

# The Valley Weekly

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*"True patriotism hates injustice in its own land more than anywhere else."*

*- Clarence Darrow*

## HudsonAlpha Economic Impact Exceeds \$1 Billion

The HudsonAlpha Institute for Biotechnology has generated more than \$1.3 billion in economic impact for the State of Alabama since 2006, according to a recent economic impact analysis conducted by the University of Alabama in Huntsville.

Additionally, HudsonAlpha and its resident associate companies have had a positive employment impact on the state, growing each year to reach 1,177 (direct and multiplier) jobs in 2014.

HudsonAlpha continues to play a prominent role as a global leader in genomic research and discovery.

"We know HudsonAlpha brings tremendous economic value to Alabama, but we are so pleased to have this study to show the extent of the impact for our state," said Richard M. Myers, Ph.D.,



HudsonAlpha's President and Science Director. "The best part is, we are just beginning to hit our stride."

HudsonAlpha Institute for Biotechnology is a nonprofit institute dedicated to innovating in the field of genomic technology and sciences across a spectrum of biological problems. Its mission is three-fold: sparking scientific discoveries that can impact human health and well-being; fostering biotech entrepreneurship; and encouraging the creation of a genomics-literate workforce and society.

Source: HudsonAlpha News

## Victory Day Marks Anniversary of WWII End

*Victory Day 2015 Marks the 70th Anniversary of the End of WWII: An Opportunity to Show Our Nation's Deepest Gratitude to Those Who Remain, While Honoring and Remembering Those No Longer Among Us*

Of the 16 million Americans who served in uniform, less than 800,000 are alive today. Victory Day, a state holiday only in the State of Rhode Island, is observed on the second Monday of August each year. This year marks the 70th anniversary of the Allies' victory during WWII.

The Victory Day 2015 observance will be held at the U.S. Space & Rocket Center on August 10 from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. It will be a day of recognition for the men and women in military service during World War II.

Hundreds of WWII veterans are invited and expected to attend. Victory Day 2015 may be the last opportunity that such a large group of WWII veterans are assembled together for "An Outpouring of Thanks from A



Grateful Nation."

WWII veterans and their families are invited and urged to attend. The public is invited to display signs, posters and expressions of gratitude.

The event will feature an orchestra performance, reenactors, WWII equipment, dignitaries, celebrities, entertainment, gifts and expressions of thanks, an honor procession and an F-16 fly-over salute to honor the veterans.

For more information, visit [www.rocketcenter.com/victory](http://www.rocketcenter.com/victory). You may also contact Tim Hall, director of communications, (256) 701-0916 direct, [tim.hall@spacecamp.com](mailto:tim.hall@spacecamp.com); or Joe Fitzgerald, Victory Day 2015 event chairman; head of the Alabama Space Science Exhibits Commission; and founder and past president of Honor Flight Tennessee Valley, at (256) 797-6012 direct; [busdev@comcast.net](mailto:busdev@comcast.net).



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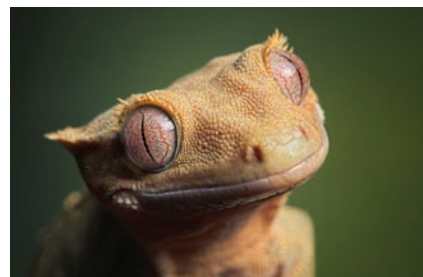
# Around the Valley!



**GRAND:** Huntsville City Councilman Richard Showers, Sr. (center) joins a group of well-wishers at the Grand Re-opening of the newly-expanded Edmonton Heights Neighborhood Family Life Center.



**GO FISH!** Franky Smith of AAMU's Health and Wellness Center sports fishing gear in front of the intramural program's new pontoon boat.



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# From the Editor

## Neighbors!

She was about twenty years older than me, but I always felt like I knew her. In Monroeville, she was known as the “neighbor” who went on and fared well. She made a difference. She had impact. If my memory serves me correctly, her relatives were in the Finchburg and Clausell communities. So, we always associated her with folks in those communities. Famed American educator, Marva Collins, was born in Monroeville in 1936. She attended college at what we now know as Clark-Atlanta University in Atlanta. In 1981, her biography was made into a movie for television, “The Marva Collins Story.” It starred Cicely Tyson and Morgan Freeman.

I received a call this morning from Dr. Ernest Knight of New York City. He knew Marva personally. We reminisced about family, friends and acquaintances in various communities where we have kinfolks, including Evergreen, Finchburg, Fountain and the larger Monroeville/Monroe County area. We considered people we knew to be ‘homegirls and homeboys.’ What we really meant was ‘neighbors.’ Dr. Knight is the philanthropist who was reared in Evergreen, graduated from Alabama A&M University, retired as professor and chair of the Biology Department at City University of New York and whose name is on the Ernest Knight Living-Learning Complex at AAMU.

The bible says a neighbor is one who shows mercy. If someone from Monroeville knew someone from Monroeville, we were neighbors. In college, you could readily catch a ride with the neighbor who had a car. That was a much better option than Trailways and Greyhound, that stopped in every nook and cranny up and down the state, making a five-hour trip a 10-hour trip. If a ‘homeboy or homegirl’ had it, it was as good as your own. We believed in sharing and caring. There was hardly a person from Monroeville who came to Alabama A&M--regardless of age difference, whose family had not hooked them up with someone already here from Monroeville when they arrived. Thank God for neighbors!

Many of our readers know already that Collins settled for nothing short of greatness. History will record that she became frustrated with the low achievement of students from impoverished public schools in inner city Chicago. She left her teaching job in Chicago public schools and started Westside Preparatory School in 1975. For 30 years, she produced scholars from poor neighborhoods using the Socratic methods. In addition, she took students who had been labeled learning disabled and discovered that many of them were victims of poor teaching. This is--at least--interesting!

In each conversation I have about children and school achievement, I continue to say--as recently as yesterday--that school-age children are with teachers from Monday through Friday for most of their productive time. Let’s make the time count for about eight hours daily, five days per week. We can make a world of difference in 40 hours each week. Collins could not control what happened in the neighborhoods after school, but she made the difference during the time she was allotted.

Whatever we are paying teachers, it is not enough! We need to recruit, retain and pay these credentialed professionals what they deserve. They will impact the future of our community as much as any other single group of individuals.

Until next week,



**Marva Collins**  
Noted Educator  
1936-2015

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*Dorothy*



# SPOTLIGHT: Good Samaritan Hospice

by Marcia A. Burnette, RN  
Good Samaritan Hospice

For more than 40 years, I have always had a passion for helping people who have a need, including seniors, young adults, or children. Whether they are disadvantaged physically, financially or emotionally, I've been gifted with the ability to see within their face and eyes their need for help.

When I first moved to Huntsville, I worked as a nurse at one of the local hospitals, and I worked briefly as the director of a Home Health agency. I also taught clinical nursing at Oakwood University (OU) on a part-time basis. Once I started working at Oakwood, I continued to work with students and staff for 32 years in different administrative positions.

The posts included: first direc-



tor of LEAP-adult education, OU's first Community Development Corporation (CDC),

director of grants and contracts, and assistant vice president for advancement and development.

My educational background includes AAS-Nursing, Bachelor of Sciences in sociology (SUNY), MBA-Business Administration (University of Alabama in Huntsville) and certificate in Adult Education (Harvard- Post graduate).

Once I retired, the desire to work with the physical and emotional needs of people was rekindled! I was impressed to get my RN license reactivated and started working at Good Samaritan Hospice.

Some of my responsibilities at Good Samaritan include the marketing of our services to the community and letting the com-

munity know that we are here for them. I assist with recruiting volunteers (there is always a need for volunteers), and I make supervisory visits to our patients.

I love being able to provide assistance to those in need, I get as much of a blessing as our patients! As a cancer survivor, I know personally how important it is to receive that special care and love when needed!

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# Calendar of Events

## July 5

Little Flock PB Church Family and Friends Day  
599 Brock Road, 11 a.m.

## July 6

Movies at the Library  
"Broken Arrow"  
Huntsville Public Library, 6 p.m.

## July 8

"Chamber U: Leading in a Changing Environment"  
Chamber of Commerce  
10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Comedian Jerry Seinfeld  
Von Braun Center Concert Hall  
7 p.m.

## July 8-10

Progressive Union Missionary Baptist Church Revival Services  
1919 Brandontown Road, 7 p.m.

## July 9

Free Tax Workshop for New Business Owners  
Chamber of Commerce  
Facilitator: Alabama Department of Revenue  
Chamber of Commerce,  
10 a.m.-12 noon

Civil War Presentation  
"David Todd: Mary Lincoln's Huntsville Brother" - Free  
The Elks Club-North Entrance  
725 Franklin Street, 6:30 p.m.

## July 12

Fantasia and Friends  
Featuring Noel Gourdin, Lenny Williams and Comedian Shan Jones  
VBC Concert Hall, 7 p.m.

## July 16-18

Play: The Pirates of Penzance  
Admission Charged  
Von Braun Center Playhouse  
7:30 p.m. (Fri.); 2 & 7:30 p.m.

## July 17

Space Exploration Celebration  
U.S. Space and Rocket Center  
Admission Charged, 5-9 p.m.

## July 23

Drum Corps International-North Alabama  
Featuring:  
*The Cadets - Allentown, Pa.*  
*Crossmen - San Antonio, Tex.*  
*The Academy - Tempe, Ariz.*  
*Troopers - Casper, Wy.*  
*Pacific Crest - Diamond Bar, Calif.*  
*Oregon Crusaders - Portland, Ore.*  
*Jersey Surf - Camden County, N.J.*  
*Cascades - Seattle, Wash.*  
*Pioneer - Milwaukee, Wis.*  
*Southwind - Mobile, Ala.*  
Louis Crews Stadium, 7 p.m.

## August 7

Omega Psi Phi Las Vegas Night  
Von Braun Center East Hall  
7p.m. to 1a.m.  
\$30 advance | \$40 door

Proceeds benefit Scholarship foundations and Harris Home for Children  
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## August 8

Back to School Parade

## August 20

Writing a Business Plan  
Chamber of Commerce  
10 a.m.-12 p.m.

## August 21

Taste of Kappa  
Huntsville Museum of Art | 7pm to 10pm  
Cost \$30 | Available at [www.HuntsvilleKappas.com](http://www.HuntsvilleKappas.com)

## September 3-6

GWRRR Rocket City Road Trip  
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## September 18-19

Alabama Women in Jazz Festival  
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## September 26

Alabama A&M Homecoming and Louis Crews Football Classic vs. Arkansas Pine Bluff  
Louis Crews Stadium

## "Pirates of Penzance" Scheduled at VBC

The popular comic opera "The Pirates of Penzance" will be featured at the Von Braun Center Playhouse, 700 Monroe Street, Friday through Saturday, July 10-12.

Friday and Saturday shows begin at 7:30 p.m. The Sunday, July 12, show begins at 2 p.m.

An art pass discount is available at the Downtown Visitors Center.

(W.S.) Gilbert and (Arthur) Sullivan's most popular comic opera is about Frederic, an apprentice pirate, born on February 29, who quits the pirate ship and falls in love with a girl on land-until he learns he is contracted to the pirates until his 21st birth-



day, not his 21st year.

The play was reportedly first performed at the Fifth Avenue Theatre in New York City on December 31, 1879. It debuted in London about four months later.

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# Jazz on the Mountain

Jazz on the Mountain culminated the 29th Annual Jazz-n-June Festival at Monte Sano State Park Amphitheater on Sunday,

June 28. Hosted by the Tennessee Valley Jazz Society (TVJS), the

Festival featured a number of performers, artists and bands. According to Howard Bank-

head, executive director of the TVJS, "Jazz-n-June was introduced to the Tennessee Valley on

the premise of bringing people together using music in the name of love and world peace."





A SPECIAL CELEBRATION

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Phillips CME Church

Huntsville, Alabama

One of Huntsville's oldest churches will hold a special celebration this summer. Phillips CME Church will hold a culminating event of its 150th church anniversary on August 21 at The Jackson Center in Cummings Research Park at 7 p.m.

The gala celebration will feature actress, director and producer Robin Givens. Givens began her acting career after graduating from Sarah Lawrence College in 1984. Two years later, she won the role of Darlene Merriman in the ABC sitcom "Head of the Class." She stayed with the series throughout its five-year run. After the series ended in 1991, she continued her career with film roles and guest starring roles on television.

By 1996, Givens was co-starring on the sitcom "Sparks," which aired for two seasons on UPN. Givens has had recurring roles on "The Game," Tyler Perry's "House of Payne" and "Chuck."

Givens released her autobiography *Grace Will Lead Me Home* in 2007.



Phillips CME is ably led by Rev. Keith E. Ellison, a native of Newark, N.J., who was raised in Atlanta, Ga. An honor graduate of Benjamin E. Mays High School, Rev. El-

lison holds several high school and collegiate honors, including a B.S. in criminal justice as a cum laude graduate of Savannah State University, an M.Div. from the

Phillips School of Theology at The Interdenominational Center in Atlanta, Ga., and doctoral work at Liberty University,

Lynchburg, Va. He is a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. and a veteran of the U.S. Navy successfully serving during Desert Storm.

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in America as the Methodist Episcopal Church in 1784. As such it is a church of Jesus Christ adhering to the basic tenets of historic Methodism, welcoming into its fellowship any and all desiring to "flee from the wrath to come and be saved from their sins." It holds that Jesus Christ is the Incarnate Son of God whose life, teachings, sacrificial death on the cross and glorious resurrection from the dead reconciled humankind to God, overcame sin and conquered death, procuring thereby eternal salvation to all who believe.

For more tickets (\$50) and other information about the upcoming celebration, visit [www.phillipscmechurch.org](http://www.phillipscmechurch.org).

Hair Care for the Summer

International Hair Designer-Russell Banks offers the following tips for proper hair care during the summer months. Many of us are not aware that our diets impact the condition of our hair.

According to Banks, "Everything begins in the inside." Drinking the recommended amount of water daily is essential for healthy hair. It is important to make sure your scalp stays clean. There are hair care products designed for individuals who do not shampoo their hair daily. Those products can be found at your local hair care provider.

Individuals who have color

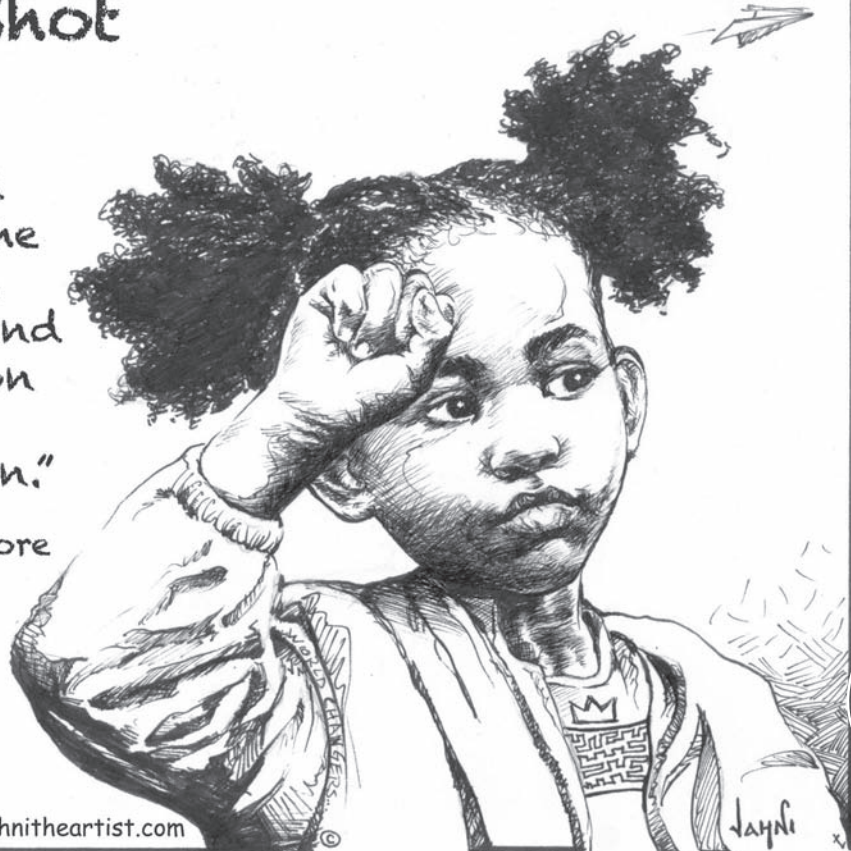
should consider routine hot oil treatments and dietary supplements that add essential oils to the body. Fish oil and Omega 3 oil are good options. Chemically relaxed hair is very heat sensitive. Therefore, styles should alternate between blow drying, roller setting, wrapping and air drying.

The natural look is very stylish today. Depending on the condition of your scalp, natural wearers should select products designed for natural hair. Remember, a good stylist, the right products and diets are important, but it always begins on the inside.

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# Huntsville Spiritual Chorale Celebrates Beauty of Spirituals



*The Singing Pearls*

*Photo by Katrina Y. Eason*

The Huntsville Spiritual Chorale held its 14th Anniversary Celebration Saturday, June 27, at 5 p.m. at Fellowship Presbyterian Church.

Dr. Roland M. Carter was the guest conductor for "The Spiritual Jubilee Fest: Lift Every Voice." The Chorale's main purpose continues to be the performance and preservation of the Negro Spiritual. The Chorale is under the direction of Brenda and Bill Davis.

The concert also featured The Singing Pearls of Epsilon Gamma Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. (directed

by Brenda Davis) and Heritage (directed by Clarence Jones) from Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Mr. Wallace Lee was the guest musician.

Among the selections from the Huntsville Spiritual Chorale were "There Is a Balm In Gilead" arranged by Steven Milloy and "Let's Have A Union" arranged by Salone T. Clary.

Some selections from The Singing Pearls included "Deep River" arranged by John Verrall and "Honor! Honor!" arranged by Hall Johnson. Heritage performed "Chariot's a-comin'" and "Rockin' Jerusalem" arranged by

Clarence Jones.

All the workshop choirs (approximately 73 voices) combined to perform arrangements by Dr. Carter to include "Come Here Jesus, If You Please," "New Born Again," "You Won't Find A Friend Like Jesus," "I Heard de Preaching of de Elders," "Steal Away" and "Lift Every Voice and Sing."

Several of Dr. Carter's arrangements were included in the Celebration of Life for the late Rev. Clementa C. Pinckney of Charleston, S.C.

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