

Juneteenth Diversity Champion Awards



Jo Gilley, Overture Promotions



Linal Harris - Motivational Coach



John Smith - ACH Foods



Pastor Barbara Brown - Trinity AME



Brian Little - Intel Corp.



Anise Wiley Little - Mega K



Michael Hargett, PhD - ELFM



Minister Terry Atwater -Northshore Church of Christ



Pastor Tim Eddy -Trinity Christian Church



Willis Thomas, PhD



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The E.Reed Report: July 2023 Juneteenth Festival

The Juneteenth Commission of Lake County held their annual Juneteenth Festival in the Foss Park Lakefront Park in North Chicago on Saturday, June 17, 2023 with a Gospel Concert at the First Corinthian M.B. Church of North Chicago on Sunday, June 18th and a Prayer Breakfast at the Doubletree by Hilton in Mundelein on Monday, June 19, 2023. All three events were spectacular, highlighted by a sold out Saturday outdoor Juneteenth festival headlined by blues artist Charlie Love.

This year's sponsors included: Abb-Vie – Diamond Sponsor; Soaring Eagle Community Dev. – Diamond Sponsor; Great Lakes Credit Union – Gold Sponsor; Overture Promotions – Gold Sponsor; Aetna Healthcare – Silver Sponsor; Foss Park District was the hosting sponsor. In addition, there were several organizations who purchased ads and booth space for the event. The three-day celebration was also made possible by a

grant from the Illinois Criminal Justice Department.

The Outdoor Festival

The event boasted approximately 2,000 people in attendance with 40 vendors, a Stilt walker, a Magic Show for the children, a Juneteenth Museum - Curator Henrietta Graham, DJ Williams, a free gift shop, where guests picked up a multitude of items such as coffee sets, cellphone wallets, toys for the children, kids clothing, boys suspenders, women and girls purses, personal diary journals, face masks, shampoo, and a plethora of items. There was also a bicycle giveaway.

The food was free and featured cake, watermelon, cookies, mixed fruit, peaches, green beans, pork and beans, hot dogs, hamburgers, brauts, grilled chicken and rib tips.

The entertainment stage was hosted by WGCI personality Dani D. who brightened the stage with her pleasant personality. She went around the park and met with many of the vendors and reviewed several booths before getting on stage. Featured entertainment were blues great, Charlie Love, The Grandma Boys, The Atlas Dance Team, the Lions Dance Team, Lake County Line Dancers, Sharon Epps, Robert Presley and the African Drummers, as well as several other wonderful acts.

The Gospel Concert

The Gospel Concert was exceptionally inspiring. Kishi Johnson blew the audience away with powerful renditions of heartfelt Gospel hits. The Voice of Co-



Kudos to **Glenda Duncan** who serves as the Chairperson for the Juneteenth Commission.

rinthian went first with a moving performance which set the stage for a beautiful concert. The David Jones Troupe featured young people who produced original material that stirred the audience. The headline group, The Grandma Boys did not disappoint. They offered downhome male quartet style-originals that drew people to their feet and kept them there. A duet by group leader Joseph Pipes and Kishi Johnson was a real crowd pleaser that helped to create a worshipful atmosphere.

It was a time of reflection, and praise.

See more Juneteenth stoties and photos throughout this edition of the Chicago Peoples Voice. -Photos by Kenneth Smith Photography-

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2023 Juneteenth Prayer Breakfast

Cross-denominational leaders convene at the Juneteenth Prayer Breakfast





During the Prayer Breakfast, Corporate Diversity Champion Awards were presented to Melissa Donaldson, Linal Harris, Willis Thomas, Jo Gilley, Anise Wiley-Little, Brian Little, and John Smith. Mayor of Zion Billy McKinney, and Mayor of Libertyville Donna Johnson presented the awards.



US Congressman Brad Schneider, and Juneteenth Commissioner Glenda Duncan with two students who were recognized during the event.



State Representative Joyce Mason, Mayor Billy McKinney, Lake County Commissioner Gina Roberts, US Congressman Brad Schneider, and North Chicago Alderman Kenneth Smith were some of the elected officials who joined the celebration.

2023 Juneteenth Commission of Lake County Glenda Duncan – Chairperson Elroy Reed – Executive Director John Smith – ACH Foods Michael Hargett – ELFM Ministries Pamela Shadell Mason – Hubert and Martha Mason Legacy Foundation Todd Gordon – City of Miracles Ministries

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The Prayer Breakfast

Who says that Prayer Breakfasts have to be somber occasions? This one hit the ball right out of the park. Keynoted by Minister Terry Atwater, the Juneteenth Prayer Breakfast integrated corporate prayer lead by some of Lake County's most powerful spiritual leaders with recognition of individuals who are leading the way in creating and sustaining freedom and justice in today's society.

US Congressman Brad Schneider presented youth leadership awards to youth leaders identified by the commission as cutting-edge peer leaders in their schools and community. These students are Derrick Washington, Shania Collins, Quinton Payne, and Tyler Desean Clay.

Apostle Michael Hargett offered a prayer for the youth and was presented with the Juneteenth Diversity Champion Award for his leadership in youth development, church planting, ministry development and housing for the homeless work.

Pastor Barbara Brown led the group in a prayer for the community and the nation. She was presented with the Diversity Champion Award for her leadership in the AME Church and community, and for ensuring that the Trinity A.M.E. Church obtained state landmark status as the oldest Black Church in Lake County.

Pastor Tim Eddy and a ministry team leader, Chris Glover, co-led in prayer for peace and leadership within the community. Pastor Eddy was presented with the Diversity Champion Award for his demonstrated leadership in leading a racially mixed church, as well as is vision for spiritual development, missions, and community leadership.

Corporate Diversity Champion Awards were presented to key leaders in six corporations. Jo Gilley, CEO of Overture Promotions was presented with the Diversity Champion Award due to her demonstration of equity and social justice in the workplace as well as in the community.

Melissa Donaldson, Vice President and Chief Diversity Officer for Wintrust Financial, was presented with the Juneteenth Diversity Champion Award. In 2021, she was recognized by Crain's Chicago Business Journal as one the Top Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Executives in the Chicago market. She leads Wintrust Bank's diversity and inclusion strategies for business success which includes employee engagement and community response.

Dr. Willis Thomas, a Project Management

Professional, was presented with the Juneteenth Diversity Champion Award for his work in diversity and inclusion through corporate training and development.

John Smith, Chief Human Resources Executive for ACH Food Companies, was presented with the Juneteenth Diversity Champion Award for his 30-years of leadership in diversity and inclusion in companies like CDW, Ford Motor Company and Pepsi-Cola. He attended the prayer breakfast via Zoom.

Brian Little and Anise Wiley-Little were presented the Juneteenth Diversity Champion Award as a couple for their many years of cutting-edge leadership in the diversity and inclusion arena. Anise was the first Chief Diversity Officer for Allstate and led diversity initiatives at Northwestern Kellogg's Business School of Management. Brian Little is currently Vice President and Head of Global Human Resources at Intel. He has had extensive success in leading in the diversity and inclusion arena at organizations like Zurich Insurance, HSBC Bank, Ameritech and Amoco.

Minister Terry Atwater was presented with the Juneteenth Diversity Champion Award for his 40 plus years of leadership in the Christian community, holding the distinction of being the longest serving pastor of a single congregation in Lake County, Illinois. Owner and principal of the National Machine and Tool Corporation, Atwater began his career with Abbott Labs as a Project Engineer. Atwater was also the keynote speaker for the Prayer Breakfast with an inspiring message about justice for all.



Pastor Tim Eddy and Minister Chris Glover



Pastor Robert and Debbie Richards



Pastor Barbara Brown with Congressman Brad Schneider with members of the Trinity AME Church



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New agreement offers Lake County nursing students pathway to top-ranked bachelor's degree

by CLC Media

A new agreement between two Illinois colleges will make it easier for nursing students to earn a bachelor's degree.

The board of trustees of the University of Illinois—on behalf of the UIC College of Nursing and UIC Extended Campus—has entered into an agreement with the College of Lake County to create a dual-admissions pathway from CLC's associate degree in nursing (ADN) program to UIC's RN to BSN degree-completion program.

The agreement will allow students to simultaneously earn an associate degree in nursing at CLC while enrolling in courses that are part of the fully online RN to BSN degree-completion program at UIC.

After students successfully complete the ADN curriculum, they will be awarded their associate degree and continue their progress in the UIC online RN to BSN program as degree-seeking students. UIC will confer the bachelor's degree in nursing after graduation requirements are met.

With nursing shortages projected to continue, the career outlook for newly licensed registered nurses is excellent. The partnership between CLC and UIC will help produce in-demand, highly skilled professionals for the nursing workforce.

"Health care is only getting more complex, and nurses are increasingly called upon to make critical decisions and lead collaborations," says UIC College of Nursing Dean Eileen Collins, PhD, RN. "With the clinical skills they learn at the College of Lake County, and the nursing leadership skills they learn at UIC, this program's graduates will be invaluable assets to their employers and, most importantly, to their patients."

U.S. News & World Report ranks the University of Illinois Chicago No. 2 in the nation for online bachelor's degree programs. The RN to BSN program represents almost 60% of the total enrollment in UIC's three online bache-

lor's degrees.

"We really appreciate UIC's willingness to partner with CLC on the dual admissions pathway," says CLC's vice president of education Kristen Jones, EdD. "The program provides the opportunity for our nursing students to continue their education, ultimately allowing us to better meet critical health care workforce needs."

ADN students in this program will receive additional support to stay on track, including regular meetings with UIC and CLC academic advisors to plan and track their progress most efficiently.

The American Association of Colleges of Nursing 2021 Essentials for Baccalaureate Nursing Education asserts that a higher level of education gives nurses a wider range of competencies, such as in leadership, systems thinking, evidence-based practice, health policy and collaboration. The report also notes some evidence that more education for nurses is associated with better patient outcomes.

CLC becomes the sixth Illinois community college system to offer a dual-admissions nursing program with UIC. In 2022, CLC had approximately 61 ADN nursing students graduate from the program. More than 750 students have graduated from UIC's RN to BSN program since it went fully online in 2008.

"The partnership between CLC and UIC provides an invaluable opportunity for our students to continue their education for further career and degree advancement within the nursing profession." says CLC's director of nursing education Stephanie Suk, DNP, RN.

"At the UIC College of Nursing, we're proud of our recognized leadership in providing registered nurses with a high-quality BSN degree to advance their professional goals," says Catherine Tredway, PhD, RN, who co-directs UIC's RN to BSN program with Gloria E. Barrera, MSN, RN, PEL-CSN. "Helping so many students [at CLC] easily access that degree is exactly what we're here to do."

Students at the College of Lake County can visit bsn.ec.uic.edu/dual-admissions-pathway to learn more about this opportunity.







Mike Pence, Laud Supreme Court Decision to abolish Affirmative Action

The Huffington Post

Former Vice President Mike Pence bizarrely pointed to his own white family of college graduates while praising the U.S. Supreme Court's decision to end affirmative action across most institutions of higher education.

Colleges and universities across the country have had affirmative action policies in place for decades in order to promote more racially diverse student bodies. Speaking from Ukraine on Thursday, the 2024 Republican presidential contender told MSN-BC's Dasha Burns that he was "grateful to see the conservative majority that we helped build on the Supreme Court of the United States bring an end to most of affirmative action."

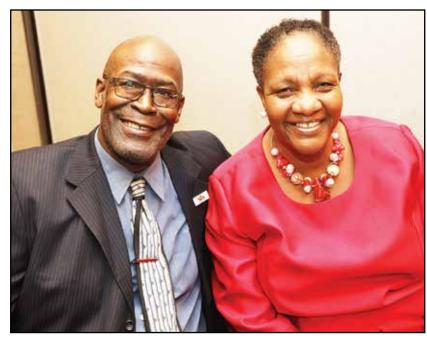
"There may have been a time 50 years ago when we needed to affirmatively take steps to correct long-term racial bias in institutions of higher education," Pence added. "But I can tell you, as the father of three college graduates, those days are long over."



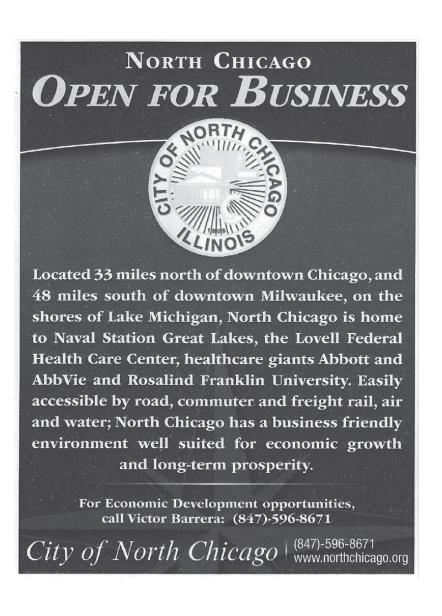


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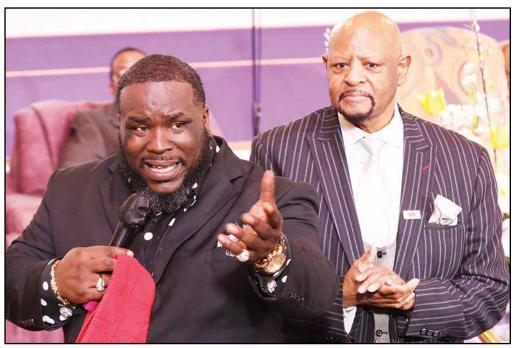






"I didn't take this job for the title, or to be something, I took this job to do something...I accepted this position to make a difference," - State Senator Adriane Johnson











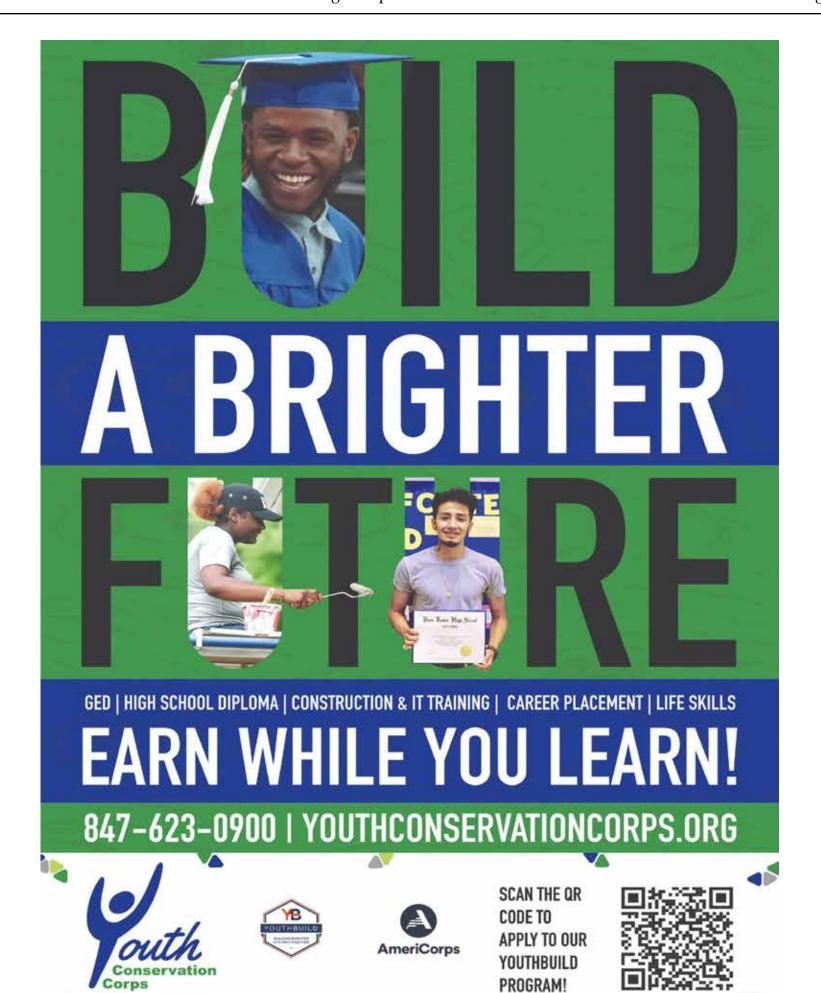
Living Legend, Dr. Daisy Brooks, attend Gospel Concert











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- Ratings: Be aware that a higher advertised BTU rating doesn't always guarantee a cooler paradise. Crafty sellers may advertise more BTUs than the product's actual performance, but buyers beware. The truth lies in making sure you are matching the Department of Energy's (DOE) BTU rating to your room's square footage according to the DOE guidelines. When shopping online or in-store, be sure to check the fine print for the certified DOE rated BTU level for correct coverage and if you don't see this information listed, stay away! A free online BTU calculator can help you choose wisely.
- Certification: Manufacturers are quick to parade their products with proclamations of excellence. Don't let smooth talkers lure you in with mere claims and great prices. Insist on reviewing the product's energy guide for the actual BTU rating. Also, make sure the portable AC you are interested in is authenticated by credible third-party organizations. This indicates it has met or exceeded performance standards.

- Type: Before making a decision between window ACs or portable units, determine which type best suits your needs and the room before making a purchase. As a general rule, portable units can be easier to install and more versatile.
- Noise: Whether you're sensitive to noise or simply don't prefer to hear the sound of a motor running, check the unit's decibel (dB) rating. It's one easy-to-ignore specification that can make a huge difference. The good news? Cool interiors and ultra-quiet performance can co-exist, if you shop around.

In addition to purchasing a great portable AC unit, proper maintenance can help ensure it runs smoothly and efficiently. Periodically remove the filter from the unit and dust it, and clean debris from inside the unit with compressed air. A few lifestyle changes can also contribute to a cooler, more comfortable home. These changes include avoiding the stove and oven on super-hot days, planting shade-bearing trees or bushes outside windows, and swapping out incandescent bulbs for energy efficient LEDs.

Navigating a sea of misleading product claims can be exhausting, particularly when it comes to buying the equipment you need to keep your home and family comfortable in extreme weather. However, when it comes to a cool home, you don't have to sweat it. A bit of research can help you achieve optimal comfort this summer.



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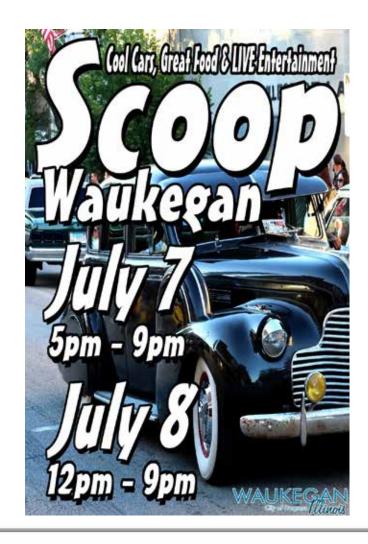
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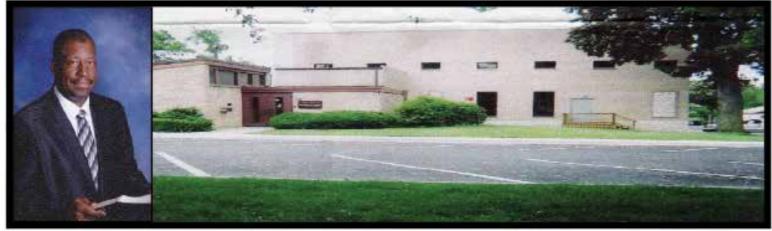
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