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Huntsvillian to Receive Tech Rising Star Award

A Huntsville employee of Leidos will be a participant at the 2019 Women of Color STEM Conference and Awards in Detroit, Mich.

Erlene Adams will join other women October 3-5. She is also scheduled to receive special recognition for her work in the Civil Group as a program manager.



Actress to Address Annual Aging Initiative on Oct. 17

The Virginia Caples Lifelong Learning Institute, under the direction of the Alabama Cooperative Extension System, presents the 18th Successful Aging Initiative (SAI) Conference in Madison County on Thursday, October 17, from 8 a.m.-2:30 p.m. This event will be held at Union Chapel Missionary Baptist Church, 315 Winchester Road in Huntsville, Ala. The SAI is a free, one-day event that is open to the public and addresses issues impacting Alabama's older adults, fam-

ily members, caregivers, and senior service providers.

The 2019 theme is "The Art of Aging." It will explore how art improves the health and well-being of older adults. Renowned actress Dr. Tommie "Tonea" Stewart, an artist herself, will deliver the keynote address. Dr. Stewart is also a tenured professor and the dean of the College of

Visual and Performing Arts at Alabama State University.

A drug take back drive will be held again this year to collect expired and unused prescription and over-the-counter medication. Please make sure that personal information is removed from all prescription containers and



TONEA STEWART

that pharmaceuticals are placed in a plastic bag. The Public Safety Department at Alabama A&M University and local partners will be on-site to collect the medication prior to SAI participants entering the building on October 17.

Lunch will be provided to conference participants in addition to free health screenings, door prizes, and other giveaways. Visit <https://www.aces.edu/event/successful-aging-conference-2019-madison-county/> to register by Monday, October 14. Mail-in registration forms must be received by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, October 11. No telephone registration will be accepted due to high attendance.

For general event information, please visit <https://www.aces.edu/event/successful-aging-conference-2019-madison-county/> or contact Jackie Collier at (256) 372-4947 or Candra Johnson-DeBose at (256) 372-7022.

DLC Alumni Association Partners with Boys and Girls Club

The Tennessee Valley Diversity Leadership Colloquium (DLC) Alumni Association collected purses and pearls to donate to the Boys and Girls Club of North Alabama during a meeting held on Thursday, September 12.

DLC alumna Kristen Willis delivered the donated purses and pearls to the Boys and Girls Club, and they were accepted by Edwin Lightbourne.

The purses and pearls initiative is a Mentoring and Workforce program at the Boys and Girls Club for teens and it assists them to



become workforce ready.

The DLC Alumni Association president, Linda Fowlkes, and the Boys and Girls Club Executive Director Patrick Wynn have discussed possibly partnering, so that the DLC Alumni Association can support future initiatives and ongoing special programs.

The DLC Alumni Association is an extension of the Diversity Leadership Colloquium under the leadership of Dr. Dorothy Huston, executive director and Georgia S. Valrie, program coordinator.

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Washington in One Minute



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

1. The House and Senate are in recess for the next 2 weeks and will reconvene on Tuesday, Oct. 15. According to Saturday's edition of The Washington Post, the Members of the House Intelligence Committee will remain in Washington this week to schedule hearings and witness interviews and to work on subpoenas and document requests – all pertaining to the impeachment inquiry announced last week by Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-CA). The committee will receive a closed-door briefing from the Intelligence Inspector General this Friday ...

2. Last Friday, President Trump met with Senate Appropriations Committee Chair Richard Shelby (R-AL) to discuss the status of the FY2020 appropriations process – to date none of the 12 annual appropriations bills have been enacted (on the same day,

Congress sent the continuing resolution to the President for his signature that will keep the federal government open through Nov. 21).

On Wednesday, the President met with Finnish President Sauli Niinisto at the White House. On Thursday, the President travelled to The Villages (a mega retirement community) near Orlando, Fla., to speak on healthcare and possibly issue an executive order on Medicare. On Friday, he was scheduled to speak at the Young Black Leadership Summit in DC (hosted by the conservative group Turning Point USA).

3. Last Thursday, Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (HELP) Chairman Lamar Alexander (R-TN), introduced the Student Aid Improvement Act (S. 2557), legislation that would modify the Higher Education Act (HEA). The bill, comprised of a package of legislative proposals, would simplify the FAFSA

and financial aid letters, expand Pell Grants for short-term training programs and reverse the ban on federal aid for incarcerated students. The proposal has drawn criticism from Senate HELP Committee Ranking Member Patty Murray (D-WA) and House Education and Labor Committee Chairman Bobby Scott (D-VA) since they favor

a comprehensive overhaul of the law, and from civil rights groups, labor unions and consumer advocates while winning praise from White House adviser Ivanka Trump, Business Roundtable, U.S. Chamber of Commerce and groups representing for-profit colleges.

4. In the latest development in the feud between Congress and the President over the Mexican border wall, last week Congress passed another resolution (it passed a similar resolution in March that was vetoed) cancelling the border emergency announced by the President that has enabled him to redirect \$7 billion in drug interdiction and military construction funds toward building 129 miles of border wall. The vote do-over was accompanied by a list of 100 projects at military bases in the U.S. and worldwide that would be halted by the President's action that was thought might influence more Members into voting for the resolution,


which the President again is expected to veto. Bloomberg reported last week that \$2.48 billion in federal funds have been awarded to 3 companies to begin construction of the wall, with an additional \$2.58 billion to be awarded in the coming weeks.

5. The Democratic National Committee announced last Friday that the 4th Presidential Debate will be limited to 1

night on Tuesday, Oct. 15, to be held on the campus of Otterbein University in Westerville, OH (a suburb of Columbus). Twelve (12) candidates have qualified: Biden, Booker, Buttigieg, Castro, Gabbard, Harris, Klobuchar, O'Rourke, Sanders, Steyer, Warren, and Yang. To qualify for the debate, candidates have to collect contributions from 130,000 donors and register at least 2% in 4 approved polls.

Other candidates have until tomorrow to qualify for the debate, which will be hosted by CNN and The New York Times.

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From the Editor

Ah, Homecoming!

Welcome home, Bulldogs!
Unfortunately, I will miss seeing you all, but isn't that almost always the case? When we go home for high school class reunion, we miss the ones who live there. We have our personal and professional lives and do not



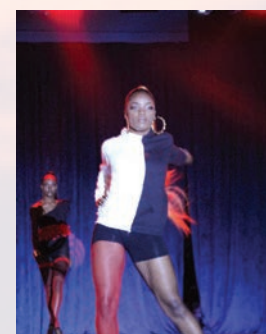
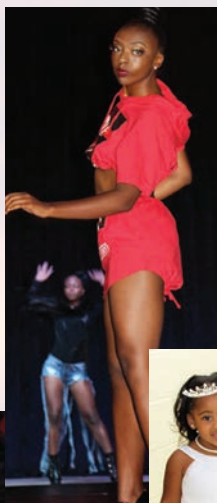
plan our calendars around a particular local event as we mature. I remember driving over 500 miles for homecoming and even further for "The Classic" later the same month. My husband thought I had lost my mind when I announced that I would attend both games when we lived in Ohio.

So win or lose on Saturday, Bulldogs everywhere will be cheering for our TEAM. It's been an extremely hot summer and although the calendar has flipped to Fall, the temperatures are not abiding. Fans are now able to purchase alcoholic beverages at the games, which is never a good mix in extreme weather. Some of those outfits will be too heavy for what is typically cooler weather. Thus, good planning will serve you well.

Homecoming is indeed a special time. Welcome home everyone. Enjoy the time spent with family and friends. Take it easy on yourself, and don't try to act like you are still in college in this atypical weather.

There's no place like Normal's Hill. Enjoy until next week ...

Dorothy



National Hook Up of Black Women, Inc. Inaugural Daddy-Daughter Dance "An Evening of Elegance" - Huntsville Botanical Garden



Perspectives on EGO-holism

by tim allston

F.I.G. L.E.A.V.E.S. and Felicity (Huffman, that is)

"Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves" Genesis 3:7, NIV.

Like Parents, Like Children?

The aforementioned Adam and Eve sinned, sensed their God-estrangement/nakedness and then self-crafted figleaf clothing to mask their loss.

Similarly, we follow our original parents' example and seek to hide behind our self-defined and varied nakednesses by, say, amassing more formal education/degrees; moving into certain zip codes; driving certain cars; and joining selective associations - even places of worships. Get the picture? They're -

F.I.G. L.E.A.V.E.S.

Forgotten, or
Ignored
God-voids in our
Lives, that we cannot
Escape, or
Avoid, because we're
Vulnerable to them, unless and until
Emmanuel (translated, "God with us")
Saves us.

Each of us dons F.I.G. L.E.A.V.E.S. And sometimes we're caught, de-nuded and made a public-square spectacle.

"Desperate Housewife" -turned-Mother

On September's "Friday the 13th," "Desperate Housewives" Felicity Huffman received a 14-day jail sentence, \$30,000 fine and 250 community service hours for Operation Varsity Blues, a nationwide college admissions scam where wealthy parents allegedly paid middlemen to both up their kids' SAT scores and brand them falsely as student-athletes, to ensure their admission into elite colleges.

(UPDATE, 9/26/19: Judge sentenced to four-month imprisonment, \$95,000 fine and 500 community service hours a second parent, California businessman Devin Sloane, who admitted paying \$250,000 to get son admitted falsely to USC, as a water polo recruit.)



"Dr. Phil" says -

TV talk show host/psychologist "Dr. Phil" McGraw assessed, "They're not buying their kids an education, that's not what it's about. I don't think it has anything to do with the education," calling these schools merely "jewelry for a lot of these people, . . .

"Kids are leaving high school, they don't want to say 'my kids are going to the junior college.'" McGraw said the parents would much rather boast about their children "going to Harvard, . . . USC, Yale. . . . I think it's bragging rights for them."

"Lord, is it I?" (Matthew 26:22)

During her upcoming two-week school fall break (what a life!), our 15-year old daughter Morgann Danielle and I will begin touring private colleges, including introducing her to its presidents with whom I've enjoyed consulting relationships.

My prayer (in ego-holism recovering) is that I myself don't re-enact Operation Varsity Blues - poor man's version, that is.



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Champion Game Plan for Life

by Preston Brown

“LEARNING TO BE PATIENT”

Romans 4:21 says, (Abraham) *being fully persuaded that God had power to do what he had promised.*

I believe that to receive God's promises for our lives requires us to be patient. Now being patient means to be able to accept or tolerate delays, problems or suffering, without becoming annoyed or anxious.

If you remember the story of Abraham, the bible tells us that he had waited long and endured patiently before receiving his first child and yet he

was still full of hope.

One could also say that Abraham had the certainty of hope, which means he knew beyond all doubt that God would do what he said he would do--even though, the situation didn't look like there was anything to be hopeful for. So, Abraham had two things working for him. He was patient and he was hopeful.

I wonder: Are we as optimistic as Abraham was when it comes to the promises of God. You see, we all need to understand that God knows the exact time for us to have what he wants us to have. So when we “partner” with God we

need to learn how to be patient. Because the only thing that keeps us from receiving the promises



of God is that we give up on the journey. So, we have to learn to stay full of hope until we reach our destination ... Stay encouraged, my brothers and sisters.

Spotlight on Our Elders ... Featuring

Mrs. Marion Barley Hall

Marion Barley Hall was born in Madison County, Ala., on December 10, 1936, to the late Daniel and Orell Draper Barley. She attended Councill Training High School and graduated in 1954. Upon completion of high school, she enrolled at Alabama A&M University, where she was an active member of the Marching Band. Hall also received a business school-business education certificate from Manpower in 1963. She was later employed by Marshall Space Flight Center, where she was a Documentation Analyst for over 18 years.

A lifelong member of Center Grove United Methodist Church, Hall served in various ministry areas, including Chancel Choir member, president of United Methodist Women, chairperson and

cochairperson of the Harvest Committee, chairperson of King's Care and of Stewardship, member of the Finance Committee, and chairperson of Burns-Northside, to name a few. In 1978, she established the first Mother-Daughter Luncheon at Center Grove United Methodist Church.

She also served in various civic organizations in her community that include member, Elk Lodge #977 (Daughter of Elk); member, Corner's Homemaker and Community Club; member, ABWA (American Business Women Association); member, Red Hatters (Hill Top-Rough Chapeaux); and member, Eta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.

Hall's greatest joy in life was caring for the sick and underprivileged, and her adopted motto was, “Let My Work



Speak For Me.” Her work has spoken, and it is still speaking for her through the tireless care she gave to her family and friends. She always made herself available to assist others with their needs.

She and her husband of more than two generations, Richard Hall, have two adult children, two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

The Valley Weekly Calendar of Events

Thru October 31

Tuskegee Photographer
Prentice Herman “P.H.”
Polk Exhibit

State Black Archives
Alabama A&M University
Wilson Building
(256) 372-4728
8 a.m.-5 p.m.

October 4

Day Party 2.0
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October 6

Asha Kiran
“Human Chain”
Against Domestic Violence
Legacy Lake

Alabama A&M University
The pubic is invited
2-4 p.m.

October 11

9th Annual Celebration
with Breat Cancer Survivors - Kimberly Fails Jones
Memorial Foundation
Von Braun Center
North Hall
7 p.m.

October 15

Golden Age Talent Show
Proceeds Benefit Senior
Center Programs
\$10 Donation
2200 Drake Avenue
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October 20-27

Johnson/Butler Legacy
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October 28

Annual Scholarship Golf
Tournament
Huntsville Country Club
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November 17

Education Banquet
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Terri Sewell
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Tickets - \$50
Von Braun Center
North Hall
Huntsville, Ala.

Not Too Soon for End-of-Year Financial Moves

We've still got a couple of months until 2019 wraps up, but it's not too early to make some end-of-the-year financial moves. Here are a few suggestions: First, ask your employer if you can increase your 401(k) contributions for the remainder of the year. If you receive a bonus before the year ends, you might be able to use that for your 401(k), too.

Next, add to your IRA. You've got until the tax deadline of April 15 to fully fund your IRA, but why wait? The more you put in now, the less you'll have to come up with next spring.

Another suggestion: Review your portfolio to make sure it still meets your needs for diversification and risk tolerance. And one last word: Start thinking now about what you want to do in 2020, from a financial standpoint. Can you afford to ratchet up your investments in your retirement plans? If you have children or grandchildren, have you started saving for college?

Time goes quickly – so don't get left behind without the taking steps to keep moving toward your financial goals.

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Cohort XII Members (l-r): Jamall Black, Ashley Cothron, April Parker, Sharmeen Miller, Shamekia Hill, Veva Phipps, Regina Burden, Sequin Suggs, Tonya Rooks, Carlquista Slay, Gentry Simmons, Rosemary Robinson, Dory Fletcher, and Johnny Henderson. Not Pictured: Kyle Gilchrist.

Diversity Leadership Colloquium Introduces Cohort XII

The Tennessee Valley Diversity Leadership Colloquium began Cohort XII last month.

Each cohort consists of 16 participants and is formed twice a year and

meets for eight (8) weeks.

Local Subject Matter Experts make presentations on eight topics of local interest.

Cohort XII will graduate on October 29, 2019.

Interested individuals can apply online at www.diversityleadershipcolloquium.com or call (256) 536-9717.

“Beautifully Broken”: Entrepreneur Addresses Women’s Day

Kimberly Caudle Lewis was the Women’s Day Speaker at The Fellowship of Faith Church on September 15.

Her special theme was “Beautifully Broken.”

Lewis is the current Chair of the Board at the Huntsville/Madison County Chamber of Commerce.

Together, with her husband, Larry Lewis, she owns PROJECTXYZ, a local minority, woman-owned, small business.



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Your Purpose Predates Your Past

Galatians 1:11-16

The enemy of your soul does not ever want you to be cognizant, convicted, or confident concerning your purpose.

Purpose is what solidifies your identity and when you know who you are, the enemy cannot stop you from carrying out what you were created for.

One thing to note and

know is that the enemy has no new tricks. He always attacks identity first; he did with Jesus in the wilderness and he certainly will do it with you.

However, like Jesus, you have the word of God to sustain you during those times when your mind is invaded with the lies of the enemy; "It is written," is the weapon of choice.

When attacking

your identity, he will use your past, especially if it is checkered with the charcoal dust of something that you are not necessarily proud of.

The Apostle Paul helps you in his letter to the Galatians to understand that your purpose predates your past.

Paul confessed that he was a persecutor before he was a preacher, but he said in verse 15, *But when it pleased God; that was his turning point.*

He stated that God separated him in his mother's womb to be the preacher among the Gentiles. That was his

preordained purpose and he understood that because it was born in the mind of God, it predated all of what he did as a persecutor.

That is true for every believer; our purpose predates our past.

NEXT WEEK:

"A Precarious
Presumption"



*"Individuals
do not create
rebellions;
conditions do."*

- H. "Rap" Brown

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Funeral service for MR. JAQUARIUS LAMON SMITH (b. 1994) will be Friday, October 4, at 1 p.m. at Syler Tabernacle (904 Oakwood Avenue - Huntsville, Ala..) with Minister Dorothy Nelms officiating

Funeral service for MR. GEORGE W. REED, SR. (b. 1939) was held Sunday, September 29, at The Church of Christ on the Highway (7494 Wall-Triana Highway - Madison, Ala.) with Brother Walter B. Hartley, Sr. officiating.

Funeral service for MR. STEPHEN BENNETT (b. 1974) was held Saturday, September 28, at Saint Luke Christian Church with The Reverend Dr. T.C. Johnson, pastor and officiant.

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Memorial service for MS. DENISE LARUE WILLIS will be held at 2 p.m., Sunday, October 20, at the Oakwood Seventh-day Church with Dr. Carlton P. Byrd officiating.

Funeral service for MRS. ELIZA WASHINGTON will be held at 1 p.m., Saturday, October 5, at the Mt. Zion Primitive Baptist Church with Dr. Mylon Burwell officiating.

Funeral service for MRS. DORENE GRANT will be held at 1:30 p.m., Friday, October 4, at the State Line Church in Ardmore, Ala., with Dr. Isaac Olatungi officiating.

Funeral service for DR. JOHN ARCHIBALD BLAKE was held Thursday, October 3, at the Oakwood University Seventh-day Adventist Church with Dr. Carlton P. Byrd officiating.

- Serenity Funeral Home -

2505 University Drive NW - Huntsville, AL 35816
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Funeral service for MR. DAVID WOLF will be held Friday, October 4, at 12 noon at Oakwood University Church, 5500 Adventist Boulevard NW, Huntsville, Ala.

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.

NAAACC Meetings

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TFOFC Distributes to Local Community

The Fellowship of Faith Church has partnered with the Food Bank of North Alabama to distribute truck loads of food in the local community almost weekly.

Distributions vary in the community from the Church's

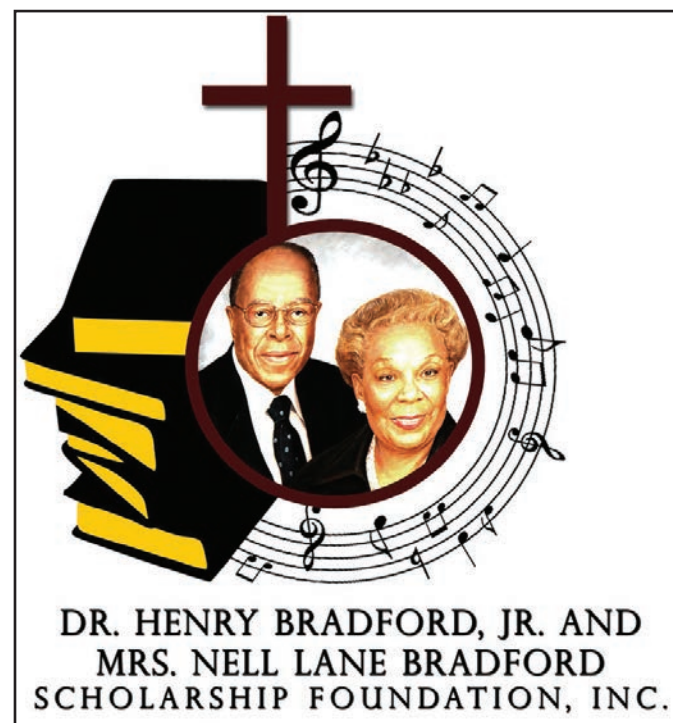
main campus at 3703 North Memorial Parkway, along with local sites in Huntsville/Madison County.

The Feeding by Faith Ministry has expanded beyond the homeless population to the larger community.

Future information about this ministry can be found on the church's website at TFOFC.org or on Facebook at Fellowship of Faith Church.

Pastor Troy L. Garner is the founding pastor of TFOFC.

Friends of the Bradfords Gala Slated



The "Friends of the Bradfords" will host the 3rd Annual Charity Gala on Saturday, October 19, at 6 p.m. in the Von Braun Center East Hall #2.

The gala supports Dr. Henry Bradford, Jr., and Mrs. Nell Lane Bradford Scholarship Foundation. Together, the Bradfords formed a more than 40-year musical dynasty at Alabama A&M University,

where he headed the music program and she directed the AAMU Choir.

The 2019 event will feature the Huntsville Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.'s Delta Choir.

For tickets, e-mail sales@bradfordscholarship.org or contact Andrea Bradford at (256) 289-3965 and/or Rev. Versey Jones at (256) 529-5565.

Photographer P.H. Polk Exhibit at A&M

Alabama A&M University's J.F. Drake Memorial Learning Resources Center (LRC) is hosting "Unframed Images: Photography from the Collection of P. H. Polk" through October 31. The exhibit will be open for viewing during library hours seven days a week.

Prentice Herman ("P.H.") Polk was the longtime photographer for Tuskegee University, and many of his photographs are displayed in the Smithsonian Museum in Washington, D.C. LRC is offering the showing as part of the ongoing Alabama Bicentennial celebration.

Breast Cancer Survivors Foundation to Host 9th Celebration

The Kimberly Fails Jones Memorial Foundation will sponsor the 9th Annual Celebration with Breast Cancer Survivors on Friday, October 11, in the North Hall of the Von Braun Center from 7 p.m.-9 p.m.

The Foundation provides encouragement, moral support, breast cancer information and financial assistance to need-based, referred breast cancer survivors.

Come and join us for a

night of celebration, fabulous speaker, delicious dinner, entertainment, silent auction, vendors and Fun! Fun! Fun!

Visit the website www.kjffoundation.org for more information about the programs of the foundation.

For more information regarding attendance, contact Edna Fails at (256) 337-0574 or by e-mail efails@bellsouth.net; or call Sandra Cross at (256) 412-5143.

Stillman Alumni Sponsoring Golf Tournament

The Huntsville-Madison Tennessee Valley Alumni Chapter will host its Annual Golf Tournament on Monday, October 28.

This scholarship fundraiser will be held at the Huntsville Country Club, 2601 Oakwood Ave NW, Huntsville, Ala. Lieutenant General Willie Williams, USMC, Retired, is the Honorary Chair of this activity.

All proceeds will be used to provide scholarships for current and future students of Stillman College, an historically black college located in Tuscaloosa, Ala. The tournament is open to all, including amateur golfers with no handicap index eligibility.

Entry fee is \$99 per golfer, which includes breakfast and lunch. The format is a two-person scramble. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m., with a shotgun Tee Time start at 10 a.m. promptly. Official rules will be provided at the opening ceremony.

Community support of the alumni scholarship effort is encouraged by registering a team, sponsoring a Tee, or making a donation to sponsor a team--all will benefit Stillman College's Scholarship program.

Corporate and Individual Sponsorships are welcomed and appreciated. Levels range from Gold of \$2,500, Silver of \$1,500, and Tee of \$125. For timely printing, please advise us of your sponsorship decision by October 7, 2019.

Please mail tax-deductible check/money order with Entry Application form by October 14, 2019 payable to the address below:

HMTV Alumni Chapter of
Stillman College
P.O. Box 1133

Madison, AL 35758

Please contact Marian Guidry at mguidry@mediacombb.net or JR Richards at jrrichardson94@gmail.com for additional information.

Veteran Retires from Army After 50 Years of Service

After working for the Army for more than five decades, it's safe to say that Brother Mark E. Barkley has left a mark of excellence on five generations of employees that he managed during his outstanding career as an government supervisor.

The Friends of Mark Barkley, which included Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., Delta Theta Lambda Chapter, First Missionary Baptist Church, 100 Black Men of Greater Huntsville and other organization in which Brother Barkley shares membership, hosted a Retirement Reception for Mark E. Barkley and Anne Barkley after the 9:30 a.m. worship service.

Brother Deacon Earnest L. Davis spearheaded the service with a warm welcome and a proclamation from Mayor Tommy Battle, City of Huntsville. Brother Davis addressed a packed room of Barkley supporters and well-wishers.

Deacon Ernie Robinson led the group in prayer. Songs of praise were sung by the Alpha Ensemble of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Delta Theta Lambda Chapter. Greetings and presentations were offered by President Ron Childress of Delta Theta Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi

Alpha Fraternity, and Brother Deacon Denver A. Betts offered moments of humor and laughter to the gathering.

Deacon David Thompson, chairman of the First Missionary Baptist Church Official Board, and Pastor Dr. Don Darius Butler offered blessings and encouragement to Brother Barkley on his next chapter in life.

Sister Ann Barkley, wife of Brother Barkley, gave her love and continued support to her husband and the wonderful memories they have shared.

Finally, Brother Barkley spoke of the love for his wife and the support she have given to him during his career journey of 57 years and the legacy he leaves to the next generation of government workers.

Brother Barkley's career spanned active duty in the Korean War and in Japan, and civilian service with the Air Force and U.S. Defense Mapping Agency, before taking a job with the Army that eventually led him to Redstone Arsenal and the newly formed Aviation and Missile Command in 1997.

Barkley retired as the deputy director of the Aviation and Missile Command's



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Before his retirement, however, Barkley was one of the Army's longest serving civilians.

During a separate ceremony, he received the Superior Civilian Service Award, along with accolades from AMCOM's senior leadership and hundreds of well-wishers from throughout AMCOM and Team Redstone.

"I've had the pleasure of working with a great team of people," he said.

Barkley earned his bachelor's degree in mathematics from Alabama State University, a historically black university located in Montgomery, Ala.



BIRTHDAY - OCTOBER 4 - H. "RAP" BROWN - The Black Panther, social activist, was born in Baton Rouge, La. Most well known for his proclamation that "violence is as American as cherry pie", as well as "If America don't come around, we're gonna' burn it down".
- *BlackinTime.info*

Low Mill Village Presents “Artist Talk” with John ‘Jahni’ Moore September 14, 2019

