

The Valley Weekly

"The time will come when, with elation, you will greet yourself arriving at your own door, in your own mirror, and each will smile at the other's welcome."

- Derek Walcott

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Flipping the List in Westside Huntsville

Over a year ago, the staff from The CornerStone Initiative (a non-profit in Huntsville committed to the practice of Christian Community Development in Westside/35805) heard David Spickard, from Jobs for Life, speak about a crazy idea ... "Flipping the List." David encouraged some conference attendees to consider the fact that the majority of "mission dollars"

Church, Westside Community Church, Cumberland Church Street Presbyterian Church and the Huntsville Housing Authority to host classes where men and women are prepared for sustainable employment. Jobs for Life (JFL) is a 32-hour employment preparation class that focuses on soft skills through a Biblically based curriculum that develops good character,



self-confidence and dependable work ethics. What sets JFL apart is the

mentorship and supportive community that each student receives. Every student is paired with a "champion" that undergoes one month or more of training to learn how to be a huge encouragement to their student. Not only does the champion go to the weekly classes with the student, but they also connect throughout the week through phone calls, texts, lunch meetings, etc., to work together for the student's success. When the 8-week class ends, the relationship does not. Each champion enters the relationship committing to seek ways to encourage their student for at least one year.

Throughout the class, the students are exposed to teachers who invest in their lives, businessmen and women from the community who pour into them from their

years of experience and lessons learned, and volunteers who assist in resume building, interview skills, and job searches. Volunteers from the collaborative organizations provide not only childcare and hot meals for each class, but create an atmosphere where the students are served and given the opportunity to eat and fellowship with their champions and teachers. By the end of the 16 classes, the JFL team becomes more of an extended family and you can sense it at the graduation ceremony! Graduation is a huge event celebrated by friends and family of the students. Stories are shared about the "butterfly effect" as so many witness the "transformation" of their class members.

While CornerStone and the JFL team make it clear from the beginning that they do not "guarantee" a job at the end, that has not stopped them from developing a Business Network team that actively seeks out businesses in Madison County that are willing to give JFL students a chance. Businesses are now contacting CornerStone and asking for JFL grads!

On November 18, JFL hosted its second graduation and saw nine more strong men and women enter or re-enter the work force. For more information on how to get involved, e-mail the director, Debbi Akers at debbi.akers@cornerstone-al.org.

A&M Christmas Musicale Sunday

The Alabama A&M University Choir, directed by Dr. Horace Carney,

will hold its 88th Annual Christmas Musicale on Sunday, December 4, in the

T.M. Elmore Building at 5:30 p.m.

The public is invited.

'Shop With a Hero' Targets School Kids

Shop With a Hero will partner with Walmart and local businesses to help provide Christmas to "at risk" children in the Huntsville/Madison County school systems on December 10.

The organization is looking for "heroes"

who will invest time to display love and offer hope to those in difficult situations. This year Shop With a Hero will honor as "heroes" all military personnel, law enforcement officers, firefighters, Medflight, HEMSI, doctors, nurses, educators and

school administrators.

Each hero will be paired with a child and a \$100 gift card to allow kids to shop in select local stores for themselves and their families.

For more information, visit www.shopwithahero.info.

MPI Data Sheds Light on Naturalization

According to the non-partisan Migration Policy Institute (MPI), of the individuals who naturalized in 2014, 15 percent were born in Mexico (94,889); roughly 6 percent in India (37,854); and 5 percent, the Philippines (34,591). Immigrants from the three, along with those from China (30,284), Cuba (24,092), Dominican Republic (23,775), Vietnam (18,837), Colombia (16,478), El Salvador (15,598), and Haiti (13,676), made up the top 10 countries of birth for newly naturalized citizens and accounted for 47

percent of the 653,416 new U.S. citizens that year.

In 2014, 54 percent of the newly naturalized lived in one of four states:

California, which had the largest number of newly naturalized citizens, Florida, New York and Texas.



HBCU SUMMIT: Alabama A&M University was the site for the recent two-day HBCU Summit on Transition Programs for Intellectual and Developmental Students. The summit was hosted by AAMU and the University of Memphis Institute on Disability (UMID). Pictured: Dr. Maurice Williams, UMID; Dr. Shaon Brown, coordinator, Rehabilitative Counseling, AAMU; and Dr. Chrisann Schiro-Geist and Dr. William Hunter, UMID.

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Mastin Lake Road/University Drive)

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Your Washington Recap

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

1. The House and Senate return to session this week. In addition to 29 bills on its suspension calendar (requiring a 2/3rds "yea" vote to pass), the House will take up a bill to roll back a piece of 2010's Dodd-Frank financial reform bill by changing the regulation of financial institutions to a standard based on risk rather than on arbitrary asset size - which is seen as easing the regulatory burden on smaller

banks ... The House and Senate leadership will also be working this week to finalize the details on a temporary funding plan (known as a "continuing resolution") to fund the federal government at FY2016 levels through March 31, 2017. The current CR expires on December 9.

On Wednesday (Nov. 30), House Democrats were slated to elect their leader for the next Congress, pitting Rep. Tim Ryan (D-OH) against 7-term Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi

(D-CA).

2. On Sunday, the Politico site reported that as many as 98 final regulations under review at the White House could be implemented before Donald Trump takes office, of which 17 awaiting final approval are considered "economically significant," with an estimated economic impact of at least \$100 million a year - including regulations on commodities speculation, air pollution from the oil industry, doctors' Medicare drug payments, high-skilled immigrant workers and debt relief to students at defunct for-profit colleges. In a letter to all federal agency heads on Nov. 15, House Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy (R-CA) cautioned them against finalizing pending rules or regulations in the Administration's last days.

3. President-elect Trump announced Betsy DeVos as his pick for Secretary of Education last week.

4. Members of Congress expect to hear more details as early as this week about President-elect

Donald Trump's proposal to make a \$1 trillion investment in infrastructure over the next 10 years. Republicans seem generally supportive of the overall proposal. Top Democrats, including incoming Senate Minority Leader Charles Schumer and House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, also initially appear supportive. In contrast, Senator Bernie Sanders, who has been appointed to the Senate Democrats' leadership team, recently criticized the plan as a "scam" that would give massive tax breaks to corporations. Senator Sanders said he will introduce his own five-year, \$1 trillion infrastructure plan at the start of the 115th Congress that would directly fund roads, bridges and public works.

5. On Sunday, incoming White House Chief of Staff Reince Priebus, commenting on Friday's demise of Cuba's Fidel Castro, said Donald Trump is willing to reverse the opening of diplomatic relations with Cuba, unless he sees "movement in the right direction" from the Cuban regime on open

markets, freedom of religion, and political prisoners.

6. On Friday, Green Party candidate Jill Stein, having raised more than \$6.2 million since last Wednesday, filed for a recount in Wisconsin and has raised funds for similar efforts in Michigan and Pennsylvania.

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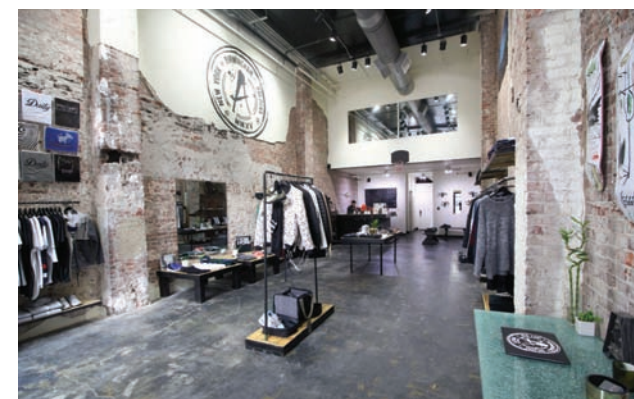
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Boutique Celebrating Anniversary with Jay-Z Event

Alchemy 213, an upscale boutique in Birmingham, will be hosting an exclusive event, commemorating the 20th anniversary of Jay Z's "Reasonable Doubt." The boutique is one of 14 select stores in the nation to host the momentous occasion.

The celebration will be on Dec 3. at 7:30 P.M. The event coincides with the store's one-year anniversary. The brain child of Ace Graham and his business partner Nelz, Alchemy 213 was created to usher international fashion

into the Magic City and establish a communal environment for locals. After a three-year stint in Italy, Graham was inspired to open a European-themed clothing store. The boutique offers a wide variety of retailers such as Nudie



Jeans, Yuketen, Scotch and Soda and ROC- A-Wear, Jay Z's signature brand. As part of the event, limited edition capsules containing an original cassette, t-shirts, hoodies and hats will be available for purchase and will be exclusive to the boutique.

Released in 1996, "Reasonable Doubt" was the debut album of Shawn "Jay Z" Carter. The 14-track record featured several of New York's rising musical pioneers, such as Mary J. Blige, Foxy Brown and the

late Notorious B.I.G. Cited by many as the one of the most influential Hip Hop albums of all time, "Reasonable Doubt" has since sold 1.5 million domestic copies and was certified Platinum in 2002.

The commemorative event is sponsored by D'USS'E, Roc-A-Fell Records and ROCNATION and is free to the public. Alchemy 213 is located at 217 20th Street N., Birmingham, Alabama 35203.

Story and Photo by Reggie Allen

Service Organization to Hold Annual Holiday Gala

The Annual 100 Black Men of Greater Huntsville will hold its annual Holiday Gala on Saturday, December 17, at the Von Braun Center North Hall in downtown Huntsville.

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

The 100 Black Men of

Greater Huntsville is a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization that will celebrate its 17th year of service to the overall community, reflecting on its emphasis on mentorship and its commitment to growing and developing young men and women.

The December 17 gala represents one of two major yearly fundraisers that supports scholarships and "Four for the Future"

cornerstone programs (Mentoring, Education, Economic Empowerment, and Health and Wellness).

Tickets are \$62.50/person and reserved tables for eight can be purchased for \$500.

For more information, contact James Matthewson at (256) 714-8921 or Robert Clark at (256) 759-6060.

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From the Editor

An Award Winner ... Ah, Thanks!

Two weeks ago, *The Valley Weekly* was honored by the National Coalition of 100 Black Women with one of the organization's "Women of Change" awards. According to the citation, this recognition was earned based on:

[Our] "time and dedicated service to our community and the outstanding work that you do to promote a sense of connection, pride and appreciation in communication. Your efforts have helped bring about greater awareness in the community and have notably shed light on the many important achievements. With our deepest respect for your commitment, best wishes for continued success. The Greater Huntsville Area Chapter of the National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Incorporated, honor you for your exemplary work and your accomplishments."

Thank you, Dr. Deidra Willis, president, and Ms. Valerie Burrell, vice president for membership, for such a signal honor. When Mrs. Mary Turner called me to notify me about this award for TVW, I immediately indicated to her that we did not need an award. She went on to indicate that our paper had earned the award for the positive, inspirational and educational work we do in this community. When someone else decides that the work you are doing is worthy of recognition, that is one of the greatest honors one can receive. It was not expected or suggested by anyone associated with our paper. So, thanks again to the ladies of the National Coalition of 100 Black Women for the pleasant surprise. Believe it or not, you have made us an award-winning paper! That's pretty darn good for a group of volunteers who decided over two years ago that we could publish something that represents the positive in our community.

Happy December! December is not only a time when we as Christians celebrate the birth of Our Lord and Savior. For Bill and me, we are celebrating our 35th Anniversary. That's quite a long time for a couple of mismatched young professionals who met at Second Baptist Church in Columbus, Ohio. Bill was a city guy, with educated parents who had taken a teaching assignment in the area. I was a Southern country girl, straight from the farm, who took my first flight when I left Huntsville to land in Columbus for graduate school at Ohio State. Columbus was very generous to me. I gained a Christian husband, earned two graduate degrees from Ohio State, and gave birth to our first son there. In addition, I was able to jump-start a successful career in higher education, having worked at Ohio Wesleyan University (OWU) for four years--some of my most productive and maturing years as a young professional. OWU was a nurturing environment that provided me with opportunities to learn, fail, grow and succeed--all at the same time. We tried a lot of novel things, learned a lot of valuable lessons and appreciated the local, small-town, liberal arts culture that thrust us into a wonderful community of people and spaces that have created life-long memories with loving family and friends.

We wish for each of our readers a dazzling December! We hope to see you around town soon. Blessings until next week ...

When you can't find a printed copy of The Valley Weekly around town, follow us on-line at www.valleyweeklyllc.com.

*Dorothy*

Raising Awareness to Cure Lupus

I appreciate all those who dedicate their lives to saving lives. The nurses, doctors, dentists, nutritionists, scientists, surgeons, and all of those in the healthcare industry. It takes a strong, gentle person to care for the sick and shut-in. November 16th would have been the 33rd birthday of my cousin, Shayla Savage. She passed earlier this year from Lupus. Even though she had a disease which brought her great pain, she worked everyday as a nurse for our family physician. She graduated from The University of Alabama in Huntsville, which has one of the top nursing programs, and devoted her life to healing and helping others. It takes a significant amount of dedication to become a professional in healthcare or receive a Doctor of Philosophy degree (PhD). It truly takes a special kind of person to save lives and to work in the medical field. In honor of my cousin, I want to do my part in helping to possibly save someone's life by raising awareness for lupus, the horrible disease which took her life at the tender age of 32.

**Cure
LUPUS**

part of the body (skin, joints, and/or organs inside the body). Our research estimates that at least 1.5 million Americans have lupus. More than 16,000 new cases of lupus are reported annually across the country. It is believed that 5 million people throughout the world have a form of lupus. Lupus strikes mostly women of childbearing age (15-44). Women of color are two to three times more likely to develop lupus than Caucasians. However, men, children, and teenagers develop lupus, too." (www.lupus.org). Unfortunately, there is no cure for lupus; however, there are treatments and medications to improve the quality of life for those living with lupus. I pray that one day someone who has dedicated their life to medicine, finds the cures for cancer and horrible diseases, such as lupus, which alters the quality of life and can take a life. I truly do appreciate those who answer the calling to be healers, such as doctors, pharmacists, nurses, dentists, and more. If you are like me, and weren't given that gift from God, you can take part in saving lives by raising awareness and supporting charities that

research the development of treatment and cures. You don't have to be in the medical field to save a life.

As entrepreneurs, it is important that we utilize our resources or platform by donating and raising awareness for illnesses and issues that affect our community. Just as we have to promote our businesses in order for them to seek revenue and results; it's important that we raise awareness for causes, especially those that hit close to home. Donating and writing charity checks is helpful; however, raising awareness takes it a step further because it gets more people involved to support the cause. You don't have to have a platform or million dollar company to raise awareness. One simple social media post or conversation with someone informing them about the disease and inspiring their help, has just as big of an impact as the doctors treating these diseases. You can inspire others to get tested or take on healthy lifestyles to prevent certain cancers and diseases by raising awareness.

***R.I.P My sweet angel, Shayla Virginia Savage
(November 16, 1983 – March 9, 2016)***

by Amoi Savage

ValleyScopes

by Melissa Wilson/Seloma

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Leo - Sticking to an organized system is conducive to the feeling that you desire to bring about while dealing with others, and it is also a defense against unprincipled double dealing at present.

Aquarius - After offering a helping hand to someone in distress, you'll find that you become exceptionally favored in a certain part of town.

Pisces - You will find that your career pursuits are quite meaningful and can make a big difference in all around quality--if you're practicing self discipline and meet all of your deadlines.

Capricorn - If in school, there is magnificent progress being made; there's success when it comes to fashion retail ventures,

even some triumph, as far as favorite sports team rankings go.

Gemini - Scrutinizing field work pays off for you right now due to your fact-finding, and creative impulses, when it comes to doing what you do best.

Virgo - There's no need to agonize, with teammates; just let them know where you're coming from and allow individual skill levels to compliment each other, accordingly.

Sagittarius - Your knack for management is currently aiding you to sort through disorder, upheaval, and disarray--which is definitely a good thing.

Taurus - You'll find that you have an aptitude for soulful instrumental, expressions- or just an all around ability to palliate stressful situations, causing

things to look up right now, as things get ironed out and moods eventually brighten.

Cancer - You're well on the pathway to meeting one of your biggest goals, as you strategize, concerning a target, and take note of the suggestions, of others.

Aries - Property dealings or certain areas of business may offer marvelous incentives, at present for either yourself or others with whom you're representing.

Libra - It is likely that any commodities that you decide to deal in will be in high demand at this point in time.

Scorpio - Your exuberant manner is just the thing to help create an ambience of eagerness, to go above and beyond right now within your company, band, or crew.



On This Day - Friday, December 2 - **CHARLES H. WESLEY** - The historian was born in Louisville, Ky., and served as president of the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History from 1950-65. He wrote several articles and books about African American history, including "Negro Labor in the United States." - *BlackinTime.info*

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Lunch & Serve December 5

The Next Lunch & Serve is coming soon!

“Lunch & Serve” is an event that combines food, service, information and fun.

This quarterly event is held in the Parish Hall at the north side of St.

Thomas Episcopal Church and offers an opportunity to eat lunch with your community and hear an interesting program while working on a brief service project that supports the church's outreach ministries.

The next event at St. Thomas is Monday, De-

ember 5, at 11 a.m. Lunch will be provided.

Participants will hear from Hala Seif and Deborah Abu-Alrub about



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the Islamic faith and the Huntsville Islamic Center's important work helping global refugees who are resettling in Tennessee. Members will also be working on a service project for our community.

The programming is tailored for the retired

community, but everyone is welcome.

Persons who need transportation should contact the church office at (256) 880-0247.

Church volunteers will arrange transportation.

St. Thomas wants to prepare a good lunch, so let them know you are coming!

Bring a neighbor and don't miss the next “Lunch and Serve.” It wouldn't be the same without you!

For more information, please contact the church office or Cooper Green @ coopergreen3@gmail.com

A Good Read by Jerome Saintjones

William Henry Lewis' “Shades”

One very hot summer day at an annual blues festival in a small Southern town, a mother points out to her son the father he had never seen.

Throughout the son's fourteen years, his mother had not spoken much of his father, except to tell him about how the man she loved had come home drunk one night, had his way with her and then left on a train for the North, leaving his sweaty work shirt on the bedpost.

The father had not returned to her and probably did not know that, in addition to leaving a woman who loved him, he had left a child.

At first, the boy watches his father from a distance, as his dad appears to be the cool leader

of a pack of men intent on having a good time on their quick pass through their hometown.

His curiosity gets the best of him, so the boy works his way through the crowd and gets the attention of the man who was his father in every realm but inside the father's head.

The boy is perfectly willing to accept his father as he is, but his father is called away to other adventures (“We got ladies waiting!”) by his buddies. Before his father leaves, he gives the boy his shades.

As though possessed by a thought, he looks beyond the boy, the crowd and the railroad tracks, as though pushed to recall that final night when he forced himself on a woman who loved and believed in him, perhaps leaving a part of himself behind.

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.

FOODLine Makes Call for Volunteers

Interfaith Mission Service's FOODLine emergency food pantries cooperative desperately needs volunteers to answer phone calls and direct FOODLine clients to area food pantries.

Responsibilities and qualifications:
• Enjoy people and ready to help those in need
• Good listening skills
• Basic computer skills (fa-

miliar with use of mouse, keyboard and printer)

- Confidentiality/willingness to protect clients' personal information
- Available to volunteer 2-4 mornings or afternoons per month

About FOODLine:

- Sponsored by IMS member congregations
- Operating since 1994
- Provides emergency food assistance to area residents.

- Staffed by volunteers who answer phone calls and direct clients to nearby pantries
- Monday thru Friday 9:00 am – 12:00 noon and Monday thru Thursday 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

For more information, contact Sue Duthie (256) 881-3081 or duthie@knology.net; Cooper Green at (256) 536-2401 or coopergreen3@gmail.com

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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Valley Deaths

Funeral service for **Mr. Mordica Lamar Copeland** was held Tuesday, November 29, at Nelms Memorial Funeral Chapel with Rev. Endia Scruggs officiating.

Funeral service for **Mr. Anthony Duffy** was held Saturday, November 26, at Nelms Memorial Funeral Chapel with Elder Dennis Green officiating.

Graveside service for **Ms. Rozzie (Rossie) Mae Hill** was held on Saturday, November 26, at Valhalla Memory Gardens.

Funeral service for **Mr. James H. Allison, Jr.** was held Wednesday, November 23, at Nelms Memorial Chapel with Pastor Ronald Allison officiating.

Funeral service for **Mr. Glender Hunter** was held Saturday, November 26, at St. Bartley P. B. Church with Dr. Curtis L. Jordan I, officiating.

Funeral service for **Mr. Winston Wherry** was held Monday, November 21, at Union Chapel Missionary Baptist Church with Pastor O. Wendell Davis officiating.

- Nelms Memorial Funeral Home

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-Harry Houdini

Harry Houdini Ten Keys To Success

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3. Challenge yourself
4. Strategize and evolve
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Lecture
Alabama A&M University
Nobel Laureate Jack Szostak
Dawson Building Auditorium
3 p.m.

Booksigning
Kendra Harris' "Happily
Never Married"
Hilton Garden Inn
7 p.m.

December 3

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

AAMU Men's Basketball
vs. Tennessee Tech.
Elmore Building
6 p.m.

December 4

Annual Christmas Musicale
Alabama A&M University
Choir
Dr. Horace Carney, Conductor
T.M. Elmore Building
5:30 p.m.

December 8

AAMU ROTC Commissioning
Knight Center, 3:30 p.m.

February 4

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

February 21

The CornerStone Initiative
C4 Conference
The Jackson Center
6001 MoQuin Drive
Huntsville, Ala.
8:30 a.m.

Champion Game Plan for Life

Unbelief leads to disobedience. When you don't believe what God tells you to do, through the promptings of the holy spirit, you will end up being disobedient.

You see, the Israelites never really believed that God would take care of them. If you feel the same way, you will always end up disobeying what God

wants you to do.

There is nothing that God tells us to do that is



for Him ... it's always for us. Everything that He tells us to do is so our lives can be better.

So, anything that He ask us to go through, there will be a "purpose" for us to get out of it. Even though it may seem difficult at the time.

Stay encouraged, my brothers and sisters!



AAMU Freshmen Harvest Community Garden

The Alabama Cooperative Extension System's Urban Affairs and New Nontraditional Programs in collaboration with Huntsville's Operation Green Team and students from the Office of Service and Learning, Communities and Volunteerism, and the Office of Student Affairs at Alabama A&M University recently harvested a community garden at Crawford Park.

The garden was implemented with building materials, seeds, and

education from Alabama Extension's Home Grounds, Gardens, and Home Pests team members Rudy Pacumbaba, a horticulture specialist, and regional Extension agents Rhonda Britton and Marcus Garner.

The Crawford Park garden is one of several community garden projects established this year by Alabama Extension and partners.

Urban Affairs and New Nontraditional Programs, a unit of the Alabama

Cooperative Extension System, is housed in the James I. Dawson Building on the AAMU campus and provides urban Extension programming to Alabama citizens across the state.

Find them on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/ACESUrbanAffairsUnit/>.

For more information regarding urban gardening, contact Rudy Pacumbaba at (256) 372-4266 or rop0001@aces.edu.

by Wendi Williams

Remembering Dr. Carodine

The Tennessee Valley community is mourning the recent passing and funeral of one of its most revered pioneers and Rosetta James Foundation Elders.

Born in Tuscaloosa, Ala., Dr. Frederick Carodine, Sr., was a 1951 mechanic arts (printing) graduate of Alabama A&M University. After a stint working in Nashville, Tenn., the veteran returned to AAMU, where President Joseph Fanning Drake urged him to continue his studies at Cal Poly-San Luis Obispo.

Dr. Carodine also helped S.C. O'Neal open J.F. Drake State Technical College and worked at the school through the mid-1960s, in addition to operating his own printing shop.

His impressive career at Redstone Arsenal began



when "someone else" filed an employment application for him for a job in data reduction and analysis.

Dr. Carodine, who ultimately achieved the level of GS-14, had to learn the job. He conducted complex positioning space data and recorded statistics from the point of missile launch to target impact, along with data on pitch and altitude.

Over the years, Carodine would play a key role in the Knight-Sims higher education segregation lawsuit, the Alabama Democratic Conference, Masons and Rural Senior Services.

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