

CAFY Holds Annual Event at Calhoun

The yearly Community Awareness for Youth (CAFY) school event brought hundreds to Calhoun Community College for a day youth activities.

CAFY supports teens by providing the tools needed to achieve health, education, career, and finance. The City's Multicultural Affairs



Office, HPD, Madison, and Madison County and many

volunteers and sponsors help support this annual event.



BACK-TO-SCHOOL QUARTET: Joining the North Huntsville Celebrating Education Parade & Festival on Saturday, August 3, were (l-r) Madison County Commissioner JesHenry Malone, Huntsville City School Board member Michelle Watkins, Huntsville City Schools Superintendent Dr. Christine Finley, and City Councilman Devyn Keith. More on Page 6. (Photo by J. Saintjones)

FUN DAY SCHOOL SCHOOL

The Angela Claxton Family Foundation is hosting its Fun Day Back to School Supply Giveaway on Sunday, August 11, from 1-4 p.m.

The event will be held at the Richard Showers Center, located at 4600 Blue Spring Road NW, Huntsville, Ala.

Among the scheduled activities are horseback riding, food, fun and games.

The public is invited.

Bulldog Fans Ready for Gridiron Season

The Alabama A&M University Bulldogs will take on Morehouse College in the Inaugural Black College Football Classic 2019.

The Classic is scheduled for Sunday, September 1, in Canton, Ohio, at Tom Benson Stadium at 3:30 p.m. (EDT). Order "Blue" to "Club" seating, ranging from \$30 to \$125 at mpvtickets.com.

The Bulldogs will play the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff at home on September 7 at 6 p.m. The following week's game will be a 6 p.m. gridiron contest against the University of North Alabama in Florence, Ala.

On September 21, the Bulldogs will travel to Birmingham to play the Bulldogs of Samford University.

The Bulldog squad will close out the month of September at the Gulf

Coast Challenge in Mobile, Ala., against Central State University in Ladd-Peebles Stadium at 4:30 p.m. on September 28.



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North Huntsville Celebrating Education Parade & Festival



Spotlight on Our Elders ... Featuring

Mrs. Thelma Fuqua

Born in the small Mississippi River Delta town of Market Tree, Ark., Thelma Alexander Fuqua strongly believed that education is the basis for achieving goals. At age seven, she enrolled in David Primitive Baptist Church School, which provided instructions for the first through seventh grades. In the 1920s, it was the only school in the area available to African Americans in Hillsboro, Ala., to receive a primary education. During those days, instructions were taught in one room and by one teacher. Because there was only one teacher for the seven grades, the older children in the class were responsible for teaching the younger children.

By the time, she completed elementary school, Tennessee Valley High School was



established by the State of Alabama under the auspices of a Primitive Baptist Church Convention for the main purpose of educating African Americans beyond elementary school. Mrs. Fuqua was among the first students to enter Tennessee Valley High School and was in the second graduating class, which consisted of 12 students in May 1941.

Following graduation from

high school, she enrolled at Alabama A&M University in vocational home economics. After completing two years of her college education, it was interrupted due to World War II. The draft caused a shortage of teachers at all levels and anyone with college training was eligible to teach under an **Emergency Issued Teaching** Certificate. With dedication to the education profession, Mrs. Fuqua accepted the opportunity to teach and was employed by the Lawrence County School Board as an elementary and high school teacher. She taught for four years, married and started her family. In 1956, she and her family moved to Huntsville,

For over 50 years, Mrs. Fuqua was an active and faithful member of First Missionary Baptist Church.



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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.

If you are interested in being a guest or sponsoring an episode, please email media@themirandashow.com

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- Nelms Memorial Funeral Home -

Funeral service for MR. COY LEE FLETCHER (b. 1949) was held Tuesday, August 6, at Pine Grove Missionary Baptist Church (Harvest, Ala.).

Funeral service for MS. MONICA NICKELS (b. 1963) was held Monday, August 5, at 1 p.m. in the Nelms Memorial Funeral Home Chapel.

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.

Celebration of Life Service for MRS. EUNICE MARIE WHITE (b. 1927) was held Saturday, August 3, at St. Paul Baptist Church (Tuskegee, Ala.) with The Reverend Willie Banks (Pastor), Officiant and Eulogist. She is the mother of Mr. Gregory White of Huntsville, Ala.

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. LAWRENCE DAVIS, JR. (b. 1934) was held Friday, August 2, at Progressive Union Missionary Baptist Church.

- Royal Funeral Home -

Funeral service for MRS. MARY WRIGHT HUFF MOBLEY (b. 1918) will be 12 p.m., Sunday, August 11, at the C.T. Richards Chapel in the Moseley Complex on the campus of Oakwood University with Dr. Craig Newborn as eulogist.

Funeral service for MR. ORLANDO CORETEVE PETTY (b. 1987) was held Saturday, August 3, at Saint Luke Christian Church (1800 Sparkman Drive NW, Huntsville, Ala.) with Pastor T.C. Johnson officiating.

Funeral service for MISS JASMINE PATRICE MOORE (b. 1998) was held Saturday, August 3, at Owens Chapel Missionary Baptist Church (2520 Elton Road NW, Huntsville, Ala.) with Dr. H. Wendell Thompson, Sr. officiating.

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. ROSE MARIE WOODS (b. 1943) was held Friday, August 2, at the First Seventh-day Adventist Church (1303 Evangel Drive, Huntsville, Ala.) with Pastor Debleaire Snell officiating.

- Serenity Funeral Home -

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

Champion Game Plan for Life

by Preston Brown

DO YOU WANT TO BE RICH?

Matthew 6:24 tells us that no one can serve two masters; either he will hate the one and love the other; or you will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.

For many Christians that are doing well financially, there will always be the question of how much is too much? And what's wrong with having money anyway? And if it is wrong to have too much money, why is it wrong? But sometimes it's easy to have good intentions but bad motivation for doing something. For example, we seem to live in a time where all the wrong things are emphasized. So often we worry more about material possessions instead of life itself. Luke 12:23 tells us

that life is more than food and the body more than clothes. Therefore, since life is short in terms of

eternity, Jesus is saying to all of us that we need to concentrate on what is truly important. Yet so often we gravitate towards things

that are meaningless.

You know, there was a story of a father who lost his fortune. And because of this he had to lay all of his employees off. He also had to get his parents to take care of his children. One evening when this father came home, filled with the anxieties from work, his little girl climbed up on his lap and put her arms around his neck and said, "Daddy, I don't want you to be rich again.

"When you were rich, you didn't come into our

rooms and talk to us or read us a story or anything like that. But now we can come around you

> and hug your neck and kiss you and listen to your stories.

"So daddy don't get rich again." When

when we read a

story like this, it's easy to see how someone can get caught up with the worries that wealth can bring and end up sacrificing the things that we really need, which is a relationship with people that we love.

Because sometimes we can allow ourselves to get so busy trying to provide for our families that we miss what is truly important ...

Stay encouraged, my brothers and sisters.

The Valley Weekly Calendar of Events

August 8

"Women Rock Awards" North Alabama Chapter of Federally Employed Women The Summit - \$25 Contact: Veronica Carouthers, (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
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Host: First Missionary
Baptist Church (Decatur)
6 p.m.

August 24

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Garden
Non-Members, \$5
1-2:30 p.m.

September 1

14th Annual Caribbean Day at the Park Stoner Field Park 3715 Bragg Street NW Huntsville, Ala. 11 a.m.-7 p.m. (256) 361-9745

September 13 256 Day Celebration

September 17Retirement Life Style Expo



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

1. The House and Senate are in recess until September 9. According to a Bloomberg report, to date the Senate has confirmed 144 Trump-nominated federal judges: 99 district judges, 43 circuit judges and 2 Supreme Court justices, which the report notes are lifetime appointments with nearly all the new judges in their 30s, 40s, or 50s. On Sunday, it was reported that Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell fell at his home in Louisville, Ky., and fractured his shoulder.

2. Last Friday, President Trump signed the 2-year budget deal, officially titled "The Bipartisan Budget Act," which will increase federal spending by \$320 billion over 2 years and suspend the debt ceiling through July 31, 2021. On Monday, at 10 a.m., the President delivered remarks in the White House Diplomatic Reception Room in response to the shootings that occurred over the weekend in Texas and Ohio. On Thursday,

he traveled to Monaca, Pa., for a manufacturingthemed event at the Shell Chemical ethane cracker plant and then was scheduled to travel to the Trump National Golf Club in Bedminster, N.J., for a 10day visit.

3. Last Thursday, President Trump announced his intention to impose a 10% tariff on \$300 billion worth of Chinese goods, including cellphones, computers, shoes and apparel, starting on September 1, 2019, which he said was in retaliation for China

reneging on an agreement to purchase American farm products and to end the export of the opioid drug fentanyl to the U.S. The U.S. already has a 25% tariff on \$250 billion of Chinese goods. According to Commerce Department data released on Friday, U.S. imports from China fell 12% in the first six months of 2019, while exports fell 19%, which makes Mexico the USA's top trading partner.

4. Last Friday, Rep. Salud Carbajal (D-CA) became the 118th House Democrat to support starting an impeachment inquiry into President Trump, which now constitutes a majority of the 235 Members of the House Democratic Caucus. Although this does not mean that House Speaker Nancy Pelosi will ultimately endorse such a move, it is important to note that 24 House Democrats have called for an inquiry since Robert Mueller's testimony to 2 House committees 2 weeks ago and now more than half of the House Democratic

committee chairs support an impeachment inquiry. A Quinnipiac University poll released last Tuesday (July 30) showed that most Americans oppose (by 60 - 32%) starting impeachment proceedings against President Trump, although a majority of poll respondents (52 – 40%) said that the President attempted to derail or obstruct the investigation into the 2016 election.

5. According to The New York Times, Rep. Kenny Marchant (R-TX) became the 4th Republican House Member from Texas to announce his retirement and the 11th House GOPer to retire or seek other office. On the other side of the aisle, 3 House Democrats have announced they won't run again. The Democrats hold a 37-seat majority in the House with two vacancies at the moment.

6. Senate spending leaders are hoping to do as much work as possible during the August recess to make sure they can "hit

the ground running" on funding the government before the Sept. 30 deadline, Senate Appropriations Chairman Richard Shelby (R-Ala.) says. All 12 of the Senate's spending subcommittees will be getting their fiscal 2020 topline allowances, in effect, as Shelby hands down those so-called 302(b) allocations this month. In the House, appropriators are under less pressure to spend the district work period staking out funding priorities, since they already marked up all of their fiscal 2020 bills and passed 10 on the floor this summer. Those measures will need some revamping, however, to reflect about \$5 billion more that the budget deal, H.R. 3877, allows for the military and about \$15 billion less for non-defense spending.

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Education Foundation Awards 21 Scholarships to Local High School Grads

The Delta Theta Lambda Education Foundation recently held its annual meeting at the Huntsville Country Club that included the awarding of 21 scholarships to 2019 spring graduates in Huntsville City, Madison City, and Madison County Schools. In addition to recognizing the Alpha Scholars, the foundation also paid tribute to its mentoring group-AL-PHAS (Academy of Leaders Pursuing High Academic Standards). The ALPHAS was made up of 8th grade males going into ninth grade.

Wilbert Brown, chair of the Education Foundation, presided over the meeting. Timothy Richmond, Scholarship Chair, introduced Julian Shields, a former Alpha Scholar and a Ph.D. candidate at Auburn University, who challenged the scholarship recipients and mentees to a very inspiring message. Chapter President Ronald Childress, Jr., awarded the chapter's Alumni Chapter of the Year Award and the Charles Greene Award to Eugene Thurman and Dr. Larry McDaniel, respectively.



Special recognition was also given to District Director Larry Softley and First Lady Elaine. Special guests at the meeting were The Honorable Laura Hall and The Honorable Anthony Daniels, members of the Alabama House of Representatives. President

Childress also recognized four chapter members that serve in the National Fraternity's cabinet: Van Strickland-Director of Conventions, Christopher Evans-Chair of Time and Place Committee, Alvin Odoms-Special Assistant to the General President, and Wilbert Brown-Fraternity's Liaison to the March of Dimes, organization's oldest partner. The chapter was recently awarded The March of Dimes' Alumni Chapter of the Year in Las Vegas at its National Conference, and Henry Dickerson, Sr., was recognized for his efforts with the local March of Dimes Campaign.

Scholarships named in honor of the late George Hobson, the late Dr. W. Mingo Clark, the late Dr. John Hall, and Wilbert Brown, a retired educator, were presented to the Alpha Scholars. Mentoring certificates and token expressions were presented to the ALPHAS as evidence of completing program. The Dr. Henry Bradford, Jr. Essay Awards were presented to mentee Briace McBeth and Mentee Deion Mims, 1st and 2nd place, respectively. Mentee Zavien Brown received a monetary award for recruiting the most ad supporters, and Mentee Tre' Heard III received a Laptop for the Outstanding Participation Award.

by Gary T. Whitley, Jr.

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/

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

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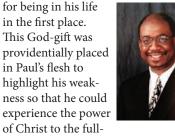
That great 19th century expositor Alexander MacLaren once wrote: "His strength loves to work in weakness, only the weakness must be conscious, and the conscious weakness must have passed into conscious dependence. There, then, you get the law for the Church, for the works of Christianity on the widest scale, and in individual lives. Strength that conceits itself to be such is weakness: weakness that knows itself to be such is strength.

The only true source of Power, both for Christian work and in all other respects, is God Himself; and our strength is ours but by derivation from Him."

This was the discovery

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greater than the removal. God knows that there is always a perpetual propensity in humanity to either seek to share His glory or overshadow it altogether by treating Him as

either a "Copilot" or "Silent Partner." God loves us too much to allow us to live with "fantasy faith."

"Jahni" Moore **Art Exhibit Opening** at Lowe Mill

Local artist John "Jahni" Moore, an Alabama A&M University and Chicago State University alumnus, will host an opening recep-

Lowe Mill on Friday, August 9.

The reception will continue from 6-9 p.m. in

the North Floor Gallery.

Moore's exhibit is entitled "As I Am." It will be on view from August 7 through September 21.

For additional information, getjahni@yahoo.com.



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