

# The Valley Weekly

"A lesser people--I mean a people of weaker constitution and fortitude--would have given up on this country long ago. But we didn't. We are going to force this country to live up to what it is supposed to be about or we'll die in the attempt."

— Barbara Jordan

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## Calhoun Will Host 2019 CAFY Program

The annual Community Awareness for Youth (CAFY) event will be held Saturday, July 28, at the Huntsville campus of Calhoun College from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. The activity is being sponsored by the City of Huntsville Office of Multicultural Affairs, Madison City and Madison County.

The CAFY Young Citizen of the Month for July 2019 is Nathaniel Perry (pictured), a senior at Sparkman High School.

When he was 8, Nate joined the Madison Young Marines and later the Rocket City Young Marines.



He was very active and participated in numerous activities to include support for Tut Fann Veterans Home, the Vietnam Veterans of America, the Veterans Day Parade, the Memorial Day events at Maple Hill Ceremony, and dedication ceremonies at the Veterans Memorial to name a few. Nate has received numerous awards and recognitions during his eight years as a Young Marine. From an early age, Nate has been involved in so many different community activities while maintaining high academic performance. He holds a 3.7 GPA and is

currently participating in the dual enrollment program at Sparkman High, taking courses at Calhoun College working toward an Associate Degree. Last year, he joined the Toney Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department and now has transferred to the Priceville Volunteer Fire and Rescue, where he completed his training in firefighting and first aid and is now fully trained and participates in supporting the community. Nate volunteers time with "Thin Line Support", a 501(c)3 organization that provides emergency assistance for first responders – EMT, police and firefighters.

## 'Saved in the City' Conference Set for September

The three-day 2019 Saved in the City Conference is returning to Huntsville September

5-7 at the Von Braun Center North Hall in Huntsville, Ala.

Among the aims of the conference are promoting love and acceptance; spiritual empowerment; personal development and growth; inner healing and health;



"Community of Positively Dope Women," and fun and excitement.

According to organizers, Saved in the City creates and experience "to help women unleash their power and purpose to fulfill their greatest potential."

The kick-off for the women's conference will be Thursday, September 5, at 6 p.m., followed by an opening

night program.

On Friday, September 6, the day's activities are divided into a morning session, two break-out sessions, a block party and the evening session.

The final day, Saturday, September 7, will include Meditation in the Park at 8 a.m.; the Women's Expo at 10 a.m.; a 2 p.m. break-out session; and the closing session at 3:30 p.m.

For more information, visit [savedinthecityconference.com](http://savedinthecityconference.com).



## NAACP to Host Voter Registration Rally

The NAACP will have a Voter Empowerment Rally & Voter Registration Drive on Monday, July 29, from 5-7 p.m.

### Popular Anchor Ends Stint with WAFF-TV 48

Thursday, July 18, marked the last day as an anchor at WAFF-TV 48 for Kimberly Essex, who served the station and the entire Tennessee Valley for some 25 years.

While Essex said she is looking forward to embarking on new chapters, it is her desire to remain in Huntsville.



The location of the event will be Calvary Hill Center, 2900 Fairbanks Street NW, Huntsville, Ala.

Guest speakers will include several community and group leaders. Additionally, snacks and beverages will be provided.

Interested persons are being reminded to bring their own lawn chair.

For additional information, contact Jerry Burnet, president of the Huntsville/Madison County NAACP, [jerryburnet@att.net](mailto:jerryburnet@att.net) or call (256) 655-9330.

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# From the Editor

## Ahhh, Elders, Birthdays and Our Elders:

Hardly a day has gone by that there has not been some type of tribute to NASA and the 50th anniversary of man's historic first walk on the moon in 1969. There were many players--some we know very well--and many, many others that we know nothing about. This week, I also celebrated another birthday, and I was only too happy to share it with some near and dear friends.

Thus, I enjoyed my annual birthday lunch with Elders Butch Damson and Charles Smoot. Husbands Jerry and Bill had the opportunity to tag along. Butch and her husband Jerry formerly owned the well-known local Jerry Damson automotive sales operation, which remains a household name even today. Just in case you don't know Dr. Charles Smoot, he was a pioneer who was instrumental in breaking ground to ensure NASA's diverse talent pool.

According to the National Society of Black Physicists (NSBP), which honored Dr. Smoot in February, back in 1963, Smoot helped establish a program between Marshall Space Flight Center/NASA and Southern

University in Baton Rouge, La., which boasted one of only six Historically Black Colleges and Universities in the U. S. with an accredited engineering department. The Marshall Space Flight Center invited representatives of the HBCUs to Huntsville that same year. One year later, Smoot opened to blacks the agency's college cooperative education program in which students alternated semesters between their schools and Marshall.

Smoot continued to travel to schools across the country from Michigan to Puerto Rico recruiting students in the STEM fields of engineering, physics, and mathematics. Congratulations, Dr. Smoot, on the contributions and legacy you have established in this community, especially during the season of NASA celebrations. We appreciate the impact you continue to make in our community.

Hats off to Alabama A&M University's basketball team and coaching staff for participating in Sunday Services on July 21 at Fellowship of Faith Church under the leadership of Pastor Troy Garner. They were a welcome addition to the worship service, and we hope they return again soon.

Well, another year older and wiser. The more things change, the more they stay the same. We were reminded last week of how some people really feel about America's minority communities. Finding out what they are *really* so afraid of would be nothing short of therapeutic. Many of the biggest proponents of "Send her Back" are professed Christian descendants of a Europe that was so chaotic centuries ago that it caused them to board ships to flee to the safety of America. Some were not so innocent either, including the thieves, rapists and criminals who came along. On occasions, European nations like England shipped off its undesirables to feast on the rest of the world, including what became the United States. Interestingly, the Europe they were escaping back then didn't have minorities to blame for Europe's many failings .... (Just saying....). You gotta love history!

God hasn't granted any of us, individually or corporately, a monopoly of *good* people! We know better, so let's do better and live each day by the creed of this fine Nation. Until next week ...



**Dot's Birthday:** (Left to right) Jerry Damson, Dorothy (Dot) Huston, Dr. Charles Smoot, Butch Damson and William Huston, Sr.



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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 are in session this week. The House will adjourn Friday for its 6-week recess; the Senate does not adjourn until a week later on August 2. The Senate will move to a procedural cloture vote today on Mark Esper's nomination to be Secretary of Defense (a post which has been vacant since General Mattis resigned in Dec 2018) and will on Tuesday again turn to a bill to replenish the 911 Victims Compensation Fund, which was halted by an objection from Sen. Rand Paul (R-KY) last week due to the bill's lack of spending offsets. The House has a long list of bills on the floor this week, including a bill to require U.S. Customs and Border Protection to perform an initial health screening on immigrant detainees, a bill to establish a "National Commission to Investigate the Treatment of Migrant Families and Children By the Trump Administration," and the "Stopping Bad Robocalls Act." The most important legislative item this week is whether Congress can reach a deal with the Administration before the recess on a 2-year budget agreement to

raise the spending caps for FY2020 and FY2021 appropriations, as well as a 2-year federal debt limit increase (the debt limit is currently \$22 trillion).

2. On Monday, President Trump hosted a meeting with Pakistani Prime Minister Imran Khan at the White House in an effort to reset U.S.-Pakistan relations (last year the Trump Administration canceled \$300 million in aid to Pakistan). On Tuesday, he addressed a conference of conservative high school students at the Marriott Marquis hotel in D.C. and then traveled to the U.S. Capitol to meet with Senate Republicans at their weekly lunch. On Wednesday, the President traveled to Wheeling, W. Va., for a private fundraiser hosted by coal magnate Bob Murray, CEO of Murray Energy Corporation. On Thursday, he participated in an event making the one-year anniversary of his Executive Order establishing the National Council for the American Worker and the Pledge to America's Workers Initiative, which is aimed at challenging companies of all sizes to commit to providing new education and training opportunities.

3. On Monday, during its national convention in

Detroit, the NAACP released a new research report it partnered with the Center for Responsible Lending on stating that student loan debt is unsustainable for many student borrowers, especially borrowers of color. The report recommends changes that include improving loan payment options and cracking down on for-profit schools. You can read the report at <https://www.responsiblelending.org/research-publication/quicksand-borrowers-color-student-debt-crisis>.

4. Starting at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, former Special Counsel Robert Mueller was scheduled to testify in open session for 5 hours in separate hearings before the House Judiciary and House Intelligence Committees. According to The Washington Post, committees members of both parties have been preparing for the hearings assiduously for weeks with mock hearings and one-on-one prep sessions with Mueller stand-ins.

5. Last Friday, The Wall Street Journal reported that the Federal Reserve is likely to cut interest rates by a quarter-percentage at its upcoming July 30-31 Federal Open Market Committee meeting. The Journal pointed out that the market

had expected a half-point cut, which caused all three major stock indexes to close on Friday in the red.

6. The rumor machine in Washington has churned out a tentative date of August 1 for the Senate Environment and Public Works (EPW) Committee to begin work on the massive multi-year surface transportation reauthorization bill – currently known as the "Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act." The FAST Act, which authorizes highway, bridge, transit, AMTRAK, and freight spending, is set to expire on September 30, 2020. A draft bill may be released by the EPW Committee (which has jurisdiction over highways) as early as this Friday. In a

statement issued on July 10, EPW Committee Chair John Barrasso (R-WY) strongly hinted of a vehicle miles user fee, saying that he is "committed to making sure that everyone who uses the roads contributes to maintaining and improving them," which "must include electric vehicles and other alternative fuel vehicles."

7. Last Thursday, the CNN network held a live random draw to determine how to split the 20 candidates taking part in the 2-night Democratic Debate at the Fox Theatre in Detroit on July 30 and 31. On Tuesday, July 30, it's Sanders, Warren, Buttigieg, O'Rourke, Klobuchar, Bullcock, Delaney, Hickenlooper, Ryan and Williamson.

Wednesday, July 31, will have Biden, Harris, Castro, Yang, Booker, Bennet, de Blasio, Gabbard, Gillibrand, and Inslee. As part of the live draw, CNN split the 20 candidates into 3 different groups representing their approximate poll rankings and then arranged the schedule so that top candidates would be represented on stage both nights. The 2-hour debates will begin at 8 p.m. EDT on CNN and will be moderated by CNN's Dana Bash, Don Lemon and Jake Tapper.

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## 2020 White House Sprints vs. U.S. Senate Marathons?

Read Matthew 2:1-16

by tim allston

### Biblical Wise-dom?

Matthew 2:1-16 tells how the three wise men - after journeying to visit, worship and gift the Baby Jesus - were later warned in a dream to return home another way, instead of returning to debrief King Herod who feared Jesus' prophesied power.

The alternate magi route was perhaps a longer, more circuitous journey, but such a re-routing saved the life of Jesus Christ who, ultimately saves a world.

### Political Sprints vs. Marathons?

Now 2000 years later, a similar go-another-way marathoning could save and enhance similarly countless American lives.

While most of our nation's attention is riveted on its quadrennial presidential "beauty contest" sprints - where political wise men have already predicted a Trump 2nd term - smarter strategists recommend investing in the sexennial U.S. Senate marathons.

While the lure of an all-the-marbles four-year White House sprint attracts many contenders, winning a six-year Senate seat offers a greater power lever/marathon - i.e., a re-elected six-year term = three White House stays, of which a president is term-limited to just two.

### Three Wise Men 2.0 - Really?

Currently, Senate Republicans holds a thin three-seat majority; unfortunately, however three of its best Democratic prospects - Texas' Beto O'Rourke and Julián Castro, and Colorado's John Hickenlooper - have thus far opted for 2020 presidential sprints vs. Senate marathons.

There's hope: Many Senate race filings will occur this fall, after these three long-shots may have failed to gain national presidential visibility and fundraising traction.

### A 2nd-term Sequel?

Although the American majority was pleased electing its 1st Black president, the GOP-controlled Senate thwarted Obama's 2nd-term initiatives of key legislation and longer-term judicial nominees.

While a "yes-and" strategy (White House-Senate majority) may be ideal, an "either-or" might be better political wise-dom.

Just ask the Bible's three wise men.

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## Champion Game Plan for Life

by Preston Brown

### PEACE FROM GOD

Isaiah 26:3 says, "Thou will keep him in perfect peace whose minds are stayed on thee, because they trust in you."

You know, the bible has much to say about peace. As a matter of fact, the term peace occurs over 400 times in the bible, so it's easy to say that the bible can be seen as God's testament of peace.

Now when we look at this scripture, I believe that there are three things that we can take from what the prophet Isaiah is saying about peace. First, he talks about the "protection" of peace by using the word *keep*. Now, the word *keep* means to hold on to and not let go. It also means to capture what's on your mind. So when we keep our minds stayed on him, God will capture our thoughts and make them agreeable with his. Secondly, he gives us the "description" of this peace. Our scripture

defines it as "perfect." When we talk about perfect peace that means undisturbed peace. You see, God's peace is unique in so many ways. The writer Paul tells us that it surpasses all understanding. It also surpasses human capability. In John 14:27 Jesus tells us, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you, I do not give as the world gives. So let not your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid." Another way he describes peace is that it surpasses human expectations. In other words, God always has a way of showing up and showing out. And then finally the profit Isaiah gives us the "conditions" for peace. You see, God's grace is a free gift to all of us, but there are certain conditions that must be met. First, we have to have a mind "stayed"

on him. Now the word *stayed* means to lean on or rest upon. It also means to support. Therefore, a mind that is at peace is a mind that is supported by God. Philippians 2:5 says, "Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus." Also



to be at peace we need to have a heart that trusts God. When we place our full trust in him, He will always direct our paths and keep us in perfect peace ... Stay encouraged, my brothers and sisters.

*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 27

"Yoga at the Garden"  
Huntsville Botanical Garden - Carriage House or Nichols Arbor; Members, \$10; Non-Members, \$12

### CAFY 2019

"The Four Pillars of Success"  
Sponsor: City of Huntsville Office of Multicultural Affairs  
Calhoun Community College-Huntsville Campus  
10 a.m.-2 p.m.

"Pearls and Pinstripes"  
Alpha Kappa Alpha Rho Chi Omega's 30th Chapter Anniversary Celebration  
Jackson Center, 6001 Moquin Center  
Tickets \$55 available at [www.aka.rco.org/30anniversary](http://www.aka.rco.org/30anniversary)

### July 29-31

Annual Summer Revival  
Speaker: Pastor Jaymes Mooney (St. Bartley PM Church)

Hopewell MB Church  
292 Cemetery Road  
New Market, Ala.

656-7719; or (256) 797-6965 - \$40  
7-11 p.m.

### July 30

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

### August 3

Alabama Black Expo  
  
"Hot Southern Nights Dinner Auction"  
Honoring Minority Leader Anthony Daniels and Drs. Tony and Kathy Chan  
The Jackson Center - \$100  
6-9 p.m.  
(256) 382-0925

### 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)

### August 11

Last Day to See Original Alabama Constitution  
Huntsville Museum of Art

The Angela Claxton Family Foundation Fun Day Back to School Supply Giveaway  
Richard Showers Center  
4600 Blue Spring Road  
Huntsville, Ala.  
Activities: Horseback riding, food, fun and games  
1-4 p.m.

### August 24

"Ergonomic Gardening"  
*Healthy Gardening Posture & How to Plant Your Seeds Injury Free*  
Huntsville Botanical Garden  
Non-Members, \$5  
1-2:30 p.m.

### September 1

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# Valley Deaths

## - Nelms Memorial Funeral Home -

Funeral service for MS. MARGARET PETTY (b. 1949) was held Saturday, July 20, at the Hopewell Missionary Baptist Church (New Market, Ala.).

Funeral service for MR. JOSEPH WILLIS (b. 1966) was held Saturday, July 20, at the Nelms Memorial Funeral Home Chapel with The Elder Dennis Green officiating.

Funeral service for MS. BRANDY SHANTELL ERVIN (b. 1981) was held Saturday, July 20, at the Briar Fork Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America with The Reverend Dr. Theodis Acklin (Pastor) officiating.

## - Royal Funeral Home -

Funeral service for MR. KENT BLAKE HOUSTON (b. 1952) was held Thursday, July 25, at New Hope Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America (28520 Wall Street Madison, Ala.) with Reverend Dezi Fletcher officiating.

Funeral service for MRS. LILLIAN LOUISE HARRIET FORD (b. 1918) was held Tuesday, July 23, at Hurricane Chapel Missionary Baptist Church (155 Teague Road, Brownsboro, Ala.) with Pastor Gary Battles officiating.

Funeral service for MR. JOHNNY L. "Boss Man" SLEDGE, JR., (b. 1981) was held Saturday, July 20, at Saint Bartley Primitive Baptist Church (3020 Belafonte Avenue Huntsville, Ala.) with Pastor Jaymes Mooney officiating.

Funeral service for MR. EARNEST JAMES HORTON (b. 1940) was held Saturday, July 20, at the Center Grove United Methodist Church (185 Plummer Road Huntsville, Ala.) with Pastor Donald f. Smith officiating.

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

Funeral service for MR. DAVID DEE "SHINE" MITCHELL (b. 1942) was held Saturday, July 20, 2019 at the Royal Chapel of Memories (4315 Oakwood Avenue NW, Huntsville, AL 35810) with Pastor Versey Jones 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.

## Celebrate the Area Code Region: "256 Day" Set for North Alabama

North Alabama is a region of the United States rich in history, beautiful landscapes, progressive opportunities, a mix of complex cultures, enabling the citizens in the area to engage in a world class quality of life.

There is a vibration being generated on the surface layer of red dirt, creating a buzz being heard all around the globe, making this year the perfect time to stop, take a deep breath, and look at ourselves in the mirror.

Hopefully, the reflection looking back at us deserves a celebration for being great citizens of North Alabama.



This year, on September 13, 2019, the region will

celebrate "256 Day North Alabama"--a day to cel-

brate and acknowledge the residents, businesses, and services that power our day to day lives.

Why September 13 some may ask? Well, it's the 256th day of the year, representing the '256' area code. So, from the river that sings in The Shoals, to the launchpad known as the Rocket City, to the beautiful views atop Mt. Cheaha, the 256 is certainly a special place to be proud of.

For more information, please contact Codie Gopher at [codieglobalmanagement@gmail.com](mailto:codieglobalmanagement@gmail.com) or follow him at @codieglobal on Instagram.

by Codie L. Gopher

## DIY for Millennials and Boomers

(BPT) - From ambitious millennials to enthusiastic boomers, do it yourself - DIY - is trending among people of all ages. No matter the hobby or home improvement project, creating a well-equipped workspace is just as important as having the right tools for the job. Whether your workspace is in the garage, a shed or a converted patio or back porch, equipping the space for your ultimate comfort and creativity can start your project off on the right foot and keep your productivity on track.

Here are five must-have elements for the ideal DIY workspace:

1) **Evaporative coolers.** Whether it's a hot day or you're working up a sweat from manual labor, keeping cool will help you stay focused and motivated. Cooling a

space where air conditioning is typically impractical - like a garage or shed where the door needs to stay open - is easy with a portable evaporative cooler. Evaporative coolers like the Portacool Cyclone 140 do more than just move hot air around like a fan. It can effectively and cost-efficiently chill up to 900 square feet by using water and ambient air to create a noticeably cool workspace.

2) **Proper lighting.** Even if you have a good source of natural light, many DIY projects require extra illumination, especially if small parts are involved. If the space allows, add an overhead light fixture or replace existing light bulbs in fixtures with higher watt LEDs for better lighting any time of day. Also

consider investing in a work light with an extension cord that includes a metal cage around the light for protection and a hook so you can hang it wherever you need an illumination boost.

3) **Flexible electric access.**

If you plan to do specific DIY projects, you may have to hire an electrician to adjust your electric outlets.

For example, a welder has specific amp and breaker requirements. However, for the average DIYer, you'll simply need a flexible power source

with standard plugins. Don't be limited by outlet availability. Stock your space with a retractable power cord that allows you to bring the electricity to you.

4) **Mobile workbench.** It's not ideal to work on the ground,



so every suitable DIY space should have a workbench. Of course, you can buy one, but in the true spirit of DIY consider making your own to custom fit your needs and space. With a few 2-by-4s and plywood, you can create the perfect workbench for your space. Adding locking caster wheels makes it a safe mobile workbench that can easily move as your project dictates.

5) **Ergonomic extras.** DIY projects shouldn't result in a pain in the back, or anywhere else for that matter. In addition to a workbench, you can add some extras to help your body feel its best as you get the job done. For example, utilize a comfortable chair with proper back support when doing projects. Keep a foam pad on hand for kneeling to cushion knees and support legs. For long periods of standing, use an anti-fatigue work mat as it can make a world of difference.

# Called 2 Preach

by Pastor/Founder Michael D. Rice  
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## The Right Side

John 21:6

In the English language exists some words that are known as homographs; they have the same spelling and sound but have more than one meaning. Such is the case with the word *right*. One meaning has to do with a location (the opposite of left), and the other has to do with being correct (the opposite of wrong). This word was used by Jesus in a post-resurrection conversation with Peter and six other disciples who decided to go fishing. On the surface that may not seem like a big deal, but it was. The result of that fishing expedition is

quite telling; *that night they caught nothing*. What was so different about “that night?” Jesus had called them from fishing for fish to being fishers of men. Peter obviously searching for some form of

success after failing so miserably the loyalty test he had proclaimed to Jesus, decided he could be more successful with his old trade than the new track that Jesus had put him on. However, Peter was grossly mistaken. He fished all night but caught nothing. Jesus instructed him to place the net on the “right”



side. When they obeyed, they caught so many fish that their net almost tore from the great haul. The “right side” in this case was not just about location, but rather it was about the Logos. When they followed the words of the Word, they were successful. Obeying Jesus always puts us on the right.

## Huntsville City Council Meetings



Huntsville City Council's regular meetings are held in the City Council Chambers of the Municipal Building on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. Council work sessions are also held in the Chambers of the Municipal Building on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. People can sign up for notices of Council meetings and special sessions online at <https://signup.e2ma.net/signup/1825550/1780821/>. For more information, call (256) 427-5011.

## HBC Offering Doctorate

Huntsville Bible College has been approved to offer a Doctor of Ministry in Biblical Leadership degree program.

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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.

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## Spotlight on Our Elders ... Featuring

## Mrs. Evelyn Streeter Rich

For more than 50 years, Mrs. Evelyn Streeter Rich committed her life to education and community causes and activities. She began her career as a classroom instructor.

Born in Thomasville, Ala., Rich was the youngest child of Robert Y. and Charyle Rose Streeter. After graduating as Salutatorian from Thomasville Public High School, she enrolled in Alabama A&M University and was actively involved in numerous extra-curricular activities.

In 1954, Rich received the Bachelor of Science degree with honors in elementary education from Alabama A&M University. In 1968, she received the Master of Arts degree in Elementary Education from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa, Ala. During her



professional career, she served as an elementary education classroom teacher at several schools in Alabama, namely, Thomasville Public High School, Thomasville, Ala.; the Thirty-Second Avenue Elementary School and Verner Elementary School in Tuscaloosa, Ala.; Meridianville Elementary School, Meridianville, Ala.; and

Hazel Green Elementary School, Hazel Green, Ala. At the postsecondary level, she served as a demonstration teacher at the Summer Laboratory School, Alabama A&M College, Normal, Ala., and the University of Alabama's Children School, Verner Elementary School Campus, Tuscaloosa, Ala.

In recognition of her contributions and service to the community, she received several notable awards: 2002 and 2004 Golden Soror of the Year, Epsilon Gamma Omega Chapter, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.; and 1995 Distinguished Alumni Citation, and National Association For Equal Opportunity In Higher Education (NAFEO).

Mrs. Rich was married to Dr. Earlie Rich, her college sweetheart.

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September 13<sup>th</sup> - Flashbacks Show Band



LogiCore Corporation is a defense contractor specializing in Technical Support Services that include, Logistics, Cyber Security, and Engineering Support Services. Miranda's vision for The Miranda Show is to share her experiences, as well as shine a spotlight on the entrepreneurial spirit and ecosystem in North Alabama.

The show airs on WAFF channel 48, immediately following the evening news on Sundays and available via ROKU and AMAZON.

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All episodes will be filmed at LogiCore Corporation with a live audience comprised of students from local universities pursuing business related degrees, small business owners, and those interested in learning from the areas most prominent leaders. Each taping is free to attend, and the local community is encouraged to attend. Registration is managed through Eventbrite and will be posted on the Facebook page, and the website.

The premiere season of the show will highlight interviews with Madison Mayor Paul Finley, Huntsville Mayor Tommy Battle; and business leaders including Amanda Howard, Tracy Jones, and Deborah Barnhardt, to name a few.

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