

OU President Calls for Action

As a response to the tragedies of July 5-6, on Thursday, July 7, Leslie N. Pollard, president of Oakwood University, utilized Facebook in a

Live message to ask one question: What could be done to ensure the safety of our black men? His question was a direct response to that week's report of two fatal shootings of black males, both occurring within 24 hours of each other. Like many in the country, Pollard's heart was heavy with grief as he

proposed a "call to action," which would ultimately be grounded in the faith perspectives of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, and consistent with the aims of biblical passages, such as Micah 6:6-8, Isaiah 58:1-14, Proverbs 31:8-9, and Revelation 14:6-12.

The Facebook Live "Call to Action" specifically invited Oakwood graduates who are practicing law to come together on a conference call to brainstorm solutions to how to end the violence and be a redemptive force for justice. In addition to

the 300 conference call participants, Facebook Live registered almost 6,800 viewers for the live feed, with an audience reach of 329,000 per-

> sons, according to Facebook analytics. Participants included alumni and friends who felt compelled to find out how they could

Various topics were discussed including: Education on how to interact with law enforcement; Sensitivity training/ education for law enforce-

ment; How to serve communities by engaging with the creation of public policy; Establishment of a core group of attorneys who can help students; Establishment of a national standard for reasonable force; and Lobbying members of Congress for peace initiatives.

Dr. Pollard and a selected team of advisors will continue to sift through the information, organize for action, and meet with this newly developed action team. Persons interested in participating may forward contact information to pr@oakwood.edu.

Turning Pillowcases into Dresses for Africa

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated and Africare partners with Little Dresses for Africa to create an opportunity

to help young girls in Africa by making over 29,000 pillowcase dresses for the "Pillowcase Dress Service Project".

Chapters from all over the world delivered dresses the International Conference in Atlanta, GA, July 9th - 14th. The dresses will then be shipped directly to preselected communities in Africa. The Epsilon Gamma Omega (EGO)

Chapter in Huntsville is stepping up to the challenge to include its share of dresses to be included in the 29,000.

EGO was responsible for 300 dresses for the sorority's "Pillowcase Dress Service Project". However, EGO surpassed this number and delivered 456 dresses to

Alpha Kappa Alpha's International Conference. The EGO Chapter held six "Let's Get Our Sew On" Sewing Sessions from April to July Tennessee Valley volunteered their services in many different forms.

The Student Council at Blos-

somwood Elementary donated pillowcases, **Bob Harrison Senior** Center, First Missionary Baptist Church, Center Grove United Methodist Church and Union Hill Primitive Baptist Church donated sewing services and The Boys & Girls Club of North Alabama, as well as Center Grove United Methodist Church allowed EGO to use their facilities for the

sewing sessions. Several individuals donated fabric and their sewing services as well. You may view photos of the sewing sessions on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter by searching for EGO.



to accomplish this goal. The dresses were not only made of pillowcases, but that of bandanas, ribbon and yards of fabric.

During the sewing sessions, members would sew, cut fabric and iron the dresses. When the community heard about the service project, people from across the

Drake Takes Gold in National Skills USA Competition

J.F. Drake State Community & Technical College would like to congratulate welding student, Jonathon Smith, who had already placed 1st in the State of Alabama SkillsUSA Competition, but has now gone on to represent the State to win 6th Place in the National SkillsUSA. This competition was held last month

at Freedom Hall in Louisville, KY. Drake State is very proud of Jonathan for this well-deserved accomplishment!

"We placed sixth out of 50" stated a proud Ryan Green, Welding Instructor at Drake State, "and the top 8 qualify for the Pre-World Welding Competition!" So now Smith has a



secured spot at the global level. Green went on to state that

"there will be three rounds and three will be eliminated, after the last round, then it's winner take

The winner will represent the United States in 2017. The first two rounds will be held at the Robotics Technology Park in Decatur, Ala. "So it's right in our back yard," exclaimed Green.

In April, Smith and fellow Drake State welding student, Kory Raferty, represented Drake State as they placed 1st and 2nd in Welding amongst 26 contestants from all post-secondary schools in Alabama. According to Green, it was the second time Drake State had swept the welding completion statewide.

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Your Washington Recap

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

- 1. The House and Senate are in recess until September 6.
- 2. President Obama will host baseball's 2015 World Champion Kansas City Royals at the White House on Thursday and also is expected to sign the first major bill addressing the abuse of opioids and heroin (the "Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act"), which will expand prevention and educational efforts, promote treatment and recovery, and make nalox-

one more widely available to law enforcement agencies and other first responders to help in the reversal of overdoses. He is also expected to sign the geneticallymodified (GMO) food labeling bill passed by Congress last week that will require most food packages to carry a text label, a symbol, or an electronic code readable by smartphone that indicates whether the food contains GMO ingredients.

3. 2016 Presidential Watch. The GOP Convention in Cleveland gavels up today at 1:00 p.m. Speakers today will include Melania Trump, former NYC Mayor Rudy Giuliani, and survivors of the 2012 attack on the U.S. Embassy in Benghazi. Donald Trump announced that he will be at the convention tonight to watch his wife give her speech and may deliver remarks of his own (in advanced of his acceptance speech on Thursday). IN Gov. Mike Pence will speak as the Veep nominee on Wednesday night.

Hillary Clinton will address the NAACP Annual Convention in Cincinnati today and then will travel to Minneapolis to speak at the American Federation of Teachers Convention. Tomorrow, she will be in Nevada to address the International AFSCME Convention.

4. The Education Department is in the process of overhauling federal loan servicing, and a handful of Senate Democrats, led by Senators Patty Murray (D-WA) and Elizabeth Warren (D-MA), are offering some recommendations. The lawmakers called for more robust accountability for the companies the department hires. "Servicers should know they will be held to account for disregarding the interests of any borrower," they wrote in a letter: http://www.warren.senate.gov/ files/documents/2016-7-15_Ltr_ to_ED_on_servicing.pdf.

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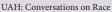
rom the Editor

Ah ... It's July!

It's easy to get caught up in the day-to-day humdrum of routine, dullness and monotony of life. As we consider all of the things going on around us, we commit ourselves at The Valley Weekly to be part of the things that "INSPIRE" from week to week. Our goal is to find the positive, inspirational and educational and share them. Enjoy some of the scenes we have captured between January 2016 to the present while we were out and about.









Boys and Girls Club Luncheon Pastor Wayne Snodgrass'



Anniversary Celebration



Holy Cross-St. Christopher's Church



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Black Engineer of the Year 2016



Boy Scout Promotion to Eagle Scouts



Oakwood University's Festival of Spirituals



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The Late Ron "Hershey" Childress



Huntsville Museum of Art Celebration



Local Ladies attending the 67th AKA

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Until next week ...



Help Wanted: Speaker of the Alabama State House

by State Representative Anthony Daniels

Wanted: a Speaker of the House who will work across party lines to put Alabamians first and restore public trust in government. Must have the stamina, experience, and will to take on the state's most pressing challenges, including the shortfall in our general fund, economic growth, tax reform and much,

much more. Experi-

ence balancing bud-

gets highly preferred.

required.

Strong moral character

Now, that is precisely what we need in our next speaker. Given the current state of Alabama government, we need a legislative leader who has the values and the backbone to move our state forward. After all, the best way to restore public confidence in government is to ensure that government works for the people.

As a legislator and an Alabamian its importance cannot be understated and should not be lost on my colleagues. I don't know how the situation will play out, but I know that the Alabama House of Representatives stands at a crossroads. We can keep going down the same, well-worn path of partisan politics. A path where it seemed like many decisions were made behind closed doors. A path that's been largely defined by a lack of progress on the issues that matter most to Alabamians. A path sadly that has led to the erosion of public trust in Montgomery, or, we have the opportunity to change direction and to right the ship. We can elect a speaker who truly works in the spirit of bipartisanship for the good of all Alabamians, rather than the good of the special interest.

Together, we can imple-

ment some of the toughest ethical standards in the nation. Together, we can enact policies that promote job growth and an environment of entrepreneurship. Together, we can build stronger performing schools, expand access to healthcare, reform prisons to break the cycle of recidivism, and get our financial house in order.

All of this is possible. All of these problems are solvable. Call this idealistic, but I have no doubt that we can do it. Ultimately, that's what we were elected to do. However, we must come together and resist the political hostility and divisiveness that has characterized the presidential race. My old Sunday school teacher, Ms. Alice would often say to us, "make sure you do the right thing in everything you do." We must seize this opportunity to elect a speaker who will heed these words. We must unite under a speaker who is willing to take our state in a new direction, one that fosters an atmosphere of openness, honesty, and fairness where every member is heard and people come before politics.

Individuals and families across this great state have empowered us to lead, to represent, and to govern. The time for a new direction is now. We simply cannot afford to delay



and continuously play the same old games. The people of Alabama deserve it. The people of Alabama demand it. And frankly, they shouldn't settle for anything less.

State Representative Daniels represents District 53 in the Alabama House of Representa-

Federal Judge Hears Local Committee

Led by Pastor T. C. Johnson of St. Luke Christian Church, members of the local community and new plaintiffs appeared before

Judge Madeline Haikala on Monday, July 18, to argue that they had been denied

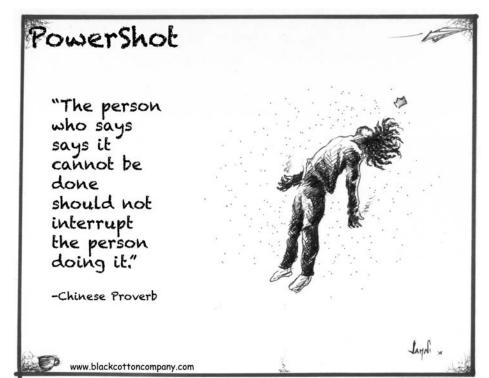
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resentation on and access to progress in the 2015 consent decree due to the composition of the Desegregation Advisory Committee (DAC). There also were complaints regarding the lack of responses by the Justice Department. Atty. Mark Debro argued on behalf of local citizens. Atty. J. R Books indicated that Northwest Huntsville was more represented on the DAC than other areas of the city. Along with Sonny Hereford IV, parents Rev. Gregory

Bentley, Lameshia Jennings and Paul Proctor plan to join the lawsuit as plaintiffs. Judge Haikala plans

to talk with the 12-member DAC before ruling on the information presented. The consent decree last year

aimed to replace the longstanding desegregation order under which Huntsville City Schools had operated.





Drake State Finds Dual-Degee Program

J.F. Drake State Community and Technical College is proud of their ongoing efforts to continually improve dual enrollment offerings and processes. Students in the Tennessee Valley from both public, private, and home schools are recognizing the potential for career opportunities in technical areas such as computer information systems, business, accounting, welding, culinary, and automotive.

Consequently, Drake State is seeing a higher level of student interest in dual enrollment opportunities. As a result, Drake State is working continuously to improve processes, coordinate dual enrollment classes with local schools, and expand dual enrollment course offerings.

"Dual enrollment ties nicely with the Drake State mission of offering flexible and cost-effective means of educating students while providing customized workforce training that benefits the community and local employers," stated Melinda Inglis, Career Coach at Drake State. She continued: "Faculty and staff are committed to working tirelessly to provide as many dual enrollment opportunities to students as possible while continuously enhancing and improving our dual enrollment program."

The Governor's Office of Workforce Development has awarded J.F. Drake State Community and Technical College "Dual Enrollment" scholarship funding. This funding is for "Career – Technical" program courses.

This scholarship will provide for tuition, fees, books and supplies to enroll high school students from 10th through 12th grades in STEM technical programs. This allows students to earn college credit for courses that contain the college level course requirements that are already being taught by qualified instructors

at the high school or classes that can be taken at Drake State.

The list of program offerings are: Accounting Technology, Automotive Technology, Computer and Information Systems Technology (Cyber Security), Computer Maintenance Technology, Culinary Arts and Hospitality Management, Electrical Engineering Technology, **Engineering Design Technology** (Drafting); Electrical Technology; Heating and Air Conditioning (HVAC), Industrial Systems Technology (Robotics), Machine Tool Technology, Medical Assisting Technology, Office Administration Technology, Welding Technology.

Many Drake State programs offer certificate awards for as little as 9 credit hours of course work. This would be a two- or three-course sequence depending on the program.

Pop-Up Lunch Spots

One of the duties for my job is to scout locations for our Bravo TV show. This week, I had to visit an office building in Atlanta, Ga., and while I was waiting on my Uber, I noticed a pop-up banner saying, "Lunch just got more exciting! Enjoy great local restaurants like these (Bezoria, Jim 'N Nicks BBO, Chick Fil A, Shane's Rib Shack, and La Parrilla) that pop up right in your office building." Of course, this caught my attention to see these restaurants traveling to offices for lunch, versus people traveling to restaurants for lunch. The last time I've seen this kind of convenience was in school cafeterias. Unless your work place has a food court, lunch requires travel.

Although the convenience is a plus, this could be a good or bad thing. If you work for a company where you are given a one-hour lunch break, where you can leave your office setting, wind down, relax, and eat lunch, it may not be the best idea to get lunch and bring it back to your office during the time that you can getaway. But if your job is like mine, where we don't leave for lunch (we find places in walking distance and bring our food back to the office to eat lunch), this is amazing.

This method is not only great for customers, but it's a great pro-



motion tool for these companies. This "pop-up lunch" tactic will generate more capital because they are catering (literally) to people at work. For people who work like me, where lunch is in-house, we thrive off delivery. But with delivery comes fees, and pop-up lunches are technically delivered, but no fees are involved so it's a win-win scenario!

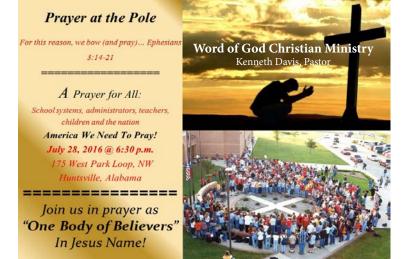
Whoever thought of this idea is genius because it's one of those simple concepts where the man in the middle makes all the money. They are the liaison between the restaurant and employees. I'm definitely having a "Why didn't I think of that moment!" Remember, business is all about filling a void; once you find an open hole or open market, your business should find ways to close that hole, and that's the easiest way to earn capital!

-Amoi Savage www.amoisavage.com

Councill High School to Observe Closing 50th

On August 13, the Legacy of William Hooper Councill and the 50th Anniversary of its closing will be celebrated. This anniversary event will be held at the Huntsville Marriott (5 Tranquility Base, Huntsville, AL 35805). Tickets for both the Legacy Brunch & Gala are \$75.00.

For more information, contact Brenda Barley Chunn at (256) 426-8625.





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B&G 'Leaders & Legends' Set

The 2016 Leaders & Legends Dinner featuring special guest boxer Evander Holyfield will

take place on Thursday, July 28, at the Von Braun Center - North Hall.

A VIP reception will be held at 5 p.m.; the program will start at 6 p.m. Initiated in 2010, the Boys &

Girls Clubs of North Alabama's Leaders & Legends Dinner celebrates Club alumni who have gone on to make a major contribution in their respective fields and to their communities.

The honorees embody and promote the values, ideals, and character of the Boys & Girls Clubs. Past inductees include former City Administrator Rex Reynolds and former U.S. House of Representative Robert E. "Bud" Cramer and others.

Being inducted into the Hall of Fame is the highest acknowledgement bestowed to indi-

viduals by the Boys & Girls Clubs of North Alabama. The Leaders & Legends Annual Dinner is an experience like no other.

The occasion is the single largest Boys & Girls Clubs event in

the State of Alabama. It speaks to the importance of the Club's mission to provide youth development services to all youth so they may realize their full potential as productive, responsible, and caring citizens.

The honoree's stories are very different but all start out the same--with the lifechanging programs, caring and attentive staff, and the fun and safety of the Boys & Girls Clubs of North Alabama.

Fraternities Holding Popular Fundraisers

Two local fraternities are holding fundraisers for worthwhile causes during the month of August.

The Xi Omicron Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., will hold "Vegas Night" Friday, August 19, in the Von Braun Center's East Hall from 7 p.m.-1 a.m. Advance tickets are \$30/each and \$40 at the

door. Proceeds from the event will benefit the fraternity's scholarship foundation and the Harris Home for Children. For more information, contact Gerald Vines at (256) 682-1071 or Rick Suttle at (256) 655-6769.

On August 12, the Huntsville Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi, Fraternity, Inc., will hold its annual "Taste of Kappa" event at the Huntsville Museum of Art from 7-10 p.m. Tickets (\$30) can be purchased online at HuntsvilleKappas.com. Proceeds will benefit the Huntsville Alumni Chapter's Guide Right program. For additional ticket information, contact Michael Miller at (256) 656-7719 or Matthew Frost at (256) 651-9322.



TENNIS CAMP: Coach Ray Greene (left) is joined by coaches and assistants at the Action Kids Camp on the tennis court of Alabama A&M University recently, where various age groups received fundamentals, worked on agility and flexibility, and had an all-around good time.



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Valley Scopes by Melissa Wilson/Seloma

Aquarius - Your 2nd House, of Finances, is factoring in at present as you explore various ideas for creating an additional inflow, one that you have visualized yourself building on.

Virgo - You're feeling creatively romantic at this time, and you're prepared to invest a little extra on something exceptional.

Gemini - Fortunately, you're ready to face a deep issue or forthcoming circumstance because of your solid reliance on your personal beliefs.

Aries - You'll be prepared to whiz through any work tests despite possibly questioning their validity or timing.

Cancer - You'll have no trouble helping others through any minor disturbances, which ultimately makes your presence a truly valuable asset at

Sagittarius - Although economic challenges may emerge, your gift of budget sense not only comes in handy, it can save the day by being an example to anyone else in a similar position.

Capricorn - Being observant will pay off as vigilance often does, leaving you to enjoy additional leisure time with recreation.

Libra - Continuous labor-intensive activity is allowing you to prevail in an area in which

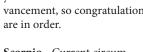
you've made measurable advancement, so congratulations

Scorpio - Current circumstances favor growth of a nonsecular nature, for you.

Pisces - Although some may view your quixotic ways and thought processes as a bit unrealistic, they continue to work for your morale, which is a definite plus for you.

Taurus - Although you might sometimes be a bit critical of your own self-expression, it's highly sought at this time.

Leo - The energy of Neptune and Mercury have set the backdrop, for you, as you endeavor, to work through spiritual mysteries, & you'll come out- actually, quite better for the ordeal.







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- Walter Mosley



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On This Day

Friday, July 22 - DANNY GLOVER - Actor/Activist, Best known for his role as Roger Murtaugh in the "Lethal Weapon" series of movies born in San Francisco, California. - BlackinTime.info

Champion Game Plan for Life

You know the enemy will always keep us stirred up about something. Ephesians 6: 12 reminds us that our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of

evil in the heavenly realms. We all see what's going on in our nation today. Police officers killing black people, a black man killing police officers, perhaps in retaliation. It's hard to keep from being offended about the things that are going on right now. But we as believers need to realize that the enemy sets us up to get us upset, and so many of us are playing right into his

hands. But it's time to wake up, Christians, and realize what the devil is trying to do. He is trying to get our attention off what we are called to do, which is to go make disciples of all the world.

Stay encouraged my brothers and sisters!





July 23

AshaKiran's Annual Ray of Hope Event and 10th Anniversary Celebration Featuring: Jeffrey Iqbal (American-born Bollywood Singer) and Dr. Ludy Green, Author More Info: (256) 405-4357 Von Braun Center North Hall Tickets: \$50/\$120 5:30 p.m.

July 24

Valley Conservatory Jam Session

July 25

2nd Annual Caribbean Heritage Gala The Cooper House, 405 Randolph Ave., Huntsville Caribbean Association of North Alabama; \$40 individual (\$300/Table of 8)

(256) 653-4751 www.canaonline.com 7-11 p.m.

July 26

Candidates Forum Sponsor: Tennesssee Valley Diversity Leadership Colloquium Fellowship of Faith Church Fellowship Hall 3703 Memorial Parkway NW 6-8 p.m.

July 28

Boys and Girls Club Leaders & Legends Dinner Guest: Evander Holyfield VIP Reception: 5 p.m. Von Braun Center-North Hall 6 p.m.

August 12-13

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August 19

Food Truck Street Festival Sponsor: Jerry Damson Honda Acura Downtown Huntsville The Lumberyard Parking 108 Cleveland Avenue 5-9 p.m.

August 23

Municipal Elections

August 25

Deadline to Register for Diversity Leadership Colloquium (Class VI) Contact: info@diversityleadershipcolloquium.com or (256) 536-9717

September 6

Fall Diversity Leadership Colloquium Begins

September 10

North Alabama Health and Wellness Fair

September 16

Food Truck Street Festival Sponsor: Jerry Damson Honda Acura Downtown Huntsville The Lumberyard Parking 108 Cleveland Avenue 5-9 p.m.

alley Deaths

Funeral service for Mr. Michael Wade Bone was held July 16, at Phillips CME Church, with Pastor Keith Ellison officiating.

Funeral service for Mr. Brian Smith was held Friday, July 22, at Nelms Memorial Funeral Home Chapel.

Funeral service was held for Dr. Sonnie Wellington Hereford III on Tuesday, July 12, at Progressive Union Missionary Baptist Church in Huntsville, Ala.

Funeral service for Mr. Jaylen Malik Cosby was held Thursday, July 14, at Eagles' Nest Ministries with Bishop Daniel J. Richardson officiating.

- Nelms Memorial Funeral Home

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