Again!!

Golf Enthusiast Howard Bankhead Honored by Hall of Fame Organization

Howard Bankhead, a 1981 Alabama State University graduate, dedicated servant member of his community, and Founder of several youth development programs including the Tennessee Valley Youth Golf Development, The First Tee of Huntsville, and Par Excellence Youth Development (PEYD) in the metro Huntsville, Ala., area. Howard will be recognized and inducted into the 19th Annual African American Golfers Hall of Fame during its annual event being held in Palm Beach County, Fla., May 25-29, 2023.

The multi-day program is packed full of activities and includes a leadership conference, golf skills camp and tournament, reception, awards dinner celebration, auction, and the 13th Annual African American Collegiate & Youth Golfers Hall of

Fame, all hosted by Malachi Knowles, founder of Inner City Youth Golfers Inc.

The mission is "to celebrate and honor the history and achievements of Black Americans and other significant supporters who have contributed to growing the game of golf since the early 1800's," said Knowles, in a press announcement.

Howard attended Alabama State University on a track scholarship earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Marketing with a minor in Management with additional studies at Miles College in Fairfield, Alabama. The natural leader uses his Marketing degree in unique ways, he creates and shares things that he enjoys in life including creating the Huntsville Apartment Tennis Circuit, the Tennessee Valley Jazz Society-Huntsville, and the youth golf development

programs.

Through the Tennessee Valley Jazz Society, Howard created "Jazz Education is Cool in the Schools," to counteract the negative music of pop culture. The art form of jazz music includes history, math, and

democracy. From 1998 up to the present day, over 38,500 individuals, students, faculty, and staff in Huntsville and Madison County schools have benefited from the program.

A zealous tennis player for years, fortunately, Howard's tennis days ended due to knee problems. That lead him to discover golf.

However, Howard wasn't enthusiastic about the sport, because he thought it was a game for rich white people.

But that all changed when Howard became enlightened on the rules of golf and the history of the sport.

His life completely changed at the age of 44. From the experience of volunteering in the schools and realizing the negative images and influences of other sports, Howard was inspired to give youth alternative sports options to choose from. In addition, in the late 60's, and early 70's when Howard was growing

up in Florence, Alabama, he like many other Black youth was denied access to the golf world, simply because of social structure and historical norms. Therefore, in 2001, Howard convinced the Tennessee Valley Jazz Society Board of Directors to expand their mission from art to include health and sports. With that Howard created the Tennessee Valley Youth Golf Development.

Through Howard's leadership, in 1998 the Tennessee Valley Jazz Society, a nonprofit organization, used the art form of Jazz to introduce the music style to youth in schools while giving youngsters other positive music to choose from.

In 2002, Tennessee Valley Youth Golf Development partnered with Huntsville City School's Camp Success programs. "From 2002 to 2007, we

introduced over 2,100 students in 2nd-6th grades to golf and life skills," says Howard. "Camp Success was an after-school program, where we visited several schools including Colonial (now Martin Luther King), Rolling Hills, Lakewood, Terry Heights (now Sonny Hereford), and Lincoln Elementary Schools." Along with learning golf skills, the program supplemented students' academic curriculum with reading, writing, math, life skill, and character behavior.

A pillar in his community, in 2018, the Arts Fellowship recipient and Vista Volunteer was awarded the Key To The City by Huntsville, Alabama Mayor Tommy Battle. Howard is a keen journalist and contributes as a blog writer for the African American Golfer's Digest and writes for Junior Golf USA.

