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- Oscar Wilde

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Movies in the Park July 13

On Friday, July 13, the City of Huntsville will sponsor Movies in the Park at sundown in Big Spring Park.

The featured film is "Diary of a Wimpy Kid". Upcoming movies will be held July 27 ("The Boss Baby"),

August 10 ("Trolls"), and August 24 ("Ice Age").



Parade to Celebrate Education

Jemison High School will hold the annual Celebrating Education Parade & Festival on Saturday, August 11, at the Blue Springs Shopping Center. Lineup begins at 7 a.m.

Featured entertainment includes the Jemison High School Mighty Sounds of the South Band, a slam dunk contest, and a dance



off. Interested vendors should call Donielle Jefferson at (256) 797-3910.

HVSE Sponsoring Art Walk

The Huntsville Veterinary Specialists & Emergency (HVSE) will present "Friday Night Art Walk" on the historic square of Downtown Huntsville on Friday, August 10, from 5-8 p.m.

The activity provides citizens a chance to shop local with a variety of artisans.



Alabama Tops List in Number of Fast Food Restaurants

Looking for a fast food restaurant?

Well, if you live in the Valley area or anywhere in the state, you likely won't be too far away from your favorite burger joint.

That's according to Datafiniti.com, a web team committed to building a complete pipeline to transform information from the web and other sources into instantly usable data.

Datafiniti placed Alabama at No. 1 in fast food restaurants per capita. Southern states have the highest fast food count per capita.

In other words, the top spot went to Ala-

bama because of its 6.3 restaurants per 10K residents.

Other states making the Top 10 include: 2. Nebraska, 3. West Virginia, 4. Oklahoma, 5. Tennessee, 6. Indiana, 7. District of Columbia, 8. Georgia, 9. Missouri, and 10. South Carolina.

As for the states with the fewest fast food restaurants per capita, most are from the Eastern region with Vermont having the fewest fast food restaurants per capita at 1.9 per 10K residents.

Mississippi (No. 48) made a surprise appearance with just 2.1 fast food restaurants per 10K residents.

Trinity UM Site of Food & Cultural Festival



Asha Kiran - A Ray of Hope will sponsor a Food & Cultural Festival on Saturday, July 14. The event will take place at Trinity United Methodist Church, located at 607 Airport Road, Huntsville, Ala.

Attendees will be able

to sample food from such countries as India, Pakistan, Philippines and Greece during the two-hour food segment from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Entertainment will run from 1-4 p.m.

Lowe's Chapel Presents Annual Christmas in July Yard Sale

Lowe's Chapel United Methodist Church will hold its annual Christmas in July Yard Sale on Saturday, July 28, from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the grounds of the church at 460 Sanderson Road. There will be office furniture, household goods, children and adult clothing and many other items for sale at reasonable prices. There will be frozen treats and hot dog combinations for purchase.

The yard sale is presented by the Pastor Parish Relations Committee.

Contact the church at (256) 895-9104 or go to the website for more information at www.loweschapelumc.org. Rev. Waymond K. Smith is pastor.

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Washington in One Minute



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

1. President Trump announced Brett Kavanaugh as his choice to replace retiring Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy. The President

travelled to Brussels, Belgium, Tuesday and Wednesday for a summit meeting with the heads of the NATO countries, followed by a visit to the U.K. which featured a gala dinner Thursday night at Blenheim Palace, hosted by the British

government. On Friday, he met with Prime Minister Theresa May at her official country house, Chequers, and then met with Queen Elizabeth at Windsor Castle. After spending the weekend in Scotland, the President is

Champion Game Plan for Life

by Preston Brown

Matthew 7:25 says: *"The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock."*



church occasionally and that we read our bibles sometimes." "I could have," she said, "but he didn't ask me any of those questions. He asked me does Jesus live at our house?"

You know, when we look at our own lives, how would you answer this question? It's a simple question but it can become complexed if you don't know the answer. Because it's important that the presence of Jesus lives in our homes. As we see here in this scripture, a home whose foundation is built on the rock, which is Jesus, can weather any storm that comes in your life. When Jesus comes and lives in your home, I believe that He brings three things with Him.

The first thing he brings is healing. Many illnesses can divide a home. But the house will not fall if its foundation is built on the rock. The next thing He brings is hope.

Sometimes you never know how bad the storm will be. The rain may come down, the streams may rise. But when our hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and His righteousness, we will overcome any storm. And, finally, Jesus brings happiness to your home. How do you know that Jesus lives in your home? Because love, joy peace and happiness all live in your house. Happiness is the evidence that Jesus lives there. Today, If you haven't already, why don't you invite Jesus into your home? It can be the difference between a house that is built on sand and a house built on the rock.

Stay encouraged my brothers and sisters!

... And don't forget that you can purchase a copy of my book, "A Champion Game Plan For Life," on amazon.com.

slated to travel to Helsinki, Finland, on Monday, July 16, for a meeting with Russian President Vladimir Putin.

2. On Thursday, July 12, the House Oversight & Government Reform and the House Judiciary Committees held a joint hearing on the 2016 presidential election, featuring embattled FBI agent Peter Strzok as a witness, who was asked questions about the FBI's handling of the investigation into then-Secretary of State Hillary Clinton's handling of classified material.

3. Last Friday night at midnight, \$34 billion of 25% tariffs on 818 Chinese export products assembled by the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR) went into effect in the U.S. for Chinese lithium batteries, electric transformers, DC and AC generators, aircraft tires and engines, boat motors, air and gas compressors, nuclear reactors, cranes, bulldozers, oil and gas drilling parts, railway track fixtures, satellites, X-ray

machines, vehicle chassis, pacemakers, and semiconductor-checking equipment (among other items); followed by \$34 billion in retaliatory tariffs by China on American soybeans, beef, pork, chicken, apples, cherries, avocados, orange juice, whiskey, and passenger cars. A second list of tariffs on 284 Chinese exports totaling \$16 billion is ready to be implemented. The public has 90 days to file a request with the USTR for a 1-year product exclusion from the tariff list with a deadline of Oct. 9, 2018.

4. According to an interview published in The Washington Post on July 6, new Acting EPA Administrator Andrew Wheeler, who replaced former Administrator Scott Pruitt who resigned last Thursday at President Trump's request, conceded that humans have played a role in climate change.

5. A plan by the U.S. Department of Education to begin cutting large debt

collection firms out of the student loan system is on hold after the Senate expressed concern with the move. This month, the Department of Education had planned to begin reshaping the role of private debt collection firms in handling student loans by pulling defaulted borrower accounts from a handful of large private contractors. Alternatively, the FY 2019 Labor-HHS-Education spending bill recently approved by the Senate appropriations committee included language directing the department not to pull accounts from debt collectors. The legislation also encourages the department to extend current debt collection contracts set to expire next year.

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From the Editor

Friday the 13th, it is!

My friends and family have asked me: *What are you planning to do?* The short answer is “work.” Although it is my birthday, I have work to do and projects to finish. Now, with that said, when I take some time off, I will leave work behind, but that will not happen *today*.



It's another special day and I thank God for all 60 years, every day and every hour, especially in a time such as this. Since writing my last editorial, we have said good-bye to Lady Erica Vernell Edwards, a beautiful and loving mother, daughter, sister, aunt, niece and friend. All who knew her will miss her beautiful smile and calm spirit. Even during her walk through the “shadows of death,” she remained steadfast in her beliefs and convictions. At 36 years young, she taught us much. When I saw her last, she slayed a stylish hair cut and skinny jeans, and embraced me with her award-winning smile.

Pastor Troy and Lady Kim Garner of The Fellowship of Faith Church celebrated their 22nd Wedding Anniversary on Friday, July 6th, which was their actual anniversary date. Family, friends and church members joined them at the Springhill Suites for a lovely celebratory dinner. Their daughter, Tory, who is a sophomore at AAMU is still hoping for a younger sibling. Everyone had a good chuckle when Tory made her appeal. Blessings Pastor Troy and Lady Kim for many wonderful years and memories to come. Thanks for inviting us as we had a swell time.



Congratulations are in order for Mr.

& Mrs. David Christensen. David took Dr. Juanita Harris to be his wife on Saturday at the Annabella at Cedar Glen in Huntsville. It was a lovely evening, indeed, filled with elegance, charm and delight. Guests enjoyed as David sang his bride down the aisle to him with an original inspired for the occasion. Family, friends and colleagues joined them after the traditional Christian ceremony for a reception catered by a local favorite, CynShea's.

Life gives us much to live on from week to week. At each juncture, we celebrate! In all things, I give Him thanks: birthdays, home-goings, anniversaries, and weddings. Please join me this week in celebrating someone you know or have known. I am not sure about you, but when I look back over the years, I can gladly celebrate and say “Thanks” to an awesome God who works his plan in His own way, at His own time.

Until next week, let's *Celebrate*.

Dorothy

Alabama Zetas Gain Seats on Regional Board



Awesome Alabama Zetas Gained Two Seats on Regional Executive Board

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated, 89th South Central Region Leadership Conference was held in Montgomery, Ala., June 13-16, hosted by the Alabama State Association.

Zetas from Huntsville and Madison, Ala., won the election for Regional Parliamentarian and Treasurer. The

South Central Region (SCR) includes the states of Alabama, Arkansas, Mississippi, and Tennessee.

Dr. Harriett S. Littlepage, Delta Omega Zeta Chapter, Huntsville, was elected



Regional Parliamentarian. Dr. Littlepage is the Immediate Past Parliamentarian of the Alabama State Association (ASA) and the current First Vice-President of Delta Omega Zeta Chapter. She has served eight years as parliamentarian, four for the ASA and four for the Delta Omega Zeta Chapter.

She has served on the SCR Parliamentarian Committee for the past seven years. Dr. Littlepage is a Diamond Life Member and Zeta Organizational Leadership Certified. She was inducted into the Alabama Zeta Hall of Fame in 2016.

Veronica White, Psi Alpha Zeta Chapter, Madison, was elected Regional Treasurer.



Mrs. White is the current ASA Treasurer, having served for two and one-half years, and the current president of Psi Alpha Zeta Chapter. She has served three years on the SCR Audit Committee and Chaired two of those years. She has chaired the ASA budget committee and the ASA financial procedures review committee for two years each. White is Zeta Organizational Leadership Certified and was inducted into the Alabama Zeta Hall of Fame in 2017.

Photo 1: Veronica White, newly elected Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., South Central Region treasurer, and Dr. Harriett S. Littlepage, newly elected parliamentarian

Photo 2: Dove Ida Crawford - coordinator of Zeta Alabama Doves, Dr. Harriett Littlepage, Calandra Jones-McDonald, Alabama State director, and Veronica White

Photo 3: Genea Flowers, Alabama State Association Executive Board chair; Veronica White; Dr. Harriett Littlepage; and Ms. Deidre Foster, Zeta Alabama Geographical Area 4 coordinator.

Calhoun Selected for GE Additive Equipment

Calhoun Community College is among five colleges and universities worldwide chosen to receive additive manufacturing equipment from the GE Additive. The Calhoun equipment award is valued at \$250,000.

GE Additive has concluded its 2018-19 cycle of its Additive Education Program (AEP) by announcing that five educational institutions in Europe and the United States were selected to receive a Concept Laser Mlab 200R machine.

The direct metal laser melting (DMLM) additive manufacturing systems, worth more than \$1.25 million in total, are scheduled to be delivered to the colleges in the first quarter of 2019. DMLM machines use lasers to melt layers of fine metal powder and create complex geometries with incredible precision directly from a CAD file.

According to GE Additive, more than 500 proposals were received in the University and College category from around the world. Following a thorough review, GE Additive selected five higher-education institutions in the very com-



petitive process.

In addition to Calhoun, the other institutions selected were:

- Coburg University of Applied Sciences and Arts, Germany
- University of Limerick, Republic of Ireland
- University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, USA
- West Virginia University, USA

"I am thrilled that Calhoun is one of the recipients of a metal printer from GE Additive," commented Nina Bullock, program director for additive manufacturing at Calhoun. "We are the only community college in the state of Alabama that offers a degree in Additive Manufacturing. This machine will

certainly help to advance our program and provide even greater opportunities for our students to gain very valuable hands-on experience with this state-of-the-art system," added Bullock.

GE Additive has made a significant financial commitment over five years to invest in educational programs to deliver polymer 3D printers to primary and secondary schools and metal 3D printers to colleges and universities around the world.

by Sherika Attipoe

Above: Nina Bullock, program director for additive manufacturing and John Holley, Dean of Technologies at Calhoun Community College.

The Space Between Us by John 'Jahni' Moore

Sitting here in my Chicago studio, surrounded by new inspired works, while thinking of the activities of the last few weeks in respect to my journey and destination. I had the honor of meeting the incomparable Kerry James Marshall (born in Birmingham, Ala., now living in Chicago) a few weeks ago. His charge to me was to "keep doing it (my craft), demand a seat at the table and don't stop till you get it. You will get in." That led me to think of my positionality in regard to my work as a creative, where I live, and how that affects what I do, and my impact by way of the legacy I am painting. He made it clear that the "art" world is still not

an open door to people of color. I thought of art museums I've been to and not seen one person of color represented and even fewer artists of color in their collection. Often, when there is work by artists of color, that work is in the primitive or unschooled genre. "That's what they want and expect from us," Marshall said. They don't want to see polished thought crafted by an educated artist whose skill is evident in the highest sense of the word. Certain spaces are especially indicative of this practice.

I have a love affair with the South despite its history. A great part of my story is there, couched in that history; fertile

seeds in soil made rich with the blood of my ancestors with sweet spots that are untouchable by the ugly truths that stains the white linen of Southern charm. The Southern air is charged and heavy with a thickness that some find it hard to breathe in. I've learned to swim in that density, thrive in it and extract the grand colors dipped in sassafras and magnolia, dancing to the rhythm of cicadas, church hands clapping, and Sunday afternoon barbecues.

That's what Chicago artist Amanda Williams calls thriving. We thrive in what we survive on and paint a picture that we can take pride in, develop in, excel in. That's

what my work is about. That's what I am about. There's a piece that now stands at Campus 805 on the east side of Straight To Ale. The central image in the work is a confident Black woman, retrofitted with a space globe, peering intently through lime green glasses into a future only we can create. She is replete with the spectrum of living color. I'll refrain from describing the work. Instead, I invite the public to go to the work. Be aware however, that the work is coming to you. The die has been cast, the tide is coming in and we will find our world baptized to a new reality.

Although I refer to myself as an artist, the word *myself*

has been reduced to a modicum of its actual potential. Cities and governments have always called the politicians, engineers, entrepreneurs and other "builders" to the table. It's time for artists to take a seat at that table. The most productive communities that expand around a culture of innovation and upward mobility are and will be the ones who take stock and realize the value of creative capital. Companies like Google, Apple, and Disney did not see art as an afterthought to be added for enhancement or an extra touch. They incorporated it as an integral part of their foundational groundwork and sparked evolutions that

propelled them into the forefront of their respective industries.

A painting on a wall beneath the words "Space Is Our Place" is a well-spring; a liminal act of futuristic propulsion. It says that we all have something to bring to the table and that validity does not wear a specific suit of clothing, but an intent based on the ability to see a better future and one's participation in its creation. Art wakes up that capacity to see. Where there is no vision, we know what happens to the people.



A Few Answers to Prescription Drug Coverage and Medication

(BPT) - Prescription drug coverage and medications can be complex territory to Valley residents.

Enter UnitedHealthcare Medicare & Retirement's Chief Pharmacy Officer Mike Anderson, PharmD, who has spent his career navigating the ins and outs of the Rx world.

Below, Anderson answers some questions people frequently ask about drug coverage and prescriptions.

Q. What's the difference between PDP and MA-PD plans?

A. Original Medicare doesn't provide coverage for most prescription drugs, so for help paying for medications, you have two options: a standalone Part D prescription drug plan (PDP) in addition to Original Medicare or Original Medicare and a Medicare supplement plan; or a Medicare Advantage plan with prescription drug coverage (MAPD). Medicare Advantage plans can include additional benefits like dental, vision and hearing coverage, and combine your coverage into a single plan. Both plans are offered by private insurance companies contracted by Medicare.

Q. How do I know if my prescriptions are covered by my Medicare plan?

A. Whether you get coverage through Medicare Advantage or a standalone Part D plan, each has a formulary, a list of prescription drugs covered. Look closely to make sure your medications are covered. Health insurers post plan formularies online, or you can call your plan to request a printed version. Plans can change from year to year, so don't assume that prescription drugs covered this year will always carry

over.

Q. How can I save money while remaining on my medications?

A. There are many ways to do that: Home-delivery pharmacy benefits can save money and a trip to the pharmacy. Some mail-order pharmacies offer the convenience of ordering a three-month supply of drugs delivered to your home for less than purchasing at a retail location.

If you prefer to visit a pharmacy, check if your plan offers programs or preferred pharmacy networks to help you save on prescriptions.

Switching to generic drugs or drugs on a lower tier of the formulary could also save money. If you are taking brand-name medications now, discuss generic alternatives with your doctor.

Q. Can I split my pills in half?

A. Talk to your doctor about whether pill-splitting for your medication is medically advised. Also, consult your pharmacist on whether the actual pill form presents risks. Some pills are dangerous when split, because splitting affects how quickly the drug is released into your body. Other pills become in-



effective when split, because the pill contains a coating to protect it from stomach acid, and splitting the pill breaks that coating.

For more information to help you navigate prescription drug coverage, visit MedicareMadeClear.com.

Oakwood Church Holds Day of Prayer

Oakwood University Church is holding its Interfaith Community Day of Prayer Day sermon Saturday, July 14 with a featured performance from Gospel music legend Lady Tramaine Hawkins. The day-long event will kick-off at 11 A.M. with a special worship service, featuring the award-winning Aeolians choir and an uplifting sermon led by Dr. Carlton Byrd.

In honor of Interfaith Day of Prayer Day, church staff will be on-site throughout the day hosting multiple prayer sessions, testimonies and workshops.

A revered vocalist, Hawkins' musical career spans over 5 decades with 17 albums under her belt. A secular-turned-Gospel artist, Hawkins' began her career as member of all-girl ensemble Honey Cone, before going solo as a Gospel singer. The recipient of multiple awards, including two



Grammy wins, the recording artist is best known for her chart-topping singles "Holy One", "I Never Lost My Praise" and "What Shall I Do."

This event is free to the public and all denominations, churches and faiths are encouraged to attend. Following the sermon, a

small lunch will be held for new visitors.

For additional information, please visit Oucsd.org. Oakwood University Church is located at 500 Adventist Blvd, NW on the campus of Oakwood University.

by Reggie D. Allen



BIRTHDAY - July 13 - GERALD LEVERT - R&B singer, born in Cleveland, Ohio, son of Ojays lead vocalist Eddie Levert. Levert's successful career includes the hits "Casanova" and "Baby Hold On to Me." -BlackinTime.info

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- Nelms Memorial Funeral Home -

Funeral services for MR. NEAL B. TAYLOR, MR. DONALD W. TOWNSEND, and REV. JACQUES E. TAYLOR will be announced at a later date.

Funeral service for MR. ANTONIO JONES (b. 1975) was held Friday, July 6, at Union Chapel Missionary Baptist Church (315 Winchester Road - Huntsville, Ala.) with Pastor O. Wendell Davis officiating.

Memorial Service for MRS. CLARA PETERSON ROCK (b. 1931) was held Sunday, July 1, at 1:00 p.m. at the Oakwood University Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Funeral service for MRS. SHARON OVERTON (b. 1961) was held Saturday, June 30, at Progressive Union Missionary Baptist Church (1919 Brandontown Road - Huntsville, Ala.) with Pastor Errol Davis officiating.

- Royal Funeral Home -

Funeral service for MR. ROBERT TONEY, JR., (b. 1964) was held Tuesday, July 10, at the St. Mark Primitive Baptist Church (740 W. Sanderfer Rd., Athens, Ala.) with Pastor Kenneth Owens officiating.

Funeral service for MR. CALVIN H. "PUNKIN" WATKINS (b. 1966) was held Monday, July 9, at the Union Chapel Missionary Baptist Church (315 Winchester Road, Huntsville, Ala.).

Funeral service for MRS. JANIE MARIE BLACKBURN FLETCHER (b. 1933) was held Saturday, July 7, at Morris Chapel Primitive Baptist Church (2315 Winchester Road NW, Huntsville, Ala.) with Pastor Derrick Langford officiating.

Funeral service for REV. JAMES LEE MOORE (b. 1943) was held Thursday, July 5, at the Round Island Creek Mission Center (13829 Lucas Ferry Road, Athens, Ala.) with Reverend Keeton Stewart officiating.

Funeral service MR. WILLIS LANIER was held Monday, July 9, at the Union Hill Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America (3126 Nevel Drive, Huntsville, Ala.) with Dr. Edward L. Anderson officiating.

Funeral service for MR. JAMES TERRELL (b. 1930) was held Friday, July 6, at the Lakeside United Methodist Church (3738 Meridian Street, Huntsville, Ala.) with Pastor Tomasi Muhoma officiating.

- Serenity Funeral Home -

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

Called 2 Preach

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

While It Is Day ... For the Night Cometh

These words were spoken by Jesus in the context of a question raised by His disciples concerning the reason or cause behind the condition of a man who had been born blind. They wanted to know if the man's parents had sinned or if, somehow, he had some prenatal predilection for evil activity that was done while in his mother's womb.

Jesus simply said, neither. He said that that was an opportunity for the power of God to be displayed. He then stated that there is a stewardship of time that is a must when it comes to doing what Jesus called, the works of Him who sent Him. Using the analogy of day and night, Jesus made it clear that these works, these op-

portunities, must be seized upon during the day. This was not a literal day; it was an analogy for that season in one's life when they are able to do it. Night repre-

sents that season in life when one is no longer able.

Whether the night comes in the form of age, accidents, or attrition of some other kind, the fact still remains that night cometh and that the opportunities for the power of God to be

seen are of such that they must not only be seen and sought out, but weighed and worked on; with the expectation that our obedience puts us in the position and possession of God's power to indeed work while it is day.



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OU Choir to Compete in South Africa

*Aeolians
Choir compete
in the World
Choir Games in
South Africa*

The countdown to the World Choir Games in South Africa and the Oakwood University Aeolians Choir's repeat performance is merely days away.

The Aeolians, 2017 Choir of the World Champions with their "Conductor of the World" recipient, Dr. Jason Ferdinand return to the World Games this year in Johannesburg, South Africa.



Looking to defend their win, the Aeolians face a field of talented choirs looking to claim the coveted title of Champions of the World Choir Games.

In preparation for the games, the Aeolians tune up their voices by sharing

beautiful music at various venues around the country.

Along with the choir, the Oakwood University Recruitment team connects with potential students and their families sharing how Oakwood is the place for their future success.

Spotlight on Our Elders ... Featuring

Mr. Albert Merrell Morris

Who says you can't mix business and family? Long-time local businessman and florist Albert Merrell Morris has served the Huntsville area for nearly 60 years. Straight out of college to his noble service in the Navy, Morris started working full-time at the business on Pulaski Pike, the first of four locations. His name was chosen for the retail store since "Albert" started with an "A". The business started with an initial investment of about \$3,000 from the late Thomas Vivian Morris a professor of botany and horticulture at AAMU, and his late wife Ruth Daniels Morris. Thomas earned several tree



patents while a professor at AAMU. The wholesale greenhouses started in 1965 with brother Roland Morris as manager. The talented native of rural Eufaula, Ala., and Alabama A&M University horticulture graduate, joined his brother, sister-in-law and his five-year-old daughter (who put stamps on the

envelopes with the bills in them) in launching a signature floral service in the Tennessee Valley. Albert's Flowers began in 1958 and today--60 years later--is thought to be the longest-running floral business in Huntsville, Ala. It never occurred to him that a business-owned by blacks was unique or hard to run. He was always around prestigious people at AAMU, where his parents worked. They were all doing important things; therefore, he just thought operating a business was part of being members of the community. And, today Albert's Flowers supplies florals and gifts all over the world.



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UAH Selects New Men's Soccer Coach

The University of Alabama in Huntsville Department of Athletics and Director of Athletics Dr. E. J. Brophy announce the hiring of John Carrier to be the program's next head men's soccer coach.

"John Carrier is a fantastic up-and-coming coach and we are very excited to have him back in Huntsville," said Brophy. "His soccer knowledge, work ethic, and affinity with UAH and our student-athletes will be invaluable as we continue to strive for excellence in the ever-challenging Gulf South Conference."

Carrier is returning to Huntsville, where he was an assistant for three seasons from 2014-16 before spending last season as the top assistant at Bryan College in Dayton, Tennessee.

"Being introduced as a first-time head coach is a big deal in itself, but it's even better at my alma mater," said Carrier who earned his MBA at UAH. "I previously spent three seasons here at UAH and am thrilled to be at the helm. I want to thank Dr. Brophy and his staff for providing me with this



fantastic opportunity. I am beyond ready and excited to bring success to the men's soccer program."

While at Bryan in 2017, Carrier aided the Lions in posting a 14-6 record en route to an appearance in the Appalachian Athletic Conference tournament semifinals, and the squad featured an All-American in addition to the AAC Offensive and Defensive Players of the Year and six all-AAC first team selections.

During his three seasons in Huntsville, the Chargers reached the Gulf South Conference tournament each year and enjoyed particularly strong success

in 2014 and 2015.

In Carrier's first season, the Chargers posted a strong 13-4-2 record – including a perfect 8-0-0 mark at Charger Park – while appearing in the national polls for the first time since the 1997 season after a terrific 7-1 start. In recognition of the team's strong play, the Chargers featured a conference-best seven all-GSC selections.

Carrier helped the team to a 10-6 mark in 2015, including a strong 7-1 mark in the Rocket City and a second-place finish in the regular season with a 7-2 record in conference play. Under Carrier's mentorship, the team featured three all-region performers and six all-GSC selections.

In 2016 the Chargers placed three on the all-GSC teams while also featuring a pair of all-region choices.

Carrier also played for Bridges FC in Chicago his freshman year and also played five seasons with Chattanooga FC of the NPSL. A fan favorite, Carrier helped the team to four conference championships, three region championships, and two appearances in the national finals.

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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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