

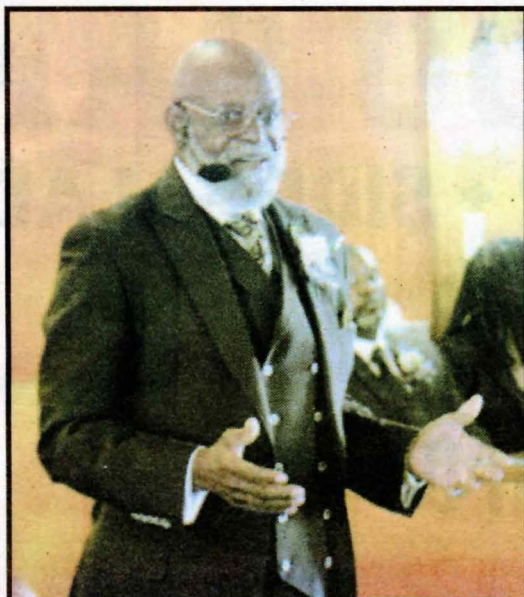
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Area Churches Greater St. Peters, Bethlehem, and Center Hill, Kick Off Homecoming Season

Above: St. Peters MBC are led in worship by favorite son, Rev. Robert Thomas. Below left: Ms. Gwendolyn Carter joins in praise and worship. Below Center Pastor Fred Thomas III, calls for worship. Below Right: Dr. Paul Menefee and wife Pamela, fellowship in St. Peters Homecoming.





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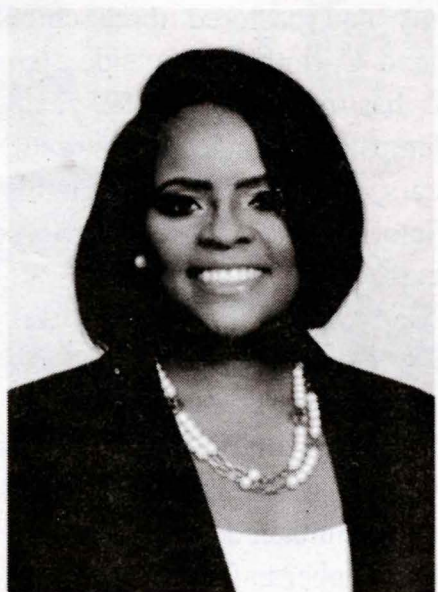
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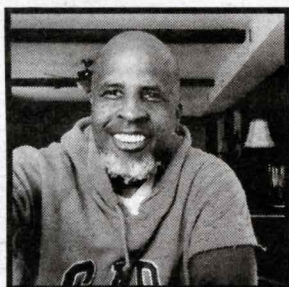
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Printing, Pastoring, and Cubmastering

It's homecoming season in our community, and remembering friends and family in our churches, communities, and college is a tradition which feeds our souls.



DeWayne Charleston,
Co- Publisher

I've been writing and publishing about lots of things in and around Prairie View since 1989. I've never dedicated a page to who I consider Mr. Prairie View. When my father arrived at Prairie View in 1948, he walked the mile long journey to the college campus from the train station which sat at end of Sandra Bland Parkway and U.S. Business Hwy. 290. Like thousands

before him, he carried with him a single suitcase, and a dream that neither his mother Maude or grandfather Cube Brooks, who was born enslaved in 1851, ever carried.

My father, my dad would finish college and allow the fulfillment of the same dream for future generations after him.

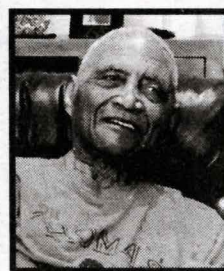
In the spirit of this homecoming season, let me tell you about my father, a 1952 graduate of Prairie View A&M College, Cube Charleston.

He was a man of many hats and trades.

He'd wear a top hat for visiting churches, and red beret when leading his cub scouts in parades or at Cub Scout Pack meetings. He'd trade in his hat and beret for an apron while at his printing company or at work in the print shop at Prairie View. Ill try to convince the reader of this editorial that I am

absolutely correct on this. But it won't matter if I fail, because I'm sure we all have that Mr. or Ms. Prairie View in our lives.

As a minister, my dad pastored three churches AT THE SAME TIME; Second Corinth just outside Hempstead which he has pastored for 52 years, St. Paul in Hempstead which he pastored for almost 20 years, and Mt. Pisgah, near his birthplace in Victoria, which he also pastored for over 20 years.



Cube Charleston,
Publisher

Dad wasn't just a minister, part of his weekly routines as a pastor was to visit the retirement homes and the homes of elderly residents of Waller County for as long as I could remember and for as long as he could. He did it with an unmatched discipline and devotion.

I love it when Rev. Richards Hayes, Rev Fred Thomas, and Rev Fletcher Williams and others, do it as they so often do.

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The one thing I always loved about my father is that he preached short sermons and prayed long prayers...in earnest!

Many of my readers may wonder how I came to be a publisher of the longest running newspaper in Waller County.

It was at the inspiration of Cube Charleston and his trade. Dad was a printer and a teacher. not of biology, history, or other academic discipline, but rather a teacher in Prairie View's now defunct industrial trades departments.

When I got to college, to be honest I wasn't so proud of the fact that my dad didn't hold a PhD like so many of my childhood friends dad's. He'd come home with ink all over his hands, he'd worked in a dirty apron all day and then spent his evenings in the garage making rubber stamps for EVERYBODY in the county. In that endeavor he was an entrepreneur in the purest sense of the word.

As a sophomore in college I read a quote which changed my life. The great Frederick Douglas once wrote, "true political power lies in the power of the press". Dad was a printer. Nobody was better on a press than he. Of course I translated that to my dad had within him true

political power and only I would be the one to pull it out of him.

When PVAMU shut down the campus printing shop, we bought much of the old equipment and started our own printing company MINIMAX PRINTING. It was there in 1988, that I began publication of my first newspaper, The Waller County Tribune.

I could have titled this editorial Frederick Douglas, Dad, and I.

Dad has been a leader in the community. Whether by his 30 plus years of faithful service to hundreds of young boys in Pack 141, or through the many lives he has touched in his ministry he has given of himself.

As for his printing, few students finished Prairie View without having come to his shop and not being preached to while waiting on a job to be completed.

That is true power.

By the way, I could have also named this editorial, "Frederick Douglas, my dad, and I.



Above: Rev. Charleston is seen preparing for the popular Pack 141 Pinewood Derby. Also above: The Cubmaster has traded in his uniform for his apron at the Print Shop at PVAMU. Below he is seen with his St. Corinth members and friends in the pulpit.



Do you have a parent or grandparent who attended Prairie View Normal and Industrial College or Prairie View A&M College?

Send us an email with a short bio and picture **for inclusion in our 28 page 2022 PVAMU Homecoming Edition**

Email: Judgecharleston@gmail.com

Alice Wilson was my grandmother. She was born in Sunnyside, Texas (Waller County). She attended Prairie View Normal College.

Class of 1927

She was a nurse and also taught school for many years in the Alief school district. During the war she worked as a clerk for the Southern Pacific Railroad.

-Pamela Morgan, Granddaughter

Pictured Below: Blacksher Field Homecoming crowd and parade circa 1940-1970





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SWAC Leadership and its Prairie View Paw Prints

In 1920, athletic officials from six Texas HBCUs — C.H. Fuller of Bishop College, Red Randolph and C.H. Patterson of Paul Quinn College, E.G. Evans, H.J. Evans and H.J. Starns of Prairie View A&M, D.C. Fuller of Texas College and G. Whitte Jordan of Wiley College — met in Houston to discuss common interests. At this meeting, they agreed to form a new league, the SWAC.

A little more than a century later Prairie View A&M University remains as the only charter member of the nation's leading HBCU athletic conference.

If one looks at the popularity and resurgence of the conference, they see the productive influence of Prairie View at the center of the conference leadership.

Dr. Charles McClelland, the conference's current commissioner has spearheaded changes in the conference that guarantees more revenues from television, and has raised the profile of the conference through his leadership at the NCAA level.

McClelland currently serves at the head of the NCAA Basketball tournament committee (a first for an African-American). McClelland is a Prairie View graduate and for Athletic Director on the Hill.

Perhaps the biggest boost to conference prominence has come not at the hands of Deion Sanders and his FBS nation leading Jackson State tigers, but rather in the wisdom and skills of its Athletic Director Ashley Robinson. Robinson took a leap of faith and hired "Coach Prime" who had no previous college coaching experience.

The Deion Sanders experiment has paid off, Jackson State has averaged 55,000 fans during the past two seasons, landed the nations number one recruit, and is now holding a near unanimous vote as number one in the FBS polls.

Prior to his leadership role at Jackson State, Robinson served as Athletic director at Prairie View.

FOUR HEAD COACHES

Four of the eleven current head football coaches this 2022 season have been coaches at Prairie View.

Head coach Terry Sims will bring the Maroon and Gold Bethune-Cookman football team to Prairie View on October 29th for Prairie View homecoming. It will also be a sort of Homecoming for coach Sims. Coach Sims joined the Prairie View staff in 2004 and coached defensive backs and special teams. Sims is in his seventh year as head coach at BC.

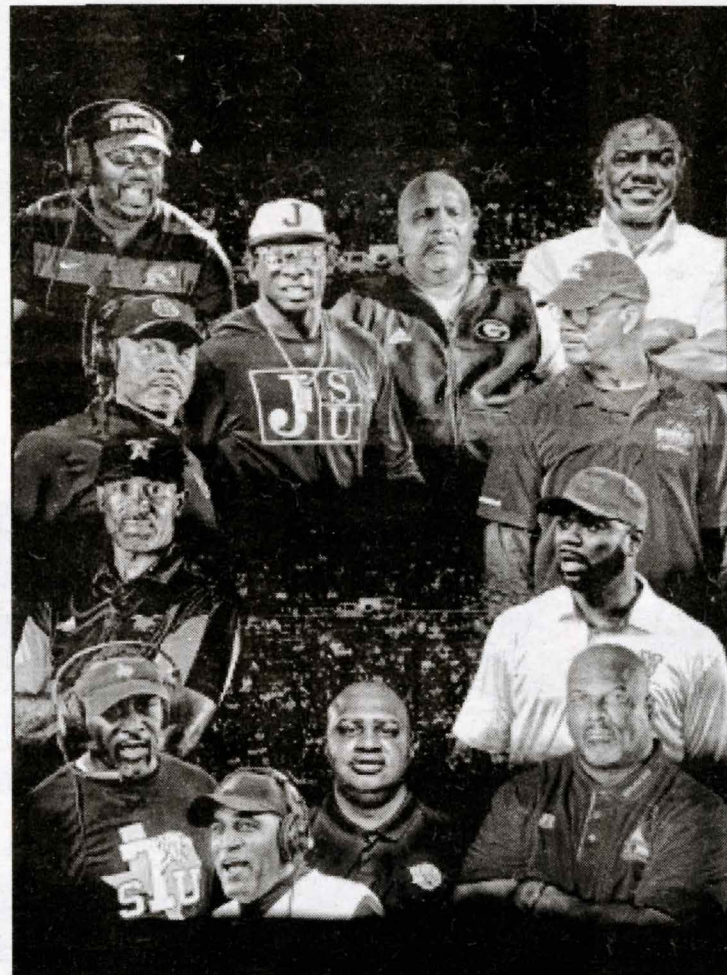
Southern University Head Coach Eric Dooley served as head coach at Prairie View 2017 to 2021. In Coach Dooley's first season at Prairie View, the team became for first in program history to score 60 points twice in the same season. He also led one of the most explosive offenses in the country in 2019, ranking no. 4 nationally in total offense. The panthers ranked 35th nationally in defense the same year.

Coach Dooley returns to Prairie View the first weekend in October 2022 to face his old team.

Florida A&M University's head coach Willie Simmons was a popular head coach at Prairie View. He fashioned an overall 21-11 record and a 19-6 league record. He followed an 8-2 record in 2015 with a single loss in his third season, finishing 8-1, and runner-up to

the Grambling State Tigers, whom the panthers lost to in a State fair classic Wild West shootout 70-54.

Current Prairie View coach Bubba McDowell was hired to lead the Panthers after 11 seasons as an assistant on the Hill. In his first season at the helm, the player popular coach, has his team poised to defend its SWAC West title, as they are currently undefeated in SWAC play and ranked fifth in a national poll of HBCU college football rankings.



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How many times have you checked out at the grocery and were surprised by the total? It's easy to let our grocery bill get too big if we're not careful. Yes, food prices have gone up for certain items lately, and we're making more meals at home now than eating at restaurants, but there are ways to keep that expense under control.

- Figure out how much you can reasonably spend on food. Financial advisors suggest spending no more than 10% of your income after taxes on food. That includes the

supermarket as well as restaurants. If you want actual figures worked out for you, check out the USDA's website (<https://www.fns.usda.gov/cnpp/usda-food-plans-cost-food-reports-monthly-reports>) for food plans based on averages for four levels: thrifty, low-cost, moderate, and liberal plans.

- Make a shopping list. There are many grocery shopping apps available. Find one that fits your needs. These help you create digital shopping lists, including some that offer



digital coupons. If you prefer going old school, make your list with a pen and paper and post the list on a board in your kitchen. As you run low on items, put them on your list. Then, when

it's time to shop, stick to that list and try to avoid impulse buying.

- Use reward programs. If you use a major retailer, the store will likely have a store reward program. Make sure you sign up for it to get store discounts and coupons. The

store may even have its own shopping app.

- Consider ordering online. Not only does it save you a trip inside a store, it also keeps a running total of your expenses before you check out. If you go over your shopping limit, you simply take certain items off your list to bring down your total. Ordering online can also lessen impulse buying.

- Buy only what you need. Avoid buying anything simply because you have a coupon or because the store offers a bulk discount. If you can't eat 2 bags of salad greens in a week, a "buy one get one 50% off" offer will simply fill your garbage can with wasted food.



Keeping your food expenses under control is easy with a little planning. Digital tools can help make this even



easier. The hardest part will be controlling your impulse to reach for a sweet treat before checking out.

Article by **Prairie View FCU and Cy-Fair FCU**

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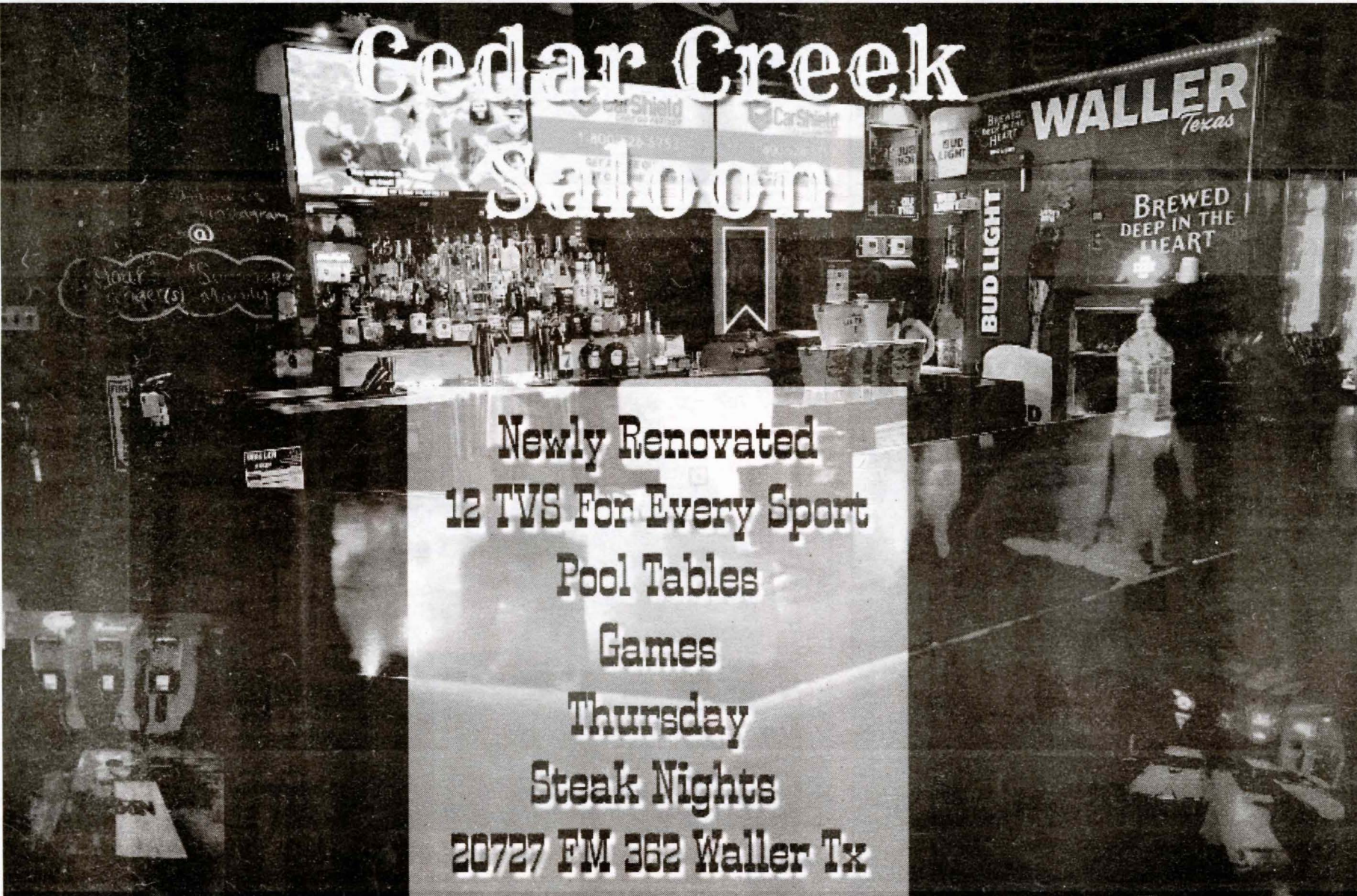
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Community Leader of the Month

Ms. Gloria Thompson



"Few individuals have been more devoted to the political advancement of African-Americans in Waller County."

Gloria Thompson has committed her life not only in her service to her family and church, but also to the Waller County Democratic Party and Club and indeed the entire city of Hempstead.

Because of her selfless spirit of volunteering in so many causes, **Prairie View Magazine** is honored to acknowledge her as our Community Leader of the Month.



Thompson served as 2022 Grand Marshall of the Hempstead Juneteenth Parade

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Prairie View's own Mr. Leroy Marion, Jr. was honored by Rice Univ. for being in the first class of Black athletes in 1972

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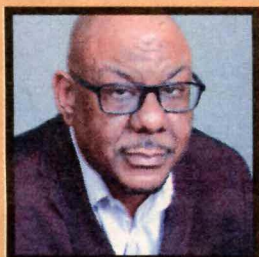
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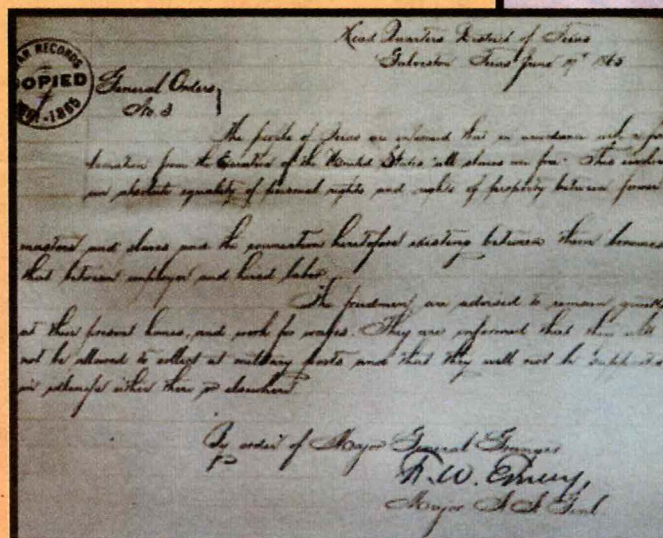
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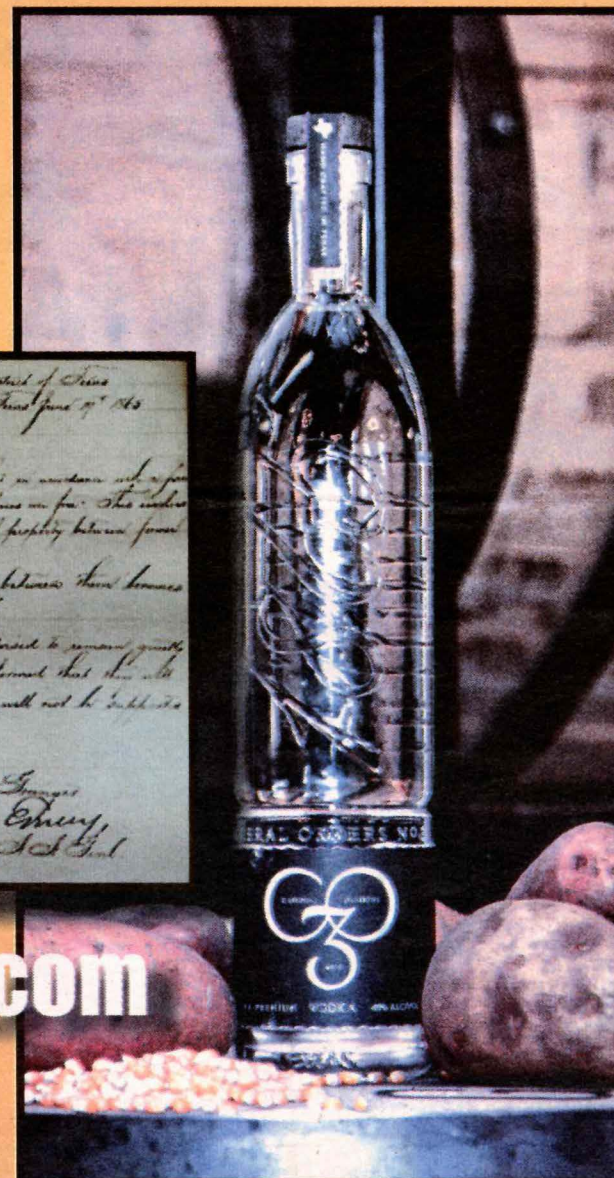
Eugene Padgett,
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Michael Williams,
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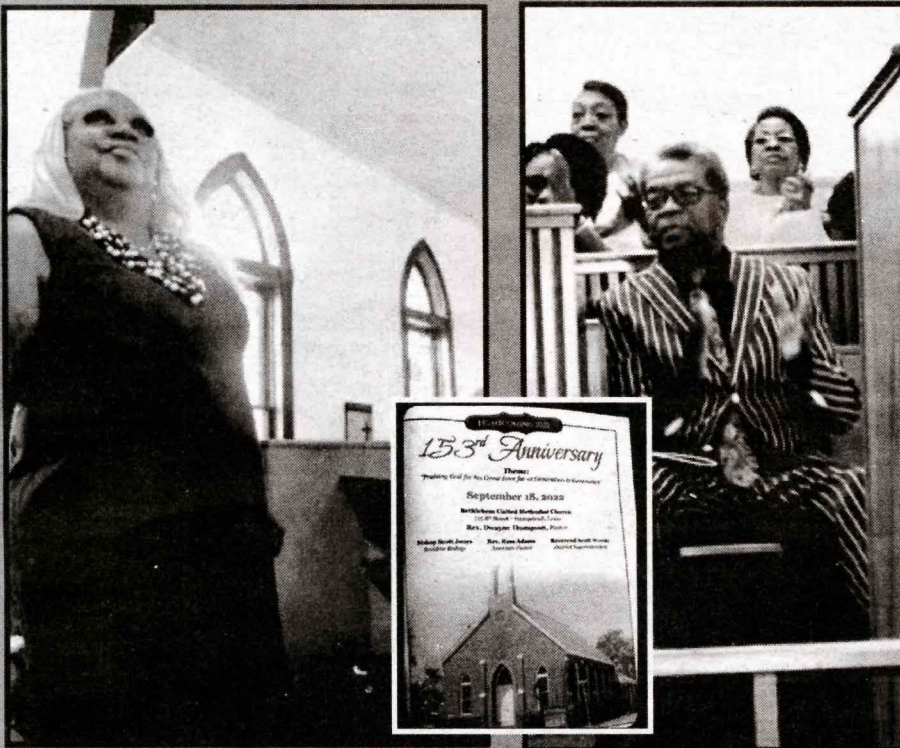
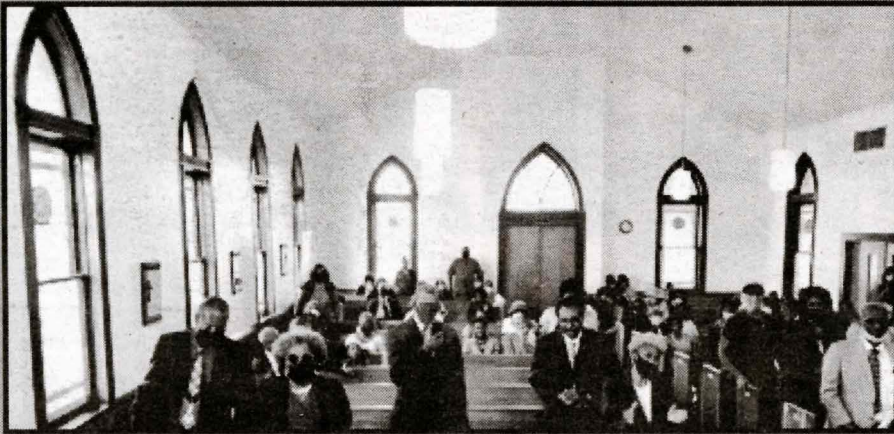
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Pastor Dwayne Thompson



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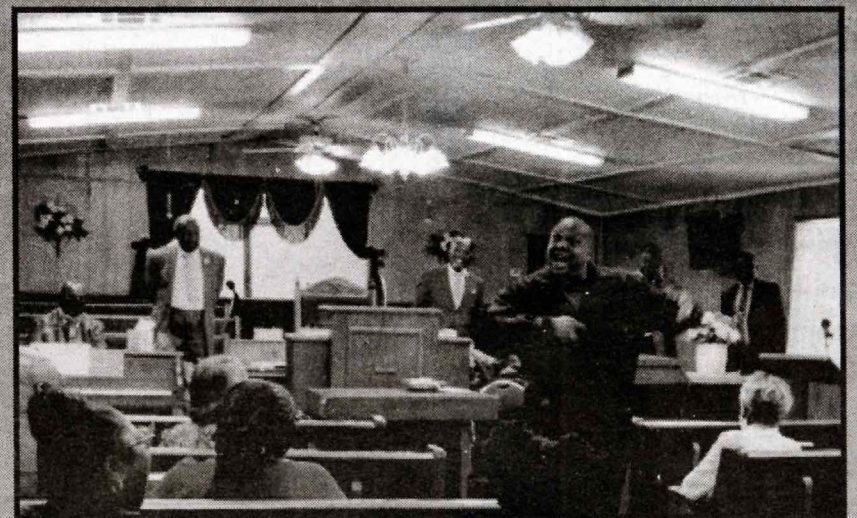


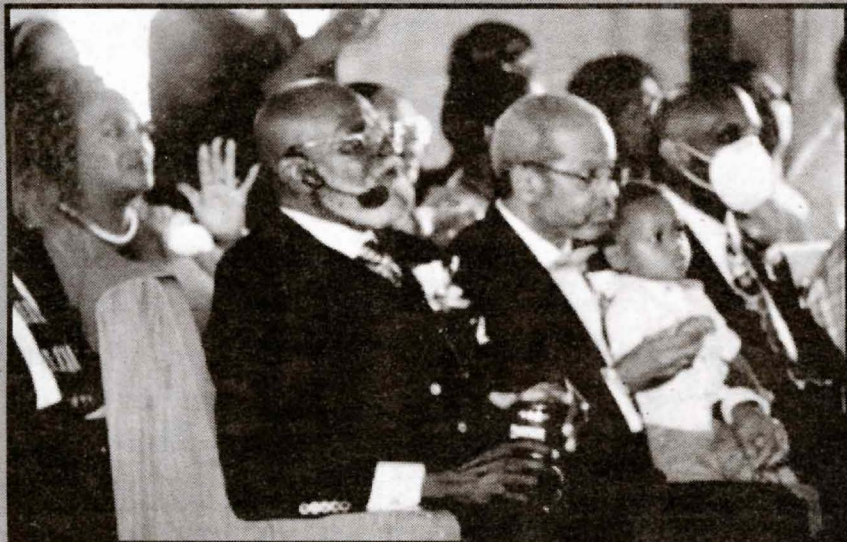
Center Hill PBC 2022 Family and Friends Day

Pastor Richards Hayes



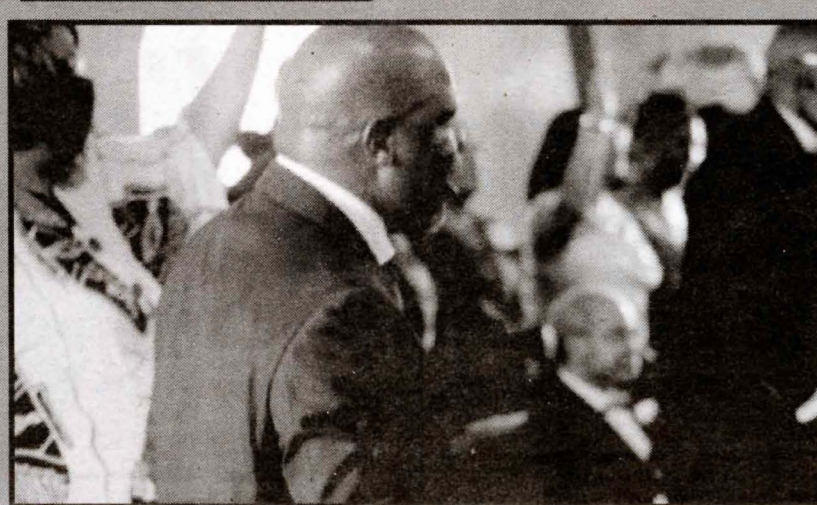
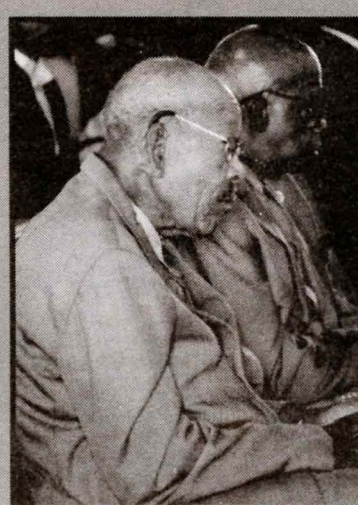
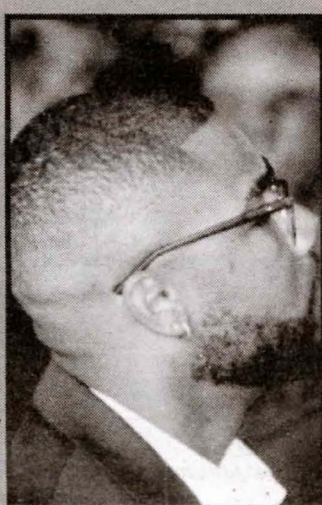
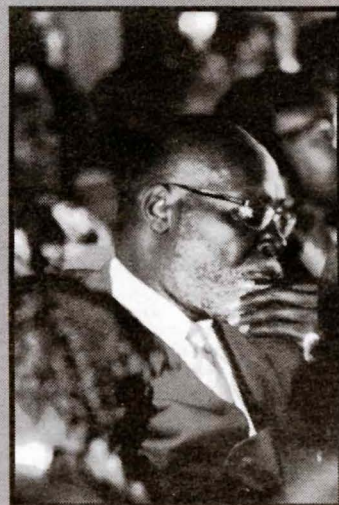
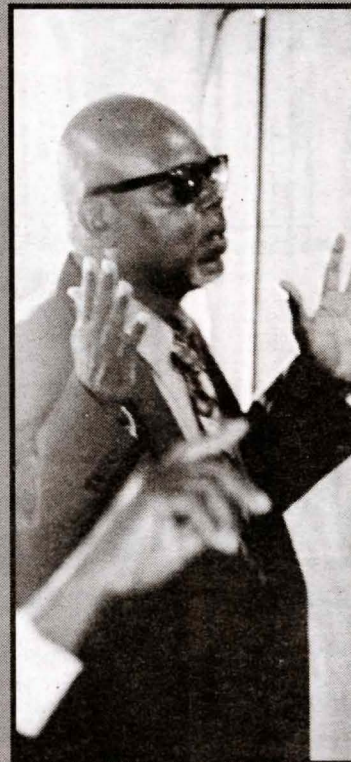
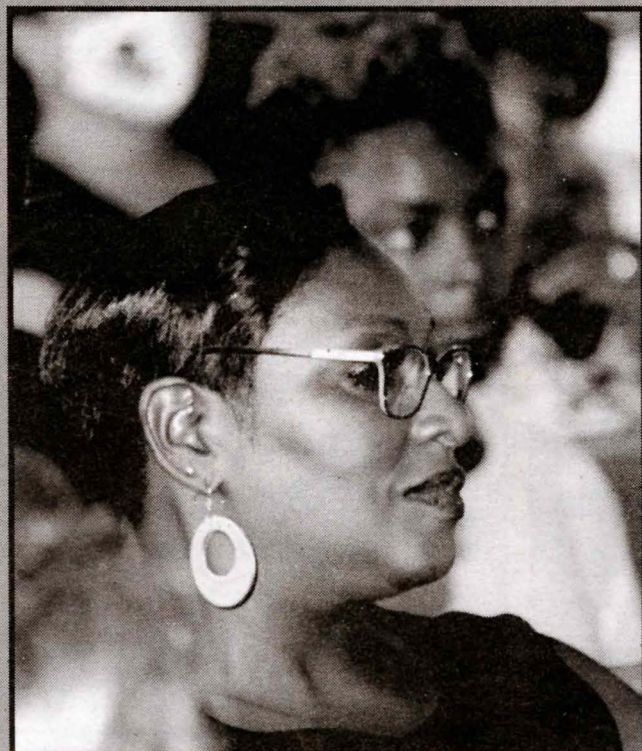
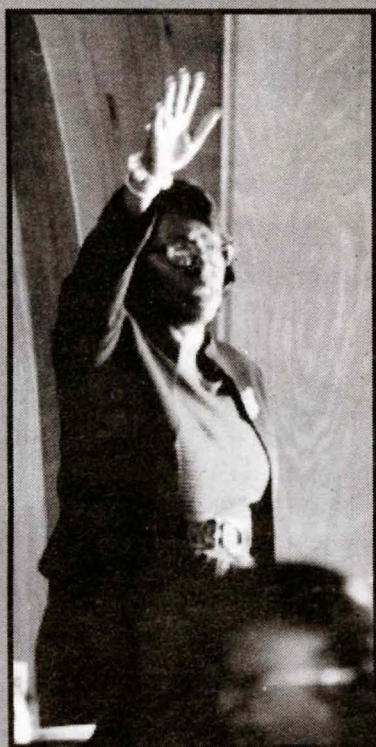
Center Hill PBC had a wonderful Family and Friends Day, as they always do. These pics were provided by Joe Diamond Harrison.

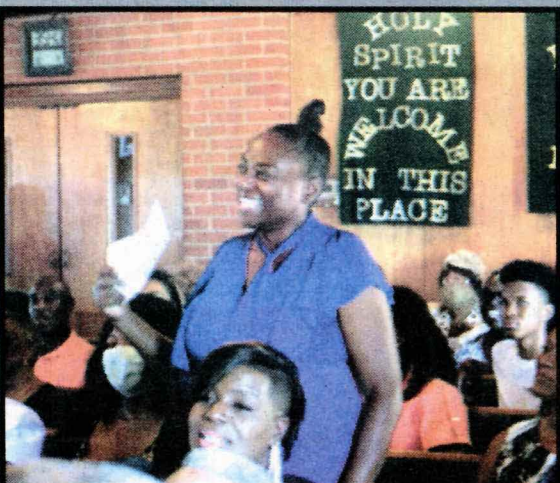
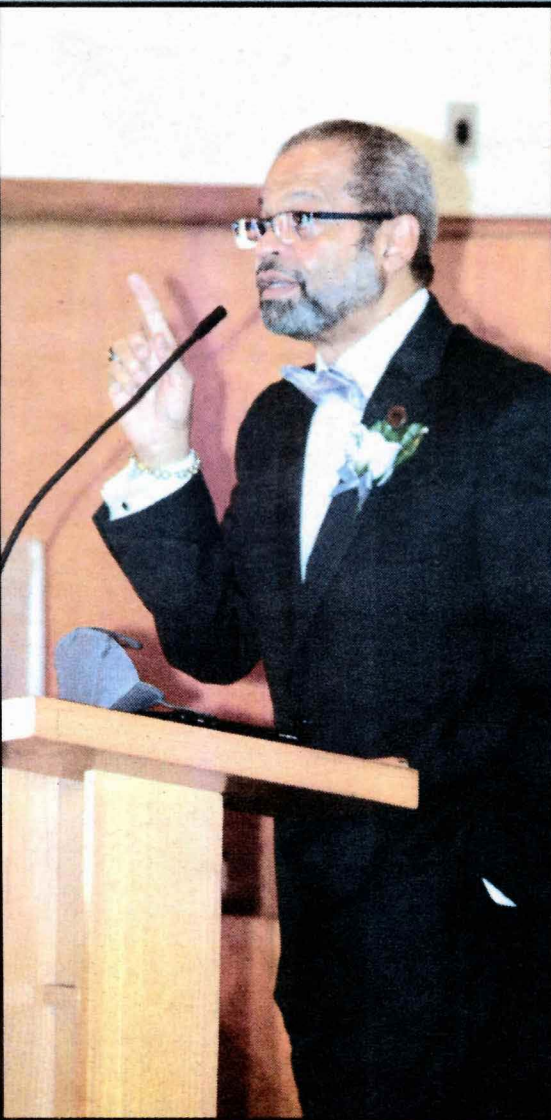
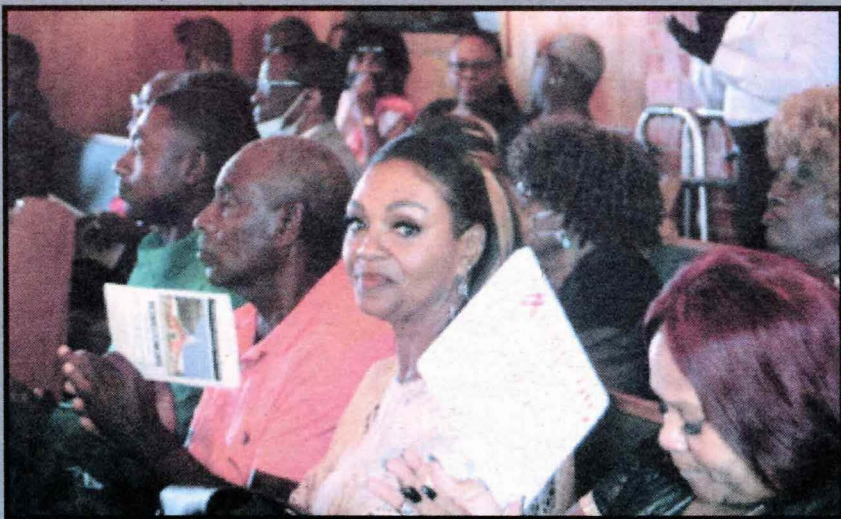




Greater St. Peter's MBC 122 Year Homecoming

THEME: Running the Race and Living on God's Grace Pastor Fred Thomas III, Presiding Hempstead's Favorite Son, Rev. Robert Thomas, encouraged the full house to run their best race. Below: Marie Lewis, Michael Wolfe, John Clemmons, Waymond Perry and others enjoy the worship experience.







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