

St. John AME Site of "Holiday Season of Unity"

The Tennessee Valley Jazz Society-Huntsville's Oneness Committee will hold "A Holiday Season of Unity" on Thursday, November 16, at St. John AME Church, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

In an effort to help launch the holiday season, the 90-minute program is an Alabama Bicentennial event that will feature spiritual, gospel and jazz music

Among the participants are Pastor Johnny Jones of Liberty Primitive Baptist Church; the St. John AME Church Mass Choir; and Omni-Music, led by Dr. Horace Carney, chair, Alabama A&M University's Department of Visual, Performing and Communication Arts.

Tennessee Valley Jazz Society-Huntsville's "Oneness Committee" aims to educate and entertain the public about the origins of America's music, as well as to foster more unity through oneness among the various metro-Huntsville and Tennessee Valley communities, according to Howard Bankhead, director.

Other event partners and supporters include the local NAACP chapter; Datatek; St. John AME Church, Huntsville; WJAB-FM 90.9; The Ivy Center of Huntsville; New Beginnings Christian Church; and the Alabama A&M University Child Development Center.

For additional information about the concert, call (256) 604-8172 or visit tennesseevalleyjazz@gmail.com.

Dickerson Remembered in Tennessee Valley

NASA retiree, Mrs.
Sandra O'Neal Dickerson,
was eulogized on Saturday,
November 4, 2017, at First
Missionary Baptist Church
by Dr. Julius R. Scruggs.

She was a graduate of Dillard University and Alabama A&M University.

Dickerson retired from NASA's Marshall Flight Center after 39 year as Deputy Director of Employee and Organizational Development.

She was a member of First Missionary Baptist Church, Huntsville, Ala.;

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., for more than 50 years, making her a Golden Soror; a member of the Greater Huntsville Chapter of The Links, Inc.; and a former member of the I. F. Drake Technical College Board of Trustees.





Veterans Day Parade November 11 in Downtown

The Veterans Parade in Huntsville, Ala., will be held Saturday, Nov. 11, at 11:11 a.m.

This "private event" has been opened to the public and serves as the official Veterans Day Parade for Huntsville and Redstone Arsenal.

The Pre-Parade Program starts promptly at 10 a.m. in Veterans Memorial Park. The Parade Program starts at the Veterans Memorial park and will be broadcast live on WAFF-TV (Channel 48) at 11a.m. The cannon fires and the Parade starts at 11:11 a.m. Dress is "Parade Day casual"!

Parade entrants are expected to arrive at Lot K (Clinton Avenue, across

from the Downtown Post Office) between 8:30-10:30 a.m.

The event is free to entrants and spectators. The Parade celebrates veterans on Veterans Day. All entries are Veteransupportive.

This event is partially sponsored by AUSA, Huntsville –Redstone.

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Washington in a Minute



Here are the main issues in Washington, D.C., for the week of November 6:

1. The House and Senate are in session this week. On Monday at 12 noon, the House Ways and Means Committee began a multi-day markup of the House GOP's tax reform bill, called the "Tax Cuts and Jobs Act." Committee Chair Kevin Brady (R-TX) has authored a substitute amendment – known as a "Chairman's Mark" – which will be

amendments, in which he has made some significant changes from the text introduced last Thursday, including starting the inflation adjustments to the tax code immediately (instead of 2023), which will produce \$128.2 billion in revenue for the federal government - an increase of \$89 billion over 10 years. The House is aiming to complete floor debate on the tax bill before it recesses for Thanksgiving on

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November 16. The Senate Finance Committee is expected to consider its version of the tax bill next week. The full Senate this week will continue work on Trump Administration nominees, including a vote on former Lyft General Manager Derek Kan, who

2. Higher education groups across the board are also seeking to avert the

hails from California, to be

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elimination of tax benefits for student loan borrowers and families paying for college that are worth roughly \$65 billion over the next decade. The GOP bill would ax the deduction for interest paid on student loans as well as the tax break for employer-provided educational assistance programs.

3. President Trump is in Asia this week through November 14, traveling to Japan, South Korea, China, Vietnam, and the Philippines. While in Asia, he will participate in the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) meeting and the Association of Southeast

Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) 4. Also on summit. Monday, former Trump campaign manager Paul Manafort had a bail hearing at which time his defense team reportedly propose \$12.5 million worth of assets - including his Trump Tower apartment - as part of a bail package to ensure that he appears for the trial he's facing on charges of money laundering and failing to register as a foreign lobbyist. In exchange for bail, Manafort is seeking to be released from home confinement and GPS monitoring at his Alexandria, Va., condo and permitted to travel freely in Florida, Virginia, Washington, D.C., and New York. NBC News reported yesterday (Sunday) that Special Counsel Robert Mueller has obtained enough evidence to bring charges on President Trump's former National Security Adviser Michael Flynn and his son, Michael G. Flynn.

5. The Hill newspaper is reporting that House and Senate Democrats are uniting around the idea of forcing Congress to include language to preserve the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program in the FY2018 Omnibus Appropriations bill, thereby raising the chances of a federal government shutdown when the current funding stopgap measure expires on December 8. Another complication, according to Politico, may be the Treasury's announcement last week that the federal government will run out of money to pay its debts in January, delivering a slightly earlier estimate than expected, which could

force appropriators to add a controversial provision on the debt ceiling to the Omnibus bill. Finally, Senators Alexander (R-TN) and Murray (D-WA) are pressing the Senate leadership to include in the Omnibus their bill to guarantee funds for 2 years for key Obamacare payments that reimburse insurers for discounts to low-income people, in exchange for added flexibility for states to apply for waivers to change Obamacare rules.

6. The Veterans Affairs Department said on Friday that it's moving ahead with implementing the bipartisan expansion of GI Bill educational benefits that President Donald Trump signed into law earlier this year. The VA said that many of the law's highestprofile provisions — like the removal of the 15-year limit on when recipients must use their GI Bill benefits — have already taken effect and don't require any action from student veterans.

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Champion Game Plan for Life

by Preston Brown

that you complete your

Matthew 26:39 says, "Going a little further, He fell with His face to the ground and prayed, My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will." Have you ever been caught between what you want and what God wants for your life? And, it was such a difficult decision that you wanted God to show you another way? You know, God gives us all certain

assignments that He wants us to complete. Just like we find with Jesus. This was a very difficult decision, but aren't you glad that Jesus chose to complete His

assignment?
Because, where would we be if He had not become the savior of the whole world?

Now some assignments are easier to

handle, like getting a new job or deciding to be a coach for your son's football team. However, some assignments are more difficult, like planting a

church or going into ministry or being a "caretaker" for an elderly person.

So, whatever assignment God has given to you, I pray assignment. I also pray that His will be done for your life. Even if we have to struggle, I pray that God gives you the strength to struggle. And, even if you have to endure some pain, God give us the strength to endure the pain. And, even if we have our doubts, like Jesus did, God give us the strength to overcome our doubts ... Stay encouraged, my brothers and sisters!



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rom Our Guest Editor



Ribbon Cutting Ceremony of Woody Anderson Ford's Brand-New Huntsville Store

Woody Anderson Ford hosted its 11th Annual Fish and Fowl, Family and Friends & Family Launch on Wednesday, November 1, 2017. This year's celebration included grand opening day and the

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony of Woody Anderson Ford's brand new Huntsville

The speakers for this grand event were the Honorable Tommy Battle, mayor of Huntsville, and Mr. Alan Mulally, former CEO, Ford Motor Company. Mayor Battle extended thanks to Mrs. Cathy Anderson, owner of Woody Anderson Ford, for being a great community partner. Mulally also extended congratulations to Anderson for the great job that she has done since taking over the dealership in 2003.









During her remarks. Mrs. Anderson thanked evervone in attendance and applauded her Ford Team for a performance of excellence. She stated the importance of having a vision/plan, and working relentlessly to fulfill it.

Other local dignitaries in

attendance were: Commisioner Craig Hill;

Ms. Tiffany Noel, representative from Congressman Moe Brooks' office; Madison County Sheriff Blake Dorning; and retired Madison County Sheriff Joe Whisenant.



The Blessing in Breaking Millennial Thought by Joshua Baker what is lost allows room for what needs to be gained. If the rebuilding phase of life

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 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 Baker is a junior majoring in social work at Alabama A&M University.



OATH: District 1 School Board Representative Takes Oath of Office (Ms. Michelle Lanier Watkins) - Huntsville City Schools - November 7, 2017.

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The CWJC Circle's Luncheon

Guiding Women to a Better Future November 6, 2017

Von Braun Center North Hall - Huntsville, Alabama

Keynote Speaker: Carolyn Maull McKinstry (left), survivor and friend of the 4 girls who were killed in the klan-planted bomb in Birmingham, Alabama, in September 1963.











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Funeral service for MRS. CAROLYN M. IVY (b. 1955) will be Saturday, November 11, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. at St. Matthew Primitive Baptist Church (3200 Sparkman Drive -Huntsville, AL) with Pastor E. Bernard Birgans officiating.

Funeral service for MRS. KATIE MAE PICKETT (b. 1939) was held Sunday, November 5, at Nelms Memorial Funeral Home Chapel with Reverend Earla Lockhart officiating.

Funeral service for MR. BOBBY JOE PINCHON (b. 1959) was Sunday, November 5, at the Nelms Memorial Funeral Home Chapel.

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 Ms. Marcia Cable Lockhart (b. 1954) was held Friday, November 3, at Progressive Union Missionary Baptist Church (1919 Brandontown Road - Huntsville, AL) with Pastor Wayne P. Snodgrass officiating.

- Royal Funeral Home -

Memorial service for MR. MARCELLUS SMITH III (b. 1955) will be at 4 p.m. until 6 p.m., Friday, November 17, at the Royal Chapel of Memories.

Funeral service will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, November 11, for MR. JAMES WADDLE (b. 1918) at the St. Andrew Primitive Baptist Church (1393 Swancott Road, Madison AL 35756) with Pastor Michael Hartwell officiating.

Funeral service will be 12:00 p.m., Saturday, November 11, for MR. JACK CUNNINGHAM at the Royal Chapel of Memories.

Funeral service was held for DEACON CYRIL BRYANT BURGESS (b. 1935) Tuesday, November 7, at the Fellowship of Faith Church (3703 North Memorial Parkway, Huntsville, AL 35810) with Pastor Troy Garner officiating.

Graveside service was held Monday, November 6, for BABY BOY RAPHA ASHER TURNER at the Meadowlawn Garden of Peace (450 Mt. Lebanon Road, Toney, AL 35773) with Senior Pastor Antoyne L. Green officiating.

Graveside service was held Sunday, November 5, for BABY KINSLEY ARIELLE MCCAULLEY at Meadowlawn Garden of Peace (450 Mt. Lebanon Road, Toney, AL 35773).

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.



Alabama Band Plays Von Braun Center

St. Paul and the Broken Bones brought their tour to the Von Braun Center on Oct. 29. The tour stop, which is in support of their critically acclaimed sophomore album "Sea of Noise", marked their second time performing in the Rocket City. In 2015, the eight-member ensemble opened up for musical legend Elton John.

The band, originally from Birmingham, gave attendees a taste of South with its rich sounds and take-em-to-church energy.

Throughout the show, frontman Paul Janeway belted the band's extensive catalogue of soulful tunes, often taking his performances offstage. While the lead, Janeway didn't hog the stage, occasionally taking intermissions to showcase the impressive skills of his instrumentalists.

by Reginald D. Allen

The Valley Weekly Calendar of Events

November 9

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

November 10

ART-N-SOUL Holiday Social Doors - 6:30 p.m.; Show 7-9 p.m. Bob Harrison Center

November 11

The Village at Providence Artisans & Farmers Market The Village of Providence Park 1 Town Center Drive NW Huntsville, Ala. 8 a.m.-12 noon

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

November 12

African Expo 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.

November 23

24th Annual Thanksgiving
Day Hike
(Bring: bottled water,
hiking sticks, trail snacks,
a camera, long pants and
comfortable shoes with
good tread)
2442 Bankhead Parkway
Huntsville, Ala.
9 a.m.-12 noon

December 1 "Laughing All the Way: A

White Christmas in Hawaii*
Featuring: Joy the Queen of Clean
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College
Trinity United Methodist
Church
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December 2

Huntsville, Ala. - 7 p.m.

"Holidays in the Valley"
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- Presented by The Academy for Learning,
Maitland Conservatory and
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November 10 - SINBAD - Actor and comedian, born David Adkins in Benton Harbor, Mich. He is well known for appearing on "Star Search", "A Different World" and the films "First Kid" and "Jingle All the Way." - BlackinTime.info

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Mastin Lake Road/University Drive)

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Ryan Patrick Parker and Nikia Lightfoot - Exchanging Vows Saturday, November 4, 2017 at Indian Creek Primitive Baptist Church

The sacred ceremony was officiated by Superintendent Anthony Wheeler of Beacon Hill Worship Center followed by an adult-only reception and gala at the Von Braun Center's North Hall. Almost 400 invited family and friends enjoyed the pleasingly graceful and stylish event.



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.





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Saturday, November 11

Alabama A&M vs. Jackson State

Alabama @ Mississippi State

Alabama State vs. Grambling

Arkansas @ LSU

Auburn vs. Georgia

LSU vs. Arkansas

Mississippi State vs. Alabama

Ole Miss vs. Louisiana-Lafayette

Texas A&M vs. New Mexico

Florida @ South Carolina

Georgia @ Auburn

Kentucky @ Vanderbilt

Missouri vs. Tennessee

South Carolina vs. Florida

Tennessee @ Missouri

Vanderbilt vs. Kentucky



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