

The Valley Weekly

"You cannot parcel out freedom in pieces because freedom is all or nothing."
- Tertullian

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Friday, June 3, 2016

NSBE, HCS Team for Three-School Summer Robotics Camp

The North Alabama chapter of the National Society of Black Engineers and Huntsville City Schools will hold a Summer Engineering Robotics Camp June 6-10.

The camp is open to rising 5th

to 8th graders attending Huntsville City Schools, and it will be held at Columbia, Grissom, and New Century.

Register at www.nsbe-northalabamiae.com

AAMU Sixth Among State's Best Value Colleges

Alabama A&M University is ranked sixth among Alabama's colleges and universities in terms of value. SmartAsset recently released its second annual Best Value Colleges study.

Top performing schools were ranked as a result of their performance in categories including



scholarships provided, starting salary, tuition, living costs, and retention rate.

Visit ALToday.com for more.

Gospel Showcase

Don Warren's Gospel Live will present its 2nd Annual Gospel Showcase at New Birth Missionary Baptist Church, 4640 Meridian Street, on June 12 at 4 p.m. Doors open at 4 p.m.

The event will feature Vetrea

Slack Ruffin & Family, Shawn Moore & Fellowship, Pastor Arthur Warrior, Jerome Hardin, Union Chapel Praise Team, Evangelist Elaine Tibbs Rice, and Joyce Rogers Peoples.

UAH Keystone Program Engages Boys and Girls Clubs



The 2016 Keystone Leadership Conference will take place June 23 through June 25 at the University of Alabama in Huntsville.

The Keystone Leadership Conference is a three-day event for teens that will include activities such as campus tours, networking, entrepreneurship classes, guest speakers, enrollment services, Money Matters activities, and much more!

This year's theme will be "The Year of You." During the conference, teens will be engaged through various leadership events and activities. They will reside in the dormitories at night.

This year, the program will feature Keystone Clubs from across the State of Alabama and will serve up to 150 Boys and Girls Clubs teens at the confer-

ence. The Keystone Club is a Character & Leadership service club for teens ages 13-18 that focuses on academic success, ca-

reer preparation, and community service. Organizers are optimistically looking forward to kickoff of the program later this month.

Valley Grief Support Group Begins

Brookdale Place Jones Farm, First United Methodist Church, Hospice of North Alabama and Laughlin Service Funeral Home have announced a new six-week grief support group "Life After Loss: A Journey to Healing."

The group will meet on Thursdays, 3-4 p.m., June 2-July 7, in the Bamboo Room of Brookdale Place Jones Farm, 2815 Carl T. Jones Drive, SE.

The sessions are open to the entire Huntsville community at no charge.

The facilitator will be The Rev. Carl Malm of The Center for Loss, Grief and Change. Reservations are requested but not required. Light refreshments will be served.

For more information or to make a reservation, call Brookdale Place at (256) 881-6111 or Rev. Malm at (256) 883-6539.

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Mastin Lake Road/University Drive)

Union Chapel Missionary Baptist Church

Family Fun Day Set for VBC

The 3rd annual Family Fun Festival and Expo will be held in the VBC's South Hall on June 11 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The event offers free admission to the community. It's designed to offer face-to-face interaction with exhibitors who support families, fun and learning.

With a host of activities, the event is designed to entertain all ages, from toddlers to preteens to adults. Upon entering the Festival



attendees will find a variety of free activities, interactive games, crafting classes, inflatables, a carousel, face painting, safety demonstrations and free health screenings from the Huntsville Hospital Mobile Medical Unit, door prizes and giveaways, a tumbling track, a performing arts stage with dancing and drumline performances, a musical petting zoo and a garden area.

This Week in Washington

Here are the top issues in Washington, DC this week:

1. The House and Senate are not in session this week due to the Memorial Day Recess and will reconvene next week. The most discussed event last week was the unexpected crash of the FY2017 appropriations process, when the House abruptly voted 305-112 to kill the Energy and Water Development Appropriations bill after Rep. Sean Maloney (D-NY) successfully attached an amendment (with 43 GOP votes) protecting President Obama's executive order barring discrimination by government contractors based on sexual orientation or gender identity. Hours before the final vote, several Members walked out of a House GOP Conference meeting after Rep. Rick Allen (R-GA) offered a prayer quoting from the Bible and

accusing the 43 Republicans who voted for the LGBT amendment as not living Christian lives.

2. President Obama was slated to travel to Colorado Springs on Thursday, June 2, to deliver the commencement address to the 2016 graduates of the United States Air Force Academy. Last week, it was reported that the President and his family after they leave the White House next year will move into a rented 8,200-square-foot, nine-bedroom house in DC's tony Kalorama neighborhood, valued at \$6 million, that is owned by former Clinton Administration Press Secretary Joe Lockhart.

3. Last week, 11 states, led by Texas and joined by Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana, Maine, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Utah, West Virginia, and the Arizona Depart-

ment of Education, filed a federal lawsuit in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas challenging the Obama Administration's recently-issued guidance directing schools to allow transgender students to use restrooms and other facilities that match their gender identities.

4. 2016 Presidential Watch. Over the weekend, the *Washington Post* printed its top 5 likely Donald Trump Veep picks: (1) Ex-House Speaker Newt Gingrich, (2) Oklahoma Governor Mary Fallin, (3) NJ Governor Chris Christie, (4) Tennessee Senator Bob Corker, and (5) Iowa Senator Joni Ernst.

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Valley Deaths

Memorial services were held for **Mr. Danny Baldwin** on Saturday, May 28, 2016 at Nelms Memorial Funeral Home Chapel with Reverend Hernandez Ford officiating.

Funeral services for **Ms. Jennifer Bishop** were held Friday, May 27, at Eagle's Nest Ministries (6831 Hollow Road - Huntsville, AL) with Bishop Daniel J. Richardson officiating.

Funeral services for **Mr. James A. Collier** were held Tuesday, May 24, at Union Hill Primitive Baptist Church (2115 Winchester Road - Huntsville, AL) with Dr. Oscar L. Montgomery, Sr. officiating. Interment: Valhalla Memory Gardens, Huntsville, Ala.

Funeral services for **Mr. Christopher Harris** were held Monday, May 23, at the Nelms Memorial Funeral Home Chapel. Interment: Valley View Memorial Gardens., Huntsville, Ala.

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From the Editor

"You only live once; but if you do it right, once is enough."

- Joe Louis

Greetings, Valley Weekly Readers!

All of us have stories. It doesn't matter the path we choose or the circumstances that we encounter. We make resolutions and promises about doing things differently or better. I had an epiphany this past weekend!

Overachievers and high energy individuals can be challenged with taking time off and often feel guilty about having good, clean fun. This past weekend, we decided to do it right. So, we enjoyed

jazz saxophonist Eric Essix at Burritt on the Mountain Friday evening; a walk with my niece, JaLissa, Saturday morning; along with Johnny Gill, Cameo and a host of other acts at the 20th Annual Old School & Blues

Festival with friends at the Huntsville Dragway in Harvest, Ala., Saturday evening; two Worship Services and Sunday School, dinner with my sister Mary and her family; and, on Monday, a visit to Valhalla Memory Gardens to check on my friend and colleague Charles L. Ray, Jr.; along

with tidying up our patio flowers and potted vegetables.

In order to make sure I got it right, I even took a nap. I hardly know what a nap is anymore, but it is something I have decided recently I miss tremendously. It seems like Bill gets to catch a nap most days sitting in his old recliner, but when I inquire, he assures me that he is reading, writing or resting. For him most days are good days. But on other days naps seem justified just to get some relief from the continuous pain and agony associated with too many knee surgeries and the limited future options for remission. My, my my!

Although it appears to have been a busy weekend, we had a lot of fun. We did it right and resolve to do the things we enjoy, because we agree with the late

Joe Louis--we only get one opportunity to do it right and, for us, that's good enough.

Join us and ENJOY because we just never know. Life is happening fast. Everyone we saw seemed to be having fun. That's always a good thing.

Until next week, do me a favor and ENJOY!



Dorothy

Historian Views Civil War as Integral Part of Black History

The Tennessee Valley Civil War Round Table will feature Lt. Col. (Ret.) Edward L. Kennedy, Jr., and Mr. Al Arnold to discuss "Black Confederates: Forgotten Heroes of the South" on Thursday, June 9, Elks Lodge, 725 Franklin Street in Huntsville, Ala.

Dr. Edward C. Smith, a distinguished black historian at American University, estimates that between 65,000 and 90,000 black soldiers served with the Confederate military during the War Between the States.

Records continue to surface showing that blacks served in a number of capacities, including



Arnold

as combatants during the war, receiving Confederate pensions.

Speaker Lt. Col. (Ret.) Edwin L. Kennedy, Jr graduated from West Point and the Israeli Armored Corps Commander. He currently serves as assistant

professor at the US Army Command and General Staff College.

Al Arnold lives in Madison, Mississippi. He graduated Magna Cum-Laude from the University of Mississippi Medical Center, School of Physical Therapy. He learned of his Confederate ancestor, and he believes more African Americans should study the Civil War and their connections to this vital part of America's history. He has written "Robert E. Lee's Orderly." He also believes the history of the War Between the States is black history.

For more information call 256-278-5533.



Military Stress Acupuncture Offered

Military Stress Acupuncture will be offered as part of the Holistic Huntsville Health and Wellness Fair on Tuesday, June 7.

The Military Stress Acupuncture Clinic opening night will run from 6:30-8 p.m. and will continue on Tuesdays.

The activity comprises a donation or free clinic

for veterans, active duty, retirees, family members struggling with military-related stress and traumatic stress symptoms.

For more information, contact Christie Berry at info@alholistichealth.com or call (256) 801-9162. The Alabama Holistic Health is located at 204 Lowe Ave, SE, Ste 3, Huntsville, Ala.

Jazz-N-June 2016 Excitement Growing

The 30th Annual Jazz-N-June Celebration will be held June 12-19.

The culminating "Jazz-on-the-Mountain" will be held at Monte Sano State Park Amphitheater on Sunday, June 19.

The event is sponsored by the Tennessee Valley Jazz Society, spearheaded by Howard Bankhead.

Gates will open at 12 noon for the Jazz-on-the-Mountain event, and parking, as well as the festival, is free.

Don't miss it!

Scenes from Burritt on the Mountain ERIC ESSIX

City Lights and Stars - May 27th



Champion Game Plan for Life

by Preston Brown

Our attitude is uniquely ours. If we choose to have a good attitude on purpose, no matter what circumstances that are going on around us, we will have a blessed life.

You see, a lot of times we can set ourselves up for disaster, if we dwell on past hurts and disappointments,

because they will begin to affect the new life that God is trying to show us. Remember: it takes us a long time to get into some of the messes that we get ourselves into. And, it will also take God some time to get us out of those messes. Nobody likes the "going through" part. So, we need to give God the same amount of

time that we gave the devil.

The Bible tells us that we are a new creation, and all things are made new. The old has passed away, and it's time to accept the beauty that God is trying to give you ...

Stay encouraged, my brothers and sisters!



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"If you are filled with pride, then you will have no room for wisdom."

~ African proverb

Business Innovations

It's Not Just Delivery; It's Domino's DXP

I'm sure most of us can agree that pizza is one of the most genius food inventions ever. Along with being delicious, pizza is notorious for delivery, which makes its marketing strategy just as genius as its recipe.

People pay big money for convenience;

it's called customer service for a reason--because many people will pay big money to have others serve and do things for them. Delivering food is such a beneficial business that it has picked up in places other than pizzerias.

One of my favorites, Steak Out, delivers charbroiled steaks and steak sandwiches; many Chinese restaurants, especially in metropolitan areas will deliver; and online ordering apps, such as GrubHub have partnered with many restaurants to provide delivery services. My brother-in-law a few years back brought me up to speed on companies that deliver frozen foods and many months supply worth of groceries to your front door to eliminate the process of grocery shopping.

Food delivery is definitely here to stay, and Domino's has created the DXP, "the ultimate pizza delivery vehicle" as an innovative way to make food delivery better.

Domino's DXP comes equipped with a warming oven ensuring the delivery of fresh, hot pizza. It also better brands the company with the permanently lighted "Domino's" sign



and designs on the vehicle. The DXP is a great marketing move by Domino's to enhance their delivery methods. For the longest, it was the Domino's heatwave bags; however, they have creatively designed a car with an oven, which delivers fresh-out-the-oven-hot pizzas to their customers.

When you brand yourself and your business by finding your niche, what generally keeps the business going is the ability to expound upon that marketing tactic.

Domino's is a good example of how this is done: they are known for pizza, and are constantly adding pizzazz to their pizza with topic combinations and sides, such as wings, pastas, sandwiches, and deserts. They are also known for delivery and have enhanced their delivery model with bags, cars, order tracking, and guaranteed fast delivery.

Domino's is constantly creating concepts that align with their business model and marketing niche.



by Amoi Savage

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www.dominosDXP.com

New Organization Making Community Impact

Love Thy Neighbor Community Celebration

God is building "Unity Within A Community!"

New Hope Outreach Center AG church's mission is to "Reach The World Through The Love of Christ." On April 16, the Center celebrated with residents of the Butler Terrace, Brookside, and Johnson Tower Public Housing and other surrounding communities to include those who are homeless.

Between 300-400 residents, celebrated through a hot meal, Gospel Rap praise and worship, games and activities for children, youth, and adults.

At least 200 residents and servant leaders linked together as "ONE" with a spoken prayer by Rev. Panisha Stigger that resounded "Love The Savior and Love The Neighbor."

For more information on this and upcoming activities, please contact Rev. Stigger at revpanishastigger@gmail.com.



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



Save The Date

Annual Car Show

All Cars & Trucks Welcomed!!

June 11, 2016
St. Rebecca Church
330 Grimwood Road - Hazel Green, AL 35750

\$20 Registration Fee 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

- 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.
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State Representatives to Sponsor STEM Program for Area Youths

Representative *Laura Hall* and Representative *Anthony Daniels* to Sponsor Special Opportunity Next Saturday by Dr. Terrance Vickerstaff

State Representative Laura Hall and State Representative Anthony Daniels will host "Girls, Guys, Gigabytes & Gadgets" (4G) at the U.S. Space & Rocket Center on Saturday June 11, 2016, from 9 a.m. through 2 p.m.

The STEM event is an expansion of the acclaimed national initiative. Participation is limited to the first 150 registered youths who reside in or attend a school in District 19 or District 53.

Registered participants will

qualify to receive a number of prizes donated by sponsors. Registration is open to youths who have not participated in the 3G predecessor program.

4G is a free, day-long Saturday session to introduce area youths ages 8-18 to Engineering (Mechanical, Aerospace, Electrical, and Robotics), Physical Sciences (Energy), Computer Science (Application Development), Biology/Genetics and Cyber Security/Encryption--while exposing them to the various careers in STEM.

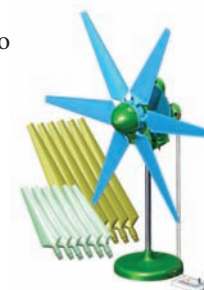
The event consists of a series of workshops featuring topics that range from "app" development to social media responsibility and mastery.

ity and mastery.

Registration is required via [Facebook.com/Representative-LauraHall](https://www.facebook.com/Representative-LauraHall) or [Facebook.com/AnthonyDanielsAlabama](https://www.facebook.com/AnthonyDanielsAlabama).

Alabama State Rep. Laura Hall has represented District 19 for over 20 years. Her district currently includes parts of Huntsville, Harvest, Moores Mill, Meridianville and Toney. Rep. Anthony Daniels was first elected to the Alabama Legislature in 2014 and represents the 53rd District.

For further press inquiries, contact the Madison County Legislative Office at (256) 539-5441 or via e-mail at info@RepLauraHallD19.com



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Valley Scopes

by Melissa Wilson/Seloma

Pisces - With Venus shedding light on internal matters- your attention is directed towards your household and how you can better equip others, who you intend to surprise, pleasantly- if possible.

Scorpio - Your generosity and connections are causing a sweet stir in some areas and in other areas- quite a ruckus. You're living up to your own expectations, which is all that really matters right now.

Leo - Venus is bringing group outings into focus, and you're having fun with it all.

Aquarius - With Venus on a passage through your 5th House of romance you're considering doing

something surprisingly special (as only you know how), and somewhat off the charts at present--sweet gestures that anyone would appreciate.

Cancer - With Venus visiting your 12th House, keep in mind that just because something is slightly improbable doesn't mean that it's absolutely impossible.

Gemini - As you implement your most effective methods of helping others to help themselves, you're setting an excellent example for others to emulate and dazzling onlookers.

Virgo - Someone you are making plans on entertaining will echo

your sentiments, and any warm-heartedness that you display--just be sure not to be too frugal when it comes to your patience.

Capricorn - Luckily, your activity levels match your energy right now; as entertainment lures you and intense research unearths the magnificent things that you're finding at your fingertips.

Sagittarius - Venus is gracing your 7th House of relationships, offering a cuddly atmosphere, where joy and merriment abide.

Libra - Interdependence has its place, although you may find yourself acquiring a bit of distance, so as not to appear guilty by association, when it comes to knowing about a surprise that someone has in store for a pal.

Aries - You're feeling

amusingly sociable, as you get a chance to catch up with someone who you hold dear.

Taurus - Due to your inner strengths and talents, someone finds your attention powerfully enticing, and with Venus in your 2nd House, surprises elicit an interesting turn of events, which call for movements, void of stagnation.



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June 6

City Concerts in the Park Groove and JUICE

Big Spring International Park

6:30-8 p.m.

June 11

"Girls, Guys, Gigabytes & Gadgets" (4G)

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June 13

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June 17

Food Truck Street Festival

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Lot, 108 Cleveland Avenue

5-9 p.m.

June 20

City Concerts in the Park

Denim Jawbones and

Wolves of Chernobyl

Big Spring International

Park

6:30-8 p.m.

June 27

City Concerts in the Park
US Army Materiel Com-

mand Band

Big Spring International

Park

6:30-8 p.m.

July 4

City Concerts in the Park

Huntsville Concert Band

Huntsville's in the Mood

Big Swing Band

Big Spring International

Park

6:30-8 p.m.

July 11

City Concerts in the Park

Blue City and Emily Joseph

Band

Big Spring International

Park

6:30-8 p.m.

July 15

Food Truck Street Festival

Sponsor: Jerry Damson

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Downtown Huntsville

The Lumberyard Parking

Lot, 108 Cleveland Avenue

5-9 p.m.

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15th Annual Leadership Awards Banquet

Saturday, June 4, 2016

6:00 p.m.

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Mr. Trent H. Griffin
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Mrs. Joyce L. Rantz
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Colonel William L. Marks, II
United States Army



Government Relations Award
The Honorable Anthony Daniels
Alabama House of Representatives



Religion Award
Dr. Charles E. Rodgers
Hope Community Church



Small Business Award
Mr. Michael Miller
MJT Integrated Systems Solutions, Inc.



Huntsville Progressive Alumni Chapter, Inc. Outstanding Alumna Award
Miss Tonita Phipps
Madison County Department of Human Resources



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