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"People do not lack strength,
they lack will."

- Victor Hugo



Niece of Blues Legend Dinah Washington Part of "Women of Alabama" Exhibit

Valley Arts and Entertainment will present "The Women of Alabama Exhibit: A Musical Journey 1900s-2020s."

Obtained by a grant through the Alabama Humanities Foundation and the National Endowment for the Arts, this activity is open to those desiring an intimate and educational music journey.

The event will have a special appearance by Kristin Atkins, niece of the jazz legend Dinah Washington. Washington, born in Tuscaloosa, Ala., and coined "Queen of the Blues," performed with such iconic acts as Count Basie and Duke Ellington.

Moreover, Washington was inducted into the Rock n' Roll Hall of Fame in 1993 for being an early influencer. Atkins will showcase memorabilia of Washington.

In her own right, Kristin Atkins is "full of talent," according to Valley Arts promotions. She is an



accomplished singer-songwriter, has hosted on BET's red carpet runway and is also a children's book author. Atkins' children book entails the challenges Dinah Washington faced in the music industry, and it encourages children to stay motivated.

Registration for the free event will begin on November 1, with limited seating and space to meet Atkins. The event will be held at The Cooper House located at 405 Randolph Avenue, Huntsville, Ala., on November 14, and will start at 6 p.m. and end at 8 p.m. For more information, contact www.valleyartsandentertainment.org

Preparing for the 2020 General Election

Voters are strongly encouraged to take advantage of the Absentee Voting Process due to COVID-19 and the anticipated historic turnout at polling locations on Election Day. The deadline to request an Absentee Ballot or vote in-person at the Absentee Ballot Office is October 29. The ability to vote an Absentee Ballot due to concern about COVID-19 is legal pursuant to the emergency rule issued through the authority of the Alabama Secretary of State.

The Absentee Office is located in the Madison County Courthouse. It is open each business day - 8:30am to 4:30pm. At the Absentee Office, a voter may apply in-person, receive, and return his or her own Absentee Ballot; hand-deliver his or her

own completed and sealed Absentee Ballot, and receive assistance with any part of the absentee process.

When visiting the Absentee Office, please bring your valid government issued photo ID, wear a face covering over the nose and mouth is strongly encouraged, and please maintain a distance of six feet

In order to avoid contact altogether voters may request and receive their Absentee Ballot via mail. The application can be found at <https://www.madisoncountyyvotes.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/Reg-Absentee-Ballot-Application-Fillable.pdf>.

For additional information regarding Absentee Voting, please call (256) 532-3684.



Organization Seeks Youth Ambassadors to Dubai

Global Ties Alabama is partnering with Global Ties U.S. and the U.S. Department of State and U.S. Pavilion management, Thinkwell Group, on the U.S. Pavilion at Expo 2020 in Dubai, United Arab Emirates (UAE).

Through a grassroots, nationwide Global Ties Network, Youth Ambassadors and Cultural Performers are being identified to represent the United States on a global stage, creating a memorable and substantive experience for all Expo visitors.

Global Ties U.S. and the U.S. Department of State are committed to identifying Youth Ambassadors and Cultural Performers who reflect the rich diversity of the United States.

Expo 2020 Dubai is the

first World's Fair to take place in the Middle East. Through the 192 countries hosting pavilions, Expo 2020 Dubai will unveil the inventions, ideas, and inspirations that have the potential to change the future.

The United Arab Emirates projects 30 percent of the visitors will be from the UAE and 70 percent from other countries, with half expected from the Middle East and South Asia, a quarter from Western Europe and Russia, and one-tenth from East Asia.

Global Ties U.S. is accepting applications for Youth Ambassadors (U.S. citizens ages 18-29). For more information, contact Jacqui Shipe, globaltiesalabama.org at (256) 532.3560.

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A&M Professor Granted Chance to Study Papers of Literary Icon

An Alabama A&M University assistant professor of English has been awarded a fellowship to study the papers and related archives of a noted African-American literary figure.

Dr. Charlotte Teague was awarded the Emory University Rose Library's 2020-2021 Leonard and Louise Riggio Fellowship Award to study in the Alice Walker papers and related archives. Emory is the exclusive home to Walker's archives, and the collection consists of the literary and personal papers of Walker from around 1930 to 2015.

After competing with applicants throughout the country, Teague won the award with her insightful research on matrilineal



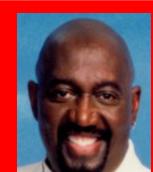
Although Teague's research also features Toni Morrison and Tayari Jones, at the center of her studies is Walker, along with her Pulitzer Prize-winning novel *The Color Purple*.

A two-time AAMU graduate from a family of Bulldogs, Dr. Teague also holds degrees from the University of Alabama in Huntsville and Morgan State University in Baltimore, Md.

She has been teaching at AAMU for 16 years. Her areas of specialization are technical and professional writing, African-American women writers, feminism/womanism, and protest literature.

dysfunction. Her research focuses on "motherhood in African-American contexts using spatiality and an ethnographic lens connected to womanist theory."

OCTOBER 30 - OTIS WILLIAMS - Founding Member of the legendary Temptations. Born, Otis Miles, in Texarkana, Tex., he continued to perform as the sole surviving original member. Among the group's many hits are: "The Way You Do the Things You Do" and "My Girl." - BlackinTime.info



Called 2 Preach

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

"A Manasseh and Ephraim Blessing"

Genesis 41:50-52

The "blessings" of God are too often presented in a kind of "vending-machine fashion that leaves much of the truth about them out of the discussion. We here statements like, "God gives double for our trouble" while invoking the Job's story as the example, but not including that Job had to forgive his friends for



the pain that they inflicted upon him during his time of "suffering." Even with the life of Jesus, we see that it was "after" His time in the wilderness that the "angels" appeared and ministered to Him. With Joseph, Job and Jesus, the common denominator is "suffering." The two sons that Joseph was blessed with were given names that were reminders of what

God did for him during his time of suffering. Manasseh meant "God has caused me to forget." Ephraim's name means "fruitful." This was not just about the *lavishness* of the fruitfulness, but also the *location* of it; "in the land of my affliction"

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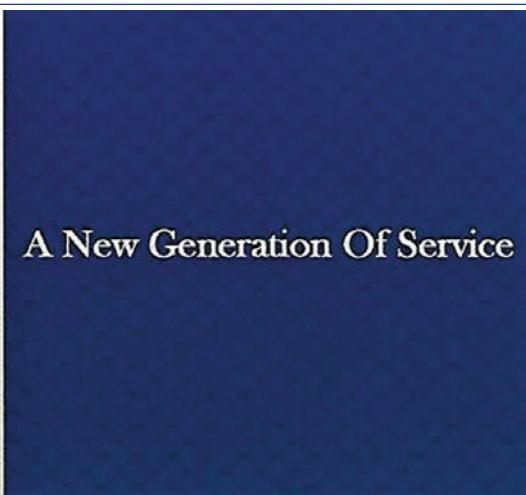
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"I'm the glue that holds everything together. I've learned over the years that people are human and have mood swings, regardless of how talented they are. Today, I'm looking at life from a realistic point of view instead of the way I would want things to be."

- Otis Williams

was what Joseph noted. Therefore, Manasseh and Ephraim blessings are not based on entitlement, they are based on endurance; the endurance of the suffering

that God uses to prepare us for purpose. The good news is not only that we can have them, but that we have them already; for who has not been made to for-

get the pain of suffering so as not to be bitter but better, and also fruitful in the land of your affliction. Give God some praise!

Washington in One Minute



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

As of Monday, the Senate was in session and the House was out. Having debated all weekend, the full Senate voted Monday night on the nomination of Judge Amy Coney Barrett to join the Supreme Court.

House Speaker Pelosi and Treasury Secretary Mnuchin have continued talks to reach a deal on a roughly \$1.9 billion coronavirus relief bill and, over the weekend, White House Chief of Staff Mark Meadows said he had a commitment from Senate Majority Leader McConnell to bring the relief bill to the floor if negotiations conclude successfully.

President Trump this week had campaign rallies in Pennsylvania on Monday and Michigan, Wisconsin, and Nebraska on Tuesday.

On Tuesday, former Vice President Biden was in Georgia for campaign events, and key Democratic surrogate former President Obama was in Florida.

According to the Nielsen Company, the second (and final) Donald Trump vs. Joe Biden presidential debate earned only 63 million total viewers across 15 networks, which is 10.1 million fewer viewers than their first debate,

The Greater Huntsville Chapter, The Links, Incorporated is teaming with the local nonprofit HudsonAlpha Institute for Biotechnology to host a FREE virtual event **October 29** at 6:30 p.m. We will discuss the Information Is Power initiative, which offers genetic cancer risk testing to men and women in North Alabama. REGISTER: www.greaterhuntsvillelink-sinc.org



which drew 73.1 million viewers. It also had fewer viewers than each of the 2016 presidential debates.

The Supreme Court will have a busy week, first welcoming its new Justice Amy Coney Barrett after she was approved as expected by the Senate on Monday, and then turning to 2 urgent appeals from the Republican Party in Pennsylvania and North Carolina seeking rulings from the court pertaining to the counting of mail-in election ballots.

The Pennsylvania GOP would like the court to rule on the merits of a state court ruling that allows ballots to be counted that are received up to three days after election day (last week the Supreme Court had allowed the 3-day rule to stand in response to a GOP request to put the ruling on hold – but now the GOP expects the addition of Justice Barrett to make a difference in how the court will rule).

In North Carolina, the GOP wants the court to block an extension of the deadline for absentee ballots for up to 9 days after the election.

On Wednesday at 10 am EDT, three giants of the tech world, Twitter's Jack Dorsey, Facebook's Mark Zuckerberg, and Alphabet/Google's Sundar Pichai, testified remotely

before the Senate Commerce Committee on the topic of whether social media platforms do enough to stop the spread of misinformation and whether the sweeping immunity granted by Section 230 of the Communications Decency Act enables "Big Tech bad behavior."

In related news, last

Thursday the Senate Judiciary Committee voted to subpoena Zuckerberg and Dorsey for a separate hearing to testify on their companies' alleged censorship of a New York Post story about emails allegedly found on Hunter Biden's laptop and other election-related content moderation policies.

Champion Game Plan for Life

by Preston Brown

"IRRESISTIBLE GRACE"

In Matthew 26:34, Jesus says to Peter: "Truly I tell you this very night, before the rooster crows, you will disown me three times."

Imagine for a moment that you knew all about the future. You knew when you would fail. You knew when something bad or catastrophic was going to happen. You even knew all about the "stock market." In other words, you knew which stocks were going to go up and the ones that would fall. Now, if we had all this knowledge, it would obviously affect the choices that we make. Having this kind of knowledge would help us make important decisions in our lives.

So consider this: God knows the future, and He

has a plan for our lives. Jeremiah 29:11 says, *I know the plans that I have for you says the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.*

God knows everything about us. He knows our shortcomings and failures, and yet He chooses us anyway. Remember, he chose Peter and David and Sampson and so many others that had their share of ups and downs. Now the reason I bring this up is because it looks like that God chooses failures. But God always knows the bigger picture. You see, I believe that God is not concerned about how



we start off in life. I believe that He is more concerned with How we finish. God chooses us because He loves us, and there

is nothing that we can do about it. It's called *irresistible grace* that He has freely given us. God has chosen all of us to be with Him throughout all eternity. So the only thing that we need to do is "choose Him back" and believe in His son ... Stay encouraged, my brothers and sisters, and make sure you purchase a copy of my book, "A Champion Game Plan for Life," at amazon.com.

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AAMU Black Tie Gala 2020 Goes Virtual November 13

In an effort to remain in compliance with the COVID-19-related social distancing regulations and to ensure the safety of our supporters, Alabama A&M University will host "A Virtual Roaring '20s Affair."

The Gala will be available via streaming on Friday, November 13, 2020, at 7 p.m. Instructions detailing access to the streamed event will be forwarded to all attendees prior to the premiere.

The Black Tie Scholarship Gala is AAMU's premiere fundraising event, and it is designed to support talented students who demonstrate a financial need. Of AAMU's 6,021 students, roughly 90% are in need of financial aid. Your support of this event will grant students an education and a future with possibilities.

Aside from supporting a very worthy cause,



virtual attendees can also anticipate electrifying performances featuring Grammy-nominated R&B group Dru Hill!

Individual tickets are \$80 and can be purchased by calling (256) 372-8344. Once ticket(s) have been purchased, an e-mail with additional access information will be forthcoming.

The Gala recognizes community leaders and organizations that have made a positive impact in their industries, as well as here at AAMU.

All proceeds will be used as scholarship dollars for deserving students at AAMU. For more info, contact blacktie@aamu.edu or call (256) 373-8344.

The Huntsville community mourned the death of Mayor Tommy Battle's wife and best friend, Eula Catherine Sammons Battle.

Eula was born in Huntsville, Ala., on Sept. 29, 1955, to Dr. Robert A. Sammons and his wife, Calvert Sammons. The second youngest of five children, Eula loved her hometown and joyfully spent her life giving back to her community.

A 1973 graduate of Huntsville High, Eula earned a degree in elementary education from Wesleyan College, and soon after graduation, began a successful 31-year career as a schoolteacher. After her first year of teaching in Conyers, Ga., Eula returned home to teach kindergarten in the Madison County School System. In 2000, she was named Madison County Teacher of the Year for her outstanding service and dedication.

Education remained a passion for Eula throughout her life. In 2010, when the state legislature severely cut the

education budget, eliminating a \$550 stipend for teachers to supply their classrooms, Eula took action. She co-founded Free 2 Teach, a non-profit that supplies free school materials for local teachers. Free 2 Teach has distributed more than \$7 million in supplies and materials to Huntsville-area teachers.

A devoted mother, Eula was exceptionally proud of her son, Drew, in whom she inspired her values of faith, responsibility, and service. She cherished being part of Drew's journey from son to husband and father and loved watching him parent his two young sons.



She was honored by the Women's Economic Development Council Foundation in 2014, received the DAR Founders Medal for Education in 2019, and received the 2020 Boy Scouts Whitney M. Young Community Service Award. In 2019 Athens State University established the Eula S. Battle education scholarship so she could have a hand in developing future teachers.

Eula is survived by her husband, Tommy Battle; their son, Drew Battle and his wife, Lauren; grandsons, George and Benjamin; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Huntsville Council Meetings

Huntsville City Council Regular Meetings are held in the City Council Chambers of the Municipal Building on the 2nd and

4th Thursday of each month at 5:30 p.m., Downtown Huntsville.

Watch the meetings live via HuntsvilleAL.gov/HSTV or on the City of Huntsville Facebook page (@huntsvillecity).

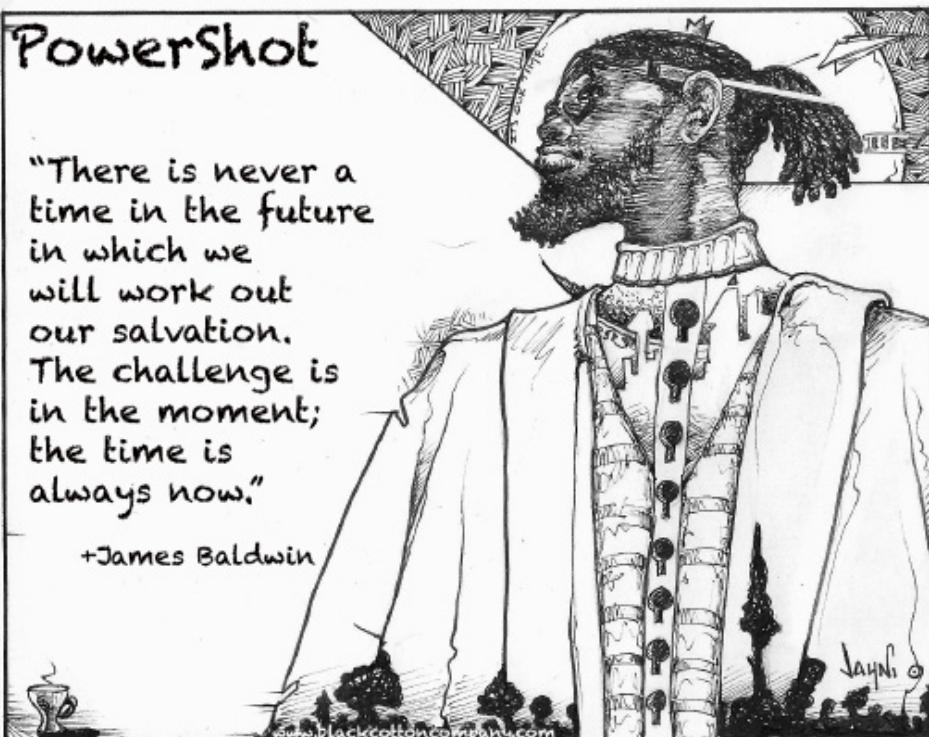
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PowerShot

"There is never a time in the future in which we will work out our salvation. The challenge is in the moment; the time is always now."

+James Baldwin



Huntsville Mourns Recent Death of Mayor's 'Best Friend'

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Tennessee Valley Calendar of Events

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October 31	11 a.m.	
Festive 5K Challenge Benefitting Early Works \$35/Race runsignup.com 10 a.m.-12 p.m.		
November 4-7	7 p.m.	
Virtual Oakwood Live 2020 Register Now! apply.oakwood.edu/portal/oulive Special Events for High School Junior and Seniors		
November 8		
Virtual Grand Opening The Department of Biological Sciences Oakwood University		
November 11		
Oakwood University Veterans Day Ceremony	12 p.m.	
11 a.m.		
November 13		
Alabama A&M University Black Tie Scholarship Gala Entertainment: Dru Hill Virtual		
10 a.m.-12 p.m.		
November 14		
"The Women of Alabama Exhibit: A Musical Journey, 1900s-2020s" The Cooper House 405 Randolph Avenue Huntsville, Ala. - 6-8 p.m.		
November 15		
Sunday Jazz Lunch Brunch at Stovehouse featuring Josh		
November 22		
Pre-Thanksgiving Service Rev. Tramaine Snodgrass Blackburn Chapel CPCA 507 Plummer Road, NW Huntsville, Ala.		
November 24		
Thanksgiving Food Basket Giveaway Oakwood University Church rear Parking Lot		
11a.m.		
November 23-27		
Thanksgiving Break		
December 18-20		
"Arnez J" Stand Up Live Huntsville		

Valley Deaths

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Graveside service for MR. MARVIN LASHON DERRICK (b. 1977) was held Sunday, October 25, at Valley View Memorial Gardens with Pastor Curtis Strong officiating.



Private memorial service for MS. LINDA F. STEWART (b. 1953) was held Saturday, October 24, at Lowes Chapel United Methodist Church.

Funeral service for MR. ROY CONLEY (b. 1947) was held Tuesday, October 20, in the Nelms Memorial Chapel with The Reverend Felix Chew officiating.

Graveside service for MRS. IRENE W. JORDAN (b. 1949) was held Sunday, October 18, at the Hambrick Cemetery.

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Graveside service for MRS. LILLIE MAE KEITH DUNCAN (b. 1929) was held Saturday, October 24, at Meadowlawn Garden of Peace (450 Mount Lebanon Road, Toney, Ala.) with Pastor Endia J. Scruggs officiating.

Graveside service for MR. DAVID LOUIS CARTWRIGHT, SR. (b. 1940) was held Friday, October 23, at Huntsville Memory Gardens (6810 University Drive NW, Huntsville, Ala.) with Pastor Larry Smith officiating.

Funeral service for MS. LILLIE P. WILLIAMS LLOYD (b. 1965) was held Friday, October 23, at the Royal Chapel of Memories (4315 Oakwood Avenue NW, Huntsville, Ala.) with Elder Nate Alexander officiating.

Public viewing for MS. TARRA KEO CRENSHAW SMITH (b. 2002) was held Thursday, October 22, at the Royal Funeral Home.

Funeral service for MOTHER MAE WILLIE YARBROUGH (b. 1930) was held Thursday, October 22, at the Round Island Mission Center (13829 Lucas Ferry Road Athens, Ala.) with Pastor Larry Lockett officiating.

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Arrangements for MINISTER BARBARA CAMERON (b. 1958) will be announced at a later date.



Mr. Wiley Henderson

Wiley Joseph Henderson was born in Clarke County, Alabama.



He is a distinguished graduate, long-time employee and retiree of Alabama A&M

University. He participated in further studies at the University of Alabama at Birmingham, University of Alabama in Huntsville, Auburn University, University of Tennessee and Central State University.

Upon moving to Huntsville, Henderson and his family became affiliated with the NAACP, Alabama Democratic Conference, and First Missionary Baptist Church. He served as a board member for the Child Development Center at First Missionary Baptist Church, and as an advisor for the Fellowship of University Students. He participated in the Congregational Care and Keenage Ministries.

Over the years his students nominated him for Who's Who Among American Teachers four times.

Henderson's gardening skills gave him the unique opportunity to share an abundance of fresh vegetables with friends, co-workers and needy families. The benefactors often requested and enjoyed his "green tomatoes." Others appreciated his fresh cucumbers, squash and peppers.

Finally, Henderson often describes himself as "a servant to all mankind," and his actions fulfill this declaration.



Perspectives on
God Views
+
Current News
by tim allston

Forecasting: When, why will Trump lose his re-election bid?

"Share each other's burdens, and in this way obey the law of Christ. If you think you are too important to help someone, you are only fooling yourself. You are not that important."

- Galatians 6:2 NLT.

Here, the Apostle Paul stressed showing empathy to fellow countrymen. To learn from one's own pain and suffering should be a humbling blessing from God.

President Trump has not learned from his (alleged) October 3rd COVID-19 hospitalization to empathize and share fellow Americans' C-19 burden.

This missed opportunity will more than anything else kill his re-election bid.



"A Blessing from God" - Really?

Trump declared his experience as "a blessing from God," and I "learned a lot."

Yes, God weighs and customizes each trial that He allows, to teach us valuable lessons. Trump's learning is not evidenced, yet.

Given his platform, he could've championed the millions of fellow Americans still suffering - either as C-19 victims' relatives, healthcare providers or associates.

And rather than be Comforter-in-Chief, he chooses to devalue the ordeal, distancing himself even further from them and their pain.

However and more recently, there has been a better example - that is, the way we saw it.

"The Way We Saw It (Presidential Leadership)"

"The Way I See It" documentary, <https://bit.ly/37xeNwA> featured President Obama's visit with families victimized by the 2012 Sandy Hook Elementary School massacre.

Victimized father David Wheeler offered, "There's no substitute for empathy, a foundational relationship between human beings. And to know that the guy who's running the show cares enough not (just) to come and visit, but to let you know that he cares about you, . . . your wife, . . . your nine-year old kid.

"We are so good at dismissing the people that we elect to serve us; we're so good at turning them into things that aren't people. And we have to be very careful about that.

"Because when we do that, then you get the elected officials you deserve."

Election Day should be proof.

tim allston is the author of the printed/digital/audiobook, *The U.S. Coronavirus Crisis and the Rise of the "Silver-Metal" Leaders*, available now at <https://amzn.to/3cx1koV>.



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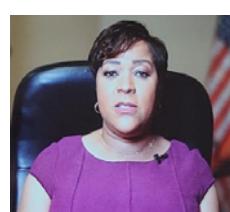
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Scenes from the Kimberly Fail Jones Foundation 10th Annual Virtual Celebration October 2020



The Kimberly Fails Jones Foundation, Inc. was initiated by Kimberly Fails Jones, a young breast cancer patient and two-year survivor who inspired many breast cancer patients and survivors while enduring her own journey of breast cancer. Today, Kimberly's parents, William and Edna Fails, continue her work through the Kimberly Fails Jones Memorial Foundation.

The KFJ Memorial Foundation, Inc., is a 501(c)(3) organization. Its mission is to provide assistance and support to breast cancer patients who are in financial need. It also emphasizes cancer prevention through the dissemination of literature and brochures, programs, and workshops. Each year KFJ strives to instill a spirit of hope and triumph in the community by hosting an annual celebration to recognize the victory of survivors who have overcome the challenges of breast cancer.

As a non-profit organization, KFJ promotes the general social, benevolent and charitable works of the corporation and conducts fund-raising activities for distribution of proceeds to The Kimberly Fails Jones Foundation, Inc. and community projects. KFJ is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, and scientific purposes.



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 **Annual Kimberly Fails Jones Breast Cancer Walk**

Saturday, October 31, 2020
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OP-ED: District 6 Deserves Consistent Leadership

In October 2017, the Madison County District 6 Commissioner died unexpectedly. Governor Kay Ivey, a Republican, appointed JesHenry F. Malone, a life-long Democrat, as the successor. She was under no legal obligation to appoint someone of the same party as the deceased commissioner; but she chose to do the right thing and appoint someone who shared the same values as the commissioner the community had re-elected in 2016. No one plans to die, especially not a politician. However, Governor Ivey demonstrated to me and others that she put the interest of the local community above her political gain. She could have appointed someone from her own Republican party to

succeed our commissioner following his untimely demise. I am certain that the Madison County Republican Committee would have enjoyed adding another elected (appointed) official to their ranks. I am also sure that Governor Ivey received some push back for appointing a life-long Democrat to this vacancy.

Since he assumed office in March 2018, I have watched Commissioner Malone as he learned and maneuvered the ropes of our County Commission. He has done well. Commissioner Malone has delivered for District 6. His leadership style does differ from our former commissioner, but he is a strong and effective leader. Our former commissioner championed social service-related

initiatives and programs, and while those are good efforts, that is not the role of a county commissioner in Alabama. Although Commissioner Malone has retained some of the programs established by our former commissioner and expanded others, he has focused in on the primary functions of this governmental role that has yielded some of the best results for District 6. There are new garbage trucks, buses and freshly paved roads in our community. I hadn't seen some streets in District 6 paved since I was a child – it was long overdue. His relationship with the city helped to ensure the city roads within our district were also paved.

In my opinion, Commissioner Malone's single best

accomplishment is the new Madison County Service Center being built on the Parkway at Oakwood Avenue. This \$12M dollar facility is the first new economic development project in North Huntsville that I have seen since the Toyota Plant opened. This is why I am disheartened that our community has not appreciated the full value of Commissioner Malone's efforts.

This is not the time to make a change in our leadership. Commissioner Malone is making strong strides to advance our community. He is working well with our commission and we are starting to see that fruit here in District 6. Can you recall what substantive projects and programs, not social services, that our previous

two commissioners gave us? A community garden is nice, but I can buy my own vegetables. I need a freshly paved road and a safe bridge to drive on to get around the community.

I have watched this entire situation surrounding this Confederate Monument at the Madison County Courthouse. The monument didn't just appear following the death of George Floyd; it has been there! While I applaud the efforts of some of the local black politicians and community activists, where have you been!? Calling for the removal of a monument in the height of civil tensions is just mere political gain. However, Commissioner Malone stood outside the courthouse and during commission meeting and told us

that he would work to get that monument removed. Collectively with the entire commission, the owners of the monument, Commissioner Malone convinced his fellow commissioners to join him in removing the confederate monument from our courthouse. Our previous two commissioners didn't even try to remove it, and we re-elected them. Commissioner Malone led the efforts to get it done and now we want to change commissioners? We need consistent leadership in District 6. Join me on November 3rd and write-in and bubble Jes Malone. We still need him in District 6.

Lifelong District 6 Resident,
John L. Johnson

Write in on Nov. 3rd Jes Malone

- Built and paved the first roads in 20 years
- Purchased AAMU Campus Tornado Siren
- Over \$100,000 contributed to district schools and Non-profits
- Automated trash pickup
- \$12 million County Service center to District 6

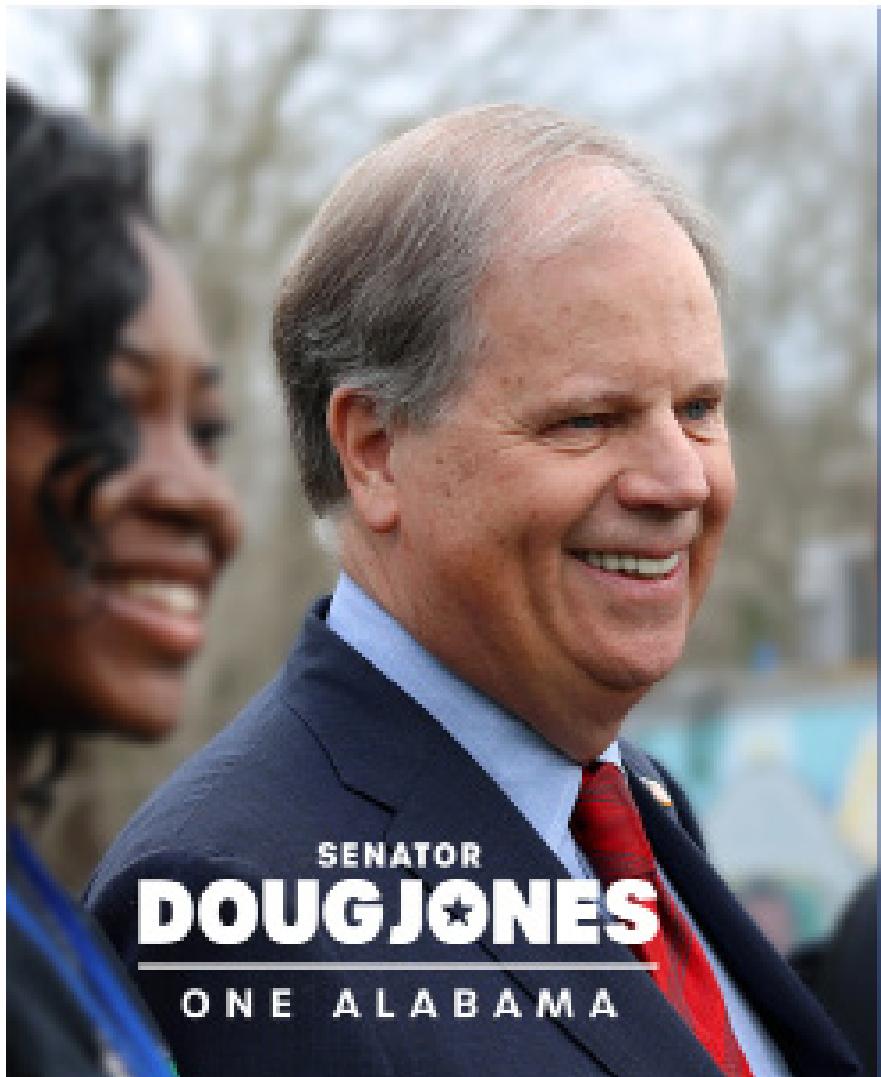


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