

# THE TRIPP-JONES FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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**September is National Suicide Prevention Month and  
Prostate Cancer Awareness Month**

**Happy  
BIRTHDAY**

Meaghan Wooden - 1  
Yaslani Dennard - 3  
Terrell Lawson - 4  
Gregory Dorsett - 9  
Caleb Miles Milline - 9  
Leonard Pope III - 10  
Will Cobb - 10  
Larry Simmons - 12  
Jacqueline Thomas-Gibson - 14  
Janice Johnson - 16  
Christopher Cook - 17  
Judith Selah Pope - 23  
Cheryan Pope - 23  
Lucius Isaiah Gibson IV - 27  
Antonio Mack - 28  
Aiden - 28  
Eddie Ford - 29  
A'leshia Steward - 30

**Happy**

**ANNIVERSARY**

Branden & Britany May 2  
Jarvis Whitfield & Chris Smith 20  
Jeanie & Dana Crowell 27  
Christine & Marshall Scott 28



September is Suicide Prevention Month, a time dedicated to raising awareness, reducing the stigma around mental health, and encouraging open conversations about suicide. It serves as an important reminder that help is available and that every single life is valuable. During this month, and throughout the year, individuals and communities are encouraged to learn the warning signs, practice empathy, and reach out to those who may be struggling. By working together, we can create a world where no one feels alone and everyone has the support they need to heal.

# FAMILY BUSINESSES



**Aaron Mountain Soaps**  
**Wilma Prudhum**  
**Green, Owner**



**LunaSola Crystals**  
**Barbara Ealy**  
**Owner**

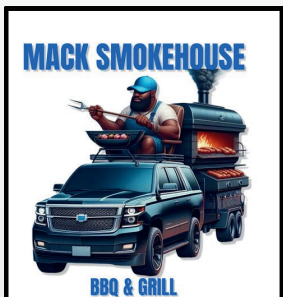


**Sweets & Treats**  
**By Lee**  
**A'leshia Steward,**  
**Owner**



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

<https://www.mslucyscouture.com>



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

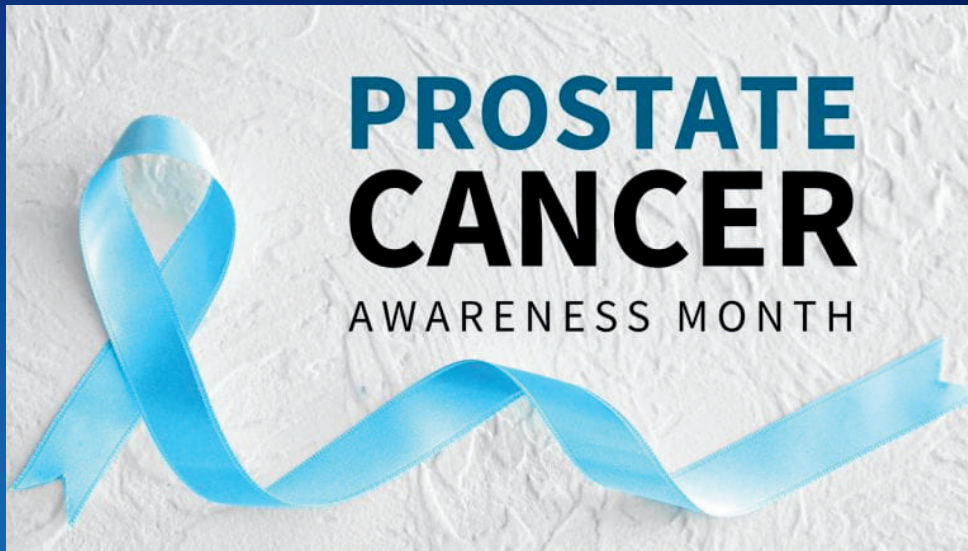


**Airbnb in Stockton**  
**GA.**  
**hosted by Afrika and**  
**Darnell Jackson**



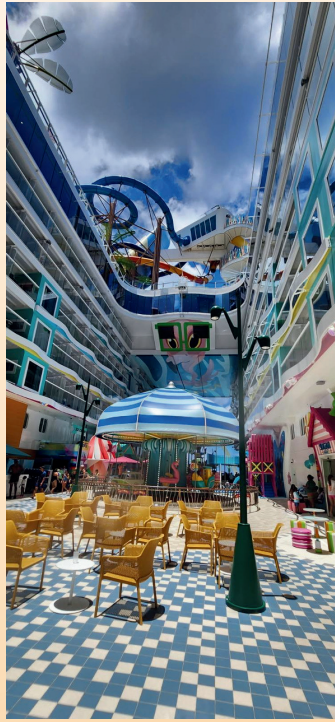
In August, Brian Carter of the Americus District was invited to sit as an Honorary Council Member for The City of Americus, Georgia. This Proclamation was dated for and presented on August 21, 2025.

**Congratulations Brian!**



September is recognized as National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month, a time dedicated to raising awareness about the most common non-skin cancer among men. It's a critical topic, as **prostate cancer is the second leading cause of cancer deaths in men in the United States, surpassed only by lung cancer.** However, there is a stark disparity in its impact: **African American men face the highest death rate from prostate cancer among all ethnic groups and are about twice as likely to die from the disease as white men in the United States.** While these statistics are concerning, there is also great hope. When detected early, prostate cancer is highly treatable, **with a 5-year relative survival rate of nearly 100% for cancer that is localized (contained within the prostate) or regional (spread to nearby areas).** This highlights the critical importance of **regular screenings and early detection** in improving outcomes and saving lives.





Florida District member Linda Hart enjoying herself on the Royal Caribbean's ICON of the Seas cruise ship and at a Christ Fellowship Church Ladies event.

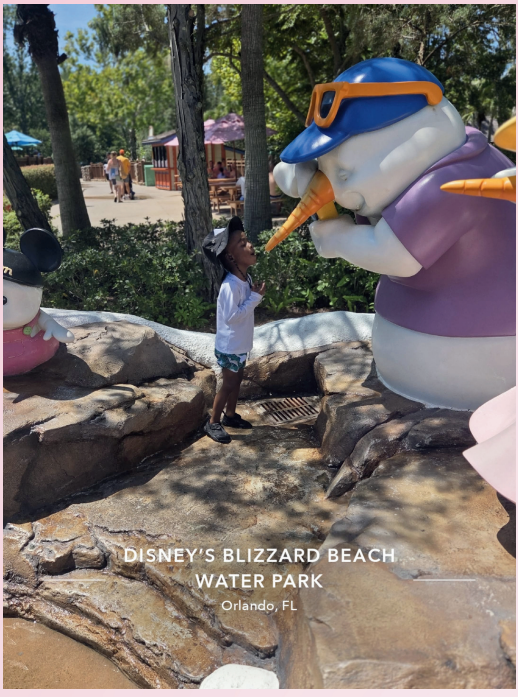
*You Go Girl!*



# SEPTEMBER IN AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY

- September 1, 1891** – Halle T.D. Johnson becomes first woman of any race to practice medicine in Alabama.
- September 1, 1975** – Daniel “Chappie” James, a former Tuskegee Airman, became the first Black four-star general in the United States Air Force.
- September 2, 1958** – Frederick M. Jones patents control device for internal combustion engine.
- September 3, 1838** – Fredrick Douglas, disguised as a sailor escapes from slavery.
- September 3, 1901** – Alabama makes racial segregation mandatory during the state’s Constitutional Convention of 1901.
- September 3, 1979** – Robert Maynard editor-publisher of the Oakland (California) Tribune, becoming the first African American to head a daily newspaper.
- September 4, 1957** – Nine Black students are banned from a Little Rock high school, by Arkansas governor Oval Faubus who calls out the National Guard.
- September 5 1959**– Writer Harriet Wilson became the first African American to publish a novel, “Our Nig, or Sketches from the Life of a Free Black”
- September 7, 1954** – Integration of public school began in Washington, D.C. and Baltimore.
- September 8, 1957** – Tennis champion, Althea Gibson, becomes the first Black athlete to win the U.S. Open
- September 9, 1968** – Arthur Ashe wins the first U.S. Men’s Singles Tennis Championship
- September 10, 1855** – John Mercer Langston elected township clerk of Brownhelm, Ohio, becoming first black to hold elective office in the U.S.
- September 11, 1959** – Edward Kennedy “Duke” Ellington wins Springarn Medal for his achievements in music.
- September 12, 1947** – Jackie Robinson is named National League Rookie of the Year
- September 12, 1992** – Dr. Mae C. Jemison becomes first African American woman to travel in space.
- September 15, 1915** – Carter G Woodson, the Father of Black History, founded the legendary Association for the Study of Negro Life and History, now the Association for the Study of African American Life and History.
- September 15, 1963** – Four African American girls, Addie Mae Collins (14), Denise McNair (11), Carole Robertson (14) and Cynthia Wesley (14). killed in Birmingham church bombing.
- September 16, 1940** – President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed Selective Service Act, allowing Black people to enter all branches of the US Military Service
- September 17, 1961** – Hampton Institute founded.
- September 17, 1983** – Vanessa Williams becomes first African American woman named Miss America.
- September 18, 1895** – Booker T. Washington delivers famous Atlanta Exposition speech.
- September 18, 1919** – Fritz Pollard becomes the first black to play professional football for a major team, the Akron Indians. Pollard was also the first Black to play in the Rose Bowl.
- September 19, 1865** – Atlanta University founded.
- September 19, 1881** – Booker T. Washington opens Tuskegee Institute in Alabama.
- September 22, 1950** – Ralph Bunche becomes the first Black person to receive a Nobel Prize.
- September 24, 1957** – Federal troops enforce court-ordered integration as nine African American students integrate Central High School in Little Rock, Ark.
- September 27, 1912** – W.C. Handy publishes “Memphis Blues”.
- September 29, 1910** – National Urban League is founded.
- September 29, 1975** – First Black-owned television in US, WGPR-TV Detroit, begins broadcasting
- September 30, 1962** – Under the protection of federal marshals, James Meredith enrolls as the first African American student at University of Mississippi.

# From Florida District's Adelma Bryant-McKenzie pictures of Carsyn's 3rd birthday and first day of school



DISNEY'S BLIZZARD BEACH  
WATER PARK  
Orlando, FL

of school

Happy  
Birthday  
Carsyn!

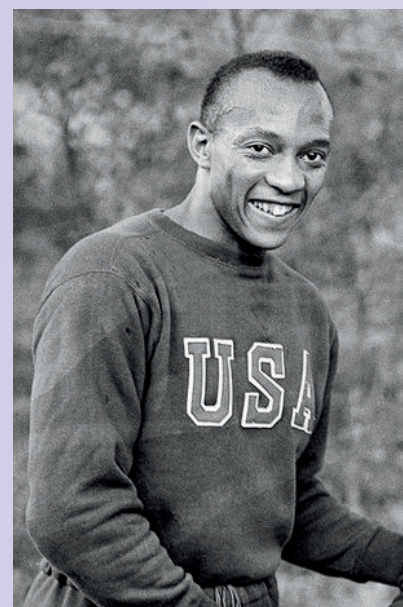


And  
welcome  
to  
the  
first  
day  
of  
school!



**FAMOUS AFRICAN  
AMERICANS  
BORN IN SEPTEMBER**

- 4 – Beyonce Knowles Carter
- 4 – Lewis Latimer
- 4 – Damon Wayans
- 4 – Richard Wright
- 5 – Claudette Colvin
- 5 – Frank Yerby
- 6 – Macy Gray
- 6 – Foxy Brown
- 7 – Tupac Shakur
- 8 – Ruby Bridges
- 9 – Billy Preston
- 9 – Otis Redding
- 11 – Taraji P. Henson
- 11 – Ludacris
- 11 – Lola Falana
- 12 – Joe Sample
- 12 – Jessie Owens
- 12 – Jennifer Hudson
- 13 – Travis Smiley
- 13 – Neil Carter
- 13 – Alai Locke
- 13 – Tyler Perry
- 14 – Nas
- 15 – Jullian Edwin “Cannonball” Adderley
- 15 – Jessye Norman
- 16 – Elgin Baylor
- 16 – Henry Louis Gates
- 16 – Ripley “B. B. King”
- 18 – Ben Carson
- 18 – Jada Pinkett Smith
- 19 – Joe Morgan
- 22 – Shari Belafonte
- 23 – Ray Charles
- 23 – John Coltrane
- 25 – Scottie Pippen
- 25 – Will Smith
- 26 – Serena Williams
- 27 – Lil’ Wayne
- 27 – Greg Morris
- 29 – Kevin Durant
- 30 – Johnny Mathis





**Larry Driskell**

**October 5, 1956 - August 25, 2025**

**The fullness of Cousin Larry Driskell's life will be celebrated Friday, September 19, 2025 at 11am at Cascade United Methodist Church, Southwest Campus (3144 Cascade Rd SW, Atlanta GA 30311).**

**Cousin, Dr. Kevin Murriel officiating.**

**Repast to follow.**

**Please share your photos and special memories of Cousin Larry with Cousin Joyce (bettym52@gmail.com, 404.273.2294).**

**With Love,  
Cousin Joyce  
404.273.2294**