

IF YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY

SPEAK UP!

MAY 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 African American heritage.

youth news, the opportunity for younger readers to contribute their view point.

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

Jonathan Street Neighborhood Improvement Survey being conducted by BUWDTC.

Brothers United Who Dare To Care is conducting a survey to find out how and if we can improve or need to improve the Jonathan Street community, this is a chance for all residents from the Jonathan Street area to contribute. Please take the time to provide answers to the survey questions. Derrick Rideout will be volunteering to collect responses to the survey. For more information call the BUWDTC office at 301-393-9290.

Brothers United Who Dare To Care has applied to the Gaming Commission for Funds, Again.

After being rejected during last spring's Gaming Funds application period when BUWDTC requested \$25,000 in funds for a Black History visual arts project in which Digital Video equipment was to be purchased to produce Black History Documentary videos and also branch into a Youth News show and a Black Talk show. The equipment would be used continuously to benefit all of Washington County with an interest in African American Heritage. The program would have complimented the efforts that the City of Hagerstown has underway through a \$30,000 grant that was used to hire a consultant to conduct an African American survey. The services of the consultant will end June of this year leaving written and audio reports of the fleeting African American history from this area. Video documentaries will be a nice addition to the consultant's efforts. However, pursuing support for the visual arts project has been tabled. BUWDTC is requesting \$15,000 for equipment to expand the efforts of this newsletter, which is printed by other community organization, agencies and businesses. BUWDTC does not have an office copier or the means to produce this newsletter in a timely manner and obtaining the equipment and resources will improve and increase the efforts already going forth.

Blacks In Business.

Congratulations to *Kinney Keyes* for being selected as the first African American head coach of the Hagerstown Community College Men's Basketball team. God Bless you.

Best wishes to owner *Tony Wells* of "Charm City Sports" 137 W. Franklin Street. The store features "WE R ONE" Athletic Apparel and other USA made clothing. Hours are Monday - Saturday 10:00am - 8:00pm. Phone 301-791-2055.

POWER TO THE PEOPLE

Community Enrichment Coalition has new staff and new hours.

Monique Broadus is a neighborhood resident who is covering the CEC office on Monday and Wednesday from 2:00pm to 5:30pm and Friday from 9:00am to 1:00pm. CEC has an emergency food pantry & clothing closet and does referrals. Located at 68 West Church Street in Hagerstown. Phone 301-665-1747. Anyone interested in being a board member or attending a meeting, the next CEC Board meeting is June 4th at 7:00am at the Antrim House in the Fountainhead Plaza Shopping Center.

Homebuyer Fair Sunday June 9th 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. at the Fairground Parks in the Police Athletic League building.

The Fair will feature free information on buying a home, even when you thought you couldn't. Seven nonprofit organizations and government agencies will showcase their homeownership programs. There will be door prizes and neighborhood tours. For more information contact the Hagerstown Home Store at 301-797-0900.

The Community Free Clinic, "Freely Given".

The clinic provides more than 10,000 patient visits a year. To be eligible for care, you must not have any private or public health insurance or public assistance, and must live in Washington County. The Clinic started in 1990 with one volunteer doctor and one nurse. Today approximately 35 doctors, physician assistants, nurse practitioners, and nurses volunteer their services. Located at 18 W. Franklin Street Hagerstown, Maryland. **Hours:** *Business Office* Monday – Friday 8:30 – 4:30 pm; *Doctor/Provider Clinic* Monday, Tuesday, and Friday doors open 4:00pm; *Nurse Clinic* Monday – Friday doors open at 1:30pm; *Lab Work* Tuesday and Thursday 8:30 – 11:00 am; *GYN Clinic* Thursday door open at 4:00pm; *Podiatry Clinic* every third Tuesday doors open at 4:00pm; *Medicare Clinic* Wednesday and Friday 8:30 – 12pm; *Mental Health Clinic* referral only; *Orthopedic Clinic* referral only. For more information call 301-733-9234.

Head Start "POSITIONS ANNOUNCEMENT": Infant/ Toddler Home Based Teachers \$10.11 - \$14.54 hour; Infant/ Toddler Center Based Teachers \$10.11- \$17.81 hour; Full Time/ Full Year Teacher Assistant \$8.59 - \$13.92 hour. Contact: Human Resources, Head Start Of Washington County, Inc. 325 W. Memorial Boulevard, Hagerstown MD or call 301-733-0088.

Washington County Government "POSITION AVAILABLE": Washington County Engineering Department – Plan Reviewer \$37,780 - \$60,448 (with benefits) and Office Associate IV \$23,808 min. Apply at the Washington County Department of Human Resources, 100 W. Washington St., Room 202, Hagerstown MD or call 240-313-2357.

SPEAK UP!

Is Jonathan Street really that bad, or not?

I heard recently that the Jonathan Street area was so bad that some people do not want to work in that neighborhood. I admit, the Jonathan Street area is very busy and I moved to a more peaceful, slower paced neighborhood. I still work in the Jonathan Street community and I try to make it better. According to the statistics, crime in the Jonathan Street community is decreasing. There really isn't a drug problem on

Jonathan Street. The persons allegedly selling drugs on our streets are between the ages of 15 and 25 years old. Grown men should be able to approach these young people that are not from this area and have them stop causing problems on Jonathan Street. Local citizen partnerships do street beautification "Clean Ups" in the Jonathan Street neighborhood, so it shouldn't look that bad. The police Street Crimes Unit carry out

raids on homes and stop vehicles in the Jonathan Street area involved in drug activities. So, crime is under control. Streets in the Jonathan Street area have been changed to one way to curtail unwanted traffic. Several Habitat Homes have been built in the Jonathan Street area. Several churches have enlarged their structures. Community groups are more involved. Is Jonathan Street really that bad, or not?

Andy Smith, Editor

THANKS

Thank you Dr. Richard Williams for coming to Hagerstown to help us move forward.

BACK TO BLACK History & Culture

"It's 2002 what are you going to do?" *Andy Smith, BUWDTC.*

New to the Don Brown BLACK HISTORY Library

BOOKS: "Readers Digest Great Biographies Volume IX", "Incidents In The Life Of A Slave Girl", by Harriet A. Jacobs, "Or Does It Explode? Black Harlem In The Great Depression" by Cheryl Lynn Greenberg, "These 'Colored' United States" by Tom Lute and Susanna Ashton, "The Badge Of Gallantry" by Joseph B. Mitchell, "African American Islam" by Aminah Beverly McCloud, "Martin Luther King" by Sande Smith, "The Measure Of A Man – Sidney Poitier", "Dorothy Dandridge" by Donald Bogle, "Malcolm X, As They Knew Him" by David Gallen, "Archibald Grimke – Portrait Of A Black Independent" by Dickson D. Bruce Jr., "Slaves In The Family" by Edward Ball, "Ray Charles – Man and Music" by Michael Lydon, "America's Historic Tails" by Tom Bodett, "Somebody Always Singing To You" Kalynn Sullivan, "The Price Of Freedom" by T. Stephen Whitman, "An American Story" by Debra J. Dickerson, "Love Across Color Lines" by Maria Diedrich, "Losing The War" by John H. McWhorter, "Macarthur's War: Korea" by Staley WeinTraub, "A Fragment Of Victory In Italy" by Col. Paul Goodman, "From The Mississippi Delta" by Endesha Idaa Mae Holland Ph.D., "La Toya – Growing Up In The Jackson Family" by La Toya Jackson, "Days Of Grace – A Memoir" by Arthur Ashe, "A Woman Called Moses" by Marcy Heidish, "American Patriots – Blacks in the military, "Dark Midnight When I Rise" by Andrew Ward, "Fighting In The Jim Crow Army" by Maggi M. Morehouse, "Freedom's Daughter" by Lynne Olson, "The Hairstons" by Henry Wienick, "Tuskegee's Heroes" by Charlie and Ann Cooper, "Encyclopedia Of Country Music" Black Artists in Country Music by Paul Kingsbury, "African Samson" by Humphrey Harman, "New Song In A Strange Land" by Esther Warner, "In Search Of Adam" by Herbert Wendt, "The Greatest – My Own Story" by Muhammad Ali, "I Want To Tell You" by O.J. Simpson, "Why Me?" by Sammy Davis Jr., "Between Each Line Of Pain & Glory" by Gladys Knight, "Beauty From The Inside Out" by Laverne Powlis, "Black Ice" by Lorene Cary, "Through Different Eyes" by Peter Rose, "Righteous Discontent" by Jean E. Patton, "Time Flies" by Bill Cosby, "The Michael Jackson Story" by Nelson George, "Crisis In Black and White" by Charles E. Silberman,"

VIDEOS: "Places In The Heart" starring Danny Glover and Sally Field, "The Jackie Robinson Story" starring Jackie Robinson and Ruby Dee, "Eyes on the Prize documentaries: Vol. 2 'Fighting Back', Vol.3 'Ain't Afraid Of Your Jails', Vol.4 'No Easy Walk', Vol.6 'Bridge To Freedom'. "Buffalo Soldiers" starring Danny Glover, "Muhammad Ali Through The Eyes Of The World" Documentary, "Rose Wood" starring Ving Rhames and Jon Voight, "To Kill A Mocking Bird" starring Brock Peters and Gregory Peck, "My Dog Skip", "Tuskegee Airmen" Documentary, "Kingdom Come" starring LL Cool J and Jada Pinkett

MAGAZINES: "The New Crisis" March/April 2002 NAACP Publication, "Racial Milestones" U.S. News April 8, 2002;"Reparations To blacks for the enslavement of their ancestors" U.S. News April 15, 2002; "J.C. Watts" U.S. News April 29, 2002; "Steamship Portland" June 2002 American History; "Buffalo Soldiers" June 2002 Wild West; The Pride of Rochester April 2002; "Beyond The Horizons the Lockheed story" desegregation article; "Forever Liesl – a memoir Of The Sound Of Music" article.

This Month's Contest Questions for a \$10 Cash Prize:

Q: What can be done to improve the Jonathan Street community?

Q: How will you help improve the Jonathan Street community?

Bonus Question for \$20:

Q: In a written response tell: What is the "Ten Point Plan"? And name all ten points of the plan.

Last Month's Contest Question:

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, Africa and is that why the capital is named Monrovia?

A: The new colony was named Liberia, to signal the liberty that it had brought the black settlers, and the capital was named Monrovia in honor of President James Monroe, whose efforts made the colony possible. A wealthy black merchant, Joseph Jenkins from Virginia became the first President of Liberia (a U.S. colony) in 1841. Liberia today is now predominantly native Afrikans and only 2 percent of the population is from the U.S. descendants.

Calendar Of Events

May 23
May 27

Hotspot Community Mobilization meet 6:00pm at Bethel Gardens Community Police Office
Brothers United Who Dare To Care meet at MLK 6:30pm