

New Beginning forms to serve southwest area

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By CANDACE KANES
Gazette News Editor

Five southwest Delaware residents in their mid to late 20s have started an organization they hope will grow into something to provide activities and increased self-respect for youths in their community.

The five — Scott Mitchell, Keith Davis, Dennis Davis, Chip Wilson and Toni Collier — have been meeting for about a month to form New Beginning. The group came together in response to an incident Aug. 14 near Woodward School which began as a skating party, but ended with someone calling the police and several people being hurt.

"There is nothing for the kids to do," said Mitchell. "We decided to start a youth group to not let an incident like Aug. 14 happen again."

As its initial venture, New Beginning is sponsoring open gym on Mondays from 6:30-9 p.m. at Woodward School. The gym sessions are open to any southwest Delaware resident and

currently consist primarily of basketball. Mitchell said the group hopes to expand to provide tumbling mats, volleyball and other indoor activities during the winter months.

Monday was the first open gym session and the five core members of New Beginning invited other group supporters to each bring two friends to a meeting which kicked off the gym session.

Mitchell explained to the small group gathered at Woodward School Monday night that interested, concerned people are needed to provide an organization to serve youths in the southwest community. He said self-awareness is an important part of the group and could be accomplished through "rap sessions," formal and informal tutoring, academic and career counseling and cultural activities.

The group will continue to operate the open gym sessions as volunteers, with the cooperation of the Department of Parks and Recreation, as it seeks

support for other activities. Mitchell said a finance committee will be formed as will a public affairs committee to let the community know what the group is about. A turkey will be raffled as the initial fund-raising activity.

James Garges, parks department director, was present Monday night and told the group his department would provide equipment or other activities or services the group requested.

Several people present complimented the New Beginning founders as "responsible young people" who were taking a positive interest in the community.

The open gym program will be organized more formally as interest grows, Mitchell said. Already, the group has agreed that smoking, drinking and bad language will not be allowed in the school or on the grounds.

New Beginning volunteers, identified by T-shirts bearing the group name, will supervise the sessions.



PLAN PROGRAMS — Scott Mitchell, left, and Chip Wilson, two of five core members of New Beginning, plan activities for the group which has formed to provide activities for youths in southwest Delaware. The group is offering open gym at Woodward School Monday nights from 6:30-9 p.m. (Gazette photo)

Million Man March

Controversy continues over actual march numbers

By **DARREN WILLIAMS**
Call and Post Staff Writer

Many people in Columbus and across the country are outraged over the National Park Service's estimate of 400,000 people who actually participated in the

to evaluate park service photos in close detail.

"There were over 21,000 buses. If we just go with 20,000 buses, at 47 people per bus, we're already looking at 940,000 people," said Dorell Muhammad of Muslim Mosque #43 in Columbus. "That's not counting people who came in trains,

thony Patterson, Columbus resident.

"They knew how many people were there. But there's no way they are going to come out and say that a million Black people got together without any violence. That figure is totally inaccurate and this is an insult to all of us."

According to the study, the attendance

Williams, Columbus resident. "The march in '63 had lots of meaning. I felt like we really needed this march to reinforce us and bring us back together as a group. The main thing that's throwing us off is lack of Black education and Black history. We've been robbed of it. The atmosphere at the march was so mild



STRENGTH IN NUMBERS -- Black men from all over the country and abroad converged on Washington, D.C. on Oct. 16. At bottom left is a group from Delaware, Ohio (KOJO PHOTO)

BLACK FAMILY MARCH



A DAY OF ATONEMENT AND RECONCILIATION

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REBUILDING AMERICA

DECEMBER 2, 1995
12:00-1:30

DELAWARE, OHIO

MEETING AT WOODWARD SCHOOL AT 12:00P.M.
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Delaware, Ohio
December 2, 1995



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12:45-1:45 **RALLY:** CITY HALL

12:45-12:46 WELCOME

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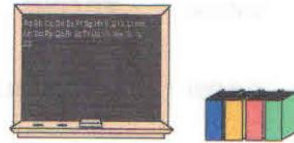
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SHARING NOTES OF EDUCATIONAL SESSIONS
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"LONG LIVE THE SPIRIT OF THE BLACK FAMILY MARCH"

The Delaware Gazette

MONDAY, DEC. 4, 1995

Black families celebrate Million Man March legacy

By JESSE CARTER
Gazette reporter

Nearly 100 black residents took to the steps of City Hall Saturday, asserting that they want a bigger, better place in the Delaware community.

Delaware's "Black Family March" was a local follow-up to the Oct. 16 "Million Man March" on Washington D.C., organized by Louis Farrakhan's Nation of Islam and other groups. The local event had a happy mood, for the most part — the speeches at City Hall, with calls for action and self-improvement, carried the tones of a victory celebration.

"Today we are just celebrating the black family ... Today we celebrate us, and what we must do," organizer Scott Mitchell said at Woodward Elementary School, before the march began. "It is important that Delaware grow from this experience,"

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rence," added Wallace Chandler, Delaware City Schools' director for African-America and multicultural studies.

About 70 persons with signs and banners, many of them children, marched from the school to the rally. The route reflected the event's symbolism — they passed near the heart of Delaware's black residential community, and by the county courthouse through the downtown business district. The crowd swelled under the brilliant skies in front of City Hall, prompting police to subtly block the adjacent lane of South Sandusky Street.

"I see what your goal is, and I

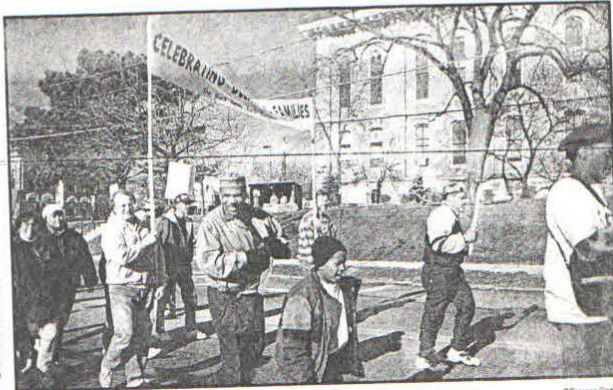
like to see this," said 87-year-old Flora Johnson, invited to speak for the black community's elders. She spoke of rebuilding black families "from the ground up," with prayer, church, and Sunday School.

"It can be done, if everybody puts their shoulders to the wheel and push," Johnson said.

"You are a beautiful sight to see," exclaimed the Rev. Harold Turner of the Zion AME Church. He said the event was a wake-up call for the black community to stop begging for things it could achieve for itself.

"We don't want any more than any other good American family," said Willis Middle School teacher Laura Roberts.

The speeches lasted nearly two hours, and were delivered by blacks and whites; the speakers included Probate/Juvenile Court Judge Tom Louden, city councilwoman Julie Secrest, retired Methesco professor Everett Tilson, city schools Superintendent Don Dyck, and Ohio



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Participants in Saturday's Black Family March pass the county courthouse.

DG/Jesse Carter

Million Man march planners will invite families next time

Associated Press

ATLANTA — Organizers of the Million Man March are planning another gathering in Washington, but this will be a Million Family March, says one of the organizers.

"The Million Man March brought out a spirit of unity in the black community that was unequalled," the Rev. Benjamin Chavis, former director of the NAACP, said after giving a sermon Sunday at First Iconium Baptist Church.

"It was natural that we try to build on that success."

He said plans are for black families around the world to take part through simultaneous marches and satellite hookups on Oct. 16, 1996. Chavis has said before that the anniversary of the Million Man March would be observed as an international event.

Chavis, who helped organize the Million Man March with Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan, said the Nation of Islam again would be

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Wesleyan University Chaplain Jon Powers.

Secrest delivered a proclamation from former Mayor Dennis Davis, proclaiming the first Saturday in December to hereafter be "Black Family Day" in Delaware. The proclamation also expressed atonement for past racial discrimination by the city.

"This is a glorious day in our Delaware city community," Chan-

dler declared. He led the crowd in reciting the "black family pledge," an eight-line call for self-definition, problem-solving, business and community development, and belief in the righteousness of the struggle.

A moment later, the children were beckoned to the front. Mitchell asked the crowd to protect and serve them always.

"This day is for you," he said to the youngsters.

nizers established The National African American Trust to give economic support to black businesses.

Blacks must take charge of economic as well as social problems, Chavis said.

"There is a revolution — a revival going on in the black community," he said. "This is some thing bigger than Ben Chavis and Minister Farrakhan."



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APPLAUDING THE BLACK FAMILY



Doral Chonoweth III/Dispatch

Flora Johnson applauds a speaker at the "Black Family March." The event was the Delaware, Ohio, version of the "Million Man March" held Oct. 16 in Washington, D.C. Johnson was a speaker at yesterday's event. See Page 7C.

'Black Family March' stresses rebuilding

Event a complement to Washington's 'Million Man March'

By Rita Price
Dispatch Staff Reporter

DELAWARE, Ohio — Levita Morgan interrupted her granddaughters' regularly scheduled Saturday routine to bring them an important message about blue skies, sunshine and family.

"No cartoons this morning," she said, smiling in the direction of 9-year-old Chervon Morgan and 5-year-old Nadia Jenkins. "Look at this gorgeous day. *This* is what they had to do."

The girls giggled in agreement and kept in step.

They were among some 75 participants in yesterday's "Black Family March," designed to mirror the spirit of the "Million Man March" held Oct. 16 in Washington.

The difference in scale matters little, Morgan said.

"I just wanted them to be here and to know that they are a big part of the future," she said of her grandchildren. "They are our future."

Organizer Scott Mitchell said the march's theme centered on rebuilding — combating the erosion of family, church and community values.

"We're just trying to do our part here in Delaware County," said Mitchell, who attended the Washington rally. "Black communities can tend to be disjointed. But strong families lead to strong communities, and strong communities lead to a strong America. We want it known

that the people here in Delaware did not go to sleep."

Wallace Chandler, director of African-American and Intercultural Studies for the city schools, said good examples are what children need most.

"We have rough spots here, and there's still a lot of work to do," he said of race relations in Delaware, which is more than 90 percent white.

"I'm in a lot of classrooms, and what I try to do is teach tolerance. Children need to understand the value of knowing someone different from themselves."

Participants gathered at Woodward Elementary School for the march through town to City Hall. The rally featured several speakers, including some local officials. Hard work and commitment were praised and promised.

"Where our treasure is, our hearts are there also," said Jacquie Jones, a senior at Ohio Wesleyan University. "I hope that our black families are part of our treasure."

Laura Roberts, a teacher at Willis Middle School and a single parent, called on black men to stand up and support their loved ones. "Help one another; be there for one another," she said.

Carmella Mitchell, a teacher at Carlisle Elementary School, told the crowd she sees hope among them.

"As I look around, I see a swarm of faces, from the very dark to the very light," she said. "I know we can develop friendships."

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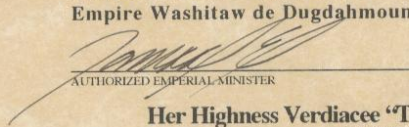
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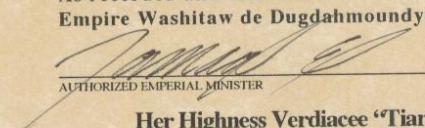
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for Washitaw Muurs

I, Theodore Scott Mitchell, declare that I am a free and sovereign individual of this land of the ancient mound builders, known by its indigenous name, Empire Washitaw de Dugdahmoundyah. I willingly and knowingly exercise my right to a nationality as a member of the indigenous Emperial Washitaw Nation of the Empire Washitaw de Dugdahmoundyah. I further reserve all of the fundamental freedoms and God-given rights of every human being upon this earth. Any and all, past and present political affiliations implied by operation of law or otherwise with foreign entities are hereby, now and forever, dissolved and revoked. Signed and witnessed this 9 day of the 1 month of the year 1997.

[L.S.] X Theodore Scott Mitchell
Bona Fide Signature

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(Print Name)

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Witness Bona Fide Signature

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Proclamation

Whereas:

the City of Delaware has begun to acknowledge the disparity in the social, educational and economical status of the Black Family here in Delaware, Ohio, and

WHEREAS, the City of Delaware has joined with its Black families to bring attention to this problem before the State of Ohio for all to witness, and

WHEREAS, the City of Delaware has taken an essential first step in interfacing with the leadership of the black community in Delaware, Ohio to begin a genuine dialogue that will lead to economic parity, and

WHEREAS, the City of Delaware, for its past misjudgments of racial discrimination, does hereby atone and seek to reconcile with the Black families of Delaware, and

WHEREAS, the City of Delaware, through its many organizations and institutions, does hereby commit and pledge its expertise, time and resources to aid Black families in obtaining parity in organizations and businesses.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Dennis D. Davis, Mayor of Delaware, Ohio do hereby acknowledge the efforts of the Black families of Delaware for bringing us together on this day of Atonement and Reconciliation, and

FURTHERMORE, I, Dennis Davis, do hereby proclaim from this day forth that the first Saturday in the month of December shall be forever known as "Black Family Day" in Delaware, Ohio.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the Mayor of the City of Delaware, Ohio to be hereto affixed this 2nd day of December, 1995.



Dennis D. Davis
Dennis D. Davis, Mayor
City of Delaware, Ohio