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- John Henrik Clarke

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## 100 BMOGH Prepares for Holiday Gala

The Annual 100 Black Men of Greater Huntsville's (100 BMOGH) Holiday Gala will be held on Saturday, December 17, at the Von Braun Center's North Hall in downtown Huntsville.

The 100 BMOHC is a non-profit 501 (c) 3 organization that takes this opportunity to invite the Greater Huntsville Community to join it in celebrating the 17th year anniversary of service to the at large community and the youth that will become future leaders.

The 2016 theme for the event is "Empowering Youth in A Changing World," and the program

will reflect the organization's emphasis on mentorship and its commitment to growing and developing community youth.

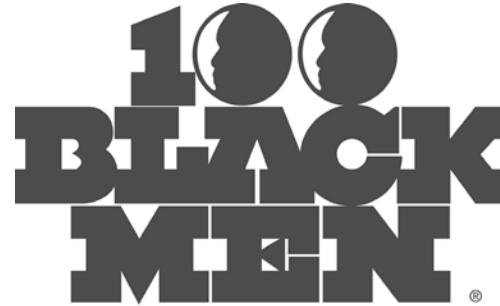
The gala is one of two annual fundraisers that supports academic scholarships and the organization's "Four for the Future" cornerstone programs (Mentoring, Education, Economic Empowerment and Health and Wellness). Educational scholarships are competitively awarded based on both academics and need to area youth who meet prescribed requirements without regard to gender, race, or religious preference.

The evening will begin with a reception starting at 6 p.m., and the program will begin at 7 p.m. and continue with dining and live entertainment through 11 p.m.

Tickets are \$62.50/person and reserved tables for 8 can be purchased for \$500 through December 2. Ticket prices increase to \$75.00/person and \$600/table on December 3.

For more information,

contact, James Matthews-on, Gala Ticket sales chairman at (256) 714-8921;



Robert Clark, vice president of development, at (256) 759-6060; or Freeda McDowell at the 100 BMOGH Business Office at (256) 536-8050, where credit card purchases can be processed.

## HBC: "Laughing All the Way"

Huntsville Bible College is inviting the general public to share in a "Laughing All the Way - Christmas in Paris" event on Friday, December 2.

Tickets may be obtained by calling (256) 469-7536 or via e-mail at dev@hbc1.edu. Individuals who would like to wish HBC "Best Wishes and Merry Christmas" are being encouraged to do so through the purchase of an ad in the program booklet.

HBC offers four Christmas ad sizes, ranging from a cost of \$10 to be added to the Donor List to \$50 for a

Full Page ad. Other sizes include a Business Card size for \$15 and a Half Page ad for \$25.

Ads can be e-mailed to events@hbc1.edu or dev@hbc1.edu. Ads and payments may also be mailed with checks or money orders payable to: Huntsville Bible College, ATTN: LATW Committee, 906 Oakwood Avenue, Huntsville, AL 35811.

The deadline for ads is Tuesday, November 22. For more information or to purchase tickets, call (256) 469-7536.

## Local Officials Sworn in for Service to Valley

Monday, November 7, 2016 - Big Spring Park East

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L-R: Mayor Tommy Battle, Councilman Devyn Keith, and Councilman Will Culver. Far right: Former Councilman Richard Showers and Keith.

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## The Hamm Consulting Group



## Your Washington Recap

Here are the top issues in Washington, D.C., this week:

1. The House and Senate are in recess and will reconvene next week. Assuming the party keeps its majority, the House Republican Conference is scheduled to hold its closed-door elections for Speaker, Majority Leader, Whip, Conference Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Policy Committee Chair on Nov. 15. The House Democratic Caucus will hold its leadership elections sometime during freshman orientation in November — either the week after the election or the week after Thanksgiving.

2. On Monday, President Obama campaigned for Hillary Clinton in Michigan, New Hampshire and Pennsylvania.

3. Over the weekend, FBI Director James Comey sent a 5-sentence letter to Congressional leaders stating that the FBI's investigation of additional e-mails (announced on October 28) had been completed and that no charges would be filed against Hillary Clinton.

4. The Supreme Court reinstated an Arizona law making it a felony to collect early ballots, overturning a Friday decision by 9th Circuit Court of Appeals that had blocked the law. In Arizona, voters can

request an early ballot to be sent to them before the election, which they can then mail or drop it off at a polling locations as long as it is received by 7 p.m. on Election Day.

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## 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 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.

## Strength Training Could Protect Memory

Exercise is a path toward brain health as one ages, according to BlackDoctor.org. Thus, lifting weights may protect persons against memory loss. In fact, according to a group of Australian researchers, hitting the weights as little as twice a week may help ward off Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia.

The study involved 100 men and women, ages 55 to 86, who were all diagnosed with mild cognitive impairment (MCI) were divided into two groups. Those assigned to strength-training used a weight machine, working to at least 80 percent of their peak strength during each session. As their strength increased, so did the weight.

Meanwhile, those assigned to the latter group, used a computerized brain-training program in addition to following a basic exercise routine. In 2014, the study's primary results, revealed that those in the strength-training groups made significant improvements on tests to measure cognition — persisting even 12 months later.

## Scenes from 'Get Out to Vote Rally' - Nov. 4

Hosted by St. Luke Church and Sponsored by the North Alabama Pan Hellenic Council, Huntsville Masonic Lodges, Huntsville Von Braun Lions Club, Huntsville Eastern Stars, Huntsville Shriners, Huntsville NAACP, NSBE Alumni Extension, NHCUA, State Rep. Laura Hall and State Rep. Anthony Daniels.



"Character, not circumstances, makes the man." - Booker T. Washington

## Rosetta James Scholarship Foundation

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The Rosetta James Scholarship Foundation provides financial scholarship to undergraduate students who demonstrate sound academic principles; commitment to community volunteerism, civic engagement and unselfishness to assist others in Huntsville/Madison County.

The Rosetta James Foundation is a 501(c)3 organization with a 0% Administrative and Fundraising Rate (AFR). For additional information, contact (256) 536-9717 or write P.O. Box 17452, Huntsville, AL 35810.



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## From the Editor

*Veteran's Day ... A Tribute to the Hall Family!*

Today, we observe Veterans Day in the United States. We pause annually on November 11, to honor military veterans who served in the United States Armed Forces. Meet the Hall Family. Mr. & Mrs. Willie Hall (Annie Bell) had 10 children, eight sons and two daughters, who they encouraged to finish school and to go to college. They instilled a strong work ethic in each of their children. Seven of the eight sons served in the United States Army and went on to higher education and have successful families and careers.

Seven of the eight sons are all veterans of the United States Army. Novell, Blanche and Julie are not veterans. Novell graduated from Lee High School and enrolled at AAMU. He conducted further studies at Tennessee State University. He was an electrical engineer for IBM and is still actively employed in Washington, D.C.



L-R are Mose Hall, Charles Hall, Clarence Hall, Richard Hall, Bether Lee Hall, Novell Hall, Bill Hall and George Hall, along with their sisters Blanche and Julie. Photo credit: Mrs. Earnestine Hall.

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Brother Richard Hall attended Council High School and after returning from the Army, he earned B.S. and M.S. degrees from AAMU. He was a mathematician for NASA for 40 years, one of the first African Americans hired at Marshall Space Flight Center (MSFC). Brother Bill Hall attended Council Training School, served in the Army and went on to Winona Technical College in Birmingham. He was a Union Shop Steward for Hartz Mountain in Bloomfield, N.J., for 36 years. Brother Bether Lee Hall attended Council Training School, served in the Army and attended Newark Technical College in Newark, N.J. He had a career as a longshoreman in New Jersey. Brother George Hall attended Council Training School and after the Army, he attended AAMU and was a career recruiter for IBM. Brother Charles Hall attended Council Training and after the Army, attended AAMU, but graduated from Athens State. He was a senior vice president and part owner of DP and

Associates.

Brother Clarence Hall attended Council Training and after the Army attended AAMU and had a career with IBM as a program manager. Brother Mose Hall graduated from Lee High School and after serving in the Army graduated from AAMU and worked on Redstone Arsenal for the federal government as a financial accountant. Sister Blanche Hall attended Council High and a business college in Huntsville, worked for IBM in New York and retired from New York Life here in Huntsville. Sister Julie Ann attended Council High and AAMU, and she worked for BellSouth for over 35 years.

All of the Hall sisters and brothers were encouraged by their father to go to college, and they went on to marry and raise families. They are a large, loving family. I have had the opportunity to meet some of them and count them among some of Huntsville's finest citizens.

Happy Veteran's Day. Ah! Thanks for your service!

Until next week ...

*Dorothy*

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## Dolly Parton to Perform in Huntsville

A multi-Grammy Award-winning singer-songwriter is bringing her Pure and Simple tour to the Rocket City via the Von Braun Center on November 16.

Dolly Parton's midweek performance will be a follow-up to fellow music icon Patti Labelle's show-shopping production a few nights before.

The tour coincides with the release of her new album of the same, which recently became her seventh country album to reach No. 1 on the billboard charts.

Widely recognized for her musical career, the Tennessee native has had

an equally successful career as an actress, appearing in popular cult classics such as "Steel Magnolias," "9 to 5," and "The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas."

While Parton has a catalogue of hits, she is most notable for her smash hit "Jolene" and being the original vocalist of "I Will Always Love You," made popular by the late Whitney Houston in the 1990's film "The Bodyguard." In her 60-plus-year career, Parton has amassed a myriad accolades including eight Grammy wins, two Academy Award nominations and being inducted into the highly coveted



Country Music Hall of Fame. Last week, the iconic country artist received the Willie Nelson Lifetime achievement award at the Country Music Awards.

Tickets for Dolly's performance range from \$52-147 and be purchased on Ticketmaster or at the VBC box office.

by Reggie Allen

## Huntsville Site of Master Gardeners in 2017

The Alabama Master Gardeners Association (AMGA) will hold its 27th annual state conference in Huntsville, Ala., May 1-3, 2017.

The 2017 conference is hosted by the Master Gardeners of North Ala-

bama with assistance from Limestone, Morgan and Marshall County Master Gardeners. The conference is expected to draw more than 400 gardeners from across the Southeast. The conference program

is already filling up with exciting lectures and demonstrations.

Alabama Master Gardeners take great pride in improving their communities by providing education and training to its citizens.

## Marching Maroon and White Going to Invitational

Alabama A&M University's Marching Maroon and White Band, directed by alumnus Carlton Wright, will be among the Final 8 historically black college/university (HBCUs) bands to perform in Atlanta, Ga., in January 2017.

Fans around the country voted for their favorite bands among the HBCUs, and the AAMU band

emerged among the Final 8 that will perform in the Honda Battle of the Bands

at the Georgia Dome on January 28.

For the past 15 years, Honda has annually awarded approximately \$200,000 in grants to participating marching bands during the program period. The event was created to celebrate, support and recognize the excellence of black college marching bands and the unique academic experience offered by HBCUs.

In addition to Alabama A&M University, other HBOB finalists include

the following: Alabama State University, Benedict College (S.C.), Bethune-Cookman University (Fla.), Jackson State University (Miss.), North Carolina A&T State University, Texas Southern University, and Winston-Salem State University (N.C.).

Doors will open at 1:30 p.m., and the show will begin promptly at 3 p.m. To purchase tickets, visit [www.hondabattleofthebands.com/tickets](http://www.hondabattleofthebands.com/tickets). Tickets begin at \$10/each.

## IMS Offers Unique Resources to Valley Community

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- To learn the core beliefs, and practices of the world's major religions

• To gain knowledge and insight into religious diversity in our world, nation and community

• To be in dialogue with area faith representatives.

Call or e-mail (IMS@knology.net) to request an Interfaith Mission Service event or series in your church or organization.



**On This Day** - Friday, November 11 - LAVERN BAKER - She was an R&B legend who was born in Chicago, Ill. Baker is best known for such hits as "Tweedle Dee," "I Cried a Tear" and "Jim Dandy." - [BlackinTime.info](http://BlackinTime.info)

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## Valley Deaths

Funeral service for **Mr. Thomas Wellington (b. 1955) Hereford** was scheduled for Saturday, November 5, at Center Grove United Methodist Church (2969 Jordan Lane).

Funeral service for **Mr. Shaun Moore (b. 1978)** was held Friday, November 4, at Eagles' Nest Ministries Church (6831 Hollow Rd NW, Huntsville, Ala.).

Funeral service for **Mr. Willie Leslie, Jr.** was Thursday, October 27, at Blackburn Chapel Cumberland Presbyterian Church with Reverend Dr. Theodis Acklin officiating.

Funeral service for **Mr. Gregory L. Bone (b. 1959)** was held Tuesday, October 25, at Indian Creek Primitive Baptist Church with Pastor Timothy Rainey officiating.

Funeral service for **Mr. Steve Persinger (b. 1949)** was Tuesday, October 25, at Nelms Memorial Funeral Home Chapel with Reverend Bertha L. Watts officiating.

Funeral arrangements for **Mrs. Margaret T. Jones (b. 1920)** are incomplete and will be announced later.

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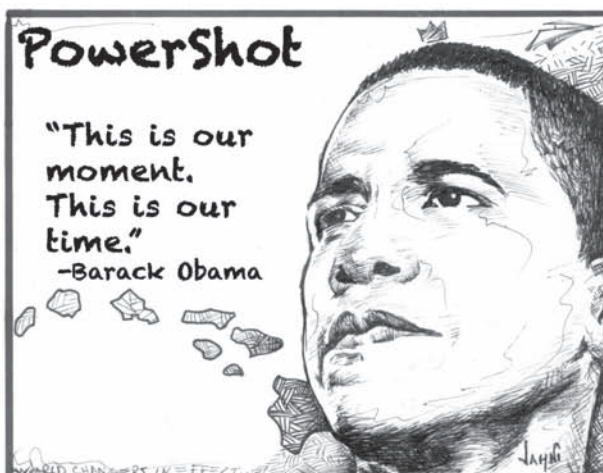
## Calhoun Staffer Presents at National Conference

Chris Alexander, digital media and distance learning manager for Calhoun Community College, represented the college as a presenter at the 8th Annual Quality Matters National Conference in Portland, Ore., October 29-November 3.



Alexander presented on the results of a new partnership between Calhoun and Quality Matters (QM) that was established during the Fall 2015 semester.

by Sherika Attipoe



### Barack Obama Ten Keys To Success

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2. Have hope
3. Don't get complacent
4. Stay focused
5. You can't do it alone
6. Commit to something bigger
7. Stop making excuses
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9. Stick to your plan
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### November 12

Best of Broadway  
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(256) 541-0385

### "Let's Move Athens"

Walk for Your Cause  
Tickets: \$20  
Athens High School Track  
Athens, Ala.  
8 a.m.-12 p.m.

### "Night Under the Purple Stars"

Alzheimer's Association  
Von Braun Center-North Hall, 5:30 p.m.

### November 13

UNCF Women's Leadership Tea  
The Ledges of Huntsville Ballroom  
3 p.m.

### "A Tribute to Great Jazz Divas"

Alabama Women in Jazz Academy for Academic and Arts  
4800 Sparkman Drive, 6-8 p.m.

### November 21

Festival of Praise Tour  
VBC Concert Hall  
Huntsville, Ala.  
7:30 p.m.

### November 27

Valley Conservatory Jam Session  
5-8 p.m.

### December 3

"Fantasia" (w/ Laprtia  
Von Braun Center (VBC)

### February 4

Huntsville Symphony Orchestra  
Free Family Concert  
Mark C. Smith Concert Hall  
Von Braun Center

# Pressure Produces Diamonds

I was blessed with an amazing opportunity this year working for Bravo TV! At the beginning of February, I worked "The Real Housewives of Atlanta" Season 8 Reunion, rolled over into a full season of Don't Be Tardy, and from there, worked

Season 9 of "The Real Housewives of Atlanta." It has been one busy year for me, however I am very grateful for the experience. I was even promoted to a new position as Producer PA, where I worked directly with the producers on the creative for the show. I am glad that I did have the experience working in production management because it helped with task such as clearing locations, which was a large part of my job. Being a Producer PA definitely applied more pressure on me because filming depended upon whether we cleared a location; but just like the saying goes, "pressure either busts pipes or produces



diamonds," and this experience was definitely one to make me stronger.

No matter your position or industry, you will have responsibilities on your job where people rely on you and what you accomplish. Pressure is inevitable in any industry, but it's also good for you, because the outcome is rewarding. All the hard work paid off because the network and producers are once again pleased with the season. I am looking forward to watching this season of

"The Real Housewives of Atlanta" on Sunday November 6th to see all the hard work come together. I appreciate all that I learned working this past season. I was given the opportunity to shadow and work with television producers which is aligned with what I want to do in life. Although it required a lot of me, I truly enjoyed the challenge and I'm appreciative for the lessons.

Whether you own a business or work for one, your job can require a large amount of dedication, and what you bring to the table can affect the outcome tremendously. If you ever find yourself under pressure at your job or working on your business, remember that it's only to make you a stronger diamond. You won't have to face anything that you can't bear, therefore you can overcome any challenges that your life or job may present.

*All the best,  
Amoi Savage*

## Champion Game Plan for Life

There is nothing more valuable than having the presence of God in your life. When you have God's anointing on your life, there is something different about you. You have character, you have integrity, you have honesty, you keep your word, you have a certain temperament about you, and people notice. Now this anointing comes from grace and mercy. It is a gift from God.



The Bible tells us that you have an anointing from the Holy One. But in another way there is a price that

we pay for the anointing. And the price that we pay comes from our Obedience, our Sacrifice and our Brokenness.

There is power connected to obedience. Anointing is released when we are willing to sacrifice our time and our resources to God. And, we become broken when we get rid of

our selfish, independent attitudes ... Stay encouraged, my brothers and sisters

## Alabama A&M University Men's Basketball 2016 Season

|           |                |           |
|-----------|----------------|-----------|
| Dec. 3    | Tenn. Tech U.  | 6 p.m.    |
| Jan. 2    | Jackson State  | 7:30 p.m. |
| Jan. 4    | Grambling      | 7:30 p.m. |
| Jan. 14   | Alabama State  | 6 p.m.    |
| Jan. 21   | Southern       | 6 p.m.    |
| Jan. 23   | Alcorn State   | 7:30 p.m. |
| Feb. 4    | Miss. Valley   | 6 p.m.    |
| Feb. 6    | UAPB           | 7:30 p.m. |
| Feb. 25   | PVAMU          | 6 p.m.    |
| Feb. 27   | Texas Southern | 7:30 p.m. |
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