Diverse Groups to Hold Unity March

Several organizations throughout the Tennessee Valley will join forces to hold "The Power of Unity Righteous Resistance March" on Sunday, October 1, at Big Spring Park (assemble at The Gazebo) at 5 p.m.

Gather with the organizations during the 90-min-

ute program as members show-up, stand-up, and march as one people united against the hate and resentment that is (again) trying to take root in the state and nation.

Among participating individuals, groups and organizations are: Alan Ballentine, Faith in Action Alabama (FIAA); Huntsville Diverse Communities of Faith, Love and Justice; Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC); Racial Equality Action Committee Huntsville (ReacHsv); Showing Up for Racial Justice; and others.

TVW Enters Fourth Year

The September 15, 2017, issue of The Valley Weekly marks the newspaper's entrance into its fourth year.

The newspaper concept was pitched by a diverse group of local, civic-minded citizens who sought a vehicle for presenting positive, inspirational and educational news free to the community.

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www.valleyweeklyllc.com and a FaceBook site.

We salute our readers, weekly contributors, and support staff for helping to make TVW a respectable resource in the Huntsville, Madison-County community.

Local Students Petition for School Name Change

Several Lee High School students in Huntsville, Ala., are taking steps via a petition to change the nearly 60-year-old school's name to honor the first black student who integrated Lee High--Paulette Turner. Turner first entered the school on September 2, 1964. She later spent a career as an executive at IBM.

The petition, which had about 1,025 signatures as of Sunday, is posted on Change.org and reportedly will be delivered to the Huntsville City School

Lee High School was established in 1957, three years after the Brown v. Board of Education

decision outlawed school segregation in America. Its mascot is a five-star general and school colors are blue and gray.

According to the petition's writers, "the naming of the school was a clear statement that Lee High School was for white students only and that Huntsville City Schools had no intention of complying with the Supreme Court's ruling."

Lee is now 70 percent black.





CORRECTION!

In an article entitled "Former Principal Running for State Senate" in Volume 3 No. 51 of *The Valley Weekly* published September 1, 2017, we erroneously named Angela D. Curry, an avid supporter of women in politics, as the campaign point of contact. We apologize for this error.

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African Nation Sets Site on Space

naSat-1, into orbit from the

In a historic moment for the African nation of Ghana, NASA recently launched the country's first-ever satellite, the Gha-

International Space Station. GhanaSat-1 is the first private university satellite developed in Sub-Saharan Africa.

A team of engineering students, led in part by

Dr. Richard Damoah of Morgan State University, have helped Ghana build capacity in space science and technology, as well as enhance Ghana's satellite technology.



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Greetings, Valley Weekly Readers!

Over 200 faculty, staff, students, community and business leaders took advantage of a major DoD initiative at Oakwood University on August 30-31, 2017. The U. S. Army Materiel Command was a co-host for the training.

"Taking the Pentagon to the People" is a regional program designed to provide information to Historically Black Colleges and Universities and Minority Institutions (HBCU/MI) about workforce development and research and development within DoD.

Participating students, faculty and staff represented Oakwood University, Alabama A&M University, Huntsville City Schools, Tuskegee University, Georgia Technology Research Institute, Lawson State Community College, J.F. Drake State Community and Technical College, the University of Alabama at Huntsville, Tennessee State University, along with senior personnel from the Army Materiel Command, Army Contracting Command, PEO Missiles and Space, Army Logistics Center, U. S. Army Small Business Office-Pentagon, Office of Naval Research, Air Force Office of Scientific Research, as well as AMRDEC and the U. S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command.

The DoD's Office of Diversity Management and Equal Opportunity (ODMEO) sponsors this training annually around the U.S. Presentations and photos from this signal event can be viewed at: www.2014takingthepentagontothepeople.com. Mr. Clarence Johnson is the Director of DoD ODMEO. This was a wonderful opportunity to get information about various DoD programs. It was time well spent for the individuals who attended.

Until next week ...



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Washington in a Minute



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

1. The House and Senate are in session this week. The House postponed voting on bills scheduled for Monday due to the large number of absences as a result of Hurricane Irma, which made landfall in the Florida Keys on Sunday morning and caused Florida Gov. Rick Scott to order a record 6.3 million people evacuated from Florida's coastal and southern areas last week. Instead, the House had its first votes of the week at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, and finished up its last set of votes on Thursday. The House

will return to the consideration of the package of the 8 remaining eight FY 2018 appropriations bills, which was not finished last week, due to the priority of approving hurricane relief. The Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to the FY 2018 National Defense Authorization Act.

2. On Friday, President Trump signed a \$15.25 billion emergency supplemental hurricane relief package expeditiously passed by Congress last week that includes \$7.4 billion for the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Disaster Relief Fund; \$7.4 billion in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding for areas most affected by 2017 disasters; and \$450 million for the Small Business Author-

ity disaster loan program. In addition, the legislation includes

a continuing resolution to maintain government operations at current levels and extends the federal debt ceiling through Dec. 8, 2017. On Monday, the President participated in ceremonies at the Pentagon observing the 16th anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks. On Tuesday, he hosted a meeting at the White House with Malaysian Prime Minister Najib Razak. He also planned to travel to Florida to view damage from Hurricane Irma.

3. Last week, Sen. Cory Booker (D-NJ) and Rep. Barbara Lee (D-CA) introduced legislation to remove 12 Confederate statues from the U.S. Capitol. Starting in the 19th Century, states were invited to send 2 statues of noteworthy citizens to the Capitol and, under the Booker/Lee bill, states would be able to reclaim their statues and any statues that are not reclaimed would be given to the Smithsonian.

4. A past White House

initiative led by the former first lady Michelle Obama plans to continue its work to increase access to postsecondary education. Reach Higher, conceived in 2014, has transformed into a nonprofit chaired by Obama with plans to partner with local governments and school districts, expand the reach and impact of school counselors and tap into technology to reach students on their path to attaining a college degree or career training. Reach Higher's advisory board, chaired by Obama, includes former **Education Secretary John** B. King, ACT CEO Marten Roorda, Lumina Foundation CEO Jamie Merisotis, and

others.

5. This week, the California State Legislature is expected to approve a plan to change the state's presidential primaries from June to March 2020. If adopted by the legislature this week — as is widely expected — and signed into law by CA Gov. Jerry Brown, the early primary would allocate California's delegates just after the nation's first contests in Iowa, New Hampshire, Nevada and South Carolina.

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Champion Game Plan for Life by Preston Brown

In Job 2:9, his wife said to him, Are you still holding on to your integrity? You know, we all have challenging times in our lives. Times when it seems like our faith is being challenged. With all the tragedies going on around the country, sometimes it can be hard to maintain your faith in God. I believe that there are certain things that your faith has to survive in order to grow spiritually. We first have to survive the reaction phase.

This is when our emotions are on full display. Emotions of anger, sadness and

frustration. But we have to remember it's only a reaction, a temporary emotion that will pass. Many people lose their faith in the reaction phase

in the reaction phase and say things like Job's wife, when she said, "Why don't you curse God and die?" But Job replied, "You talk like a foolish woman. Should we accept only good things from the hand of God and never anything bad?" We've all had good days and bad days, but if we look around

and think things over, all of our good days usually outweigh our bad days, so there is no need to complain. Don't allow the reaction

phase to get you off track. Remember Philippians 1:6: He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion ... Stay encouraged, my brothers and sisters.



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Cap and Gown Project Reception

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Sunday September 24

Gospel Explosion Featuring The Walls Group and Local Gospel Choirs Elmore Gym - 6 p.m. Admission: Free

Monday September 25

BE THE MATCH Awareness Walk/Run Legacy Lake - 6 a.m.

All White Day Party The Quad - 12-3 p.m. Admission: Free

Fashion Show Elmore Gym 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Admission: Free

Tuesday September 26

BE THE MATCH Registra-Sponsors: AAMU, The Links AAMU Wellness Center 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Talent Show Elmore Gym - 7-9 p.m. Elmore Gym Admission: Free

Bulldog Birthday Bash Elmore Gym-10 p.m.-1 a.m. Admission: Free (For

AAMU Students Only)

Wednesday September 27

Bulldog Apprectiation Day The Quad - 12-3 p.m. Admission: Free

BE THE MATCH/Bone Marrow Drive The Quad - 12-2:30 p.m.

Rave (Glow in the Dark Party) Elmore Gym 7 p.m.-12 a.m. - Free

Thursday September 28

Mason's Wreath-Laying Ceremony The Block - 11:00 a.m. Admission: Free The Masons Will Conduct Ceremony to Honor AAMU's Founder

Comedy Show Elmore Gym 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. Admission: \$10



Throw-Back Concert Lalah Hathaway The Quad - 4 p.m. Admission: Free

> Alumni Throwback Party Admission: Advance Tickets \$30 | \$35 At the Door Marriott Space & Rocket Center 5 Tranquility Base, Huntsville, AL www.aamuthrowback.com

NPHC Step Show 7:00 p.m. | Elmore Gym Admission: Free

Saturday September 30

Off-Campus Parade Downtown Huntsville 7:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Alumni Association "Big Tent Tailgate" 12:00 p.m. Front of Louis Crew Sta-Contact: Erica McClain

256-679-5634 Admission: \$10 (Free for paid Alumni members)

2017 Homecoming Game Game Time AAMU vs UAPB 2 p.m.

Gucci Mane Von Braun Civic Center 7 p.m. Admission: Students \$10 with AAMU student ID General Admission: \$35 Tickets available through

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September 29

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NEW RFCU BRANCH: (l-r) Heavenlee H., student intern; Thomas M., student intern; Nathan Lombard, Sr. AVP Schools Program; Linda Roberts, teacher; Joe Newberry, RFCU President/CEO; Dr. Dee Dee Jones, Hartselle City Schools Superintendent; Jeff Hyche, Hartselle High School Principal; Lola T., student intern; Jan Bias, Sr. VP People & Culture; Dylan H., student intern; Margaret Ann Pirtle, teacher. Not pictured: Casey H., student intern.

RFCU Opens First "In-School" Branch

Hartselle High School Finance Academy students are ready to handle their fellow students' banking needs this Tuesday, thanks to a partnership with Redstone Federal Credit Union (RFCU).

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Five students and two teachers spent time training at Redstone in July so that they will be ready to take deposits, cash checks, offer gift cards, make transfers and much more when Redstone opens its first branch in a school on Sept. 5.

"Our goals with the Schools Program are to build partnerships and relationships with the schools and to advance financial education. It is also an opportunity to find future employees among the students as they experience the working world," said Joe Newberry, Redstone's President and

The credit union branch

is located in the library. Students will handle all branch transactions, under the supervision of Finance Academy teachers. The branch will only open during lunch hours.

Redstone is covering all expenses for construction, equipment and training.

Principal Jeff Hyche said the benefits to Hartselle students are two-fold.

"For the kids working in the branch, it's their capstone project. Most are seniors and this experience is invaluable," Hyche said. "For all other students, it's about teaching them how to handle their finances. We are really trying to market this to parents as a time that students can learn all aspects of financial management."

Redstone will also offer financial education workshops for students and staff throughout the school

Redstone's Hartselle

branch at 1415 Main Street East, will handle services not available at the Hartselle High School branch.

Students, 17 and under, must have a parent or guardian's permission to open a savings or checking account and must be joint on the account.

Withdrawals are limited to \$300 per transaction and deposits cap at \$2,000 per transaction.

"We are excited about this partnership and believe the community will reap the benefits of a financially prepared generation," said Newberry.

With more than \$4.8 billion in assets, RFCU is the largest member-owned financial institution in Alabama and one of the 16 largest federal credit unions in the nation by assets. Based in Huntsville, Alabama, Redstone Federal Credit Union serves 400,000 members.



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Memorial service for **Mr. Neal Boykin** was held Saturday, September 9, at New Life Church of God in Christ (Montgomery, Ala.).

Funeral service for **Mrs. Georgia Turner** was Wednesday, September 6, at Union Chapel Missionary Baptist Church (315 Winchester Road NE - Huntsville, Ala.).

Funeral service for **Mrs. Lorene McCombs** was held Tuesday, September 5, at the Indian Creek Primitive Baptist Tabernacle (6378 Pulaski Pike NW - Huntsville, Ala.) with Elder Johnny Jones officiating.

Funeral service for **Mrs. Mary B. Cowser** was held Saturday, September 2, at Union Chapel Missionary Baptist Church (315 Winchester Road - Huntsville, Ala.) with Pastor O. Wendell Davis officiating.

Funeral service for **Mr. Granville L. Rodgers** was held Saturday, September 2, at Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church (2207 N. 2nd St., Milwaukee, WI 53212).

Memorial service for **Mr. Lonnie Lee Logan** was Saturday, September 2, at the Nelms Memorial Funeral Home Chapel with the Reverend Benjamin Horne officiating.

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La ciudad del departamento del desarrollo de la comunidad de Huntsville ha terminado su informe anual consolidado del funcionamiento y de la evaluación (ALCAPARRA) para FY1. Un copy de bosquejo de este informe se puede repasar por el público en línea en www.huntsvilleal.gov/comdev/ y en la oficina del departamento del desarrollo de la comunidad situada en el centro de la oficina de Yarbrough, 120 E. Avenida de Holmes, y la biblioteca pública del condado de Huntsville-Madison, situada en la calle de 915 Monroe. Los comentarios escritos referentes a este documento se deben recibir en la oficina no más adelante que 3:00 P.M. Septiembre 29, 2017. Envíe sus comentarios: Turkessa C. De encaje - departamento del desarrollo de la comunidad, P.O. Caja 308, Huntsville, Alabama 35804. Para la llamada adicional 256-427-5400; TTY: 256-427-7092 de la información.





Huntsville Staking a Claim in Cyber Security

Cyber Huntsville is a consortium of industry, government, and academia all working together to make Huntsville a center of excellence for Cyber Security. The consortium has had some great successes:

It recruited an FBI Regional Forensics Computer Lab. Cyber crime is on the rise, yet most

police departments lack

the resources to handle.

The RCFL will help build capacity for local law enforcement to respond to those issues. Before this recruitment, the closest Center to Alabama was in Kentucky. This gives law enforcement a muchneeded hand in addressing today's crime.

• Huntsville now hosts a national cyber symposium annually. What started off as a few hundred people from Huntsville quickly grew to encompass the South East Region and now the nation.

Some of the best minds in cyber attend the symposium, where they have technical tracks, managerial tracks, and academic tracks. Cyber Huntsville needs more people talking and working together so that it can continue innovating and staying ahead of the cyber challenge.

• Cyber Camp: This Cyber Huntsville initiative was mentioned earlier but it should be repeated. The first cyber camp will be one of many. The state is already investing \$10 million toward the camp's capital needs, but it will take statewide support to help make

this initiative sustainable for the long-term.

"We must prepare for the industries of tomorrow or risk being left behind," commented Huntsville Mayor Tommy Battle. "With a statewide cyber focus, we will be in a much better position to help write Alabama's next chapter of economic development and prosperity"

City Council Meetings



Huntsville City Council Meetings City Council 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. City Council work sessions are also held in the City Council Chambers of the Municipal Building on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. For more information, call (256) 427-5011.

Valley Area Conference Focuses on Aging Gracefully

On Friday, September 29, the Alabama Cooperative Extension System Urban Affairs and New Nontraditional Programs, will partner with NACOLG Area Agency on Aging, Retired Senior Volun-

teer Program, University of North Alabama, and Shoals Hospital to host the Sixth Annual Northwest Alabama Senior Conference (A Successful Aging Initiative).

The conference will

be held at the Florence/ Lauderdale Coliseum. Organizers are preparing for 500 individuals age 50 and above to attend and participate in the conference, which will run from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. The conference provides educational updates and creates awareness among the growing aging population on issues that will impact their lifestyles.

Vendor exhibit space is limited, but sponsorships

will be accepted through September 8. Contact Darlene Minniefield to reserve a Special Sponsor area. For more information, call (256) 766-6223, (256) 349-8956 or e-mail minnida@aces.edu.





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