

12th Annual Carver Festival to mark Dr. Carver's 150th birthday

According to planned realities for the Carver Festival "Blast," the May 2 12th annual event will be the most spectacular yet. Festival goers should give notice, review, and attendance to the upcoming realities and theme observance: "150 Years Later: Carver's Genius Still Lives."

- Thursday, April 30, 6 p.m., Commission Chamber Carver Image Reception with former Carver students and acquaintances.
- Saturday, May 2, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Downtown Tuskegee
- Festival Parade (10 a.m.) and (Car

Show 11 a.m.).

- Stage Presentations, 11 a.m., students of Macon County School District.
- Award presentations (winners of parade, car show and student presentations).
- One Act Play presentation (Paxton Williams, Carver Impressionist).



- Student stage presentations (Continued: 1 p.m.).
- Science Fair awards and presentations.
- Crowning of Carver Festival Queen.
- Entertainment with Toia Jones (NBC "The Voice") and Will Easley & Band will be resounded with lively music for singing and dancing.

ing. You won't renege when you hear the sounds for "Step With A Pep!"

Vendors will also converge on Downtown Tuskegee with arts, crafts, clothing, jewelry and gifts for all. Food choices will naturally wet and appease your appetite! Y'All Come!!!

Rev. William C. Lennard serves as Carver Festival Board Chairman, and Robert L. "Bobby" Davis Chairs the Steering Committee of Dedicated Volunteers.

--Released by Dr. Elaine C. Harrington, Festival Board Secretary

Mike Rabb (From Page 1)

Alpha Fraternity, and Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity, Phi Boulé.

As a member of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church for over 53 years, his activities included several terms on the vestry, lay reader, usher, and the Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

He was an avid golfer for decades and a proud member of an informal, monthly poker club that he helped establish in 1945. Much later in life, he took up tai chi at his church.

He married Marianna Hutcherson in 1938. They were married for 65 years. Marianna Rabb died in 2004. Their union produced one daughter, Marsha Ann Rabb of Cheektowaga, N.Y., a graduate of

Fisk University, who preceded her father in death in 1998.

He is survived by: his niece-in-law, Madeline Murphy Rabb of Chicago, and her sons, Maurice F. Rabb III and his wife, Audrey Petty, of Chicago and Christopher Murphy Rabb of Philadelphia; and his great-great-nephews and niece, Freeman Diallo Perry Rabb (11), Issa Garner Rabb (8), and Ella Esther Petty Rabb (7), a cousin; Jean Ann Booker of Phoenix; and many other loved ones.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to St. Andrew's Episcopal Church at 701 W. Montgomery Road, Tuskegee Institute, AL 36088. The church can be contacted at: 334-727-3210.

First female four-star admiral and TU alumn speaker for ROTC graduation

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The latest group of Tuskegee University military officers will be commissioned by the second highest-ranking commander in the U.S. Navy and the only female in history to attain that position-Adm. Michelle J. Howard. She is not only the first woman to have earned that rank, but the first African-American. The joint commissioning ceremony will be held on May 8 at 1 p.m. CST at Tuskegee University Chapel.



Admiral Howard

naval services of seven African nations.

She took command of USS Rushmore (LSD 47) on March 12, 1999, becoming the first African American woman to

command a ship in the U.S. Navy. Howard was the commander of Amphibious Squadron Seven from May 2004 to September 2005. Deploying with Expeditionary Strike Group (ESG) 5, operations included tsunami relief efforts in Indonesia and maritime security operations in the North Arabian Gulf.

She commanded Expeditionary Strike Group Two from April 2009 to July 2010. In 2009, she deployed to CENTCOM theater, where she commanded Task Force 151, Multi-national Counter-piracy effort, and Task Force 51, Expeditionary Forces. In 2010, she was the Maritime Task Force commander for BALTOPS, under 6th Fleet.

Her shore assignments include: J-3, Global Operations, Readiness and executive assistant to the Joint Staff director of Operations; deputy director N3 on the OPNAV staff; deputy director, Expeditionary Warfare Division, OPNAV staff; senior military assistant to the secretary of the Navy; Chief of Staff to the director for Strategic Plans and Policy, J-5, Joint Staff, deputy commander, US Fleet Forces Command, and Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Operations, Plans & Strategy (N3/N5).

Howard is a 1978 graduate of Gateway High School in Aurora, Colo. She graduated from the United States Naval Academy in 1982 and from the Army's Command and General Staff College in 1998, with a master's in Military Arts and Sciences.

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out a lease for four years," he said. "I want the citizens to know this re-locating is strictly a business move to better serve the town and community."

Chandler started working in Tuskegee in 1968 after graduating from Auburn School of Pharmacy. He was employed at Jackson Drugs by George Jackson on the square in downtown Tuskegee. He has been working in Tuskegee for 47 years and has made many life-long friends.

"I served in the U. S. Army Reserve in Tuskegee," he continued. "And I have met a lot of good people here through the years. I have just as many friends in Tuskegee as I do in Auburn where I have lived for 51 years."

Chandler said Big Bear Pharmacy has been blessed to be able to go the extra mile to help — just like most independent pharmacies. The community needs to support small businesses I business. If not, independent pharmacies likely go out of business.

Chandler says he treats everyone as brothers and sisters in Christ and hopes that everyone will come in to witness what it is like to receive their prescription on a timely manner from a caring and friendly local independent pharmacy.

Big Bear Pharmacy opened in Dr. Fazel Matin's office building (old

Comprehensive Health) on Monday, April 27. The pharmacy will continue to have the same hours of Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m. and Saturday from 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. with the same phone number (334) 727-2150. The store now offers a drive-through window for dropping off and picking up prescriptions. There will be plenty of space and room for expanding merchandise.

"We will expand our jewelry, make jewelry repairs, replace batteries for watches and carry more durable medical equipment," said Chandler. "We will be selling my grandchildren's favorite ice cream, dipping dot ice cream, and much more."

Big Bear Pharmacy is comprised of co-owners Sidney Chandler, Kris Kimbro and Trae Nelms. There are eight employees: Ann Barr, Marla Humphries, Shauniquita Stafford, Pat Mason, Sydney Eidson, Odessa Purifoy, James Stroud and Charles Cox.

Barr has been working for Big Bear Pharmacy for the longest. She and Mason started working part-time for Chandler while employed at the VA Pharmacy.

"This is a family business," said Chandler. "We treat each other like family and trust one another like family. Here at Big Bear Pharmacy, we are the little man with a big heart."

She currently serves as the 38th Vice Chief of Naval Operations. Howard's initial sea tours were aboard USS Hunley (AS 31) and USS Lexington (AVT 16). While serving on board Lexington, she received the secretary of the Navy/Navy League Captain Winifred Collins award in May 1987.

This award is given to one woman officer a year for outstanding leadership. She reported to USS Mount Hood (AE 29) as chief engineer in 1990 and served in Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm. She assumed duties as first lieutenant on board the USS Flint (AE 32) in July 1992. In January 1996, she became the executive officer of USS Tortuga (LSD 46) and deployed to the Adriatic in support of Operation Joint Endeavor, a peacekeeping effort in the former Republic of Yugoslavia.

Sixty days after returning from the Mediterranean deployment, Tortuga departed on a West African training cruise, where the ship's sailors, with embarked Marines and U.S. Coast Guard detachment, operated with the

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their leadership and dedication."

Ford and Nix were instrumental in the formation of AMEA in 1981. Due to their hard work and dedication, Alabama Governor Fob James signed the legislation on May 18, 1981 that allowed Alabama municipal electric utilities to form the Alabama Municipal Electric Authority, said Clark.

Ford served as a past vice chairman of the AMEA Board of Directors and as an Ex-Officio Director of the board.

Nix is a past chairman of the AMEA Board of Directors. Both men were first elected as mayors of their cities in 1972.

Past recipients of the AMEA President's Award include the late

Robert D. Thorington, Clifford A. Lanier Jr., Robert W. Claussen, H. Sewell St. John Jr., Robert H. Young Jr., Steven Stein, Bilee Cauley and Joe Rex Sport.

The award honors individuals who played a key role in the formation of AMEA and is presented in recognition of their continued leadership and dedication to the organization.

AMEA, a joint action agency located in Montgomery, is the wholesale power provider for 11 public power utilities in Alabama, which serve some 350,000 customers. AMEA member cities are Alexander City, Dothan, Fairhope, Foley, LaFayette, Lanett, Luverne, Opelika, Piedmont, Sylacauga and Tuskegee.

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to bill the Alabama Medicaid Agency for counseling services that were never provided and then attempted to conceal the fraud by manipulating treatment records.

Medicaid fraud in an unclassified felony with a maximum possible prison sentence of five years for each count. Theft of property in the first degree is a class "B" felony, which carries a possible prison sentence of two to 20 years imprisonment.

Strange commended his Medicaid Fraud Control Unit for its steadfast investigation of this case, and thanked the Alabama Medicaid Agency's Program Integrity Unit, which referred the case for investigation and prosecution.

An indictment is merely an accusation. The defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

Mozella B. White arrangements to be announced

WHITE, Mrs. Mozella B., a resident of Shorter, passed April 27, 2015 at her residence. Funeral arrangements and survivors will be announced by McKenzie's Funeral

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