

# The Valley Weekly

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*"One is responsible for life: It is the small beacon in that terrifying darkness from which we come and to which we shall return."* - James Baldwin

## NACEE Holds Tenth Scholarship Luncheon

The North Alabama Center for Educational Excellence (NACEE) presented its 10th Annual Scholarship and Community Service Awards Luncheon on July 31 at Redstone Federal Credit Union's Redstone Room.

NACEE congratulated seven Valedictorians: Taylor Turner of Johnson High School; Atchima Klomkaew of New Century High School; Danielle Jordi of North Jackson High School; Brittany Rice of North Alabama Friends School; Magnolia Wilson of Pisgah High School; William Cordell of Section High School and Joshua Davis of Skyline High School.

In addition, NACEE honored four Salutatorians, including Aaliyah Robinson of Butler High School; Kolton McCamy of Pisgah High School; Autumn Hicks of Section High School and Keyana Lewis of Johnson High School.



*Dr. Earnest Davis (far right) with 2015 honorees. Photo by Chris Winston*

Special recognitions were given to NACEE's Academic Scholars, NOBCCHE's Science Competition Team, SAEOPP Educational Talent Search, Launching Aspiring Biotechnology Scientists Team, and the SAEOPP ETS Academic Bowl Team, and ETS' High Q and Academic team. Over 30 professionals served as mentors for about 60 NACEE's students this summer.

Senior Pastor Adrian Davis of All Nations Christian Church was the keynote speaker. He charged the participants and their parents to make informed choices about the roads and friends they choose.

Dr. Earnest L. Davis is Executive Director of NACEE, and Dr. Denver Betts serves as Chairman of the Board.

## CommUnity Race Relations in Huntsville

The University of Alabama in Huntsville (UAH) hosted a community conversation on race on July 30 in Charger Union Theater.

The event was sponsored by the Huntsville Area Inclusive Community, the City of Huntsville's Office of Multicultural Affairs, the Human Relations Commission, along with UAH's Office of Diversity.

David Person (right), Kenny Anderson and Delois H. Smith, vice president for diversity at UAH, made presentations. Person moderated questions and answers from the audience. The conversation will continue on Thursday, October 1st at 6:30 p.m. at UAH in the Charger Union Theatre.

(Photos: TVW)



## Huntsville's Glenwood Cemetery Receives State Honor

On July 28 on the grounds of Glenwood Cemetery, Joy McKee, Huntsville City Director of Landscape Management and Cemetery Services, invited a group of citizens to announce that, effective July 6, Glenwood had been placed on the Alabama Historic Register.

Earning this distinction was no small task for Glenwood: it began as a slave cemetery in 1870, replacing the city's first black burying ground known as Georgia Cemetery. Georgia Cemetery was established in 1818 and was located on the land that is presently Huntsville Hospital.

Nestled near Huntsville's downtown, Glenwood is a large cemetery of approximately 10 acres of land and roughly 1,100 tombstones that serve

as the final resting place for the city's most prominent African-American citizens. While Glenwood is a Huntsville city cemetery, it caught the attention of McKee primarily because of the efforts of Ollye Conley, retired principal of the Academy for Science and Foreign Languages, whose students began a project to



*Pictured (l-r) are Huntsville Mayor Tommy Battle (standing), Joy McKee, director of Landscape Management and Cemetery Services, and Bill Kling, Councilmember, District 4. (Photos by Harrison B. Diamond, Business Relations Officer, City of Huntsville - Mayor's Office)*

research the history of the people laid to rest at Glenwood.

Huntsville Mayor Tommy Battle attended the announcement at Glenwood and thanked McKee for bringing to light the diligent work that Conley and her students had started.

Receiving the distinction on the Alabama Historic Register will allow Glenwood the opportunity to apply for additional grant funding and to solicit private donations to repair old tombstones, locate unmarked graves and make other improvements.

To donate to the project for Glenwood, please contact the Huntsville City Cemetery Department at (256) 427-5732.

by Gary T. Whitley  
VW Huntsville Happenings Editor



# World War Images Captured in New Exhibit

The Huntsville Museum of Art will feature "Images of the Great War: The European Offenses, 1914-1916 (from the Anne S.K. Brown Military Collection) August 8-November 15.

From America's foremost graphic and documentary resource of soldiers and soldiering, and one of the world's largest collections devoted to the study of military uniforms, comes an exhibition of original artworks commemorating the centenary of World War I.

"Images of the Great War" presents 44 prints, drawings and watercolors by various artists depicting aspects of the first two years of the War. Visual material will be supplemented with associated historical artifacts borrowed from local military collections.



Gil Baer (French, 1859-1931) *The Death of Corporal Bouard, 1914 ink and wash drawing on paper 30.5 x 25 cm.*

The exhibit is organized by the Huntsville Museum of Art and the John Hay Library of Brown University in Providence, R.I.

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This activity is part of the AFF's nationwide initiative of connecting veterans with jobs. The event will bring together major companies from throughout the country to profile their services and provide employment opportunities for our veterans. Attending veterans will have the chance to talk with employers and submit qualifications.

In addition to the hir-

ing event, Warriors To The Workforce will include workshops featuring top speakers. Workshops also will provide resources and information for veterans, transitioning military service members and military spouses to help them better transition to civilian life. Presentations will include subjects such as mental readiness, confidence building, networking and presentation skills, resume writing, interviewing techniques, job searching, career planning through goal setting, translating military skills and training into civilian life and corporate experience, among others.

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# From the Editor

*Ah, education!*

Local citizen Ralph Timberlake wants to know if the United States Postal Services can refuse to deliver mail to a particular home or property address.

According to Timberlake, his address is 2117 Atkins Drive, 35810. We could not answer the question, so we decided to try to help him get an answer. If any our TVW readers know the answer to this question, please let us know at [info@valleyweeklyllc.com](mailto:info@valleyweeklyllc.com). We would love to get him an answer. Perhaps, there is a good answer to this question. We will continue to research. When you move around town as much as I do, you get many questions. Some are expecting answers and others are rhetorical.

Just recently, we saw in the local news about the requirements for utility services for residents who live within the city limits. For many, we are simply not educated about what the law is and what city regulations are. Things are not always as they appear. We hear people say all the time that we just need to move forward.

Regarding ongoing conversations, we hear people say all the time that we just need to move forward. Of course, we need to move forward. What is missing, many times, in the conversations about moving forward is the fact that people are not mechanical engines. We cannot simply put a foot to the pedal and plunge forward. As humans, we have past experiences and circumstances that not only impact our current situation, but also impact our ability to process how we transition from the past, to the present and forward to the future.

Communicating and understanding form the best start. Even as we begin to talk and attempt to educate, understand,

and appreciate, research shows us that the process is complex. As we continue the conversations, let's not pretend that it is as simple as, "we just all need to get along" or "we should forget the past." There is much work to do. Remember, if we believe we can overlook poverty, the poor shall always be with us; yet, the demographics are changing daily.

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*Dorothy*



# State Training Arm Embarking on 45 Years

The state's foremost training and workforce preparation operation is gradually entering its 45th year of existence.

Alabama Industrial Development Training (AIDT) was established in fiscal year 1970-71 as a contract program reporting to the State Board of Education through the Division of Vocational-Technical Education of the Department of Education. It exists through annual line item funding in the Education Trust Fund budget. In 2012 AIDT became a division of the Alabama Department of Commerce.

AIDT was established to build a healthy state economy by recruiting and training a skilled workforce to attract new industries to the state and to expand existing industries. Job-specific pre-employment and on-the-job training programs are provided.

The program provides a full range of customized technical training programs that are offered at no cost to employers and to the trainees.

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# Huntsville Readies for "Restaurant Week"

Ten tasty days of Huntsville/Madison County restaurant deals. That's Huntsville Restaurant Week in a nutshell, and recently the Huntsville/Madison County Convention & Visitors Bureau (CVB) along with city and county officials unveiled all of the details for the fourth annual event. Taking place August 14-23, 2015, Huntsville Restaurant Week is the perfect time to discover local fare and revisit old favorites while enjoying discounted prices.

More than 50 local eateries are expected to participate with special deals, making this the largest Huntsville Restaurant Week to date with the highest number of participating restaurants. Last year, the 2014 Huntsville Restaurant Week included 39 participating restaurants. Huntsville Restaurant Week is a part

of the larger, statewide Alabama Restaurant Week which aims to promote the state of Alabama's unique culinary offerings by encouraging locals and visitors to get out and try local offerings.

Lunch specials include fixed-price selections at \$5, \$10 or \$15 featuring two courses. Dinner specials include selections at \$10, \$20 or \$30 and feature three courses. Restaurants may choose to offer any combination of the above specials.

New and exclusive to Huntsville Restaurant Week this year, a 'Bonus Bites' category has been added to include those establishments that don't offer a traditional lunch or dinner but do offer breakfast, desserts, appetizers or small bites exclusively.

For a list of participating restaurants and their specials, visit [huntsville.org/restaurantweek](http://huntsville.org/restaurantweek) or

[AlabamaRestaurantWeek.com](http://AlabamaRestaurantWeek.com).  
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Judy Ryals, President/CEO of the Huntsville/Madison County CVB, encouraged residents and visitors alike to discover local dining offerings during Huntsville Restaurant Week.

"Exceptional, local and unique dining experiences is one of the top reasons people travel," Ryals said. "And we already know the great economic impact travel has on Madison County, bringing in over \$1.08 billion to our community in 2014 alone. In Huntsville

and Madison County, we have immense dining options from which to choose. From USA Today's proclaimed 'Best Southern Fine Dining' at Cotton Row to the best of the best barbecue, we've got great selections for every palate."

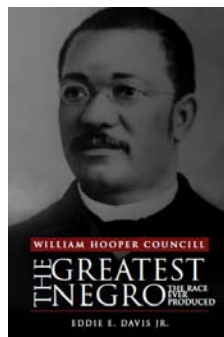
The Huntsville/Madison County CVB has launched a Huntsville Restaurant Week campaign to reach locals, in-market and out-of-market visitors.

"It's always a great time to visit Huntsville and Madison County," Ryals explained. "However, plan-

ning a trip to the Rocket City during Huntsville Restaurant Week--10 days of deals at some of the best restaurants in the South--is the best of the best, and that's the focus of our campaign."

Huntsville Mayor Tommy Battle encouraged the public to take advantage of Huntsville Restaurant Week, recognizing Huntsville's complimentary emerging craft beer scene. event!"

Several new events and online activities have been announced as part of Huntsville Restaurant Week 2015.



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## Village of Promise Announces New Head

The Village of Promise, Inc., has announced the appointment of a new organizational head.

The VOP leadership has named Dr. Kreslyn Kelley-Ellis as Executive Director of the Village of Promise.

Dr. Kelley-Ellis' background as an educator, an author and a speaker for women's

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# AAMU Choir Returns from Colombia

“Partners Achieving Success” (PAS), a group of professional musicians and business persons recently selected the Alabama A&M University Choir as one of three choirs that formed a joint international choir performance in South America in late July.

PAS was also responsible for initiating the first national 105 Voices of History in which AAMU has participated for five years. The other two chosen HBCU schools were Prairie View A&M University and Central State University. Each school sent 10 choir mem-

bers to form the 30-voice international choir.

The choir performed in Medellin, Colombia, from July 30-August 6. The performance marked the first overseas trip for the AAMU Choir, according to Dr. Horace Carney, interim choir director. “They

blended their vocal talents with two other HBCU (historically black college/university) choirs.”

Carney said the opportunity would not have been possible without the financial and moral support of the AAMU administration, which also made it possible in April 2014 for the choir

to perform on the national stage of New York’s Lincoln Center, Alice Tully Hall.

For this summer’s trip, the University funded airline tickets to Colombia. Additionally, Carney was chosen as one of the three international conductors for the scheduled five performances in Medellin. The other two conductors were Dr. Jan Taylor of Prairie View A&M University and Jeremy Winston of Central State University.

“Being chosen for this international performance and honor is a credit to the continuing choral excellence of the AAMU Choir and the excellence of the entire music program faculty,” said Carney.



# Calendar of Events

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## August 8

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## August 10

World War II 70th Anniversary Celebration

U.S. Space & Rocket Center

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## August 11

“Parental Empowerment”

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## August 15

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Writing a Business Plan

Huntsville Madison County Chamber of Commerce

10 a.m.-12 p.m.

## August 21

Taste of Kappa

Huntsville Museum of Art

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## August 21-23

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## August 22

“I Am a Survivor” Gala

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## August 30

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On Saturday, August 1, at the James Crawford Park, the 1st Edmonton Heights Reunion was held. There was food, fellowship and donated backpacks for the children.

Why celebrate?

This planned community was one of possibly three sub-divisions for African American in the 1950s. It was a celebration of the sacrifices and hard work of those who defined a village before it was tossed around without the backbone this community demonstrated. The education of the children was everybody's responsibility. There are

still homes occupied by the

original owners who are blessed to be octogenarians (80-89) nonagenarians (90-99) and possibly a centenarians (100).

The first two homes built were located at 3800 Meridian Street and 3802 Meridian Street. Kenneth Wade Bone, James Leo Burruss, Jonathan Ford, Edwin S. Hill, James Kelly, Sr., Robert Lacy, Georgia Mae McCloud (WAC), Porter Moore, Sr., Frank Revere, Fatie Robertson, and James Monroe Ward are the names of some of the former military men and women who were among the first to purchase homes in this historic neighborhood that was established

in 1958.

Many professional African Americans would soon populate this growing community. If I went around just the first two blocks I could name a school principal, an assistant school principal, two nurses, three ministers, numerous K-12 and university teachers, a social worker, a day care owner, a hair salon owner, and two school librarians.

The majority of the households were two-income families. Yes, many of the abovementioned jobs were held by African American women during that period.

by Linda Burruss