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ELDER OF THE WEEK

Mother Mary Elizabeth Smith



"Sometimes I feel like I will never stop - Just go on forever ..." - Samuel W. Allen ("To Satch")

'Walk for Freedom' Event Scheduled

A "Walk for Freedom" to bring awareness to human trafficking has been scheduled at Jones Farm Park (Four Mile Post Road) on Saturday, October 15, at 8 a.m.

The Huntsville team

represents one of several groups in cities around the world who, also on October 15, will walk in a single file line holding posters and distributing flyers. The aim is to reach the local community and

provide information about human trafficking and how to end it.

For additional information, e-mail help@human-traffickinghotline.org or call (888) 373-7888.

Local AKAs Hold Forum for Midterm Election Candidates

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, Epsilon Gamma Omega Chapter's Advocate for Social Justice Initiative and partnering local civic and social organizations held a "Candidates Speak Forum," Tuesday, October 11, in the Huntsville-Madison County Downtown Library, 915 Monroe Street,

SW, Huntsville, Alabama.

The scheduled forum moderator was Keneisha Deas of FOX 54 News.

Candidates for Congress, Madison County District Court Judge, and Alabama Senate District 2 were on hand to answer questions and speak on their platforms. The event also included voter registration

and voter status verification.

For more information on upcoming similar Chapter events, please contact Camille Scruggs at camillescruggs@gmail.com, Erica C. Washington at erica.washington@aamu.edu, or Dr. Cheryl R. Davis at drcdavis.08@gmail.com.

HGAA Hosting Annual Trunk or Treat



The 3rd Annual Trunk or Treat sponsored by the Hazel Green Athletic Association will be held Saturday, October 29, at Hazel Green (Ala.) Ball Park from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.

In addition to (BYO) candy, organizers will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, BBQ sandwiches and

chips. Prizes will also be awarded to the best trunk and costume. There will be raffles for adults. Decorate your car and hand out candy!

The park is located at 172 Carriger Road in Hazel Green, Ala.

Jeremy Stewart is the event coordinator.

New Engineering Dean Named at A&M

Dr. Zhengtao (Z.T.) Deng has been selected to head Alabama A&M University's College of Engineering, Technology and Physical Sciences (CETPS).

Dr. Deng started his academic career at AAMU in 1992. He is one of the founding members of AAMU's Mechanical Engineering Program and is a full professor in the Department. Dr. Deng also was selected as the University's Outstanding

Teacher in 2013, Outstanding Faculty of the Year for the College of Engineering in 2013 and 2018, and the University's Outstanding Researcher in 2018.

During his continuous career at AAMU, he has served and continues to serve as a principal investigator on multiple externally funded research grants and contracts.



OU Professor Serves on Nutrition Panel

The Biden-Harris Administration hosted the White House Conference on Hunger, Nutrition, and Health on September 28, 2022. In support of the Conference, the Capitol Hill Seventh-day Adventist Church, in Washington, D.C., presented an all-day virtual program called a "Day of Nutrition and Fit-

ness."

The mid-day session was a panel discussion about Nutrition, Fitness and Adventist Beliefs. Special guest panelist was Sherine Brown-Fraser, Ph.D., RD, Professor & Chair, Department of Nutrition and Dietetics, and the Master in Public Health Program at Oakwood University.





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THE VALLEY WEEKLY

ALL FOR THE FAMILY

"Cultivating Friendships"

"A true friend loves at all times." ~Proverbs 29:11~

"True friends are never apart, maybe in distance, but never in heart."

Friendship is one of the hallmarks of the human experience. It can be a source of encouragement, comfort and affirmation. At the same time, it can sometimes cause frustration, heartbreak or pain. It's critical to know the nature of the friendships in our lives.

The type of friendship we have with someone can change as we mature, travel

and experience life changes. Some psychologists have categorized friendships into three types:

Confidants are the most precious friends. We are lucky to have two-three of these over the course of a lifetime.

- They are there for you, regardless to the situation.
- They love you unconditionally.
- They are constants in your life and do not abandon you when you need them most.

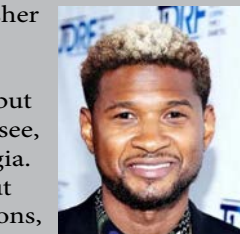
- You can be your natural self and do not have to try and impress them.
- You can confide in them and trust them to keep your secrets.
- They are honest with you and can survive occasional disappointments or hurt feelings.

Constituents are not necessarily loyal to you personally.

- If they meet someone who can help further their own cause better than you, they will distance themselves from you.
- You are usually connected by a common passion.

Comrades are not for you nor your cause, but are against what you are against.

- They will be with



OCTOBER 14 - USHER - Usher Raymond IV is an American singer, songwriter and dancer. He was born in Dallas, Texas, but raised in Chattanooga, Tennessee, until moving to Atlanta, Georgia. At the age of 12, his mother put him in local singing competitions, before catching the attention of a music A&R from LaFace Records. He released his self-titled debut album, Usher (1994) but rose to fame in the late 1990s with the release of his second album My Way (1997). -BlackCelebrityBirthdays.com

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Dr. Margaret J. Kelly

you as long as you are fighting a common enemy. They can be valuable in helping you avoid unseen obstacles and overcoming shared problems.

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HESC Seeking Public Input

City leaders of Huntsville are focused on long-term successful gains for people who live, work and play in the community. This includes a watchful eye on Huntsville's natural and built environment.

Mayor Tommy Battle recently asked area leaders with interest and expertise in this area to form a committee and examine contributing factors to long-term environmental sustainability in metro Huntsville.

"Environmental challenges directly impact our quality of life," said Mayor Battle. "We want to continue promoting sustainable urban development that revitalizes community, keeps our air, water and land clean and provides econom-

ic and social benefits for all of our residents."

To gather public input in this process, the Huntsville Environmental Sustainability Committee (HESC) held a two-hour public meeting on Tuesday, October 11, at Campus No. 805.

Marie Bostick, committee chair and executive director of the Land Trust of North Alabama, said the committee's definition of environmental sustainability is focused on achieving a balance between a healthy environment and a thriving economy for present and future generations.

Following input from the meeting, HESC will also launch an online survey to gather more insights from Huntsville residents at HuntsvilleAL.gov/HESC.

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VALLEY DEATHS



NELMS MEMORIAL FUNERAL HOME

2501 Carmichael Avenue NW
Huntsville, AL 35816 - (256) 539-8189

Funeral service for MRS. LOLA DICKERSON (b. 1939) will be Saturday, October 22, at 12 p.m. at Lakeside United Methodist Church with The Reverend Dr. Randy Kelley, Pastor - officiating.

Funeral service for MRS. ROSA E. BRADFORD (b.1939) was held Monday, October 10, at the Consolidated Flint River and Running Water Primitive Baptist Memorial Tabernacle with the Reverend Gregory Miller officiating.

Funeral service for MR. ALONZO CLAY HEULETT (b. 1963) was held Saturday, October 8, at Nelms Memorial Funeral Home Chapel with The Reverend Al Holden officiating.

ROYAL FUNERAL HOME

4315 Oakwood Avenue NW
Huntsville, AL 35810 - (256) 534-8481

Funeral service for DR. CONSTANCE JORDAN WILSON (b. 1951) will be 11 a.m., Saturday, October 15, at the First Missionary Baptist Church (3509 Blue Spring Road NW, Huntsville, Ala.) with Dr. Don Darius Butler officiating.

Funeral service for MR. MONTROVILLE CHRISTPHER "MONTY" WILLIAMS (b. 1967) will be 1 p.m., Saturday, October 15, at the New Jerusalem Baptist Church (2562 Bob Wade Lane, Harvest, Ala.) with Pastor Ricky Sykes officiating.

Funeral service for MRS. ALETHIA YVONNE WILLIAMS-CLIFT (b.1964) was held Sunday, October 9, at the New Life Seventh-Day Adventist Church (3912 Pulaski Pike NW, Huntsville, Ala.) with Pastor Nelson Stokes officiating.

Funeral service for MR. ANTHONY DeWAYNE TIBBS (b. 1970) was held Saturday, October 8, at the One in Christ Ministries (2131 Highway 72 East, Huntsville, Ala.) with Elder Danny Baker officiating.

Graveside service for MR. JUSTIN EMMANUEL "UNCLE J" WEST (b. 1987) was held Saturday, October 8, at the Valhalla Memory Gardens (698 Winchester Road NE, Huntsville, Ala.) with Minister Julian Jude officiating.

SERENITY FUNERAL HOME

2505 University Drive NW
Huntsville, AL 35816 (256) 539-9693

Funeral service for MS. BETTY JONES (b. 1958) was held Saturday, October 8, at Serenity Funeral Home.

THE VALLEY WEEKLY

CHAMPION GAME PLAN

PRESTON BROWN

IT IS NOT WISE TO COMPARE

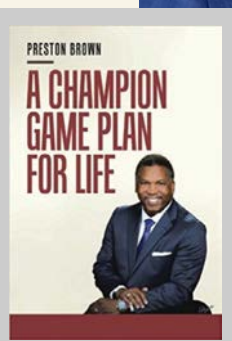

In Matthew 20:12-15, one of the hired men said to the landowner, "These who were hired last, worked only one hour and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the work and the heat of the day." But the landowner answered one of them saying, "I am not being unfair to you, friend. Didn't you agree to work for one denarius? Take your pay and go. I want to give the one who was hired last the same as I gave you. Don't I have the right to do whatever I want with my money? Or are you envious because I am generous?"

Does it ever feel like life is not fair? As we read this scripture, we see how God, who is represented as the landowner, shows favor to anybody he chooses to bless and there is no rhyme or reason to it. Because it's all about his grace and his mercy, and there is nothing we can do to make him love us more or less. So it doesn't matter how long we serve God, He treats us all the same, because that is the true nature of God. He loves all of us the same.

But the problem that so many of us have is that we try to look at the fairness of it all. For example, how many of us felt like those who worked the longest should have been paid the most? Let's face it,

most of us see life from a worldly perspective, based on our own limited experiences. However, that is not how God sees things. So, whenever we feel that life is not fair, perhaps we need to look at the reason we feel that way.

I believe one of the reasons we feel that life is not fair is because of "comparisons". In other words, we are constantly comparing ourselves to other people. This is a trap by the enemy. He will always make you feel like what you did or what you have is not enough. 2 Corinthians 10:12 says, "We do not dare to classify or compare ourselves with some who commend themselves. When they measure themselves by themselves and compare themselves with themselves they are not wise." I pray that you don't fall into this trap.



When we make unfair comparisons, it will keep us from the blessings that God wants us to have. You see, these hired workers were comparing themselves among themselves and that was not wise. I believe that whenever we feel that life is not fair, we may need to check the way we are comparing ourselves with other people. Stay encouraged, my brothers and sisters.



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VALLEY EVENTS

HAPPENINGS, ACTIVITIES & MORE!

October 11**"Candidates Speak Forum"**

Hosts: Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, Epsilon Gamma Omega Chapter's Advocate for Social Justice Initiative; Partnering Local Civic and Social Organizations Huntsville-Madison County Public Library
915 Monroe StreetSW
Huntsville, Ala.
5:30 p.m.

October 13**Breast Cancer Thrivers:**

Meet + Greet
RSVP: thedis.bryant@aamu.edu
J.F. Drake Memorial Learning Resources Center
Alabama A&M University
12-12:45 p.m.

October 14

Friday Night Art Walk
Presented by Progress Bank
Downtown Huntsville
5-8 p.m.

October 15

Walk for Freedom
Come and Say No To Human Trafficking!
Jones Farm Park
8 a.m.

"Selecting Trees for Your Home Landscape|In-person Class Series" (Large Trees)
Huntsville Botanical Gardens
10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
\$35 per class

"My Name Is Not Mom"
Mark C. Smith Concert Hall
Von Braun Center
7 p.m.

"The Judds: The Final Tour
Featuring Wynonna"

Propst Arena

7:30 p.m.

October 19-21

Regional High School
Volleyball
South Hall
Von Braun Center

October 20

Region 1 Opioid Conference
Athens State University

Haunted Mansion Dinner
Burritt on the Mountain
6-8 p.m.

October 21

Food Truck & Trailer Rallies
Downtown Hutsville
5-9 p.m.

October 22

Volley-BOO Beach Tournament
John Hunt Park
12-7 p.m.

Robyn's Garden Present
R&B Soul Night Featuring
Nina Marie
200 Oakwood Avenue NE
Suite A
Huntsville, Ala.
8 p.m.

October 26

Wernher Von Braun Memorial Dinner
Host: Space Club
South Hall 2
Von Braun Center
www.spaceclubhsv.org

October 28

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

October 29

Magic City Classic Parade
Downtown Birmingham
8 a.m.

Classic Tailgate
Historic Legion Field
Westside Parking Lot
10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Magic City Classic Football
Game
Alabama A&M University vs.
Alabama State University
Legion Field
2:30 p.m.

3rd Annual Trunk or Treat
(Costume Contest for Kids!)
Hazel Green Ball Park
5-9 p.m.

Murder Mystery Dinner
Theatre
Blue Melody Costume Ball
Tickets: \$60-\$75 via Eventbrite
(256) 274-1517

November 4

Conflict Resolutions Program
Contact: Dedra Muhammad,
counselor@dedramuhammad.com
Alabama A&M University
Wellness Center
9 a.m.

November 5

Marvelous Event's
Food Drive
Benefit: The North Alabama
Food Bank
Richard Showers Center
4600 Blue Spring Road
Huntsville, Ala.
10 a.m.-12 noon

Concert

ZZ Top
Mark C. Smith Concert Hall
8 p.m.

November 12

2022 Gingerbread Marketplace
4925 Moores Mill Road NE
Huntsville, Ala.
9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Gulf Coast Challenge
AAMU vs. Jackson State
University
Ladd-Peebles Stadium
Mobile, Ala.
4 p.m.

PowerShot

"The purpose of our
lives is to give birth
to the best which is
within us."

Marianne Williamson



CENSUS: Global Diversity Awareness Month

October is Global Diversity Awareness Month, according to the U.S. Census Bureau.

Earlier this year, Census Bureau Director Robert Santos wrote about the importance of diversity and Census Bureau data and how diversity and inclusion can serve as a catalyst for achieving excellence and advancing equity.

"It is critical that we capture complete and accurate data on our nation's people and our economy. In fact, that is our mission. These data are critical to understanding where we are in our progression toward improving the lives of all who reside in our nation. The bottom line is that everyone at the Census Bureau has a role in helping 'we the people' cre-

ate a more perfect union.

"By accurately capturing the experiences and characteristics of the American people through our censuses, surveys, and other collections, we see the rich mosaic of who we are, our situations, our livelihoods, our needs, and our fortunes."

Director Santos also wrote about how diversity and inclusion can serve as a catalyst for achieving excellence and advancing equity.

"The data we produce at

the Census Bureau directly impact society's ability to identify and address inequities, and to track improvements (or detriments) from policies that seek to dampen those inequities. We can perpetuate excellence through the lens of diversity and inclusion, providing an even more accurate portrait of our nation."

Visit census.gov to learn more about how Census is advancing equity with data.





TVW Columnist's Upcoming Book Predicts next NBA Dynasty(s)
"the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, . ."
- Matthew 20:28.

Friday, September 30 kicked off the preseason schedule for the NBA's 76th season.

- Three questions arise:
- How far will the 2022 finalist Boston Celtics progress without their year-long suspended coach Ime Udoka?
 - Will 2023 break the 17-17 tie for most NBA titles between the Los Angeles Lakers and the Celtics? And
 - Can the defending champion Golden State Warriors repeat and thus begin to create a new dynasty?

Based upon the NBA's first 75 years, its dynasties result from teams following the servant leadership model previously stated by Jesus Christ.

In training his 12-man team roster called "disciples," Coach Jesus stated, "the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, . ."

In NBA dynasty language, dynasties are made less by the top scorers ("being served") and more by those teammates that help scorers to score, those leaders from the middle; for example, these leaders from the middle provide the defensive rebounds, blocked shots, steals, and assists and are highlighted in the book's subtitle.

My upcoming fifth leadership book, *Leadership in the New Era of PRO BALL*, with the subtitle *Illustrated by Jesus Christ and Demonstrated by Bill Russell, Wilt Chamberlain, Magic Johnson, Scottie Pippen, Kobe Bryant, Steph Curry, and others*, chronicles the who, what, where, when, how, and why of not only past and current dynasties; it also predicts the model for future NBA dynasties.

My "research" actually began 56 years ago, . . .

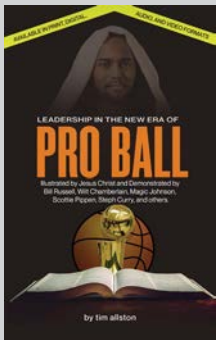
... With a Four-point Play!

On that Saturday night, November 5, 1966, my uncles took this 12-year-old nephew to his first NBA game. Then and there at the Boston Garden, I scored a four-point play by witnessing:

- Defensive genius Bill Russell against offensive phenom Wilt "the Stilt" Chamberlain;
- The de-throning of one NBA champion and the eventual coronating of another;
- New player-coach Russell as the first Black manager in all American pro sports; and finally,
- How NBA dynasties result from following the servant leadership style of Jesus Christ.

Finally, if Jesus and the NBA met at center court for the jump ball, who would win the tip?

Be sure to get the book in April - the answer will surprise you.



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.

For more information, call (256) 427-5011.

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.

Alabama A&M University Bulldog Football 2022

Sept. 1	at UAB	B'ham	7PM
Sept. 10	at Troy	Vet	6PM
Sept. 17	vs. AUSTIN PEAY		2PM
Sept. 24	at FAMU		5PM
Oct. 1	HOME COMING	(vs. Bethune-Cookman)	2PM
Oct. 8	vs. Grambling		1PM
Oct. 16	at UAPB (St. Louis)	River City Classic	3PM
Oct. 29	vs. Alabama State	Magic City Classic	2:30PM
Nov. 3	at MVSU		6:30PM
Nov. 12	vs. Jackson State	Gulf Coast Challenge	TBA
Nov. 19	vs. Texas Southern		1PM
Dec. 3	SWAC Championship		

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AAMU Artificial Intelligence Lab Gets Boost from Army

The College of Engineering, Technology and Physical Sciences (CETPS) at Alabama A&M University has received yet another financial boost of confidence in its two-year-old Laboratory for Deep Learning (LDL) from the Army Research Office (ARO).

If artificial intelligence (AI) is the wave of the future, then it's cowabunga for a team of electrical engineering professors, who work consistently to ensure that AAMU students receive the best equipment for hands-on learning. The top-notch equipment made possible by an additional ARO award of \$384,605 will enable students and researchers to keep cranking out new insights.

Back in 2020, Dr. Kaveh Heidary and Dr. R. Barry Johnson set up the Laboratory for Deep Learning to enhance the engineering college's capabilities in the vast realm of artificial intelligence and machine learning. A prior ARO award of over \$100,000 was utilized to purchase a hyperspectral camera that covered the visible spectrum and was the initial equipment in the LDL. Keeping up to par entailed building up pseudo visual perception capabilities and readying a lab to delve super-deep into the intricacies of how humans gain and use knowledge from imagery.

A year later, ARO awarded the duo's lab the first award of \$206,782 to

purchase a much-needed high-performance data processing and computing platform and a special hyperspectral camera capable of taking pictures in 165 color bands at the same time!

In addition, equipment is being purchased to provide the capability for faculty and students to design and fabricate Field Programmable Gate Array (FPGA) devices that enable the development of custom logic for rapid prototyping. FPGAs are perfectly suited for today's rapidly growing applications, such as custom computing, artificial intelligence, system security, 5G, factory automation, and robotics. This year, the lab received its second ARO award, and Dr. Raziq Yaqub joined the team.

Now, those needed visual perception capabilities, which AI and machine learning often sorely depend on, have been brought to fruition. A suite of high-performance, high-definition cameras covering the ultraviolet (UV) to the long-wave



infrared (LWIR) have been purchased, along with gimbals and an industrial-grade drone to transport them. The ability to fly this suite of cameras will provide AAMU with a unique capability that already government and industry desire to utilize to create databases of imagery of a wide variety of things.

Heidary and his team realized early on that AI and machine learning (ML) research was postured for growing importance in such areas as health care, automobile manufacturing, agriculture, spacecraft systems, border control, and national security. Having quality imagery from the UV to the

LWIR often is necessary to implement AI and ML in products and systems. Creating such imagery is a goal of the Laboratory for Deep Learning, and the investment of over \$700,000 by the Army Research Office has, in part, made the LDL a reality.

"This one-of-a-kind laboratory will enable faculty to develop new education and research programs in imaging, autonomy, data science, and deep learning," explained Dr. Heidary. The clincher, though, is the lab's increasing ability to attract and educate students in programs of "strategic importance to our nation's economic and technological advantage and military

preparedness."

In addition to improving AAMU's STEM pipeline, CETPS can further thrust into the limelight its newly established M.S. program in electrical engineering (MSEE), as well as equip researchers with the tools needed to pursue additional competitive research funding.

For additional information about the ARO

grant and AAMU's AI capabilities, contact Dr. Kaveh Heidary, the Principal Investigator, at (256) 372-5587 or e-mail kaveh.heidary@aamu.edu.

CAPTION: (l-r): Dr. R. Barry Johnson; Dr. Majed Dweik, AAMU VP for Research and Economic Development; Dr. Kaveh Heidary, P.I.; and Dr. Raziq Yaqub.

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

Mother Mary Elizabeth Smith

A native of Hinesville, Ga., Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Smith received the Bachelor of Arts degree in both business education and elementary education from her alma mater, Savannah State University.

She daily demonstrates her dedication for people in the community through volunteerism for government, church and public missions in order to improve her city, state and the world. Her compassion for human kind and leadership in numerous organizations demonstrates her upstanding and phenomenal character. Hard work does not deter her at all.

She served as Board President for Wellstone Behavioral Health, Madison County, where she conducted business operations, supervised planning, personnel and finances. She currently serves on the governing board, seeking to improve the lives of Madison County families with mental health and addiction challenges through prevention, treatment, and the ultimate goal of recovery.

Liz, as she is affectionately known, strives to help support individuals in getting back into the mainstream of society and live improved, productive, happy, and independent lives. She is an active member of Union Chapel Missionary

Baptist Church, under the profound leadership of the illustrious Pastor, Dr. O. Wendell Davis, where she currently serves as advisor/mentor to the Ushers' Ministries. Community engagement is what Ms. Smith lives for and works hard to bring projects, assignments and dreams to fruition.

Mrs. Smith has always striven to give back as much or more than she has received. Her power of mentoring has resulted in several scholarships having been awarded to young women to attend J.F. Drake State Community and Technical College, Calhoun Community College and Alabama A&M University. She is also currently serving as the President of the Rolling Hills Elementary School PTA.

Additionally, Mrs. Smith, an associate member of the Huntsville Progressive Alumni Chapter of the Alabama A&M University Alumni Association, Inc., has worked in several capacities with the organization including, but not limited to, interim chapter secretary, co-chair of the Scholarship Committee, recruiter of new members, coordinator of hosts and hostesses and as the recipient of the National Alumni Association's



Chapter Service Award.

She has served on the Huntsville/Madison County subcommittee on African American History "Completing the Story".

She is a proud life member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., and has held several positions.

Ms. Smith is a retired Budget/Program Analyst for the United States Army, Aviation and Missile Command, Redstone Arsenal, Ala.

She is an avid fan of sports, family and traveling. She credits her strong work ethics and her strong faith in God and mankind to her loving parents, Bernie and Naomi Adkins. Mrs. Smith is the mother of two sons, Reginald and Brian. She has one daughter-in-law, Pamela. She also has one handsome grandson, Alexander.

"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@valley-weeklyllc.com.



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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 will have no recorded votes until Monday, Nov. 14. The Senate convened Tuesday for one day to start debate on the “must pass” FY2023 Defense Authorization bill.

2. **THE WHITE HOUSE.** As he did last year, President Biden issued two (2) proclamations designating Monday’s federal holiday as Columbus Day and Indigenous Peoples’ Day. On Wednesday, the President traveled to Leadville, CO, to designate the World War II training site Camp Hale as a National Monument (a favorite project of Sen. Michael Bennet, D-CO). He will then travel to California through Friday and then continue to Oregon through Saturday.

3. **SUPREME COURT.** The Supreme Court heard 4 cases this week, including on Tuesday the much-anticipated National Pork Producers Council v. Ross as to whether a 2018 California animal rights ballot initiative, which

established minimum space requirements based on square feet for egg-laying hens, pigs used for breeding, and calves used for veal, may prohibit the selling of animal products from farms outside the state that do not meet the minimum requirements. On Wednesday, the court will hear the noteworthy case of Andy Warhol Foundation for the Visual Arts, Inc. v. Goldsmith, which pits 74-year-old celebrity photographer Lynn Goldsmith against the Warhol Foundation, against whom she alleges copyright infringement by Warhol on a portrait she took of Prince in 1981 that he turned into his iconic “Orange Prince” (1984).

4. **JAN. 6 COMMITTEE HEARING.** The House January 6 Committee held its 9th hearing of the year (the 10th overall) on Thursday (Oct. 13) at 1 p.m., after the panel postponed its previously scheduled date of Sept. 28 because of the landfall of Hurricane Ian. Committee Chair Bennie Thompson (D-MS) announced that this hearing would not feature live witnesses but

volunteered that it will provide “significant information” that has not yet been shown.

5. **SEPTEMBER JOBS REPORT.** Last Friday, the Department of Labor reported that nonfarm payrolls increased by 263,000 for September, which was

fewer than the expected 275,000.

The unemployment rate was 3.5% versus the forecast of 3.7% as the labor force participation rate edged lower to 62.3% and the size of the labor force decreased by 57,000.

Average hourly earnings rose 5% on a year-over-year basis in September, down slightly from the 5.2% pace in August but still indicative of an economy where the cost of living is surging.

Hourly earnings rose 0.3% on a monthly basis, the same as in August. CNBC predicted that there is an 82% chance of the Federal Reserve raising interest rates by another 0.75-point in November, then a 0.5-point increase in December followed by a 0.25-point move in February.

6. **NEW CLIENT.** The Hamm Consulting Group is pleased to welcome the Network of Schools of Public Policy, Affairs, and Administration (NASPAA). NASPAA has over 300 institutional member schools at U.S. and non-U.S. universities that award degrees in public administration, public policy, public affairs, nonprofit and related fields.

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