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"Unbalanced power poisons introspection. In its vacated space lay living society's imperative questions, unseen, unphrased, unasked, unanswered."

-Randall Robinson"

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Friday, November 8, 2019

Elks' Event to Feature Congresswoman Terri Sewell

The R.E. Nelms Elks Lodge #977 Improved Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the World will hold its Education Banquet on Friday, November 15, at the Von Braun Center North Hall, 700 Monroe Street, Downtown Huntsville, at 7 p.m.

Congresswoman Terri Sewell will be the guest speaker. She represents Alabama's 7th congressional district, which includes most of the Black Belt, as well as most of the predominantly black portions of Birmingham, Tuscaloosa, and Montgomery.

General admission tickets are \$50, while VIP tickets, which include a private reception, are \$125 each.



Lowe's Chapel UMC Plans Celebration

The public is invited to worship with the members of Lowe's Chapel United Methodist Church as it observe the 56th Annual Harvest/Homecoming Celebration on Sunday, November 17, at 10 a.m.

Rev. Theromiles Flowers, assistant pastor of Union Chapel Missionary Baptist Church, will be the guest speaker, with special music by saxophonist Tommy Friend and the Lowe's Chapel Choir.

All guests, family, former members and friends of Lowe's Chapel are invited to worship at this very



special service.

For additional information, please contact the church office at (256) 895-9104.

Rev. Waymond K. Smith is the church pastor.

OU, ASCTE Announce New Partnership

Matt Massey, president of the Alabama School of Cyber Technology and Engineering (ASCTE), has announced that the school will open on the campus of Oakwood University in Huntsville, Ala., in August 2020 while the permanent facility is constructed in Cummings Research Park.

The location of the new Cyber and Engineering School, which will open in 2022, will be at the intersection of Bradford Drive and Wynn Drive across from Redstone Federal Credit Union.

ASCTE will conduct classes in the current Oakwood

Academy (K-12) building, which includes classrooms, science labs, office space, and multi-purpose rooms. This building will become available when the newly constructed Oakwood Academy high school opens in March 2020. Residential students attending ASCTE will be housed in the adjacent Peterson Hall dormitory. An apartment for the Residential Life Director is also located in Peterson Hall. Students will also have access to other facilities on the Oakwood University campus, including the library, gymnasiums, and dining locations.

ASCTE will also utilize Oakwood University's transportation fleet for field trips and for transporting students to internship and co-op locations.

Dr. Leslie Pollard, president of Oakwood University, released the following statement: "We welcome the Alabama School of Cyber Technology and Engineering to the beautiful campus of Oakwood University. We support the vision of Governor Ivy and Senator Orr, and all the farsighted legislators who are creating the future technology personnel of our

state. Oakwood has a 123-year legacy of community engagement and we are honored to serve our citizens."

"We are excited to partner with Oakwood University. This setting is perfect for us because the existing facilities fit the immediate needs of our school. The proximity to Research Park is ideal for our students to interact with our industry partners," stated ASCTE president, Matt Massey. An inquiry form for potential students is available on the ASCTE homepage at ASCTE.org and several job positions are also posted on the site.

AAMU Reinstates Athletic Hall of Fame

The Alabama A&M Athletics Hall of Fame will induct its 2019 class on November 8, at 7 p.m. at the Knight Center. Eight are entering the Hall of Fame. Tickets are \$40.

The 2019 class is high-

lighted by four former NFL players, a former Alabama A&M administrator, one of the university's most-successful coaches, a student-athlete who was a trailblazer for females in college athletics and a student-athlete

who was part of multiple conference titles.

The inductees entering the Hall of Fame with the 2019 class are Robert Mathis, Kendrick Rogers, Betty Kelly-Austin, Melody Dawson, Terry Batts, Valerie

Hervey, James Martin and Hali Andrew Robinson.

Longtime Alabama A&M sports photographer Sidney Jackson is being recognized by the Hall of Fame Advisory Board as a special contributor.

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OAKWOOD Breath of Life



KFJ Foundation Strikes Success Again in 9th Event

Excitement resonated throughout the night--a night of celebration. The event, held October 11, was the 9th Annual Kimberly Fails Jones Foundation's Breast Cancer Survivors' Celebration. This is the major fundraising event of the year for the KFJ Foundation.

The night was a success, largely because of Kimberly's vision that lives on through her parents, Edna and William Fails, and the growing community support. The Master of Ceremony

was Reginald Jackson, music provided by Dr. Reginald Jackson, and the guest speaker was Dr. Jeremy Hon. His powerful speech was entitled "An Anatomy of an Oncologist: A Single Case Study." The entertainment was provided by Comedian Brian Covington of Nashville, Tenn. Dinner was delicious. Door prizes and the silent auction added to the excitement of the evening, along with the vendors. It was a wonderful expression of love to celebrate the survivors, and it ended with "Hold Up the

Light" by BeBe and CeCe Winans.

The KFJ Foundation does much to keep the funds within the community, assisting breast cancer patients financially. To date, the foundation has assisted 100% of patients who made application to the foundation. KFJ strives to give back to patients fighting breast cancer in this community because it gives motivation to help as they battle cancer.

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From the Editor

Ahhh November!

The season of Thanksgiving is here. On the very first day of the month, many of us transition into a spirit of giving and a heart of thankfulness. We wake up each morning, giving thanks for a brand new day, a miracle in itself. Each day for me is a day of Thanksgiving, for I have lived long enough to see a lot of things. Life is moving fast.

Last month, I saw Brother Curtis Clark at the repast after Mother Rosetta James' funeral service. I teased him about his retirement, and he suggested that I needed to get back to my writing some editorials in TVW. Writing responsibly each week is an awesome yet challenging task. So, Curtis, it's been a long, hard year for our family, but this one is for you.

Many of us get caught up in the traditional meaning of words, signals and notions about how things ought to be. When I was young, the *harvest* season represented a gathering of the crops and resources in preparation for long, hard winters consumed with chopping fire wood, building fires, shoveling ashes, deer and game hunting that became food for our bellies, heating water for the foot tub, gathering eggs, killing hogs and processing everything on them--from the 'rootie to the tootie'--and loads of Mom's quilts on the beds to keep us warm after the orange embers in every fireplace and heater were dead cold. So, harvest time was both good and challenging, all at the same time.

Today, I don't want to harvest much of anything, unless, of course, they are disciples. Leaving a legacy of discipleship for our family is much of what we have left to do. Family has its traditional meaning; however, family for me has always meant blood, marriage and chosen. All three categories are important, I proffer. The old adage about blood being 'thicker than water' does not work in all circumstances. Blood is thicker; however, water can run deeply. As an adult, I choose to determine the definition. For instance, Mother Rosetta James was as close to me and my family as anyone associated by birth or marriage. And, after we had done all we could do, her blood relatives told us that we were not family. They really were smoking something. She and her late husband, McKinley James, chose us as their family, *and* we chose them. It was a mutual association from the day we sat next to them at First Missionary Baptist Church back in 1995. They did not birth us; we were not married to them; however, God put us together and "no person shall pull us asunder." Everyone who knew them and us can say "Amen" to this fact.

Just last Wednesday, I flew to Chicago to say goodbye to a 'brave and loyal son' of Alabama A&M University, Dr. Charles E. Cannon. We arrived on Wednesday, and he transitioned on Thursday morning. Over the years, we spent many hours promoting and advocating for a University we loved. He was elected as National President of the AAMU National Alumni Association twice, for two distinct two-year terms. We were like family, sharing and caring, spending quality time as often as possible. We loved him and he loved us. Our last text was exchanged on October 10th, and on October 31st he was gone. Our mutual friend, Georgia Valrie, and I had tickets to go see him this weekend, but! He will be missed; however, his legacy will live on in hearts and minds of those who knew and loved him. Scientist, humanitarian, leader, brother, uncle, advocate, servant, and all things AAMU. Life is 'moving' fast.

This week we feature the Kimberly Fails Jones Foundation and their annual work in the local community with victims of breast cancer. My youngest sister succumbed to breast cancer at the age of 38. Edna and William Fails, we honor your service to this community as you honor your beautiful daughter's memory. Few parents go to such lengths to secure the legacy of their children. You and the Board of your Foundation are commended for the care and concern you promulgate in our community. God's love is demonstrated through your lives, deeds and actions.

Here we are--thankful for seasons, family, friends and community servants who live out the full meaning of Thanksgiving. Please join me in giving thanks for the many blessings we enjoy each day, especially during this harvest season. Until next week ...



Dorothy

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The Valley Weekly Calendar of Events

November 9

Social Justice Emphasis

Day

Oakwood University

Church

Featuring: Dr. Michael
Eric Dyson, Author, Social
Activist5500 Adventist Boulevard
Huntsville, Ala.

11 a.m.

"The Gift"

Dance Theatre of Hunts-
ville - Lee Main Stage

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6 p.m.

November 12

Town Hall Meeting

Huntsville District 1

Councilman Devyn Keith

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way, Suite A

Huntsville, Ala.

6 p.m.

November 15

Education Banquet

Featuring Congresswoman

Terri Sewell

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tion with Congresswoman

Sewell)

Von Braun Center

North Hall

700 Monroe Street, SW

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7 p.m.

November 17

56th Annual Harvest/
Homecoming CelebrationGuest Speaker: Rev. Ther-
omiles Flowers, Assistant
Pastor, Union Chapel Mis-
sionary Baptist Church
Lowe's Chapel United
Methodist Church
460 Sanderson Road, NW
Huntsville, Ala., 10 a.m.

"Made to Worship"

Gospel Ensemble Praise &
Worship Concert

Church Street CPCA

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4 p.m.

December 1

Candlelight Vesper Service

Alpha Omega Chapter, Eta

Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.

Speaker: Elder Ted Dixie

New Market PCUSA

1725 New Market Road

New Market, Ala. - 4 p.m.

Don't Change 401(k) Mix During Market Drops

We've seen a few sudden and sizable drops in the financial markets in 2019. But you shouldn't overreact to such events – especially if it means making radical changes to your 401(k).

And yet, many people do just that. During market downturns, investors often move money from their 401(k)'s stock accounts into perceived "safer" accounts, such as those primarily containing bonds or other fixed-income vehicles. But such a move could slow the growth potential of your 401(k) – and slow your progress toward your important goals.

Of course, you may eventually have some valid reasons for adjusting your 401(k)'s investment mix. For example, if you're nearing retirement, you may want to lower the risk level in your portfolio. Or, if you eventually change your mind about what sort of retirement lifestyle you want, you may need to invest more or less aggressively.

In any case, don't let short-term price drops cause you to make poor decisions. Your 401(k) is a long-term investment – one that can reward you for showing patience and discipline.

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Perspectives on EGO-holism

by tim allston

"Tricky Trump," "Drop the Mic (Mulvaney)" and Ahithophel

Read 2 Samuel 15:31

"October: 10 Days that Shook" the GOPs

10/16/19 (National Boss's Day): President Trump's meeting with congressional leaders prompted him to post a photo of House Speaker Nancy Pelosi standing, pointing at him directly, which he tweeted as her becoming "unhinged"; she re-posted it hours later but now as her Twitter cover photo, remarking that he instead stormed out of that meeting. "People say Trump . . . is a media genius," wrote UC/Irvine Law School professor Rick Hasen. "So how could he have thought posting this picture of Pelosi standing up to Trump in a room full of old white men was a good idea for him?"

10/21/19: Following days of Trump denials, acting White House Chief of Staff Mick Mulvaney admitted the President was seeking a quid pro quo with Ukraine before Mulvaney reversed himself; 10/25/19: NBC News reporter Rich Shapiro revealed that Trump's personal lawyer Rudy Giuliani managed to butt-dial him not once, but twice in the last several weeks. ". . . the most recent does include Giuliani's extremely relatable lament that 'the problem is we need some money'.

"And sure butt-dialing is a universal experience. But for someone in the middle of, let's conservatively say, several legally dubious narratives to take so little care with his outgoing communications is quite something! Especially given that this seems to be at least a semi-regular occurrence"; and

10/25/19: Lindsay Graham's Senate resolution condemning the House Impeachment inquiry process ended up featuring three GOP senators - Utah's Mitt Romney, Maine's Susan Collins, and Washington State's Lisa Murkowski - unwilling currently to defend their fellow Republican President.

Bible students see these October flip-flops and remember a similar one from King David's Ahithophel.

A Biblical "Benedict Arnold"?

Summarily Ahithophel, one of King David's inner circle of counselors, betrayed him and sided with his revolting son Absalom.

2 Samuel 15:31: "Now David had been told, 'Ahithophel is among the conspirators with Absalom.' So David prayed, 'LORD, turn Ahithophel's counsel into foolishness.'"

Once exposed by each side as a traitor, Ahithophel (translated, "brother of ruin or folly") "put his household in order, and hanged himself and died" 2 Samuel 17:23.

Jesus' Real "Drop the Mic"

"Nothing is covered up that won't be discovered; nothing is hidden that won't be exposed. Whatever a person says in the dark will be published in the light of day, and whatever a person whispers in private rooms will be broadcast from the housetops" Luke 12:1-3, The Voice Bible.

tim allston is the author of the free book, *7 Steps to Manage Ego Problems: The How-to Guide for "Someone Else,"* free and downloadable now at www.GetEgoHelpNow.org.

Champion Game Plan for Life

by Preston Brown

“PRACTICING WHAT WE PREACH”

In James 1:22, it says, “Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.”

You know, when we look at our lives, it's easy to say that we are Christians, but that is not enough. If we are truly Christians, our lives and our actions should show it. Now, we all have bad days sometimes. It can happen to the best of us. Remember, even people with “great faith” can have weak moments. But for the majority of the time people should know who we are and who we represent. In other

words, if you were accused of being a Christian, would they have enough evidence to convict you? The main idea that James is trying to bring home in this text is, Christianity is not about what we think or say; it is about what we do. It's about our actions that matter.

There are three main things that James points out in the text that we as Christians must do. First, we must control our tongues. Then, we must have a compassionate spirit--someone who is actually willing to help another person that is in need, not just say “I hope things get better for you.” And, finally, we need to live a clean life. True Christians

are people who live in the world, but will not let the world live in them. Even though we are all



sinners, true Christians are commanded to live upright and moral lives and we can only achieve this through practicing what we preach ... Stay encouraged, my brothers and sisters!



Zetas Honor Chapter Founder

Mrs. Willie Nell Carodine was honored by Alumni of Sigma Beta Chapter during its reunion activities October 5-7, 2019, at Alabama A&M University. Mrs. Carodine is the only remaining founder of the undergraduate chapter at the University. On October 5, 2019, Alumni of Sigma Beta Chapter returned to Huntsville to begin homecoming festivities with a Zeta Meet and Greet where Dr. Harriett S. Littlepage introduced Mrs. Carodine to the group and paid homage for her years of dedication and service to the sorority. She became a “Zeta Dove” in 2001 (50 years of membership).

Dove Carodine was presented with a reunion tee-shirt and a dozen of white roses. In response, she expressed her love for her sorority and its founding principles and to all of the young ladies who became

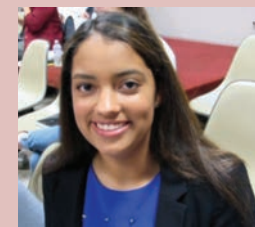
members of Zeta through Sigma Beta Chapter at the University. Dove Carodine was especially proud of all of their accomplishments. She recognized (posthumously) the remaining twelve founders by calling each by name.



Dove Willie Nell Carodine is an active member of Delta Omega Zeta Chapter in Huntsville, Ala.

The Sigma Beta Chapter was founded in 1950 with the help of the late Phi Beta Sigma Brother, Dr. V. Murray Chambers, who was a professor in Arts and Sciences and the late Zeta Phi Beta member, Maggie Y. Forte. Ladies who joined Zeta through Sigma Beta Chapter returned to Alabama A&M University to celebrate over 68 years of the chapter's existence on the campus. Over this time, it has never been suspended or placed on probationary status by its National office nor by the University.

Sparkman Senior CAFY Student of the Month



Sierra Garner, a senior at Sparkman High School was named CAFY Young Citizen of the Month.

Garner receives much motivation when she is helping those in need and working to better the community.

She is hard-working and passionate about helping those that are in need, and she cares about the well-being and happiness of others.

Sierra has volunteered at the Special Olympics for years with her volunteer organization, Junior Civitan.

Moreover, she has also volunteered at the Manna House and House of the Harvest for four years. She volunteers for the annual CAFY event. Sierra also has participated in the National Honor Society, Junior Civitan, Liz Hurley Run, Santa's Village and the American Heart Association Walk.

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Graveside service for MS. BONNIE ANN LARKIN WATSON will be Friday, November 8, at 12 p.m. at Huntsville Memory Gardens with Reverend Melvin Bishop officiating.

Memorial service for MR. DONALD W. ("DON") HAYGOOD (b. 1956) of Spicewood, Tex., and formerly of Huntsville, Ala., was held Saturday, November 2, at Hurricane Chapel Missionary Baptist Church (155 Teague Road - Brownsboro, Ala.) with Minister Nathaniel Alexander officiating.

Funeral service for MRS. LEEBERTHA STEVENSON GREEN (b. 1929) was held Thursday, October 31, at the Nelms Memorial Funeral Home Chapel with Bishop Ernest Edwards officiating.

Funeral service for MR. LEO GREEN (B. 1956) was held Thursday, October 31, at Bethany Primitive Baptist Church with Pastor James Battle officiating.

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Funeral service for MOTHER QUEEN ESTER SEAY (b. 1923) was held Monday, November 4, at Big Shiloh Primitive Baptist Church (133 Maple Street Madison, Ala.) with Pastor James F. Seay as eulogist.

Funeral service for MR. JAMES MAXWELL McCARTNEY, JR., (b. 1941) was held Sunday, November 3, at the Syler Tabernacle Church (904 Oakwood Avenue NW, Huntsville, Ala.) with Pastor Derrick Lankford officiating.

Funeral service for MR. DAVID LEE ACKLIN (b. 1954) was held Sunday, November 3, at the Royal Chapel of Memories (4315 Oakwood Avenue NW, Huntsville, Ala.) with Bishop Daniel J. Richardson officiating.

Funeral service for MR. ENERO "RO" COOPER, JR., (b. 2001) was held Sunday, November 3, at the Berean Seventh-day Adventist Church (291 Hamilton E. Holmes Dr. NW, Atlanta, Ga.).

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Funeral service for MS. DEBORAH BATTLE will be announced at a later date.

Funeral service for MS. DEONEESHA "D.G." MOORE-TORRES (b. 1994) was held Sunday, November 3, at Serenity Funeral Home.

Funeral service for MS. DARDREANA LAWSON (b. 1961) was held Saturday, November 2, at Serenity Funeral Home.



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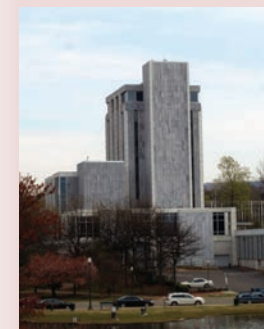
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The North Alabama African American Chamber of Commerce (Huntsville) meets monthly on the 3rd Tuesday at 12 noon.

The meeting location varies. Call (256) 564-7574.

City of Huntsville Garbage Schedule

No Collection on
Thursday, Nov. 28

Thursday's garbage will be picked up Friday, Nov. 29

Called Preach

by Pastor/Founder Michael D. Rice
Grace Gethsemane Mission Church

"Are You Guilty of Identity Theft?"

Identity theft is an unfortunate crime that has risen to a level that makes identity monitoring a much-needed service.

Advertisements show companies promising to guard personal information, such as driver license numbers, as well as social security numbers, that perpetrators use to open lines of credits, wipe out bank accounts and steal tax

refunds.

These individuals are guilty of identity theft. However, this is not the kind of identity theft that I am speaking of.

The question raised refers to the times when we seek to be God in our own lives and in the lives of others. When Moses asked God for His ID card on the back side of the Midian desert, He told Moses that

His name is I AM.

This is God's covenant name that He chose to reveal to Moses as the Self-Existing God who is whatever we need Him to be. That is His Identity.

When we seek to be our own God; trying to control the events in our own lives or the lives of others, that's identity theft.

The Bible is replete with prohibitive injunctions and instructions against this practice. The writer of Proverbs says that we are not to lean to our own understanding, but in all our ways acknowledge God and He will direct our paths.

the journey of living your best life. You reserve the right to break apart and rebuild.

While it can be a scary experience, the outcome will prove well worth it. In the process of breaking, what is lost allows room for what needs to be gained. In the rebuilding phase of life, you are being made stronger and more prepared to walk in the fullness of your purpose. There is a great blessing that lies in breaking. Though breaking is not easy, it is often necessary. Imagine a dilapidated house beyond repair. Even though exhaustive work will be required to tear it down, the possibility that lies in the newness of rebuilding is endless. Are you ready to put in the work? Your greatest life waits for you.

Josh Alex Baker is a Master of Social Work student at Alabama A&M University.

The New Testament writer James warns us against saying tomorrow or next year we'll do this or that, but rather say, "If the Lord is willing."

The only way to prevent being guilty of identity theft is to proclaim as the saints of old ...

"God, You're God all by Yourself."



"Reserve your right to think, for even to think wrongly is better than not to think at all."

- Hypatia



Millennial Thought

by Josh Alex Baker

"The Blessing in Breaking"

While

we are often taught to bend but never break, I have found a significant beauty in the process of breaking.

While I do not attempt to nullify this age-old adage, I seek to shed light on a new perspective. Breaking is not always entirely a bad thing. While society has come to synonymize breaking with weakness, acknowledging a need to break is actually one of the strongest things a person can do.

In order to live a full life, we must constantly seek to expand our level of self-awareness. You owe yourself the truth. You owe yourself

authenticity. You owe yourself the best version of you possible. That best version doesn't always present itself through adding on to what's already there. Sometimes, it lies in starting over. At certain times in our lives, simple repairs will not suffice. It is only through tearing down and rebuilding that we obtain the complete breakthrough that we so vitally need. Allow yourself to receive what blessings await. We often guilt ourselves into believing that we are not worthy enough to demand more. We present ourselves a false dilemma that all we have is all that there is. We deceive ourselves by believing that all we are now is all that we will be. It is never too late to begin

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Meridian Renaissance?

by Codie Gopher

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1. a circle of constant longitude passing through a given place on the earth's surface and the terrestrial poles.

2. (in acupuncture and Chinese medicine) each of a set of pathways in the body along which vital energy is said to flow. There are twelve such pathways associated with specific organs.

Meridian Street could be an educational Wall Street if prayed for, planned, strategized, funded (not just money: time, experience, volunteers, etc.), developed, implemented, and sustained properly.

The goal/target would be an educational infrastructure leading to the quality of life in 2030 Huntsville. This idea's axis is the rising tide of commercial development, population increase, new to market industry partners, and cost of living changes.

Something unique and centrally focused must be derived. This area, north of Oakwood Avenue, has

a high concentration of learning centers, elementary level to post secondary, making it a valuable stretch of town in the education scope. The perceived value of education provided within a zip code helps to drive all other investment surrounding these institutions. On this one mile or so stretch of road, you have from pre-school learning to doctorate level education. That's impressive.

Where is the educational GPS location desired within this community? Eventually you have to type out the coordinates and drive towards the desired location. Even though most educational policies are directives sent down to be enforced by the people working on the front lines, some direction should come from those in the community, willing to assist, especially with the youth, and their daily forming culture.

Every year there is a new freshman class, ready to

embark on life's learned journey, but these classes have something those in power may not possess. They hold a new set of goals, viewed through a fresh set of lenses, ready to co-op, in their long term success. This is a valuable investment on all who work the process, a shoulder to shoulder action. This helps to construct true independent momentum into adulthood.

Median Street has built-in promise already established. It's not a simple plug and play scenario, but it could be formed into an energetic, community-driven project. The process depends on policy and zoning, but the key component is commitment from a willing group of stakeholders, determined to see this puzzle piece be truly utilized in the ever growing Huntsville. A true refurbishment development project, centered around a cherished educational history, present, and future.

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