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"Precisely at the point when you begin to develop a conscience,  
you must find yourself at war with your society."  
- James Baldwin

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## War Dawgs' Presence Coming to 'The Ville'

Huntsville will soon have a professional basketball team called The War Dawgs. The team will hold tryouts this August (9-10), with the first games slated to in fall 2019 at Jemison High School in Huntsville. Diva Dawgs Dance Team Tryouts will be August 17-18.

The team is a part of the American Basketball Association (ABA). The owners of the team are Christopher

Burge and Timothy Jones. "Huntsville was an easy choice because of the great work of the mayor and the city to create such a stable economic foundation for the city to grow on," commented Bunge. "We just hope to deliver a great experience to the people of North Alabama!"

He favored hosting at the Jemison facility "because it's new and gives us the opportunity to make a



real difference for the community."

For additional details, visit <https://Wardawgsball.com>

## AAMU Mourns Death of Noted Physicist

The Alabama A&M University Family is mourning the July 23 death of noted physicist, researcher and former Eminent Scholar Ravindra B. Lal. Memorial services were held Saturday, July 27, at Laughlin Service Funeral Home Chapel, Huntsville, Ala.

Born in northern India, Dr. Lal was AAMU's second Eminent Scholar (1999-2007). His career in the United States began as a research associate at NASA/Marshall Space Flight Center, where he joined a prestigious selection of outstanding researchers from all over the world.

Lal joined AAMU in 1975 as a professor in the Department of Mathematics and Physics. He was one of the pioneers who performed crystal growth experiments in microgravity, aboard Spacelab-3

and the first International Microgravity Laboratory (IML-1) in the mid-1980s and early 1990s. With his Space Lab experiment, Dr. Lal brought AAMU into the limelight. He secured millions of dollars of research funding from various federal agencies.

"He was a trailblazer, an eminent scholar, and a wonderful ambassador and advocate for Alabama A&M University," commented AAMU President Andrew Hugine, Jr., who learned of Lal's death while he was on international travel. "I shall especially miss his involvement and work with our noteworthy Nobel Laureate



program."

He was selected as a Fellow of the International Society of Optics and Photonics (SPIE) and NASA Administrator's Fellow. He also authored or co-authored more than 100 works in respected international journals.

Dr. Lal also initiated the "Annual Nobel Laureate Lecture Series" at AAMU in 1997 in memory of physics professor, Dr. Putcha Venkateswarlu. Dr. Lal's initiated master's and Ph.D. degrees in physics have now graduated 90 doctorates.

Dr. Lal is survived by his wife, son, daughter-in-law, and a grandson.

## Class Will Focus on Medicare Benefits

Are you turning 65 and confused by Medicare?

If your 65th birthday is just around the corner, you probably have many questions—like, "How do I sign up?" or "Which plan is right for me?"

For answers to these questions and more, come to the Richard Showers Center on August 6th at 11 am for a free one-hour Medicare Education Class conducted by independent Benefits Advisor Stephen Korpi who specializes in Medicare Benefits.

This class is designed for persons who want to understand how their Medicare benefits work. Family members and caregivers are also welcome to attend.

If you have questions and are unable to attend, please call or text Stephen Korpi at 256-566-1179.

After the class, light refreshments will be served by the ADC-Madison County Unit.

\* The purpose of this class is to educate the public about Medicare and its 4 parts (A, B, C & D). Please



note that neither Stephen Korpi nor the ADC Medi-

son County Unit endorses the other entity.

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## Scenes from July 23, 2019 District 6 Community Town Hall Meeting Sponsored by Commissioner JesHenry Malone



Commissioner JesHenry F. Malone held a town hall meeting for his Madison County District 6 constituents Tuesday, July 23, at the Bob Harrison Senior Center on Pulaske Pike in Huntsville. To a crowd of nearly 200 concerned residents, Commissioner Malone highlighted the accomplishments of the district over the last year as well as the goals and challenges still facing the commission district which primarily covers Northwest Huntsville.

Since Commissioner Malone's appointment to serve the remaining term of Commissioner Bob Harrison (who transitioned unexpectedly in the fall of 2017) he has been able to purchase a new trash truck for the district, as well as to replace a bus to transport residents with a new modern coach to which the crowd applauded in excitement. Facing economic development challenges in Northwest Huntsville, Malone shared his vision for the district and how he

hopes to execute those goals. To spur growth, Commissioner Malone shared with the crowd that he was able to pave one of the few rural roads that is within his district.

Committed to making District 6 a premier area of Madison County, Commissioner Malone announced that he had secured the new Madison County Service Center to be built within District 6 at the corner of North Memorial Parkway at Oakwood Avenue. This multi-million dollar project will aid in the economic revitalization of that area as other supporting entities locate to the area. An advocate for partnerships and building a stronger community, Commissioner Malone welcomed his fellow North Huntsville elected officials: State Representative Laura Hall, District 19; Councilmember Devyn Keith, Huntsville; and Huntsville City Schools Board member, Michelle Watkins.

by Gary T. Whitley, Jr.

## Rho Chi Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Celebrating 30 Years - Saturday, July 27, 2019 - The Jackson Center



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# Washington in One Minute



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

1. The Senate is in session for its final week before leaving town for the August Recess. The House adjourned last Thursday until September 9. The Senate will vote tonight to override President Trump's 3 vetoes of resolutions that block \$8 billion worth of arms deals with Saudi Arabia, the UAE, and Jordan – although it is not expected that there will be the 2/3rds necessary to override. The Senate this week will also take up the 2-year budget deal that was approved by House last week by a vote of 284-149 (with 65 GOPers voting with most Democrats), which will increase spending by \$320 billion over 2 years and suspend the debt ceiling through July 31, 2021. Notably, the deal did not extend the much-maligned 2011 Budget Control Act, so once FY2021 is history, so too will be the threat of the dreaded sequester with its indiscriminate, draconian spending cuts.

2. On Monday, President Trump hosted a signing ceremony for the 9/11 Victim Compensation Fund. On Tuesday, the President addressed the Virginia General Assembly at an event in Jamestown, Va., for the 400th anniversary of the first representative legislative assembly (and the beginning of democ-

racy in the New World). On Wednesday, he met with Mongolian President Khaltmaa Battulga at the White House. On Thursday, the President traveled to Cincinnati for a fundraiser and campaign rally at U.S. Bank Arena.

3. Education Secretary Betsy DeVos has proposed adding Opportunity Zones to her list of discretionary grant priorities. The proposed rule, scheduled for publication in the Federal Register Monday, would align the agency's discretionary grant investments with the Trump administration's Opportunity Zones initiative, designed to spur economic development and job creation in distressed communities.

4. On Tuesday, the Federal Reserve's Federal Open Market Committee starts a 2-day meeting, at which it is expected to cut interest rates by a quarter point, the first cut since the 2008 Recession. According to data released on Friday, GDP rose at a 2.1% annual rate in 2019's second quarter, which is a decrease from the 1Q's 3.1% growth.

5. On Tuesday, the Senate Environment and Public Works (EPW) Committee will begin work on the highway portion of a 5-year surface transportation reauthorization bill – currently known as the "Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act." The

FAST Act, which authorizes highway, bridge, transit, AMTRAK, and freight spending, is set to expire on September 30, 2020. According to Eno Transportation Weekly, Committee Chair John Barrasso (R-WY) has come up with a plan to raise \$110 billion in additional surface transportation user tax revenues to cover his planned spending increases and to shore up the Highway Trust Fund.

6. Starting Tuesday night at 8 p.m. EDT on CNN, the 2-night Democratic Presidential Debates got underway at the Fox Theatre in Detroit. On Tuesday, July 30, the lineup included: Sanders, Warren, Buttigieg, O'Rourke, Klobuchar, Bullock, Delaney, Hickenlooper, Ryan and Williamson. Wednesday, July 31, featured: Biden, Harris, Castro, Yang, Booker, Bennet, de Blasio, Gabbard, Gillibrand, and Inslee. The 2-hour debates will be moderated by CNN's Dana Bash, Don Lemon and Jake Tapper.

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## Community Ambassadors: The Barber

I remember waking up on Saturday mornings in my younger years, making the trip from North Huntsville, down to Meridian Street to Freeman and Battle's Barbershop. Between Freeman and Battle, and our family barber Bruce in Chattanooga, Tennessee, these Saturday mornings ushered in my introduction into the life of Barbers, and the culture they produce.

Today's barbering arena and barber shops, which still hold true to original barber shop themes, have morphed into a world of resilient branding, intense barbering competitions, barber shops that resemble cool spaces of therapy, but most importantly, a way for people to take care of their community, one haircut at a time.

Angela Williams, known as Asian Zing, started cutting hair roughly four years ago, while trying to find her niche, or that silver bullet in life needed to detail one's direction. Seeing her early haircuts on social media as a student enrolled at Drake State Technical College, to being a student under the watchful eye of Huntsville staple Mike Sales, leaping out on faith to open a premier barbershop of her own, proved the trade of handling clippers, razors, and scissors was still a catalyst to secure a career. Angie is a barber, but even more, she is an artist.

The passing of the baton



is a real situation and takes a level of finesse. This happens naturally when generations exchange places on the universal timeline. After Freeman and Battle's glory years, you had establishments such as Alonzo's, Clyde's, Carroll's, and many others that provided the city with High-Top Fades, Even Stevens, and classic Caesar lineups in the nineties, keeping satisfied customers looking fresh. Present day, you have shops like Fade Factory, Roger's Barbershop, Bama Kutz, and many more providing this generation with the same aesthetic. This essence is built upon a durable foundation of Huntsville Barbering history.

A barber has a vast responsibility to his or her clients,

and that is to ensure they look better, even more, they should feel better once they stand up out the chair. I interviewed shop owner Marcus Orr, owner of Supreme Cuts and Styles Barber Shop, and he told me, "As a barber you are only as good as your next cut. Consistency builds character and clippers create an image. Anybody can cut, but Barbers change lives". The lives being changed? Well, the lives of people who look like me and are from areas just like me. Marcus has a quote on a wall in the shop and the message rings true to the community he has served for twenty years. It reads, "The location doesn't make the artist; the artist makes the location."

by Codie Global

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## Two Lessons Learned from the Robert Mueller Testimony

Read Exodus 20:3, Ecclesiastes 4:12

Q1: What were two lessons gleaned from former Special Counsel Robert Mueller's July 24th Congressional testimony?

### 1. Remember God's 1st Commandment

*Politico*: "For nearly two years, many Democrats have regarded Mueller as a Messiah figure who will deliver them from the plague of the Trump presidency through something akin to divine intervention."

The presumed impeach-Trump-now slam dunk flat-lined; Mueller refused 198 times to answer queries or to read aloud damning segments from his 448-page report.

We humans seek unsuccessfully to deify fellow mortals - e.g., MLK, Oprah, Obama, Cosby, Pelosi and now Mueller - and conversely, try to "mortalize" God. Flip the script, y'all.



Q2: Haven't we yet learned that false expectations will always lead to resentment?

*Solution? Ask "Lady Day"*

Billie Holiday's 1941 classic "God Bless the Child" captured musically Elijah Cummings' (D-MD) post-Mueller charge: "I'm begging - I'm begging - the American people to pay attention to what's going on, because if you want to have a democracy intact for your children and your children's children, and generations yet unborn, you've got to guard this moment. This is our watch."

### Become #1 @ being #2

Mike Bonem's book, *Leading from the Second Chair*: "A second chair leader is a person in a subordinate role whose influence with others adds value throughout the organization. . . . (who) find much of their success through influence and relationships" (p. 2,3).

Before his testimony, Mueller last-minute-petitioned successfully to have his longtime aide Aaron Zebley beside him, to advise him from the second chair.

When the GOPs challenged his team - who, Mueller revealed, did most of the investigations - the previous laconic monosyllabic 74-year old lashed out un-scripted: "Can I speak for a second to the hiring practices? We strove to hire those individuals that could do the job. I've been in this business for almost 25 years. And in those 25 years, I have not had occasion once to ask somebody about their political affiliation. It is not done. What I care about is the capability of the individual to do the job and do the job quickly and seriously and with integrity."

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## Champion Game Plan for Life

by Preston Brown

### “CHOOSING OUR WORDS WISELY”

James 4:11 says: “Brothers and sisters, do not slander one another. Anyone who speaks against a brother or sister or judges them, speaks against the law and judges it. When you judge the law, you are not keeping it, but sitting in judgement on it.”

You know, we all know the expression “sticks and stones may break my bones, but words will never harm me.” Now this expression has been around for a long time, but why?

Because we all should know that words *do* harm people. That’s why in this scripture the writer James makes his case for the fact that words and criticism do harm people.

You see, we all have to realize and under-

stand that criticism is the characteristic of a negative person. To criticize is to be against people, because in most cases people are trying to defame or slander or backstab somebody.

Criticism and gossip can be very detrimental to people, because instead of ministering to people, we end up mutilating them, never knowing the damage that the comment we make has on the other person.

Also, in many cases, you never see the harm that it causes when we say the things that we say. My brothers and sisters, this cannot be. When we criticize one another we are breaking God’s law, which is to love your neighbor as thyself.

How can we show love and criticize at the same time? Therefore, when we criticize, we are saying that we don’t agree with God’s law because *my way* is easier. Because *I* get to be mad and *stay* mad so that I



can continue to criticize.

But this should not be our plan. A better “game plan” would be to say nothing and do nothing that offends your neighbor. Or, stick with the expression that says “If you can’t say anything good don’t say anything at all .... Stay encouraged, my brothers and sisters. And remember, you can purchase my book, “A Champion Game Plan For Life,” at amazon.com.

## The Valley Weekly Calendar of Events

### August 2

Omega Psi Phi Presents ... “Vegas Night 2019” \$30 in advance; \$40, Door The Von Braun Center EastHall 7 p.m.-1 a.m.

### August 3

Alabama Black Expo “Hot Southern Nights Dinner Auction” Honoring Minority Leader Anthony Daniels and Drs. Tony and Kathy Chan The Jackson Center - \$100 6-9 p.m. (256) 382-0925

### August 8

“Women Rock Awards” North Alabama Chapter of Federally Employed

### Women

The Summit - \$25 Contact: Veronica Carruthers, (256) 450-5070 11 a.m.

### August 9

11th Taste of Kappa The Huntsville Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. Huntsville Museum of Art Contact: Roderick Mack at (256) 527-5951; Eddie Williams at (256) 508-2180; Michael Miller at (256) 656-7719; or (256) 797-6965 - \$40 7-11 p.m.

### August 11

Last Day to See Original Alabama Constitution Huntsville Museum of Art

The Angela Claxton Family Foundation Fun Day Back to School Supply Giveaway Richard Showers Center 4600 Blue Spring Road Huntsville, Ala. Activities: Horseback riding, food, fun and games 1-4 p.m.

### August 12-14

“2019 Back to School Bible Conference” Sponsor: Decatur Fellowship of Historic Black Churches Host: First Missionary Baptist Church (Decatur) 6 p.m.

### August 24

“Ergonomic Gardening”



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# Valley Deaths

## - Nelms Memorial Funeral Home -

Memorial service for MRS. WILLIE M. DRAPER ELLIOTT (b. 1924) will be Saturday, August 3, at 1:30 p.m. in the Nelms Memorial Funeral Home Chapel.

Funeral service for DEACON ANDY L. MOORE (b. 1929) will be Saturday, August 3, at 1 p.m. at the Indian Creek Primitive Baptist Association Tabernacle.

Funeral service for MR. AARON THOMAS PAUL GAINES PATTON (b. 1996) (better known as "A.P.") will be Saturday, August 3, at 12 p.m. at Eagles' Nest Ministries with The Reverend Hernandez Ford officiating.

Funeral service for BISHOP JAMES D. PETTWAY (b. 1948) was held July 27, at 12 p.m. at Ye Shall Know The Truth Baptist Church (11350 County Road 29 - Alberta, Ala.) with Apostle Lorenzo Pettway officiating.

Funeral service for MOTHER ETHEL ADAMS (b. 1928) was held Wednesday, July 24, at Morning Star Missionary Baptist Church in New Market, Ala., with Pastor William Cater officiating.

## - Royal Funeral Home -

Funeral service for MRS. RENA JEAN GIBSON (b. 1941) will be 1 p.m., Saturday, August 3, at New Jerusalem Missionary Baptist Church (2562 Bob Wade Lane Harvest, Ala.) with Pastor Ricky Sykes officiating.

Funeral service for MRS. LAKRESHA LOANA SOMERVILLE (b. 1979) will be 1 p.m., Sunday, July 28, at Pine Grove Missionary Baptist Church (759-A Pine Grove Road Harvest, Ala.) with Pastor Jeremy Wells eulogist and Pastor Dr. C. Jermaine Turner officiating.

Funeral service for MINISTER WILLIAM NATHANIEL ERVIN, JR. (b. 1940), was held Saturday, July 27, at Saint Elizabeth Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America (104 Perry Street Madison, Ala.) with Pastor Columbus Waddle officiating.

Funeral service for MR. EDWARD CORNELIUS GAINES, SR., (b. 1947) was held Saturday, July 27, at the Royal Chapel of Memories (4315 Oakwood Avenue NW, Huntsville, Ala.) with Dr. C. Jermaine Turner officiating.

Funeral service for MR. RONALD LEE EASON (b. 1958) was held Saturday, July 27, at Morris Chapel Primitive Baptist Church (2135 Winchester Road, Huntsville, Ala.) with Pastor Derrick Langford officiating.

Funeral service for MR. JOSEPH "STAN" FLETCHER (b. 1947) was held Friday, July 26, at the Big Shiloh Primitive Baptist Church (133 Maple Street, Madison, Ala.) with Pastor Jeffery Jefferson officiating.

## - Serenity Funeral Home -

Funeral service for MR. JIMIE "BO" GORDON (b. 1955) were held Saturday, July 27, at Oak Grove MB Church, Columbus, Miss., with Rev. Therman Cunningham officiating.

# Retired Nurse Pens Poetry of Life's Experiences

Gracie Ann Miller's poems exemplify the gamut of life's experiences on her personal journey. Feelings from casual observances to the depths of emotions brought on by loss--loss of relationships and of loved ones--are some of the themes she writes about. Other poems celebrate the joys of life and others lament life's struggles. Still others expose the spiritual threads that were intertwined between Gracie and her family as she grew up. In one example, "God created man," she creatively compares

the body's circulation of blood to our daily walk with God. "We must feed our hearts with love so that it can spread outward into the world," she writes.

Several poems in the collection critique the wrongs in our social fabric. Other poems about nature illustrate its fierceness or its festivity. She began writing poetry when

a teacher in an English class at UAH gave the assignment to write a short poem. The teacher was highly complimentary of Gracie's poem and suggested that she continue with writing because she obviously had a gift. However, Gracie's 37 years' work as a nurse put this venture on the back-burner until the 1990s, after the death of her

mother. Somehow, Gracie picked up the pen again. This time, Gracie continued writing poems, although her new season of composition was also interrupted by illness and eventually, death of loved ones. Nevertheless, she has produced a corpus of work that will entertain, make one reflect, wake one's senses, and stir appreciation for the perceptive mind that belongs to Gracie Miller. Her book, "Poems by Gracie: Life Experiences," can be purchased on Amazon.com.



# How to Ease Kids into the Valley's New School Year

(BPT) - For kids, the start of a new school year is like New Year's Eve: a chance to start fresh and set intentions for the year ahead. It's a time to reboot, make new friends, get new clothes and gear, and find new opportunities to fuel their passions. As parents, you can help your children have a Happy School Year by encouraging them to set and accomplish their goals - or school year's resolutions. Whether they want to join math club, improve their finger-painting skills, or just make the bus on time every day, Amazon has the resources and tips to help kids achieve their goals this year.

**1) Record school year's resolutions.** Take the time to sit down and chat with your children about what they hope to accomplish in the new year and how they envision getting there. This is a great way for you to learn more about your kids' dreams - the answer may surprise you! Plus, it's even a great time for you to make school year's resolutions. A new school year represents a fresh start for parents too. By setting goals with your child, you can lead by example and bond over the journey of seeing your goals through.

**2) Celebrate school year's**



**eve.** Help your child avoid a case of the "Sunday scaries" before the first day of school by hosting a School Year's Eve Party! Make the new school year something that is fun and celebrated, not feared and dreaded. Include festive decorations and party props, a Happy School Year playlist on Amazon Music, and your kid's favorite foods and treats. There are a lot of sweet school-themed snacks you can make too. Grab some fun cookie cutters or check out Pinterest for tips on how to use what you already have in your kitchen to make fun treats.

**3) Get organized.** New

school year, new schedule. Develop a system to keep yourself and your family organized, ensuring resolutions don't fall by the wayside. Use an Amazon Wish List to keep track of supplies needed for the year, a personalized planner to track projects and activities, and sticky notes to keep everyone posted (literally) on family whereabouts. To help your family track progress, you can even create and decorate a family "Happy School Year" cork board.

**4) Stock up for success.** Every new school year comes with classroom supply lists and new wardrobe needs. A one-stop shop retailer like

Amazon lets you complete your shopping on your own schedule and have items shipped to you, allowing more time to soak up those last bits of summer as a family. You can also sign up for a Prime membership to get deals and free shipping to save on the essentials. Plus, the incredible selection makes it easy to find everything from the classroom must-haves to those special items your kids need to achieve their school year's resolutions - whether that's art supplies to become a better artist or rainbow socks to be more colorful every day. Radio personality and co-founder of Lil' Libros Patty Rodriguez likes to browse in Spanish on the storefront, which she says gives parents the convenience of shopping at any time in their language with just the click of a button.

**5) Ease into the year.** To give your children the best chance of having a Happy School Year, try easing into the school year by adjusting your routine a week or more in advance. For example, if your child's resolution is to make it to school on time, Patty Rodriguez suggests setting the morning alarm a full week before the first day of school.

## F.E.W. Luncheon Scheduled

On August 8, the Redstone Women Rock Awards Luncheon will be hosted by the North Alabama Chapter of Federally Employed Women at The Summit at 11 a.m. Tickets (\$25) available at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/redstone-women-rock-awards-luncheon-tickets-63428945684>

The North Alabama Chapter of Federally Employed Women (FEW) are hosting their annual Redstone Women Rock Awards Luncheon to acknowledge outstanding women on Redstone Arsenal in the categories of Meritorious Military Service, Outstanding Senior Leader, Innovative Researcher, Rising Star and Leadership Achievement. Info: (256) 450-5070

## Huntsville City 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. People can sign up for notices of Council meetings and special sessions online at <https://signup.e2ma.net/signup/1825550/1780821/>

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

## Called 2 Preach

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

### Do You Qualify for an Upgrade?

Isaiah 64:4; 1 Corinthians 2:9-14

In this age of technology, in particular with cell phones, the plans that are offered include a period of time that one can qualify for an upgrade. The upgrades usually include something that the previous phone didn't have; such as, better cameras, bigger screens, faster response, more storage space, and the like. With phone plans, however, in order to qualify for an upgrade, you have to have used the old phone for a period of time, otherwise the upgrade will cost more. What's true with phone plans is not the case with God and the kingdom and His desire for

His children to experience more of His greatness and power. Both Isaiah and Paul inform us that God has upgrades that He is ready to give us, and the only cost is having the faith to believe

that He can and will. These upgrades are beyond imagination and even beyond our prayers to Him. As His children, we always qualify because He desires that we experience His best.

Too often we are working with "old ideas" and "old systems" and "old mindsets" and God is waiting anxiously to give us upgrades. There-



fore, as His children we can come to him with expectancy, excitement, and exhilaration, and without doubt, demand or disillusion. As heirs and joint heirs with Jesus,

we not only qualify for the upgrades but because we have His word, that gives us unlimited talk and data. Hallelujah!

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# City Lights & Stars

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July 5<sup>th</sup> - Kaleidoscope

July 26<sup>th</sup> - Henri's Notions

August 16<sup>th</sup> - Microwave Dave & The Nukes

September 13<sup>th</sup> - Flashbacks Show Band



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## Spotlight on Our Elders ... Featuring

## Mrs. Rosetta James

A long-time community volunteer in the Huntsville-Madison County community, Mrs. Rosetta James is a native of Hale County, Ala., part of Alabama's Black Belt. She moved to Huntsville in 1973, after living in Long Island, New York, for 27 years.

Upon relocating to Huntsville, Ala., she worked part-time for the Madison County Extension Office while supporting her husband, Mr. McKinley James, with his landscaping business. This business afforded them the opportunity to meet and engage with many people in the Huntsville-Madison County community.

In her quest to make the community a better place, she rarely said no to volunteer requests. She became heavily involved in local civic,



educational, religious, and political activities and causes, continuing her lifelong commitment to volunteerism after leaving New York. Her greatest local challenge was convincing others to allow her to lead and serve the community in diverse capacities with a mere high school education.

After organizing countless

voter registration drives, her commitment led the Madison County Chapter of the Alabama Democratic Conference to re-name their annual membership breakfast "The Rosetta James Membership Breakfast" and to her appointment as Madison County's first Deputy Voter Registrar. During the primary and election seasons, she continued to work 12-14 hours daily to meet her commitments.

The Rosetta James Foundation was founded and has earned non-profit status by the Internal Revenue Service. The annual 'Rosetta James Honoring Our Elders' celebration honors local citizens who are at least 70 years old, and who are still active in the community as volunteers.



LogiCore Corporation is a defense contractor specializing in Technical Support Services that include, Logistics, Cyber Security, and Engineering Support Services. Miranda's vision for The Miranda Show is to share her experiences, as well as shine a spotlight on the entrepreneurial spirit and ecosystem in North Alabama.

The show airs on WAFF channel 48, immediately following the evening news on Sundays and available via ROKU and AMAZON.



This is a new local televised conversation focused on entrepreneurs, innovators, and leaders in Alabama. "Our purpose is to shine a spotlight on the evolving entrepreneurial spirit and ecosystem in North Alabama, and continue to develop leaders and entrepreneurs, while building upon the foundation of lessons learned and the wisdom of others".

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Filming Location: LogiCore Corporation | 345 Voyager Way

Social Media: <https://www.facebook.com/themirandashow.hsv>

Audiences: Students, Entrepreneurs, Startups, People with an interest in strong leadership

All episodes will be filmed at LogiCore Corporation with a live audience comprised of students from local universities pursuing business related degrees, small business owners, and those interested in learning from the areas most prominent leaders. Each taping is free to attend, and the local community is encouraged to attend. Registration is managed through Eventbrite and will be posted on the Facebook page, and the website.

The premiere season of the show will highlight interviews with Madison Mayor Paul Finley, Huntsville Mayor Tommy Battle; and business leaders including Amanda Howard, Tracy Jones, and Deborah Barnhardt, to name a few.

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## DLC Accepting Applications for 12th Cohort



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](http://www.diversityleadershipcolloquium.com). Questions should be emailed to Mrs. Georgia Valrie at [gvalrie1971@gmail.com](mailto:gvalrie1971@gmail.com) or call (256) 656-4698.