

LIFESTYLES

Leroy E. Browne Services Center to be dedicated Sunday

Dedication ceremonies for the Leroy E. Browne Services Center will be at 4 p.m. Sunday.

The site houses the Beaufort-Jasper Comprehensive Health Services St. Helena Clinic, the Senior Citizens Nutrition Program and the Beaufort-Jasper Water Authority.

Beaufort County Council officials, representatives of Penn Community Services Inc. and Beaufort-Jasper Comprehensive Health Services will participate during the services.

Browne, the first black elected in public office in South Carolina since Reconstruction, has represented St. Helena Township on Beaufort County Council since 1961. Council decided to dedicate the services facility in Browne's honor prior to Browne's



LEROY E. BROWNE
Beaufort County councilman

Born on St. Helena Island in 1917, Brown is a graduate of

Penn Normal, Industrial and Agricultural School and Hampton Institute, Hampton, Va. He has been maintenance superintendent at Penn Center for the past 23 years.

Beaufort County Council built the \$400,000 Leroy E. Browne Services Center in 1977 with monies from the Economic Development Administration. It was leased by the comprehensive health services as a satellite clinic for health care delivery.

Penn Center will co-sponsor the dedication. The center was a leading force during the Civil Rights movement of the 1960s and played an important role in Browne's first election.

Emory Campbell, executive director of Penn Community Services Inc., said, "We are delighted to take part in this very significant event for Leroy Browne. St. Helena Island and Penn Center are



LEROY E. BROWNE SERVICES CENTER ON ST. HELENA ISLAND
...currently houses the comprehensive health clinic

inseparable."

Arthur Horne, county council chairman, said: "Mr. Browne and his history of working in this community is

one of the lights at the end of the tunnel that led me to run for a seat on this Council."

The program will include musical selections by "Echoes of Penn" and a biographical sketch of Browne by Bernice

Sweetenbug. Also: remarks by Horne; Campbell; Courtney Siceloff, former executive director of Penn Community

Services Inc.; Roland Gardner, chairman of Penn's Board of Trustees; Thomas C. Barwell Jr., executive director of Beaufort-Jasper Comprehensive Health Services Inc.; and the Rev. John D. Chaplin.

To reach the center, travel U.S. 21 East on to St. Helena Island, turning right on S.C. 479, across from St. Helena Junior High School. The site, on the left, was designed to blend with the surrounding live oaks and other indigenous growth.

Melanie Martin, Leslie Reeder wed

Melanie Martin of Hardeeville and Leslie Wayne Reeder of Miami, Fla. were married April 12 in a candlelight ceremony at Church of the Cross, Bluffton.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Gallatin Martin of Hardeeville. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Boyd Reeder of Miami Springs, Fla.

The Rev. Preston Brooks Huntley Jr. of Monroe, N.C. and the Rev. Peter Daniel Ouzt of Grahamville performed the double ring ceremony. The bride was given in marriage by her father, Miss Kirk Martin of Hardeeville, sister of the bride, was maid of honor; and Mrs. Harold George Turcq of Gerton, N.C., sister of the bride, was matron of honor.



bearer, Frank Perry Hodge III served as acolyte.

The reception was on the banks of the Colleton River on Rabbit Island, Calhoun Plantation.

The bride, a graduate of Thomas Heyward Academy, attended Miami-Dade Junior College of Miami. She is the granddaughter of Mrs. Josiah Turner McGarvey of Bluffton and the late Mr. McGarvey, and the late Mr. and Mrs. Gallatin Martin of Hardeeville.

The groom is a graduate of Miami Springs High School. He attended Auburn University and graduated from Miami-Dade Medical

Center with a degree in radiologic technology. He is now chief of ultra-sound at Martin Memorial Hospital in Stuart, Fla.

After a wedding trip to Bermuda, the couple will live in Port St. Lucie, Fla.

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Honored couple

Mr. and Mrs. Hartford Eve of Burton were honored Saturday at The Flower Shop in conjunction with Community Home and Family Emphasis Month. They are thought to be the oldest married couple in Beaufort. Their 66th anniversary was Dec. 12. Janet and Billy Thomas presented them with



Jack Babin/UNC photographer

BEAUFORT COUNTY COUNCILMAN LEROY BROWNE SPEAKS
 ...during ceremonies at St. Helena's Island health center.

Health center dedicated

Beaufort County Councilman Leroy Browne spent Sunday morning wondering what it would feel like to hear his own eulogy.

Sunday afternoon, when the St. Helena health care clinic was named in his honor, he found out.

Some 150 people turned out for the ceremony, which included musical selections by the Echoes of Penn and comments by Browne's close friends and associates.

Browne, 62, became the first black elected to public office in South Carolina since Reconstruction in 1860 and has served on council since that time.

While he announced early this year he won't be seeking re-election, county council voted to name the St. Helena building in his honor before the decision was made public.

At Sunday's ceremonies, Browne was thanked for his service to both St. Helena Island and the county.

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