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I do not require a black president to know that I am
a person of worth, and that life is worth living.
- Anne Wortham

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Alabama State Games XXXVIII Ceremony Set

The 37th annual Alabama State Games Opening Ceremony will be hosted by the city of Huntsville, and Madison County on Friday, June 7, at 7 p.m. at the Von Braun Center Propst Arena.

The Alabama State Games takes pride in the Opening Ceremony, which features Olym-

pic traditions such as the Parade of Athletes, the running of the Olympic Torch, and lighting of the Olympic Flame.

The Opening Ceremony will showcase the rich history of the city of Huntsville and Madison County, with a special presentation honoring the history of the great state of Alabama as

it celebrates its Bicentennial, as well as the 50th anniversary of the Landing on the Moon. The Opening Ceremony will be televised Live statewide on Alabama Public Television and include an exciting mix of hi-tech lasers and pyrotechnics, and music.

Juneteenth Sets Stage for Bicentennial Event

“It’s not celebrated as a national holiday but that doesn’t make it any less important. June 19, 1865 – the date enslaved people in Texas discovered they were freed by the Emancipation Proclamation two years earlier – sets the tone for a two-day celebration in Huntsville.

On June 15, experience the importance of faith and spirituality in the African-American community at an old-fashioned campmeeting and baptism at Big Spring Park. Music from gospel choirs, and church picnic food will help to recreate the campmeeting aura at this former baptismal site of St. Bartley PB Church – Alabama’s oldest African-American congregation. Residents



are invited to march in two processions to begin simultaneously at 10 a.m. and merge at Big Spring Park. One procession will march from St. John AME Church on Monroe Street, and the other from the St. Bartley historical marker in front of Progress Bank on Williams Avenue. Attendees are encouraged to wear attire from the 1900s.

On June 16, the significance of Church Street to local black history is honored with the unveiling of a historical marker at 2 p.m. on the corner of Holmes

Avenue and Church Street, next to the WHNT News 19 building.

At 3 p.m. the Church Street Festival of Voices at the Huntsville Depot will highlight Huntsville black history. Actors representing close to 60 local notables such as Dr. William Hooper Council and Anna Knight will share stories. Food trucks will sell food from the Church Street era, and attendees can give their best karaoke performance of songs by musical legends.

Both events are free. For more information about African Americans for Completing the Story in Huntsville-Madison County, visit the website www.completinghistoryAL200.org

Legacy Center Inc. Holds Kickball Tournament



State Representative Laura Hall “rolls out” opening kickball at Brahan Spring Park for Legacy Center. (Photos by J. Saintjones)

In a well-supported effort to assist the Legacy Center, a local 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, raise funds to purchase a van to transport senior citizens, the Legacy Charity Kickball Tournament & Community Block Party was held on Saturday, May 25.

The free, family-oriented activity was held at the Brahan Spring Park football field in southwest Huntsville.

In addition to an all-day kickball tournament featur-



Lathan Associates Architects fielded a team among the dozen competing.

ing around a dozen teams, attendees were provided a community block party that included live entertainment, food trucks, a



OWN-TV’s Melody Holt of Huntsville, Ala.

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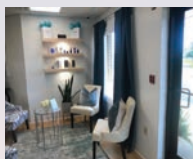
kid zone, senior corn hole tournament and a concluding Celebrity Legacy Bowl.

Among the local personalities were Martell and Melody Holt of OWN’s “Love and Marriage Huntsville”; Kenny Anderson, director, City of Huntsville’s Office of Multicultural Affairs; and many others representing the television and music industries, as well as the legal profession. Joining an impressive list of primarily local sponsors was Lathan Associates Architects of Birmingham, Ala.

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Happenings In the State Legislature



On Thursday afternoon, Rep. Givan passed HB 213 which will adjust campaign finance law so that reporting does not need to be

completed by 12:01. This bill will provide some much needed flexibility for hardworking candidates during the busy campaign season.

HB 528 (Rep. Louise Alexander)

On Thursday afternoon, Rep. Alexander passed HB 528 which will provide for an increase in compensation for members of a county board of equalization in counties with more than 600,000 people, ensuring fair compensation, commensurate to workload.

HB 497 (Rep. A.J. McCampbell)

On Thursday afternoon, Rep. McCampbell passed HB 497 which would allow for persons convicted of a felony or an offense involving dishonesty to be eligible for employment with the municipality. The bill will help to strengthen

our economy and reduce recidivism.

SB 163 (Rep. Chris England)

On Thursday evening, Rep. England passed SB 163, an important bill that will prevent occupational licensing boards from denying certificates and licenses to an individual who has been convicted of a crime.

HB 496 (Rep. Chris England)

On Thursday evening, Rep. England passed HB 496 which redefines certain sexual offenses, specifically changing language that requires women to physically fight back against their assailant. This bill marks a necessary step forward in the fight against sexual assault and abuse.

HB 549 (Rep. Laura Hall)

Rep. Hall passed HB 549 on Thursday afternoon. The bill requires the Department of Public Health to provide education to the public regarding care for Alzheimer's and dementia patients, and marks a significant step forward in the fight for those patients' rights, care and well being.

Members Bills That Passed the House

HB 262 (Rep. Merika Coleman)
Rep. Coleman's HB 262 which allows for the release of Johns' pictures who have been arrested for soliciting prostitutes, passed through the House Wednesday evening, despite an otherwise contentious day in the House.

HB 264 (Rep. Merika Coleman)
Rep. Coleman's second bill regarding human trafficking which increases fines and assigns a regulator to ensure posters providing a human trafficking hotline are posted publicly, also passed unanimously through the House Wednesday evening.

HB 260 (Rep. Merika Coleman)
On Thursday afternoon, Representative Coleman passed her third piece of crucial legislation combatting human trafficking. HB 260 requires health care professionals and facilities to receive or provide

special training regarding human trafficking.

HB 26 (Rep. Rolanda Hollis)
Rep. Hollis' bill which requires regulations for microblading and eyelash extensions passed through the House Tuesday evening, and will provide much needed oversight for new beauty procedures.

HB 378 (Rep. Prince Chestnut)
Rep. Chestnut's bill which authorizes the Department of Examiners of Public Accounts to perform audits of a municipality when fraud is suspected, passed through the House Tuesday evening, and will help to ensure better government transparency and accountability.

HB 213 (Rep. Juandalynn Givan)

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Applications are being accepted for Cohort XII of the Diversity Leadership Colloquium until August 27.

Classes will begin September 3 and end October 22, running 6-9 p.m. every Tuesday evening. Graduation

will be held on October 29.

Applications are available online at www.diversityleadershipcolloquium.com. Questions should be emailed to Mrs. Georgia Valrie at gvalrie1971@gmail.com or call (256) 656-4698.



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Object Lessons from "Conquering Cancer Conference" (Part 1)

Read 1 Cor. 5:6-8, The Voice Bible

More than 150 of us attended May 18th's "Conquering Cancer Conference" downtown.

Co-presenters naturopath Dr. Curtis Eakins and nutritionist/breast cancer survivor/wife Paula introduced grocery-store foods to control cancer, while Pastor Debleaire Snell presented the "benefits" of its journey.

Defined as "the uncontrollable growth of abnormal cells in the body" (Cancer Treatment Centers of America), cancer resides in each of our cells, from birth; abnormal growth or you've-got-cancer diagnosis occurs often when we consume processed meats like fried chicken, beef or bacon.

The Eakins demonstrated scientifically how consuming such natural foods as un-peeled apples, red grapes, cabbage, carrots, and beets will not only stave off but also reduce excessive cancerous growths. Yet, one never eliminates cancer, but simply reduces its poisons by managing it.

Snell offered biblically that such sicknesses "clarify priorities and make one both stop procrastinating and contemplate eternal realities."

Substitute "Cancer Conference" with "Ego-holism"

Mirroring the CTCA's cancer definition is "ego-holism" - i.e., the addiction to self, the uncontrollable growth of abnormal impulses within the bodies of persons, activities, events, and organizations. Starting today, however, neither you nor I have to be its victims any longer. Here's why . . . and later, we'll discuss "Here's How . . ."

Here's Why ...

Our bodies both create continually new cells and "retire" old cells, CTCA explains; but some of those retirees simply won't leave! Instead, these deadbeats hang around and amass into what we call "tumors."

When these tumors reach excessive levels, one is said to "have cancer." With proper management, however, those cancer levels can be reduced but never cured, solved or eliminated. Like ego-holism. Like alcoholism and choco-holism, ego-holism (what most of us self-diagnose as "s/he's got issues!") anchors itself on excesses of self - both big and little egos.

Next week: "The Gospel according to Steph Curry."

tim allston is the author of the free book, 7 Steps to Manage Ego Problems: The How-to Guide for "Someone Else," free and downloadable now at www.GetEgoHelpNow.org.



The Valley Weekly Calendar of Events

Thru July 26

OLLI Summer Program
Celebrate summer with Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at UAH, a learning community for Adults 50+! Flexible and fun courses and trips available. Details: Osher.uah.edu/Summer or 256.824.6183.

June 1

Eighteenth Annual Leadership Award Banquet
Huntsville Progressive Alumni Chapter of the Alabama A&M University Alumni Association, Inc.
Ernest L. Knight Reception Center - AAMU Campus
Tickets: carlaclift@gmail.com
6 p.m.

June 7

Huntsville Bible College 26th Vision Banquet
"Celebrating Centennial Churches"
Von Braun Center
East Hall
Huntsville, Ala.
7 p.m.

June 8

Family Fun Festival Expo
Von Braun Center
10 a.m.

June 14

3rd Annual Bradford Gala
Von Braun Center - East Hall 2
(Tickets - \$50)
6-8 p.m.

June 15

13th Annual White Linen Brunch
The Ivy Center of Huntsville/Madison County Foundation, Inc.
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Old Fashioned Campmeeting and Baptism
Big Spring Park
10 a.m.

Water Lantern Festival
Big Spring International Park
11 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

"I Fight Against Cancer to Win" Golf Tournament
Colonial Golf Tournament
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sion
Sponsor: Fun-Set Social and Charity Club
Huntsville Public Library
3-5 p.m.

June 16
Unveiling of the Church Street Historical Marker at Holmes and Church - 2 p.m.

Church Street Festival of Voices
Huntsville Depot - 3 p.m.

June 17-August 2
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Oakwood University Church
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Champion Game Plan for Life

by Preston Brown

"THE PROBLEM WITH PRIDE"

In Luke 18:9-14, Jesus tells a parable for those who were confident of their own righteousness. He tells them, "All those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

We live in a time where some people make themselves look good at the expense of others. This is one of the problems with Pride. We need to realize that Pride is a very dangerous sin. Now why is this? Well, it's because many people that are infested with pride don't realize that they are prideful. In other words, a person who is a drunkard knows that they are a drunkard. A thief knows that he is a thief, but many times a proud person doesn't realize that they are prideful. Like we find in this scripture. Here we

have a despised tax collector and an esteemed Pharisee.

Now while the Pharisee is praying, he goes on and on about how he was not like this tax collector, because of all the things that he had done. Whereas the tax collector, while he was praying, begged for mercy and forgiveness. And, Jesus said that the one who went home justified was the tax collector because of his humility. The Pharisee went home "dignified".

Today, I believe that each one of us will go home one of the two ways. Either we will go home dignified with our pride on full display, or we will go home justified with the humility that comes with it. You see, the problem with Pride is that it has a spirit of un-gratefulness to God. In other words,

whenever God has blessed us with so

many things, some people act like they deserve it or that they have earned it. So, they start feeling like they are better than other people,

just like the Pharisee in our scripture.

Now don't be surprised if that person you see in the mirror also has pride, because we all do. Matter of fact, we are born with it. But the difference is how we deal with the pride that is inside of us. And, the way we deal with it is to become more humble each day. James 4:10 says, "Humble yourselves before the Lord and He will exalt you". Also the bible tells us to love one another, because love will conquer pride....Stay encouraged, my brothers and sisters.



BIRTHDAY - MAY 31 - SHIRLEY VERRETT was an African-American operatic mezzo-soprano who successfully transitioned into soprano roles, i.e. soprano sfogato. Verrett enjoyed great fame from the late 1960s through the 1990s, particularly well known for singing the works of Verdi and Donizetti.
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Valley Deaths

- Nelms Memorial Funeral Home -

Funeral service for MRS. OLA B. (WILLIAMS) FROST was held Tuesday, May 28, at Stewart Memorial Christian Methodist Episcopal Church, Mobile, Ala. [Mrs. Frost was the sister of Mrs. Mary Williams Hurt and Dr. Dorothy Williams Huston (Valley Weekly editor) of Huntsville, Ala.].

Funeral service for MRS. KATHLEEN PINCHON FLETCHER (b. 1946) was held Friday, May 24, at Northwest Church of Christ (5008 Pulaski Pike NW - Huntsville, Ala.) with Brother John Branch officiating.

Funeral service for MR. JAMES ("PEEWEE") LANGFORD (b. 1949) was held Saturday, May 18, at Big Shiloh Primitive Baptist Church with Elder Jeffery Jefferson officiating.

Funeral service for MR. JOHNNIE LEE FLOWERS (b. 1949) was held Saturday, May 18, at First Missionary Baptist Church (20 Cahaba Road - Uniontown, Ala.).

- Royal Funeral Home -

Funeral service for MS. ARBELIA STRICKLAND was held Thursday, May 30, at the Union Hill Primitive Baptist Church with Pastor Leonard Matthews officiating.

Funeral service for MRS. LAURA MCCRAY was held Wednesday, May 29, at the Royal Chapel of Memories with Pastor Dexter Strong officiating.

Memorial service for MS. TEQUILLA PILLOWS was held privately by the family.

Funeral service for MR. CAMERON LADELE TURNER (b. 1997) was held Saturday, May 25, at Blackburn Chapel Cumberland Presbyterian Church (507 Plummer Road Huntsville, Ala.) with Dr. Theodis Acklin officiating.

Funeral service for MRS. CHARITY MAE SALES LEWIS (B. 1941) was held Saturday, May 25, at Saint Andrew Primitive Baptist Church (1393 Swancott Road Madison, Ala.) with Pastor Michael Hartwell officiating.

Funeral service for MRS. CARETHA S. LARRY was held Saturday, May 25, at the Progressive Union Missionary Baptist Church with Rev. Joe Stevenson officiating.

Funeral service for MRS. GAYNELL WOODS (b. 1952) was held Friday, May 24, at Saint Mark Baptist Church (6475 Moores Mill Road Huntsville, Ala.) with Pastor Jeremiah Chester officiating.

- Serenity Funeral Home -

Funeral service for MS. WANDA GAINES LAWS (b. 1965) will be held Saturday, June 1, at Serenity Funeral Home (2505 University Drive, NW (Huntsville, Ala.) at 12 noon.

Global Ties Hosts African Youth Leaders

A delegation of 19 high school students and 4 mentors from Nigeria, Rwanda, Zambia and Zimbabwe were recently hosted by Global Ties Alabama.

While in Alabama, the Pan Africa Youth Leadership Program participants gain a deeper level of understanding of civic rights, respect for diversity and the importance of community engagement. Another PAYLP delegation for the French-speaking countries of Africa will be hosted July 31-August 13.

Prior to their arrival in Huntsville, Ala., the participants complete an orientation in Atlanta, Georgia. Delegates also meet with David DaDa, Director of Division of Youth Services at

City of Birmingham Mayor's Office. Additional activities will include visiting and exploring African American history and culture at Birmingham Civil Rights Institute.

In Alabama, delegates will focus on developing action plans to present to professional judges at a pitch competition and further apply what they learned to serve the needs of their respective communities. While delving into civil and community programs, African youth leaders meet with city government officials. They will tour higher education institutes, such as University of Alabama in Huntsville, Alabama A&M University and Oakwood University, and attend leadership train-



ing sessions in pursuit of capacity building.

The Pan Africa Youth Leadership Program supports long-range U.S. foreign policy priorities by offering secondary school youth (ages 15-18) and adult educators the opportunity to ex-

plore themes through three-week, intensive exchanges in the U.S. A key component of the program is to develop community-based projects in their home communities to affect change upon their return home.

Called ² Preach

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

"Used to"

Acts 3:9-10

The NIV translation of the Bible records that when the people saw the lame man entering the temple with Peter and John, he was leaping and praising God.

This was an obvious opposite that was both notable and noticeable. The text says that the people recognized the man as the one who "use to" sit begging.

His physical condition had changed, for he use to be lame, now he was leaping. His social condition had changed; for whereas he use to be seen pitifully as a paralyzed beggar, he was now a participating benefactor in the praise and worship of God.

saw himself as being able to choose to accept the hand up rather than just the handouts.

His spiritual condition changed; for whereas he use to be relegated to being banned from going inside the temple to worship, was now a fellow worshiper partnering with those in that sacred space where worship was not just



"heard" from the outside, but whose hands, voice, feet, and head were engaged in contributing to the depth and decibels of the praise and worship that emanated from the inside.

As quiet as it is sometimes kept, every believer has a "use to" that shouldn't be silently hidden but seen and heard.

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For more information, call (256) 427-5011.

Spotlight on Our Elders ... Featuring Mrs. Carolyn Rice Florence

As "Miss Kamama" (the Cherokee word for "butterfly"), Carolyn Rice Florence has shared her message of social etiquette for over 50 years with all age groups. As a self-made businesswoman and community volunteer, she has championed the art of social graces.

Florence's quest to transform average people into models of respectful behavior began in the 1960s with her class, "Fascinating Womanhood," which taught females the finer points of being women. Wanting to expand her knowledge base, Florence used a mix of college and specialty courses to broaden her own education. Florence studied clothing

textile and merchandising at Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Mich.; and family and consumer sciences and public relations at Faith Grant College in Birmingham, Ala. She was mentored by Maxine Powell, a Motown talent agent and American Etiquette instructor, and Letitia Baldrige, Jacqueline Kennedy's social secretary.

She received certifications from the National Children's Etiquette Society and Huntsville's Neil Bryant Modeling and Charm School and Tiffany's Academy of Personal Development. She also trained and worked as a make-up artist for Fashion Fair Cosmetics.

As Florence's personal training evolved, so did



her message. Along with a focus on manners, her trainings grew to include image consulting, dining skills, character education, and international business protocol.

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Congratulations, Class of 2019, on your well-deserved accomplishments over the past years. The most important thing in your life is to live your lives with purpose, integrity, prayerful and to remain humble to your belief in God. Always stay true to yourself, and others will see the good in you!

-Dr Ernest L. Davis and the Entire NACEE Team-

Congratulations **TRIO** Graduates!

Upward Bound – Jackson

- Coby Baker
- *James Bradford
- Colby Brown
- *Mikayla Chamoun
- *Angela Estrada-Diaz
- *Evan Haley
- *Caitlyn Hall
- *Shelby Harris
- *Ashley Hill
- *Cade McClendon
- *Caelan Mitchell
- *Hayden Potts
- *Luiggi Preciado
- *Shelby Smart
- *Hunter Steele
- *Kaylee Vaught
- *Dalton Wilson

Upward Bound – Huntsville

- Zanaya Bruce
- *Jamal Clark
- Brantley Douglas
- *Jamiah Holloway
- *JaVantre Jackson
- Tykeyveyah Jackson-Small
- Chance Mitchell
- Anthony Moore
- *Joshua Moore
- Hydea Patterson
- Cashmere Pinson
- Zion Riley
- Joshua Salandy
- *Jaevon Simms
- Aliya Smith
- Darren Strickland
- Cincere Whitted

- *Kennedy Young
- Upward Bound Math/Science**
- *Equajisha Bourdeaux
- *Shania Dancy
- *Keshon Davis
- Joshua Green
- *Keandre Gregory
- *Kendrick Gregory
- *Kiana Hammonds
- Taureana Hobbs
- Marcus Johnson
- Deuante Jones
- Passion Rice
- *Justin Richburg
- *Cameron Robinson
- *Kayla Salandy
- Fabian Scott Jr.

- *Briana Spears
- Kaylyn Steger
- Emerging Scholars Program**
- *Shecoria Atkins
- Malachi Battle
- Porter Batts
- Azaria Chambers
- Jamieroquai Cooper
- Kennedy Duncan
- Cameron Edwards
- Cordell Ellison
- Verell Ellison
- Janiece Felder
- Davin Ford
- Tia Hampton
- Braylan Hardy
- Sierra Hileman

- Bria Junearick
- *Haley Land
- *Cameron McCamy
- Markala McCaulley
- John Melancon
- Jarrett Miller
- Treyveaun Oliver
- Jannae Patterson
- Micah Reid
- Asia Starks
- Christine Stewart
- Laterius Summers
- Jackson Tackett
- Taylor Thompson
- Andrea Valverde-Bernal

* Denotes Valedictorian, Salutatorian, Scholarship recipient, Top 10%