

Community Mourns Death of District VI Commissioner

Funeral service for Commissioner Robert "Bob" Harrison was held on Wednesday, November 1, at Progressive Union Missionary Baptist Church, and Dr. Wayne P. Snodgrass officiated.

Harrison, 74, was born in North Little Rock, Ark., and attended Philander Smith College, a local historically black college.

He moved to Huntsville in 1968 and was effective in establishing a legacy of advocacy and service.

Throughout his career he

was an innovator and entrepreneur, having owned the Bob Harrison Ford & Lincoln Mercury Dealership in Fayetteville, Tenn., among other successful business endeavors.

A consummate community activist, Harrison worked continuously to promote equality and justice prior to having been elected County Commissioner for District 6.

The Valley Weekly joins the local, state and national community in extending condolences to his loving



wife, Dr. Izora Harrison, and his entire family.

Those who knew him will miss his numerous contributions to Huntsville and Madison County.



Councilman Keith, Supporters Build Playground

On Friday, October 27, Councilman Devyn Keith (above with Michelle Gilliam Jordan), along with local businesses, City of Huntsville departments and volunteers, built a playground at the Calvary Hills Community Center.

A crowd of donors and volunteers joined Keith for the one-day feat, from start to finish. When The Valley Weekly stopped in, much of the building and assembly were completed and volunteers were getting ready to lay sod.

Councilman Keith has

demonstrated very early get things done in North his ability to organize local Huntsville. citizens with "good grit" to

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Valley Man Served as Community's Conscious

Many Valley residents are painfully aware of the death and sensitive to the life and active presence of a friend, Ralph Timberlake.

Originally from Paint Rock, he was affectionately called him "Mr. Timberlake - Sir" by many.

A veteran and licensed pilot, Timberlake was quick to point out that veterans need 'more' support and respect, that the poor and elderly should not be forgotten and, more importantly, that all of us who work and pay taxes

contribute to the local, state and national budget; therefore, decision makers should consider those contributions when decisions are made.

Timberlake was eulogized at the Royal Chapel of Memories on October 27 by his brother, Rev. Michael R. Timberlake, with Elder Johnny Jones officiating.

He was buried at the National Cemetery in Chattanooga, Tenn. Family and friends, along with The Valley Weekly, will miss



his ever-present, citizenbased economic, social and political advocacy and service.

Washington in a Minute



Here are the top issues in Washington, D.C., for the week of October 30:

1. The House and Senate are in session this week. The big news on Capitol Hill this week was the rollout of the comprehensive tax reform bill on Wednesday by House Ways and Means Committee Chair Kevin Brady (R-TX). On Monday afternoon and allday on Tuesday, Ways and Means GOP Members will met to discuss final details before introducing the tax

reform text. According to senior Hill staff, the bill includes the following (although these provisions are subject to change and are not an exhaustive list):

3 new individual tax rates of 12, 25 and 35%

Doubles the standard deduction to \$12,000 for single filers and \$24,000 for married couples (but gets rid of the personal exemption and the per dependent exemption of \$4,500)

Lowers the corporate tax rate to 20%

Lowers to 25% the tax rate on "pass-through" income from partnerships, S corporations, and sole proprietorships

Elimination of all deductions, except the mortgage interest and charitable deductions (state and local tax deduction may be preserved for property taxes but not income or sales taxes)

Repeals the alternative minimum tax

Preserves the current

capital gains tax rate

Doubles the estate tax exemption from \$12 to \$24 million NOTE: a decision on whether to limit 401(k) contributions seems to be still in play.

2. On Monday, President and Mrs. Trump handed out candy and cookies from the White House kitchen on the

South Lawn to local children and children of military families for Halloween. This week, the President is expected to name the new head of the Federal Reserve (current Chair Janet Yellen's term expires in February). Reportedly, he has narrowed his choice to 2 people -- Fed Governor Jerome Powell and Stanford economist John Taylor. According to CNBC, Taylor is most well-known for developing a rule that specifically lays out where the Fed's benchmark rate should be and according to the "Taylor Rule," the funds rate should be closer to 3 percent than the current level of 1.15 percent.

Starting this Friday, (Nov. 3) through Nov. 14, the President will travel to Japan, South Korea, China, Vietnam, the Philippines, and Hawaii. While in Asia, he will participate in the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) meeting and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) summit.

3. Last Friday, it was reported that a federal grand jury approved the first criminal charges from Special Counsel Robert Mueller's Russia investigation and that we could learn the identity of anyone charged as soon as Monday. On Thursday, former Trump campaign adviser Carter Page will testify before the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence in an "open hearing in a closed space," which means that no press or public will be present, but that his testimony will be unclassified and that the transcript could be released in the future.

4. In news on the Fiscal Year 2018 appropriations cycle (the federal government is currently operating under a stopgap measure that expires on Dec. 8), Republicans and Democrats on Capitol Hill reportedly are quietly negotiating to raise the 2011-enacted budget caps, so that the GOP can raise defense spending this year by \$70 billion and avoid deep cuts to non-defense programs. Without a deal, most observers believe it will be impossible to finish work on the 12 appropriations bills and avoid another continuing resolution when the current stopgap expires on Dec. 8 or, worse, a government shutdown. Without any changes, the

2011 Budget Control Act currently requires regular discretionary spending to drop by about \$5 billion this year.

5. Higher Learning Advocates, a new organization aimed at reforming federal higher education policy, is unveiling its first policy framework today during an event at the National Press Club. The agenda is focused on boosting "high-quality" outcomes and making higher education more affordable and responsive to the needs of students and employers. Among the policy recommendations: push accreditors to focus more on student outcomes; allow for a "student level data system" to improve data about colleges' performance; and open up federal student loans and Pell Grants to "high-quality approved non-institutional providers of postsecondary training, including apprenticeships and employer-based training."

6. On Monday, Secretary of State Rex Tillerson and Secretary of Defense James Mattis testified before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on whether there is a need for a new congressional authorization to fight ISIS. The current authorization was approved in 2001 after the 9/11 attacks, before ISIS existed. On Thursday at 10 a.m., the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee hosted a hearing on "Emergency Response and Recovery: Central Takeaways from the Unprecedented 2017 Hurricane Season." For more information,

contact Ron Hamm at 202-596-8384 or rhamm@ hammconsulting.com.

Champion Game Plan for Life

by Preston Brown

In Luke 18:18, a certain ruler asks him, Good teacher, what must I do to *inherit eternal life?* Jesus answers in verse 22: Sell everything that you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasures in heaven. You know, one of the things that we have

to realize is that in this life there is always going to be a cost for everything that we do, but there are also

rewards. For example, if we want to have a healthy relationship with someone, then we need to spend quality time with that person. So, your reward will be a satisfying relationship. If you want to get in shape or lose weight, you have to give up certain foods and

perhaps "work- out more, but your reward will be a healthy body. And, the same can be said in our spiritual lives.

There is a cost for following Jesus, but He also provides us with a reward. That reward is eternal life. Now, being a disciple of Jesus Christ is more than just being forgiven or just coming to church. Being a disciple is the process of moving toward spiritual adulthood. It's conducting yourself in such a way that others can see the good works that God is doing in your life. But it all comes with a price. We

have to watch what we say and watch what we do and watch how we live. You see, we may have to pay a price, but God offers a reward. That reward comes from growing in the knowledge of God. So, what must we do to be a follower of Jesus Christ? We need to continue to grow spiritually and believe in the one that God sent.

Stay encouraged, my brothers and sisters.

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Ahhh ... It's Magic!

Blessings for a wonderful week. October is gone and November is here.

There is much to do and places to go. People wonder why we stay so busy, and the most genuine answer is because we *love* people. Sometimes we rant about what appear to be the small things in life--but, they are many times the things that matter. Let's ride.

Last Friday, we participated in the Birmingham Bicentennial Kick-Off Ceremony in the downtown historic theatre district. The theme was "I'm Coming Home." This ceremony was part of a three-year celebration leading up to the State of Alabama's bicentennial on December 14, 2019.

Chaired by AAMU alumnus Dr. Henry Panion, III, the ceremony presented the AAMU, Alabama State and UAB marching bands playing together to pre-launch the program.

We had the opportunity to see and hear Lee Sentell, formerly of Huntsville's Convention and Visitor's Bureau, in his current role as Director of the Alabama Department of Tourism and Vice-Chair of the Alabama Bicentennial Commission. Dr. Leah Rawls Atkins, a Birmingham historian and author, presented a compact history of the contributions Birmingham and Jefferson County have made to the state. Dr. Lee Whitmore, Executive Director of the Grammy Music Education Coalition, made a special announcement regarding planned work throughout the state to enhance the 4th grade curriculum to include music, beginning with Title 1 schools.

Alright, Huntsville, what are we doing and how can we get involved in the Alabama 200 Bicentennial celebration? We have led and are leading in so many ways. We must ensure that our contribu-

tions are celebrated and documented as part of this once-in-a-lifetime project. Regardless to how we take advantage and participate in it, history is being made. None of us reading this today will be here for the tricentennial! Thank you, Dr. Henry Panion, for including your Huntsville family and friends in this wonderful weekend, which culminated in a concert with The Temptations Review featuring one of the original Temptations (Dennis Edwards), Jennifer Holliday, Bo Brice, Ruben Studdard and you and your orchestra.

The weather impacted the attendance at the Magic City Classic football game; however, the Birmingham news outlets reported over 50,000 fans inside the game--not counting thousands of the tailgaters, vendors and fans who just hang-out--along with sororities, fraternities, clubs, family and friends--for the fellowship and camaraderie stitched together via music, food, spirits, brew and apparel. Alabama State took a early lead in the game and secured a victory in the end. But, the A&M Marching Maroon and White were unusually strong, contributing a win by everyone involved. Enjoy last week's scenes captured by TVW on Page 4.

Back to Huntsville.

Congratulations, entrepreneur Cathy Anderson, Ford Director-Owner and Dealer, on Wednesday's expansion and grand opening of the expanded Woody Anderson Ford dealership at the corner of Jordan Lane and Sparkman Drive. We are proud to have you in North Huntsville. Thank you for the many, many contributions you have made in our community. Each day, you continue to demonstrate your leadership and ingenuity as a servant, leader, game-changer and woman with human dignity and respect. You added a point of light to the history of Huntsville on Wednesday, November 1, 2017. Blessings for continued success!

Live, love, enjoy and contribute! Until next week ...







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AAMU Board Elects Officers in Birmingham

The members of the Alabama A&M University Board of Trustees went through an ambitious agenda in Birmingham Friday, October 27, that dealt with the renewal of a line of credit, election of officers and other action items from the University's business and academic units.

The Board elected

Dr. Jerome B. Williams of Birmingham as President Pro
Tem, and Trustee
Chris Robinson
(Huntsville area) will serve as Secretary. Members of the Board's new Executive Committee include Trustees Kevin Ball, Ginger Harper, John Hackett Jr., and Chris Robinson.

As part of action items submitted under Academic Affairs unit, the Board approved a review of the University's Mission Statement (formalizing the appropriateness of the Mission Statement in compliance with the accrediting body); the addition of a master's program in electrical engineering; a request to divest the AAMU/University of



NEW BOARD OFFICERS: (l-r) Trustees Kevin Ball; Chris Robinson (Board Secretary); Dr. Jerome B. Williams (President Pro Tem); Ginger Harper; and John Hackett, Jr.

North Alabama campus social work off-site program; and the termination of the Center for Global Service Research.

The Board approved the renewal of a line of credit in the amount of \$6.5 million; a room fee for the new 580-bed residence hall facility which opens in January 2018 (\$3,550-single; \$3,000-double); and an amendment to the operating agreement between AAMU and the AAMU

Foundation, which manages the University's endowment and investments.

SGA President Julian Griffith-Battle reported numerous activities and volunteerism efforts sponsored by the organization, including student elections, Homecoming 2017, Habitat for Humanity campaign, and Magic City Classic.

The Board's next regular Meeting will be Friday, March 2.

Alumnus Dr. Charles Cannon (r) and members of the Chicago Alumni Chapter of the AAMU National Alumni Association were greeted to the campus by local alumni James Garner and Idella Rainey (left). Rainey, a long-time resident of Chicago, relocated to Huntsville several years ago. High schoolers and parents from Chicago were not only greeted by Garner and Rainey, but currently enrolled students from Chicago met them in the VIP Room of the Ernest Knight Center for breakfast and a tour of the campus, followed by their annual adventure to the Magic City Classic in Birmingham.

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Talley Deaths

- Nelms Memorial Funeral Home -

Funeral service for MRS. NELLIE DELOIS FITCHEARD will be held Saturday, November 4, at 12 p.m. at Beaver Dam Primitive Baptist Church (785-A Beaver Dam Road - Toney, AL 35773) with Pastor Larry Smith officiating.

Funeral service for MR. MCARTHUR JENKINS (b. 1947) will be Saturday, November 4, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. at the Deliverance Outreach Worship Center (3412 Mastin Lake Road - Huntsville, AL) with Bishop Aaron Jones officiating.

Private viewing was held for MRS. BETTY SUE TYLER (b. 1947).

Funeral service for MR. BRADLEY L. ("BIG HURT") BYERS was Saturday, October 28, at 12 noon at Little Flock Primitive Baptist Church (Brock Road - Brownsboro, AL) with Pastor Reginald Johnson officiating.

Memorial service for MR. LARRY EUGENE RICE (b. 1964) was held Thursday, October 26, at Nelms Memorial Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor Charles Brown officiating.

- Royal Funeral Home -

Funeral service for MR. DAVID CHARLES WILLIAMS (b. 1958) will be 12:00 p.m., Sunday, November 5, 2017 at the Royal Chapel of Memories with Pastor Anthony Chornes, Sr. officiating.

Funeral service for MRS. SANDRA O'NEAL DICKERSON (b. 1942) will be 12 p.m. Saturday, November 4, 2017 at First Missionary Baptist Church (3509 Blue Springs Road NW, Huntsville, AL 35810) with Dr. Julius R. Scruggs officiating.

Funeral service for MRS. LAURA JEFFERSON (b. 1945) will be 12 p.m., Saturday, November 4, at the Little Shiloh Primitive Baptist Church (229 Maple Street, Madison AL 35758) with Pastor Reginald Johnson officiating.

Funeral service for COMMISSIONER ROBERT C. "BOB" HARRISON (b. 1943) was held Wednesday, November 1, at Progressive Union Missionary Baptist Church (1919 Brandontown Road, Huntsville, AL 35816) with Dr. Wayne P. Snodgrass officiating.

Funeral service for MR. RALPH W. TIMBERLAKE (b. 1948) was held Friday, October 27, at the Royal Chapel of Memories with Elder Johnny Jones officiating.

Funeral service for MRS. SADIE LEE BAILEY (b. 1920) was held Saturday, October 28, at First Missionary Baptist Church (3509 Blue Springs Road, Huntsville, AL 35810) with Dr. Julius R. Scruggs officiating.

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November 4

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

November 5

14th Anniversary Celebration The Fellowship of Faith Church

139th Church Anniversary Mount Zion Primitive Baptist Church - 2 p.m.

Gospel Ensemble in Concert Church Street CPCA @ Madkins Chapel CPCA 2403 Oakwood Road, NW Huntsville, Ala. - 3:30 p.m.

November 9

State of the City Address Mayor Tommy Battle Von Braun Center North Hall - 12 noon

November 11

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

November 12

African Expo Gooch Place 500 Gooch Place Madison, Ala. 11 a.m.-9 p.m.

November 17

FunnyMaine Live Standup Live Huntsville 7 and 9:15 p.m.

November 18

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

December 1

"Laughing All the Way: A
White Christmas in Hawaii"
Featuring: Joy the Queen of
Clean
Sponsor: Huntsville Bible
College
Trinity United Methodist
Church
607 Airport Road
Huntsville, Ala. - 7 p.m.

December 2

"Holidays in the Valley"
Benefit Concert
- Presented by The Academy for Learning,
Maitland Conservatory and
Valley Conservatory
Trinity United Methodist
Church
Airport Road



November 3 - MICHAEL EVANS - Actor, best known for playing Lionel Jefferson on the 1970s sitcoms, "All in the Family" and "The Jeffersons." He also created the popular 1970s sitcom, "Good Times." - BlackinTime.info

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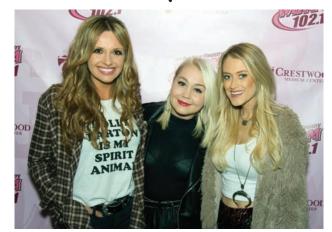








Radio Station Sells out Charity Event



WDRM held its "Girls and Guitars" charity show at the Von Braun Center Playhouse on Oct. 23.

Presented by Crestwood Medical Center, the soldout event featured acoustic performances from rising Country stars Raelynn, Carly Pearce and Brooke

Eden.

Throughout the intimate concert, the three power-houses sung some of their popular singles and dialogued with audience, giving patrons insight on their songwriting processes.

All proceeds went to breast cancer research.

by Reginald Allen



5:30pm Cocktail Hour ★Silent Auction ★Dinner Entertainment ★Semi-Formal Attire All proceeds benefit Alzheimer's Association

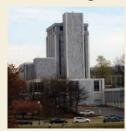
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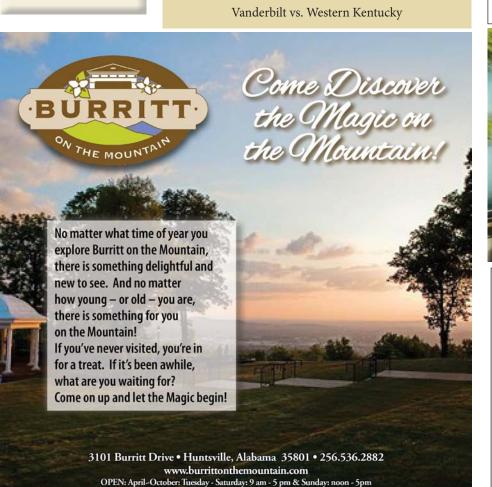
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WEEKEND FOOTBALL

Saturday, November 4

Alabama A&M @ Alcorn State Alabama vs. LSU Alabama State @ Jackson State Arkansas vs. Coastal Carolina Auburn @ Texas A&M LSU @ Alabama Mississippi State vs. U. Mass. Ole Miss @ Kentucky Texas A&M vs. Auburn Florida @ Missouri Georgia vs. South Carolina Kentucky vs. Ole Miss Missouri vs. Florida South Carolina @ Georgia Tennessee vs. Southern Miss Tuskegee vs. Miles





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