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APNU WINS BACK BUXTON - FOULIS

Neighbourhood Democratic Council (NDC)

Mother Talbot Celebrates 111th Birthday Believed to be Oldest Person in Guyana Now



APNU RETAKES BUXTON-FOULIS

<u>No.</u>	<u>Constituency</u>	<u>Elected Councillor</u>	<u>Votes</u>	<u>Party</u>
1	Buxton	David Jones	964	APNU
2	Friendship	Oswald Williams	598	APNU
3	Bladen Hall, Strathspey, Coldingen & Non Pariel (North)	Rupan persaud	869	PPP/C
4	Vigilance (North)	Gavin Dick	355	APNU
5	Vigilance - Strathspey & Vigilance - Foulis Sugar Cultivation (South)	Shameer Mohamed	805	PPP/C
6	Enterprise - Elizabeth Hall (North)	Petal Allison Telford	640	APNU
7	Enterprise - Elizabeth Hall (South)	Saverna Outram	1,021	PPP/C
8	Bachelor's Adventure	Cheryl McPherson	701	APNU
9	Paradise - Foulis	Vinetta Singh	1,151	PPP/C



Capturing more than 50% of the ballots cast in the 2023 Local Government Election (LGE) for the Buxton - Foulis Neighbourhood Democratic Council (NDC), the PNC-led A Partnership for National Unity (APNU) won back control of the local authority area which it had lost in 2018 to the People's Progressive Party/Civic (PPP/C). The APNU bagged a total of 10 seats from winning 5 of the 9 constituencies and another 5 Proportional Representation (P.R.) list allocation. The PPP/C secured the other 4 Constituency seats as well as the remaining 4 P.R. allocations.

In this year's LGE Election, held on 12th June, 10,017 ballots were cast - a 1,700 increase over the previous LGE. APNU won with 5,105 votes, gaining an increase of 1,400 over its 2018 haul. The PPP/C received 4,511 votes, recording a fall off of 94 votes from its previous performance. However, the PPP/C's overall decline is much higher, given that, this year, the party received 154 votes from Buxton/Friendship, where it did not compete in 2018. The remaining votes went to two individual contestants. Derk Simon threw his hat in the ring for the Friendship constituency, and he came up with 187 votes. Over in constituency 6 - Enterprise - Elizabeth Hall (North), Daimeon James attracted 214 votes.

Buxton's councilor-elect, David Jones, secured the highest number of votes (964) for the APNU constituency list. He is poised to win selection as the new Chairman of the NDC.

BUXTON/FRIENDSHIP COUNCILLORS

David Jones rode the APNU ticket for the Buxton Constituency. He related that he was impelled to enter the race because, *“I saw disturbing signs, and I said this is not the way things must go. This is not the way things must be.”* He won easily with 964 votes, and finished with the most votes among APNU candidates.

Mr. Jones triumphed over the PPP/C candidate, Letta Murray, who picked up 114 votes. This is his second stint as Councilor on the Buxton – Foulis Neighbourhood Democratic Council. In his previous tenure (1994 - 1998), he served as Chairman. There is a good chance that he will be selected to chair the local government body again.

Among his long list of priorities, he pledges to protect ancestral lands, escalate garbage collection, restore Buxton Market and Community Centre, and promote establishment of co-operative thrift societies.

Mr. Jones, who is a self-employed building contractor, is also a husband and father. He resides with his family on Buxton Side Line Dam (North).



David Jones



Oswald Williams

Oswald Williams won the Friendship Constituency with 598 votes. As the incumbent, he had to beat off two challengers to prevail. Edgar Simon, representing PPP/C, attracted 40 votes, while independent candidate, Derk Simon, pulled 187 ballots in his favour.

In the last council, Williams served as Vice-Chairman. He is gratified to return and plans to put forward recommendations for improvement in drainage, employment of community rangers, and development of a new burial ground on land earmarked in the Backdam area. He noted that the two existing cemeteries are running out of space.

Mr. Williams and his family reside on Clyde Roopchand Street.

<u>Contestant</u>	<u>Votes Received</u>	<u>P.R. Seats Allocated</u>	<u>Constituency Seats Won</u>	<u>Total Seats</u>
A Partnership for National Unity (APNU)	5,105	5	5	10
People’s Progressive Party/Civic - PPP/C	4,511	4	4	8
Daimeon James (#6 - Enterprise - Elizabeth Hall)	214	—	—	—
Derk Simon (#2 - Friendship)	187	—	—	—
Total	10,017	9	9	18

DESPITE LOSS, DEDICATED TO VILLAGE



Letta Murray

Letta Murray's chance of winning the seat for Buxton - Constituency #1 - was highly improbable, but the long-serving People's Progressive Party activist was not daunted in her decision to enter the race. She was inspired in becoming a member of the Party by her late father, James Murray (Big Hassar), and wanted to follow in his footsteps to sit as PPP Councilor on the Buxton-Foulis Neighbourhood Democratic Council (NDC). She received 114 votes and finished second behind APNU's David Jones (964).

Heralding the vision of her governing party, her campaign promised:

- ◆ Rehabilitation and construction of better roads/streets;
- ◆ Street lights, landscaped parapets/roadsides, concrete sidewalks, vehicular and foot bridges;
- ◆ Transformation of the drainage system;
- ◆ Regular community clean-up, including weekly garbage pick-ups and garbage disposal;
- ◆ Rehabilitation of community centres, playgrounds, recreation areas; and creation of green spaces;
- ◆ Rehabilitation and better management of community markets;
- ◆ Increased access to employment, empowerment and skills-training programmes for youths;
- ◆ Increased access to daycare facilities, child and elderly welfare programmes.

Miss Murray, who has lived all of her life in the north-western section of Buxton, has been a member of the PPP for almost 40 years. Her father was a lifelong member, and she was inducted into the party since a teenager. Despite the loss, she promises to continue her public engagement to do her best for Buxton/Friendship. She serves as a member of the Community Development Council (CDC).

For Friendship - Constituency #2, the PPP/C invested its hope in **Edgar Simon**. He got 40 votes, and was defeated by APNU's Oswald Williams (598). A farmer at heart, the retired Avionics Aircraft mechanic re-migrated from Canada 14 years ago, after studying and working overseas for 40 years.

Mr. Simon admittedly joined the PPP/C after he was approached by activists of the Party, a few months before the Local Government Election, with the promise to make him Chairman of the NDC. He disclosed that he was however persuaded to enlist with the Party after he later met with PPP/C E.C.D. representative and Attorney General, Anil Nandlall.

Disappointed over the Coalition's handling of the Rural Agricultural Infrastructure Development (RAID) project, Simon said he was convinced that his ideas for agricultural development in the community would receive needed support from the PPP/C. He is a founding member of the Buxton/Friendship Amalgamated Farming Group. From his huge inheritance of both residential and farm lands, he was able to donate several acres to the agricultural co-operative society.

He also possesses the noble honor of having streets in both Buxton and Friendship named after his ancestors. Joseph Street pays homage to his maternal great-grandfather, Eleazer Joseph. A stone's throw away, over at Friendship, Noble Street is named after his paternal great-grandmother's clan.

KATHLEEN GETS NEW BRIDGE

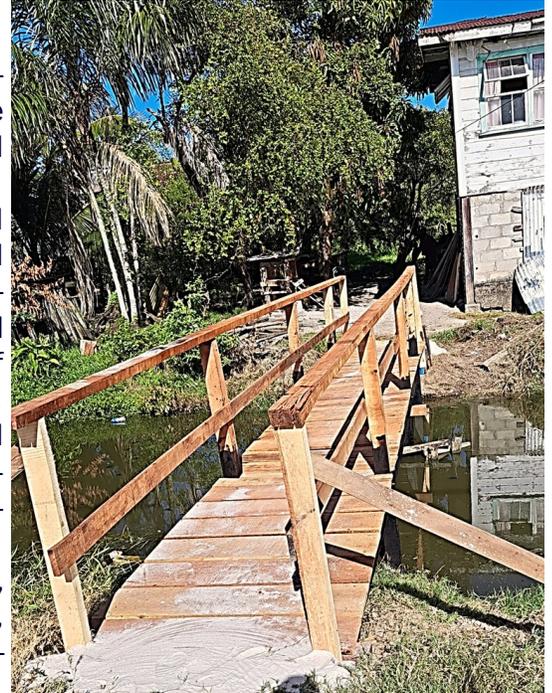
INITIATIVE LED BY COMMUNITY ORGANIZER, SLATER JEFFREY

On a walk along Sideline Road, Buxton in November 2022, I observed an elderly woman crossing a dilapidated bridge. The bridge which was touching the surface of the deep trench posed a danger to her life.

In the ensuing weeks, attempts were made to galvanize several individuals, including community leaders, builders and concerned individuals to raise the funds to replace the bridge. Amabell Clements from New Jersey was the only person who made a financial donation. I returned to Atlanta and made an appeal to friends of Buxton to help finance the estimated cost of the upgraded bridge.

Special thanks to the following persons who were willing and ready to put their money where their mouth was to see this project be brought to completion and dedication in four days following my return visit to Buxton:

DONORS: Dr. Donna Allen-Oti, Wendy Carter, Michael Wilson, Elroy King, Amabell Clements, Robert Charles, Thelma Williams, Margaret Barnes, Bertie McCloud, Charles Henry, Adolph Farley-Thompson, Marva Jacobs, Nadia Toney, Keron Gill, Kevin Gill. Thank you!

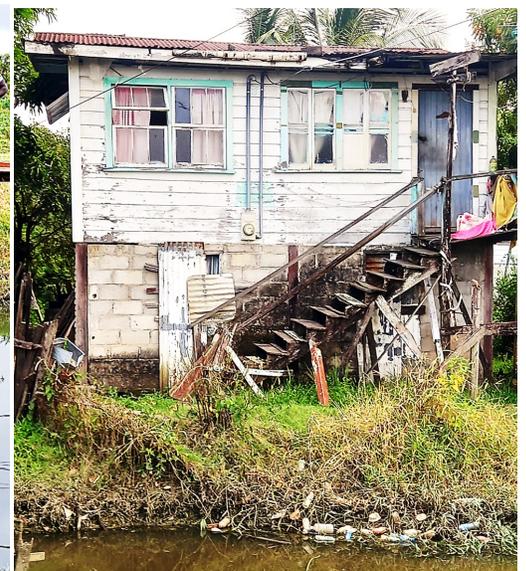


At left is Slater Jeffrey, Community Organizer

On the day of the dedication of the bridge by Pastor Terry Thomas, Ms. Kathleen Gill delivered a Thank You letter to me. She expressed her gratitude to the donors who contributed to the construction of the bridge. Hopefully, others can be inspired to contribute similar services for the elderly in our communities.



Dismantled Bridge



Home of senior citizen, Kathleen Gill

VILLAGE INSTITUTIONS GET DONATIONS FROM COTAB



The Committee To Assist Buxton/Friendship (COTAB), based in Toronto, Canada, recently made a number of donations to institutions across the Buxton/Friendship community. They included the Public Library, Buxton/Friendship Museum, Archives & Culture Centre, Buxton Youth Developers club, Friendship Primary School, New Friendship Nursery School, Practical Instruction Centre.

At left, COTAB President, Ms. Ingrid Ifill-King, is seen presenting books and teaching aids to then Headmistress of Friendship Primary School, Mrs. Yulanda Adams-Blair.

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Below, she hands over Tennis nets, racquets and balls, and other items to members of Buxton Youth Developers.

Below, COTAB member, Jennifer Shortt, makes presentation of books to the librarian, Kim Phyll, while Principal of the Practical Instruction Centre, Ms. Pitt accepts the donation of sewing fabric.

At right, Secretary of the Museum, Ms. Karen Dey receives the donation of \$500, while below that, Ms. Ifill-King gives books, toys and teaching aids to the New Friendship Nursery School.

COTAB DONATIONS



BRIMMING WITH CONFIDENCE

Just over 100 Grade 6 pupils from all of the primary schools in Buxton/Friendship sat this year's National Grade Six Assessment (NGSA) examination, which was conducted in early May. Sometimes still referred to as Common Entrance, the secondary school placement examination was held over two days and covered four subjects - English, Mathematics, Science and Social Studies. The Education Ministry has given notice that results will be released on July 7th.

For Friendship Primary School, sixty-seven (67) pupils, comprising 35 boys and 32 girls, were slated to sit the exam. Above, before heading into the exam room, one of the pupils leads the class in prayer. We wish them every success!



Candidates from Friendship Primary School gathered for this photo before heading into the exam room. Sixty-seven (67) of them were enrolled to sit.

HIGH HOPES OF SUCCESS

For Company Road/Buxton Primary Schools, 19 boys and 15 girls make up their combined total of 34 candidates. They are hoping to improve on the success the school has enjoyed in the last few years. Best wishes to them!

The Buxton-Friendship Heritage Fund (USA) will offer a sturdy backpack, filled with essential school supplies, to every one of these students. Outstanding performers may also receive bursary awards and other prizes, sponsored by villagers and affiliates, based on their performance.



Farewell, HM Yulanda

Best wishes to Mrs. Yulanda Adams-Blair on her transfer promotion as Head Teacher of the A-Grade Mon Repos Primary School. She previously served as Headmistress of Friendship Primary School for almost five years.

We had a good working relationship with Mrs. Adams-Blair and take this opportunity to extend hearty congratulations to her. Madam HM, we wish you well in your new station.



Congrats! Promotion Well-deserved



Congratulations to all teachers who made the list of recent promotions in the noble profession!

We doubly salute Sir Collis Nicholson on his promotion to Senior Master at Mon Repos Primary School and his successful attainment of a Master of Arts degree in Education - Innovation in Teaching and Learning - from the University of South Wales, London last January.

Sir Collis commenced his teaching career in 2001 at Company Road Primary School and served there diligently for almost 22 years. He is an alumnus of Bladen Hall Multilateral School and a graduate of Cyril Potter College of Education and the University of Guyana (B.Ed.). He also holds a Diploma in Industrial Relations and Social Studies from Critchlow Labour College.

Sir Collis is a long-serving executive member of Guyana Teachers' Union, where he currently holds the position of Vice-President for East Coast Branch. He also led as Chairman of the Buxton Branch.

Though no longer part of the Buxton branch, he has promised to continue serving our community in other ways possible.

Congratulations, Sir! We are confident that you will succeed in your new position and wish you much happiness and prosperity.



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**BUXTON/FRIENDSHIP
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**IT'S AWARDS
FUNDRAISING
DINNER & DANCE
MUSIC BY: YORUBA SINGERS**



**DATE: SUNDAY, AUGUST 6th, 2023
VENUE: TIPPERARY HALL -
MIDDLE WALK, BUXTON, E.C.D.
GUYANA.**

**DONATION
\$6,000**

BACKPACK FUNDRAISING DRIVE

Your continued support means the world to the children and families in our Buxton/Friendship community, especially the great many who are struggling to make ends meet. We are beyond grateful for your generous contributions and continued support.

To help defray the escalating cost-of-living expenses experienced by families, we plan to increase our distribution of backpacks and school supplies to cater for all of the Primary School pupils in Grades 3 to 6 (formerly Standards 1 to 4) and, as usual, those who will be entering high/secondary school in September. We are looking at 500 backpacks, 2,500 notebooks, 250 dictionaries, 120 geometry sets, scientific calculators, binders, file folders, pens, pencils, erasers, sharpeners, rulers, and much more. This should give you an idea of the mammoth project we are undertaking to deliver much needed aid to our community back home. More importantly, this is aimed to better equip students for learning development and improved performance at the NGA (Common Entrance) and CXC examinations.

Apart from our focus on Education, we also continue to dedicate resources to healthcare projects in the village. This includes financial support for the annual Guyana Medical Mission outreach and distribution of nutritional supplements, over-the-counter medical supplies and personal care packages.

To help fund these projects, we've organized two events this year - "Lime & Dine" social on June 24th and "Patronal Picnic Jam" on September 2nd (during Labor-Day Weekend festivities). We would like to count on your support, but if you are unable to attend, kindly consider sending a donation.



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Ooh la la la

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Buxton-New York Patronal Picnic

Saturday, September 2, 2023

6:00 p.m. until

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454 Vermont Street

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Admission - \$15 + Ca\$h Bar

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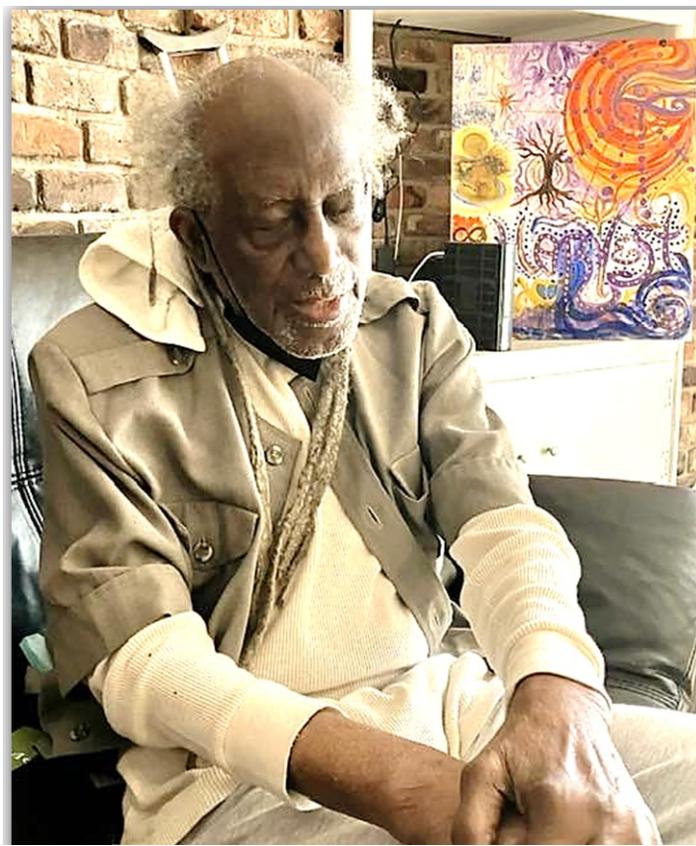
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To Aid Educational, Cultural, Health & Social Development

Labor-Day Weekend Jam

CELEBRATING PHENOMENAL BIRTHDAYS**Mrs. Evadne Eldica Talbot****Elder Eusi Kwayana**

Sending hugs, kisses and love to two of our precious villagers who celebrated phenomenal birthday anniversaries this year. Mother Evadne Eldika Talbot, of Company Road, turned 111 years of age on 10th May. She is believed to be the oldest person in Guyana now. Elder Eusi Kwayana reached 98 on 4th April and passed the occasion with family and friends in Georgia, USA.

Born in 1912, young Evadne Watson was educated at Buxton Congregational School, and later received training in Sewing. She got married to Kingsley Talbot, and they worked together in cultivating sugar cane and ground provisions on their farm in the backlands. Their union produced five children and numerous offspring. Mr. Talbot passed away in June, 1985.

Elder Eusi Kwayana was born Sidney King in 1925. He has had many distinguished accomplishments in education, culture, politics and community development. Despite his advancing age, he continues to dedicate precious time to sharing the wealth of information he has accumulated over the years.

You have both attained more than most could ever dream, and we would like to wish you many more years of good health, abundant happiness, amazing grace and perfect peace of mind.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

STEEL PAN CHAMPS AGAIN

Performing a splendiferous rendition of "Oh Guyana", the GBTI/Buxton Pride Steel Orchestra brought down the house at Kingston's Marriott Beach in the 2023 REPUBLIC BANK MASHRAMANI PANORAMA STEEL PAN COMPETITION. At the end of the contest, the Buxton orchestra copped **1st Place** in the Youth Category.

The group was led by Daniel Daly, who himself is a graduate of the band. This is the third time GBTI/Buxton Pride won the competition in its 13-year existence.

Tons of Congratulations to the members, villagers, sponsors and supporters! Special Salute to Sir Rollo Younge for the confidence, perseverance and his huge contribution to the band's endurance and success!



OLD AGE PENSION

Government Offers More Options for Senior Citizens to Access Monthly Benefit

Apart from the Post Office, Guyana's senior citizens can access their old-age pension through direct bank deposit, MoneyGram, Western Union, Sure Pay and most recently, MMG. In announcing the latest option, a Ministry of Human Services & Social Security release stated that the government intends to create more effective and efficient systems: *"The mission is to continuously improve the Old Age Pension delivery system and with the addition of multiple locations of MMG across Guyana, senior citizens now have another alternate pathway system that reduces long lines, wait times, is closer to home and facilitates convenient transactions. This method uses digital technology offering senior citizens their full pension in a digital wallet where they can spend from or empty entirely to access the cash. As the life expectancy increases the number of pensioners, we are offering more tech-savvy methods of improving access and increasing safety."*

About 73,000 senior citizens benefit from the monthly allowance of GY\$33,000 (US\$165). The minimum qualifying age is 65 years.

Remember Teacher Maisie Ogle?



These old photographs feature the late Teacher Maisie Ogle - 3rd from right (above) and 1st from left (below). At the time, she was the Headmistress of Cabacaburi Anglican School in the Pomeroon district, and is shown with other members of the staff.

Teacher Maisie was a member of the prominent Ogle family, who resided on the Friendship street that bears their name - OGLE STREET. Their home was situated at the southwestern corner of Friendship Middle Walk.

Teacher Maisie and her sister, Dina, conducted the Maypole Pageant at St. Augustine Anglican Church. Among the other siblings was a sister, Lottie, whose signature appears on many birth certificates of villagers. She was the Registrar.

Photos, courtesy of Denise Case D'Aguiar, whose mother, Mrs. Elaine Harris Case Foo stands 2nd from right, above.

Proud Guyana Son & Buxton Scholar, Dr. Robert L.S. Baird Passes On at 99

Buxton Scholarship recipient and former Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Robert Baird transitioned peacefully on 15th June, 2023 in Washington, DC. He was 99 years old.

Born Robert Louis Stephenson Baird on 4th May, 1924 in Buxton/Friendship to renowned schoolmaster, Robert Reuben (R.R.) Baird and Maude Beatrice Stephenson-Baird, he was the couple's first of seven children. Fondly called Sonny, he progressed into a high-achieving student and an outstanding physician.

He attended Friendship Wesleyan (Methodist) School, where his father was the Headmaster. At the age of 10 years old, he won the BUXTON SCHOLARSHIP award and went on to Queen's College. Following his high school graduation, he left Guyana to pursue tertiary studies at Howard University in Washington, DC. Graduating at the top of his class, he earned a Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree and later his Doctorate in Medicine (M.D.).



Dr. Robert Baird specialized in Pediatric Medicine. He practised at Freedmen's Hospital (now Howard University Medical Center) and DC General Hospital. He also operated a private practice in the area. At some point of his illustrious career, Dr. Baird is said to have returned to Guyana, where he ran a private practice and also served as Chief Medical Officer. Robert was an inspiration to his siblings, who followed him in realizing brilliant careers. He had four sisters: Dr. Mona Baird-Bender (Dentist), Felicia Baird (Architect), Lucille Baird (Pre-Med), and Ella Baird-Pitt (Administrator). His two brothers were Cyril Felix Baird (Engineer) and Dr. Gordon Maldwyn Baird (Physician). They all predeceased him.

While studying at Howard University, Dr. Baird met fellow student and his future wife, Georgiana Snowden. The couple went on to enjoy a long and blissful marriage until she passed on a few years ago.

In fitting tribute, acquaintances described him as a dignified man and a person who took great pride in his Guyanese heritage, his devotion to God, his service as a US naval officer, his commitment to his beloved wife, and his dedication to community.

The life of Dr. Robert Louis Stephenson Baird was celebrated in a service held at the Washington, DC People's Congregational Church of Christ, where he and his wife had worshipped for close to 70 years. He was laid to rest next to her at the Gate of Heaven Cemetery, in Silver Spring, Maryland.



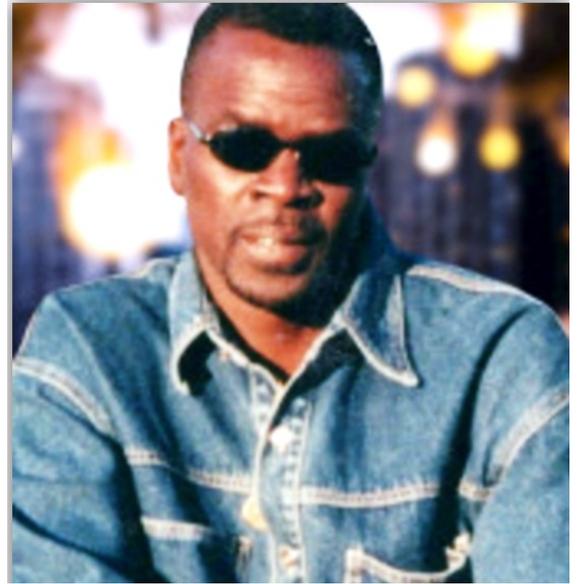
Edwin “Monty” Marcus



Edwin Alfred Marcus, also known as Monty, Cornbread and Tallboy, who died on 9th March, 2023 at his residence in Toronto, Canada. He was 65 years old, and son of the late Conan James Marcus and Winifred Beatrice Marcus.

He will be forever missed by his devoted wife, Desma and loving children: Nakeisha, Nicholas and Nathan.

Edwin was loved by his siblings John, Gladstone, Lynette, Maylene and Claudia (deceased). He will always be held dear in the hearts of his nieces and nephews Adunola, Faith, Abosedo, Michelle, Gillian, Chelsea, Ronette and Ronald (deceased). He will also be fondly remembered by many of his relatives and friends.



SUNRISE: 28 July, 1957
SUNSET: 9 March, 2023

Gloria Williams, née Truman



SUNRISE: 30 October, 1939
SUNSET: 8 March, 2023

Gloria Agnes Cecile Williams, née Truman, the daughter of Stanley Albert and Ivy Rebecca Truman, was born on 30 October, 1939 in Buxton/Friendship Village, Guyana. She passed away on 8 March, 2023 in Maryland, USA.

Gloria was the sister of Dr. Patricia Humphrey; William, Monica Greene (deceased), John, Bernard, Harry (deceased), Dr. Benedict and Patrick Truman.

Gloria completed her primary school education at Saint Anthony's R.C. School, (now Friendship Primary). She later completed studies at Ursuline Convent (St. Rose's) High School and Tutorial High School.

After graduation, she became an educator and teacher at MacKenzie High School. While working as teacher, she met and married her husband - Eustace Williams. Their bond produced Andre, Lorelei and Denise Williams (deceased). The couple later immigrated to America, in 1968.

While in America, she attended Howard University in Washington, DC, graduating from the School of Education. She later worked at the YMCA, serving as Director for Education programmes.

Gloria also leaves behind grandson - Jahvell Sims, great-granddaughter - Seraiah Sims, countless, nephews, nieces, cousins, family members and friends.



Lost to Dangerous Driving

Elaine Williams, also known as Elaine Stanley,

was described as a "strong and healthy" woman, who met a horrific demise on 23 May, 2023. While returning home from plying her coconut-broom trade, she was crushed to death, near her home on Side Line Dam (Backdam Side) by a Garbage Truck. It was reported that the oversized vehicle was reversing on the relatively narrow roadway when it struck the victim behind and ran over her. The truck driver and porters were all said to be seated inside the vehicle's air-conditioned cabin when the accident took place. No one was positioned at the back of the truck to direct the driver in proceeding cautiously and safely.

They killed her like a dog," bemoaned a family member. Incensed by the nature of her demise, the community is demanding justice. "Aunty Elaine" worked very hard in supporting herself and four children - Nesta, Prince, Linden, and the late Earl Williams. She loved playing card games and, at 84 years old, was still full of joy and energy.

Besides her surviving children, she leaves to mourn her loss a host of loving grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews, including Pam, Keith, Ann (Pinky) and Yvonne Gordon.



Elaine Williams
11 November, 1938 - 23 May, 2023



Oliver Collins

11 July, 1997 - 17 June, 2023

The 25-year old from Friendship succumbed to injuries following a horrifying accident on the Friendship Embankment Road on Saturday, 17th June, about 8:30 p.m. that night. According to news reports, Collins was riding his motorcycle along the southern, west-bound lane when a motorcar, which was travelling in the opposite direction, strayed over and crashed into the motorcyclist, causing his demise. Police have since disclosed that a breathalyzer test subsequently performed on the motorcar driver yielded high levels of alcohol consumption. He was legally drunk.

Oliver's mother, Vanessa Daniels, received the shocking news while she was at church. *"I want justice for my son,"* she cried out.

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SUMMER LIME & DINE

Our "Lime & Dine" fundraising event on 24th June, 2023 was fabulous, and we would like to thank all the donors, supporters and volunteers for contributing to the successful effort and a wonderful evening. You have helped us to get closer to our goal of providing 500 filled backpacks and bursary awards for students back home in our Buxton/ Friendship community.

We also would like to thank Kweku Wood, Yohance Drakes, Ashton Harry, Paulette Jervis, Olethea & Dexter Gordon for their help.

A special note of acknowledgement goes out to Dawn Atkinson-Newton, Pamela Atkinson and Allana Henderson - visiting patrons from Canada, who pitched in with some much-needed help.

We truly appreciate all your very hard work and contribution to the successful outcome.

Thank You all!

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BUXTON: Guyana's Premier Village



Sincere Sympathy

Extending our heartfelt sympathy to John Newton (John P.), President of Buxton-Friendship Heritage Fund, Inc., and Gail Wegman-Newton on the loss of their beloved daughter, Tenisha Newton! She passed away on 16th February, 2023 in Brooklyn, New York. Tenisha was 28 years of age. May she rest in eternal peace!

