

IF YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY

SPEAK UP!

APRIL 2002

Serving the need for a black publication, this newsletter features several sections to share information and ideas:

WORD ON THE STREET, section passes along information as to what is going on in the Jonathan Street neighborhood and other communities that can benefit or affect us all.

POWER TO THE PEOPLE, section includes employment opportunities, agency assistance, articles about training, self-help programs and any other information that can possibly empower and increase the reader's potential.

BACK TO BLACK History & Culture, section on local, regional and national black interest.

youth news, the younger view is worth listening to.

SPEAK UP! The opinion and editorial section, if you have something to say, SPEAK UP!

Subscription is free and remarks are welcomed. Contact: Brothers United Who Dare to Care, Inc. 131 West North Avenue, Martin Luther King Center 2nd Floor, Hagerstown, Maryland 21740, phone 301-393-9290, or visit our website: www.buwdtc.org; email address: buwdtc@hotmail.com or page *Andy Smith*, at 301-745-2000.

WORD ON THE STREET

Special BLACK TALK Session to be held April 27th.

Black Talk is an informal rap session discussing issues that affect black people. Topic highlights for the session will include: Violence in the Black family; Teen pregnancies among Black Americans; Drug abuse impact on Black families. Brothers United Who Dare To Care has invited author and talk show speaker Dr. Richard Williams to join us at this session. Books written by Dr. Williams will be available for those in attendance. The special BLACK TALK Session will be on Saturday April 27, 2002 at 11AM in the Bethel Gardens Community Center Hagerstown, Maryland. The session is free and open to the public. Washington County Community Partnership has offered to help fund this event. Register in advance for this session to receive a box lunch. Call or Write: Brother United Who Dare To Care 131 West North Avenue, Hagerstown Maryland 21740, Phone 301-393-9290, E-mail buwdtc@hotmail.com.

Marylanders Tomorrow school program for "at risk" students is at risk.

The public school program, for high school students at risk of not staying in school, may be eliminated at the state level. Marylanders Tomorrow has about 220 students in Washington County with a cost of about \$900 per student a year, fifty-six of the students are black. The program is a better option to assist students that are not problematic and do not need placement in the Alternative School program. A County Commissioner is looking into options to continue funding for the program. The Marylanders Tomorrow program is one of the few positive programs to assist black students. To offer your support please Call Brothers United Who Dare To Care 301-393-9290 or e-mail us at buwdtc@hotmail.com.

Blacks In Business.

Congratulations to owners Erien and Joahn Frazier of the BLACK MANNA CAFÉ at 801 Pennsylvania Avenue next door to the Boys & Girls Club. Fresh Baked Goods, Fresh Veggie Juices, Homemade Soups, Sandwiches and Sparkling Drinks are offered at the café. The café is open Sunday through Thursday 10am to 7pm. Phone 301-393-4303.

POWER TO THE PEOPLE

Invitation to an African-American Heritage Meeting.

Interested citizens are invited to a meeting hosted by the Steering Committee of Hagerstown's African-American Heritage Survey Project on April 6, 2002 at 11:00am in the Memorial Recreation Center, 109 W. North Avenue. This meeting is intended to be a gathering of the Jonathan Street community's older citizens where family memories and stories will be shared and discussed with the project consultant, Stephen Del Sordo of Heritage Resource Group. Transportation will be available, if needed. For more information, contact: Kathleen Maher, the City's Senior Planner, at 301-739-8577, ext. 140 or Deborah Lynn Washington, of the Steering Committee, at 301-790-2600.

Washington County Department of Social Services "VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT": Administrative Specialist I Grade 10, \$25,286 - \$39,002. Contact Betty Dattilio, Personnel Office, WCDSS 122 N. Potomac St. Hagerstown, MD for applications or call 240 420-2139. Minority Candidates are encouraged to apply.

Washington County Government "POSITION AVAILABLE": Washington County Department of Permits and Inspections – Permit Technician \$23,808 (with benefits). Apply by April 12 at the Washington County Department of Human Resources, 100 W. Washington St., Room 202, Hagerstown MD or call 301 791-3175.

Two great new programs to buy a home in Hagerstown!

Home Pride Acquisition /Rehab Loan with 0% mortgages to help you purchase and fix up a home right from the start. Live in the house for ten years and the second mortgage does not need to be repaid.

The Home Pride Purchase Loan Reduction Program lets you use a Home Pride second mortgage to lower the interest rate. Live in the house for five years or longer, and the second mortgage does not need to be repaid. Call the Hagerstown Home Store for more information at 301-797-0900 or visit their website: www.hagerstown.org

Hagerstown Home Store home ownership workshops for April 2002.

Thursday April 11th (6-8 PM), Saturday April 20th (9-11 AM) at the Hagerstown Home Store office at 21 East Franklin Street. Seating is limited, so please make a reservation for the date and time of your choice by calling 301-797-0900.

SPEAK UP!

Are you ready for the 'Revolution'?

Due to preparations for the revolution I have reframed from submitting an editorial, but I would much rather submit the question. With so much turmoil is our mist there is also the potential for progress. Evolution is often prompted by revolution. Do not jump the gun and run this article to

the Homeland Defense team, my issues of revolution is about an individual struggle to bring one's self to overcoming internal restraints that may have been brought on by external factors. Fear, low self-esteem, anger, bitterness, mistreatment, misconceptions, complacency,

denial and any other factors that have been soldiers of destruction hindering you from advancing in life. Don't take my word for it, do a self examine. Rap with others about it. Open your mind and meditate on the Bob Marley song "Rebel Music" and ask yourself: Are you ready for the Revolution?

Andy Smith, Editor

THANK YOU TO

Memorial Recreation Center Director Ruth Monroe for helping to make the Black Family Celebration in Hagerstown a reality; Emmy Award winner Kelly Wright for his willingness to participate in to the Black Family Celebration in Hagerstown on August 2002; Washington County Community Partnership Director John Budesky for offering to help fund the special Black Talk session on April 27th; All the Black men who take responsibility in their community.

BACK TO BLACK History & Culture

“It’s 2002 what are you going to do?” *Andy Smith, BUWDTC.*

Negro Mountain (3,075 feet high) is in the northern portion of the Savage River State Forest.

Some time back a question went out as to the story of Negro Mountain. It was named to honor Nemesis, a black member of an expedition headed by Captain Michael Cresap, one of Maryland’s leading pioneers. The expedition was attacked on the mountain by a party of Indians, avenging the Ohio massacre of the family of their chief, Logan, an act that had been mistakenly blamed on Captain Cresap. Nemesis, a giant of a man, was killed during the attack and is buried on the mountain he fought bravely to defend.

New to the Don Brown BLACK HISTORY Library

BOOKS: “*Buffalo Soldier*” by Tom Willard, “*Carry Me Home*” by Diane McWhorter, “*The Greatest Generation*” by Tom Brokaw, “*The Road To Victory – WWII Red Ball Express*” by David P. Colley, “*Torches On The Road Of Passage*” by Dr. Richard Williams, “*An Unerring Fire – Massacre At Fort Pillow*” by Richard L Fuchs, “*World War II – Life Magazine’s History’s Greatest Conflict In Pictures.*”

VIDEOS: “*The Entertainers*” Ebony/Jet Guide to Black Excellence, “*Malcom X*” Documentary, “*Maya Angelou*” Lifetime TV Intimate Portrait series, “*Oprah – Make The Connection*” Harpo Videos, “*Queen Latifah*” Lifetime TV Intimate Portrait series, “*Waiting To Exhale*” starring Whitney Houston and Angela Bassett.

MAGAZINES: “*The New Crisis*” March/April 2002 NAACP Publication, “*U.S. News*” March 25, 2002 –Presidential Civil Rights article, “*WWII Band Of Brothers*” article.

This Month’s Contest Questions for a \$10 Cash Prize comes from Mr. Stanford Taylor who has asked:

Q: Does anyone have any details on the slave deportation that occurred during the administration of U.S. President James Monroe and were the slaves deported to Liberia and is that why the capital is named Monrovia? What the heck, submit a written report answering this question and receive \$20! First come, first served.

Last Month’s Contest Questions:

Q: How did the Tuskegee Airmen serve our nations and during what war?

A: The Tuskegee Airmen was an all black fighter squad started by the U.S. Army during the WWII, it was said that the black fighter pilots never lost a plane they escorted through enemy territory.

Q: What is the name the Tuskegee Airman that lives in Washington County?

A: Mr. Robert (Bobby) Johnson of Hagerstown.

Bonus Q: Why didn’t Caesar Doleman get his pilot’s license?

A: Mr. Doleman did not perform a loop procedure during his solo test flight.

Youth News

If you want to have your story, poem, drawing published in this section or on the Youth News website page submit your work to Brothers United Who Dare To Care 2ND floor 131 West North Avenue Hagerstown MD 21740 or visit our website: www.buwdtc.org or call 301-393-9290

Calendar Of Events

April 6	African-American Heritage Meeting at the Memorial Recreation Center 11:00am
April 22	Brothers United Who Dare To Care meet at MLK 6:30pm
April 27	Special BLACK TALK Session at the Bethel Gardens Community Center 11:00am