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Mrs. Evelyn Streeter Rich

"My fear was not of death, but a death without meaning." - Huey P. Newton

'Galaxy of Lights' Begins at Garden

The Galaxy of Lights will begin Friday, November 11, at the Huntsville Botanical Garden.

Galaxy of Lights is a regional holiday tradition that takes place every November and December at the Huntsville Botanical Garden. For more than 25 years, HBG has welcomed guests from near and far to explore the magnificent lights and enjoy the Garden when it's decked for the holiday season. With both walking and driving experiences, Galaxy offers guests of all ages the chance to experience the magic, share in the tradi-



tion, and make memories together.

With new immersive displays and more Walking Nights than ever before, you won't want to miss this year's Galaxy of Lights!

-DATES AND TIMES-
Walking Nights:

November 11-27 (Closed Thanksgiving Day) and December 17 - January 1 (Closed Christmas Day)

5:15 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
(Time of last admission)

Dog Walking Nights:
Every Monday and Tuesday during Walking Nights (November 14-15, 21-22 & December 19-20, 26-27)

Driving Nights:
December 1-16
5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
(Time of last admission)
November 11, 2022 - January 1, 2023
Recurring weekly on Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday
Location: 4747 Bob Wallace Avenue, Huntsville, AL
Time: Times May Vary
Price: Admission Charged

HMA Presents 'Adventures in Imagination'

The Huntsville Museum of Art will present "Donato Giancola" through January 22, 2023.

Giancola is an American artist specializing in narrative realism with science fiction and fantasy content. Considered the most successful sci-fi/fantasy illustrator working today, he creates engaging paintings that bridge the

worlds of contemporary and historical figurative arts. Exclusive to the Huntsville Museum of Art, Adventures in Imagination will include a range of thematic subjects, including paintings and drawings based on the popular HBO series Game of Thrones, J.K. Rowling's Harry Potter, J. R. R. Tolkien's Lord of the Rings, and the fantasy



tabletop role-playing game Dungeons & Dragons. Also included are works created to illustrate the covers and stories of recent fantasy novels, as well as other surprises. (Admission)

Event Scheduled for Self-Published

"Gobble Gobble Hey!"-- a 'zine' and small press fest--will be held at Lowe Mill ARTS and Entertainment November 18-19, 2211 Seminole Drive, in Huntsville, Ala.

It's a special way to celebrate all things literary at Lowe Mill ARTS & Entertainment. Gobble Gobble Hey! is the inaugural Zine and Small Press Fest, say organizers.

There will be a market from 11 a.m.-4 p.m., where creators of zines, comics, books (self-published and small press), as well as book-making arts and letterpress printmaking are welcome.

Meet the artists, authors, and publishers.

There also will be scheduled events throughout Friday night, November 18, and all-day Saturday, November 19.

Visit <https://lowemill.art/gobblegobblehey/>

Veteran's Day Showcase at Ice Sports Center

The Huntsville Sports Commission and College Hockey South will present the 2nd Annual Veteran's Day Showcase November 11-12 at the Huntsville Ice Sports Center. The facility is located at 3185 Leeman Ferry Road in Huntsville, Ala.

HSC and CHS are proud to honor America's military veterans by hosting an event featuring The University of Alabama, Auburn University, The University of Georgia, and Georgia Tech's Club Hockey Teams in a 2-day Showcase event.

The schedule and confirmed game times are as follows:

Friday, November 11th
(Veteran's Day)
6:00 p.m.: Georgia Tech vs. Auburn
8:30 p.m.: Georgia vs. Alabama

Saturday, November 12th
4:00 p.m.: Georgia Tech vs. Georgia
6:30 p.m.: Auburn vs. Alabama

Location: 3185 Leeman Ferry Road, Huntsville, AL
Phone: (256) 883-3774
Time: Times Vary
Price: \$10 for age 14 and above \$8 for age 13 and below \$8 for current or retired Military with Military ID



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Washington in One Minute



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

1. MID-TERM ELECTION. The latest ratings from The Cook Political Report for tomorrow's Mid-Term Election shows 4 toss-up seats in the current 50-50 Senate: AZ (D),

GA (D), PA (R), and NV (D). In the House, there are 212 GOP-favored seats and 188 Democrat-favored seats – with 25 Democrat races and 10 GOP races rated as a toss-up.

2. ON THE FLOOR. The House and Senate will have no recorded votes until

Monday, Nov. 14.

3. THE WHITE HOUSE.

On Monday, President Biden participated in a “get out the vote” rally in Columbia, MD, with Maryland Democratic gubernatorial candidate Wes Moore. On Friday, the President will attend the 27th Conference of the Parties to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP27) in Sharm el-Sheikh, followed by a trip to Phnom Penh, Cambodia, on Nov. 12-13 to participate in the annual U.S.-ASEAN Summit and the East Asia Summit. He will then attend the G-20 Summit in Bali, Indonesia, on Nov. 13-16.

4. SUPREME COURT.

Among other cases this week, the Supreme Court Monday heard arguments

in an antitrust case in which a police body camera manufacturer (Axon Enterprise) that acquired a competitor company (Vievu) is challenging the jurisdiction of the Federal Trade Commission, which won both lower court decisions enjoining Axon from seeking a remedy in federal district court to bypass the FTC's process. The case is Axon Enterprise v. FTC.

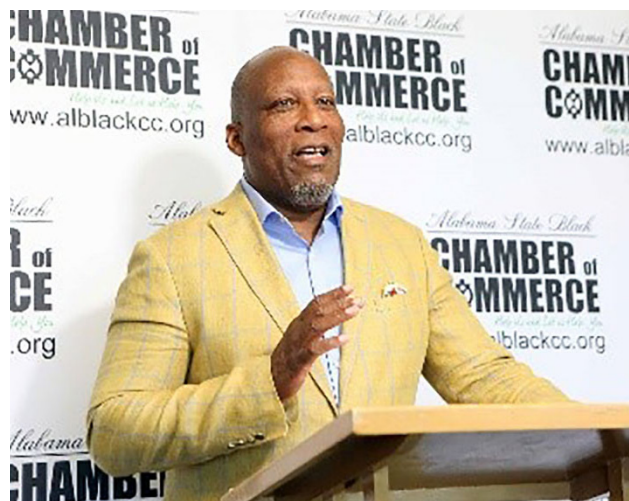
5. RAIL STRIKE. Last Saturday, the railroad machinists became the 7th union (of 12) to approve a deal reached in September that prevents a nationwide railroad strike that could start as soon as Nov. 19. On Friday, Labor Secretary Marty Walsh warned that without a deal he expects Congress to step in and impose a contract to avert a strike. In October, 2 union mem-

berships – the Brotherhood of Railroad Signalmen and the Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees Division – voted against the proposed deal, which would provide 24% pay raises and \$5,000 bonuses. Three other unions are scheduled to vote later this month, including the largest ones that represent engineers and conductors. The American Association of Railroads estimates that a rail strike would cost the country as much as \$2 billion a day in supply chain disruptions.

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ASBCC Extends Credit & Wealth Tour



Jerry Mitchell, President/CEO, ASBCC

The Alabama State Black Chamber of Commerce completed a four-city transformative tour focused on credit enhancement and wealth building, visiting the cities of Birmingham, Dothan, Opelika and Mobile.

Now the ASBCC will visit Huntsville Metro and the Shoals.

The tour features presenters: reality TV star of Love

& Marriage Huntsville and consumer advocate attorney/business owner Maurice Scott, and ADS Wealth Management president and \$200 million portfolio manager Antonio Sankey.

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The Celebration of Life service for ELDER EDWARD ROMNEY GILBERT (b. 1925) was held Sunday, November 6, at the Oakwood University Church (5500 Adventist Blvd. - Huntsville, Ala.).

Funeral service for MR. BILLY JOE ROBINSON (b. 1960) was held Saturday, November 5, in the Nelms Memorial Funeral Home Chapel.

Funeral service for MRS. DORIS LEE KENT BAKER (b. 1955) was held Saturday, November 5, at Flint Primitive Baptist Church with the Reverend Dr. Allataye Russ officiating.

Funeral service for MRS. NORMA C. PALMER (b. 1920) was held Friday, November 4, at Blue Spring Road Church of Christ.

ROYAL FUNERAL HOME

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Funeral service for MR. JOHN WESLEY THOMAS (b. 1932) will be 1 p.m., Sunday, November 13, at Oakwood University Seven-day Adventist Church (5500 Adventist Boulevard, Huntsville, Ala.) with Elder Dr. Trevor Fraser officiating.

Funeral service for MRS. BARBARA JEAN MOSELEY WARREN (b. 1937) will be 11 a.m., Friday, November 11, at Oakwood University Seventh-day Adventist Church (5500 Adventist Boulevard, Huntsville, Ala.) with Elder John Nixon officiating.

Funeral service for MRS. LOUISE T. FARRAR (b. 1939) was held Monday, November 7, at the Center Grove United Methodist Church (185 Plummer Road, Huntsville, Ala.) with Dr. Dedric Cowser officiating.

Funeral service for MS. PEARLIE HARRIS (b. 1929) was held Friday, November 4, at the Madkins Chapel Cumberland Presbyterian Church (2403 Oakwood Road NW, Huntsville, Ala.).

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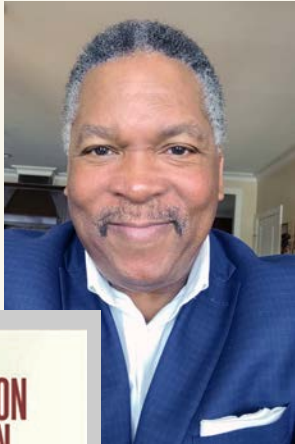
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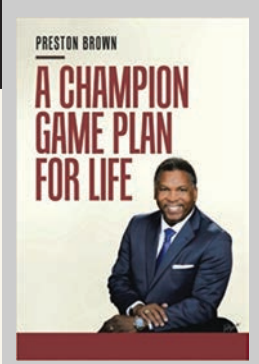
Funeral service for MS. SABRINA SMITH (b. 1965) was held Saturday, November 5, at the Serenity Funeral Home Chapel.

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change lives, as well as save lives and provide the spiritual healing that a person may need. So, there is no need to be afraid when you are in a storm. We just need to remember the one who can calm the storms of life ... Stay encouraged, my brothers and sisters ... and make sure you purchase your copy of my book, "A Champion Game Plan For Life," on amazon.com.

"AFTER THE STORM"

In Mark 4:39, it says "Jesus got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, 'Quiet! Be still!' Then the wind died down and was completely calm."

No one really "crosses over" to the promise that God has for his or her life without going through some kind of storm. No one really grows spiritually or matures spiritually without some kind of conflict. It seems that the closest you get to your break through the more the devil tries

to throw your way. It may come in the form of a tragedy. It may come in the form of discouragement, especially if you feel like you have done everything that you can do.

In Mark 4:35, Jesus said to his disciples, "Let us go to the other side." So, if Jesus says for us to go, it doesn't matter what storm you are going through, we should have the blessed assurance that we are going to make it. So, for the believer it's not when we make it, but why we made it.

You see, it's the "why" we made it that makes us

important. It's the size of our storm that makes us important, because the size of your storm can be directly related to the size of the assignment that God has planned for your life.

You see, we are important because of what lies ahead of us on the other side of the storm. But my question is: "what assignment has God given you after your storm?" After your storm, you have a testimony that can



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Thru January 2023

Huntsville Museum of Art
Presents
"Donato Giancola"
Downtown Huntsville

November 11-12

The Huntsville Sports Commission and College Hockey South
Present
2nd Annual Veteran's Day Showcase
Huntsville Ice Sports Center
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November 11

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November 12

2022 Gingerbread Marketplace
4925 Moores Mill Road NE
Huntsville, Ala.
9 a.m.-5 p.m.
Gulf Coast Challenge
AAMU vs. Jackson State

University
Ladd-Peebles Stadium
Mobile, Ala.
4 p.m.

"The Gift"

Dance Theatre of Huntsville and Alima Dance Company
Choreographers:
Monique Ryan
Zaeveon Hales
Lee Main Stage Theater
Lee High School
Meridian Street
Huntsville, Ala.
Tickets (\$20) at door

November 19

Bulldog Football vs. Texas Southern University
Louis Crews Stadium
Alabama A&M University
1 p.m.

November 24

Thanksgiving Day

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NOVEMBER 11 - LAVELL CRAWFORD

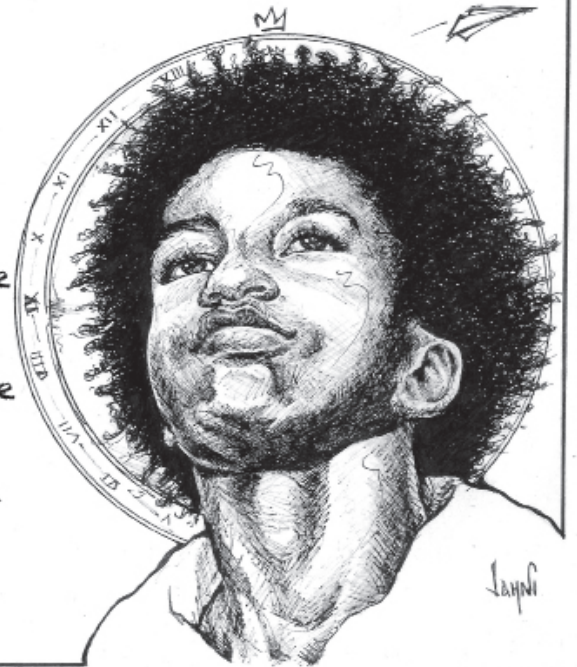
is an American comedian and actor. He is best known for playing Huell Babineaux in Breaking Bad and its spin-off Better Call Saul. He also played the role of Gus Patch in the Netflix original movie The Ridiculous 6. Crawford frequently performed on BET's ComicView in the 90's. Lavell was a contestant on NBC's Last Comic Standing in 2007, where in the two-hour season finale he lost to Jon Reep. - *BlackCelebrityBirthdays.com*



PowerShot

"Change will not come if we wait for some other person or some other time. We are the ones we've been waiting for. We are the change that we seek."

Barack Obama



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"Black women have been confused and less clear in fully understanding how they have been led to cooperate in this deadly power game of white supremacy."

- Frances Cress Welsing



Learn to LIE for Success - but with one big Change, . . .

"But I tell you this: love your enemies" - Matthew 5:44

Georgia U.S. Senate candidate Herschel Walker, Mississippi and Pro Football Hall of Famer Brett Favre, and right-wing podcaster Alex Jones all are accused publicly and repeatedly of lying.

For us to succeed in this life and the life to come, however, we need to learn how to LIE -

BUT, . . .

If you're spelling it L-I-E, then you're spelling "LIE" wrong. In Matthew 5:44, Jesus advises all to, "... Love Your Enemies" - L-Y-E (get it?).

Now, change "enemy" to "opponent" - i.e., one who challenges us, pushing us from our comfort zones - and you'll begin to see why you need to LYE.

Our lives typically are the product of responding positively and successfully to our enemies/opponents; most often, they expose our weaknesses and, hopefully, make us reach out to God for partnership and victory. Frederick Douglass: "you plus God equals a majority."

Codfish-lovin' Catfish?

Once Alaskan cod fishermen discovered that their cod, when shipped alive cross-country in tanks, would arrive flabby, mushy, flavorless, and unprofitable, they added an ingredient into those tanks: catfish, the codfish's natural enemy. Subsequently, the constant agitation between those two enemies returned the cod to its flavor, firmness, and profitability!

God's love for us has placed certain "catfish" in our lives (e.g., co-workers, bosses, children, even spouses!), whose agitations prevent us from getting weak and flabby in our daily walk.

Friends are nice, and good to have. But it's our enemies, our opponents that keep us sharp, keep us focussed, and keep us ever-depending on God to strengthen us when we call on him.

Therefore, learning to LYE (Love Your Enemies) should be one of your first steps toward recovering from self-centeredness and leading a more balanced life.

Start by trying to LYE today.



THE VALLEY WEEKLY ALL FOR THE FAMILY Friendships Are a Part of Living

Our society tends to place considerable emphasis on romantic relationships. However, research shows that agape friendships are more important and can help relieve stress, provide comfort, joy and prevent loneliness and isolation. They can also help us share connections with people who share our values and interests.

Solid friendships are important for two main reasons:

1. They make life more enjoyable, help us through hard times and can make seemingly unimaginably situations more tolerable.
2. As you age, friends can be someone you can turn to for support, and serve as a buffer between depression, disability, hardship and loss.

Having friends can boost your self-worth. They can make you feel needed and add purpose to

your life. True friends can also help you:

- improve your social skills.
- keep you more active.
- have your back.
- help you sharpen your mind.
- enable you to glean experiences from their varied lives, giving you more options to choose different friends to share mutual experiences like shopping, going to museums, playing games, traveling, etc.

Thought-Provoking Friendship Quotes

- A good friend is like a four-leaf clover: hard to find and lucky to have.
- A friend may be waiting behind a stranger's face.
- The best gift anyone can give is the gift of sharing oneself.



Dr. Margaret J. Kelly

- A true friend walks in when the rest of the world walk out.
- Forever friends, no matter where you are.
- A true friend loves at all times. ~Proverbs 17:17~

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Local Choreographer Offers "The Gift"



Monique Ryan has been a princess cruises, as well as in videos, commercials, musicals and major motion pictures.

A career support specialist with Alabama A&M University's Career Development Services, Ryan serves as co-advisor (with Zaeveon Hales) of AAMU's Alima Dance Company. She also is the owner and artistic director of Dance Theatre of Huntsville and DanceAll Productions, Inc.

For some 20 years, Ryan has inspired dancers to fulfill their dreams of becoming professional artists nationally and abroad. Her dancers have even received full academic scholarships, danced on Broadway, on

ville from Atlanta, Ga., where she grew up and fell in love with the art of dance. While in Atlanta, she was able to perform for several popular artists, at the Atlanta Olympics, as well as in Jamaica, Puerto Rico, and various regions of Central America.



Thus, as a staff member at AAMU, it did not take long for her to bring dance to "The Hill". She has choreographed the opening dances and award-winning

pieces for AAMU's 10-year-old "Dancing with the President and First Lady" under the Hugine administration for five years and, she readily admits, "enjoyed every moment of it."

Her upcoming venture is "The Gift," a joint

performance of Dance Theatre of Huntsville and Alima Dance Company on November 12 at Lee Main Stage Theater. Ryan said the show opens in a modern-day African-American church on Christmas Day, filled with testifying deacons, sanctified ladies, and down-home preaching, and ultimately recreates the journey of Mary and Joseph, adorned in African costumes, to Bethlehem, accompanied by an uplifting repertoire of old-fashioned spirituals.

The African-American viewpoint and the gospel music make "The Gift" a truly unique and entertaining theatrical experience. Tickets (\$20) can be purchased at the door. For additional information, contact Ryan at monique.ryan@aamu.edu.

Fun and Easy Ways to Give Back Early This Thanksgiving

(BPT) - This 2022 holiday season it's time to focus on whatever makes your heart happy. That good feeling can be found by hosting dinner, spending time with friends or spreading joy by giving back in your community. No matter how you decide to celebrate, food - specifically turkey - remains at the center of all the good that comes with the holiday season.

The memory-making holiday meal

Food has the power to bring people together. The delectable smells alone can be reminders of holidays past. Maybe it's Grandma's pie recipe baking to perfection or your best friend's special stuffing that's the ideal pairing with turkey. Of course, nothing is more special than when you get to enjoy all the flavors of Thanksgiving with loved ones.

With turkey taking center stage on the table, it is no surprise that 85% of people say their favorite part of the holiday is the food, followed by being with family (79%) and friends

(37%), according to Shady Brook Farms research.

With 71% of people planning to serve a whole turkey, budget-conscious consumers are planning to cut back on appetizers, sides and desserts to ensure the turkey is the focal point of the meal. Furthermore, 89% are planning on purchasing it from their local supermarket.

Your ultimate 'Guide to Good'

Preparing the turkey is an important role. It's no surprise that 44% of those celebrating are looking for help when it comes to preparation and cooking. Fortunately, you don't have to feel overwhelmed this holiday season as Shady Brook Farms and Honeysuckle White are here to help. From perfecting holiday recipes to experimenting with new techniques and supporting local communities, their 'Guide to Good' initiative is focused on good actions, ingredients, taste and cel-



ebrations.

Thanksgiving culinary tips

In the guide, you'll find helpful information on making a Classic Turkey so it comes out perfect at the exact time you're planning to eat. If a new take on turkey is suited for your guests, try a Cranberry BBQ Glazed Whole Turkey recipe that puts a delicious twist on traditional Thanksgiving taste.

Of course, the Thanksgiving meal isn't complete without gravy. Did you know that turkey giblets could be the key to the savory gravy ever? Even better, gravy is the perfect

After the feast is finished and your stomach and heart are full, you'll need to tackle the leftovers dilemma. If you're part of the 38% of those looking for ideas for leftovers, consider Turkey Eggs Benedict or a Turkey, Spinach and Swiss Quiche.

Spreading good by giving back

Millions of children and families living in the United States face hunger and food insecurity every day, according to Feeding America®, and 15% of people are not going to celebrate at all this holiday season simply due to cost-related obstacles.

Understanding the critical need to help, Shady Brook Farms and Honeysuckle White are continuing their own give-back efforts this year partnering with retailers to provide a brighter holiday season with the donation of more than 20,000 turkeys to local community food banks and are encouraging consumers to do the same by offering easy ways to make an impact in their own communities.

If you're in the position to support those in need, you can learn more on how to support your community by visiting the 'Guide to Good' at ShadyBrookFarms.com or HoneysuckleWhite.com.



Rosetta James Foundation "Spotlight on Our Elders" ... Featuring

Evelyn Streeter Rich

For over 50 years, Mrs. Evelyn Streeter Rich committed her life to education and community causes and activities. She began her career as a classroom instructor, teaching and nurturing young children to develop their inquiring minds to become responsive and productive citizens.

Born in Thomasville, Ala., Rich graduated as Salutatorian from Thomasville Public High School, she enrolled in Alabama A&M University and took advantage of all that the University had to offer.

During her undergraduate years at AAMU, she was involved in numerous extra-curricular activities designed to make her a well-rounded student. Some include: College Choir, Thespians, Future Teachers of America and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

In 1954, Rich received the B.S. degree with honors in elementary education from AAMU. In 1968, she received the Master of Arts degree in elementary education from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa, Ala.

During her professional career, she served as an elementary education

classroom teacher at several schools in Alabama, namely, Thomasville Public High School, Thomasville, Ala.; the Thirty-Second Avenue Elementary School and Verner Elementary School in Tuscaloosa, Ala.; Meridianville Elementary School, Meridianville, Ala.; and Hazel Green Elementary School, Hazel Green, Ala. At the post-secondary level, she served as a demonstration teacher at the Summer Laboratory School, Alabama A&M College, Normal, Ala., and the University of Alabama's Children School, Verner Elementary School Campus, Tuscaloosa, Ala.

At an early age, Mrs. Rich was instilled with the values of providing community service to others. As a child, she delivered fruit and other needed items to the elderly and sick and shut-in with her grandmother. Her community service became marked with examples of leadership. She was actively affiliated with numerous civic, social and community organizations, including past president of Presbyterian Women.

A dedicated and loyal member of Fellowship Presbyterian Church, she served as is an elder, sang



in the Chancel Choir and tutored students in the Fellowship After School Study and Tutorial Program (FASST).

For 10 years of the existence of Epsilon Gamma Omega Chapter, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Reading Is Fundamental Project (AKA-RIF), Mrs. Rich served as chairperson. Under her leadership, the project won the Alabama Small-Site State Champion Award during the RIF Community Challenge, sponsored by the Met-Life Foundation and the National RIF Program, for three consecutive years.

In recognition of her contributions and service to the community, she received several notable awards. Mrs. Rich was married to the late Dr. Earlie Rich, her college sweetheart.

"Spotlight on Our Elders" is a weekly feature sponsored by the Rosetta James Foundation to promote volunteerism and activism in our community among those who are 70-plus. The Foundation also provides scholarships. Learn more about us at www.rosettajamesfoundation.org. Know an outstanding elder (70+) that you would like to see featured? Send us a photo and 250-word write-up to info@valley-weeklyllc.com.

Bulldogs Drops 30-20 Decision to Mississippi Valley

Under the bright lights of ESPN's Thursday Night Football, Alabama A&M (3-6, 3-3 SWAC) fell behind early and could not make up the ground as Mississippi Valley State (1-8, 1-5 SWAC) ran out the clock on a 30-20 victory in an NCAA Division I football game on Thursday, November 3.

Any thoughts of pulling closer were dashed four-plus minutes later as Sylvester Campbell hauled in 15-yard strike in the endzone from Eason to extend to a 27-14 margin. MVSU would get the ball right back on a fumble on the ensuing kickoff and promptly turn that into a 40-yard Fernandez field goal for a two-touchdown

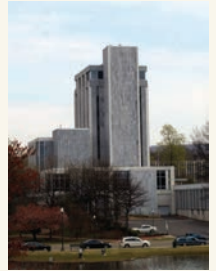
lead.

A&M would come right back with a seven-play, 75-yard drive that saw Casey connect with graduate wide receiver Terrell Gardner (Birmingham, Ala.) for 34 yards and cap it off with a 15-yard touchdown pass to redshirt-junior running back Harold Jemison, Jr. (Nashville, Tenn.).

Following a failed two-point attempt, that score pulled them to within 30-20 with 12:58 to play but the Delt Devils would eradicate 10:29 of that clock on their way to a 10-point victory and the first over the Bulldogs since 2015.

- Excerpts from
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Huntsville City Council Meetings

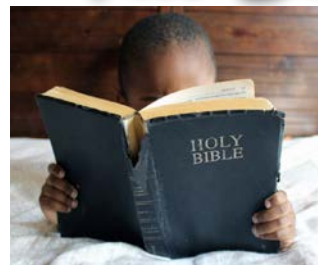


Huntsville City Council's regular meetings are held in the City Council Chambers of the Municipal Building on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month at 6 p.m.

Council work sessions are also held in the Chambers of the Municipal Building on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month at 6 p.m.

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This Sunday's Lectionary



Sunday, November 13
Twenty-Third Sunday
After Pentecost

(Track 2 - Year C)
Malachi 4:1-2a
2 Thessalonians 3:6-13
Luke 21:5-19
Psalm 98

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AAMU, AKAs Mourn Death of Beloved Student Activities Director

The entire Alabama A&M University Family and members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Gamma Mu Chapter poured out deepest sympathy and heartfelt sorrow for the untimely loss of one of the University's greatest supporters—Ms. Diann Henley Greer.

“Ms. Greer was not only a dedicated staff member who served as a phenomenal Director of Student Activities and Leadership Development, but she was a source of inspiration to hundreds of students, faculty and staff,” stated Dr. Daniel K. Wims, president.

Wims praised Greer's “attention to detail” and her success at bringing together quality programs and other activities for the University community.

Greer was a 1988 graduate of AAMU and pledged Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Gamma Mu Chapter. In addition to her most recent role in Student Activities and other prior units at AAMU, Greer worked in the Office of Multicultural Affairs at the



University of Alabama in Huntsville (UAH).

The University community and public was invited to a memorial service sponsored by the Office of Student Activities on Wednesday, November 2, at Alabama A&M University's Elmore Gymnasium at 12 noon. Erica Fox Washington of AAMU's Electronic Media Communications (EMC) served as the mistress of ceremony.

During the memorial service, Cameron Gildersleeve, president of the Student Advisory Board, provided scripture and a prayer of comfort. Music was provided throughout

the service by the Alabama A&M University Gospel Choir, directed by AAMU staffer Courtney Moore. Former AAMU student affairs administrator Kyla Pitcher returned to offer reflections.

Dr. Pitcher referred to Greer as a “burst of sunshine,” who was always busy, active and on the move. The multitasking Greer was deeply motivated by students, who constantly gave her life and joy, Pitcher said.

Pitcher went on to recount the many lessons she learned from Greer in terms of hair and cosmetics, pets, power-naps, establishing a great network, benevolence, perseverance, tenacity and serving students.

“She loved people, life and God,” noted Pitcher, in conclusion. “She poured out to the earth everything that the Lord put in her. I am going to work hard to honor her” by heeding her many lessons.

Minister Anita Weathers of Union Chapel Missionary Baptist Church of Huntsville, Ala., was Greer's close friend. She encouraged the audience, depending upon their station in life, to “be the light,” “leave the light on,” or to “seek the light.”

Dr. Braque Talley, vice president for student affairs, said Greer was widely known for her wide range of attributes. “People would tell you about her multitude of skills that included everything from decorations to makeup. They would also talk about how she would constantly strive for perfection, even



though reaching such standards meant overcoming numerous obstacles. But, finally, they would all say that she was the essence of the University's motto: ‘Service Is Sovereignty.’ As we reflect here today, let us fondly remember Ms. Greer and her legacy of service to this University and its people.”

President Wims read and presented a resolution in tribute to Ms. Greer, and Pastor Willie Diggs of the Beacon Hill Worship Center closed out the ceremony with prayer. The ceremony, which ended outside the venue with a balloon release, was live streamed on AAMU's YouTube channel via EMC's Michael Morns,

with sound and other technical expertise provided by Michael Burns and Latoyia Clemons.

The funeral service for Ms. Greer was slated for 10 a.m. on November 5 at Cedar Grove Baptist Church, 210 West Clark Avenue, in Prichard, Ala. *(Above Photo by Anthony Gibson)*



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