

"If One Fails the Community Fails"

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Editor's Note

The June 2013 newsletter previously sent was a draft. Publishing of that version was inadvertent.

Alfonso and Janet Studesville Visitation and Celebration Service

14-15 June 2013



Visitation for Alfonso and Janet Studesville will be held at the Cress Funeral Home, 6021 University Avenue, Madison, WI, from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. on Friday, 14 June 2013.

A Celebration Service has been scheduled Saturday, 15 June 2013, at 2:00 p.m. in the MITBY Theater at Madison College, 1701 Wright

Street, Madison, with Dr. Alex Gee officiating.

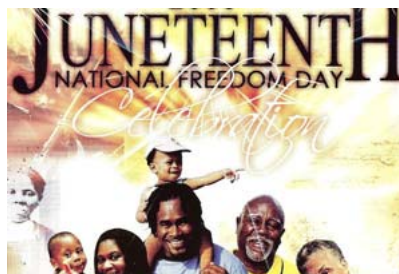
In lieu of flowers, the family has asked that donations be made to the Al and Jan Studesville Memorial Fund in support for educational opportunities and scholarships for students in Madison. Programs through Women in Focus and 100 Black Men of Madison will be targeted.

[Click here](#) to view a memorial to Al and Jan.

24th Annual Juneteenth Day Celebration

15 June 2013 - Penn Park, Madison, WI

The 24th Annual Juneteenth Day Celebration will be held on 15 June 2013, in Penn Park on Fisher Street in the heart of South Madison. The parade will begin at 11:00 a.m. in the Fountain of Life parking lot at 633 W. Badger Road. The onsite activities will begin around Noon with the



Calendar of Events

[Click here](#) to view the entire AACCC Calendar of Events.

2013

14-15 June

Alfonso and Janet Studesville Visitation and Celebration Service

15 June

2013 Juneteenth Day Celebration

21-22 June

An African-American Genealogy Conference

22 June

100 Black Men of Madison, Inc. General Membership Meeting

MISSION

To provide support to positive efforts that are conducted with and on behalf of the African American Community of Greater Madison, Wisconsin;

To establish mutually beneficial relationships between African American organizations of Greater Madison, Wisconsin; and

To establish ongoing dialogue concerning common issues of the African American Community of Greater Madison, Wisconsin.

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arrival of the parade. An array of vendors and informational booths will be present to disseminate information, share their creations, and serve good food, all in a festive, family atmosphere.



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Study Illustrates Downside of School Voucher Program

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A legislatively mandated evaluation of the Milwaukee, Wisconsin, school voucher program, which was funded by taxpayer dollars, has shed light on several alarming outcomes.



Although the voucher program is touted as a means to better educate poor, underachieving youth, the study shows that the children who leave the voucher program and return to the public school system are the very same children whom the voucher program is intended to help: poor, academically struggling students.

Furthermore, [the paper](#) discussing this study shows that voucher schools don't necessarily identify "special-education" students and are less likely to hold failing students back, which does a disservice to the quality of education they receive and the quality of lifestyle that results from the poor quality of education they received.

Sexual Abuse of South Africa's Girls Rampant



A recent Huffington Post article reported that South Africa's Health Minister, Aaron Motsoaledi, stated that over one quarter of South Africa's school-aged girls are HIV positive "because of sugar daddies." Only 4% of South African boys have the virus.

During an event called "Taking Parliament to the People," Health Minister Motsoaledi brought these statistics to light and restated a statistic reported in *The Sowetan*: in 2011, 94,000 South African girls became pregnant and 82% of these children aborted their pregnancies.

"It is clear that it is not young boys who are sleeping with these girls. It is old men. We must take a stand against sugar daddies because they are destroying our children."

Can You Believe This?

NRA President Jim Porter Thinks the President is a Fake

"It seems new National Rifle Association President (NRA) president, Jim Porter, may have found himself in a bit of hot water. Not long ago he made his feelings about the Civil War known when he referred to it as the 'War of Northern Aggression.' In that same speech he referred to President Obama as a 'fake president' and Attorney General Eric Holder as "rabidly un-American."



Therefore, based on Mr. Porter's assessment, the question is how long does President Obama have to be in office before he becomes real? Given the recovery from the "Great Recession," the winding down of war across the globe (Iraq, Afghanistan), and the establishment of healthcare for all, when does real become real?

Again, can you believe this?

Pocan Calls for Right to Vote Amendment on House Floor

Definition of Statesmanship: The act of promoting public good over personal gain.

On 16 May 2013, Congressman Pocan demonstrated the rare art of statesmanship during his address on the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives concerning the necessary steps to ensure all citizens the right to vote.



The discussion involved a Right to Vote amendment he introduced with Rep. Keith Ellison (MN-05). The Pocan-Ellison Right to Vote Amendment would amend the Constitution to provide all Americans the affirmative right to vote and empower Congress to protect this right. While the right to vote is essential to our democracy, many laws often infringe upon that right.

According to the Brennan Center for Justice, in 2013 more than 80 bills restricting the right to vote have been introduced in over 30 states. Without a constitutional provision, courts have upheld voter identification laws, burdensome registration requirements, and reduced early voting opportunities in various states across the country.

[Click here](#) for the full press release, which includes a link to the video and the transcript of Representative Pocan's speech.

We commend Congressman Pocan for his vision and action.

Now Accepting Articles & Photos

We are currently accepting stories and photographs for future issues of "If One Fails the Community Fails." Please submit your stories and event photos for consideration. Submission does not guarantee placement in this publication.

Stories should be 200 words or less and electronic photos should be 300 DPI or better in JPG format (NO SCANNED PHOTOS). Include captions for each photo (who, what, when, and where). Photos without captions WILL NOT be considered.

Submit your stories and photos (with captions) to president@africanamericancommunication.com.