

Bell-Ransom Family News



Sharing Family News

Quotes to Ponder

"Education is the passport to the future for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare today." Malcolm X

"Education is not the learning of many facts, but the training of the mind to think." Albert Einstein

"You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream." CS Lewis

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It's back to school for brothers **Aric Gardner**, who is starting second grade, and **Taylor Gardner** who is entering kindergarten in the Fairfax County Virginia School

System. They are the children of Dr. A. Brion Gardner and Tala Gardner.

Tyus Few of Roanoke Rapids has served more than thirty years in education administration. He has been named Chairman of the Halifax County Board of Education.

Other News to Share

Many Bell-Ransom family members are enjoying Labor Day weekend attending the **Gumberry High School/Northampton County Training Ole School** reunion. A highlight of the reunion will be the announcement of the L. H. Mosley Scholarship recipient.



Cary Joseph Bell on his first day of school. The fourth grade Long Beach, California Elementary schooler is

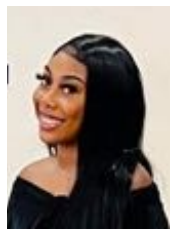
the son of Cary and Anissa Bell.



Margaret H. McGee, a Halifax County Teacher-of-the-Year, starts a new assignment at Enfield's In-

borden S.T.E.A.M. Academy as Pre-K teacher.

Joydan Wellman of Wilson College Preparatory Academy poses for her senior year picture.



Joydan is the daughter of Tashika Wellman and granddaughter of Freida Peele-Wellman.



Randy and Emily Pyatt accompany **RJ and Sophia** to middle school orientation in

Bryans Road, Maryland.

Labors of Halifax was held Saturday, August 27 in historic Halifax. The day was filled with demonstrations and presenters in period dress and included visits to the **Edward Cheek House Museum & Halifax Co, NC African American Heritage Center**.

The article and group photograph of the 44th Annual Bell-Ransom Family Reunion was printed in the August 27, 2022 edition of the **Roanoke Rapids Daily Herald**.





SEPTEMBER

2 Shemaiah Hawkins

6 Evelyn Dawson

7 Anjanette Ballard

7 Ethel Thompson

14 Arthur W. Lewis

14 Angela Bell

16 Linda Strickland

19 Julia Perkins

19 Clariel Bell

23 Rodney McGee

25 Florine Bell

28 William Strickland

28 Jose Rosa

28 Louis Bell

28 Melvin Branch and

Others with a September birthday

OCTOBER

7 Aidan Dozier

9 Dorothy Lewis

10 Margaret Hawkins

13 Michael Bell

13 Valencia Turnage

17 Kelsey Bell

19 Patricia Bell

19 David Bell, Sr.

22 Tourinda Hawkins

23 Madison Wellman

26 Alice Rosa

27 Carole Strickland

31 EJ Wellman and

Others with an October birthday



Keep the sick, shut-in and those recovering from various ailments in your thoughts and prayers. Those reported include **Mrs. Viola Boone, Mrs. Geraldine Clark, Mrs. Maxine Hill, Mr. Louis Bell, Ms. Tashika Wellman, Mrs. Georgia Mitchell, and Ms. Ruth Mitchell.** Add the names of others you know are in need of prayer.



Stay Well!



We extend our deepest sympathy to all who have suffered the loss of a loved one since the publication of our August newsletter. The following death has been reported:

Mrs. Sylvester Battle Long of Halifax, mother of Yvonne Gee and mother-in-law of Lawrence Gee, III

"God is our refuge and our strength." Psalm 46:1



Happy Anniversary!

Jason and Natasha Rosser September 8

Michael and Bonita Bell September 15

Wyatt and Patricia Sasser, October 8

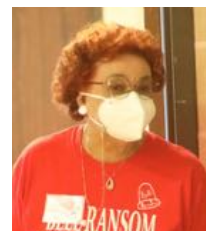
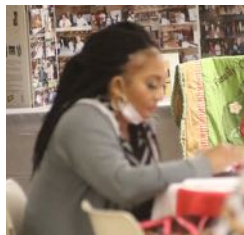
Lawrence and Tamieko Anyaso, October 13

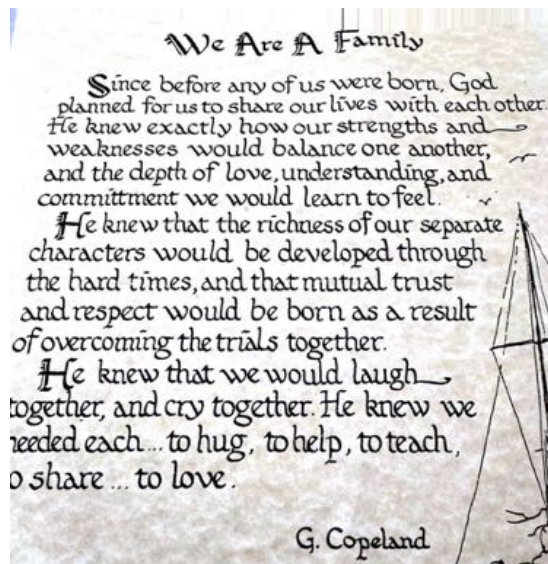
And all others with a wedding anniversary in September or October

Congratulations!

From the Scrapbook Reunion Memories 2022









"Family faces are magic mirrors. Looking at people who belong to us, we see the past, present and future."

Gail Lumet Buckley



"In every conceivable manner, the family is a link to our past, bridge to our future."

Alex Haley



Save the Dates
August 11-13, 2023



From the Archives



Bell-Ransom Family Reunion 2013



September 11



Reunion News

WE did it! We came together again for the 44th Annual Bell-Ransom Family Reunion. I hope everyone had an enjoyable reunion. It was wonderful seeing so many family members again. We were a little anxious as to how a one day event would work. From what I have been told, everyone thought it turned out to be a great idea, especially being in the Neck again. It brought back many memories of past reunions held at the homesite surrounded by the beauty of the green fields, blue sky and peacefulness of remembering our ancestors.

Thanks to all who responded to the request for ideas. Thank you to all who volunteered to work on a committee.

And to those not named on a committee who stepped in and helped where ever needed. Thank you! I have attached a copy of the 2022 committees with this newsletter.

Thank you to Ralph Bell, Sr. for taking photographs. I have included some of them in the newsletter. There are others which will be shared throughout the year. Thank you to all who posted pictures that we can enjoy.

Copies of the souvenir program book, the Occoneechee Neck Memorial Service Program, and the Bell-Ransom Family Calendar are attached.

And now, where do we go from here? Do we plan for 2023? Do we plan for one

day? Jeanette's calendar gave the dates August 11-13, 2023 to save for the 45th Bell-Ransom Family Reunion. Margaret and the reunion committee will need to make reservations and pay deposits before the end of this year. I will help in any way that I can.

It has been an honor to continue the Bell-Ransom Family Reunion tradition. Thank you for 10 years of cooperation and support.

Love,

Jackie

