

# The Valley Weekly

"The higher we are placed, the more humbly we should walk."

- Cicero

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**CHAMPIONS!** With possession of two championship trophies are Blaise Binns (l) and Chris Roberts. Also pictured from the Redstone Ten-Miler Team are (from far left) Capt. Austin Cheng, assistant coach Skip Vaughn, Will Rodgers, Layne Magee, Capt. Quinton Watkins, Sean Allan, Conrad Meyer, Blake Thompson, Rick Maehlmann, Beck Mitchell, Dr. Harry Hobbs (Coach), Daniel Sillivant, Matt Casiano and Bo Brawner.

## Birmingham Setting Stage for 76th Magic City Classic

Concerts, comedy shows, alumni, and fans from across the country!

The city of Birmingham is set for another showdown between the Bulldogs of Alabama A&M University and the Hornets

of Alabama State University.

More than 60,000 fans attend this annual rivalry, which first began on October 31, 1924.

The Magic City Classic is the oldest classic in

the country. It's also the largest event in the city of Birmingham. The battle continues on Saturday, October 28, 2:30 p.m. at Legion Field. For more: <https://magiccityclassic.com/> by Debra Daniel



## 100 Black Men Prepare for Annual Gala

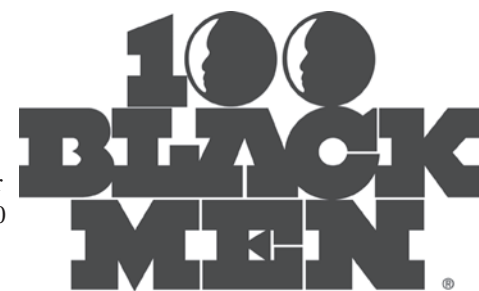
The 100 Black Men Chapter of Greater Huntsville will hold its 2017 Holiday Gala on Saturday, December 16.

The event will be held at the Von Braun Center - North Hall at 6 p.m.

In July 1999, Dr. Prince Preyer, Jr., then Madison County District 6 Commissioner, and Earnest L. Starks set out to create the Greater Huntsville Chapter of 100 Black Men. The first

meeting was well attended, membership expanded and, in December 1999, the 100 Black Men of Greater Huntsville was formerly chartered by the 100 Black Men of America.

The 100 BMOGH, Inc. creates environments



where children are motivated and youth empowered to achieve. For additional information, contact [www.100bmogh.org](http://www.100bmogh.org).

## Arsenal Ten-Miler Team Pulls off Championship in D.C.

Dr. Harry Hobbs, site director and assistant professor of business for Redstone/Huntsville site of Florida Institute of

Technology, has been head coach and a runner on one of the best Army Ten-Miler team in the history of the Army Ten-miler annual

event since 2007.

The team has won more Army Ten-Miler championships in the history of the Army Ten-Miler, which is the second largest ten-miler race in the United States, according to Dr. Hobbs.

"Our team is the winningest team in Madison County/North Alabama," said Hobbs, still elated since their last win a few weeks ago. The win caps an eleven-year straight victory streak, and a ninth straight year of double championships.

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# Washington in a Minute



Here are the top issues in Washington, D.C., for the week of October 16:

1. The Senate returns to session this week after being out last week. The House is in recess this week. The Senate will take up an \$36.5 billion emergency funding bill for hurricane and wildfire relief and recovery that the House passed last week by a vote of 353-69, which includes \$4.9 billion in low-interest loans to help Puerto Rico from running out of cash during its recovery. The Senate was expected to take up the FY 2018 Concurrent Budget Resolution, which contains budget reconciliation instructions that would allow the Senate to take up a tax cut that could increase deficits by up to \$1.5 trillion over 10 years – and need only 51 votes to pass under the same strategy the Senate used for the failed Obamacare repeal plan. The House passed its version of the budget resolution on October 5.

2. President Trump hosted a meeting of his

cabinet Monday at the White House and had a luncheon meeting with Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY). On Tuesday, he hosted Greek Prime Minister Alex Tsipras at the White House and then gave the keynote address at the Heritage Foundation's dinner at the Marriott Marquis Hotel in Washington, D.C.

3. Eighteen states and the District of Columbia - led by California Attorney General Xavier Becerra - filed a lawsuit on Friday to stop the Trump Administration from halting key Obamacare subsidy payments to insurers, which help cover the cost of deductibles and copayments for lower- and middle-income people (which cost \$7 billion this year and were estimated at \$10 billion for 2018). Last Thursday, President Trump announced he was ending the payments. The lawsuit will seek a temporary restraining order, preliminary injunction, and permanent injunction requiring the cost-sharing reduction payments be

made. Congressional Republicans have argued that the original 2010 Obamacare law did not include specific language providing appropriations to cover the government's cost of the subsidy payments (which are separate from the subsidy payments made to individuals to help them pay their healthcare premiums). The states in the lawsuit are: California, Connecticut, Delaware, Kentucky, Illinois, Iowa, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, Virginia and Washington.

4. The U.S. Supreme Court had a deadline of Friday, October 20, to decide on a petition from the City of Houston, which seeks a review of the Texas Supreme Court's decision in *Pidgeon v. Turner* that held that the Constitution does not require states and cities to provide tax-funded benefits to same-sex couples. The Texas Supreme Court decided that the landmark gay rights case of 2015, *Obergefell v. Hodges*,

merely required states to license and recognize same-sex marriages to the same extent that they license and recognize opposite-sex marriages, but they do not have to provide the same publicly-funded benefits to all married persons.

5. Last Thursday, the National Rifle Association (NRA) announced its opposition to legislation introduced by Senator Dianne Feinstein (D-CA) and Rep. Carlos Curbelo (R-FL) that would ban the use of bump stocks, a device that can be used to increase a semi-automatic rifle's rate of fire and was found in the hotel room of the



Las Vegas shooter. Instead of new legislation, the NRA would prefer that the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives review bump stock devices (the bureau declared in 2010 that bump

stocks were not subject to regulation).

6. The Trump administration has tapped a longtime critic of the federal government's role in education policy for a job at the Education Department. Hans Bader, who until last week served as senior attorney at the Competitive Enterprise Institute, a libertarian think tank, will be joining the department's Office of General Counsel, Mr. Bader previously worked at the Center for Individual Rights and at the Education Department's Office for Civil Rights during the George W. Bush administration. He was sharply critical of many Obama administration education policies, particularly its enforcement of civil rights laws, which he has said amounted to federal overreach. He said in a blog post that Trump's proposed \$9.2 billion cut to the department's budget was "justified and long overdue."

Mr. Bader was also a prominent voice on the

right criticizing the Obama Education Department's campus sexual assault policies as trampling the rights of the accused and violating students' free speech rights.

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## Champion Game Plan for Life by Preston Brown

*With all the violence that we have seen take place in Las Vegas recently, it made me think about this question. What does God look like to you? In 1 John 1:5, it reads: "God is light; in Him there is no darkness at all." So, if we are believers in God and followers of Christ, we should know what He looks like.*

*Does He look like love--because God is love--or does He carry a gun? Does He look like peace--be-*

*cause God is peace--or does He advocate violence? You see, whenever we see peace, God is there. Whether it be in your marriage or your relationships with your family and friends, God looks like peace. Philippians 4:7 reads: "The peace that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus." You see, there*

*are a lot of people with some messed up minds out there, just waiting to be used by the devil. They don't know*

*what God looks like. They don't know that they are walking in darkness. But I believe that when we walk in love, joy, peace, self-control and kindness, we represent what God looks like. Remember, we are the salt of the earth, and we are the light of the world. We may never understand why people commit such senseless acts of violence, but we all need to start looking more like God and representing Jesus. Stay encouraged, my brothers and sisters*





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Friday, October 13, 2017 - Von Braun Center



## From the Editor

Ahhh ... Congratulations!

Your passion continues to be well-executed. Bill and Edna Fails continue to honor the legacy of their daughter, Kimberly Fails Jones, who was a victim of breast cancer. All of us have been touched by this dreaded disease one way or another. *The Valley Weekly* joins The Fails Family, The KFJ Foundation Board of Directors, and all of the community supporters who have joined them in their support for Breast Cancer Survivors. Enjoy the scenes!



**Join Our  
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Challenge**

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We support KJF! Please join us. Take the 10x25 Challenge to support the Kimberly Fails Jones Memorial Breast Cancer Foundation. It's really simple. FIRST commit yourself to a \$25 donation to the KFJ Foundation, which you can pay below to the paypal link [paypal.me/kjfoundation](https://paypal.me/kjfoundation).

Then forward this information and challenge 10 friends to do the same. Ask those friends to keep it going. Our Goal is \$40,000, and we can make it with your help. That's simply 160 good people like you asking 10 of their friends for a simple \$25 donation. 160x 10x 25=\$40,000.

We thank you in advance.

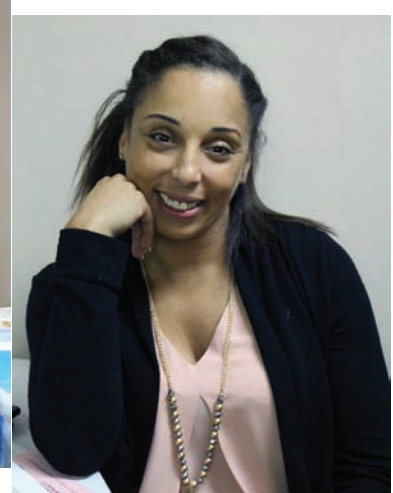
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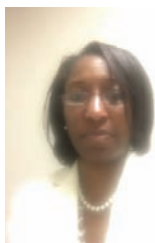
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## State of the City Address Nov. 9

The 2017 State of the City Address featuring Mayor Battle will be held Thursday, November 9, at 12 noon in the North Hall of the Von Braun Center.

The City of Huntsville continues to thrive. It is the fastest growing major metro area in the state of Alabama, and it also ranks among the fastest growing cities in the Southeast, according to the Huntsville/Madison County Chamber of Commerce.

While this growth brings new people and pos-

sibilities, it must be coordinated with forethought for development that will happen in the coming years.

The Huntsville/Madison County Chamber invites the public to Mayor Tommy Battle's annual State of the City Address. The mayor will discuss Huntsville's achievements and his projections in regards to citizens, schools, and local businesses.

This event typically sells out well ahead of the deadline. Make reservations today. Registrations



will close on November 3 at noon.

Reserved table (seats 8): \$550; Member: \$35 per person; and Non-member: \$70 per person.



**AN ALL-AROUND BEATING:** In addition to a sound 49-14 thrashing of the Mississippi Valley State University Delta Devils on Saturday, October 14, Coach James Spady's Bulldog football squad, along with the Marching Maroon and White Band of Alabama A&M University, led by Carlton Wright, played host to members of several high school bands and auxiliary units from around the state of Alabama. Among the representatives attending from various high school bands were Ramsey High School; Central High School (Tuscaloosa); Huffman High School; Lee High School, Columbia High School and Mae Jemison High School (Huntsville) and others. The prospective MMW members practiced with the AAMU Band and later performed with the Marching Maroon and White as part of the halftime show in Louis Crews Stadium.

## 2nd Annual Domestic Violence Walk

The 2nd Annual Domestic Violence Walk was held at the Dr. Richard Showers Recreation Center, Saturday, October 14, 2017, in Huntsville, Ala.

Mizpah Chapter #37 has organized a Domestic Violence Awareness Program/Forum for three consecutive years and held the walk the over the past two years.

Other groups participating were: Eta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., Alpha Omega Chapter; Hendley Chapter #855; Keystone



Lodge #40 ; Maple Chapter #38; Harris Chapter #633; B&L Malone, Inc.; Evening Star Lodge #6; AL AZHAR Temple #195 and Grace Chapter #894.

Information booths were provided by The Madison County Coordinated Community Response Task Force and Crisis Services of North Alabama.

Over \$1,000.00 was donated to Crisis Services of North Alabama.



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# Valley Deaths

## - Nelms Memorial Funeral Home -

Funeral service for MR. LEONARD ("LENNY") MOORE was held Sunday, October 15, at the Consolidated Flint River and Running Water Memorial Tabernacle with Elder Dennis Green officiating.

Funeral service for MR. GLENN HAMLET was held Saturday, October 14, at the Saint Mark Baptist Church with The Reverend Jeremiah Chester officiating.

Funeral service for MRS. WILLIE MAE (BENTLEY) PARKER was held Friday, October 13, at Briarfork Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America with The Reverend Dr. Theodis Acklin officiating.

Funeral service for MRS. VELMA (ADAMS) LANKSTER JONES of Linden, Ala., was held Saturday, October 14, 2017 at First Baptist Church with The Reverend Robert Pearce officiating.

## - Royal Funeral Home -

Funeral service for MRS. JEANETTE ROBERTS was held at Monday, October 9, at the St. Paul African Methodist Episcopal Church in Ozark, AL.

Funeral service for MRS. MADELEINE D. OUTLAW was held Monday, October 9 at the Royal Chapel of Memories with Minister Frederick G. Outlaw officiating.

Funeral service for MR. BALDWIN SCOTTIE ELLISON was held Tuesday, October 10, at the St. Luke Christian Church with Pastor TC Johnson officiating.

Funeral service for MOTHER REACER JEFFERSON BRANDFORD was held Friday, October 13, at the Madkins Chapel Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America with Rev. Dorothy Fletcher officiating.

Funeral service for MR. JACKY NATHANIEL GAINES was held Friday, October 13, at the St. Bartley Primitive Baptist Church with Pastor Jaymes Mooney officiating.

Funeral service for MR. CHARLIE MITCHELL, JR., formerly of Huntsville, was held Saturday, October 14, at the Madkins Chapel Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America with Reverend Dr. Nathaniel Edmond officiating.

Funeral service for MR. KENNETH LESLIE was held Saturday, October 14, at the St. Bartley Primitive Baptist Church with Pastor Jaymes Mooney officiating.

Funeral service for MRS. VIVIAN LOUISE BRIDGE-FORTH SMITH was held Saturday, October 14, at Lakeview United Methodist Church in Tanner, AL with Pastor Dennis Jones officiating.

Funeral service for DEACON ERNEST LEE HAZZARD was held Sunday, October 15, at the St. Bartley Primitive Baptist Church with Pastor Jaymes Mooney officiating.

# What You Can Do Now Before Filing Your Tax Return for 2018

While we will not start filing our tax returns for a few months, there are a few things we can do to make the process easier next year.

There are two things that could affect the 2017 returns that will be filed in 2018.

### 1. Report name changes

Recently married or divorced individuals who change their names should notify the Social Security Administration. They should also notify the SSA if a dependent's name changed. This needs to be done so that when the individual files next year, the new name on the tax return matches. A mismatch between the name shown on a tax return and the SSA records can cause problems in the processing of the tax return and may even delay the tax refund.

### 2. Renew Individual Taxpayer Identification Numbers (ITIN)

Individuals who use an Individual Taxpayer Identification Number should check to see if their number expired in 2016 or will expire this year. If so, and they need to file a return in 2018, they should apply now to renew their ITIN to avoid certain disallowed tax credits and processing delays next year.

Individuals who have not used their ITIN to file a



federal return at least once in the last three years will see their number expire Dec. 31, 2017. Additionally, ITINs with middle digits 70, 71, 72 or 80 will also expire at the end of the year.

Only taxpayers with expiring ITINs need to take any action. To renew an ITIN, a taxpayer must complete a Form W-7 and submit required documentation. No tax return is required when submitting an application to renew.

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# The Valley Weekly Calendar of Events

## October 21

The Urban Music Symposium  
The Mane Room  
Speakers: Thalia Ewing, Charlie Braxton, Juels Pierrotm GlennMaCrae  
310 N. Pine Street  
Florence, Ala. - 3-8 p.m.

## October 22

Men Who Cook Competition  
(Sponsored by the North Alabama African American Chamber of Commerce)  
Huntsville Depot Roundhouse  
398 Monroe Street - 4 p.m.  
\$25, NAAACC members; \$35, Advance | \$40, At Door  
For tickets or more information, call (256) 564-7574 or e-mail alfredg.adams@naaacc.org

## October 24

Huntsville Rotary Luncheon  
Von Braun Center  
10:45 a.m.

## October 26

Huntsville Symphony Orchestra Guild Deb Ball  
Von Braun Center  
8 a.m.

## October 28

Magic City Classic  
Legion Field  
Birmingham, Ala.  
2:30 p.m.

## Concert "Kansas"

Von Braun Center  
Mark C. Smith Concert Hall  
8-10 p.m.

## October 30

UNCF Golf Classic  
Oakwood University  
Robert Trent Jones Golf Course  
Owens Cross Roads, Ala.  
Registration: 10 a.m.  
Shotgun Start: 12 noon

## November 4

Alabama A&M vs. Alcorn State  
Louis Crews Stadium  
2 p.m.

## November 11

Alabama A&M Football vs. Jackson State  
Louis Crews Stadium  
1 p.m.

## November 18

Alabama A&M Football vs. Kentucky State  
Louis Crews Stadium



October 20 - ENOLIA PETTIGEN MCMILLAN - Enolia Pettigen McMillan was the first female president of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). She was born in Wil- low Grove, Pa.  
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# Company Joins the National 'It Can Wait' Campaign Against Distracted Driving

Distracted driving is an issue AT&T has been passionate about for years.

In 2010, AT&T launched its national IT CAN WAIT (ICW) campaign to educate drivers about the risks and dangers inherent in distracted driving. The ICW campaign shares a simple message: distracted driving is never okay.

This year, AT&T's ICW Virtual Reality Simulator will be in Birmingham for the Magic City Classic. So, game on!

The Classic is always an exciting and hard-fought competition, and AT&T expects the IT CAN WAIT Pledge Competition to be just as hard fought — with safety on the line.



AT&T is proud to collaborate with Alabama A&M and Alabama State University to offer the Magic City Classic Pledge

Competition, increasing awareness on the dangers of distracted driving.

Only one team will win the football game, but many more students and fans across our state will win much more by pledging to keep their eyes on the road, not on their phone.

Join the AT&T Alabama

Magic City Classic ICW Pledge Competition, which opened Thursday, October 12, and closes Friday, October 27.

Take the pledge. It's simple, but important. Text ICWAAMU to 50555 to take the pledge for Alabama A&M University.

*-Submitted by Gary T. Whitley*



## Millennial Thought

by Joshua Baker

*Are you living intentionally?*

Whether life presents itself as mundane or complex, the degree to which we remain present significantly impacts our success. It is easy to become complacent. Stagnancy requires no movement. It is void of effort. Most importantly, it is comfortable.

In order to lead a fulfilled life, we must actively seek

out ways to maximize our potential. In order to accomplish this, we must exit our comfort zone. Only once we remove ourselves from our comfort zones do we have the opportunity for growth.

As a seed, you will not grow from the benefits of the soil alone. The water won't be enough in and of itself. Even the sun, in all its power, cannot grow you alone. The power lies in the cohesion of all these parts. We often measure our lives in terms of good and bad; however, so much room for growth lies in-between.

Do not be detoured

by adversity. View every hurdle as a challenge to be overcome. Consider every problem to simply be inspiration for a new solution. Regardless of what goes on, do not become a bystander in your own life. Actively participate. Diligently participate. Do not live a life that will one day leave

*... do not become a bystander in your own life ...*

you realizing that you only ever existed.

Consider yourself the ultimate investment. The more you pour into your purpose, the more you pour into the world around you. You are a prized commodity. The world is in need of what you have to offer. Let no obstacle thwart your divine assignment.

Above all, allow any and every circumstance to become another stepping stone into your destiny.

*Joshua Baker is a junior social work student at Alabama A&M University.*

## TVW Writer to Showcase in 2018

Reginald Allen, a contributing editor and photographer for *The Valley Weekly*, will have his photographic work showcased at the Huntsville-Madison Public Library in early 2018.

The gallery, titled "The Life of Mr. Gatsby," will run from March until April 2018 and will feature an eclectic collection of Allen's collaboration with Hollywood's elite.

A graduate of the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa, Ala., Allen did not



discover his true passion until after he had received his diploma.

Picking up a camera in 2015, the 25-year-old has photographed the likes of Babyface, Erykah Badu, Joe

Biden and Barack Obama.

In addition to his work with *The Valley Weekly*, Allen has been published in the Birmingham Times, The Tuscaloosa News, iPush Magazine, and Huntsville Event Magazine.

Select pieces from the gallery will be available for purchase and a

portion of proceeds will go to the Library.

For additional information, please visit Allen's website [ReggieDAllen.com](http://ReggieDAllen.com).

## OUC to Host Handel's "Messiah"

Oakwood University Church will present Handel's Messiah on December 9, 11 a.m. at Oakwood University Church on Adventist Boulevard in Huntsville.

The concert will feature Brandi Sutton, soprano; Dr. Julie Foster, alto; Alexander Henderson, tenor; Dr. Terrance Brown, bass; Oakwood Univer-

sity Chorale, Dr. Eurydice Osterman, director; and the Valley Conservatory Lyceum Orchestra under the direction of Dr. Renee

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Starbucks (Governors Drive, N. Parkway at

Mastin Lake Road/University Drive)

Union Chapel Missionary Baptist Church



## 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.

## WEEKEND FOOTBALL

Saturday, October 21

Alabama A&M - OPEN

Alabama vs. Tennessee

Alabama State - OPEN

Arkansas vs. Auburn

Auburn @ Arkansas

LSU @ Ole Miss

Mississippi State vs. Kentucky

Ole Miss vs. LSU

Texas A&M - OPEN

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