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Pastor Adanandus—taking care of business at the Jockey Club and Greater Shiloh

BY LINDA CRAWFORD

Iva Smith, owner of the Historic Jockey Club Barber Shop on Elm in Waco, has seen people come and she's seen them go. But Pastor Miles Adanandus is one person she feels blessed to still have in her midst. "The last five years I have seen this Godly man, my friend, and I've watched his commitment to excellence and serving others."

Smith said God gave them (Jockey Club staff) "a ram in the bush" when He sent them Adanandus. He is always giving someone an encouraging word or meeting the needs of the community, she continued. According to Smith, Adanandus is not the typical employee who does just what is expected of him. "You will find him cleaning the bathroom, mowing the yard, sweeping up the shop, and setting out the trash on Mondays. Noth-



KRISTIE & MILES ADANANDUS

ing is too big or too small for him to do."

She credits him for being the reason she felt safe about getting the COVID-19 vaccine. Adanandus became the example for everyone, getting the vaccine himself and encouraging everyone without pressuring them. "And when bar-

ber shops were allowed to reopen," she added, "he came back, assisted in sanitizing the shop, provided masks, and started providing his service by appointments only, ensuring safety and social distancing." Adanandus is known for his humble spirit and big smile. According to Smith, the atmosphere at work is pleasant and family oriented because of Adanandus' "quiet and humble spirit," and his gospel music continuously playing in the background.

Carlton Stimpson, (Mr. C, the Barber), pastor and founder of Open Door Church of God in Christ in Waco, echoes similar sentiments. "I had the privilege of working alongside Miles at the legendary Jockey Club for four years. I found him to have every quality a true Man of God should

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Tell me...who doesn't know Alfred Solano?

BY LINDA CRAWFORD

You know those people who seem to know everybody, right? Alfred Solano is one of those people. You have a fantastic idea and you want to introduce it to key people who can make it happen. Call Alfred Solano. You need to meet people who can help you finish up a major project. No problem. Call Alfred Solano. You simply want to meet certain leaders in the community, but you have no idea where to start. You guessed it. Call Alfred Solano. Even if you need a good restaurant recommendation, just call Alfred Solano.

And think about it. How could he not know everybody? It seems that no organization is too large or too small for him to dedicate his time. His community activities are numerous and exceptionally diverse, like serving as Chairman of the Board for Prosper Waco and Waco Family Medicine. Ferrell Foster who is Acting Executive Director of Act Locally Waco and Senior Specialist for Care & Communication of Prosper Waco, met Solano through his service on the Prosper Waco Board of Directors.

"Later," explained Foster, "another local Hispanic leader invited me to a monthly luncheon at the Hispanic Chamber. Alfred called later to thank me for coming to the luncheon and said I was always welcome. As a White male in a new place, it meant a lot to me to be welcomed into



ALFRED SOLANO

a relationship with my Hispanic neighbors, who are so important to the life and vitality of Waco. Alfred is that kind of man; he is always drawing people into purposeful relationships with one another."

Others with Prosper Waco have similar things to say about Solano. Dexter Hall, Chief of Staff and Senior Content Specialist for Financial Security with Prosper Waco, comes in contact with a lot of people. He knows those who are "for you," and he knows those "who are not." He calls Solano "selfless in his giving."

His co-worker agrees. "Alfred is an engaging and caring leader in our community who thinks of others each and every day," added Hermann Pereira, Chief Program Officer at Prosper Waco.

"He is dedicated to growing and investing the next batch of leaders in our community. Alfred is passionate about equity in our

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Shaniqua Thomas celebrates 8 years in unisex boutique

BY W.B. GUNTER

Unlike many clothing stores, being able to connect with a clothing stylist helps guide clients towards the image they'd like to present for a particular occasion. That can take time and is based on individual needs. As people are returning to careers in person, some careers, different from what they had before, a wardrobe update may be necessary. Over the course of time, sizes change. In some cases, the entire wardrobe will need a make-over. Dressing professionally and appropriately for virtual meetings, whether court dates, appointments, or interviews, the same level of care should be present-



SHANIQUA THOMAS

ed for online interactions as face to face meetings, and people

should keep in mind that some of online meetings are recorded indefinitely.

As a woman in business, Shaniqua Thomas recognizes how one outfit may have to serve several purposes. She explains, "I am a first time mom, a manager in the music industry, a host of empowerment sessions, and sometimes a traveler, particularly for a Miami Styluz Connect event. Our boutique does runway events." When clients contact Thomas, she listens and figures out what articles of clothing they need for the comfort level of the events.

Thomas, owner of Styluz Up-

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A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR...

Get published in our August Issue of the Anchor News

August is our traditional anniversary and education issue. Celebrating 19 years in the community with our education issue, this Back to School issue spotlights students, educators, administrators, staff, educational events, institutions, etc. The deadline to submit a 250-300 word article on a person of accomplishment or news worthy

educational event, institution, organization, etc. is August 1st. So come on! Send us your clear, JPEG headshot and a typed article (Word document) via email to theanchornews@aol.com. We will do our best to include every profile that we receive, and who knows? Your submission might be one of our cover stories.

Lasting Memories of Dr. A. Marcus Nelson

BY JOCELYN PIERCE

The reminiscences of Dr. A. Marcus Nelson, the first African American Superintendent of Waco ISD, will linger for years to come in Waco and its surrounding communities. During the two years he served as the innovative, charismatic, enthusiastic, knowledgeable leader at the helm of Waco Independent School District, he made a tremendous impact in his approach and expectations of students, teachers, community leaders and citizens. It was quite evident that as Superintendent, Dr. Nelson initiated productive progress and significant strides to get the progress started and moving in the right direction.

We will always remember his larger-than-life personality, jovial spirit, friendly smile accompanied by his incredibly determined mindset to exemplify that "Hard work pays off!" Under his leadership, Waco ISD forged ahead and excelled in many ways. In

his absence, his influence remains.

The last two years of Dr. Nelson's stay in Waco were soul searching times, and every conversation we shared was summarized with thoughts that he had only wanted to help others; he only wanted to make a difference, and he desired to be a good husband, dad, son and brother. I believe he learned from his mistakes and wanted to have a chance to prove it, and as he often shared, "...to make things right." Equally important was wanting to do what he loved, which was to educate and be a role model for his sons and future generations to make this world better.

There are so many things



DR. MARCUS NELSON

March 25, 1972 - May 15, 2021

that we will remember about Dr. Marcus, but the ones that stand out the most are first, his love for life and mankind.

He never met a stranger and always brought life and humor to any situation. Second, he believed in fairness and wanted everyone to be treated equally and often acted as a cheerleader for anyone who needed validation. No one felt inadequate in his presence. Next, Dr. Nelson taught from the heart and often shared his own experiences to display his commonalities and similarities, which paralleled his life with the lives of others. Last, but not least, Dr. Marcus Nelson searched for GREATER and was never satisfied with less when greater was an option. This was evidenced by

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Juneteenth—"Free at Last!"

BY DR. PEACHES HENRY

I grew up in Palestine, about two hours due east of Waco, where Juneteenth was a huge holiday in the Black community and in my family as well. Abraham Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation became effective on January 1, 1863, declaring "that all enslaved persons in the Confederate States of American rebellion and not in Union hands were freed." Yet, it was not until two years later, July 19, 1865 that enslaved people in Texas heard the news of their freedom in Galveston, Texas. One year later, the first Juneteenth or Jubilee Day was celebrated. Celebrations continue in Texas and across the nation.



DR. PEACHES HENRY

From my earliest days, I remember my family celebrating Juneteenth with a huge family celebration. The birthdays of a great aunt and great uncle sandwiched the holiday falling on June 18 and June 20. For years, I thought it was so great

that the whole county celebrated Aunt Lila's and Uncle Monroe's birthdays. My extended family on my mama's side would head out to the country home of Aunt Lila and Uncle Monroe on Juneteenth. Kinfolk from the big cities of Dallas, Ft. Worth, and Houston drove in. Grownup cousins who had moved away from Palestine came back to show off their sophistication. The men would stay up all night barbecuing briskets, ribs, links, and chicken. The women would bring homemade pound cakes, teacakes, sweet potato pies, and peach cobbles along with fried chicken,

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JUNETEENTH: On the banks of Galveston Bay—the full story

BY PAT MILLER, MCLENNAN COUNTY COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT 2

Juneteenth recognizes one of the most significant turning points in American history. It is the most popular celebration of African American emancipation in the United States. It commemorates June 19, 1865, the day Major General Gordon Granger, of the Union Army, accompanied by approximately 1,800 federal troops, arrived in Galveston, Texas. General Granger's orders were to take over the state and enforce Abraham Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation from 1863.

President Lincoln's proclamation declared "that all persons held as slaves" within the rebellious states "are, and henceforward shall be free." However, enslaved people were not set free by Lincoln's proclamation. Issued during the Civil War, the proclamation was ignored by Confederate states. Since few major battles had been waged in Texas, many slave owners from other states fled there with their slaves, seeking protection of their human property, thus Texas represented slavery's last stand in the South. However, on April 9, 1865, Confederate General Robert E. Lee surrendered to General Ulysses S. Grant at the Appomattox Court House in Virginia officially ending the Civil War. And, on June 19, 1865, two months after the end of the Civil War, and two years and six months after the Emancipation Proclamation was declared, Major General Granger, notified Texans of the Civil War's end, enforced President Lincoln's proclamation, and informed the roughly 250,000 enslaved people of their freedom. On the banks of Galveston Bay, General Granger issued General Order No. 3, "The people are informed that in accordance with a Proclamation from the Executive of the United States, all slaves are free. This involves an absolute equality of personal rights and rights of property, between former masters and slaves, and the connection heretofore existing between them, become that between employer and hired labor." The long delayed news was

received with celebratory relief and joy. These quarter million enslaved people represented the last in the country to be told of their emancipation, giving Juneteenth its unique significance. Slavery was finally abolished in the United States with the passage and ratification of the 13th Amendment on December 6, 1865, eight months after the assassination of President Lincoln. One year after slaves in Texas were declared free by Granger's military order, the first Juneteenth celebration was held. The celebration name is a combination of "June" and "nineteenth" in honor of the date of Granger's announcement and first appeared around 1903. The "Jubilee Day" celebration on June 19th is also known as African American Freedom Day or Emancipation Day. As the years passed and African American people migrated in and out of Texas, the tradition spread. In 1979, Texas became the first state to make Juneteenth an official holiday. On June 18, 2021, President Joseph R. Biden Jr. wrote, "June 19, 1865 — nearly nine decades after our Nation's founding, and more than 2 years after President Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation — enslaved Americans in Galveston, Texas, finally received word that they were free from bondage. As those who were formerly enslaved were recognized for the first time as citizens, Black Americans came to commemorate Juneteenth with celebrations across the country, building new lives and a new tradition that we honor today. In its celebration of freedom, Juneteenth is a day that should be recognized by all Americans. And that is why I am proud to have consecrated Juneteenth as our newest national holiday." Besides becoming the newest federal holiday, Juneteenth is acknowledged in 49 states and the District of Columbia. Rev. Ronald V. Meyers, Chairman of the National Juneteenth Observance Foundation says, Juneteenth is, "a time of celebration but also a time of reflection and healing, and hopefully, a time for the country to come together and deal with its slave legacy." I believe it is also an



COMMISSIONER PAT MILLER

opportunity for 'teachable moments.'

This year, beginning on Saturday, June 5, McLennan County began its commemoration of the 156th Juneteenth Holiday. A holiday born on Galveston Bay, off the shores of the Gulf of Mexico, was celebrated on the Banks of the Brazos. True to the spirit of the holiday, there were Gospel Concerts, Hip Hop entertainers, and food, food, food — hats off to the 94.5 FM-The Beat Team and Ed Graham. Emphasized to our young people were the ideas of self-pride, self-respect,

and self-worth — hats off to Leta Carlisle and Delissa Griffin for organizing the Lil Miss Juneteenth Pageant. According to these ladies, the pageant was to "promote beauty, to not just wear a crown but to be bold, Black, and beautiful." And they all were — congratulations ladies. Hats off to Ashley Stone (Footprintz Dance Company) and all of the organizers of the Mr. & Miss Juneteenth Scholarship Pageant. Congratulations Mr. Juneteenth, Daylen Sauls and Miss Juneteenth, Kiarha Slay. John Bible, Rachel Pate and the officers and members of the Cen-Tex African American Chamber surpassed any previous parades with this year's event. In the early years of the celebrations, African Americans struggled to raise money to pay for celebration spaces. This year, the city of Waco raised the official Juneteenth Flag outside of City Hall. In 1865, former bondsmen were there for each other — keeping themselves and their families safe. This year understanding that I am my brother's keeper, Dr. Peaches Henry and the Waco NAACP in partnership with the Waco-McLennan County Public Health District offered a free COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic, along with food,

music, and fun in the park. We honored current trailblazers. There were vendor fairs, community clean-up events, and a comedy show. Thank you to Christi Evans & Christi Consulting, The New Black Collective, Only Believe Parties & Play Center, Rogue Media Network, and the Parents Against Crime Coalition, Bettie V. Beard and her committee in partnership with the Baylor Club.

Given the current climate across our country, I was proud to be part of a community that not only acknowledged our cultural diversity but embraced it and the story of Juneteenth. Respect for one another is born as we learn the stories of one another. African American History is American History and each year as our celebrations and opportunities for teaching grow, our respect for one another and our community will grow.

According to Ashley Stone, "This year's Juneteenth Celebration was phenomenal! There was an event for everyone. The community pulled together to celebrate 'us.' And, we enjoyed a weekend full of love, peace, unity, and Black Excellence!" Yes, we did Ashley! Yes, we did McLennan County!

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Killeen's best: the creative side of Phyllis Jones

BY W.B. GUNTER

One of the features during the final day of the three-day Juneteenth festival in Killeen and Harker Heights, included a museum. The museum included a table to honor ancestors, the Buffalo Soldiers, the Black press, and a beautiful quilt by Phyllis Jones. Jones gets more recognition for her dedicated and tireless service to the community and her affiliation with NAACP as the State Education Chair. With all of the endless activities and support, Jones presented an outstanding example of fabric art in the form of a quilt to exhibit at the 2021 Juneteenth Museum.

The Juneteenth Museum was the second time the quilt has been part of a public exhibit. The first time was for Juneteenth 2019. Quilting is a rare labor of love, as Jones will explain. "When I started making African clothes, I don't know who was speak-

ing to me, but something said cut those squares. I had no idea what I was doing but I put the square remnants away in a bag for about two years. They remained in the bag. Then, two years later, I was reading a story about a quilt. The story was in a book for kids that I picked up and started reading. I went to my sewing room, placed the squares on a floor, and played around with different placements and sizes for a day. I placed the pieces in the shape of a bed sized quilt. I had no clue how to sew a quilt but I knew I needed a sewing machine that could do the job."

Jones continued listening to that tap on her shoulder, when she realized her quilt would also require a backing. Continuing on, Jones says, "I had some quilts I was going to get rid of and I thought they would be a perfect backing for the quilt I was making. So, I cut off two rows to stitch and make the backing."



PHYLLIS JONES PRESENTS FABRIC ART, A QUILT, AT THE KILLEEN/HARKER HEIGHTS JUNETEENTH MUSEUM

Once the quilt was completed, it wasn't very long before Jones became aware of how special the quilt was, not only to her, but to others who saw and adored it. She recalled, "I threw it over my bed and it was beautiful. I then decided to put it on a chair. A friend, who was visiting informed me

that the shapes were symbolic of the word, 'teacher.'" How did Jones know the direction to place the symbol for a language she didn't speak? Jones answered, "I didn't know. I was simply putting squares together. Look, I was happy not to have offended any of the ancestors. I was only looking at the squares and trying to see if there were enough for a queen sized bed. The placement of squares and the order was ancestral time."

Again, another friend was visiting Jones. Seeing the quilt on the chair, Jones's friend asked if anyone was allowed to sit in the chair now that the quilt occupied the space. "I folded it and my friend told me to put it away because no one can sit or use a seat occupied by a quilt. Once my friend left, I decided the quilt should be a part of history because for centuries, quilts were used to deliver messages. I realized that for me, the quilt represented all of my years sewing clothing with African fabrics. When I display it and people realize I made it, they tell me what it's saying. No two people see the same thing."

Interpretations are as individual as the viewers. Jones elaborates, "It speaks to everyone differently. I've come to the realization that the quilt speaks different languages in frequencies or an energy the viewer understands. I accept whatever an onlooker says the quilt represents." On one particular occasion, Jones recalled thinking a piece on the quilt "needed to be fixed." She told someone who is knowledgeable about quilts and let her know that she would fix it. The lady hit her hand and said, "No," explaining that the piece she thought needed to be fixed represents someone who went the wrong way. "She concluded that I can't fix it. According to her, I just have to accept it."

Tradition has it that all African quilts have a story, including the one who went the wrong way. Harriet Tubman freed slaves. There was one who went the wrong way and tried to return, so to preserve the lives of everyone else, that one had to be sacrificed. The panel on the quilt that's out of place represents the one who went the wrong way. On many quilts, there is one panel where that one is represented

on the quilt.

Though people have asked Jones to make another quilt, she declared that it isn't easy. When she was collecting squares, making a quilt that was not her intent. She believes she was being obedient. Jones is convinced that the history of a quilt cannot be duplicated. "I would say that's impossible. Some of the places where I purchased the fabric no longer even exists, and some of the fabrics, I just can't find."

Jones finished the quilt 8 years ago. Two years ago, she exhibited the quilt. Quilts are supposed to be draped over. They should be stored in cotton or all natural fabrics, not plastic or synthetics. Needless to say, this quilt has certainly placed Jones on an unexpected journey. It continues to move others. Jones says the quilt's presence has encouraged her granddaughter to dive deep into her heritage.

"My granddaughter has begun researching and taking a closer look at the information she's been taught in school. In addition to researching and re-educating herself, for her graduation, my granddaughter designed and made her own wig. She wore a dress that she designed."

Jones believes people should not design a quilt with a pattern because patterns represent someone else's idea. Instead, Jones encourages people to research quilting techniques and practice the techniques, but, she says, "Quilt from your heart. Save fabric, cut it into squares and rectangles, store, collect it, and trade with others. Lay the squares on the floor to look at the size and positioning of pieces. Before you toss clothes in the trash, save the squares because those articles of clothing meant something to you. They represent something you or family members wore. Unless the quilt is used for a newborn baby, the quilt remains off of the floor."

The quilt will exhibit at the Afr'Am Caribbean Festival this summer. Jones is available for workshops, conversations, and seminars. For bookings please contact Phyllis Jones at (254) 702-2536. Also tune in to listen to Jones at 103.1 KISS FM Community Connections, at 6:00 AM on Sunday mornings.

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community and is someone who 'walks the walk' in every interaction he has."

If you tried to figure out Solano's main interests, that would be nearly impossible. He's like the wind; he is everywhere. Kim Patterson, Executive Director of the McLennan Community College Foundation and Institutional Advancement, used some of the exact words in her description of Solano. He loves pushing education, so he is on the board of the MCC Foundation.

"Alfred is a connector, always focusing on others and how he can help bring our community together. We often say, 'That guy is every-

where!' and it's true; he is very intentional about that. He inspires me to strive to do more and be even more engaged in our hometown."

Solano was raised in Waco and is a graduate of Texas State Technical College. After 35 years in business, he is now president and CEO of the Cen-Tex Hispanic Chamber of Commerce in Waco, Texas, a role he has held for three years. In the time under his leadership, the CTHCC has been recognized as the Small Chamber of the Year 2019 by the Texas State Association and Texas Association of Mexican American Chambers (TAMACC). For Solano, serving on the CTHCC

board for many years opened doors to many opportunities, shaping his "passion for engaging businesses with the non-profit sector," says Solano.

He's a board member of several other organizations too—the Hillcrest Health System, which is totally different from StartUp Waco, where he is also on the board. If you want to keep up with local happenings in Waco, call Solano. He's a board member with Act Locally Waco, KWBU and Heart of Texas Economic Development District, Inc. I am pretty sure the list goes on.

But if you just need a friend, someone to talk to, you can also call Solano. He'll serve in that role as well. We think, however, that Hall says it best.

"In a world where everyone is striving to be Number 1 and on the 'A' team, Alfred Solano is a devout communitarian giver that pushes and pulls everyone forward... [exemplifying] that to be humane is to be a great human being."

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turnip and collard greens, potato salad, pinto beans, homemade biscuits, and cornbread. Red cream soda and whatever it was that the menfolk had in those brown paper bags out by the pit were the drinks of choice. The children would go out into the watermelon patch using the “thump” technique to select the ripest and sweetest melons possible. And of course, there was a chocolate birthday cake to mark the birthdays of Aunt Lila and Uncle Monroe. There was always a prayer—over the food, over the family, over the children.

The family spent the day visiting and catching up on everyone’s lives. The great-great aunts, great-aunts, and regular aunts made the kids’ lives a misery with sloppy, loving kisses and mushy bosom hugs that we endured, because they were followed by nickels and dimes pulled from the knotted corners of handkerchiefs. Kids roamed the still working farm riding the old horse who pulled my uncle’s plow, bothering the chickens in the coup looking for eggs to collect, hiking into the nearby woods, playing baseball with rocks for bases, and grabbing a chicken leg here or a slice of melon there. My big mama

and her sister, the birthday girl, circled up under a shade tree (there was no air-conditioning on the farm) with their daughters my mama, her sisters and first and second cousins and traded family gossip (warning us kids away from listening to “grown folk” talk with looks that could freeze Kool-Aid.) The men gathered under a different shade tree to play dominoes—loud, table hitting, trash-talking dominoes. I thrilled to witness these matches and was delighted when I was given the job of keeping score. I sat between my two favorite uncles (who I learned as an adult were not uncles but second cousins) and kept score like I was scorekeeper for the World Series.

At the end of the day, parents gathered up tired children, wiped as much dirt and food off them as possible, kissed everyone goodbye, and promised to see everyone next Juneteenth (“if the Lord say the same”). On the twenty-minute trip back to town (after all Palestine was the county seat), we three kids would fall asleep to my parents rehashing all the family gossip my mama had collected. Year after year, I grew up to the pre-

dictable rhythms of these Juneteenth celebrations.

Imagine my surprise when I arrived at the University of Texas at Austin to discover that my mostly white classmates had no idea what Juneteenth was or what it celebrated and commemorated. I considered their ignorance their loss and returned to Palestine throughout my undergrad years to celebrate Juneteenth at Aunt Lila’s and Uncle Monroe’s farm. I was more forgiving of my grad school classmates. After all, they were northerners and not expected to understand Texas culture. I patiently explained Juneteenth to them and invited them to celebrate with me in Central Park.

Somewhere along the way, Juneteenth became a national holiday with African Americans around the country celebrating the day possibly as a result of transplanted Texans marking it. Even communities whose celebrations have diminished over the decades have been revived. The holiday is now marked with picnics, parades, service projects, and Ms./Mr. Juneteenth pageants. In 2020, Juneteenth was observed with protests for social justice. Wacoans have

been celebrating Juneteenth for decades and have revived the holiday in recent years with participation in events steadily increasing. A measure of the holiday’s new status is evident in a feature story on Juneteenth pageants in the The New York Times (<https://www.nytimes.com/2021/06/14/style/juneteenth-pageants.html?action=click&module=Top%20Stories&pgtype=Homepage>). The 2020 film, “Miss Juneteenth” directed by Channing Godfrey Peoples is being re-released in theaters this week. And wonder of wonders, both the United States Senate and the House of Representatives passed legislation making Juneteenth a national holiday; the bill heads to President Biden’s desk to be signed into law in time for Juneteenth on

Saturday. At the local level, City Councilwoman Andrea Barefield is working on making Juneteenth a legal city holiday.

Juneteenth gives us a moment to reflect on our ability as a country to course correct as we move toward the promise enshrined in the document of our other Freedom Day that all people “are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.” Let us celebrate!

Peaches Henry is the president of the Waco NAACP and an English professor at McLennan Community College. She is the proud mother of Corey Henry who is practicing law in New York. She is currently training her two-year old Juneteenth-born Black lab Samson.

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Tips and trends for homeowners, buyers and sellers: Home Office Décor

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As more people are transitioning to working from home in some capacity, the need for a well-designed home office is paramount. Having a space where you feel comfortable and motivated will lead to increased productivity and happiness. To create the perfect home office space, consider the following tips.

Embrace Your Windows. You may be tempted to place your desk in the corner, but consider having it sit in front of the window, parallel to the panes. This allows you to have the benefit of natural light when working, providing a nice view of the outdoors to keep your mind clear.

Lamp Lighting. A table lamp is best when working during the darker hours of the day. Strictly using overhead lighting creates



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an uncomfortable work environment, so supplement with the softer light of a lamp.

Comfort is Key. Sitting upright at a desk may lead to fatigue, so every home office should have a place to get comfortable. Add a comfy chair or small sofa (with

an ottoman to kick your feet up) for a nontraditional workspace, helping spark creativity.

Go Green(ery). Adding plants or flowers to your workspace can increase your happiness and your willingness to spend time in your office. Consider populating the office with plants that don't need water every day, in case you prefer to disconnect from all things work-related on the weekends.

Smart Storage. Install magazine racks or wall shelves to declutter your space. Is your home office a converted guest bedroom? Add shelves and drawers to the closet space to decrease the need for storage in your main workspace.

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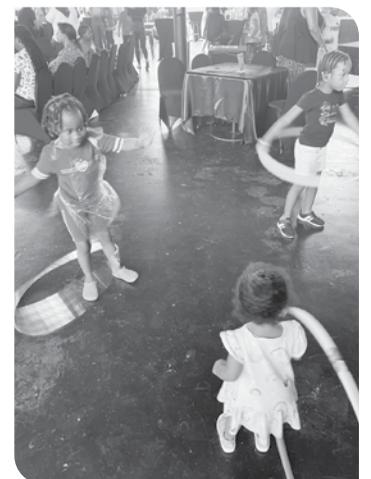
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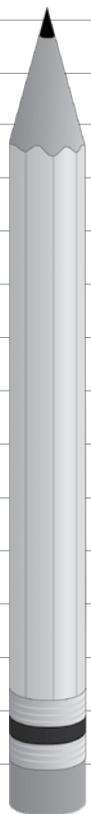


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August is our traditional anniversary and education issue. Celebrating 19 years in the community with our education issue, this Back to School issue spotlights students, educators, administrators, staff, educational events, institutions, etc.

The deadline to submit a 250-300 word article on a person of accomplishment or news worthy educational event, institution, organization, etc. is August 1st. So come on! Send us your clear, JPEG headshot and a typed article (Word document) via email to theanchornews@aol.com .

We will do our best to include every profile that we receive, and who knows? Your submission might be one of our cover stories.

ADANANDUS

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possess—dignity, integrity, honesty, and compassion for the people who entered the Jockey Club.”

Pastor of Waco’s Carver Park Church, Gaylon Foreman, calls Adanandus “an exceptional Man of God.” Foreman said he was blessed to serve as his pastor while he attended Carver Park. Declaring him a proven leader, Foreman described Adanandus as a Man of Excellence, one who was always willing to do whatever he could do to help, whether it was teaching, preaching or whatever needed to be done.

Today, that spirit of love, compassion, and excellence has led Adanandus to the appointment of being Greater Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church’s new pastor. LaTonia Curl, a long-time member at Greater Shiloh, recalled how sad the members were back in 2019 when they lost their pastor, Rev. James C. Snow. “It took us another year to come to terms with his death,” she said, speaking of the church members.

“Pastor Snow’s last message was titled, ‘Preparation.’ God prepared him to prepare us for our next phase in the life of our church.” Curl continued, “When God sent Pastor Miles and his lovely wife, First Lady Kristie Adanandus, I felt our spirits touch and agree. Ever since his feet hit the ground at Greater Shiloh, he has been diligently working, non-stop, to make our church awesome. We know he is God-sent.”

A 1982 graduate of Richfield High School, Adanandus received his license from Williams Barber College in Ft. Worth Texas, in 1996. After owning several shops in Waco, Texas and building his clientele, he now holds the barber chair of former Jockey Club owner, the late Ben Smith. Many are not aware that the Jockey Club and Adanandus go way back. Founded in 1910, the Jockey Club was originally located on Bridge Street, where Adanandus got his first haircut back in the 60’s, from the legendary Ben Smith,

then the family barber. Even though Adanandus loves what he does at the Jockey Club, ministry is his calling. He was a member of Carver Park for over 50 years. There is where he heard the call to minister, serve, and love on God’s people. For over a decade, he proudly served and trained under Foreman, but now Adanandus feels it is time for him to raise up oth-

ers under his leadership.

And while some pastors are uncertain or doubtful when one of their ministers says he has been called to shepherd his own flock, Foreman is confident that this is a God-Thing. “Greater Shiloh has been blessed with a gift from God. I have no doubt that they will do great things as the congregation follows Pastor Adanandus as he follows Christ.”

“January 1, 2021 was a new year and a new beginning for our church,” said Curl. “We don’t know what’s in the future, but it looks pretty bright with the Adanandus’s in it.”

Miles and Kristie have been married for 15 years. They have two children, Miles Jay and Darren. They also have two grandchildren, Hagan and Milan.

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From Chris Gonzales, Executive Director, McLennan Community Investment Fund

Hello to the Waco Small Business Community. McCIF is here for you!

My name is Chris Gonzales I am the Executive Director of the McLennan Community Investment Fund (McCIF). McCIF is an emerging CDFI Non-Profit Financial Institution. Our Mission is to provide access to capital and business consultation to small businesses in the Waco, Bellmead, Lacy Lakeview and Beverly Hills community. Our goal is to promote community and economic development.

I was the Branch Manager for Wells Fargo Bank at the Wooded Acres location in Waco, Texas from 2013 to 2021. I was with Wells Fargo a total of 14 years and worked in various roles within the organization. My tenure at Wells allowed me to recognize a need for small business loans for

business owners that do not quite meet the criteria to get a bank loan. I also realized that many small business owners run great businesses and sometimes need assistance with business finances.

McCIF was formed in January 2020 by a group of Waco Community Leaders committed to economic and community development. Staff Member Jane Allen, Associate Director, is a graduate of Baylor University and has 20 years of experience as a banker and 20 years in management at Texas Farm Bureau. Jane was also the first ever female Bank President in McLennan County.

The McCIF Board of Directors are Waco City Councilwoman Andrea Barfield, Alfred Solano, Tom Chase, and Board President Retired Justice Bill Vance. The McCIF Advisory



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Board Members are Advisory Board President John Kinnaird, Dexter Hall, Keshia Bridges Miller, John Alexander, Jo Welter and Fernando Arroyo.

The McCIF Staff and Leadership look forward to serving the McLennan County community and are excited to meet as many business owners as possible. We want to hear your story and help you. We know small business owners have been through so much in 2020 and 2021 but you have persevered and overcome. Press on and move forward! McCIF will be right there with you!

Sincerely,
Chris Gonzales
Executive Director
McLennan Community Investment Fund

Hola a la comunidad de pequeñas empresas de Waco. McCIF está aquí para usted!

Mi nombre es Chris Gonzales Soy el Director Ejecutivo del McLennan Community Investment Fund un CDFI emergente sin fines de lucro. Nuestra misión es proporcionar acceso a capital y asistencia técnica a pequeñas empresas en la comunidad de Waco, Bellmead, Lacy Lakeview y Beverly Hills.

Fui gerente de sucursal de Wells Fargo Bank en la ubicación de Wooded Acres en Waco, Texas, de 2013 a 2021. Estuve en Wells Fargo un total de 14 años y trabajé en varios roles dentro de la organización. Mi permanencia en Wells me permitió reconocer la necesidad de préstamos para pequeñas empresas para propietarios de negocios que no cumplen con los criterios para obtener un préstamo bancario. También me di cuenta de que muchos propietarios de pequeñas empresas dirigen grandes negocios y, a veces, necesitan ayuda con las finanzas comerciales.

McCIF se formó en enero de 2020 por un grupo de líderes comunitarios de Waco comprometidos con el desarrollo económico y comunitario. Jane Allen, miembro del personal, directora asociada, se graduó de la Universidad

de Baylor y tiene 20 años de experiencia como banquero y 20 años en administración en Texas Farm Bureau. Jane también fue la primera mujer presidenta de banco en el condado de McLennan en Lorena State Bank.

La Junta Directiva de McCIF son la concejala de la ciudad de Waco Andrea Barfield, Alfred Solano, Tom Chase y el Presidente de la Junta, el juez retirado Bill Vance. Los miembros de la Junta Asesora de McCIF son el Presidente de la Junta Asesora John Kinnaird, Dexter Hall, Keshia Bridges Miller, John Alexander, Jo Welter y Fernando Arroyo.

El personal y el liderazgo de McCIF esperan servir a la comunidad del Condado de McLennan y están entusiasmados de conocer a tantos propietarios de negocios como sea posible. Queremos escuchar tu historia y ayudarte. Sabemos que los propietarios de pequeñas empresas han pasado por muchas cosas en 2020 y 2021, pero ustedes han perseverado y superado. Sigue adelante y Avanza! McCIF estará allí con usted!

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57 million Americans have legal issues

SUBMITTED BY J.L. CRAWFORD, LEGALSHIELD, SENIOR MANAGER

The Legal Needs Of American Families Study (Legal Needs Study) shows that working Americans and their families face a myriad of legal issues on almost a daily basis.

The study shows that 57 million full-time working Americans experienced at least one significant legal event in the past 12 months, but only 60% of those who experienced such an event actually sought

out the services of a lawyer to help them.

The areas of greatest need identified in the survey include auto and traffic issues such

as traffic tickets and accidents, family issues such as adoption and divorce, and estate

planning concerns such as wills, trusts, and estate or inheritance management.

The Legal Needs Study also shows that legal problems know no economic boundaries.

All income levels experience legal issues or events at about the same rate - 66%.

Look at the list below (from



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<http://www.legalshield.com/top-25legalissues/>). If you are experiencing or have experienced or could experience one of the issues on the list, you need to give me a call, so I can help you "live more and worry less."

- Automobile accident
- Identity theft
- Execution of a contract
- Inherited property
- Secured a home mortgage/refinanced home
- Filed bankruptcy
- Divorce
- Friend who owes you money files for bankruptcy
- Speeding ticket or traffic violation
- Injured someone accidentally
- Prepared a will
- Leased a vehicle
- Marriage

- Challenged a will
- Leased an apartment or home or bought a time share
- Creditor taking legal action
- Set up a trust
- Adoption of a child/Child Support
- Became executor of parents' estate
- Property was damaged while in storage
- Was subpoenaed
- Dog bit someone
- Vehicle damaged while parked on street
- Sued by tenant

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his ability to find effective solutions that provided opportunities for students to grow in environments that were sometimes deemed substandard and ineffective.

Amid all that Marcus possessed, he also experienced struggles like we all do. He was not perfect, and neither are any of us. Through our imperfections, we learn so much about ourselves, and believe it or not, our imperfections define our purposes.

The death of Dr. A. Marcus

Nelson saddened so many in the cities of San Antonio and Georgetown, throughout the state of Texas and anywhere Marcus had an opportunity to share his wisdom and infectious distinctiveness. In a private funeral service, that hosted over 300 family, friends, and close associates, memories were shared of Marcus' influence and impeccable work ethics that are second to none. In his seemingly short life span of forty-nine years, Dr. A. Marcus Nelson fulfilled his purpose and has left a legacy to emulate.



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Is intermittent fasting for everybody?

BY JERRY SNIDER

As a health coach, I'm excited to offer a Health Q&A column for the readers of the Anchor News.

Hi Jerry, I'm hearing more and more about intermittent fasting as a lifestyle that could help me lose some weight. I'm not horribly overweight, but I know I have a few extra pounds. Is intermittent fasting something that is a short term fix or does it last a lifetime? And are there any negatives or side effects I need to be aware of?

Thanks, Jeff

Hi Jeff,

Intermittent fasting is by no means a new concept. It has been gaining in popularity simply because it does work well as a lifestyle for some people. The reason "some people" and not all people has more to do with how many calories you burn throughout the day and not so much to do with how my body is different from your body.

The idea is you only eat during a short period of time during the day, anywhere from 2 to 4 hours. It can be in the morning or afternoon. Let's say it's 2-4 pm. That's



JERRY SNIDER

the only time during each day that you eat actual food. You can still consume calories from liquids, such as juice, tea or coffee but no food unless it's between 2-4 pm.

The reason it may not work for some people is because they may not be able to consume the calories needed to match their energy output throughout the day in just two hours a day. If someone is overweight and has stored fat to burn, this can be an ideal way to transition the body towards burning fat. But for someone without excess fat to burn, it can be a slippery slope

to not consume enough calories simply because they want to follow the structure of intermittent fasting.

The other key piece to be aware of is what nutrients are being consumed and not just focusing on calories. Proper nutrition (whether fasting or not) is about nutrients and not calories. Many people who practice intermittent fasting should also be supplementing their diet with vitamins, minerals, and enzymes to make sure the body has everything it needs. Excess fatigue and unexplained cravings can be warning signs that you aren't getting the proper nutrients.

Done right, intermittent fasting can be a practice that lasts a lifetime. Done wrong and it can lead to health problems related to malnutrition. I always recommend easing into the practice of intermittent fasting so that you can respond when your body sends you any of those warning signals that the nutrients aren't correct.

Have a question for Jerry? Send it to jerry@allinhealthandwellness.com.

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RUBY MCCRAY

"Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one! You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength." Deuteronomy 6:4, 5

"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form, and void, and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters." Genesis 1:1, 2

We can plainly see that God, the Father and the Holy Spirit were in the beginning, because it says that the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. Yet, when Jesus, (God the Son), told His disciples that He would be going back to His Father, but would not leave them comfortless, He would send His Spirit [Ghost] back to be with them, He was talking about Himself. Think about it, a person and his/her ghost doesn't exist at the same time. The Spirit [Ghost] appears after the person dies. Right? Well, whose Spirit is it? Is it the

Spirit of God, or the Spirit of Jesus, or the Spirit of both?

"But now I go away to Him who sent Me, and none of you ask Me, 'Where are you going?' But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. Nevertheless, I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away the Helper, [the Holy Spirit], will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you. And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment; of sin because they do not believe in Me, of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more; judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.

"I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. However, when He, the Spirit of Truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth, for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you. All things that the Father has are



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Mine. Therefore, I said that He will take of Mine and declare it to you." John 16:5-15

"A little while, and you will not see Me; and again a little while, and you will see Me, because I go to the Father." "Then some of His disciples said among themselves, What is this that He says to us, 'A little while, and you will not see Me, and again a little while, and you will see Me; and because I go to the Father?' They said therefore, 'What is this that He says, 'A little while'? We do not know what He is saying.

"Now Jesus knew that they desired to ask Him, and He said to them, 'Are you inquiring among yourselves about what I said, A little while, and you will not see Me, and again a little while, and you will see Me? Most assuredly, I say to you that you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice; and you will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will be turned into joy. A woman, when she is in labor, has sorrow because her hour has come; but as soon as she has given birth to the child, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world. Therefore, you now have sorrow; but I will see you again and your heart will rejoice and your joy no one will take from you.

"And in that day you will ask Me nothing. Most assuredly, I say to you, whatever you ask the Father in My name He will give you. Until now you have asked nothing in My name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full." John 16:16-24

When Jesus was with the disciples, they had no need

for anything! Jesus was always somewhere taking care of all of their needs. He was healing even their relatives, casting out demons, cleansing the lepers, raising the dead, calming the troubled seas, walking on top of water, feeding thousands of men, not counting the women and children, with two small fish and five small barley loaves of bread. When everybody had eaten and was full, the disciples took up twelve baskets full of leftovers. You think that's something, He told Peter to go fishing, and the first fish he catches, open its mouth, take out two coins to pay their taxes. Wow!

Please join me in August as I continue this study. All Scripture is taken from the New King James Version of the Bible unless otherwise stated. You may not believe me...just what if I'm right!

Evangelist Ruby McCray is the founder of A City of Refuge Ministries. For questions or comments e-mail rubyacorm@yahoo.com or write to A City of Refuge Ministries, P. O. Box 2025, Waco, Texas 76703.

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BY MONA DUNKIN

Agreement vs. Appeasement

Have you ever been guilty of agreeing when you did not really agree only to be caught up in a conundrum? Then, because the non-agreement was not a contract – it was just a front to avoid the unpleasantness - you went on your merry way doing whatever you chose?

And it backfired on you? It damaged your credibility? It cast doubt on your ethics? It may have even done damage to the relationship? You were called to task for not acting on your pseudo-agreement? You found yourself stuck in excuses and rational-

ization and justification?

“Oh, what a tangled web we weave when we practice to deceive.” Sir Walter Scott

One may think that agreeing to appease makes things easier, but does it really? It may pacify for today, but what about tomorrow? Or next week? Or ten years down the road? Does mollifying place strain on the relationship? Is each non-truthful act another blow to the dividing wedge?

What will continued conciliating do for your health - physically, mentally, emo-



MONA DUNKIN

You do not like it. S/he does not like it. Although we absolutely cannot read another's mind, there is something mystical about knowingly/unknowingly discerning what is truth or lie.

You perceive legitimacy/falsehood in others. They perceive legitimacy/falsehood in you.

The current moment is attached to all your future moments. Make them ring true.

Think with the mind and know with the heart. Be proactive by deciding in advance how you will respond when the faithfulness of life and relationships presents this scenario again. Decide your truth beforehand, not for a canned or condescending reply, but for comfort and flow.

Sometimes a person will “agree” with an aggressor as a way of stopping communi-

cation. Take a moment to dialogue with yourself to find your truth; then verbalize it rather than deflect. If your agreement is not true, summons the courage to speak your truth in love. “I think I understand where you are coming from and I do not agree.” “It is alright with me if you _____ (fill-in-the-blank) and I choose not to be a part.”

Note that a simple “and” instead of a “but” softens a descending comment.

See the value in the relationship. As you work to repair the damage, respect will bloom again.

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tionally, and spiritually? Stuck is when you keep moving and it's time to be still. That rubbing movement causes friction that leads to provocation, the very thing your false agreement was trying to avoid. In a moment of stillness, consider the hard truth that no one likes to be pacified.

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Staycation in Waco with the grands

BY MARGARET IVORY

The Ivory Dream Team just left after being here for nearly two weeks. This is what we call our grandchildren. They are Pre-Tweens and Pre-Teens. First time, I heard of "Tweens" but technically that is what they are called now.

The scary question is what do you do with bigger kids for nearly two weeks? How do you keep them engaged so they won't get really bored with being with two senior citizen grandparents?

The first thing that I did before they came this year was to create an activity closet. It contains card games, board games, badminton, soccer balls, hoola hoops and kites. The items in the closet entertained them on rainy days inside and sunny days outside.

We did a few projects. One of the projects was to design original tees. They each drew their personalized designs on copier paper. At Michaels, I purchased their desired color tees and a packet of iron on sheets. I found out that my ink was empty in my printer so I had to take another trip, this time to Office Depot. Finally I had all of the components for the tees.

We printed the designs on the iron on paper. After making sure that the designs were centered on the tees, we peeled away the backing, covered it with parchment paper and ironed the designs on to each tee. I did the ironing so that I could give the Dream Team back to their parents in one piece. They are so proud of their original tees!



MARGARET IVORY

My smart husband rented a water slide for them from Waco Bounce House. The staff set it up on Friday morning and picked it up on Monday morning. These brave young men even worked in the rain to dismantle it. If you would like to rent a water

slide or bounce house, you can rent for just one day or over the weekend like we did. Our grands had so much fun! Overall, it is less expensive than the water park because the kids slid each morning and each afternoon. They slid on their bellies and on their backs and had loads of fun during the day and slept really deeply at night...lol!

We took them to Glen Rose to see animals in their natural habitat. The park is called Fossil Ridge Wildlife Center. It features African animals in natural environments. You can drive through or get a guided tour. There are many roads to take to see the various animals. You are given snacks for the animals, some of which will even come to your car to peak in like Mrs. Edith Emu did. That was our name for her. The animals did not seem stressed at all

as they are quite at home among the grasses and trees.

Just wanted to share our summer Staycation activities that we did with our Dream Team. Perhaps, you might want to consider some of these ideas when your grandkids come to visit.

Are you turning 65 years old soon? Are you retiring soon from your job?

In addition to sharing my great staycation, my goal is also for all senior citizens to understand Medicare options and how to make Medicare work best for them. I represent all plans in McLennan County but am totally concerned only for what is best for my clients. Call today to learn more. Remote appointments are available.

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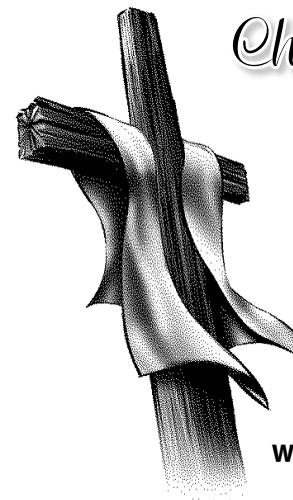
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BY PASTOR MATTHEW REED

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God has called you to victory, to abundant life. The doctrine of Jesus Christ teaches the way into the divine power of God, whereby are given unto us all things that pertain to life and Godliness. By the promises of God we are made partakers of the divine nature (II Peter 2: 4) Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust) Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

Jesus says the glory that thou hast given me I have given them (John 17:22) And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one. The word continues to bear witness that ye are called to glory. John1 5:7 says, If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.8 Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.

The word of God is the wit-



PASTOR MATTHEW AND LADY HELEN REED

ness. (1John5:7) For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one. J

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scale Unisex Boutique, celebrates 8 years in business and 10 years of showcasing, Styluz Art After Dark, which is located at 205 W. Rancier in Killeen, Texas. As shop owners were facing uncertainties about where to go next, Thomas pivoted her business in ways that helped maintain her client base and stay on top. In a business that excels based on customer service, she brings that flexibility and more to the table. While she was attending an event surrounded by hundreds of businesses, Styluz Upscale Unisex Boutique stood out for all of the right rea-

sons. As a vendor, Thomas consistently greeted everyone who passed by. When not servicing a client one on one, she connected with her online customers in real time, photographed outfits and accessories, and made sure her area was well maintained. Her marketing skills are incredible, but it takes more than that to keep clients. In addition to her enthusiasm, knowledge, and creativity, she has a progressive, but

THOMAS

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solid business model.

Thomas is motivated to reach for success. "Life experiences motivate me," she said. "This is my passion, and for me, this is about fulfilling a bigger purpose. I've been in business since 2013, shortly after my baby brother passed away. I honor him at Styluz August 23, every year. I'm now going on my 10th year of Styluz After Dark. God drew me into this, so I connect with people. I want to have a higher impact than closing a sale. Maintaining relationships is important to me."

Clothing can be transformative and a confidence booster. Basically, many people are judged by their presentation. Whatever event is going on, Styluz Boutique will ensure clients are head to toe ready.

"I'm inspired to see the im-

perfect the right outfit can make and cause everyone to blossom. Our fashions work because similar to being the free spirit I am, our styles are not bound by a specific category or trend. Our designs can go many places, and consulting services are available. We bring people to happiness and help make every experience memorable from the beginning to the end."

As with everything, in order to grow, there has to be a continuation in learning to keep up with technology and business trends. The fashion industry is a rapidly changing, highly competitive business. Thomas is fully aware of the demands of this business. "I crave more for myself; I want more for my community; I want to be more of an impact. I apply my mind and I truly care more about the people than closing the

sale. I crave bring different."

Expanding in business can mean changing locations or opening additional stores. Thomas has been working on her designs in expectations for an upcoming fashion show. That date will be announced. The new location of Styluz Upscale Unisex Boutique will be in Killeen at 4200 W. Stan Schleuter in Prime Plaza. Plug that in your mobile now. The public grand opening will take place around the middle of August. Items will include shoes, clothing, wigs, and on the other side, a retail store for hair and skin products, just in time for homecoming and seasonal change in the weather. The colors are emerald, ivory, and gold. Hours of operation at the Stan Schleuter location will be 10:00 am – 8:00 pm Monday- Friday, and on Saturdays 10:00 am -9:00 pm.

Styluz After Dark will be held at the Shiloh Inn located on W.S. Young Blvd. in Killeen on July 31 from 7:00 pm – 11:00 pm. Tickets for this gala are available at www.shopstyluz.com. Activities will include workshops, entertainment, catered meal, the spoken word, and ample opportunities for networking. Thomas is positive that those in attendance will be inspired. "This program has been formulated so you will making solid connections, experience a great time, and walk out knowing more. We do read the feedback and evaluate surveys, so please know, opinions do matter."

Seating is limited, so get tickets early. To learn more contact customerservice@shopstyluz.com.

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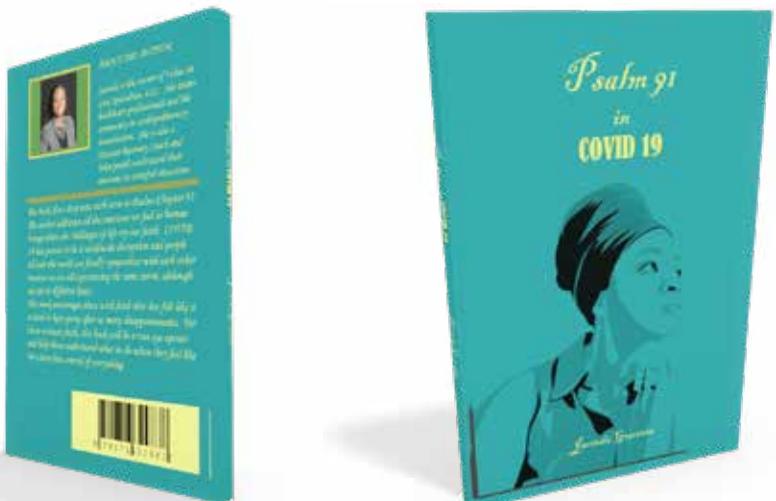
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