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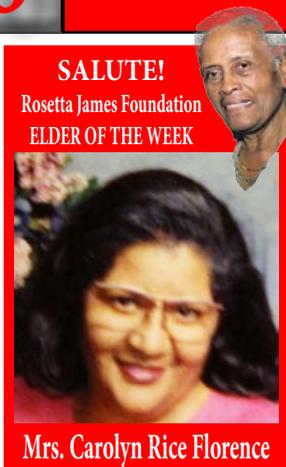
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Mrs. Carolyn Rice Florence

"Judge a man by his questions rather than his answers." - Voltaire

City Program Aims for Male Mentorship

The City of Huntsville's Community Services Recreation Superintendent Dorianne Johnson said the department's latest outreach is the direct result of community engagement.

"Through speaking with parents and children at our recreation centers and other facilities, we learned there was a real desire for

strong male role models in the lives of many boys," she said. "After researching the possibilities, we identified boys, ages 7 to 17, as our target audience and got to work!"

The resulting Male Mentorship Program launched last week with a free monthly series, titled "Under Construction."

Topics will include building self-esteem and increasing self-confidence, as well as the importance of self-projection, emotional intelligence and conflict resolution skills.

Next month, attendees will explore the topic of building self-esteem on Thursday, October 6, at the Johnson Legacy Center.

A&M Gets \$750K USDE STEM Grant

Alabama A&M University's program in Animal Bio-Health Sciences (ABHS) has received the support it needs to retain and to graduate minority students through innovative hands-on techniques, in addition to remote learning opportunities.

The U.S. Department of Education has awarded AAMU a three-year grant totaling \$750,000 under USDE's Minority Science and Engineering Improvement Program (MSEIP), one of the largest grants received in more recent years in the Food and Animal Sciences Department.

The grant will be facilitated at AAMU by Dr. Jorge Vizcarra, professor of food and animal sciences and the ABHS program coordinator (top right).

ABHS began in 2014 and, while not a decade old, has steadily attracted more than 100 students a year.

Following an enhancement of the program at the undergraduate level, Vizcarra and co-PIs (Drs. Martha Verghese, Josh

Herring and Gamal Eden Abdelrahim) will begin to explore the feasibility of establishing an animal bio-health sciences program at the master's level.

If successful throughout the three-year period of grant support, AAMU will offer the nation a steady supply of underrepresented minorities, primarily African Americans, to the important field of animal bio-health sciences, ultimately leading to their impact on animal science



research, animal health and welfare, pre-harvest food and feed production.

For additional information about the Animal Bio-Health Sciences program at AAMU, contact Dr. Jorge Vizcarra at (256) 372-8016.

'Laps for Literacy' Walk Saturday

National Hook-Up of Black Women, Inc., Huntsville Chapter, will host its annual "Laps for Literacy" walk on Saturday, September 24, 2022.

The walk will begin at 10 a.m. and resume until

11:30 a.m. at the Monrovia Elementary School on Jeff Road.

The public is invited to attend and participate in person or persons may consider making a contribution.

NHBW is a 501(c) (3) charitable organization. Our mission is "Advocates for Women and Their Families." For additional information, contact nhbwhuntsvillechapter@gmail.com.

Panion 2022 L'Chaim Honoree

Dr. Henry Panion, III, was recently honored during L'Chaim 2022 for his role in the making of the award-winning documentary *Dreams of Hope*.

The conductor and educator is University Professor of Music and Director of Music Technology at the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB), where he teaches mu-

sic theory and technology. He is also widely known for his work as an arranger for superstar and Motown legend Stevie Wonder.

Panion's contribution, along with those of three other honorees "continue to keep the his-



tory and lessons of the Holocaust alive, providing yet another way for the Alabama Holocaust Education Center (AHEC) to fulfill its mission and help ensure a more just and equitable future for us all."

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Washington in One Minute



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

1. **ON THE FLOOR.** The House and Senate are in session this week. Both bodies have yet to start debate on the stopgap appropriations measure to keep the federal government open thru mid-December (or later) when the new federal fiscal year starts on October 1, although it is mentioned for possible floor action this week. The House is scheduled to take up the Presidential Election Reform Act, sponsored by January 6 Committee Members Rep. Zoe Lofgren (D-CA) and Liz Cheney (R-WY), which would make changes to the process for counting electoral votes in presidential elections. The bill, for example, would make it harder for Members of Congress to raise objections to a state's electoral votes by imposing a requirement that 1/3 of the Members of the House and Senate would need to object (a change from current law which requires only 1 lawmaker from each body to object). The Sen-

ate is expected to take up the temporary FY2023 appropriations measure first, possibly coupling it with Sen. Manchin's (D-WV) energy permitting reform language (or the GOP version sponsored by Sen. Shelley Moore Capito, R-WV). Last week, 22 GOP Senators sent a letter to Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-NY) urging him to bring up the FY2023 Defense Authorization bill before the end of September (the House approved the bill on July 14th on a vote of 329 -101).

2. **THE WHITE HOUSE.** On Monday, the President and First Lady were in London attending Queen Elizabeth's funeral, where Sunday they paid their respects to the late Queen at the Lying-in-State and signed the condolence book. On Tuesday, the President arrived in New York City for meetings with world leaders, including the new U.K. Prime Minister Liz Truss, and on Wednesday he addressed the United National General Assembly and later hosted a diplomatic reception. Last Friday,

the White House announced a "Comprehensive Framework for Responsible Development of Digital Assets," which includes the creation of an interagency task force led by the Treasury Department to consider the issuance of a U.S. Central Bank Digital Currency.

3. **FEDERAL RESERVE MEETING.** On Tuesday and Wednesday, the Federal Reserve's Federal Open Market Committee met to set interest rates and was expected to announce another hike in the federal funds rate by 75 basis points. The US central bank has raised the benchmark lending rate four times this year, including 2 straight three-quarter-point hikes in June and July. The U.S. annual inflation rate eased for a second straight month to 8.3% for August 2022, the lowest in 4 months, from 8.5% in July — but was above market forecasts of 8.1% with large increases in the cost of food (11.4%), rent (6.2%) and used cars and trucks (7.8%).

4. **ARTEMIS 1 TEST.** On Wednesday at 7:15 a.m. EDT, NASA planned to test its fixes for the issues that scrubbed 2 previous launches of the Artemis 1 mission by pumping a supercold propellant of liquid hydrogen and liquid oxygen into the Space Launch System booster on Launch Pad 39B at the Kennedy Space Center in Florida. If all goes well, Artemis 1 will launch during a 70-minute window that opens

Sept. 27 at 11:37 a.m. EDT.

5. **CHIPS and SCIENCE ACT.** On last Friday, a report was issued by the American Institute of Physics on the workforce diversity initiatives included in the CHIPS and Science Act that was signed into law by President Biden on August 9. The new law includes a variety of provisions aimed at promoting diversity, equity, and inclusion within the STEM workforce through grant support and workforce research, and by instituting new requirements for data collection and ethical research conduct. Various provisions in the law are focused on diversifying the STEM workforce. To-

gether, they provide guidance for education and research capacity-building programs at the National Science Foundation and Department of Energy, and mandate cross-agency initiatives to expand demographic data collection, improve workplace inclusivity, and combat sexual harassment in STEM fields.

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NELMS MEMORIAL FUNERAL HOME

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Funeral service for MR. LAVONTE' JEFFERSON (b. 1998) was held Wednesday, September 21, at Saint Luke Christian Church with Pastor T. C. Johnson officiating.

Funeral service for MOTHER DORA L. COX (b. 1921) was held Sunday, September 18, at the Nelms Memorial Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor Leroy Caudle, Jr., officiating.

Funeral service for MRS. ZENA LOVE HILL (b. 1933) was held Saturday, September 10, at Center Grove United Methodist Church with The Reverend Dr. Dedric A. Cowser as Officiant and The Reverend Donald Smith, District Superintendent, as eulogist.

Funeral service for MR. WENDELL NANCE (b. 1964) was held Friday, September 9, at Indian Creek Primitive Baptist Church with Pastor Timothy Rainey officiating.

ROYAL FUNERAL HOME

4315 Oakwood Avenue NW
Huntsville, AL 35810 - (256) 534-8481

Funeral service for MS. ERNESTINE FLAGG (b. 1927) was held Wednesday, September 21, at the Royal Chapel of Memories with Chaplain DJ Allen officiating.

Graveside service for MRS. ALICE BRADLEY CAUDLE (b. 1928) was held Sunday, September 18, at the New Hope Cemetery #2 (28520 Wall Street, Madison, Ala.) with Reverend Columbus Waddle officiating.

Funeral service for MR. JERRY WINFORD JOLLY, SR. (b. 1959) was held Saturday, September 17, at the Little Flock Primitive Baptist Church (599 Brock Rd, Brownsboro, Ala.) with Reverend Dennis Green officiating.

Funeral service for MR. CORTEZ D. CLARK (b. 1990) was held Saturday, September 17, at the St. Luke Christian Church (1800 Sparkman Dr, Huntsville, Ala.) with Pastor TC Johnson officiating.

SERENITY FUNERAL HOME

2505 University Drive NW
Huntsville, AL 35816 (256) 539-9693

Visitation for MR. MARQUISE LESLIE (b. 2002) was held Friday, September 16, at Serenity Funeral Home. Funeral service information was not available by press time.

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**CHAMPION
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THE SPIRIT THAT RULES YOUR LIFE

Psalms 37:7 says, "Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him; do not fret when evil people succeed in their ways, when they carry out their wicked schemes."

You know, there is a song that goes, "If we ever needed the Lord before, we sure do need him now."

In Psalms 37, David makes the case as to why we need God in our lives today. We see in this scripture he talks about the contrast between the wicked and the righteous. In other words, those who seek to know God and the ones who don't. Today, I believe that

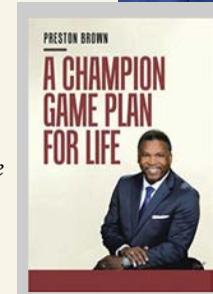
we live in a society where most people are not spiritually minded. You see, we all have a spiritual side of us as well as a physical side. Now, our physical side is always lagging behind our spiritual side because we continue to allow our emotions to govern the way that we live. However, our emotions don't always reveal the truth about life; they just make us feel good about the decisions that we make, regardless of the truth.

So, how do we allow our physical side to catch up to our spiritual side? The only way we can do this is to have a renewal of our mind. Romans 12:2 tells us, "Do not conform any

longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind."

That's why we need God to change the very nature of our lives, because how can anybody not realize that we are all sinners. Just look at how many people we have in law enforcement. Look at all the prisons and jails that we have in this country. Look at all the materialism and greed and self-seeking people that are all around. Human nature is sinful. Romans 3:10 says, "There is no one righteous, not even one." That's why our hearts and nature need to be changed.

We all need Jesus to change the "ruling spirit" of our lives. You see, the spirit of Christ and the spirit of the world are exactly opposite. The spirit of the world is to hate, but the spirit of Christ is to love and until Jesus saves us from our sins and we grow in His



grace, the spirit of the world will continue to control us. That's why, it is so important that we become aware of the holy

spirit that lives in each and every one of us and allow the spirit of Christ to guide us so that we can truly see the difference between right and wrong, as well as what is true and what is false ... Stay encouraged, my brothers and sisters.

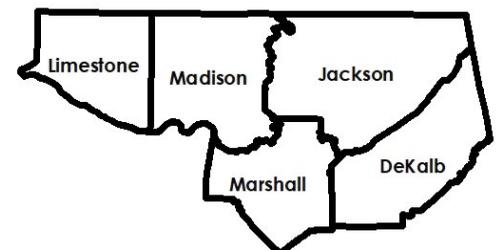


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 - You lost your job due to Covid-19, no insurance and on unemployment.



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Artist's Work Accepted for 2022 Award

The work of a noted local artist has been accepted for a prestigious award.

Artist John Moore's submission, entitled "Destiny's World: Beyond the MotherBoard," has been selected by a jury of artists in the NFT award category to receive the 2022 Future Art Award.

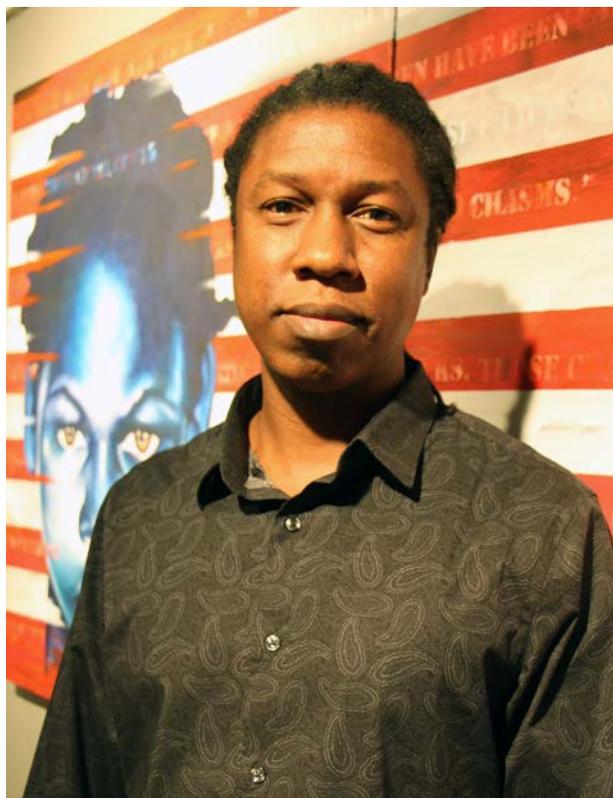
Moore will receive additional details about his \$2,500 artist honorarium and the next steps for inclusion in the forthcoming virtual exhibition, opening Fall 2022.

All winning artworks were selected from a

group of hundreds of submissions from artists across the nation.

The brilliant works of art represent a diverse array of lived experiences, artistic perspectives, and creative mediums that explored and interrogated the advent of meta-futures.

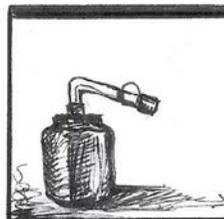
The independent jury of artists and arts professionals was "blown away" by the caliber and thoughtfulness of Moore's art submission as it relates to the theme of the awards: The Digital Awakening.



PowerShot

"Never be bullied into silence. Never allow yourself to be made a victim. Accept no one's definition of your life."

Harvey Fierstein



THE VALLEY WEEKLY
**VALLEY
EVENTS**
HAPPENINGS, ACTIVITIES & MORE!

September 25

Southern Soul Music Festival
Mark C Smith Concert Hall
Von Braun Center
Huntsville, Ala. - 4 p.m.

Homecoming Gospel Explosion
Featuring: Tye Tribbett
Alabama A&M University
Louis Crews Stadium
6 p.m.

September 29

Wreath Laying Ceremony
Alabama A&M University
The Block - 11 a.m.

Amy Grant
Mark C. Smith Concert Hall
Von Braun Center
Huntsville, Ala.-7:30 p.m.

September 30

Alumni Day Party
Featuring:
Lyfe Jennings and Vivian Green
Alabama A&M University
The Quad - 4 p.m.

October 1

Homecoming Parade
Campus
Alabama A&M University - 8 a.m.

Rocket City Octane Auto Show 2022
South Hall
Von Braun Center
Huntsville, Ala.
10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Homecoming Football Game
vs. Bethune Cookman University
Louis Crews Stadium
Alabama A&M University - 2 p.m.

Homecoming Concert
Alabama A&M University
Artist:
Rapper Moneybagg Yo
Von Braun Center
Huntsville, Ala. - 7 p.m.

October 4

Concert
Earth, Wind & Fire
Orion Amphitheater
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October 8

Bulldog Football vs. Grambling State University
Louis Crews Stadium
Alabama A&M University
Huntsville, Ala.
1 p.m.

November 12

Gulf Coast Challenge
AAMU vs. Jackson State University
Ladd-Peebles Stadium
Mobile, Ala.

November 19

Bulldog Football vs. Texas Southern University
Louis Crews Stadium
Alabama A&M University
1 p.m.



My Farewell Tribute to fellow TVW Columnist-Author Rev. Michael Rice

"Precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his faithful ones." - Psalm 116:15.

For the record, he and I never eyeballed each other; instead we exchanged virtual "Jesus dialogues" through our Valley Weekly columns.

Reverend Michael DeLeon Rice penned the column "Called 2 Preach" while I published "Perspective on God's Views and Current Views."



Additionally, he published 5 Days in 745: Musings for the Mind of a Preacher 52 Devotionals: One for Each Week of the Year, as I too published books highlighting Jesus' saving and healing power.

During his September 12 memorial service at Huntsville's First Missionary Baptist Church family, co-workers and his fellow AAMU alumni feted him as a committed father and husband, topflight musician, and plain-talking pulpiteer.

Please now allow me to give him and his legacy my tribute:

"The Funeral Poem" by Summer Sandercox

*"Not how did he die, but how did he live?
Not what did he gain, but what did he give?"*

*These are the units of measure to determine the worth
Of a man as a man, regardless of his birth.*

*"Not what was his church, but what was his creed?
And how he befriended those really in need.*

*Was he ever ready with words of good cheer
To bring back a smile, to banish a tear?*

*Not what did the sketch in the newspapers say,
But how many were truly sorrowful when he passed away."*

So long, Brother Michael; as the Negro spiritual forecasts, I'll look to see you "In That Great Gettin' Up Morning, Fare Thee Well/Fare Thee Well."

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.

For more information, call (256) 427-5011.

NAAACC Meetings

The North Alabama African American Chamber of Commerce (Huntsville) meets monthly on the 3rd Tuesday at 12 noon.

The meeting location varies. Call (256) 564-7574.

Alabama A&M University Bulldog Football 2022

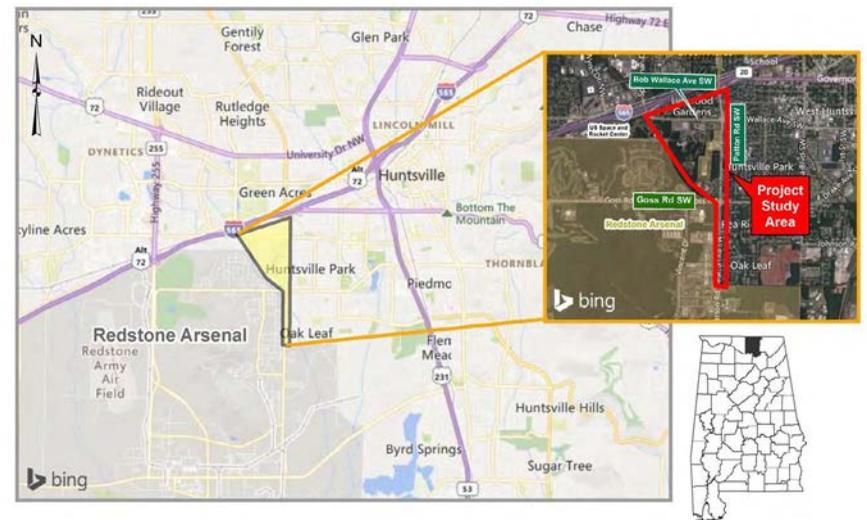
Sept. 1	at UAB	B'ham	7PM
Sept. 10	at Troy	Vet	6PM
Sept. 17	vs. AUSTIN PEAY		2PM
Sept. 24	at FAMU		5PM
Oct. 1	HOME COMING (vs. Bethune-Cookman)		2PM
Oct. 8	vs. Grambling		1PM
Oct. 16	at UAPB (St. Louis) River City Classic		3PM
Oct. 29	vs. Alabama State Magic City Classic		2:30PM
Nov. 3	at MVSU		6:30PM
Nov. 12	vs. Jackson State Gulf Coast Challenge Mobile, Ala.		TBA
Nov. 19	vs. Texas Southern		1PM
Dec. 3	SWAC Championship		

Public Involvement Meeting



ALDOT Project No. RP-4519
City of Huntsville Project No. 71-19-SP45
Arsenal East Connector Project
Madison County

(Not to Scale)
Sections 3, 4, 9, 10, and 16, Township 4 South, Range 1 West



Tuesday, September 27, 2022

Morris School Auditorium
4801 Bob Wallace Ave SW
Huntsville, AL 35805
4:00 PM to 7:00 PM

The Public Information Meeting will be held from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM. The purpose of the meeting is to provide the public an opportunity to participate in the transportation planning process of the proposed project for the Arsenal East Connector project from I-565 to Redstone Arsenal Gate 10 (Patton Road Gate). Representatives from the City of Huntsville and the Alabama Department of Transportation will be available at displays to discuss the proposed project and answer any questions. Comment sheets will also be made available for those who would like to submit written statements. Written statements must be mailed (postmarked) or e-mailed on or before Tuesday, October 11th, 2022.

The purpose of the project is to reduce congestion and improve access to the U.S. Army's Redstone Arsenal from I-565. It is anticipated that the project would also improve traffic conditions along Bob Wallace Avenue and Patton Road and other area roads in Huntsville, Alabama.

For more information on this meeting visit our website:

<http://www.huntsvillempo.org/>

To submit any comments via email: arsenal.east.alabama@volkert.com

To submit comments via voicemail: 256-203-3397

**Mail comments to: Volkert Inc, Attn: Jason Goffinet,
200 Clinton Ave. W., Suite 1030, Huntsville, AL 35801**

AAMU Enters Fall with Enrollment Increase, Homecoming Hype

Alabama A&M University officials have reported a 5 percent increase in undergraduate enrollment for Fall 2022, along with a 2 percent retention increase. Fall 2021 overall enrollment peaked at 5,802 and was set at 6,008 for Fall 2022, according to data from the Office of Institutional Planning, Research, and Effectiveness.

The increase returns enrollment numbers above the 6,000 mark for the first time since the two-year period of the COVID-19 pandemic. The 300-person decline in the number of first-time undergraduates reported at the height of the pandemic in Fall 2020 was regained this fall with the reporting of 1,556.

The latest overall gains, along with more demand for campus housing, was met by AAMU through reorganization and the reassigning of select residence halls to net additional

rooms and beds, allowing a smoother overall transition

an administrative building, into a fully furnished

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tool with the capabilities to support 200 to 20,000 bed assignments.

academic year. Homecoming 2022 will open with the traditional Gospel Explosion concert featuring Grammy Award-winning Tye Tribbett on Sunday, September 25, at Louis Crews Stadium at 6 p.m. The 4 p.m. Alumni Day Party on Friday, September 30, on The Quad will showcase the talents of songstress Vivian Green and R&B singer Lyfe Jennings, followed by the Friday Greek Step Show. The Homecoming Concert on Saturday night, October 1, at the Von Braun Center at 7 p.m. will feature rapper Moneybagg Yo.



for undergraduates.

President Daniel K. Wims noted, in particular, the role AAMU Facilities and Aramark staff played in the conversion of Councill Hall, previously

residence hall, ready and accessible for this fall.

Moreover, as part of the massive student Move-In Day efforts, Information Technology staff supported residential operations by

life management software

plans for the 2022-23

"You cannot be truly humble, unless you truly believe that life can and will go on without you."

- Mokokoma Mokhonoana

SEPTEMBER 23 - RAY CHARLES - The Godfather of Soul Music who pioneered R&B and popular music with hits such as "Hit the Road Jack" and "Crying Time." He earned 17 Grammy Awards over the course of his long, successful career. He went blind due to glaucoma when he was seven and started contemplating the world in terms of sounds. When he was fifteen, he left school and started playing piano for bands in Jacksonville, Florida. - *TheFamousPeople.com*



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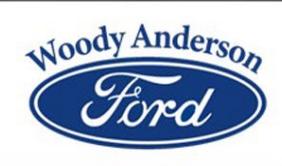
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Rosetta James Foundation "Spotlight on Our Elders" ... Featuring

Mrs. Carolyn Rice Florence

As "Miss Kamama" (the Cherokee word for "butterfly"), Carolyn Rice Florence has shared her message of social etiquette for over 50 years with all age groups. As a self-made businesswoman and community volunteer, she has championed the art of social graces.

Florence's quest to transform average people into models of respectful behavior began in the 1960s with her class, "Fascinating Womanhood," which taught females the finer points of being women. Wanting to expand her knowledge base, Florence used a mix of college and specialty courses to broaden her own education. Florence studied clothing textile and merchandising at Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Mich.; and family and consumer sciences and public relations at Faith Grant College in Birmingham, Ala. She was mentored by Maxine Powell, a Motown talent agent and American Etiquette instructor, and Letitia Baldrige, Jacqueline Kennedy's social secretary. She received certifications from the National Children's Etiquette Society and Huntsville's Neil Bryant Modeling and Charm School and Tiffany's Academy of Personal Development. She also trained and worked as a make-up artist for Fashion Fair Cosmetics.

As Florence's personal

training evolved, so did her message. Along with a focus on manners, her trainings grew to include image consulting, dining skills, character education, and international business protocol. She packaged all of these specialty areas into her company, Elegant Behavior, founded in 1999 under the motto "Preparing for the King's Table."

Through Elegant Behavior, Florence has conducted seminars for churches, elementary and high schools, trade schools, and colleges. She has presented at workshops conducted by Ebony and Essence magazines; offered training to several groups at Oakwood University and Alabama A&M University; and provided workshops for community groups including Huntsville's Boys and Girls Club of America; New Futures, Inc.; and HOPE Place.

A Christian who believes in service, Florence makes time to volunteer throughout Huntsville and Northern Alabama. She has been honored for her work with the United Negro College Fund (UNCF); North Alabama's Food Bank; W.C. Handy Head Start Program; Huntsville City Public Schools' Indian Education Program; and the SAVSS program at Oakwood University Church. The pinnacle of recognition for volunteer service came through Huntsville's Retired



Senior Volunteer Program. For logging 1,000 volunteer hours each year over a span of 28 years, Florence received presidential lapel pins and certificates from Presidents George H.W. Bush, Bill Clinton, George W. Bush and Barack Obama, as an Alabama honoree.

Florence has held professional memberships in several organizations, including the National Association of Christian Women Entrepreneurs (NACWE) and the Association of Image Consultants International (AICI). Florence shares her life with Emmett Florence, her husband of nearly 60 years, two adult children and two grandchildren, a large extended family, Oakwood University Church members, and a host of citizens who have been transformed under her tutelage.

"Spotlight on Our Elders" is a weekly feature sponsored by the Rosetta James Foundation to promote volunteerism and activism in our community among those who are 70-plus. The Foundation also provides scholarships. Learn more about us at www.rosettajamesfoundation.org. Know an outstanding elder (70+) that you would like to see featured? Send us a photo and 250-word write-up to info@valley-weeklyllc.com.

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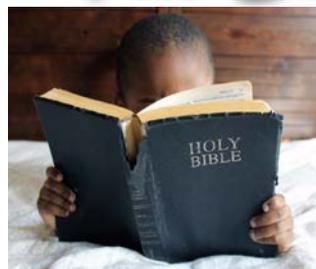


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Sunday, September 25

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Amos 6:1a, 4-7

1 Timothy 6:6-19

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Give a Little More Encouragement

When you encourage someone, you create a spirit or confidence, stimulated by assistance and approval. Encouragement is needed enormously during these times when devastating realities seem to manifest daily.

Encouragement can be given when one wins and when one loses. It can lead to confidence, which can lead to accomplishment,

which can lead to action, and generate more encouragement.

Biblical perspectives remind us to “encourage one another daily, as long as it is called today,” - Hebrews 3:15. “We are to encourage one another, just as we are doing.” Encouragement is necessary to walk by faith. ~1 Thessalonians 5:11.

Encouragement has the power to:

- *Help you make true friends. When you encourage someone, they tend to confide in you.*
- *Help others. When others make their way in life and return to tell you the impact you had on his/her success, you both feel uplifted.*
- *Change the way others deal with constructive criticism. Sometimes saying something in a calm, polite way can determine how they accept criticism.*
- *Make you see others differently. By talking to them, you learn that people have experiences, skills and knowledge that you don't even know about.*
- *Open up a plethora of opportunities. Once you support someone, most times they will never forget that you were*



Dr. Margaret J. Kelly

there for them when they needed you most. And when they know you need them, they will be there in a heartbeat.

SOURCES:

democratandchronicle.com; Dictionary.com; The Holy Bible, KJV; w-livelifeyoung.com

Grammy Artists Lovett, Wooten Workshop Panelists



Grammy-award winning artists Ben Lovett (left) and Kelvin Wooten will serve as panelists at a Career & Artist Development Workshop set for Wednesday, September 28, at 6 p.m. at the Lee High School Theater, located on Meridian Street in Huntsville, Ala.

Wooten (right) has worked with artists like H.E.R. and Eric Clapton, while Lovett is a member of Mumford & Sons and the CEO of tvq hospitality, which operates Orion Amphitheater at Apollo Park.

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