

This 'N' That

by Betty Banks



Happy Anniversary ...

The room was packed with well wishers for the 10th anniversary Genesis Community Development Corporation's breakfast. Most in attendance have been witnesses to the growth of this combination small business incubator/social service provider. Dr. Harris is Madison's favorite son and the man in charge. Breakfast was served and we were given a brief history of this innovative and pioneering organization. Additionally, Antonio Riley from WHEDA gave a talk about their involvement and the other programs that they provide throughout the state. Each year this event is a great time to meet and greet others and help Genesis celebrate. Don't miss it next year!



Par Excellence...

Be sure to stay tuned for the 2nd annual Black Women's Expo. It is in the planning stages as we speak. It's a sure thing that this next one will be even bigger and better!

Below the Border...

Fleeing the snow and the cold is something we all were wanting to do as we were brutalized by extreme weather in January and February. David Dahmer, from the Madison Times did just that! He got quite a sunburn while basking in the heat in Puerto Rico during a long weekend in February. The great food and local customs made for a great getaway. You, go, David!

Hot fun...

Steve Lien, Executive Director of Child Development, Inc., 2012 Fisher St. escaped the cold and the snow as well. He flew the coop to Yuma, Arizona for a week. "I need the rest and relaxation and I'll come back rejuvenated," he said. So, for the rest of us who have met the challenge of snow, cold, sleet, wind and double digit chill factors, there's always next year!

Post it ...

Learning Circles are coming to Allied Drive. These educational and interesting sessions are sponsored by Family Support 360, a program that provides training and information for parents of children with disabilities. Informative guests, delicious food and parents who share tips about parenting combine to make a great evening worth attending. Lilliam Post is one of the movers and shakers who make this possible. She has been meeting with Diana Shinall to put all of the details together. Watch for the first meeting. You won't want to miss it! Call Lilliam at 261-9139 if you want more information.

Praise Train ...

"Who is Really Going to Ride the Glory Train?" made its debut on Saturday evening, March 15th. The Performing Arts Center in Middleton was packed with many who were treated to this locally produced play. Congratulations to Rose Brown, Dionne Brown and Demecious William writers of the play. Play Producer, Rose Brown, was elated as she talked to Club TNT's interviewer. She talked about the hard work everyone put into the production but that it was well worth the effort. Rose is leaving Madison but promises to return periodically. Congrats to Christ the Solid Rock Church and Shalon Featherstone who were also involved in the play's success.

Momma and Alan ...

Happy birthday to Rose Bryant, Mother of Super Producer, Gaddi Ben Dan. She was feted at a fun-filled birthday party on Saturday, March 22. This stylish octogenarian is full of life and gives all praises to God for bringing her through each day...happy birthday to Alan Banks who had a great time with his Karaoke buddies on Wednesday, March 12 as they celebrated his birthday, complete with cupcakes at Laredo's East. Johnnie Powell and Deb were the bakers!

A love supreme ...

Wednesday, March 19th supporters of Justice Louis Butler gathered at The Edgewater Hotel to meet and greet. The Justice took this opportunity to emphasize the importance of this election and encouraged everyone to talk to their friends, family and neighbors about the race. He also talked about the ugliness of his opponents campaign ads that distort the truth about him. April 1 is voting day. Get out there and cast your vote!



Glory Bound ...

Just recently, Madison Memorial High School took second place during the boys high school basketball tournament here in Madison. Brothers, Davonte and Jerrone Maymon are key players on this team. Club TNT and Voices newspaper salute these two young men who participated on Club TNT during their younger years. Mom, LaTanya and Dad Tim were involved parents who assist-

ed in producing and directing this weekly television show that uses the medium of entertainment to educate and inform youngsters and their parents about the dangers of getting involved in risky behaviors. It is a pleasure to see these two become leaders on their team and role models for others. Davone is headed for college in the fall and Jerrone has another year to play. He is being pursued by many Division I Schools. Good luck, guys and thanks for making us proud!

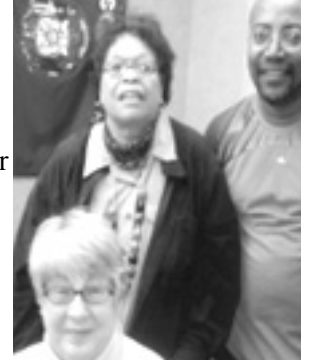
Old Schoolers ...

Hey all of you over 55 crowd! Club TNT wants you to showcase your talent during the Anna Mae Mitchell Senior Idol competition. Auditions will take place June 4-10th at the Madison Senior Center, 330 W. Mifflin St. Stay tuned for other dates and times. Committee members are working hard putting all the details together. There are prizes for everyone and a really big grand prize for the overall winner. Contact Jeanne Erickson at 770-2049 for more information.



Mega Media ...

Be sure to tune into WTDY 1670 on Saturday nights from 6-8pm. You will enjoy this call-in/talk show hosted by Richard Brown and Betty Banks. Exciting guests, timely topics and conversation that invite your comments make this program topnotch. To call-in dial 321-1670. *123 free US cellular and toll-free 877-1670. Those are also the numbers to call for Sunday morning talk with Pastors David Smith and Ernest Winters, the hosts of Let's Go To Church. Set your dial for WTDY1670. Music, testimony and a Praise Him segment make 7-9am in the morning worth the early wake-up. And, your weekend will not be complete unless you tune into Club TNT on Saturday mornings from 11am-12pm. This fast paced, informative and entertaining program uses the medium of entertainment to encourage kids to make positive choices today and not tomorrow. Animation, characters, great interviews and a peek at what is going on in our community are the ingredients that make the show fun. Be sure to support the media that brings your community into your living rooms. Brown Projects is the Executive Producer of the radio programs and Club TNT and Leccia and Associates are the Producers. Club TNT boasts great leadership from Senior Executive Producer Gaddi Ben Dan who is the SUPER PRODUCER of all of the above. Rock On!!



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CUNA Mutual Group applauds the Youth Resource Centers in the Madison area. Because the Centers are so critical to the success and well being of middle school kids, we've joined forces with local credit unions and United Way of Dane County to make them a top priority.

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