

"The deepest principle in human nature is the craving to be appreciated."

- William James

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Scientist to Be Honored for STEM Work

Career Communications Group's Women of Color magazine, Women of Color STEM Conference co-hosts Consumers Energy Company, General Motors Company, and sponsor Lockheed Martin Corporation has selected a former Miss Alabama

Hadiyah-Nicole Green has been selected to receive the prestigious Professional Achievement-Industry Award during the 2018 Women of Color Award ceremony in October. She is a professor and researcher at the Morehouse School of Medicine in Atlanta, Ga.

This award is held in high esteem, as the Women

of Color STEM Conference Selection Panel receives hundreds of nominations from STEM employers each year.

The organizations considered Green's achievements outstanding.

The St. Louis, Mo., native and other 2018 Women of Color Award winners will be honored at the 23rd Women of Color STEM Conference beginning Thursday, October 11, in Detroit, Mich.

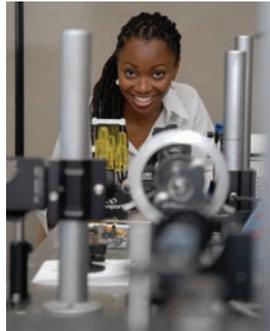
The conference will commence with a networking reception and end on

Saturday, October 13 as Green and fellow honorees are recognized at the Women of Color Gala.

The awards have served the dual purpose of showcasing outstanding contributions in STEM and highlighting the challenges of gender harassment, gender bias, gender discrimination, and the lack of support

women face in the workforce.

This year's conference theme, "Press for Progress," reflects the global push for gender parity.



Huntsville Home Uplift Assists Northwoods Residents

Officials from the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA), the Huntsville Housing Authority (HHA), and Huntsville Utilities (HU) met at the Northwoods Public Housing development on Wednesday, June 20, to kick-off the Huntsville Home Uplift project: a pilot program designed to help limited-income customers lower

their utility bills while providing "non-energy benefits" to improve their quality of life.

The funding for this pilot program comes through matching funds from TVA and HHA and goes toward improvements to over 200 homes in the Northwoods neighborhood. HU is providing the energy audit services and project man-

agement of the contractors performing the improvements for Northwoods residents.

Some \$2 million will be used to quantify energy and non-energy benefits of home retrofits to develop a business case for sustainable funding for on-going future projects.

Contact: Joe Gehrdes at (256) 535-1386.

Army Celebrates Birthday

by Kimberly Hanson, AMC

The Army's 243rd birthday brought together active duty and retired military, Army Civilians and the community at a dinner hosted by the Association of the U.S. Army, Redstone/Huntsville Chapter, June 15 at the Von Braun Center.

Service members throughout U.S. history share one common trait, said Gen. Gus Perna, Army Materiel Command commander.

"An unbreakable thread binds our Soldiers of the past, present and future: our Army values," he said. The value of selfless service is what led most to join the military, said Perna.

Reflecting on stories of soldiers from previous wars through today, Perna highlighted the value of honor, which he said the Army defines as the manner of carrying out, acting and living the values.

With more than a million soldiers across active duty, Army Reserve and National Guard, Perna said the Army values drive them to "stand tall," protect and defend the Constitution.

RFCU Credit Union of the Year

Redstone Federal Credit Union® has been named Credit Union of the Year by the National Association of Federally-Insured Credit Unions (NAFCU).

The nationally recognized award was presented June 20 to Redstone's President and CEO Joe Newberry, during the NAFCU Annual Conference and Solutions Expo in Seattle, Wash.

"To be recognized by NAFCU as the Credit Union of the Year is such an honor," said Newberry. "Each day we strive to be a model credit union by enthusiastically serving our members and offering the

products and services that meet their needs."

Redstone was recognized by NAFCU for its successes in the areas of

community give-back efforts; serving underbanked

or low-to-modest income members; providing financial education to youth; and devising and implementing a cultural transformation process to better serve its members.

In addition to receiving the Credit Union of the Year, Redstone also recently won two Business Transformation & Operational Excellence Awards.



Army's 243rd: Cutting the cake celebrating the Army's 243rd birthday on June 15 are (l-r) Command Sgt. Major Rodger Mansker, command sergeant major of the Army Materiel Command; retired Chief Warrant Officer 5 Harry Hobbs (Site Director for Florida Institute of Technology Huntsville Site); retired Col. Sam Torrey; Joe Fitzgerald, civilian aide to the secretary of the Army; Gen. Gus Perna, commander of the Army Materiel Command; and cadet Jeremy Bailey of the New Century Technology High School JROTC.

Washington in One Minute



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

1. The House and Senate are in session this week. The Senate was expected to complete work Monday on the 3-bill appropriations package (called a "minibus") that contains the FY 2019 Energy & Water; Legislative Branch; and Military Construction appropriations bills – which has already passed the House. It would then take up the

\$860 billion Farm Bill Reauthorization, covering farm commodity programs and federal nutrition programs, which squeaked through the House last week on a 213-211 vote--but is controversial because it includes stricter work requirements for 5-7 million food stamp recipients. On the House side, there is much speculation this week as to whether the House will take up the 2nd of 2 immigration bills after the more "hard-line" GOP bill failed last

week--especially after a series of tweets from the President telling them it was a waste of time because the bill could not pass the Senate. The House will also take up the FY 2019 Defense Appropriations bill and a motion to go to conference on the FY 2019 Defense Authorization bill.

2. President Trump met with King Abdullah of Jordan Monday and then headed to West Columbia, S.C., for a campaign rally for South Carolina Gov. Henry McMaster. On Wednesday, he hosted Portuguese President Rebelo de Sousa at the White House. Last week, in his latest trade war salvo, the President threatened to impose a 20% tariff on all European automobiles entering the U.S. and ordered the Commerce Department to investigate if foreign cars and auto parts threaten national security.

3. Last week, the White House's Office of Management and Budget released a plan to reorganize the federal government, which would combine the Education and Labor Departments; move federal nutrition programs, including SNAP and WIC, from the Agriculture to HHS Department; and remove food safety from the Food and Drug Administration and merge it with Agriculture's food inspection service. The plan would also transfer the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' civil works duties from the Pentagon to the Transportation and Interior Departments and transform the U.S. Postal Service into a privately-run operation. The plan would need the approval of Congress to be implemented. Read the whole plan here: <https://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/management/government-reform/>

4. Last Sunday on ABC's This Week, Senator Jeff Flake (R-AZ) said that he's prepared

to oppose President Trump judicial nominees unless the Senate votes on legislation curtailing the President's power to impose tariffs. Senator Flake serves on the Senate Judiciary Committee, which has only an 11-10 GOP majority, so his threat could effectively stop the committee from reporting out any further Trump judge nominees.

5. Senators have reached agreement on legislation that would reauthorize the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006. A bipartisan draft bill, Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act, has been released that aims to more closely align vocational education programs with the need of local businesses. The Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee is scheduled to mark up the bill on June 26. The Senate has been pressured by the White House and House members to finish

its work on a bipartisan bill.

6. An online fundraising campaign on Facebook dedicated to reuniting immigrant families separated at the U.S. border under the Trump Administration's zero tolerance policy has raised \$20 million as of late Sunday for the Texas-based Refugee and Immigrant Center for Education and Legal Services (RAICES), according to The Hill newspaper. The "Reunite an Immigrant Parent With Their Child" campaign, established by ex-Facebook employees Charlotte and Dave Willner, has become the single largest fundraiser in Facebook history.

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Champion Game Plan for Life

by Preston Brown

Hebrews 12:1 says, *Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.*

When I was in high school, I was fortunate enough to run on the 4x100 yard relay team that won the state title. Now in order for us to accomplish this as a team, there had to be some preparation on our part. First, we had to remove the things that hindered us. Things like pride and selfishness, we had to get rid of. In order to run the race that was set before



us, we all had to be encouraging to one another. We also had to prepare for exchanging the baton to each other. Many races have been lost due to a bad exchange. So preparation was the key to being successful in the 4x100 yard relay. Now the writer of Hebrews compares our spiritual lives to a race, as well. And just like any race, there are things that we need to prepare for, as well. We have to prepare for the sin that easily entangles us and keeps us from our spiritual progress, things like our fleshly desires, which includes the things that we say and do around people. Also the things that we allow ourselves to watch on television or on the In-

ternet or what we look at in magazines. All of these things hinder our progress. I believe that now is the time for all of us to work on our endurance as we run the race that God wants us to run. When we do, we will experience the joy of running the race. Remember: the journey is just as important as the final destination. You will also enjoy the accomplishment of running a good race, knowing that you prepared for it. But, most importantly, you will receive the prize, which is the crown of glory! ... Stay encouraged, my brothers and sisters.

Also, remember that you can purchase my book, "A Champion Game Plan For Life," at Amazon.com.

Spotlight on Our Elders ... Featuring

Mr. Jesse Johnson

Korean and Vietnam War veteran Jesse Johnson, Jr., of Tampa, Fla., devoted more than 30 years of civil service as a specialist in equipment for the HAWK Missile System to the Maintenance Engineering Directorate, USAMICOM; as a logistics and program management specialist; and as an international program management specialist.

Even for a few years following his retirement in 1995, he continued to serve as a consultant for international program management at Sigma Tech, Inc., of Huntsville, Ala.

His religious and community service is legion and encompasses contri-

butions to the Lions Club, Blacks in Government, the Madison County Department of Human Resources, TARCOG Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council, Huntsville-Madison County Senior Center, Alabama Silver-Haired Legislature, First Church of God in Christ (COGIC), and Volunteers of America.

A sociology and economics graduate of



Alabama A&M University, Johnson still enjoys golf, chess, home construction projects and gardening.

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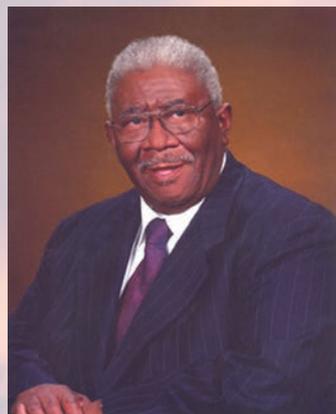
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From the Editor



Ahhh, Did You Know Them?

I did! Walter (Gordo) Rodgers was my brother-in law. Born in Gordo, Alabama, he had an impressive career in football from high school to the semi-pro level. Many times, we believe we know people; however, when the epitaph is inscribed and captured, we find out that we truly didn't know them. Last month, when he passed away, the Rodgers and Hurt families, along with long-time friends and colleagues, gathered to share memories of Walt. He was recruited from Gordo High School by five colleges, but accepted a four-year scholarship to attend Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical College as a "Fighting Bulldog" under the dynamic leadership of Head Coach Louis Crews. Coach Crews always called him "Gordo," which was the name of his hometown.

Wearing jersey No. 63, Walter was affiliated with a Bulldog team that achieved the best win-lost record in the history of Alabama A&M football, 33-4. The team won three South Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (SIAC) Championships. The team also went undefeated in 1963-1964 and 1966 seasons. He played defensive nose guard for two years and offensive left guard for two years. He made the "All Conference" in 1966 and lettered all four seasons. The 1966 team was the first team in the school's history to go undefeated, and Walter was captain of that team. He also played in the 1966 Orange Bowl Classic. In 1967, when his eligibility was over, Coach Crews asked Walter to serve as an offensive line coach while completing his B.S. degree in industrial technology in 1968. He was invited to join the American Professional Football League by the Cincinnati Bengals but an injury kept him from joining the League. He also played semi-professional football for the Alabama Hawks for three years, the Professional League of America in Huntsville, Ala. From 1968-1970, Walter served as the director of the Boys and Girls Club of America in Huntsville, Ala. In 1970, he joined the Alabama A&M University staff. For two years he served as the dormitory counselor for Grayson Hall. From 1970-1975, he served as assistant offensive line coach under Coach Crews. In addition, he coached one year under Coach Curtis Gentry.

So there it is. We knew he was active at First Missionary Baptist Church until his health failed; we knew he was a Kappa; we knew he worked for Huntsville City Schools and retired from the Alabama Cooperative Extension System; we knew he loved God, his only daughter -Dr. Tanisha Rodgers and his only grand-daughter -Justis McKinney, and Alabama A&M University; and, we knew he was active in a number of local community organizations as a volunteer. He was married to my sister Mary for 7 years and she became his caregiver and friend five years ago and remained until his passing. When we last visited him, he said, "I'm ready to go home." He was tired, and we know that he is resting in love ...

"Doctor Dot" is what Deacon Willie Andrew Rice called me. A "Renaissance Man," he was. I did not know prior to his passing that W. A. stood for Willie Andrew. I knew better than to call him anything other than Mr. Rice. He was a popular vocational agribusiness teacher in Bethlehem Industrial Academy (BIA) in Monroeville, Ala. I attended BIA one year prior to school integration and before they sent us to Monroe County High School. Everyone loved and respected Mr. Rice, even the families of his students. Our mother expected a visit from him during the Christmas Holidays, even after Dr. James I. Dawson recruited him to Alabama A&M University to work with the Cooperative Extension program, and he moved to Huntsville. Until the end, he frequented church and civic events in Monroeville.

Mr. Rice's life story can be found at: http://www.nelmsmemorial.net/memsol.cgi?user_id=2112838. If you have not read it, you will be inspired by his beginning, his journey and his end. He was indeed an extraordinary man! He loved God, his family, his church, and his community. At 93 years young, this nonagenarian remained active and in-charge until the end. His children, Rev. Michael, Dorosalind and Carlton were nurtured and molded into the wonderful adults they are today under his guidance and through his love. He was a student of the Holy Bible, a Sunday School teacher, a photographer, a community and civic supporter, and he followed AAMU football in his RV for as long as he could. Mr. Rice actually took pictures at our wedding and in later years, we would say to me, "I have some pictures for you in the trunk." Well, Brother Rice, I have the wedding album with the fine pictures you took; however, I never did get the 'free' ones from the trunk. That's likely because I was too busy to stop and wait for you to finish what you were doing, open the trunk and give me the pictures. We will miss seeing you around. Rest well, our Friend.

Two men, two divergent paths, both leaving us with impactful legacies. Each of us will have an epitaph. We get to determine what ours says based on how we live. For me, it's no longer about the life I live, but about the life I build. I am going to slow down and get the old photos from the trunks and boxes in my storage bins and enjoy them.

Until next week ...



Dorothy

Track Athlete to Compete at IAAF

No mom is prouder these days than Alabama A&M University Athletic Hall of Famer (track) Georgia Harrison, general accountant for the Office of the Controller.

Harrison's son LSU freshman JuVaughn Blake was among three junior competitors at the USATF Junior Championships in Bloomington, Ind., to recently earn spots at the 2018 IAAF U20 World Championships scheduled July 10-15.

Blake, a NCAA qualifier during the outdoor season in both the long jump and high jump, won two titles over the weekend. His first title came in the long jump



pit. The freshman from Huntsville, Ala., leaped out to a winning mark of 7.68 meters (25-2.50) on his second jump of the event to claim the title by more than eight inches.

Blake returned to the high jump and won that event with a clearance of 2.20 meters (7-2.50) making him the only competitor to clear more than seven feet.

Change Makers Attend Florence Gathering

Florence, Ala., was the site June 7-8 for the second annual Alabama Pro Growth Policy Conference.

The meeting convened Alabama's foremost thinkers and change makers with the goal of pushing forward on issues most pressing to Alabamians.

Kicking off with a program on awareness and access to treatment

for sickle-cell disease, the agenda included discussions on healthcare, education reform, prison reform, and job growth.



Rep. Anthony Daniels

Thanks to the organizing efforts of the Alabama House Democratic Caucus and the Pro-Growth Organizing Committee, the hope for this conference was promised

to be an important catalyst for progress and change in Alabama.



Rep. Laura Hall

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Valley Scopes

by Melissa Wilson/Seloma

Aquarius

Mars' square of Jupiter in your house of service and health related matters denotes that confidence is coming into play in any expansion investments.

Leo

Venus' trine of Uranus, in your house of clandestine activities, denotes that things are running in a smooth fashion with love, money and an ability to make the best choices easily.

Libra

Mercurys' opposition to Mars, in your houses of communications and possessions, denotes a challenge to your ideas or in communicating them—as you work on the positive merging of two or more things together.

Scorpio

Jupiters' trine of Neptune in your home environment denotes that things are moving together, pleasantly, due to the visceral actions made on your part.

Sagittarius

Celestial happenings denote that you'll continue to be extra busy on the home front.

Gemini

The presence of Fortune in your house of career denotes that re-updating your appearance or resume, is coming into play as you gravitate towards obtaining your hearts' desire.

Capricorn

Saturns' trine of Uranus, inside your house of fun,

JULY

denotes that things are moving in an agreeable fashion due to structure, the choices that are being offered, and a general respect for boundaries that is being maintained.

Cancer

Celestial happenings denote that you'll continue to be noticed for the courage that you are in the habit of displaying.

Taurus

The presence of Fortune, in your house of career denotes that the way in which you're positively relating to the world is coming into play as you acquire your hearts' desire.

Pisces

Uranus' semisquare of Neptune within your house of partnerships denotes a positive challenge when it comes to releasing repressed feelings that go along with your anima and instinctual roles.

Aries

The suns' quintile of Uranus in your house of truth, travel and adventure; denotes an accretion of something being formed, from any creative endeavors, that you are given to, at present.

Virgo

Mercurys' square with Jupiter, denotes that, the knowledge that you're privy to is coming into play as you figure out how you fit into the current scheme of things that most concern you.

Board Approves A&M's Renovations, Upgrades for FY2019

The Alabama A&M University Board of Trustees on June 22 approved university officials' proposal to allocate millions of dollars as an investment to help combat longstanding deferred maintenance issues impacting several campus facilities.

Among the capital projects slated for the upcoming academic year are facility investments that officials say will directly impact

students. AAMU will invest over \$12 million toward the renovation and upgrading of facilities. Facility investments include:

- o McCalep Vocational Building - \$4.2M
- o Thigpen Hall - \$3.1M
- o Frank Lewis Gymnasium - \$1.9M
- o Normal Hills Apartments - \$1.27M
- o Mamie Labon Foster Complex - \$682,000

- o T.M. Elmore Gymnasium - \$593,000
- o J.F. Drake Memorial Learning Resources Center - \$425,000

Additionally, the university made significant investments in human capital. To address the increased enrollment over the past five years, approximately \$500,000 was allocated to employ faculty to teach in the general education courses.

Effective at the onset of the upcoming fiscal year (October 1), an across-the-board salary increase of 4-5 percent will be allocated to personnel employed at the University with additional amounts directed to begin the process of increasing salaries to the market benchmarks.

The Board's next meeting will be Friday, October 26, in Birmingham, Ala.

AKAs, Extension Join Forces to Promote Literacy

The Alabama Cooperative Extension System's Urban Affairs and New Nontraditional Programs unit announces a new partnership to improve child literacy with the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, Epsilon Gamma Omega Chapter of Madison County. The AKA Chapter has served

thousands of youth in the Huntsville City and Madison County School systems as a member of the Reading is Fundamental Literacy Network, and it was the recipient of a national award by the late former first lady, Barbara Bush.

The Sorority will continue its 30-year legacy of

supporting child literacy by partnering with Alabama Extension's Parent-Child Reading Enhancement Program, better known as PCREP. PCREP is designed to teach parents reading strategies to help their child to read or to improve their reading skills. The program specifically targets children 4 to 9 years-of-age

and focuses on five essential components of reading: phonemic awareness, phonics, vocabulary, comprehension, and fluency. To kick off the partnership, the AKAs were a sponsor of the PCREP Family Day of Education and Fun held at Alabama A&M University's Agribition Center on Saturday, June 9.

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- Sav-A-Lot
- Sneed's Cleaners
- Starbucks (Governors Drive, N. Parkway at Mastin Lake Road/University Drive)
- Union Chapel Missionary Baptist Church

Alabama Field Day Set for Tanner

Bridgeforth Farms, in conjunction with the National Black Growers Council, is sponsoring Alabama Field Day on Friday, June 29, at 17049 Bridgeforth Road, Tanner, Ala., from 8 a.m.-12 noon.

Alabama Field Day is a comprehensive event fea-

turing relevant agriculture practices.

Examples of GPS utilization, UAV technology, and integrated usage of USDA programs and agricultural technology also will be demonstrated. For more info, call (256) 232-2049 or (256) 497-3589.

Bilderberg Conference Held in Turin

The 66th Bilderberg Meeting was held June 7-10 in Turin, Italy. Over 130 diverse participants from some 23 countries attended. The group included political leaders and experts from industry, finance, academia and the media. org.

The key topics discussed this year were: 1) Populism in Europe; 2) The inequality challenge; 3) The future of work; 4) Artificial intelligence; 5) The US before

midterms; 6) Free trade; 7) US world leadership; 8) Russia; 9) Quantum computing; 10) Saudi Arabia and Iran; 11) The "post-truth" world; and 12) Current events.

Founded in 1954, the Bilderberg Meeting is an annual conference designed to foster dialogue between Europe and North America.

The list of participants is available on www.bilderbergmeetings.com.

The Valley Weekly Calendar of Events

July 1

Stand Up Live Huntsville Featuring "Bruce Bruce" Special Engagement 7 p.m.

July 6

Stewart Standouts Education Gala Roundhouse Banquet Hall 393 Monroe Street, NW Huntsville, Ala. - 7 p.m.

July 7

Fifth Annual Youth Football & Cheer Camp Stewart Standouts (Free, Ages 7-17) Milton Frank Stadium 8 a.m.-12 p.m.

July 7, 14

Basic Floral Design: An Intro-

duction to Flowers and Form Huntsville Botanical Garden Anderson Education Classroom Instructor: Mickey Jordan Lollar, B.S.Ed., M.A. Marketing Analyst, Surface Elements; Writing Instructor, University of North Alabama and the Helen Keller Library 2-4 p.m.

July 14

"The Walls Are Talking" Stage Play Huntsville High School Auditorium - 6 p.m.

July 20

NSBE Golf Tournament The Links at Redstone Arsenal anthonyclancaster@gmail.com 7 a.m.

'Artsy Tots: Artful Koi Fish' Huntsville Museum of Art Class fee is \$5 members/\$7 non-members (up to 2 adults/2 children). Fees are non-refundable. However, registration is transferable to another session.

July 27-29

Stand Up Live Huntsville Featuring "Earthquake" 7 p.m.

July 28

8th Annual CAFY Event Calhoun Community College Huntsville Campus Wynn Drive 10 a.m.-2 p.m.



BIRTHDAY - June 29 - KWAME TURE - Once known as Stokely Carmichael, he was a Black Power freedom fighter, who was also a member of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) and the Black Panther Party.



Worship Services

SUNDAY

8:15 a.m. Faith Institute |
9:15 a.m. Worship
11:15 a.m. Worship

WEDNESDAY

6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Bible Study

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Valley Deaths

- Nelms Memorial Funeral Home -

Funeral service for MR. WELTON GIDEON (b. 1932) was held Friday, June 22, at the Fellowship of Faith Church (3703 Memorial Parkway North - Huntsville, Ala.) with Pastor Troy Garner officiating.

Funeral service for MR. KENNETH L. RICE (b. 1958) was held Saturday, June 23, at New Hope Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America (CPCA) with Interim Pastor Reverend Earnestine Gordon officiating.

Celebration of Life Service for DEACON WILLIE A. (B.K.A. "W.A.") RICE (b. 1925) will be Saturday, June 23, at 12 noon at First Missionary Baptist Church with Pastor Julius R. Scruggs officiating.

Funeral service for MR. GEORGE UMPHRIES (b. 1935) was held Friday, June 15, in St. Louis, Mo.

- Royal Funeral Home -

Funeral service for MS. ERICA VERNELL EDWARDS will be 1 p.m., Saturday, June 30, at the Union Hill Primitive Baptist Church (Winchester Road, Huntsville, Ala.) with Dr. Oscar L. Montgomery, Sr., officiating and Reverend Aldophus Elliott officiating.

Funeral service for MS. HEAVEN HINES (b. 2001) will be 12:00 p.m. Saturday, June 30, at the Hope Community Church (1111 Pulaski Pike, Huntsville, Ala.) with Bishop Robert Rogers officiating.

Funeral service for MS. IRIS K. BYNUM (b. 1975) will be 12:00 p.m. Saturday, June 30, 2018 at the Hope Community Church (1111 Pulaski Pike, Huntsville, Ala.) with Bishop Robert Rogers officiating.

Funeral service for MS. TIFFAINIE L. LANIER (b. 1986) was held Wednesday, June 27, at the St. Bartley Primitive Baptist Church (3020 Belafonte Avenue, Huntsville, Ala.) with Elder Kenneth Leslie officiating.

Funeral service for MRS. HENRENE SMOOT was held Saturday, June 23, at Fellowship Presbyterian Church at (3406 Meridian Street North, Huntsville, Ala.) with Pastor Keith Ellison officiating.

- Serenity Funeral Home -

Funeral service for MS. XZARIAH RICE (b. 2002) will be held Friday, June 29, at 1 p.m. at Blue Sprig Road Church of Christ (2150 Blue Spring Road NW, Huntsville, Ala.) with Elder Thomas Malone officiating.

Funeral service for MS. CRENA JOSEPH (b. 1941) will be announced.

Funeral service will be announced at a later date for MRS. NINA "DELOISE" HEARNE-HOPKINS (LANKFORD) (b. 1957).

Called 2 Preach

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

Obstacles, But Not Options

When Jesus was led to the wilderness by the Spirit for a time of testing and preparation for the inauguration of His ministry, this was specified as an intentional confrontation with the devil.

We know from the story that this diabolical destiny killer tried three times to get Jesus to choose another option than the one that had been providentially chosen for Him before the foundation of the world.

Jesus' use of the word of God teaches us that on this journey as believers, we will always have obstacles, but when it comes to doing God's will, there are no options. Every word, Jesus noted, from the word of God gives life to the soul just as food does to the physical body.

While we do have options when it comes to foods, there are no varieties when it comes to the word

of God. We see that fact in the story of Jesus in the wilderness because He met each test with the word. Even though there was a different scripture used

each time, there were not three different options for the three different tests. Too often believers choose options, when faced with obstacles; however, the word of God is clear that it is a lamp unto our feet and



light unto our pathway.

So, when we face obstacles, our Elder Brother has taught us that we are not to look for options, but rather we are to obey the word and will of God.

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Bulldog Club Holds Breakfast Event with AAMU Coaches

While enjoying a good meal and a little camaraderie with friends, the Alabama A&M University Bulldog Club kicked off the 2018-19 athletic seasons Saturday morning with its annual Bulldog Club Breakfast.

A large crowd was in attendance at the Knight Complex for the Bulldog Club Breakfast, which is held each summer to begin the organization's fund-raising for the upcoming athletic seasons.

For those in attendance, this was an opportunity to meet and mingle with Alabama A&M's coaches, including new football coach Connell Maynor.

Maynor was hired in January. He brings an impressive resume to the position. In eight seasons at Hampton and Winston-Salem State, Maynor amassed a 65-31 record and took Winsto-Salem State to the 2012 Division II national title game.

"We've got a lot to be excited about here at Ala-



bama A&M," Maynor said while addressing those in attendance at the Bulldog Club Breakfast.

"I like the progress our players have made. They're working hard. They're in great shape. And I can promise you that our staff is going to coach these young men up and we're going to have a disciplined football team that does things the right way. We came here (to Alabama A&M) to win, and we're working hard to make that happen."

At the event, the head coaches from all of Alabama A&M's athletic programs were given an opportunity to speak to the Bulldog Club members.

The Bulldog Club also recognized softball coach Nakeya Hall, who was selected as the SWAC softball coach of the year after guiding the Bulldogs to a 21-18 record — the program's first 20-win season during this decade.

"We had a group of players who worked extremely hard this season," Hall said. "They built a great foundation for us to build on."

While the event provided an opportunity for fans to mingle with Alabama A&M's coaches, the purpose of the Bulldog Club Breakfast was to kick off fundraising for the upcoming athletic seasons.

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UAH Lacrosse Team Excels in Classroom

The University of Alabama in Huntsville men's lacrosse team has been recognized by the Great Lakes Valley Conference for excelling in the classroom with nine players earning 2018 GLVC Academic All-Conference status in addition to three who were named Brother James Gaffney Distinguished Scholars.

The Charger trio of Connor Evers, Jacob Glen, and Nicholas Ranta all

earned the distinguished scholar award for earning a 4.0 grade point average in the fall and spring semesters of the 2017-18 academic year.

There were 287 student-athletes overall in the GLVC to earn the honor.

Additionally, Joshua Hardin, Tiernan Hart, Jack Hendrickson, Parker Lane, Caleb Merrow, and Zak Welsh joined Evers, Glen, and Ranta as nine of the 62 GLVC men's lacrosse

players to earn GLVC Academic All-Conference accolades for owning a cumulative 3.30 GPA.

More than 2,900 student-athletes across all sports in the GLVC earned the distinction.

On the field, the Chargers reached the semifinals of the GLVC tournament in its first year of conference affiliation, improving in the program's third season to an 8-7 record including a 4-2 mark at Charger Park.

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2018 Alabama A&M University Bulldog Football

Date	Opponent	Site	Venue	Time
Sept. 1	Miles College	HOME	Louis Crews Stadium (Crews Classic)	TBA
Sept. 8	University of North Alabama	HOME	Louis Crews Stadium	TBA
Sept. 15	U. of Cincinnati	AWAY	Cincinnati, Ohio	TBA
Sept. 22	Southern University	Neutral	Mobile, Ala. (Gulf Coast Challenge)	TBA
Sept. 29	Jackson State University	AWAY	Jackson, Miss.	TBA
Oct. 6	Texas Southern University	AWAY	Houston, Tex.	TBA
Oct. 13	Alcorn State University	HOME	Louis Crews Stadium (HOMECOMING)	TBA
Oct. 20		OPEN		
Oct. 27	Alabama State University	Neutral	Birmingham, Ala. (Magic City Classic)	TBA
Nov. 3	U. of Ark. Pine Bluff	AWAY	Pine Bluff, Ark.	TBA
Nov. 10	Grambling State University	HOME	Louis Crews Stadium	TBA
Nov. 17	Mississippi Valley St. U.	AWAY	Itta Bena, Miss.	TBA

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Three Areas for Controlling High Summer Energy Cost in the Valley Area



(BPT) - Are you yet another Valley resident who cringes each month when the utility bills arrive?

The annual energy cost for a typical single family home in the U.S. is more than \$2,000, according to the U.S. Department of Energy. If you can think of a thousand things you'd rather spend your hard-earned money on than electricity and natural gas, the solution to saving on energy costs is easier than you think.

While you might assume the numerous electronic gadgets you own drive your high utility bills, the real

cost culprits are your furnace and air conditioner. Space heating and cooling account for 42 percent of home energy costs--double what the typical home spends running its electronics and small appliances.

What's truly unfortunate is much of the money spent on heating and cooling homes is wasted, as heat leaks out of your home in winter and comes in during the summer. The reason? About 90 percent of U.S. homes are under-insulated, according to the North American Insulation Manufacturers Association.

Ending your suffering from high energy bills can be as easy as tackling a few, simple, do-it-yourself insulation projects. Key areas to insulate are your home's attic, basement, crawl space and garage. Read on for tips on insulating these spaces to improve your home's energy efficiency and comfort, while putting money back in your pocket.

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Consider rigid foam panels. Among the rigid foams, expanded polystyrene (EPS) like Insulfoam R-Tech insulation provides

the highest insulating power per dollar.

Basement and Crawl Space:

Rigid foam insulation boards can be cut to size and installed on basement walls. It is typically much easier to install insulation on the inside wall. Also

insulate any crawlspaces.

Garage Door:

Readily available DIY insulation kits allow homeowners to insulate their garage door in less than an hour, for less than \$100.

With a few simple DIY insulation projects, you can

save hundreds of dollars every year.

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