

Area Weddings And Engagements

Booker-Richardson

Vanessa Dale Booker and Michael Clay Richardson were married Saturday, Dec. 21, in a 5 p.m. ceremony at Waughtown Baptist Church.

The bride is the daughter of the late Robert Booker Sr. and Mrs. Robert Booker Sr. of Winston-Salem.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Calbert Richardson of Winston-Salem.

The Rev. Dennis Bishop and Rev. E.L. Grant officiated.

The bride was given in marriage by Robert Booker Jr., her father.

Serving as matron of honor was Vickie Williams of Killeen, N.C.

Serving as maid of honor was Shirley Young of Chapel Hill.

Bridesmaids were Jackie Goran of Charlotte, Faith Speaks of Raleigh and Marilyn Edwards of Greensboro.

Best man was Fred Richardson of Eden.

Ushers were Lloyd Booker Sr., Alvin Booker, Sylvester Thomas and Ray Booker Sr., all of Winston-Salem.

The bride is a graduate of Winston-Salem State University and N.C. A&T State University.

The groom attended N.C. Central University and is employed at Wachovia Bank and Trust Co.

The couple will live in Winston-Salem.



Vanessa B. Richardson

Close-Up

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ers about it." Celebrating Kwanza, says Jackson, will also help instill a sense of heritage in black children. It is that benefit, Jackson feels, that makes Kwanza especially important for black Americans.

"Kwanza extends into the basic fiber of the family," Jackson says. "It extends beyond basic celebration because it encourages people to re-dedicate themselves to basic family principles, such as unity and collective work."

Jackson says Kwanza is a combination of social and religious concepts and is mostly family-oriented.

Because it carries with it a sense of heritage, Jackson feels Kwanza should be part of black children's overall development. He also says that children should be taught at a young age about African celebration and what it means.

Jackson strongly believes in the Kwanza celebration, and the opportunity to share his knowledge and insight of the relatively new holiday excites him. He sees Kwanza not only as a festive occasion but also as a chance for black Americans to get back in touch with their history.

"A lot of our history is lost because we don't talk about it anymore," he says. "If we start talking about Kwanza and about what it really means, we'll get more into our own history as a people. Kwanza allows blacks to look down and reflect on where they came from. Kwanza, in my opinion, has far-reaching impacts on our knowing who we are."

A Kwanza celebration will be held at the East Winston Community Center on Tuesday, Dec. 31, from 8 to 10 p.m. Participants are asked to bring a covered dish, which will help re-create the Kwanza feasts that took place in Africa.

It is good that black children know about other ethnic holidays, says Jackson, but it is also important that they know about their own celebrations.

"We know about everyone else's culture," Jackson says. "We know more about ourselves

than anybody else, and we need to re-dedicate ourselves to teaching our children about our culture and having self-respect. We celebrate everyone else's holiday, and we know about all the other holidays. We have a responsibility to celebrate Kwanza. This holiday is ours."

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baskets were distributed Friday, Dec. 20, at the Ralph R. Morgan Post No. 220. The food baskets were donated to needy community members, disabled veterans and the soup kitchen.

The drive was organized by members of a special committee chaired by Paul Ferguson. Other

committee members included Cason Luther Berry, Lester Witherspoon, Henry Wilson, Ray Spencer, Joan Bell, Janie Murray, Melvin Beaty, Southern Prysock, James McWillis and Andrew Settles.

Larry Wilson is the post commander. ...

Military Notes

Airman Giles completes training

Navy Airman Angela L. Giles has completed recruit training at Recruit Training Command in Orlando, Fla.

Ms. Giles, the daughter of Gilbert and Florence C. Richardson of Winston-Salem, studied seamanship, close-order drill, naval history and first aid.

During her eight-week training cycle, Ms. Giles studied general military subjects designed to prepare her for further academic and on-the-job training.

Navy Seaman Apprentice Richard A. Necessary recently made a port call to Villefranche, France, while deployed with the command ship USS Coronado. The ship's home port is Norfolk, Va.

Necessary is the son of Mr. and



Angela Giles

Mrs. Richard A. Necessary of Winston-Salem.

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