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"Whether you are making a financial investment or an investment of the heart, you usually get what you give."
- Boyce Watkins

MDA to Hold Small Business Conference

Registration is now open for the premier educational, professional development and networking event in the space and missile defense community, conveniently held in Huntsville, Ala., where the American space program began.

The Annual Missile Defense Agency Small Business Programs Conference in Huntsville, Ala., Von Braun Center North Hall, August 13-14. John James, executive director, Missile Defense Agency, will be sharing his commitment to the small business community and how their agility and innovativeness play a vital role in the Ballistic Missile De-

fense Mission.

This event will include briefings from the Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD), Office of Small Business Programs, the Directors of MDA Acquisitions, MDA Contracts and Program Office officials on relative upcoming MDA procurements. Finally, The MDA Small Business Advocacy Council (SBAC) along with applicable MDA program office representatives will be in attendance to discuss small business opportunities, one on one, with individual company representatives.

Small Business Program

Conference attendees will be able to attend the Thursday morning sessions of the Space and Missile Defense Symposium at no cost. The SMD Symposium takes place 10-13 Aug at the Von Braun Center and ends at noon on Thursday.

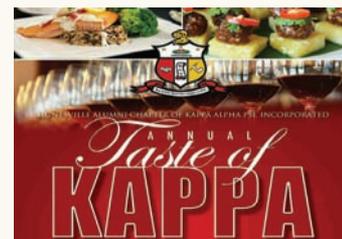
New this year will be interactive War Games, presented by the Missile Defense Agency. The symposium is widely attended by leaders and professionals from the U.S. and our allies around the world. Participants can also earn continuing education credits.

Visit <http://smdsymposium.org/> for more information.

Major Kappa Event Coming

On August 21, the Huntsville Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi, Fraternity, Inc., will hold its annual "Taste of Kappa" event at the Huntsville Museum of Art from 7-10 p.m.

Tickets (\$30) can be purchased online at Huntsville-Kappas.com. Proceeds from the activity will benefit the Huntsville Alumni Chapter's Guide Right program.



For additional ticket information, contact Michael Miller at (256) 656-7719 or Arthur White at (256) 653-9335.

Eagle's Nest Ministries Hosts Prayer Marathon

On Friday, August 7, 2015, Bishop Daniel J. Richardson and the members of Eagle's Nest Ministries Church (ENMC) held a 24-Hour Prayer Marathon from 6 a.m. to Saturday, August 8, ending at 6 a.m.

Local pastors, visionaries, churches, clergy teams, ministry families, intercessory prayer teams, men's and women's ministries, youth and young adult ministries, ministry leaders, prayer warriors, laity and saints of God were invited to join ENMC "in bombarding heaven with 24 hours of PRAYER for our families and our city!"



Executive Pastor Dede Booker-Lacey extended the invitation to TVW. Individuals were greeted with refreshments in

the vestibule as they entered the prayer sessions. TVW attended a session led by Assistant Pastor Jurada Fuqua.

J.O. Johnson PTSA Hosts Back-to-School Parade



The J. O. Johnson High School Parent Teacher Student Association hosted its 2015 Back to School Parade on August 8.

The line-up began at 7 a.m. at the Dollar General Market on Blue Spring Road. The parade began at 8 a.m., with Mrs. Rosetta James as Grand Marshal.

Businesses, non-profits, social and civic organizations, along with schools from around the city, participated in what has become an annual event.

Pictures are featured on Page 5. Alice Sams saved as chair of the Parade Committee.

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"Summer Lights" Celebration Scheduled

The American Cancer Society will hold its 9th annual "A Summer Lights Celebration" on Saturday, August 15, at 5:30 p.m. in the Von Braun Center North Hall.

Coordinators are calling the one of a kind event "a great night for food, a spectacular auction, and much more."

ACS continues to save lives and to create even more birthdays by helping people to stay well and get well, find cures, and fight back against a disease that has taken too many lives, say organizers. Since its inception in 1913, the ACS has fought for every birthday threatened by every cancer in every community.

By taking what it has learned through research, it contributed to a 15 percent decrease in the overall cancer death rate between the early 1990s and 2005. That means that ACS has helped the avoidance of about 650,000

cancer deaths and has created the potential for more birthday celebrations. Overall, 11 million cancer survivors in America will celebrate a birthday this year, records ACS. For more info, call (256) 536-1863.

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From the Editor

Greetings!

Last Sunday after church, I had the opportunity to talk with Gerald Brooks, who works for the U.S. Postal Service in various roles, including sales, service, distribution and window clerk. I posed to him last week's question from a reader about mail delivery. According to Brooks, there are several legitimate reasons why one's mail might not be delivered, including, but not limited to, a blocked box, vacant property, no receptacle, and loose dogs in the neighborhoods. I had already conducted some research that supports the premise that carriers can refuse to deliver mail if they believe they are threatened in some way, such as by a dog attempting to snap at the carrier or a threat of physical violence. Typically, in such a case, the post office will let the individual know that mail will be discontinued until the situation is resolved, and that your mail can be picked up at the post office for your zip code. After reading several articles on this topic, TVW recommends getting a PO box or opting to receive important mail electronically. In the case of monthly pensions or checks that are mailed, we recommend considering direct deposit. Like land lines and home telephone numbers, day-to-day mail delivery will become a thing of the past in the future. Important information will be transmitted to various electronic sources.

Kid's do some of the darnest things now-a-days. Minister Harold Weatherly talked about our parents tying up big switches together to make bigger switches. They would use them in lieu of belts. After our whippings, mother would take liniment, alcohol and love to sooth the welts, all the while assuring us that she had to whip us because she loved us. We were always ready to go back to school, typically the Tuesday after Labor Day for us. *Back to School* had more to do with getting the summer crops in than going to school. When I look back, I often wonder how my dad got away with keeping us out of school beyond the start date. He believed that he was a father and that he could do essentially what he felt he needed to do with his wife and children.

On a good year, we would get a few pieces of fabric to make some new pants and skirts. We were *bad!* We never went to school before Labor Day, typically it was the Tuesday after Labor Day - later, if the crops were not in the barn, cellars, smoke houses, on the shelves and in the freezers.

I am on sabbatical this month from TMT Group. That means that my e-mails and telephone calls might get sluggish. Not to worry, I check them daily and decide what to answer and what can wait. I have a couple of books in my toolkits that I plan to tick off my Bucket List this month.

Everything we read and hear speaks to the need for healthy eating, rest and relaxation. Many overachievers have a difficult time 'shutting down' and following what we know to be good advice. Hey, it's August, school is in session, so let's slow down, read a couple of good books, tutor a child, mentor an intern, write an article, or take a walk in the park. Tick something simple off our your list and get it done!

Until next week ...



Dorothy

USATF All Americans in Junior Olympics



Congratulations are in order for the Junior Olympians from the Huntsville Metro Track Club, coached by Dr. Joseph Henderson.

Shown (above) is coach Joseph Henderson with Reagan Gilbert, All American in the 8 and under javelin throw, which she threw a 22, which was a runner up and broke the meet record of 21. She also is an All American in the 8 and under shot put.

The following athletes made it, ranking in the top 20 percentile in their events at the Junior Olympics in Jacksonville, Fla.:

girls 15-16 yr old shot put - Alana



Shown is Noah Flynn-all American in boys 13/14 yr old 3000m run with Coach Joseph Henderson and Coach Michael Freeman.



Shown is Tre'Vaughn Holtzclaw -All American in the boys 9/10 yr old long jump event.



White; boys 17-18 yr old Discuss - Dontavius Jowers; boys 13-14 yr old 400m and 800m run - Shafi Muhammad; boys 17-18 yr old triple jump - William Otey; boys

8 and under 800m run - Evan Marbury; girls 11-12 yr old javelin throw - Alicia Walker; boys 11-12 yr old pentathlon and javelin throw - George Gilbert.

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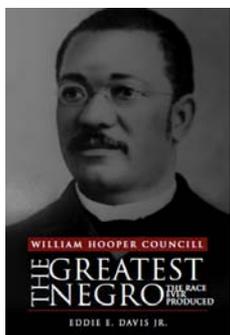
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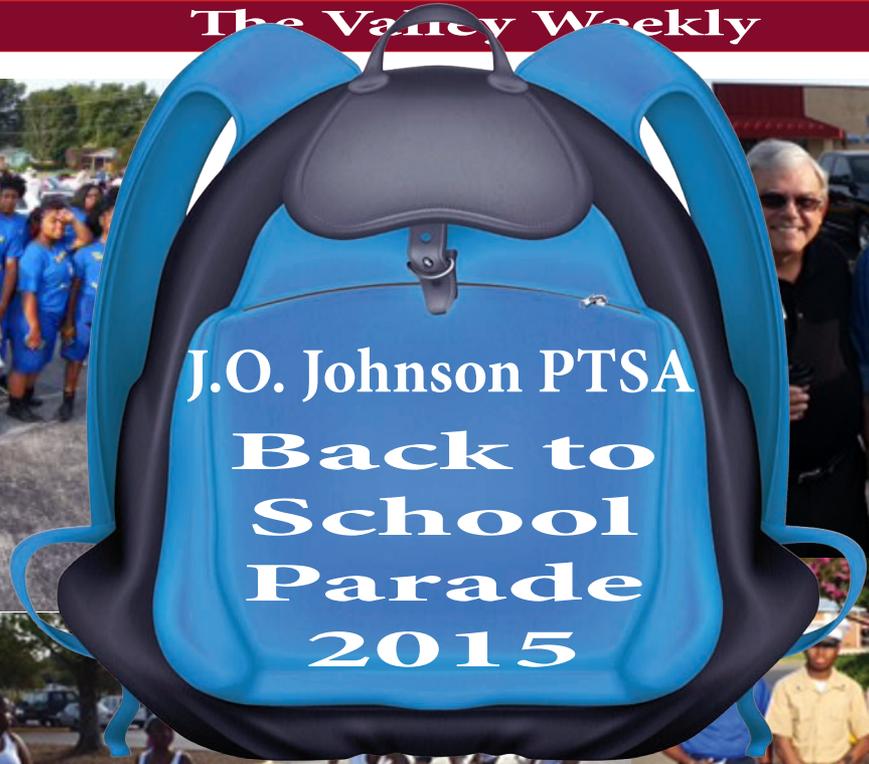
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Reflections on the Black Enterprise “Entrepreneurs Summit”

In the free enterprise world, connection is key. A business can not function without associates, partners, executives, employees, family and friends. My father says that people do business with people. Therefore, networking is just as important as the actual work you put in. One thing I love about conferences, expos, business summits, and meetings is that everyone is united with a common goal or interest. You meet new people and exchange a form of mutual support for each other ...

The Black Enterprise “Entrepreneurs Summit” opened with a very catchy class. “How To Secure Millions For Your Company.” Every entrepreneur has/had this question, because it’s no top secret that “it takes money to make money.” The moderator, Rodney Sampson, explains, “In order to

withdraw from the ecosystem you have to invest in it.” Building transgenerational wealth is the goal for businessmen ... Therefore, when our children and the generations to come need resources and funds to build their businesses, we don’t have to kill their dreams because of our inability to provide. Sampson and the panelists went on to suggest that when you are searching to secure millions for your company, try to find people who want to invest in you, and believe in you, such as family, angel investors, crowd funding, your community, and government agencies. It is important to have an “investment thesis,” meaning get to know your investors and what they invest in, why they invest, and their pains of investment. The number one rule to get an investor: you have to create a system of creating

money; and if the investor gives you their money, how will you make it back in 5-10 years? Investors want to know: Do you have a valuable problem that people will actually pay for? ... The class concluded with some encouragement for entrepreneurs. We were asked, “How many people do you know making even \$10,000 a year on their OWN efforts; not from an employer, but from their own business or product. Not many, so you are still doing better than half of the world. You all have that entrepreneurial edge—that thing that makes you a little better than the average person.”

The conference continued with other informative classes and inspiring speeches ... Steve Harvey lit up the room during his “Fireside Chat” with Earl “Butch” Graves Jr., the CEO of Black Enterprise... Harvey stated,

“A lot of us get stuck at what we want and don’t focus on what’s out there. I got tired of hoping Hollywood would pick me. So I had to make things happen on my own. My life is called Grace, my life is covered in Grace. I have a partnership with God.” ... Building a family motivated Harvey to leave a legacy. He decided to build businesses outside of the media industry because he couldn’t leave behind his jokes and TV shows/stations. He wanted to leave a bigger legacy for his children, so he decided to open food businesses, partnered with match.com, partnered with Strayer, currently opening a plant in China, and launching a meat line to place in grocery stores. Building transgenerational wealth and leaving a legacy has encouraged Harvey to be ALL that he could be. He stated. “My driving force is that I don’t want to be poor again. I constantly remind myself where I came from.”

... The Black Enterprise: Entrepreneurs Summit was all quite

interesting because I received a phone call a couple of hours before Harvey’s session to work on a television production for one of the “Family Feud” Fan Favorites while I was in Atlanta. So not only did I leave with education, contacts, and inspiration, but I also got a production gig! It all went back to what Harvey was saying about stepping out on faith. When you put yourself in the position to be successful and fulfill your purpose: your prayers will be answered; you will reap your rewards; and the universe will respond in your favor. As a freelancer, I am always looking for work and gigs to add to my portfolio. ... I can’t sit around and wait for the work to come to me, “and Hollywood to pick me;” I have to continue to build my business, land clients, publish books, produce events, produce tv/film projects, book speaking engagements. and help other’s build their businesses.

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1. Congress is in recess until September 8.

2. On Friday, President Obama and his family left for a 17-day vacation on Martha's Vineyard until August 23rd. He has no official appearances scheduled during the break, likely resting up for a busy September that will include a vote on the Iran nuclear agreement and visits from Pope Francis and Chinese President Xi Jinping.

3. Last week, the Democratic National Committee announced plans for 6 debates and released the details on the first four:

October 13, 2015: Nevada, hosted by CNN.

November 14, 2015: Des Moines, Iowa. Hosted by CBS and the Des Moines Register.

December 19, 2015: Manchester, N.H. Hosted by ABC.

January 17, 2016:

Charleston, S.C. Hosted by NBC and the Congressional Black Caucus Institute.

The final two debates will take place in February or March. The first will be in Miami and hosted by Univision and the Washington Post. The second will be in Wisconsin and hosted by PBS.

4. Congratulations to the 80 communities that were awarded Small Business Administration Accelerator Grants last week. The 80 winners were culled from over 400 applications, including: Anderson, Ind.; Cincinnati, Ohio; Detroit, Mich.; Oakland, Calif.; San Diego, Calif., and Washington, D.C.

Business "accelerators" serve entrepreneurs in a broad set of industries and sectors – from manufacturing and tech start-ups, to farming and biotech – and contribute to a robust and diverse local economy. See the full list here: <https://www.sba.gov/content/sba-boosts-economic-impact-accelerators-44-million-prizes-0>.

5. 2016 Presidential Watch. Some 24 million

viewers tuned to Fox for the first GOP debate on Thursday, making it the highest-rated non-sports cable telecast of all time and highest-rated telecast in the nearly 20-year history of the Fox News Channel.

The next GOP debate will be hosted by CNN on September 16 at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library in Simi Valley, Calif. In contrast to Fox, which used only five (5) polls to determine the top 10, CNN will average all national polls conducted by 14 specific organizations released between July 16 and September 10. CNN will also air an earlier event with the candidates who don't make the cut. The third debate will be on October 28 in Boulder, Colo., and will air on CNBC. After that, there will be six (6) more GOP debates through the end of February 2016.

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Huntsville Madison County Chamber of Commerce
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August 21
Taste of Kappa
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