

Station names Hairston 'Mother of the Year'

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Arneita Hairston won this year's The Light 1340/1400 Mother's Day contest. The theme this year, "I Never Could Have Made It Without My Mom," was inspired by a popular song by gospel star Marvin Sapp.

A letter written by Hairston's son, Dr. Kedrick Tyrone Lowery, clenched the honor for her. In it, he wrote: "My mom is the epitome of a Proverbial woman in that she has literally sacrificed her life, goals, dreams and aspirations for her children and grandchildren."

"My mom was the community mom and has now become the church mother at my church. Growing up, she fed everybody. I thought she was running a soup kitchen at times ... The last thing I want to share with you about my mom is that she has seen 11 major surgeries. After all her surgeries, she still remains active in the lives of her children."

The Light 1340/1400 DeeJay Anita Dean said that it was hard for her and her staff to pick just one mother from the more than 20 letters that were received, but the letter about Hairston touched everyone's heart.

Hairston was surprised



Top Mom Arneita Hairston.

by her son with the news that she had won. She was picked up in a limo driven by Mike Graham of Hooper Funeral Home. Escorted by her husband, Elder Raiford Hairston, daughter, Sonya Bailey, and son, Kedrick, Hairston was driven to the radio station, where she received flowers, a gift basket, trip accommodations to Atlanta and gift certificates. She was also the guest of honor at a luncheon.

The runners-up were: Lawanda Lash (letter written

by 10-year-old daughter Little Nicole Lash) and La Shonda Stone (letter written by Evangelist Lillie Stone). They were each presented with gift baskets and flowers.

These businesses sponsored the contest: Hooper Funeral Home; Fair's Florist; Divine Scents; George K. Walker's Florist; Advertising Promotions; Hair Essentials; Winston Salem Tees; The Fellowship and Body and Soul Gift Shop.



Marlon Millner with his wife, Diana, and their son, EJ.

Local man a step away from Pa. Council seat

Marlon Millner is a Morehouse and Harvard graduate

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Marlon Millner won the May 19 Democratic Primary for the City Council of Norristown, Pa., beating a Council incumbent.

Millner is from Winston-Salem. His proud parents, Jeanette and Harry Millner, still live here. Millner is a former business journalist who worked as a team leader for the Obama campaign in Norristown. He has also served as a member of the Zoning Hearing Board. He is active in regional coalitions to bring more resources to their community.

Millner graduated from Morehouse College and Harvard University, where he studied religion and public policy.

Millner is the married father of one child, a son. His family says that he is family-oriented and goal-focused just like his dad, Harry, and his late grandfathers Bishop James C. Richardson and Tony Millner.

Millner will face a Republican challenger in the November General Election. His platform includes plans to get the city's economy moving and reduce crime. He also wants to create a more open and accessible local government.

Class to explore spiritual journey

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Norma Dalton will lead a Spiritual Journey of Recovery class at Green Street Church at 9:45 a.m. on Sunday, June 14, using "The Life Recovery Bible" as study material.

The class is open to members and non-members of the church. Green Street says that the 12-Step approach motivates class students to "get our outside to reflect our spiritual growth on the inside."

Participation does not depend on identifying an addiction or specific life problem, because dependence on one's Higher Power gives direction to any Life Journey, according to class materials. Each class session begins with "taking the temperature" and sharing the current searches important to participants.



Dalton

Spiritual Journey Sunday School classes are scheduled for each Second Sunday, with sessions of the video-based "Living the Questions" Bible series for progressive Christians scheduled for the other Sundays each month.

Dalton has received training in recovery issues through the United Methodist Church, as well as through other related curricula.

Green Street United Methodist, located at 639 S. Green St., is a diverse congregation active in spiritual formation and social justice ministries in the wider community.

For more information about the programs and outreach of the church, call 336-722-8379 or e-mail, grnst.admin@gmail.org.

Citizens' Police Academy is now taking applications

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The Police Department is accepting applications for the fall session of the Citizens' Police Academy, which will start Sept. 1.

The Citizens' Police Academy is designed to foster better understanding between citizens and the Police Department by informing citizens of the administrative philosophy, internal policies and guidelines, and principles of law and ethical conduct that govern the delivery of police services within our community.

The Citizens' Police Academy curriculum is similar to recruit training for new police officers, with a mix of classroom and scenario/hands-on training on such topics as department functions, search and seizure laws, use of force, firearms training, crime prevention, domestic violence, criminal investigations, vice/narcotics operations and K-9 and special operations. Citizens graduate with a better understanding of police officer training and decision-making,



and day-to-day police operations. The classes are not intended to train participants to be police officers.

The Citizens' Police Academy will meet from 6:30-9:30 p.m. on Tuesday evenings for 12 weeks. Enrollment is open to any citizen 18 years of age or older who resides, works or attends school in Winston-Salem. The class is limited to 30 students. Applications must be submitted by Aug. 12.

Anyone interested in attending the Citizens' Police Academy may call the Winston-Salem Police Department for an application at 773-7788, or complete an application online at www.wspd.org.

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