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peace in his home."  
- Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

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## AKA Chapter Observing 30th

Rho Chi Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., will soon observe its 30th anniversary.

Rho Chi Omega will hold

its 30th Anniversary Pearls & Pinstripes Brunch at The Jackson Center from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. on Saturday, July 27. The dress-to-impress

event will feature live music and a delicious brunch. Tickets (\$55) are available at <https://www.aka-rco.org/30anniversary>.

## Huntsville Welcomes 24 New Police Officers

The City of Huntsville recently welcomed 24 new officers to its ranks during a graduation ceremony for

the 60th Session of The Huntsville Police Academy.

These men and women have undergone many



months of rigorous training to earn a place as one of Huntsville's trusted public law enforcement officers.

Officers with the Huntsville Police Department have the opportunity to choose from a diversity of assignments--from bike patrols that keep local events safe to the SWAT team and community resource officers.

## Bulldog Football Season Takes off in Canton

The Alabama A&M University Bulldogs will take on Morehouse College in the Inaugural Black College Football Classic 2019.

The Classic is scheduled for Sunday, September 1, in Canton, Ohio, at Tom Benson Stadium at 3:30 p.m. (EDT). Order "Blue" to "Club" seating, ranging from \$30 to \$125 at [mpvtickets.com](http://mpvtickets.com).

The Bulldogs will play the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff at home on September 7 at 6 p.m. The following week's game will be a 6 p.m. gridiron contest against the University of North Alabama in Florence, Ala.

On September 21, the Bulldogs will travel to Birmingham to play the Bulldogs of Samford University.

The Bulldog squad will close out the month of September at the Gulf Coast Challenge in Mobile, Ala., against Central State University in Ladd-Peebles Stadium at 4:30 p.m. on September 28.



## Parade for Celebrating Education Planned

The Annual North Huntsville Celebrating Education Parade & Festival will be held Saturday, August 3, from 8 a.m.-2 p.m.

The parade line-up will be at 7 a.m. at the Dollar General Market parking lot near the corner of Blue Spring and Mastin Lake roads and will start at 8 a.m. The festival will take place at Mae C. Jemison High School from 9 a.m.- 2 p.m.

Scheduled festival activities include a Battle of the Bands, dance off, slam dunk and 3-point shoot out contests, water slides and inflatables, rock wall, face painting and animal balloons, Hula Hoop contest, dunking booth for District 1 officials and more.

Parade participants and vendors should contact Patricia King, at [plynne.king@gmail.com](mailto:plynne.king@gmail.com) or Alice Sams at [afriendsams44@gmail.com](mailto:afriendsams44@gmail.com).

## AAU National Junior Olympic Games

The following athletes qualified to represent Huntsville Metro Track Club and the State of Alabama in the upcoming Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) National Junior Olympic Games July 27-August 3 at North Carolina A&T University: Samiah Harden, Makiyah Thurman, Ijah Drake, Max Patterson, Zhaden White, Waylon Marbury, Bobby Gray, Caleb Crutcher, David Wright, Elijah Drake, Jaylen Mitchell, Logan Gordan, and Dylan Avery.

The athletes are trained by Head Coach Joseph Henderson and Assistant Coach Melissa Brabson of the Huntsville Metro Track Club.

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# Huntsville Symphony Orchestra in the Community

HSO's Summer Night Symphony performed at the Cavalry Hill Community Center on Saturday, July 13, benefiting the Village for

Promise and the Boys and Girls Clubs of North Alabama, sponsored by Woody Anderson Ford. City Council President Devyn

Keith thanked the sponsors, the City of Huntsville and Cavalry Hill Community Center for their support.



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# Washington in One Minute



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

1. The House and Senate were in session this week. Among other items, the House took up a bill to raise the minimum wage to \$15 per hour by 2024 and will vote to hold Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross and Attorney General William Barr in contempt of Congress for not complying with subpoenas related to the plan to include a citizenship question in the 2020 census (Last Thursday, President Trump announced that he would end his effort to add the citizenship question to the census questionnaire).

The Senate floor saw, like last week, more Trump

Administration nominations considered. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) pledged last week that the Senate would vote to replenish the 911 Victims Compensation Fund – passed by the House last week in a 402-12 vote – before the August Recess.

2. On Monday, President Trump hosted the “Made in America Product Showcase” on the South Lawn of the White House. On Wednesday, he traveled to Greenville, N.C., for a campaign rally at East Carolina University.

Last Friday, the President announced that Patrick Pizzella would be named as Acting Secretary of Labor to replace Secretary Alex

Acosta, who resigned for his connection to the Jeffrey Epstein sex-trafficking scandal. Pizzella is notable for having worked with convicted lobbyist Jack Abramoff in the 1990s to shield the Northern Mariana Islands from federal labor laws.

3. Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin sent a letter to Congress last Friday with the dire warning that Congress must pass a debt limit hike before it goes on its month-long August Recess (House leaves July 26; Senate on Aug. 2) because the federal government may run out of borrowing authority in early September and, therefore, would be unable to pay its bills – including its

Social Security payments (the current debt ceiling is \$22,028,945,980,301.65). Politico is reporting that Congress’ preferred vehicle for the debt limit would be attached to a possible budget deal that would

lift spending caps for FY2020, but, if the budget deal collapses, it may have to resort to attaching it to the 911 Victims Compensation Fund bill.

4. Last Thursday, the House voted 251-178 to include a new provision in the House version of the National Defense Authorization Act requiring the Defense Department to audit for-profit colleges that fail the Education Department’s financial responsibility standards. It would also

force the Defense Department to publish an annual list showing how much funding each college receives through the Pentagon’s Tuition Assistance program. Twenty Republicans joined Democrats in voting for the amendment, which was offered by Rep. Donna Shalala (D-Fla.), an outspoken critic of for-profit schools. The Senate-passed defense bill doesn’t include a similar provision, so the amendment will be hashed out by a conference committee in the coming weeks.

5. Last Tuesday, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) in a sudden about-face pledged that the Senate would take up legislation to protect people with pre-existing medical conditions if

a GOP-backed lawsuit argued last Tuesday before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit is successful in striking down Obamacare in the next few weeks.

6. Former Special Counsel Robert Mueller’s scheduled testimony before the House Judiciary and Intelligence Committees has been moved from July 17 to July 24, with a 3rd hour added to the Judiciary Committee hearing before Mueller goes to the Intelligence Committee.

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## Hopewell PB Church Hosting Annual Summer Revival

The public is invited to the three-day Annual Summer Revival hosted by Hopewell Missionary Baptist Church July 29-31. The theme is "Repentance, Refreshing, Restoration."

As part of the revival,

Dr. Mario Ford will conduct a mini-workshop on "Culture & Christianity." Pastor Jaymes Mooney of St. Bartley Primitive Baptist Church will speak.

Hopewell is located at 292 Cemetery Road

in New Market, Ala. Dr. Larry Davidson, Jr., serves as pastor.

For additional information, contact Sabrina Hampton at sroberts1914@gmail.com or call (256) 379-3250.

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## U.S. Soccer Women Score All Recovering Steps ... and Win World Cup, Too!

2 Timothy 4:7-8

Q: When did you begin your long road to victory?  
A: Probably after learning from your biggest failure(s).

While our biggest defeats often follow our biggest victories, conversely, our biggest victories can result from our biggest defeats.

According to coach Jill Ellis, the US women's national team's humiliating 2016 Olympics quarterfinals penalty-kick loss to Sweden jump-started their recovering journey, to winning July 7th World Cup championship.

According to reporter Kevin Baxter's pre-finals article, "Growing Pains: Olympics loss was catalyst for United States' return to top of women's soccer," the team's recovering the title illustrated also the characteristics of ego-holism's recovering steps, namely:

1) **Target the problem.** Following the Sweden loss, "Ellis decided the program had to be overhauled. . . . The players, the formation, the tactics, everything."  
2) **Own the problem.** Defender Kelley O'Hara: "It's good to have doubt and to feel like this because that's where the most growth comes from."



3) **Proceed to -**  
4) **Change lanes**  
- Ellis changed from the previ-

ous 4-4-2 formation (four defenders, four midfielders, two forwards) to a more fluid attack-minded 4-3-3;

5) **Dig deeply beneath the surface.** Same as #1.

6) **Listen aggressively.** O'Hara on team's grittiness, never-say-die mindset: "It's something that the older players instilled in me when I got on this team . . ."

7) **Start over.** Baxter: "Just about everything the team had done up to that time was questioned. Players were moved from the positions they had always played to the ones they were best suited for."

8) **Convert lemons into lemonade.** Since a 2017 3-0 loss to France, the U.S. has lost only twice in 49 matches, outscoring opponents 157-32.

9) **Healing through revealing.** O'Hara on the team's evolution: "As hard as that was - it was hectic and stressful and difficult and full of obstacles and a lot of uncertainty for a lot of people - it was necessary"; and

10) **Tell your story, to help heal others.** O'Hara on Ellis' path to the championship: "This was what she was building toward, . . . It's not to say that it was easy and there wasn't doubts within the team or the players at times. And probably within the coaching staff. But that's a good thing. You want to make sure you're not feeling complacent or too confident all the time."

*tim allston is the author of the free book, 7 Steps to Manage Ego Problems: The How-to Guide for "Someone Else," free and downloadable now at www.GetEgoHelpNow.org.*

## Champion Game Plan for Life

by Preston Brown

### “THE TRUTH ABOUT DISCIPLINE”

Hebrews 12:11 says, “No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it.”

Have you ever felt God’s discipline in your life and tried to understand why? Why am I enduring these hard times and why do I need discipline from God?

These were some questions that I thought about while studying this scripture. I thought back to my own life and remembered the times that my father disciplined me. Now I realize that it wasn’t always because I did something wrong, but it was because he loved me enough and cared about me in such a way that I wouldn’t do anything to harm myself or anyone else. Today, I believe that we live in a time that lacks parental discipline.

Now the word discipline means the practice of training people to obey

rules using punishment to correct disobedience. So, we as Christians not only need to understand the “nature” of God’s discipline, but we also need to know how to respond properly to it. And, the first thing we need is a good attitude, so we don’t say things like God is mad at me or God doesn’t like me. I can remember as a father, when I disciplined my own kids. I was never “mad” at them. I just wanted them to do well in life. Just like God, our heavenly Father wants all of us to do well in life.

The next thing we need is a submissive spirit, one which is ready to conform to God’s authority. Because when God disciplines us, we need to realize that it is for our good, to bring out a good purpose for our lives. Jeremiah 29:11 says, “for I know the plans that I have for you, plans to prosper you and not to harm you,

plans to give you hope and a future.” You see, God’s discipline is directed to “benefit” the believer and because He is so good He would not discipline us if it were not going to produce something good out of it. So, let us not lose heart when God is disciplining us, but let us celebrate



the fact that God loves us and cares enough about us to see that we prosper in life ... Stay encouraged, my brothers and sisters ... and remember: you can purchase my book, “A Champion Game Plan For Life,” at [amazon.com](http://amazon.com). Thank you for your support

*Preston Brown is also author of a collection of inspirational reflections like the one featured in The Valley Weekly. Purchase his “Champion Game Plan for Life” via [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com).*

## The Valley Weekly Calendar of Events

### July 21

Men’s Day

*Guest Speaker:* Pastor John Jude, Fresh Wind Christian Fellowship, Athens, Ala. Lowe’s Chapel UM Church [www.loweschapelumc.org](http://www.loweschapelumc.org) 460 Sanderson Road Huntsville, Ala.

Rev. Waymond K. Smith, pastor 3 p.m.

### July 27

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“The Four Pillars of Success”

Sponsor: City of Huntsville Office of Multicultural Affairs Calhoun Community College-Huntsville Campus 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

### July 29-31

Annual Summer Revival Speaker: Pastor Jaymes Mooney (St. Bartley PM Church) Hopewell MB Church 292 Cemetery Road New Market, Ala.

### July 30

LearningQUEST Fall Day First Baptist Church Entrance 7 9:30-11:30 a.m.

### August 9

11th Taste of Kappa The Huntsville Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. Huntsville Museum of Art Contact: Roderick Mack at (256) 527-5951; Eddie Williams at (256) 508-2180; Michael Miller at (256) 656-7719; or (256) 797-6965 - \$40



## LearningQUEST Fall Rally Day

July 30, 2019 9:30-11:30 am

First Baptist Church Entrance 7 on St Clair Ave

Join the fun - Meet instructors - Sign-up for programs!

For more info: [LQUEST.org](http://LQUEST.org) or 256-529-8695



## ACS Belles and Beaus Ball Set for VBC

The American Cancer Society will hold its 2019 Belles & Beaus Ball in the Von Braun Center North Hall on Saturday, August 24, from 5:30-11 p.m.

Valley residents and beyond are asked to help the American Cancer Society lead the fight for a world without cancer.

The American Cancer Society’s Belles & Beaus Ball is billed as a one-of-a-kind evening featuring great food, dancing, a spectacular auction, and

much more.

Through loyal supporters, ACS saves lives by funding groundbreaking cancer research, providing free information, as well as critical services for people with cancer who need them, and by helping people reduce their risk for cancer or to find it early (when it is most treatable).

The American Cancer Society is working to fight against every cancer in every community. It is the largest private, not-

for-profit funder of cancer research in the United States, investing more than \$4.5 billion since 1946.

Thanks in large part to contributions, more than 2.1 million lives have been saved in the United States in the past two decades.

For more information, contact local ACS offices at 2745 Bob Wallace Avenue, Suite A, Huntsville, AL 35805, e-mail [kaki.morrow@cancer.org](mailto:kaki.morrow@cancer.org), or call (256) 535-1088.

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*- Zora Neale Hurston*

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# Valley Deaths

## - Nelms Memorial Funeral Home -

Funeral service for MR. LANE GARNER, JR. (b. 1936) was held Friday, July 12, at Hopewell Missionary Baptist Church (New Market, Ala.).

Funeral service for MRS. ROSIE LEE HUNTER (b. 1934) was held Saturday, July 6, at the New Zion Missionary Baptist Church (Tanner, Ala.) with Minister Calvin Moore officiating.

Funeral service for MR. FREDERICK CRAIG READUS (b. 1970) was held Saturday, July 6, at Briar Fork Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America with The Reverend Dr. Theodis Acklin, Pastor as officiant.

Funeral service for MRS. EMMA BURRUSS RICE (b. 194) was held Saturday, July 6, at the Blue Spring Road Church of Christ.

## - Royal Funeral Home -

Funeral service for MRS. CAROLYN ANN PERRY (b. 1961) will be at 1 p.m., Saturday, July 20, at Saint James Primitive Baptist Church (1093 Fairbanks Street, Huntsville, Ala.) with Elder Billy Jones officiating.

Funeral service for MOTHER ALBERTA WEST (b. 1936) was held Sunday, July 14, at Morris Chapel Primitive Baptist Church (2135 Winchester Road NW, Huntsville, Ala.) with Elder Derrick Langford officiating.

Funeral service for MR. TIMOTHY DEWAYNE ROGERS, SR. (b. 1960) was held Saturday, July 13, at Saint Luke Christian Church (1800 Sparkman Drive NW, Huntsville, Ala.) with Pastor Jonas Rogers officiating.

Graveside service for RET. SCPO SAMMIE LEE CRAWFORD (b. 1938) was held Friday, July 12, at the Chattanooga National Cemetery (1200 Bailey Avenue, Chattanooga, Tenn.) with Pastor Versey L. Jones officiating.

Funeral service for MS. FELECIA ANN JACKSON (b. 1960) was held Thursday, July 11, at Fellowship of Faith Church (3703 Memorial Parkway NW, Huntsville, Ala.) with Minister Frances Willie Chunn officiating.

## - Serenity Funeral Home -

Funeral service for MR. J.D. "Peddy" LIGHTFORD (b. 1941) was held on Wednesday, July 17, with Elder Mylon L. Burwell officiating.

Service arrangements/commemorative dinner was held for MRS. JACQUELINE HOLLIS TATE (b. 1963) on Saturday, July 6, at Calvary Hill Friendship Center, 2900 Fairbanks St. NW, Huntsville, Ala.

## The Environmental Landscape and You

The past two years I have found myself venturing into some of the most beautiful places one could imagine here on the latitudes and longitudes, pinpointing the lands of North Alabama. I have come to the realization I'm a bit dependent upon the amenities of urban hubs, so experiencing what God has created, over what man has developed, has been a valuable lesson. This vast planet we live on is nothing less than a product of God's known perfect work.

I have traveled to approximately 15 different countries in my life, the Middle East, to countries calling Europe home. My first real trip at 11 years was old to the Caribbean, and I lived close to two years in the far east region of Asia. I have seen other cultures first hand depend on the planet's resources.

I have walked on glaciers in Anchorage, Alaska, made

of completely solid ice, so we thought, in the middle of December, during one of the coldest days of the year. The solid floor of ice our feet walked upon cracked, leaving one of my high school basketball teammate's leg submerged in the

subzero water below. This was an unexpected event, one we all brushed off, even found it rather humorous, but what if this had something to do with environmental change? The year was 1994.

J. Cole delivered a song a few months ago titled 'Middle Child.' Having lived just over four decades myself, I understand his message of intergenerational collaboration, an understanding I correlate

with establishing intergenerational environmental equity. Within my family structure, I am the middle child, holding place between my parents' generation, and the generation of my two sons. The planet we are leaving behind for our children's future is not the

same plant our grandparents inherited. The push for financial empowerment is a great focal point, but the next 100 years of how Mother Earth can assist humankind is just as important, especially for a community the data shows to lag behind in most statistical categories.

While on vacation, I was at a lake resort posted at the lake swimming area, and I observed a young lady playing



with floating water bottles in this natural setting. The first thing that came to mind was the year 2050. By 2050, there are studies showing, there will be more plastic in Earth's bodies of water than fish. These are real time issues that should be had in congruence with writing of wills, or who will be over the family estate, and the handling of family deeds.

As we embark on missions to establish wealth to secure stable lives for our loved ones, we also have to secure stable natural environments. These environments produce the oxygen we breathe, the soil in which our seeds are planted, and sustainable water supplies every living creature on Earth needs for survival. The chase for more and more material possessions is a desire for many, but none of it truly matters, if the natural spaces we live in no longer support the human race, making the chase for more material possessions an obsolete race to enter.

by Codie Global

## Called 2 Preach

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

### Difference Between Probation and Forgiveness

#### Genesis 50:15-21

Probation is that period of time where a guilty person does not get actual jail time, but there are certain restrictions placed upon them; one of them being that they have to make sure that they don't commit any other crimes during that time. The cloud of guilt follows them wherever and whenever they go.

That is what the brothers of Joseph thought as they sought to plot the way that they would ask their brother Joseph for forgiveness for the way that they had treated him. They sold him into slavery and lied to Jacob, their father, and told him that Joseph was dead. God used the time that

that their time of probation was over, and that Joseph would seek to pay them back for what they had done to him. After the period of mourning was over after Jacob's burial, they rehearsed how they would ask Joseph for forgiveness, only to find out that he had already released them long before that; even before



they had arrived in Egypt. Joseph saw his position of authority as a providential arrangement and because he understood his purpose, he was able to say to them: "You meant it for evil, but God meant it for good." That's the difference between probation and forgiveness.

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# The Highest Form of Hope

by John "Jahni" Moore

"Art is the highest form of hope."  
- Gerhard Richter

This quote sat high on my cognitive shelf until I realized that art actually goes beyond hope and situates itself in the mutable affairs of life; it's a catalyst for change. A few years ago, I felt stuck in sameness. While looking through art magazines at Books-A-Million, I said to myself, "I want to travel in these circles." Presently, many of those articles are written by people I interact with on a regular basis. At this juncture, standing on the edge of having the honor of being a graduate of the School of The Art Institute of Chicago, I'm thinking I wouldn't take nothing for my journey now. I would say that it's been arduous, but what is it for a fish to swim or a cheetah to run. Growing up in the South, living in Pennsylvania, Tennessee, and investing all this time in Chicago (beloved) and abroad have become not merely pages in my book but the rhythm of my heart beat.

I've had the honor of meeting many luminaries in the flesh who left their imprint on my presence and practice, Gil Scott-Heron, Kerry James Marshall, Walter Mosely, Theaster Gates, Haki Madhubuti, Sonia Sanchez, Rick Lowe, an Emory Douglass, to name a few. At a point it's not just about meeting these people it's about taking the baton and the charge to a space beyond the seen. Just the other day I had the opportunity to meet with Virgil Abloh, of Off-White and and Louis Vuitton men's wear collection. I had set my intention to talk to him and it came to pass. One of the key things he said to me was, "No one



Local artist and art educator John "Jahni" Moore sits on the steps of the SouthSide Community Art Center. The Tennessee Valley Diversity Leadership Consortium, Cohort 1, alumnus teaches art at New Century High School and Lee High School in Huntsville. Moore is scheduled to receive his MFA degree on July 28 from the School of the Art Institute of Chicago.

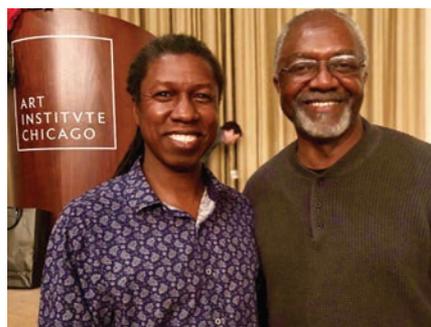
does it alone, you gotta have your team.'

When I defended my thesis, when my show opens this week, and when I walk across that stage at month's end, I am not walking alone. I'm accompanied by every person who has had an impact in my life in any way, from those millions murdered in the Congo, to my parents and contemporaries, to the most challenging students I've ever had. Nothing but growth can flow out the broken soil of such hal- lowed grounding. Although, I'm

here at what is said to be the most influential art school in America, I am called to step out into the neighborhood for people who don't attend show openings, museums, and galas. Part of my practice is doing art in marginalized communities. I truly love doing that; hopping on the red or green line early on weekend mornings (avoiding police) with my paint and supplies on my back and

going out to do my thing in the parts of town that don't show up in tourism brochures. The gratitude I am shown and the satisfaction of sharing what I do is payment there.

Now to bring that back home, that fire and desire, and keep it going may be my greatest challenge. One



Moore (left) with Birmingham native and artist/activist Kerry James Marshall, who currently resides in Chicago.

way to do that is to create such space for dialogue and work. A space to bring those highly artists here and send our young artists about and abroad to increase their education and exposure. I've found something far beyond a degree. My present mood is one of the most supreme gratitude and anticipation. Sun Ra left a map, and I have a mind to create our space in this place.

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### DLC Accepting Applications for 12th Cohort



Applications are being accepted for Cohort XII of the Diversity Leadership Colloquium until August 27.

Classes will begin September 3 and end October 22, running 6-9 p.m. every Tuesday evening. Graduation

will be held on October 29.

Applications are available online at [www.diversityleadershipcolloquium.com](http://www.diversityleadershipcolloquium.com). Questions should be emailed to Mrs. Georgia Valrie at [gvalrie1971@gmail.com](mailto:gvalrie1971@gmail.com) or call (256) 656-4698.

## Spotlight on Our Elders ... Featuring

## Mr. Eugene "Dick" Scruggs

Mr. Eugene "Dick" Scruggs, Sr., is a native of Madison County, Alabama, who was reared in Meridianville. He is also a former member of the Negro League's baseball dynasty, where he served as a pitcher with a fastball that touched 90 miles per hour and a secondary pitch known around the Negro Leagues as "that funky curveball." Dick Scruggs played for the Kansas City Monarchs and the Detroit Stars. He is a 2002 inductee into the Huntsville-Madison County Athletic Hall of Fame.

Cemented firmly in the legacy of the Negro Leagues, Dick Scruggs is also a local celebrity. Trained by the late R.E. Nelms, Scruggs has been a licensed embalmer

and funeral director, since 1975, at Nelms Memorial Funeral Home in Huntsville, Ala. With an impressive six decades of experience as a mortician, Mr. Scruggs has prepared thousands for burial.

As an elder statesman within the mortuary science profession, Dick Scruggs has trained countless apprentice embalmers and funeral directors, most notably, his grandson, G. Terrell Scruggs. Lauded by colleagues throughout the nation for his work as a mortician, he is affiliated with the Alabama Board of Funeral Service, and the National Funeral Directors and Morticians Association.

A strong family man, Mr. Scruggs is not one to



rest on his laurels. In 1970, he founded Associated Contractors, Incorporated, a janitorial service to further provide for his family and to leave a legacy for future generations. Mr. Scruggs is married to Mrs. Ethel Scruggs, his bride of 60 years. Together, they are the proud parents of six children and 18 grandchildren.

## Omegas' "Vegas Night" August 2

The Xi Omicron Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., have scheduled 'Vegas Night' on Friday, August 2.

Held to benefit the fraternity's Scholarship

Foundation and the Harris Home for Children, Vegas Night will take place in the East Hall of the Von Braun Center, Huntsville, Ala., from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Tickets are \$30 in ad-

vance and \$40 at the door.

For more information, contact George Ball at (256) 520-6429 or Cory Smith at (256) 682-6406

## Bradford Scholarship Event Set

The Friends of the Bradfords have scheduled the 3rd Annual Bradford Scholarship Gala for Saturday, October 19, in the Von Braun Center East Hall 2

at 6 p.m.

This year's event will feature the Huntsville Alumnae Chapter Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Choir.

The fundraiser also honors the Dr. Henry Bradford, Jr. and Mrs. Nell Lane Bradford Scholarship Foundation, Inc.

## U.S. Census: World Population Now 7.5 Billion

The Census Bureau's International Data Base estimated that the world population reached 7.5 billion a month ago. New projections since June 2019 show the 8 billion mark will be reached in 2025.

According to the U.S. Census, the United States (with 331,883,986 people)

is a distant third among a list of the Top 10 most populous countries in the world, marked on June 13. Nigeria was the only African nation to make the list.

Heading the list is China, with nearly 1.4 billion people. India almost ties with 1.3 billion inhabitants.

Rounding out the Top

10 are Indonesia (265 million), Pakistan (210.7 million), Brazil (210.3 million), Nigeria (No. 7 with 209 million people), Bangladesh (No. 8 at 161 million people, Russia with 142 million, and Mexico with 127.3 million.



**BIRTHDAY - JULY 19 - ALICE DUNBAR** - Poet, journalist and political activist, Dunbar was one of the prominent Black Americans involved in the artistic flourishing of the Harlem Renaissance. - *BlackinTime.info*