

THE TRIPP-JONES FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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EDITION 2025-07

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**

Happy
Anniversary

TEJAH BRIANNA LAWSON - 1

ELVIS SMITH - 1

DON FULLER - 3

BRIAN CARTER - 3

SHAMICA SIMMONS - 4

HONNETTE COBB - 5

LUCIA GIBSON - 6

RASHIMA LARSEN - 9

SHARON SMITH - 10

BROOKE STOKES - 14

ZEPHANIAH JUDGE - 15

NORMAN DODD - 16

LARRY SIMMONS - 19

MONICA S. WHITE - 20

CHOLE MCMULLEN - 21

VICTORIA MCNAIR - 30

AVA GREENE - 31

TRAVIS P. GREENE - 31

KAREM LARSEN - 31

KISHIA & SAM KEGLER - 5

COURTNEY MADDIX & JAYSON WEHREND - 22

CURTISENE & LARRY SIMMONS - 26

WALTER & CAROLYN GIBSON - 26

Our 50th Family Reunion

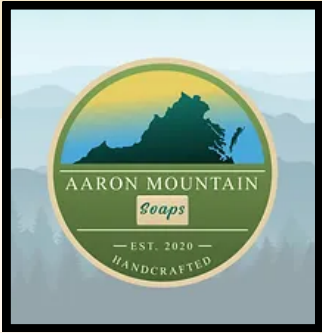
In a few days we will celebrate something truly extraordinary—our 50th Family Reunion. Fifty years of gathering, remembering, laughing, and loving. What a blessing it is to be part of a family that values connection, legacy, and tradition.

It's even more special that we'll be marking this golden milestone in Americus, Georgia—the very place where it all began. Returning to the roots of our first reunion reminds us how far we've come and just how strong the foundation is that our ancestors laid for us.

A 50-year tradition doesn't just happen. It takes intention. It takes commitment. And it takes love. Our reunions are more than just a weekend of fun—they are a chance to strengthen bonds across generations, to teach our children where they come from, and to honor those who came before us.

As we prepare to gather in Americus, let's celebrate our past, embrace the present, and recommit to the future. Let's make sure this tradition doesn't just reach 50—it goes well beyond.

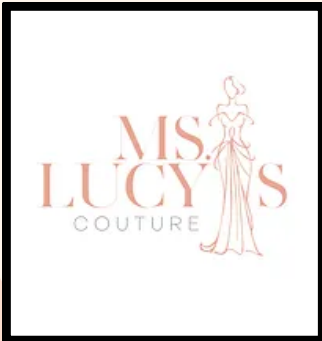
FAMILY BUSINESSES



Aaron Mountain Soaps
Wilma Prudhum
Green, Owner

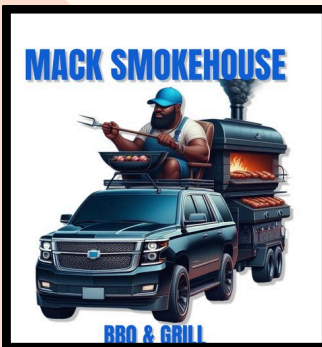


Sweets & Treats
By Lee
A'leshia Steward,
Owner



Ms. Lucy's Couture
Meaghan S. Wooden,
Owner

<https://www.mslucyscouture.com>



MACK'S
SMOKEHOUSE
Antonio "Dee Dee"
Mack, Owner



Airbnb in Stockton
GA.
hosted by Afrika and
Darnell Jackson



We are very happy to welcome our newest business to our Family Business Directory. **LunaSola Crystals** owned by Barbara Ealy. For more information about **LunaSola Crystals** go here <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100083960424447>

-REUNION T-SHIRTS-
If you would like a reunion T-shirt please contact Meaghan Wooden of the Americus District by Wednesday July 2, 2025. She needs you T-shirt size.

FAMOUS AFRICAN AMERICANS BORN IN JULY

- 1 - Carl Lewis**
- 1 - Missy Elliott**
- 2 - Thurgood Marshall**
- 2 - Medgar Evers**
- 3 - Charles Drew**
- 4 - Louis (Satchmo) Armstrong**
- 6 - Della Reese**
- 6 - Phyllis Hyman**
- 7 - Satchel Paige**
- 7 - Lisa Leslie**
- 8 - Billy Eckstine**
- 9 - June Jordan**
- 9 - O.J. Simpson**
- 10 - Mary Mcleod Bethune**
- 10 - Authur Ashe**
- 11 - Leon Spinks**
- 15 - Forest Whitaker**
- 16 - Ida B. Wells**
- 16 - Shoeless Joe Jackson**
- 16 - Barry Sanders**
- 17 - Diahnn Carol**
- 17 - Muhammad Ali**
- 22 - Danny Glover**
- 24 - Karl Malone**
- 24 - Barry Bonds**
- 25 - Emmett Till**
- 29 - Chester Himes**
- 30 - Anita Hill**
- 30 - Laurence Fishburne**
- 31 - Wesley Snipes**

THE MONTH OF JULY IN AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY

- July 1, 2014 - Michelle Howard became the first female four-star admiral in the U.S. Navy.**
- July 2, 1964 - Civil Rights Act of 1964 signed into law by President Lyndon Johnson.**
- July 2, 1777 - Vermont became the first American colony to abolish slavery.**
- July 3, 1966 - Race riots in Omaha, Nebraska.**
- July 4, 1827 - New York State abolishes slavery.**
- July 4, 1881 - Tuskegee Institute was founded.**
- July 4, 1910 - Jack Johnson, the first black heavyweight champion, successfully defended his title by knocking out Jim "The Great White Hope" Jeffries.**
- July 5, 1975 - Arthur Ashe defeats Jimmy Connors to win the men's Wimbledon singles championship and becomes the first African American male to win the title.**
- July 6, 1853 - William Wells Brown published Clotel, the first novel by a Black American.**
- July 6, 1957 - Althea Gibson the first Black woman singles tennis champion wins Wimbledon.**
- July 9, 1868 - 14th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution ratified.**
- July 10, 1893 - Dr. Daniel Hale Williams performs the world's first open-heart surgery.**
- July 10, 1962 - Dr. King arrested during demonstration in Albany Georgia.**
- July 13, 1972 - Shirley Chisolm became the first African American Presidential nominee.**
- July 20, 1967 - The first Black Power Conference was held in Newark, New Jersey with over a thousand in attendance.**
- July 20, 1967 - Race riots in Memphis Tennessee.**
- July 20, 1967 - First coast-to-coast black-owned and operated radio network: The National Black Network (NBN) begins operations.**
- July 21, 1864 - The New Orleans Tribune, the first Black newspaper to be published daily is launched.**
- July 23, 1962 - Jackie Robinson named to the Baseball Hall of Fame.**
- July 26, 1948 - President Truman ended segregation in the military.**
- July 27, 1962 - Dr. King arrested during demonstration in Albany, Georgia.**
- July 30, 2002 - WNBA player Lisa Leslie of the Los Angeles Sparks became the first woman to dunk in a professional women's basketball game.**