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*"There is something about poverty that smells like death."*

- Zora Neale Hurston



**SCHOLARS GALORE!** Although its annual "Honoring Our Elders" celebration scheduled for The Jackson Center was postponed due to concerns about the impact of the Coronavirus, the The Rosetta James Foundation still assembled scholarship recipients at another venue for a brief photo and presentation on Saturday, March 14. The Foundation awarded scholarships totalling \$20,000 to local students. Dr. Dorothy W. Huston serves as president of the Rosetta James Foundation, and Gary T. Whitley, Jr., is scholarship chairperson. The "Honoring Our Elders" celebration, now in its 14th year, pays tribute to area citizens age 70 and older who are still actively engaged in securing the progress of their community. (Photo by J. Saintjones)

## The Catalyst Selects Entrepreneur of Year

A local businessowner has been selected as "Entrepreneur of the Year" by The Catalyst.

As an engineer, CEO, consultant, and entrepreneur, Sandra Brazelton has always broken down barriers. Therefore, her mission is to help others achieve their best! These books reflect her education in engineering and business, 30 years of experience, leadership, travel, training, and life experiences. Most importantly, based on her faith in God and study of His word, she has cracked the code to personal success.

"It was an extreme honor to be selected as the Entrepreneur of the Year by The Catalyst," said Brazelton.

She added that her 30-year

journey as an entrepreneur has provided her some "very powerful lessons learned."

She praised her fellow entrepreneurs whose success, she claims, has been based on core competencies of trust, integrity, preparation, expertise, hard work, team work, tenacity, persistence and courage.

"We choose to lead with excellence, education, empowerment and hope," said Brazelton. "We never expected it to be easy; we chose to become better. Most importantly, we have documented our path to success and garnered insights that less than 3% of the world's population will ever understand."

Brazelton admitted that



there remains "a lot of work to do to educate, empower and unshackle mindsets so we can fulfill our God-given purpose."

The Catalyst Center serves Huntsville-area entrepreneurs and small business owners in every stage of business.

## Valley Residents Provide Input on New City Hall

The City of Huntsville held three public sessions to receive feedback on the exterior design of the new City Hall, which will be built across the street from its current location on the site of the municipal parking garage at Gates Avenue and Fountain Circle.

At present, nearly

150,000 square feet of office space is distributed outside City Hall. Departments such as GIS, ITS, Inspections, Engineering and more operate in separate "satellite" facilities, each with its own maintenance costs.

During the input meetings, residents looked at

pictures of other notable facilities in and around Huntsville, as well as civic buildings across the U.S.

General Services Director Ricky Wilkinson said the response from each session will help inform the City Hall design process, which will last most of this year.

"We're not looking to replicate a building that exists," he said. "This is going to be unique to Huntsville." City Administrator John Hamilton anticipates the new City Hall will cost \$60-70 million. Bidding should begin on the project in early 2021.

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# Washington in One Minute



Here's what's happening in Washington, D.C., this week:

1. The Senate canceled its recess and will be in session this week to extend provisions of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act and to work on the emergency coronavirus legislation - the "Families First Coronavirus Response Act" - passed by the House on Saturday at 1:00 a.m. on a 363-40 vote. The House is in recess this week, but House committees will be working on a 3rd coronavirus bill to address the economic damage wrought by coronavirus, which has significantly impacted the airline, hospitality and entertainment industries and which may include debate on a payroll tax "holiday" sought by the Trump Administration. Last Thursday at 5:00 p.m., the U.S. Capitol Building and all House and Senate office buildings closed to the public until April 1 (the Library of Congress buildings are also closed to the public). Visitors on official business are permitted to enter, but are required to have a staff escort, per a 3/12/20 memo from the House Sergeant at Arms.

2. On Friday, President Trump declared a coronavirus national emergency and directed each state to immediately set up coronavirus emergency centers. He said that the Administration is working with private companies, such as Walmart and Target to offer drive-through testing and with Google to develop a website to help people determine if they need to get a test and then where to go to get tested. He also said he would waive interest on student loans and would

consider adding Britain and Ireland to the list of banned travel countries in Europe (which was done on Saturday). On Monday, the President hosted a conference call with the nation's governors on the coronavirus.

3. In an extraordinary move, on Sunday the Federal Reserve slashed its federal funds rate by a full percentage point to a range of 0-.25% and announced it would buy \$500 billion in Treasuries and \$200 billion in mortgage-backed securities.

4. Also on Friday, the White House Office of Management and Budget, per The Washington Post, sent a memo to all federal agencies urging them to allow teleworking by high risk employees (older employees and those with underlying health issues) among the approximately 1 million (out of a total of 2.1 million) federal workers who are authorized for telework. Of the ineligible workers in the high risk category, the memo called for granting excused absence with pay. The Washington Post reported Monday morning that most of the nation's 2.1 million federal workers are reporting to work as usual.

5. The Hill newspaper reports that state election officials in Florida, Arizona, Ohio, and Illinois were following advice from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and encouraged voters to vote early or to mail their ballots in ahead of their presidential primaries on Tuesday, March 17. Meanwhile, voters who can only make it to the polls on primary day have

been asked to arrive at off-peak times in an effort to avoid close contact in long lines. The CDC has also recommended drive-thru voting for eligible voters in districts where the practice is allowed. In addition, Illinois and Ohio are moving polling places out of nursing homes. The current delegate count is Biden: 890 and Sanders: 736. Tuesday's primaries awarded 15% of all delegates in the Democratic primary with the following breakdown: FL (219); IL (155); OH (36); and AZ (67).

6. The National Park Service has moved up the date for peak bloom of the cherry blossoms surrounding the Tidal Basin to March 21-24. The peak bloom date is defined as the day when 70% of the Yoshino Cherry (*Prunus x yedoensis*) blossoms are open. It will be the earliest peak bloom since 2012's March 20. The National Park Service has cancelled all Cherry Blossom Festival events scheduled for March due to coronavirus concerns.

7. The Department of Education's new regulations on how schools must handle sexual assault and harassment are likely to be finalized soon. However, students with ongoing cases represented by advocacy groups say they are unsure of the potential impact the new rules could have for their respective cases. Know Your IX, a victim advocacy group, believes the confusion around the rules and the department's stance is already preventing students from filing Title IX complaints with Office for Civil Rights (OCR) or even their schools. They also say that they have seen previously stagnant cases opened by the department's and then quickly closed.

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## A Good Read



by Jerome Saintjones



### Jean Toomer's "Becky"

Probably set in the early 1900, Toomer's short story reveals a white woman, Becky, who was believed by town people in both the segregated white and black sections to have two black sons. Not much is said about the whereabouts of the boys' father(s), but Becky is nonetheless despised by both groups of people. In spite of their contempt, individuals from the black and white section secretly provide her assistance or secretly leave food and other assistance for Becky.

Over the years, it becomes difficult to determine what is real and true about Becky. Some report that the two sons have grown to become powerful, mean and indignant. Many people are content to give into rumors about Becky and her family and never seek to find out for themselves to the extent that they do not know whether she is dead or alive.

## 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.

City 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. People can sign up for notices of Council meetings and special sessions online at <https://signup.e2ma.net/signup/1825550/1780821/>

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From the Editor



Highlighting Mrs. Josephine Robinson

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Greetings, Valley Family!

We are proud to continue our special Women's History Month series. This week we are highlighting a long-time local businessperson, community advocate and elder ... Mrs. Josephine Lightford Robinson.

Josephine Lightford Robinson was born April 7, 1940, in Madison County, Ala., the daughter of the late Alma Ragland Crutcher and Ennis Lightford. Josephine is a graduate of William Hooper Council High School in Huntsville, Ala., and attended Alabama A&M University, where she majored in mathematics and chemistry. She would later marry her high school sweetheart, Dinsimore G. Robinson, Sr. They had three children: Sylvia Seldon, Joyce Ward, and Dinsimore G. Robinson, Jr.; six grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Josephine began her professional career in 1966 as a computer programmer with Stanford Research Institute in Huntsville. After leaving Stanford Research Institute in 1972, she became a computer program analyst with System Development Corporation until 1977. Even though she had her own career and profession, Josephine would leave System Development Corporation to join her husband as he expanded the Robinson Printing Company into the D.G. Robinson Corporation, Inc., one of the pioneer minority small businesses in Huntsville.

In 1977, Josephine became the executive vice president of the D.G. Robinson Corporation, Inc. Through prayer and hard work, she and her husband grew their dream business into a respected corporation operating in the southeastern parts of the United States. Their business provided multiple services to government and industry for over a twenty-five-year period employing people in the states of Alabama, Tennessee, Louisiana, Georgia, and Mississippi.

Her professional affiliations consisted of membership in the Huntsville Chapter of the Continental Societies, Inc., a national organization of women who foster, promote, and develop the welfare of children. Her leadership roles included Chapter President, Regional Historian, and National Nominating Chair.

Over the years, Josephine has received numerous plaques, citations, and resolutions from organizations at the local, state and national levels for her professional, community, and philanthropic contributions. Some of the awards included: Distinguish Service Award from Oakwood University, and the Community Service Award from the Epsilon Gamma Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha, Inc.

Along with serving her community, Mrs. Robinson was a faithful servant leader to her church. She received a certificate of appreciation for her fifty years of service to the historic St. Bartley Primitive Baptist Church. She served as a Sunday School teacher, Assistant Youth Director, First President of the Women of the Church and President and member of the Number Two Usher Board. She remains an active member on the Mothers' Board and assists the culinary ministry as needed. She has served on the Program Committee at the national level of the National Primitive Baptist Convention U.S.A. Inc.

Even though Josephine had many noteworthy accomplishments over the years, she is notably known for her homemade rolls. From 1995-1997, she operated "Josie Famous Rolls." Even now, her culinary and baking skills keep her in high demand during the holiday season. She also enjoys decorating, designing and has worked as a sales manager for Rhodes Furniture, Assistant Manager of Lazy Boy Furniture Gallery, and as a design consultant with Bassett Furniture.

I have had the awesome gift of knowing Josephine over three decades as a loving wife to her late husband, a caring mother and grandmother to her children and grandchildren, a consummate business professional, and as a dedicated "Mother" at St. Bartley Primitive Baptist Church. Please join our TEAM in celebrating the many contributions this gracious lady has made to the Huntsville/Madison County community.

Until next week ...

Dorothy

# The Valley Weekly CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## March 20

Wellness Conference  
Huntsville Hospital  
(Corporate University)  
Dowdle Center  
(Corner of Gallatin  
Street and Governors  
Drive)  
109 Governors Drive  
Huntsville, Ala.  
8 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

## March 21

"Reba" in Concert  
Von Braun Center  
Propst Arena  
8 p.m.

## March 27

Trevor Noah  
"Loud & Clear"  
Von Braun Center Con-  
cert Hall

## April 1

Distribution of U.S.  
Census Forms

## April 9

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Oakwood University, at  
(256) 726-7201 or [uncf@oakwood.edu](mailto:uncf@oakwood.edu).

## April 21

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## May 2

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## SECURE Act: Good News for Business Owners

If you own a business, you know that opening a retirement plan can be challenging. But it may soon be getting easier. That's because Congress recently passed the SECURE Act, which includes a number of provisions that can help you open a 401(k) or similar retirement plan.

For one thing, the maximum tax credit for establishing a retirement plan has been increased from \$500 to \$5000, although some restrictions apply. Also, some smaller employers who set up automatic enrollment in their retirement plans can now receive a tax credit of \$500.

And you can now band together with other companies to offer employees a 401(k) plan with less administrative work and fewer fiduciary responsibilities than you'd incur on your own.

Of course, you still have access to other good retirement plans for your business, such as a SEP-IRA and a SIMPLE IRA. Consult with your tax and financial advisors to determine which plan is right for you.

A retirement plan is a great tool for attracting and retaining good employees – not to mention helping you build resources for your own days as a retiree.

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## Perspectives on EGO-holism

by tim allston

### Farewell, 'ol Friend and Angel: "Hidden Figures" Icon Katherine Goble Johnson

"Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it" Hebrews 13:2 NIV.

The author of this Book of Hebrews cautioned these Jews-turned-Christians in this passage to be consistent and hospitable to all people, because you never know what blessed person you may encounter.

While a Hampton Institute (now University) student, I met and befriended a kind and unpretentious school teacher-looking lady and her husband - only to "meet" them again 43 years later. And on the silver screen.

#### NO LONGER MY "HIDDEN FIGURE"

As my family and I sat in a Huntsville theater enjoying the 2016 movie "Hidden Figures," I received the shock of my life when during the ending credits the lead character played by Taraji Henson, was shown in real life: Katherine Goble Johnson, who died on February 24 at age 101.

"WHOA, . . . I KNOW HER!" I blurted out unexpectedly in the crowded theater, ". . . AND her husband!" I added reflectively. Then it all started coming back to me, . . .

"COLLEGE DAYS SWIFTLY PASS, IMBUE WITH MEMORIES  
FOND, . . ." (Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity hymn, 3rd verse)

In 1974, I met and befriended Alpha Brother Jim Johnson, a cordial ramrod-postured retired Army colonel, and his wife Katherine, an attractive yet demure woman.

In the 1980s while I worked at Hampton as school publicist and advisor to student leaders, coed Laurie Hylick who would remind me occasionally, "You know my grandmother and grandfather, . . . he's one of your frat brothers."



I was thrilled to hear Katherine Johnson deliver the 2017 Hampton commencement address, advising those 917 grads and their families and friends, "Help as many people as you can because it is not fun if you know a lot of stuff and they don't know anything."

Never once during those 43 years did this 2015 Presidential Medal of Freedom recipient and "First Woman of Color in Space," whose calculations helped launch America into space, or her granddaughter Laurie or daughter/fellow Hamptonian Joylette Goble-Hylick ever hint about the iconic pioneer and angel that I had befriended for decades. The quiet competence of this designated "First Woman of Color in Space" transcended at least three generations.

Q: What angel are you befriending - or, more importantly, Are you the angel that they could be entertaining?

Life Coach tim allston is the author of the free book, *7 Steps to Manage Ego Problems: The How-to Guide for "Someone Else,"* downloadable now at [www.GetEgoHelpNow.org](http://www.GetEgoHelpNow.org).

# Champion Game Plan for Life by Preston Brown

## THE VICTORY THAT COMES WITH PRAYER

Luke 11:10 says, "For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened."

You know, one of the things that I have come to realize is, prayer changes things. If we look at one of the characteristics of Jesus, we see that He was consistent when it came to prayer. We also need to be consistent when it comes to our prayer life, as well, because there will be disappointments and trials in our lives. Now, how we deal with the trials that come is very important.

I believe that there are

only two outcomes that we can expect. Either we survive or we are victorious.

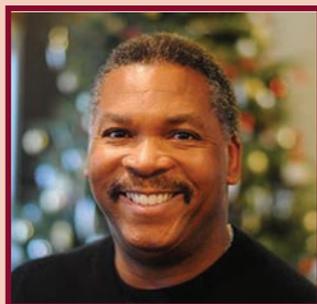
In other words, some people who have made it through hardships and disappointments may survive, but they come out "tattered and torn".

They come out of the situation perhaps bitter, angry and frustrated. But they survived.

But on the other hand, there are people who come out of their circumstances victorious. They have an attitude of triumph about them, because they have evidence of God's goodness in their lives.

Now why is this?

I believe the reason for this enthusiastic optimism has everything to do with their prayer life. Prayer



changes things. When we pray, it gives us all a different perspective about our circumstance. When we pray, we bring God into our situation and everything changes. When we pray it forces us to live by faith. It also forces us to surrender our pride and self-sufficiency that so many of us have.

Prayer is the only way that we can keep the lines of communication open with God ... Stay encouraged, my brothers and sisters!

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# Valley Deaths

**NELMS MEMORIAL FUNERAL HOME - 2501 Carmichael Avenue NW - Huntsville, AL 35816 - (256) 539-8189**

*Funeral service for MR. FRAZIER E. MCGLATHERY (b. 1934) will be Saturday, March 21, at 12 p.m. at Union Hill Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America with The Reverend Dr. Edward L. Anderson officiating.*

*Memorial service for MR. ROBERT ("BOBBY") LAVEL MCDONALD (b. 1954) was held Sunday, March 8, at the Nelms Memorial Funeral Home Chapel.*

**ROYAL FUNERAL HOME - 4315 Oakwood Avenue - Huntsville, AL 35810 - (256) 534-8481**

*Funeral service for MRS. SOPHIA KING TAYLOR (b. 1968) will be 12 noon, Saturday, March 21, at Indian Creek Primitive Baptist Church (380 Indian Creek Road) with Pastor Timothy Rainey officiating.*

*Funeral service for MRS. BESSIE ALLEN will be at 11 a.m., Friday, March 20, at the First Seventh-day Adventist Church with Pastor Isaac Olatunji officiating.*

*Funeral service MRS. FLOARINE PETTY BAKER (b. 1923) was held Monday, March 16, at the Consolidated Flint River and Running Water Primitive Baptist Memorial Tabernacle (2131 Hwy 72 East Huntsville, Ala.) with Reverend Gregory Miller officiating.*

*Funeral services for MRS. IRA MAE STONE HAYGOOD (b. 1931) was held Sunday, March 15, at Hurricane Chapel Missionary Baptist Church, 155 Teague Brownsboro, Ala.) with Reverend Gary W. Battles officiating.*

*Funeral service for MR. CHARLES AVERY REID (b. 1946) was held Saturday, March 14, at the Macedonia Primitive Baptist Church (13376 Dupree Worthey Road, Capshaw, Ala.) with Pastor Annias Green officiating.*

*Funeral service for MRS. BEULAH LEE HORTON (b. 1938) was held Saturday, March 14, at the Liberty Primitive Baptist Church (268 Burrell Road, Gurley, AL 35748).*

*Funeral service for MR. J.D. WITCHARD (b. 1942) was held Saturday, March 14, at the Mount Zion Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America (3726 Pryor Road Madison, Ala.) with Pastor James O. Robinson officiating.*

**SERENITY FUNERAL HOME - 2505 University Drive NW - Huntsville, AL 35816 - (256) 539-9693**

*Funeral service for MR. PAUL "DREW" LYNCH was held Monday, March 16, at The Rock Worship Center, 3401 Holmes Avenue NW, Huntsville, Ala.*

## PUBLIC NOTICE

### CITY OF HUNTSVILLE 2020-2025 CONSOLIDATED PLAN 2020 ACTION PLAN/CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN/ANALYSIS OF IMPEDIMENTS

The City of Huntsville, Alabama is required to prepare a Consolidated Plan every five years. The plan is comprised of a One-Year Action Plan, an Analysis of Impediments, and a Citizen Participation Plan. The Consolidated Plan seeks to address identified community needs with Community Development Block Grant funds (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnership Program funds from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). A draft of the plan can be viewed on the City's website and the following locations: <http://www.huntsvilleal.gov/comdev/index.php>.

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Community Development  
120 E. Holmes Ave.  
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Alabama Institute for Deaf & Blind (AIDB)  
600 St Clair Ave SW # 2  
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Richard Showers Center  
4600 Blue Spring Road  
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Huntsville Housing Authority  
200 Washington St NE  
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Huntsville-Madison County Public Library  
915 Monroe Street  
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North Alabama Coalition for the Homeless (NACH)  
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Submit comments to Turkessa Coleman Lacey, City of Huntsville Department of Community Development, P.O. Box 308, Huntsville, AL 35804 or [turkessa.coleman@huntsvilleal.gov](mailto:turkessa.coleman@huntsvilleal.gov). Deadline for comments is April 20, 2020.

For more information regarding this public notice or to request special accommodations, please call (256) 427-5400. Hearing or speech impaired residents are encouraged to use the TTY line at (256) 427-7092 for requests.

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### CIUDAD DE HUNTSVILLE PLAN CONSOLIDÉ 2020-2025 /PLAN DE ACCIÓN 2020/PLAN DE PARTICIPACIÓN CIUDADANA/ANÁLISIS DE LOS IMPEDIMENTOS

La ville de Huntsville, en Alabama, est tenue de préparer un plan consolidé tous les cinq ans. Le plan comprend un plan d'action d'un an, une analyse des obstacles et un plan de participation des citoyens. Le Plan consolidé vise à répondre aux besoins communautaires identifiés grâce aux fonds de subventions du bloc de développement communautaire (GCMC) et au Programme de partenariat d'investissement HOME du ministère du Logement et du Développement urbain (HUD). Une ébauche du plan peut être consultée sur le site Web de la Ville et sur les endroits suivants : <http://www.huntsvilleal.gov/comdev/index.php>.

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# Called Preach

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

## Right, Real and Resting

Mark 4:8, 20, 26-27

Jesus' pedagogical parables were perfect, not only because He is perfect, but also because they concretized the otherwise abstract principles of true kingdom living. Teaching in the midst of the backdrop of an agricultural society, He knew that His

first hearers would readily recognize the concept of sowing, seeds, and soil. The good soil, as He described it, was the ideal type of soil for seeds because it was there that growth and increase was a sure result. This description was His fourth and final type described in the parable of the sower. His didactic



description of the results of the seeds that fell into this type of soil included words like produced, growing, increasing and yielding. In His explanation of

those who were likened to this type of soil, he noted that what was notable and noticeable about their lives was that they not only heard the word, but also heeded it. This was indicative of a right, real, and resting relationship with God. The fruit that they bore varied in amount but was still authentic. The rest, which represents

trust, was noted when Jesus switched from the four types of soil, to the description of the person who sows seeds and then sleeps and rises night and day. This sowing is indicative of the life of the individual who trusts that his/her seeds of obedience will someday yield the fruit of God's approval even though the "process" takes time.

*"It has been my observation that parents kill more dreams than anybody."*

- Spike Lee

Spotlight on Our Elders ... Featuring 90-Year-Old

## Elder Thomas Marshall Kelly

T. Marshall Kelly, a bass-baritone singer and composer, has enjoyed a career as an internationally known soloist, ordained minister, radio personality, and award-winning religion teacher in the Seventh-day Adventist church. From his earliest years, religion and music have been focal points in his life.

Born and raised in Cleveland, Ohio, Marshall, the only child of Louis and Mary Kelly, began singing in a male quartet at age 12. He attended Oakwood Academy and College, now University, where he sang in the OC male chorus and in its popular male quartet, the Velvetones, before transferring to Emmanuel Missionary College, now Andrews University, in the early 1950s to earn an accredited four-year degree.

Kelly gained recognition

for the resonant quality of his voice while at EMC and was a charter member of the Collegians, a newly formed select choral group conducted by Melvin Davis. In his senior year, he served as pastor of his class and was a featured soloist in the college orchestra's April "pops" concert, at which he sang four solos.

Following graduation from EMC in 1952 with a degree in religion, Kelly became a pastor in Chicago, and in December 1952, married Garnet Jean Garland from Cleveland, Ohio, an alum of Pine Forge Academy in Pennsylvania.

They would have a son, Eric, and a daughter, Nadine. In the next 25 years, Kelly would serve in the Lake Region Conference, pastoring at Fort Wayne, Marion, and Muncie, Indiana; Inkster, Michigan; Chicago again; and



in the Burns Avenue Church in Detroit. During those years he enjoyed great success as a pastor and evangelist and as a sought-after singer.

Kelly retired in 1995 and now lives in Huntsville, Ala. He continues to be a featured singer and speaker at church events and gatherings. For over 30 years he has had a Sabbath afternoon radio talk show program at 5 p.m. on what is now WJOU, 90.1 FM.

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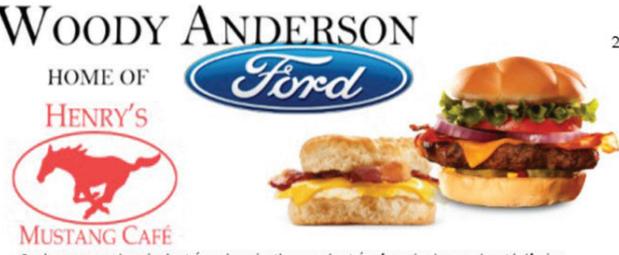
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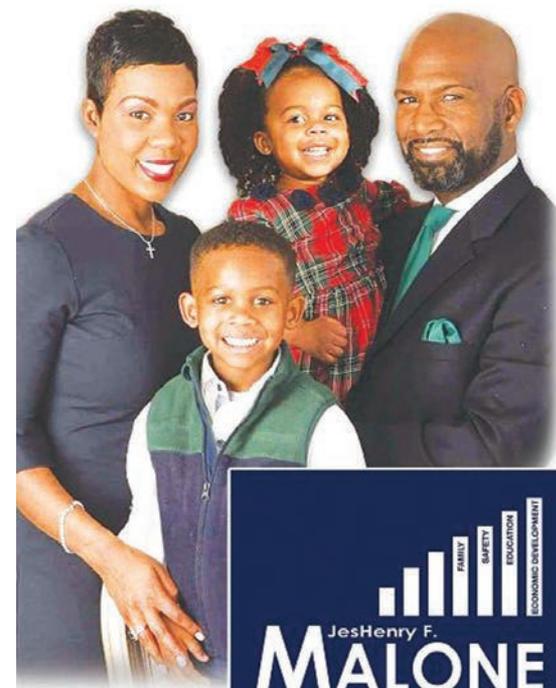
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- Will continue to fight to move our commission forward and to keep our streets safe and lower our crime.
- Moved our county forward by helping to bring Mazda Toyota to our county.
- Will continue to fight for our quality of life including our schools and recreation.
- Will continue to support Alabama A&M University, Oakwood University and University of Alabama Huntsville.
- Led the effort for the new service center to be located in District 6.

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