

"Real knowledge is to know the extent of one's ignorance." - Confucius

Standing Against Domestic Violence

Local Realtors Make Stand Against DV

The Huntsville Area Association of Realtors will hold its Standing Against Domestic Violence event on Thursday, September 22, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

The public is invited to join Realtors* in Action and community organizations for a special event, providing tips on how to recognize the signs of domestic violence, and how to report them in a way that keeps concerned persons and potential abuse victims safe.

This event is aimed at informing Realtors* and fundraising for organizations that assist survivors of domestic violence.

North Alabama Crisis Services, National Children's Advocacy Center, and Ashakiran will be on hand to provide tips and best practices.



GO, BULLDOGS! The Alabama A&M University cheer team joined several athletic teams during the anual Fan Day activities. The event was held at Louis Crews Stadium on Saturday, August 20, just following the 2 p.m. announcement of A&M's new athletics director. See Pages 5 & 7.

Monte Sano Art Festival Scheduled Sept. 10-11

The Monte Sano Art Festival has been an exciting tradition for the North Alabama community for over two decades.

The festival will be held Saturday, September 10, from 9 a.m.-5 p.m., and Sunday, September 11, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., at Monte Sano State



Park.

Featuring the best local and regional artists representing an array of disciplines and techniques, the Monte Sano Art Festival is a treasure chest full of oneof-a-kind masterpieces.

Burritt's Ever-Popular Oktoberfest Dinner Set

Raise your glass to toast Oktoberfest [Sept. 15, Burritt on the Mountain, 6-8 p.m., \$40] overlooking the city of Huntsville at Burritt on the Mountain's spectacular view. Oktoberfest is always celebrated in September because of the longer days and warmer weather.

Oktoberfest has been a German tradition since 1810. It began as a commemoration of the marriage of Bavaria's Crown Prince Ludwig and Princess. That year, Bavarians were treated to days of beer, food and entertainment. It was such a success



that the tradition continued. Oktoberfest begins in September and is a time to enjoy the company of friends old and new.

A German-themed buffet will be served offering delicious favorites. The "Ein Zwei Duo" will entertain all with polkas and of course everyone's favorite "Ein Prosit". Tickets are limited: burrittonthemountain.com/event/burritts-oktoberfest-dinner



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Washington in One Minute



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

- 1. ON THE FLOOR. The House and Senate are in recess through early September. The Senate will be in recess until Tuesday, Sept. 6, while the House does not have scheduled floor votes until Tuesday, Sept. 13, although House committees will meet and vote during the week of Sept. 6.
- 2. THE WHITE HOUSE. After isolating for 5 days and receiving negative results

from 2 consecutive Covid-19 tests, the First Lady departed South Carolina on Sunday and joined President Biden at their beach house in Rehoboth Beach, DE, where they will remain through Wednesday. On Thursday, the President and First Lady will travel to Rockville, MD, for a campaign rally. This month, members of the President's Cabinet will make 35 trips to 23 states to tout the enactment of the \$740 billion Inflation Reduction Act, which the President signed into law last Tuesday.

3. STUDENT LOAN DEBT EXTENSION. On Sunday, U.S. Secretary of Education Miguel Cardona said the Biden administration will announce a decision this week on whether to extend a freeze on payments on \$1.7 trillion in student loan debt (and interest accrual) held by 45 million Americans, which expires on Aug. 31. To date, the Biden Administration has cleared \$32 billion in student loan relief for more than 1.6 million borrowers, including students who were defrauded or misled by schools or through the Public Service Loan Forgiveness program, which forgives debt for those who work in public service or other qualifying jobs.

4. MAR-A-LAGO FBI SEARCH. An NBC News poll released on Sunday and conducted after the Aug. 8 FBI search of the Mar-a-Lago estate found that 57% of registered voters surveyed say

that the investigations into alleged wrongdoing by former President Trump should continue, while 40% say they should stop. According to the survey, voters from both parties show a high level of interest in the upcoming November elections: 68% of Republicans and 66% of Democrats (which has considerably evened up since a March 2022 poll found that the GOP had a 17-point enthusiasm lead). The pollsters who conducted the survey attribute the increased Democratic enthusiasm to the June Supreme Court decision overturning Roe v.

Wade. The poll of 1,000 registered voters was conducted Aug. 12-16, 2022, and has a margin of error of + 3.1%.

5. PRIMARIES THIS WEEK. On Tuesday, voters went to the polls for primary elections in Florida and New York, with primary runoff elections occurring in Okla-

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River City Classic

at UAB

at Troy

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Sept. 10

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Sept. 24

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Nov. 12

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Funeral service for DR. DARRYL E. GURLEY (b. 1960) was held Tuesday, August 23, at First Missionary Baptist Church with The Reverend Dr. Don Darius Butler officiating.

Memorial service for MR. MARCUS BRIGGS (b. 1974) was held Sunday, August 21, at Saint Bartley Center Primitive Baptist Church (4015 Motley Road - Huntsville, Ala.).

Funeral service for MRS. NANCY ROBINSON (b. 1927) was held Sunday, August 21, at First Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Funeral service for MRS. INA MONTAGUE (b. 1930) was held Saturday, August 20, at Zion Progress Missionary Baptist Church with Pastor Hernandez Ford officiating.

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Funeral services for MRS. BETTY C. CHATMAN (b. 1939) and MS. MICHELLE DELORES PROUT (b. 1961) will be announced at a later date.

Funeral service for MINISTER GLENN ALLEN CORBETT (b. 1952) was held Monday, August 22, at the Union Chapel Missionary Baptist Church (315 Winchester Road Huntsville, Ala.) with Dr. O. Wendell Davis officiating.

Funeral service for MS. MARIAH ALEXANDRIA WASH-INGTON (b. 1997) was held Saturday, August 20, at the Union Chapel Missionary Baptist Church (315 Winchester Road Huntsville, Ala.) with Dr. O. Wendell Davis officiat-

Funeral service for MR. CARL MILLER (b. 1950) was held Saturday, August 20, at the Saint Paul United Methodist Church (620 6th Street Madison, Ala.) with Reverend William Ragland officiating.

Funeral service for MR. PERRY VINCENT "GREEK" FLETCHER (b. 1968) was held Saturday, August 20, at the Madkins Chapel C.P.C.A. (2403 Oakwood Road NW, Huntsville, Ala.) with Pastor Endia J. Scruggs officiating.

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Funeral service for MR. JULIO CESAR FELIZ PENA was held Thursday, August 4, at Serenity Funeral Home.

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.

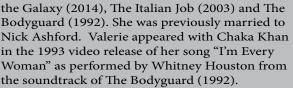
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AUGUST 26 - VAL-ERIE SIMPSON - Valerie Simpson was born on August 26, 1945, in The Bronx, New York. She is a composer and actress, known for Guardians of



- BlackCelebrityBirthdays.com

NAAACC Meetings

The North Alabama African American Chamber of Commerce (Huntsville) meets monthly on the 3rd Tuesday at 12 noon.

The meeting location varies. Call (256) 564-7574.



"May you live all the days of your life."

- Jonathan Swift

THE VALLEY WEEKLY

YOU COMPLETE ME

Galatians 5:22-23 says, But the fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

There is a quote from a movie that says, "You complete me." Now this may sound very endearing, but we have to remember that only God with the love of Jesus can complete us. That way, we don't have to place all the responsibility on the people that we love to have all the answers for our lives.

Because, in the long run, it ends up being too much for us to handle. Most of us live in this physical, fallen world--a world that is tied to our emotions, where feelings

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are easily hurt and tempers usually flare. However, when we live in the spiritual world that is not tied to our emotions, we begin to understand how love can

be patient and kind. We begin to see and understand that when we love

someone we won't be easily angered or proud or rude. All of these feelings are

tied to these physical emotions that we have. That's why we need to "tap in" to our spiritual side that will allow us to see all the possibilities of a beautiful relationship with the people that we are trying to love.

We need to understand that having a relationship is a great thing; however, it's not the easiest thing

> when we allow ourselves to be rude, self-seeking and easily angered. That is the physical side of us that we have to learn to deal with.

Just remember: our relationships with

other people all begin with our relationship with God. I also believe that our rela-



tionships with other people is a direct reflection of our relationship with God. So, when we have this loving relationship with this loving God that we serve, we will understand that only God can complete us. He is the only one that can handle our situation, because He knows our issues, He knows our pains, and He knows what we are going through.

Stay encouraged, my brothers and sisters.

Huntsville Happenings

by Gary T. Whitley, Jr. (Photos by Anthony Gibson)









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HAPPENINGS, ACTIVITIES & MORE!

August 25

No. 1 City in America Celebration North Side Square Downtown Huntsville 5-10 p.m.

R&B Vibes LIVE at The Camp The Camp & MidCity District 7-10 p.m.

August 26

South Huntsville Italian Wine Tour The Wine Cellar Tickets: l.facebook.com/l.php 5:30 p.m.

Downtown Night Market Downtown Huntsville Chandelier Alley 7-10 p.m.

August 27

Ceramics: "Introduction to Wheel Throwing" Burritt on the Mountain burrittonthemountain.com 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

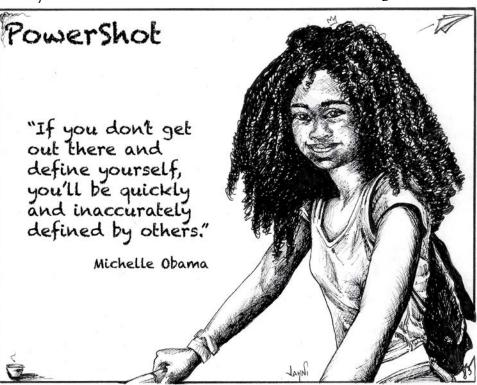
Farmers Market Cooking Demonstration 1022 Cook Avenue NW Huntsville, Ala. 9 a.m.

September 1

Networking Mixer Studio 53 Social Venue 6-8 p.m.

September 2

Food Truck Mania 2.0 North Huntsville The Palace Huntsville



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Coach Nick Saban applauds his #2 Folks in his Latest Book

"In the beginning." Genesis 1:1

What makes Alabama coach Nick Saban the college gridiron's G.O.A.T. (Greatest Of All Time)? The national championships? Heis-

man Trophy winners? Or, his first-round NFL draft choices?

No, says John Talty's new book, The Leadership Secrets of Nick Sabin: How Alabama's Coach Became the Greatest Ever. College



football's coach #1 began his Alabama championship run by recognizing the importance of the persons who serve the greater first-impression needs off the field, and not just those who led on the field.

And so should you if you want to be a Saban-like champion in your field. As our opening Bible text indicated, how and when God started the heavens and the earth set the stage for his future successes.

"In the beginning, . . . "

According to Talty, Saban began his first day at Alabama, January 4, 2007, with a called meeting of EVERY-ONE who worked in the football building. Saban wanted to share his expectations with all - beginning with his opening sentence:



"Everything we do is about recruiting. Everything we do." And Alabama's "Saban ascent" to six national championships, four Heisman winners, 41 firstround draft picks, and 106 overall draftees in 14 years began with him addressing first the two least-

recognized teammates:

Janitors - "This place has to be show-ready 100 percent of the time"; and then

Secretaries - They were the first link to the football program. "How the secretaries answered the phone is how the outside world would view Alabama football."

Build your winning team - whether it's the home, the workplace, or the worship place - by focusing not just on policies and procedures but equally on attention to and affirming people. As college football coaches like to say, "It's not about the X's and O's but about the Jimmies and Joes."

Who knows? Like Saban, perhaps your attention to such human details could win you a few championships! His system not only works well at Alabama but has also produced an impressive "coaching tree" of 24 former assistants who later became either college or NFL head coaches, https://bit.ly/3dFCdVK - or both.

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2022 Fan Day on "The Hill" Alabama A&M University



Oft times the Bible will give spotlight specificity to objects, people and scenes that are meant to spur the imagination and interrogation and hopefully inspiration.

Such is the case at Calvary, where we see inscribed on a sign, Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews.

The crime was Jesus' claim of being a king; considered treason in ancient Rome. The irony is that the criminal was indeed not only a king, but the King of kings, the Christ.

It was only a crime and He was only considered a criminal because in the plan and purpose of God, He providentially arranged for the Christ to be born and live and die in the time

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The Crime, the Criminal, the Cross and the Christ



when Rome was in power.

Crucifixion was Rome's way of punishing treason. Jesus, God's Son and ransom paid for redemption, is the only One who could make this scene be legit.

The reason being is, as Pilate noted, Jesus was not guilty of any crime that merited being labeled as a criminal and nailed to a cross.

This is how the Apostle Peter explained it in the first sermon delivered at



Pentecost: "People of Israel listen! God publicly endorsed Jesus the Nazarene by doing powerful miracles, wonders, and signs through Him ... But God knew what would happen, and His prearranged plan was carried out when Jesus was betrayed. With the help of lawless Gentiles, you nailed him to a cross and killed Him (Acts 2:22-23 NLT)."



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This Sunday's Lectionary



Sunday, August 28, 2022 Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost (Track 2 - Year C)
Proverbs 25:6-7
Hebrews 13:1-8,15-16
Luke 14:1, 7-14
Psalm 112

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Rosetta James Foundation "Spotlight on Our Elders" ... Featuring

Mrs. Jacquelyne Bennett

A native of Oneonta, Ala., Jacquelyne Kyle Bennett, performed phenomenally as a supervisory human resources specialist in the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center of Redstone Arsenal. From 1968-69, she served as a personnel management staffing specialist. From 1969-79, Bennett was a supervisory personnel staffing specialist. She served as an employee relations specialist from 1979-84, a supervisory employee relations specialist from 1984 until her retirement in July 2015, with 48 years of government service in Human Resources. She earned a master's degree in personnel administration and psychology in 1995 from Alabama A&M University, where she earlier received a bachelor's in secondary education/English in 1967.

Elder Bennett has given service to Fellowship Presbyterian Church for 50 years. She has served as the Team Convener for The Witness and Service Ministry Team Food Distribution Program of Fellowship Presbyterian Church. Elder Bennett donated a customized

storage facility at Fellowship to fulfill a long-standing and dire need for administering the food program and securing storage of food items and materials.

Additionally, her soprano voice has been has been a mainstay for three choirs at Fellowship: the Inspirational Choir; the Unity Choir and the Chancel Choir. Her music ministry also serves the community, as she is a member of the Nell Lane Bradford Legacy Choir, which performs at the Gala Banquet for the Bradford Scholarship Foundation, Incorporated.

Elder Bennett also has served on the Drama Team and Planning Team for many celebrations at Fellowship Presbyterian Church. For the 2019 Black History Month Celebration she portrayed black educator and civil and women's rights leader Mary McLeod Bethune with great passion. Elder Bennett is also a member of Fellowship Presbyterian Church Presbyterian Women, whose purpose is to nurture faith through prayer and Bible study. She



has volunteered to lead many of the Bible study lessons, which require considerable research and preparation.

This loyal daughter of Alabama A&M University celebrated her 50th year college reunion on the campus during Founder's Day and Class Reunion weekend May 2017. Mrs. Bennett and her Golden Class raised over \$50,000 to celebrate their 50 years. Mrs. Bennett for nearly 20 years has worked tirelessly as a fund raiser for the Annual Alabama A&M University Black Tie Scholarship Gala, a premier fundraising event designed to close the financial gap of students aspiring toward higher education.



"Spotlight on Our Elders" is a weekly feature sponsored by the Rosetta James Foundation to promote **volunteerism** and activism in our community among those who are 70-plus. The Foundation also provides scholarships. Learn more about us at www. **rosettajamesfoundation.org.** Know an outstanding elder (70+) that you would like to see featured? Send us a photo and 250-word write-up to info@valleyweeklyllc.com.

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